

TEMPLE SINAI



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# High Holy Days & More

At Temple Sinai  
5784



Friends:

For an entire month preceding *Rosh Hashanah* we sound the shofar daily in the synagogue. There is no surer sign that a new year is about to begin. For many of us, this is when we first start to feel the High Holy Days approaching. But in the synagogue, preparations for these High Holy Days have been in the works for many months. And now, we await your arrival!

Once again, we will be offering indoor services and programming as well as outdoor experiences. And for those who are unable to attend our in-person offerings, a livestream or Zoom option will be available for every piece of our services. We hope that in one fashion or another you will be with us to celebrate these Days of Awe.

Cantor Saralee Shrell-Fox will be leading our services in the sanctuary again this year and she will also participate in the Family Services on *Rosh Hashanah* & *Yom Kippur*. We are thrilled that she has returned from Israel - now for her fifth year - to be part of our Temple Sinai community!

Another annual tradition that we are happy to continue will be cellist Eric Coyne accompanying Cantor Saralee for the chanting of *Kol Nidrei*. Plan to arrive before 6:15 PM for the *Kol Nidrei* service and enjoy Eric's evocative melodies as he sets the stage for the holiest night of the year.


Once again, we are making an effort to fill the seats in the sanctuary. It helps us create a feeling of community and intimacy when people fill the rows close to one another and close to the bimah. If you are accustomed to sitting further back, we invite you to move up and see what it's like to experience the holidays from a new vantage point. You may be surprised by how different (i.e. more engaging and enjoyable) the service will feel. And no one will mind if you need to get up and move around every now and again, least of all the rabbis and Cantor Saralee.

#### TWO IMPORTANT SERVICE ITEMS

**The Early Portion Of The Morning Service** - If you are joining us for the first time, please be aware that early portion of the service does not require a *minyan* (a quorum) and that we encourage you to recite *Birchot HaShachar* (the morning blessings) and *Pesukei D'Zimrah* (the introductory psalms) on your own prior to 9:30 AM. Cantor Saralee will begin our service at 9:30 AM with *Nishmat Kol Chai* (p. 67) just before *Barchu*.

**Shacharit Amidah** - To preserve time, we will begin what would be the repetition of the *Amidah* together with Cantor Saralee and then collectively recite the special *piyyutim* (liturgical poems). The remainder of the *Amidah* will not be chanted by Saralee aloud, but will instead be a time for individuals to recite the *Amidah* privately.

May this be a year of blessings, joy, fulfillment, good health and peace for our congregation and for our world. And whether you have joined us in the synagogue, under the tent or on-screen, we pray *L'shanah Tovah Tikateivu* - that you be inscribed for a good new year!

  
Rabbi Adam Wohlberg

  
Rabbi Sam Hollander

ADL®

**kulanu**  
SYNAGOGUES IN ACTION  
AGAINST ANTISEMITISM

## This year, our congregation is joining the fight against antisemitism and hate.

In 2022, ADL recorded 3,697 antisemitic incidents throughout the United States — a 36% increase over from the 2,717 incidents tabulated in 2021. This represents the largest number of incidents against Jews in the U.S., recorded by ADL since 1979.

That's why we signed up to join over 200 synagogues across North America in ADL's program, Kulanu: Synagogues in Action Against Antisemitism — a self-directed program that empowers synagogue communities to fight against antisemitism and hate.

**Kulanu** supports synagogues in organizing and activating through education, advocacy, and community engagement. Over the next year, we will:

- Form a Working Group.
- Promote Incident Reporting.
- Implement Two Programs.
- Participate in Exclusive Programming.
- Engage in a Community of Practice.
- Share Impact.

Stay tuned to learn how *you* can participate.

Together—we can  
fight hate for good.

