



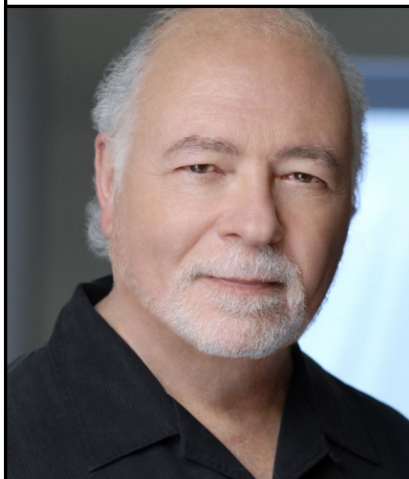
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SHOFAR

October 2021

Tishrei-Cheshvan 5781



Internationally Acclaimed Author of "Scorpion" and
"Homeland," Temple Sinai's own

Andrew Kaplan

comes to Temple Sinai to discuss his award-winning
new spy novel

Blue Madagascar

Sunday, October 24, at 4:00 PM

A former journalist and war correspondent, Andrew Kaplan covered events around the world, and served in both the U.S. Army and the Israeli Army. His film writing career includes the James Bond classic, *Goldeneye*.

**There is no charge, but please RSVP to
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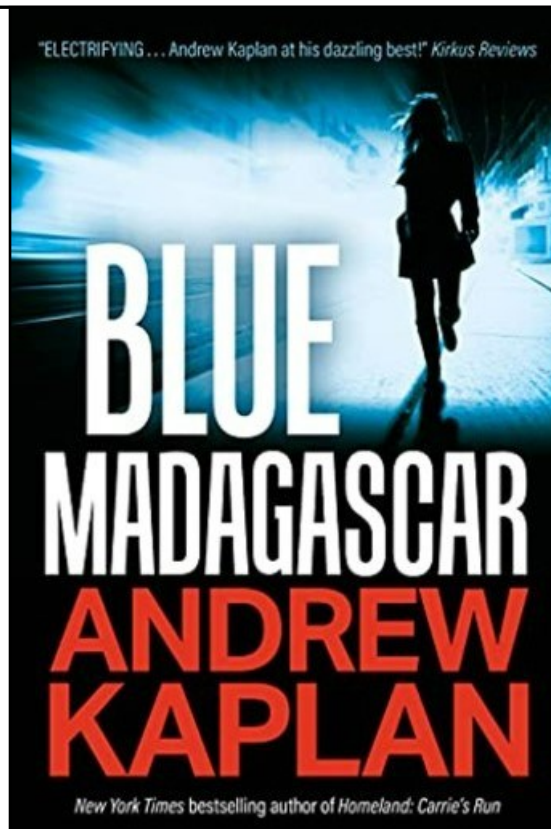
by Thursday, October 21.

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From the Rabbi

That was some Tishri! We now move into the month of Cheshvan which has no Jewish festivals. It does have four Shabbatot, our weekly “palace in time” where we are able to break from our daily lives to catch our breath. Even before I was a rabbi I always loved Shabbat. It is what I consider “intentional space,” where I exchange the daily activities from the rest of the week with Shabbat.



