

March Shofar

2024 5784



An Afternoon of Music to Kick Off Temple Sinai's 50th Anniversary Year

Sunday, March 17
3:00 PM Reception & Silent Auction
4:00 Concert

Featuring Headline Entertainer

Wayne Abravanel

With Special Guest Adina Lawson

East Meets West:

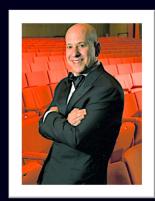
The Music of Broadway and Hollywood

General Admission: \$50.00

Sponsorship:

\$100.00 (includes one general admission) \$175.00 (includes two general admissions) (Sponsors will be recognized in the concert program.)

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From the Rabbi

As rabbinic student Adina Lawson's formal time with Sinai comes to a close in April, I wanted to acknowledge her contributions to our community including her outstanding leading us in worship and study in late February. Adina will be co-starring in the kickoff to Sinai's 50th anniversary celebration "From Broadway to Hollywood" with our cantorial soloist Wayne Abravanel on March 17th. Yes, she acts and sings. She tells me that we are now part of her life. Her plan for next year is to be at Eisenhower Medical Center working on her pastoral education. We are grateful to Adina for enhancing our experience of Sinai.



Rabbi David Novak

Because we are in a Jewish leap year we will be observing Purim on Friday evening March 22nd with a reading of "The Whole Megillah—Almost" and hamentaschen made by the students in our religious school. The lead chef for the hamentaschen is our longtime teacher Ruti Rukenstein. Make sure you come—maybe even in costume—for this family-friendly Shabbat evening.

As the conflict in Gaza continues it is my hope that all of us continue to support Israel's people, especially those who have been injured or lost loved ones in this war and in the past. Continue to speak up for Israel, including contacting your senators and member of Congress to support ongoing aid to Israel. The United States is Israel's best friend in the world—and it is imperative that we ensure that those in Congress hear our voices.

L'Shalom,

Rabbi David

Amen to That!

Join rabbinical student Adina Lawson for her last Adult Ed class of the school year. How do we say "Amen! Right on! Absolutely! I get that!" to happiness?

It may have something to do with empathy. Let's explore the process of opening our hearts to ourselves, to each other, and to community.

Classes will meet four Thursdays —

Beginning March 14, from 12:00 noon to 1:00 in the Chapel.

If you can't make all four classes, come when you can—and join us as we say Amen to our happy hearts!



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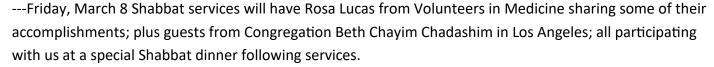
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From the President

We had a nice turnout for the community presentation from End of Life Choices California, we shed some tears with the touching story, and we all learned about our options. We hope to bring more community events such as this in the future. If you want information, let me know and I'll get it for you.

On to a very busy March (flyers elsewhere in this Shofar):

- ---Tuesday, March 5 is Coachella Valley Giving Day and there are prizes for the charities with the most "hits"....... help us win a prize while donating to your temple.
- ---Wednesday, March 6 is another fun evening of Bingo. Come with your friends.
- ---Thursday, March 7 is a tour of the Palm Springs Art Museum led by our own Ann Loeb, who is a long-time docent at the museum.



- ---Sunday afternoon, March 17 at 3:00, we will have a fabulous Silent Auction and reception followed at 4:00 by what promises to be an outstanding concert of music from Broadway to Hollywood, performed by our Cantorial Soloist Wayne Abravanel and our Rabbinic Student Adina Lawson.
- ---Friday, March 22 at noon will be a lovely catered luncheon of Mediterranean foods with guest speaker our own Andy Kaplan talking about his personal experience in Israel during the Six Day War.

Mark your calendars for two biggies in April. Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 14 with bagels at 9:30 and the meeting at 10:00. Included will be the election of several new Board members and a discussion of our finances for both this year and some projections for next year. Your input is appreciated, and your attendance allows us to meet the required quorum.

We will again join with residents of The Springs Country Club to observe the first night Seder for Pesach on Monday, April 22. Please call the office to make your reservations. Rabbi Novak will be conducting the service.

Our pre-Onegs before services are a wonderful time to meet with your fellow congregants and guests. And sponsoring one of the pre-Onegs is a wonderful way to support your Temple while also acknowledging a simcha or a memorial. The cost is only \$75 with the following Shabbats available: March 22 and 29; May 3, 17, and 31. For June through September, all Shabbats are currently available and the donation goes down to only \$50 per week. Call the office to reserve your week(s).

See you at the Shul.

