



TEMPLE SINAI May 2021 Iyar/Sivan 5781 BULLETIN

TEMPLE SINAI INVITES YOU TO
JOIN US FOR OUR

Annual Meeting

Sunday, May 23rd
@ 5:00 via Zoom!

TEMPLE SINAI INVITES YOU TO
JOIN US FOR OUR

CONFIRMATION SERVICE ON THE EVE OF THE FESTIVAL OF SHAVUOT

Sunday, May 16th
@ 5:00 via Zoom!

Worship Services - May 2021

ALL WORSHIP SERVICES WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE through Zoom, Facebook Live, and livestreamed on our Temple Sinai website.

Please check the weekly e-mail message and Temple website for up-to-date information about in-person services. As of this writing, we are continuing the in-person option for all Friday Evening Services and have begun an in-person option for Saturday mornings. When services are available in-person in the sanctuary, we will practice social distancing. Reservations are required, and masks must be worn at all times within the Temple building.

FRIDAY, April 30

6:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

SATURDAY, May 1

Torah Portion: *EMOR* (Lev. 21:1 - 24:23)

9:15 a.m. Torah Study

10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

FRIDAY, May 7

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

SATURDAY, May 8

Torah Portion: *BEHAR/BECHUKOTAI* (Lev. 25:1 - 27:34)

9:15 a.m. Torah Study

10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

FRIDAY, May 14

6:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

SATURDAY, May 15

Torah Portion: *BEMIDBAR* (Numbers 1:1 - 4:20)

9:15 a.m. Torah Study

10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

SUNDAY, May 16 | Shavuot Eve

5:00 p.m. Festival Evening Service and Confirmation Ceremony

MONDAY, May 17 | Shavuot Day

10:00 a.m. Torah Study & Festival Morning Service

FRIDAY, May 21 | Sisterhood Sabbath

6:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service in honor of and led by the Women of Temple Sinai's Sisterhood

SATURDAY, May 22

Torah Portion: *NASO* (Numbers 4:21 - 7:89)

9:15 a.m. Torah Study

10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

FRIDAY, May 28

6:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

SATURDAY, May 29

Torah Portion: *BEHA'ALOTCHA* (Numbers 8:1 - 12:16)

9:15 a.m. Torah Study

10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

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RABBI'S MESSAGE

WE'VE COME A LONG WAY

Rabbi Daniel M. Sherman

May is a favorite time of year for me. There is always much to look forward to. It is also a time to pause and reflect as we prepare to wrap up the school and programmatic year.

I am proud of what we have accomplished this year with our Religious School. It has not been easy. We miss having all of our students and teachers with us each week inside our building. However, that was not a possibility for this year. So we have continued by meeting online for classes and *tefillah*, and once a month coming together as Chavurah@Sinai with an all-school outdoor in-person program. Our students have continued to learn and experience much. I want to thank everyone who has helped to make this year possible, beginning with our Director of Education, Avital Kadosh, who has creatively answered the call and risen to the challenge. I want to thank all of our teachers, our committee, our volunteers, our parents, and our students for hanging in there and staying with us throughout the 2020-21 school year.

As we enter the final month of school, we look forward to the holiday of Shavuot. Shavuot is one of our most important holidays of the year, as well as one of our most overlooked holidays (most likely because it always occurs toward the end of the school year or beginning of summer). On Shavuot, we symbolically join once again with our entire people at Mount Sinai to receive God's teachings, instructions, and commandments. God offered us the Torah, and we gladly accepted by announcing: "NA'ASEH VENISHMA - All that God has commanded, we will do and we will listen." We confirmed our covenant with God and our commitment to living lives guided by Torah.

It is no coincidence that the ceremony of Confirmation was created with Shavuot in mind. This year we will celebrate the holiday with a very special Confirmation Service on Sunday, May 16 at 5:00p.m.. Our students, the Confirmation Classes of both 5780 and 5781 (our 11th and 10th graders), will confirm their Jewish identities and their commitment to living meaningful Jewish lives. Just as our ancestors faced challenges on their path through the wilderness on the way to Sinai, our path to Confirmation has also been challenging. Last year our students decided to put off their Confirmation Service so that we could be together in the sanctuary to celebrate this special life-cycle moment. This year's class has studied online with me every Sunday. Our discussions have been an

introduction to adult Judaism. My goal was to give our students the necessary tools and knowledge to make good Jewish decisions, and to lead meaningful and active Jewish lives. I believe that Confirmation is an important milestone in the lives of our students and their families, and I am very proud of our 12 Confirmands. Their class pictures, this year with both white robes and masks, will proudly hang on the wall as a testament to their perseverance, patience, and commitment.

