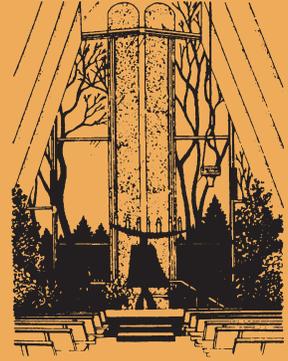


# TEMPLE SINAI BULLETIN

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## GET S'MORE SHABBAT UNPLUGGED!

**Friday, August 24 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Please join us for a  
joyful and uplifting  
musical Shabbat experience**



**Service starts promptly at 6:00 p.m.  
with a delicious barbecue cookout to follow**

Do you know someone who is looking for a synagogue? Please invite them to come experience Temple Sinai! This event is open to the entire community. Get S'More Shabbat is a perfect opportunity for prospective members to be welcomed by our temple family. Spread the word and bring a friend!

RSVP by August 17<sup>th</sup>

*Turn to page 6 for details and registration information.*



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## Elul Mitzvah Challenge

**D**uring the Hebrew month of Elul (August 12<sup>th</sup>–September 9<sup>th</sup> on the Gregorian calendar) leading up to the High Holy Days, we are given the opportunity to immerse ourselves in one of the most powerful, intensely spiritual times throughout the entire Jewish year. This is when we are encouraged to connect more intentionally to the rhythm of the Jewish calendar and to look inward as we take a moral, religious and spiritual accounting.

This is the time of year when the days are warmer, longer and often more leisurely to reflect upon such questions as: What was my greatest achievement during this last year? What was my greatest disappointment during the last year? What in this last year brought me the most joy? The most regret? Whom do I admire most and why? With whom did I fight this last year? With whom would I like to make amends? What kind of relationship do I have with G-d? What kind of relationship do I hope for with G-d? What have I done to deepen my Jewish learning and practice? What have I done to help mend the broken? And what remains for me to do?

In *Pirkei Avot*, the Ethics of our Fathers, the rabbis wrote, “*Mitzvah goreret mitzvah, averah goreret averah*,” that one *mitzvah* (commandment/good deed) leads to another *mitzvah*, and one transgression leads to another transgression. During the month of Elul as we consider how and who we are, we also take time to consider what we must actively do to get our proverbial accounts in order. While there are any number of ways that we can do so, Rabbi Danny Burkeman and friends created one compelling way through the Elul Mitzvah Challenge.

Using the Ice Bucket Challenge that became popular and important to promoting ALS research a few years ago, the Elul Mitzvah challenge is similarly modelled. Here is the idea: you are invited to record a video of you, your family, or your friends completing a mitzvah, and at the end you need to challenge some other family or friends to take part. And then you need to share the video with us. If this resonates for you, I am ready and willing, so send me your video! If, however, you are camera-shy, perhaps consider one of these opportunities from A-Z:

Attend services at temple and help with ushering.

**B**uy an extra drink/food to give to someone in need.

**C**rochet a comfort shawl for a caregiver or someone lonely.

**D**onate clothes and toys that you no longer use to people who are in need.

**E**ducate others about a cause that is important to you.

**F**undraise for a charity that you would like to support.

**G**ive of your time or money to help with a cause or campaign you care about.

**H**arvest some food from your garden to give to those in need.

**I**ce-bucket challenges accompanied by a donation to charity.

**J**oin with a sponsored event to raise money for charity.

**K**nit a clothing item to donate to a family in need.

**L**ook for a 2 for 1 deal, and donate the second item to a local shelter or youth group.

**M**ake pictures or decorations to brighten up the rooms of patients in hospital.

**N**othing But Nets participation or helping people across the world through another campaign.

**O**ffer to take an elderly neighbor for a walk.

**P**lant seeds to grow a garden for food or to make a place look more beautiful.

**Q**uilt a blanket and donate it to the local hospital pediatric department.

**R**ecycle items from around the house instead of throwing them into the trash.

**S**ign up with Gift of Life (or similar organization) to be a bone marrow donor.

**T**utor a student with English as a second language, or one who is struggling at school.

**U**se one of your skills to help someone with a job they can't do.

**V**isit a local home for aging or rehab center to spend time with the residents.

**W**hen out doing chores in the yard, offer to help a neighbor as well.

**eX**tend hospitality to someone visiting from out of town.

**Y**ou can choose any mitzvah that helps to make our world a better place.

**tZ**edakah to help someone in need.

Whatever you choose, may this upcoming season of introspection, reflection and action be met with support, compassion and deeper fulfillment.

*Rabbi Debbi Till*



I am so grateful to all of you for giving me an opportunity to become your cantor. It is an incredible honor and privilege to serve as a cantor in this beautiful and inspiring community. I am very proud to continue along the path set by my predecessors. I am especially thankful to Elise Wojciechowski who has been so helpful and gracious during this transition.

During my first weeks at Temple Sinai, I have learned that this congregation has great appreciation for Jewish heritage and Jewish music. Liturgical music has been a part of Temple Sinai's worship since its founding days.

