Borscht Belt Bash

Sunday Evening, April 28, 2019
5:30 p.m.

We will Revisit
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with
Dining, Dancing &
Comedy by Sky Sands

If you have not received an invitation in the mail, please call the temple office at 381-6890

PASSOVER
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Why is This Night Different from All Other Nights?

In the next few weeks many of us will be busy preparing ourselves and our homes for Passover, the spring holiday commemorating our epic story of freedom from slavery and exodus from Egypt. Each year like many of you, my extended family and I gather for the Sederim and while enjoying good food and good company, we also strive to learn more about Passover and to ensure that we both remember our past, while honoring its place in our current Jewish lives. Some years we talk about oppression, other years we rally behind a cause that needs our attention and support, while in other years we hope to create something that will be our personal family attachment to the story.

In the first congregation I served in California, one family observed Passover in a way that still inspires me today (over 2 decades later!). This family would choose one remote country in the world where Jews had at one point lived or still do today and they would research the Jewish community in this place, and would adopt any customs, rituals and foods they could at one of their two sedarim. The year I began, they had a Chinese Seder. The following year, a Turkish Seder.

With Jews scattered throughout the diaspora over the last 2,000 years, we find countless Passover customs which have evolved because of where we settled or were forced to settle, and from which we today, can learn and delight. Far beyond our preference for matzah balls to sink or float, horseradish to be white or hot pink, there is a world of Jewish experiences to explore. Here are some of my favorites (with thanks to I.Carmon):

Charoset: Every Passover, as we prepare charoset, the sweet paste that can be made with fruits like dates, figs, and apples, we aspire to be reminded of the mortar in the bricks that our ancestors who were slaves in Egypt used in their labor. In the British territory of Gibraltar, a tiny peninsula off Spain where Jews have lived for about 650 years, there’s a special recipe for charoset: the dust of real bricks, ground up and mixed in.

Re-enacting Crossing the Red Sea: Hasidic Jews from the Polish town of Góra Kalwaria, known as Gerer Hasids, re-enact the crossing of the Red Sea on the seventh day of Passover by pouring water on the floor, lifting up their coats, and naming the towns that they would cross in their region of Poland. They raise a glass at each "town" and then thank God for helping them reach their destination.

Destroying Earthenware Dishes: The Jews of Ethiopia strongly identify with the story of Exodus -- and indeed, the first of the famous airlifts that delivered them to Israel was actually called Operation Moses. In some Ethiopian families, the matriarch would destroy all of her earthenware dishes and make a new set to mark a true break with the past. Ethiopian Jews had no Haggadot and read about Exodus directly from the Bible. Matzahs were homemade, often from chickpea flour, and on the morning of the Seder, a lamb would be slaughtered. They also refrained from eating fermented dairy like yogurt, butter, or cheese.

Displaying Gold and Silver Jewelry: Three passages in Exodus say that the Israelites received gold and silver from the Egyptians (for example, 12:35: "The Israelites did as Moses instructed and asked the Egyptians for articles of silver and gold and for clothing"). Accordingly, Hungarian Jews had a tradition of putting all of their gold and silver jewelry on the Seder table.

Inspecting Rice for Defects: Jews have lived in Cochin, in the Indian state of Kerala, for 2,000 years. In the tiny community that remains, Passover preparation begins immediately after Hanukkah, about 100 days beforehand. After Purim, Cochin’s Jews scrub their house of chametz (bread and any fermented grain) and repaint them, keeping special Passover dishes in a separate room. Wells are drained and cleaned for fear of chametz, and every grain of rice is inspected for defects that might let impure chametz in. Jews usually maintain warm relations with the larger community, but during Passover and the preceding months, they keep entirely to themselves.
In Cheder (classroom), the Melamed (teacher) would ask his students a question in a “lern-steiger” or “study mode,” a chant-like simple melody. Children were expected to respond in the same “study mode.” The teachers in Cheder believed that the music has the power to make students memorize and internalize Jewish and Talmudic texts. In fact, the text for the Four Questions comes from Mishnah. Therefore, once the students learned the melody in the classroom, they brought it into their homes. This is how the melody for the “Ma Nishtanah” became a part of our Seder.

