

Temple Sinai

Where Judaism Blooms in the Desert

April Shofar

2023

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World-renowned pianist

David Syme

In concert, with welcome dinner

Saturday, May 6

Dinner at 6:00 PM

Concert at 7:30

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From the Rabbi

It is no fun being sick. As you all know, I came back from Israel with Covid. I had tested negative as of Thursday and I, along with 15 of my colleagues, caught Covid before we left the country. Fortunately my primary care physician prescribed me the right combination of medication to keep me out of the hospital. As of this writing I am almost up to full speed.

A question I had contemplated was what would it be like to have Covid as an unpartnered person? Fortunately the answer was unsurprising. You, along with so many others in my neighborhood, called, wrote, bought food, got medications, walked Binah and regularly made sure that I was well cared for. Even as I was coming out of the illness I was encouraged to take my time in coming back.

I would not wish Covid on anybody. I am fortunate to have contracted it when I did, which allowed me to recover at home with a drug that has emergency approval for Covid.

Know how grateful I am to all of you for your kindnesses. Sinai is truly a community of caring and compassion. I will see you at temple and many of you at our first night seder at The Springs on April 5th.

L'Shalom,

Rabbi David



Rabbi David Novak



Rabbi Novak's
Installation and
Shabbat Dinner



Friday, March 24, 2023



From the President

As we gather in the next few days for our Pesach Seders, we will remember the past as we do each year and look forward to the future.

Our future at Temple Sinai is bright. We have dedicated staff, a growing religious school, a hardworking Board of Directors, contributing Brotherhood and Women of Sinai, and especially all of YOU.....our supportive members and Patrons.



President Nancy Singer

Please be sure to mark your calendars for our Annual Meeting on Sunday, April 23, with schmoozing time at 9:30 in the social hall and the meeting at 10:00 in the sanctuary. We will report on accomplishments over the past year and entertain plans for the upcoming 2023-2024 fiscal year. We will also elect several members to our Board of Directors. Please see the separate article in this Shofar regarding nominations.

There is another major event coming up that you won't want to miss. See the flyer elsewhere in this Shofar for the David Syme concert on Saturday evening, May 6. This promises to be a wonderful evening of music by this internationally recognized pianist, preceded by an optional dinner in the social hall. Please make your reservations as soon as possible so we can plan for your enjoyment.

We have noticed that often members and friends wait until after a reservation deadline to call for reservations. Please know that deadlines are set to allow us time to order the proper amount of food and other planning activities. And as we jokingly say, "we are Jewish so we have food." Help us plan for you.

Kudos in advance to Ann Miller, Toni Robinson, and Talia Lizemer-Hawley for their efforts on our behalf for the Federation sponsored Israel 75th Anniversary Festival on Sunday, April 30, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Palm Valley School on DaVall in Rancho Mirage. This is a community-wide free event with participation by all the Jewish organizations in the valley. I hope to see you there.

See you at the shul.....and at the events discussed above and throughout this Shofar. I wish each and every one of you a happy, healthy, and meaningful Pesach.

Nancy

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

This shall serve as the official notice that the Annual Meeting of Temple Sinai will be held on Sunday, April 23, 2023 at 10:00 am in the sanctuary.

(The meeting will be preceded at 9:30 am for schmoozing.)

REPORT FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee for the 2023-2024 Board of Directors included Howard Vogel, Chair; Resa Fremed; Mickey Tieffer; and Terri Turner.

The committee met in March and presented the following nominees to the current Board at their meeting on March 23.

For a second term of three years on the Board: Michael Sonduck and Joe Weiss

For a first term of three years on the Board: Micki Greenspan and Barry Kaiman

The nominees will be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on Sunday, April 23.

AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING

Welcome

Reports from the Rabbi, President, the Board of Directors, and staff

Election of members of the Board of Directors

Security

Comments from congregants

Adjourn



Internationally renowned pianist

David Syme

In Concert, with Welcome Dinner

Saturday, May 6

Dinner: 6:00 PM

Concert: 7:30

Concert Ticket Only \$50.00

Concert & Dinner \$100.00

Concert, Dinner & \$150.00
Reserved Seating

Concert, Dinner & \$250.00
Reserved Seating for two

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Mail in this form, or call the temple office (760-568-9699)
by Wednesday, May 3 to make your reservations.



