

TEMPLE SINAI  
ABE & ERNA BOCHNER JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

# SHOFAR

November 2019

Cheshvan-Kislev 5780

## Torah Portions November 2019

November 2 — 4 Cheshvan

### **Noach (Noah)**

Genesis 6:9—11:32

G-d punishes the wicked in the world by causing a giant flood. G-d saves Noah and his family. We are introduced to Abram and his wife Sarai.

November 9 — 11 Cheshvan

### **Lech Lecha (Go Forth)**

Genesis 12:1—17:27

G-d promises to make Abram's descendants a great nation, and changes his name to Abraham. Abraham has a child with Hagar, and G-d promises Abraham's wife Sarah that she will have a child.

November 16—18 Cheshvan

### **Vayera (And He Appeared)**

Genesis 18:1—22:24

The elderly Sarah gives birth to Isaac. Abraham tries to convince G-d not to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah. G-d tells Abraham to sacrifice Isaac.

November 23—25 Cheshvan

### **Chayei Sarah (The Life of Sarah)**

Sarah dies at the age of 127. Abraham sends his servant to find a wife for Isaac, and he meets Rebecca at a well. Abraham marries Keturah, has 6 more sons and dies at 175.

November 30—2 Kislev

### **Toldot (Generations)**

Isaac and Rebecca have twin sons. When Isaac is old and blind, Jacob tricks his father into giving him the firstborn blessing.

## **FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES**

November 1 5:30 PM

November 8 5:30 PM

November 15 5:30 PM

November 22 5:30 PM

November 29 5:30 PM

Nash Sanctuary

## SATURDAY MORNINGS

### Torah Study

Every Saturday 8:45 am

Samson Social Hall

## Saturday Shabbat Services

10:00 am in the Chapel

November 2

November 9

November 16

November 23

November 30

## Temple Leadership

Bob Glast	President
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Gary Kreger	Brotherhood
Lily Mazet	Parent Teacher Organization
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Picce & Bob Glast  
 Vernon Kozlen  
 Mitzie & Jack Olshansky

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Leslie & Joel Hirschberg  
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 Ann & Glynne Miller  
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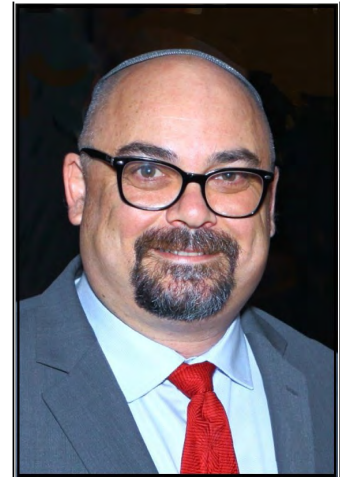
### **Single Patron**

Janet Ball  
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## The Human Factor

Why are we here? This question has baffled humans since the beginning of time. We grapple with it as we grow and educate ourselves, finding expression through music, literature, philosophy and politics, science and religion. As we read about the six days of creation, this question is answered by God's command to create humankind.

"Let us make humankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." (Genesis 1:26)



Rabbi Andrew  
Bentley

In these words, we find the blueprint for human purpose, as well as two critical obligations we have to ourselves and the planet we inhabit. Our creation is preceded with the words, "let us make humankind in our image." This idea that every human being was created in the image of God is a metaphor for the idea that we are born free.

Since God has no form and exists outside of time and space, the act of creation is an example of free will. No one person has the right to suppress or have control over another. This is what Thomas Jefferson meant when he said "...all men are created equal [and] are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights..."

Furthermore, the words, "rule over the fish in the sea, and the birds in the sky...and over all the creatures that move along the ground..." implies that we also have a collective responsibility to preserve and protect all life on this planet.

Leading this charge has defined modern western civilization. Our collective purpose is to respect the rights and equality of all individuals, as well as preserve the planet we share with all of creation.

