WINTERFEST

Do you like sledding, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, or hiking in the woods? Do you enjoy staying warm in front of a large fireplace in a cabin, socializing with new and old friends?

Either way, join us for a great afternoon and evening at our Annual Temple Sinai Winterfest! The event is always a hit, with about 100 people attending!

When: Saturday, February 2, 2019. Mid-afternoon through the evening
Where: Webster Park, Whitehouse Lodge
Cost: likely $15/household

We will be coordinating all of the activities during the afternoon, then join together for Havdalah prayers, followed by hot soups, stews, desserts, music and friendship.

If you love hiking or snowshoeing or have never tried them – this day is for you! We will have a member of our congregation leading each of the groups.

Bring a board game or deck of cards and get a game going. Or bring your needlework, a good book, or just your desire for good conversation. Open to everyone, young and old alike!

Email or call with questions. Once the RSVPs are in, we will set up an online spreadsheet for food sign up. RSVP by January 10, 2019 to Vicki Finnefrock 330-6641 or vicki.w.finnefrock@gmail.com
As I begin my sabbatical, I have been reflecting on what I have gained by my previous periods of sabbatical time. During my first sabbatical, I spent a great deal of time studying Talmud. I was fortunate enough to be connected with a wonderful teacher, Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger. His knowledge and acumen helped expand an area of learning which was important for me to acquire.

Since those years, Rabbi Schlesinger, along with Ali Abu Awwad and Shaul Judelman, cofounded Roots/Shorashim/Judur, a joint Palestinian-Israeli grassroots peacemaking initiative dedicated to understanding nonviolence and transformation. This Palestinian-Israeli project meets on land owned by the Awaad family in Gush Etzion and also abuts the Palestinian town of Beit Umar. This location is one of the rare places that both Palestinians and Israelis can access without special government permits, thus facilitating grassroots, unmediated get-togethers and deep conversations between people from the two sides.

Rabbi Schlesinger also visits various communities throughout the world, especially in the U.S. with Awaad demonstrating that important peaceful discussions can go on between Israeli Jews and Palestinians.

During my second sabbatical and continuing with this one, I have continued to take advantage of various study experiences. This year I will join a CCAR rabbis’ mission to Israel to learn about innovation and change. We will visit many sites of new endeavors in science, technology, and social change. In the past, missions have centered on learning about different places in Israel in order to run tour groups. One exciting mission dealt with areas of justice and tikkun olam. We packed food with the organization Leket Yisrael, which has some similarities to Foodlink, here in Rochester. We rode a bus through a Haredi neighborhood to enable women to sit wherever they choose and not be relegated to the rear of the bus. We have prayed in a mixed gender minyan in the courtyard in front of the Western Wall. This was done with police protection. We also visited ecological projects as well as a vast solar panel energy field.

One of the most rewarding parts of my visits has been the times when I was able to teach in our Partnership city of Modi’in. I taught in many different schools under the project called “Friends Across the Sea.” My subject matter is to share how we live our lives as Jews here in Rochester and the U.S. I explain our lives as a minority culture. I describe the gender equality of Reform and Conservative Judaism. One of the curiosities I explain is how many of us observe Yom Kippur attending prayer services and fasting, yet we drive to our synagogues. Most of the students in the non-religious schools do not attend services yet they wouldn’t dream of being in a car on Yom Kippur. Their favorite activity is to ride bicycles in the middle of major roads where no one is driving a car. As much as I have taught them, I have also learned from the many students with whom I had contact.

All of these sabbatical experiences have enriched my life as a rabbi. Hopefully I have passed some of what I have learned to many at Temple Sinai.

Shalom,
Rabbi Alan J. Katz

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.

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.
The beginning of 2019 marks the very middle of our Temple Sinai year that began this past July 1st, and what a very busy year it has been!

We now have Cantor Braun with us, and have had her official Installation at Temple Sinai, and have begun to experience her skills with our choir, Adult Education, and musical programming. We have had the opportunity to get to know her personally and welcome her family into our congregation.

Our temple kitchen renovation that began this summer is now complete. We have more counter and preparation space, a new “coffee bar,” an ice machine, and a streamlined flow throughout. We are still working on the organizational parts, and have a wonderful committee, along with Women’s Chayurah, working very hard on the details of a “Kitchen Shower” scheduled for March 3rd. This should help us obtain matching sets of the serve-ware and food preparation items we need so that we are no longer relying on mismatched donations that don’t stack or store well.

