



President Elect | Robert Sinsheimer

Strategic Visioning Committee

- Undertook strategic analysis of Culture of Belonging and Tzedek, Tzedek, Tirdof: Pursuing Justice priority areas
- Recommended to the Board that we conduct a congregation wide listening campaign
 - To address trends affecting congregations/institutions
 - To understand Social Justice member preferences and to establish a Social Justice governance process
- Future goals to conduct a successful listening campaign, successfully reflect on campaign findings and act in new ways to ensure our future success

Professional Relations Committee

- Complete contract employee reviews
- Finalized new contracts of Rabbi Levenberg, Associate Executive Director Shelly Dresdner, and Director of Early Childhood Learning & Development Jamah Maman
- Evaluated Rabbi Levenberg's role on the clergy team and his service to the congregation and recommended to the Board that he be promoted to Senior Rabbi

Fine Arts Committee

- Developed policies for acceptance and exhibition of works of art
- Accepted and installed art sculpture in Lehrman Garden
- Worked with Museum of Southern Jewish Experience to collect stories for their archives
- Advised on maintenance of Sanctuary and Cooper Chapel pieces
- Hosted exhibitions of local Jewish artists in the Sinai gallery
- Future goal to develop a strategy to abate storage limitations

House Committee

- Approved upgrade of streaming system, improved lighting in Mercaz, exterior preschool and religious second floor, renovation of office and school wings bathrooms, and Cooper Chapel maintenance
- Monitored renovation construction project
- Considered solar panels, roof and kitchen equipment replacement and landscaping projects
- Future goals to develop long-term plans for schedule maintenance, capital replacement, and landscaping and grounds maintenance

VP of Communications/Secretary | Rachel Simon

Accomplishments

Over the past year, we have gathered information from our congregants about how they receive, utilize and engage with Temple Sinai communications. Through surveys and focus groups we analyzed our communications tools including email, website, social media and texting. This has given us some clarity on what works, where improvement opportunities exist and how to adjust our strategy to meet the needs of our congregation. We created a set of recommendations that will become a road map and updates to our communications tools will be implemented in the coming year.

Additionally, we seated a new chair for the Temple Sinai Archives Committee. We are pleased to have Melissa Swindell in this role. Melissa, with Leslie Walden, immediately used her archivist skills to support the recent gala honoring Rabbis Kranz and Segal by creating a visual history of both of our beloved Rabbis.

Future Goals

As we move into the coming year, we will begin working on the recommended changes for many ways we communicate with our members. We also look forward to partnering with Lara Dorfman as she becomes the next VP of Communications/Secretary. Look for exciting changes to come!

Tzedek Campaigns

Immigration and Refugee Reform

- This initiative continues to be strong at Temple Sinai. While strengthening the partnership with New American Pathways (NAP), the committee has had several successful collections and shown continued support for refugee families in the Metro-Atlanta area. There continue to be numerous opportunities for further education and advocacy. The co-chairs are currently researching the details of adopting a refugee family and continue to be informed of ways our congregation can further assist refugees in Georgia.

Environmental Awareness & Action Conversation

- Temple Sinai has partnered with GIPL (GA Interfaith Power and Light), a religious response to global climate change which has provided opportunities for continued education, advocacy and action. Through GIPL, our synagogue completed a facility audit to determine our energy use and ways we can improve our efficiency, then received a grant to assist with the cost of those recommendations. Over the last year volunteers have planted trees with Trees Atlanta, committed to monthly Eco-challenges and are partnering with the Spirituality Committee to provide an upcoming river cleanup with Chattahoochee River Keepers.

Antisemitism

- Co-chairs took the time last fall to interview some of Temple Sinai's congregants across all demographics for their views and opinions on antisemitism. The results provided great insight into possible ways committee members can provide opportunities for education and more conversation about the topic.

Along with the above-mentioned initiatives, Temple Sinai continues to support volunteer efforts with the Community Assistance Center, Family Promise, Reproductive Rights, the American Red Cross, LGBTQ Equality and so much more.

