



SHOFAR

October 2019

Tishrei-Cheshvan 5780

Torah Portions October 2019

October 5—6 Tishrei

Vayeilech (And He Went)

Deuteronomy 31:1—31:30

Moses concludes his speech to the Israelites, blesses Joshua, and instructs the community to read publicly from the Torah every seven years. G-d predicts the eventual straying of the Israelites.

October 12— 13 Tishrei

Ha'Azinu (Listen)

Deuteronomy 32:1—32:52

Moses recites a song to the Children of Israel that serves as testimony of their covenant with G-d. G-d tells Moses to head up Mount Nebo to find his final resting place.

October 19—20 Tishrei

Exodus 33:12—34:26

The Torah sets forth the thirteen attributes of G-d, among them that G-d is compassionate, gracious, slow to anger and abounding in kindness. By emulating these very attributes, we create the goodness which allows us to know G-d.

October 26—27 Tishrei

Bereshit (In the Beginning)

G-d creates the world. After Adam and Eve eat the forbidden fruit, they are banished from the Garden of Eden. Later Cain kills Abel. Then G-d considers destroying all of Creation.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES

October 4 5:30 PM

October 11 5:30 PM

October 18 5:30 PM

October 25 5:30 PM

Samson Social Hall

SATURDAY MORNINGS

Torah Study

Every Saturday 8:45 am

Samson Social Hall

Saturday Shabbat Services

10:00 am in the Chapel

October 5

October 12

October 19

October 26

Please see page 14 for schedule of
Yom Kippur services

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President's Message

As we prepare for the High Holy Days this year, I am posing the question: "What's Your Why?" Why are you proud to be a Jew or part of a Jewish community? What does it mean to live a Jewish life? All of us have the power of choice, yet we choose to identify and live as Jews. So why are we proud to be Jewish?



Bob Glast, President

The dictionary defines "pride" as "a feeling or deep pleasure or satisfaction from one's own achievements, the achievements of those with whom one is closely associated, or from qualities or possessions that are widely admired." What is it that delights you about being Jewish? Think about it for a moment (or two).

Our major theme this year is education. This covers educating children at the Rabbi Avi Levine Religious School under the leadership of Arava Talve, and includes adult education with classes taught by Rabbi Andrew Bentley, Arava Talve, and Nesa Bland.

Temple Sinai and our members are proud to offer the only full service temple in the Coachella Valley. Our Rabbi Avi Levine Religious School leads the way in meeting our obligation to educate the next generation of Jewish children. As Rabbi Andrew Bentley says, "You may be too young to be a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, but you are never too old." December 14, 2019 is a perfect example, as four lovely ladies have their b'nai mitzvah. A wonderful celebration.

L'shana Tova

May you all be inscribed in the book of life.

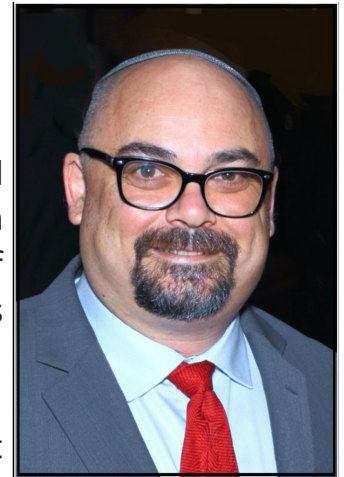
Bob Glast, President



Ki Tavo - What's in a Number?

What's with the number forty and Judaism? The children of Israel wandered in the wilderness for forty years. The twelve spies, whom Moses sent to check out the Land Of Israel, went out for forty days. Of course, the most famous is Moses spending forty days and forty nights on Mt. Sinai.

