



# SHOFAR

January 2020

Tevet-Shvat 5780

## Torah Portions January 2020

January 4 — 7 Tevet

### **Vayigash (And He Approached)**

Genesis 44:18 - 47:27

Joseph's brothers refuse to return to Canaan without Benjamin, whom Joseph has falsely accused of theft. Joseph reveals his true identity, and invites his brothers to return for their father Jacob and their families and bring them to live in Egypt.

January 11 — 14 Tevet

### **Vayechi (And He Lived)**

Genesis 47:28 - 50:26

On his deathbed, Jacob blesses his grandchildren, Ephraim and Menashe, then blesses each of his sons. Jacob dies. Joseph affirms to his brothers that he has forgiven them for their misdeeds. Ending the book of Genesis, Joseph dies.

January 18 — 21 Tevet

### **Shemot (Names)**

Exodus 1:1 - 6:1

The new Pharaoh makes all the Israelites slaves, orders the deaths of all newborn Israelite boys. Moses' mother puts her son in a basket in the river. He is saved by Pharaoh's daughter. As an adult, he kills an Egyptian taskmaster, flees to Midian, Marries Zipporah. God tells Moses and Aaron to return to Egypt and free the slaves.

January 25 — 28 Tevet

### **Vaera (And I Appeared)**

Exodus 6:2 - 9:35

God tells Moses and Aaron to go to Pharaoh to demand freedom for the Israelites. Pharaoh refuses, and God unleashes plagues on the Egyptians.

## **FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES**

January 3 5:30 PM

January 10 5:30 PM

January 17 5:30 PM

January 24 5:30 PM

January 31 5:30 PM

## SATURDAY MORNINGS

### Torah Study

Every Saturday 8:45 am

Samson Social Hall

### Saturday Shabbat Services

10:00 am in the Goodman Family Chapel

January 4

January 11

January 18

January 25

## Temple Leadership

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## From the President

I have been a quote collector for many years. The following quote is attributed to Thomas J. Watson, Jr., past chairman and CEO of IBM.

"I never varied from the managerial rule that the worst possible thing we could do would be to lie dead in the water with any problem. Solve it, solve it quickly, solve it right or wrong. If you solved it wrong, it would come back and slap you in the face and then you could solve it right. Doing nothing is a comfortable alternative because it is without immediate risk, but it is an absolutely fatal way to manage a business."



Bob Glast, President

A message was sent to all Temple Sinai members announcing the Board of Trustees' decision to accept Rabbi Bentley's resignation December 31, 2019 and not delay until June 30, 2020.

Temple Sinai is very blessed to have members and staff who can provide necessary leadership providing Erev Shabbat services, Torah study and Shabbat services. I want to thank Sandy Schachter, Diana McGinity, Nesa Bland and Arava Talve for supporting Temple Sinai as we search for an interim Rabbi and then our new permanent Rabbi.

Our Board of Trustees ask that you make an effort to participate in our services and Torah study as we start reenergizing Sinai.

Without the burden of a mortgage, and with a great staff working on behalf of members and Temple Sinai we have the opportunity to meet our members' needs and start re-growing our temple.

Robert Frost said, "In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life. It goes on."

Bob Glast, President

## **RABBI SEARCH COMMITTEE REVIEW**

Within days of the Rabbi's letter of resignation in October, a 10-person Rabbi Search Committee was established from a cross-section of the congregation. As of December 31 we have:

1. Developed a description of who we are as a congregation to provide insight for prospective applicants.
2. Created a list of priorities that we feel are necessary for our next rabbi to have.
3. Completed the CCAR (Central Conference of American Rabbis) 6-page application for an interim rabbi.
4. Completed the CCAR 6-page application for a permanent rabbi.

We will need an interim (temporary) rabbi for an unknown period of time while we do a diligent search for a permanent rabbi. We are asking CCAR for an interim rabbi as soon as possible to continue our programs with minimal interruption.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to current members who are stepping up to lead services on Friday evening and Shabbat morning, and lead Torah Study on Shabbat morning.

Both applications were submitted on January 1, 2020 so when the Director of Placement turns on her computer on January 2, the applications will be on her screen and ready for distribution to rabbis who desire only interim positions, and to rabbis who are looking for permanent jobs as a congregational rabbi.

## From the Melamedet

Our Intergenerational Jewish LA trip will take place on Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Our teens, along with interested congregants, will board a bus at Sinai at 7:30am and travel together to the big city!

