GET S’MORE SHABBAT

SEPTEMBER 6
6:00 p.m.

It is time to join the congregation in welcoming Shabbat outdoors, Sinai style! The service and music are spirited, the setting is beautiful, and there is a cook-out to follow, with hamburgers, kosher hot dogs, veggie burgers, sides, watermelon, drinks, and, of course, s’mores!

Do you know someone who is looking for a synagogue? Please invite them to come experience ours!

Reservations are required by August 30, 2019. Please turn to page 6 for reservation information.
Sitting in the airport waiting to take a flight to Israel I began thinking about the beginning of my final year as rabbi of Temple Sinai. There is much to reflect on about my years in service to our beloved congregation. I am ever so grateful for the years here in Rochester from the time when I came with a young family to these past few years as empty nesters.

A large part of my rabbinate has been my connection to Israel. I have visited numerous times. In fact, this journey is the 44th time I have made the trip since my initial visit as a teen in 1965. I remember years of study, especially during 1968-69 when Jan and I met, and now Jan and I will study together at the Shalom Hartman Institute. I am also looking forward to our next congregational trip in April of 2020.

As you know I love Israel with every fiber of my being. I have traveled all over and met numerous people through the years. I have friends who are Jewish, Arab and Armenian. Each of them has enriched my life and broadened my outlook in this complex society. I love its achievements and the reality of being a Jewish homeland for all Jews. It is also a multicultural society with 20% of the citizens not being Jewish Israelis. Even the diversity within the Jewish community is extensive.

Yet, with all of its good, Israel also has faults and weaknesses. I’ve prayed for peace over the years and yet have seen some of the horrors of terror and war. While Israel has a record of civility and morality in most situations, it also has used force and other actions against the Palestinians and as well as others. While I am aware of numerous groups that try to build understanding between Palestinian Arabs and Israeli Jews, I am upset by other groups whose attitudes and behaviors bring dislike, distrust, and decrease hopes for a peaceful solution.

Israel has a system of elections that many Americans as well as Israelis can’t fathom. But if you look at it, even if you don’t like the results, one sees a democracy which is the only one among its neighbors.

At times I see that Israel isn’t the ideal I would hope for, but it is also not the evil empire that others describe. Palestinian Arab Israelis attend all of the universities, are part of the Knesset, the Israeli parliament, are judges and diplomats, and some even serve in the army. Yet not all is rosy, and discrimination does exist. Like any nation Israel has its merits and also its faults.

While one might point a finger at Israel for not trying hard enough to make peace, we must remember that the other side has a record of rejecting numerous peace proposals. Threats of destruction of Israel by terror groups and even Iran must not be forgotten when one thinks Israel should give up strategic advantages that help to protect the country. To say the least, it is complicated. Trite rhetoric never provides a full picture. I am here now to learn more, hopefully gaining more understanding.

My prayer is that Israel will eventually work with her neighbors and the Palestinian people to find paths towards peaceful coexistence in the near future.

Shalom,

Rabbi Alan J. Katz

SAVE THE DATE!
April 18, 2020
As we honor our beloved Rabbi Katz on the occasion of his retirement.
Some Reflections on Ladino Music

As our first year together passed by so quickly I am discovering the beauty of Rochester and the richness of its culture! It is amazing that Rochester offers over 100 festivals during the year! In the past few weeks, we have been enjoying a few festivals… My favorite, so far, was the Greek Festival. I have especially enjoyed listening to the Greek music, to a virtuoso Bouzouki player in particular. I thought to myself: “Wow! I have to bring him to Temple Sinai and put together “GREEK SHABBAT” and introduce Greek Jewish music to my congregants.” As a result, the Mediterranean food, music and flavor got me thinking about Sephardic culture and especially, about the Ladino songs.