“And Moses called to all Israel and said to them. You have seen all that God has done before your eyes in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and all his land. The great trials that your eyes have seen, those great signs and wonders. Yet God has not given you a heart to know and eyes to see and ears to hear, until this day.” Deuteronomy 29:1-3



Rabbi Andrew
Bentley

This beautiful passage from the Torah is also used in the Ethics of our Fathers as the source for the statement that we do not achieve true understanding of the world until we reach forty. Of course, this seems like quite a generalization. We are all built differently, and mature emotionally and intellectually based on individual life experience. Forty, for most human beings, however, is a milestone. Our bodies begin to remind us of our mortality, and we have had life experience that, hopefully, has led us to make wiser decisions.

This idea of God, after forty, giving us a “heart to know, eyes to see and ears to hear” is one of spiritual understanding; a realization that life is about the long game. From the moment we are born, we slowly awaken and our eyes gradually put the world into focus; first through our interactions with our families, then our peers at school and eventually into the workforce. Ultimately, our lives become a complex system of relationships that stretch from birth into the future. Our past relationships affect our present; our present relationships affect our future.

This is true for us as individuals and as a community. Upon entering the land of Israel after forty years wandering in the desert, the Jewish people were told to bring their first fruits to the temple. This can be seen as a metaphor for social responsibility within our community. It is wonderful to see this embodied in our Temple Sinai community. With our partnerships with the FIND food bank to feed the those in need, our great team of volunteers spans all age groups and moves our community forward so that our hearts know, our eyes see and our ears hear, that we are traveling together on this great journey called life.

L'Shanah Tovah,

Rabbi Andrew Bentley

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

TODA RABA to our wonderful PTO and the Presser family for the amazing breakfast we all enjoyed on our first Sunday of Beit Sefer. The students were escorted to their classrooms by their parents and teachers to see all the work that was done over the summer to update their learning environment. If you haven't seen the classrooms yet, please come by. I'd be thrilled to give you a tour. Many thanks to Toni and Tom for making sure everything was ready!



Arava Talve, Principal



On Sunday, October 13th after our opening, there will be a short informational meeting for all 3rd to 7th grade parents and children about our Shabbaton scheduled for January 24th through 26th. This is a religious school retreat at camp Alonim in Simi Valley. It's a wonderful opportunity for our students to experience a camp-style Shabbat with three other congregations. Shabbat under the stars, singing, arts and crafts, Judaic programming, making new friends, and enjoying the great outdoors will be among the highlights. The children will leave from Temple Sinai on a bus with a chaperone in time to arrive for the beginning of the weekend at 5:30 PM on Friday. (We'll announce the bus departure time as the event gets nearer.) The students will return at approximately 2:30 PM on Sunday. Please make every effort to attend the meeting where we will give you all the details!

Many thanks to our teens for their upcoming help loading the trucks with the bags of donated food on Yom Kippur and for helping to hand out Siddurim. Our teens are also volunteering with the Children's High Holy Day experience (5 to 10 year olds) that will be led by Marjorie Lander, our 5/6th grade teacher. Please help us with planning by calling the Temple office to get your child's name on the list.

Our confirmation class will be decorating our Temple President's golf cart for the Palm Desert Golf Cart Parade, which takes place on Sunday, October 27th at 1 PM. The teens will be walking behind the cart so please show your support by being present and cheering them on as they pass by on El Paseo.

Finally, please join us for our intergenerational celebrations of Sukkot and Simchat Torah,

Sunday, October 13th at 11 AM in the sukkah, and **Sunday, October 20th** at 11:00 AM in the sanctuary. We'll need your help unscrolling the Torah as we celebrate the unending circle of our Torah story!

L'Shalom,

Arava

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.



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

Thank you

in advance for your charitable contribution to Temple Sinai!



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



TODAY'S ISSUES THROUGH THE LENS OF JEWISH ETHICS

With

Rabbi Andrew Bentley

Wednesdays at 12:00

BRING YOUR LUNCH

Free to Members

\$72 for Non-members



TEN PATHS TO GOD

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

Tuesdays at 1:00 PM

Free to Members

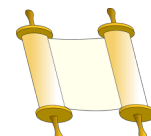
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TORAH STUDY WITH RABBI BENTLEY

Experience the cycle of Torah every Shabbat morning with our resident Torah Scholar.

