

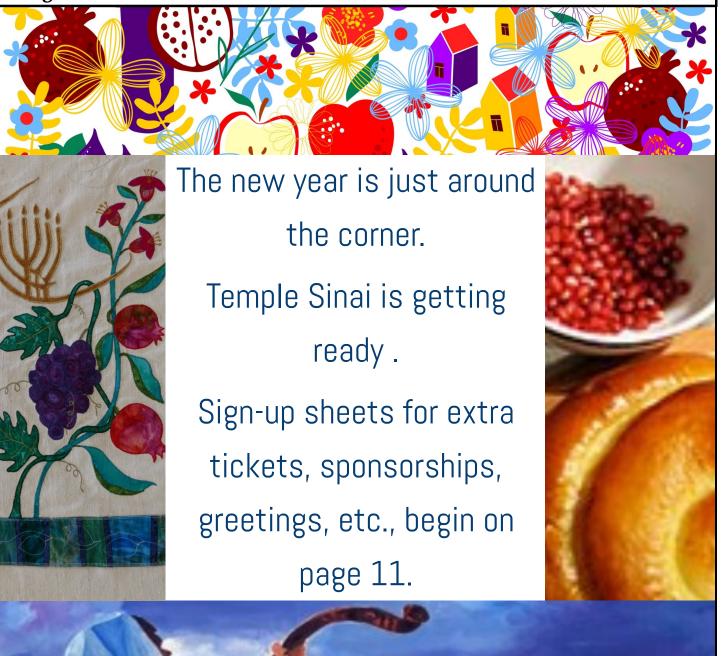


Where Judaism Blooms in the Desert

SHOFAR

August 2022

Av-Elul 5782



From the Rabbi

One privilege of living in the Coachella Valley is that the night sky lacks urban light pollution. Earth's moon is often visible, as are other planets, complemented by many stars that may be seen by the naked eye. In a revelatory moment for humanity what was previously invisible to us is now visible. Science gave us a tremendous look into galaxies far beyond the human ken in mid-July. We are now able to see the first images from the new James Webb Telescope from its orbit one million miles from Earth.



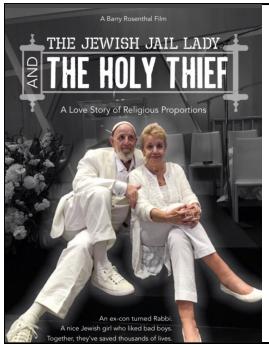
Rabbi David Novak

The telescope is offering a clarity never experienced by humans of galaxies beyond galaxies and stars birthing stars reaching back billions of years. Our human species, relatively young at 300,000 years old, continues to expand our knowledge of the astounding nature of reality.

I am a person who understands how science complements Judaism. Judaism has much to say of the Creator. In passages in our daily and Shabbat services creation is spoken of as the "Maasei b'reishit." Creation is renewed daily: "Ma rabu maasecha Adonai, kolum b'chochma asita." "How numerous are your works, Adonai, in wisdom you formed them all."

It is remarkable how our human knowledge continues to expand, revealing more of the work of creation. I encourage you to visit https://www.nasa.gov/webbfirstimages and take it in for yourself. What a privilege it is to be alive in this moment.

Rabbi David Novak



Temple Sinai Palm Desert Invites the Coachella Valley Jewish Community to a Free Screening of the Documentary Film

The Jewish Jail Lady and the Holy Thief

Thursday, August 4 at 7:00 PM

A love story of religious proportions. This is a heartwarming documentary of Harriet Rossetto and Rabbi Mark Borovitz who, through their work at Beit T'shuvah, a Jewish Recovery community, saved thousands of lives. Rossetto and Borovitz, along with filmmaker Barry Rosenthal will be present and in conversation with Rabbi Novak after the screening.

This film is not for those who are offended by profanity

Please RSVP to the temple office, (760-568-9699) so that we know how many people to expect.