Our first stop will be a tour of the Werner murals at the famous Wilshire Blvd. Synagogue. Next, we'll travel to the Pico/Robertson "Kosher Corridor" for lunch. Finally, we will visit the Skirball Cultural Center for "Visions and Values; Jewish life from Antiquity to America." The plan is to be back to Sinai at approximately 8:00pm. The cost to congregants is \$36, lunch is on your own.

We hope to fill the bus with students of every age for an interesting intergenerational experience! We'll share stories, songs, trivia and treats on the bus ride and experience the various activities together.

Intergenerational learning describes the way that people of all ages can learn together and from each other. It's a key part of Lifelong Learning, where the generations work together to gain skills, values and knowledge. This informal 'passing down' of culture and knowledge between the older and younger people goes back further than documented history. And believe me, both generations learn from the other!

We have another intergenerational opportunity as part of our Sunday religious school. Everybody is welcome to join us on Sundays at 11:30am when our Kitah Zayin (7<sup>th</sup> grade) students lead T'fillah. It is truly a "learner's minyan" and we invite community members to witness the students' growing leadership and knowledge.



**Arava Talve, Principal**



**Kitah Zayin (7th grade) participating in the Religious School's Chanukah Program**



# **Intergenerational Trip to Jewish Los Angeles**

**Sunday, February 23**

**Tour of the Warner Murals at the Wilshire Blvd. Temple**



**Pico-Robertson/Beverlywood/"Kosher Corridor" for lunch and shopping**



**Skirball Cultural Center to see "Visions and Values: Jewish Life from Antiquity to America"**



**Departure time from Temple Sinai: 7:30 AM**

**Approximate Return Time: 8:00 PM**

**Cost for Adults: \$36.00 plus lunch**

Space is limited. Paid reservations for adults must be made by Wednesday, February 12.

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



# 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, January 11**

Meet at 9:30 AM in the Foyer

Siblings are welcome!



Suggested \$5.00 donation for non temple members

Please RSVP to Marjorie Lander [Lander.Marjorie@gmail.com](mailto:Lander.Marjorie@gmail.com)



On January 10th our 2nd and 3rd grade students will participate in the Erev Shabbat service. They will be singing a few songs and receive a blessing on the Bimah.





Nancy Singer, President  
Women of Sinai

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We hope you will mark your calendars and plan to attend our luncheon and fashion show on Monday, February 3. The fashion show is always a popular event and we look forward to your being with us. It will be a catered luncheon and the fashions will be provided by Gaby L's Boutique, which is on Country Club in the shopping center at Cook Street. See the flyer in this Shofar or pick up one in the Temple lobby. Please make your reservations so we can properly plan for the right amount of food and desserts.

In January, the Shabbat service on Friday the 24th has been designated as Women's Shabbat. We will be participating in the services as we honor all the women in our congregation.

Last month, I asked for your input on the kinds of activities and programs you'd like us to have. Unfortunately I received only one response. So I'm asking again for you to email me at [NancyS827@aol.com](mailto:NancyS827@aol.com) and tell me what programs you'd like us to consider, what days and times work for you, and any other thoughts you may have regarding Women of Sinai. Thanks in advance for your input.

We wish each and every one of you a happy and healthy 2020 and hope to see you soon.





# **Fashion Show, Luncheon, and Raffle**

**Monday, February 3**

**12:00—1:30 PM**

**Temple Sinai**

Reservations and payment due by Tuesday, January 28 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.

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Guests \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Vegetarian Entrees \_\_\_\_\_



Temple Manager Toni Robinson

I want to take this time to announce that Toni Knorr has retired after 13 years of dedicated service to Temple Sinai. She made me promise not to organize any kind of farewell, and so I honored her choice. She has been an invaluable resource for me as I began my tenure with Temple Sinai, and I will miss her smiling face and able effort every day. Stepping up to fill the bookkeeping portion of Toni's job is Jim Dobis. Jim has been here, learning from Toni for the last 3 months. He will be in the office on Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 – 4. He will be handling only the bookkeeping portion of Toni's job. I will be taking on the rest of what she did.

A reminder about submission for publication in the Shofar: the deadline for submitting material is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to publication. The schedule for the balance of this year follows.