Every Shabbat morning at 8:45 in "the cave".





**BRING A PIECE OF FRUIT FOR THE
COMMUNITY FRUIT SALAD!**

Please join the Rabbi Avi
Levine Religious School in
celebrating **Sukkot** in Temple
Sinai's sukkah!

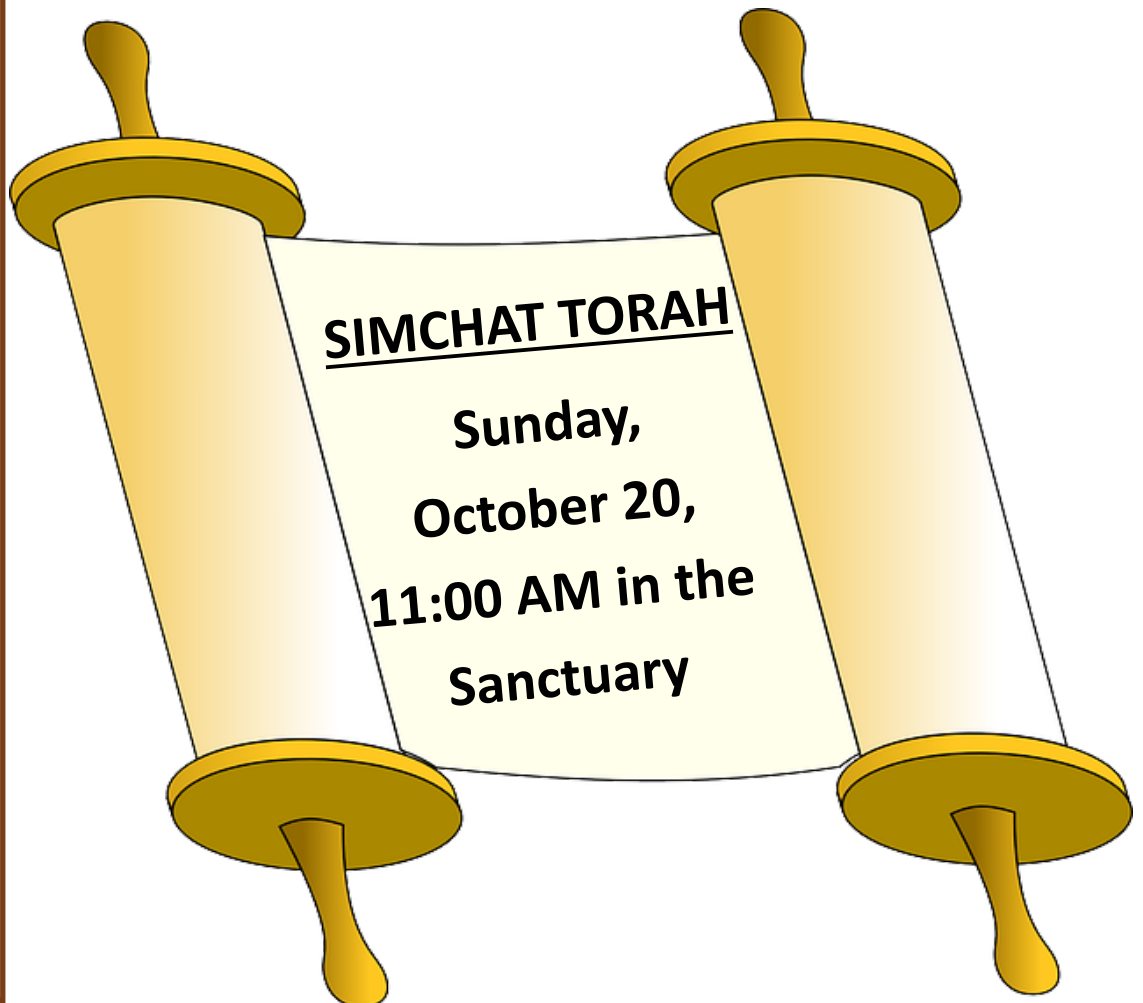
Sunday October 13

11:00 AM



It's time to
roll the Torah
back to the
beginning!