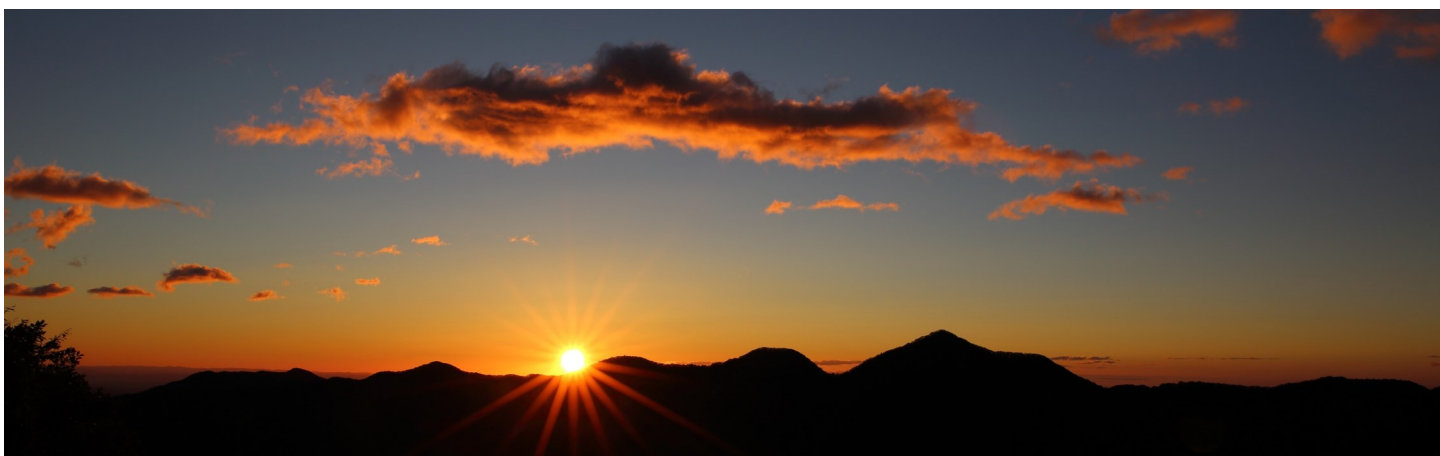
Rabbi David Novak

Shabbat morning at Sinai is a time when many congregants convene in the chapel or on Zoom to engage in Torah study. Each week is an opportunity to engage with the weekly Torah portion as we go over well-known texts to glean new observations. Then at 10 a.m. we have Shabbat morning worship which features prayers about our health and body, our daily miracles, and our gratitude for the gift of being. If you think that the Torah study and Shabbat worship are not for you, think again. All of it is accessible to you whether you know Hebrew or not, whether you have studied Torah forever or you are just dipping your toe in the water.

If you are a person who has felt uncomfortable with Torah study, or with prayer, know that our Shabbat morning offerings exist to feed your being, to have you invest your valuable time so that when you leave you experience it as time well spent. Know that I welcome everyone.

Check-out our Shabbat morning experience!

Rabbi David Novak



From the President

The one thing that struck me during the High Holy Day services and continues to repeat in my mind is how moving the services were, as well as how wonderful it was for us to come together again. I kept hearing congregants making positive comments. In fact, people stayed after Yizkor to the end of N'eilah when normally about half of them leave.

That says a lot good about the services and the people who led them—Rabbi Novak and Wayne Abravanel. Services went off so flawlessly due to hard work of so many people, including the temple staff and those who volunteered for a variety of tasks. I thank each and every one of them for their efforts no matter how little or great.



Sanford Friedman,
President

Temple Sinai is all of us. It is not just the religious, lay leaders, and staff. We all make Temple Sinai Temple Sinai. We can all take great satisfaction that Temple Sinai demonstrates that not only can it do, but it does very well.

A hearty thank you to all who helped make the Tishrei holidays special!



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Temple Manager Toni Robinson

From the Temple Manager

All of the anticipation awaiting High Holy Days has come and gone for another year. We can now begin anew to live better lives and make our world a better place. As the gates closed on Yom Kippur, I was bolstered by the strength I had gathered by sharing this amazing time with the Temple Sinai family. Rather than the exhaustion I had anticipated I was exhilarated and couldn't wait to get back to work.

I want to thank each of you who participated, either in person or via the live stream. It was quite reaffirming to know that you all are here to nurture the continuing growth of our congregation. I would be remiss if I did not

acknowledge and thank those individuals who went above and beyond expectations to ensure that everything was in order. Our two maintenance men, Adrian Macias and Ben Machato put in countless hours to get the building ready to welcome you and to see that everything that was needed was available. Elaine McDonald, who keeps us all connected through the weekly E-Shofar, Monthly Shofar, Birthday and Anniversary greetings, Yahrzeit notices, thank you notes, also answers many phone calls and always with a positive attitude and a way to get what you need done, done. Never does she consider that it can't be done, she looks for a way to make it happen.