Nancy



President Nancy Singer

Temple Manager
Toni Robinson

From the Temple Manager

The Hebrew term for gratitude is *hakarat ha'tov*, which literally translates to: "recognizing the good." As we begin to "recognize the good" even in small ways, it will undoubtedly lead us to noticing the good in other areas of our lives. Gratitude affirms. It has a way of multiplying. As we profess gratitude, the more reasons we will find to be thankful.

As most of you know I have been away from the office for a while, dealing with health issues. During that

time, I have experienced the most profound sense of gratitude due to the incredible outpouring of good wishes from this congregation.

There is no way that I can repay all that was done to make my recovery simpler. All I can do is express my gratitude. Thank you all for all the good thoughts, prayers, and deeds.



Temple Sinai Celebrates Coachella Valley Giving Day

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

Check out the

CVGivingDay.org

website to see what prizes are available, then look up Temple Sinai in the list of eligible nonprofits.

The more donations we get, regardless of amount, the more likely we are to win one of the cash prizes.



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Talia Lizemer, Educator

From the Educator

Shalom Temple Sinai Congregants, Families, and Students,

Our students continue to learn the weekly Torah portion while incorporating it to today's life.

We discussed our birthdays and engaged the students with learning about their birthstones.

Then we went back in history and discovered that this tradition traces its origins to Biblical times.

In the Book of Exodus, Aaron, Moses' brother and the first high priest of the Israelites, under God's detailed direction, created a breastplate with 12 gemstones, to be worn by future high priests. Called an *Ephod* (vest), each stone represented one of the 12 tribes of Israel, and was said to have great powers and the ability to reveal messages from God

to the priests.

Over time, Jewish historians connected the 12 gems to the 12 months of the year, and to the 12 zodiac signs.

In the 8th and 9th centuries, Christian assigned the 12 stones to symbolize the 12 apostles and began wearing one stone each month.

The tradition of assigning a particular stone for each month began in the 16th century.

Then, in 1912, the National Association of Jewelers established the modern list of birthstones we know today.

The most quoted Mishnah in Pirkei Avot states:

"The world stands upon three things: Torah, Avodah, and Gemilut Chasadim (acts of loving kindness)."

With the holiday of Purim fast approaching, our school is focusing on the Mitzvah (commandment) of *Matanot L'Evyonim* (gifts to the less fortunate).

After the Jews were saved from the decree of Haman, they agreed "to observe [the days of Purim] with...donations to the needy" (Esther 9:22).

Since in our school we strive to educate our students not only about learning our history and traditions, but also our values of tzedakah, chesed, tikkun olam, caring for the stranger, and more, our school will partner with Temple Sinai's Social Action Committee and bring products such as crayons, colored pencils, washable paint, construction paper, and puzzle books, that will be donated to Desert Arc, an organization that creates opportunities to people with disabilities.

Educating our students to engage in acts of kindness and care for the less fortunate, not only will make the world a better place, but will also create a positive impact on them.

Warmly,

Talia Lizemer-Hawley, M.A. Congregational Educator



Religious School students studied the weekly Torah portion *Tetzaveh*, which describes the clothing the priests should wear, including the high priest's jeweled breastplates.

The students made models of their own using drawing pencils and — of course — waffles and m&ms!





TEMPLE SINAI PRESENTS

BINGO NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 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

\$18 FOR SINAI CONGREGANTS

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From Ann Miller, Social Action Chair

This month we are collecting items for Desert Arc in collaboration with Women of Sinai, the Brotherhood and the religious school.

Desert Arc's mission is to enhance the quality of life and create opportunities for people with disabilities. Their programs are designed to support individuals with developmental disabilities and maximize each client's potential. They have offered vocational rehabilitation for nearly 65 years.

Below is a list of what we need to collect.

I have placed baskets in the lobby to place items in.

Color splash number 2 pencils
Lined paper
Crayons
Puzzle books
Craft kicks
Crayola fine line markets
Construction paper
Popsicle sticks
Colorcraft Indy paints

(Available at Target and Michael's)

I would buy individual containers. Consider buying washable paints.

Thank you in advance for supporting me and contributing, It is greatly appreciated.

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By: Celeste & Paul Brown

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DELIVERY FUND

IN MEMORY OF

Ethel Cooperman

By: Renée & Ron Partelow

Join Women of Sinai for a Docent-led Tour Of the Palm Springs Art Museum Led by our own Ann Loeb Thursday, March 7 promptly at 2:00 PM Meet in the Lobby 101 Museum Drive, Palm Springs



The only cost is museum admission.

\$16 for adults
\$14 for seniors
Free to museum members.

Call Temple Sinai to reserve your spot.

(760) 568-9699.