We need lots
of hands—
parents and
otherwise—
to help hold
up the Torah
Scrolls





DINNER And A MOVIE



Thursday, October 10 at 5:30 PM



This is an amazing and entertaining documentary linking Jewish Sacred and folk music to the development of Yiddish Theater, and to American Broadway Theater.

Deli dinner from Sherman's Deli at 5:30, Movie at 6:00

\$15.00 Per Person

GENEROUS DONATIONS

GENERAL FUND

Yahrzeit

Harding Bud Orren

By: Harriet Orren

In Honor of

In honor of the generosity of Temple Sinai in welcoming our family for Rosh Hashana

By: Judie and Harold Bregman

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Thank You

To Rabbi Bentley for your hospital visit to Glynne

By: Ann and Glynne Miller

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By: Annette and Herman Lew

By: David Goldberg

By: Kay Kleinman

Mitzvah Food Bank Fund

Tzedakah

Tony Garlock

Oneg Sponsor

In honor of birthdays

By: Picce and Bob Glast

Children's High Holy Day Experience



**A SPECIAL SERVICE FOR CHILDREN AGES
5 TO 10 DURING THE ROSH HASHANAH AND
YOM KIPPUR MORNING SERVICES**

Drop the children off in the chapel just before the service for a special children's High Holiday experience brought to you by Marjorie Lander, one of our dedicated Religious School teachers.

They will be brought to the Sanctuary in time for the Shofar service.

(Babysitting also available for preschoolers 2 through Pre-K. Call the temple office to make reservations)

Join us for a sweet treat to raise funds for the
Rabbi Avi Levine Religious School!

Sunday, October 20, from 12:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Bring in this flyer or mention Temple Sinai, and 20% of
the proceeds go to the Religious School



Bring your friends!

Holey Scoops Ice Cream

74600 Hwy 111, Palm Desert

(At Deep Canyon in the Albertson's Center)

Birthdays

10/2 Brian Gottlieb
Dorothy Steinman
10/3 Linda Dyer
Igal Shidlovsky
Meta Trigiano
10/5 Jerry Errico
10/6 William Sachs
Sue Sherman
10/8 Elaine Eldred
10/9 Brian Harnik
10/10 Gary Cherlin
10/11 Jan Harnik
Estelle Lieb
10/12 Richard Sirinky
10/13 Ruth Beschloss
Mallory Freedman
10/14 Nancy Shorr
10/17 Lynn Zaifert
10/18 Terrie Turner
10/19 Saul Jacobs
10/20 Robert Feinberg
David Zeligson
10/21 Gladys Layne
Cheryl Scarlett
10/24 Jerome Hipps
10/26 Stanley Jacobs
Kathy Kapler
10/27 Jeffrey Blitz
10/29 Rachel Canchola
10/30 Marcia Becker

Anniversaries

10/2 Leon & Rancy Feldman
10/4 Otis & Frances Norman
10/10 Marshall & Sarah Berger
10/12 Stephen & Joan Grossman
10/16 Beryl & Veronica Sandor



Picce and President Bob Glast wish a
new year of peace, health, and joy to
the Temple Sinai Community



YOM KIPPUR T'FILLAH SCHEDULE

EREV YOM KIPPUR — Tuesday, October 8, 2019

7:00 PM T'fillah in the Nash Sancturay

YOM KIPPUR DAY — Wednesday, October 9

10:00 AM Adult T'fillah in the Nash Sanctuary

5th Grade students and above are invited to attend the adult t'fillah

10:00 AM Children's High Holy Day Experience (ages 5 to 10), Goodman Chapel

1:30-2:30 Study Session with Rabbi Bentley

3:30 PM Afternoon t'fillah in the Nash Sanctuary

5:00 PM Yizkor

5:30 PM N'eilah and Havdalah

BREAK THE FAST IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING — RESERVATIONS REQUIRED



Nancy Singer, President,
Women of Sinai

Women of Sinai

We had a wonderful first meeting of the year on September 23, with our Temple President Bob Glast sharing some exciting news with us. Now we are busy planning our next meeting which will be in November. (We're skipping October since there are so many Jewish holidays this month.)

