



Temple Sinai

Where Judaism Blooms in the Desert

June-July Shofar

2023

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Temple Sinai is Planning a Trip to Israel

May 8 - 20, 2024

Haifa

Tel Aviv

Caesarea

Jerusalem

Golan

Dead Sea

So much more! See page 3



From the Rabbi

These are the words that I shared with our Sinai community at our annual meeting in April. I want to make sure that I reach everyone with them in addition to those who joined us at the meeting:

As they say on the airlines, I know you have a choice as to where to affiliate Jewishly here in the valley and I am glad you are committed to our Sinai community.



Rabbi David Novak

With Sinai you are part of a synagogue for every part of your life.

Whether you want to pray, learn, or come to the many events that foster socializing with other people—Sinai is the venue.

It is most important to me that you know me as your rabbi, and I know you. This occurs in the times that we meet in my study or elsewhere—or when there are times in your life such as illness and end of life that allow us to know each other. When I was asked on my recent Israel trip what my favorite part of this work is, I replied, “those moments of need where I am able to be with you”.

Finally and most excitedly all of you know that I have committed to being your rabbi for at least another five years. This is a level of stability and continuity that this congregation deserves. Going forward, I invite you to join me in building and planting our todays and tomorrows.

I look forward to continuing with all of us.

The Jewish Men’s Outreach Group of the Desert is planning a bus trip to tour the Auschwitz exhibit at the Reagan Library in Simi Valley on Wednesday, June 21, 2023.

(<https://www.reaganfoundation.org/library-museum>)

There may be a few seats available to others in the Jewish community. If you wish to join the trip, please send an email to Elaine at emcdonald@templesinaipd.org to receive the link with further details. The cost is \$75 per person.

Reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis, and must be made by **June 6**.

From the President

We have high hopes.....that you will join us on our fabulous community trip to Israel! Rabbi Novak will be leading our trip in May 2024 and you'll want to join your fellow congregants, community members, family and friends on this informative and fun trip. The trip is officially scheduled for May 8 to 20, 2024, but many who are planning to go are planning to add a day or two at either end of the trip. Come join us as we explore Jerusalem visiting Yad Vashem, Machane Yehuda market, the Old City, the Tower of David Museum, the Western Wall tunnels, the Dead Sea basin, the Chagall windows at Hadassah hospital, while observing Yom HaZikaron and Yom Ha'Atzmaut. Then we're off to the Galilee, visiting Caesarea and Haifa before arriving at our kibbutz for two nights. Following this, we travel to Tel Aviv where we discover the Carmel Market, a craft fair, the Peres Center for Peace and Innovation and Independence Hall. Of course, there is time for shopping and exploring on your own too! Yes, we will likely have an optional extension to Petra and the ancient artifacts there. I'll be glad to send you more information so just call the Temple office or email me directly (NancyS827@aol.com).



President Nancy Singer

We have high hopes.....that when you receive the dues letter in June for 2023-2024 that you'll renew your commitment to Temple Sinai and help us by increasing your dues and the security fee by at least the minimal amount that we will request or more. And that you'll respond to our Women of Sinai and Brotherhood auxiliaries by joining them too.

We have high hopes.....that you'll help us increase our membership by encouraging your friends and family to join you as a valued member of Temple Sinai.

We have high hopes.....that you'll have a lovely "cool" summer and be with us for the High Holy Days in September.

See you at the shul.