*Rabbi Andrew Bentley*

## President's Message

By now you have heard that Rabbi Bentley will be leaving his position as Rabbi of Temple Sinai. I am in the process of appointing the Rabbinical search committee per the 2017 By-Laws of Temple Sinai. Fred Fabricant, as Ritual Chair will chair the committee.

I want to express my thoughts for Rabbi Bentley and his family:



Bob Glast, President

**May you be poor in misfortune, rich in blessings, slow to make enemies and quick to make friends. But rich or poor, quick or slow, may you and your family know nothing but happiness from this day forward.**

Special events coming up include:

**Thursday, November 7, at 9:00 AM** Women of Sinai invite women and men to brunch with our own Rabbi Andrew Bentley as speaker.

**Thursday, November 14, 2019 at 5:30.** Brotherhood is having Dinner and a Speaker night. The speaker will talk about his father who is the central character in the book, **Beneath A Scarlet Sky**, set in 1943 Italy. Support Brotherhood. Come see this presentation.

**David Syme**, is returning for a piano concert on **Monday, November 18th.**

VIP reception at 6:15 (Tickets \$100 per person) and general admission (\$50 per person) with the performance at 7:00 PM. This show was by far the biggest fundraiser for Temple Sinai last year. Join us to do that again this year.

Don't forget to check out our website: [templesinaipd.org](http://templesinaipd.org)

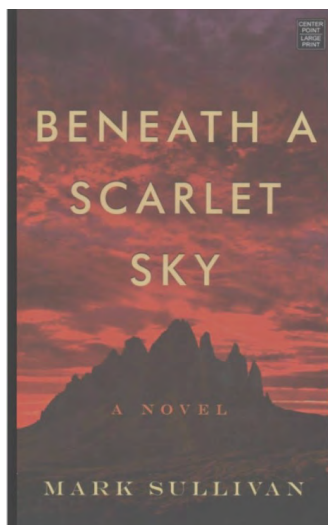
Thanks for your support

Bob Glast, President

**Temple Sinai Brotherhood and The Tolerance Education Center Present:**

**Speaker Michael Lella**  
Introducing  
**Beneath a Scarlet Sky**

**Michael Lella will be speaking about his father Pino's heroic acts in the last two years of WW II in Italy. In this fictionalized account of Pino's quest, written by Mark Sullivan, we learn of his escorting Jews over the mountains to Switzerland, and later, gathering intelligence for the Resistance. (Book is available on Amazon.com)**



**Thursday, November 14, in the Nash Sanctuary**

**Beginning With Deli Dinner from Sherman's Deli at 5:30 PM**

**\$15.00 members \$20.00 non-members**

Name(s)\_\_\_\_\_

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TEMPLE SINAI PROUDLY PRESENTS

# David Syme

*Internationally Renowned Concert Pianist*

Monday, November 18, 2019

Concert 7 pm

Temple Sinai

73251 Hovley Ln W, Palm Desert, CA 92260

**VIP Tickets:** \$100 per person

*Includes reserved seating in special section,  
pre-concert wine & cheese reception at  
6:15 pm with the artist and a complimentary CD*

**General Admission:** \$50 per person

*Parties of 10 or more paid with one check  
\$45 per person or parties of 20 or more paid  
with one check \$40 per person*

**For Reservations or Information**

Contact Temple Sinai at 760-568-9699 or [Patricia@patriciagreen.com](mailto:Patricia@patriciagreen.com)

**Thank you**

*in advance for your charitable contribution to Temple Sinai!*



Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of VIP tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$100.00 Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of General Admission Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$50.00 Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Party of 10 or more number of tickets: X \$45.00 \_\_\_\_\_

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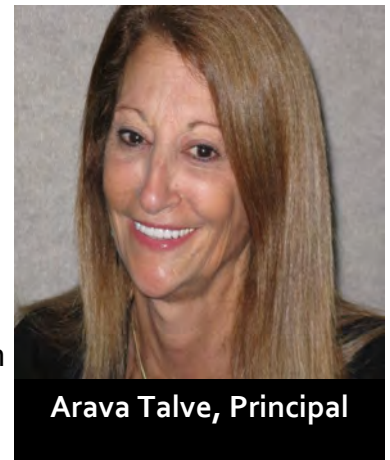
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## Principal's Message

When I first came to Temple Sinai eleven years ago, I was thrilled to begin a Madrichim (student helper) program with our post-b'nai mitzvah students.