Another favorite melody at our Seder table is “Dayeinu.” I would say it is the number one song beloved by children and adults. We cannot imagine our Passover Seder without this upbeat song. We all look forward to singing and tapping on the table. This melody does not come from Mount Sinai and was not handed down to Moses along with the Torah. In fact, the melody that you and I know and sing at our Seder table is exclusive among American Jewry and dates back to the early 20th century. The melody of “Dayeinu” is a combination of a German drinking song and a military march. The origin has never been established and there is no evidence of its existence in Europe. We also don’t know how this tune became attached to “Dayeinu.”

If you would like to learn more about Passover Seder songs please join me in Adult Education class on March 31 and April 7 from 9:30 a.m. till 10:30 a.m.

Also, please join us for “Get Ready For Passover” Family Shabbat on April 5 at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner. Right after the service the children will make Matza covers and decorate Seder plates.

I hope that all of you will find meaning and fulfillment at your Seders through singing your favorite Passover melodies! Next Year in Jerusalem!

B’Shalom,
Cantor Renata Braun
The only constant is change.

When I was asked two and a half years ago by the nominating committee to take on the role of First Vice President, my response was that I didn’t like change, and didn’t see it as something I was good at dealing with. But we were in a place that seemed very stable at the time, and I quickly affirmed that I would step into the role, with the understanding that after a year I would move into the role of Temple President. And then changes happened. And happened again.

As we prepare for Passover, we get ready to retell the story of the Exodus that our ancestors have told for thousands of years. We tell the story of change, of speedy actions without knowing where they would take us, of a promise but no way of knowing the future. Where would we be today if our biblical forefathers hadn’t accepted change?

My mantra used to be “don’t confuse movement with progress.” Change wasn’t something I ever looked forward to. But without change, we wouldn’t have Rabbi Till and Cantor Braun. We wouldn’t have our NextStage meet-ups, our Schmoozin’ Shabbats, our Dinners with Friends, and amazing new programs like our fabulous Sinai Café. And I wouldn’t have so many new and amazing friends and colleagues from my deeper connections to Temple Sinai.

This past year has taught me not only that change is inevitable, but that it is also necessary. Just as our ancestors knew that “there is a better place, a promised land; that the winding way to that promise passes through the wilderness,” we know that the path moving forward is not always a straight or obvious one, but it is one we must continue on.

We are looking forward to completing our hiring process for a new Executive Director. We are also adjusting to other changes in the office, albeit with a few growing pains, as we said goodbye to Holly, our office administrator and bookkeeper, as she moved on to other opportunities, and we work to redefine our office setup with the help of some fabulous volunteers (including immediate past president Susan Bondy, who we are indebted to for all of her hard work.)

We are hard at work budgeting for our next fiscal year, finalizing the nominees for our Board Slate, creating our full Rabbinic succession plan, planning galas, updating security, and taking stock of all of the needs (both day-to-day and long term) of our fifty-plus-year-old facility.

And we are working hard to make all of the transitions comfortable and positive for all of you. We will certainly weather the “plagues” of leaky roofs, dripping sinks and temperamental furnaces. With our new “Hyper-Reach” phone, email and text system courtesy of the Jewish Federation, we will be able to contact everyone quickly and efficiently in cases of emergency. In our Passover retelling, we also celebrate the coming of spring, a time of rebirth and renewal.

As we approach Passover this year, we celebrate the changes that have brought us to this moment, knowing that although there are more changes ahead and we are still not completely sure of our final path, we know our destination, and we will find our way there together. And me? My new mantra will be, “to make progress you need to get moving!”

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

It is Monday, March 11, when I sit to write this article. The ground is still covered with snow and the trees do not show any signs of getting ready for spring “attire.” Let’s hope that in four weeks we’ll be able to see buds on the trees, just in time for Passover, officially celebrated during the month of Aviv (spring . . .).

Programs and Events During March:
On Sunday, March 3, students, parents, and a few grandparents of our 3rd grade class gathered in the social hall to participate in the program titled: “Partners with God.” During the program students and parents were engaged in discussing the various ways we can become God’s partners; and making personal posters depicting their favorite “core of action.”

A week later, Sunday, March 17, the entire “population” of our school gathered in the Social Hall to celebrate Purim. We sang songs; watched and listen to puppets telling the story of Purim; watched a few video clips about Purim; and ate self-prepared Hamentashen. We thank our parent volunteers for preparing the dough and for baking the Hamentashen.

On Saturday, March 23, our 6th grade students and their families gathered in the sanctuary for Shabbat morning service led by the students. As could be expected, the students led the service beautifully (thank you to Ms. Nira Mehlenbacher and her Madrichim and Madrichot; and to the parents for encouraging their children to practice). After the service we gathered in the Youth Lounge for a pot-luck lunch.

