

TEMPLE SINAI

September 2020
Elul 5780/Tishrei 5781

BULLETIN



HIGH HOLY DAYS 5781

Rosh HaShanah - September 18-19, 2020 | Yom Kippur - September 27-28, 2020

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INFORMATION FOR THIS YEAR

Worship Services - September 2020



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

6:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service with our
Monthly Anniversary & Birthday Blessings

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Torah Portion: *KI TAVO* (Deuteronomy 26:1 – 29:8)
9:15 a.m. On-line Torah Study via Zoom
10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

6:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Torah Portion: *NITZAVIM/VAYEILECH*
(Deuteronomy 29:9 – 31:30)
9:15 a.m. On-line Torah Study via Zoom
10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service
7:30 p.m. Selichot Service (see page 18 for details)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 – Rosh HaShanah Eve

7:30 p.m. Rosh HaShanah Evening Service

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 – Rosh HaShanah Day:

All services on-line only

9:00 a.m. Temple Toddlers Rosh HaShanah Service
10:00 a.m. Rosh HaShanah Morning Service
2:00 p.m. Rosh HaShanah Family Service
3:30 p.m. *Tashlich* at Audubon Park

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

6:00 p.m. Shabbat Shuvah Evening Service

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Torah Portion: *HA'AZINU* (Deuteronomy 32: 1 – 52)
9:15 a.m. On-line Torah Study via Zoom
10:30 a.m. Shabbat Shuvah Morning Service

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 – YOM KIPPUR EVE

5:30 p.m. Early Yom Kippur Evening Service
8:00 p.m. Late Yom Kippur Evening Service

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 – YOM KIPPUR DAY:

All services on-line only

9:00 a.m. Temple Toddlers Yom Kippur Service
10:00 a.m. Yom Kippur Morning Service
12:00 p.m. Yom Kippur Study Session & Discussion
1:00 p.m. Service of Healing, Music & Meditation
2:00 p.m. Yom Kippur Family Service
3:00 p.m. Yom Kippur Afternoon Service
4:00 p.m. *Yizkor*/Memorial Service
5:00 p.m. *Neilah*/Concluding Service
6:00 p.m. Conclusion of Yom Kippur & Havdalah

The Jewish Endowment Foundation of Louisiana is delighted to announce that High Holy Day Services will be streamed live from Temple Sinai.

Evening Services on both Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur will be available on WRBH 88.3 FM and www.wrbh.com.

Thank you to the Ferber Family of Houma Foundation for underwriting the radio broadcast.

Live video streams for all High Holy Day Services will be available on the Temple Sinai website in the Worship Section.

Thank you to Sandra K. Levy, Jonathan Levy, and Lauren & Scott Neustadter for underwriting the Temple Sinai live streaming.

Zoom on line and FaceBook Live connections will be available throughout the High Holy days, as well as all services.



Rabbi Daniel M. Sherman

RABBI'S MESSAGE

HIGH HOLY DAY

RESPONSA FOR 5781

WILL WE BE OBSERVING THE HIGH HOLY DAYS THIS YEAR?

YES! We are very much looking forward to welcoming a New Year. We will begin the year with our Rosh HaShanah observance on Friday, Sept. 18, and Saturday, Sept. 19. We will continue with Yom Kippur, which begins on Sunday evening, Sept. 27, and continues all day on Monday, Sept. 28.

WHY ON-LINE SERVICES?

Nothing is more important to all of us at Temple Sinai than the health and well-being of our entire congregation. At the beginning of each year, we pray for health and goodness for our families, our people, our community, and our world. We must do everything we can to promote and to preserve life, even if that means making certain sacrifices. This is what we all have been doing for the past six months. We have had to change our routines and our daily lives. The last time we gathered at Temple with open doors was in March. Unfortunately, we are still not able to assemble in large groups. So we must continue to make changes and sacrifices. For right now, that means that we will not all be able to come together inside our beautiful sanctuary to welcome the New Year. I will miss seeing our entire Temple family at one time. However, I know this is the right thing for us to do. By not all coming together in-person this year for Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur, I hope and pray that we will be able to gather together for many more years in the future in health and safety. I am willing to make that trade.

I am grateful that we have the technology and the ability to continue to gather together as a holy congregation to welcome the New Year 5781. We will do this on-line. We will join together via Zoom and Facebook Live for our livestreamed services. This is no one's first choice, but it is the right choice for this year.

WHY A LIMITED IN-PERSON OPTION IN THE EVENING?

We wish we could welcome everyone into our sanctuary this year – but that is simply not possible. However, we know that there are members of our congregation who are able and who desire to come to Temple this year for the High Holy Days. We have put much time and effort into planning safety protocols and restrictions including limiting the number of attendees and only offering one in-person option per holiday. Due to the size of our sanctuary, our new air conditioning system and the aforementioned safety steps, we feel confident that we can offer an in-person service for our congregation. Please know that we will be very strict in following the steps outlined here in our newsletter. We know this option is not for everyone, and we hope that no one will feel pressure to attend in-person. Please make a wise decision for yourself and your family.