"Madrich" (m) or "Madricha" (f) means "Leader/Guide". Madrichim (plural form) support our Religious School by serving as teaching assistants in the classroom or working in other school capacities. Our Madrichim program offers 8th -12th grade teens the opportunity to develop communication and leadership skills, to increase self-confidence, express Jewish values, and learn practical teaching skills by assisting teachers in the classroom.



At Temple Sinai, we expect our madrichim to:

- ☆Be positive role models for the students and serve as mentors.
- ☆Assist teachers with materials preparation, record keeping, and tzedakah collection
- ☆Participate and encourage student participation during music, library program and T'fillah.
- ☆Involve students in the lesson and help keep individual students on task

First year teens volunteer and receive community service credit. Madrichim who have volunteered at least one year and received positive teacher recommendations can begin getting paid beginning in 9th grade. Through a Federation grant, Temple Sinai is able to offer our teens their first job.

Through this experience, the hope is that our teens gain the skills needed to eventually teach a lesson, develop a program, or plan an event for the school.

This year we have 11 teens in our Madrichim program. The belief is that the more opportunities teens have to determine their own level of participation and express who they are as Jewish leaders, the stronger the *madrichim* program – and the community as a whole – will be. They are the next generation of Jewish leaders. By, supporting their learning and teaching, we will always go from strength to strength.

Arava



The entire Torah was unscrolled for Simchat Torah. Rabbi Bentley then went around the room telling the story of the portion that people were holding.



Students enjoy their snack in the sukkah

We're waiting to hold up the Torah!





## **SAVE THE DATE**

***Saturday, December 14, 2019 10:00 AM***

### **Help us celebrate our B'not Mitzvah**

Jessica Davidson

Linda Jacobs

Nancy Pierce

Stephanie Ross

In lieu of gifts, please fund the wish list for the Rabbi Avi Levine Religious School. Any size donation is appreciated.



## **Hands-On Hebrew Letters!** with Dr. Nesa Bland, Scribe

This February miniseries explores Jewish lore and mythology in Hebrew letters.

Take-home projects at each class.

Feb 9, 16, 23, 2020 (Sundays)

\$54.00 for all

10:00–11:30 AM in the Cruvant Library



## MITZVAH MATTERS by Gail Jacobs

### Food Delivery Project

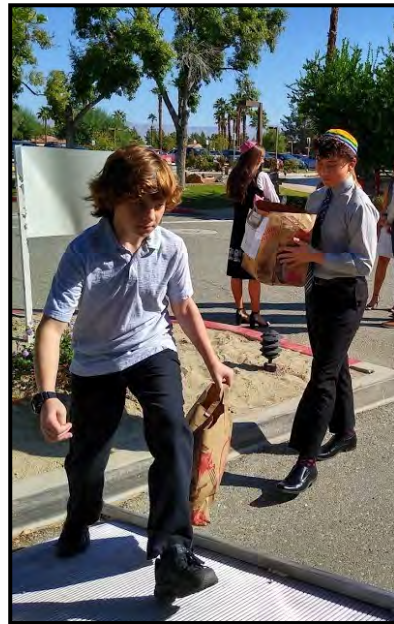
This year we did a really good job on the HIGH HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE. We collected **2024 pounds** of nonperishable food!!

In fact, FIND said, “EXCELLENT!! SUPER!!”

