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I grew up in Scarsdale, New York, a town that has a national reputation of elitism and competitiveness, often depicted or mocked in sitcoms and movies. While I remain close to a very tight-knit group of amazing high school friends, the atmosphere often seemed to epitomize the cliché "every man or woman for themselves."

Thankfully, many of my dear high school friends also belonged to my synagogue. And yet...somehow...somehow, when we would arrive at synagogue for Confirmation Class and more, the fierceness of the school day dissipated and disappeared. It was as if the competition turned into caring, the elitism into effortless embrace. I remember when my friend's mother died and the entire grade showed up to the funeral and shiva.

Synagogue life brought us together; it transformed us into the best version of ourselves. I soon realized that a good synagogue elevates and activates. It creates a covenantal community of caring and consideration.

Though Jewish communal life has evolved over the centuries, one thing has remained steadfast: we have always sought to support one another during the best of times and the worst of times.

Temple Sinai strives to fulfill this sacred obligation in many ways, but particularly through Keshet, our own caring committee. It is there during lifecycle moments, and during illnesses. It is there when we find ourselves connecting deeply to others, the times when we can leave a lasting imprint on the lives of those in our community.

The Keshet committee at Sinai was created by a group of loyal and dedicated congregants who wanted to support others. It is a lay-driven initiative that does this holy work.

If you have received a shiva tray after the loss of a loved one, a call in the hospital while sick, or a meal upon the birth of a child, you know what it feels like to have the power of a strong community supporting and sustaining you. Perhaps this experience has inspired you to want to do the same for others.

Keshet enables those who participate not only to connect to congregants, but it also creates an internal community amongst those who serve. Those who volunteer for Keshet work together, as a team, to ensure members of our Sinai community have what they need, when they need it. They continue the thousands-year-old legacy of the eternal Jewish People, uplifting the individual and upholding our covenant with God.

Perhaps you have never heard of Keshet. Perhaps it is an integral part of your Sinai experience. Regardless of your relationship with this group, I want to highlight the fabulous work that Keshet has done over the decades. I also invite you to get involved and volunteer. Keshet can open your life to profound moments of connection, meaning, and godliness.

If this seems like something you would like to participate in, please reach out to our fabulous Keshet Chairs Linda Kaplan at [kap4382@gmail.com](mailto:kap4382@gmail.com) and Halley Morochnik at [halleymorochnik@gmail.com](mailto:halleymorochnik@gmail.com).

Hazak, Hazak, V'nit-chazek. Be strong, be strong, and TOGETHER we will strengthen one another.

Rabbi Sam Trief

Rabbi Sam Shabman Trief

# Board Message | Mark Bachmann, Treasurer



As Temple Sinai’s Treasurer, when I think about the strengths of our organization, I consider not only the finances, but also our leadership and investments in and planning for our future. I share these observations:

### Financial Strength

• We’re a large and growing congregation, having welcomed 49 new families this year, plus 114 new Young Adult members (most of whom joined as a result of our exciting new free membership for young adults initiative). Our members are generous, as 28% pay annual dues in excess of the sustaining amount of \$2,500, and we have very few members who fail to pay their dues. We thank you for your generosity and continued commitment to our community.

• The Board of Trustees and staff closely monitor expenses. Each year we strive to operate on a balanced budget. We typically solicit three bids for all major expenditures. An annual audit is conducted by an independent accounting firm, and the Temple Sinai Finance Committee, comprised of 15 members, meets throughout the year to oversee the financial affairs of the congregation. I meet with our Executive Director Jack Feldman each month to review our financials, and provide a detailed report to the Board of Trustees at each board meeting.

• We have a growing Endowment Fund - a key component of our financial strength. As part of the 50th Anniversary Capital and Endowment Campaign, we are making great strides to double the size of our Endowment, with a goal of reaching \$10 million. The Endowment Fund is important to ensure our longevity, and to support the myriad of high quality programs and events offered for all ages and interests. Endowment rules allow for a maximum of 4% of its overall balance to be disbursed in any year, along with any unspent monies from prior years, to support the operations and programs of the congregation.

• We have no long term debt. While we just entered into an \$8 million Construction / Bridge Loan Agreement to ensure that the necessary funds are available to pay for the construction costs this year, we have already received capital pledges totaling \$7.8 million and expect to exceed our \$8.5 million fundraising goal. Our projection is that this construction loan will be paid off by 2024.

### Leadership

• We have strong and stable clergy, and educational and administrative staff who continue to innovate and create inspiring spiritual, educational, and community programing.

• We have broad and diverse lay leadership who dedicate countless volunteer hours to Board governance and oversight, as well as numerous committees that support all aspects of Temple Sinai.

### Investment in the Future

As part of our Capital Campaign, a plan is in place to renovate our facilities to reimagine our learning spaces and create a licensed full-day preschool, improve overall accessibility, and enhance our entrance, lobby and sacred sanctuary. Thanks to the overwhelming financial support from our congregation, we can expect to benefit from all these enhancements this fall.

Our house is most certainly in order – and I hope that you share my optimism regarding the financial health of Temple Sinai. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we appreciate and thank you for your continued support. May we continue to go from strength to strength.

