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SUPPORT ISRAEL- VOTE FOR MERCAZ

From the Desks of Adam Wohlberg & Sam Hollander

As a congregation and as individuals we celebrate Israel and support Israel in a variety of ways. But how often do we have the opportunity to do something for Israel that will have a meaningful impact on Israeli society and advance the religious pluralism that is an important value within our community?

This year, we have a rare chance to make a difference—one that comes only once every five years. Between Jan. 21 and Mar. 11, 2020, you can vote to elect the Movement to Reaffirm Conservative Zionism (MERCAZ) representatives to the World Zionist Congress, where they will defend Conservative/Masorti values, our recognition as a movement, and religious pluralism.

Elections have consequences. This election gives us the opportunity to raise our voices and send the strongest possible message to leaders in Israel that we seek equal stature for Conservative/Masorti Judaism. In addition, this election can help us secure critical leadership positions and funding for our synagogues and programs, both in Israel and around the world. But to do this we must elect the strongest possible slate for MERCAZ and that requires your vote.

As a Temple Sinai community, we are asking you to do three things:

- 1) Visit <https://www.mercaz2020.org/> for additional information about these elections, to learn more about MERCAZ, and to pledge to vote.
- 2) You can also pledge to vote by texting "VOTE" to 917.336.1162 (you will be sent information on voting once the elections begin).
- 3) Once January 21, 2020 arrives, vote for MERCAZ, and encourage your family members and friends to vote, too.

Finally, we encourage you to support the work of MERCAZ USA by becoming a member.

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PRESIDENT
LAUREN GLADSTONE

Before I had the opportunity to fully appreciate the wonderful Temple Sinai High Holy Days services, I found myself on a plane to Israel to visit my son who is studying with his class at the Alexander Muss High School in Israel program. Visiting Israel any time of the year is special but spending *Sukkot* and *Simchat Torah* in the Holy Land is quite an experience.

Jeff and I had the pleasure of spending *Simchat Torah* in Jerusalem, and we decided to take a short walk from our hotel to Moresheet Yisrael for services. This synagogue serves as a home for Jerusalem's English-speaking community and travelers from all corners of the world. Cantor Saralee Shrell Fox (our guest High Holy Days cantor) is also the spiritual director there. We entered the sanctuary during the first *hakafah*. Cantor Shrell Fox was leading a group of people who were dancing through the aisles where we were

immediately greeted. Jeff and I were handed *Torahs* as we began parading around the aisles with congregants and visitors alike. During the next *hakafah*, a very large group entered the sanctuary. It was an extended family from Argentina that celebrated a *bar mitzvah* at the Wall that morning. It was so exciting to witness this entire group singing and dancing in the language of our people, our traditions and our customs. It did not matter that our mother tongue differed. The *bar mitzvah* boy was called up for a *Torah aliyah*. While he was chanting the prayers, I turned around to look at his family. What struck me was that his grandparents were beaming with pure joy and pride. After services, we spoke to many of the participants who were from all corners of the globe.

As we walked to dinner, Jeff and I spoke about our experience at services. We felt instantly connected to people and a place that we met and visited once. That night, the people there created a community of Jews that were in the Holy Land to celebrate a significant moment in our people's history. I felt that same connection when *Avinu Malkeinu* was chanted during *Kol Nidre* services. Making connections like the ones we experienced energizes me to work hard for our community to help everyone who walks through our doors feel connected.



A LABOR OF LOVE!

Ben Wachstein, Executive Director

There is nothing quite like starting a new job when everything about it just seems right. While it feels like I have been here for years (in the best way possible), I am still months away from my one year anniversary at Temple Sinai. It's fun to look back to my first conversation with Lauren Gladstone—scheduled for 30 minutes but lasting close to 90—after which I called my wife and told her there was something about Temple Sinai that was intriguing.

My first journey east from Lancaster reinforced my first impression. My second visit hooked me. Completely!

And so here I am, 10 months into a big move for me, my family, and our congregation. The one question I have been asked most since arriving in December of last year has been, "How are you enjoying the job?" Let me answer without any hesitation—I love it!