VP of Development | Mindi Sard

Accomplishments:

- Exceeded budgetary goals for the annual fundraiser and successfully solicited sponsors.
- Involved in many of the pre-planning meetings for the fundraiser and sourcing adequate chairs through phone calls and in-person meetings. This was done for the last two annual campaigns, while overseeing their progress.
- Restructured the development committees by forming sub-committees; i.e. naming committee, and monitored their progress.

In addition, researched the Tree of Life through online resources, continually pushed for a new updated dues structure, collaborated on honoring endowment and legacy donors, assisted with the rewriting of our membership commitment letter, and spearheaded an educational program on the benefits of endowment and legacy giving.

Over the past year - despite the persistent challenges of COVID - the education team has continued to sustain and even improve upon our stellar programs and offerings for congregants of all ages, from our littlest preschoolers to our most senior, life-long students. We revisioned all educational programs to accommodate individual needs.

Temple Sinai Preschool (TSPS) demonstrated incredible flexibility, reinventing itself several times - virtually and in-person; ultimately, the preschool has proudly achieved its most successful enrollment of all time. And, finally, Tot Shabbats returned, flooding special Friday evenings with the heart-filling sounds of our youngest congregants welcoming in the Sabbath.

Our K-6th grade children and their families have enjoyed a range of options for learning. Noar Sunday, still a rather new concept for weekly Jewish youth education, utilized outdoor spaces to return our elementary school-aged kiddos to the synagogue for in-person Sunday programming. Noar Hebrew continued to provide several opportunities for additional Hebrew learning for our older Noar students ensuring everyone's needs were met: on Sundays at the temple, in community group chavurot and in individual tutoring sessions. And we added a new program, Noar B'yachad, which presented the opportunity for monthly family learning and connection, together.

Sinai's teens have coalesced around HUB, focused on deepening Jewish knowledge, honing leadership skills, exploring spirituality and - most notably for most of them - connecting socially! Madrichim programs, dinner clubs, trips, and confirmation represent just a few of the opportunities our teens have enjoyed this year.

Our older adults engaged in learning through Zoom, hybrid and in-person sessions: Sunday morning Limud classes, adult Hebrew, book and film clubs. And we entered into completely new territory this year, offering podcasts for congregants to learn on their own time, on demand.

In terms of structure, we solidified our education team with Jen Quick joining as Director of Teen and Family Learning & Engagement and Rabbi Natan Trief as Director of Adult Learning. The Education Advisory Board further established its roles through the collaboration of lay leadership and staff.

In the future, our education programming will benefit from greater cohesion and collaboration among our various committees - Early Childhood, Youth & Family, Teen and Adult. With a unified vision, our ability to meaningfully reach and teach every congregant will grow and deepen. Other goals include intentional utilization of the Education Advisory Board; increasing engagement in educational opportunities for all age groups, particularly parents of younger children; and maintaining the incredibly successful programs we have already established.

It has been my pleasure and honor to serve in the role of Vice President of Education for the past two years, to work with and learn from the most amazing team of educators and leaders, and to be a part of the continued growth of Temple Sinai. I leave this position inspired and eternally grateful. May we continue to go from strength to strength.

VP of Membership | Linda Bachmann

As all of us honed the pandemic pivot, there was a commitment to keep members engaged and connected to our Temple Sinai community. Personalized L'Shanan Tova cards were sent to our newest Temple Sinai members, and a "We're Thankful for You" card were sent to our founders. Temple Sinai Board of Trustees met the challenge to reach out to every single Temple Sinai member household. Four special Shabbat events brought members back inside Temple Sinai: a reception for our Past Presidents; a reception to recognize Legacy Circle and Endowment Fund contributors; and two "reunion" dinners reconnecting Sinai travelers and Atidaynu alumni.

