



# January 2019 - Tevet/ Sh'Vat 5779

# Torah Portions January 2019

January 5—28 Tevet 5779

### Valeria (And I Appeared)

Exodus 6:2-9:35

G-d sends Moses & Aaron to demand freedom for Israelites. Pharaoh refuses. G-d unleashes plagues.

January 12—6 Sh'vat 5779

#### Bo (Come)

Exodus 10:1-13:16

G-d tells Moses 10th plague will be killing all first born Egyptians. Pharaoh demands Israelites leave Egypt

January 19—13 Sh'vat 5779

#### Beeschalach (When He Let Go)

Exodus 13:17-17:16

Moses leads the Israelites through the Reed Sea

January 29—20 Sh'vat5779

#### Yitro ( Jethro)

Exodus 18:1-20:23

The Israelites receive the 10 Commandments

#### **CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES**

January 4 4:39 p.m.

January 11 4:45 p.m.

January 18 4:52 p.m.

# FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES

**January 4** 5:30 p.m.

**January 11 5:30 p.m.** 

**January 18 5:30 p.m.** 

**January 25** 5:30 p.m.

**Terry & Harold Nash** 

# **SATURDAY MORNINGS**

Torah Study
Every Saturday 8:45 am
Samson Social hall

# Saturday Shabbat Services 10:00 am in the Chapel

January 5, 2019

**January 12, 2019** 

**January 19, 2019** 

January 26, 2019

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## Welcome to 2019!

Have you ever heard the quote, "The only constant is change." This quote or a variation of it is attributed to Heraclitus, a Greek philosopher who lived near modern Kusadas, Turkey around 500 BC. Temple affiliation over the past decade has changed significantly. Our Temple has to react to these changes. We have made some changes in staffing and have tried to control expenses to ensure both the short and long term viability of our Temple and its religious school. Remember, "insanity is doing the same thing over and over again, and expecting different results." We have to change and the time is now.

We ask that you help in recruiting members. Give Ann Miller, our membership chair, names of prospects to call. Don't just sit on the sidelines, get in the game. Help our Temple be all it can be. I welcome your comments. Please e-mail me at president@templesinaipd.org.

Thank you for your support. Bob Glast President



### **EXODUS- Holy Social Action**

As we begin the book of Exodus, we are reminded that the Children of Israel have entered into a new phase. Four hundred years have passed. During that time, they have gone from guests in the land of Goshen, protected by the powerful Viceroy to the Pharaoh, Joseph, to a sizable ethnic minority, generating great concern from this "….new king who knew not of Joseph." **Exodus 1:8** 

In fact, they had grown so numerous that the Pharaoh summoned his advisors and ministers to council him on the wisest plan for dealing with this growing population of Hebrew immigrants. In the end, they decided to enslave them and appoint taskmasters to embitter their lives. This process happened over many years, during which time the great cities of Pithom and Raamses were built by the now enslaved Hebrews.

Yet, despite all of these hardships, the Jewish people grew and became even stronger. So, the Pharaoh enacts an even harsher punishment. Summoning the Hebrew midwives, he orders them to kill all the Jewish newborn male children.

What is the significance of the book of Exodus opening with this very disturbing order to commit slow genocide?

The refusal to carry out the Pharaoh's orders by two Hebrew midwives sheds light on this question: "The midwives feared God and did not do what the Egyptian king had commanded. They allowed the infant boys to live. The king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why did you do this? You let the boys live." The midwives replied, "The Hebrew women are not like the Egyptians. They know how to deliver. They can give birth even before a midwife gets to them." God was good to the midwives, and the people increased and became very numerous. Because the midwives feared God, He made them houses [of their own]." Exodus 1:17–21

Who were these midwives? The language in the Torah is quite ambiguous on their origins, using the Hebrew phrase "meyaldot ivriot", translated to either "Hebrew midwives" or the "midwives of the Hebrews." All that is known are their names: Shifra and Puah.

By defying the Pharaoh, Shifra and Puah performed what in our modern times would be considered an act of civil disobedience. They showed great moral courage. This is the reason that their nationality is not obvious. This kind of heroism is not just a Jewish trait, but a human trait repeated throughout history. During the holocaust, there were countless incidences of righteous gentiles standing up for justice and putting their own lives on the line to save Jews.