Looking out from the other side of the High Holy Days, I have a real appreciation for the Temple Sinai community. From *Rosh Hashanah* through *Simchat Torah*, we worshipped, ate, comforted, and celebrated together. Together. Always together.

I am thankful for my talented teammates with whom I am privileged to work every day, and for our volunteers who make our jobs easier. Truly, fully, thankful.

My days have been full and fulfilling. And every day when I speak with my wife and daughter I have honestly been able to say, "I love it at Temple Sinai!"



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SISTERHOOD AT SINAI

Did you know that Sisterhood is a leading fund raiser for our synagogue? Over the past 10 years, we've raised \$300,000 for synagogue projects including preschool renovations, synagogue security, bathroom renovations, 75th anniversary gala, preschool playground, Israel 70, Cook-for-a-Friend, cultural series sponsorship, and more. Please continue to support our fundraisers (*Shalach Manot*, Gift Shop, Rummage Sale, New Year's Greetings, Camp Fair, Theater Trips). When you need a special gift, remember to shop in our beautiful Gift Shop! All sales support Temple Sinai.

Our Night of Comedy and Mah Jongg and Mimosas events were enjoyed by all! Thank you to our chairpeople, hospitality

team, and our marvelous helpers. Thank you to Jodi Silverman for teaching us about Creating Your Daring Life. Thank you to Faith Rubin and Ellen Walters for leading our September and October *Rosh Chodesh* discussions. Our next one is on November 23rd. New participants are always welcome.

We are looking forward to our Smoke and Mirrors event with Men's Club (November 17th), NYC theater trip to see *Ain't Too Proud* (December 4th), and spring theater trip to see *Plaza Suite* starring Sarah Jessica Parker and Matthew Broderick (May 6th). Thank you to Meryl Stern and Rhonda Yanoff for running our wonderful theater trips.



SISTERHOOD
PRESIDENT
KAREN PETKUN

Save-the-Date

Sisterhood Paid Up

Membership Dinner

and Travel Tips talk

Monday, December 16th 6:30 PM



SISTERHOOD - JEWISH LIVING

Joan Winokur

After the High Holy Days, I always have a sense of unlimited possibilities, new doors to open and all kinds of new experiences waiting for me to try. I feel lighter as if the *shofar* truly awakened me. I hope you too are feeling awake, aware and renewed.

We have a whole new year ahead of us and a whole new slate on which to write through our actions that for which we wish to be remembered. As Jews much of that should have a Jewish "taste".

Thanksgiving and *Chanukah* are coming soon. Thanksgiving is a chance to thank G-d for all our blessings. One of these is to be living in a country that's still "good for the Jews", my Baba's best litmus test. One way to show thanks is to do something Jewish every day.

That leads us to *Chanukah*, the Festival of Lights, the Festival of Rededication. Let's work on our *Yiddishkeit* this year. Is this your year to add meaning to your *Shabbat*, pass on family holiday traditions or to start new holiday traditions with a more dedicated meaningful slant for you and yours?

Enjoy the holidays. May they bring you and yours wonderful memories of living joyously Jewish.

A REAL TREASURE

Among the items donated to our Sisterhood Rummage Sale this summer was a high school medal inscribed with the words:

First Prize • High Jump • 1912 • Clarence H. Faith



Myrna Allen realized that this is a special item and insisted that we put it aside and figure out what to do with it. After some investigation, Ellen Spear discovered that the medal was from Newton High School in Newtonville, Massachusetts, near Boston. Ellen contacted the athletic department at the school who was happy to have the medal back and will display it in the school's trophy case! We are thrilled that this item has found its appropriate home. Cindy Lamberg searched the internet and found the 1912

yearbook entry for high jump winner; Clarence Faith, born in 1894, later served in World War I and World War II, became an army colonial, and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

One mystery remains: Who donated this item to our rummage sale and how did it travel through the years and end up here? If anyone has any information, please contact Karen Petkun at Petkunk@yahoo.com.



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JEWISH ETHICS ON THE WORLD STAGE

Shira Weissbach, Director of Education

We just celebrated *Simchat Torah*, the last in a string of fall holidays beginning with *Rosh Hashanah*. On *Simchat Torah*, we celebrate reading the final book of the *Torah*, Deuteronomy, and we read the beginning of the first book, Genesis. One amazing aspect about the *Torah* is that we have the ability and opportunity to view the same texts that we read year after year, in a new light. As we change and grow and experience new things, our interpretations change as well. Jewish texts still have the power to inform us today.