On Sunday, March 31, our 2nd grade students and their parents participated in their curriculum related program: “Be a Torah.” Students chose their favorite Torah story; made scroll-like parchment paper pages; and wrote on it about the story they chose from the Torah. The program concluded with students and parents sitting in two opposing lines of chairs; holding an un-scrolled Torah; and learning about various aspects of its text and physical attributes.

On the same Sunday, our Sprouts and 1st grade students and parents went to the JCC to participate in Chabad’s Matzah Factory.

Coffee House & Bake Sale Event
On Sunday, April 28, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., our students, parents, and all other members of our temple, as well as the community at large, are invited to visit, shop, and socialize during our Coffee House & Bake Sale event.

We appreciate any contribution of baked goods! Please no nuts! Please indicate if your contribution is gluten free.

Baked goods can be brought on Sunday morning to our social hall; or on Friday morning, April 26, to the office (we will place it in the refrigerator till Sunday morning).

The visiting schedule for our classes:
Second and Third Grade: 9:55 - 10:15 a.m.
Sixth and Seventh Grade: 10:35-10:55 a.m.
Fourth and Fifth Grade: 11:00-11:20 a.m.
Sprouts, Kindergarten, and 1st Grade parents are welcome to visit the bake sale with their children at the end of our school day.

Please provide your child/ren with some money (if you wish to do so). They will have a chance to purchase baked goods during their visit. Please Note: You are more than welcome to join with your children during their visit.

Coffee House & Bake Sale Open Mic
This is an open invitation to all interested members of our temple. We would like to invite anyone who would share his/her talent: singing, playing an instrument, and/or telling a story, to our Open Mic during our Coffee House & Bake Sale event. Please let me know (iadar@tsinai.org) if you are interested in participating. I will let you know about your estimated performing time.

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April Schedule of Events
Friday, Apr. 5: Family Service led by our 5th grade class (6:00 p.m.); Shabbat with Friends dinner
Sunday, Apr. 7: Sprouts
Friday, Apr. 12: Young Family Service (6:00 p.m.) featuring 2nd Grade class; Shabbat service at 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, Apr. 14 - 21: No school or Kesher (Spring recess)

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Tapping Guests on the Head: In a custom that began in Spain in the fourteenth century, the Seder leader walks around the table three times with the Seder plate in hand, tapping it on the head of each guest. Many Moroccan, Turkish, and Tunisian Jews adopted this tradition, which is said to bless those whose heads are tapped. This is sometimes connected to the Talmudic custom of “uprooting” the Seder plate so that guests might ask questions about the Jews in Egypt.

Breaking Matzah into Hebrew Letters: In the Syrian community, the custom of breaking the middle matzah on the Seder table into pieces (known as yachatz) can sometimes take on Kabbalistic meaning. Matzah broken into the shape of the Hebrew letters “daled” and “vav” correspond to numbers, which in turn add up to 10, representing the 10 holy emanations of God. Jews from North Africa, including from Algeria, Tunisia, Morocco, and Libya, break the matzoh into the shape of the Hebrew letter “hey,” which corresponds to the number five.

At our Seder table this year, and perhaps at yours, the question will be, “Why is this night different from all other nights?” AND just maybe, “How might this night be different from all other nights?”

Wishing you all the very best for a chag samaech,

Rabbi Debbi Till

Guest speaker
Pastor Melissa DeRosia
April 12, 2019
During our 8:00 p.m. Shabbat Service

Pastor DeRosia is a graduate of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky and Alma College in Alma, Michigan; with awards in the interpretation of scripture and Christian life. She received her Doctorate in Ministry at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School in Peacebuilding and Interfaith Dialogue. Currently, Melissa is the Pastor and head of staff at Gates Presbyterian Church in Rochester, New York where she lives with her husband Matt and two daughters, Lillian and Norah. Passionate and dedicated to follow God’s call in the changing landscape of the church, she has served as presbytery moderator, an elected member of the Presbyterian Church (USA) Mission Agency Board, and chair of the Committee on Ministry. Melissa is co-author of the book “The Girlfriends’ Clergy Companion: Surviving and Thriving in Ministry” published by the Alban Institute in 2011.