We celebrated Pride Shabbat and participated in the Rochester Pride Parade, we celebrated Children’s Shabbat and signed and sent advocacy letters about early intervention services for children, and we celebrated with four very special congregants on the occasion of their being called to the Torah as adult B’not Mitzvah. We are looking forward to marking Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month in February, with special services each Shabbat. We even have an ASL class starting in January to help teach Introductory sign language.

We began our Hart Society “Life & Legacy™” program this year and have been fortunate enough to have already connected with 25 congregants who signed up to guarantee their personal legacies in the future, and by doing so, have helped Temple Sinai both now and in our shared future. We also qualified for an incentive grant through the Grinspoon Foundation and the Jewish Federation of Rochester and hope to continue adding new members to our Hart Society group.

We have also started our search for a new Executive Director to fill the role that Jerry Elman very ably initiated for us. We have a committee in place, headed by Keith Greer, that has revised the Executive Director job description to capture what we have learned and adjusted these past two years, and we will be posting the job for a national search just as this month’s bulletin is mailed. We are indebted to our office staff (even more than usual!) Joyce Schachter, Bobbi Sarnov, and Holly Woloshyn have been exceptional in helping us in this transitional time. We also thank Ilan Adar for all his help with our audio-visual needs for the interim.

We have continued upgrading security and safety at Temple Sinai. We added our security guards for services and Sundays, and installed alarms on emergency exits to guarantee that we know who is entering the building at all times. We changed policies for rentals and committee meetings to ensure that entrances are secure at all times. We have many further additions to both our procedures and our plant and have a new Security Committee that will help us implement all the improvements.

Looking forward, although our temple calendar will be chock-full of events, especially mark your calendars for our new “Sinai Café” (an adult coffee house with entertainment) on Saturday, March 9th, and a Gala (details coming) on Sunday, April 28th immediately after Passover.

Looking forward to our next six months working, worshipping, celebrating and joining together.

Blanche Fenster
RATSY had a special executive board meeting with Josh Nezon, NFTY-NEL Region Advisor from Toronto. We built a stronger community, brainstormed programs for the remainder of the year, and discussed ways to encourage more participation from Temple teens. If you have any suggestions, please let us know!

Our next RATSY event will be on January 26th, from 5:00-7:00 p.m., at Temple Sinai. It will be our version of Iron Chef, featuring a baking competition. Show off your baking skills...or critique others on their skills! If you haven’t attended a RATSY event before, or if it’s been awhile, we welcome you to re-engage and join our community of temple youth!

The next NFTY-NEL event will be March 1-3 in Buffalo, NY and we will continue to have information as it becomes available. If you are interested in attending the NFTY Convention in Dallas, TX, it will be the weekend of February 14th. The deadline for the convention is January 8th. For more details, visit https://northeastlakes.nfty.org/get-involved/events/. Scholarships may be available, so reach out to Jared Kronenberg for more information.
An initial statement was circulated to an extensive Social Action Committee list. When the committee met, those present appreciated and took into account the many comments the Vice President of Social Action received, and attempted to incorporate the tone and substance people had conveyed. The following statement emerged after a lively and thoughtful give-and-take.

We acknowledge that “two Jews, three opinions” is a strength of our people, and not everyone will agree with all of the points or all the words, but at this crucial point in our country’s history, we wanted to begin by making a statement from which action will flow.

A Time for Change
December/2018
By Seth R. Silver & Abby Urban-Rifkin
On Behalf of the Social Action Committee of Temple Sinai

“Demanding that politics be kept out of shul is like demanding that Torah be kept out of shul” said Rabbi Shai Held. We agree. The Social Action Committee, as an advocate of Jewish values and the positions held by the URJ and the RAC, would like to be ‘on the record’ during these turbulent and fearful times, and state clearly where we stand relative to a number of current issues and our nation’s leaders. Hence:

We are outraged when our leaders, after every mass shooting in our country, offer “thoughts and prayers” yet do absolutely nothing to enact sensible gun regulation, thus ensuring these tragic deaths, too often of our children, will only continue.
February’s Shabbat services will focus on ways we can improve how we serve the needs of our members with various disabilities. In the context of our worship, we’ll have opportunities to learn about disabilities that are typically easily recognizable: visual impairments, deafness, developmental and sensory processing disorders.

