

TEMPLE SINAI

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BULLETIN



Worship Services - October 2020

ALL WORSHIP SERVICES WILL BE AVAILABLE BOTH IN-PERSON AND ON-LINE.

On-line services will be available through Zoom, FacebookLive, and livestreamed on our Temple Sinai website.

All Shabbat Services will be available in-person though attendance will be limited. Reservations are required, and masks must be worn at all times while maintaining adequate social distancing within the Temple building. There will be no Oneg Shabbat or Kiddush lunch receptions in the building for the time-being.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

6:00 p.m. Shabbat & Festival Service for the 1st Night of Sukkot with our Monthly Anniversary & Birthday Blessings

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

Torah Portion: 1st DAY OF SUKKOT (Lev. 22:26 - 23:44)

9:15 a.m. On-line Torah Study via Zoom

10:30 a.m. Shabbat & Festival Morning Service

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

6:00 p.m. Special Service for Simchat Torah

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

Torah Portion: SIMCHAT TORAH (Deut. 34 & Gen. 1)

9:15 a.m. On-line Torah Study via Zoom

10:30 a.m. Shabbat & Festival Morning Service and the Bar Mitzvah of Adam Kirschman

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

6:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

Torah Portion: Bereshit, Genesis 1:1 - 6:8

9:15 a.m. On-line Torah Study via Zoom

10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and the Bar Mitzvah of Dario Miranda

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

6:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

Torah Portion: Noach, Genesis 6:9 - 11:32

9:15 a.m. On-line Torah Study via Zoom

10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and the Bar Mitzvah of Max Klein

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

6:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

Torah Portion: Lech Lecha, Genesis 12:1 - 17:27

9:15 a.m. On-line Torah Study via Zoom

10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and the Bar Mitzvah of Nolan Rosenfeld

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TORAH STUDY THIS MONTH

We will continue to hold our weekly Torah Study discussions on-line through Zoom. This month we are also inviting participants to join us in-person. Space will be limited, and reservations will be required. All reservations must be made by Friday morning. Please note: all in-person participants must wear masks, social distance and there will be no food or beverage allowed.

RABBI'S MESSAGE

OUR HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY



Rabbi Daniel M. Sherman

I am sitting at my computer writing this column during the days in between Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur. Yes, Rosh HaShanah felt very different this year. And yes, there were technical issues about which we feel awful. And the weather was wet and dreary causing a Tashlich rain-out. I know we all missed seeing everyone at Temple and wishing each other a “*L’shanah Tovah*” in person.

Despite all of this, it was really nice to come together to welcome the new Year. Whether we were together in-person in our sanctuary or together on-line through Zoom for services, we were able to come together and to form the *KEHILLAH KEDOSHAH* – the Holy Congregation that is Temple Sinai.

I want to thank everyone who has helped to make our High Holy Day observances happen this year. A lot of planning has had to go into everything we do. I want to thank Cantor Colman for all of his efforts to make sure that not only will the music be beautiful and moving, but that our services will be meaningful and familiar. I am grateful to our High Holy Day Task Force, chaired by Ellen Cohen, and to Bill Hess, our Ritual & Worship Committee Chairperson, for all of their help and input. Thank you to all of our volunteers and ushers. I want to thank Tracey Dodd, our hard-working Temple President, and to all of our leaders for helping to guide Temple Sinai through these challenging times. A huge thank-you goes to our staff for all of their hard work and long hours behind the scenes. I also want to thank all of our High Holy Day sponsors for their wonderful support.

There are two thoughts that I want to focus on as we begin this New Year together. The Temple continues to serve as our “*BEIT K’NESSET* – our House of Assembly.” The Temple is the center of our Jewish community and our Jewish lives. It is still where we come together to meet, to pray, to learn, to do, to be inspired, to work to make this world a better place, to be part of a holy community, to be a part of the Jewish people. Whether we assemble in-person or on-line, there is nothing virtual about what we do – it is real, and it is really important. Throughout this New Year 5781, let us look for ways to assemble together and to ensure that the Temple continues to play this vital role in our life, in the life of our families, and in our greater community.

