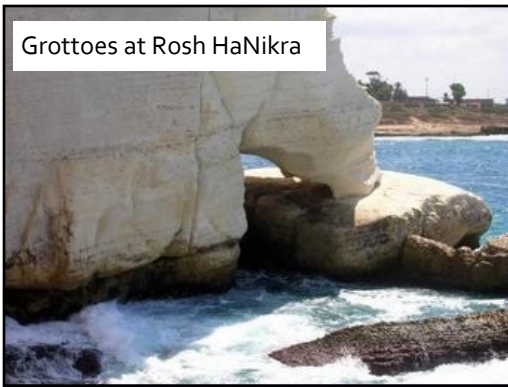


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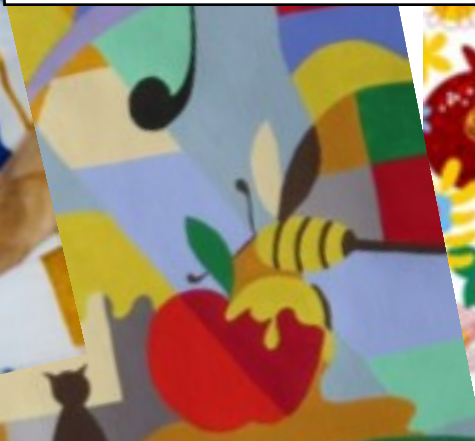


SHOFAR

August 2021

Av-Elul 5781

Erev Rosh Hashanah is September 6. Have you made your preparations for celebrating with Temple Sinai?
See sign-up sheets beginning on page 9.



From the Rabbi

Be inspired. Be moved. Be together. Monday evening, September 6th is Erev Rosh Hashanah for 5782. Your Temple Sinai community will be together in our sanctuary for Rosh Hashanah for the first time since 2019. Wayne Abravanel will join me in giving voice to the many moments that we hope will touch your inner being.



Rabbi David Novak

Because of the pandemic, our coming together for 5782 will feel different. How fortunate are we that we will now be able to be with each other face-to-face. With enormous gratitude, vaccines are readily available. It is a Jewish value to become vaccinated and I hope that you and those eligible in your family are vaccinated. According to the Public Religious Research Institute, Jews are among the highest vaccinated of all faith communities.

As you all know the new Delta variant is particularly virulent even for those of us who are fully vaccinated. This is why for the immediate future we are asking everyone who enters our building for any purpose to be masked. We all celebrate staying in health as a religious value--and we will continue to do what we should that all of us stay in life.

Soon we will greet each other saying “L’Shana Tovah Tikateivu u’metukah... May you be written for a good and sweet new year” (the Jewish way to say “happy new year”). We share this aspiration in our fervent hope that the moments that comprise our Jewish year will be good (tovah) and sweet (metukah) imagining that we are being written in the Sefer Chayim, the Book of Life.

May the new year, with all of its blessings and challenges, be a period of time when we continue to go through life, together, as the holy community that is Temple Sinai. Wayne and I look forward to being with you. I thank you for making Temple Sinai the place where Judaism blooms in the desert.

Rabbi David Novak

From the President

I have been a serious photographer since I was in high school. One of the things I learned in pursuing that passion is how to use my eyes to see the world in different ways. My photography mentor calls that “working the scene.” There is always the obvious shot, but then if you look further, change your perspective, move your position, or change lenses you can come up with many different shots at the same location. My mentor has stretched my concept of what to look for to make a good photograph as well as how to find them in unlikely places.



Sanford Friedman,
President

You may be wondering why I am writing about photography when the High Holy Days are coming soon. Well, I have always associated the High Holy Days with being more conscious than I am during most of the year. It is a time to start over, shift one’s perspective, and to see and do things differently. This is a joyous and introspective time of year. Jerry and I cook and bake—yes, even in the desert heat—for the High Holy Days. It wouldn’t be the same without my father’s challah. I also ask myself: Why I am doing these things? Why are they important? What do they mean to me? By asking questions such as those and others, it helps ensure I focus on the Holy Days’ meaning and not just passively participate in them, because that’s what one does.