It is my hope to inspire you through music during Shabbat and High Holy Day services and various concert programs. I want to share my passion and love for Jewish music and Judaism with all of you. I have a strong desire to inspire my B'nei mitzvah students and the children of Temple Sinai. My goal is to keep them engaged and involved in the Jewish life of the congregation and the entire community.

During the services I very much encourage participation and I love when my congregants sing along with me. I strive to help all of you find your Jewish voice. I often invite talented singers and musicians to sing and play with me during Shabbat and High Holy Day services. Please, don't hesitate to let me know if you would like to sing and/or play an instrument at services.

As a choir conductor I look forward to making beautiful music with our adult and youth choirs and band, and make them an important part of our services.

I want to share with you this beautiful saying:

*"Get into the habit of singing a tune. It will give you new life and fill you with joy.*

*Get into the habit of dancing.*

*It will displace depression and dispel hardship.*

*Even if you can't sing well, sing. Sing to yourself.*

*Sing in the privacy of your home. But sing."*

- By Rabbi Nachman of Breslav



Along with David and our sons Daniel and Jonathan I wish to thank all of you for your warm reception as we become part of the Temple Sinai family. We feel truly blessed that so many of you have reached out to us already. Through the collaboration of Rabbi Alan Katz, Rabbi Debbi Till, Jerry Elman, Ilan Adar, the many capable staff and the supportive lay leadership of the Temple, our transition has been accomplished in a most gratifying way. Many thanks to Blanche Fenster, Ann Leonard, Sue Bondy, the Cantor Search Committee, the Transition Committee and many others for warmly welcoming us into Rochester community. I am looking forward to being with you during the many cycles of life that we will share.

I hope you allow me to touch your lives as I am sure you will touch mine. I am looking forward meeting you! I am delighted to form new connections with adults and children. My door is always open for each and every one of you!

I would like to wish all of you and your families a happy and healthy upcoming New Year. May this year bring sweetness, peace and joy to all!

B'Shalom,

*Cantor Renata K. Braun*

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I remember when my daughter was about to become a Bat Mitzvah, we attempted to narrow down our guest list for the party afterwards. Our guest list was looking very large and we were hoping to keep it to a maximum of 150 people. We decided that the criteria for making the cut would be whether our children had ever sat at a table and had a meal with the proposed guest. To my daughter, that was a fine definition of “her” community. Jews and Food.

These two words have been tied together through history. Every holiday can be jokingly reduced to feast or fast, or, “They tried to kill us. We won. Let’s eat!” Our memories and our stories wrap around the food our mothers and grandmothers served. Even those new to Judaism find their way into the kitchen. We have food before or after every Shabbat Service, or both before and after. We have legions who cook for Mitzvah Connection and for RAIHN. Every temple meeting relates to food somewhere in its chronology – for a meal, before a meal, or “let’s bring cookies.”

With our community connection to food, it is with utmost happiness that we begin our full kitchen renovation at Temple Sinai! After a full year of planning and a few scheduling delays, at time of writing, our kitchen renovations are scheduled to begin on July 30<sup>th</sup>. Through gifts from Friends of Sinai and grants from the Farash Foundation, we can buy all the new equipment needed and cover all of our renovation expenses to make our temple kitchen something we will all be proud to volunteer in, and something that caterers will be able to use easily and efficiently. Soon even a commercial ice machine will be much more than just a dream!

Sometimes change is difficult. And then there are times when it is welcomed with only joy and anticipation. Luckily, this is one of the latter occasions. Unfortunately, our “Schmoozin’ Shabbat” programs will take a hiatus for most of August to allow for the construction, but we should be fully back in business just in time for “Get S’more Shabbat” on August 24<sup>th</sup>.

We hope to see many of you for “Get S’More Shabbat” on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Please remember, this is a perfect time to bring friends that may want to join our temple community. We will break bread together and enjoy the last days of

summer with music, food, and family. Also mark your calendars for Friday September 7<sup>th</sup>, when we have our “Back to School Service” and our first “Dinner with Friends” in our new kitchen.



Also, although our kitchen renovation is fully funded, there are still many opportunities to help us gather together to create our community. Sponsorship of an Oneg on a Friday or a Kiddush on a Saturday is a wonderful way to mark an occasion by celebrating a special day or remembering a special person. Sharing food on significant days in our lives is our tradition. Soon we will be able to do it with our brand new kitchen!

*Blanche Fenster*

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## COLLEGE CONNECTION

Temple Sinai wants to remain connected with our congregation’s undergraduate college students. Each year students receive two holiday packages at school. It’s always fun to receive packages when you are away from home, and we would like to be a part of that experience for your college student!

Because college addresses change frequently, the committee starts a new list every year, so it is important to contact us even if a student was on last year’s list. Parents of undergraduate college students should email the temple at [jschachter@tsinai.org](mailto:jschachter@tsinai.org) or call the temple office, 381-6890, with the student’s college contact information and email addresses. Postage is costly and an accurate address ensures that your student will receive the packages meant to help them celebrate holidays away from home. **Please note that we can only send packages to students at colleges within the United States.**

If you would like to be involved with this fun committee, please email Joyce Schachter at [jschachter@tsinai.org](mailto:jschachter@tsinai.org) or call the temple office at 381-6890.

