Temple Sinai Annual Meeting 2020



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Community Leadership Cohort

Attendees at the URJ







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Annual Meeting Agenda

June 25, 2020, 7:00 pm

- I. Call to Order/Welcome Lynn Redd
- II. D'Var Torah Rabbi Sam Trief
- III. Video Presentation
- IV. President's Remarks Lynn Redd
- V. Year in Review/Outlook for 2020 2021
- Clergy Report Rabbi Brad Levenberg
- Education Report Marisa Kaiser
- Executive Director's Report Jack Feldman

VI. Presentation of Awards

- Ner Tamid Award Warren Zindler
- President's Award Lynn Redd

VII. Business Meeting

- Presentation of the 2020 2021 Budget Mark Bachmann
- Recognition of Outgoing Leadership Lynn Redd
- Nominating Committee Report Cary Rodin
- Special Representatives (Women of Sinai, Brotherhood, Teen) & Presidential Appointees – Lynn Redd
- Election of Officers and Board Lynn Redd

VIII. Board Installation

- Installation of Officers & Board Rabbi Ron Segal
- Shehecheyanu Beth Schafer
- IX. Closing Benediction Rabbi Ron Segal

Thank You Staff

Temple Sinai Staff 2019/20

Rabbi Ronald M. Segal, Rabbi
Rabbi Bradley G. Levenberg, Rabbi
Rabbi Samantha S. Trief, Rabbi
Rabbi Philip N. Kranz, Rabbi Emeritus
Beth Schafer, Bunzl Family Cantorial Chair
Jack J. Feldman, Executive Director
Shelly Dresdner, Associate Executive Director
Marisa Kaiser, Director, Center for Learning & Engagement

Ray Barnes, Audio Visual Technical Support Samantha Berinsky, Program and Engagement Manager Jaimee Boettcher, Director of Membership Engagement Simone Bonnejonne, Member Engagement Manager Allison Carter, Event and Rental Manager Sharon Clark, Director of B'nei Mitzvah Program Rabbi Lauren Cohn, Hebrew Coordinator Rachel DeLine, Senior Clergy Assistant Andrea Fineman, Director of Communications Eli Friedman-Heiman, Director, Teen Learning & Engagement Michele Goodelman, Front Office Assistant Michele Harvey, Accounting Manager Samara Katz, Education Program Manager & Library Coordinator Gus Kim, Graphic Design Associate Jamah Maman, Director of Preschool and Young Family Learning & Engagement Helaine Milch-Schroder, Digital Marketing Associate Rachel Moldovan, Director, Youth Learning & Engagement Jenny Mopper, Center for Learning & Engagement Assistant Tiffany Morton, Executive Assistant Liz Reynolds, Preschool and Young Family Learning & Engagement Assistant

Andre Parker, Facilities Manager Maintenance Staff: Claudia Garcia, Brian Mwandu, Francisco Zeledon

Our Past Presidents

James Smulian	1968 - 1970
*Milton Deitch	1970 - 1972
*Joel Goldberg	1972 - 1973
Warren Epstein	1973 - 1975
*Gary Metzel	1975 - 1977
Larry Bogart	1977 - 1978
Jan Epstein	1978 - 1980
*Arthur Heyman	1980 - 1982
Ted Frankel	1982 - 1984
Edward Sugarman	1984 - 1986
David Taylor	1986 - 1988
*Stanley Cohen	1988 - 1989
Rubin Piha	1989 - 1991
Rita Loventhal	1991 - 1993
Ron Rosen	1993 - 1994
*Joel Feldman	1994 - 1996
Faye Landey	1996 - 1998
Lewis Kravitz	1998 - 2000
Claire D'Agostino	2000 - 2002
Warren Zindler	2002 - 2004
Phyllis Weiser	2004 - 2006
Debbie Pinsky	2006 - 2008
Robert Sinsheimer	2008
Cindy Gibbs	2008 - 2010
Eric Hartz	2010 - 2012
Stephen Berman	2012 - 2014
Scott Zucker	2014 - 2016
Marcia Nuffer	2016 - 2018
Cary Rodin	2018 - 2019
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^{*} Of Blessed Memory