Second: The past six months have not been easy. We have had to give up lots and change the way we do so many things. We are not even sure of what “normal” means any more. My challenge for us in 5781: let’s NOT focus on what we cannot do this year – instead, let’s focus on all that we ARE doing

this year.

Shabbat Services are continuing. We have installed new video cameras and technology in our sanctuary so that we can livestream all of our services with an improved on-line experience for all participants. We plan on holding services in the sanctuary each week now. We invite you to join us through Zoom, FacebookLive, and the livestream feed on our Temple website. We also invite you to join us in-person for worship services. I must remind you that we aim to keep our numbers limited for the time-being. Thus we are asking everyone to make a reservation before coming to Temple. It is very important that we know how many people are coming to Temple and who is coming. I also want to remind you that everyone must wear a mask in the building and practice social distancing. We are doing this to protect the health and welfare of our Temple Sinai family – and we will need your help and cooperation. Unfortunately, this means that there will be no Oneg Shabbat or Kiddush Lunch receptions inside after services for the foreseeable future.

I am looking forward to the Festival of Sukkot, known as “*ZEMAN SIMCHATEINU* – the Season of our Joy.” We will hold joyous festival services on Friday, Oct. 2 and Saturday, Oct. 3, and we invite you to visit the Temple Sukkah. We will continue to celebrate as we conclude Sukkot and welcome Simchat Torah on Friday evening, Oct. 9. These are special services, and we hope you will consider joining us in the sanctuary or from home.

This month we are excited as four of our students will become B’nai Mitzvah during our Shabbat Morning Services. *Mazal Tov* to Adam Kirschman, Dario Miranda, Max Klein, Nolan Rosenfeld and their families – we look forward to sharing in your *simchas*!

Also this month we look forward to the start of Religious School for all of our students. Chavurah@Sinai will have a very different feel to it this year, but we are excited to begin and to learn about and experience our Judaism together with our kids. I am also starting a new Adult Education Class this month on-line during our Wednesday Night Live sessions.

There is much to look forward to in 5781. I hope that you will choose to get involved and to play an active role in the life of our congregation here at our House of Assembly. I look forward to seeing you and to spending this year with you.

L’shanah Tovah – may it be a good and healthy New Year for us all.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

OCTOBER 2020



Tracey Dodd

HIGH HOLY DAY MESSAGE, DELIVERED ON ROSH HASHANAH EVENING

Why is this night different from all other nights...other than the fact that our air conditioning system now works? While this is the question normally asked at Passover (excluding the obvious question about the air conditioning), I find it so incredibly appropriate to discuss now. Everything this year that has brought us to this very moment, this very night, has been different from what we would normally do. For your clergy and lay leaders, we have planned, re-planned, unplanned, and re-planned again.

In years before this one, we took for granted that we could celebrate the holidays together — with family, friends and members of our community — at services, meals and communal gatherings. We all happily anticipated the joy of being together, as we lifted our glasses to toast a new year of good health, good deeds and a good life.

Fast forward to today, where we are learning to accept the reality of COVID and the changes it has required of all of us, in how we live, work and socialize. Now, we must also accept that COVID will affect our experience of celebrating the Jewish New Year. But can we still find ways to come together as a Jewish community, and nourish our spiritual health, at a time when gathering at services and family meals is necessarily limited, in order to protect our physical health? While so much has changed, there is so much to celebrate and so much that remains the same, relevant and significant to all of us at Temple Sinai.

The High Holy Days at Temple Sinai will be different, but they will also be the same. The difference really lies simply in our delivery system, also known as Zoom. What doesn't change is the warmth within our congregation, the prayers we say together and the meaningful messages from

our clergy, who have worked so hard to create these services for this specific moment in time. What also doesn't change is the phenomenal history of this religious institution, one which spans 150 years, and is filled with the legacies and memories of the many families that have made this great institution of ours a spiritual home for all of us.