#KulanuADL

TEMPLE SINAI

# RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

&

# SINAI HIGH

**REGISTER TODAY!**



L'SHANA TOVAH FROM  
THE PROFESSIONAL  
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Accounting

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Religious School Administrative  
Assistant

Ritchie Tabernilla  
Building Superintendent





# HIGH HOLY DAYS 5784 *Service Times*

## **Erev Rosh HaShanah - Friday, September 15, 2023**

Ma'ariv Service (Tent): 6:00pm

### **Rosh HaShanah - Day 1 Saturday, September 16, 2023**

Shacharit: 9:30am

Preschool Program (Youth Lounge): 9:30am

Family Service (Tent): 10:30am

Youth Program (begins in the Tent): 11:30am

Babysitting (pre-registration required): 11:30am

Teen Program (Tent): 12:00pm

Ma'ariv (Chapel): 7:15pm

### **Rosh HaShanah - Day 2 Sunday, September 17, 2023**

Shacharit: 9:30am

Family Service (Tent): 10:30am

Youth Program (begins in the Tent): 11:30am

Babysitting (pre-registration required): 11:30am

Teen Program (Tent): 12:00pm

Tashlich following services (outside at the stream)

Ma'ariv (Chapel): 7:30pm



## **Erev Yom Kippur - Sunday, September 24, 2023**

Kol Nidrei: 6:15pm

### **Yom Kippur - Monday, September 25, 2023**

Shacharit: 9:30am

Preschool Program (Youth Lounge): 9:30am

Family Service (Tent): 10:30am

Youth Program (begins in the Tent): 11:30am

Babysitting (pre-registration required): 11:30am

Teen Program (Tent): 12:00pm

Musaf: 12:00pm

Sermon & Yizkor: 1:15pm

"Ask The Rabbi" (Chapel): 2:15pm

Mincha: 3:45pm

Martyrology: 5:00pm

Ne'ilah: 6:00pm

Ma'ariv: 7:00pm

Havdallah Parade (all ages): 7:20pm

Final Shofar Blast: 7:33pm

**All Services in the Sanctuary will be livestreamed.  
For Livestream and Zoom access please visit [www.tsinai.com/hhd5784](http://www.tsinai.com/hhd5784)**

Zoom



## **Standing Committees -**

Budget/Finance – Michael Schatz

Fundraising – Amy Kalenscher

Membership Committee – Marla Kepniss

Preschool Committee – Beth Shore

Religious School Committee – Alicia Bush

Religious/Ritual Committee –

Laurie Matez and Jeffrey Workman

## **AdHoc:**

Cemetery Committee – Marty Weiss

Chesed – Bethany Kassar and Jill Rosen

HH Honors – Rachel Eisenberg

Holocaust Education Committee – George Marcus





# L'Shana Tovah from our Board of Directors and Committee Chairs!

## Executive Committee -

- Jamie Jakubowitz, President
- Jacob Sitman, Executive Vice President
- Jenifer Thomas, Executive Vice President
- Marla Kepniss, Vice President - Membership
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- Jessica Libove, Secretary
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- Jeffrey Goldstein, Immediate Past President

## Board of Directors

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## Past Presidents, Life Members, and Presidents of Arms currently serving:

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# SUKKOT SCHEDULE 5784

## Service Times

((( All services and programs will be in-person and live-streamed unless otherwise indicated below. )))



### Friday, September 29 - Erev Sukkot

Shabbat & Yom Tov Service 6:00 PM

### Saturday, September 30 - First Day of Sukkot

Shacharit 9:30 AM  
 Tot Shabbat in the Sukkah 10:30 AM  
 Evening Minyan 6:00 PM

### Sunday, October 1 - Second Day of Sukkot

Shacharit 9:30 AM  
 Evening Minyan - Zoom only 7:00 PM

### Monday, October 2 - Third Day of Sukkot

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM  
 Evening Minyan - Zoom only 7:30 PM

### Tuesday, October 3 - Fourth Day of Sukkot

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM  
 Evening Minyan - Zoom only 7:30 PM