I am sure many of you have listened or heard about Ladino folk songs. Are Ladino folk songs Jewish? In general, what is the definition of a folk song?
Most folk music is a combination of many varied influences such as the time period, rituals and customs of a people. As Jews we have learned to adapt and embrace some elements of the places and cultures that have surrounded us. As a result of our interactions and involvement, our ancestors were able to expand and enrich our Jewish folk tradition. They borrowed foreign melodies and rewrote them into beautiful songs with Semitic motifs.

Who are the Sephardim that sang in Ladino language?
Sephardic, or Ladino songs originated in Spain and Portugal. They were spread into Turkey, Greece, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria. These countries became a home to the Eastern Mediterranean tradition. At the same time, the Western Mediterranean tradition was established in Morocco.

Sephardic people in both of these communities spoke a Judeo-Spanish language, also known as Ladino. Surprisingly, most Ladino Jewish folk songs are secular and express the sentiments of our daily life. Therefore, these Ladino folk songs are heartfelt, dynamic and vibrant. In fact, each of these communities offers a distinct style and sound. For example, Ladino songs that originated in Morocco are often based upon the makam system, which includes microtonal intervals and reminds us of Arabic music.

Ladino songs that originated in Spain and Portugal sound like Spanish ballads and give the impression of being archaic and romantic. The reason for this is because there is a feeling of mystery that surrounds the word “romansa”, which is the Spanish word for “ballad.” Romansas are a particular genre in the Ladino song collection. Romansas are narrative poems that remind us of the sounds of European ballads. In such songs-poems our ancestors told the tales of heroism and cowardice, loyalty and faithfulness, devotion and treason.

Lyrical Ladino songs are known as Canticas. In contrast to Romansas, Canticas usually express sentimental feelings of love.

Endechas are another genre of Ladino folk songs sung by women mourners at houses of mourning as well as the 9th of Av.

As years have passed, the Sephardim were following the steps of their ancestors adapting the musical elements of Greek, Turkish, Moroccan, Yemenite, Spanish, French, Italian folk musicians. Throughout the years, the Sephardim have been making invaluable contribution to the development of Jewish music around the world.

Nevertheless, it is also important to recognize that Jewish folk music is constantly changing and moving in directions that we often cannot predict.

As we continue our musical journey together at Temple Sinai, it is my hope to share with all of you many genres of our rich Jewish tradition. I am looking forward to introducing all of you to new Jewish musical genres during our services, adult education classes and concerts. May we at Temple Sinai discover how our music can encourage a sense of welcome and empowerment!

Ken Yehi Ratzon – May This Be God’s Will.

B’shalom,
Cantor Renata Braun
Safety and Security at The High Holidays

This coming September and October our congregation will once again convene at the Jewish Community Center to celebrate the High Holy Days. Our 10-day period of self-reflection carries great meaning as we dig into the personal, relational and spiritual work required to move forward as our best selves.

Of the many ingredients required for this intimate process of introspection and renewal to occur, one is the creation of a safe and sacred space for our congregation to gather. The physical safety and security of our congregants has now become a central organizing focus for all of our Temple events, whether they take place at Temple Sinai, or in this case, our time together for the High Holy Days at the JCC. I want to take a few minutes to share with all of you the enhanced security policies and procedures that will be in place at the JCC when you arrive for your High Holy Day (HHD) experience.

1. Professional Security
Our professional security will again be on hand to help ensure our safety. Your Temple Sinai Security Committee has spent the first part of this year conducting a detailed assessment of our past HHD security procedures. One outcome of this assessment process is that the number of professional security will increase this year. This will help to ensure that the entire building and grounds will be monitored on a continuous basis.

2. Security Wanding
In many ways, the comprehensive security needs of the HHD’s are somewhat simplified by the fact that congregants show up with tickets. This helps us know who “our people” are. However, there are visitors and guests who arrive without tickets in their hands including college students, anyone who might have tickets at the will call table and those who forget their tickets.

WITH THE GOAL OF ENHANCED SECURITY IN MIND, ANYONE WHO ARRIVES AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE JCC WITHOUT A TICKET IN THEIR HAND WILL BE SUBJECT TO SECURITY WANDING.

