

Shavuot, Sunday, June 5



*Sivan-Tamuz-Av 5782*

***Summer Issue, June and July, 2022***

# Chair Yoga Comes to Temple Sinai

Wednesdays from 10:30 to 11:15 AM

Starting June 22

Led by a Certified Yoga Instructor



Cost is \$15 per session cash,  
with a portion going to  
Women of Sinai to support the  
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If successful, the program will  
extend beyond the summer.

Limited to **16** participants. To  
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**760-568-9699**

Participants must be fully vaccinated and boosted.

## From the Rabbi

As you read this we are closing in on counting the Omer, a seven week period (a week is a shavua in Hebrew) that connects the second night of Passover, the festival of our liberation, to Shavout, the festival of our receiving Torah. Both Passover and Shavout have agricultural roots. Passover was originally the time of the planting of the crops for the year, including the spring wheat. Shavout is when the first spring wheat was harvested and taken to the ancient Temple.



**Rabbi David Novak**

Now known as “Z’man matan Torahteinu”—Shavout is our observance of the giving of Torah. One custom, the Tikkun Leil Shavout, was begun by the Kabbalists living in 16th Century Tzafat. They would rise at midnight and study Torah until sunrise (it also was a time when the wakening affects of caffeine were realized.).

In modernity Shavout is often the least observed of the three festivals. Here at Sinai we will observe Shavout on June 5th at 10 a.m. where the Torah portion will be the Ten Utterances (“commandments”), we will recite some psalms from Hallel, and hold a Yizkor service. All are welcome. It will be available online on the Zoom link used for Shabbat morning. Whether you join us on June 5th or not, enjoy summer wherever you find yourself! Chag Shavout Sameach!

**Sunday, June 5**

**10:00 AM**

**Shavuot Service with reading  
of the  
10 Commandments and  
Yizkor Service**



**Friday, June 10**

**5:00 Pre-oneg**

**5:30 Shabbat Service  
Installation Shabbat for the  
Temple Board, Women of  
Sinai, PTO, and Brotherhood**



*Thanks to All Our  
Board Members.*

## From the President

We are gearing up to close out the 2021-2022 fiscal year and preparing for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

First, I want to thank our hard-working staff for all they have done this past year. Our Administrator Toni Robinson keeps that notebook handy to jot down whatever comes along that needs attention and/or fixing. Elaine McDonald does a beautiful job of finding the graphics and putting out most of our communication. Talia Lizemer-Hawley has brought a fresh perspective to the job of Educator, keeping our religious school students educated and engaged. Gary Jackson delved right in as our Bookkeeper and has done a fabulous job of learning about our finances and transitioning us to better software. Adrian Macias and Ben Camargo are always there to help with whatever maintenance and other jobs are needed. Wayne Abravanel's music on Shabbat is always inspiring. And of course we couldn't do it all without our compassionate religious leader, our Rabbi David Novak. My gratitude to all of you for helping me with the unexpected transition to the Presidency and for keeping the Temple running.



**President Nancy Singer**

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Having led other non-profit organizations, I know how important it is to have a good Board of Directors to back up the President. All I can say is that I have had a *fabulous* Board and I offer a heartfelt thanks to each and every one of them for their dedication to Temple Sinai. And I would be remiss if I didn't also express my thanks to all those who volunteer their time helping in the office, as leaders of our three auxiliaries, and at events. Thanks so much!!

Please join us at services.....either in-person or on livestream.....on Friday, June 10, as Rabbi Novak installs the new Boards of the Temple, Women of Sinai, Brotherhood, and PTO for the next fiscal year.

In the next few days, you should all receive a request for your dues commitment for the coming fiscal year. The Finance Committee and the Board of Directors developed a bare-bones budget that will include having our Cantorial Soloist Wayne Abravanel providing music each Shabbat from mid-September through May, that will provide for the return of four Shabbat dinners, that will provide for the return for some additional adult education including the popular Lunch & Learn series, and that includes some very special fundraising events. We have had to provide for a modest increase in dues for all Temple members and an increase in the cost of security which is now included in the dues figures rather than stated as a separate assessment. We also increased the number of Patron levels and are so grateful to those congregants who help to sustain the temple at the various Patron levels. Watch for details.

Our pre-Onegs before services each Erev Shabbat have proven to be most enjoyable so we are planning to continue them throughout the summer. With fewer people in-person at services during the summer, we can lower the price of sponsoring a pre-Oneg in June, July, and August to only \$65. Please consider honoring an occasion or remembering a loved one by being a sponsor. Just call Toni.