In the spirit of being conscious of what has gone before and what is to come, I wish to thank both the outgoing board members for their service and welcome the incoming board members for their willingness to serve the temple: outgoing Board of Directors: Rosanne Ezer, Treasurer, Fred Fabricant, Ritual Committee, Terry Turner, Chavurah, Gary Levin, Education, and Jack Olshansky & Bob Glast, Past Presidents; and incoming board members: Nancy Singer, Vice President, Susan Jaspan, Treasurer, Howard Vogel, Membership, and Ann Miller, Social Action.

I wish you all a sweet New Year. May you all be blessed with good health, happiness, and prosperity. L’Shanah Tovah Tikateivu—May you all be written for a good year.

Temple Leadership

Executive Committee

Sanford Friedman	President
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Susan Jaspan	Treasurer
Ann Loeb	Corporate Secretary
Bob Glast	Past President
Howard Vogel	Membership

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Joe Weiss	House and Grounds
Michael Sonduck	At Large

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Jeff Schiffris	Brotherhood Representative
Whitney Rosam	President, PTO

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Reesa Manning
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Nancy Singer



Have you returned
your membership
renewal?
We need it
in order to mail your
High Holy Day
tickets.

Torah Portions August 2021

August 7—29 Av

Re'eh (See)

Deuteronomy 11:26 - 16:17

Moses tells the Israelites that if they worship idols, they will be punished. Moses explains the laws of kosher food, and he details the three pilgrimage festivals: Passover, Shavuot and Sukkot.

August 14—6 Elul

Shoftim (Judges)

Deuteronomy 16:18 - 21:9

Moses reviews the justice system for the Israelites. Moses talks about the limits future kings should have on their possessions. Moses explains that the priests and Levites should not be paid and should survive on donations from the people. Finally, Moses explains the laws of warfare.

August 21—13 Elul

Ki Teitzei (When You Go Out)

Deuteronomy 21:10 - 25:19

Moses delivers specific rules about proper family relationships. He continues with laws involving many aspects of daily living, justice, family responsibility, work and sexuality.

August 28—20 Elul

Ki Tavo (When You Enter In)

Deuteronomy 26:1 - 29:8

Moses instructs the Israelites regarding the first fruit offering. Moses then lists the blessings the people will enjoy if they keep the commandments, and the punishments they will suffer for disobeying them.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES

August 6, 13, 20, 27

5:30 PM

To participate in services and Torah study from home, please go to the front page of our website:

www.templesinaipd.org

To view services that are livestreamed, scroll down the page, and click on the TV icon on the right. This will open our streaming service. Click on the white triangle in the middle of the black rectangle.

To participate in services that are being presented via Zoom, follow the instructions on the left hand side of the front page of our website.

If you are using a mobile device, you may have to go to your app store and download *Zoom*.

SATURDAY MORNINGS

August 7, 14, 21, 28

Torah Study at 8:45

Worship at 10:00 AM

From Women of Sinai



Sandie Eichberg, President,
Women of Sinai

We are looking forward to your membership in Women of Sinai. When you join our temple auxiliary you open yourself up to exciting programs, opportunity to make new friends, and an important means of supporting the Rabbi Avi Levine Religious School, where all Women of Sinai revenue goes.

General membership is \$36 for the fiscal year, and silver membership is \$72, for which we are grateful for your extra support. Members who are 90+ years young are complimentary general members. Please send your check to the temple ASAP. We have been gratified by the number of positive responses we have received but we are still waiting for yours.

We'd love to talk to you now or at our events. Call Membership Co-Chairs, Carol Woodward, at 612-328-1695, and Ilene Harris, at 810-730-7431, or call me at 303-594-1936. We look forward to seeing you on October 4 for our first luncheon and our program on History of Jews in the Coachella Valley.

In addition to the camaraderie we foster, our primary goal is to raise funds for the support of our Rabbi Avi Levine Religious School. This is so important! The children are our future and even if we do not personally have a child or grandchild in the school, it is incumbent on all of us to ensure the future of Judaism by supporting our youths' Jewish education.

