



# Limud Sinai 5782

Quad 4  
April/May/June



*Learning and Wisdom  
to Enrich our Lives*



Welcome back to Limud Sinai, our new adult learning curriculum for 5782 (2021/2022)! We hope you have enjoyed our wide array of offerings, and are looking forward to more opportunities during this 4th and final Quad of 5782. This Quad 4 (April/May/June) is centered around the theme “A Shared Fate: The Jewish Story.” As we continue our journey through Judaism’s timeless wisdom, we turn our attention to the historical narrative of the Jewish People. This will bring us to the modern day and a discussion of American Judaism in the 21st Century.

The centerpiece of *Limud Sinai* continues to be our collaborative, Sunday morning conversations, a curriculum that focuses on the rich tapestry of Jewish life over the millennia. Additional Limud opportunities include Linger & Learns, Melton content, book & film discussions, and provocative guest speakers to illuminate various aspects of Jewish life. Finally, we hope you have subscribed and are listening to our new *Seeking Sinai* podcast, a monthly podcast that complements and amplifies the themes from our Sunday curriculum.

Please consult the information below as well as [Temple Sinai’s website](#) and [calendar page](#) for the latest information regarding class/event format. If you have any questions about any program, please contact Rabbi Natan ([ntrief@templesinaiatlanta.org](mailto:ntrief@templesinaiatlanta.org)). We look forward to learning together with you this Spring, especially as we approach Passover, the joyous Season of our Liberation.



<p><b>Quad 1</b> (<i>October/November</i>)  <b>In the Beginning: Jewish Origins</b></p>	<p><b>Quad 2</b> (<i>December/January</i>)  <b>Elevating the Moments: Jewish Time</b></p>
<p><b>Quad 3</b> (<i>February/March</i>)  <b>Creating Meaning: Jewish Life</b></p>	<p><b>Quad 4</b> (<i>April/May/June</i>)  <b>A Shared Fate: the Jewish Story</b></p>



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## Books & Film



### Rona Balser Book Club

**Tuesday, May 31**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Virtual Only**

Our long-running Rona Balser Book Club offers provocative and stimulating discussion around themes that affect all of us. As always, the conversation will be led by highly skilled and seasoned facilitator, Greg Changnon. Book selections--typically a notable work of fiction with a Jewish theme--are determined by participants.

### Film Series: *The Prime Ministers* *(Soldiers and Peacemakers)*

**Sunday, April 3, 7:00 pm**  
**In-Person at Sinai with virtual option**



*Soldiers and Peacemakers* takes the audience inside the offices of Israel's Prime Ministers through the eyes of an insider, Yehuda

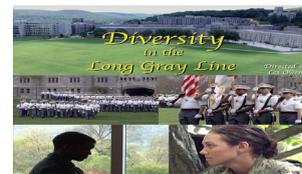
Avner, who served as a chief aide and speechwriter to several Israel's formative prime ministers.

The second of two parts, *Soldiers and Peacemakers*, focuses on Yitzhak Rabin's tumultuous years as Israel's prime minister as well as Menachem Begin's historic electoral victory and peace process with the Egyptians.

*This event is in-person at Temple Sinai. The introductory remarks and post-film discussion will be available virtually as well. The screening will be in-person only, at which time people at home can order and watch the film as well (available via Amazon, Apple TV, or youtube).*

### *Diversity in the Long Gray Line*

**Sunday, June 12, 4:00 pm**  
**Zoom Only**



Join us for a special event and screening of this film as we look at the history of West Point Academy and how it reflects so many social changes

in America. In addition to the film, we will host a virtual panel of military officers and cadets from West Point for a brief presentation and Q&A.

As the Academy recognizes the 1000th graduating Jewish cadet, the film looks at struggles and changes in the social makeup of the cadet population over the years.

This film is brought to us by Joel Kampf, member of the West Point Jewish Chapel Board, and founding member of Temple Sinai.

*This event is zoom only*



## Special Events



### ***Ukraine and Israel: A Lesson in Geopolitics***

**Sunday, April 10, 4:00 pm**

***In-Person with Virtual Option***

Join us for a provocative discussion with Shoshana Bryen of the Jewish Policy Center on some of the far-reaching implications of the war in Europe for America, Israel, and the global order. In addition, she will shed some light on recent events in the Middle East including a possible return to the Iran nuclear deal, Israeli politics, and external threats. Light refreshments will be served. Please register [here](#).

Shoshana Bryen is Sr Director of the Jewish Policy Center, and a leading specialist in U.S. defense policy and Middle East affairs. The former Executive Director and Senior Director for Security Policy at JINSA (Jewish Institute for National Security of America), Mrs. Bryen was the author of the widely republished JINSA Reports. She has worked with the Strategic Studies Institute of the U.S. Army War College and the Institute for National Security Studies in Tel Aviv, and lectured at the National Defense University in Washington.



