

Temple Sinai

Where Judaism Blooms in the Desert

March Shofar

2023

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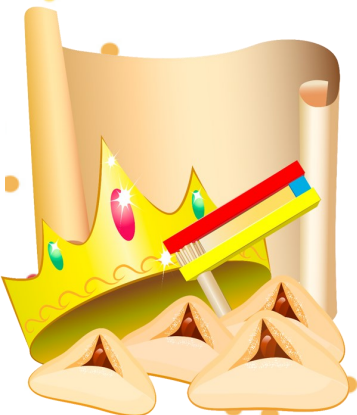
Megillah Reading

at Temple Sinai

Monday, March 6

7:00 PM

In the Chapel



From the Rabbi

I have just returned from two weeks in Israel. I attended the Central Conference of American Rabbis' annual convention there which was held in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. People have been asking me what I thought of my time there. The honest answer: it is complicated. The food is wonderful, it was great being there with colleagues. The issues roiling Israeli society were top of mind, especially with the large numbers of Israelis taking to the street to support Israeli's uniqueness as the only democracy in the entire Middle East.



Rabbi David Novak

By way of background, the current Israeli government is working on changing the way its system of democratic balance works. This would also allow the members of the Knesset in the ruling coalition to have the power to abridge laws known as "basic law" that provide for minority protections in Israel. Many people from across Israel—both on the left and on the right—former leaders of the army, the intelligence and others are expressing their great concern that Israel will lose its democratic character.

I was there for two Saturday nights and was able to join in public demonstrations in front of the President's Home in Jerusalem at in Azrieli Square in Tel Aviv. If you have been watching the news you will have seen huge protests from all over the country, a sea of Israeli flags taking to the streets. It was especially impressive this past Saturday when the head of the Reform Movement, Rabbi Rick Jacobs, addressed hundreds of thousands of people in Hebrew, reminding them that we, the Reform community, stand with a democratic Israel. In fact, it is because of the High Court's decisions that the government of Israel had to fund parts of the budgets for the emerging Reform Movement in Israel.

It is important to me that we care about Israel, the people who live there, and its governance. We are the smallest of peoples—the largest Jewish population resides in Israel with the second largest here in North America. Sometimes love is hard—and right now while this is a hard time to love Israel. Still it was also incredibly important for my colleagues and me to be there at this moment.

Study with Rabbi Novak on Tuesdays & Thursdays



Reading Torah in Translation
Tuesdays at 4:00 PM on Zoom



Lunch & Learn
Thursdays at 12:00 Noon in the chapel and on Zoom

See our website: www.templesinaipd.org for Zoom link.

From the President

Have you seen our front yard? On February 5, we officially dedicated our new native-scape garden. As the plants and shrubs grow, we will see a beautiful and welcoming front area for our building. Thanks to Brotherhood for spearheading this project. Be sure to notice that the bricks so many of you have bought over the years now line the walkways. And there is room for many more bricks! So call the office if you'd like to dedicate a brick.

We are also working on making our lobby more eye-appealing and welcoming. A committee is working with an interior designer to plan some changes in the lobby that will be completed during the summer months. If you'd like to donate to this project, please contact the office.



President Nancy Singer

Mark your calendars for a big event on Saturday evening, May 6. We are bringing internationally known concert pianist David Syme for a special evening of music. There are four levels of pricing for this event: \$50 for general admission, \$100 for general admission plus dinner prior to the show, \$150 for admission plus dinner plus a reserved seat (of your choice) for the show, and \$250 for all of the above for two people plus your name(s) included in the program as a sponsor. Again, please contact the office.

I hope you all saw the announcement that the formal installation of Rabbi Novak as our spiritual leader and the celebratory dinner have been postponed to Friday, March 24. Also that night, we will honor all the new members who joined our congregation in the last year. Let's show them how happy we are that they are now part of our temple family. If you haven't done so yet, please make your reservations for the dinner.