College students are always encouraged to keep in touch with Rabbi Katz or Rabbi Till. They would love to hear from you! Their email addresses are [rabbikatz@tsinai.org](mailto:rabbikatz@tsinai.org) and [rabbittill@tsinai.org](mailto:rabbittill@tsinai.org).

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

Summer is still in “high gear” and I hope that all of 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 about the number of students per class, the sooner we can prepare their classrooms.

### First Day of School

Our first day of school will take place on Sunday, September 9, 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The schedule of the day will be as follow:

9:30 – 12:00: Classes

9:30-9:50 a.m.: T'filaton (a short service) for K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade students AND parents in the sanctuary

9:30 – 11:00 a.m.: Complimentary breakfast and Mitzvah Market in the social hall (more information will be provided).

9:45-10:45 a.m.: Parent Information Table in the social hall

### Sunday afternoon classes

Sunday afternoon classes, 12:00-2:00 p.m., provided as an option only to students in 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

### Midweek classes (4:30-6:00 p.m.)

Students in grades 3 - 7 will come on Wednesday.

### Kesher

First day for Kesher students AND parents will take place on Sunday, September 16 (no Kesher on Sunday, Sept. 9). We will have lunch, D'var Torah with Rabbi Katz and Rabbi Till, have a special activity for all, and provide information about the year's curriculum.

You will be able to purchase the 2018-19 pizza ticket during this meeting.

### Bogrim

Our 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students are encouraged to attend our monthly Bogrim (Graduates) program with Rabbi Katz or Rabbi Till.

The program will take place once a month on a Wednesday (schedule is posted on our website), from 6:00-7:15 p.m. Pizza will be provided during each meeting.



### Madrichim/Madrichot

Any student in 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade who attended our school, is eligible to apply to join our esteemed Madrichim/Madrichot (Teacher Assistant) program.

**Please Note:** Our 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Madrichim and Madrichot are expected to attend our Kesher program; and our 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Madrichim and Madrichot are **encouraged** to attend our Bogrim program.

### Madrichim Application Forms

Please remind your 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> 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. **However, 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> grade applications will not be processed without accompanying Kesher registration forms.**

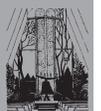
Our Madrichim meeting will take place on Wednesday, August 29, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., in our social hall (pizza will be served). Please make sure to reserve this date.

### 2018-2019 Registration

All 2018-19 registration forms are posted on our website: [tsinai.org](http://tsinai.org); [School of Jewish Life & Learning](http://School of Jewish Life & Learning). All forms can be accessed and filled out online. You will receive a follow-up email after submitting your forms. Please watch for this. While online enrollment is preferred, there are printable forms that can be filled out and mailed or dropped at the office. Please make sure to fill out all applicable forms as registrations will not be processed without them.

Please contact our office (585-381-6890) if you have questions.

Keep enjoying your summer, *Han D. Adar*



# Within Our Family

## In Memoriam...

*Temple Sinai notes with sorrow the passing of:*

Alice Goldman, aunt of Stefanie Singer

Sylvia Chambers, mother of Jeannette Chambers

Steven Frankel, brother of Neil Frankel

Ruth Kraus, Mother of Ronald Kraus

Rita Simon, temple member

*Our Temple family extends its heartfelt sympathy to the families.*

## Mazal Tov to...

Zachary Davis on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Zachary is the son of Jeff & Heidi Davis and the grandson of Barbara Davis

## Todah Rabah to...

Liz Ornstein for her donation of a power washer to the temple

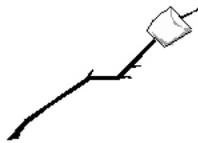
Gary Levy for photographing our new board members

## Welcome to Our New Members...

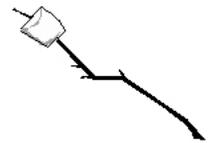
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Ben Koch & Emily Leubner

*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)*



## GET S'MORE SHABBAT



Friday, August 24 at 6:00 p.m.

*(Service starts promptly at 6:00 p.m., so please plan to arrive early to allow time to check in)*

Cook-out to include hamburgers, kosher hot dogs, veggie burgers, sides, watermelon, drinks and, of course, s'mores!

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

**SIGN UP AT [TSINAI.ORG](http://TSINAI.ORG) or RETURN THIS FORM TO TEMPLE no later than Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. Please include guests in your total number so we can plan accordingly. Guests are free. Temple members pay \$8 for an individual or \$15 for a couple or family. Price increases by \$2 each after 8/17/18.**

Congregant names: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list names and addresses for non-member guests:

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### MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!

Volunteer for Get S'more Shabbat. Do a Mitzvah! Volunteer!

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.