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Temple Sinai Leadership

Thank you to our 2019/2020 Leadership

Officers

Lynn Redd President Adam Mayer President-Elect Vice President of Communications Mark Rosenthal Vice President of Community Penina Richards Candy Berman Vice President of Development Vice President of Education LaWana Streger Vice President of Membership **Robin Weisberg** Vice President of Spiritual Life Cathy Gottlieb Mark Bachmann Treasurer Jon Barry **Assistant Treasurer** Immediate Past President Cary Rodin

Board Members

Gail Cohn

Dana Udwin Elrod Howard Feinsand

Dr. Charles Fox, Presidential Trustee

Michael Freedman Susie Greenberg

Beth Herskowitz, Women of Sinai Trustee

Greg Jacobs

Jason Karlin, Brotherhood Trustee

Jane Leavey

Sarah Neuberger, Teen Trustee

Maurice Rosenbaum

Jeff Rosengarten

Mindi Sard

Jason Serotta

Robert Sinsheimer, Presidential Trustee

Heather Weiner

URJ Board Members

Steve Berman Jan Epstein Howard Fagin Ben Sillins

HUC-JIR Board Member

Joy Greenberg

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Temple Sinai Leadership 2020/2021

Officers

President Lynn Redd* President-Elect Adam Mayer* LaWana Streger **VP Community** VP Communications/Secretary Rachel Simon **VP** Development Mindi Sard **Emily Webb** VP Education **VP** Membership Robin Weisberg* **VP Spiritual Life** Jeff Wolff Treasurer Mark Bachmann** **Assistant Treasurer** (Vacant) Cary Rodin* Immediate Past President

*Serving second year of a two-year term

**Nominated to serve a fourth one-year term, consistent with the By-Laws

Two-Year Term Expires May 2022 (Current Nominees)

Linda Bachmann
Jeff Bloom
Dan Fellner
Michael Freedman
Dr. Jeff Hopkins
Joan Kaufmann

One-Year Term Expires May 2021 (Current Nominees)

Brotherhood Trustee: Adam Lazarus Women of Sinai Trustee: Myndi Carter

Teen Trustee: Elisa Rosenthal

Presidential Appointee: Dr. Charles Fox Presidential Appointee: Darrin Friedrich Presidential Appointee: Robert Sinsheimer

Additional Trustees Whose Terms Expire May 2021 (Poturning)

(Returning)

Gail Cohn

Dana Udwin Elrod Susie Greenberg Maurice Rosenbaum Jeff Rosengarten Jason Serotta

Respectfully submitted by the 2020 Nominating Committee

Cary Rodin, Chair Steven Bodner Jeff Diamond Dana Udwin Elrod Brett Friedmann Susie Greenberg Keri Greenwald Stephanie Jacobs Lew Kravitz Marcia Nuffer Jerry Richman Maurice Rosenbaum

We would like to thank the following 2019/2020 Committee Chairs:

Adult Choir	Gene Morgan
Adult Education	Gregory Jay Marty Throne
Annual Fundraiser	Debbie Pinsky Mindi Sard
Atidaynu	Craig Fagin Dan Fellner Jeff Wolff
Backpack Buddies	Trish Rosenbaum Jan Fisher
Brotherhood	Jason Karlin Alex Lurey Adam Lazarus
Cemetery	David Schoenberg
Chevra Kadisha – Men	David Schoenberg
Chevra Kadisha – Women	Suzi Saidman
College Outreach	Alice Byrne Susan Pepper
Daddy and Me	Adam Brown
Development Committee	Candy Berman
Early Childhood Education	Ana Rodriguez Rebecca Rivera
Economic Justice	Robin Mayer
Education Advisory Board	LaWana Streger
Endowment Committee Allocation Requests Investment	Howard Fagin Howard Fagin David Skid
Executive Committee	Lynn Redd
Family Promise	Glenn Radford Michael Drucker Evie Drucker
Finance Committee	Mark Bachmann
Fine Arts Committee	Judie Jacobs
Habitat for Humanity	Phil Karlick
Hineini	Sari Earl Jan Epstein
History and Archives	Joel Deitch Rachel Rosner
Hospitality	Nancy Baron Margery Diamond
House Committee	Martin Salzman
Hunger Walk	Robin Friedrich Lisa Herman
Israel	Garry Sobel
Kavanah	Ellen Schwartz Suzanne Simkin

