

Temple Sinai

Where Judaism Blooms in the Desert

December Shofar

2023

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Hanukkah Family Shabbat

Friday, December 8

Pre-oneg at 4:45, Service at 5:30

Latkes!
Sufganiot!



Bring the
Family!

**Bring your menorahs for a communal
candle lighting**

Hanukkah songs with Wayne

From the Rabbi

As we are in the Hebrew month of Kislev Hanukkah is right around the corner. At Sinai we look forward to having a family-friendly Hanukkah celebration on Friday evening, December 8th. We will start with a latke and sufganiot (jelly donut) extravaganza at 4:45 p.m. Then at 5:30 we will go to the special table and light our hanukkiot, our Hanukkah menorahs for the second night of Hanukkah. We will sing Hanukkah songs and tell a special Hanukkah story. Make sure you bring your children and grandchildren.



Rabbi David Novak

We are also at this writing fifty+ days since the horrific and barbaric Hamas attack that murdered over 1,200 and took captive 240 innocents. Right now the pause in fighting is allowing Israel to recover some of the people Hamas took hostage. There are still babies and elderly being held in the terror tunnels that are everywhere under the earth's surface. Recently a woman who is Jewish and Israeli called out Human Rights Watch for its biased reactions to Israel.

All of this is to say that we will bring in our festival of lights as we pray that the darkness for the hostages is soon replaced with the light that we experience. May your Hanukkah be bright and may all of the hostages soon know freedom.

Last Chance to Catch This Adult Ed Opportunity at Temple Sinai

with Local Rabbinic Student Adina Lawson

Thursday, December 7 at 12:00 Noon in the social hall, in person only (no Zoom).

Getting Good at Getting Older

Open to everyone!
Join us for all or
any of the classes.



No need to have
attended the
summer session,
or to buy books.

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR UPCOMING CLASSES

From the President

I hope you all had a lovely Thanksgiving with family and friends and are looking forward to an enlightening and meaningful Hanukkah.

Join us for a special Hanukkah service and pre-oneg on Friday, December 8. Bring your hanukkiah and plan to light them in the sanctuary for the second night of Hanukkah following our latkes pre-oneg.

Join us the previous two evenings for special events in your temple. On Wednesday, December 6, we will have the first (of many, we hope) evening of Bingo! This should be loads of fun so invite your friends to join you for the 6:30 reception followed by eight games of Bingo starting at 7:00 sharp. And on Thursday, December 7, join with Brotherhood to hear our Federation CEO Alan Potash, as he enlightens us about the war and our Jewish community.



President Nancy Singer

Just a week later, Women of Sinai will have a special luncheon on December 15 to honor new members of WOS.

To enhance our security, we will be adding \$5 to the couvert for events.

Thank you to those who responded to our call for donations for the Israel Emergency Fund. We will forward the funds received to our Federation on December 6 so there is still time if you want to call the office (760-568-9699) to make a pledge.

Last month, I mentioned a special fundraiser around Thanksgiving time. You didn't hear any more about it because our Board decided to postpone it to early in 2024.

We are sad to accept the resignation of Fred Fabricant from the Board of Directors due to his health. We wish him well and are glad he will continue as an Advisor to the Board. We are also glad that Marlene Lynn has accepted an appointment to fill out Fred's term; she will be leading us with Emergency Preparedness, beginning with a congregational gathering on Sunday morning, January 28. More later on that.....

SAVE THE DATE of Saturday, March 17, for a wonderful evening of music as we kick off our 50th anniversary celebration year.

Enjoy Hanukkah. See you at the shul.

Nancy



Brotherhood is providing bagels, lox, and cream cheese for Torah Study on Shabbat morning.

Please email Gordon Kramer (gordeve@aol.com) or call the temple office (760-568-9699) if you would like to contribute to the bagel fund.

**In Recognition of the Boards of Temple Sinai,
Brotherhood and Women of Sinai**

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From the Educator

Shalom Temple Sinai Congregants, Families, and Students,

November was a very educational month for our Rabbi Avi Levine Religious School.