But, there is a “hidden” disability about which we rarely speak: Mental Illness. Families and individuals with mental health disorders live among us, often in isolation and silence. Many become inactive and leave congregations, or never join to begin with, because they fear their family member will not be accepted. Each of them misses out on being part of the Jewish community, and we lose out on having them in our congregations.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) notes that 1 in 5 adults will experience a diagnosable mental illness in their lifetime. Studies show that people with serious mental illness desire don’t get to experience religious activities as much as they’d like. Synagogue participation improves psychological well-being and diminished symptoms, giving congregants with mental illness a sense of meaning and purpose.

We should support people with mental illness in their desire to join us. Unfortunately, it’s primarily the stigma society has created surrounding mental illness that produces the barriers leading to a lack of inclusion. The first step to becoming a more welcoming synagogue will be by attending the February 8th Shabbat service that will include a speaker from NAMI. We can begin breaking the silence and embark on an effort to create an open and supportive environment for individuals and families whom mental illness has touched.

Service Schedule
February 1 “Visual Impairments” - 6:00 service followed by Dinner with Friends, speakers who are Paralympians, blind sports to try, simulations and disability awareness activities including Braille.
February 8 “Mental Illness”
February 15 “Deafness and Hearing Differences”
February 22 “Developmental and Sensory Processing Disorders”

Adult Education
Adult Education continues in January with the topic of Medical Ethics. These classes will be held on January 13, January 20 and January 27 at 9:30 a.m.

On January 6th, join Cantor Braun for a musical Adult Education class.

Conversational Hebrew with Rabbinical Intern Jan Katz will continue on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Classes will be held on January 13, January 20 and January 27.

Torah Study continues on Saturday mornings at 9:15 a.m. All are welcome, whether you have participated in the past or not. Also, it is important to know that this class is conducted entirely in English – you do NOT need to know Hebrew.

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

The Religious School will receive money for all cartridges turned in.

Visit Our Website: www.tsinai.org
# January 2019 Calendar

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**February Shabbat Services**

- Feb. 1  Erev Shabbat Family Service @ 6:00 p.m.
- Feb. 8  Young Family Service @ 6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service @ 8:00 p.m.
- Feb. 15 Erev Shabbat Service @ 6:00 p.m.
- Feb. 22 Erev Shabbat Service @ 6:00 p.m.
Yahrzeits
The departed live on in the hearts of those who cherish their memory

**Jan. 4 & 5**
- Jacob Altman
- Marcia Baldwin
- Hilda Biernbaum
- John Bulter
- Lillian Fain
- Kennard Goodman
- Estelle Green
- Ruth Herrmann
- Meyer Horowitz
- Harold Kay
- Steven Kushner
- Arthur Long
- Herbert Molser
- Gerald Regan
- Harold Rubel
- Mary Rudolph
- Alex Schnier
- David Schwartz
- Louis Sporn
- Beatrice Voldman
- Estelle Weiner
- Sidney Yates
- Edwin Yunker
- Bernard Zeldman
- Ronald Zollweg

**Jan. 18 & 19**
- Gert Relin
- Alice Levine Rosen
- Louis Schildkraut
- Esther Schwartz
- Marvin Seemann
- Ann Shulman
- Marshall Spiller
- Wendy Wood

**Jan. 25 & 26**
- Manton Baxter
- Ann Bernbaum
- Harry Danoff
- Esther Elwitt
- William Faucette
- Fred Feinstein
- Helen Frindel
- Eva Frye
- Schubert Frye
- Joseph Geiger
- Walter Gillis
- Leatrice Golden
- Natalie Gordon
- Edith Harris
- Harris Jacobson
- Sadie Klein
- Bernard Klein
- Tatyan Krasnik
- Onalie Leschner
- Elaine Levy
- Dorothy Linsner
- Corinne McChesney
- Shari Morris
- David Newman
- Sarah Rapp
- Sylvia Rhines
- Max Rosenstein
- Myra Schoenfeld
- Max Schwartz
- Shirley Schwartz
- Ida Shapiro
- Sanford Shapiro
- Joseph Shulman
- Lilly Silver