HOW WILL SERVICES FEEL THE SAME? HOW WILL THEY FEEL DIFFERENT?

Our goal is for services to feel as comfortable and familiar as possible. Your service leaders will be the same: the Cantor and I look forward to welcoming the New Year with you. The High Holy Day Prayerbook will be the same – though many of you will be reading it on your screens as opposed to holding it in your hands. The schedule will be mostly the same for both Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur, with a few additions and changes. The music will be beautiful and moving, though we will miss our talented choir (and we will have to sing with quieter voices in the pew, but as loud as you want at home). We will still come together – we will still be one united congregation assembling at this sacred time with our people everywhere. And we will continue to conclude our services by wishing each other a “SHANAH TOVAH” – a good New Year.

HOW CAN I PREPARE FOR THE HIGH HOLY DAYS THIS YEAR?

My advice is to start getting ready now. The more we put into our High Holy Day preparation, the more we get out of these Days of Awe. Spend some time reviewing and reflecting on the past year, and then making plans for the New Year. I also invite you to join us for our Selichot Service on Saturday, Sept. 12, to help get ready for Rosh HaShanah.

If you are going to join us in-person for an evening service, please make your reservations as soon as possible. And when coming to services on-line at home, make sure you are prepared. Watch the service on as big of a screen as you can. Think about where you will be most comfortable sitting and participating in services, and what to wear to make you feel like you are at High Holy Day services.

WHAT ABOUT SHABBAT SERVICES THIS MONTH?

We are monitoring city and state guidelines. Our Shabbat Morning Torah Study and Services will continue on-line only. Our hope is to welcome you back in-person in limited numbers for our Shabbat Evening Services. Please know that we will continue our on-line services (through Zoom, livestream, and Facebook Live) each week for the foreseeable future, as we want our services to be open and accessible to all.

HOW WILL I KNOW IF ANYTHING CHANGES?

We know that much may and will change in the coming weeks. We urge you to check our Temple Sinai website as well as our weekly email messages to stay up-to-date with everything happening at Temple.

A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR: May it be Your will, Eternal our God and God of our ancestors, that we may be inscribed and sealed in the Book of Life for a good, sweet, and healthy New Year. Amen.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SEPTEMBER 2020



Tracey Dodd

As this bulletin goes to press, it does so following a significant amount of continuing discussions regarding High Holy Days and re-opening of our shul. As of June 15, 2020, we welcomed our staff back to our building safely. This included a Return to Synagogue COVID-19 Response Plan, training for our staff on that plan, and compliance with ever-changing guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). We continued to safely allow our contractors to perform work in the Sanctuary, following these public health requirements stated in our plan and our work in the Sanctuary is now coming to a close.

What lies ahead for us is preparing for the High Holy Days and how that will be different from all other times that we have come together. This starts with collaboration among our clergy, health professionals, and our leadership, which is still on-going. We started with reaching out to you, our congregants, and asking you to tell us how you feel about the return to shul. We are continuing with our discussion regarding the content for the services. At this time, and all things are subject to change, we are planning for virtual services by Zoom and limited attendance in person for those who are healthy and can safely return with strict adherence to safety protocols that must include making a reservation, social distancing, wearing facial protection, having each prayer book only used once, cleaning and disinfection, as well as temperature checks (among many, many other things). We do know that we will also not have a choir and that the Bimah will only have the clergy on it, with the clergy being protected by plexiglass, and there will not be food service following services. However, we will have music and we will have each other in prayer, whether virtually or in person.

We know that this is not what many of us had hoped for or imagined when our community and country went into the "Safe at Home"

practice, but we do believe that we can move forward safely (at this time) while continuing to create a place that is special and comfortable for all to worship and worship in various ways. We do believe that our expansive Sanctuary and its three balconies, as well as our brand-new air conditioning and ventilation system, do assist us with these plans to congregate safely. This does not mean that everyone should come to services. To the contrary, we expect that many of our beloved congregants should stay at home and enjoy services from the comfort of their home. However, we will be offering other unique opportunities to connect with our congregants that feel safe with limited interaction.....watch our Temple Sinai emails to learn about opportunities to come through our driveway, receive challah and honey loaded to your vehicle and wave to our clergy as you pass through. Let us drop off challah and honey on your porch or outside of your door and perhaps you can talk with your clergy or leadership at a distance. Join us at Audubon Park for services done outdoors, or reach out to us just to talk and let us know how you are and what we can do to support you.

Please reach out to the Temple office or email me at traceyddodd@gmail.com if we can support you further in any way.