Jan 15 for the February Shofar

Feb 15 for the March Shofar

Mar 15 for the April Shofar

April 15 for the May Shofar

May 15 for the June/July Shofar

July 15 for the August/ High Holy Day Shofar

August 15 for the September Shofar

If you miss the deadline, your item may not get published in a timely manner.

Submissions for the E-bulletin that we publish every Thursday is the Tuesday prior to publication.

All submissions for publication should be either in Word or Publisher. If you submit a pdf that we cannot edit, it may slow things down, and miss the intended publication date.

## A Call to Volunteer



We are looking for office volunteers for some afternoon shifts during the week. You need to have excellent phone skills and come to a phone training session before you are approved. We will do all we can to accommodate any schedule restrictions that you have. Please contact Toni Robinson at [trobenson@templesinaipd.org](mailto:trobenson@templesinaipd.org), or 760-568-9699 xt204, if you are interested.



# DINNER And A MOVIE

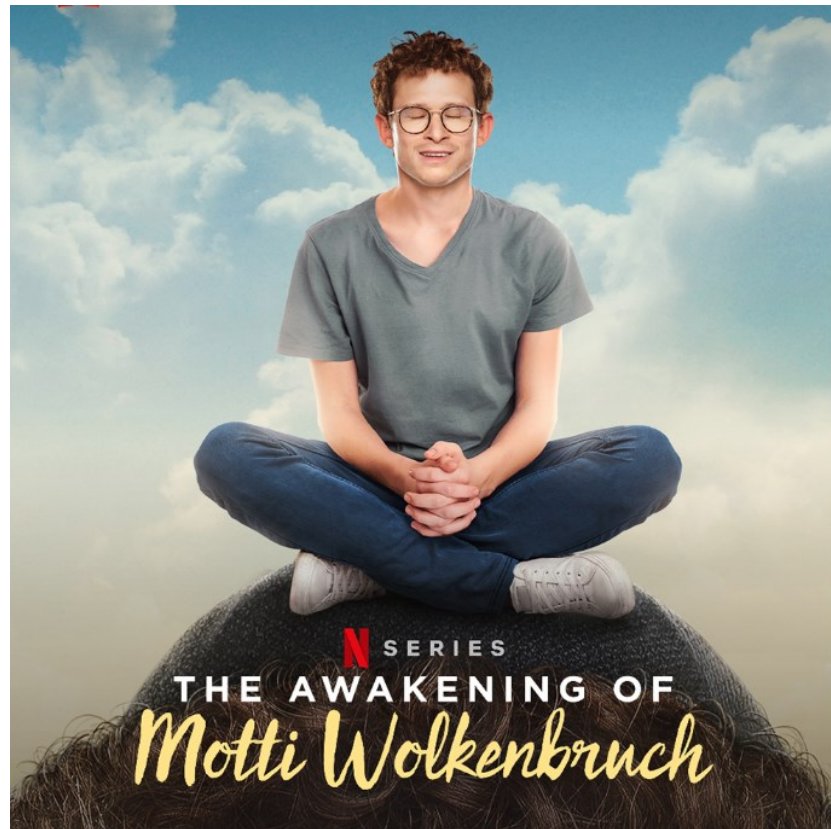


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Join us on Thursday, January 9.



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

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By: Martin Frank and Stephen Weiss

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#### Memorial

#### Kathy Kapler

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### Rabbi Avi Levine Religious School