I hope you will join me in wishing the Confirmation Classes of 5780 and 5781 a "Mazal Tov" as we celebrate Shavuot this year. Our students and their families will be present inside our sanctuary for the service. We invite the congregation to join us online for this unique and very special service this year.

I hope you will also mark your calendars for our Congregational Annual Meeting a week later on Sunday, May 23 at 5:00 p.m. For the second time, our meeting will be held online. It is a chance for us to review and reflect on the year now ending and to announce plans for the future. It is also our opportunity to thank our lay leadership for their dedicated service to our congregation. I especially want to thank Tracey Dodd, our hard-working Temple President, who has given so much of herself to our Temple over the last two years. We could not have made it through the past 14 months without her leadership. I want to thank all of our officers and trustees for their service, and I look forward to welcoming our new leadership and wishing them all the best as they begin their terms. I also want to express our gratitude and appreciation to Liz Yager, who has worked so hard the past three years as our Executive Director.

Our Shabbat Services continue this month both online and in-person. When you feel comfortable returning to Temple, I hope you will consider doing so. We look forward to seeing you and greeting you in person. I am especially excited about the return of Sisterhood Sabbath on Friday, May 21. Don't forget: Our Summer Union Shabbat Services are around the corner. This year, Temple Sinai will be hosting services during the month of June.

Please stay well and stay connected: I look forward to seeing you for services, classes, programs, meetings, and events online and in-person.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MAY 2021



Tracey Dodd

As I write this bulletin article, I realize that it is my last one as President of Temple Sinai. The last two years have been both incredible and, unexpected to say the least. When a person moves from the Board to Executive Committee and continues to move up to becoming President of the Congregation, there is anticipation that each year will bring new learning opportunities about the history of our great congregation, how it operates, daily staff roles and responsibilities, information about the physical condition of the buildings and its history of repairs, and lessons regarding how we grow and learn together through programming and lifecycle events. Not once did anyone teach me or impart any significant lesson on handling a pandemic, so it should come as no great surprise that every day of the last year, there was a lot of learning, listening, responding, and planning and re-planning for how to support our beloved congregation during this new time and positioning ourselves for the future.

Synagogue operations were definitely different this last year, from placing health and safety in front of all worship, ritual, and programming discussions, to how to connect and maintain community over electronic media. However, despite the unknowns (and there were many), and the difficulties of the situation, a lot was accomplished, and a lot was also learned. Let's talk about some of them and all of the incredible efforts by so many to get us where we need to be...future facing.

Two years ago, the term started with a significant deficit carried over from prior years, a new Rabbi, new staff, an aging physical plant issues with no financial plan to resolve them, and then there was Jonathan Levy...simply put, our congregation is so thankful for his incredible diligence as our Treasurer. The financial reports he prepared, the belt tightening, the direct and not easy questions he asked to re-frame us and how we move forward were exactly on point and what we needed. Josh Danzig's push to discuss dues and membership, and focus on the financial health of our congregation, as well as finding ways to enhance organizational and Board management were vital and will be such a resource moving forward.

Re-evaluating voices in lay leadership these last few years has been incredibly important. Expanding LGBTQ voices in our leadership has occurred, and these new leaders have been supported in their roles and participation. Taking steps to ensure that our Board has broader and deeper

representation of our community and congregation has also occurred, and that is something to be deeply proud of. Relying on strengths within our members has also been significant, from Keith Kornman with all his valuable legal advice, to Tim Gold for continually steering us in the right direction regarding risk and insurance, as well as fighting for insurance reimbursement when upset conditions occur. Immense thanks to the Brodts who tirelessly have manicured, landscaped, and fixed various elements outside of our building. No matter the heat, the rain, or otherwise awful conditions, they were always there to work.

While a lot of congregants may not realize this, but our Past Presidents have been incredible in their support and leadership. Mark Heller did so much to support our financial position and the leadership of the congregation, Sandy Levy and her incredible efforts on giving (including Julie Walker behind the scenes), Bill Hess and his unwavering position on leadership and worship, Harry Blumenthal and his warmth and wonderfulness with our neighbors and all things that needed his kind self, Jay Corenswet with his wit and wisdom, and Cliff Kern with his history of the property and unwavering commitment to fix the Sanctuary, Ann Kientz and Sheila Gold for their care and love for all things Sinai.

We did finally put our Sanctuary back in use, by repairing so many systems and updating our infrastructure. This could not have been done without the assistance of the Goldring family who were leaders and supporters of this critical situation. While we are not yet complete with all the repairs, I do laugh when someone lights the match for the candles on Shabbat and they light the first time because we don't have a humid Sanctuary.

Immense thanks and appreciation to our clergy who, even when worried and concerned about the pandemic and our congregant, dug deeper to support our congregants in their many places and found ways to continuously support everyone. Ellen Cohen, our incoming President, is wonderful and will continue moving our congregation into the next 150 year, she will need the congregation's support, time, and assistance in so many ways, which involves all of us continuing to make Sinai a special place.

