



April 2022

Adar II - Nisan 5782

Join Rabbi Novak and Temple Sinai for the first in-person community seder in two years!

Saturday, April 16 at 5:30 PM

See page 5 for details and to sign up.

(Please note: There will be no erev Shabbat service on Friday, April 15. Yahrzeit names from that week will be read on the 8th, and again on the 22nd.)

Special Guest Speaker

Erev Shabbat

April 8 at 5:30

Kate Chavez is the National Associate Director of High School Affairs at StandWithUs, an organization founded to combat antisemitism and educate teens about Israel.



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From the Rabbi

“Let all who are hungry come and eat.” This should sound familiar to us. It is one of the world’s most famous invitations found at the beginning of the telling of Passover story in the seder. It is called “Ha lachmah anya” which is in Aramaic, the lingua franca of the time of the seder’s creation. It was meant to be widely understood: all who are hungry come and eat.

The seder begins with this invitation to remind us that our gratitude for being liberated is widely shared with those who are still hungry, physically and spiritually. Our joining together at a seder allows us to recount our freedom story as we share our bounty with others, especially those who are hungry.

How wonderful it is for us to welcome others, even strangers, to our seder tables. Last year many of our sederim were done virtually—and some of us may find ourselves with a Zoom component this year to bring families and friends closer. For those of you who are hosting a seder in-person I have an invitation for you: would you be willing to expand by one or more seats to invite someone who needs a seder to attend? Likewise if you need a seder to attend, please let me know.

Contact me at rabbi@templesinaipd.org or at 760-568-9699 extension 201. I look forward to making sure that our Sinai community is well-fed, spiritually and bodily.

Chag Pesach Sameach—may our liberation festival be joyous to all and may we leave our Pesach seders with full bodies and minds!

Rabbi David Novak



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Women of Sinai Present: Women’s Shabbat

Friday, April 22 at 5:30 PM

Pre-oneg at 5:00 PM

Join Women of Sinai for a special service honoring the women of our congregation.



From the President

It has been so nice to actually see so many faces, now that the mask mandate has been lifted. Here in the temple, we still require masks for those who are not vaccinated. Personally, I still wear a mask when in the grocery store or Costco but usually nowhere else.

On March 11, we honored new and returning members of our temple family. That evening, we also started our Pre-Oneg get-togethers, which have been greatly enjoyed by those who have attended. We plan to continue them on April 8, 22, and 29, and on May 13, 20, and 27. We'll see about the summer months. Join us at 5:00 before Shabbat services.



President Nancy Singer

Our community event on March 13 was attended by about 300 people and seven rabbis who came together to pray for the people of Ukraine. If you missed this spectacular event, you may watch it on our Facebook page.

We had another community event on March 27, with a brunch and the showing of the documentary called "Fiddler...Miracle of Miracles", produced by Patti Kerner. She was also our host for the brunch. About 50 people attended and were so engrossed in seeing the background of "Fiddler".

Coming up in April are the Women of Sinai luncheon on April 5, featuring a speaker's personal life in the Ukraine. Please see the flyer elsewhere in this Shofar. Brotherhood will have another "Dinner and a Movie" night on April 28. These are both interesting and fun events that need your support.

On Saturday evening, April 16, we will host a Second Night Seder with Rabbi Novak leading the service. Please sign up to attend. Our caterer this year is the new J's Deli...and they promise outstanding food. (I have tried their matzo ball soup and found it to be delicious!)

I point out these events to you with a request for your support. I encourage you to not only attend but to also invite your friends to join you. Help them see how much we have to offer in our temple and how warmly we will welcome them to join us. We hope that every congregant will spread the good word about Temple Sinai.

See you at the shul!

Nancy



Temple Manager Toni Robinson

From the Temple Manager

April 2022, Passover is almost here. After a two-year absence we finally get to gather to celebrate our freedom. We are hosting a 2nd night seder on Saturday, April 16th at 5:30 pm.