Linda Kaplan

Halley Morochnik

Legacy and Bequests	Scott Zucker
Long Range Planning	Adam Mayer
Membership Engagement Committee	Robin Weisberg
Military Affairs/USO	Charles Lutin
Music and Performing Arts	Debbie Block
Navon	Jan Epstein Steve Berman
Nefesh	Carrie Leavitt Josh Spitalnick Katy Raskin
Nominating Committee	Cary Rodin
Past Presidents	Cary Rodin
PNK Learning Center	Mary Baron
Preschool PTO	Julie Stifel
Preschool Committee	Brian Stifel
Professional Relations Committee	Adam Mayer
Red Cross Blood Drives	Phil Karlick
Scholar in Residence	Atidaynu Class
Second Helpings	Myron Smith
Shomrei Adamah/Recycling	Scott Lieberman
Sinai 411	Linda Bachmann
Sinai Circles	Pam Sugarman Andi Kauffman
Special Needs Parent Connection	Kalyn Davis
Spirituality	Dayna Royal
Teen Committee	Joan Durbin
Tot Shabbat	Ana Rodriguez Rebecca Rivera
Tzedek Council	Penina Richards Susie Greenberg Robin Mayer
Women of Sinai	Beth Herskowitz Myndi Carter
Youth and Family Committee	Emily Webb Lori Spett

Kesher

Temple Sinai - Proposed Budget - Fiscal Year 2020/2021

	Approved Budget FY19/20	FY19/20 Projected Actual FY19/20	\$ Change Budget vs. Actual	FY20/21 Budget FY20/21	% Change 19/20 Actual to 20/21 Budget
Income					
Membership Revenue	3,258,100	3,067,350	-190,750	2,671,247	-13%
Religion Revenue	142,400	150,285	7,885	117,550	-22%
Education Revenue	1,281,715	947,760	-333,955	1,243,843	31%
Fundraising Revenue	184,500	78,915	-105,585	103,500	31%
Administrative Revenue	84,250	50,445	-33,805	74,200	47%
Endowment Revenue	254,224	254,000	-224	258,687	2%
Special Fund Revenue	21,182	95,000	73,818	60,000	-37%
Total Income	5,226,371	4,643,755	-582,616	4,529,027	-2%
<u>Expense</u>					
General & Administrative	1,801,426	1,718,950	-82,476	1,596,900	-7%
Religion	1,414,232	1,367,072	-47,160	1,279,631	-6%
Education	1,768,676	1,597,609	-171,067	1,803,704	13%
Community	242,037	239,062	-2,975	174,350	-27%
Total Expense	5,226,371	4,922,693	-303,678	4,854,585	-1%
Surplus / (Deficit)	0	-278,938	-278,938	-325,558	
	PPP Loan	583,000		325,558	Ackerman Bequest
S	Surplus / (Deficit)	304,062		0	

	Combined Total Operating Fund Capital Campaign Building Fund
<u>ASSETS</u>	
Current Assets	
Cash in bank / Outdoor Chapel / Petty Cash / Cert. of Deposit	2,037,730
Endowment Fund Investments	8,763,485
Other Current Assets	149,105
Total Current Assets	10,950,320
Total Fixed Assets	13,865,820
TOTAL ASSETS	24,816,141
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Current Libilities	
Dues / Preschool / Noar / Security Fee - Paid in Advance	438,797
Other liabilities	73,857
Long Term Liabilities	
Construction Loan	2,316,187
Paycheck Protection Program Loan	583,400
Total Liabilities	3,412,241
Total Equity	21,403,900
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	24,816,141