### ***Hidden Israel with Yoav Rotem***

**3 Thursdays, May 12, 19, 26, 12:00 pm**

***Live with Virtual Possibility***

Join us for a delicious Israeli-style lunch as we visit Israel under the guidance of Master Israeli Tour Guide Yoav Rotem. Explore off-the-beaten path sites such as Abu Gosh, Herodium, Shivta, as well as new findings in the City of David. Yoav will personally curate these virtual visits for Temple Sinai, lead a presentation, as well as facilitate a conversation.

Each of these 3 Thursdays during lunch we will visit a different site, and focus on the beauty and wonder of modern-day Israel. At the end of each session, Yoav will briefly present his choice of most important Hebrew words and how they relate to each site.

This event will take place live from Temple Sinai with a virtual option available as well. We are able to present this unique experience thanks to the generosity of the Year of Torah Fund. Please register [here](#)!



## Unique Shabbat Experiences

Throughout the year, various speakers will visit Temple Sinai, whether in-person or virtually, and will address important Jewish themes from the pulpit. These will be followed by brief Q&A sessions after Friday Evening Services. We are able to offer these diverse opportunities through the generosity of several Endowment Funds.



**Silverman Endowment Scholar in Residence**

**Friday Evening Shabbat Services, April 1, 6:30 pm**

**Saturday Morning Torah Study, April 2, 9:00 am**

**Saturday Lunch & Learn, April 2, 12:00 pm**

**In-Person and Virtual**

Join us for a Shabbat of learning and enrichment with Rabbi Mary Zamore. Executive Director of the Women's Rabbinic Network, Rabbi Zamore is a sought-after scholar, speaker, and author, who has added significantly to the growing field of Jewish wellness and ethics. Based on her expertise and editing of the acclaimed book *The Sacred Table: Creating a Jewish Food Ethic*, Rabbi Zamore will share insights about Jewish spiritual wellness as it relates to what we put into our bodies at any given time.

This event is generously sponsored by the Mark Silverman Maimonides Award Endowment Fund. Rabbi Zamore will share remarks during Shabbat evening services, as well as lead Torah Study and Lunch & Learn on Saturday. All events are open and free to everyone with the exception of Lunch & Learn (registration required [here](#), \$12 for boxed lunch).



## Unique Shabbat Experiences

### Alembik Endowment Speaker

**Friday Evening Shabbat Services, May 20th 6:30 pm**  
**In-Person and Virtual**

Rabbi Ariel Wolpe will be joining us during Shabbat Services to talk about how spiritual chanting, melodies, and meditation can enhance and sustain our connection to Judaism and to the divine. Services will be immediately followed by a workshop where Rabbi Wolpe will teach and model some of these practices. This event is made possible through the generosity of the Michael Alembik Memorial Fund, established to enrich the spirits and lives of Temple Sinai members through learning in the area of human relationships and healing.



Rabbi Wolpe is a mother, musician, and spiritual educator. She founded and directs Ma'alot, a growing community of artsy, outdoorsy Jewish folk in Atlanta. She received her rabbinic ordination from the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, where she focused on hasidic commentaries and feminist interpretations of Jewish history and ritual. After ordination, Ariel moved to Philadelphia to study Jewish music as a resident through Hadar's Rising Song Institute and serve as Rabbi Artist in Residence at Adath Israel. She has released three albums through Rising Song Records.

### Guns: A Love Story

**Friday Evening Shabbat Services, June 17, 2022 6:30 pm**  
**In-Person and Virtual**

During Shabbat Services, we will hear from Dr Mark Rosenberg about his experiences shifting the gun debate away from 2nd amendment rights/restrictions and more towards a public health crisis. Dr. Rosenberg oversaw research on gun violence at the CDC, is the founding director of the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, and has spent years bridging gaps and building consensus on this very polarizing issue. Dr. Rosenberg will speak during Shabbat Services, after which we will host him for an informal Q&A Session. Join us for this event sponsored by Limud Sinai.



## Sunday Morning Learning



### Quad 4: April, May, & June 5782/2022 A Shared Fate: The Jewish Story In-Person and Virtual

The Sunday Morning Learning curriculum is for the novice student in Judaism, the advanced, and everyone in between. The topics focus on the most profound building blocks of Judaism, and the conversation will reflect the scope of Jewish learning throughout the centuries. Jewish life has never been dull, and these Limud Sunday Morning conversations will showcase it in all its intensity...from independence to slavery, trauma to redemption. During this final quad of the year, we focus on the Jewish Story and the long ark of Jewish history. If you missed any of the sessions from previous quads, check out our [vimeo video library](#) on the Temple Sinai website to access the recordings.

Please consider registering [here](#) for the entire quad (5 Sunday Morning Sessions) online or by contacting Rabbi Natan. See you there!