As American Jews from Left to Right we have always been involved in political and cultural change from women's rights to civil rights—fighting for justice and equality for all. All of these issues are now on the frontlines again with the presidential campaign already on its way. All of us are concerned about the future of our country and the American Jewish community. Especially this year, we at Temple Sinai feel a responsibility to tackle these issues through a Jewish lens. This year we are offering a course for adult learners, *The Ethical Life: Jewish Values in an Age of Choice*. This course will explore modern issues such as the ethical dimensions of food production, modern-day slavery and our ethical responsibility, and fracking. Classes will consist of a short video, *hevruta* (partner) learning, engaging discussion and facilitation by a rotation of Rabbi Wohlberg, Rabbi Hollander, Faith Rubin, and me.

For more information on this program, look for the "Upcoming Events" flyer on Page 15



Z'havah (young Sisterhood) hosted breakfast on the playground after Religious School drop off



Rabbis' Article Continued...

MERCAZ's mission is to support religious pluralism in Israel and strengthen the connection between Israel and the Diaspora. Visit <https://www.mercazusa.org/> to learn how your membership can help MERCAZ achieve its goals.



GOING GAGA FOR OUR YOUTH GROUPS

Sydney Ciment, Director of Youth & Congregational Programming

What is new and exciting in the youth department here at Temple Sinai, you wonder?

This fall the youth have been busy! We have had record numbers of participants at events; we got a brand new gaga court (thanks Brotherhood!!!); and we have had lots of fun.

We broke in the new gaga court with an event on October 6. We played gaga in the courtyard, decorated pumpkins, and made apple turnovers. This event combined the Makor (grades 2 & 3) and Kadima (grades 4,5, & 6). While joint events are great, the Kadima kids also needed some time to have fun without their younger counterparts. On October 26,

we had Kadima Karoke in Club Gelman, otherwise known as the Gelman Lounge. Snacks were consumed and the singing was loud, but it was a blast.

Our teens were also showing up for various events. Sushi in the *Sukkah* was held October 18, and on October 26, TS Teens hosted a bonfire and hayride with OYR USY. We took 30 teens to Hellerick's Family Farm in Doylestown. It wouldn't be a bonfire without s'mores, and of course we had plenty of those!

Thank you for showing up and supporting the youth programming at Temple Sinai.



Upcoming Youth Events:

December 8

Munch with Makor: Cupcake Wars

December 13-14

Shabbat Sleepover for grades 3-6

December 18

Countdown to *Chanukah*, Food for Thought for Teens in grades 8-12

January 5

Kadima/Makor - Wellness Event

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Middle School Sleepover for grades 6, 7 & 8



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MEN'S CLUB PRESIDENT IRA LETOFSKY



As the temperature starts to fall and a chill fills the air, Temple Sinai Men's Club is rolling along. We held a Pub Night that attracted a few new members as well as the regulars. (Eagles—great win!)

Our Tailgate in the *Sukkah* was attended by some new members and as well as the regulars, and we were treated to snacks, craft beer, and a wonderfully smoked brisket—thank

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you to Alan Blitz for babysitting the brisket overnight and Greg Fisher for the recipe. It was a great day in the new *sukkah*, except for the result of the Eagles game.

Join us for upcoming events:


Nov. 12	Pub Night
Nov. 17	Smoke & Mirrors
Dec. 8	Man of the Year Dinner

We need your help! Men In The Kitchen (MITK) has been very busy these past weeks with more events scheduled. MITK is run by our Men's Club (with help from the ladies in the


kitchen) and is a catering service for events held in the synagogue. I, along with David Kepniss and Greg Fisher, really need your help in making this service a success. Please contact us to sign up to help at the upcoming events. This is our largest fundraising project, which allows us to give funds back to the synagogue and keep our event costs low, but is only as successful as the participation. Volunteering is a great activity to do along with your teenage children. You get to spend time with them, they learn the skills of preparing food, and the time will help them qualify for the annual Men In The Kitchen Scholarship Award.