I wish each of you a cool, relaxing summer and hope to see you over the summer if you are here or shall await your return in the fall if you escape the heat.

See you at the shul.

*Nancy*

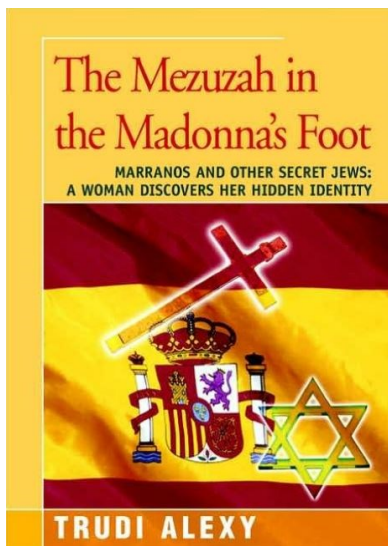


Temple Manager Toni Robinson

### From the Temple Manager

Where does the time go? It seems only a few weeks ago I was writing about how excited we all were that the temple is re-opening, even if on a limited basis. Now here we are another fiscal year has come and gone and we are fully open with some vaccination precautions in place. We enjoy our pre-Oneg time and gather on a regular basis for services, meetings, school and various activities. June is here and summer is upon us. The staff is looking forward to taking some vacation time to pursue personal interests and get a break from the heat. I will be heading to Lake Arrowhead in July for a week of cooler temps and staring at the lake. As strange as it seems we are already planning for High Holy Days and the plans promise to bring you all a memorable and meaningful experience. This issue of the Shofar is for June and July. The next issue will present all that the High Holy Days will have to offer. Thank you all for your support through this last exploratory year. Some things turned out differently than we imagined but all in all it was a successful year. This is largely due to the support from each and everyone of you.

See you in August!



### Book Club's Next Read Wednesday, June 15, 10:30 AM

#### The Mezuzah in the Madonna's Foot by Trudi Alexy

The thrilling and harrowing first-hand stories of fellow-survivors and their Spanish rescuers vividly reveal the unknown history of the Jews who found asylum from Hitler under Franco's regime.

# **Save The Date!**

Saturday, December 3, 2022 at 5:30 PM

Benefit to Support Temple Sinai's Religious School  
The only Reform Jewish School in the Coachella Valley

Wine and hors d'oeuvres followed by  
a variety review of comedy, song and magic.

Artistic Director Wayne Abravanel

Honorary Chair Rick Stein

More details coming shortly.

**Sunday Afternoon, October 23**

**Women of Sinai**

**and Sabra Hadassah Present:**

**A Musical Adventure of  
Broadway Show Tunes**

**Featuring  
Wendy & Rik**

**Details to Follow**

2021-2022

**Temple Leadership**

Executive Committee

Nancy Singer.....President  
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Ann Loeb.....Corporate Secretary  
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Howard Vogel.....Membership

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Micki Greenspan.....Ambassador  
Ann Miller.....Social Action  
Michael Sonduck.....At Large

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Nancy Singer

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**Ruby**

Ann & Glynne Miller

**Gold**

Nancy Singer

**Bronze**

Fred Fabricant

## From the Educator

Shalom Temple Sinai Congregants, Families, and Students,

Our academic school year has come to an end. What an amazing year it was. After a year and a half of online learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have returned to in-person teaching while making accommodations to ensure that our students, madrichim, and staff are safe. This in-person teaching promoted social growth and interpersonal bonding between our students, shaping a strong future of individuals who are deeply engaged in Judaism.

Every Tuesday, our students take part in learning and discussing the weekly Torah portion and applying it to today's world. We studied about the commandments given at Mount Sinai. Those codes became the foundation of law in the Western world, spreading basic values such as equality of all people, charity, the importance of individual freedom, responsibility, human-rights, and justice.



Talia Lizemer, Educator

We continued acquiring Jewish pride by celebrating Israel's 74 years of independence. It was amazing to learn about all the contributions a country, smaller than New Jersey, has made to our world.

To commemorate *Yom Ha'Shoah* (Holocaust Remembrance Day) our students hosted a local child Holocaust survivor who shared her incredible survival story. Rickie Taras and her father were the only two individuals in her extended family to survive. Our students are the last generation to be able to hear firsthand about the Holocaust. This will provide them tools to fight hate and discrimination and be advocates for social justice and peace.