B'Shalom,
Tracey Dodd
traceyddodd@gmail.com

CANTOR'S MESSAGE

MUSIC & MORE



Cantor Joel Colman

As the spring days quickly move into the summer months, I cannot help but look forward to the day in which our children will finally head to the many summer camp programs that take place here in Louisiana and around the country. As most summer programs were curtailed last year, this year there will be some semblance of normalcy as day camp & summer programs begin in June. I am sure on that first day of camp there will be a lot of joy and happiness as children are dropped off at camp. Not only will the campers be happy, but don't forget the counselors, specialists, and full-time staff who really missed the summer of 2020 with no campers. Recently, I received a detailed email from one of our URJ summer camp programs, Sci-Tech Academy near Boston. The plans in place to make sure the campers and staff are properly prepared for a "COVID sensitive environment" are detailed, numerous and guided by experts in the field. Our Henry S. Jacobs Camp is doing the same in their preparations for an amazing summer. I am sure that many photos and videos from all these camps will be released on social media outlets so we can share in seeing our children having the time of their lives.

In addition to the summer camp programs, services this summer will feel like past years, as Temple Sinai, Touro Synagogue and Gates of Prayer each host a month of services. Temple Sinai will be hosting in June. As we move forward, we will take into account current safety guidelines, just as we have been doing this all year. If you wish to attend services, please call the temple office so we know who is coming to either the Shabbat evening service, Torah study or our Shabbat morning service. If we don't see you here at Temple, you are welcome to sign on to Zoom or watch on Facebook live. We are getting pretty skilled at streaming our services, but then again we are getting a lot of practice too!

On May 16, Erev Shavuot, we will have a Festival and Confirmation Service at 5:00 p.m. While every Confirmation service is special, this year will be really special as we will be combining last year's confirmation class and this year's class. Because of COVID, we were not able to have a Confirmation Service last year. Be on the lookout for the information on how to watch this service online.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

**DO JEWS CELEBRATE CINCO DE MAYO?
A DISCUSSION OF JEWS AROUND THE WORLD**
Rabbi Daniel Sherman | May 5

Join us as we begin a conversation about Jews around the world. The two largest Jewish communities across the globe are in Israel and the United States. Where else do Jews live today and how did we get there? What is "Ladino" or Judaeo-Spanish? We will also take a closer look at the wonderful work of the World Union for Progressive Judaism.

PREPARING FOR SHAVUOT 5781
Rabbi Daniel Sherman | May 12

Let's get ready for the Festival of Shavuot, which begins this year on Sunday evening, May 16. Shavuot is the Festival of Weeks (because it takes place seven weeks after the beginning of Passover) and is also known as *Chag HaBikkurim* – Festival of the First Fruits, as well as *Zeman Matan Torateinu* – the Season of the Giving of Torah. It is one of the three Pilgrimage Festivals, along with Passover and Sukkot. We will discuss this important though often overlooked holiday, as well as traditions and practices associated with its observance. Also, mark your calendars for a special ISJL speaker

on Thursday, May 13: Dr. Joel Hoffman will discuss "The Surprisingly Modern Message of the Ancient Ten Commandments" at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.

**LIFE-CYCLE RITUALS & TRADITIONS:
A DISCUSSION OF JEWISH DEATH &
MOURNING PRACTICES**
Rabbi Daniel Sherman | May 19 & 26

Last month, Cantor Colman took a closer look at Jewish weddings. This month we will spend two weeks discussing how Judaism views death, dying, and mourning. What happens after we die? What takes place during a Jewish funeral? Burial vs. cremation? What is Shiva? Why do we say Kaddish? We will try to answer these questions and more as we examine the end of the Jewish life cycle.

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

Don't forget: Our online Thursday Lunch Discussions with Rabbi Sherman continue twice a month at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. Join us this month on May 6 and May 27 as we discuss holidays, current events and issues, Jewish traditions and practice, news from around the world, and whatever else is on your mind. 5



Liz Yager
Executive Director

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

MAY 2021

May Day!! May Day!! Summer is upon us! Many families are planning vacations, gearing up for camp or getting ready to start part time jobs. The days are getting longer and warmer, and before you know it, there will be tropical storms on the horizon. The joys of living in New Orleans!!

May is also a time of reflection. We are reviewing and finalizing the fiscal year 2020-2021 (what a year!) and preparing for the next, which starts July 1st. We are projecting our new budget, preparing for Board members ending their terms and newly nominated members beginning their board journeys. During our Annual Meeting (May 23) we will vote on the new slate of board members and officers, and the budget. Another year, another cycle of change. The ancient Greek philosopher, Heraclitus noted, "The only constant in life is change." And we all know that life happens even with the best of plans. So here we are.

