

*SHOFAR*

May 2022

Nisan-Iyar-Sivan 5782

*Temple Sinai Celebrates the Confirmation Class  
of 2022/5782*

*Friday May 20 at 5:30 PM*

*Pre-oneg at 5:00 PM*



## From the Rabbi

On the 25th of Kislev back in 5723 (that's December 22, 1962), on the first night of Chanukah, I came into the world. During Passover this year I traveled to be with my mother for the first time since our last visit in November 2019. While both of us have survived Covid, my mother's health has seriously deteriorated over the intervening period. After 37 years in her home, my brother, who lives locally, heroically moved her to a congregate care facility and sold her home, putting a nice financial cushion in the bank. Mom began living for the first time in her life in a building with other residents.



Rabbi David Novak

Some of you might remember my mother when we were doing Friday night worship on Zoom. Even though it was 8:30 in Springfield, Massachusetts, my mother would come online to share the banter with the other congregants. She is happy to participate in Sinai's life even though, she admits, she does nod off time and again (hopefully when the rabbi is not speaking!).

During my visit I found her diminished in body but not in mind. She is aware of the world—and what is happening to her. It was sacred time for a mother and son to spend together, sensing what the future holds as we remain present in the moment.



## Don't Miss the Last Family Shabbat of the School Year

Friday, May 6 at 5:30 PM

Enjoy an abbreviated service followed by  
a pizza dinner.

Parents, grandparents, children, and the  
community at large are welcome to  
participate.

## From the President

I hope you all had a lovely Pesach. About 80 of us gathered at Temple Sinai for a nice second night seder led by Rabbi Novak. It felt good to be with friends and family after two years of seders by zoom.

Your Board of Directors are currently reviewing the budget for next year, which comes with a much-needed increase of about 3% to everyone's dues plus a \$50 increase in the mandatory security fee from \$150 to \$200 for every member regardless of the level of your dues commitment. We are also offering a couple of new Patron levels which we hope our congregants will take advantage of, to help us with our budgetary obligations. In every segment of our lives these days, we are seeing increases in costs and the unfortunate need for enhanced and more costly security. The Temple is not an exception.

We really need everyone's assistance to increase our membership not only to welcome new members to our temple family but also to be better able to meet our fixed costs. Please pass the word about how friendly we are and how we welcome everyone into our family. Please also let your non-member friends who have children know that our religious school now accepts children in grades K to 6 without a Temple membership commitment.

As the summer approaches, some activities will slow down while the office starts to gear up for the new fiscal year and for High Holy Days preparation. Effective June 3, Erev Shabbat services will be in the chapel to save on air conditioning costs in our sanctuary. We will try to continue the pre-oneg gatherings in the hallway and encourage each of you to step up and sponsor one of these pre-onegs.

Be sure to read elsewhere in this Shofar about May activities with Women of Sinai and with Brotherhood, and confirmation services on May 20.

See you at the shul.

*Nancy*



President Nancy Singer



**There are plenty of opportunities to host an oneg Shabbat in June, July and August. If you have a simcha you would like to share with the congregation, please call Toni Robinson at 760-568-9699.**

Women of Sinai and Sabra Hadassah of the Desert Present:

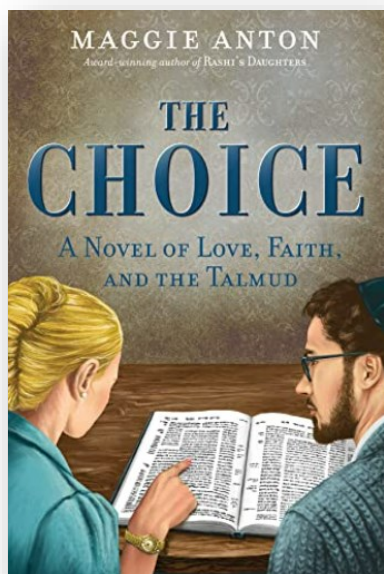
## Author Maggie Anton

Friday, May 20, from 9:30 - 11:30 AM

Light Brunch of Bagels & Schmears

\$20 per person — member of Women of Sinai or Hadassah

\$25 per person — all others



Maggie Anton will discuss  
her new book,  
**“The Choice: A Novel of  
Love, Faith and the  
Talmud”.**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$20 for members of Women of Sinai or Hadassah