For the hundreds of our congregants that are participating by Zoom, Facebook, etc., to the many who felt the draw to shul to congregate in person...take a look in this (our) Sanctuary...at your clergy, your friends on your computer screens or in the pews. We are fortunate to live in a world where technology exists to connect us in ways that would not have been possible a decade ago. This allows our congregants to experience familiar music and prayers, but also experience services designed specifically for this moment in time. Some of you may even love this, as it means that our services are shorter.

With so much happening in our world, with multiple crises unfolding, the Jewish year 5780 has unmasked just how different the human experience is for people of different ages, locations, socioeconomic status, community, skin color and more. Despite this, COVID has also shown us all that there is a common link between all of us. Working to see ourselves in others, is like engaging in spiritual push-ups. And like physical activity, it is not always easy, and can make you feel sore, but in the long run...it's worth it.

The new Jewish year comes at a time of great complexity and frustration. But I believe that this is also a moment to set a new standard and redefine our home, our synagogue, and our connections for the better. These High Holy Days teach us not to ignore or draw away from the realities of life, but to remain vigilant in reimagining what is possible.

Here are three ways you might make a difference this year as a member of Temple Sinai:

Love and Reach Each Other: So many in our community feel lonely and shut out. Now is the time to try harder to reach out to family, friends, and members of our congregation, and help them feel connected. Drop off challah and honey, text, email, even call someone and wish them a happy and healthy new year.

Consider Choices and Actions: During the month, find your best self among your congregants. Join our committees, help out, participate in social action. During the month of Tishrei, we engage in a process called *teshuvah*, returning to our best selves. Find your best self at Temple Sinai and help work to make this congregation an incredible place for you and our fellow congregants.

Celebrate Our Legacy and Continue to Make Our Spiritual Home a Better Place: Let's work together to look at what we really need to move forward. Our beautiful house of worship has been a labor of love for so many generations that came before us. Help us celebrate these 150 years, enjoy the new renovations in the Sanctuary (the

air conditioning, lighting, lack of dripping from the ceiling, and incredible restoration of the Ner Tamid behind me...something that I think the Weil family would be proud of), but also help us to look back to where we started and work with us to really move forward into the next 150 years. Ask yourself: "What is MY role and the legacy I will leave at Temple Sinai for the generations to come?"

COVID has made us all vulnerable in so many different ways. But in this moment of deep personal and communal uncertainty, we still have the power to effect change and make things better for our immediate community. In the last year of being your President of this incredible congregation, I would like to challenge each of you to participate at Sinai, to do something meaningful within this congregation, whether it involves time, talent or other means. Please, make a difference here at Sinai.

B'Shalom,

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Liz Yager

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

OCTOBER 2020

We just celebrated the New Year and the High Holy Days like never before. It was different, but the process and prayers were essentially still the same. We reflected, blew the shofar, made amends and asked for forgiveness in order to start the New Year with aspirations of living a more fulfilling and righteous year. We all went through the High Holy Days with new perspective and resilience as we live through this on-going pandemic. As we start 5781, we all should take a deep breath and know that we are all going through this together. I think about all that has happened during the past seven months. I have learned to be grateful and appreciate the important elements in my life - my family and friends, my home, health and well-being. I have learned that it is important to reach out for help because people care and understand. Let's make the beginning of this year a time to renew, refresh and to look for ways that we can live our best lives.

We are all trying to cope with our personal, professional and social lives during these unprecedented times. One of my resolutions is to be more mindful and empathetic to those around me. Local Communications Consultant, Amy Ferguson's words resonated. She notes, *"I've been thinking a lot about how to communicate better. One of the first things I've come up with is we all need to bring our empathy A-game. Whether it's because we're all concerned about flattening the COVID curve, or we're determined to help change deep disparities, our workplaces [homes, classrooms, and communities] need to be sanctuaries of empathy, courtesy, and honesty. In a word, kindness must infuse our interactions with colleagues, [loved ones, classmates, and neighbors]. If we start there, I firmly believe we can move the needle on all fronts."* *

The staff and leadership of Temple Sinai have worked hard to learn how to best adapt to new

ways of engagement and worship so to meet your needs. We have learned how to engage our members while they stay safe at home by their computers. We also have scheduled outdoor programs such as the Challah Day Drive-By where volunteers gave round challahs and honey to members who drove up in their cars. In September, we started to open up the doors of Temple Sinai. It was wonderful to see our congregants face to face at our evening Rosh HaShannah and Yom Kippur services.