Please join us! If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call our Membership Co-Chairs, Carol Woodward, and Ilene Harris, or call me (see phone numbers above). I look forward to seeing you soon.



Wish list for Temple Sinai

Internet access for classrooms

Computers for classrooms



Volunteers that have expertise in Word Press, Photoshop, and Facebook to keep us current with social media



Volunteer Photographers to attend events and submit photos for website, Shofar, and other publications



Small stepladder for things that are *just* out of reach



If you can assist with any of the above please contact Toni Robinson at 760-568-9699 ext. 204 or trobenson@templesinaipd.org to learn more about the needs.

GENEROUS DONATIONS

GENERAL FUND

Yahrzeit

Dr. Herman Lubens

By: Fran Lubens

Walter Zemmol

By: Bernard Zemmol

Marilyn Becker

Fanny Siegel

Joseph Cooperman

By: Ethel Cooperman

Elka Rosenblit

By: Herb & Lorraine Pregozen

Rae Gusto

By: Lynn Hannan

IN MEMORY OF

John Sklut

By: Rosanne & Steve Ezer

By: Sharyn & Raymond McKee

By: Nancy Singer

Tzedakah

Roberta Susskind

MITZVAH/FOOD BANK FUND

Tzedakah

Tony Garlock

Yahrzeit

Dr. Richard Ball

By: Janet Ball

SAMSON ZIMRA FUND

Yahrzeit

Bessie Kirzner

Michael Rudetsky

By: Gloria & Ed Rudetsky

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

IN MEMORY OF

John Sklut

By: Ann & Glynne Miller

By: Eve & Gordon Kramer

DOROSHOW RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

Yahrzeit

Tobette Doroshow

Harry Doroshow

Lillian Kaufman

By: Fran Kaufman

RABBI AVI LEVINE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Yahrzeit

Jeanette Berman

By: Brenda Berman

Leonard Davis

Arthur Stern

By: Nancy Singer





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HIGH HOLY DAY EXTRA TICKET REQUEST (MEMBERS)

2021-5782

This form is for extra tickets for other family members only.

Dependent children up to age 26 will receive a ticket.

Tickets for other family members not living in your household (parents, siblings, children over age 26, etc.) may be purchased for \$150.00 each.

Please list names of and relationship to family members for whom you are requesting High Holy Day tickets:

Number of additional tickets: _____ Total \$ _____

Name _____

Credit Card# _____ Amount \$ _____

Expiration Date _____ Code _____ Check # _____

Billing Address _____

Please send us your request ASAP so that we can include them with your regular tickets.

The Book of Remembrance

2021/5782

Our congregation traditionally publishes a Memorial Book in which members honor the memory of their departed loved ones. Our book, which also includes Yizkor prayers, provides two kinds of memorials: a quarter page to a full age of "Pages of Remembrance" OR simple listings of names in remembrance.

Memorial books will be distributed at the Yizkor service on Yom Kippur day.

(Please return this form by August 13)

Pages of Remembrance

Please print my special "Page of Remembrance" as follows:

Or select one of the suggested:

In Loving Remembrance

In Remembrance of

In Loving Memory

Please print my list in the following format:

(See samples below)

Full Page (\$150, limit 12 names)

Half Page (\$100, limit 6 names)

Quarter Page (\$75, limit 4 names)

Listing *\$25 per name

**Suggested minimum contribution per name*


Sample Half Page:

In Remembrance of:	
Name 1	Name 2
Name 3	Name 4
Name 5	Name 6

In Loving Memory:	
Name 1	
Name 2	
Name 3	

Sample Quarter Page

Sample Full Page

In Loving Remembrance
Name 1
Name 2
Name 3
Name 4
Name 5
Name 6
Name 7
Name 8


Names you wish listed in the Memorial Book:

Name _____

Billing Address _____

Credit Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____ Code _____ Check # _____

Name on Card if Different _____

Amount:

\$ _____

Add your New Year Greeting to the September Shofar

As a Service to our members, and with the price of postage and cards going up again this year, here's a wonderfully convenient, cost-effective and simple way you can wish your friends and fellow congregants a Happy New Year!