Then the amazing volunteers, Terrie Turner, Micki Greenspan, Fred Fabricant, Nancy Singer, Ilene Harris who work in the office, mailing tickets, taking calls, resolving issues, greeting each of you with a smile, taking orders for tickets, and Break the Fast, processing donations to various funds, and all for little recognition rather because of their belief in Temple Sinai.

Lastly, the young ladies who volunteered to load the bags of food being donated from the congregation onto the truck on Yom Kippur. Rachel Sanford, Ariel Sanford, Coco Mazet and Sabrina Mazet. Great Job to all of you and my sincerest thank you.

Temple Sinai is as strong and vibrant as it is because of people like you. As we move on to October, you will notice that the auxiliaries are offering new opportunities to gather together and share time together. All COVID-19 protocols will remain in effect. Masks must be worn in the building at all times whether you are vaccinated or not. Events where food is offered will, for the most part, be served in the chapel and eaten on the patio (weather permitting). If you have not been issued a blue wristband yet, stop by the office with your proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test (from 72 hours prior to the event) and pick one up. All gatherings will require this going forward, including services on Friday nights and Saturday mornings as well as Religious School on Sundays and Tuesdays. Children under the age of 12 are, of course, exempt from showing proof of vaccination for now. Once the vaccine has been approved for children we will revisit our approach in this regard. Your cooperation and understanding regarding the ever changing COVID protocols is greatly appreciated.

Save the date!

Friday, December 3, 2021, join us for a special Shabbat service and a wonderful Recognition Dinner immediately following services.

The temple will be honoring long-time active members

FRED FABRICANT
GAIL & SAUL JACOBS
JACK OLSHANSKY

for their devotion and service to the Temple and to all congregants.

We hope you will join in this festive celebration.

In addition to the special dinner, there will be a Tribute Book to which you may place your message to them.

Watch your mail for further information which will be coming around the middle of October.

Temple Leadership

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The Rabbi Avi Levine Community Religious School is Opening its Doors to All Jewish Children in the Coachella Valley Regardless of Affiliation

Students will have the opportunity to meet other Jewish families, be immersed in the Jewish tradition of *tikkun olam* (repairing the world), and experience the Shabbat, festivals, prayer, art, music, and food.



**To learn more, please contact Temple Sinai's
educator, Talia Lizemer.**

760-568-9699 ~ educator@templesinaipd.org



From the Educator

Shalom Temple Sinai Congregants, Families, and Students,

I would like to begin by thanking our teenage "*madrichim*" or teachers' helpers for assisting custodians Adrian and Ben in loading food items donated by Temple Sinai's congregants and guests, onto the food bank truck. The Torah and Jewish traditions are explicit in commanding that we feed the hungry, and the enthusiasm of our *madrichim* assisted in achieving that goal.

Talia Lizemer, Educator

On Sunday, September 19, our Religious School opened the 5782 Jewish year with a school-wide *Sukkot* celebration. The students learned about the holiday, prepared decorations, and enjoyed the healthy snacks, generously provided by the PTO (parent-teacher organization).

On Sunday, September 26, the students enjoyed yet another school wide-celebration honoring the holiday of *Simchat-Torah*. This holiday teaches us the never-ending project of learning and growing, as well as the cyclical nature of the Jewish year.

Rabbi Novak unrolled a whole Torah scroll, introducing the students to the five books of the Bible while providing them with an up-close tour of the text.

This was followed by very engaging moments where the students created their own Torah scroll while writing in them the Jewish lessons learned.