Light Desserts Provided

From the President

Wow! I am blown away by the number of our members who have increased the amount of their dues by the requested 3% and the extra \$50 (to \$200) for security and more. Thank you all so much. I am over the moon with appreciation for the 25 (so far!) members who have renewed their dues at one of the Patron levels. I can't even put into words how grateful we are for your support!!! I hope to be able to thank all our members for their renewals so please send your dues commitments as soon as possible.

By the way, did you know that you can pay your Temple dues, your Women of Sinai dues, your Brotherhood dues and religious school fees as part of your Required Minimum Distribution from your IRAs? Ask the manager of your funds or call Toni for information on how to do this.



President Nancy Singer

Shortly, you will receive the "High Holydays Packet" of flyers. This will include forms to support the Erev Rosh Hashanah Oneg, the Break the Fast on Yom Kippur and the floral arrangements that will grace the bimah; to list your departed love ones in our Book of Remembrance; to order extra tickets for family members for the services; and to post your New Year greetings in the September Shofar. Please note the various deadline dates for submitting the forms, dates that are necessary to allow our staff to properly prepare for the holidays.

Be sure to SAVE THE DATES of Sunday, October 23 at 3:00 and Saturday, December 3 at 6:00 for two fabulous upcoming entertainment treats! See the flyers on page 5. These are two events you won't want to miss.

And it's not too late to make a reservation for the special screening of *The Jewish Jail Lady and the Holy Thief*. This is a community-wide free event on Thursday evening, August 4 at 7:00.

Help us expand our great religious school by telling your friends that their children are welcome in the school (at increased tuition) even if the parents aren't members of the congregation. Of course, we welcome everyone to be congregants but we want to ensure the future of Judaism by educating the children. Pass the word about our Open House on Sunday morning, September 11 when we will welcome the children to the first day of school for this year and welcome prospective members for the Temple.

If you're here weathering the heat, come join us at our Pre-Onegs at 5:00 before the 5:30 Shabbat services. It's a great way to meet friends and visitors.

See you at the shul.

Nancy



Temple Manager Toni Robinson

From the Temple Manager

August 2022, and the administrative staff and clergy are steeped in preparations for a meaningful High Holy Day experience for all of you. Every year it comes as a surprise that it is time to start the process once again. In as much as many things are repetitive from one year to the next, each new year brings its own surprises, joys, and a few challenges. We are all hoping

to fill this building with people who find joy in the new year and an opportunity to do it better in 5783 than in previous years. Just as each of you looks forward to a better, happier, healthier time in the new year, we hope to improve the manner and method of structuring your experience to meet your expectations.

We are looking for volunteers for administrative help. We would also like to form an Oneg (pre-neg) committee that would take on the job of creating the Onegs throughout the year. If you have an interest in any of the above opportunities, let us know.

If you have not yet renewed your membership, there are links in the e-shofar and on the website that lead to all the forms. If you are renewing, you only need to complete the Dues Commitment form, not the entire packet. If you are joining us for the first time, then we need you to complete the entire packet as it relates to you. (i.e., If you are not registering children in the school, you can skip all of that of course.)

If you are thinking about joining, but have not made up your mind, then we invite you to purchase High Holy Day tickets and give us a try. If you decide that this is a good place for you, the cost of your tickets will be applied to your dues pledge if you join by the end of November.

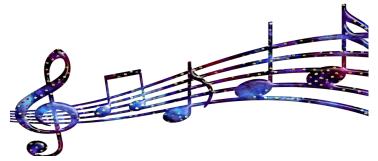
If you are already a member and want to order extra tickets for friends and family, there is a form in this issue of Shofar and one available in the e-shofar.

If you have already renewed, you can look for your tickets after Labor Day.

I want to close with an enormous thank you to all our volunteers. Without them, we would not be able to do all that we do. Ilene Harris, Micki Greenspan, Fred Fabricant, and Nancy Singer -- these four also serve on either the temple board or the board of an auxiliary or both.