## Brotherhood Upcoming Events

### 5th Annual Sinai Steak House Seder 🍷

Wednesday, April 10, 6:00 pm



This has been Brotherhood's signature event for several years and it will be even better in 2019. Enjoy an evening with the Brotherhood, learn a bit more about Passover, and indulge in great steak, scotch, and wine. Registration closes on April 5 and is sure to sell out. The cost is \$40 for Brotherhood Members and \$75 for all other Temple Sinai men. You will NOT want to miss this!

### Spring 2019 Poker Tournament

Wednesday, May 22, 6:30 pm at Hudson Grill in Sandy Springs

Are you Sinai's best poker player? Do you want to be? Test your skills at Brotherhood's Semi-Annual Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament. The poker tournament will begin promptly at 7:00 pm. Prizes will be awarded... plus, the top two players will have their names permanently engraved on the "Sinai Cup" trophy.

Not a poker player? Not a problem. Stop by and hang out with your Sinai friends (or make some new ones) while watching the poker action or primetime NBA playoff basketball on the televisions at Hudson Grill.

Come enjoy the dinner, desserts, and drinks. The cost to attend for Brotherhood members will be \$10 and \$30 for all others. If you want to play in the poker tournament, the 'buy-in' is \$20 for everyone. All re-buys will be collected for Tzedakah, and Brotherhood will make a donation to a worthy Sinai charity. This event is only for Sinai members and is an age 21-and-older event.

### Softball Players Needed

Are you interested in playing softball this Spring? Temple Sinai has three teams and we need players to fill out our rosters for the Synagogue Softball league. This is a terrific way to meet people and have fun with fellow congregants. There are teams for all levels of play; email [brotherhood@templesinaiatlanta.org](mailto:brotherhood@templesinaiatlanta.org) to get more details.



## Women of Sinai Upcoming Events

### Passover Recipe Share & Miriam Cup Painting

Sunday, April 14, 4:00 pm 🍷  
Please note the new date and time!

Get ready for Passover with Women of Sinai. Share food, stories, and traditions with Women of Sinai. Bring your favorite Passover side or dessert for our Passover tasting, along with a recipe to exchange and paint a Miriam's cup for your Seder table. RSVP online.

### Save the Date for Women of Sinai's Closing Event: Singing into Summer with our very own Beth Schafer Thursday, May 2, 7:00 pm at Temple Sinai

An evening of friendship and song, desserts, coffee, liqueurs and more! Look for an invitation soon.

### Women of Sinai Rosh Chodesh 🍷

Thursday, May 16

6:30 pm Light Dinner and schmoozing  
(\$5 WOS members, \$10 non WOS members)

7:15 pm Program (no charge)

Come join us and learn about modern Jewish holidays. Yom Hazikaron - Israeli Memorial Day, Yom Ha'atzmaut - Israeli Independence Day, Yom HaAliyah - Recognizes Aliyah (immigration to the Jewish State of Israel.) Find out how and why these holidays were created and how are they celebrated in Israel and the United States.

This event will take place off-site at a location close to Temple Sinai. Please RSVP online or call the Temple Sinai office to receive the address.

# Warren Jacobs Tribute Concert

**Friday, April 5**  
**6:30 pm Services**  
**7:30 pm Pre-Concert Reception**  
**8:00 pm Concert**



Temple Sinai, along with the family of Warren Jacobs, is pleased to announce a concert in memory of Warren and honoring his music.

Warren Jacobs had been a long-time member at Temple Sinai, aside his wife Judie. Their daughters, Elana Jacobs and Rebecca Jacobs Feldstein, were raised and celebrated their Bat Mitzvah ceremonies at Temple Sinai and now continue the tradition with grandchildren, David and Gabriela Feldstein, as they begin their Jewish education.

Warren's compositions are a compilation of several melodies, using Hebrew prayers as the lyrics. Beth Schafer and Michael Levine, accompanied by several musicians, will perform Warren's music in addition to selected pieces of their work.

One night many years ago, at a Scholar in Residence Weekend at Sinai which featured a musician, Warren's interest in music was rekindled. Returning home that evening, inspired and full of energy, Warren pulled out his guitar and began a journey of composing music incorporating Hebrew prayers for the lyrics in most songs. This journey brought much joy, comfort and notoriety to Warren for several years until his untimely death in 2010.

Delighting in sharing his love of Jewish history and culture through his music and stories about Jewish folklore, Warren brought a wonderful sense of joy and humor to audiences throughout Atlanta. Please join our family in celebrating Warren's memory, music and love of life.

## New Member Shabbat Dinner

**Friday, April 12, 7:30 pm**

New to Temple Sinai? Join us for Shabbat services at 6:30 pm followed by a dinner for new members at 7:30 pm! Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to get to know Temple Sinai staff, the clergy, and fellow Sinai members. There is no fee, but reservations are necessary on the Temple Sinai website. If you have any questions, please contact Jaimee Boettcher at [jboettcher@templesinaiatlanta.org](mailto:jboettcher@templesinaiatlanta.org) or 404.252.3073.

## Temple Sinai Game Room

The game room is open during these hours:

**Mondays, 12:00 - 3:00 pm**  
**Tuesdays, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm**  
**Wednesdays, 12:00 - 5:00 pm**  
 (5:00 - 9:00 pm by reservation only)

Looking to add another game of Mah Jongg either weekly or just occasionally? Join us every Tuesday, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, for a fun couple of hours. If interested in joining, please contact Toby Sidman ([tobyannsidman@gmail.com](mailto:tobyannsidman@gmail.com)) to get on our weekly sign-up email. This game is for experienced players.