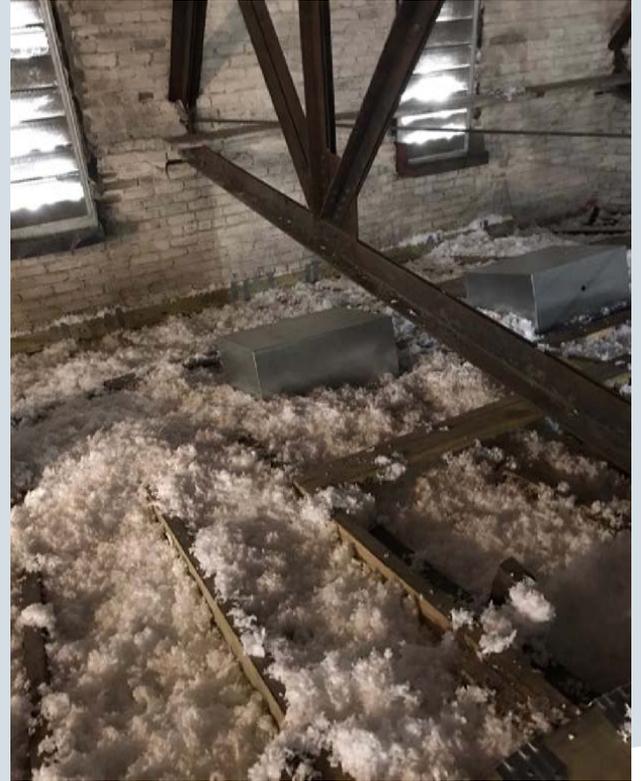
B'Shalom,

Tracey Dodd
traceyddodd@gmail.com

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The replacement of the HVAC in the Sanctuary is well under way as are many of the repairs necessary to facilitate that replacement. The scaffolding that filled the Sanctuary has been removed and we are making good progress. This project will need the support of all of our Temple

members and when you receive the call to help preserve Temple Sinai for today and for future generations, I hope that we can count on your generous contribution.





Liz Yager

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

SEPTEMBER 2020

Welcome to September! This month reminds me of the start of the school year, the Fall season with a fresh breeze in the air, and reflection and hope as we all celebrate the Jewish New Year and Yom Kippur. Temple Sinai is celebrating its 150th year coupled with its 92-year-old sanctuary. As we know, with age, we all need to invest in improvements and repair to make sure that all is safe and effectual. We have taken care of our Temple this summer and we are proud to say that our historic sanctuary now has a new and improved heating and air conditioning system. We have rewired lighting fixtures with LED bulbs, installed new recessed lights, freshly painted the ceiling panels and a fully insulated our attic. These were all essential endeavors to ensure a fully functional venue to house our iconic place of worship into the next generations to come.

Please know that Temple Sinai is taking the necessary precautions to make sure all who enter and work in the building are safe. Masks are mandatory, we practice social distancing, temperatures are taken upon entry and non-staff visitors are vetted to minimize transmission of COVID-19. In addition, the building is cleaned and disinfected on a daily basis. Please note that we do not foresee any receptions or meetings with food in the upcoming future.

The full staff of Temple Sinai has been busy working at the Temple since June 15th. Everyone has been working diligently to provide you, our members, programs, communication, services and engagement opportunities during these tough times. We are preparing for the High Holy Days making sure that all is in place to make the start of 5781 the best it can be. I want to personally thank our staff – **Rachel Chamness**, our front line Administrative Specialist, and **Shea McCoy**, our

Communications Coordinator. They both have stepped up with positive energy to take on many new and pressing responsibilities in order to keep our Temple operations running efficiently. I also want to thank **Shener Allen**, our custodian. Shener has come in every morning at the crack of dawn to open the building to our workers and has kept our facility clean, adhering to all the heightened protocol. Her work is truly appreciated.

I also want to thank you, our members, for your support and commitment to Temple Sinai. We are working hard and are here for you now during these tough times and for years to come.

Wishing you all a *Shanah Tovah* as we prepare for the High Holy Days. A sweet and HEALTHY New Year.

B'Shalom,
Liz

CANTOR'S MESSAGE

MUSIC & MORE



Cantor Joel Colman

Earlier in the week my son Josh and I were looking for a late lunch place around the Riverbend area. As we were walking, we discovered that The Camellia Grill had just re-opened that day after being closed for over four months. With outdoor seating and some renovation inside, we were very happy to have some omelettes to eat for lunch. It almost felt like things were normal, but obviously, they are not even close.

As I write this article, many of our Temple Sinai students are heading back to school (some virtually or a combination of a few days at school then home) and all of us are watching the news for how this pandemic continues to have a heavy impact on our lives.

During this time of upheaval, we strive to reach out for aspects of every day life that give us comfort and hope. Here at Temple Sinai the staff and temple leadership are working diligently in preparing for our High Holiday services. We know that as we enter in the new year 5781, our services cannot emulate exactly what has been done in the past. We realize that whatever we plan on doing could change as we react to up-to-date COVID-19 related news.

Nevertheless, no matter how you connect to Temple Sinai during our High Holiday services,

whether it be an in-person service (if we are able to) or via our various streaming avenues, you will hear and see liturgy that you know. Whether it is the reading of the messages of our liturgy, the singing of the High Holiday *Nusach* melodies that are only sung at this time of the year or the reciting of the Kaddish prayer in remembrance of a loved one, this will all be done for our Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services.