For more information about our scholarship see below





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Leonard Brown



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MEN'S CLUB ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP: APPRENTICE IN THE KITCHEN

While quality time with dad is an admirable, hopeful outcome of this program, the goals of the Apprentice In The Kitchen scholarship program are far more broad. The program offers a worthwhile means for teens to support their community and earn valuable service hours for their college resumes. Men In The Kitchen is always in need of volunteers, and we hope that the scholarship program entices Temple Sinai's teens to get more involved while learning kitchen skills, meal planning, dining service and the universally reviled chore of cleanup. To qualify for the \$1,000 scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Interested students must volunteer at six full Men In The Kitchen events throughout their four-year high school career. Each event should be properly recorded with TSMC.
- College-bound seniors must complete an application, which will be made available at the Temple Sinai website at www.TSinai.com/scholarship.
- With the application, students will submit an essay of at least 500 words about their experiences in the Temple Sinai kitchen.

A committee of Men's Club volunteers will evaluate each of the applications in March and announce the winner in April. If you have any questions about Apprentice In The Kitchen, please contact us at mensclub@tsinai.com.



STRENGTH & PURPOSE

Happy fall everyone! It is hard to believe we are approaching Thanksgiving and *Chanukah*!

Hazak has had a wonderful few months, with programs by Freyda Thomas and Trish Chambers, as well as an incredible trip to hear Mandy Patinkin perform his Diaries program at the Kimmel Center. We also can't forget our very talented Rabbis and their "guests" during *Sukkot*!

Over the past year, the world has celebrated and honored the life of Leonard Bernstein. We are thrilled to have the opportunity to have his daughter, Jamie Bernstein, speak about her memoir *Famous Father Girl* and her life growing up as the daughter of this incredible musician. We hope you will join us to hear her on December 15. This brunch program is open to all. It will be a great way to usher in *Chanukah*!

In January, we are again offering both the first-time and refresher AARP driving courses. This is a must for anyone age 55 or over, as it will "tune up" your driving knowledge and afford you an opportunity to reduce

your auto insurance bills.

As a peek into spring, plan on joining us for Hazak *Shabbat* weekend, March 14 and 15, 2020. On Sunday, March 15, we have confirmed Cantor David Wisnia, an Auschwitz survivor, and his pianist grandson, Avi. The cantor will relate his tale of survival, while singing many poignant, well-known songs in several languages.

We have a variety of other fantastic programs planned for later in the spring. We hope you will join us. While our membership is restricted to those over 55, our programs are open to all. We are looking for people to participate in our organization and help us move forward into the future. If you are interested in helping with any phase of our organization, please



let us know, or better yet, come to our board meetings, which are held after every Sunday brunch.

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MEET-A-MEMBER

Get to Know our Member Marla Kepniss



Where did you grow up?

Washington DC suburbs

What brought you to Temple Sinai? How long have you been a member?

My family moved here from California and toured Temple Sinai because it was the closest conservative synagogue to our home. Although my kids started school

at a different preschool, we switched over when my son Emmett was 2 and joined Temple Sinai when we started my daughter Talia in Religious School in 2007. We all made friends quickly, and it's been our home community ever since.

Favorite thing about being a member of Temple Sinai?

I love being part of this community and feeling a sense of value and belonging whenever I spend time with other members. That's a feeling I wouldn't trade for anything in the world—whether I'm volunteering at an event, attending a meeting, or even just catching up with someone in line at George's Market after Religious School drop-off on Sunday.

Favorite family tradition?

"Breaking" Passover with the Whitman Family every spring! It's so awesome to be able to sit

outside as the weather begins to warm up and relax and gorge ourselves on pizza and donuts (even though my kids will probably still want matzo with butter for snack again the next day).

Other interests?

In addition to serving on the Board and various committees, I like volunteering at my kids' schools. I love to bake, plan complicated vacation itineraries, spend time with friends, and hike whenever I get the chance.

