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## Love Your Neighbor as Yourself

"Love your neighbor as yourself" the ethical directive from the Book of Leviticus is widely known as the Golden Rule and as early as the 2nd century, Rabbi Akiva declared it as "klal hagadol batorah" – "the central principal of the Torah." This one scriptural passage is widely credited with connecting most faith communities through its simplicity and power.

While sheltering in place, self-isolating, quarantining and slowly returning to our new normal during these last months, many of us have a new perspective, perhaps a new definition and hopefully, a new appreciation of our "neighbor." Whether that is the person who checks in on us or who offers to pick something up for us at the grocery store, our sense of neighborhood has grown. For the mask-covered smile that can be seen in the eyes and the warmth of the wave offered to us from an appropriate distance, we have new-found gratitude for not just the willingness to connect, but the intention to connect. How we care for one another and the value of our neighbor has grown and as we move through this fragile time in which a global pandemic has disrupted and unsettled us in unprecedented and unimaginable ways, the Golden Rule has become the litmus test for our ethical, moral, and spiritual health.

In addition to living in quarantine for these last several months, our country has been gripped by the horrific killing of George Floyd (& Breonna Taylor & Rayshard Brooks and far too many people of color) and the rallying cries for long overdue justice. Against this backdrop, three key questions arise when we read the passage "Love your neighbor as yourself" -- What is love? Who is your neighbor? How do we understand "Like Yourself" or "One Who Is Like You"?

While we think of love as an emotion, the Torah teaches us that to love is a command. Leviticus 19 goes on to explain to us how we ought to behave, noting: "You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning.... 19:15 You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. 19:16 You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Eternal. How we feel about our neighbors is of course important, but how we treat them, is how we love. Perhaps a loving-challenge for all of us, in a challenging time.



I grew up with the song from Sesame Street asking, "Who are the people in your neighborhood?" and the answer that followed was a beautiful list of "the people that you meet when you're walking down your street, each day." As a child I loved imagining the possibility of encountering each of those people but living in the suburbs meant that was rarely the case. Instead, as I matured, thankfully so too did my notion and appreciation of neighbor extend far beyond my street. Similarly, while the Hebrew in the Golden Rule uses the term *ray'acha* to mean neighbor, it is alongside words like "brother" and "kinsmen" which were generally understood as fellow Israelite. As we read this verse at this moment in time, who do we consider as our neighbor?

Last, when we read "Love your neighbor as yourself" let us be honest and careful with how we understand the words "as yourself" as they are at the same time instructive and aspirational for ourselves and for others. The safety, security, peace, and justice we strive for in our own lives, we must also strive for in our neighbor's lives. May we honor and live this *klal hagadol batorah*, this central guiding principle to its very fullest.

*Rabbi Debbi Till*



This month marks the beginning of my second year as President of Temple Sinai. What an honor it has been to fulfil this role. When originally asked, I felt flattered that the board thought I would be up to the task. I also felt excited...a little nervous...but relatively confident that no temple related issue or challenge would present itself that I had not already thought about and/or dealt with during my years on the board of trustees.

So, as I sit here at the conclusion of my first year as President, all I can say is OHHHHHHH MYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYY!!!!

Global pandemic?????

I didn't see that one coming!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Now I would be lying if I told you that there haven't been some stressful moments during this time. But that being said, it has been a truly extraordinary time to be President as I have had the opportunity to personally experience all that makes Temple Sinai a very special community. To say we have "risen to the challenge" is an understatement. Our congregation has responded to this very difficult moment by quickly and effectively reorganizing and revisioning its priorities, services and supports to meet the needs of our congregants. The energy, love and creativity invested in this endeavor has been breathtaking!

And while much has been accomplished in response to COVID-19, our work in this area is not done. Just ahead lie a number of conversations and decisions on the re-opening of our religious school as well as the structure of our online High Holy Day's 2020. And in time, we will be faced with the decision regarding how to completely re-open our community to once again allow all of us to be physically present together to celebrate and pray. Please know that while we all pine for this day, all decisions in this area will be guided by the most up to date and relevant evidence-based information that supports a complete focus on the health and safety of our congregants.