Since after *Simchat Torah* we began reading the Torah from the beginning, our students learned about the story of *Bereshit* (in the beginning) and the world's creation.

We continued studying the weekly *parashot* and what we can learn from them today.

Talia Lizemer, Educator

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.

Abraham: He was told by God to move to a new land, the land of Canaan (present day Israel).

Abraham, who is considered the father of Judaism, aka the first Jew, argues with God regarding the destruction of the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. Upon their destruction, Lot and his family are saved, but Lot's wife turns back and is converted into a pillar of salt.

This gave us the opportunity to teach about the Dead Sea, one of the most unusual bodies of water in the world. The warm water is so salty (10 times as salty as seawater) that no animals or plants (apart from some bacteria) can survive there, and individuals can float.

We conducted a science experiment, having three containers filled with tap water. The first container remained the same, the 2nd was mixed with salt, and the 3rd was mixed with baking soda. We placed an egg and a few additional objects. They sank in the tap water but floated in the salt and baking soda water.

Since we are Jews and enjoy munching, we cooked lentil soup to reenact the incident of Esau swapping his blessing for a bowl of lentil soup.

We played a game of pretending to be someone else, bringing to life the deception that Jacob played on his blind father Isaac, so he can receive the birthright blessing.

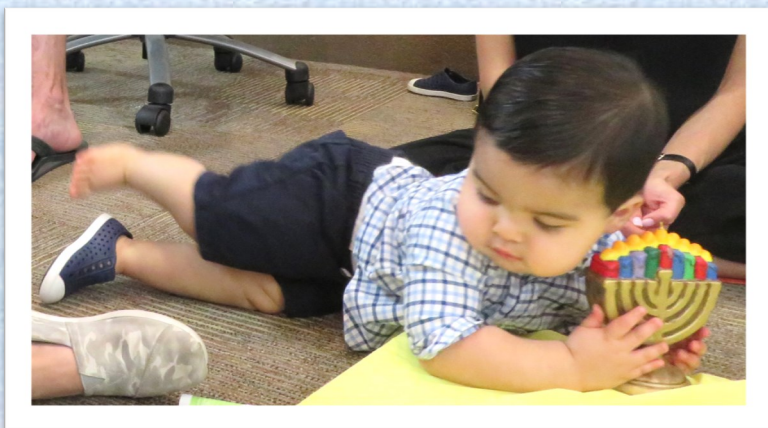
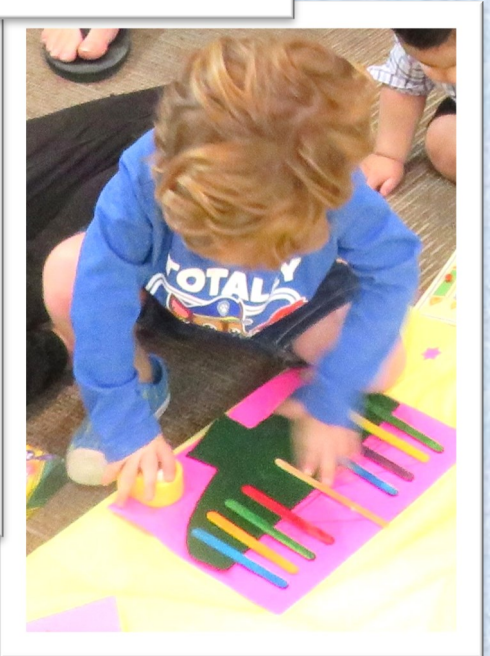
We learned about the Jewish wedding tradition of *Badeken* where the bride's face is seen by the groom so he can confirm that she is the one he wants to marry, unlike Jacob who was tricked by his uncle and married the wrong sister (Leah instead of Rachel).