Hearts and Minds

COME TO ONE & ALL (OR) ALL

11*20*19 Stephanie Butnick	The Newish Jewish Encyclopedia
12*15*19 Jamie Bernstein	Famous Father Girl
2*20*20 Molly Dillon & Taylor Lustig	Yes She Can: 10 Stories of Hope
3*15*20 Phyllis Chesler	Living History
4*24*20 Rabbi Josh Warshawsky	Artist in Residence Weekend

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WHAT THEY REALLY NEED

Beth Rabinowitz, Director of Early Childhood Education

This time of year I always gravitate to writing about the same subject: being grateful for what we have and raising children to feel thankful for what they have. This is not always easy, as there are bills to be paid, work and housework to get done, and carpools to be driven. At the end of each day you might feel like you just ran a marathon. You need a moment to feel grateful and at the same time you're given the incredible task of raising a thankful child.

I recently posted a picture showing a hamster flying off his wheel. Though I thought this was funny, it truly portrayed how I felt that day. It is always important to feel grateful, but as the winter holidays start coming, and there are gifts to buy, parties to attend, and more demands than usual, how can we teach our children the concept of being thankful?

I am asking you to start with reading *The Blessing of a Skinned Knee: Using Jewish Teachings to Raise Self-Reliant Children*.

The author, Wendy Mogul, lists what you really need to provide as a parent:

1. Food
2. Shelter
3. Love
4. Education
5. Clothing

As I raised my children, I repeated this list over and over; I would remind my children that anything in addition to these five basic needs, was a bonus—toys, activities, a phone, and camp were all “extras” in what we were already providing. Mogul writes, “No one is born feeling grateful; it’s an acquired skill. That’s why traditional Jewish law forbids spending money on the Sabbath. G-d commands us to stop shopping and count our blessings on that one day because he knows that left on our own, we wouldn’t be so inclined.” This task is not easy when children are inundated with commercials and electronics at an early age, but being grateful is a value that must be learned early on to be carried into

adulthood.

Thankfulness also emerges from children raised with the Golden Rule: “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” Acknowledging someone by saying hello or goodbye is a simple starter. Giving children simple chores teaches important life skills and instills an appreciation for home, school, and the “things” that make up their worlds.

I am grateful our preschool and infant center parents have chosen this community. Take some time to enjoy the rest of this year and know that as long as your children feel loved, you are doing a terrific job!!



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UPCOMING B'NAI MITZVAH

JARON ABSE

November 16, 2019 18 Cheshvan 5780



Jaron is a 7th grader at Sandy Run Middle School. This past summer, he enjoyed his first overnight camp experience at Camp Ramah in the Poconos. Jaron enjoys playing basketball, soccer, and an “occasional” electronic game. He is an adventurous eater, with favorites including but not limited to Japanese food, roasted brussels sprouts, kale chips, and he never met a hot sauce he didn’t like. From an early age, Jaron has cared about people around him. Therefore, it was a natural fit to participate in both The Mitzvah Circle Foundation and Project HOPE which benefit people in need. Jaron sorted supplies and assembled packages at The Mitzvah Circle Foundation which provides essential items for people who are in crisis or going through a difficult time. With Project HOPE, he put together packages and delivered Passover meals to local Jewish families in need. Jaron is thankful that his family and friends are here to share this day with him.

LUCY STERNTHAL

November 23, 2019 25 Cheshvan 5780



Lucy is a 7th grader at Sandy Run Middle School. Lucy loves animals -- specifically her dog, Bernie, who has been with her all of her life. She has decided to do her mitzvah project to help dogs and cats at the SPCA by collecting donations such as toys, blankets, towels and food. During the summer, Lucy is a camper at Camp Ramah in the Poconos. She enjoys playing basketball and softball, and loves cheering on the Philadelphia Eagles and 76ers. Lucy can't wait for her *simcha* and to celebrate with her family and friends.

Robert Rosen,
Author of
Bobby in Naziland;
our October book



TEMPLE SINAI BOOK CLUB CALENDAR & SELECTIONS 2019-2020

Temple Sinai's Book Club meets once a month on Sunday at 10am. The books listed below will be discussed on that date. For additional information or questions, please contact Tobey Grand at tgrand10290@gmail.com.