Contacting the Clergy
Please let the temple office (381-6890) know of any illnesses, deaths or joyous occasions so that the Rabbis 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 Till in an emergency, please call 355-0192. To reach Cantor Braun in an emergency, please call 973-953-2489. Rabbi Katz will be on sabbatical till mid-April. After that time you can reach him at his home phone, 662-5418, or his cell phone, 233-8028.

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 Rabbis may visit them.
Within Our Family

In Memoriam…
Temple Sinai notes with sorrow the passing of:
Annette Itkin, mother of Howard Itkin, aunt of Susan Harf
Eileen Schnier, temple member and mother of Jocelyn Goldberg-Schaible
Ita Weingarten, sister of Nili Kinel, aunt of Sandra Kinel
The Temple family extends its heartfelt sympathy to the families.

Mazal Tov to….
Joel and Ann Shamaskin on the birth of granddaughter Natalie Corinne, daughter of Andrea and Jordan Garroway
Rebecca and Nathan Hetherington on the birth of son Joseph Ludwig
Diana and Joe Seroski on the birth of daughter Noa Teagan
Aaron and Janetta Ruby on the birth of son Ezra Finn

Welcome to Our New Members…
Don Sheffrin
Leslie Newman & Ruben Flores and sons Jacob and Zachary
Kimberly & Ari Elliot and son Evan

Adult Education

April 7, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.

Have you always sung Passover melodies at your seder table?

Are you curious where these melodies come from?

Then this class is for you!

Join Cantor Braun in Adult Education class as we explore Passover seder melodies and their origins.

Have you been enjoying the activities at Shabbat Dinner with Friends?

We hope so and would love your feedback and support. Please be in touch with Cantor Renata Braun at cantorbraun@tsinai.org to share your suggestions.

Contributions can be made to Temple Sinai Family Shabbat Programming Fund.
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**May Erev Shabbat Services**

- May 3: Erev Shabbat Family Service @ 6:00 p.m.
- May 10: Young Family Service @ 6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service @ 8:00 p.m.
- May 17: Erev Shabbat Service @ 6:00 p.m.
- May 24: Erev Shabbat Service @ 8:00 p.m.
- May 31: Erev Shabbat Service @ 6:00 p.m.
Yahrzeits
The departed live on
in the hearts
of those who cherish their memory

April 5 & 6
Faye Levine Arbus
Saul Babbin
Samuel Berger
Lea Brent
David Forman
Rosalind Forrest
Barnet Fried
Adel Goldshteyn
Louis Green
Richard Guon
David Jacobs
Milton Jacobson
Anna Joel
Nathan Kessler
Doris Kevin
Shelly Kiener
Milton Kolman
Richard Leonard
Sherman Levey
Molly Levitt
Elmer Louis
Judith Potter
Maura DeMayo Puddu
Rueben Rosenbloom
Nathan C. Schoenfeld
Leonard Shavick
Mikhail Shinder
Sarah Smolowitz
Anita Staenberg
Gordon Wagner
Rose Yaffee
Ann Zoltak

April 12-13
Leonard Baker
Kathryn Bancroft
Shirley Brownstein
Charles Bullard
Marvin Demchick
Freda Feldman
Joan Finegood
David Freedman
Faivel Gurevich
Helen Hill
Esther Mutnick
Anneliese Rayburn
Jodie Reif
Malvin Ring
Paul Rowell
Erle Scheller
Norman Schenker
Henry Schlossberg
Richard Schonfeld
Beryl Waldman
Dorothy Burke Waltzer
Sharon Wexler
Tziporah Zaiydel

April 12-13
Ida Greenfield
Rose Helper
Sarah Kalfin
Robert King
Hyman Klein
Marvin Kucker
Mildred Lapin
Jerome Louis
Rose Moress Presberg
Boruch Rivshin
Florence Rosenfeld
Leah Roth
Muriel Rothstein
Lawrence Wilan
William Yalowich

April 20
Annie Becker
Jeanette Brill
Robert Burton
Bernard Cramer
Sarah Feltquate
Pauline Fox
Israel Ginsburg
Anne Gitlin
Pearl Goldenberg
Rosalyn Greenberg

April 20
Samuel Mazur
Sarnoff Mednick
Jack Meyers
Ruth Pincus
Philip Rakov
Betty Rifkin
Mildred Rosenbaum
Harry Q. Rosenfeld
Irma Rosenthal
Morton Sarachan
Lenore Specterman
Isaac Zuckerman