This year is particularly poignant as we too have emerged from a plague. Look for the sign-up sheet elsewhere in this Shofar and in the weekly e-shofar. Sign up, bring a friend, join in the celebration.

The current activity level at the temple is most rewarding. To hear the voices of the children as they make their way to school. The book club, Yiddish club, Mah Jongg, Desert Cities Bridge, and Tai Chi each bringing its own brand of energy to our temple. Spring feels like spring at last. The smiles on the faces and in the voices of the staff and congregants ignites joy in my being. Thank you all for staying with us during the pandemic. I know it is not totally over yet, however, we have come a long way and you have all been patient and supportive during these last 2 years.

2020 Purim Carnival was the last event we held here before COVID closed our doors. Three months later we welcomed a new Rabbi, albeit virtually. Rabbi Novak used every tool he could find to develop ways to meet with you and get to know you. You were all very responsive, and it is, to this day, greatly appreciated. Before our part-time desert residents leave for the summer, try to stop by on a Friday night or Saturday morning for services and take a taste of Sinai with you on your travels. We will still be available electronically no matter where you go, and we hope that you will join us from time to time during the summer. For those stalwarts who, like me, live here year round, I hope to see you at some of the “surprise” events we have in store just for you. Be well and thanks again for your support.



BROTHERHOOD'S DINNER AND A MOVIE

Thursday, April 28, 5:30 PM

Deli Dinner \$20 per person RSVP to the temple office

See the Oscar-nominated Israeli film

Footnote

760-568-9699





Temple Sinai Second Night Community Seder

Led by Rabbi David Novak

Saturday, April 16, 2022

5:30 PM (Doors open at 4:45)

Dinner will include traditional Passover favorites, and will be catered by J's Deli



_____ Adults	\$60.00 Congregants & Guests/\$70.00 Non-Congregants	\$ _____
_____ Children (7-13)	\$25.00 Congregants & Guests/\$30.00 Non-Congregants	\$ _____
_____ Children (3-6)	\$10.00 Congregants & Guests/\$15.00 Non-Congregants	\$ _____
_____ Vegetarian		Total \$ _____

Reservations must be made by 12:00 noon on Tuesday, April 12

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Check # _____ Credit Card # _____ Exp: _____ Code: _____

Billing Address: _____

I wish to be seated with: _____

PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY ALL RESERVATIONS

IF RESERVING A TABLE OF 8, PAYMENT FOR THE TABLE IS DUE WITH RESERVATIONS

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From the Educator

Shalom Temple Sinai Congregants, Families, and Students,

Our religious school had a very meaningful Purim celebration on Sunday, March 13th, 2022.

We began our day with the Purim Megillah (the scroll of Esther), read by Rabbi Novak.

Our students, volunteers, guests, and staff shook their *groggers* (Yiddish for “noisemakers”) every time we heard the name of the villain Haman being mentioned.

We continued with baking chocolate and marmalade filled *hamantaschen*, while practicing naming the ingredients in Hebrew.

Giving directly to those experiencing poverty, Purim’s *matanot l’evyonim*, became our mitzvah project.

Our students filled draw-string backpacks, that will be distributed among Martha’s Village and Kitchen and Coachella Valley Volunteers in Medicine, with an abundance of donated hygienic supplies. They also enjoyed writing encouraging cards, that were placed in each backpack.

We concluded our celebratory day with our older students staging a funny *Purim-spiel* (Yiddish for “play”), and, of course, enjoying the warm, freshly baked, hamantaschen.

Continuing our teaching of caring for the vulnerable, our Religious School welcomed a guest speaker, Mrs. Sandi Danciger.

Ms. Danciger, a retired educator at Desert Sands Unified School District, shared the story “The Mouse Trap”. The moral of the lesson is to speak up and stand for one another.

When one of us is threatened, we are all at risk.

We are making an effort to encourage and support one another.

To make it more meaningful to our younger students, we discussed bullying: verbal, physical, and on social-media platforms. The students share their stories about witnessing bullying, how they felt, and the efforts they took to stop it.

