



TEMPLE SINAI APRIL 2024
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PURIM 5784



APRIL EVENTS:
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RABBI'S MESSAGE

April 2024

“L'SHANAH HABA'AH BIRUSHALAYIM”

I admit it: I don't really want March to end. There have been a lot of wonderful things happening at Temple and in our community this past month. Please don't misunderstand: it's not that I am not looking forward to April, but rather I am in no rush to say good-bye to March.

March began with our Annual Gala. What an amazing afternoon we shared with our Temple family and community. The event was so well-received – people loved it and had an incredible time. It was a very successful event on a number of levels: bringing people together, enjoying a wonderful show by Cantor Garfein, and raising money to support all that we do at Temple. I want to thank our event chairpeople, Jennifer and Jack Benjamin, for their leadership and all of their hard work planning this year's Gala. You did a great job, and we are all so appreciative. I want to thank all of the Gala Committee members and volunteers who added their talents and time to create this outstanding event. I also want to thank Bob Brickman and the Fundraising Committee for all of their efforts to find sponsors and help us hit our fundraising goals. Of course, an event like this could not happen without the hard work of Jennifer Daley, our amazing Executive Director, and our entire staff – especially Shea and Rachel. Thank you for all that you do! And a huge *Todah Rabbah* and *Yishar Koach* to Cantor Garfein for creating and performing this special musical show just for us. Finally, I want to thank everyone who sponsored the event, purchased tickets, and attended this very special event for our community.

And that was just the beginning of the month! Other March highlights included: a weekend at Temple Sinai with author and native son, Peter Wolf; an inspirational Sisterhood Sabbath; and a fun and exciting Purim celebration.

So how do we follow this? We keep the momentum, the excitement, and the positive feelings going in April. I hope you will mark your calendars and plan on joining us at Temple for Cantor Garfein's Installation Weekend on April 19-21. Installation is an important moment in the life of our congregation. Installation is more than simply a welcoming. We have been happily welcoming Cantor Garfein and her family since before they even arrived in New Orleans. Installation is the ceremony that formalizes the covenantal relationship between Cantor and Congregation. Together, Temple Sinai and Cantor Garfein are entering a “*B'RIT* – a holy covenant.” We are honored to have Cantor Garfein join our Temple Sinai family and help to lead our congregation. We are pledging to support her and to be here for her as she strives to serve our congregation and greater community to the best of her amazing abilities. Installation is also our way



Rabbi Daniel M.
Sherman

of letting Cantor Garfein, Alexander, Max and Jake know that we are so glad that they are here and part of our family. It will be a very special service on Friday, April 19. We are thrilled that two of Cantor Garfein's favorite out-of-town colleagues will be joining us, along with our very own Cantor Colman and Rabbi Cohn. After services we will join together for a celebratory Shabbat Dinner. The fun and festivities continue on Sunday afternoon, April 21, with a very special Cantorial Concert. The details are all found here in this month's bulletin. I hope you will plan on joining us for Installation Weekend.

After Installation, we move right into Passover – which begins on Monday evening, Apr. 22. Our Congregational Passover Seder will be held on the 2nd Night of Passover, Tuesday, Apr. 23. Cantor Garfein and I look forward to celebrating Passover with our congregational family.

It's hard to believe that in just a couple of weeks we will be sitting around our Seder tables. As I think about Seder, this year my thoughts are focused on the closing line of the hagaddah: “*L'SHANAH HABA'AH BIRUSHALAYIM* – Next year in Jerusalem!” This statement is both a hope and a prayer. It represents our Jewish optimism. As we celebrate our springtime festival – at this time of rebirth and new beginnings – we express our hope and yearning for a better tomorrow for us and for the entire people and land of Israel. We pray that we will come together as a united *AM YISRAEL*, and that our Jewish homeland will remain secure and peaceful. For those who live in Israel, they say: “Next year in a rebuilt Jerusalem” – restored and strengthened for the future. This prayer is especially important for us this year. We pray for peace for Israel, for a return of all hostages, for an ongoing truce with all of Israel's neighbors and a commitment to move forward by working together for the well-being of the entire region. We pray that all Israel will be able to celebrate Passover this year together in safety and security, and grateful for our freedom to live in our homeland as Jews and for the hope for new beginnings and a better tomorrow.

President's Message



Here's what has happened in the last month and what's to come!