From the bottom of my heart I thank all of you.... every congregant, our clergy, all board members and volunteers and our professional

staff for all you have done, and will continue to do, to successfully navigate Temple Sinai through this challenging moment in time.



While the first year of my President gig concluded with our temple community demonstrating its many inspirational qualities in response to COVID-19, my second year begins with an exciting and important opportunity for our congregation to dig further into a more aspirational process. How do we as a reform Jewish congregation aspire to add our voice, support and action to the national discourse on topics such as racial inequality, justice reform and systemic racism? The challenge of this task lies not only in its complexity, history and emotion, but also in our need to (1) find the energy and focus to keep this topic front and center for many years to come, and, (2) start by sincerely listening to those in our community most affected by racial injustice.

As I am writing this bulletin article, the process of identifying and acting upon a variety of projects in which we can lend our support as a community grounded in strong Jewish values has begun. I have already fielded calls from congregants and have started a conversation with our lay leaders. Our amazing Social Action Committee will take the lead in being our "clearinghouse" as ideas for programs, educational events and community messaging come in. I invite you to get involved. We need every corner of our congregation to help us act on our most sacred value of Tikkun Olam...our responsibility to repair our world.

I invite you to check out this June 2020 article from the URJ penned by Rabbi Jonah Dov Pesner entitled "Ways Your Congregation Can Act Now for Racial Justice."  
<https://urj.org/justiceforall>

Wishes to you and your families for a healthy, safe and meaningful summer!

*Keith Greer*



**School of Jewish Life & Learning**  
**Pinat Ha-Talmid**  
**(The Student Corner)**



The COVID-19 is still here and influencing our lives in so many ways!

The main question for us, here in the office, is "how should we plan for the up-coming school year?" The "clouds of the un-known" begin to part with the step-by-step (or the "four phases") release of restrictions. For us it means that we need to consider few options that will be in accordance with the State's guideline: from virtual classes to back in the classroom.

The current (at the time of writing this article . . .) consensus among our teaching staff is to begin the school year virtually and see how things develop toward the end of the first semester. The "comforting" point in doing so is that our teachers became "experts" in conducting virtual classes since we began in March.

We will up-date you throughout the summer about how things progress about our school. In the meantime, please register your children to our 2020-21 school year. The registration forms are located on our website.

Thank you!  
*Alan D. Adar*

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**B'nei Mitzvah Class Gift**

The 2020 b'nei mitzvah class has made a collaborative gift of \$5000 to three local charities, in a process that began with a discussion about the value of giving and gifting.

Last year, at a grade-level Temple program, Debbie Kanner (Zach's mom) and Susan Rizzo (Toby's) discussed a beautiful tradition of b'nei mitzvah gifting that was (and still is) practiced in Debbie's family's prior congregation, Temple Isaiah, in the San Francisco Bay Area. At Temple Isaiah, seventh graders pool the gifts from their religious school classmates and donate the sum to charity. Debbie and Susan thought it would be a great tradition to suggest to Temple Sinai parents in lieu of the usual practice of each b'nei mitzvah child giving money to their classmates in honor of their "big day."

In Fall 2019, at the beginning of the Hebrew school year, Debbie and Susan arranged a meeting with the seventh-grade parents to introduce the idea, which was enthusiastically embraced. A follow-up email survey decided details of the plan. Families agreed that the kids would decide the charitable recipients and, further, that they would be encouraged to prioritize organizations making a local difference. Under non-pooling conditions, the value of the typical b'nei mitzvah check ranges between \$18 and \$36 per recipient. This means \$360-\$720 in gifts per family for a class with 20 students. Parents agreed that a one-time family donation of \$180-\$360 to the seventh-grade class gift would be more manageable and would have a powerful impact on the community.