So that you can stay informed of all our programs, meetings, events, and services - Please be on the lookout for weekly Tuesday and Thursday emails and log onto our website - www.templeinnola.com. If you are not receiving our emails, please call the office and update your information.

We hope all of you had a meaningful High Holy Day experience wherever you were. We are all faced with the challenges of living with a pandemic, but please know that we are here for you. As we start 5781, we pledge to continue to be creative with providing inspirational and enlightening avenues for worship, engagement, and education. We value your membership and commitment to Temple Sinai as we journey together .

Shanah Tovah,
Liz Yager

*To read the full article -click on this link: <https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/communication-time-covid-bring-your-empathy-a-game-amy-b-ferguson/?trackingId=IAUm-TElnTiuUJV3eMOg3Sw%3D%3D>

OUR FALL HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS 5781: SUKKOT & SIMCHAT TORAH

SUKKOT

Sukkot is our annual 7-day Harvest Festival. It is a festive holiday, known as “the Season of our Joy.” We build a *Sukkah* (booth), which we decorate with symbols of the holiday and of the harvest. We shake the *lulav* and *etrog* as we gather to give thanks.

Of course, Sukkot will have to be celebrated differently this year. We will have no large gatherings or communal meals in our Sukkah this fall. However, we are encouraging families and individuals to make plans to come check out the Sukkah, have a picnic meal, and shake the lulav.

Reservations will be required so that we can limit the number of people in the Sukkah at a time. The Temple Sukkah will be available Sunday, Oct. 4 through Thursday, Oct. 8 with three time slots per evening: 5:30PM, 6:15PM, and 7:00PM. Please bring your own food and clean up after yourselves. To make a reservation, please go to the Temple website or call the Temple office.

We will begin Sukkot with a special festival service on Friday, October 2 at 6:00PM. We are inviting you to join us in-person (reservations required for services) or on-line. Our Sukkot celebration will continue with our festival morning service on Saturday, October 3 at 10:30AM, available both in-person (reservations required) and on-line.

A special *TODAH RABBAH* (thank you very much) goes to our Temple Sinai Brotherhood for building our outdoor Sukkah again this year.

SIMCHAT TORAH

Simchat Torah is one of our most fun holidays of the year. It means our “joy in Torah.” On Simchat Torah we complete one annual cycle of Torah by reading the end of Deuteronomy, and then we immediately start again with the beginning of Genesis. We celebrate Torah by singing, dancing, and marching around our sanctuary with our *Sifrei Torah* (Torah Scrolls).

We will celebrate Simchat Torah with a special festival service on Friday, Oct. 9 at 6:00PM. We hope that you will join us in-person (reservations required and attendance limited) or on-line. The celebration will continue on Saturday, Oct. 10 with a very special festival morning service at 10:30AM during which Adam Kirschman will become a Bar Mitzvah.

Our Simchat Torah celebration will continue on Sunday morning, October 11 with a special program for our Chavurah@Sinai students and families.

CHAG SAMEACH – Happy Holidays!



10/3

JewCCY (9th-12th)

S.H.A.M in the Sukkah

From 6-7PM in the Gates of Prayer Parking Lot
Join JewCCY 9th-12th graders for Havdalah in the
Gates of Prayer Sukkah
RSVP at jewccy.com

10/18

JewCCY Jewce (3rd-5th)

Pumpkin Painting

JewCCY Jewce's First Event of the Year!
Save the date, more information to come

10/24

JewCCY Jr. 6:30PM
Havdalah

We plan, God laughs



Avital Kadosh

As many of you have come to learn about me over the last few years, I am a planner. We actually had baby names picked out for both genders by the time I was 8 weeks pregnant, before we even knew what we were having! We had so many plans before we were hit with an unexpected global pandemic. Chavurah@Sinai had many plans in the works for this school year as well. Maybe this is what it means when people say, “we plan, God laughs.” This is not to say that we should never plan, because who knows what is in store for us, but if nothing else, it has taught us to be flexible, to pivot and to find quick ways to innovate.