So, as I write this article, I look back on this past year. We certainly have come a long way. In July of 2020, we were in the middle of pandemic survival and a polarizing US Presidential election campaign. Many people were infected by the virus, the death toll was rising, and we were all trying to get along with each other at home. The staff was all working at home and connecting virtually as Rabbi Sherman and Cantor Colman continued to conduct virtual services with our congregants. During the summer, we reorganized the office to allow for social distancing and staff started to safely work in the temple offices. The Sanctuary became alive with the start of the construction for the capital campaign. Fifty-foot-high scaffolding was erected allowing workers to access the ceiling tiles and replace the lighting in the attic. It was exciting to see the new HVAC system get installed to be ready for the High Holy Day Services. By

the end of August, the sanctuary scaffolding came down and the area was deep cleaned to get ready for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. We invested in video cameras as well as protective pulpit lecterns allowing for both virtual and socially distanced in-person services. Instead of the choir, we heard Rachel Van Voorhees and her accompanying string instruments performing the poignant High Holy Day melodies.

After the High Holy Days, we started to offer in-person services coupled with a virtual option. We continued to have about 10-15 members come Friday evenings (with reservations) to welcome Shabbat in the sanctuary. We celebrated Chanukah with at-home online candle lighting each night and, thanks to our illustrious Cantor, we had a closed circuit radio show in front of the Audubon Zoo as we lit the menorah candles on his truck. When planning the gala for 2021, we knew that we most likely would not be able to safely gather in person. So, *Sinai Soirée in Slippers* was conceived. We were able to bring the gala to your homes and a good time was had by all.

So now we move on. We have been living through so many new experiences and have become stronger, wiser, and more appreciative of one another. A new (fiscal) year is upon us with renewed hope as we all get vaccinated and re-engage. As we plan our new year, 2021-2022, I am sure that we will keep some of the virtual (by choice!), and embrace the opportunity to gather, celebrate b'nai mitzvah and weddings, pray, hug, meet and touch in-person while we truly value each other.

L'Chaim,
Liz

**TUESDAY
MAY 4**

GIVE NOLA DAY
GREATER NEW ORLEANS FOUNDATION



Don't forget to support Temple Sinai and make your online donation! [Click to donate!](#)

EDUCATION

APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS



Avital Kadosh

May marks the end of our school/program year. And what a year it has been! Before I begin my reflection, I would like to say a few very important thank-yous. The first goes out to the Religious Education Committee members. This committee has been an incredibly important and collaborative sounding board for us as we navigate this current COVID world. Sharing feedback, reaching out to our families, you name it, folks have been incredible! The next thank you is for the Temple Sisterhood. Our Zoom clubs (both TV and Book) have been a highlight of the year—we couldn't have done it without you! A big thank you to all of YOU. Thank you for your engagement with us this year. Whether that's reading the bulletin and feeling committed to knowing what we do and supporting us from afar, making a donation, driving through one of our holiday pick-ups, volunteering to drop off goodies, opting into more screen time than any of us have had before for Chavurah@Sinai, Hebrew School, Adult Education, Shabbat and Holiday services and so much more. Just know that seeing your faces online or (partially) in-person has been so valuable. And last but not never least, my clergy and staff partners. Thank you for being nimble and flexible as we continually assessed the ever changing status of our environment. And thank you for being willing to try new things with me!

Looking back, one of the biggest highlights of the year for me, was our in-person, outdoor monthly family programming. Seeing entire families join us to celebrate holidays together, compete in our two scavenger hunts (the Masked Mitzvah Mission & the Masked Matzah Mission for Passover), and feel a sense of community and togetherness was truly such a bright spot in a challenging year. We have one more coming up on **Sunday, May 16 at 11:00 AM!** We plan to build into our program moving forward, this culture of family education through periodic family events throughout our next calendar year.

As of now, God willing, we are planning a fully in-person program for Chavurah@Sinai, Hebrew School & Temple Toddlers. Please keep an eye on your emails this coming summer for additional information. If you have any feedback that you would like to share with me, or anyone on our committee, please do not hesitate to reach out. We want to hear from you! In the meantime, this year isn't over yet! Please check out all of our upcoming May events.

Upcoming May events:

Be sure to check out the Youth Group events for May. More information on page 10. TV club is watching *The Spy* on Netflix with Sacha Baron Cohen. We will discuss it on **Monday, May 3 at 7:00 PM**. If you are unable to join us, I still highly recommend watching this limited series. It is based on the true story of Eli Cohen, an Israeli spy placed in Syria from 1961-65. The story is incredibly powerful and an important part of Israeli history. And for those of you who have only seen Sacha Baron Cohen in comedy roles, it is incredible to watch him in this role; he is truly a talented actor!