NOVEMBER 17

DECEMBER 8

JANUARY 12

FEBRUARY 23

MARCH 29

APRIL (TBD)

MAY 3

JUNE 7

The World That We Knew

The Flight Portfolio

The Girl from Berlin

The Lost Girls of Paris

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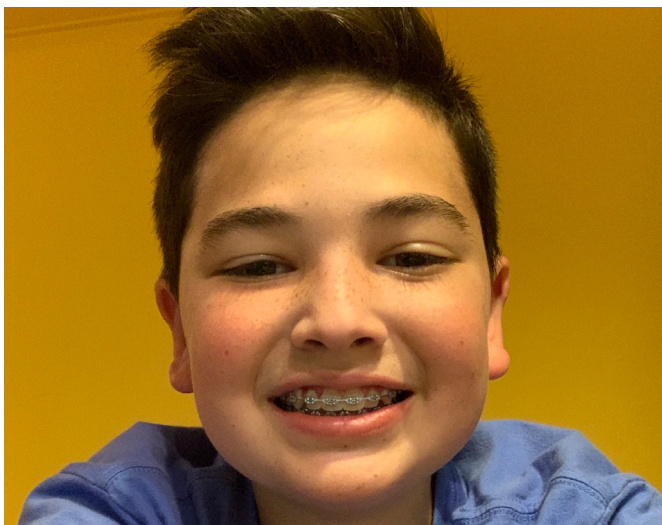
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UPCOMING B'NAI MITZVAH

ASHER CAPLAN

November 30, 2019 2 Kislev 5780



Asher is a 7th grade student at Sandy Run Middle School. He began his Jewish studies at the Ann Newman Preschool and continued through Temple Sinai's Religious School, participating in Yad Squad. Asher continues his Jewish studies at Temple Sinai's Hebrew High School and is expected to follow his brothers to Gratz Hebrew High School, next year. Asher spends his summers at Camp Ramah in the Poconos, this past summer being his 4th year. Asher enjoys many activities outside of Temple Sinai including tennis, drawing, basketball and playing the bass in the Sandy Run Orchestra. Asher's *Bar Mitzvah* Project is to continue a family trend of supporting Project HOPE. He hopes to have his friends join him in a card making party providing holiday notes and/or drawings in the delivery bags. He is also organizing a team of friends to pack bags and increase youth community involvement. Asher is very excited to share his *Bar Mitzvah* day, as his brothers did before him with his parents, Carolyn and Barry, his grandparents Judy and Jerry Caplan and Lynn and Harvey Miller, along with his extended family, all his friends and the Temple Sinai Community. Asher could not have gotten to this special day without the support of Rabbi Adam Wohlberg, Rabbi Sam Hollander and Cantor Stephen Freedman.

ZACHARY KENDALL

December 7, 2019 9 Kislev 5780



Zachary is a 7th grader at Murray Avenue School in Lower Moreland. Zack's passion for baseball helped him decide what his mitzvah project would be. He is collecting baseball equipment and raising money for Pitch In For Baseball And Softball, an organization that donates baseball equipment to children all over the world who wouldn't otherwise be able to play. Zack also enjoys volunteering and delivering food for JRA, something he has done with his family for many years. Zack enjoys playing baseball and basketball, spending his summers at Camp Kweebec and spending time with family and friends. He is excited to celebrate his special day with his parents, Jordan and Stacy, his sisters, Marisa and Amanda, grandparents, family and friends.

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How long have you been members of Temple Sinai?

2.5 years

What brought you to Temple Sinai?

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Favorite thing about being members?

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Favorite family tradition?

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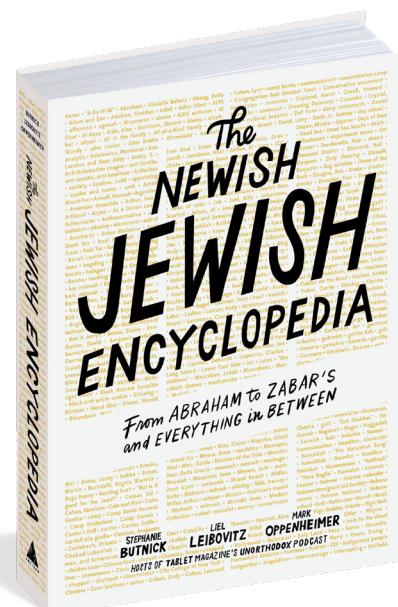
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