May 6 David Syme Concert

Name(s): _____
(Include names of all attendees included in this payment)

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Total \$\$ _____ Pay by Check # _____ Pay by Cash: _____

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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.....President, Brotherhood

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2022-2023 PATRONS**

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Platinum Patron

Miles Berger

Barry Kaiman & Toni Victor

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From the Educator

Shalom Temple Sinai Congregants, Families, and Students,
Jews are known for being justice advocates.

In Genesis 6, we learn about Noah and the great flood. God decides to destroy the human beings due to their wickedness. Noah is a righteous person, so God instructs him to build an ark. Noah follows God's instructions. He does not speak up for the rest of humankind.

In Genesis 18 we learn about Abraham, the first monotheist, (believing in one God) being informed about God's plan to destroy the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah due to the wickedness of their people. Abraham begins arguing with God: "Will You destroy the righteous with the wicked? Perhaps there are 50 righteous men in the city." God agreed to forgive the city if there are 50 righteous individuals. So, Abraham continues to argue: How about 45...40...30...20...10..." (Genesis 18:23).

During the holiday of Purim our students learned about another Jewish individual that risked her life to save her people - Esther. Esther was chosen by the king of Persia to be his wife, the queen. She followed her uncle's suggestion and kept her Jewish religion a secret. Then a plot unfolds to destroy the Jewish people. Esther knew the rules – approaching the king without a summons could lead to death, even if you are a queen. Esther chose to risk her life and advocate for her people. She succeeded.

Now our students are learning about the holiday of Passover. The story of Moses begins with Pharaoh's order to kill all Hebrew male babies at birth. Thanks to the midwives, Shiphrah and Pua, who disobeyed Pharaoh's order, Moses' life was saved.

Moses was raised by Pharaoh's daughter and grew up as an Egyptian prince. He lived a very privileged life, until he witnessed an Egyptian guard striking a Hebrew slave. Moses stood up for the slave and struck the Egyptian guard. Pharaoh heard of this incident and sought to slay Moses. Moses fled to Midian.

Later Moses returns to Egypt and asks Pharaoh to let the Hebrews go. Pharaoh refuses. It takes 10 plagues to convince Pharaoh, and Moses's request is granted.

While in the desert, Moses has an opportunity to advocate again. He climbs mount Sinai, leaving the Hebrews afraid and uncertain. Instead of waiting, they decide to worship a golden calf. God is angered and shares with Moses that he has decided to annihilate them and make Moses into a great nation. So, Moses pleads with God, and the Jewish people are saved.

At Temple Sinai Religious School, we use these lessons to instill in our students a sense of community and social responsibility.

Warmly,

Talia Lizemer-Hawley, M.A.

Congregational Educator



Talia Lizemer, Educator

Social Action Committee's New Project – Galilee Center



The Galilee Center serves underprivileged families, seniors, and migrant farm workers year-round.

New and gently-used clothing for children and adults can be placed in the big red box in the temple foyer through the end of April.