At the seventh grade Shabbaton in February 2020, Sharon Shafir (Yoav's mom) guided the students in a process in which they suggested charities and democratically chose their top three of ten as a class:

- Pencils & Paper – supporting Rochester inner-city schools and students;

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# Adult Education



According to the rabbis who authored Pirkei Avot, the section of Mishnah (oral law) generally labeled “Ethics of our Fathers” (alternatively, “Ethics of the Sages,” or even “Chapters of Advice,” from avah, meaning ‘to lead through advice’ (Proverbs 1:30)), studying Torah in even small groups is a deeply holy practice:

*When two sit together and the words between them are of Torah, the divine presence is in their midst. (Avot 3:2, drawing on Malachi 3:16)*

*When three eat at one table and do speak words of Torah there, it is as though they have eaten from the table of God. (Avot 3:3, drawing on Ezekiel 41:22)*

Take-home: Studying Torah in groups is good. Studying Torah in groups with food - the table having replaced the altar when, as scholar Reuven Kimelman describes, the Judaic paradigm shifted from temple-priest-sacrifice to book-teacher-Shabbat - is even better!

I look forward to a time when we can convene in person to study Torah and diverse other topics together, preferably with bagels in hand. Until that time, I am looking to assemble a cadre of members eager to collaboratively envision the future of adult education at Temple Sinai.

The newly assembled Adult Education Committee will have as its joint goals not only continuation of on-going programming (e.g., Bible study, clergy teaching, conversational Hebrew), but expansion of the adult ed repertoire to attract as many adult learners as possible. The Committee will not have monthly meetings.

The Committee will soon circulate a brief survey to assess congregational interest in adult education. We will ask about your ideas for classes/workshops (your adult ed “wish list”); your expertise in teaching topics relevant to adult ed (your adult ed “super power”); your interest in participating across a variety of platforms; and your availability at different times.

Thanks in advance for completing the survey and for reaching out to me personally for your seat at the Adult Education table (virtual as it is at the moment).

*Susan Rizzo*, Adult Education Chair  
adulted@tsinai.org

## B’nei Mitzvah Class Gift continued

- Foodlink & Shabbat-in-a-Box (Jewish Family Service) – helping to alleviate food insecurity; and
- The Dream Factory – granting wishes to children with chronic conditions and life-threatening illness.

Sharon and Susan worked with the Temple Sinai office to collect family donations in a secure and anonymous way, ensuring that checks were not written to Temple Sinai or to a specific individual, since the gift would ultimately benefit other nonprofits. Sharon also organized the donation collection schedule, allowing payment in installments for greater flexibility.

The amount raised through this collaboration was divided equally between the designated organizations. We are very proud of our children’s actions, which embody such values as ve’ahavta le’reacha kamocho (love your neighbor as yourself) and tikkun olam (repair the world). Giving in this way alleviated a potential source of headache and anxiety for parents. It also worked particularly well given the idiosyncrasy of the 2020 b’nei mitzvah season as it’s hard to give a gift through Zoom! Regardless of the format of b’nei mitzvah celebrations going forward, we hope future classes will consider adopting this impactful and easy to administer charitable giving plan.

## Within Our Family

### *In Memoriam...*

*Temple Sinai notes with sorrow the passing of:*  
 Jacqueline Levine, aunt of Diana Seroski  
 Jerome Wagner, husband of Kathryn Wagner and  
 father of Stephen (Stacey) Wagner  
 Eric Pash, father of Susy (Stephen) Rosenbloom  
*The Temple family extends its heartfelt  
 sympathy to the families.*

### *Mazal Tov to...*

Ava Mendler, daughter of Jason Mendler &  
 Ticia Valle who competed on American  
 Ninja Warrior Junior against others in her  
 age group on the ultimate obstacle course.  
 Anna Rutberg, daughter of Pauline & David  
 Rutberg on her graduation from Pittsford  
 Sutherland High School and her future  
 plans for attending Lafayette College.  
 Sarah Zwart, daughter of Barbara Guttman  
 & Steve Zwart on her graduation from  
 Pittsford Sutherland High School and  
 her future plans for attending Fordham  
 University at Lincoln Center to pursue  
 Theater Production and Design.  
 Aidan Leit, son of Michael & Candice Leit on  
 his graduation from The Harley School.  
 Aidan has been accepted to Tulane  
 University. He will be deferring college  
 and will be serving in the Israeli Defense  
 Forces this August. Aidan will be studying  
 Psychology.

### *Healing Wishes to...*

Liz Ornstein  
 Allan Skerker  
 Sarah Zwart

Your 'nachas' is our 'nachas'! Email any good  
 news you would like to share with the  
 congregation to [jschachter@tsinai.org](mailto:jschachter@tsinai.org).

