



## Har Sinai - Oheb Shalom Congregation

# CONNECTING OUR PATHWAYS



### Rabbi Sabath's Hanukkah Message

By Rabbi Rachel Sabath Beit-Halachmi, Ph. D.

This idea of 'dedication' is precisely the meaning of Hannukah. Literally, Hanukkah means 'dedication' because it celebrates the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem after it was defiled. And in modern times Hanukkah is about the celebration of religious pluralism and the significance of our sacred spaces. The ability to re-dedicate ourselves to the sacred tasks ahead of us, no matter how daunting, is one of the greatest Jewish capacities. Even in the face of the worst, we re-dedicate ourselves to that which matters most.

This positive stance toward the future is one of the reasons the sages of the Talmud ultimately agree about how one should light the Hanukkah menorah. Some sages (from the House of Shammai) argued that we should start with eight lights and gradually—night by night—reduce it to just one candle. After all, as the argument for this method went, whatever oil was available in the small oil vessel was gradually decreasing during the eight days, so the Hanukkah lights commemorating the event should also decrease from many to just one. This is a powerful and reasonable opinion.

But according to the other opinion (the House of Hillel), we should light one candle the first night and each night add an additional candle, gradually building up to the full eight candles on the eighth night. This approach emphasizes the climax of the full and maximally bright *Hanukkiah* (Hanukkah Menorah). Of course, as you know, this gradual increase in candles and light is the approach we follow until this very day.

What fascinates me about this debate, however, is the reason for the prevailing approach. The sages of the House of Hillel argued that not only when it comes to how we light the *Hanukkiah*, but also in every aspect of our behavior, we should act in ways that increase light, increase optimism and increase joy. As they put it: "We should only add and increase light and holiness in the world and never diminish it." (Babylonian Talmud, Tractate Shabbat 21b)

As we rededicate ourselves this Hanukkah season to shining more light on what matters most, let us dedicate more of ourselves to building this sacred community. This teaching from the Talmud can not only inspire us to add light and optimism to our communal experiences, but it can also inform *how* we behave in every area of our lives. At every turn, we can add to the light and hope, or we can detract from it. Each of us, in our speech and in our deeds can bring more light not only to HSOSC, but to our families, our community and the world as well.

Especially during *this* Hanukkah, in these shorter, darker days of winter, let's increase the ways in which we can act as beacons of light. May our celebrations of Hanukkah and the New Year of 2022 include a re-commitment to the core values of the of Har Sinai - Oheb Shalom Congregation and to our own values. If we act according to these shared values, we can become an even brighter source and force for good in our world. Let's not miss the opportunity.

With blessings to you and your loved ones for a very bright Hannukah, and a joyous celebration of 2022.

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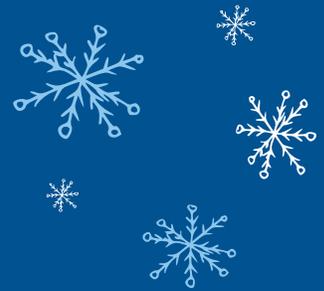
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# Let's make someone's winter warmer this year!



## TOPAZ (Tikkun Olam Projects A-Z) NEW Winter Coat Drive NOW through December 14!

Winter is coming and HSOSC is answering the call for help from a Baltimore City Elementary/Middle School in need of warm winter coats for their students.

In years past, we have been asked to donate coats from our closets. This year, due to Covid restrictions, the school we're serving has requested NEW coats.

An Amazon wishlist has been created by the school.

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2WMM34NNDO6OZ?ref=\\_wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2WMM34NNDO6OZ?ref=_wl_share)

Make sure you check off "Highlandtown Coats for Kids" for your delivery address.

If you prefer to purchase coats and drop them off at HSOSC, we have placed receptacles at our building entrances. All sizes are needed, between 4T and Adult L.

Much appreciation to Weekend Backpacks who have agreed to donate hats and gloves to the school.

### The final day to donate is December 14.

Thanks in advance for your generosity. TOPAZ programs help us grow Stronger Together.

Questions? Contact Tamara Kravitz [tamarasal@yahoo.com](mailto:tamarasal@yahoo.com)

► [Learn more about TOPAZ](#)

# COAT DRIVE

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**TEMPLE OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 27-31.**

In case of emergency, please contact our Executive Director,  
Amy Mallor: [amy.mallor@hsosc-baltimore.org](mailto:amy.mallor@hsosc-baltimore.org) (410) 358-0105

Regular worship will continue.