Our first quarterly payment of \$2,500 was given to the Rabbi Avi Levine Religious School this past week. We thank all those who have sent in their dues so we could make this payment. Our goal is to give \$2,500 each calendar quarter..... so we need your support!!! If you haven't sent your dues yet, please do so as this is our largest source of revenue. So far this fiscal year, we have received just over \$4,000 in dues payments so we have a long way to go to meet our goal the next three quarters.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! We are planning to put together a Recipe Book and need your recipes. Old family recipes, new recipes you've found, etc., are urgently needed. Please send them to nancyshorr@gmail.com as soon as possible. We'd like to have the Recipe Books ready for you to buy and give as Hanukkah gifts, so we need those recipes by October 15. This fundraiser will also help us meet our goal for the religious school.

Just confirmed..... our November meeting will be on THURSDAY, November 7 and will be a brunch. Registration will begin at 9:00 am and the brunch and program will begin at 9:30. Rabbi Bentley will be our guest speaker, discussing the Israeli elections and their impact on us. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us!!! Men are welcome too!

L'Shana Tova



Thank you for donating to the High Holy Day Flower Fund



Sharon and Rodney Hill, in honor of Judi Gottesman and Dori Brown

Adrienne Hirschfeld, in memory of Howard Hirschfeld

The Mazet Sister Squad, in memory of Christine Mazet

Kevin Giser, in memory of Rachel Giser

Estee Gottesman and Marvin Paul, in honor of the Gottesman Family
and the Paul Family

Rosanne and Stephen Ezer, in memory of Michael Sachs

Ann and Glynn Miller, in memory of Sylvia and Phil Light

Nancy Singer, in memory of Ed Singer

Beatrice Eslamboly

Picce and Bob Glast, in memory of Celia and Saul Gellman,
and Mollye and Ben Glast

Dr. Paul and Stephanie Ross, in memory of their beloved parents, Arthur & Elaine Sachs,
and Norman & Miriam Ross

Mitzie Olshansky, in memory of Bradley Jacobs



Temple Sinai Brotherhood Presents:

Speaker Michael Lella

Introducing

Beneath a Scarlet Sky

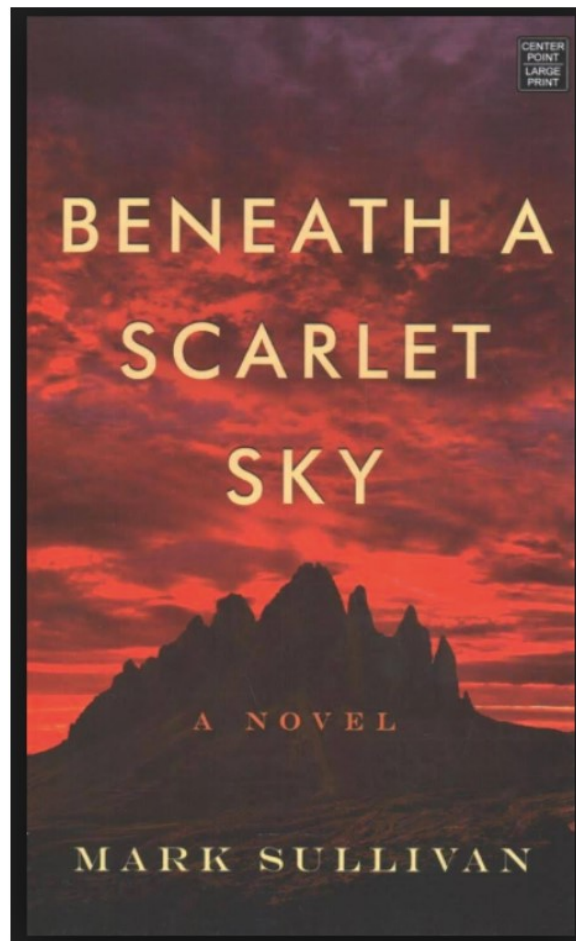
Michael Lella will be speaking about his father, Pino, who risks not only his life but his soul and his family relationships in the last two years of WW II in Italy. In this fictionalized account of Pino's quest, written by Mark Sullivan, we learn of his heroic acts, escorting Jews over the mountains to Switzerland, and later, gathering intelligence for the Resistance.