I want to take this time for a very special “Thank You!” to a very special guy. Marvin Paul has just retired from the Food Bank after 10 years of dedicated work. Marv has been the backbone of the packing and delivering arm of our project. Every Tuesday morning at 7:00 AM, he and his crew of volunteers select, pack, load and deliver 150 bags filled with nonperishable groceries, produce and bread.

He will be missed!! THANKS A MILLION MARV!!

*May the Joy of Mitzvah spread its goodness everywhere.*



Thanks to the Temple  
Sinai teens and  
maintenance crew for all  
their hard work in  
collecting and organizing  
the donations!

# Come Join our Shabbat Morning Play Group!

## ATTENTION PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS OF CHILDREN AGES 0-5

Join us one Saturday morning every month ❖ Meet other parents ❖ Stories, play, and crafts for the children!

Next meeting is Saturday, November 16

Meet at 9:30 AM in the Foyer



Suggested \$5.00 donation for non temple members

Please RSVP to Marjorie Lander





Nancy Singer, President  
Women of Sinai



Join with old (oops.....longtime) friends and new friends on **Thursday morning, November 7 for a brunch**, for conversation, and to hear Rabbi Bentley discuss with us the impact that the elections in Israel have on us in the US. Registration will open at 9:00, brunch and our program will begin at 9:30, and we'll adjourn no later than 11:00.....so you'll still have plenty of time for whatever else you want to do that day. We do request that you make a reservation so we can have enough but not too much food. Please see the flyer elsewhere in this Shofar and send in the tear-off with your payment or call the Temple office to charge your payment. We are trying to minimize "pay at the door" reservations because they don't help us with planning food. So please pre-pay.

On **Monday, December 2**, come learn how to participate in **Tai Chi** and enjoy a lovely salad buffet luncheon. As always, we do request advance reservations so we can order the right amount of food.

Dues payments continue to trickle in. If you haven't sent your Women of Sinai dues for this fiscal year yet, please do so as soon as you can. For membership information, please feel free to call me at 760-345-7647. Remember that your dues go towards our support of the Rabbi Avi Levine Religious School.

We're still wanting your recipes for a cookbook so send those to [nancyshorr@gmail.com](mailto:nancyshorr@gmail.com). Thanks.

Looking forward to seeing you soon.....

**Introduction to Tai Chi with  
Women of Sinai  
Monday, December 2  
11:00 AM—1:00 PM  
Check your email for the flyer**







# Women of Sinai Invite Women and Men to Brunch



Featuring a Thought-Provoking Presentation by

**Rabbi Andrew Bentley**

**“How Israel’s Election Affects Us”**



## Program:

- 9:00 AM Registration Begins
- 9:30 AM Brunch of bagels, lox spread, fruits and vegetable frittata
- 10:00 AM How Israel’s Election Affect Us followed by Q&A
- 11:00 AM Adjourn

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 9:00 AM**

November program reservation deadline is **Tuesday, November 5**. Cost is \$30.00 for dues-paying and complimentary members of Women of Sinai, and \$35.00 for all others. A portion of your payment supports Temple Sinai’s Rabbi Avi Levine Religious School.

Make checks payable to Women of Sinai, 73251 Hovley Lane West, Palm Desert, CA 92260 or call the temple at 760-568-9699.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Vegetarian Entrees (substitute cream cheese for lox spread )

Please list names of your guests on the back of this sheet.

# **Not Your Mother's Cookbook**

Calling All Cooks — And Non-Cooks Alike!

**The Women of Sinai are putting together a thoroughly  
modern cookbook!**



Too hot to cook?

Gone gluten-free?

Loving your spiralizer / instant pot / air fryer?

Watching your salt / cholesterol / sugar intake?

Done with cooking for life?

**Send us your recipes and tips for surviving the modern  
world of food and cooking!**

NancyShorr@gmail.com

Please send your entries ASAP  
so that the book can go to print  
in time for Hanukkah gifts.