Warmly,

Talia Lizemer-Hawley

Congregational Educator

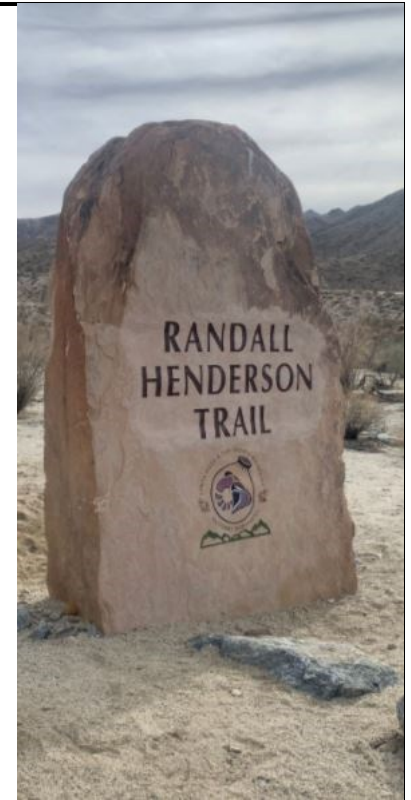
Tot Shabbat is Getting Ready for Hanukkah



Next Brotherhood Nature Walk

Randall Henderson Trail

Sunday, December 3 at 10:00 AM



This easy 2.4 mile trail offers a good introduction to desert hiking for the novice. Starting at the National Monument Visitor Center on Highway 74, this loop trail – named for a founder of Palm Desert – gently rises about 400 feet over its 2.4-mile route. Typical plants of the Colorado Desert, such as creosote bush and cholla cactus, adorn the trail as it meanders through small canyons and across low ridges.

Parking is available at the Visitor Center during operating hours, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Please RSVP to Gordon Kramer at gordeve@aol.com so we do not miss you.

Nature Walks are led by our own Dr. James Danoff-Burg, Vice President of Conservation at The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens

All nature walks are at one's own risk



GENEROUS DONATIONS

GENERAL FUND

Yahrzeit

Norman G. Levine

By: Daniel Levine

Simon Zalavinsky

By: Doreen Fishbein

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By: Elaine & Gregg Kravitz

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By: Eileen Miller Krause

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By: Carole Corngold

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**Nancy Singer's *Woman of Valor*
honor by Hadassah**

By: Ann & Glynne Miller

**Ann & Glynne Miller's Board
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Yahrzeit

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By: Betty & Neil Colt

Seymour Kreger

By: Gary & Betsy Kreger

IN HONOR OF

**Nancy Singer's *Woman of Valor*
honor by Hadassah**

By: Lynn Hannan

Saul Jacobs' 90th Birthday

By: Lynn Hannan

Her Aliyah

By: Sandy Weisenberg

Rabbi Novak

By: Mark Martin & Bob Weiner

TZEDAKAH

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Dorothy Antflick

By: Mitzie & Jack Olshansky

Yahrzeit

Irving Feffer

Esther Krieger

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Akiva Cobain

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Yahrzeit

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By: Karol Gordon

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Yahrzeit

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By: Nancy Polacheck

ISRAEL EMERGENCY FUND

Nancy Singer

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Mitzie & Jack Olshansky

Eve & Gordon Kramer



Women of Sinai New Member Hanukkah Luncheon

Friday, December 15 at 12:00 pm (Doors open at 11:30 am)

Entertainment by our own rabbinic student Adina Lawson

Latkes, Apple Sauce and Sour Cream

Tuna, Egg and Green Salads

Challah and Gluten-Free Crackers

Jelly Donuts

FREE to everyone who joins Women of Sinai for the first
time after July 1, 2023

\$25 for returning Women of Sinai members

\$35 for those who are not Women of Sinai members

(Includes \$5.00 Security Fee)

Name(s) _____

Number in party _____ Who would you like to sit with? _____

Pay by Check _____ Total: \$ _____ Credit Card # _____

Name on Card _____ Expiration: _____ CCV _____

Phone _____ Billing Address _____

Send checks payable to:

"Women of Sinai"

Temple Sinai, 73251 Hovley Lane West

Palm Desert, CA 92260

or call the temple office 760-568-9699 for credit card payment.