Building Maintenance Fund

As of May 31, 2020

Receipts and Disbursements

	July 1, 2019 to May 31, 2020
Opening Balance (July 1, 2019)	194,338
Pledges Paid	138,273
Total Disbursements	-64,723
Cash Balance as of May 31, 2020	267,888

Pledges Outstanding (1 year or less) - \$63,489

TEMPLE SINAI ENDOWMENT FUNDS - Balances as of May 31, 2020

	Balance 05/31/20
GENERAL AND OPERATIONS	
General Fund (1976)	597,361
50th Anniversary Fund (1992)	917,274
Endowed Membership Commitment Fund (2011)	125,961
Arthur & Elsye Heyman Endowment Fund (2018)	14,984
Tobyanne & Arnold Sidman Endowment (2019)	11,261
Allan & Melanie Nelkin Endowment (2019)	102,534
Marc & Susan Greenberg (2019)	16,387
Ronald & Maxine Rosen (2019)	7,470
Shirley & Gary Bernes (2019)	33,955
CULTURAL AND MUSIC FUNDS	
Cantor Sid Gottler Music Fund (1990)	138,082
Sharon Fagin & Goldie Velinsky Morris Music Enrichment (2006)	64,213
Jan & Warren Epstein Cultural Art Fund (2006)	24,961
Alan & Sandybeck Lease Visual Arts Fund (2008)	27,692
George & Inge Robbins Enrichment Fund (2009)	23,859
Arlene and Bruce Turry Programming Fund (2009)	27,111
Warren Jacobs Enrichment Fund (2011)	23,537
SOCIAL ACTION & KESHER FUNDS	
Sophia and Irving Hite Kesher Fund (2000)	21,835
Ellen & Paul Goldstein Kesher Fund (2017)	12,884
Adam & Robin Mayer Social Justice (2018)	26,558
Cathy & Robert Sinsheimer Social Justice Fund (2018)	22,086
Phyllis & Martin Isenberg Congregant Assistance Endowment Fund (2018)	10,036
BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS FUNDS	
Stanley & Shirley Cohen Building & Grounds Fund (2003)	1,007,732
Ronald & Judy Cohen Facility Improvement (2019)	31,914
Laurie & Zachary Solomon Technology Fund (2019)	10,652
EDUCATION & PROGRAMMING (Youth)	
Muriel Torch Eichel Fund (1994)	32,586
Harvey White Teen Fund (1994)	28,699
Aaron & Ava Earl Children's Enrichment Fund (2000)	36,894
Zelig O Wise Religious School Fund (2011)	45,574
Robert S Janko Children's Enrichment Fund (2012)	28,942
Ellyse & Warren Zindler Preschool Fund (2013)	56,774
Elayne Hyman Education (2017)	197,649
Geer Family Special Needs Education Fund (2018)	22,571
Freeman Family Preschool Enrichment Endowment Fund (2019)	117,746
Aaron , Ilan & Ethan Berman Youth Endowment Fund (2019)	5,404
Joy & Alan Greenberg Religious & Preschool Endowment Fund (2019)	25,932
Kerker Kids Family Endowment Fund (2019)	34,961
RABBINICAL AND CLERGY SUPPORT FUNDS	
The Bunzl Family Cantorial Chair Fund (2013)	2,521,698
Rabbi Ronald M Segal Endowment Fund (2014)	76,839