If you or someone you know is ill or going  
 through difficult times, please call the Temple  
 office at 381-6890. Our clergy want to be there  
 for those in need.

**SAVE THE DATE!!**

**FRIDAY,**

**SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2020**

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to follow in the

**AUGUST BULLETIN**





# Yahrzeits

*The departed live on in the hearts  
of those who cherish their memory*



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 Morris Brownstein  
 Earl L. Chapin  
 Hyman Cherkasky  
 Lola Coan  
 Jason Congilaro  
 Eleanor Cyrkin  
 Lola Cytryn  
 Max Drubin  
 Anna Egidis  
 Florence Friedland  
 Estelle Frydman  
 Mary Giancola  
 Eleanor Goldman  
 Benjamin Goldshine  
 George Goodman  
 Kenneth Green  
 Bernard Herman  
 Zelda Kolman  
 Ella Kukova  
 Harriet Fogel Lewis  
 Alfred Litt  
 Hillard Mann  
 Faye Maxick  
 Aurele Mercier  
 Lewis Morse  
 Ruth Peck  
 Lois Cohen Rockmaker  
 Arthur Schiller  
 Victor Silver  
 Harry Valinsky

## July 10 & 11

Corinne Alent  
 Minnie Altman  
 Nathaniel Badaines  
 Solomon Bensman  
 Ida Bresler  
 Morton Brodsky

George Feingold  
 Larry Frankel  
 Julia Goldfarb  
 Louis Goldfarb  
 Abraham Gordon  
 Leslie Gould Bruner  
 Jack Greenfield  
 Rose Grossman  
 Sonia Kantor Handros  
 Philip Hewitt  
 Gloria Horwitz  
 Alexander Hutkoff  
 Gerald Martin Kahn  
 Arthur Kaufman  
 Louis Kleinberg  
 Ruth Kraus  
 Ida Levin Kushner  
 Erwin Levy  
 Joslyn Bernstein Phillips  
 David Rosen  
 Nicholas Russo  
 Hans D. von Perlstein  
 Moshe Vovchick  
 Ida Weinstein  
 Lucy Wojciechowski

## July 17 & 18

Earl Anderson  
 Marilyn Auerbach  
 Allen Baker  
 Milton Battler  
 Jean Blum  
 Esther Blumoff  
 Robert Brent  
 Paul Cherkasky  
 Frank DeMayo  
 Frances Erne  
 Pauline Fletcher  
 Emil Geiger  
 Dorothy Kellerman  
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 Dorothy Roodman  
 Harold Rosen  
 Anna Schachter  
 Bernard Schuster  
 Anita Spector  
 Morris Suntop  
 Milton Utell  
 Alice Weingart  
 Dorothy Yunker

## July 24 & 25

Nissim Aroesty  
 Alfred Barkin  
 Edward Behrman  
 Eva Berk  
 Harvey Biernbaum  
 Betty Blume  
 Irving Blume  
 Rabbi Gerald Brieger  
 Leonard Cohen  
 Irving Cramer  
 Betty Dunsker  
 John Erne  
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 Hyman Perlman  
 Rose Polansky

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 Norman Wiener

## July 31 & Aug 1

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 Nat Cohen  
 Sandy Davis  
 Ora Diamond  
 Helene Fabian  
 Leah Fernandez  
 Mollie Fleysher  
 Edward Frankel  
 Jacob Gorfien  
 Shirley Greenspan  
 Estelle Ruskin  
 Handelman  
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# July 2020 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Torah Study is on hiatus for the summer. We look forward to seeing everyone in the fall!</p>			1	2 Membership Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.	3 Erev Shabbat Family Service with Birthday Blessings 6:00 p.m. <i>Torah Portion: Chukat-Balak Numbers 19.1 – 25.9</i>	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 Erev Shabbat Service Under the Stars 6:00 p.m. <i>Torah Portion: Pinchas Numbers 25.10 – 30.1</i>	11
12	13	14	15	16 Executive Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30 p.m.	17 Erev Shabbat Pride Service 6:00 p.m. <i>Torah Portion: Matot-Masei Numbers 30.2 – 36.13</i>	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 Erev Shabbat Service 6:00 p.m. <i>Torah Portion: Devarim Deuteronomy 1.1 – 3.22</i>	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 Erev Shabbat Service 6:00 p.m.	<p>Check the temple website <a href="http://tsinai.org">tsinai.org</a> for up-to-date service times</p>

 PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES during the months of JULY AND AUGUST.