GENEROUS DONATIONS

GENERAL FUND

Yahrzeit

Donald Pierce

By: Nancy Pierce

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By: Marc & Linda Block

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Alex Kaplan

By: Diane Berk

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Rabbi David Lieb

Helen Astheimer

By: Estelle Lieb

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Adrienne Hirschfeld

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TZEDAKAH

Jerilyn Goodman

Miles Berger

James Pierce

IN HONOR OF

Sandy Schachter's service to the congregation

By: Carol Woodward

Elaine McDonald

By: Alicia Rodriguez

FUND FOR THE FUTURE

Yahrzeit

Sidney Sacks

Helen Katz

By: Bobby & Mike Sacks

IN MEMORY OF

Picce Glast

By: Elaine Eldred

Joe Weiss

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Yahrzeit

Tillie Schmeltzer

By: Resa Fremed

Dr. David Burstein

By: Eve & Gordon Kramer

Hilda Weinstein

By: Harrold & Lee Weinstein

Natalie Stets

By: Ellen & Bill Sachs

Family Yahrzeit

By: Marilyn Keroff

Howard Jaspan

By: Susan Jaspan

IN HONOR OF

Joe Weiss's new granddaughter

By: Marv Paul

The Speedy Recovery of Glynne Miller

By: Linda & Howard Vogel

Rabbi Novak's Installation

By: Elaine Eldred

Michael Sonduck & David Zeligson

Sid Tolchinsky & Carol Silver

Rabbi Novak's Recovery & Installation

By: Carole & Robert Adelstein

IN MEMORY OF

Picce Glast

By: Betty & Neil Colt

Lynn Hannan

TZEDAKAH

By: Alvin Siwak

David Gumenick

RABBI AVI LEVINE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Yahrzeit

Harvey Antflick

By: Elaine Eldred

Pearl Amdur

By: Judy Egendorf

Anna Goodman

By: Gloria & Ed Rudetsky

IN MEMORY OF

Picce Glast

By: Judy Egendorf

TZEDAKAH

Charlene Williamson

Rollee & Philip Smith

Resa Fremed

CANTORIAL MUSIC FUND

Yahrzeit

Ben Glast

By: Bob Glast

Family Yahrzeits

By: Marnie Miller

George Hoffing

By: Lynn Hannan

Lina Cassuto

Enricheta Gentilli

By: Alex & Barbara Cassuto

Max Nadler

By: Gabe & Clarice Lubel

IN HONOR OF

Memorial Service of Picce Glast

By: Bob Glast

TZEDAKAH

Mr. & Mrs. Stan Gershinson

DOROSHOW EDUCATION FUND

Yahrzeit

Dr. George Doroshow

Clara Halpern

By: Fran Kaufman

Birthdays

4/1

Carrie Stone

4/5

Lee Weinstein

4/6

Alan Krubiner

Mindy Rose

4/11

Eric Sontz

4/12

Carole Adelstein

4/19

Steve Wolff

Denise Sherman

4/22

Jean Carrus

Brian Lynn

Gloria Rudetsky

4/23

Melinda Bernstein

4/24

Rod Hill

4/25

Jack Olshansky

4/27

Sandy Holzer

4/29

Bill Chunowitz

Antonio Marin

Anniversaries

4/1

Ellen & Bill Sachs

4/8

Nancy & Daniel Levine

4/11

Sally & Kit Narodick

4/15

Ann & Glynne Miller



Brotherhood Dinner & A Movie

Thursday, April 20

5:30 PM



Italian Dinner Buffet

\$18 per person

A basketball scout discovers a phenomenal street ball player while in Spain and sees the prospect as his opportunity to get back into the NBA.



April Dinner & A Movie

Name(s): _____
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Brotherhood Garden Brick Program

Purchase a gift brick to help support and beautify the newly renovated Native Scape Chapel Garden

These bricks may be used to:

- ♦ Celebrate a birth
- ♦ Honor or thank a special person
- ♦ Leave a lasting memorial
- ♦ Commemorate any occasion

Brotherhood's April Nature Walk Bighorn Overlook Trail, Rancho Mirage Sunday, April 16 at 10:00 AM

Enjoy nature without ever leaving town! Meet at the Rancho Mirage City Hall upper parking lot for either a 3/4 mile or 1.6 mile loop.

RSVP to Jeff Schiffbris at **jschiffbris@gmail.com** so they will keep an eye out for you.



Thanks to Coachella Valley Weekly for the photo.



Jewish Federation of the Desert
Welcomes you

APRIL 30, 2023 10am—2pm
AT PALM VALLEY SCHOOL CAMPUS

SAVE THE DATE

**YOM HA'ATZMAUT
ISRAEL**
Independence Day

75
CELEBRATE ISRAEL

FREE

**COME
join us!**

For further information
Contact Leslie.pepper@jfedps.org
760-324-4737

Temple Sinai is participating in this event.

Volunteers needed — call the temple office (760-568-9699)
if you can help raise Temple Sinai's presence in the valley.

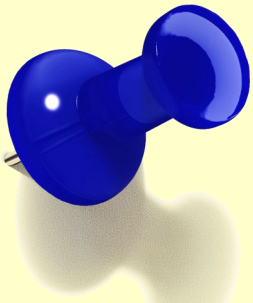
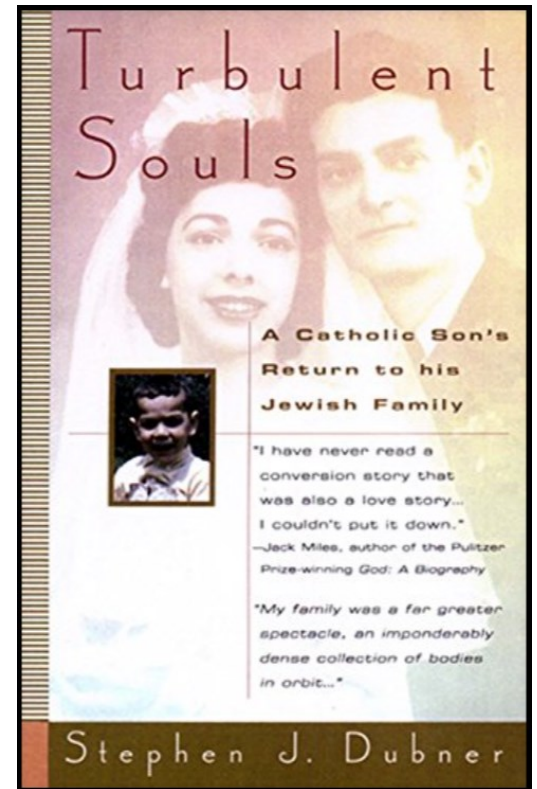
Book Club's Next Read:

Turbulent Souls

By Stephen J. Dubner

Wednesday, April 26 at 10:30 AM

Turbulent Souls is the memoir of *New York Times Magazine* writer and editor Stephen Dubner. The author tells of his growing up in a large staunchly Catholic family. The influences of his adult life prompt him to examine his parents' life stories and extended family, leading him to his return to Judaism, the faith that his parents had abandoned in their youth.



Special Passover Schedule for Temple Sinai

- Temple offices will be **closed** on Thursday, April 6 and Wednesday, April 12, in observance of Passover.
- Rabbi Novak will conduct first-day **Passover worship** on Thursday, April 6, at 10:00 AM in the chapel and over Zoom.
- There will be no **Tai Chi** class on Thursday, April 6
- Desert Cities Bridge** will not be meeting on Tuesday, April 4, Thursday, April 6, or Wednesday, April 12.
- There will be a **Yizkor** service at 10:00 AM in the chapel and on Zoom on Wednesday, April 12.
- There will be no **Chair Yoga** or **Mah Jongg** on Wednesday, April 5 or 12.

April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Torah Study 8:45 AM Shabbat Morning Service 10:00 Chapel & Zoom
2	3 Office Closed	4 NO Bridge Torah in Translation 4:00 on Zoom	5 1st Night Passover Seder-Springs CC 6:00 No Chair Yoga or Mah Jongg Desert Cities Bridge 1:00 PM	6 Passover 1 Passover worship 10:00 AM – Chapel & Zoom Temple Office Closed No Lunch & Learn, Bridge, or Tai Chi	7 Passover 2 Erev Shabbat Oneg 5:00 Service 5:30 Sanctuary & live stream	8 Passover 3 Torah Study 8:45 AM Shabbat Morning Service 10:00 Chapel & Zoom
9 Passover 4	10 Passover 5 Office Closed	11 Passover 6 Desert Cities Bridge 1:00 PM Torah in Translation 4:00 on Zoom	12 Passover 7 Yizkor Service 10:00 AM Temple Office Closed, no chair yoga or mah jongg	13 Desert Cities Bridge 1:00 PM	14 Erev Shabbat Oneg 5:00 Service 5:30 Sanctuary & live stream	15 Torah Study 8:45 AM Shabbat Morning Service 10:00 Chapel & Zoom
16 Brotherhood Nature Hike 10:00 AM	17 Office Closed	18 Yom HaShoah Desert Cities Bridge 1:00 PM Torah in Translation 4:00 on Zoom	19 Desert Cities Bridge 1:00 PM Mah Jongg 1:00 PM	20 Tai Chi 10:00 Lunch & Learn 12:00 Chapel & Zoom Desert Cities Bridge 1:00 PM Dinner & A Movie 5:30	21 Erev Shabbat Oneg 5:00 Service 5:30 Sanctuary & live stream	22 Torah Study 8:45 AM Shabbat Morning Service 10:00 Chapel & Zoom
23 Congregational Annual Meeting 9:30 AM	24 Office Closed	25 Yom HaZikaron Desert Cities Bridge 1:00 PM Torah in Translation 4:00 on Zoom	26 Yom Ha'Atzmaut Book Club 10:30 Desert Cities Bridge 1:00 PM Mah Jongg 1:00 PM	27 Tai Chi 10:00 AM Lunch & Learn 12:00 Chapel & Zoom Desert Cities Bridge 1:00 PM	28 Erev Shabbat Oneg 5:00 Service 5:30 Sanctuary & live stream	29 Torah Study 8:45 AM Shabbat Morning Service 10:00 Chapel & Zoom
30 Federation Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebration at Palm Valley 10 AM to 2 PM						



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