	Balance 05/31/20
EDUCATION & PROGRAMMING FUNDS (Adult)	
Rabbi Richard Lehrman Memorial Fund (1979)	74,868
Sam Chyatte Memorial Fund (1980)	42,004
Gerzon Parzen Holocaust Fund (1999)	21,514
Susan & Howard Rothman Adult Program Fund (2000)	13,014
Susan & Jay Levitt Outreach Fund (2007)	22,570
Fred A Ellman Memorial Culinary Fund (2013)	70,204
DeVille Holocaust Education Fund (2016)	21,288
Samuel Gordon Adult Education Fund (2017)	23,612
Rona & Bill Balser Book Series Fund (2017)	76,680
Lillie Janko Temple Sinai Event Enhancement Fund (2018)	56,849
Brian Waronker Memorial Fund for Addiction Recovery & Mental Health Fund (2018)	66,769
Greenwald Family Parenting Speaker Series Fund (2019)	21,689
Zucker Relational Community Fund (2019)	11,687
Lippman Family Young Adult Fund (2018)	56,979
Louis & Esther Rodin and Arthur Sacks Memorial Fund (2019)	15,469
Mark E. Silverman Maimonides Award Fund (2018)	22,439
LIBRARY & LEARNING CENTER FUNDS	
Rose and Marvin Sugarman Library Fund (1990)	56,039
Deitch Family Library Resource Fund (2000)	20,167
Rabbi Kranz Institute for Jewish Learning Fund (2000)	184,384
Steven Eichel Jewish Law Library Fund (2003)	76,459
Fred W Nichols Library Fund (2011)	18,064
Charles S. Ackerman CLE Director Support Fund (2020)	562,931
RITUAL, TORAH & SPIRITUAL FUNDS	25.046
Jackie & Gary Metzel Spirituality Fund (1990)	25,846
Michael Alembik Memorial Fund (1993)	39,232
Lillian Weinberg Transportation Fund (2004) Year of Torah Fund (2009)	15,822 394,146
Richman Spiritual Relationships Fund (2012)	84,089
Arnold Katinsky Spirituality Endowment Fund	15,537
Johanna & David Skid Fund (in process) (2019)	20,916
Ellen & Sandford Schwartz Torah Learning Endowment Fund (2019)	20,844
SCHOLARSHIPS FUNDS	20,011
Loventhal Scholarship Fund (1993)	30,670
Shirley Nemeth Youth Camp Outreach Fund (1999)	12,196
Candy & Stephen Berman Leadership Development Fund (1999)	91,810
Linda & Don Horowitz/Rebecca & Isaac May Camp Scholarship Fund (2002)	40,504
Taylor-Greenberg Religious School Scholarship Fund (2007)	21,234
Merrill and Sheila Wynne Judaic Scholarship Fund (2015)	178,373
Brenda & Mark Lichtenstein Israel Endowment Fund (2018)	215,702
Drucker Family Camp Barney Fund (2018)	22,394
Barbara & Peter Schneider Excellence Fund (2019)	49,297
Total	9,346,900
Endowment Funds - Balance as of May 31, 2019	7,582,000
Increase / (Decrease)	1,764,900

Year in Review | Lynn Redd

As I write this report in early June, I can say that the events of the 2019-2020 fiscal year have truly been unprecedented in our 52-year history. Shortly after I became Temple Sinai's 30th President of the Board of Trustees in May 2019, we closed our building to congregants for four months to complete significant capital improvements throughout our facilities. The period from mid-September 2019 through mid-March 2020 was among the brightest in our history. Our facilities have also been closed the last 3½ months of our year due to the pandemic. Having our year bookended by closures never could have been anticipated. What may come as no surprise is that our remarkable clergy and highly capable professional team have risen to meet the challenge, offering a full range of programming and services during extraordinary circumstances.

Just a few highlights from the past fiscal year –

- **Temple Sinai's Capital Enhancements** Our renovation and construction project offered improved accessibility, more spacious and welcoming gathering spaces, enhanced aesthetics and technology throughout our facilities, and significant upgrades to our learning spaces.
- **Significantly Expanded Offerings for Preschool** We implemented the most significant expansion of service offerings in our Preschool's history and now offer full-day childcare and programming to infants through pre-K students to accommodate the needs of our parents.
- Greater Member Engagement We were committed to increasing the engagement of every one of our more than 1,500 congregant families. Our 32 Sinai Circles continued to facilitate warmer, more personal connections among well over 300 participants. Innovations in our Center for Learning & Engagement increased the enthusiasm and commitment of our youth, from birth through age 18. We focused on creative initiatives to engage our growing number of young adult members through our ATID program. We also laid the groundwork for new services and programming to serve our growing senior population through our NAVON program.
- An Increasing Spiritual Connection for All Congregants We continued to diversify and deepen opportunities for worship and prayer. Even when we could no longer gather in person our clergy remained committed to offering services, learning opportunities and more. Our second night virtual Seder attracted hundreds of congregants.
- **Greater Financial Stability** For the first time in its history commitments to Temple Sinai's endowment fund exceeded \$10 million. A robust endowment not only will ensure the long-term financial stability of our congregation, it will also allow us to minimize dues increases in future years. Our secure financial base will allow us to navigate uncertain economic times in the coming months and beyond.