(Book is available on Amazon.com)

Save the date!

Thursday, November 14

Temple Sinai





BREAK THE FAST WITH THE TEMPLE SINAI COMMUNITY

With a Dairy Buffet

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2019/5780

*****By Reservation Only*****



Immediately Following the Ne'ilah Service in the Samson Social Hall

For more information, call the temple office: 760-568-9699

Please Make Your Reservation by Friday, October 4

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<i>Children 6 and under are FREE</i>				\$

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Event Calendar—October 2019

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
29	30	1 Erev Rosh Hashanah II NO Desert Cities Bridge NO Religious School Temple Closed	2 NO Bridge	3	4 5:30 PM FAMILY Shabbat Service	5 8:45 AM Torah Study 10:00 AM Shabbat Services
6 9:30 AM Religious School	7 TEMPLE OFFICE CLOSED	8 Erev Yom Kippur NO Bridge NO Religious School 7:00 PM Kol Nidre	9 NO Bridge Yom Kippur 10:00 AM Yom Kippur Day Adult and Children Tfillah 1:00 PM Study Session with Rabbi Bentley 3:30 PM Afternoon Tfillah 5:00 PM Yizkor 5:30 PM Neilah and Havdalah 7:00 PM Break the Fast (Reservations Required)	10 Temple Closed 12:30 PM Desert Cities Bridge 1:00 PM Mah Jongg	11 12:30 PM Desert Cities Bridge 5:30 PM Shabbat Services	12 8:45 AM Torah Study 10:00 AM Shabbat Services 12:30 PM Desert Cities Bridge
13 Erev Sukkot 9:30 AM Religious School 10:00 AM Sukkot Services	14 Sukkot I TEMPLE OFFICE CLOSED	15 NO Religious School Sukkot II Temple Closed (No Services) 12:30 PM Desert Cities Bridge	16 Sukkot III 10:00 AM Finance Committee 12:30 PM Desert Cities Bridge	17 Sukkot IV 12:30 PM Desert Cities Bridge 1:00 PM Mah Jongg	18 Sukkot V 12:30 PM Desert Cities Bridge 5:30 PM Shabbat Services	19 Sukkot VI 8:45 AM Torah Study 10:00 AM Shabbat Services 12:30 PM Desert Cities Bridge
20 Sukkot VII/Hoshanah 9:30 AM Religious School	21 Shemini Atzeret/Simchat TEMPLE OFFICE CLOSED 10:00 AM Yizkor Service	22 12:00 PM Intro to Judaism 12:30 PM Desert Cities Bridge 2:00 PM Adult Hebrew 4:00 PM Religious School	23 12:30 PM Desert Cities Bridge 1:15 PM Adult B'nai Mitzvah	24 11:00 AM Social Action 12:30 PM Desert Cities Bridge 1:00 PM Mah Jongg	25 12:30 PM Desert Cities Bridge 5:30 PM Shabbat Services	26 8:45 AM Torah Study 10:00 AM Shabbat Services 12:30 PM Desert Cities Bridge
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