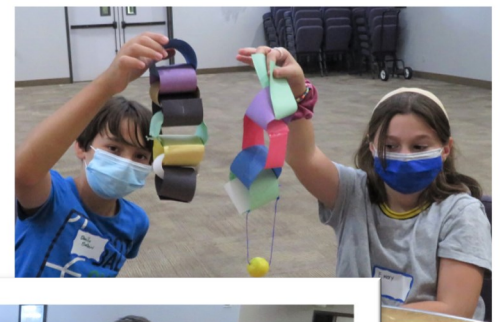
Warmly,

Talia Lizemer-Hawley
Congregational Educator



The First Day Religious School is Back in the Building

A Whole-School Celebration of Sukkot



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GENERAL FUND

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Sandie Eichberg, President,
Women of Sinai

I am excited. Women of Sinai's first luncheon in 19 months is Monday, October 4 when we will learn about the history of our local Jewish community from people who were here. We invite everyone – women and men – to Monday's event, and to our December luncheon with a panel of men and women who grew up Jewish in other countries. Please contact me at SGEichberg@msn.com to join Women of Sinai and to attend our events.



Friday, October 1 is the last day to reserve your spot!

Women of Sinai Presents:

**90 Years in the Desert:
The Jewish Community in the Coachella Valley
Monday, October 4 at 12:00 PM
Box Lunch and Panel Discussion**