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25 for all others

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Checks payable to Women of Sinai and mailed to:

Temple Sinai, 73251 Hovley Lane W., Palm Desert, CA 92260

Call 760-568-9699 for credit card payment

**Temple Sinai requires proof of vaccination or current negative test to enter the building.**





Temple Manager Toni Robinson

## From the Temple Manager

Passover has come and gone; it was great to see everyone at the community seder, another step toward returning to what we have come to refer to as the "old normal". The next big event will be May 20<sup>th</sup> when we celebrate the confirmation class. On May 27<sup>th</sup> we have our final service in the sanctuary for this season and begin welcoming shabbat in the chapel on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Oneg on June 3<sup>rd</sup> will begin at 5:00 pm. Erev Shabbat services will remain in the chapel through the end of August or possibly until after Labor Day. The service will be available on ZOOM rather than on the Livestream. ZOOM gives us an opportunity to interact with remote attendees through the summer. It is a wonderful, unexpected consequence of COVID. Watch the Shofar or check the website or the E-Shofar to assure you have the correct ZOOM link.

The summer here in the desert is always a special time for those of us that work at Temple Sinai. Yes, it is hot. We, however, are in this lovely, air-conditioned building working on plans for what the next season will bring. The first thing we do is plan the calendar for the next fiscal year. It is an exciting time for us, and we look forward to learning all the things that we will bring to the congregation in the coming months. What new and interesting things would you like to see on the program for next year? If you have an idea, drop me an email and tell me all about it. I will pass it along to the program committee and they will consider it. There are far fewer people in the desert during the summer months which eases the traffic, and you rarely need a reservation in a local restaurant. It is a time for us to take vacation and re-energize for the activity that arrives with autumn and the return of our Part Time Desert Residents.

As we wind up this fiscal year I want to thank the many volunteers that helped us reimagine where we are and the best way that we can be available to our community. Next year promises to be the best one yet and I look forward to all that it will bring.

## Temple Leadership

### Executive Committee

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

### Trustees:

Micki Greenspan	Ambassador
Ann Miller	Social Action
Michael Sonduck	At Large

### Auxiliaries:

Sandie Eichberg	President, Women of Sinai
Jeff Schiffris	Brotherhood Representative
Whitney Rosam	President, PTO

### Patron

Jessica and James Greene  
Mitzie & Jack Olshansky  
David Pollart

### Patron Mitzvah

Barbara & Ron Borden  
Marion Cowle  
Sharon & Rod Hill  
Barry Kaiman & Toni Victor  
Ann & Glynne Miller  
Lori & Michael Sanford  
Nancy & Arthur Shorr  
Marcia & Rick Stein

### Single Patron

Erica Altobelli  
Janet Ball  
Sandie Eichberg  
Fred Fabricant  
Gladys Layne  
Reesa Manning  
Alicia Rodriguez  
Nancy Singer

## From the Educator

Shalom Temple Sinai Congregants, Families, and Students,

Our religious school had a very meaningful Passover celebration on Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

It began with baking chocolate covered *matzah* and *charoset* while practicing naming the ingredients in Hebrew.

The story of Passover was acted, with mean king Pharaoh negating the freedom of his Hebrew slaves. The unfortunate Egyptian people suffered 10 plagues, leading to the Israelites exodus from Egypt. Each student was presented with their own *Haggadah* and colored a symbolic Seder Plate.

Our students participated in a mini-Seder, savoring traditional foods while reading their colorful *Haggadahs*.



Talia Lizemer, Educator

In order to make Passover more meaningful to the students, history lessons were incorporated:

We wash our hands twice during our Passover Seder.

COVID-19 accentuated the importance of handwashing.

In Judaism, we first see the practice in the Torah, when God commends Aaron and his sons to "wash their hands and feet" before even stepping foot inside the Tabernacle, let alone making an offering (Exodus 30:18).

The origins of spring cleaning.

Jews would thoroughly clean their homes prior to Passover, removing all traces of leavened bread. During the Middle Ages, when the Black Plague decimated a quarter of the population of Europe, Jewish homes were not affected. Thus, the Jews were falsely accused of poisoning the water wells.

On Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022, a community wide *Yom Ha'Shoah* (Holocaust Remembrance Day) Commemoration was held. Temple Sinai's Community religious school *madricha* (teacher assistant and Bat-Mitzvah mentor) Lexi Berman was chosen to read "THE BUTTERFLY" poem.

Warmly,

Talia Lizemer-Hawley, M.A.

Congregational Educator

### Fun Fact:

The month of May coincides with three Hebrew months this year! May 1<sup>st</sup> is the last day of the month of Nisan, followed by the month of Iyar through May 30. The first day of the month of Sivan falls on the last day of May.

# Don't Miss the Gift Shop Blowout Sale

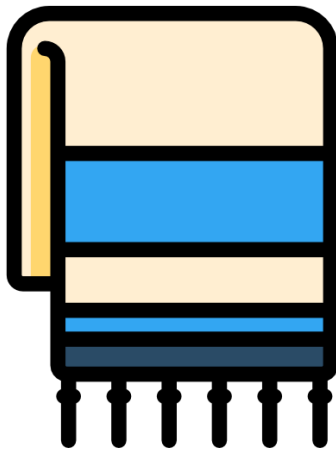
## 70% OFF EVERYTHING IN THE STORE!!



Shabbat & Holiday Items



Hanukkah Merchandise



Jewish Ritual Items  
and gifts



Greeting Cards and  
more!





## GENEROUS DONATIONS

### GENERAL FUND

#### Yahrzeit

**Madelyn Budkofsky**

**Gertrude Jackoway**

By: Lorraine & Herb Pregozen

**Oscar Weinstein**

By: Carole Corngold

**Israel Katz**

By: Ron & Marlene Caudill

**Howard Hirschfeld**

By: Adrienne Hirschfeld

**Sara Frank**

By: Beth Frank

**Rose Kaplan**

By: Andrew & Anne Kaplan

**Barney Krieger**

By: Jack & Mitzie Olshansky

**Sigmund Chapman**

By: Gladys Layne

#### Tzedakah

Patti Kennen

Simha Skinner

Lisa & Brian Gottlieb

### IN MEMORY OF

**Lee Spector**

By: Linda & Marc Block

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

#### Tzedakah

Karol Gordon

### TEMPLE PROGRAMMING

Gladys Layne

Andra Ready

Fred Fabricant

Stephanie Seltzer

### RABBI AVI LEVINE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

#### Yahrzeit

**Olga Burstein**

By: Eve & Gordon Kramer

### IN MEMORY OF

**Mary Lee Bayless**

By: Fred Fabricant

### FOR SCHOOL SNACKS

Fred Fabricant

Temple Sinai has added a new category of donations. Those who greatly enjoy listening to Cantorial Soloist Wayne Abrevanel will be able to contribute to the Cantorial Music Fund. Let us know that you would like your contribution to be applied to this fund in writing or on the phone or in person.



“We find God in community. We develop virtue, strength of character, and a commitment to the common good in community. Community is local. It is society with a human face. It is not government. It is not the people we pay to look after the welfare of others. It is the work we do ourselves, together.”

Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, *The Spirit of Community* (Vayakhel, Ethics, Covenant & Conversation)