# **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**

# Leslie Pepper Director of Education



All of your Religious school staff wish you a marvelous end to 2018 and a very happy start of the New Year 2019! Our school has been off on winter break and will return to regular classes beginning on Tuesday, January 8, 2019. The first Sunday students return to Sunday School will be on Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> with a special Tu B'Shevat program planned for the school. Our Hebrew Chai program will also resume on Sunday, January 13 at 11:30 am with Dr. Nesa Bland facilitating a wonderful program for our 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders. Our 10<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation class will also resume lessons on Sunday, January 13, 2019.

Please parents mark your calendar for a fun filled Paint Night our PTO is planning for Saturday, January 12, 2019, a fashionable Women of Sinai Luncheon on Tuesday, January 15 and for "Jewchella" on Saturday, January 26, 2019. These programs, while being fun and exciting-also help us support the Religious school and our Temple. All three of these events are a great way to socialize with other Temple members and meet new friends. Warmly,

Leslie





# MAZEL TOV—STEPHANIE ROSS

TEMPLE SINAI IS THRILLED TO
CONGRATULATE OUR MEMBER
STEPHANIE ROSS ON BEING HONORED
WITH THE KIPNIS-WILSON/
FRIEDLAND AWARD BY THE JEWISH
FEDERATION OF THE DESERT'S LION'S
OF JUDAH.

Since 2004, the Kipnis- Wilson/Friedland Award has honored extraordinary women who have set a high standard for philanthropy and volunteerism. The prestigious, internationally recognized award is given to Lions of Judah who have demonstrated the highest ideals of leadership and involvement. Winners are chosen by their communities as "women of valor" with a lifetime of commitment to the Jewish world. The award was established in recognition of Norma Kipnis-Wilson and Toby Friedland (z"l), co-founders of The Jewish Federation of North America's Lion of Judah program.

The award is presented to each community's chosen recipient at the International Lion of Judah Conference every 2 years. Stephanie Ross is the 7<sup>th</sup> recipient from our Jewish Federation. Barbara Platt (a former TS member) was the first from this community in 2004.



# ZIMRA SHABBAT

January 18th

Join us for a fabulous dinner at 6:45 p.m. Immediately following services at 5:30 p.m.

# RSVP BY TUESDAY, January 15th SO THAT WE HAVE A GOOD HEAD COUNT FOR THE FOOD—Thanks

Register and prepay below: \$30.00 per person

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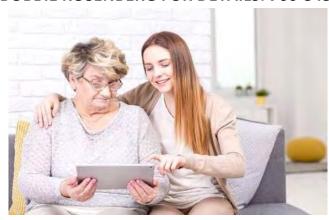
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- ☐ Learn to use your Contact or Calendar app to make your life easier.
- If you would like to increase your ability to use your phone, we have helpers.
- With INTERGENERATIONAL SHARING, you can be paired with a Temple Teen Teacher.
- Opportunities will be available by appointment on Sundays during Religious School hours.

## CALL BOBBIE ROSENBERG FOR DETAILS: 760-345-6277







# WOMEN OF SINAI by Reesa Manning

Come one, come all......to our fabulous Fashion Show on Tuesday, January 15. We are planning a delightful lunch followed by a great fashion show, with your fellow members modeling the absolutely lovely fashions from Mario's of Palm Springs. The fashions are sure to please you, the lunch is sure to please you, the camaraderie with our members and guests is sure to please you. See the flyer on page \_10\_ of this Shofar and send in your reservation (we don't want to run out of food). Invite your friends too.

Also in January, we will participate in Shabbat services on Friday the 25th as we host a "Celebration of Women". Please join us at this special service. Let's pack the house!

And don't forget our "Pirkei Imahot" discussion session. In January, we will meet on Wednesday the 9th at 6:00 pm.

Did you know that our Rabbi Avi Levine Religious School is the only religious school for our youth in the Coachella Valley? To perpetuate Judaism, we must educate our youth. That is why Women of Sinai do as much fundraising as we can.....we help to support our religious school. So far this school year, we have donated \$5,000 to the religious school! Please participate with us in raising the much needed funds to be able to keep tuition affordable and to provide some of the extras that our youth enjoy.

Membership is our biggest fundraiser. If you haven't joined Women of Sinai yet, please do so. Send your check for \$36 payable to Women of Sinai to the Temple office. We thank you, the kids thank you.