Bob Fey - Growing up Jewish in Palm Springs in the 1950's

Marion Cowle - Temple Sinai Sisterhood

Rick Stein - History of funding of Temple Sinai

Barbara Platt - History of Tamarisk

Paul Ross - History of Jews in Desert Hot Springs

Cost is \$25.00 for dues-paying and complimentary members of Women of Sinai, and \$30.00 for all others.

For information, contact Gladys Layne (gladyoann4610@gmail.com)



Birthdays

10/1
Alexandra Snukel

10/2
Harrison Levy
Dolly Steinman
Brian Gottlieb

10/6
Sue Sherman
Bill Sachs

10/8
Elaine Eldred

10/11
Caroline Mezrahi
Estelle Lieb

10/14
Nancy Shorr

10/17
Carole Corngold
Robert Snukal
Lynn Zaifert

10/18
Terrie Turner

10/19
Saul Jacobs
Sienna Greenberg

10/20
David Zeligson
Adele Meyers

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Gladys Layne

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Richard Aries
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10/26
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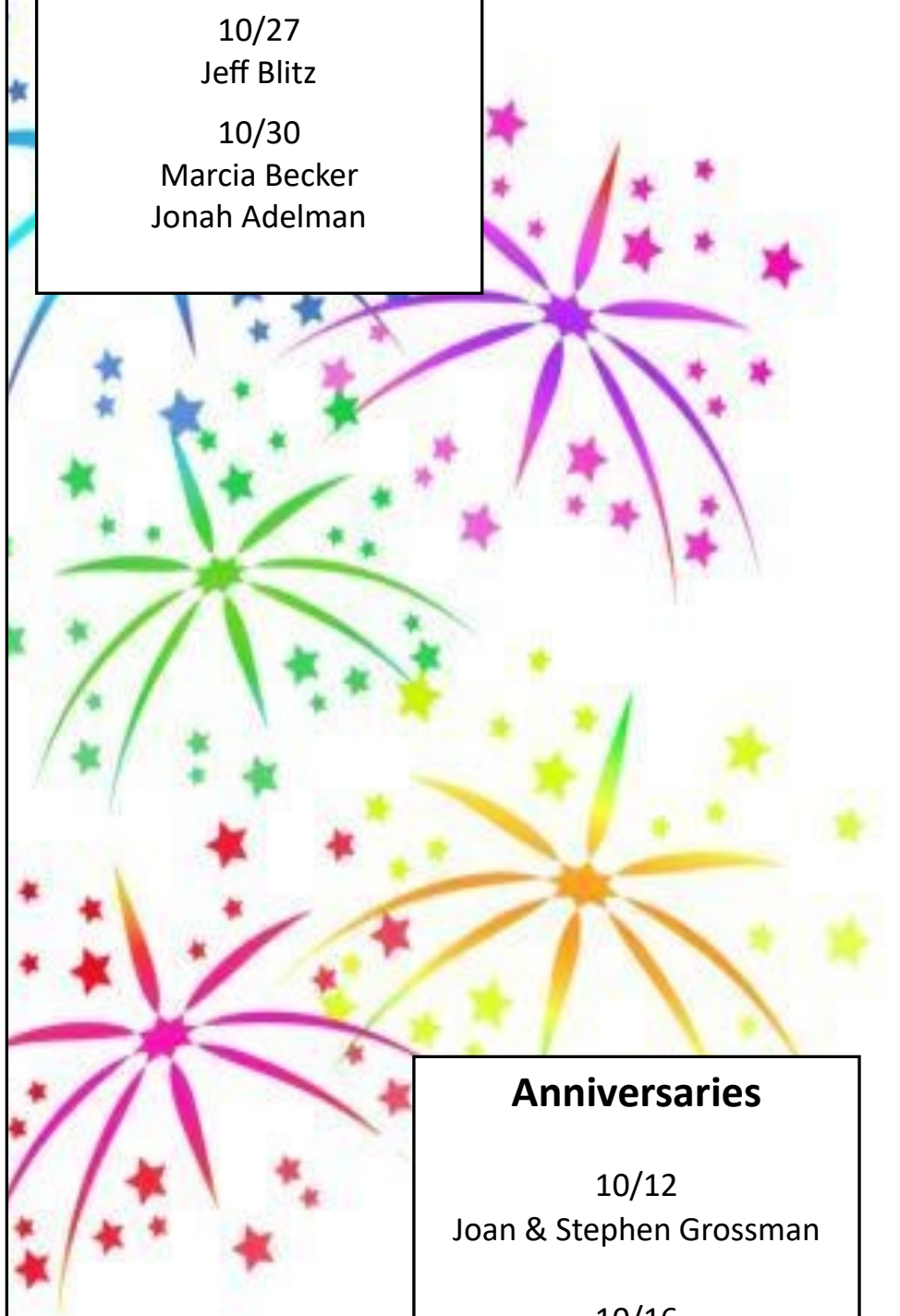
10/27
Jeff Blitz