## Sunday Morning Learning

### From Creation to Enlightenment: The Crucible of Jewish History

Sunday, April 10, 10:00 am

We begin Quad 4 (April/May/June) with a survey of Jewish history. Though clearly not exhaustive, we will examine some of the key themes and events that have defined Jewish history. In so doing, we will try to arrive at a deeper understanding of the current moment through the lens of the Jewish narrative and historical events.



### Out of Destruction: the Shoah

Sunday, April 24, 10:00 am

As we arrive to modern Jewish history, the Shoah (Holocaust) must occupy a central place in any conversation. Though it does not define the Jewish People, the Shoah is unparalleled in its scope and tragedy. We will focus on several of the key events and themes. In a time of growing antisemitism once again, we must always reacquaint ourselves with the circumstances and the lessons of the Shoah, perhaps the greatest crime in the history of humanity.



### Rebirth: Israel and Zionism

Sunday, May 1, 10:00 am

*Me'Shoah let'kuma* / From the Shoah to Resurrection. In just a few years, the Jewish People went from the depths of despair to the pinnacle of triumph, from the Holocaust to the Resurrection of the Jewish State. How did the Zionist movement lay the groundwork for such a modern-day miracle, and how has Israel fared in her first 75 years?



### Al Kol Eileh: Modern Women Pioneers

Sunday, May 15, 10:00 am

Join Beth Schafer as we dive into the topic of modern female pioneers, those who were instrumental in enabling us to reach this day, whether in Israel or the Diaspora. Trailblazers such as Betty Friedan, RBG, Emma Lazarus, Golda Meir and Regina Jonas join the list of countless others who battled for justice, equality, and peace. Did a common thread unite these warriors? What insights can we glean from their storied lives?



### Moving Forward: The Changing Jewish Landscape

Sunday, May 29, 10:00 am

We arrive in the present day. We see how the thriving American Jewish landscape has unfolded and continues to unfold in the most dynamic of ways. In a time of rising intermarriage and assimilation, how has the Jewish chain of tradition fared? Are the boundaries between the primary Jewish denominations still holding strong? What does the future look like for the American, Jewish diaspora, the most successful one the world has ever seen?



## *Seeking Sinai*

### Temple Sinai's New Monthly Podcast

If you haven't heard our new podcast, Seeking Sinai, what are you waiting for? Join your Temple Sinai clergy as we continue to expand our offerings with on-demand content. Each month, we release a new podcast featuring the clergy in conversation around the question "Why?" Unlike traditional class offerings, these ~20-30 minute podcasts may be accessed on your phone whenever convenient for you. Whether dropping the kids at school, running errands, heading to work, or meeting a friend, why not add some spiritual enrichment and meaning to your day? Subscribe to it on [Spotify](#), [Apple Podcast](#), or [Google Podcasts](#) where you can also find episodes you may have missed.



#### **April: WhyRemember?**

Join Rabbi Sam for her inaugural visit to Sinai's monthly podcast as we focus on one of the most oft-cited Jewish commandments; to remember. Specifically, we will discuss the implications of the Shoah in a time of rising antisemitism. How do we keep the memory alive as the surviving generation vanishes and as the world actively tries to forget? How does the message Never Again continue to remain relevant?

#### **May: WhyIsrael?**

Rabbi Sam will return to discuss the miracle of the foundation of Israel. Following the ashes of the Shoah, Israel's founding is one of the pinnacle moments of Jewish history. Join us as we unpack some of the formative moments and the meaning Israel holds for American Jews. This podcast episode, as well as April's podcast, will complement the discussions we have during our Sunday Morning Learning classes on April 24 and May 1.



### **June: WhyReform?**

Reform Judaism has helped to revolutionize and modernize the dynamic Jewish landscape. It is often defined as personal autonomy based on informed choice. Join Beth Schafer as we discuss some of the poignant issues and challenges facing the future of Reform Judaism. Why is the denomination called Reform Judaism rather than the often-heard Reformed Judaism? Why is the movement so relevant even today with all of the changes we see taking place around us?



### **Take Out Judaism**

#### **Whenever, Wherever**

In the intimate and comfortable setting of someone's home or Sinai's Outdoor Chapel, you and your friends can gather to schmooze, eat and learn with one of our amazing clergy and educators. Want to learn and discuss Israel in a casual setting? What about biblical humor or the secrets of life? Or why not jam to some Jewish tunes with Bunzl Family Cantorial Chair Beth Schafer? Choose one of the available courses offered on our Take Out Judaism [menu](#), coordinate a date to host with the appropriate instructor, and gather at least ten guests. You provide the takeout, we'll provide a thought-provoking discussion, and together we'll enjoy a memorable and fun evening! Contact Rabbi Natan or the instructor directly if you are interested in hosting an event.