## **Birthdays**

5/2

Todd Lond  
Rosanne Ezer  
Martin Sherman

5/5

James Danoff-Burg  
Lynn Hannan

5/9

Michael Horne

5/11

Anne Kaplan

5/12

Marion Cowle

5/13

Terry Blitz

5/14

Carol Woodward

5/15

Lorraine Pregozen

5/16

Micki Greenspan

5/17

Philip Becker

5/18

Andy Kaplan  
Mitzie Olshansky

5/19

Steven Alden  
Sally Frank

5/20

Michael Berk

5/21

Toni Victor

5/23

Michelle Hoffman  
Ellen Sachs

5/24

Mel Cohn

5/27

Matthew Israel

5/28

Bella Mazet

5/29

Bernard Zemmol

5/31

Sam Weiss  
Steve Hogan  
Reesa Manning

## **Anniversaries**

5/1

Patricia & Howard Levy

5/3

Michael Sonduck & David Zeligson

5/13

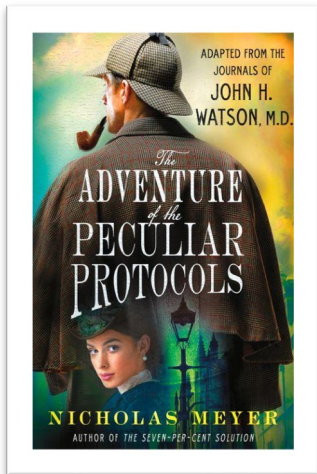
Marie & Eric Sontz

5/21

Sharon & Sanford Kaplan



Book Club's Next Read, Wednesday, May 18, 10:30 AM



## The Adventure of The Peculiar Protocols

by Nicholas Meyer

This Sherlock Holmes adventure takes the famed duo on a trip on the Orient Express, accompanied by a mysterious woman.

Their clandestine assignment: to trace the origins of a document detailing a meeting of a secret group intent on no less than taking over the world.



## BROTHERHOOD'S DINNER AND A MOVIE



Thursday, May 19, 5:30 PM

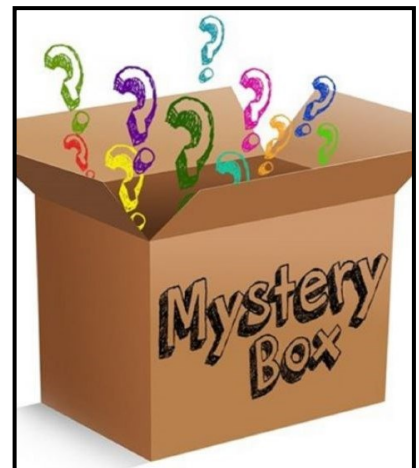
Deli Dinner \$20 per person

RSVP to the temple office

Film Title to be Announced

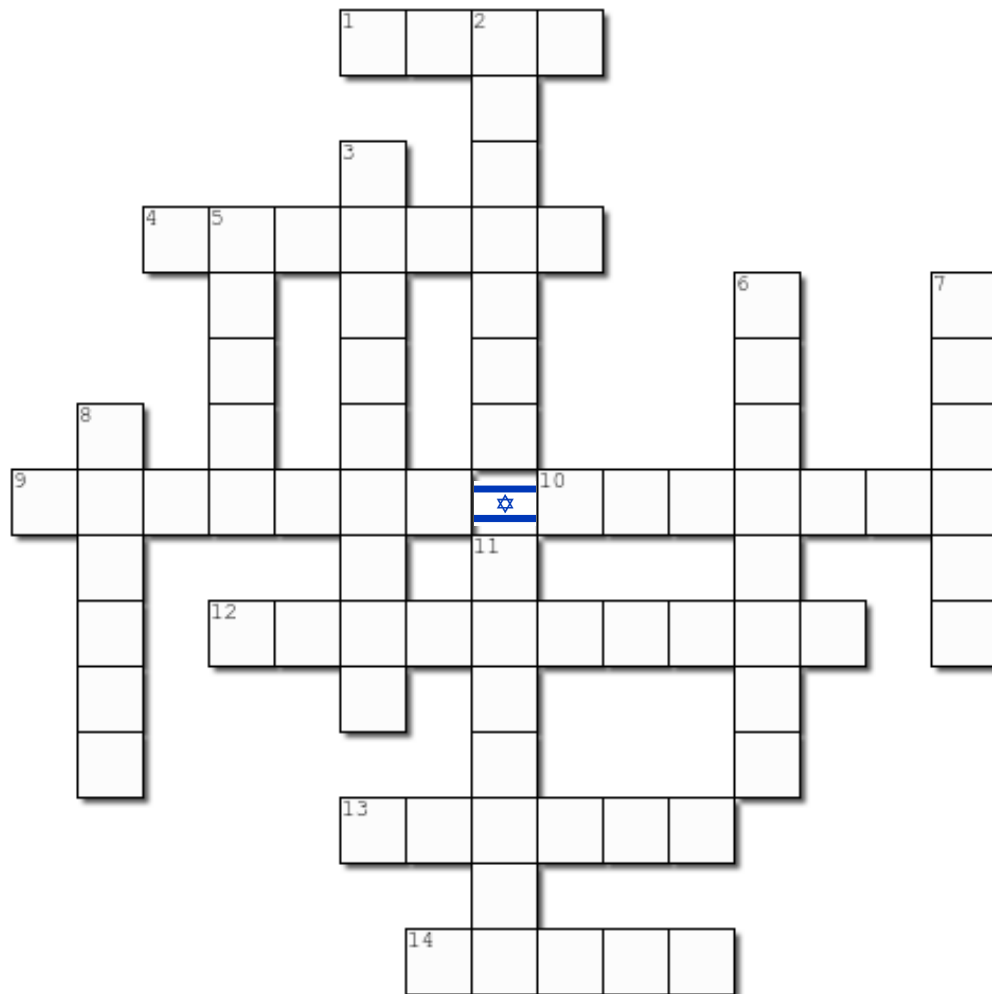
Keep an eye out for your E-Shofar.