And let me tell you, that is what we have done. We are nimble Jewish educators ready to find new, exciting and safe ways to engage and educate our youth. I want to take a moment and thank the teachers and clergy on our staff for this year. For the first time in my career, I ran a Zoom teacher training, and the expectations relayed in this training were different than anything I have required before! We worked hard to brainstorm in new ways and I can speak for everyone when I say we are so excited to get things going!

As a reminder from last month’s Chavurah@Sinai information, we are not charging a standard tuition fee for the time being as we remain mostly online (we are having at least one in-person outdoor program a month), we have asked for a suggested donation of \$118 from our enrolled families. In turn, this means that much of our expenses have been cut. The audience reading this article (you), in this bulletin represents a larger subset of our congregation. As we pivot, innovate and teach, I am asking you to consider a donation as well. While I understand that everyone, especially at this time, has differing financial situations, I will share that I was struck by an article in The Atlantic last month that inspired me to write this article for our bulletin.

“The Pandemic Has Created a Class of Super-Savers,” written by Joe Pinsker, essentially breaks down the financial ramifications of our current crisis. “[Joe] spoke with people whose monthly expenses have fallen by hundreds, in some cases thousands, of dollars.” Over the course of the last six months, travel, dining out and overall entertainment spending has gone down. “Some of those [Joe] interviewed felt compelled to give away some of their money.” The article continues to explain ways people chose to donate their increasing disposable income. While not all of our members at Temple Sinai are in a position to be donating money, I am asking that you find a manageable way to support us and show some Temple Sinai pride!

We have designed Temple Sinai facemasks that are available for preorder both online and by calling the Temple office. We are charging \$10 for 1 or \$18 for 2. We also have Temple Sinai yard signs available for purchase (\$25/sign), if you’d like to show your pride on your front lawn! And of course, if none of these things interest you, a tax-deductible donation might be the right choice for you! Thank you to those of you who have already made donations to Chavurah@Sinai. Every dollar counts!

We continue to plan the best way that we can, but I can say for certain that with additional dollars, we are always able to do more! The highest form of *tzedakah* according to Maimonides, is to teach someone how to help themselves. Our educational goals are to do just that. We want to build literate, proud Jews with strong Jewish identities and the tools to steer their own Jewish lives. Let’s keep on planning, and hope God doesn’t laugh too hard at our efforts!

HOPE & STRENGTH FOR THE NEW YEAR



Rachel Chamness

"Sukkot in general is a holiday about boundaries, about what we let in and what we keep out. The central physical ritual of the holiday is the sukkah, a flimsy temporary shelter...the sukkah is meant to remind us that everything in this life is temporary. We are challenged to let go of the illusion of control, to see what becomes possible when we admit that we are vulnerable." Ri J. Turner

I'm sure that I'm the only person who feels this way, but goodness these past few months of quarantining have been weird. While I don't appreciate the increased distance between me and the world outside of my apartment, I do appreciate the abundance of time I get to spend at home with my partner. While I don't appreciate being unable to go shopping or to the grocery store, I do appreciate having more time to put into cooking and recipe planning. While I don't appreciate the inability to attend large, in-person Shabbat services with dozens of people praying, singing, and schmoozing, I do appreciate the increased accessibility of online services to those of our congregation who were already homebound pre-quarantine.

Sukkot is a time of similar weirdness. We as Jews have been inundated with experiences, stories, and news headlines about the vitriol some people espouse towards the Jewish community, yet during the Chag of Sukkot we make ourselves vulnerable by gathering outdoors in a big booth purposefully designed to encourage strangers to join us in celebrating. Sukkot celebrates life, expressing joyous gratitude for the bountiful harvests that sustain us; yet Sukkot acknowledges death, inviting the memories of our prophets and ancestors to enter the Sukkah with us.