Nancy

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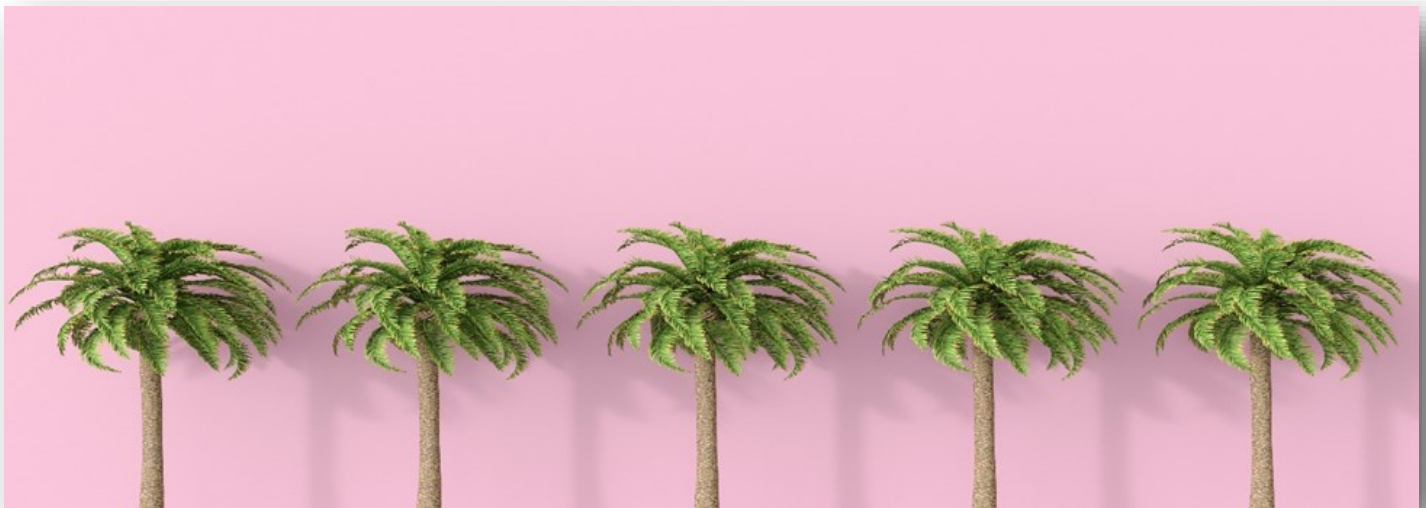
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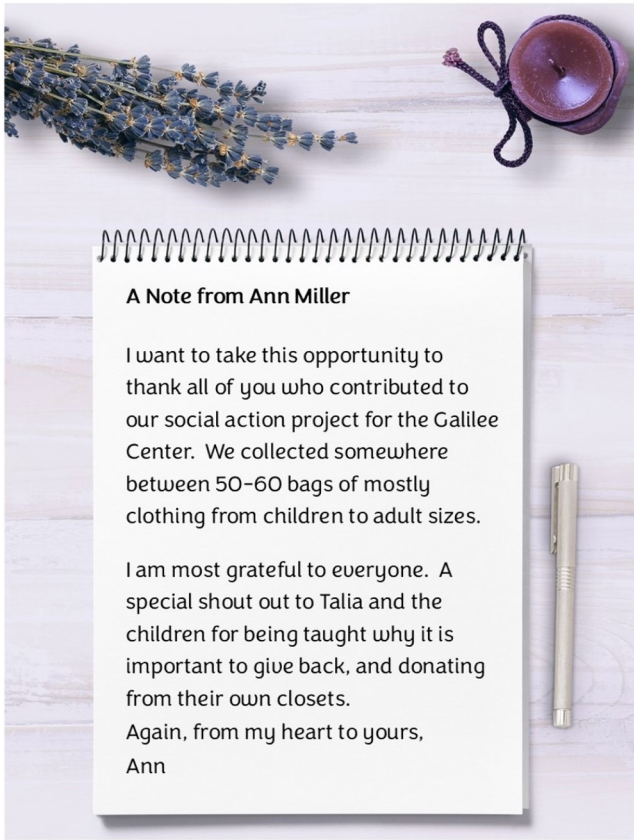
As we wind down all our “season” activities, Joe Weiss, Ann Miller, Sandie Eichberg, and I were given a tour of Martha’s Village and Kitchen in Indio by Debra Pollack, the V.P. of Development and Communications. We were interested in learning about what they do and how Temple Sinai may be able to assist in their efforts. We learned that it is an amazing facility that does many things in its ongoing efforts to end homelessness. They can temporarily house 130 people while they provide food, shelter, education, and medical assistance to the clients who are working toward

finding permanent housing and jobs with which to support themselves and their families. They operate a fully licensed early childhood center in conjunction with their adult education programs and transport older children to school daily. They offer childcare for working adults and medical aid through Borrego Health. Much to our pleasant surprise they can boast an 85% success rate in preparing their clients to find jobs and permanent housing. They also provide services to people on a day-to-day basis. Those folks can have a snack, get some water, take a shower, have lunch, and during the summer rest in the cooling center. We learned that the volunteers that they need the most are folks working in the kitchen in four-hour shifts, preparing the food that they serve. Much of their food comes from FIND FOOD bank where we already have a cadre of volunteers, the rest comes from individual donors and food distribution companies such as SYSCO. There is also a need for backpacks and school supplies. They are currently conducting a capital campaign to enlarge their early childhood center. The center is open to families of non-residents for a small fee. We were all extremely impressed with the cleanliness of the facility and the dedication of the staff.