Brotherhood Presents:

Dinner & A Movie

Thursday, March 21 at 5:30 PM



Menu to be Determined



Moe Berg was a 3rd string base-ball player in the 20's and 30's who became the only major-league player whose baseball card is on display at the headquarters of the CIA.

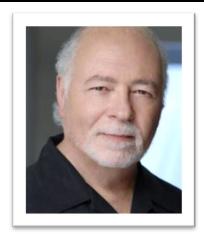
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Women of Sinai Presents

Israel's Six Day War: A Personal Story

Friday, March 22 at 12:00 pm at Temple Sinai



Special Guest Speaker — Temple Sinai's Own Andrew Kaplan
Andrew Kaplan will speak about his experiences as a soldier during
Israel's fight for existence in the Six Day War.



Andrew is the author of nine international best-selling novels, which have been translated into 22 languages, and many more works including collaborations on the *Homeland* TV series, and the James Bond movie *Goldeneye*.

Luncheon features an Israeli buffet

\$40 per person WOS members* \$45 All Others*

*Includes \$5.00 to cover security cost

Use this page, or call the temple office (760-568-9699) to RSVP by Tuesday, March 19.

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3/6 Gloria & Dennis Berman

> 3/8 Betty & Neil Colt

3/22 Alicia & Ruben Rodriguez

3/28 Alex & Barbara Cassuto

Birthdays

3/1 Ann Hankin Gabe Lubel

3/4 Flair Garrett

3/9 Debbie Lipsett

3/12 Martha Benoff

3/13 Steven Jacobson

> 3/15 Bobby Sacks

3/21 Michael Sacks

3/22 Ed Rudetsky

3/25 Joel Hirschberg

3/27 Benjamin Lipsky

3/29 Elaine Kravitz



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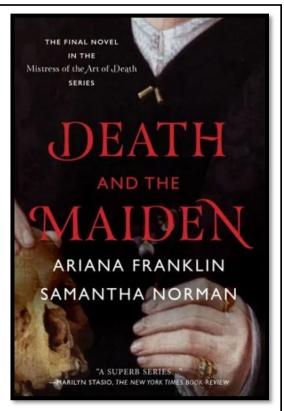
WOS Book Club's Next Read:

Death and the Maiden

by Ariana Franklin and Sandra Norman

Wednesday, March 20 at 10:30 AM

A 12th century healer, still a teen herself, may be in mortal danger as she tries to solve the disappearances of several young girls in an English village.



Brotherhood's Next Nature Walk:

Jack Rabbit Trail by Rancho Mirage City Hall Sunday, March 10 at 10:00 AM

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



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Temple Sinai First Night Community Passover Seder at "The Springs" Monday, April 22 at 6:00 PM

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



\$100 Per Person

Paid reservations are due
by 4:00 PM on

Wednesday, April 17.

Seating is limited.

Passover Seder, Monday, April 22, 2024

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March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Erev Shabbat Oneg 5:00 Service 5:30 Sanctuary	2 Torah Study 8:45 Shabbat Morning Service 10 AM Chapel & Zoom
Religious School 9:30	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 PM	7 Museum Tour 2:00 PM	8 Erev Shabbat Oneg 5:00 Service 5:30 Sanctuary Speaker & Shabbat Dinner	9 Torah Study 8:45 Shabbat Morning Service 10 AM Chapel & Zoom
10 Religious School 9:30	11 Temple Office Closed	Torah in Translation 4:00 on Zoom	Chair Yoga 10:30 Mah Jongg 1:00 PM	14 Bar Mitzvah of Sammy Blaise Amen to That! Class 12:00	Erev Shabbat Oneg 5:00 Service 5:30 Sanctuary	16 Torah Study 8:45 Shabbat Morning Service 10 AM Chapel & Zoom
17 Religious School 9:30 Kickoff Concert 3:00 PM	18 Temple Office Closed	19 Torah in Trans- lation 4:00 on Zoom	20 Book Club 10:30 Mah Jongg 1:00	Amen to That! Class 12:00 Brotherhood Dinner/Movie 5:30	22 WOS Luncheon 12:00 Family Erev Shabbat Oneg 5:00 Service 5:30 Sanctuary	23 Torah Study 8:45 Shabbat Morning Service 10 AM Chapel & Zoom Erev Purim
24 Religious School / Purim Celebration 9:30	25 Temple Office Closed	26 Torah in Trans- lation 4:00 on Zoom	27 Chair Yoga 10:30 Mah Jongg 1:00	28 Amen to That! Class 12:00	29 Erev Shabbat Oneg 5:00 Service 5:30 Sanctuary	30 Torah Study 8:45 Shabbat Morning Service 10 AM Chapel & Zoom
31 No Religious School - Spring Break						



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