I want to thank our temple leadership who have dedicated time and wise guidance as we navigate these challenging times. Our office staff led by Liz Yager works so hard in making sure the needs of our congregation are met every single day. We all love our Rabbi Emeritus Edward Cohn, whom we will always treasure. Also, thank you to Rabbi Daniel Sherman for being such an amazing clergy partner, to whom I always look forward to being on the bimah with for our Shabbat, life-cycle and High Holiday services.

As we move into our fall season, I wish all of you a *Shanah Tovah*; may this year bring us health and happiness.

B'shalom,

Cantor Joel Colman



EDUCATION



Avital Kadosh



FAQs Fall 2020

When will we begin?

We will begin regular online classes on Sunday, October 4. However, there will be a very special and exciting Sinai on the Sidewalk program on Sunday, September 13, right outside our building (please see the full flyer for more information).

What will my child's religious education look like?

You are looking at a combination of online smaller group instruction, whole school activities, T'filah, monthly outdoor programs and Chavurah@Home boxes. Details are being communicated by email to all of our school aged families.

What is Chavurah@Home?

Chavurah@Home is a program modeled after subscription boxes. Twice a month, boxes will be available for curbside pick-up at the Temple. Boxes will have a theme and a coordinated virtual experience. Included in each box will be a Spotify playlist, a featured Instagram account, a hands-on project with materials included, LEGO building activity (BYOL), an Israel/Hebrew component, recipes, a parent resource page and a found@home project.

Will we need to use Zoom?

For most Sundays, yes, you will need to use Zoom. Please make sure you familiarize yourself and the members of your household with Zoom. It will come in handy if it hasn't already done so in your daily lives. Please be sure that your display name is recognizable to us for security purposes.

What will this cost my family?

At this point in time, as we remain predominantly online, we are not charging a standard tuition fee. This model will however still incur costs for the Temple. If you are able, we will happily take donations toward the cost of materials for the Chavurah@Home box materials as well as supplementary staffing costs. During this time, we have prioritized providing accessible enrichment for all. Please engage with us however you are able.



What about Hebrew School?

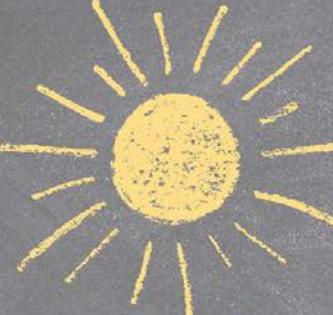
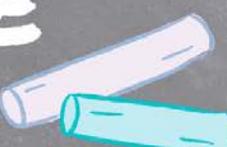
Hebrew School will begin on Zoom on Wednesday, September 30, for our returning students. We are not enrolling new students at this time. Hebrew 2 will begin at 4:00 p.m. and will be taught by myself and will run for one hour. Hebrew 3 will also begin at 4:00 p.m., and will be taught by one of our returning teachers and Cantor Colman for the first hour, and the last 30 minutes with me. Our Advanced class will also begin at 4:00 p.m., lasting 90 minutes, taught for the first hour by one of our returning teachers and the last 30 minutes, by Cantor Colman.

Is this temporary?

Gosh, we sure hope so! We plan to reevaluate on an ongoing 6-week basis. As soon as it is safe to return inside to our classrooms, we plan to do so.

What's with our cool new partnership?

We are partnering with Temple Beth David in Orange County, California. Their religious school is smaller than ours, and together we can share some digital resources and become mighty together! Once a month, we will alternate hosting Sunday morning digital extension programs. These will occur at 10:30 a.m. PST/12:30 p.m. CST. Our first one is hosted by Temple Beth David, and will be a Challah Bake! Please mark your calendars for November 8 & December 6. All activities will begin at the same time. We are also building an opt-in digital pen pals program. If your child is interested, please email avital@templesinaino.org so that we can start matching!

TEMPLE SINAI
NEW ORLEANS

SINAI ON THE SIDEWALK

Join us for a mini block party, with a fun photo backdrop, chalk activities and Sinai swag

Sunday, September 13
10 - Noon

SEE YOU ON
ST. CHARLES!

Shana Tova

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

A CALL TO ACTION

It is only fitting that the Social Action Committee should start its work in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our community is struggling. We need not recount here the misery that this terrible natural disaster has wrought in the lives of each one of us, our families, friends, colleagues, and members of our community. And the fact that we have not been able to gather in person to worship together and share our stories has been a loss to many of us. And so it is for many others in our city and around the state and around the world.

As Temple has created several opportunities to engage with each other in ways that are meaningful, other congregations across Louisiana are also bringing their members together online. It is in that spirit that the Committee has begun its work. For the first project, the Committee has chosen to participate in the work of Together Louisiana, an organization which brings together many inter-faith congregations and non-profit organizations to work on issues of critical importance to our families. The current work of Together Louisiana is to ascertain the nature of those issues, many which are deep and long standing, through conversations occurring within, and/or across congregations. Together Louisiana calls this project “10,000 Conversations.” We now turn to you, offering an opportunity to act by participating in these conversations.