## The Band is Back Together

By Cantor Alexandra S. Fox

Back when I was going through the cantorial placement process, one of the things that excited me

most about HSOSC was the congregant band. I strongly believe that using a variety of instruments in worship can open previously unexplored doors of meaning. We use the same prayer book and sing the same prayers week after week; with all this repetition, different instrumental expressions can give an old piece of music new and enlightened meaning. So, imagine my excitement when I learned that I would get to work with a whole band of instrumentalists who are just as excited about synagogue music as I am!

Unfortunately, because of the Coronavirus Pandemic, the band's (re)start got delayed. I am so excited to share that the band is back together and will make their worship debut during our Friday night Shabbat service on January 14th! Our Torah portion for

that Shabbat is *Parashat B'shalach* and tells the story of the Israelites crossing the Sea to freedom. As such, this specific Shabbat has been named *Shabbat Shirah*, the Shabbat of Song, and many communities choose to have a musically driven service to celebrate.

Our *Shabbat Shirah* service this year will be filled with music and celebration, and I am so grateful that the members of the HSOSC band will help me bring this liturgy to life. We have an exciting mix of band members from various corners of our temple's population, and everybody is ecstatic to be making music together again.

The journey ahead is very exciting. It is one that I hope will be filled with enhanced meaning, moments of clarity, and pure joy and celebration.

**I look forward to being joined by many of you during our *Shabbat Shirah* celebration on Friday, January 14th at 6:15 pm.**

## Get to know the staff!

### Question of the Month: What's your favorite thing about Baltimore?

- Amy Mallor: I love the diversity of the city, from Fells Point to Federal Hill.
- Aviva Janus: Renting the dragon boats in the harbor.
- Cantor Fox: All of the nature embedded within the city!
- Nina Pachino: Baltimore's history, especially the architecture and details of the buildings downtown and the old homes in the county.
- Stacy Smith: I love eating all the crabs that only Baltimore can make.
- Estelle Sandiford: I love all the different neighborhoods, its history, the harbor, museums, entertainment venues and all the diverse restaurants!
- Rachel Moses: I love the "Smalltimore" feeling I get when I run into people I know everywhere in town or see ad campaigns for the Utz girl getting engaged to the Natty Boh guy.





# Hanukkah with HSOSC

## LET'S SHINE TOGETHER!

Let your light shine bright with your HSOSC community — join us for a Zoom Candle Lighting every night of Hanukkah!

For complete information visit [hsosc-baltimore.org/Hanukkah](https://hsosc-baltimore.org/Hanukkah)

Date	Time	Event
Wednesday, December 1	6:00 p.m.	<b>Night 4: Zoom Candle Lighting</b> <i>with Cantor Alexandra S. Fox &amp; Joe Marcus</i> Theme: Music & Joy
	7:00 p.m.	<b>Latkes, Lattes &amp; Libations: Women's Club Hanukkah Dinner</b> <i>Please register in advance</i>
Thursday December 2	6:00 p.m.	<b>Night 5: Zoom Candle Lighting</b> <i>with Learning Ladder families along with Meredith Zuckerman &amp; Sara Flechner</i> Theme: Early Childhood Education
Friday December 3	6:45 p.m.	<b>Night 6: Night of 1000 Lights Hanukkah Shabbat Service</b> Theme: Religious School Community
Saturday December 4	6:30 p.m. *	<b>Night 7: Zoom Candle Lighting</b> <i>with Talia Vogel and her family on behalf of the B'Nai Mitzvah families. *Please note adjusted time to 6:30 p.m. for Zoom Candle Lighting</i> Theme: Lifecycle Celebrations
Sunday December 5	6:00 p.m.	<b>Night 8: Zoom Candle Lighting</b> <i>with Brotherhood, Women's Club &amp; CAYA</i> Theme: Partnership
	6:15 p.m.	<b>Olive Oil Tasting.</b> <i>Hear Pikesville Native Scott Hertzberg's story and learn about olive oil on the last night of Hanukkah.</i>

## Worship

Please register online to join us — Zoom link will be given within your confirmation email.

### FRIDAY EVENINGS

Erev Shabbat Service, 6:15 p.m.

▶ [Please register online to join us.](#)

### SATURDAY MORNINGS

Torah Study, 8:45 a.m.