In the fall, you will see opportunities through Women of Sinai and Brotherhood to volunteer at the facility and through our religious school to help assemble back to school backpacks for the children at Martha’s Village.

Wishing everyone a great summer, we will see you again in August with our High Holy Day edition of the Shofar! (Yes, we are already working on High Holy Days in anticipation of bringing you a meaningful and memorable experience.)





A Note from Ann Miller

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who contributed to our social action project for the Galilee Center. We collected somewhere between 50-60 bags of mostly clothing from children to adult sizes.

I am most grateful to everyone. A special shout out to Talia and the children for being taught why it is important to give back, and donating from their own closets. Again, from my heart to yours, Ann



Ann Miller, Chair, Social Action Committee



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.

In the month of May we concentrated our learning about Mother's Day and the holiday of Shavuot.

In the U.S., Mother's Day is celebrated on the second Sunday of May.

Our students were introduced to the Bible matriarchs: Sarah, Rivkah, Rachel, and Leah. They learned about their challenges, their achievements, and how we can incorporate these lessons into today's modern world.



Talia Lizemer, Educator

We continued acquiring Jewish pride by celebrating Israel's 75 years of independence. It was amazing to discover all the contributions a country, smaller than New Jersey, has made to our world. We would like to thank our local Jewish Federation for holding such an outstanding event, where learning, discovering, and coming together, formed a big part.

Did you know – The first letters of our matriarchs and patriarchs' names in Hebrew, form the name ISRAEL.

יצחק יעקב שרה רבקה רחל אברהם לאה = ישראל

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.

I would like to conclude by thanking our outstanding teachers: Ruthi Rukenstein and Hope Roberts; our dedicated volunteer Paula Hoffman; and our exceptional madrichim Lexi Berman and Tara Greene. Lexi and Tara are graduating high-school seniors, and we all want to wish you the best in transitioning into university life. You both will be missed dearly by our school's students and staff.

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

Jewish Federation of the Desert Israel 75 Celebration April 30, 2023



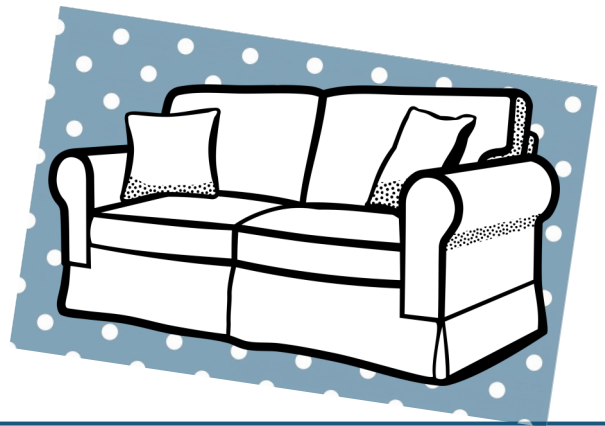
Changing Our Look...

Over the summer, we will be changing the look of our temple's lobby to make it more welcoming.

A small committee has been working diligently on this project. When you come to the front door, there may be a sign directing you to the chapel doors or the side entrance opposite the chapel.

Funding for this project is coming from donations. Your participation in funding is sought and will be greatly appreciated.

There will likely be a plaque acknowledging those who have donated to this project. Send your donation to the Temple with "Lobby" noted so we can thank you.



Have You Purchased a Brick for the Brotherhood Chapel Garden Project?



Leave a legacy for the future through the purchase of bricks inscribed with personalized messages to honor or memorialize an event or person.

Check the front page of our website:

www.templesinaipd.org

for a link to print the order form.