#### Memorial

#### Kathy Kapler

By: Women of Sinai

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#### In Honor of

#### Bat Mitzvah of Nancy Pierce

By: Frances M Morehouse

#### Bat Mitzvah of Stephanie Ross

By: Roberta and Allan Nyman

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By: Marion Cowle

By: Shelley Miller-Mantell

By: Barbara Large & Marge Kuno

By: Celia Norian

By: Nancy & Arthur Shorr

By: Judy Doktor

By: Joanne & Bill Chunowitz

#### In Honor of my Bat Mitzvah

By: Stephanie Ross

#### Bat Mitzvah of Linda Jacobs

By: Sondra Wain

By: Andra Ready

By: Joyce Kessler

#### Rena Magged's 90th birthday

By: Sandra Hertz

By: Lainie Grabel

By: Nancy Singer

#### Yahrzeit

#### Salim Makabeh

By: Beatrice Eslamboly

#### Get Well

#### Lenny Ross

By: Stephanie and Paul Ross

#### Thank You

**Arava**, Thank you and have a great New Year!

By: Steven Kaplan

### Mitzvah Food Bank

#### Tzedakah

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#### Tzedakah

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#### Yahrzeit

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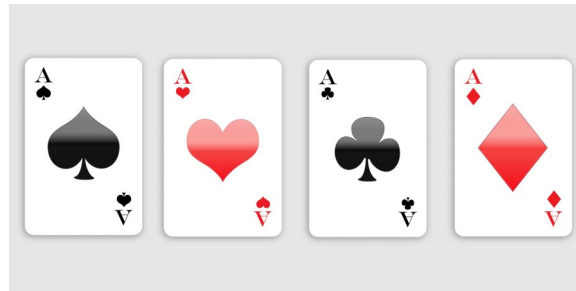
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## Hands-On Hebrew Letters! with Dr. Nesa Bland, Scribe

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



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1/2 Alicia Rodriguez  
1/4 Alex Cassuto  
Olivia Marx  
1/8 Jerome Corngold  
Hannah Solomon  
1/9 Ann Loeb  
Clarice Lubel  
Glynne Miller  
1/10 Joan Grossman  
1/14 Gail Jacobs  
1/15 Len Foster  
1/16 Nancy Pierce  
Sandra Snodgrass  
1/17 Barbara Borden  
Lloyd Miller  
1/18 David Greenberg  
1/19 Herbert Pregozen  
1/20 Sandy Schachter  
1/21 Laurie Greenberg  
Susan Kross  
Shelly Rosenberg  
Diane Simon  
Evelyn Simon  
1/23 Ron Katz  
1/24 Robert Bernheimer  
Robert Rose  
Riley Rosam

1/25 Marc Block  
1/26 Nona Solowitz  
1/27 Sharon Kalkoske  
Danilo Balbini  
1/28 Ronald Borden  
Stephen Ezer  
1/29 Evelyn Alden  
Paula Klein  
Andra Ready  
1/30 Sharyn McKee  
1/31 Stephanie Anzel  
Michael Hankin

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1/9 Robert & Carol Adelstein  
1/10 Melvin & Debra Cohn  
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1/11 Sherman & Sydelle Kramer  
1/14 Gabriel & Clarice Lubel  
1/16 Michael & Lori Sanford  
1/17 William & Nancy Ferstenfeld  
John & Laura Sklut  
1/23 David & Karen Strauss  
1/27 David & Evelyn Simon  
1/29 Lawrence & Annette Novak



JANUARY 2020 • TEVET/SH'VAT 5780						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>29 Tevet 1</b> Hanukkah 9:30a NO Religious School	<b>30 Tevet 2</b> Hanukkah <u>Office Closed</u> 1:00p Desert Cities Bridge	<b>31 Tevet 3</b> 10:00a Yiddish Club 11:30a Desert Cities Bridge Lesson 1:00p Desert Cities Bridge 4:00p NO Mah Jongg School	<b>1 Tevet 4</b> 9:00a DCBC Meeting 1:00p Desert Cities Bridge 4:00p NO Mah Jongg	<b>2 Tevet 5</b> 11:30a Desert Cities BridgeLesson 1:00p Desert Cities Bridge	<b>3 Tevet 6</b> 12:00a Desert Cities Bridge 4:32p Candle Lighting 5:30p Shabbat Service	<b>4 Tevet 7</b> 8:45a Torah Study 10:00a Shabbat Service 11:30a Desert Cities BridgeLesson
<b>5 Tevet 8</b> 9:30a Religious School	<b>6 Tevet 9</b> <u>Office Closed</u> 1:00p Desert Cities Bridge	<b>7 Tevet 10</b> 10:00a Yiddish Club 11:30a Desert Cities Bridge Lesson 1:00p Desert Cities Bridge 4:00p Religious School	<b>8 Tevet 11</b> 9:00a DCBC Meeting 1:00p Desert Cities Bridge 4:00p Mah Jongg	<b>9 Tevet 12</b> 11:30a Desert Cities BridgeLesson 1:00p Advanced Mah Jongg 1:00p Desert Cities Bridge 5:30p BROTHERHOOD Dinner & a Movie	<b>10 Tevet 13</b> 12:00a Desert Cities Bridge 4:38p Candle Lighting 5:30p FAMILY Shabbat Service	<b>11 Tevet 14</b> 8:45a Torah Study 10:00a Shabbat Service 11:30a Desert Cities BridgeLesson
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