Sukkot is very special to me, as it was the first holiday I ever celebrated here at Temple Sinai. I was a fresh transplant to New Orleans and while shopping for a synagogue, I ran into a flyer for Maddie Fireman's "LGBTQ Night in the Sukkah" event. At the time, I figured I would stop by, meet a few new people, have some wine, and then move on from Sinai to one of the other temples. As I am sure you can tell, that's not exactly what happened. The people I met that night are now some of my closest friends. Maddie and her partner worked their hardest to make that night an open and earnest discussion about Sukkot, Jewish life, tradition, and innovation. Up until that point, I don't think I'd ever felt as safe and welcome as I had that rainy night I spent in a drafty wooden booth.

I hope I can live up to that example, utilizing the great privilege I have of working here at Temple Sinai and managing our LGBTQ programming, and make you feel safe and welcome during these "weird" times.

Gut Yontiff!

Rachel

BROTHERHOOD

Brotherhood has already had its kickoff meeting and we are planning an innovative and active year ahead. While we obviously have placed many of our "in person" activities on hold, we are scheduling a series of events that we can safely do in the time of COVID-19.

In the coming months we will be holding virtual events to benefit both the Temple and the whole New Orleans community. If you are able to attend a service live or watch it online you may see the new podiums and guards that some of the members helped assemble with Cantor Colman. We are also working with the Social Action Committee and other groups on different projects. Finally, we are scheduling multiple different speakers and social "visits" over Zoom to help us stay informed and in touch with one another.

It is easier than ever to sign up and join the Brotherhood at Temple Sinai. Just go to the Brotherhood section under the "Community" tab on the Temple Website. All members of the Temple are welcome. Join us!



SISTERHOOD

Enough Sitting...Sisterhood is on the Move!

WOW...What a year!

CAN YOU BELIEVE it is October and the High Holy Days are behind us? As always, Sisterhood continues to plan activities, meetings, and get-togethers in spite of this year's uncertainties.

First up, Sisterhood has scheduled its "Opening Meeting" on Sunday, October 11, at 10:30 AM via Zoom or phone. Meetings will continue virtually until further notice, and there will also be regular "Sisterhood Chat Sessions," casual ways for us to interact and converse. We miss our in-person conversations, smiles, and giggles!

Some of our members are involved with Sinai's Social Action Committee and, through them, volunteer with a nonpartisan organization called Together Louisiana (TLA). These same members recently participated in TLA's "10,000 Conversations" initiative, and many are currently volunteering as TLA "Block Captains," manning phone banks to increase voter turnout in their neighborhoods. KUDDOS to those Sisterhood members! And KUDDOS to Judy Schwartzer, our Sisterhood Liaison for the Social Action Committee, for always keeping us informed of the Social Action Committee's projects!

You asked and Sisterhood listened! Your Sisterhood officers diligently worked with office staff so that members can now pay dues online, the link for which is <https://congregationtemplesinai.shulcloud.com/form/sisterhood-Membership-2020.html>. Of course, members can still pay dues by mail.

Keep an eye out for what Sisterhood has planned next! We would be delighted to hear your ideas so contact us at:

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We look forward to seeing you at this month's meeting!

Sharon and Verdie
Co-Presidents

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

October 2020

Temple Sinai's Social Action Committee's work with Together Louisiana (TLA) and Together New Orleans (TNO), the local chapter is well underway. We are excited to take advantage of this opportunity to develop the leadership capacity of our congregants and effect change on a larger scale than we could alone. We are part of more than 250 religious congregations and civic organizations who form part of TLA and TNO.

Together Louisiana is currently working on important issues that include tax fairness, flood recovery, access to healthcare and healthy food, workforce development, criminal justice reform and improving infrastructure and transportation.