The Security Committee has and will continue to work closely with our Security Company to ensure that this will be a quick and completely respectful process, facilitated in the name of safety and security.

3. JCC On Duty Person (OD)
A new component of our enhanced security procedure will be the use of a JCC staff member who will serve as the On-Duty Person (OD). The OD, who possesses a complete knowledge of JCC building and security procedures will be on site any time that Temple Sinai congregants are in the building for HHD services. In the case of any type of emergency, the OD will play a key role in supporting all other security people in keeping our congregants safe and notified.

4. Congregant Security Volunteer (CSV)
This summer all of our ushers, as well as other congregants who have volunteered, will participate in security training both through the Jewish Federation as well as our own Security Company. This group, our Congregant Security Volunteers, will be equipped with skills and information that will allow them to support our Professional Security in ensuring that the JCC is a safe and secure space. As fellow congregants, CSVs know “our normal” and can share this information in real time with the Professional Security Staff. An additional set of eyes, our CSVs will also continue to honor the warm and welcoming nature that is inherent in Temple Sinai.

On behalf of the Security Committee, the Religious Practices Committee, our Congregant Security Volunteers and our Professional Security Staff, I thank you in advance for your understanding and invite you to contact me with any and all security questions and concerns.

Keith Greer

Please bring your USED COMPUTER PRINTER CARTRIDGES to the school office.

The Religious School will receive money for all cartridges turned in.
School of Jewish Life & Learning
Pinat Ha-Talmid (The Student Corner)

Summer is still in “high gear” and I hope that all our students and their families enjoy it to the fullest. Here, in the office, the tempo of operation has not slowed down. The end of the school year brings to the surface a lot of “paperwork” that needs attention; planning for the next school year’s activities; and preparation of classrooms with all that our students need. How can you help? The best help we can receive at this point is for you to register your children. The sooner we know the number of students per class, the sooner we can prepare for everything they need.

A Special First Day of School
This year we will welcome our students and parents on the first day of school with special programs:
Date: Sunday, September 8
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
The schedule of the day:
9:30 – 10:30 a.m.: Complimentary breakfast and activities for families
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.: Students to their classrooms (get to know your teacher and Madrichim; other fun activities)
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.: Parents meet with Karen McCally (Education VP) and Ilan Adar (Education Director)
11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.: Campfire Sing Along (for all) in the Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.: School dismissed – no afternoon classes this year

Midweek Classes
Students of grades 3rd-7th will attend on Wednesdays from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Kesher
First day for Kesher students will take place on Sunday, September 15.

Bogrim
Our Bogrim (Graduates) program, for 11th and 12th grade students, will take place once a month on Sunday, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (schedule is posted on our website).

Madrichim/Madrichot
Any student, 8th – 12th grade, who attends our school, is eligible to apply to join our esteemed Madrichim/Madrichot (Teacher Assistants) program. The application forms are available on the temple website. Please remind your 8th – 12th grade children to complete and send back the Madrichim application form if they are considering helping us during the next school year. I will begin assigning Madrichim during the second and third weeks of August. Our Madrichim meeting will take place on Wednesday, August 28, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., in our Social Hall (pizza will be served). Please make sure to reserve this date. NO MADRICHIM APPLICATIONS WILL BE PROCESSED WITHOUT THE CORRESPONDING KESHER OR BOGRIM REGISTRATIONS.

2019-2020 Registration
All 2019-20 registration forms are posted on our website: www.tsinai.org; School of Jewish Life & Learning. Please contact our office (585-381-6890) if you have questions.

Keep enjoying your summer,
Ilan D. Adar

Contacting the Clergy
Please let the temple office (381-6890) know of any illnesses, deaths or joyous occasions so that the clergy and the congregation can respond appropriately. Also, remember not to schedule any life cycle events at which Rabbi Katz, Rabbi Till, or Cantor Braun will be present without speaking to them first.