Looking ahead to the coming year, my usual optimism is tempered by so many uncertainties associated with our continuing pandemic. Here are a few commitments I will make to you:

- Fostering Connections Our entire focus will be on continuing to establish connections between our members and our staff
 and among our congregants through creative programming and services, open communications, and personalized pastoral
 services.
- **Strengthening our Jewish Identity, Practice & Culture** We will continue to offer a broad range of worship services, educational opportunities, holiday observances, and lifecycle events for all demographic groups.
- **Financial Prudence/Long-Term Sustainability** We will implement cost-cutting measures and seek opportunities to enhance revenues during what is expected to be an ongoing economic slowdown.

It has truly been an honor to serve Temple Sinai over the past 14 months. Please join us in seeking new ways to strengthen your connection to Temple Sinai!

President-Elect Report | Adam D. Mayer

It is often said that the best way to learn is through adversity and by jumping in with both feet, and the past year created plenty of opportunity for that. Despite the obvious challenges presented due to COVID-19, I have really enjoyed my role this past year and look forward to another term to learn and support Lynn Redd and our wonderful team!

HIGHLIGHTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Finished the Capital & Endowment Campaign and Construction!
- As chair of the Professional Relations Committee (PRC -handles employee reviews and contracts) extend the contracts for both Jack Feldman, Executive Director, and Beth Schafer, Bunzl Family Cantorial Chair.
- Working with Jaimee Boettcher, Director of Membership Engagement, to re-envision the Committee structure within Temple Sinai including:
 - Creating committee charters to codify the roles and responsibilities for each committee.
 - Rearranging the reporting structure of several committees.
 - Adding Vice Chairpersons for all applicable committees to create additional involvement opportunities and a succession plan for committee leadership.

FOCUS for 2020-2021

- Continue strategic visioning and long-range planning initiatives to ensure Temple Sinai's growth and sustainability.
- Complete the above-mentioned Committee Chair project and restructuring.
- Work with the PRC to rethink the process related to employee (Clergy, Education, Administration) reviews.
- Ensure fiscal responsibility while not disrupting key services, programs and overall membership engagement.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Lynn Redd. Lynn's leadership along with her supporting cast of the Leadership Team, Executive Board and Board of Trustees is simply extraordinary. Because of our lay leadership, clergy and staff, and the unbelievable generosity of our members with their volunteer time and financial commitments, I am incredibly optimistic about the future of our amazing congregation.

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Membership Report | Robin Weisberg, VP of Membership and Jaimee Boettcher, Director of Membership Engagement

HIGHLIGHTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Sinai Circles new circles have been formed while others dissolved organically, currently we have approximately 30 circles with 300 members participating.
- G2G generation-to-generation programming was an addition this year and very well received.
- Young Adult Membership/ATID membership continues to grow with a large majority converting to regular memberships when "aging out," along with extremely robust programming through ATID for this membership demographic.
- NAVON a strong kick-off was held, led by a URJ Rabbi; a robust committee of over 20 members is in place, a survey has been created and distribution will be rescheduled due to quarantine.
- Atidaynu a new group of strong leaders are prepared to provide their leadership to the congregation and our committees, following their participation in the program this year and "graduating."
- Brotherhood/Sisterhood annual recurring programs along with new additions were offered for all congregrants.
- Sinai 411 a successful new member Shabbat dinner was held with great participation; remaining planned programs have been on hold due to social distancing.
- New Approach & Plan due to quarantine and social distancing, all programming has been adjusted and replanned, with many virtual opportunities for our members (including Sisterhood, Brotherhood, Circles etc.)