# August 2018 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>Sept. Erev Shabbat Services</b> Sept. 7 Erev Shabbat Family Service and Back to School Service @ 6:00 p.m. Sept. 14 Erev Shabbat Service @ 8:00 p.m. Sept. 21 Erev Shabbat Service @ 6:00 p.m. Sept. 28 Erev Shabbat Service @ 8:00 p.m.		1 Klezmer Band Practice 7:00 p.m.	2 Executive Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.	3 Erev Shabbat Family Service with Birthday Blessings 6:00 p.m. Torah Portion: Ekev Deuteronomy 7.12-11.25	4 Bagels and Bible 9:15 a.m.
5	6	7	8	9 AARP Driver Safety Course (pre-registration required) 9:00 a.m. Rochester Regional Coalition Against Human Trafficking 4:00 p.m. Membership Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30 p.m.	10	11
12 Temple Sinai Day at the Red Wings (tickets purchased in advance) 1:05 p.m.	13	14	15	Daytime Book Group 10:00 a.m. Klezmer Band Practice 7:00 p.m.	16	18
19	20	21	22	AARP Driver Safety Course (pre-registration required) 9:00 a.m.	17 Erev Shabbat Service 6:00 p.m. Torah Portion: Shoftim Deuteronomy 16.18-21.9	25
26	27	28 Teacher and Madrichim Meeting 6:00 p.m.	29	30	24 Get S'more Shabbat Service 6:00 p.m. Torah Portion: Ki Tetze Deuteronomy 21.10-25.19	25 Bagels and Bible 9:15 a.m.
26	27	28 Teacher and Madrichim Meeting 6:00 p.m.	29	30	31 Erev Shabbat Service 6:00 p.m. Torah Portion: Ki Tavo Deuteronomy 26.1-29.8	PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES during August. Our Bagels & Bible summer Torah study will be held at 9:15 a.m. every Saturday in the Youth Lounge.



# Yahrzeits

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



**August 2-3**

Eva Berger  
Robert Boelio  
Letha Chapin  
Sandy Davis  
Lois Decoste  
Leah Fernandez  
Murray Flender  
Anita Friedman  
Gertrude Friedman  
Reuben Goldstein  
Jacob Gorfien  
Mary Hennig  
Raye Katz  
Alice Kwong  
Ronald Lenker  
Linda Levine  
Harold Locketz  
Edith Madway  
Harold Mendler  
Sonia Morgan  
Toby Price Blank  
Irving Ring  
Morris Rosenthal  
Ruth Sigal  
Harold Staenberg  
Norman Steinberg  
Joan Waldman

**August 10-11**

Tessie Bender  
Joan R. Berger  
Lois Bessette  
Harriet Blass  
Maurice Brodsky  
Betty Conway  
David Courtheoux  
Aaron Eden  
Rudy Fabian

Jerome Goldenberg  
Anna Katz  
Isaac Katz  
Harold Kiener  
Dwight Lingenfelter  
Arthur Maas  
Louis Oster  
Karen Phillips  
Rubin Poleshuck  
Martin Rogers  
Stanley Schachter  
Elizabeth Schwartz  
Norman Seweryniak  
Paula Shrager  
Morris Silver  
Diane Silver-Hassell  
Kevin Paul Stein  
Bea Wiesenberg  
Frederick Wohl  
Katy Yellen

**August 17-18**

Ethel Berns  
Lewis Chapman  
Helen Chernak  
Louis Cohen  
Carmina Croce  
William Cyrkin  
Dorothea Deutscher  
Russell Fields  
Earl Groden  
Monroe Hordon  
Ethel Horowitz  
Dodye Kahn-Schweitzer  
Marvin Kaplan  
Alexandr Khishchenko  
David Klein  
Louis Lebman  
Irene Lester  
Mary Litt

Ceal Loeb  
Semyon Lomazov  
Gertrude Munter  
Jeanette Okrent  
Boris Rabinovich  
Florence Rosenbaum  
Margot Roth  
Dorothy Shamaskin  
Florence Smith  
David Stone  
Miriam Yasinow

**August 24-25**

Louis Brener  
James DiGiovanni  
John Drazal  
Lewis Eckstein  
Liya Grinberg  
Charles Grodensky  
Charles Hagan  
Sidney Kastner  
Joseph Kleinberg  
Myron Land  
Elbert Lenrow  
Seelig Lester  
Sylvia Levenson  
Alexander Levine  
Rose Lisson  
Sadie Margolis  
Shirley Ornstein  
Tom Paganelli  
Richard Raz  
Gerald Rubenstein  
Julia Sack  
Arik Shafrir  
Janet Skolnick  
Irmgard Stein  
Elsie Taub  
Samuel Weinstein  
Dorothy Wolf

**August 31 -  
September 1**

Sala Biren  
Martha Bruner  
Mary Cavanagh  
Ada Cohen  
Gene Cole  
Gilbert Cresov  
Robert Diggory  
Mordechai Dror  
Goldie Fox  
Sanford Goldshine  
Harry Goldsmith  
Eloise Greenberg  
Maggie Herman  
Paul Horowitz  
Ruth Jacobs  
Gladys Kolman  
Theodore Kotok  
Naomi Kunken  
Estelle K. Lefko  
Florence Levine  
Harold Marcus  
Gladys McNamee  
Esther Parsky  
Jack Pitlick  
Sydney Rubin  
Herbert Schwartz  
Arnold Shamaskin  
Shlima Shteiman  
Sima Shteiman  
Ida Sporn  
Bertha Stone  
Edward Traboulsi  
Melville Waltzer  
Ruth Warnick  
Matilda Yarmel  
Sharon Zeman





# HIGH HOLY DAYS

All High Holy Days information will be available on the temple website at [tsinai.org](http://tsinai.org).