To reach Rabbi Katz in an emergency, please try his home phone (662-5418) and his cell phone (233-8028). To reach Rabbi Till in an emergency, please call 355-0192. To reach Cantor Braun in an emergency, please call 973-953-2489.

It is a mitzvah to visit those who are ill. Please remember that HIPAA regulations prevent hospitals from alerting us when someone is ill. We ask temple members who are aware that one of our members is in a hospital to please call the Temple Sinai office so that one of our clergy may visit them.
In Memoriam…
Temple Sinai notes with sorrow the passing of:
Irm Silverstein, mother of Nancy Kantor
Jeanette Axelrod, mother of Michael Axelrod
Seymour ‘Sy’ Warnick, father of Patty Yarmel
Arthur Kaufman, father of Marty Kaufman,
grandfather of Jessica Kaufman
Marshall Cohen, husband of Doris Cohen
The Temple family extends its heartfelt sympathy to the families.

Todah Rabah to….
The Temple Sinai Women’s Chavurah for their donation to the Brighton Food Cupboard for snacks for the children during the summer months.

Welcome to New Members…
Catherine Bruckner
Mel Yessenew and Barbara Shapiro
Doris and Marshall (z’l) Cohen
Robert and Elaina Ginsberg

Your ‘nachas’ is our ‘nachas’! Email any good news you would like to share with the congregation to jschachter@tsinai.org.

If you or someone you know is ill or going through difficult times, please call the Temple Office at 381-6890. It is a mitzvah to visit those who are ill. Our clergy want to be there for those in need.

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**GET S’MORE SHABBAT**

**SEPTEMBER 6, 2019 6:00 p.m.**

Reservations are required by August 30 to help with food planning. Sinai congregants pay a nominal fee, while visitors are our guests.

Tables and chairs will be set up, though you’re welcome to bring blankets and lawn chairs if you prefer. Linger into the evening with old friends and new acquaintances.

This event is open to the entire community. Get S’More Shabbat is always well attended and is a perfect opportunity for prospective members to be welcomed by our Temple Sinai family. Spread the word and bring a friend or two! It is an evening to be enjoyed by individuals, couples and families of all ages.

Service starts promptly at 6:00 p.m., so please plan to arrive early to allow time to check in. So that everyone can enjoy the service and to ensure the safety of our children, we ask parents to please have your children sit with you. If your child needs to be occupied during the service, please feel free to bring items with you to help them stay quietly occupied at their seat.

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**GET S’MORE SHABBAT RESERVATION FORM**

Please include guests in your total number so we can plan accordingly. Guests are free. Temple members pay $7 for an individual or $12 for a couple or family. Price increases by $2 each after 8/20/19

Congregant Names: ____________________________________________________________
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Please list names and email addresses for non-member guests:
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# Adults_______ # Children________ Amount enclosed $________

Sign up at tsinai.org or return this form to the Temple office no later than Friday, August 30. Mail to: Temple Sinai, 363 Penfield Road, Rochester 14625

**MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK**

Volunteer for Get S’more Shabbat. Do a Mitzvah! Volunteer!
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Yahrzeits

The departed live on
in the hearts
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**August 2**
- Edward Behrman
- Eva Berk
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- Robert Boelio
- Letha Chapin
- Irving Cramer
- Sandy Davis
- Betty Dunsker
- Leah Fernandez
- Rhoda Goldstein
- Jacob Gorfien
- Raye Katz
- Dorothy Kellerman
- Alice Kwong
- Moe Lando
- Rae Lekin
- Ronald Lenker
- Hyman Lisson
- Harold Locketz
- Rose Polansky
- Isadore Rapkin
- Sylvia Schnoll
- Benjamin Singer
- Harold Staenberg
- Norman Steinberg
- Donya Vovchik
- Norman Wiener