Your New Year greetings will be printed and placed into our October *Shofar* for everyone to see. We have six designs available. All you need to add is your name! The price is \$60.00 per greeting, and you can choose any design you wish.

Ordering is so easy! Just fill out the form below:

<p>1. Write in the name(s) you wish to appear on your card.</p> <p>2. Pick the design you wish to use. *See next page*</p> <p>3. Write a check for \$60.00 made payable to Temple Sinai (or charge it).</p> <p>4. Mail or drop off your form and payment to the Temple office (or scan and email to trobenson@templesinaipd.org)</p> <p>no later than August 13.</p>	<p>Name(s) to appear on your card:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Design you would like to use (circle one):</p> <p>A B C D E F</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check Enclosed <input type="checkbox"/> Bill My Credit Card</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Billing Address _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Card # _____</p> <p>Exp. Date _____ Code _____</p>
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A



In the new year, may your world be blessed with peace.

Your Name(s) Here



May the sound of the shofar bring in a new year of health, happiness, laughter, and love.

Your Name(s) Here

B

C



On Rosh Hashanah wishing you peace, happiness, good luck God's blessing and success. L'shanah Tovah!

Your Name(s) Here



Shana Tova!

Your Name(s) Here

D



May your new year be filled with health, happiness, and sweet memories.

E

Your Name(s) Here



A day of joy, a time of hope, a year of happiness. Wishing you peace at Rosh Hashanah and always.

Your Name(s) Here

F



Erev Rosh Hashanah Oneg Sponsor Form

Name _____

Credit Card# _____ Amount \$ _____

Expiration Date _____ Code _____ Check # _____

Billing Address _____

Please return this form by August 23, 2021



Sponsoring the flowers for the Bimah on the High Holy Days is a wonderful way to honor a loved one or a special occasion.

Choose a listing below:

Minimum Suggested Donation is \$36.00

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

A Donation Given by _____

Credit Card# _____ Amount \$ _____

Expiration Date _____ Code _____ Check # _____

Billing Address _____

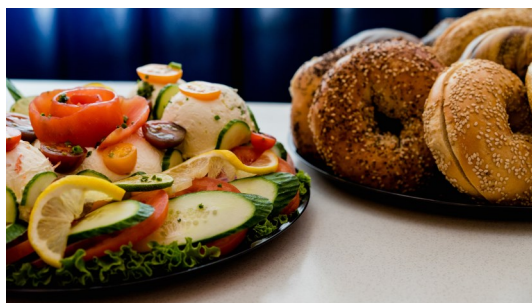
Please return this form by August 23, 2021

BREAK THE FAST WITH THE TEMPLE SINAI COMMUNITY

With a Dairy Buffet

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2021/5782

*****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 Thursday, September 9

<i>Number</i>		<i>Members</i>	<i>Non-Mem</i>	<i>Totals</i>
<input type="text"/>	Adults	\$36	\$40	\$
<input type="text"/>	Children 7 to 12	\$18	\$20	\$
<i>Children 6 and under are FREE</i>				\$

Name _____

Billing Address _____

Credit Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____ **Code** _____ **Check #** _____

Name on Card if Different _____



Dear Temple Member(s),

The Women of Sinai are excited. The decline of the Covid-19 pandemic, the reopening of our building, and the arrival of Rabbi David Novak mark a new era for our Temple. We have much to look forward to, but some things remain the same.

Our support of our children's religious education through the Rabbi Avi Levine Religious School. Your financial contribution helps ensure the future of Judaism by supporting our youths' Jewish education.

Our commitment to nurturing friendships and a welcoming community among the women of our temple.

We will present exciting events like one on the Jewish history of the Coachella Valley and one about growing up Jewish in other countries. We will host a fashion show and an afternoon when Sharyn McKee gives a brief description of her favorite books and then gives away the books to everyone in the audience. Everyone is invited, but we encourage you to join WOS because your support will help make our temple the place where Judaism blooms in the desert.