▶ [Please register online to join us.](#)

Shabbat Morning Service

10:15 a.m.

▶ [Please register online to join us.](#)

B'nai Mitzvah Service

10:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

### MAZER MORNING MINYAN

8:00 a.m., Monday–Friday

9:00 a.m., Sunday

▶ [Please register online to join us.](#)

## Special Shabbatot

### UPDATED INFORMATION

**NIGHT OF 1000 LIGHTS SHABBAT SERVICE AND HANUKKAH CANDLE LIGHTING**

Friday, December 3, 6:45 p.m.

In-Person, on Zoom, and via ▶ [Facebook Live](#)

Join us for a special congregational Shabbat service featuring a community-wide Hanukkah candle lighting (bring your menorah!).

Each family that attends in-person will receive a delicious Hanukkah-themed food takeaway and a no-sew fleece blanket kit through JVC's 'Live with Purpose' project to make at home and return for donation.

See the Posner JEM Religious School section for Consecration information.

▶ [Learn more & register](#)

## Simchas/Lifecycle Events

**SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES WITH BABY NAMING AND CELEBRATION**

Saturday, December 4, 10:15 a.m.

▶ [Please register online to join us.](#)

**BAT MITZVAH OF TALIA VOGEL**

Saturday, December 4, 5:00 p.m.

## Adult Education & Programming

**LATKES, LATTES & LIBATIONS:**

**WOMEN'S CLUB HANUKKAH DINNER**

Wednesday, December 1, 7:00 p.m.

At HSOSC

▶ [Learn more & register](#)

**BROTHERHOOD BOARD ELECTIONS**

Thursday, December 2, 7:00 p.m.

On Zoom

▶ [Learn more & register](#)

**TORAH TUESDAYS BIBLE STUDY WITH RABBI SABATH**

Every Tuesday, 10:15 a.m.

In-person in the Simone and Ralph Brunn Conference Center and on Zoom

Sponsored by The Women's Cub — All are welcome!

▶ [Learn more & register](#)

### UPDATED INFORMATION

**OLIVE OIL TASTING**

Sunday, December 5, 6:15 p.m.

Only on Zoom

Pikesville Native Scott Hertzberg is a farmer in Vermont and an importer of Makura Olive Oil from Israel. Hear his story and learn about olive oil on the last night of Hanukkah. ▶ [Read the JMORE article](#) all about Scott Hertzberg

▶ [Learn more & register](#)

**SPICE: THE CRUSADE TO END SLAVERY IN AMERICA**

Mondays, December 6, 13 and 20, 10:30 a.m.–noon

Register by Sunday December 5.

on Zoom

Learn about the origins, beliefs, motivations, and influence of the abolition movement in the US and the very diverse group of reformers who were often divided by politics, religion, region, ideology, gender and race. Examine the impact of the movement on American society and women's rights. Facilitator: Robert Baer, Ed. D.

▶ [Learn more & register](#)

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**HSOSC PRESENTS TAL SCHNEIDER:  
ISRAELI SOCIETY AT A CROSSROADS**  
Wednesday, December 8, 7:00 p.m.

**In-person and on Zoom**

We are thrilled to present an outstanding Israeli Journalist who just added Baltimore to her East Coast Tour! Tal Schneider, Israeli political and diplomatic correspondent for the Times of Israel, will speak about Israeli Society at a Crossroads, taking a look at Israel's four principal sectors: National-Religious, Secular, Arabs, and Ultra-Orthodox. A variety of Israeli wine and desserts will be enjoyed by all attending in-person.

► [Learn more & register](#)

**SPICE: IT TOOK A WOMAN TO...**

Thursdays, December 9, 16, 23 and 30, 10:30 a.m.–noon  
**On Zoom**

Before the 1970s, the topic of women in history was largely missing from the general public consciousness. If you look at a list of inventions, you'd be amazed at the items women created that we all use in our everyday lives. Yet, the inventors are mostly unknown, and that is a sad commentary on our gender history. Learn about these brilliant and fascinating women.

Facilitator: Barbara Blumberg

► [Learn more & register](#)

**WOMEN'S CLUB PRESENTS: ALLISON BUCHALTER,  
VICE PRESIDENT OF INVOLVEMENT, THE THREAD**  
Tuesday, December 14, 12:30 p.m.