Please notify Samantha Berinsky ([sberinsky@templesinaiatlanta.org](mailto:sberinsky@templesinaiatlanta.org) or 404.252.3073 ext. 330) at least one week in advance if you would like to reserve the game room on Wednesday evening between 5:00 - 9:00 pm.



## Mind, Body, Spirit meets Shabbat! Fridays, April 12 and May 10 8:00 pm

Beth Schafer now offers a Mind, Body, Spirit service one Friday per month at 8:00 pm in the Chapel. What is this service? It is a relaxed and inviting environment in the round with singable music. Instead of a prayerbook, we will

have more free-flowing teaching, meditating, and other types of experiential prayer. If you attended and enjoyed the Mind, Body, Spirit service on Yom Kippur, this service is most certainly for you. Join Beth for this alternative Shabbat experience.

Lose yourself in the music, find yourself in the words.

**Electronics Drive**

**Sunday, April 14, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm**

Temple Sinai will host its annual Electronics Recycling Drive on April 14th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. For any laptop that can be given to the needy we will wipe all drives with multi-write software.

Items accepted include: Batteries of all types EXCEPT alkaline (tape the ends and discard in the trash), Cell phones, Computers & Accessories, Inkjet and Laser Printer cartridges, and Miscellaneous Electronics. The drop off will be in the parking lot and will be staffed. For old style TVs and LCDs there is a charge for recycling:

- \$30.00 for CRT TV or Monitor smaller than 29"
- \$25.00 for LCD TV or Monitor 60" and up
- \$15.00 for LCD TV or Monitor smaller than 60"



**ATL Botanical Garden Tour**

**Thursday, April 18, 11:00 am**

What better way to welcome in spring and warm weather than a guided tour of the Atlanta Botanical Garden? A bus will be available from Temple Sinai and will leave at 10:15 am. You are welcome to meet us at the entrance of the Botanical Garden at 11:00 am. This event is available to all who are available during weekdays! Please be sure to RSVP online. Cost of attendance is \$25, which covers the bus and entry fee. If not taking the bus, the cost is \$15. If you have any questions, please contact Samantha Berinsky at sberinsky@templesinaiatlanta.org or 404.252.3073.



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# Passover at Sinai

## 7 Desserts in Less than 70 Minutes!

### Cooking for Passover Class

Thursday, April 4  
6:30 pm-8:30 pm

Join us for a fun workshop where you will get to make something for each day of Passover and won't be a slave to the kitchen! These are recipes you'll want to make even after Passover.

Learn how to make seven easy, quick, yet impressive sweets to bring with you to the Seder, to surprise your mother, or to share with your friends.

Class will take place in the Temple Sinai kitchen. Limited space is available for the class and the cost is just \$10, so be sure to register today!

## 5th Annual Brotherhood Steak House Seder

Wednesday, April 10, 6:00 pm

This has been Brotherhood's signature event for several years. Come enjoy an evening with the Brotherhood, learn a bit more about Passover, and indulge in great steak, scotch and wine.

## Lotsa Matzah Passover Tot Shabbat

Friday, April 12

Our Special Passover Shabbat includes a matzah ball soup bar and matzah s'mores station for dessert! Dinner at 5:30 pm and service at 6:00 pm.

## Women of Sinai Passover Recipe Share & Miriam Cup Painting

Sunday, April 14, 4:00 pm

Get ready for Passover with Women of Sinai. Share food, stories, and traditions new and old. Bring your favorite Passover side or dessert for our dinner, along with a recipe to exchange. Create a new tradition by painting a Miriam's cup for your Seder table.

## Shabbat Service

Friday, April 19, 5:00 pm

## Breakfast and Learn

Saturday, April 20, 9:00 am

## Shabbat & Passover Service

Saturday, April 20, 10:00 am

## Second Night Seder

Saturday, April 20, 5:30 pm

Come enjoy Temple Sinai's popular Second Night Passover Seder. We'll read the Haggadah with Rabbi Sam and enjoy a delicious family style meal. Families, singles, and couples are welcome to attend this intergenerational, congregation-wide event. Cost: \$20 for adults (ages 13+), \$15 for children ages 5-12 and free for children 4 and under. Non-member adults are welcome to join us for \$35, \$25 for children and free for children 4 and under. All reservations must be made and paid by April 15.

We ask that each couple brings one bottle of wine to share with the table! We would also love to fill the tables with personal Seder plates and will need 15. If you plan to bring your personal Seder plate, please notify Samantha Berinsky at sberinsky@templesinaiatlanta.org or 404.252.3073.

## Sober Seder

Tuesday, April 23, 7:00 pm

HAMSA and JF&CS are proud to host the second Sober Seder at Temple Sinai on April 23, 2019. We invite people in recovery and their allies to join us for an inclusive Seder that celebrates freedom from the bondage of slavery – whether from the shackles of Pharaoh or the bonds of addiction. Rabbi Brad will lead us through a meaningful Seder without wine; we will celebrate this beautiful season of renewal and rebirth, and explore the many connections to recovery. All are welcome to join us for the Seder, the festive meal, friendship and celebration!

## Passover Yizkor Service

Friday, April 26, 10:00 am

Visit [www.templesinaiatlanta.org/passover](http://www.templesinaiatlanta.org/passover) for more information and to register.