The Boston Girl by Anita Diamant is our final book of the year. Book club will be meeting **Thursday, May 6 at 7:00 PM** to discuss. A special thank you to our Temple Sisterhood for co-sponsoring this group. And if you're looking for some summer reading, really anything by Anita Diamant is excellent!

"The Surprising Modern Message of the Ancient Ten Commandments" with Dr. Joel Hoffman, **Thursday, May 13 at 7:00 PM on Zoom**. We are thrilled to partner with the Institute of Southern Jewish Life on this; please see the flyer on page 11 for more information.

Sunday, May 16 will be a very special and busy Sunday! Our families (including grandparents, Temple Toddlers, etc.) are invited to an End of Year Family Picnic at the Fly at **11:00 AM**. We ask that folks bring their own picnic lunches, and we will sponsor Sno-Balls for dessert. For our kids headed off to Jacobs Camp, there will be a special give-away! At **5:00 PM**, we will be confirming the classes of both 5780 & 5781. Immediate families are invited to join us in person, and everyone is invited on Zoom. Please see pg. 15 for the names of our confirmands as well as the Zoom information, and please consider making a donation in honor of our amazing 10th and 11th grade students!

Friday, May 21, during our Sisterhood Shabbat Service, we will be honoring our graduating High School seniors with a special blessing. Have a graduating senior at home? [Click here](#), to let us know your senior's future plans, and please plan to join us either in person (reservations required) or online via Zoom!



Chavurah@Sinai

TEMPLE SINAI
NEW ORLEANS

End of Year

Family Picnic @ the Fly

ALL ARE WELCOME

**JOIN US FOR OUR FINAL
GATHERING OF THIS SCHOOL YEAR
WITH YOUR OWN PICNIC LUNCH.
WE WILL PROVIDE THE SNO-BALLS!**

MAY 16, 11:00 AM



JewCCY Summer Send Off Fundraiser

Save the
Date!

May 2nd,
2021

Raise money for JewCCY
and pick up some
HSJ SWAG!



JEWCCY (8TH-12TH)

BANQUET

May 1st

12-2pm

@ Gates of Prayer Parking Lot

Celebrate the end of the school year at the
JewCCY Banquet!

At this event we will celebrate and send off JewCCY
seniors and welcome current 8th graders to the
high school program!

RSVP AT JEWCCY.COM

SISTERHOOD ON THE MOVE

As Sisterhood prepares to wind down its fiscal year, we have some wonderful news! Our Shabbat Service Committee has been working with Rabbi Sherman to plan the annual **Sisterhood Shabbat Service scheduled for Friday, May 21**. Everyone is excited and we hope that you will join us. We extend a special thank you to Rabbi Sherman and to Committee Co-Chairpersons, Marian Moore, Bonnie Aronson and Doris Baron.

KUDOS to all members who attended our regular meeting on April 11. Please zoom with us for our **Closing Meeting/Tea on May 16, 10:30 a.m.** The Zoom information will be provided in the Temple's weekly email blast on Thursday, May 13. Members are "eager" to participate in the May 6th Book Club discussion of *The Boston Girl* by Anita Diamant!

Stay tuned to our final bulletin in the June issue.

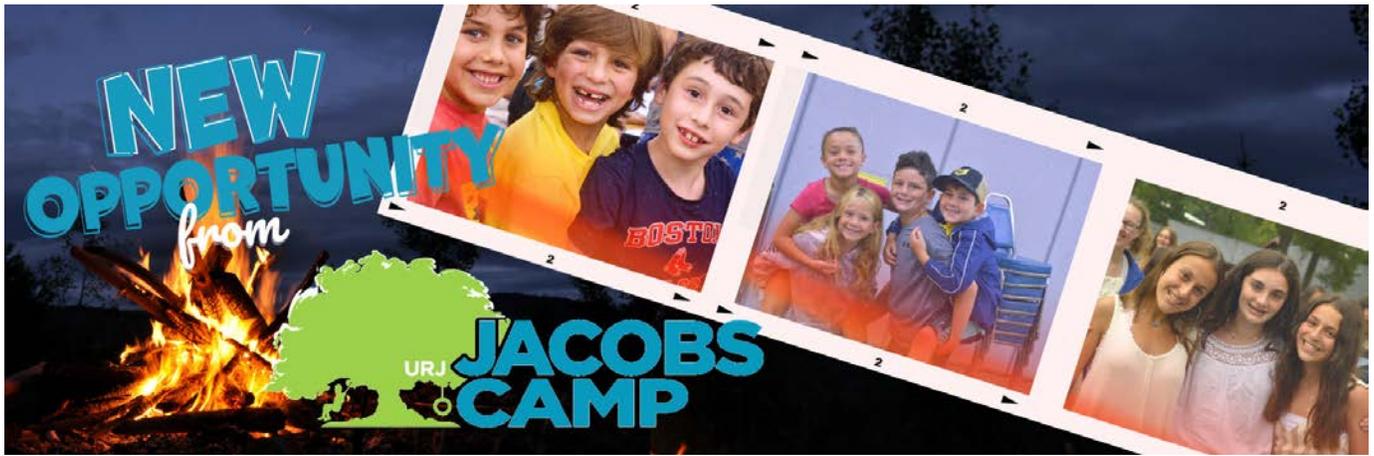
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Sisterhood on Zoom