**Feb. 1 & 2**
- Charlie Silver
- Albert Simon
- Helen Steinberg
- Katherine Walker
- Arnold Weber
- Moe Wiesenberg
- Randall Wood

**Jan. 11 & 12**
- Reuven Adar
- Frances Behrman
- Dvora Brodie
- Barbara Dolin
- Rhea Drexler
- Beatrice Etlinger
- Sara Feinstein
- Mary Gleason
- Gladys Greenberg
- Frances Heimberg
- Selma Ann Kay
- Herbert Kraus
- Nanci Krieff
- Steven Magid
- Ida Muszynski
- Louis J. Pies

**Feb. 1 & 2**
- Bella Alpert
- Harriet August
- Max Berns
- Vivian Boelio
- Mark Cohn
- Henry Cooke
- Ed Doescher
- Jerome Fain
- Steven Fishbein
- Charles Flowers
- Sandi Fogarty
- Jacob Friedlander
- Evelyn Frishman
- Jack Frishman
- Edward Goldberg
- Wallace Griffith
- Joan Hyman
- Sadie Kaiser
- Bernadine Kucker
- Hilda Lazier
- Sarah Lewis
- Marian Loeb
- Willis Pierce
- William Pine
- Janice Richmond
- Harvey Rosenbloom
- Berkley Roth
- Rose Rubel
- Vincent Sanginario
- Murray Schmutter
- Jacob Schuster
- Esther M. Schwartz
- Raymond Schwartz
- Nukhim Shilman
- Miri Skerker
- Joel Smetana
- Charles Soloway
- Pauline Tanzman
- Adela Vaisman
- Carola Wachtel
- Avis Waddell
- Sarah Zuckerman
We are outraged when our leaders seek to derail the Affordable Care Act, yet offer no realistic improvement of any type to our admittedly still broken health care system. If every other first-world nation can make universal coverage work, with better health outcomes for less money, why can’t we? Fully subsidized health care should be a right in a civilized nation, available to everyone, and it must be a priority for our leaders.

We are outraged when our leaders deny science, call climate change a “hoax” and support policies that increase CO₂, which results in ever more severe hurricanes, droughts, fires and flooding. Protecting our planet from man-made harm, and moving to ‘green energy’ in all aspects of our economy, is a generational responsibility and must be taken seriously by our nation’s leaders.

We are outraged when our leaders call the free press “the enemy of the people” and any news coverage that fact-checks and then criticizes as “fake news.” This is what authoritarian regimes do, not the world’s one-time beacon of democracy and free-speech.

We are outraged when our leaders refer to immigrants and asylum seekers at our southern border as “criminals”, “rapists”, and “Middle Easterners”, in an effort to stoke racist fear and justify harsh treatment, like separating children from their families and prolonged detention.

We are outraged when our leaders refuse to condemn unequivocally White Supremacists, Neo-Nazis, and others who traffic in racist and anti-Semitic hate, instead accepting their support and doing nothing while serious crimes by these groups have increased by over 50% in the last year.

We are outraged when our leaders insult our key allies, yet befriend dictators and remain silent or deny when they murder critics, interfere in other nations’ elections, and engage in gross violations of human rights.

We are outraged when our leaders put special interests and big donors ahead of the welfare of the country. We believe this increases division and conflict in our society, reduces bipartisan cooperation, and ensures that our most serious problems, like the national debt, climate change, public health, poverty and world peace, are essentially ignored.

Finally, we are outraged when our leaders display poor character and behave unethically.

We are living in an unusual period of political chaos and acrimony. While we hope it passes, as Reform Jews committed to social justice, we cannot sit idly by. We need to continue to speak up, push back when there is wrong doing, and maintain our pursuit of Tikkun Olam. To paraphrase the Talmud: "It is not upon you to finish the work, but nor are you free to ignore it."

(Authors’ Note: Temple Sinai is proud to be a Social Action Congregation. We are planning ongoing events and advocacy. Please continue to watch Snippets for ongoing opportunities to weigh in on and participate on social justice issues.)