# The Freedom We Seek .....

## Brought to you by the Kavanah Committee

Freedom is a ubiquitous theme in Judaism, brought to the forefront in particular during the Festival of Passover. As we approach Passover, you will see a banner hanging in our gallery. It contains a picture of a desert lying between Egypt and the Promised Land. Next to the banner will be a table with post it notes. We invite you any time you're in the building to write on one of the post-it notes what freedom means to you and place it on the banner. Together we will "trek across the desert," affirming that we all need to be freed from something. As we are constantly looking to free ourselves from things that hold us back, as well as freeing our families and great community from similar obstacles, we hope this visual representation will inspire us to move toward the freedom we seek.



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**Temple Sinai Preschool Fundraiser**

On Saturday, February 9, TSPS parents and staff had a blast at the PTO's annual party and auction. This year's theme, Bluegrass and Boots, was highlighted by Heirloom BBQ, a bourbon bar, and live music by Greenwood Rye. Harold Alan Photography's photo booth was a hit, as were the student-made art and fun auction items. A week at Camp Serenbe, breakfast at Waffle House with Rabbi Brad, or High Holy Day parking passes? Sign us up!



**Temple Sinai Preschool Summer Camp 2019**

Join Temple Sinai Preschool for a summer of fun for children ages 2- 5 years old. Choose to register for individual weeks or all six weeks offered. Fun weekly themes, water play, special guests and activities, art, science, sports, and music are just some of what your child will experience during camp.

This summer, camp will be held at nearby Springmont Montessori while Temple Sinai undergoes renovations. Registration is now open!! Visit [www.templeseinapreschool.org](http://www.templeseinapreschool.org).



**Lotsa Matzah Passover Tot Shabbat**  
**April 12**  
 5:30 pm Dinner Club  
 6:00 pm Service



Join us for our monthly Tot Shabbat! This fun and engaging service is geared toward kids five and under and their families. We'll dance and sing our favorite Shabbat songs with a member of our Temple Sinai clergy. Come early for dinner, which includes a matzah ball soup bar and matzah s'mores for dessert!

**2019-2020 Preschool Enrollment is Open!**

Our warm, welcoming, innovative Preschool is now enrolling for next school year! Visit [www.templeseinapreschool.org](http://www.templeseinapreschool.org) for more information and to register. 2019-2020 Pre-K students are eligible to receive Alef Fund Scholarships. Please contact the preschool office at 404-255-6200 for more details.





## FIRST FRIDAY FAMILY SHABBAT

Friday, April 5

5:45 pm Challah baking

6:30 pm First Friday Family Shabbat Services

Popcorn bar during Oneg

Please join us at 5:45 during Kabbalah Panim to make your very own challah! During the Oneg, after services, we will have a popcorn bar with different favors of popcorn. Everyone is invited to make challah and to participate in the popcorn bar- not just kids!

**Save the date for May First Friday Family Shabbat!**

Friday, May 3

5:30 pm Dinner and Challah baking

6:30 pm First Friday Family Shabbat Service

**Club 45 at Adventure Air Sports**

Saturday, April 27, 5:00 - 9:00 pm

You don't want to miss Club 45's final event of the year! All 4th and 5th graders are invited to join us for an awesome night at Adventure Air Sports where we'll jump on giant trampolines, try our luck on Atlanta's largest Ninja Warrior obstacle course, team up with friends for extreme dodgeball, and perform tricks into the giant foam pit. Dinner will be served at Temple Sinai before we take a bus to Adventure Air Sports and an end-of-year dessert treat is in store before arriving back to Temple Sinai at the end of the night!

**Cost: \$20 on or before April 23; \$25 after**



### 7th Grade Dinner Club

Wednesday, April 17, 6:30-8:00 pm at Nori Nori

7th Graders are invited to join Rabbi Brad and Molly Okun for the best all-you-can-eat buffet in Sandy Springs. 7th graders will get together one last time before 8th grade for a great evening of good friends, good food, and good times!

### Teen Lounge

Wednesday, April 24, 6:30-8:30 pm

9th-12th Graders are invited to the last Teen Lounge of the school year. Come take some time to be stress-free before exams begin!



### Baccalaureate

Sunday, April 28

6:30 pm Dinner

7:30 pm Service



Senior Class and Parents, It is amazing to think that your high school years are quickly coming to an end. This is undoubtedly an exciting time in your life - whether you are going on to college, taking a break, heading to Israel, or traveling to other exciting places, the year ahead will be filled with terrific new opportunities and experiences. As has been our custom for many years, we would sincerely like to honor and celebrate this transition with you during a Baccalaureate dinner and service. Your Temple Sinai family is proud of all your accomplishments and look forward to having the entire senior class participate in this special evening. RSVP on the Temple Sinai website by April 15th.