I and my Board send best wishes to all for a happy and healthy new year.

B'Shalom.



# Fashion Show, Luncheon and Raffle

# Tuesday, January 15 12:00—1:30 pm Temple Sinai

Featuring Mario's unique designs for women of all ages and sizes



Reservations and payment due by Tuesday, January 8 to Women of Sinai, 73251 Hovley Lane West, Palm Desert, CA 92260, 760-568-9699.

Cost: \$25 for dues paying and honorary members of Women of Sinai, \$30 for all others.

Join Women of Sinai for \$36 for regular membership or \$72 for silver membership. Contact Marcia Stein, marcia1130@gmail.com.

Name	
Email:	Phone:
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1/2	Alicia Rodriquez
1/4	Alex Cassuto Olivia Marx
1/8	Hannah Solomon
1/9	Ann Loeb Clarice Lubel
1/10	Joan Grossman
1/14	Gail Jacobs
1/16	Nancy Pierce Sandra Snodgrass
1/17	Lloyd Miller
1/18	David Greenberg
1/19	Rachel Calvo Jeffrey Feder Herbert Pregozen
1/20	Sandy Schachter
1/21	Bernice Flamenbaum Laurie Greenberg Susan Kross Sheldon Rosenberg Diane Simon Evelyn Simon
1/24	Robert Bernheimer Robert Rose
1/25	Marc Block
1/26	Nona Solowitz
1/27	Sharon Kalkoske
1/28	Stephen Ezer
1/29	Evelyn Alden Paula Klein Andra Ready

# ANNIVERSARIES 1/1 Robert & Joanna Brent Robert & Carole Adelstein 1/9 1/10 Melvin & Debra Cohen Donald & Gloria Vann 1/11 Sherman & Sydelle Kramer 1/14 Gabriel & Clarice Lubel 1/16 Michael & Lori Sanford 1/17 William & Nancy Ferstenfeld David & Karen Strauss 1/23 David & Evelyn Simon 1/27



# **GENEROUS DONATIONS**

# General Fund

### Tzedakah

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## Yahrzeit

Esther Mark

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By: Jack Olshansky

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By: Shirley Greenwall

#### Memorial

Ivan Zwelling By: Sue Hogan

# In Honor of the Wedding of Richard Siegle and Joan Lachkar

By: Neil and Betty Colt

In Honor of Rena Magged's

Birthday

By: Reesa Manning

# In Honor of Jack and Mitzie Olshansky's Anniversary

By: Sue and Barry Brucker

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#### Yahrzeit

Mary Barnhard By: Betty Feinberg George Schechtman By: Marilyn Schechtman

Ted Levy By: Lolly Levy

# Rabbi Avi Levine Religious School

#### Memorial

Ivan Zwelling By: Fred Fabricant

### Yahrzeit

Salim Makabeh

By: Beatrice Eslamboly Rabbi Scott Corngold

By: Carole and Jerry Corngold

## **Doroshow Education Fund**

## Yahrzeit

Eva Doroshow

By: Mark and Fran Kaufman

# ARAVA TALVE MELAMEDET



This year's confirmation class are learning about the *middot*. These are values or attributes the rabbis identified students as important not only to think about but to work on individually. The idea is that as human beings we strive to find balance... and fo-cusing on the *middot* will help us understand our own shortcomings and strengths and ultimately know ourselves better. Recently we focused on *emet*, truth. Some of the questions we addressed included: Is omitting facts/details lying? Is lying to achieve a higher purpose for a community ok? How do you know what the truth is, is it your best educated guess? What happens when different cultures claim different truths? Does there have to be one truth? The question that the teens wrote about was: **How do you balance telling the truth with keeping the peace? Here are two responses.** 

"In many ways it is difficult for me to find common ground or a happy medium in order to make everyone happy. There is no way to please everybody. Sometimes the best outcome will be to go with the majority. However, sometimes the minor-ity has a point. That's why listening to each other is important. For me, the ac-tion that triggers speaking up is when someone is not being respected. I believe equality should be our goal. When I choose to speak up I am always thinking about the people that don't have a voice. I get angry and annoyed when others don't get that we are all the same. Tolerating inequality is wrong. It's a choice. Understanding we are the same is a path to peace." *Marti Long* 

"In my house if I don't agree with something I will usually speak up. I'm not sure why but it seems there are more disagreements in the world outside my home. I think what motivates me to speak up is the amount of minds that are open to change and hear a new point of view. It's easier for me to speak my truth if I care about and know the people in the room. I would rely on others to support me and help me make my point. It's true that at times it's hard to be the one to speak up and tell the truth. However, when you stand up for yourself, you stand up for many and you can create positive change." *Seth Curtin*.