**August 9**
- Alfred Barkin
- Tessie Bender
- Robert Brendze
- Gerald Brigger
- Maurice Brodsky
- Leonard Cohen
- Ora Diamond
- Aaron Eden
- Jerome Goldenberg
- Shirley Greenspan
- Anna Katz
- Isaac Katz
- Bertram Kiener
- Elliott Kolman
- Max Krull
- Dwight Lingenfelter
- Sonia Morgan
- Louis Oster
- Hyman Perlman
- Marion Perlstein
- Karen Phillips
- Freda Pincus
- Rubin Poleshuck
- Ephraim Scheier
- Hortense V. Schoenfeld
- Elizabeth Schwartz
- Norman Seweryniak
- Morris Silver
- Diane Silver-Hassell
- Kevin Paul Stein
- Frederick Wohl

**August 16**
- Harriet Blass
- Michael Bondy
- Pinny Cooke
- David Courttheoux
- Carmina Croce
- William Cyarkin
- Jean Daitz
- Helene Fabian
- Russell Fields
- Anne Grisbord
- Ethel Horowitz
- Dodye Kahn-Schweitzer
- Sylvia Kaplan
- Alexandr Khishchenko
- Louis Lebman
- Gertrude Munter
- Margot Roth
- Manuel Rothstein
- Gertrude Rothstein
- Marty Schildkraut
- Morton Schneider
- David Schultz
- Dorothy Shamaskin
- Paul Shapiro
- Florence Smith
- David Stone
- Barbara Weitman
- Dorothy Winters

**August 23**
- Eva Berger
- Lois Decoste
- Lewis Eckstein
- Murray Flender
- Anita Friedman
- Gertrude Friedman
- Reuben Goldstein
- Liya Grinberg
- Mary Hennig
- Myron Land
- Elbert Lenrow
- Linda Levine
- Alexander Levine
- Edith Madway
- Sadie Margolis
- Harold Mendler
- Melly Nathan
- Tom Paganelli
- Richard Raz
- Irving Ring
- Morris Rosenthal
- Meier Sarnov
- Blanche Schultz
- Ruth Sigal
- Janet Skolnick
- Elsie Taub
- Joan Waldman
- Miriam Yasinow

**August 30**
- Joan R. Berger
- Sala Biren
- Martha Bruner
- Mary Cavanagh
- Betty Conway
- Gilbert Cresov
- Robert Diggory
- James DiGiovanni
- Agnes Ege
- Rudy Fabian
- Maggie Herman
- Paul Horowitz
- Harold Kiener
- Arthur Maas
- Dorothy Moscov
- Martin Rogers
- Sydney Rubin
- Stanley Schachter
- Paula Shragr
- Shlima Shteiman
- Sima Shteiman
- Bertha Stone
- Melville Waltzer
- Bea Wiesenberg
- Katy Yellen
High Holy Days

High Holy Day Services

The High Holy Days for 2019 are quickly approaching. Included below is a chart version of our High Holy Days Ticket Policy. We hope you will take a few moments to look it over and refresh your memory. Please pay special attention to situations that require you to reserve tickets ahead of time. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call the temple office. Information and forms regarding the High Holy Days will be mailed by August 20.

This year:
Erev Rosh Hashanah services will be on Sunday, September 29 at 8:00 p.m.
Rosh Hashanah services Monday, September 30 at 10:00 a.m. & Tuesday, October 1 at 10:30 a.m.
Erev Yom Kippur services (Kol Nidre) will be on Tuesday, October 8 at 8:00 p.m.
Yom Kippur services will be on Wednesday, October 9 at 10:00 a.m.
Yom Kippur afternoon services will begin at 3:15 p.m., followed by Yizkor and Neilah.
All services will take place at the JCC except for the second day Rosh Hashanah (October 1) which will be at Temple Sinai.

For security purposes please remember to bring your tickets (and ID) to all services.