## High Holy Day Services

The High Holy Days for 2018 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 are available on our website.**

**This year:**

Erev Rosh Hashanah services will be on Sunday, September 9 at 8:00 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah services Monday, September 10 at 10:00 a.m. & Tuesday, September 11 at 10:30 a.m.

Erev Yom Kippur services (Kol Nidre) will be on Tuesday, September 18 at 8:00 p.m.

Yom Kippur services will be on Wednesday, September 19 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 service which will be at Temple Sinai.

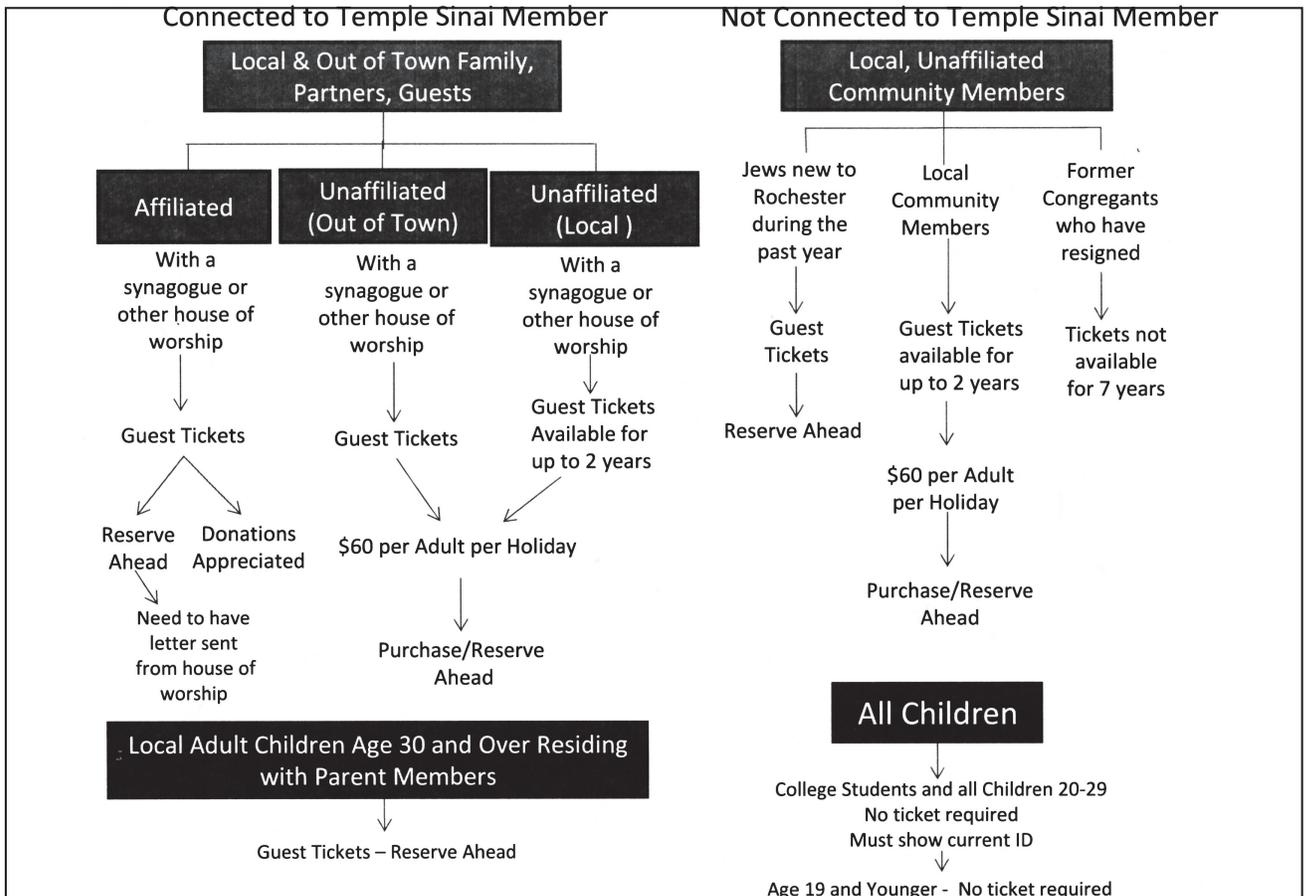
For **security purposes** please remember to bring your tickets (and ID) to all services at the JCC. For the 2<sup>nd</sup> day Rosh Hashanah service (at temple) and for the Yizkor/Neilah service at the JCC, you can show *either* your ticket or an ID.