### Wednesday, October 4 - Fifth of Sukkot

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM  
 Evening Minyan 6:30 PM

### Thursday, October 5 - Sixth Day of Sukkot

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM  
 Evening Minyan - Zoom only 6:30 PM

### Friday, October 6 -

### Hoshanah Rabbah /Erev Shemini Atzeret

Morning Minyan 7:15 AM  
 Evening Minyan 6:00 PM

### Saturday, October 7 - Shemini Atzeret

Shacharit & Yizkor 9:30 AM

### Erev Simchat Torah

Simchat Torah Celebration with Ma'ariv & Hakafot 7:00 PM

### Sunday, October 8 - Simchat Torah

Shacharit & Hakafot 9:30 AM  
 Family Service & Hakafot 10:00 AM  
 Youth Trivia Contest (by grade) 11:15 AM  
 Preschool Family Simchat Torah Experience 11:15 AM  
 Evening Minyan - Zoom only 7:00 PM



### Saturday, October 7 at 7:00 PM Toast To The Torah!

Following Simchat Torah Services "Mix It Up" With a Simchat Torah Tisch. Join us as we raise a L'Chaim with a signature cocktail for each book of the Torah, sing, and enjoy some short learning.

Service streaming and Zoom links can be accessed at [www.tsinai.com/hh5784](http://www.tsinai.com/hh5784)

Zoom Livestream

# HIGH HOLY DAY PRESCHOOL & FAMILY SERVICES

*We'll Have A Whale of A Time!*



ALL ARE WELCOME!

**ROSH HASHANAH DAY 1 - SEPTEMBER 16**  
**YOM KIPPUR - SEPTEMBER 25**

Preschool Service  
Youth Lounge (Downstairs)  
9:30am

**ROSH HASHANAH DAY 1 - SEPTEMBER 16**  
**ROSH HASHANAH DAY 2 - SEPTEMBER 17**  
**YOM KIPPUR - SEPTEMBER 25**

Family Service with Rabbi Sam  
Tent - 10:30am



[www.tsinai.com/hhd5784](http://www.tsinai.com/hhd5784)

SAVE THE DATE

**BRISKET  
&  
BEER**



AT TEMPLE SINAI



**MAY 19, 2023**



BRISKET - BEER - RAFFLES - AND MORE  
A FUNDRAISER BENEFITING THE EDUCATION PROGRAMS OF TEMPLE SINAI



AMERICAN RED CROSS

**BLOOD DRIVE**  
Thursday, October 12, 2023

at Temple Sinai

1:30-7:30pm

Register online:  
[www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)

# GET INVOLVED

## Temple Sinai Players

For over 50 years, Temple Sinai has been an enthusiastic and committed provider of quality theatrical arts to the Jewish community. Auditions for this year's play, *Willy Wonka*, will take place on November 19th.

## Temple Sinai Sisterhood

Is a vital arm of Temple Sinai that donates time, energy and creativity to provide programs, discussions and social opportunities for our members, and fundraising for the synagogue. Within the setting of Jewish friendship and comradery, we offer various events throughout the year, including educational, religious and entertaining programs, forums on major issues, and service to our congregation and community. Recurring events include Sisterhood Shabbat, *Shalach Manot*/Purim fundraiser, Torah Fund testimonial brunch, Broadway theater trips, and monthly *Rosh Chodesh* groups.

Sisterhood also operates our beautiful Judaica Shop, which carries a large variety of religious and general gift items. Proceeds from our Gift Shop support the activities of the synagogue.

Sisterhood is for YOU! We welcome women of all ages, whether you are a member of Temple Sinai or not, single or married, new to the community or just interested in getting more involved.

For more information on Sisterhood, please contact Cindy Horowitz, Sisterhood President at [cincin7461@gmail.com](mailto:cincin7461@gmail.com)

## Temple Sinai Men's Club

is an active segment of the synagogue which promotes philanthropic, spiritual and social activities for it's members and the synagogue at large. Open to all male synagogue members and fathers of preschoolers and religious school students, our organization hosts a variety of appealing events.