No need to be a member to  
submit a recipe. The usual  
caveats about non-kosher  
stuff apply.

Call Nancy Shorr at  
818-481-6486 if you have  
questions.

## GENEROUS DONATIONS

### GENERAL FUND

#### Yahrzeit

Eleanore C Fineman  
By: Michael and Lori Fineman  
Frances Katz  
Vic Caudill  
By: Ron and Marlene Caudill  
Rose Anzel  
By: Stephanie and Marvin Anzel

#### Thank You

For appreciation to attending Yom Kippur services in reciprocation for our membership at Peninsula Temple Beth El in San Mateo CA  
By: Michael and Lori Fineman

#### In Honor Of

Lolly Levy  
By: Nancy and Larry Levin  
Picce and Bob Glast  
By: Shirley and Ben Eisler

#### Tzedakah

Judith Feinberg  
Judith, Julian and Miriam Stahl

#### Memorial

Barry Pidgeon  
Beatrice Cowle  
By: Marion Cowle  
Paula Allan  
By: Carole and Robert Adelstein  
Jim Stets, brother of Ellen Sachs  
By: Marti and Bob Sachs

### CRUVANT LIBRARY FUND

#### In Honor Of

Fran Lubens' birthday  
By: Leah and Norm Schweitzer

### Rabbi Avi Levine Religious School

#### Yahrzeit

Rita Himmelstein  
By: Jack Olshansky

### RABBI DISCRETIONARY FUND

#### Tzedakah

Ivan and Syril Berger  
Trudy Adler Taub

#### Thank You

For the honor of sitting on the Bimah for Rosh Hashanah and for lovely High Holy Day services  
By: Ann Miller

#### Yahrzeit

Marv Weiss  
By: Patricia Weiss

#### Memorial

Milton Weiss  
By: Joseph Weiss

### MITZVAH FOOD BANK FUND

#### Thank You

Gail and Saul Jacobs, for our Shabbat morning aliyah  
By: Stephanie and Paul Ross

#### Yahrzeit

Sylvia Ball  
By: Janet Ball  
Rose Corngold  
By: Carole and Jerry Corngold

#### Memorial

Fani Weiss  
By: Joseph Weiss

#### Tzedakah

Eric Allan  
Gary M. Levin  
Alicia and Rubin Rodriguez  
Jerome and Hannah Solomon  
Itamar Zac  
Fred Fabricant  
P. Anthony Garlock  
Sherrie P Siegel  
Carole and Jerome Corngold  
Elaine D Kravitz  
Clarice and Gabe Lubel

# **TODAY'S ISSUES THROUGH THE LENS OF** **JEWISH ETHICS**

With

**Rabbi Andrew Bentley**

**Wednesdays at 12:00 beginning Nov. 6**

**BRING YOUR LUNCH**

**Free to Members**

**\$72 for Non-members**

## **TEN PATHS TO GOD**

With

**Rabbi Andrew Bentley**

**Guiding Jews to meaningful answers to life's  
fundamental questions—Based on the teachings  
of Rabbi Jonathan Sacks.**

**Tuesdays at 1:00 PM, beginning November 5**

**Free to Members**

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# Learn Conversational Hebrew



Tuesday Afternoons, 1—2 PM, beginning October 22

\$36.00 Members—\$72.00 Non-Members

Registration Required

## Adult B'nai Mitzvah

A two-year group study program for those who have not had the opportunity to have a bar or bat mitzvah.

Wednesdays at 1:15, beginning in October

\$360.00

Over 2 years



## Introduction to Judaism

For anyone interested in exploring Jewish life.