760-568-9699



Thursday, May 5 will be the last Tai Chi session until mid-October. Tai Chi is great overall for your mind and body, and helps support the temple!

# Modern Israel



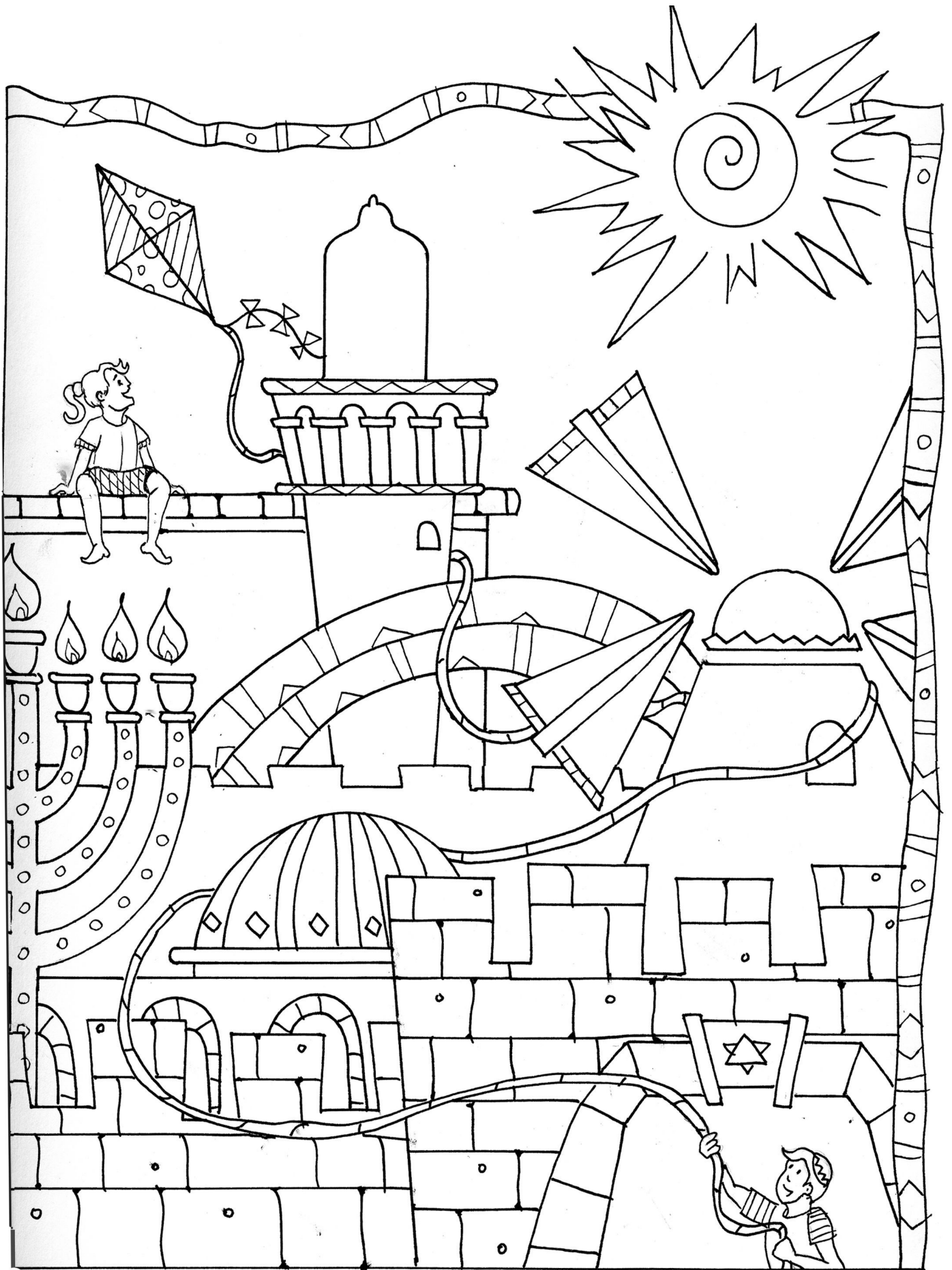
Created using the Crossword Maker on TheTeachersCorner.net