This year, we are holding our Pesach seder on the first night of Pesach, in conjunction with The Springs Country Club. Rabbi Novak will lead the service. Call the office to make your reservation and be sure to tell us who you'd like to sit with.

If you are employed, please check with your employer to see if they have a charitable matching program. We have found that many employers do and that would be much-needed revenue just sitting there waiting for us to apply for it. Please let us know.

Don't forget to mark down Sunday morning, April 23 for our Annual Congregational Meeting.

See you at the shul.

Nancy

Join the Temple Sinai Community for a special Erev Shabbat

The Installation of Rabbi Novak

AND

Honoring New Members

followed by Shabbat Dinner

Friday, March 24th

Special guest Rabbi Ruth Adar, dear friend of Rabbi Novak, who will travel from San Leandro to officiate.

\$28 Adults

\$18 Kids under 12

\$10 Kids under 7



Please RSVP by
Tuesday, March 21

(Thank you to those who have
already RSVP'd for March 3.)



March 24 Installation Dinner

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

Email: _____ Phone: _____

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

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Wish to sit with: _____

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2022-2023
Temple Leadership

Executive Committee

Nancy Singer.....President
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Susan Jaspán.....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

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Sandie Eichberg...President, Women of Sinai
Jeff Schiffris.....President, Brotherhood

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2022-2023 PATRONS**

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From the Educator

Shalom Temple Sinai Congregants, Families, and Students,

With Israel's 75th Independence Day fast approaching, our school will be learning about the unique history and accomplishments that Israel has achieved.

Israel's independence was declared on the fifth day of the Hebrew month of Iyar (May 14, 1948).

Facts about Israel:

- Israel is a small country, about the size of the state of New Jersey. It is the only Jewish country in the world and home to more Jews than anywhere else on Earth. In the Middle East, Israel is the only democratic country and the only country where the number of Christians is increasing.
- Israel takes more immigrants than any other country in the world.
- The name 'Israel' comes from the Bible's patriarch Jacob (Abraham's grandson). Jacob was given the name 'Israel' from God after he wrestled with an angel. Jacob had 12 sons = 12 tribes of Israel.
- The name 'Israel' is first mentioned in the ancient Egyptian Merneptah Stele (3,300 years ago).
- Israel is the only country to have revived a dead language, Hebrew.
- The official languages are Hebrew and Arabic. All signs are in Hebrew, Arabic, and English.
- Israel has the world's highest rate of entrepreneurship among women.
- Golda Meir was the third woman in history to serve as prime minister.
- Israel was the first country to ban underweight models from participating in fashion shows.
- Israel is the only country in the world that has more trees today than it had 50 years ago.
- Israel recycles 90% of the waste water it creates, making it the leading nation in the world for water recycling. More than nine out of 10 Israeli homes use solar power to heat water. In Israel, people are taught from an early age to turn off the tap while they brush their teeth, to save precious water.
- Israel has more museums per capita than any other country, including the world's only underwater museum.
- Israel is home to the world's only theater company comprised entirely of deaf and blind actors.
- Israel has more orchestras per capita than any other country.
- People of the book: Israel publishes more books per capita than any other country, and more books are translated into Hebrew than in any other language or country, per capita.
- Israel has the highest number of university degrees per capita than any other country.
- Israeli academics produce more scientific papers per capita than anywhere else in the world.
- Israel has won more Nobel Prizes than all other Middle East countries combined.
- Coffee and cafés are so good in Israel that it's the only country where Starbucks failed trying to break into the local market.



Talia Lizemer, Educator

On Sunday, April 30, 2023, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, the Jewish Federation of the Desert, will be hosting a community-wide event to mark Israel's 75th Independence Day. Everyone is invited.

Warmly,

Talia Lizemer-Hawley
Congregational Educator

From the Brotherhood

The Brotherhood has been very active this winter. In December we worked with the Women of Sinai to produce a very successful benefit for our religious school. We continue to sponsor the popular dinner and movie nights and monthly hikes guided by The Living Desert's James Danoff-Burg. On Tu b' Shvat along with the congregation, Brotherhood celebrated the completion of our beautification project on the temple grounds.