Sunday Afternoon October 23

Temple Sinai and Sabra Hadassah Present:



A Musical Adventure of Broadway Show Tunes Featuring Wendy & Rik

in the style of Randy z"l and Marilyn Tichauer Right here at Temple Sinai



Join Us for a Very Special Evening of

Music, Laughs, and Magic

 -under the direction of our own Wayne Abravanel in Support of the Rabbi Avi Levine Community Religious School

Saturday, December 3, 2022 at 6:00 PM



Hors d'oeuvres, wine and beer

Drawing and Silent Auction

2022-2023

Temple Leadership

Executive Committee

Nancy Singer	President
Joseph Weiss	Vice President
Susan Jaspan	Treasurer
Ann Loeb	Corporate Secretary
Jack Olshansky	Past President
Howard Vogel	Membership

Trustees:

Ann Miller	Social Action
Michael Sonduck	At Large
Fred Fabricant	Special Projects

Auxiliaries:

Sandie Eichberg..President, Women of Sinai Jeff Schiffris......Co-President, Brotherhood Natalia Levy.....President, PTO

WITH GRATITUDE FOR OUR 2022-2023 PATRONS

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From the Educator

Register Now for Rabbi Avi Levine Community Religious School

At Temple Sinai's Rabbi Avi Levine Community Religious School, Jewish children from across the Coachella Valley come together to build strong friendships and Jewish identity. Under the leadership of Rabbi David Novak and myself, the school reflects Sinai's commitment as a Reform congregation to Jewish continuity. As a community school, it is open to all who wish to enroll, irrespective of congregation affiliation.

As the "People of the Book" the Levine school is grounded in Torah: "Take to heart these instructions with which I charge you this day. And you shall teach them to your children."

While traditional interpretation applied religious education only to boys, the Levine Community Religious School is committed to educating children of both genders. Our school's classes begin at six/seven years old, reflecting Rabbi Simeon ben Shetah's making elementary education compulsory as early as 75 BCE.



Talia Lizemer, Educator

Our school features other elements that became part of Jewish life derived from Judaism's Oral Law, the Talmud: *Older students assist in the education of the younger. *Children should not be kept away from their lessons by other duties. *The number of pupils in a class should not exceed 25. In our time, the Talmud's education pedagogy is cited by the National Education Association its advocacy for maximum class size of 25 pupils.

Judaism's valorizing of education has made Jews the most highly educated religious group in the world, according to the 2016 Pew Report. It is why Temple Sinai is so committed to having a pluralistic school, building on Judaism's rich foundation. Over 24 Sunday mornings, students enjoy their time learning at Sinai, spending it in a mixture of t'fillot (worship), experiential learning (cooking, arts and crafts), story telling, conversations, special speakers, and play. It is a curriculum and program that emphasizes students wanting to be at synagogue. The school is a proud recipient of funding from the Jewish Federation of the Desert.

To learn more or enroll in Temple Sinai's religious school call Sinai at 760-568-7699 or visit our website www.templesinaipd.org.

Warmly, Talia Lizemer-Hawley



From the Brotherhood

Greetings to all near and far!

I hope you are all having a good summer and surviving the scorching temperatures. Brotherhood renewals and first-time sign ups have been coming in weekly. Over the summer our Board has been planning for the fall; selecting movies for "Dinner and a Movie Night", choosing locations for our popular guided hikes, and brainstorming ideas for other fun events. Currently, Brotherhood is working on a project to transform the grass patch in front of the chapel into an ecological, water saving desert



scape garden. We are also working with Women of Sinai in the planning of a December 3rd benefit for our religious school. We are excited for the new year. There are a lot of wonderful things happening at Temple Sinai and Brotherhood is proud to be a part of it.