Closing Meeting & Tea
Sunday, May 16, 2021
@ 10:30 a.m.

Annual Sisterhood Shabbat
Friday, May 21, 2021
@ 6:00 p.m.





Give your child the summer of a lifetime - at URJ Henry S. Jacobs Camp, Jewish sleepaway camp in the deep south. Put away those screens to experience community, Jewish values, and being outside in nature - a summer at Jacobs Camp is the perfect opportunity to help your child become their best selves. For summer 2021, Jacobs Camp (through a grant from the Legacy Heritage Fund) has established an incentive program offering \$1500 for new campers entering 3rd - 9th grade from small (but mighty) Jewish communities like ours to attend their first session. And the best part - this incentive can be combined with the Goldring/One Happy Camper incentive grant. For more information on the grants and 'Jacobs Magic', contact Anna Herman, the director. Anna and her year-round team are eager to talk to you about the Jacobs Camp experience and if it is a fit for your child. They can be reached at aherman@urj.org or 601-885-6042 or visit jacobscamp.org.



"The Surprisingly Modern Message of the Ancient Ten Commandments!"

Dr. Joel Hoffman
Thursday, May 13th @ 7:00 PM

Although they are among the most commonly-quoted verses in the Bible, and although they symbolically adorn arks in synagogues around the world, the value of the Ten Commandments has been masked through both mistranslation and misunderstanding. They don't say "don't covet," for instance, and they're not primarily laws. Join internationally-renowned scholar Dr. Joel Hoffman as he peels back the layers of confusion that continue to hide the enduring message of the Ten Commandments.

Scholar, author, and speaker Joel Hoffman brings the Bible to life with his fresh insights and interpretations about religious life in the 21st century.





TEMPLE SINAI
BROTHERHOOD
NEW ORLEANS

BROTHERHOOD BINGO

SATURDAY, MAY 15

ON ZOOM @ 7PM

Admission: \$10 for 2 cards, \$15 for 4 cards (additional sponsors gratefully accepted and will be acknowledged at the event)

Payment by Venmo @**TempleSinai-Brotherhood** or by check (please provide your email address)

All cards will be emailed to you or hand delivered

Prizes: Various Prizes awarded to the winner of each game

Benefit: Proceeds from Brotherhood Bingo will benefit Feed the Second Line from the Krewe of Red Beans to support New Orleans culture bearers and the Brotherhood of Temple Sinai

Meeting ID: 835 5840 4374

Passcode: 158966



SUMMER UNION SHABBAT SERVICES

We are looking forward to continuing our tradition of joining together as one Reform Jewish community in Greater New Orleans for Sabbath worship services throughout the summer. **This year services will be available both in-person and on-line.** Reservations will be required for in-person attendance at all 3 synagogues. We will also enforce both mask-wearing and social-distancing.

THIS SUMMER'S SCHEDULE OF HOST CONGREGATIONS IS:

JUNE – TEMPLE SINAI

JULY – TOURO SYNAGOGUE

AUGUST – CONGREGATION GATES OF PRAYER

Shabbat Evening Services will begin on **Fridays** at **6:00 p.m.**

On Shabbat Morning, Torah Study will take place on Saturdays at **9:15 a.m.** and services will begin at **10:30 a.m.**

Additional information will be available in the June Temple Sinai Bulletin and in our weekly e-mail messages. Please check the calendar of the hosting congregation for more details. We look forward to our coming together – on-line and in-person – this summer.

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We thank you!!!
Shea McCoy
Liz Yager

FESTIVAL OF SHAVUOT 5781

SUNDAY, May 16 | Shavuot Eve
5:00 p.m. Confirmation Service

MONDAY, May 17 | Shavuot Day
10:00 a.m. Torah Study & Festival Morning Service

CONGREGATION TEMPLE SINAI
cordially invites you to

THE CONFIRMATION SERVICE ON THE EVE OF THE FESTIVAL OF SHAVUOT

16 MAY 2021
5 O'CLOCK

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Hanni Gerowin
Meredith Mendler
Elijah Perlstein
Jacqueline Perlstein

Confirmation Class

2021/5781:

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Matthew Kirschman
Celia Maass
Hannah Rodrigue
Shai Sherman
Madison Soboul

Shavuot is one of our most important holidays of the year. Known as *Zeman Matan Torateinu*, the festival marks the anniversary of our receiving God's commandments and teachings at Mount Sinai. It is also called *Chag HaBikkurim* - the Festival of the First Fruits. Long ago our ancestors in the land of Israel made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem with the first fruits of their spring harvest to thank God for the fruits of their land and labor.