Our wonderfully-successful Men in the Kitchen (MITK) catering service is an on-going, in-house volunteer program which offers congregants a high-value and low-cost alternative to external caterers for their *simchas*.

We engage the men of our congregation with fun social activities like *Havdallah* Bon Fires, Bar Nights, Sunday Brunches, Tail Gates and more.

For more information, please visit: [www.tsinai.com/mens-club](http://www.tsinai.com/mens-club)

**Hazak** is the senior arm of the United Synagogue family. Its goal is to provide social, religious, and learning opportunities for Jewish men and woman ages 55+.

For more information and for our full schedule of events, please visit [www.tsinai.com/hazak](http://www.tsinai.com/hazak)

For more information, please contact Susan or Paul Bratt, Hazak Co-Presidents at [susankbratt@gmail.com](mailto:susankbratt@gmail.com)

**Scouts** is a kosher chartered troop meaning that we follow traditional Jewish dietary laws at all activities. Our mission is to give boys and girls a place to have a Jewish centered scouting experience. We accept all genders from all faiths and denominations.



**MARTYROLOGY 5784**

## What True Friendship Looks Like Why Should Christians Stand Up to Antisemitism?

**Join Hannah Garces, of the Philos Action League, in conversation with her friend, Rabbi Sam Hollander**

When acts of antisemitism take place across the United States, Hannah and the PAL network of Christian volunteers show up, physically, in solidarity and friendship with the Jewish community. It is through friendship with Jewish individuals, including Rabbi Hollander, that led Hannah to make this cause her life's work, as everyday she makes the case to Christians across our country that it is important to stand up to Antisemitism.

**Yom Kippur Martyrology**

**Monday, September 25**

**5:00 PM**

[www.tsinai.com](http://www.tsinai.com)



Hannah Garces is the Advocacy Associate for the Philos Project and works to mobilize the Philos Action League. Born, raised, and based in New Jersey, Hannah holds a BA in History and Jewish Studies from Rutgers University as well as an MA in Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Since her first trip to Israel in college, a piece of her heart remains in the land.

It's that passion that drives her in standing up for Israel and against antisemitism. Prior to joining the team at the Philos Project, Hannah worked in the Israel advocacy space with StandWithUs for six years.



# Break The Fast

Food catered by the Bagel Spot

## Transformed



**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**  
following the final Shofar Blast

And don't worry about Monday Night Football...we'll have the game on as well! Go Birds!

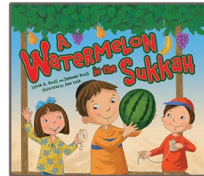
**\$10 for kids 13 and under**  
**\$15 for adults**

**COMPLETE MENU:**  
Assorted Bagels, Assorted Cream Cheese (including Lox Cream Cheese), Veggies for Bagels, Fruit Salad, Cakes, Orange Juice, and Coffee Bar



## STORYBOOK

# Stroll



Enjoy a walk and a story around the Mondauk Walking Path on our property. Geared toward ages 2-5 and their caregivers but all ages are welcome to enjoy!

Book on the path is "A Watermelon in The Sukkah" by Sylvia A. Rouss and Shannon Rouss



# Temple Sinai Players



**Professional Actors Workshop**  
with our talented Professional Staff  
**Got the acting bug?**

**Sunday**  
**October 29, 2023**  
**1:30pm - 4:30pm**

**\$10**

**Acting/Dancing/Audition Prep**

**\*\*NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY\*\***

**ADULTS & KIDS AGES 9 & UP WELCOME!**

**\*\*Hebrew school kids invited to bring a dairy lunch and stay after Hebrew School\*\***

**RSVP BY 10/22:**



SCAN ME

Jeff Workman  
@JeffWorkman-3



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**PAYMENT:**

**Questions?**

**Contact: Tracey - teroffman@yahoo.com**  
or  
**Jeff - jeffworkman11@gmail.com**

**Look Out For Auditions for this year's production of:**  
**Willy Wonka!**





### High Holiday Grocery Gift Card Drive 2023

Purchase Grocery Store Gift Cards or  
Purchase food through the Mitzvah Food Program Amazon Wish List