TEMPLE SINAI'S FIRST

BINGO NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6 AT 6:30 PM

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FUN & PRIZES
GIVE US A CALL (760-568-9699) WE'LL SAVE YOU A SEAT

~~\$25~~ \$18 FOR SINAI CONGREGANTS

~~\$30~~ \$20 ALL OTHERS



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Birthdays

12/1

Jim Loeb

12/2

Hana Weiss

12/6

Marlene Lynn
Dave Supornick

12/7

Jane Hanna

12/8

Robert Adelstein

Eve Kramer

12/10

Rena Magged

Ilene Harris

12/12

Milford Ardell

Betsy Kreger

12/15

Barry Kaiman

12/16

Ryan Holman

12/22

Rabbi David Novak

12/23

Richard Wortman

12/26

Susan Ardell

Anniversaries

12/3

Nona Solowitz & Michael Cheley

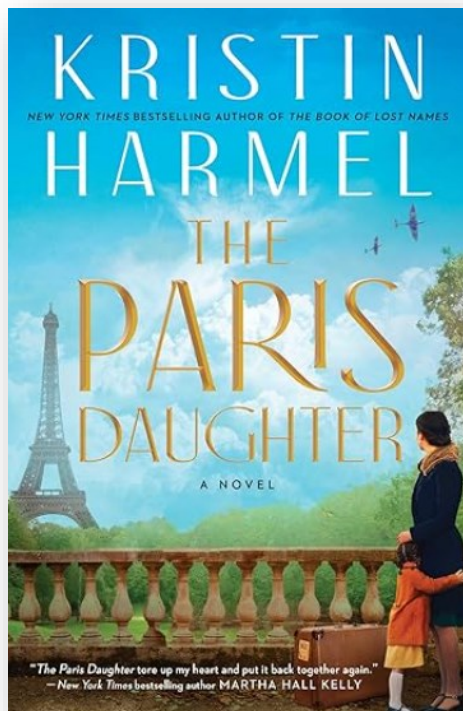
12/28

Sam Zaidens & Dave Supornick

12/31

Evelyn & Steven Alden





WOS Book Club Meets Next

Wednesday, December 20

10:30 AM

The Paris Daughter

By Kristin Harmel

A gripping historical novel about two mothers who must make unthinkable choices in the face of the Nazi occupation

Temple Sinai has Hanukkah candles for sale in the front office — multi-color or blue and white. The cost is \$3.50 per box.

Come in Tuesday through Friday, from 9 AM to 5 PM.



Easy Jelly Donut Holes With Canned Biscuit Dough

Ingredients

- 1 can (8-count) Pillsbury Grands Buttermilk Biscuits Dough
- 6 tablespoons jelly
- Canola Oil for Frying
- ¼ cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Instructions:

1. Separate dough into individual biscuits.
2. Flatten each biscuit dough with the palm of your hands; Cut in half.
3. Place 1/2 teaspoon of Jelly in the middle of each half.
4. Form each biscuit into a ball by pinching together the ends and then rolling the dough in between your palms.
5. Fill a saucepan about a 1/3 way up with oil; heat oil.

(Insert the tip of a wooden chopstick into the oil. It is hot if bubbles form around the chopstick.) Reduce heat to medium low.

6. Drop the doughnuts into the saucepan, 2 to 3 at a time. Fry them for 1 to 2 minutes or until golden, and then flip with tongs to fry the other side.
7. Combine the sugar and cinnamon in a small bowl; toss the doughnuts in the cinnamon-sugar mixture while they're still warm. Serve immediately.