A huge thank you to all of our committee chairs who work diligently to keep Temple Sinai members of all ages connected and engaged, and to our entire Temple Sinai staff, always providing the logistical set up, communications and on-site support that is so crucial to success.

Atidaynu: *For our future*; Chaired by: Robby Fineman and Lauren Gordon

Invitations have been extended and plans are underway for the next cohort of Atidaynu participants, to continue to develop future Temple Sinai leaders.

ATID: *Future*; Chaired by: Erin Pirkle and Leah Lefkowitz

The committee has accomplished two key goals this year:

- To create a space for young adult members of Temple Sinai through relationship-building and programming such as Shabbat dinners, hikes, social and holiday events
- To include the ATID community in Temple Sinai-wide programming such as Light Up the Lot and the Annual Gala. Moving forward, ATID will take a less programmatic approach and build on relationships and fostering a community amongst participants.

Brotherhood; Chaired by: Jason Karlin, Adam Lazarus, and Alex Lurey

Brotherhood continues to attract members of all ages and support broader Temple Sinai programming in many ways. Highlights of the year include: BBQ Bourbon & Beer, BBQ in the Sukkah, Light up the Lot Channukah Celebration, Pearlman Book Club, Koonin Speaker Series, Purim in the Lot, Brotherhood Seder, and a Poker Tournament.

College Outreach; Chaired by: Stacey Kaye

To help our college students and our youngest adults feel connected to Temple Sinai while away from home, this group of volunteers packaged and mailed Chanukah and Passover packages with letters from our rabbis and special treats to Sinai students around the country.

Moshav: *Village*; Chaired by: Amy Fox and Lori Peljovich

Moshav is a place for Temple Sinai adults looking for "what's next?", navigating empty nesting. Following a successful kickoff event and Trivia, Tacos & Tequila program, Moshav will continue to grow and identify ways to strengthen ones connections to this community.

Navon: *Wise*; Chaired by: Rick and Lynn Shapiro, and Larry and Laura Weiner

Focused on reaching and engaging Sinai's growing membership of those 70+, Navon is ready to build on the enthusiasm experienced from attendees on a recent trip to the Atlanta Botanical Gardens. For the coming year, plans are underway for more fun social and educational opportunities and needed services and resources geared to this population.

Women of Sinai; Chaired by: Jan Jay

Focusing on "Women Celebrating Women", we read and learned about the triumphs and successes of several of our biblical sisters as well as other Jewish SHeros. We also began to create our own walls. Looking forward, we plan to gather for a day of community, learning and fun to refresh our souls as a sisterhood of Temple Sinai.

Ambassador Corps: *New for 2022*; Chaired by: Caren Cohen and Jeff Crow

Recognizing the important role that Temple Sinai lay leaders and members can play to connect with both new and prospective members, an Ambassador Corps effort is under construction and will be launched soon! Be on the lookout for more information on ways all of us can help to foster the personal connections that helps Temple Sinai Feel more like home to new and long-time members, alike.

VP of Spiritual Life | Jeff Wolff

Spiritual Life started the programming year by evaluating the purpose and goals of this group of lay leaders. This process involved a number of focus groups and small group get togethers. Seeking spirituality in nature was the strongest theme that emerged from these discussions. The Conversations in Nature series was born.

We came together for four successful programs which involved a diverse group of Temple Sinai members. These programs were:

- Hike of West Palisades Trail
- Visit to Atlanta Botanical Gardens
- Hike of Mount Yonah
- Havdalah and Stargazing

On June 5, we will hold a Chattahoochee River cleanup in partnership with the Education Awareness and Action Campaign committee (a new Temple Sinai initiative) and The Chattahoochee River Keepers.

The Conversations in Nature series is a success and should become an integrated part of Temple Sinai programming.

Additionally, Spiritual Life supported the clergy, staff and other committees. Notable was the visit from Artist in Residence Shira Kline.

These two areas of involvement represent the future of Spiritual Life along with growth areas to meet the programming needs of the congregation.