**Save the date for these fun events!**

**More information coming soon!**

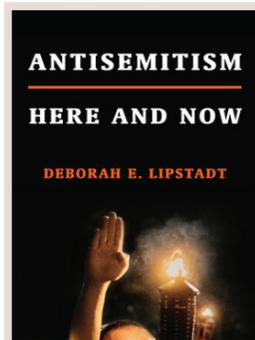
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## Adults

**Books Into Film - Bob Bahr Discusses Deborah Lipstadt and Modern Antisemitism**

Tuesday mornings, 10:00 am - 11:30 am  
 April 2 to April 30, 2019  
 \$49 class fee

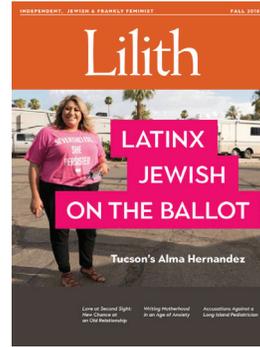
An exploration with Bob Bahr of modern antisemitism as seen through the lens of film and popular culture, with selections from Hollywood and world cinema. The new book, "Antisemitism - Here and Now" by the distinguished Emory professor Deborah Lipstadt serves as a source for background material for the five class sessions. Fee does not include a copy of the book.

**Adult Education Film Series**  
**Sunday, April 14, 6:30 pm**  
**Defiant Requiem**

Join us for our final movie of the Adult Ed Film Series, *Defiant Requiem*, and commentary by our very own Rabbi Emeritus Phil Kranz. The film tells the little-known story of the Nazi concentration camp, Terezín. Led by imprisoned conductor Rafael Schächter, the inmates of Terezín fought back...with art and music. Through hunger, disease, and slave labor, the Jewish inmates of Terezin hold onto their humanity by staging plays, composing opera, and using paper and ink to record the horrors around them.

**Lilith Salon**

Thursday, April 4, 7:00 pm



What is a Lilith Salon – More free-flowing than a book club, less “spiritual” than a Rosh Chodesh group and more intimate than a lecture, Lilith Salons are a place to meet and talk with smart women like you.

Each quarter we gather to discuss one of the articles from the previous *Lilith Magazine*. Don't worry, you don't have to be a subscriber to participate. We will email you the article, supplemental reading and the suggested discussion questions. Then join us for a lively discussion. Contact Lilith Chairs Terri Heyman at [terriheyman@bellsouth.net](mailto:terriheyman@bellsouth.net) to receive a copy of the discussion materials or either Terri or Pat Stark at [patricestark@aol.com](mailto:patricestark@aol.com) to learn more about Lilith Salons. RSVP on the Temple Sinai website.

**Sunday Morning Learning**

Sundays, 10:00 am

**April 14: David Schoenberg**

*All You Want to Know about Death and Dying but Were Afraid to Ask*

An expert panel will answer all of your questions about funeral planning, cemeteries, cremation, rituals associated with the death of a loved one, and more. Co-sponsored by Sunday Morning Learning, Brotherhood, Women of Sinai and the Cemetery Committee.

**April 28: Steve Walden**

*A Long-Time Angel Investor Shares The Secrets To Make Money In Startups*

**Adult Ed Mini Series with Rabbi Sam**   
**Judaism a la carte!**

**Wednesdays, May 1 & May 8, 7:00 pm**

On May 1 join Rabbi Sam and Temple Sinai Congregant and French Culinary Institute Graduate, Peter Rubin as they explore the history and spirituality of the Jewish Holiday of Lag Ba'Omer and its relationship to the art of Barbecue. There might even be some tasty treats that will make the subject come alive! On May 8, the fun continues as they explore The State of Restaurants and Dining out, with Torah for dessert! Made possible by the Fred A. Ellman Memorial Culinary Enrichment Endowment.

**Children's Art Exhibition**

**March 26 - May 13**

For the 3rd year in a row, the Fine Arts Committee is proud to exhibit in the Temple Sinai lobby the Children's Art from Shonim B'yachad, which translates to "Different Together" - an artistic educational project which celebrates all facets of Israeli Society. More than 20 schools participate, and the artwork is displayed on Billboards in the Port of Jaffa. This project sets out to release Israeli's youngest generation from the fear of "the other" and to create a more accepting society.

**Artist-in-Residence Weekend  
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**PNK Learning Center Tech Seminar** 

**Wednesday, April 17, 11:00 am**

**Topic: *The Conveniences of the Internet: How to do banking, grocery shopping, schedule transportation, and make the Internet work for you.***

Come with questions! This seminar will be directed by participants' questions and what you would like to know about.

**The Rona Balsler Book Club** 

**Tuesday, April 30, 7:00 pm**

Join the Rona Balsler Book Club for a lively discussion led by Greg Changnon. Check the Temple Sinai website for the April book title.

## The Ties that Bind: Thanks, Temple Sinai!

It's amazing what can happen when the right people have the right idea at the right time. In a nutshell, that's the story of Second Helpings Atlanta (SHA), which originated in 2004 as a Temple Sinai social action project. In 1990, Guenther Hecht had launched Second Helpings, a successful food rescue organization, while a part-time resident of Hilton Head Island. Back in Atlanta, Guenther wondered if the volunteer driver model could work here.



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Recalls Guenther, "I approached Rabbi Kranz and Rabbi Segal and others who were 100% behind it." He partnered with Sinai members Shirley Leaderman Bernes and Alli Allen to create what is now Second Helpings Atlanta. Although SHA has since become an independent not-for-profit agency, the Sinai connection remains strong. Our current president, Sheri Labovitz, is a synagogue member, as are many board members and volunteers. Notes Rabbi Segal, "We are delighted that SHA got its start at Sinai and are so proud of all at Second Helpings Atlanta who continue to do this sacred work within the community."