Other holiday dates to remember:
Selichot – September 21
Sukkot – October 13 & 14
Simchat Torah – October 20 & 21

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**TASHLICH & OPEN HOUSE**

Monday, September 30  4:00 p.m.
Home of Rabbi Alan & Jan Katz
41 Tobey Brook, Pittsford

TASHLICH is a traditional ceremony (using breadcrumbs) to symbolically cast one’s sins into a body of living water to rid ourselves of the past year’s wrongs.

Please join us for refreshments after the ceremony.

**For the High Holy Days, Remember to:**
- Bring your tickets
- Bring your ID
- Reserve guest tickets when you get your packet in the mail
- Congregants who sign up and order GUEST tickets by September 20 will receive them in the mail before the High Holy Days. If you do not order the tickets by September 20, the then guest tickets will have to be picked up at the JCC 20 minutes before the services start. Bring your confirmation letter in order to pick up the tickets.

**Uncle Shmuel wants YOU**

...to help with High Holy Days setup at the JCC—
- Rosh Hashanah setup: Friday, 9/27/19 at noon
- Yom Kippur setup: Monday, 10/7/19 at noon
- Take-down: Thursday, 10/10/19 at 9:00 a.m.

It’s only an hour. To volunteer, please contact
Albert Benjamin, 461-5149, vfr1200@frontiernet.net
OR Alan Frishman, 586-9260
afrishman@gmail.com

We are also looking for two people to replace AI and Al. We will clearly explain all of our procedures. You will shadow us this year and we will shadow you next year. We will still be around after that to assist and answer questions.

**Congregant Security Volunteer**

Please consider joining the team of Temple Sinai Congregant Security Volunteers (CSVs)!!

Are you interested in playing a significant role alongside those who keep Temple Sinai safe and secure?
Would you like to help be a part of the continuing Warm and Welcoming culture of Temple Sinai?
Does lending your thoughts, energy and skills to a key Temple initiative sound like something you would like to be a part of?

**What is the role of the CSV?**
- The CSV will help to provide an enhanced level of safety and security at High Holy Day Services at the JCC and at Temple events.
- The CSV will enhance our warm and welcoming nature by greeting congregants at High Holy Day Services at the JCC and Temple events.
- CSVs will work in small teams (along with our paid Security Professional) to provide safety, security and a welcoming presentation at High Holy Day Services at the JCC and all Temple events.

**How do I prepare for the role of a CSV?**
You will be asked to attend a ½ day training on:
- CPR/AED/Stop the Bleed
- Observational skills (Confirming our Normal)
- Building safety procedures and protocols
- Engagement skills to enhance a warm and welcoming presentation

**What type of time commitment is required of CSVs?**
Our goal is to grow and build a team of CSVs so that you will simply sign up to provide CSV services at the Temple events of your choice!

**What are the benefits of creating a team of CSVs?**
- Providing multiple “sets of eyes” that “know our normal” to support our Security Professional in the adherence to building security procedures and protocols.
- Sharing responsibility for the safety, security and welcoming environment for the congregants of Temple Sinai.
- A cost-effective measure to enhance Temple safety and security.

If you are interested in discussing your participation as a Congregant Security Volunteer and/or for more information, please contact Keith Greer at keith.greer59@gmail.com.

The CSV initiative comes from your Temple Sinai Security Committee. A big thank you to Security Committee Members: Mark Anderson, Alison Cresov, Carol Goldsmith, Carla Greenfield, Pete McCadden, Ron Newman, RJ Ruble, Mary Mansfield and Keith Greer.
Social Action

At the June Social Action Committee meeting, we endorsed the action to begin composting at Temple Sinai. This action is part of a renewed effort to try to make our synagogue even more environmentally friendly. There will be two aspects to our composting. First, will be large bins for compostable items in the kitchen. The large bins will be collected on a weekly basis by the Brighton organization Impact Earth. The second aspect will be that Temple Sinai can serve as a weekly pick up and drop off point for compost buckets on Sunday mornings, when many of you come to temple.