As previously noted by our committee, a key initiative of Together Louisiana is "10,000 Conversations," a campaign focused on facilitating communication, relationship-building, and community leadership through virtual House Meetings. Temple Sinai's two recent House Meetings have already started to shape an understanding of some of our community's most pressing issues, and provided opportunities to the participants to think about how they might get involved, and involve others who may care deeply about those same issues, with an eye toward action.

A note of thanks to the Sisterhood, a great partner in this Committee's House Meetings, and especially to members who participated in the two we have had so far. We look forward to further collaboration as we join our Temple voices to the greater faith and civic minded communities in search of common ground and action.

We take this last opportunity before November's Bulletin, to bring up our election year's concern that all Louisianians get out and vote in the upcoming national election on November 3rd. Temple Sinai is partnering with Together Louisiana to provide a one-hour Zoom session where volunteers will receive training, work telephone banks, and have the opportunity to serve as block captains to increase voter turnout. If you are interested in attending a virtual training and volunteering to help get out the vote, please contact Committee members Luz Molina luz.m.molina@gmail.com, Harry Lowenburg hlowenburg@gmail.com or Sandy Cohen sandy@alexandercohen.org

Looking forward to hearing from you on the Committee's initiatives,

The Social Action Committee Members



WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES 7:00 PM ON-LINE VIA ZOOM

LIVE FROM THE SUKKAH

Wednesday, October 7, 2020

Join Rabbi Sherman on-line from the Sukkah as we explore and celebrate the Festival of Sukkot. We'll talk about the meaning of our Fall Festival, its traditions and practices, and how it relates to life today.

happened at Babel? Who were Abraham and Sarah? How do we read these stories and what do they have to teach us? We will focus on the Torah text as well as midrash and commentaries. All are welcome to join us.

If you have questions, suggestions, or ideas for future classes, please let Rabbi Sherman know by calling the Temple Sinai office or emailing him at rabbisherman@templesinaino.org.

FROM THE BEGINNING: THE STORIES OF THE BOOK OF GENESIS

Rabbi Daniel Sherman
October 14, 21, & 28
November 4 & 11

This month we begin again our annual cycle of Torah readings. We will take a closer look at both some of the best-known and some of the lesser-known stories from the Book of Genesis, beginning with Creation and moving to our Patriarchs and Matriarchs. How and why was the world created? Why Noah? What

Don't forget: our on-line Thursday Lunch Discussions with Rabbi Sherman continue each week at 12:30PM. via Zoom. Join us as we discuss current events and issues, Jewish traditions and practice, news from around the world, and whatever else is on people's minds.

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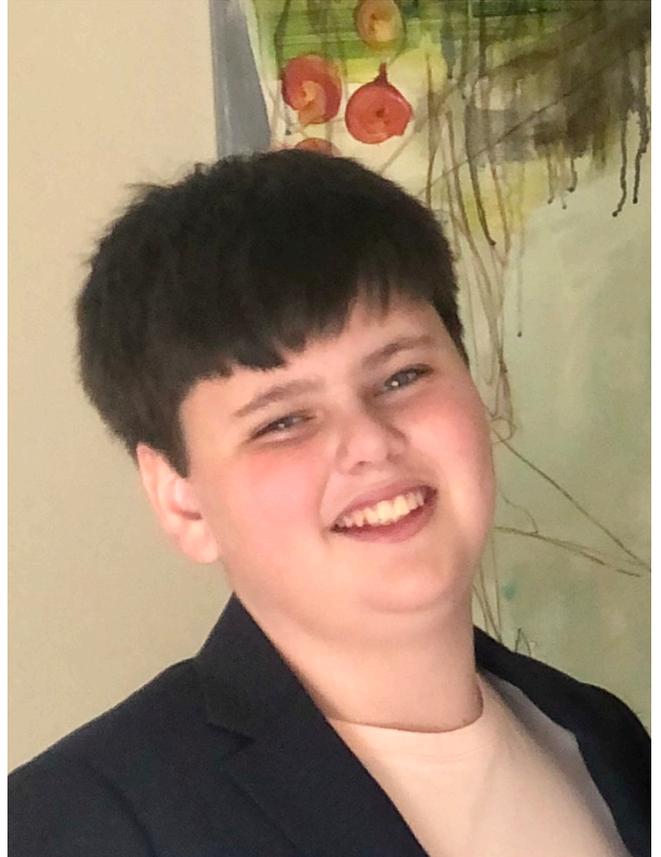
BAR MITZVAH SPOTLIGHTS