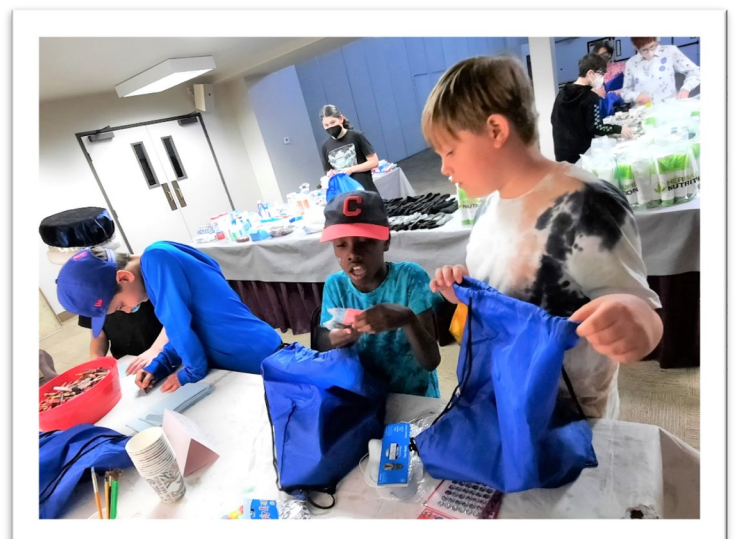
Warmly,

Talia Lizemer-Hawley, M.A.

Congregational Educator



Talia Lizemer, Educator



GENEROUS DONATIONS

GENERAL FUND

Yahrzeit

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Yahrzeit

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Stephanie Arnheim

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Shirlee Taub

By: Lynn Hannan

Nathan Bookin

By: Renee & Ron Partelow

Thanks to Melinda & Harvey Bernstein for baking rugelach, mandel bread, and macaroons for the oneg Shabbat on March 18.



Birthdays

4/1

Carrie Stone

Isaac Goetting

4/2

Coco Mazet

4/5

Lee Weinstein

4/6

Alan Krubiner

Mindy Rose

4/11

Eric Sontz

4/12

Carole Adelstein

4/14

Ardith Margulies

4/22

Jean Carrus

Brian Lynn

Gloria Rudetsky

4/23

Melinda Bernstein

4/24

Rod Hill

4/25

Sherry Fern

Jack Olshansky

4/27

Sandra Holzer

Anniversaries

4/1

Ellen & Bill Sachs

4/11

Sally & Kit Narodick

4/15

Ann & Glynne Miller

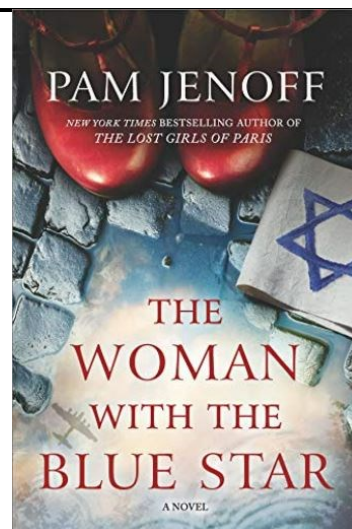


Book Club's Next Read, Wednesday, April 27, 10:30 AM

The Woman with the Blue Star

By Pam Jenhoff

An unlikely and dangerous friendship is formed in occupied Poland in 1942 between two young women — one from an affluent Catholic family, the other, hiding with her fellow Jews in the underground tunnels below the city.



Yom Hashoah

Holocaust Remembrance Day

Sunday, April 24, 2022 3:00 pm

UC Riverside. Palm Desert Campus
75080 Frank Sinatra Drive.
Palm Desert, CA 92211

*"The Holocaust is very much alive.
The wounds are still there.
The scars are still there.
The influence is still there".*

Avner Shalev



GUEST SPEAKER

Julie Kohner

Julie Kohner has been a Jewish educator for over thirty years, with a master's degree in educational counseling. After Julie's mother, Hanna, a Holocaust survivor, passed away

in 1990, Julie began to create educational programs to honor the victims and survivors of the Holocaust. Her goal was to teach the Holocaust as seen through her mother's eyes. This was the beginning of Voices of the Generations, a unique and personal approach to Holocaust education.