To date, the organization has rescued more than 9 million pounds of nutritious food! Our 450+ volunteer drivers are the link between 80 Food Donors and 50 Partner Agencies. SHA is an official Food Rescue Partner of the Atlanta Community Food Bank. During the 2019 Super Bowl, we rescued more than 17,000 pounds of nutritious food and distributed it across the Atlanta metro. Learn how you can participate by reaching out to SHA Executive Director Joe Labriola today at [director@secondhelpings.info](mailto:director@secondhelpings.info).



### Social Action Sunday (Hunger and Homelessness) & Collection

**Sunday, April 14, 12:15 pm**

The Temple Sinai Preschool PTO and Early Childhood Committee will host the April Social Action Sunday. Due to the huge success we had last year, we will again make "Boxes of Love" for the Children's Restoration Network. We will fill these boxes with travel-sized toiletries, non-perishable snacks, and socks to be delivered to children in homeless shelters throughout metro Atlanta. We need your help to make this a success! Pizza will be served.

Items may be dropped off at the collection bin in the front lobby through April 8. Or, you can purchase items through Amazon Wishlist (<http://tinyurl.com/mitzvahmaker>) to be delivered directly to Temple Sinai.

### Shabbat Honoring Refugees

**Friday, April 26, 6:30 pm**



Come hear Sushma Barakoti, Executive Director of the Refugee Women's Network (RWN), speak at Shabbat Services about the work RWN does to help refugee and immigrant women become independent and self-sufficient.

### Human Trafficking Proof the ATL

**Monday, April 15, 7:00 pm**

Please join us for an opportunity to learn and understand the devastating impact of sex and labor trafficking on our local Atlanta community. Deborah Richardson, Executive Director of The International Human Trafficking Institute, an initiative of the Center for Civil and Human Rights, will guide us in how to raise awareness about trafficking in Atlanta and the steps we need to take to end it. This event is presented by the Jewish Democratic Women's Salon and will be held at Temple Sinai. RSVP online.

### Refugee Furniture Collection

**Sunday, April 28, Beginning at 9:00 am**

Passover cleaning with a purpose: Our Refugee Relief Committee is collecting furniture and kitchen ware for refugee families arriving in 2019. We will collect your donations on Sunday, April 28 and furnish at least 2 apartments for New American Pathways and refugees arriving this year. Donate your furniture or help us collect and organize the donations. Contact Samantha Berinsky at [sberinsky@templesinaiatlanta.org](mailto:sberinsky@templesinaiatlanta.org) for a list of acceptable furniture donations.

### Hunger Walk 🕍

Sunday, April 28, 12:00 pm

Sign up online to represent Temple Sinai at the annual Hunger Walk! We will participate in a day of activities while helping raise money and support for the Atlanta Community Food Bank. For questions, please contact Samantha Berinsky at sberinsky@templesinaiatlanta.org or 404.252.3073.

### Social Action Sunday (Civil Rights) & Collection

Sunday, May 5, 12:15 pm

Join us for Social Action Sunday on May 5th as we finish our school year by helping refugee children prepare for school year 2019-2020. We will assemble school-ready backpacks containing new school supplies to give these kids a great start to a new school year. We will be collect: wide ruled loose leaf paper, spiral notebooks, blue or black pens, #2 pencils, colored pencils, erasers, pencil sharpeners, pencil cases, colored markers, highlighters, 2" 3-ring binders, and pocket folders. You can donate supplies to the collection bin in the lobby beginning April 8 or order them online through our Amazon wishlist, found on the Temple Sinai webpage.

### Passover Blood Drive

Sunday, April 28, 9:15 am - 2:15 pm

Why is this drive different from all other drives? Well, it isn't, but it seems like a great time to give back to those in need. Temple Sinai continues to be one of the most successful blood donation sites in Metro Atlanta. Please help us continue this success by signing up to be a donor. To make an appointment go to redcrossblood.org and type "SINAI" in the "Find a Blood Drive" box. For questions, please contact Samantha Berinsky at sberinsky@templesinaiatlanta.org or 404.252.3073. All are welcome!



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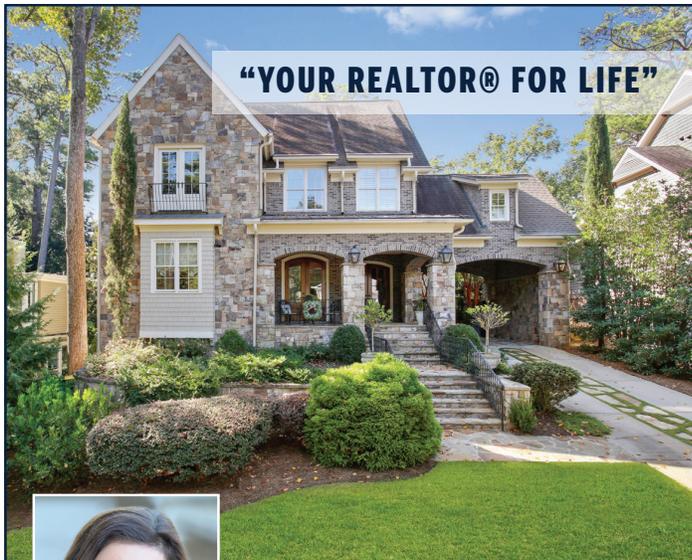
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**Mazel Tov to...**

**Linda & Mark Bachmann** on the birth of their grandson, Jack Paxon Bachmann.

**Lauren Julian & Andrew Loeb** on the birth of their son, Elliott Reed Loeb. Mazel Tov to grandmother **Nancy Loeb**, as well.