GENEROUS DONATIONS

GENERAL FUND

Yahrzeit

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By: Alicia Rodriguez

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Yahrzeit

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The Wedding of Morton & Roberta

By: Morton Feldbaum

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Jenna, Natalie, & Adrienne Landi

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Yahrzeit

Milton Weiss

By: Joe Weiss

CANTORIAL MUSIC FUND

Yahrzeit

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Talking the Summer Off & Back in the Fall:

Rabbi Novak's Tuesday & Thursday Classes
Brotherhood Dinner & a Movie
Tai Chi
Desert Cities Bridge





June Birthdays

6/1	6/14
Ariel Sanford	Natalia Levy
6/7	Bruce Radler
Aaron Hoffman	6/15
6/9	Samuel Winett
Howard Vogel	6/20
6/10	Ron Caudill
Barbara Hochberg	6/21
Beryl Sandor	Leslie Hirschberg
6/12	6/25
Nina Mascia	Barbara Barnett
6/13	6/26
Bobbie Rosenberg	Sally Narodick

July Birthdays

7/4	7/22
Michael Sanford	Betty Denebeim
7/7	7/25
Linda Vogel	Raymond McKee
7/9	7/26
Marcia Berk	Stewart Fleishman
Susan Winett	Clara Horne
7/11	7/27
Renée Partelow	Matt Levy
7/13	7/30
Joyce Gorney	Shaul Mezrahi
Sharon Hill	Roger Rubin
Morton Feldbaum	
7/17	
Don Cornuet	

June Anniversaries

6/2

Rosanne & Steve Ezer

6/7

Carrie & Paul Stone

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

Sandi & Harvey Danciger

6/30

Linda & Stephen Dyer

July Anniversaries

7/9

Judy & Matthew Israel

Diane & Arnold Simon

7/16

Sue & Martin Sherman

7/19

Anne & Andy Kaplan

7/20

Diane & Sam Weiss



Summer Adult Education Opportunity!

“From Age-ing to Sage-ing”

Thursdays, from 12:00 to 1:00 PM

Six Weeks, June 8 to July 13

With Rabbinical Student Adina Lawson

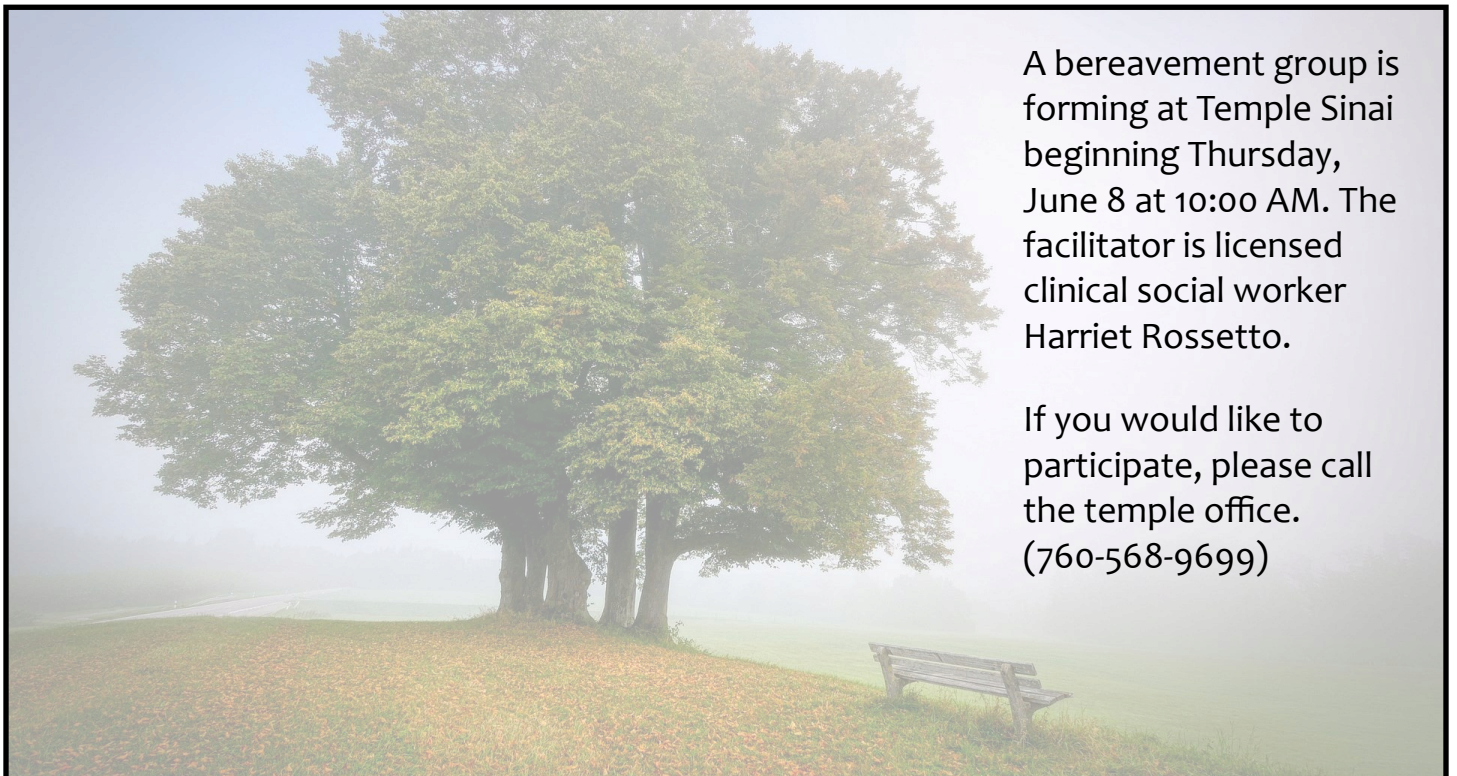
They say that aging isn't for sissies. Surely, we face many challenges and fears as we age. But! What if we can find opportunity and inspiration to turn our elderhood years into a time of deep meaning and joy?