**In-person & on Zoom**

Learn how Thread's 3,000 volunteers and collaborators are working alongside 655 students and alumni to build a more equitable culture in which everyone thrives.

Dessert will be served.

► [Learn more & register](#)



**GORDON TRUST CONCERT SERIES  
SETH KIBEL & THE KLEZTET**  
Sunday, December 12, 3:00 p.m.  
Concerts are free, In-person and live-streamed.

► [Learn more & register](#)

Seth Kibel is one of the Mid-Atlantic's premier woodwind specialists, working with some of the best bands in klezmer, jazz, swing, and more. Wowing audiences on clarinet, saxophone, and flute, Seth has made a name for himself in the Washington/ Baltimore region, and beyond.

**MONTHLY MIDRASH MONDAYS**

Monday, December 13, 7:00 p.m.

**In-person and on Zoom**

Judaism like you've never seen it before! Join Rabbi Sabath at this monthly meaningful learning opportunity!

► [Learn more & register](#)

**VIRTUAL VOICES: SARAH HURWITZ**

Sunday, December 19, 7:00 p.m.

**On Zoom**

A Conversation with Presidential Speechwriter and Author Sarah Hurwitz about her new book, *Here All Along: Finding Meaning, Spirituality, and a Deeper Connection to Life—in Judaism (After Finally Choosing to Look There)*

► [Learn more & register](#)

## Learning Ladder

MONDAY–FRIDAY

7:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

**Closed for Winter Break:**

December 24 through January 3

Learning Ladder is a licensed childcare center and preschool for children ranging in ages from 10 weeks through five years old.

Contact Meredith Zuckerman,  
(410) 358-9192 or [meredith@hsosc-baltimore.org](mailto:meredith@hsosc-baltimore.org).

## Posner JEM Religious School

**IN SESSION**

Sundays, December 5 & 19

(Closed Dec. 26)

9:30 a.m.–noon

**UPDATED INFORMATION**

**POSNER JEM RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**

**DRIVE-BY CONSECRATION**

Friday, December 3, 5:30–6:30 p.m.

A drive-by Consecration ceremony for the newest learners of Posner JEM Religious School

► [Learn more](#)

**POSNER JEM — FAMILY ED  
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL GIVES BACK**

Sunday, December 12, 9:30 a.m.–noon

Religious School families will spend the morning learning about and practicing tikkun olam by supporting an important and beloved charity of Har Sinai - Oheb Shalom, Weekend Backpacks. Together, we will be preparing life-sustaining food kits for food insecure children from Baltimore City. ► [Learn more & register](#)

## Community Events

### JEWISH VOLUNTEER CONNECTION'S COMMUNITY MITZVAH DAY

Friday December 24, various times and locations

► [Learn more & register](#)

### Tikkun Olam

Are you volunteering in the community with an organization that would be open to other volunteers from HSOSC? [Submit a volunteer opportunity here.](#)

Please email [Sheryl Jacobs](#) or [Mina Wender](#) if you do volunteer — we want to be able to thank you and hear about your experience.

### ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

Sunday, December 5, 9:00 a.m.

Join HSOSC members and Social Action Chair, Noel Levy, for a clean-up of Brooks Robinson. All supplies will be provided. All children must be accompanied by an adult for the entirety of the event. ► [Learn more & register](#)

### BUNCHES OF LUNCHES

Monday, December 6

#### Flexible times

HSOSC is a proud partner of [JVC](#) and their Bunches of Lunches Program — A NEW PROGRAM at HSOSC where families make bagged meals to be donated to local shelters.

#### Two ways to get involved:

1. HSOSC is looking for 5–7 volunteers on each of the following Monday mornings: December 6, January 3, February 7, March 7, April 4, May 2

- Volunteers are needed to help collect lunches from people's cars during drop-off hours
- Volunteers are also needed to deliver the lunches to JVC's partner

If you are interested in volunteering, please email [Terry Willner](#) to sign up.

2. Make lunches in the comfort of your own home and then bring them to HSOSC during the drop-off time of 9:30–11:00 a.m. at the Gordon Chapel Entrance, on the following Monday mornings: December 6, January 3, February 7, March 7, April 4, May 2

- Lunches should include: a sandwich, piece of fruit, snack, and a bottle of water
- Anyone interested in dropping off lunches should register for the number of lunches they plan to make so JVC can identify the proper number of recipients.