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**SHABBAT DINNER WITH FRIENDS**

Please join us on Friday, January 4th after the 6:00 p.m. service for our Shabbat Dinner with Friends. This month we will be featuring a primarily vegan menu plus cheese lasagna. Whether you can’t imagine eating an entirely vegan meal or you’re glad to hear we are finally serving a meal your family can eat, this dinner is for you. Come and enjoy a variety of tasty plant based dishes with your temple family. There will also be a craft project for the kids to celebrate Tu B’Shevat which starts January 20th.
Are you in your 40s or 50s? Save the date!

Who: Everyone in their 40s and 50s
When: Saturday, February 9, 2019 6:00 p.m.
Where: Temple Sinai
What: Jewish Pickling 101 with The Gefilteria

Join others in their 40s & 50s for munchies, drinks and a night learning from and with The Gefilteria owners and authors of the Gefilte Manifesto, Jeffrey Yoskowitz and Liz Alpern, to find out how the tradition of pickling, preserving, and fermenting fruits and vegetables was critical to Jewish survival. Sour pickles are so much more than a crunchy treat to eat with a pastrami sandwich. Pickled vegetables are in fact a vital—though oft-overlooked—piece of the Eastern European Jewish culinary story. Meet with friends, old and new and learn how easy — and revolutionary—it is to make a jar of pickles in your own kitchen. All participants will get hands on and take home a jar!

It WAS a Chanukah Happening!

There was much excitement in the Social Hall on Sunday, Dec. 2nd! The room was filled with 27 vendors and groups providing eager shoppers of students, families and friends with a large variety of gift possibilities. The selections included jewelry, art and gift ware, ceramics, accessories, children’s wear, hand-knitted hats and sweaters, cards, spices, baked goods, Judaica and holiday gifts, and lots of tschotchkies and small present possibilities. The Bazaar provides an opportunity for our members, friends, the Religious School and Judaica Shop to promote and sell their wares. Judy and Annie Schwartz again brought attention to the Building Minds in South Sudan initiative and provided cards and jewelry made by their citizens to promote their educational program and the building of schools. Our own school featured the sale of solar lanterns for their own families and to donate to Building Minds. These rechargeable lanterns provide necessary light for students to study in their dark huts in the evenings.

Hats off to our Mitzvah Makers! Oren and Gil Kinel earned over $700 for the Michael J. Fox Parkinson Foundation from the sale of baked goods lovingly provided by their families and friends. What an incredible effort! From the sale of homemade soaps, Sol Platt is donating $125 to the Building Minds in South Sudan initiative. A great mitzvah project for his upcoming bar mitzvah! And our own teacher and member Nancy Kraus donated half of her earnings to the Children’s Agenda. Several other of our member vendors donated some of their income back to Temple Sinai.

Many thanks to all who visited, browsed and bought – and to our vendors who provided shopping excitement. A BIG THANK YOU to our wonderful, dedicated volunteers, who help make this a fun-filled and successful annual event: Michele Austin, Arlene Cooper, Lori Friedman, Linda Rapkin, Karen Newman, Elaine Usdane, Marilyn Rosen, Shelley Cresov and to Blanche Fenster and her devoted committee for a banner sale day for our shop. A special thanks goes to our fabulous office and custodial staff, Ilan Adar, Marilyn Rosen/ Snippets, Joyce Schachter/bulletin, and Lili Schwartz/Bazaar poster.

Monika Katzel, Chair
RAIHN Needs YOU!!

Recently the Director of RAIHN (Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network) received the following text from a mom who graduated from the RAIHN program in 2016:

“I graduated August 25th and took my boards on November 6th. I am now officially a nurse and I really appreciate everything you ladies did for my daughters and me.”

To us, this illustrates that RAIHN does not just give families a warm place to sleep and three meals a day, but can help our guests change their lives and improve the future of their children.

Temple Sinai, with St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Penfield as our support congregation, has been a host congregation of RAIHN since its inception in Rochester in 2004. In those 14 years, we have provided several hundred families with food and shelter during an especially traumatic period of their lives – not having a home of their own.