10/30
Marcia Becker
Jonah Adelman

Anniversaries

10/12
Joan & Stephen Grossman

10/16
Veronica & Beryl Sandor



Tai Chi at Temple Sinai

Thursdays Beginning October 14

1:00 to 2:00 PM to in the Goodman Chapel

Certified Sifu (Instructor) Diane Wohl



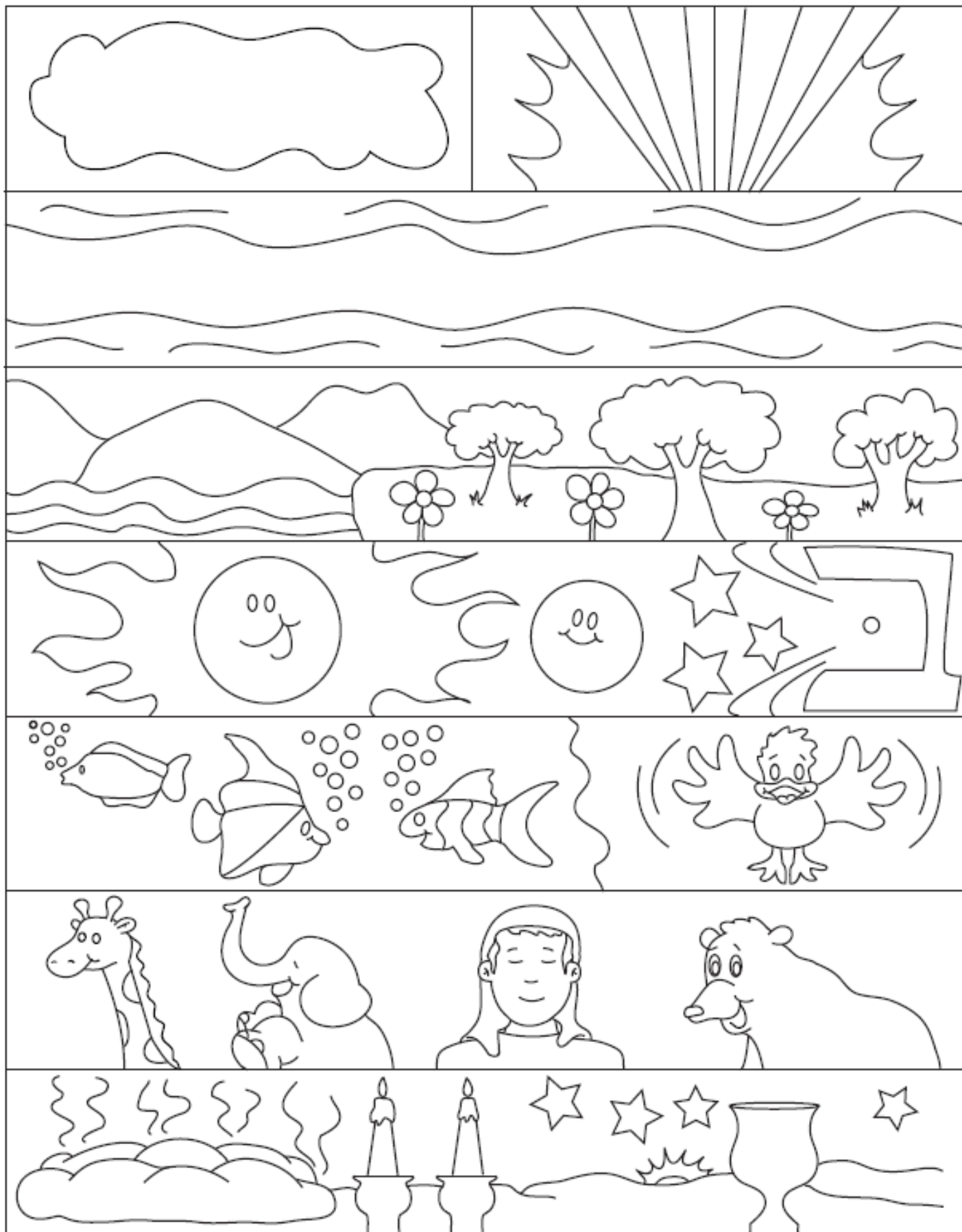
Wear comfortable clothes & shoes

No charge, but donations are gratefully accepted

Proof of vaccination & masks required

For more information, contact the instructor at DianeWohl@gmail.com





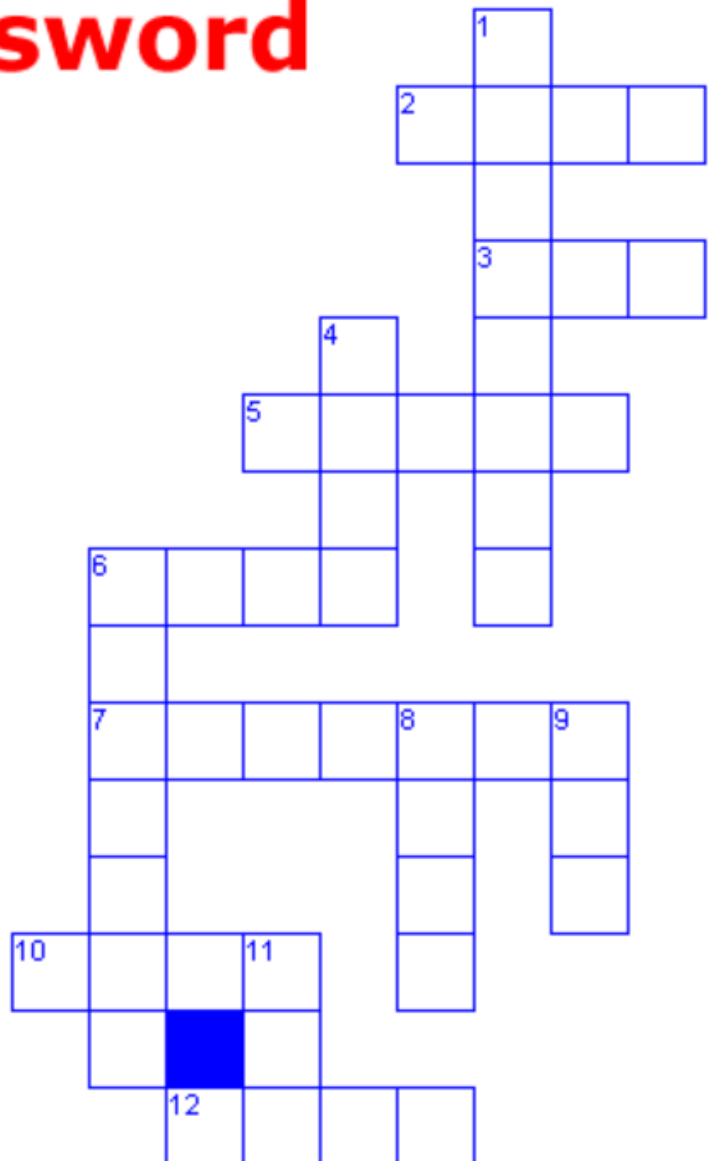
Bereshit Crossword Puzzle

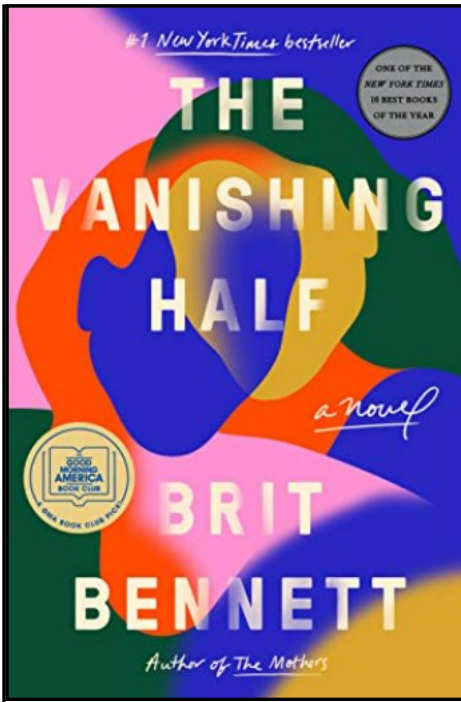
Across

2. Created on the Third day
3. The first Woman
5. One of the first two things created on the first day
6. Adam and Eve's third child
7. Created on the Sixth Day
10. The first murderer
12. The first Man

Down

1. Name of the Parsha
4. Created on the Fifth Day
6. The day of rest
8. A shepherd
9. One of the things created on the Fourth day
11. The land Cain was banished to





Book Club's Next Read: **The Vanishing Half**

By
Britt Bennett

Wednesday, October 20
10:00 AM in the Chapel

From The New York Times-bestselling author of *The Mothers*, a stunning new novel about twin sisters, inseparable as children, who ultimately choose to live in two very different worlds, one black and one white.

The Brotherhood Temecula
Wine Country Tour Has
Been Postponed to a Later,
More Weather-Friendly
Date.



Stay tuned
for updates.



Temple Sinai Brotherhood Presents

DINNER

And A

MOVIE

Thursday, October 21, 5:30 PM

Come see old friends and meet new ones!



Deli Dinner
From
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\$15 per
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A Tribute to Jackie Mason, King of the Politically Incorrect Comics

Did you know....?

Jackie Mason was an ordained rabbi, as were his three brothers.

His one man show, "The World According to Me" in 1988, received a special Tony Award.

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October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:30 Beit Sefer	4 Women of Sinai Luncheon 12:00	5 Beit Sefer 4:00 Reading the Torah in Translation 7:00 (Zoom)	6 Mah Jongg 1:00	7	8 Erev Shabbat Service 5:30 Sanctuary & Livestream	9 Torah Study 8:45 AM Shabbat Morning Service 10:00
10 Columbus Day Weekend—No Beit Sefer	11	12 Beit Sefer 4:00 Reading the Torah in Translation 7:00 (Zoom)	13 Mah Jongg 1:00	14	15 Erev Shabbat Service 5:30 Sanctuary & Livestream	16 Torah Study 8:45 AM Shabbat Morning Service 10:00
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