May 3-4
Ruth Baker
Morris Bookholtz
Lyle Brozost
Irving Cooper
Mary Jo Ebner
Margaret Faber
Barbara Fleischer
Harvey Gage
Margery Gootnick
Samter Horwitz
Ida Keil
Abba Lekakh
Thelma Marcus
Gail Nichtern
Robert Oster
Thomas F. Reinke, Jr.
Judy Sandler
Ethel Shiffrin
Arthur Stillman
Fraya Wildman
Deborah Zimmerman
CELEBRATING PASSOVER

PASSOVER BEGINS AT SUNDOWN ON FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2019

BACKGROUND:
On Passover (Pesach in Hebrew), we celebrate the Jewish people’s exodus from Egypt and freedom from slavery. It is a time to remember that we were slaves and that God set us free. We are instructed in the Torah (Exodus ch. 12 and 13) to celebrate this festival for seven days by eating unleavened bread.

Passover begins on the fifteenth of the Jewish month of Nissan. It is one of the shalosh regalim, the three pilgrimage festivals. Passover is also called Zeman Cherutenu, the “season of our freedom.” On Passover we are told to imagine that we ourselves were slaves in Egypt. That ability to remember and empathize with the feeling of slavery empowers us to work towards freedom for all peoples today.

COMMANDMENTS (MITZVOT):
~ Observe Passover for seven days.
~ Cleanse your house of leavened foods, called chametz. A ceremony on the night before Passover, when the house has been cleaned, is called bedikat chametz (search for chametz). The last few crumbs are hunted for with a feather and burned with the flame of a candle.
~ Refrain from eating leavened food during Passover. Prohibited foods include: leavened bread, cakes, biscuits, cereal, wheat, barley, oats, spelt, rye, and all liquids containing ingredients or flavors made from grain alcohol. Most Ashkenazic (eastern European Jews) authorities also prohibit rice, corn, millet, legumes (beans and peas except string beans). These foods are called kitniyot. Many Reform and Conservative rabbis agree that peanuts and peanut oil are permissible, as peanuts are not actually legumes. Some Ashkenazic authorities permit legumes in a form other than their natural state, for example, corn sweeteners, corn oil, soy oil. Sephardic authorities permit the use of any of these. You can check for Kosher for Passover labels on foods.
~ Eat Matzah.
~ Participate in a Passover Seder on the first 2 nights of Passover.
~ Read from a haggadah (a book which retells the Passover story in a prescribed order - the word haggadah means telling) at your seder. There are many beautiful haggadot to purchase. You can also access some haggadot on the internet.
~ Give Tzedakah – One way to do this is to send a donation to MAZON, a Jewish organization to feed the hungry. MAZON 12401 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 303, Los Angeles, CA 90025-1015.

WAYS TO CELEBRATE AT TEMPLE SINAI:
~ Participate in the Religious School Model Seder on Sunday, April 7th
~ Are you removing your Chametz from your cupboards? Please consider donating your un-opened, non-perishable items to the FOODLINK barrels located at both entrances to the Temple. Passover is a celebration of freedom. Your contribution will help others be free of hunger. BRING YOUR CHAMETZ TO THE TEMPLE BY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17th.
~ Attend 1st Day Passover Service which will be a joint service with Temple B’rith Kodesh on Saturday, April 20th
~ Attend the Passover Service with Yizkor Memorial Prayers which will be held on Saturday, April 27th at 10:30 a.m. This will be followed by a light Kiddush lunch – all foods will still be Kosher for Passover.

SECOND NIGHT SEDERS

The Temple Life committee will be organizing seders for the second night of Passover on Saturday, April 20, 2019.

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Sue Bondy at 388-0333 or susanbondy@yahoo.com by Friday, April 5, 2019. Please include how many will be attending, the ages of any children that will be coming and whether you would be willing to host. Don’t worry if you’ve never hosted a seder before and don’t know where to start - we’ll give you all of the help and support that you need to have a wonderful evening.
RATSY  
Youth & Temple Life

For 9th - 12th Graders

In March, RATSY had a jam-packed month full of great programming! We had a group of teens attend the NFTY-NEL event in Buffalo, NY, hosted by Temple Beth Zion. At that event, our teens elected the next regional representatives of the Northeast Lakes region and had a great time networking with teens from Buffalo, Cleveland, Montreal, and Toronto. On March 10, we were trapped in a library at the Rochester Escape Room, a fun, joint event with BRiKTY, the senior youth group from Temple B'rith Kodesh. We wrapped up the month with our annual Purim Carnival on the 20th.