Please renew your annual membership or join us now. Send your contribution (check payable to Women of Sinai), with the tear-off below, to the Temple, 73251 Hovley Lane West, Palm Desert, CA 92260. General Membership is \$36 for the fiscal year and Silver Membership, for which we are grateful for your additional support, is \$72. Members who are 90+ years young receive complimentary general membership.

We need your support at our events, and we need your financial support even if you don't attend. If you have questions, call our Membership Co-Chairs, Carol Woodward, at 612-328-1695, and Ilene Harris, at 810-730-7431, or call me at 303-594-1936. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Shalom,

Sandie Eichberg
President of Women of Sinai

NAME _____ CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL _____ HOME PHONE _____

GENERALCONTRIBUTION \$ _____

SILVER CONTRIBUTION \$ _____

COMPLIMENTARY CONTRIBUTION \$ _____

Dear Temple Congregants:

Thanks to our Brotherhood members and your Brotherhood Board we kept on the move this year and last to meet the challenges that the Covid pandemic presented. We held educational and informative Zoom presentations such as the November 5th talk with Dr. Jeffrey Kahn of Johns Hopkins, a world renown bioethicist who discussed the Covid vaccine and related ethical considerations. In December we held a hugely successful Toy Drive together with the Jewish Men's Outreach Group of the Desert.



In addition we refurbished the temple sign facing Hovley street, organized a guided tour of The Living Desert, and joined forces with the other auxiliaries to produce monthly Zoom presentations that ranged from the music of John Bayless to the insightful wisdom of Rabbi Paul Citrin.

In this new temple year the Brotherhood will continue its mission to promote comradeship, support the Temple and promote Judaic values through fun filled social and community based activities. Already scheduled for the year: Hanukkah Buffet, Super Bowl Party, Temecula Wine Tour, Jewish Geography Dinner and expert guided walking nature tours, just to mention a few.

We urge you to join with us and become a member. Becoming a member or renewing your membership in the Brotherhood is easy to do and it costs only \$36.

Thank you.

Joe Weiss

Brotherhood President

Name_____

Address_____

Phone_____ Email_____

Membership Yearly Dues_____ \$36.00_____

Make your check payable to Temple Sinai Brotherhood or if you prefer, call in your credit card.

If you have any questions please contact me at (818) 645-5362

Where did you grow up?

Women of Sinai needs more speakers for a panel discussion of congregants who grew up in other countries. Contact Nancy Shorr at 760-610-2311 or NancyShorr@gmail.com.



Would you like to read Torah for Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur? The rabbi is looking for people to read—no experience necessary. He will send you a recording of your reading. Please let him know as soon as possible.