This year we will celebrate Shavuot with our Confirmation Service on Sunday Evening, May 16 at 5:00PM. The congregation is invited to join us online for this very special service in the life of our Confirmands and their families.

We will continue our Shavuot observance with a special Torah Study and Service on Monday morning, May 17 at 10AM. Join us online or in-person as we read and discuss the Ten Commandments given at Mt. Sinai.

Chag Sameach!

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

Lee Meitzen Grue, mother of Ian Grue.

Adolph "AJ" Levy, husband of Carolyn Levy.

Y A H R Z E I T S

April 25 - May 1

Lucile Jacoby Blum
Inge Elsas
Louis Elster
Joyce B. Goldstein
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Yetty Streiffer Sear

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Dr. Sam Threefoot
Janet Kahn Wallfisch
Morris Wright
Anne Weaker Zitler

May 2-8

Justine Haas Abrams
Hortense Israel Aron
Bernard J. Aronson
Samuel Sidney Birke
Kathryn Cross Bressler
Inge Elsas
Mary Anna Feibelman
Jacob Fried
Rudolph Garfunkel

Dr. Benjamin R. Heninger
Beverly Kaplan
Nettie Hirsch Kern
Kenneth Kirschman
Jo-Ellyn Levy Kupperman
Jeannette Sack Levy
Amanda B. Levy
Samson Oscarovich Lushtak
Ernestine M. Metzger

Warren Gustave Moses
Leonard Ruben Silverstone
Harold Singer
Tennie Pressburg Toups
Liselotte Weil
Herbert Leon Weinberger
Audrey Burka Wormser
Hermina Finger Zeve

May 9-15

Felicia L. Alcus
Moise B. Bloch
Cecilia Steeg Block
Dr. Isadore Brickman
Mildred Lubritz Covert
Barbara Schreier Edisen
Christine Lee Frank
Lynne Goldman
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Max Scheinuk
Charles Schwartz
Ruth E. Sherman
J. Philip Stein
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Mervin Wallick
Benjamin B. Weinstein, M.D.
Mark J. Zelman

May 16-22

Ann S. Corenswet
John William Field
Thomas P. Godchaux
Wendy Good
Mildred Harris Heller
Helen Aimee Hyman
Mayer Israel, Jr.

Robert Judson
Sarah Bromowicz Kierr
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William Mayer
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Claire Hyman Moses
Miriam Hirsch Posner

Nathaniel B. Rosenberg
Bertha Wolff Seidenbach
Ethel D. Stern
Anita Wolff Warshauer
Herman Aaron Yuspeh

May 23-29

Jake Buring
Juanita Levy Burkenroad
Fanny Feibleman
Courtney Elizabeth Giarrusso
Cora Tanner Godchaux
Paul N. Godchaux
Norma Grosberg Grant
Blanche Feitel Kollitz

Sadie S. Krauss
Edna Levy Lazarus
Loris Katten Levy
Leo Love
Henry Sigmund Mayer
Fanny L. Mayer
Alan William Paillet
Goldie R. Rabin

Samuel Schornstein
Leah Beer Stern
George Mayer Stern
G. John Veta
Walter H. Weil
Charlotta Wolf

May 30-June 5

Rae Elster Abramson
Michael F. Alpha, Sr.
Aline Fried Thorpe Anderson
Lillian S. Barton
Sara Opotowsky Cohen
Rebecca Weiner Cohn
John Corenswet
Euphemia Grabenheimer
Jacob Greenberg
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Nancy Meyers Marsiglia
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Ericka McIntyre
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Azalea Rufo

May 3

Glenn Ostrow
Walter Weil, III
Brandon Berger
Judy Fried

May 4

Jane Cohn
Lee Adler
Allison Berger

May 5

Lisa Jacobs
Wendy Sack
Amit Kadosh
Jeffrey Mendler
Susan Frank
Elijah Perlstein
Louis Becker

Jacqueline Perlstein
Amanda Brickhaus

May 6

Jacqueline Paillet
Kathleen Zucker
Dale Aronson
David Lowentritt
Melvin Shear
Helen Polmer

May 7

Douglas Montgomery
Dr. Claire Snyder
Hailey Abrams
Gabrielle Mimeles
Sydney Steiner
Dr. John Baron