Other holiday dates to remember:

Selichot – September 1<sup>st</sup>

Sukkot – September 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

Simchat Torah – September 30<sup>th</sup> & October 1<sup>st</sup>



# HIGH HOLY DAYS



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## TASHLICH & OPEN HOUSE

Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>  
Home of  
Rabbi Alan & Jan Katz  
41 Tobey Brook, Pittsford  
4:00 p.m.

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.

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### Checklist

#### For the High Holy Days, Remember to:

- Bring your tickets
- Bring your ID
- Reserve guest tickets NOW (find forms at [www.tsinai.org](http://www.tsinai.org))
- Pick up guest tickets at the JCC 15-20 minutes prior to the service. Bring your confirmation letter.
- Sign up ahead for babysitting on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur (forms at [www.tsinai.org](http://www.tsinai.org)). We will have babysitting available if we have a minimum sign-up of 5 children by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### WATCH YOUR MAIL

High Holy Days tickets will be mailed by August 31, 2018.



**Ushers and greeters are needed for the High Holy Day Services. You can follow the services and perform a mitzvah by volunteering.** Please contact Dorothy Drahzal at [ddrahzal@rochester.rr.com](mailto:ddrahzal@rochester.rr.com) or call/text to 329-9531.

**Volunteers are needed to work at the ticket tables for each service.** If you would like to help at the ticket tables at the JCC and temple, please contact Donna Goldberg at [dgoldberg10@gmail.com](mailto:dgoldberg10@gmail.com) or Carol Goldsmith at [cgoldsmith@rochester.rr.com](mailto:cgoldsmith@rochester.rr.com).

## Uncle Shmuel wants YOU

...to help with the Temple Sinai High Holiday setup (noon on Friday, 9/7/18 & Monday, 9/17/18) and take-down (8:00 a.m. on Thursday 9/20/18) at the JCC. It's only an hour.



To volunteer, please contact Albert Benjamin at 461-5149 or [vfr1200@frontiernet.net](mailto:vfr1200@frontiernet.net) or Alan Frishman at 586-9260 or [aifrishman@gmail.com](mailto:aifrishman@gmail.com)

*Please come - you know how he kvetches when you don't show up.*

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#### Involve Yourself in the High Holy Days

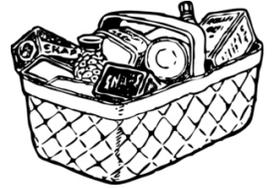
We ask that if you receive a letter inviting you to participate in the High Holy Day services that you respond to Susan Mercier at [invitationsetc58@gmail.com](mailto:invitationsetc58@gmail.com) as soon as possible. This will save us many hours of follow-up phone calls and e-mails as we assign specific honors to congregants.

High Holy Days



# Annual Rosh Hashanah Food Basket Project

**Sunday, September 9, 2018**



The Women's Chavurah of Temple Sinai is organizing the annual Rosh Hashanah Food Baskets for families in need within the greater Rochester Jewish community.

Please join us in fulfilling this wonderful Mitzvah for the Jewish community. Volunteers of all ages (families, teens, adults) are welcome to sign up. What better way to start the New Year than by helping others!!

**Volunteers are needed for the following:**

- \*Wrapping boxes, **Sunday, September 9, 9:30 a.m.** (please bring 1 roll of generic wrapping paper & scissors).
- \*Assemble food baskets, **Sunday, September 9, at 10:00 a.m.**
- \*Deliver food baskets to recipients, **Sunday, September 9, 2018.** Arrive at temple between **11:15-11:30 a.m.** for delivery (delivery time: approximately 1 hour max). **We will provide you with directions.**
- \*Shoppers and schleppers needed for produce, plants, honey etc.

Please contact, Jill Stanger by **August 13, 2018** to sign up to volunteer:  
[jillstanger@yahoo.com](mailto:jillstanger@yahoo.com), 260-2082.

If you wish to make a contribution to support the cost of the food baskets, please make your check payable to **Temple Sinai.**, noting **Rosh Hashanah Food Baskets** on the check. Mail your donation to Temple Sinai, 363 Penfield Rd. Rochester, NY 14625.

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 | Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ |  
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 | Rosh Hashanah Food Baskets -- Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Thank you! |  
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## Membership Commitment Statements

In an effort to streamline the billing process and save money on stamps and administrative costs, we will begin emailing statements to our members. We did a test run of this in April and though we did have a glitch or two, we are working these out prior to our next quarter in October. We will continue sending statements by US Post at the beginning of each fiscal year in July as there is other information that goes along with that statement. We will also continue to send a statement that shows the balance for the remainder of the fiscal year so that you can decide if you would like to pay for the current quarter or pay ahead. Questions? Email [jschachter@tsinai.org](mailto:jschachter@tsinai.org).