Julie Kohner has presented Voices of the Generations for the past thirty years. Julie's parents wrote an autobiography, Hanna and Walter, A Love Story, which traces their journey from 1930s pre-war Europe to reuniting after the end of the war.

Voices of the Generations is a non-profit organization and has been presented throughout the United States, as well as Canada, Europe, and Australia. Programs have been sponsored by Jewish Federations and Community Centers, churches, schools, museums and film festivals. Julie Kohner has a published curriculum to accompany Hanna and Walter, A Love Story, preparing educators how to teach the Holocaust. Voices of the Generations is listed by the Los Angeles Unified School District as approved for Holocaust education.



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Brotherhood's April Nature Walk

Sunday, April 10 at 10:00 AM

Kim Nicol Trail

Directions: Take I-10 to the Palm Drive exit; go north on Palm to Dillon, turn right. Proceed about 3.5 miles to Corkill Rd. (there is a convenience store on the right hand side), and turn right. Go about a mile and a half and the trail-head will be on the left. The pavement ends for the last half mile or so, and while it is dusty and a little bumpy, 4WD is not necessary.

Contact Gordon Kramer at gordeve@aol.com to let us know you will be coming.

As always, thanks to Dr. James Danoff-Burg, Director of Conservation at the Living Desert Zoo and Gardens, for leading the walk.

Don't forget to bring your hat, water, and sunscreen.



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Hanukkah Merchandise



Jewish Ritual Items



Greeting Cards and
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First In-Person in Two Years

2022 Annual Meeting and Open House

Sunday, May 1, 10:00 AM



A great opportunity to see friends, share your great ideas, and meet Rabbi Novak! Have a bagel and shmear, and be a part of making Temple Sinai's future bright.

Wish list for Temple Sinai

Someone with photoshop skills to create a composite photo

Internet access for classrooms

Computers for classrooms

Volunteers with expertise in Word Press, to assist with temple website

Volunteers with expertise with Facebook to keep it updated

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

Volunteers with office skills to work in the office on Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons.

Internet, phone, and sound system for chapel

Klieg light repair in sanctuary

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 our needs.





Passover Word Search Puzzle

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Haggadah
Hebrews
matzo

Nisan
Pesach
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plagues
seder
slavery
unleavened bread

April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Family Shabbat, 5:30. Pizza dinner following. Sanctuary & Livestream	2 Torah Study 8:45 AM Shabbat Morning Service 10:00
3	4 Office Closed	5 Women of Sinai Luncheon, 12:00 PM Reading the Torah in Translation 4:00	6 Mah Jongg 1:00	7 Tai Chi 1:00	8 Stand With Us Erev Shabbat Pre-Oneg 5:00 Service 5:30 Sanctuary & Livestream	9 Torah Study 8:45 AM Shabbat Morning Service 10:00
10 Brotherhood Nature Walk 10:00 AM	11 Office Closed	12 Reading the Torah in Translation 4:00	13 Mah Jongg 1:00	14 Tai Chi 1:00	15 Erev Pesach No Shabbat Service	16 Torah Study 8:45 AM Shabbat Pesach Morning Service 10:00 Community Seder 5:30 Pesach 1
17 Pesach 2	18 Office Closed Pesach 3	19 Pesach 4	20 Mah Jongg 1:00 Pesach 5	21 Tai Chi 1:00 Pesach 6	22 Yizkor Service 10:00 AM. Women's Shabbat – Oneg 5:00 Service 5:30 Sanctuary & Livestream Pesach 7	23 Torah Study 8:45 AM Shabbat Morning Service 10:00
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