Our students concluded their year by learning about the holiday of Shavuot and the lessons obtained from the story of Ruth: welcoming a stranger, loving people regardless of their background, and protecting and providing for the most vulnerable in our society.

Our confirmation students excelled during their May 20 Confirmation service, and we are all very proud of their achievements.

I would like to conclude by thanking our outstanding teachers: Ruthi Rukenstein and Marjorie Lander; our dedicated volunteers Paula Hoffman and Carol Woodward; and our exceptional madrichim Lexi Berman, Tommy Clark, Tara Greene, Ari Sanford and Rachel Sanford. A special thank you to Rabbi Novak who led our *T'fillot* and extended our learning by setting an example of excellent human character.

Wishing everyone a safe and healthy summer and looking forward to another exciting year in the fall.

Warmly,

Talia Lizemer-Hawley, M.A.  
Congregational Educator

# MY FAIR LADY

Join Women of Sinai for an Afternoon  
at the McCallum Theater

Sunday, February 9 at 2:00 PM

Tickets are \$95 each (face value) with  
10% of the price per ticket going to  
support Women of Sinai.

To reserve your ticket, please mail your check  
payable to Women of Sinai to:

Temple Sinai  
Attn: Women of Sinai  
73251 Hovley Lane West  
Palm Desert, CA 92260  
760-568-9699

(If you wish to be seated near a friend, please  
include a note with your check.)

**TICKETS ARE LIMITED**  
**DON'T WAIT!**



## GENEROUS DONATIONS

### GENERAL FUND

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#### Tzedakah

Lisa & Brian Gottlieb

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#### Yahrzeit

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#### Tzedakah

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Sandy Weisenberg

Joan & Andrew Kohn

#### Yahrzeit

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**Frank Paul**

**Nate Paul**

By: Marv Paul

**Fran Golde**

By: Marlene Lynn

**Arnold Cassuto**

By: Alex & Barbara Cassuto

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#### Yahrzeit

**Sarah Cooperman**

By: Ethel Cooperman

**Ed Singer**

**June Stern**

By: Nancy Singer

**David Layne**

By: Gladys Layne

#### Tzedakah

Michelle Miller

### CANTORIAL MUSIC FUND

#### IN HONOR OF

**Wayne Abravanel**

By: Renée & Ron Partelow

#### Yahrzeit

**Milton Weiss**

By: Joseph Weiss

**Selma Fogel**

By: Gloria & Ed Rudetsky

## June Birthdays

6/1  
Ari Sanford  
Darwin MacGill  
6/7  
Aaron Hoffman  
6/9  
Howard Vogel  
6/10  
Barbara Hochberg  
Charles Mazet  
Beryl Sandor  
6/12  
Nina Mascia  
6/13  
Bobbie Rosenberg  
6/14  
Natalia Levy  
Bruce Radler  
6/15  
Samuel Winett  
6/20  
Ron Caudill  
6/21  
Leslie Hirschberg  
6/22  
Caroline McWilliams  
6/24  
Judy Monetathchi  
6/25  
Barbara Barnett  
6/26  
Sally Narodick

## July Birthdays

7/2  
Mikhail Snukal  
7/4  
Michael Sanford  
Katerina Snukal  
Annette Lew  
7/7  
Linda Vogel  
7/8  
Charlotte Trudeau  
7/9  
Marcia Berk  
Susan Winett  
7/11  
Renee Partelow  
7/13  
Joyce Gorney  
Sharon Hill  
7/17  
Don Cornuet  
Levi Cohn  
Reese Rosam  
7/22  
Betty Denebeim  
7/23  
Stephen Grossman  
7/25  
Raymond McKee  
7/26  
Stewart Fleishman  
Clara Horne  
Tommy Clark