## You can make a difference.

Two simple ways you can help nourish families in need:

1. Purchase **grocery store gift cards** to be distributed directly to clients of the Mitzvah Food Program so they can purchase items they need from their local grocery store. We recommend gift cards from ShopRite, Acme and Giant, as these are the stores most easily accessible to our clients. Gift card values up to \$50 are the most helpful.
2. Purchase food through the **Mitzvah Food Program Amazon Wish List** so that products are shipped directly to a pantry.

Drop off your High Holiday Grocery Gift Cards to:

**Temple Sinai Main Office**

Questions about the High Holiday Grocery Gift Card Drive?  
Email [mitzvahfoodprogram@jewishphilly.org](mailto:mitzvahfoodprogram@jewishphilly.org)



## TEMPLE SINAI MEN'S CLUB SOFTBALL TEAM

Do you play softball? We are looking for a few athletic players to join the Temple Sinai Men's Club team. We play once or twice per week against other synagogue teams from April through August.

**INTERESTED? CONTACT JEFF!**

[jeffworkman11@gmail.com](mailto:jeffworkman11@gmail.com) 267-307-1836

# TOAST TO THE Torah

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7TH  
MA'ARIV & HAKAFOT AT 7:00 PM  
AT TEMPLE SINAI  
IN PERSON & ON ZOOM**

Following services, **MIX IT UP** with a *Simchat Torah Tisch*. Join us as we raise a *l'chaim* with a signature cocktail for each book of the Torah, sing, and enjoy some short learning.

# SIMCHAT TORAH Celebration

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8**  
9:30 AM - Shacharit & Hakafot  
10:00 AM - Family Service & Hakafot  
11:15 AM - Youth Trivia Competition (by grade)  
11:15 AM - Preschool Family Simchat Torah Experience

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# Kindness Matters.

*gemilut Chasadim*

*Join us in the Acts of Loving Kindness*

Come make a difference with our *Chesed* Committee! There are a few ways you can choose to get involved and help us all feel more connected: *Bikkur Cholim* (visiting/helping those who are ill), providing support during a funeral, or welcoming a new baby with a meal for a family.

If you would like to be part of this committee or for information, please contact

Jill Rosen at [jillfrosen@gmail.com](mailto:jillfrosen@gmail.com) or Bethany Kassar at [bkassar@aol.com](mailto:bkassar@aol.com)



Join Us in Remembering the 5th Anniversary of the Massacre of 11 Jews in Pittsburgh, PA along with Addressing Religious Freedom, Racism, Hate, and Intolerance of All Types in Our Country

Wednesday,  
October 25, 2023

7:00-8:30 PM

Temple Sinai  
1401 N. Limekiln Pike  
Dresher, PA 19025

[www.tsinai.com](http://www.tsinai.com)



## TEMPLE SINAI LEGACY SOCIETY



“As my ancestors planted for me, so do I plant for those who will come after me.” (*Babylonian Talmud, Taanit 23a*)

Temple Sinai has played a central role in the lives of our collective families for over 80 years. The High Holy Days provide us with a time to reflect upon the future and the legacy we wish to leave for those who come after us. Your love of Judaism has deep-meaning and your membership and participation at Temple Sinai connects you to your values and culture. With your support we can continue to perpetuate these values that are vital to us and our community.

Making the commitment to leave a Legacy gift costs nothing today and ensures the future success of Temple Sinai. Your donation makes the difference.

### The Best Way to Predict the Future is to Create It



- Legacy Society members will be honored annually at a Legacy Shabbat and *Kiddush* luncheon.
- The names of Legacy Society members will be acknowledged annually at High Holiday Services.
- The plaque board outside the memorial room will be refurbished to reflect the names of congregants who have formalized their commitments.