## Across

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ Sea is 10 times saltier than the ocean.
4. Machaneh \_\_\_\_\_ is a sprawling outdoor market.
9. Exterior wall of the long-destroyed ancient Temple
10. Israel's Parliament is called the \_\_\_\_\_.
12. The \_\_\_\_\_ Windmill was originally built as a flour mill.
13. Tsfat is known for it's cool climate and artist's \_\_\_\_\_.
14. On the slopes of Mt. Carmel, sister city of San Francisco

## Down

2. In Be'er Sheva, visit \_\_\_\_\_'s well.
3. Observe the colorful Red Sea coral and fish by yellow \_\_\_\_\_.
5. City on the Red Sea
6. Seaside home to Roman amphitheater
7. The Ramon \_\_\_\_\_ has rock formations and fossils dating back 220 million years.
8. Mt. \_\_\_\_\_ is the highest point in Israel, rising over 9,000 ft.
11. The northernmost town in Israel





# Brotherhood's Next Nature Walk

Sunday, May 15

## Whitewater Preserve

The onetime Whitewater Trout Farm is now a sanctuary of the Southern California Wildlands Conservancy.

The preserve's habitat is teeming with wildlife no matter what the season.

The Whitewater Preserve lies at the end of Whitewater Canyon Road, north of Palm Springs off I-10.

Contact Gordon Kramer at [gordeve@aol.com](mailto:gordeve@aol.com) to let the Brotherhood know to expect you, or for carpooling.

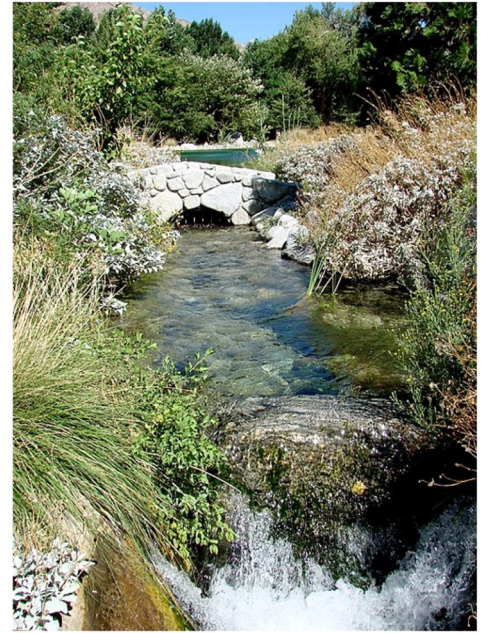
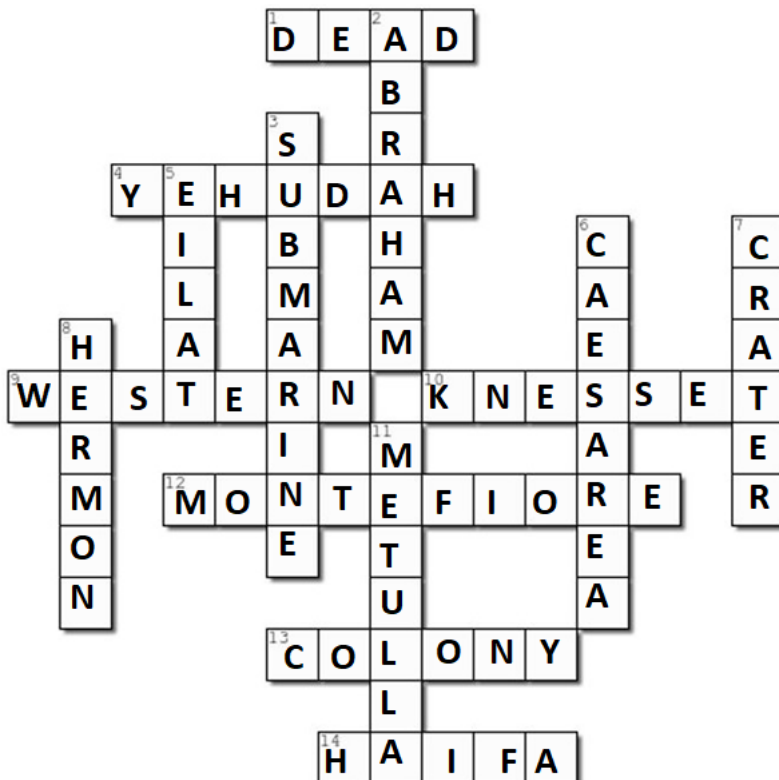