Bob Denebeim

Jeff Schiffris

Help Women of Sinai impact Jewish Youth of the Coachella Valley

Join Women of Sinai for the 2022-2023 year. Every penny we earn goes to our religious school that educates Jewish youth regardless of their family's affiliation with Temple Sinai. General Membership is \$36.00 for the fiscal year, and Silver Membership is \$72.00. Members who are 90+ years young receive complimentary general membership. Mail your check to Temple or call the office to give your credit card number.



Come to an evening of music, laughs and magic to raise money for our religious school on Saturday, December 3. The fantastic event is presented by Women of Sinai and Brotherhood. See page 5 for details.

GENEROUS DONATIONS

GENERAL FUND

YAHRZEIT

Ida Spector

By: Lee & Harold Weinstein

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By: Barry Kaiman

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Bv: Don Cornuet

Ellen Rosenblit

By: Herb Pregozen

Milly Mogul

By: Resa Mannning

Alex Zeligson

Donald Berman

By: David Zeligson

IN HONOR OF

Rabbi Novak

By: Lita Widran

The speedy recovery of David

Himy

By: Barry Kaiman

The birth of her great-grandson

By: Rena Magged

IN MEMORY OF

Bess Handler

By: Barbara Burns

Brian Gottlieb

By: Alicia & Ruben Rodriguez

TZEDAKAH

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TIKKUN OLAM FUND

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YAHRZEIT

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IN MEMORY OF

Brian Gottlieb

By: Fred Fabricant

Niecee Schonberger

By: Nancy Singer

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YAHRZEIT

Harry Doroshow

Tobette Doroshow

Lillian Kaufman

By: Fran Kaufman

CANTORIAL MUSIC FUND

YAHRZEIT

Bessie Kirzner

Michael Rudetsky

By: Gloria & Ed Rudetsky

FUND FOR THE FUTURE

YAHRZEIT

Max Shapiro

By: Marlene & Arthur Shapiro

Birthdays

8/1

Gayle Jacobson

8/3

Gordon Kramer

Janet Ball

8/5

Bob Denebeim

8/7

Sandy Weisenberg

8/10

Boni Adelman

8/11

Veronica Sandor

Picce Glast

Bob Glast

8/12

Jeff Askenas

8/14

Gary Kreger

Daniel Snukal

Ron Partelow

8/17

Harvey Bernstein

8/18

Rick Stein

Jane Mattlin

Jerome Solomon

8/19

Emery Greenberg

Marie Sontz

8/21

Elise Aries

8/26

Linda Block

8/27

Nancy Singer

8/28

Lisa Gottlieb

Fran Kaufman

8/30

Richard Harris

8/31

Barry Baker

Anniversaries

8/2

Barbara & Ron Borden

Renée & Ron Partelow

8/4

Marlene & Ron Caudill

8/5

Betty & Bob Denebeim

8/9

Susan & Michael Miller

8/12

Caroline & Shaul Mezrahi

8/13

Sharon & Rod Hill

8/15

Lily & Charles Mazet

8/16

Ann & Mike Hankin

8/18

Sheilah & Robert Snukal

8/20

Stewart Fleishman & Bruce Radler

8/12

Leslie & Joel Hirschberg

8/31

Gail & Saul Jacobs





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HIGH HOLY DAY EXTRA TICKET REQUEST (MEMBERS)

2022-5783

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:							
Name							
Credit Card#		Amount \$					
Expiration Date	Code	Check #					
Billing Address							

Please send us your request by **September 9** so that we can include the tickets with your regular tickets. For requests received after September 9, tickets will be held in will-call.

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 to a full page 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 September 19, 2022

Pages of Remembrance Please print my special "Page of Remembrance" as follows:	Please print my list in the following format: (See samples below)			
Or select one of the suggested: In Loving Remembrance In Remembrance of In Loving Memory	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 1 Name 2 Name 3 Name 4 Name 5 Name 6 Name 6 Name 7 Name 8 Sample Quarter Page	Names you wish listed in the Memorial Book:			
Name	Check # \$			

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 September *Shofar* for everyone to see. We have six designs available. All you need to add is your name! The price is \$54.00 per greeting, and you can choose any design you wish.