Please save the date and join us for our Confirmation service on erev Shabbat June 1st. Our Confirmands will lead services and share their ideas on what it means to be a Jewish young adult in the 21st century. This is a Shabbat you won't want to miss!

# **PIRKEI IMAHOT**

We hope you will join us for our next IMAHOT gathering on Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the chapel when our focus will be, Pursuing Justice.

We will reflect on the teachings of Ben Zoma to explore the questions; In your experience: Who is wise? Who is mighty? Who is rich? And, who is honored? (Page 56)

We will also explore Rabbi Shimon's saying on "The crown of good name." What kind of qualities does a person need to have to own a Crown of a good name? How do we acquire these qualities? (Page 70)

We continue the journey in the secular new year sharing stories that help us understand our identity as Jewish women. How do we show compassion, support and respect for each other during times it is difficult to find what is true? How do we do the work when it seems that every week there is another reason to cry? How do we move forward and make an impact in our little corner of the world?

We need your voice to find modern day meaning of ancient teachings from our tradition.

Bring a friend! Drop ins \$10

If you are interested in learning some Israeli Folk dance in January and February, call the office and let us know. There will be a wonderful teacher in the valley this winter, and she has offered to teach here at Temple Sinai. Days and times will be determined by your response. The cost will be \$5 per lesson. All levels and ages are welcome. Just let me know if you have an interest.



DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR 2019 Mah Jongg card(s). Contact: Picce Glast 432-413-1011 or pglast@gmail.com for more information.

# PRESENTED BY TEMPLE SINAI BROTHERHOOD

A fabulous weekend

Jerry's 2nd Bar Mitzvah on Saturday with Kiddush to follow ABOVE THE DROWNING SEA Showing on Sunday



# **TEMPLE SINAI**

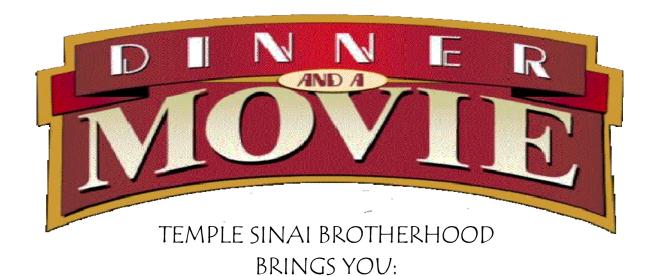
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# JACKIE LEANEY Director Tikva Preschool



There were not very many days in December, but we made the most of each one. We are happy to have our grass area back after being reseeded so now we can run, run, run! We have played Frisbee, and Tag, dug in our sandbox, and have been using our Judaic area to learn more about Hanukkah. Each classroom had a Mensch that hid in the rooms to catch the children doing kind things for each other. It was Standing room only for our Hanukkah Performance and Pot Luck Dinner. Each class did an amazing job with their songs and dances. Sorry no still pictures are available but there is a really cute video that should be running at the Temple. Only in the desert can children "make snow" to play with in a water table. It was so exciting to watch it expand. It feels like real snow and lasts a lot longer.









# BEGINNING IN JANUARY, 2019, FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES WILL BE HELD AT 5:30 P.M.

# FOR ZIMRA SHABBAT, WE HOPE TO HAVE DINNER AFTER SER-VICES—

POSSIBLY AT A LOCAL RESTAURANT. STAY TUNED; WE'LL KEEP YOU POSTED.

# Event Calendar—January 2019

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30	31	New Year's Day No Religious School Temple Office Closed Tikvah Preschool Closed	Tikvah Preschool Closed 12:00 PM Lunch & 21st Century Judaism 1:00 PM Adult B'Nai Mitzvah Class 4:00 PM Mah Jongg 6:00 PM Pirkei Imahot	Tikvah Preschool Closed 1:00 PM Mah Jongg	Tikvah Preschool Closed 5:30 PM Shabbat Services	8:45 AM Torah Study 10:00 AM Shabbat Services
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