The Legacy Committee will be in touch to discuss making a legacy gift and are available to answer your questions. All Legacy Gifts become part of our Endowment Fund. We look forward to your participation in The Temple Sinai Legacy Society and thank you kindly for your generous and ongoing support and participation at Temple Sinai.

For further assistance, please contact Ari Goldberg, Executive Director at [ari@tsinai.com](mailto:ari@tsinai.com) or 215-643-6510 ext. 105

#### TEMPLE SINAI LEGACY COMMITTEE:

Barbara Rosenau, Chair William Kramer Michael Paul Freda Pepper Karen Petkun Mary Relles Ari Goldberg



Jewish Federation  
of Greater Philadelphia

**Havdallah Parade**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25  
MEET IN THE CHAPEL  
AT 7:00PM

Shofars are welcome!

Open to kids of all ages!

Temple Sinai  
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JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL  
**SHABBAT SUSHI IN THE SUKKAH**  
(and pizza)

Friday, September 29

Services at 6:00pm  
Dinner at 7:00pm  
In The Sukkah

register here

Be a lasting part of Temple Sinai and  
**PAVE THE WAY TO THE FUTURE**  
Mark a milestone and buy a brick!

Your engraved brick will be placed at the front entrance of the building, a permanent memory of your connection to and support of our synagogue. These red bricks, with black engraved letters, are appropriate to commemorate any occasion!

- Your family's name
- Your children's or grandchildren's names
- The birth of a child
- Memorialize a loved one
- B'nai mitzvahs/School graduation
- Wedding and anniversaries
- Your favorite sports teams

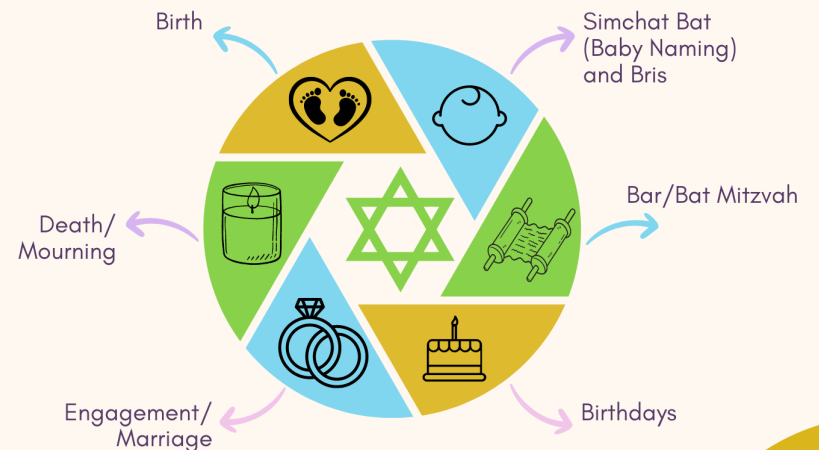
4x8 Bricks @ \$180.00  
8x8 Bricks @ \$250.00

For more information or to order, please visit:  
[www.tsinai.com](http://www.tsinai.com)



**We Want To Know About Your Lifecycle Events**

We want to be here for all of your lifecycle moments. To share a simcha you would like to share, please email [eisrael@tsinai.com](mailto:eisrael@tsinai.com). If you have a more urgent family matter which needs the assistance of a Rabbi, please call the office.



# ADULT EDUCATION

## “Exploring Our World Through A Jewish Lens” taught by Rabbi Adam Wohlberg

Wednesdays  
9:30-10:30 AM

Join Rabbi Wohlberg each week for a discussion of current events and trends that impact the Jewish world. Explore how Judaism and Jewish life, both here and abroad, are being influenced and shaped by internal debates and external forces. Together we will examine the successes and the challenges of today, and what the future holds for the Jewish communities in America, in Israel and throughout the world.