You are invited to participate in an hour (or so) facilitated conversation with 6 to 10 fellow Temple Sinai members and friends, to speak your truth about the pressures on your family and community, and to listen deeply to others. Choose Thursday, September 10, from 7 to 8:30 PM or Sunday, September 13, from 4 to 5:30 PM.

Register in advance for the zoom call at:

Sept 10 House Meetings: https://www.togethernola.org/temple_sinai_sept10

Sept 13 House Meetings: https://www.togethernola.org/temple_sinai_sept13

Once on the call we will divide into breakout groups of 6 to 10 people.

We will be especially listening for the concerns you bring that you have passion to do something about with other people and that are actionable. After the High Holy Days we will have more “virtual house meetings,” expanding to meet across racial and religious lines with a partner congregation or two. If you would like more information, feel free to reach out to committee members hlowenburg@gmail.com or luz.m.molina@gmail.com

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you at a House Meeting.

Luz Molina
Chair, Social Action Committee



10,000 CONVERSATIONS: A PARTNERSHIP WITH TOGETHER LOUISIANA

Temple Sinai will join faith communities from all over our state to participate in “10,000 Conversations,” a campaign of connection and relationship-building. We will be holding virtual house meetings, mostly over Zoom, in which congregants will share with one another about how the pandemic has affected us and our families. These conversations will not only connect us more deeply to one another, but they will also be important building blocks for future communal work as we discover the most important issues facing all our communities.

HOPE & STRENGTH FOR THE NEW YEAR



Rachel Chamness

"In various times and places, Jews have had to live in hiding. Rabbi Akiva studied Torah in secret to avoid Roman persecution. The Jews of Christian Spain became 'New Christians' and hid their Jewish practices from their Catholic neighbors. Anne Frank hid in an attic in Amsterdam.

Unfortunately, this strategy rarely worked. Rabbi Akiva was caught and tortured publicly, and died with the Shema on his lips... the Conversos were sought out and tortured by the Inquisition. Anne Frank left us her diary, but was deported to Auschwitz. Hiding is only a last-ditch survival tactic." -Rabbi Barbara Penzner.

I am blessed enough to be someone of an identity that is both Jewish and within the acronym of "LGBTQ." And like many who fall within either of those categories, I wear those labels proudly. But that is not necessarily true for everyone, nor was it always true for me. Many minority communities, including both Jews and the LGBTQ population, reside amidst an environment of hostility and ignorance, pitting their desire to live authentically against their basic survival instincts. Assimilation can be and often throughout history has been, a tactic to avoid annihilation.

I can recall a moment during my sophomore year of high school when a friend from class asked me to sign a petition. He was attempting to start our school's very first LGBTQ Student Association, an historic

endeavor for rural Florida, and I refused to help. It wounded him deeply to be denied my aid in providing this desperately needed resource, but I myself was not "out" at the time and I feared the repercussions of my name being put on something so visibly associated with the LGBTQ community. I was afraid of being ridiculed; of being bullied; of someone telling my parents, who at the time espoused horrid notions concerning this marginalized population. I'm ashamed to say that my friend's petition failed, largely due to people like me, people too scared to make themselves vulnerable and put their authentic selves on display in an attempt to inspire change.

On Yom Kippur we are asked to reveal our failings, our misdeeds and wrongdoings which we try all year to cover up, and lay them bare before our Creator. It is that true self, the you that lies beneath all the actions and pressures that daily life puts upon you, who asks God for forgiveness on our Day of Atonement. And it is that true self, the vibrant soul that lies at the very heart of you, who has the greatest potential to bring about change in the world. My hope for 5781 is that we can all find the strength to make ourselves more vulnerable, to put ourselves out there and through our good example, work towards a society that doesn't require people to hide themselves in fear.

Gut Yontiff, y'all.

Rachel

SISTERHOOD

Sharon Kirkpatrick and Verdie Richburg will serve another term as Sisterhood Co-Presidents as well as the following officers: Valerie Coffin (Treasurer), Janice Meer (Recording Secretary), Irene Hirsch (Corresponding Secretary), and Jeri Ann Glodowski (Financial Secretary).

The Sisterhood President's Mitzvah Award is awarded biannually to a Sisterhood member who has given outstanding support and service to the Sisterhood. **Amy Reuben** was the recipient of the award for the July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2020, term. A virtual ceremony was held on July 26, 2020, to present Amy the award. Since Amy was returning to her hometown of Toronto, Canada, later that week, Sisterhood used the virtual Zoom ceremony to also serve as a Send-off Toast!

A playwright, historical researcher, and yoga instructor, Amy was an active member of Sisterhood who always made time to participate and contribute no matter the occasion. She served as the Sisterhood Liaison for Religious School and on Sinai's Education Committee. Due to her passion for the now-closed Judaica Gift Shop, she created a mini shopping table in the foyer during the Chanukah Season. Amy ordered candles, gelt, dreidels and other items to stuff in goodie bags for Religious School students.

In addition Amy served as Chairperson for the Robert L. Kohlmann Senior Outreach Luncheon for a couple of years and on the Library Committee. She assisted with the annual attic sale and the Annual Gala, something she loved as this was an opportunity to use her artistic talents. She was known for her food shopping, assisting with the set-up and clean up with various events.