Two Tuesdays per month beginning October 22

12:00 PM in the chapel

Cost to members is free

Non-members \$72.00



## **Birthdays**

11/4 Stephen Dyer  
11/5 Fred Fern  
Susan Jaskan  
11/7 Ethel Cooperman  
Melanie Haber-Weiss  
11/9 Brenda Berman  
11/10 Marv Paul  
11/11 Ruth Fiden  
Nancy Foster  
11/13 Jacqueline Drucker  
Graham Paul  
11/14 Joel Kocen  
11/17 Susan Fisher  
Jordan Ofseyer  
11/19 Susan Kassel  
Vernon Kozlen  
Rosa Weinstein  
11/23 Bernard Reiter  
Arnold Simon  
Esther Sirinsky  
11/24 Betty Colt  
11/27 Adrienne Hirschfeld  
Diane Weiss  
11/29 Kit Narodick  
11/30 Sanford Kaplan  
Marcia Stein

## **Anniversaries**

11/2 James & Jessica Greene  
11/3 Jason & Diane Novack  
11/5 Gregory & Susan Kassel  
11/6 Ron & Brenda Katz  
11/8 David & Laurie Greenberg  
11/10 Lawrence & Barbara Rosenberg  
11/13 Morris & Ruth Beschloss  
11/14 Harold & Lee Weinstein  
11/15 Jeffrey & Terry Blitz  
11/18 Todd & Amy Lond  
11/19 Graham & Nancy Paul  
Lee Newman & Terrie Turner  
11/28 Stanley & Susan Horowitz  
11/29 Michael & Clara Horne  
Jack & Mitzie Olshansky



NOVEMBER 2019 • CHESHVAN/KISLEV 5780						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Cheshvan 3 10:00a Desert Cities Bridge 5:30p Shabbat Service 5:30p Candle Lighting	2 Cheshvan 4 8:45a Torah Study 10:00a Shabbat Service 11:00a Desert Cities Bridge
3 Cheshvan 5 9:30a Religious School	4 Cheshvan 6 <u>Office Closed</u> 1:00p Desert Cities Bridge	5 Cheshvan 7 11:00a Desert Cities Bridge 1:00p 10 Paths to God 4:00p Religious School	6 Cheshvan 8 4:00p Mah Jongg	7 Cheshvan 9 9:00a Women of Sinai Brunch 11:00a Desert Cities Bridge 1:00p Advanced Mah Jongg	8 Cheshvan 10 10:00a Desert Cities Bridge 4:29p Candle Lighting 5:30p Shabbat Service	9 Cheshvan 11 8:45a Torah Study 10:00a Shabbat Service 10:00a Bat Mitzvah Coco Mazet
10 Cheshvan 12 9:30a No Religious School	11 Cheshvan 13 <u>Office Closed</u> 1:00p Desert Cities Bridge	12 Cheshvan 14 11:00a Desert Cities Bridge 4:00p Religious School	13 Cheshvan 15 4:00p Mah Jongg	14 Cheshvan 16 11:00a Desert Cities Bridge 1:00p Advanced Mah Jongg 5:30p Beneath The Scarlet Sky	15 Cheshvan 17 10:00a Desert Cities Bridge 4:25p Candle Lighting 5:30p Shabbat Service	16 Cheshvan 18 8:45a Torah Study 10:00a Shabbat Service 11:00a Desert Cities Bridge
17 Cheshvan 19 9:30a Religious School	18 Cheshvan 20 <u>Office Closed</u> 1:00p Desert Cities Bridge 8:00p DAVID SYME CONCERT	19 Cheshvan 21 11:00a Desert Cities Bridge 4:00p Religious School	20 Cheshvan 22 4:00p Mah Jongg	21 Cheshvan 23 11:00a Desert Cities Bridge 1:00p Advanced Mah Jongg	22 Cheshvan 24 10:00a Desert Cities Bridge 4:21p Candle Lighting 5:30p Shabbat Service	23 Cheshvan 25 8:45a Torah Study 10:00a Shabbat Service 11:00a Desert Cities Bridge
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The Yiddish group will  
begin to meet again on  
Tuesday, December 3,  
at 10:00 AM



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