What we do is a mitzvah, and we need your help. For a fairly small commitment of your time and effort, you too could make a difference in a family’s life. There are numerous ways that you can participate. We need volunteers to help serve and eat dinner with our guests, help setup and take down our class rooms as bedrooms for our guests, spend the night at temple (a much easier role than it might sound, we can all tell you from experience), prepare a part of the dinner that will be served, go shopping for the supplies that are needed or even do laundry after our guests have left.

We realize that everyone is busy, but an investment of a few hours of your time can make a major difference in someone else’s life. We host the guests for one week at a time (Sunday to Sunday), four times a year and training is provided. Many of our volunteers have brought their kids who are at least 10 years old, with them.

Our next rotation will be March 24-31 and we would love for you to be a part of it. If you have any questions about the program or would like to be added to our list of volunteers, please contact any one of us: Sue Bondy (susanbondy@yahoo.com), Hope Madonia (hrmadonia@gmail.com), Debbie Kanner (debbiekanner@gmail.com).

Beginning American Sign Language (ASL-Level 1)

January 10 - February 14 (6 weeks)
Thursdays, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Temple Sinai Youth Lounge
$36 (6 student min for class to run)
RSVP at tsinai.org “ASL Class”

Contact Susan Rizzo at post2rizzo@gmail.com with any questions.

Broaden your world by learning American Sign Language (ASL). In Beginning ASL, you will learn the basics of communicating in a manual-visual modality, including appropriate use of eye contact, space and non-manual (facial) gestures. Through a combination of direct instruction and structured language practice, you will learn lexis (vocabulary), syntax (grammar) and Deaf culture, the purpose of which will be natural communication using ASL. Level 1 topics will include:

- Introductions & Personal Information
- In the ASL Classroom
- Fingerspelling
- WH and Y/N questions
- Personal Pronouns
- Possessive Adjectives
- Linguistics
- Deaf culture

Jewish Bereavement Support Group:
Find Hope and Healing After Loss

Mondays 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.
Lipson Lounge
Louis S. Wolk JCC
of Greater Rochester
1200 Edgewood Ave, Rochester

If you have any questions, please contact
Linda Haddad
at Jewish Family Service at 461-0110
or lhaddad@jfsrochester.org
No Struggle, No Progress
A Live Theatre Event:
A Tribute to Frederick Douglass
in Celebration of the Bicentennial of his Birth

Featuring the North Star Players
Directed by David A. Shakes

2018 marks the 200th anniversary of the birth of Frederick Douglass. “No struggle, no progress” is one of the signature quotes of Douglass, who lived and worked in Rochester from 1847 to 1872. Many identify those years as some of the most treasured and dynamic years in the life of the great orator, author, and freedom fighter.

To celebrate, honor, and recognize the life and legacy of this visionary, the production “No Struggle, No Progress” will be presented by the North Star Players. The multimedia presentation includes visual images, dance, music, and the words of Frederick Douglass and fellow freedom fighters. The production will be followed by a talkback led by Dr. James H. Evans Jr., a Frederick Douglass scholar.

Sunday, January 13, 2019
2:00-3:30 p.m.
at Temple Sinai
Admission: $5.00

Sponsored by the Women’s Chavurah, The Rabbis Discretionary Funds and the Social Action Committee.

R.S.V.P to Carol Yunker at VPKelly@aol.com or 385-3910 by January 6.

Appropriate for children aged 10 and up.
Contributions

**GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUND**

*In Appreciation of*
And a warm farewell to **Dorothy Drahzal**, by Lester & Monika Katzel

*In Honor of*
The marriage of our son **Michael** to **Michael Cutright**, by Alan & Ronny Frishman
The birth of Tom and Vicki Finnefrock's new granddaughter, **Adira**, by Bruce & Ann Leonard, Joyce and Charlie Schachter, Lester & Monika Katzel

**Cantor Braun**'s Installation, by Charles & Joyce Schachter

**Gregg Herman** and **Bridget Dougherty**'s marriage, by Vicki & Tom Finnefrock

**Michael Frishman**'s marriage, by Vicki & Tom Finnefrock
The Bat Mitzvah of **Donna Lederman**, by Vicki Weinstein-Finnefrock & Thomas Finnefrock
The Bat Mitzvah of **Peggy Cherkasy**, by Vicki Weinstein-Finnefrock & Thomas Finnefrock
The Bat Mitzvah of **Carol Goldsmith**, by Vicki Weinstein-Finnefrock & Thomas Finnefrock
The Bat Mitzvah of **Ticia Valle**, by Vicki Weinstein-Finnefrock & Thomas Finnefrock