We will miss Amy. Please join us as we wish her a safe, healthy and successful return to Canada.

Sisterhood meetings will continue to be virtual until further notice. Plans are underway for Sisterhood to participate in Sukkot Under the Stars and other holiday events, a Sisterhood Shabbat, the Robert L. Kohlmann Senior Outreach Luncheon, the Attic Sale, a Wine or Sisterhood-Tini Hour, as well as other social and FUN events. Stay tuned for additional information concerning these events and please share your ideas with us.

Everyone is welcome to join Sisterhood by mail or electronically by using the link: <https://congregationtemplesinai.shulcloud.com/form/Sisterhood-Membership-2020.html>.

Sharon and Verdie
Co-Presidents

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Fannye Estes Stone
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Ida Weis Friend
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Joseph Herzfeld

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THE DEPARTED WHOM WE NOW REMEMBER - MAY THEIR MEMORY BE FOR A BLESSING

Nathan "Nat" Barrett, husband of the late Neona Barrett, father of Gary Barrett and Wayne Barrett (Eve).

David Schwerd, husband of Elisabeth Schwerd.

Shirley Krasne Haspel, mother of David K. Haspel, John L. Haspel, and Robert B. Haspel, Jr.

S.M. Schwarz, mother of Jackie (Chuck) Stern, Chuck Lob, Dave (Mary) Lob, Nancy Karesh, Irma Schwarz, David Schwarz, and Alex Schwarz.

HIGH HOLY DAY INFORMATION



SELICHOT SERVICE **Saturday, September 12, at 7:30 p.m.** **In-Person and On Zoom**

On the Saturday evening before Rosh HaShanah, we gather together for a very special service to help us prepare for the upcoming High Holy Days. The service is called “*Selichot*,” named for our prayers for forgiveness that we begin to offer at this time. The Selichot service introduces us to the themes, liturgy, and music of our *Yamim Nora'im* (Days of Awe), thus helping us to get ready for this most holy and important time of year.

Our goal for this year is to offer both an in-person and virtual Selichot experience. Therefore, there will be no dessert reception nor separate program.

This special service will begin in the Sanctuary with Havdalah at 7:30 p.m. Selichot is a wonderful way to prepare for the High Holy Days. We hope that you will join us for this special evening.

Our Selichot Service will be available on-line both through Zoom and FacebookLive. We are also inviting you (as of this writing) to join us in-person in the sanctuary. Attendance will be limited, and you must make a reservation by calling the Temple office. Masks or face coverings must be worn at all times, and we will practice social distancing. The service will be under an hour in duration.

Please feel free to contact the Temple with any questions.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR IN-PERSON SERVICE OPTION

Every year we look forward to coming together as a holy congregation to welcome the New Year and observe our High Holy Days. We are extremely saddened by the fact that we will be unable to all assemble this year together due to the coronavirus pandemic. The health and welfare of our community is of the utmost importance to us. Therefore, all of our Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur services will be offered on-line: via Zoom, and livestreamed on our website and FacebookLive. We want to make it as easy as possible for our congregants to join us for these worship experiences.

It is also our goal to offer an in-person option for those who are healthy enough, and willing and able to come to the Temple for services. We are keeping these options to a minimum, as we must do our part to combat the spread of the virus. Again, we understand that a large part of our congregation will be unable to join us in person - we look forward to seeing you on-line. For those who should not be joining us due to health considerations, we urge you to stay home and participate in services on-line. We must all find ways to minimize our own health risks and to protect the health of our community.

As of this writing, we are planning on offering an in-person option for both our Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur Evening Services. If you are considering attending these services in person, please keep the following in mind:

- If you are in a high-risk group as defined by the CDC (including age and pre-existing health conditions), then we encourage you to join us on-line only for worship services.
- **RESERVATIONS:** You must make a reservation in order to attend services in-person. Reservations can be made on-line or by calling the Temple office. The on-line reservation form can be found on the Temple Sinai website and will be attached to our weekly email messages. When making a reservation, you must provide your name and contact information, along with the number of people in your party and their names.
- We will practice **social distancing** – all individuals and families will be seated at least six-feet apart in the sanctuary.
- **SEATING WILL BE LIMITED.**
- The reservation deadline for Rosh HaShanah Evening is **Friday, September 11.**
- The reservation deadline for Yom Kippur Evening is **Monday, September 21.**
- In-person attendance is limited to members of Temple Sinai and their immediate families. All others are invited to join the on-line services throughout the High Holy Days.
- We will be assigning seats to ensure proper spacing. There will be no reserving seats for those outside of your party.
- Please plan on arriving a few minutes early (10-15 minutes) to help expedite seating.
- **Everyone must wear a MASK.** Masks must be two or three-ply fabric masks or facial coverings or surgical masks. Masks with valves, gaiters, or bandanas will not be permitted.
- Masks must cover your nose and mouth and must be worn at all times: within the Temple building and on the Temple grounds.
- Protecting the health and safety of our community is our priority. **Therefore, you will be asked the following questions before entering the building:**
 - o Have you had close contact with anyone who was diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
 - o Have you experienced any of the following symptoms in the past 14 days: new or worsening cough, fever (over 100 degrees), chills, headaches, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, muscle or body aches, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea?
 - o Have you taken a fever reducing medication in the past 24 hours?
 - o Have you traveled outside of the United States or on a cruise ship in the past 14 days?
 - o Have you been advised to quarantine in the past 14 days?
 - o Only those who answer **NO** to all five questions will be allowed to enter.
- We will be administering temperature checks before entering the building.
- Every year security is a concern and priority for us. Please do not bring backpacks or large handbags with you to services.
- **ENTRANCES:** We are asking everyone to enter the Sanctuary through the main entrance on the corner of St. Charles and Calhoun.
- If you are physically unable to use this entrance or need extra help, we invite you to use the Palmer St. entrance and come through the foyer.
- Hand sanitizers will be available by the doors.
- We will be practicing social distancing throughout the Temple building: please make sure you remain 6-feet apart from those outside of your party.
- There is to be no congregating in groups before, during, or after services.
- Please come in and take your seat.
- Please do not congregate in the restrooms – there are not to be more than 2 people at a time in the restroom.
- **PRAYERBOOKS:** Prayerbooks that have not been touched will be available as you enter. Please pick up your own prayerbook on your way to your seat. Each book will only be used once per holiday.
- **SINGING:** Music is a very important part of our worship experience. Everyone must wear a mask. In addition, we are discouraging those in attendance from singing out loud in the pews to restrict the flow of airborne particles.
- At the conclusion of services, we will be following a dismissal procedure.
- There will be no receptions with food or drink at our High Holy Day services this year.
- Child care will NOT be available on-site.
- **Please note: these instructions and restrictions are subject to change.**
- Thank you for complying with all of the above.



HIGH HOLY DAY FOOD DRIVE

We will continue our tradition of feeding the hungry as we start the New Year with our High Holy Day Food Drive. However, this year our Food Drive will take on a different form.

We will **NOT** be collecting cans or food donations at the Temple during the High Holy Days. **Instead, we are asking for monetary donations of \$18-\$36 for Second Harvest Food Bank.** Because of the pandemic and everything that has come with it, our local food banks are in desperate need for funds to help feed all those in need. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to lend a helping hand.

We will plan on having a canned food and food supply drive for Second Harvest at the Temple in the Spring.

Donations can be made the following ways:

- Through our website: donation to the Social Justice Fund earmarked for the High Holy Day Second Harvest Food Drive
- Directly to Second Harvest on their website (www.no-hunger.org)
- Mail or drop off a check to Temple Sinai Social Justice Fund, with Second Harvest Food Drive in the memo

Thank you for participating in this important act of *tzedakah* and loving kindness to begin 5781!

OUT OF TOWN / RECIPROCITY

If you will be traveling out of town for the High Holy Days, we want to remind you that all of our High Holy Day services will be available on-line. Please note that this year, most congregations will not be accepting reciprocal arrangements from other synagogues.

SERVICES OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

At Temple Sinai, we take pride in opening our High Holy Day services to the entire community. This remains true this year: all are welcome to join us **on-line** for services.

However, due to the coronavirus pandemic and the safety procedures and restrictions we have had to put into place for this year, our in-person service options for the evenings of Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur are only open to members of Temple Sinai and their immediate families. Please contact the Temple office if you have any questions.

HIGH HOLY DAY PARKING

Loyola University has once again made the Parking Garage on West Road available for Temple Sinai members for our High Holy Day Evening Services.

The Parking Garage is located on West Road behind Holy Name Church.

Please respect the RESERVED signs.

The Palmer Street Driveway will be reserved for Temple Sinai members with disabilities. No other cars will be permitted to park there during Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur. Your consideration and cooperation are greatly appreciated.

YOM KIPPUR MEMORIAL BOOK

(\$20 per name donation)

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Keep my listing the same as last year's

Names to be listed:

Names of those who died in the past year (5780) to be recited during the Yizkor Memorial Service:

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ made payable to Temple Sinai
Credit Card # _____ Exp Date: _____
CVV: _____



BABY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baby's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Parent Name(s): _____

Temple Sinai member name(s), if different from above:

Click here for all of the High Holy Days information online

SPONSORSHIP & UNDERWRITING OPPORTUNITIES

● Your generosity helps make possible all that we do here at Temple Sinai. We are especially grateful for your support as we begin the New Year.

● We have had to make a number of changes in how we are doing things this year due to the coronavirus pandemic. This includes the purchase of new equipment and technology for our services. We need your help to make all of these changes happen and to ensure that our services go smoothly and are accessible to everyone.

● Therefore, we hope that you will consider making a \$180-\$540 donation towards the following opportunities:

- High Holy Day Music Fund
- New lecterns and plexiglass shields for the Sanctuary
- Digital cameras and equipment
- Digital prayerbooks and "Visual T'filah"
- Livestreaming sponsorships

● All donors will be listed in our High Holy Day handouts. Please contact Liz Yager, our Executive Director, for more information.