Jeff Schiffris, Brotherhood President

By now most of you have seen the fabulous transformation of the Chapel Garden from a water guzzling lawn to an array of drought resistant desert plants and trees. The paths that wind through the garden are lined with messages from congregants, past and present, inscribed on honorarium bricks.

The Brotherhood is reviving the program for congregants to honor and memorialize loved ones through the purchase of a legacy brick inscribed with your message. Your brick will be used to line the entire garden and the proceeds from the sale of the bricks will, of course, be used to beautify and benefit Temple Sinai. You can access the order form from the temple website.



Thanks,

Jeff Schiffris

Brotherhood's Next Nature Walk:

Sunday, March 26 at 10:00 AM

Lake Cahuilla

Six miles southeast of Old Town
La Quinta

Cahuilla Park Charges an entry fee of \$6.95
per person.

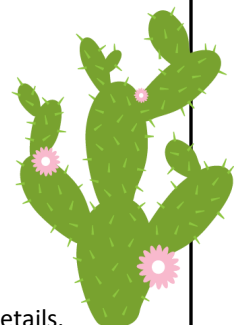
Please RSVP to GordEve@aol.com so they
don't miss you.



Please consider purchasing a Temple Sinai Gift Brick or a group of bricks, for our 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



See our website: www.temple sinaipd.org for details.

GENEROUS DONATIONS

GENERAL FUND

Yahrzeit

Martin Fiterman

By: Marilyn Chanen

Michael Stets

By: Ellen & Bill Sachs

Vivian Zeligson

By: David Zeligson

Irwin Goldfine

By: The Goldfine Children

Selma Spondre

By: Mitzie & Jack Olshansky

Robert Eichberg

By: Sandie Eichberg

Emma Chapman

By: Gladys Layne

Carl Soneson

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Ray Gorney

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By: Gloria & Ed Rudetsky

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FUND FOR THE FUTURE

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DOROSHOW RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

Yahrzeit

Clara Halpern

Lottie Doroshow

By: Fran Kaufman

IN MEMORY OF

Seymour Cohen

By: Fran Kaufman

RABBI AVI LEVINE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Yahrzeit

Vivian Hill

By: Rod & Sharon Hill

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By: Brenda Berman

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Jerry Solomon

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David Light

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Yahrzeit

Martin Singer

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Yahrzeit

Goldie Paul

By: Marv Paul

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By: Clarice & Gabe Lubel

IN MEMORY OF

David Light

Ann & Glynne Miller

Freda Unkeles

By: Sandra Holzer

Ken Eldred

By: Michelle Hoffman

Seymour Cohen

By: Lori & Michael Sanford

Jerry Solomon

By: Lee & Harold Weinstein

IN HONOR OF

Aliyah

Sandy Weisenberg & Sid Schwartz

TZEDAKAH

Nona Solowitz

CANTORIAL MUSIC FUND

IN HONOR OF

Mickey Tieffer's Birthday

By: Cheryl & Bruce Amberger &

Nancy Tieffer

Yahrzeit

Bertha Rudetsky

By: Gloria & Ed Rudetsky

FEATURING ARTISTS FROM OUR OWN COMMUNITY!