FOCUS FOR 2020/2021

- Sinai Circles continue support and growth in the number of circles and participants.
- Sinai 411 revitalization of this program was in progress this year, due to budget adjustments the original plans will be revamped.
- New Welcome Series a new approach with updated materials for new members is close to completion, along with the addition of online renewal functionality.
- Planning and adjusting for all programming will continue, based on social distancing guidelines and budget.

Development Report | Candy Berman, VP of Development and Shelly Dresdner. Associate Executive Director

HIGHLIGHTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- At the suggestion of Debbie Pinsky, Temple Sinai decided to bring back Dancing with the Sinai Stars to commemorate its 10th anniversary. The chairs, Debbie Pinsky and Mindi Sard, assembled a group of eight dancers and a core of volunteers to ensure the success of this event. While the event, originally scheduled for April 18th, 2020 has been postponed, we were able to raise \$80,000 towards this effort.
- The Development Think Tank, comprised of Temple Sinai members who are experts in the field of fundraising, was assembled to focus on our different demographics and discuss the programs that Temple Sinai offers that would appeal to each demographic. We want to ensure that communication to our members appreciate their **philanthropic decisions** rather than position our financial request as obligatory. It is crucial that our donors understand the benefits of giving and all the wonderful programs they support.
- We continue to be very intentional about remembering that our members are also our donors and, as such, should be thanked and appreciated often.
- With the COVID-19 virus and the postponement of *Dancing with the Sinai Stars*, we created ways to recognize the generosity of our sponsors.

Communications Report | Mark Rosenthal, VP of Communications and Andrea Fineman, Director of Communications

HIGHLIGHTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Worked with Temple Sinai Preschool to implement a marketing plan for the new infant care and full day program. Current enrollment is 6 infants.
- Recruited new chairs for the History & Archives Committee and onboarded with previous chairs to ensure consistency.
- Established short term and long term plan for History & Archives Committee, including the establishment of processes and procedures for future archiving of historical material.
- Established committee to develop a new mission statement and core values to serve as the guiding direction for all things Temple Sinai. The team worked with lay leaders, staff and board members to make sure the statements will help drive future decisions.

FOCUS FOR 2020/2021

- Finalize processes and procedures related to the archiving of historically relevant material.
- Enhance Temple Sinai archives at Hebrew Union College.
- Establish Data and Analytics Committee that will create a process to measure benchmarks and study analytics to help plan for the future.
- Work with the Data Committee to better understand communication analytics and create a congregational survey to determine needs and wants of the membership including the appropriate level of communication that works best.

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Community Report | Penina Richards, VP of Community & Samantha Berinsky, Program and Engagement Manager

HIGHLIGHTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Hosted two Human Trafficking events at Sinai. Had a speaker, Lisa Cohen a Sinai member and Executive Producer for CNN's Freedom Project, shine a light on modern-day slavery with a documentary movie followed by a Q & A session.
- Temple Sinai started taking part in providing meals and servers for the Zaban Paradies Center in Midtown. This shelter
 provides services for 20 couples from October thru March.
- Backpack Buddies provides economically disadvantaged students at Powers Ferry Elementary School with backpacks full of food every weekend throughout the school year. We increased from 24 to 30 children per week. We will hopefully increase in the fall to 36 children per week.
- Temple Sinai had a Chanukah drive to raise money to help with purchasing the food for Backpack Buddies and raised close to \$14,000.
- Throughout the year Sinai hosts up to four families, four times a year, that are in need of housing and hospitality in our Family Promise Program. We had a very successful linen drive for bedding, towels and curtains.
- Participated in an Interfaith Habitat for Humanity build with other congregations in and around Atlanta.

FOCUS FOR 2020/2021

• To continue to deepen and broaden social justice and social action initiatives through the work of the Tzedek Council, providing education, awareness and the opportunity to give back.