Join us as we explore this question with the aid of beloved Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi's classic book *From Age-ing to Sage-ing: A Revolutionary Approach to Growing Older*.

No need to buy the book or read ahead; there will be several copies we'll use when we gather.



No charge.
Call the temple office
(760-568-9699) to
register



A bereavement group is forming at Temple Sinai beginning Thursday, June 8 at 10:00 AM. The facilitator is licensed clinical social worker Harriet Rossetto.

If you would like to participate, please call the temple office.
(760-568-9699)

SAVE THE DATE:

Ice Cream Social

“Sundae” August 20

4:00 PM

INVITE PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS!


WATCH THIS SPACE FOR MORE INFORMATION



June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Installation Shabbat Dinner: Oneg 5:00, Service 5:30 Sanctuary & livestream	3 Torah Study 8:45 Shabbat Morning Service 10 AM Chapel & Zoom
4	5 Temple Office Closed	6	7 Chair Yoga 10:30 Mah Jongg 1:00	8 Bereavement Group 10:00 AM "Age-ing to Sage-ing" 12:00	9 Erev Shabbat Oneg 5:00 Service 5:30 Chapel & Zoom	10 Torah Study 8:45 Shabbat Morn- ing Service 10 AM Chapel & Zoom
11	12 Temple Office Closed	13	14 Chair Yoga 10:30 Mah Jongg 1:00	15 "Age-ing to Sage-ing" 12:00	16 Erev Shabbat Oneg 5:00 Service 5:30 Chapel & Zoom	17 Torah Study 8:45 Shabbat Morn- ing Service 10 AM Chapel & Zoom
18	19 Temple Office Closed	20	21 Chair Yoga 10:30 Mah Jongg 1:00	22 "Age-ing to Sage-ing" 12:00	23 Erev Shabbat Oneg 5:00 Service 5:30 Chapel & Zoom	24 Torah Study 8:45 Shabbat Morn- ing Service 10 AM Chapel & Zoom
25	26 Temple Office Closed	27	28 Chair Yoga 10:30 Mah Jongg 1:00	29 "Age-ing to Sage-ing" 12:00	30 Erev Shabbat Oneg 5:00 Service 5:30 Chapel & Zoom	

July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Torah Study 8:45 Shabbat Morning Service 10 AM Chapel & Zoom
2	3 Temple Office Closed	4  Independence Day Temple Office Closed	5 Mah Jongg 1:00 PM	6 "Age-ing to Sage-ing" 12:00	7 Erev Shabbat Oneg 5:00 Service 5:30 Chapel & Zoom	8 Torah Study 8:45 Shabbat Morning Service 10 AM Chapel & Zoom
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30	31 Temple Office Closed					



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