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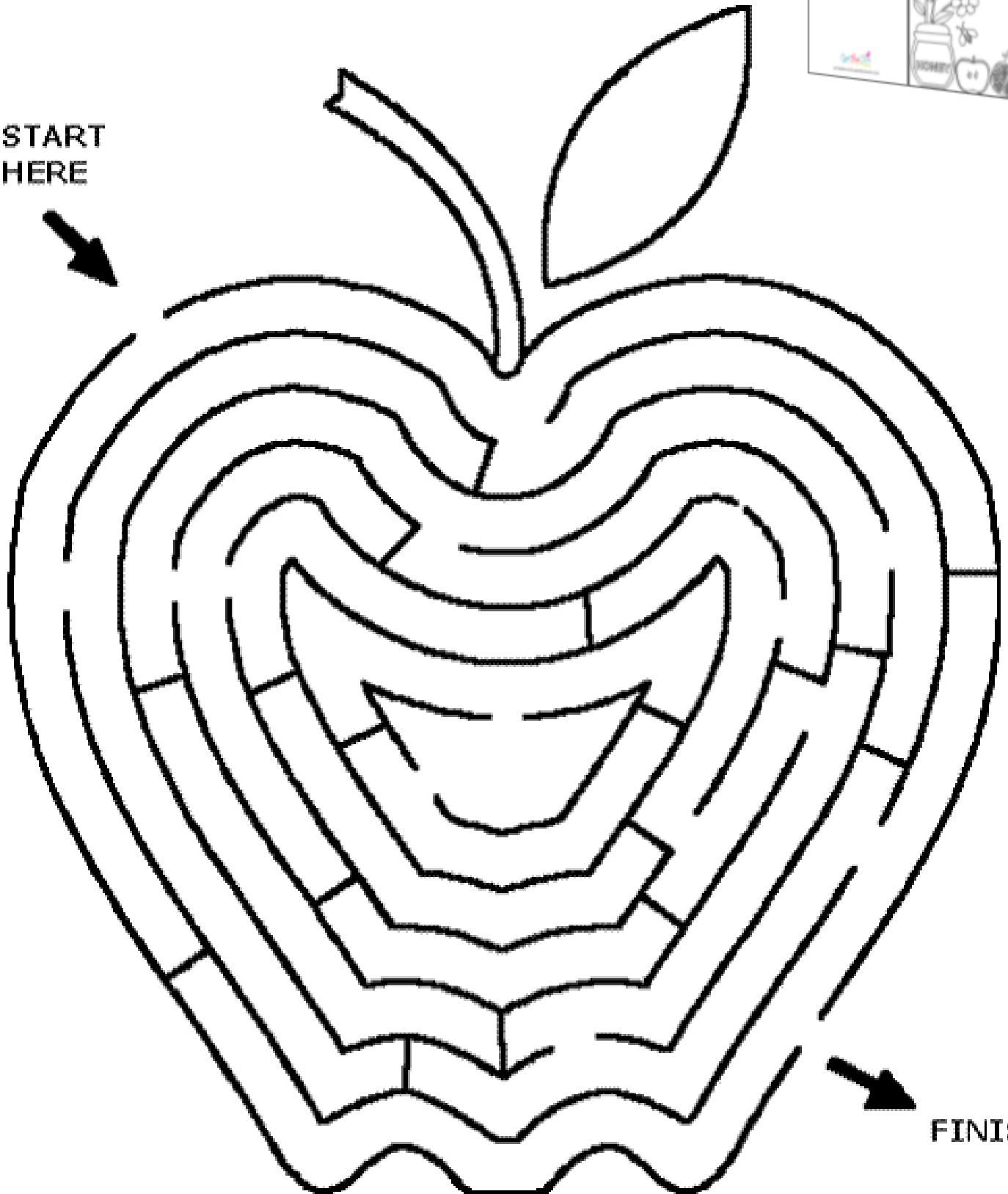
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L'Shana
Tova





START
HERE



FINISH

Birthdays

8/1

Gayle Jacobson

8/3

Janet Ball

Gordon Kramer

8/5

Debbie Cohn

Bob Denebeim

8/8

Sanford Friedman

8/11

Veronica Sandor

Picce Glast

Bob Glast

8/13

Jessica Hillier-Davidson

8/14

Gary Kreger

Ron Partelow

8/18

Jane Mattlin

Jerome Solomon

Rick Stein

8/19

Emery Greenberg

Marie Sontz

8/21

Elise Aries

8/25

Charles Fremed

8/26

Linda Block

8/27

Janet Marie

Nancy Singer

8/28

Fran Kaufman

Lucas Monaco

Lisa Gottlieb

8/ 29

Bayla Adelman

8/30

Richard Harris

8/31

Barry Baker

Jennifer Feldstein

Anniversaries

8/2

Barbara & Ron Borden

Renee & Ron Partelow

8/4

Marlene & Ron Caudill

8/5

Betty & Bob Denebeim

8/9

Susan & Michael Miller

8/13

Sharon & Rod Hill

8/15

Lily & Charles Mazet

8/16

Ann & Mike Hankin

8/28

Leslie & Joel Hirschberg

8/31

Gail & Saul Jacobs

August 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Office Closed	3 Reading the Torah in Translation 7:00	4 Mah Jongg 2-4	5	6 Erev Shabbat Service 5:30 Sanctuary & Livestream	7 Torah Study 8:45 AM Shabbat Morning Service 10:00 Chapel and Zoom
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