## Creative Crafting

1:30 PM

Bring your crafts and join other creative minds to craft and chat together weekly in the library.

## Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh

Join Sisterhood for a monthly learning session to celebrate the new month. Every other month will be in person. Monday evenings on Zoom and Saturday mornings at Temple Sinai following services. Each month will feature a different facilitator and an engaging topic.

## Jewish Book Council

December 17 - 10:30 AM

Ben Nadler

*“The Jewish Deli: An Illustrated Guide to the Chosen Food”*

January 8 - 7:00 PM

Cyndie Spiegel

*“Microjoys: Finding Hope (Especially) When Life Is Not Okay”*

January 1 - 7:00 PM

Seth Stern

*“Speaking Yiddish to Chickens: Holocaust Survivors on South Jersey Poultry Farms”*

February 12 - 7:00 PM

Neil Rogachevsky

*“Israel's Declaration of Independence: The History and Political Theory of the Nation's Founding Moment”*

March 18 - 7:30 PM

Marla Feldman

*“Biblical Women Speak: Hearing Their Voices through New and Ancient Midrash”*

May 5 - 10:30 AM

Yom HaShoah Program

Richard Hurowitz

*“In the Garden of the Righteous: The Heroes Who Risked Their Lives to Save Jews During the Holocaust”*



# Temple Sinai Sisterhood

## 2023-2024 Membership Form

Sisterhood continues to support Temple Sinai. We have wonderful, varied programs for our members! New and unique programs are being planned for the upcoming year. We also welcome any new ideas or suggestions you have!

**We invite you to join the fun and friendship of Sisterhood this year!**

**Please send me your suggestions:**

Cindy Horowitz, Sisterhood President  
cincin7461@gmail.com or (215)588-7688



MEMBERSHIP HAVDALLAH &

FREE

RSVP REQUESTED

# MOVIE MADNESS

Throwback Family Movie Night  
“The Parent Trap”

Saturday Evening

October 14

7:00pm

In The Courtyard  
on the Big Screen

Bring Blankets & Chairs



# OUR SANCTUARY

is turning

# 45

Send Us Pictures Of You  
And Your Family In Front Of The Sanctuary Ark  
from the past 45 years.

**Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, Weddings,  
Megillah Readings, etc!**  
**(Black & White and Color Pictures!)**

Send pictures to [eisrael@tsinai.com](mailto:eisrael@tsinai.com)



**September 30  
10:30am  
In the Sukkah!**

## Sukkot Tot Shabbat

### Family Friendly Shabbat Experience

Open to families with Preschool-Kindergarten age children,  
babies are welcome too!

Join us in the sukkah for Tot Shabbat!  
We will sing, do a craft, and go on a nature  
walk to the playground for a snack!

All are welcome, so bring a friend.



Questions? Contact Sydnie at [sciment@tsinai.com](mailto:sciment@tsinai.com)



## Cook For A Friend

Join us at 8:00 AM in the Main Kitchen  
October 19  
November 9  
December 14  
January 18  
February 15  
March 14  
April 11  
May 9  
June 6  
July 11  
August 8

## Temple Sinai Book Club

Temple Sinai's Book Club meets one Sunday each month at 10:30 AM from September to June to discuss the books listed below. This is an informal gathering and discussion is well-attended and we always welcome new members!

For more information, please contact Tobey Grand at [tgrand10290@gmail.com](mailto:tgrand10290@gmail.com)

## Musical Shabbatot

We are very excited to share the news that we have hired Cantor Elizabeth "Lizzie" Shammash and Joel Kutner for the coming year to serve as *sh'lichei tzibbur* (service leaders) for many of our *Shabbat* and holiday services. Each of them brings many years of experience to our congregation. In addition to their marvelous vocal skills and their ability to infuse a congregation with music and communal singing, they are also warm and enthusiastic people with fascinating backgrounds and engaging personalities.