Adam Zachary Kirschman

OCTOBER 10, 2020

Adam is the son of Ashley and Michael Kirschman, brother of Matthew Kirschman, and grandson of Lisa and Rob Sanders & Rachel Van Voorhees-Kirschman and Arnold Kirschman. He is a student at Hynes and is an avid sports fan with hopes to become a sports broadcaster or journalist one day. He plays soccer. He is also a huge music fan- even though he's only 13 the 60's, 70's and 80's are his favorite decades! Not only are we incredibly proud of the hard work and dedication that Adam has put into becoming a Bar Mitzvah, but the ability to overcome the initial disappointment of postponing due to COVID-19 showed us a tremendous amount of maturity, grace, and understanding.

For Adam's Bar Mitzvah Project, he is shaving his head to raise money and awareness for children's cancer research through St. Baldrick's. He has asked for donations to them in lieu of gifts. Adam has shaved his head for St. Baldrick's at the Hynes school fair every year since 2nd grade. Over the years he has raised more than \$10,000 and has set a current goal of \$5,000. He will be shaving on the front steps of Temple Sinai immediately following the service so that everyone watching virtually can see it happen.



Dario Felix Miranda

OCTOBER 17, 2020

Hugo and Audrey Miranda are proud to announce the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Dario Felix, on October 17, 2020. Dario is the grandson of William and Susan Hess of New Orleans and Jose and Ruby Miranda of Tennessee. He attends Metairie Park Country Day School with his sister, Edith. Dario plays saxophone and piano, and dabbles on harmonica. He is a third degree brown belt in karate and will take his black belt exam when COVID-19 restrictions allow. For his mitzvah project, Dario raised money for K9's for Warriors by making and selling snoballs. K9's for Warriors raises and trains dogs to assist military veterans who have suffered either a physical or mental injury during combat. To make a donation to this cause in Dario's name, please go to support.k9sforwarriors.org/goto/projectsnoball

Max Antonio Coffin Klein

OCTOBER 24, 2020

Max is the son of Mitchell Klein and Valerie Coffin, grandchild of Morris and Susan Klein of Washington D.C. and Bruce and Diane Coffin of Templeton, Mass.

Max is currently in 8th grade at Lusher Charter Middle School and he competes in swimming with the Crescent City Swim Club. Max enjoys playing guitar, speaking Spanish, playing D&D, and walking his dog Sparky.

Max loves Jacobs Camp and looks forward to attending every year. Max is interested in social justice concerns including the environment and global warming, LGBTQ rights, and racial justice.



Nolan James Rosenfeld

OCTOBER 31, 2020

Nolan is the son of Wesley and Danielle Rosenfeld, brother of Joshua, grandson of Janel and Joseph Billiot and Joseph Shields (deceased), and Paul and Margaret Rosenfeld, and is in 8th Grade at Audubon Charter School - Montessori Program. Nolan loves sports. He loves playing soccer, and he loves watching and reading about all sports. He loves sports journalism and sports history.

Nolan's parents are proud of his remarkable kindness, empathy and inability to hold a grudge. He doesn't like to see people sad, hurt, or upset, and he is always ready to talk to a friend who is feeling sad. Nolan believes that sports should be accessible to all people. He knows that sports equipment can be expensive, and it can be an obstacle for those who cannot afford it. For his Bar Mitzvah project he wants to help programs that provide equipment to children who don't have the money to purchase equipment.

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We thank you!!!
Shea McCoy
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
SUKKOT					EREV SIMCHAT TORAH	SIMCHAT TORAH
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