# Accessibility & Inclusion

## Thanks for Participating in the Disability and Accessibility Inclusion Survey

We are fortunate to belong to a synagogue where its members understand and empathize with the concerns of others, especially those with disabilities. This was remarkably evident when 196 of our 520 member households (37.7%) responded to the Accessibility and Inclusion Committee's survey which concluded in May. We appreciate this high level of participation and the sharing of information by our fellow congregants. A primary purpose of the survey was to gauge the interest level for creation of a support group for individuals with disabilities and for caregivers. Additionally, the data and responses provide insight into specific needs among our Temple Sinai family, and display the tremendous generosity expressed by members willing to support fellow congregants with disabilities.

Individuals with a disability exist in 21.4% of respondent households. A sampling bias related to the survey's title may have caused more disabled members or their family to submit answers out of proportion to their number in the entire congregation. Regardless,

we now know that in absolute terms, living among us are individuals and families coping with the following disabilities: mobility impairment (9); ADHD (6); mental illness (5); developmental (5); hearing (4); autism/sensory (3). While not all respondents chose to share the specifics of their disabling condition, these represent fellow Temple members who will benefit from our assistance.

How can we accomplish this? Specific suggestions about ways to make Temple more inclusive were offered by 80 (40.8%) of respondents. These comments are being studied and can be incorporated into new programming and tangible improvements for members with needs. The creation of support groups led by a mental health professional is being explored. One survey question asked: "Do you have expertise that allows you to support Sinai members with disabilities?". Remarkably, 27 members offered to contribute their skills, including mental health and medical professionals, teachers and others with experience working with disabled individuals.



We also asked: "Has your ability to participate in Temple activities been affected by disability?" and "What would make you more comfortable and able to participate?" Many very personal and specific individual needs were described. **These deserve Sinai's utmost attention so our goal of full inclusion for members with disabilities can be achieved. Our committee will respond to the members we can identify. If you responded anonymously and would like to discuss your needs or offers of assistance, please contact committee co-chairs [joelshamaskin@gmail.com](mailto:joelshamaskin@gmail.com) or [lieberman@brockport.edu](mailto:lieberman@brockport.edu).**



## Temple Sinai Garden Team

The Garden Team now has 17 members who work hard maintaining and improving the garden beds surrounding the Temple. This was our first year having some consultation help, by Carol Southby of Southby Garden Design. We are working on a long-term plan that will give all season interest, be low maintenance and as deer resistant as possible. Carol gave a 'Gardening for Success' talk in March.

We moved some plants to locations where they are better suited to, removed plants that were attracting the deer and also many day lilies that had spread. Some more perennials were added and annuals were planted for all summer color but we hope to reduce the annuals as we achieve a mainly perennial garden that gives all season interest. Alan Wertheimer and Esther Tanzman did a great job repairing the wall in front of The Joel Bloom Garden, which was crumbling. Our custodian Ryan is helping us by applying deer repellent.

Some of the garden team members work together one morning a week and enjoy getting to know each other, others come independently when it is convenient for their schedule. Everyone's input and suggestions are appreciated.

This spring we are starting the project of making scale diagrams of all 12 areas we care for, marking the plants that are there, the shade, by trees, the building overhang etc. This will help with our long-term planning.

I would like to thank our garden team for all their time and hard work on our beautiful Temple grounds. Jill Orbach, Esther Brill, Lori Conway, Esther Tanzman, Terri Zebrak, Joyce Schachter, Jane Beck, Flo Drexler, Bill Waddell, Linda Rubel, Linda Meyers, Sue Weiner, Anne Macpherson, Andrea Randt, Janet Sanberg, Alan & Judy Wertheimer (Audrey Sussman).

*Sally Constine*



## FRIENDS OF SINAI

Open Letter to the Congregation:

The Friends of Sinai is one of temple's wonderful support groups. For 29 years, the monetary gifts from the Friends have made an extraordinary difference in the life of our Sinai community. Improvements to our building and grounds, purchases to support our staff and school and to enhance congregational life were possible because of the ongoing vision and commitment of its members.