Coming up this month, RATSY will be hosting a Chocolate Seder at Temple Sinai on April 23, followed by a sub-regional event on April 27 with other Rochester teens at the Warrior Factory!

You’ve seen America Ninja Warrior on television, but here is your chance to experience it for yourself in our backyard! At our group’s American JEWISH Ninja Warrior program, our teens will push themselves to their limits, testing their physical and mental strength on an obstacle course in a fun and innovative way. So, step outside your comfort zone and build on your self-confidence!

The final NFTY-NEL event, Spring Kallah, will be April 19-21 in Jackson, Michigan. This event is for Grades 8 to 12 and, as there is quite a distance to travel, the most up-to-date information is available on the NFTY-NEL website at https://northeastlakes.nfty.org/get-involved/events/. Scholarships may be available, so reach out to Jared Kronenberg and Rabbi Till for more information.

Jared Kronenberg, RATSY Advisor

Accessibility & Inclusion

Hearing Accessibility in our Sanctuary

Our Sanctuary has an FM Assistive Listening System, with four receivers available for individual use - these are found in the foyer, in a basket on the ledge near the Tallit Cabinet. Our recent JDAIM Shabbat service on “Deafness and Hearing Differences” highlighted the importance of such a system - to reduce background noise, improve clarity and reduce listener fatigue. If you do not wear a hearing aid, there are earbuds in each receiver (plus extra covers) - or just bring your personal earbuds; turn on dial and adjust volume.

If you wear a hearing aid, there are two individual/personal neckloops in the basket, which connect into the receiver; activate the “T” telecoil setting on your hearing aid. So, the Accessibility & Inclusion committee can test the personal neckloops, we need assistance from someone whose hearing aid is compatible with their use. If that someone is you, please contact Susan Rizzo (post2rizzo@gmail.com) to help out - or to discuss any related access concerns or ideas you may have. Thank you!

Visit Our Website: www.tsinai.org

New Bulletin Opportunity for Advertisers

For many years our Temple bulletin has been printed by a local company, Greenwood Typo and Art Services, a business that provided congregations with bulletins for free, covering their cost by selling advertising. Unfortunately, that business is closing, and we will now be using the company LPi to print our bulletins. They offer the same service, but they will be providing full color for our advertisers who will support the bulletin.

If you own a business, please consider placing an ad in our center pages. LPi relies solely on local advertisers. Your advertising dollars will support our bulletin and enable us to keep you informed of all the important news from Temple Sinai.

Please take this opportunity to enhance your business with a full color ad. Contact Christine Reeves at creeves@4lpi.com or (716) 863-8414.
Our Habitat Interfaith Partnership Rehab Build Begins this Spring

Temple Sinai is a partner in the Habitat Interfaith Partnership. This spring, we are beginning a project along with a number of local churches and the Islamic Center. We will be rehabilitating a house at 356 Campbell Street. In the past we have done new builds. A new home requires $65,000 from the Partnership. We have raised $50,000 which is not enough for a new build but will cover the cost of rehabilitation for an existing house. Participating in the building project gives us a special opportunity to join our interfaith partners in making a positive difference in our city. We help change lives and transform neighborhoods.

If you would like to volunteer and I hope that you will, please follow these directions:
1) Log onto Rochester Habitat.org.
2) Click the logo for HIP in the middle of the page.
3) Click Volunteer, which should provide you will dates with opportunities to participate.
4) Click “sign up” on the top left side of the page.
5) Fill out the form and finish by agreeing to Terms and conditions.

We hope to start March 18 depending on the weather. You can sign up for mornings or full days. It is not only fun, but you get to work with some wonderful people, and you will leave knowing that you have done a real mitzvah.

I hope you have a superb volunteer experience. See you there.

Ron Newman

After dinner, stay for a performance by Sunshine 2.0: RIT/NTID’s professional traveling theater troupe. They perform with the use of movement, juggling and magic and other physical elements to educate audiences about the deaf experience and entertain at the same time!!
The Temple Sinai Women’s Chavurah invites you to “The Art of Silk Painting” with Nancy Kraus.

We have rescheduled this program for Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Temple Sinai Youth Lounge.

Artist and teacher Nancy Kraus will explain and demonstrate the art of dying on silk. After an introduction to the art, Nancy will demonstrate several silk painting techniques, as well as show how she uses these techniques in her own work, creating custom one-of-a-kind tallitot and colorful scarves.