**Nicole & Ben Saidman** on the birth of their son, Leo Kinbar Saidman. Mazel Tov to grandparents **Suzan & Gary Saidman**, as well.

**Pat & Charlie Stark** on the birth of their grandson, Howard Weston Neil.

**Sami & Jason Tanenbaum** on the birth of their daughter, Lilly Ann Tanenbaum. Mazel Tov to grandparents **Bz & Jay Tanenbaum** and aunt and uncle **Jill & Bennett Cierny**, as well.

**Condolences to...**

**Michael Aronin** on the death of his mother, Bonnie Aronin. Condolences to nephew **Don Aronin**, as well.

**David Friedman** on the death of his father, Norbert Friedman.

**Camille Lefkowitz** on the death of her father, Solomon Hersh. Condolences to granddaughter **Leah Lefkowitz**, as well.

**Lindsay Johnson** on the death of her father, Harry Sklar.

**Michelle Lane** on the death of her mother, Ruth Ehrlich.

**Mark McKee** on the death of his father, Don McKee.

**Helene Scharff** on the death of her brother, Charlie Goldberg. Condolences to nephew **Michael Scharff**, as well.

**Stewart Weinhoff** on the death of his brother, Martin Weinhoff.

**Cindy Wilson** on the death of her father, Bud Robinson.

*The listings above are the Sinai Family Updates shared with us. Get "real-time" updates on our Sinai Family every Thursday evening in the weekly "From Shabbat to Shabbat" e-blast.*

**Featured Temple Sinai Endowment Funds**

Each month we will highlight two endowment funds created by our Temple Sinai families. We are thrilled that members of the congregation will benefit from these funds for many years to come.

**Sharon Fagin and Goldie Velinsky Morris Music Fund**

This fund was established in 2006 to support and enrich the membership of Temple Sinai through cultural and performing arts, to include dance, drama, music through programming with a distinctive Jewish and/or Israeli themes. We wish to thank the Fagin and Morris families for establishing this fund.

**Aaron and Ava Earl Children's Enrichment Fund**

This fund was established in 2000 to provide educational resources that will benefit the children of Temple Sinai, including materials, speakers and childcare during religious services. Temple Sinai wishes to thank the the Earl family for this fund.

*For more information regarding these or any of the named endowment funds, or if you wish to establish a new fund, please contact Dr. Howard Fagin, Chair of the Endowment Fund Committee, at [howardfagin27@gmail.com](mailto:howardfagin27@gmail.com).*

**Adam and Robin Mayer Social Justice Fund**

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Linda Bachmann for a wonderful Women's Retreat

**Brian Waronker Memorial Fund for Addiction and Recovery**

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**Cantor Sid Gottler Music Fund**

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**Pre-school Program and Scholarship Fund**

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Once again, thank you to all of the donors who have made a pledge to the 50th Anniversary Capital and Endowment Campaign! We are all so excited for construction to begin – and the countdown has begun!

We have also been working hard to finalize our summer plans for when our building will be under construction: **May 13 – September 7\***. Below are important facts you should know:



## Education Programming:

- The Temple Sinai Preschool camp will take place at Springmont Montessori School (5750 Long Island Dr, Atlanta, GA 30327) June 3-July 19. Parents will receive detailed information before the start of camp.
- B'nei Mitzvah tutoring will take place at Temple Sinai on select dates.
- Education staff will move into the administrative offices during construction.
- Temple Sinai Preschool will reopen on Monday, August 19.
- Noar Sunday and all Sunday programming will begin on Sunday, September 8.



## Summer Worship and Programming:

- All worship, Torah Study and B'nei Mitzvah will occur at the Weber School (6751 Roswell Rd NE, Atlanta, GA 30328). More detailed information will be sent out in late April.
- Our offices will remain open to members and guests for appointments and meetings only (including B'nei Mitzvah tutoring). We will have plenty of signage to direct you to our temporary entrance.
- The new Wednesday Morning Minyan will occur in Rabbi Segal's office.
- Committee meetings and weekly games will be held off-site (either in homes, at local coffee shops, etc.) and will be communicated accordingly.



*\*The Education Building will re-open in mid-August for the start of Preschool and Noar Sunday teacher prep. Make sure you check the website for the most up to date information throughout the summer!*

## Accessibility Services

Did you know Temple Sinai has a committee dedicated to making our Temple accessible to everyone, regardless of ability? **HINEINI** - which means "Here I am," is Temple Sinai's accessibility committee.