Last year, gifts from two very generous Friends and additional money from the fund, supported the purchase of new technology equipment for our office and professional staff. As a result, our staff can be even more efficient, operate with greater tech security at lower costs, and develop more in-house professional products.

Soon, structural and high-expense maintenance building needs will have to be addressed and a future capital campaign is planned to fund these projects. Financial aid from the Friends may be forthcoming to assist with the most urgent upgrades and repairs.

During this horrific crisis of COVID-19, all of us are impacted spiritually, financially and perhaps even physically. We are limited in what we can do and the requests for our help are numerous. We hope you will consider joining the Friends of Sinai for 2020/2021 as a way to support the faith community that supports us. Your single annual gift of \$360 or more, or three payments of \$120 over The Established Membership Commitment, will allow us to continue making changes and improvements to our sacred space, our surrounding beautiful grounds and enhance life for all of us at our beloved Temple Sinai.

Thank you for what all of you do to promote a strong and caring Sinai community.

*Monika Katzel*, Friends of Sinai Chair

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# Life and Legacy

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Two years ago, Temple Sinai joined with 15 other Jewish institutions in Rochester in an effort to ensure the future of our temple. The Harold Grinspoon Foundation presented a challenge to find 25 members who would commit to fund our temple with a minimum of \$1,000 in their will, a life insurance policy, an asset transfer or a direct payment. The temple reached that goal and received a \$10,000 check, by the foundation with a further inducement to find another 25 people. We now have 73 people who have responded to the appeal, so we received another \$10,000 last month. We now hold the honor of having the greatest number of commitments of any other Jewish institution in the program in Rochester!

The next effort is to verify all of the commitments and to find other members of our congregation who would like to help ensure Temple Sinai's future and become members of the Hart Society, which is named after one of our founders and a past president, John Hart. The beauty of this program is that if the temple is put in your will or life insurance policy, you do not have to donate any money now. You just have to notify us of your intent for when you pass on.

We hope you will consider this appeal, since all of the money will go into the endowment and will be used to support Temple Sinai forever. Just as our founders donated their funds to create the beautiful synagogue we have today, we should all ensure that it continues on a firm financial footing for future generations.

If you would like to be included in the Hart Society please contact Blanche Fenster at [blanchefenster@gmail.com](mailto:blanchefenster@gmail.com) or Alan Frishman at [aifrishman@gmail.com](mailto:aifrishman@gmail.com).

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*Todah Rabah to all those who remembered  
Temple Sinai when they remembered others*

### ACCESSIBILITY & INCLUSION FUND

*In Memory of*

**Edith Louise Goldberg**, by Elysa Fabian & Bob Regnier

**Jacqueline Levine**, by Shai & Sharon Shafrir

A donation has been made by Lauren Lieberman & Katrina Arndt

### ADULT EDUCATION FUND

*In Appreciation of*

**Rabbi Katz** on his retirement, by Liz Ornstein

*In Honor of*

**Rabbi Katz's** retirement, by Phyllis Rosen

*In Memory of*

**Helen Feldsott**, by the Feldsott family

### CANTOR BRAUN DISCRETIONARY FUND

*In Honor of*

The Bat Mitzvah of **Sophie Hughes**, by Daniel & Linda Carp

### GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUND

*In Appreciation of*

**Rabbi Alan Katz**, by David Kotok and Wahyu Dilts

*In Honor of*

The birth of **Monika & Les Katzel's** granddaughter, **Ava Simone**, by Lisbeth Ornstein

*In Memory of*

**Lillian Blankfein**, by David and Carole Teegarden

### GENERAL OPERATING FUND

*In Honor of*

The birth of our granddaughter, **Harriet Eve Schatz**, by Allan Hymes & Marilyn Rosen  
The birth of **Rabbi Alan & Jan Katz's** granddaughter, **Maya**, by Allen & Barbara Mendler, Howard & Arlene Schenker, Lester & Monika Katzel

All of our **High School and College graduates**, our **Zoom Mitzvahs** and the **Confirmation class of 2020**, by Lester & Monika Katzel