Afterwards, we will have the opportunity to participate in creating a group project, a challah cover for Temple, or experiment with dyes and brushes on embroidery hoops.

There will be no charge for this program, and refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP by April 3 to Carol Yunker at VPKelly@aol.com or 385-3910. Let us know if you need any special accommodations. And, as always, not for women only!!!

The Temple Sinai Women’s Chavurah P.A.D. Project Initiative

Sunday, April 7, 2019
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Temple Sinai Youth Lounge

Many under-served women and girls regularly miss work and school during their menstrual cycles. They can’t afford tampons and pads. In response to this need, the National Council of Jewish Women’s local section developed the P.A.D. project, which stands for Providing Access and Dignity to women and girls during their monthly cycles. On April 7th we will assemble personal hygiene kits for women and girls who are assisted by local agencies like RAIHN.

What’s Needed:
Generous donations of packages of individually wrapped pads, tampons and panty liners. Bring your donations to our kit-making session or leave items in the specially marked bins at either Temple entrance. It’s a wonderful, practical and caring way to help women and girls in our community.

Questions? Contact Monika Katzel (monikakatzel@gmail.com or 203-1200)

RSVP is not necessary, but appreciated. Contact Carol Yunker (VPKelly@aol.com or 385-3910)

Please let us know if you need any special accommodations.

Save the Date!
The Women’s Chavurah presents another in our "Best Kept Secrets of Rochester" programs with an International Market Tour led by Leslie Locketz.
Sunday May 19, 2019
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Watch for Details
THE TEMPLE SINAI WOMEN’S CHAVURAH presents

LIFE’S PATH: LIVING AND DYING CONSCIOUSLY

Wednesday, April 24, 2019
7:00 p.m.
Temple Sinai Youth Lounge

FEATURING:
Marsha Boelio, Moderator, Co-Director of Threshold Choir, Rochester Chapter
Theo Munson, 25 years at Lifetime Care/Hospice of Rochester working in Bereavement Services, focusing on expressive therapy and support groups
Mary Ellen Markant, independent end-of-life educator
Members of the Threshold Choir Singers

Join a frank and candid conversation about the journey we’re all on, the gifts we experience along the way, and the power within each of us to plan for our own inevitable and best possible final goodbye.

This program is best experienced by millennials and older, (mostly to help with conversations with their own parents!). We all need to learn the best language to use before we’re equipped to engage in these conversations with our younger children.

There will be no charge for this program, and Passover-appropriate refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP by April 17 to Carol Yunker at VPKelly@aol.com or 385-3910.

Please let us know if you need any special accommodations.

And, as always, NOT FOR WOMEN ONLY!

The entire Congregation is invited to participate in our

Everything But The Kitchen Sink Shower

Our kitchen needs restocking. We need many items to ensure that our Sinai kitchen is organized, well-equipped and professional

See our website wish list at www.tsinai.org to select an item to contribute

OR

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So simple! It’s a gift that keeps on giving!

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Last year's new structure for Mitzvah Day will continue with people of all ages working together on projects of special interest. There will be things to do both at Temple Sinai and in the community. Many of the activities will be the same as last year's which are listed below. If you have ideas for new activities please contact Marilyn Rosen at marilyn.rosen@gmail.com.

- Prepare Temple Sinai garden
- Prepare backpacks of school supplies for School 45
- Sort book donations for School 45
- Help at JFS's Pencils and Paper warehouse, which provides school supplies for needy classrooms
- Spring clean at Brighton Food Cupboard
- Help Refugees helping Refugees
- Sort household items for No One Left Behind
- Help at Wild Wings at Mendon Ponds Park
- Prepare supply kits for women in distress.
- Sing to entertain the elderly at Brookdale
- Wrap gift books for Horizons summer program
- Clean and decorate an apartment for a resident at YWCA
- Garden at St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center

The details of how to register for these and other activities will be sent out via email the first week of April on Sign Up. For those who do not have access to email you can call Nancy Kraus at 732-9195.

Stay tuned to hear about what items we may be collecting for Mitzvah Day activities.

We will celebrate our morning work with an Israeli brunch in the social hall from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
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In Honor of
The birth of Daniel Dadush, by Rochelle Cresov

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Happy Passover!

Shabbat Morning Service with Yizkor Memorial Prayers
April 27 10:30 a.m.

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