7/27  
Matt Levy  
Leo Cohn  
7/30  
Shaul Mezrahi



## June Anniversaries

6/2

Rosanne & Stephen Ezer

6/7

Carrie & Paul Stone

6/9

Lorraine & Herb Pregozen

6/13

Dolly & Julian Levy

6/18

Rick Nusblatt & Steve Hogan

6/20

Bobby & Mike Sacks

6/21

Linda & Howard Vogel

6/26

Norma & Steven Jacobson

6/27

Gloria & Ed Rudetsky

6/28

Linda & Marc Block

6/29

Marcia & Philip Becker

6/30

Linda & Stephen Dyer

## July Anniversaries

7/9

Judy & Matthew Israel

Diane & Arnold Simon

7/10

Elaine & Ken Eldred

7/16

Sue & Martin Sherman

7/19

Anne & Andrew Kaplan

7/20

Diane & Sam Weiss





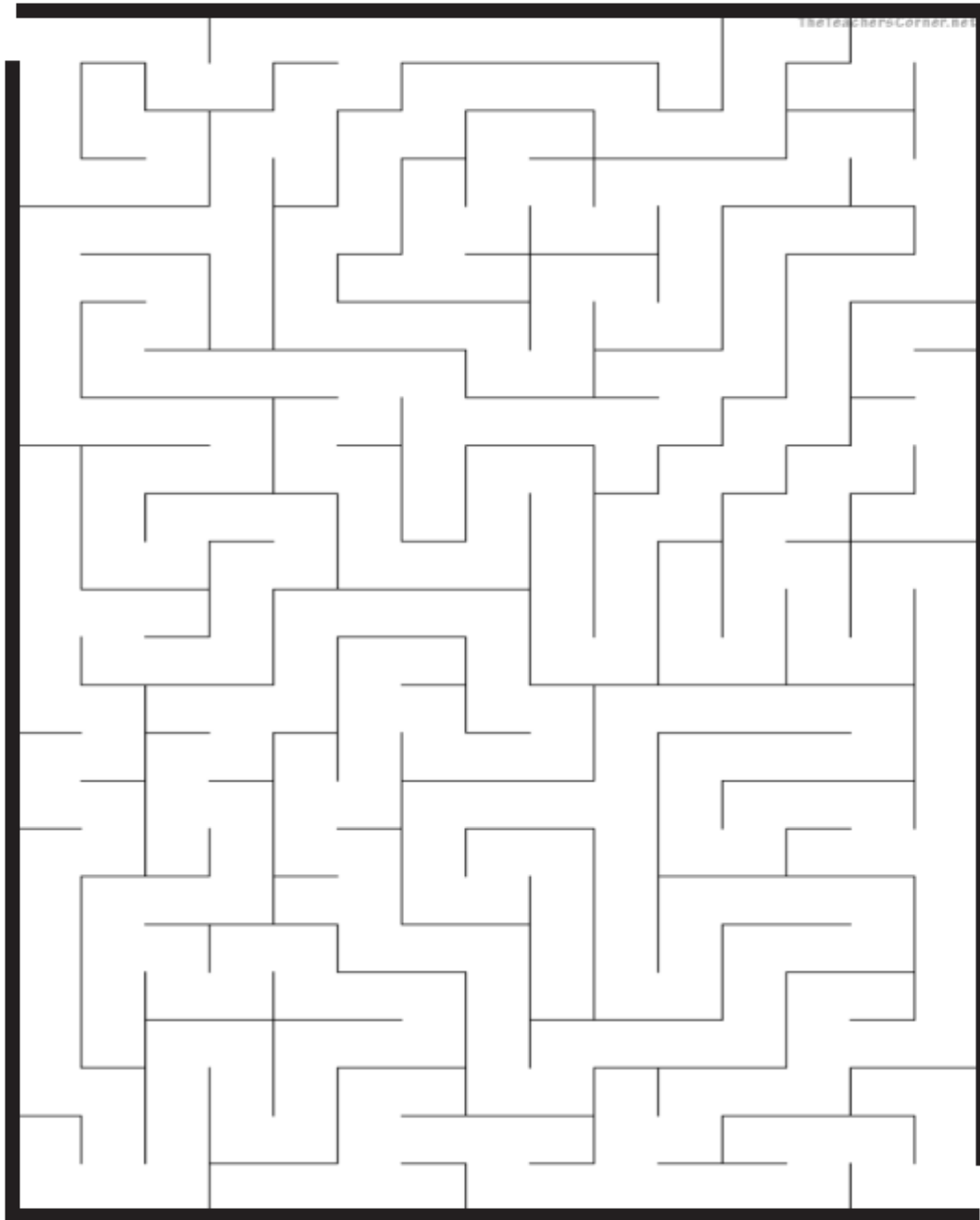
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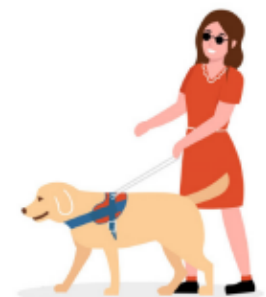
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