May 8

Anna Brickman
Jean Frank
Tyler Simoneaux
Avri Haggerty
Craig Baum

May 9

Sylvie Zoller
John Dyer
Carol Merlin

May 10

Grayson Wormser
Phyllis Feran
Jacob Guth
Hirsh Katzen
Joshua Hess
Karen Stein

May 11

Irving Warshauer
Henry Lowentritt
Olive Terk

May 12

Miles Merlin

May 13

Rabbi Daniel Sherman

May 14

Alex Kessler
Audrey Threefoot

May 15

Sebastien Rizzo

May 16

Emma Benjamin
Nelsie Stern

May 17

Claude Schlesinger
Adam Kirschman
Donald Levy
Iosif Shlyubsky

May 18

Andrea Huseman
Hanni Gerowin

May 19

John Pereira
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Dale Gaber

May 20

Jacob Brickman
Joshua Miller
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Shai Sherman
Max Jacobson
Mark Heller

May 21

Cole Finkelstein
Milton Fingerman

May 22

Jennifer Cohen
Azalea Miranda

May 24

Jonathan Friedman
Carol Schudmak
Leila Kunian
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May 25

Kathryn Anderson
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Rose Glodowski
Wesley Bradshaw
Megan Lowenburg

May 26

Mindy Brickman
Nina Sangisetty
Sherry Frohlich
Dr. Elizabeth Ellent
Olivia Gonzalez

May 27

Diane Franco

May 28

Maeve Spanier

May 29

Ryan Hernandez
Pamela Lyles
Irving Shnaider

May 30

Andrea Cohn
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Nancy O'Neil

May 31

Louellen Berger
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				12:30 PM Thursday Lunch with Rabbi Sherman 5 PM Happy Hour with Avital	6 PM Shabbat Evening Service	9:15 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service
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10 AM C@S	7 PM TV Club	GiveNOLA Day! 	7 PM Wednesday Night Adult Education	12:30 PM Thursday Lunch with Rabbi Sherman 7 PM Book Club	6 PM Shabbat Evening Service with our Monthly Anniversary & Birthday Blessings.	9:15 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service
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MOTHER'S DAY			7 PM Wednesday Night Adult Education	5 PM Happy Hour with Avital 7 PM "The Surprisingly Modern Message of the Ancient Ten Commandments" with Dr. Joel Hoffman via Zoom	6 PM Shabbat Evening Service	9:15 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service 7PM BROTHERHOOD BINGO
Erev Shavuot 16	Shavuot 17	18	19	20	21	22
10:30 AM Sisterhood Closing Meeting & Tea 11 AM End of the Year Picnic @ the Fly 5:00 PM Shavuot & Confirmation Services	OFFICE CLOSED 10 AM Torah Study & Festival Morning Service	7:15 PM General Board Meeting	7 PM Wednesday Night Adult Education		6 PM Sisterhood Shabbat Service	9:15 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
5:00 PM Annual Meeting			7 PM Wednesday Night Adult Education	12:30 PM Thursday Lunch with Rabbi Sherman	6 PM Shabbat Evening Service	9:15 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service
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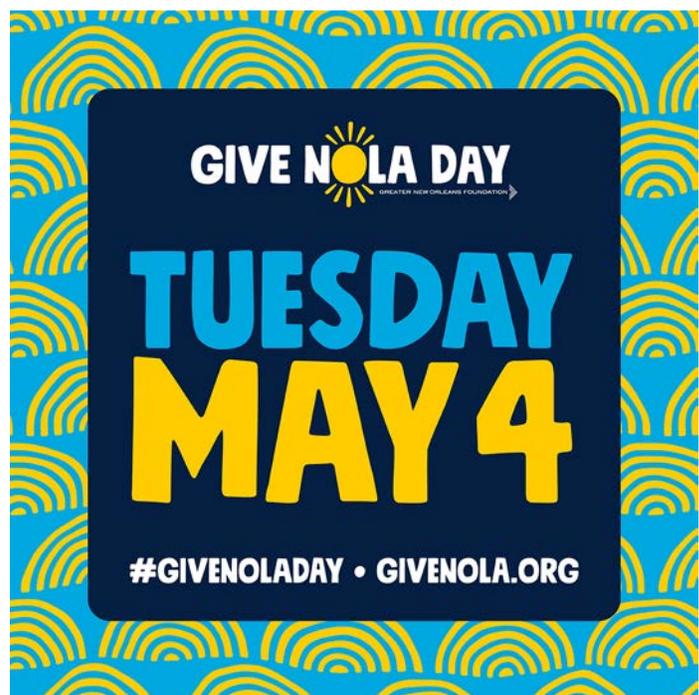
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May 6, the Book Club will discuss The Boston Girl by Anita Diamant

TV Club & Book Club will return in the fall of 2021!