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

1. Write in the name(s) you wish to appear on your card.	Name(s) to appear on your card:					
Pick the design you wish to use. *See next page*						
3. Write a check for \$54.00 made payable to Temple Sinai (or charge it).	Design you would like to use (circle one): ABCDEF Check Enclosed □ Bill My Credit Card					
4. Mail or drop off your form and payment to the Temple office (or scan and email to trobinson@templesinaipd.org)	Name: Billing Address					
no later than August 16, 2022.	Card #					
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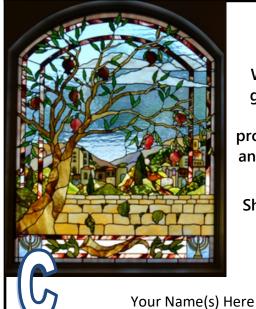


Your Name(s) Here



May this Rosh Hashanah bring you fulfillment and all of life's best things. Have a very happy and healthy New Year.

Your Name(s) Here



Wishing you good health, peace and prosperity today and throughout the year.

Shanah Tovah!



Your Name(s) Here



May it be written and may it be sealed that this year brings you fulfillment and happiness.

Your Name(s) Here



May your home light up with joy.
Shanah Tovah!

Your Name(s) Here



Erev Rosh Hashanah Oneg Sponsor Form

Suggested Minimum Donation \$36

Name			_
Credit Card#		Amount \$	_
Expiration Date	Code	Check #	
Billing Address			

Please return this form by September 13, 2022



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 September 19, 2022



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BREAK THE FAST WITH THE TEMPLE SINAI COMMUNITY

With a Dairy Buffet

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2022/5783

By Reservation Only



Immediately Following the Ne'ilah Service in the Samson Social Hall For more information, call the temple office: 760-568-9699

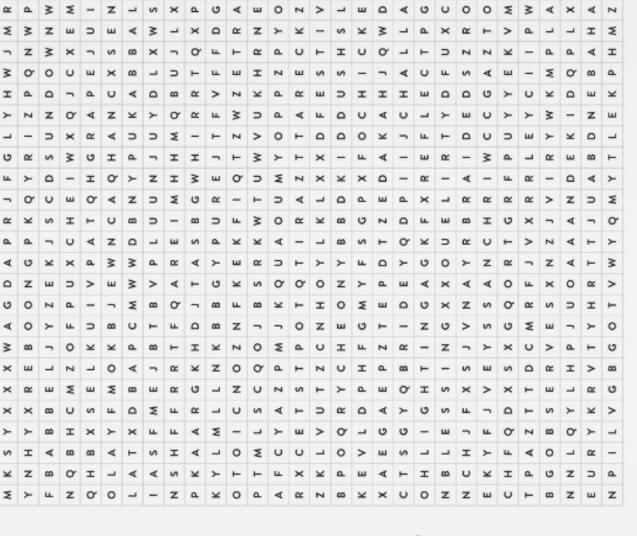
	Please Make Your Reservation by	2022			
Number of			Members	Non-Mem	Totals
	Adults		\$36	\$40	\$
	Children 7 to 12		\$18	\$20	\$
	Children 6 and under are FREE				\$
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Blessing	Braided	Bride	Candles	Challah	Chicken	Cloves	Connect	Eat	Family	Festive	Friday	Grape Juice	Hamotzi	Handwashing	Havdalah	Home	Kabbalat	Kiddush	



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August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	1	2	3	4	5 Erev Shabbat	8:45 AM
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			Mah Jongg	7:00	Service 5:30	ing Service 10:00
			1:00	7.00	Chapel & Zoom	Erev Tisha B'Av
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Tisha B'Av	Office Closed		Chair Yoga		Tu B'Av ♥	Torah Study
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			Mah Jongg 1:00		Service 5:30 Chapel &	Shabbat Morn- ing Service
					Zoom	10:00
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			Mah Jongg			
			1:00			



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