*In Memory of*
**Kenneth Cavanagh & Evelyn Greenfield**, by Kevin Cavanagh & Carla Greenfield
**Carl Kolman**, by Marcia and Eric Birken
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**George Okrent**, by Lester & Monika Katzel

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*In Honor of*
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The Bat Mitzvah of **Peggy Cherkasy**, by Linda Rapkin
**Ticia Valle**'s Bat Mitzvah, by Martha Bulger, Gabriella Nozik

**Carol & Dennis Goldsmith**’s 50th Anniversary, by Robert & Merilyn Israel

*In Memory of*
**Phyllis Stoltz**, by H. Robert & Joyce Herman
**Irma Pekurovsky**, by Khaim & Zella Berenbaum
**Wolf Feygin**, by Michael Feygin

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*In Memory of*
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**MITZVAH FUND**

*In Honor of*
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*In Memory of*
**Vivian Green**, by Larry & Amy Jacobson

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**Cantor Braun**, by Dennis & Carol Goldsmith

*In Honor of*
**Cantor Renata Braun**, by Carol & Michael Yunker

**Peggy Cherkasky** on the occasion of her Bat Mitzvah, by Mona and Mark Kolko

*In Memory of*
**Phyllis Stoltz**, by Gail & Henry Ferraioli
**Pearl and Sydney Rubin**, by The Rubin-Kwong Family

A donation has been made by the Temple Choir

**NEXT STAGE FUND**

*In Honor of*
**Carol & Dennis Goldsmith**’s 50th Anniversary, by Donna and Michael Goldberg
The birth of **Adira Elizabeth Finnefrock**, by Randi Forman & Mark Anderson

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Rabbi Katz, by Marsha Wittink and Josh Owen

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Donna Lederman’s Bat Mitzvah, by Frederick Dushay
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Carol & Dennis Goldsmith’s 50th Anniversary,
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In Memory of
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WINDOWS OF LIGHT

In Memory of
Alan Rubin, by Peggy Cherkasky

WOMEN’S CHAVURAH FUND

Donations have been made by Carol & Michael Yunker, Louis & Catherine Schneider, Victor & Joyce Poleshuck

For information about these funds, go to our website: www.tsinai.org / About Us / Contributions /

Tributes received after December 10th will be acknowledged in the February bulletin

HIGH HOLY DAYS APPEAL

I want to express my deep appreciation to you, our Temple Sinai family for your generous response to the 2018 High Holy Day Annual Appeal. Thank you for helping to build and ensure the strength of our vibrant community into the future!

Blanche Fenster

A special thanks to the following Temple members who have so generously donated to the Temple Sinai High Holy Days Appeal from November 11 through December 10...

A donation has been made by…
Adam & Jennifer Anolik
Janet Irwin & Lew Jones
Jerome & Arlene Wiesenberg
Peter & Susan Bondy
William Waddell & Linda Rubel

In memory of…
Hannah and Ben Saidel, by Leonid & Grace Wlasowicz
Sadie Rosen, by Irma Wiener
Betty & Abraham Rifkin, by Marsha Rifkin & Abigail Urban-Rifkin
Evan Cherkasky, Paul Cherkasky, George Adler, by Peggy Cherkasky

In appreciation of…
Rabbi Alan & Jan Katz for their wonderful guidance on our Italy trip, by Janet Nemetz & Van King
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Exciting Musical Events during the Month of January

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**January 18th**
6:00 p.m.
Shabbat Shira, honoring the music of Debbie Friedman and featuring Leah Sherman and Alex Reeder

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**January 25th**
The Temple Sinai Youth Band will perform at our 8:00 p.m. service. Come support our temple youth at their very first ‘engagement’!

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Save the Date

**Sinai Café**
March 9

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**Café Sinai**
Enjoy a casual, adult evening of “not your average” hors d’oeuvres, friendship, and entertainment!

March 9, 2019 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Open to members and nonmembers alike!
$7.00 per person. See the February bulletin for more information!

- finger food
- sweets
- wine, beer, soda, coffee
- music
- table games