Joel will be leading one or two services a month, typically on Friday nights and occasionally on *Shabbat* mornings. Cantor Lizzie will join us for the majority of our *B'nei Mitzvah* services on *Shabbat* mornings, as well as for *Yom Tov* services at various points throughout the year. Their schedule as it exists now can be found below, but please note that additional dates will be added in the coming months.

### Current Service Leading Schedule 2023-2024

#### Joel Kutner

Friday night, Sept. 29  
Friday night, Oct. 27  
Friday night, Nov. 17  
Friday night, Dec. 15  
Friday night, Jan. 12  
Friday night, Feb. 9  
Friday night, Mar. 1  
Friday night, Apr. 5  
Shabbat morning, Apr. 13  
Friday night, May 31

#### Cantor Elizabeth Shammash

Shabbat morning/Sukkot Day 1, Sept. 30  
Shabbat morning/Shemini Atzeret, Oct. 7  
Shabbat morning, Nov. 11  
Shabbat morning, Dec. 9  
Shabbat morning, Mar. 2  
Shabbat morning, Mar. 30  
Shabbat morning, Apr. 6  
Pesach Day 8, Apr. 30 (Tuesday)  
Shabbat morning, May 18  
Shabbat morning, June 1  
Shabbat morning, June 8  
Shavuot Day 2, June 13 (Thursday)  
Shabbat morning, June 15

# Alternative Dues Committee Update



*L'Shana Tova!* The Alternative Dues Committee is excited to share that for fiscal year 2024-25, Temple Sinai will be switching to an alternative dues model. This means finances will no longer be a barrier to membership. We hope you will reach out to friends and neighbors and let them know that a major change is happening at Temple Sinai.

## What is the new alternative dues model?

This refers to a voluntary model of financial support for the synagogue. Members are educated on the budgetary needs of the synagogue, which includes transparency regarding the true cost to cover the synagogue's operating expenses. This includes sharing a sustaining member contribution amount (derived by dividing operating costs across all member units). This is called the Sustaining Membership Contribution Model (SMCM).

## Why is Temple Sinai changing to this model?

First and foremost, we want to make it abundantly clear to all existing and perspective members that money will never be a barrier to membership. Consistent with the national trend, Temple Sinai has seen a decline in membership. While new members continue to join each year, the number of members leaving outpaces those joining. Our current system of billed dues is not working and change is needed to ensure the future viability of our synagogue.

## How could the Sustaining Membership Contribution Model help?

- By shifting from an emphasis on dues to a culture of giving
- By simplifying the process of supporting the synagogue
- By becoming more accessible to those seeking affiliation within the local Jewish community
- By facilitating greater engagement and participation in synagogue life
- By providing a member experience that is relational rather than transactional

## Will there be a minimum required amount for membership at Temple Sinai?

No. While there will not be a minimum contribution required for membership at Temple Sinai, all members will be asked to financially support the synagogue as they are able. Temple Sinai will need your continued generous support to ensure a successful future.

## Will there still be fundraising under the new model?

Yes. The Sustaining Membership Contribution Model will replace the system of billed dues, neither of which covers all of our synagogue's operating expenses. As a result, we will continue to engage in an Annual Appeal campaign and other fundraising programs and events throughout the year.

## Has an alternative dues model worked at other synagogues?

In order to determine the viability of this model, the Alternative Dues Committee conducted extensive research, including multiple conversations with USCJ (United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism) and interviews with numerous Conservative synagogues. We have learned that over the past 20 years many synagogues have been successful shifting to an alternative dues model. While these findings may not guarantee success at Temple Sinai, we know our current system of billed dues is not working and change is needed.

## When will I hear more about the Sustaining Membership Contribution Model?

Stay tuned! We have been and will continue to share updates and additional details in the months ahead. If you would like additional information in the meantime, please reach out to any of our committee members:

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Please spread the word and invite guests to join us for services and events at Temple Sinai throughout the year in advance of this exciting new initiative.

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