Photo Credit: Don Graham



### 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](mailto:trobenson@templesinaipd.org) to learn more about our needs.



# May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Beit Sefer Annual Meeting & Open House 10:00	<b>2</b> Office Closed	<b>3</b> Desert Cities Bridge 1:00 Reading the Torah in Translation 4:00 Beit Sefer 4:00	<b>4</b> Yom Hazikaron Desert Cities Bridge 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00	<b>5</b> Yom Ha'Atzmaut Desert Cities Bridge 1:00	<b>6</b> Family Shabbat, 5:30. Pizza dinner following <b>Sanctuary &amp; Livestream</b>	<b>7</b> Torah Study 8:45 AM Shabbat Morning Service 10:00
<b>8</b> No School—Mother's Day	<b>9</b> Office Closed	<b>10</b> Desert Cities Bridge 1:00 Reading the Torah in Translation 4:00 Beit Sefer 4:00	<b>11</b> Desert Cities Bridge 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00	<b>12</b> Desert Cities Bridge 1:00	<b>13</b> Erev Shabbat Oneg 5:00 Service 5:30 <b>Sanctuary &amp; Livestream</b>	<b>14</b> Torah Study 8:45 AM Shabbat Morning Service 10:00
<b>15</b> Beit Sefer Brotherhood Nature Walk 10:00 AM	<b>16</b> Office Closed	<b>17</b> Desert Cities Bridge 1:00 Reading the Torah in Translation 4:00 Final Tuesday Beit Sefer 4:00	<b>18</b> Desert Cities Bridge 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00	<b>19</b> Lag B'Omer Desert Cities Bridge 1:00 Dinner & A Movie 5:30 PM	<b>20</b> WOS & Hadassah speaker 9:30 Erev Shabbat & Confirmation Oneg 5:00 Service 5:30 <b>Sanctuary &amp; Livestream</b>	<b>21</b> Torah Study 8:45 AM Shabbat Morning Service 10:00
<b>22</b> Last Day Beit Sefer & Teacher Appreciation	<b>23</b> Office Closed	<b>24</b> Desert Cities Bridge 1:00 Reading the Torah in Translation 4:00	<b>25</b> Desert Cities Bridge 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00	<b>26</b> Desert Cities Bridge 1:00	<b>27</b> Erev Shabbat Oneg 5:00 Service 5:30 <b>Sanctuary &amp; Livestream</b>	<b>28</b> Torah Study 8:45 AM Shabbat Morning Service 10:00
<b>29</b> Yom Yerushalayim	<b>30</b> Memorial Day Office Closed	<b>31</b> Desert Cities Bridge 1:00 Reading the Torah in Translation 4:00				



**UNION** *for*  
**REFORM JUDAISM**



73-251 Hovley Lane West Palm Desert CA 92260  
 760-568-9699 Phone 760-773-4883 FAX  
[www.templeinaipd.org](http://www.templeinaipd.org)



## Call us for your next life celebration

*Bar/Bat Mitzvah's, Weddings, Anniversaries,  
 Birthday Celebrations, Luncheons, Memorials,  
 Dinner Parties, etc...*

*Call:*

*Kurt Anthony or Gordon Foster  
 760-568-1350 or 760-836-3354*



*Exceptional Catering for all Occasions*



*Over 45 years of Experience in  
 Exceptional Food and Service*