## FRIENDS OF SINAI

Friends of Sinai is another giving opportunity at our synagogue. Gifts to Friends of Sinai of \$360 or more above regular dues are directed to areas designated in need of improvement or enhancement or, in recent years, for programs designed to strengthen our bonds as a community. Each Friend has a voice in the allocation process. It is not an annual obligation. You can be a Friend for as long as this giving opportunity and its mission appeal to you, or personal finances allow.

In our 27-year history, more than a quarter of a million dollars have been contributed by the Friends to improve our building and grounds, support our staff and school, and bring our congregation together.

Consider joining the Friends of Sinai by calling me, the temple office, or returning the form included in the Friends of Sinai mailing in June.

Questions? Call the Temple (381-6890) or contact me at lesterkatzel@earthlink.net or 203-1200.

*Monika Katzel*, Friends of Sinai Chair

We gratefully acknowledge these members who joined the Friends of Sinai for 2018/2019\*

Mark Winsberg & Diane Morse

Gerald & Maxine Rosen

Joel & Anne Shamaskin

Eli Tuber & Sheryl Silberman

Liz Ornstein

Victor & Joyce Poleshuck

Rabbi Alan & Jan Katz

Assaf & Amy Yosha

Robert & Marilyn Israel

Irv & Gloria Rosenstein

Dan & Linda Carp

Ellen Goldenberg

Lauren Lieberman & Katrina Arndt

Simon & Josephine Braitman

Cary & Stacy Greenberg

Norm & Donna Lederman

Robert & Janice Daitz

Elise & Joe Wojciechowski

Al & Pam Benjamin

Michael & Janet Goldman

Aaron Klein & Maria Lauriello-Klein

Alan & Ronny Frishman

Jason Mendler & Laticia Valle

Charlie & Joyce Schachter

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Stewart Cramer & Sue Golden Cramer

Eric & Anne Beyer

Michael & Susan Rosenbloom

Lillian Courtheaux

Michael & Carol Yunker

Peggy Cherkasky

Barb & Al Mendler

Noreen Salerno

Jerry & Janet Elman

Ron & Karen Newman

Monika & Les Katzel

Mark Anderson & Randi Forman

\*Gifts as of 7/10/18

### Contacting The Rabbis

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 or Rabbi Till will be present without speaking to them first.

To reach Rabbi Katz in an emergency, please call both his home phone (872-6722) and his cell phone (662-5418). To reach Rabbi Till in an emergency, please call her cell phone (355-0192).

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.



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

**RABBI KATZ DISCRETIONARY FUND**

*In Appreciation of*

**Rabbi Katz**, by Charles & Joyce Schachter,  
Barbara Dechario

*In Honor of*

The birth of **Menucha Rochel Helfen**, by Allen  
& Barbara Mendler

The birth of **Liora Riva Wojciechowski**, by  
Allen & Barbara Mendler

The Naming of **Sarah Rovella Bidlovsky**, by  
Silvio & Fernanda Bidlovsky

*In Memory of*

**Belle Stein**, by Allen & Barbara Mendler,  
Michael & Donna Goldberg

**Susan Spector**, by David Spector

**Frances Blankopf**, by Douglas Baldwin &  
Marion Blankopf

**Hyman Lisson**, by Michael & Donna Goldberg

**Alice Lewis**, by Michael & Donna Goldberg

**Rosemary Wittenberg**, by Warren & Pamela  
Rosenbaum

**RABBI TILL DISCRETIONARY FUND**

*In Appreciation of*

**Rabbi Till**, by Charles & Joyce Schachter

*In Memory of*

**Milton Battler**, by Eugene & Barbara Schwartz

**Ernest Mitzner**, by John Page & Sandra Mitzner

**Lawrence Lapidus**, by Martin & Laura  
Kaufman

**CANTOR BRAUN DISCRETIONARY FUND**

*In Honor of*

**Cantor Braun**, by Baltimore Friends of Renata

**ADULT EDUCATION FUND**

*In Honor of*

**Simon Scheuer's** Bar Mitzvah, by Ellen Kriger

**BUILDING FUND**

*In Memory of*

**Morton Brodsky**, by Noreen Salerno  
**Milton Brodsky**, by Noreen Salerno

**FLORAL FUND**

*In Memory of*

**Larry Einhorn**, by David & Karen Gimple  
**Charles Montrose**, by Elaine Montrose Usdane

**GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUND**

*In Appreciation of*

**Blanche Fenster** for her tireless work as Temple  
president, by Rebecca Drayer

*In Honor of*

**Belle Stein's** smile, by Jerome & Arlene  
Wiesenberg

**Esther & RJ's grandson's** Bar Mitzvah, by  
Lester & Monika Katzel

**Sam Agronick's** Bar Mitzvah, by Lester &  
Monika Katzel

**Donna & Norm Lederman's** family mitzvahs,  
by Lester & Monika Katzel

*In Memory of*

**Belle Stein**, by John & Lorraine Diggory,  
Amy Tackaberry, Arlene Cooper, Bruce &  
Ann Leonard, Dennis & Carol Goldsmith,  
Ellen Kriger, Howard & Susan Itkin,  
Joseph & Elise Wojciechowski, Joyce and  
Victor Poleshuck, Lester & Monika Katzel,  
Marvin & Beverly Groden, Michael & Janet  
Goldman, Marcie & Joel Shapiro, Elaine  
Gold, Jodie Roberson, Ronald & Karen  
Newman