● As always, thank you for your support and generosity. L'shanah Tovah!



HIGH HOLY DAY BIMAH FLOWERS (\$300 donation)

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

In loving memory of:

In honor of:

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ made payable to Temple Sinai

Credit Card # _____ Exp Date: _____

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Hebrew Rest Cemetery News



Hebrew Rest Cemetery Association has launched its new website, www.HebrewRest.org.

The site includes information about Hebrew Rest Cemeteries 1, 2, and 3 in Gentilly, as well as Dispersed of Judah Cemetery on Canal Street. In addition to history, rules and regulations, members of the Board of Commissioners, price information, and information on visiting the cemeteries, the site includes a search engine with data on burials in all four properties. Entering a name will return the name of the cemetery, date of death, and the location of the interment. Information on burials is currently being updated by survey of each cemetery as well as review of the original ledgers which date to the mid-1800's. A new addition to Hebrew Rest 2 is a stone holder, given in memory of Dr. Gerald and Joan S. Berenson, z"l, by their children.

We are most grateful for this lovely memorial donation.

If you have any comments or questions about the cemeteries or the website, please contact Cliff Kern, Executive Director, through the site contact form, at Info@HebrewRest.org, or by phone at 504-615-7207.

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR FALL HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS: 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.

This year Sukkot begins on Friday evening, October 2. We will kick-off our Sukkot observance with a special Festival and Shabbat Evening Service.

As always, it is our goal to invite you to join us in the Temple Sukkah throughout the holiday, with special events happening each evening. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, we have to change how we usually celebrate one of our favorite holidays. Please stay tuned for more details as we get closer to the beginning of Sukkot.

SIMCHAT TORAH

Simchat Torah is one of our most fun holidays of the year. It means our "joy in Torah." We celebrate by dancing and singing with our Torah Scrolls, as we complete one annual reading of Torah and immediately begin again.

We look forward to celebrating Simchat Torah this year with special services on Friday evening, October 9, and Saturday morning, October 10. More information will be available on the Temple website and in our weekly e-mail messages.

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	31	1	2 7:00PM Wednesday Night Live Adult Education Class	3 12:30PM Lunch with Rabbi Sherman	4 6:00 PM Shabbat Evening Service	5 9:15AM Virtual Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service Hosted by Temple Sinai
6	7 LABOR DAY- OFFICE CLOSED	8	9 7:00PM Wednesday Night Live Adult Education Class	10 12:30PM Lunch with Rabbi Sherman 7:30PM Social Action Committee Meeting	11 6:00 PM Shabbat Evening Service	12 SELICHOT 9:15AM Virtual Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service 7:30PM Selichot Service
13 10:00AM Sinai on the Sidewalk AND Challah & Honey Drive-thru 4:00PM Social Action Committee	14	15	16 3:30-5:30 Challah & Honey Drive- thru	17 12:30PM Lunch with Rabbi Sherman	18 EREV ROSH HASHANAH 7:30 PM Rosh HaShanah Evening Service	19 ROSH HASHANAH 9:00AM Temple Toddlers Rosh HaShanah Service 10:00 AM Rosh HaShanah Morning Service 2:00PM Rosh HaShanah Family Service 3:30 PM Tashlich
20	21	22 7:15PM Board Meeting	23	24 12:30PM Lunch with Rabbi Sherman	25 6:00 PM Shabbat Shuvah Evening Service	26 9:15AM Virtual Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Shuvah Morning Service
27 EREV YOM KIPPUR 5:30PM Kol Nidre Service 8:00PM Kol Nidre Service	28 YOM KIPPUR 9:00AM Temple Toddlers Yom Kippur Service 10:00 AM Yom Kippur Morning Service 2:00PM Yom Kippur Family service 3:00 PM Yom Kippur Afternoon Service	29	30 4:00PM First day of Hebrew School	1 12:30PM Lunch with Rabbi Sherman	2 EREV SUKKOT 6:00 PM Shabbat Evening Service	3 SUKKOT 9:15AM Virtual Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service



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Contact the office at (504) 861-3693 or sinai@usa.net.

Catch-A-Cab Transportation Program

Catch-A-Cab is a discount transportation program for independent Jewish seniors (65 or older) and those with disabilities who cannot drive in the Greater New Orleans area.

Participants purchase a \$20 book of taxi coupons for \$5. Each participant may purchase a maximum of seven books per quarter, or \$140 in taxi coupons, for \$35. The coupons are non-transferable and are only valid for the Catch-A-Cab subscriber.

There is no charge for additional passengers traveling with Catch-A-Cab subscribers.

Participating cab companies include Metry Cab Company, Incognito Transportation Services, United Cab, White Fleet Cab Company, and Yellow Checker Cab Company.

Catch-A-Cab is brought to you by Jewish Family Services, the Jewish Endowment Foundation of Louisiana, and private donors.

For more information, call JFS at (504) 831-8475.