Spiritual Life Report | Cathy Gottlieb, Rabbi Brad Levenberg & Beth Schafer

HIGHLIGHTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Program offerings from the Spirituality Committee included Tai Chi Chih, Gratitude Salons, a Spirituality Hike and Yoga. The committee spearheaded the creation of a congregational nigun written by Beth Schafer. Monthly Mind, Body Spirit services led by Beth Schafer continue to be offered.
- The Kavanah Committee organized the Keep Calm initiative during the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur holidays. The committee sponsored a family sukkah building contest for Sukkot. The celebration of Chanukah was enhanced with daily emails offering ideas to enhance the nightly candle lighting ritual. The committee introduced specific "Messages of Hope" for integration in our Passover seders. These messages were particularly meaningful and relevant this year. Weekly emails were sent to highlight the spiritual significance during the Counting the Omer.
- The Music Committee continued its work to help enhance our music program with Beth Schafer's guidance.

FOCUS FOR 2020/2021

- Continue with traditional and progressive programs based both in and out of the synagogue. This will include progressive programming that meets the needs of all congregants through mind, body, music and other avenues.
- Continue offering spiritual programming that appeals to all age groups and enhancing holiday content both at Temple Sinai and at home.

Center For Learning & Engagement Report LaWana Streger, VP of Education

Marisa Kaiser, Director of the Center for Learning and Engagement Jamah Maman, Director of Preschool & Young Family Learning & Engagement Rachel Moldovan, Director of Youth Learning and Engagement Eli Friedman-Heiman, Director of Teen Learning and Engagement Samara Katz, Librarian/Adult Education Coordinator

HIGHLIGHTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

TEMPLE SINAI PRESCHOOL

- Began the 2019-2020 school year in newly renovated education spaces.
- Received state license allowing for expanded program offerings including full-day programs.
- Launched a new infant full day program in January with 6 infants ranging from 3-15 months.
- Hired Temple Sinai's first two full time teachers on staff.
- Successfully shifted all preschool classes to virtual learning to end the school year.

YOUTH LEARNING & ENGAGEMENT (K-6TH GRADE)

- Continued success with Noar Sunday, our innovative Sunday learning experience for K-6th grade with over 450 students.
- Over 20 Hebrew chavurah groups that meet in neighborhoods around Atlanta, creating closer knit smaller communities within the Temple Sinai umbrella.
- Successfully shifted to virtual learning, while retaining our faculty.
- Created Community family mural to celebrate new building.
- Renovated learning spaces to accommodate and celebrate all types of learners.
- Continued the variety of ways for students and families K-6th to connect to each other through youth groups, First Friday Family Shabbats, and family Holiday programs.

TEEN LEARNING & ENGAGEMENT (7TH-12TH GRADE)

- 75 active teens in Noar Madrachim (teacher's assistant) program opened this year to 7th grade and older.
- 7th graders gathered each month to participate in Action Days, making a difference in our community.
- Confirmation in 10th Grade kicked off with a retreat and ended strong virtually, with an in-person ceremony scheduled for the fall.
- Engaged over 100 teens participating in our teen learning programs.

ADULT EDUCATION

- Guest author Danni Shapiro spoke and the event was highly attended with over 200 participants.
- Launched the first Better Together cohort, an intergenerational program between teens and senior members in our community.
- Successful Scholar in Residence weekend with Jeremy Leigh.
- Widened variety of Sunday Morning Learning opportunities to reach different age demographics of adults.
- Increased attendance at film series programs and ongoing book club.

FOCUS FOR 2020/2021

- Pivoting our focus on what next year will look like for all our education programs, under current situations.
- Expanding full day Preschool options to be accessible for as many families as possible.
- Expanding parenting options and programs for Families with Young Children.
- More creative ways to engage and connect families in Noar Sunday.
- Expanding/rethinking Hebrew learning through virtual settings.
- New teen engagement initiative with teens planning for teens.
- Education Advisory Board focus for next year is to evaluate all programs within Center for Learning and Engagement.

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