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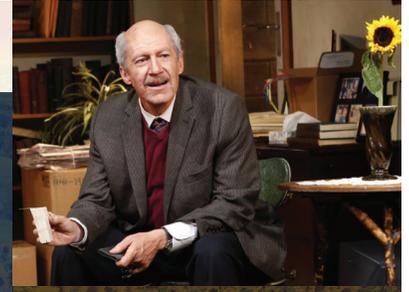
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|   | <b>1</b><br>12:00p Temple Sinai Game Room   | <b>2</b><br>10:00a Temple Sinai Game Room, Books Into Film - Deborah Lipstadt and Modern Anti-Semitism  | <b>3</b><br>7:30a Minyan<br>12:00p Temple Sinai Game Room  | <b>4</b><br>6:30p Passover Dessert Cooking Class<br>7:00p Lilith Salon | <b>5</b><br>5:45p Kabbalat Panim/Oneg<br>6:30p First Friday Family Shabbat Service<br>8:00p Warren Jacobs Tribute Concert   | <b>6</b><br>9:00a Torah Study<br>10:00a Shabbat Service<br>11:00a Shabbat Kiddush   |
| <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b><br>12:00p Temple Sinai Game Room<br>2:45p Hebrew Chavurah  | <b>9</b><br>10:00a Temple Sinai Game Room, Books Into Film - Deborah Lipstadt and Modern Anti-Semitism<br>5:00p Hebrew Chavurah                                 | <b>10</b><br>7:30a Minyan<br>12:00p Temple Sinai Game Room<br>2:45p Hebrew Chavurah<br>6:00p Brotherhood Steak House Seder<br>6:30p Teen Health Education  | <b>11</b>  | <b>12</b><br>5:30p Tot Passover Shabbat Dinner Club<br>5:45p Kabbalat Panim/Oneg<br>6:00p Guided Meditation, Tot Shabbat Service<br>6:30p Shabbat Service<br>7:30p Shabbat Dinner for New Members<br>8:00p Mind Body Spirit Service | <b>13</b><br>9:00a Torah Study, B'nei Mitzvah Torah Study<br>10:00a Shabbat Service<br>10:30a Rachel Katz Bat Mitzvah ceremony          |
| <b>14</b><br>9:00a Electronics Recycling Drive<br>9:30a Noar Sunday,<br>10:00a Sunday Morning Learning<br>11:00a 9th Grade Gesher<br>12:15p Social Action Sunday<br>12:45p Noar Hebrew Sunday<br>4:00p Women of Sinai Miriam's Cup Painting and Recipe Share<br>6:30p Adult Education Film Series | <b>15</b><br>12:00p Temple Sinai Game Room<br>2:45p Hebrew Chavurah<br>7:00p Human Traffick Proof the ATL | <b>16</b><br>10:00a Books Into Film - Deborah Lipstadt and Modern Anti-Semitism, Temple Sinai Game Room<br>1:00p ROMEO Club<br>5:00p Hebrew Chavurah            | <b>17</b><br>7:30a Minyan<br>11:00a PNK Learning Center Technology Seminar<br>12:00p Temple Sinai Game Room<br>2:45p Hebrew Chavurah<br>6:30p 10th Grade Confirmation<br>6:30p 7th Grade Dinner Club | <b>18</b><br>11:00a Atlanta Botanical Garden Tour                      | <b>19</b><br><b>Erev Passover</b><br><b>TSPS Closed, Temple Sinai closes at noon</b><br>5:00p Shabbat Service   | <b>20</b><br>9:00a Passover Breakfast and Learn<br>10:00a Shabbat and Passover Service<br>5:30p Passover Second Night Seder             |
| <b>21</b>   | <b>22</b><br><b>TSPS Closed</b><br>12:00p Temple Sinai Game Room  | <b>23</b><br><b>TSPS Closed</b><br>10:00a Temple Sinai Game Room, Books Into Film - Deborah Lipstadt and Modern Anti-Semitism<br>7:00p Sober Seder              | <b>24</b><br><b>TSPS Closed</b><br>7:30a Minyan<br>12:00p Temple Sinai Game Room<br>6:30p Teen Lounge<br>7:30p Men's Study   | <b>25</b><br><b>TSPS Closed</b>  | <b>26</b><br><b>Passover</b><br><b>Temple Sinai and TSPS Closed</b><br>10:00a Passover Yizkor Service<br>5:45p Kabbalat Panim/Oneg<br>6:30p Shabbat Service focusing on Tzedek  | <b>27</b><br>9:00a Torah Study<br>10:00a Shabbat Service<br>10:30a Amanda Flug and Shira Lipton B'not Mitzvah ceremony<br>5:00p Club 45 |
| <b>28</b><br>9:15a Blood Drive<br>9:30a Sinai Tots, 10th Grade Confirmation, Noar Sunday<br>10:00a Sunday Morning Learning<br>11:00a K and 1st Grade Torah Presentation, 8th Grade Gesher, Sinai Tots<br>12:00p Hunger Walk Atlanta<br>6:30p Baccalaureate  | <b>29</b><br>12:00p Temple Sinai Game Room<br>2:45p Hebrew Chavurah                                       | <b>30</b><br>10:00a Temple Sinai Game Room, Books Into Film - Deborah Lipstadt and Modern Anti-Semitism<br>5:00p Hebrew Chavurah<br>7:00p Rona Balser Book Club |  |  |   |   |

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## Temple Sinai April Worship Schedule

### Friday, April 5

6:30 pm First Friday Family Shabbat Service 

### Saturday, April 6

10:00 am Shabbat Service 

### Friday, April 12

6:00 pm Passover Tot Shabbat Service

6:30 pm Shabbat Service 

### Saturday, April 13

10:00 am Shabbat Service 

10:30 am Bat Mitzvah ceremony of Rachel Katz 

### Friday, April 19

6:30 pm Shabbat Service 

### Saturday, April 20

10:00 am Shabbat and Passover Service 

### Friday, April 26

6:30 pm Shabbat Service focusing on Tzedek 

### Saturday, April 27

10:00 am Shabbat Service 

10:30 am B'not Mitzvah ceremony of Shira Lipton  
and Amanda Flug 

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