For more information and to register to drop-off lunches, please visit ► [www.jvcbaltimore.org/lunches](http://www.jvcbaltimore.org/lunches)

### WEEKEND BACKPACKS

Private Packing December 12

#### Religious School Family Ed Day

You can help support our Weekend Backpacks at HSOSC by donating any amount. Those donating at the Bronze, Silver or Gold Level sponsorship will be noted in signage at the specific date you choose along with our grateful appreciation. [Please contact Ken Bell at \[krbell6mhc@gmail.com\]\(mailto:krbell6mhc@gmail.com\) for available sponsorship dates.](#)

### COLLABORATING FOR CARE:

#### FREE COMMUNITY PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

New Dates TBD

1:00–4:00 p.m.

Join your HSOSC family for a Tikkun Olam Volunteer Project in collaboration with Life Builders Church.

[Email Ann Ulick to register.](#)

## Get excited for January!

Mark your calendar for a few of our special programs coming your way in January.

### SPICE: FINDING YOUR ROOTS:

#### GENEALOGY RESEARCH (Part One)

Mondays, January 3, 10, 24 and 31, 10:30 a.m.–noon

On Zoom

► [Learn more & register](#)

### SPICE: THE KOREAN WAR

Thursdays, January 6, 13, 20 and 27, 10:30 a.m.–noon on Zoom

► [Learn more & register](#)

### BAGELS AND BOOKS

#### THE FOUR WINDS BY KRISTIN HANNAH

Sunday, January 9, 11:00 a.m.

In-person and on Zoom

► [Learn more & register](#)

### WEEKEND BACKPACKS FOR TEENS!

Monday, January 10, 7:00 p.m.

► [Learn more & register](#)

### MUSICAL SHABBAT SHIRAH SERVICE

Friday, January 14, 6:15 p.m.

► [Learn more & register](#)

# Why I volunteer with HSOSC and Bunches of Lunches

By Terry Willner

Not long after completing my 2-year term as Board Chair of Jewish Volunteer Connection (JVC), I received a call from Sheryl Jacobs and Mina Wender asking whether I'd be interested in becoming a part of the Temple's newly formed social action/social justice committee. We didn't have a name at the time, but I couldn't say "no." Giving back to the community and "living with purpose" has become part of my life and can so easily be a part of yours. I love being an ambassador and spreading the word of service opportunities. I know how rewarding it can be for the volunteer...but I also know how necessary it is for the recipient. Whether it's helping to fight food insecurity, making a friendly phone call to an elderly neighbor, reading, tutoring, or serving as a mentor, if we can all take the time and effort to help in just one small way to help meet those vital needs, it won't solve the systemic problem, but it will certainly help someone in that moment in time.

How wonderful it was to see over 23 families totaling over 70 people, choose to take time on October 31, a day without religious school, to make over 500 lunches that were distributed the next day as part of JVC's weekly Bunches of Lunches program. I'm so proud that HSOSC has become JVC's newest community partner is serving as a drop off site on the first Monday of every month. On each of these dates, we need about 8 people to volunteer as lunch collectors and drivers...it is such an easy and rewarding way to spend about 90 minutes once a month! And if that's not possible, then perhaps you could consider packing 10 lunches and dropping them off at Temple on those dates.

TOPAZ, our social action/social justice committee, stands for Tikkun Olam Projects from A-Z. And that is exactly what it is. Whether you can help with Bunches of Lunches, clean up a highway, help distribute fresh produce to those in need, pack Weekend Backpacks, prepare a meal for residents at the Ronald McDonald House, donate coats or school supplies, there is something for everyone and wonderful ways to volunteer as a family.

I can assure you the work I've done has been so incredibly rewarding to me and has impacted my own life and I hope the community I've served, in a positive and impactful way. During this holiday season, consider including service and volunteering as a way of celebrating. It will not only be a gift to you, but surely to those you are serving as well.

# Meet Meredith Zuckerman Director of the Learning Ladder

By Amy Mallor

It is with great joy that we announce the hiring of Meredith Zuckerman to become the next Director of the Learning Ladder at Har Sinai – Oheb Shalom Congregation. She joined our family of families on October 18, 2021. Meredith has already begun working with Sara Flechner for a smooth transition into the position.

We would like to thank our excellent search committee for their hard work and dedication throughout this process.