<https://diethood.com/biscuits-jelly-donut-holes>



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Jewish
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Feast of Jewish Learning At Federation building

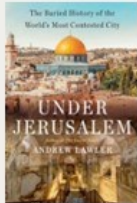


Sunday, December 3, 2023

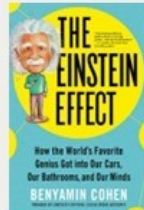


10:00 am - 6:30pm

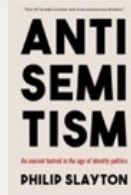
Book Authors Lineup



Andrew Lawler
Under Jerusalem
10:00 am



Benjamin Cohen
The Einstein Effect
4:30 pm



Philip Slayton
Antisemitism
1:30 pm



Joel Chasnoff
Israel 201
5:30 pm



Michael Strassfeld
Judaism Disrupted
3:00 pm

Lunch available for purchase \$15

- Tuna sandwich
- Egg salad sandwich
- Veggie sandwich
- Box lunch comes with potato salad or fruit
- Potato chips and a cookie

Speaker at noon
Revital Danker

Consulate General of Israel to the Pacific
Southwest and Beit Halochem

6:30pm Happy hour reception and final
presentation with comedian

Joel Chasnoff

Wine and cheese provided by
Jewish Federation

No charge to attend speakers
RSVP for speakers, lunch and reception by December 1st
760-324-4737

Thursday, December 7 at 5:30 PM

Brotherhood Speaker Series:

First speaker will be Mr. Alan Potash,
CEO of the Jewish Federation of the
Desert, who will speak on contempo-
rary Jewish issues.

Light snacks and beverages will be
served at 5:00 preceding the discussion.



Did you know...

You can roll over funds directly from your I.R.A. accounts to Temple Sinai and avoid paying income taxes on the amount of the distribution? This can satisfy the requirement for a minimum distribution while helping your temple. Please consider this option and consult your financial advisor.



Upcoming Events — Save the Dates



Tu B'Shvat Celebration with the
Religious School

Sunday Morning, January 21

(Time to be announced)

Sunday afternoon, March 17

Concert by our own Wayne
Abravanel and special guest
rabbinical student
Adina Lawson.

Check back here for details.

Brought to you by Women of Sinai and Brotherhood



December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Erev Shabbat Oneg 5:00 Service 5:30 Sanctuary & Livestream	2 Torah Study 8:45 Shabbat Morning Service 10 AM Chapel & Zoom
3 Religious School 9:30 Federation Jewish Learning Day 10:00 Brotherhood Na- ture Walk 10:00	4 Temple Office Closed	5 Torah in Trans- lation 4:00 on Zoom	6 Chair Yoga 10:30 Mah Jongg 1:00 Bingo Night 6:30	7 Erev Chanu- kah -1 Candle Class with Adina 12:00 Alan Potash Presentation 5:30 PM	8 Chanukah Erev Shabbat 2 Candles Oneg 4:45 Service 5:30 Sanctuary & Livestream	9 Chanukah 3 Candles Torah Study 8:45 Shabbat Morning Service 10 AM Chapel & Zoom
10 Chanukah 4 Candles Religious School 9:30	11 Chanukah 5 Candles Temple Office Closed	12 Chanukah 6 Candles Torah in Trans- lation 4:00 on Zoom	13 Chanukah 7 Candles Chair Yoga 10:30 Mah Jongg 1:00	14 Chanukah 8 Candles	15 WOS Lunch- eon 12:00 Erev Shabbat Oneg 5:00 Service 5:30 Sanctuary & Livestream	16 Torah Study 8:45 Shabbat Morning Service 10 AM Chapel & Zoom
17 Religious School 9:30	18 Temple Office Closed	19 Torah in Trans- lation 4:00 on Zoom	20 Book Club 10:30 Mah Jongg 1:00	21 Brotherhood Dinner/Movie Golda 5:30	22 Erev Shab- bat Oneg 5:00 Service 5:30 Sanctuary & Livestream	23 Torah Study 8:45 Shabbat Morning Service 10 AM Chapel & Zoom
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