Betty Denebeim, Arthur Shorr, Sandie Eichberg, Mary Gorfine, Carol Goldsmith, Sunny Lerner, & Nancy Jaffe & Rachell Quinones



Join us for a fun time at

Art From the Heart

BUFFET LUNCHEON, PANEL DISCUSSION, ART SHOW AND SALE

Photography—decoupage—watercolor—quilting—weaving
beaded jewelry—silk screen—painting

Friday, March 24, at 12:00 PM

Doors open at 11:30 AM

Women and Men are Welcome

Reservation Deadline is Tuesday, March 21

\$35 per person



Art from the Heart — March 24, 2023

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Birthdays

3/1

Ann Hankin

Gabe Lubel

3/2

Charlotte Burkholz

Lori Sanford

3/13

Steven Jacobson

3/15

Bobby Sacks

3/20

Stephen Weiner

3/21

Mike Sacks

3/22

Ed Rudetsky

3/25

Joel Hirschberg

3/27

Benjamin Lipsky

3/29

Elaine Kravitz

Anniversaries

3/6

Gloria & Dennis Berman

3/8

Betty & Neil Colt

3/13

Natalia & Matt Levy

3/15

Stephen Weiner & Don Cornuet

3/22

Alicia & Ruben Rodriguez

3/28

Barbara & Alex Cassuto



Brotherhood Dinner & A Movie

Thursday, March 16



5:00 PM-Note Change of Time

Chinese Dinner Buffet
\$18 per person

The Fabelmans is the acclaimed semi-autobiographical story of Steven Spielberg's early life and career.

Since this is a particularly long film, the showing will begin at 5:00 PM with a dinner break at 6:00. The film will resume at 6:45, with the evening concluding at around 8:15.



Drawing prizes, including Living Desert tickets with meals!



March Dinner & A Movie

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Temple Sinai First Night Community Passover Seder at "The Springs" Wednesday, April 5 at 6:00 PM

Come celebrate with friends and a festive meal
of traditional Passover foods, and seder led by
Rabbi Novak.

\$78 Per Person

Paid reservations are due by 4:00 PM on
Friday, March 31. Seating is limited.



Passover Seder, April 5, 2023

Name(s): _____
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SAVE THE DATE!

Internationally renowned pianist

David Syme

In Concert, with Welcome Dinner

Saturday, May 6

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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More information coming soon.



Book Club's Next Read:

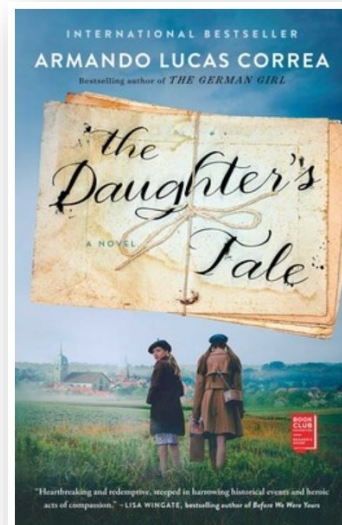
The Daughter's Tale

By

Armando Lucas Correa

Seven decades of secrets unravel with the arrival of a box of letters from the distant past, taking readers on a harrowing journey from Nazi-occupied Berlin, to the South of France, to modern-day New York City.

Book Club next meets on Wednesday, March 22
at 10:30 AM in the chapel.





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.

March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Chair Yoga 10:30 Desert Cities Bridge 1:00 PM Mah Jongg 1:00 PM	2 Tai Chi 10:00 AM Lunch & Learn 12:00 Chapel & Zoom Desert Cities Bridge 1:00 PM	3 Erev Shabbat Oneg 5:00 Service 5:30 Sanctuary & live stream	4 Torah Study 8:45 AM Shabbat Morning Service 10:00 Chapel & Zoom
5 Religious School 9:30	6 Office Closed Megillah Reading 7:00 PM Chapel	7 Purim Yiddish Club 10:00 AM Desert Cities Bridge 1:00 PM Torah in Translation 4:00 on Zoom	8 Chair Yoga 10:30 Desert Cities Bridge 1:00 PM Mah Jongg 1:00 PM	9 Tai Chi 10:00 AM Lunch & Learn 12:00 Chapel & Zoom Desert Cities Bridge 1:00 PM	10 Erev Shabbat Oneg 5:00 Service 5:30 Sanctuary & live stream	11 Torah Study 8:45 AM Shabbat Morning Service 10:00 Chapel & Zoom
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