Meet Meredith Zuckerman:

## **Q: Where were you born and raised?**

**A:** I was born and raised in the Pikesville area and went through the religious school at Temple Oheb Shalom.

## **Q: Tell us about your experience?**

**A:** I began my professional career in education in 2011 as a substitute preschool teacher at the Learning Ladder and religious school assistant at Temple Oheb Shalom while I was working on my bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education at Towson University. In addition to my Bachelor of Science, I also hold a master's degree in Early Childhood Education from Towson University.

## **Q: What is your educational philosophy?**

**A:** It is my philosophy that children are strong, capable, and resilient: rich with wonder and knowledge. Each child has deep curiosity and should be able to help create their learning experiences. Every



child is a unique individual with unique abilities, interests, and skills. I am eagerly waiting to become an integral part of your children's future. I love to see the look on their little faces when they learn something new every day. When a child learns something new, they can explore new worlds that they have never imagined before. Knowing that I played a crucial part in that gives me great pleasure.

## **Q: What do you like to do in your personal time?**

**A:** In my spare time, I love to needlepoint, crochet, bake, and go on walks with my husband, two children, and two dogs.

## **Q: Anything else we should know?**

**A:** On behalf of my husband, Sam, my son, Ethan (4 years), and my daughter, Riley (2 years), I can say we are very excited to join the Har Sinai – Oheb Shalom family. I look forward to seeing everyone soon!



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This is the season of gratitude and light.

We have so much to be grateful for at Har Sinai-Oheb Shalom. We are proud to be the sacred space that nurtures Jewish traditions and innovates toward the future. Our doors are wide open and our lights are shining anew with new clergy, new and diverse opportunities and a greater commitment to be a force for good for ourselves, our community and our world.

Now is the time to build on our strong foundations and rededicate ourselves to the future as one congregation, working hand-in-hand toward a shared purpose. Welcome to Har Sinai-Oheb Shalom Congregation.

**With your dedication we are poised to create a new future. Join us as we create it together through our Inaugural Annual Fund. You are the heart and soul of our congregation and our future depends on your commitment.**

By establishing our Annual Fund, we will be able to emerge stronger than ever and create a lasting legacy for generations to come.

This Hanukkah, please consider a meaningful and generous gift to our Annual Fund and help light the way to a brighter future. We want you to be a part of it.

May all of our lights continue to shine brightly on our Congregation and on you and your loved ones.



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Consider paying before December 31 to get  
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THE GORDON TRUST FUND  
**Concert Series**

Sunday, December 12 | 3 pm  
**SETH KIBEL & THE KLEZTET**  
*clarinet, saxophone, flutist*

Sunday, January 23 | 3 pm  
**CLAIRE HEBEISEN** *violinist*

Sunday, February 27 | 3 pm  
**DANIEL SCHWAIT** *singer, voice*

Sunday, March 27 | 3 pm  
**CATHERINE REID** *harpist*

Sunday, May 15 | 3 pm  
**JACQUES-PIERRE MALAN** *cellist*



This series of free concerts will be in-person and live-streamed from the Greenebaum Sanctuary. Registration is required.

The Gordon Trust Fund's primary purpose is to foster and promote the advancement and performance of classical music in the Metropolitan Baltimore area.



## Har Sinai - Oheb Shalom Congregation

### WHO WE ARE

We are the combination of two historic Reform synagogues working together to create one joyful, warm, inclusive, and socially conscious congregation. Because we are striving to live our Jewish values through the lens of a dynamic modern-world, we are constantly growing and evolving in pursuit of that goal.

### WHAT WE VALUE

#### We are a Congregation that...

... Fosters profound connections to one another. We work together in sacred partnership, building a community where all are included, respected, and valued. We celebrate with each other in our happiest moments and lift each other up in our most difficult ones.

... Advances our foundational value of repairing the world at home, in the Baltimore community, and far beyond our walls. We are committed to performing acts of loving kindness, providing service to others, and advocating for justice and peace.

... Appreciates the rich diversity of the Jewish community and invites all who desire a connection to Jewish life to join us. Our doors and hearts are open to interfaith couples and families, as well as people of all backgrounds, ages, races, financial means, sexual orientations, and gender identities. We welcome children and adults with disabilities and their families. We strive to ensure that our programs and facilities are accessible to all, and to accommodate special needs.

... Engages in vibrant, innovative, and transformational experiences that stimulate a lifelong love of Judaism in all generations. Through learning, music, prayer, lifecycle events, and social gatherings, we are creating a spiritual home for all of us.