**Arthur Scheier**, by Bruce & Ann Leonard

**Barbara Leonard**, by Bruce & Ann Leonard

**Irmgard Stein**, by Charles & Joyce Schachter

**Lucy Wojciechowski**, by Joseph & Elise  
Wojciechowski

**Dorothy Kellerman**, by Joseph & Elise  
Wojciechowski

**Steven Frankel**, by Joyce and Victor Poleshuck,  
Lester & Monika Katzel

*With Loving Wishes to*

**Barbara Dechario**, by Lester & Monika Katzel

**JOEL BLOOM FUND**

*In Memory of*

**Belle Stein**, by Barbara Dechario

**Leonard Levy**, by Mark Levy

**Hyman Peck**, by Sharon Peck Silvio



GENERAL OPERATING FUND*In Memory of*

**David Rosen**, by Irma Wiener  
**Belle Stein**, by John & Amy LaGambino, John  
 & Tobie Olsan  
**Rae Leikin**, by Margarita Sanberg  
**Larry Frankel**, by Neil & Sandra Frankel  
**Irving Cramer**, by Stewart Cramer & Sue  
 Golden-Cramer

LIBRARY FUND*In Memory of*

**Louis Kleinberg**, by Dolores Kleinberg  
**Lawrence Lapidus**, by Lois Lapidus

MITZVAH FUND*In Memory of*

**Belle Stein**, by Carol & Michael Yunker  
**Ida Levin Kushner**, by Phyllis Rosen  
**Ruth Peck**, by Sharon Peck Silvio

MUSIC FUND*In Appreciation of*

**Elise Wojciechowski and the Get S'more  
 Shabbat musicians and singers**, by Remy &  
 Marilyn Fenster

*In Honor of*

**Cantor Braun**, by Baltimore Friends of Renata  
 The birth of **Liora Riva Wojciechowski**, by  
 Bruce & Ann Leonard, Dennis & Carol  
 Goldsmith, Remy & Marilyn Fenster  
**Elise Wojciechowski's retirement**, by Edward  
 Muszynski & Bonnie Hughes  
 The engagement of **Dan Wojciechowski &  
 Sara Siegel**, by Remy & Marilyn Fenster

*With Healing Wishes to*

**Barbara Dechario**, by Barbara Phillips

NEXT STAGE FUND*In Memory of*

**Belle Stein**, by Allan Hymes & Marilyn Rosen  
**Minnie Altman**, by Lillian Courtheoux

ONEG FUND*In Appreciation of*

**Jackie Buff**, by Remy & Marilyn Fenster  
**Janet Goldman**, by Remy & Marilyn Fenster

*In Honor of*

The marriage of **Ryan Mercier and Charlene  
 Caronan**, by Remy & Marilyn Fenster

*In Memory of*

**Leah Fernandez**, by Allan & Judy Schwartz  
**Belle Stein**, by Remy & Marilyn Fenster  
**Shirley Jacobson**, by Remy & Marilyn Fenster  
**Liette Moge Wilson**, by Remy & Marilyn  
 Fenster

PRAYERBOOK FUND*In Memory of*

**Alfred Barkin**, by Marvin & Irene Barkin  
**Betty Dunsker**, by Marvin & Irene Barkin

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND*In Memory of*

**James Bixby Jr.**, by Allan Skerker & Family

SOCIAL ACTION FUND*In Memory of*

**Eleanor Cyrkin**, by David & Denise Cyrkin  
**Minnie Altman**, by Lillian Courtheoux

TORAH RESTORATION FUND*In Memory of*

**Alexander Hutkoff**, by Rochelle Cresov  
**Frances Hutkoff**, by Rochelle Cresov  
**Kate Oxfeld**, by Rochelle Cresov

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

*Tributes received after July 10<sup>th</sup> will be  
 recognized in the September bulletin*



## Tree of Life

Are you looking to commemorate a special occasion, thank or honor someone, and help contribute to the life of our temple? Consider purchasing a leaf on our Tree of Life. For a donation of \$136 we will have a leaf inscribed with your message and add it to our beautiful tree. So, if you can't think of a gift for that special person in your life for a birthday, Bar or Bat Mitzvah, marriage or any other occasion, contact the temple office at 381-6890 and we will be happy to assist you.



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**SINAI DAY  
AT THE RED WINGS**

**August 12, 2018  
1:05 p.m.**

Upper box seats are \$9.50 each and can be ordered through the Sinai website at [tsinai.org/event/temple-sinai-day-at-the-red-wings](http://tsinai.org/event/temple-sinai-day-at-the-red-wings)

or by calling the temple office at 381-6890. Deadline to reserve tickets (which will be mailed to you) is August 6<sup>th</sup>.



Come join other temple members for music, food, games and relaxation.

More information to follow in the September bulletin.