Why compost? The simple answer is that organic material that we throw away in our garbage and grind in our disposals all ends up in landfills. Landfills turn this matter into methane, a potent gas which plays a huge role in warming our planet. Instead you can give your biodegradable waste, (which includes papers and other biodegradable products as well as organic matter) to a company who then turns this waste back to local farmers who use it to fertilize their crops.

Is this messy or hard to do? Impact Earth provides a sealed 5 gallon tub which emits no odor. Since I began to use a compost service a year ago, I have almost no trash each week. I keep the bin in my kitchen and once a week it is exchanged for a clean bin. I am lucky that in my complex we have this service coming to our door. But for those who need to compost on their own, I suggest thinking about joining in with some other families at Temple Sinai to collect your compost in your home bin each week and bring it to temple to exchange on Sunday mornings.

What is the cost and when will we start this? The cost will be $15 per month for each participating household plus a $10 one-time container fee. We hope to start this in the fall. Our plans are to invite Robert Putney, who started this service, to come and speak on a Sunday morning to all of those potentially interested and explain the process and answer questions. In the Torah we are commanded to care for the earth. If you want to learn more about composting and other ways you and our synagogue can help our environment there are many resources here in Rochester. Here are a few resources that have been helpful to me: https://impactearthroc.com, https://connect.pachamama.org/resources, raica.net (Rochester Area Interfaith Climate Action).

Nancy Kraus

Come Work on our Interfaith Habitat House at 120 Holworthy Street

Temple Sinai is again a partner in the Habitat Interfaith Build. Come be a part of making our city a better place while making a huge difference for a needy deserving family. To volunteer follow the following steps on the Rochesterhabitat.org website:
1) Go onto the Rochesterhabitat.org site and click on ‘Habitat Interfaith Partnership 2019.” Volunteer will appear along with available dates and times. Select a date and click on ‘go to next’.
2) Fill in the requested information.
3) Check ‘I agree’
4) Either create a new account or go to your existing account.
5) Finish Directions to 120 Holworthy Street. Take 490 West to Exit 11 Ames Street. Turn right on Ames, left onto Jay Street and right onto Dakota Street. It is on the corner of Dakota and Holworthy.

I hope you have a great experience being a part of this building project.
Shalom,

Ron Newman
Moving Inclusion Forward at Temple Sinai

The recognition that Temple Sinai received in May from the URJ naming us an Exemplar Congregation for Disabilities Inclusion is an award worth celebrating. This accomplishment, while acknowledging our ongoing efforts as an inclusive Temple family, should be just the beginning of our efforts to be a truly welcoming synagogue. The Accessibility and Inclusion Committee wants to expand its reach and influence Temple life in new and impactful ways, and your participation is welcomed.

In June, Temple Sinai representatives attended the Rochester Community Inclusion Summit sponsored by the Jewish Community Federation. This gathering of leaders from religious and Jewish lay organizations in Rochester encouraged learning and discussion to advance inclusion within our individual groups and the broader community. One of the summit’s key take-aways was that discovering what we as a congregation truly care about can be the most powerful driver of change. If we want to become a synagogue that grows to include a multi-colored fabric of individuals with different abilities, we must be very intentional in this work. An Inclusion Committee’s strength comes from having members with diverse backgrounds: family members of children or adults with disabilities; people with disabilities; advocates for disability rights and interests; professionals or others with work experience in fields related to visible and invisible disabilities including visual impairments, hearing differences, mental illness and developmental or sensory processing disorders.

Building relationships and sharing the stories of every stakeholder are the ways to clarify our vision and move toward prioritizing our goals. We are a working committee and hope you can see yourself being a part of our motivated and productive group. The committee is leading the way to have all Sinai members feel included so that the skills of everyone can be celebrated and utilized. Please join us for this year’s kickoff meeting on Monday August 26 at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room A. We meet monthly and would love having you work with us.

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Todah Rabah
To all those who remembered Temple Sinai when they remembered others

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