*In Memory of*

**Jacqueline Richter**, by Catherine Bruckner

**Barbara Phillips**, by Jane Levin

**Polya Berenbaum**, by Khaim & Zella Berenbaum

**Rhoda Rappaport**, by Mike and Heidi Fishman

**Steven Frankel**, by Neil and Sandra Frankel

**Milton Daitz**, by Robert & Janice Daitz

*Get Well Wishes to*

**John Diggory**, by Lester & Monika Katzel

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*Wishing Mazal Tov to*

**Rabbi and Jan Katz** on the birth of their granddaughter, **Maya**, by Liz Ornstein

### JOEL BLOOM FUND

*In Memory of*

**Charles Montrose**, by Elaine Montrose Usdane

**Richard Miller**, by Jerome & Arlene Wiesenberg

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*In Memory of*

**Jacqueline Levine**, by Charles & Joyce Schachter

### MUSIC FUND

*In Honor of*

**Rabbi Katz's** retirement, by Lisa Kasdin

*In Memory of*

**Lola Coan**, by Janine & Steven Coan

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### NEXT STAGE FUND

*In Memory of*

**Morton Berger**, by Liz Ornstein

### RABBI KATZ DISCRETIONARY FUND

*In Appreciation of*

**Rabbi Katz**, for his 34 years as rabbi of Temple Sinai and the numerous times he enriched our lives, by Marlene and Henry Etlinger and family

**Rabbi Katz** on his birthday and his retirement, by Rebecca Drayer



*In Honor of*

The birth of **Rabbi Alan & Jan Katz's granddaughter, Maya**, by Carol & Michael Yunker

The Bat Mitzvah of **Sophie Hughes**, by Daniel & Linda Carp

**Jan Katz** receiving her master's degree, by Jerome & Arlene Wiesenberg

*In Appreciation of*

The joy **Rabbi Noam Katz** shares with the world, by Jerome & Arlene Wiesenberg

*In Memory of*

**Saul Schwartz**, by Bernard Rosenthal  
**Kathryn Rosenthal**, by Bernard Rosenthal  
**Elaine Hoffman**, by Douglas & Debra Rosenzweig

**RABBI TILL DISCRETIONARY FUND***In Honor of*

The Bat Mitzvah of **Sophie Hughes**, by Daniel & Linda Carp

*Wishing Mazal Tov to*

**Rabbi Till** as she becomes Senior Rabbi of Temple Sinai, by Lisbeth Ornstein

A donation has been made by Lauren Lieberman & Katrina Arndt

**RAIHN FUND***In Memory of*

**Ida Louis**, by Carol & Michael Yunker  
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**Sally Gerard**, by Robert Regnier & Elysa Fabian  
**Joseph Shattan**, by Robert Regnier & Elysa Fabian

**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND***In Honor of*

**Jan Katz** receiving her master's degree, by Carol & Michael Yunker  
**Ilan Adar** for Oren Poleshuck's Confirmation, by the Kinel Poleshuck Family  
The Bat Mitzvah of **Ari Reback**, by Vicki Weinstein-Finnefrock & Thomas Finnefrock

The Bar Mitzvah of **Isaac Knowlton**, by Vicki Weinstein-Finnefrock & Thomas Finnefrock

**SOCIAL ACTION FUND***In Honor of*

The birth of **Rabbi Alan & Jan Katz's granddaughter, Maya**, by Allan & Judy Schwartz

*In Memory of*

**James Chaney, Andy Goodman and Mickey Schwerner** (martyrs for freedom), by Liz Ornstein  
**Sanford Elwitt**, by Marcia Elwitt

**TORAH RESTORATION FUND***In Honor of*

**Rabbi Katz's** retirement, by Carol Goldsmith  
The birth of **Rabbi Alan & Jan Katz's granddaughter, Maya**, by Carol Goldsmith

For information about these funds, go to our website: [www.tsinai.org](http://www.tsinai.org) / About Us / Contributions /

Tributes received after June 10<sup>th</sup> will be acknowledged in the August bulletin

**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 Till or Cantor Braun will be present without speaking to them first.

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 contact them.



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**6:00 p.m.**  
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