Josh Danzig
President

April is an exciting month at Temple Sinai with multiple celebrations. The year's final Bim Bam Kids Club is taking place on April 12 at 5:30pm. The following weekend is Cantor Garfein's Installation on Friday, April 19 followed by a celebratory dinner. On Sunday, April 21 at 2:00pm is the Cantorial Concert "From Bimah to Broadway." Then, the second night of Passover Congregational Seder is taking place on April 23 and the community LGBTQ Seder will be held at Temple Sinai the following evening on Wednesday, April 24.

There are also many exciting things happening behind the scenes. A special Shabbat is taking place on May 31st in honor of Rabbi Emeritus Edward Cohn's 50th anniversary of his Rabbinic Ordination. In addition, plans are in the works for a larger celebration in September of Rabbi Sherman's 25-years as an ordained Rabbi in coordination with Rabbi Cohn's 50-year anniversary. Stay tuned for more information and ways to support this special occasion.

Frei & Associates have completed their work on the stained glass windows, construction continues at Temple Sinai.

Work is being done to improve our security and operations, through our FEMA Non-profit Security Grant award. In addition, the next phase to protect our facility from water intrusion will be water proofing, which should be complete by June.

With that, the staff and lay leaders are working to develop a Master Plan for the maintenance and upkeep of the Temple Sinai facilities. The House and Building Committee has been interviewing architectural and engineering firms to identify a company who can spearhead this process. Once a firm has been chosen, that company will do a full assessment to determine construction priorities.

Temple Sinai's Finance Committee, along with Executive Director Jenn Daley, has been hard at work completing the proposed budget for our next fiscal year; details will be shared at the Annual Meeting in May. In addition, the Finance Committee has begun discussions of financing the Master Plan as well as helping to facilitate a financial review of our congregation's finances.

Additionally, the House and Building Committee has begun a campaign to determine if Temple Sinai is eligible for historical tax credits. Thank you to Cliff Kern and Tyler Guidroz for their work in interviewing firms who would take on this endeavor.

Finally, efforts are in the works to begin a Legacy Giving campaign. More info on this exciting endeavor will be coming soon!

SERVICES

All of our services will continue to be available online through Zoom and livestreamed on our Temple website and FacebookLive for those who are unable to join us in-person.

FRIDAY APRIL 5

6:00PM Shabbat Shalom Nosh
6:30PM Shabbat Evening Service with our Monthly Anniversary & Birthday Blessings

SATURDAY APRIL 6

Torah Portion: *SHEMINI* (Lev. 9:1 – 11:47)
9:15AM Torah Study
10:30AM Shabbat Morning Service

FRIDAY APRIL 12

5:30PM Bim Bam Kids Club
6:00PM Shabbat Shalom Nosh
6:30PM Shabbat Evening Service

SATURDAY APRIL 13

Torah Portion: *TAZRIA* (Lev. 12:1 – 13:59)
9:15AM Torah Study

FRIDAY APRIL 19

Shabbat HaGadol - The Great Sabbath
6:00PM Shabbat Service & Installation of Cantor Rebecca Garfein Followed by Shabbat Dinner (see details on page 7)

SATURDAY APRIL 20

Torah Portion: *METZORA* (Lev. 14:1 – 15:33)
9:15AM Torah Study

FRIDAY APRIL 26

Shabbat Chol HaMoeid Pesach
6:00PM Shabbat Shalom Nosh
6:30PM Special Service for the Sabbath of Passover

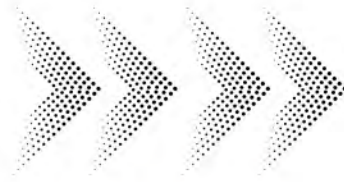
SATURDAY APRIL 27

Torah Portion: Special Reading for Passover
9:15AM Torah Study
10:30AM Service for the Sabbath of Passover including our Yizkor Memorial Prayers

FEMA: STATUS REPORT ON HURRICANE IDA DAMAGE AWARD & REPAIRS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR SECURITY GRANT

FEMA Hurricane Ida Relief – On February 26, 2024, FEMA changed our classification to OBLIGATED and on February 28, 2024, Temple Sinai officially signed our FEMA award documents. Our disaster relief includes repair of our stained glass windows, waterproofing as part of approved mitigation against future water intrusion events and inside plaster repair/painting. We are scheduled to begin waterproofing the building on June 1. Our case is now in financial processing with the State of Louisiana. It has been a long road to recovery, but we are thrilled we are now able to begin the next phase of damage repair.

FEMA NSGP (Security Grant) – From our NSGP Security Grant award from 2021, the order for our fencing and bollards for the Temple office entrances was placed and installed on Monday, March 25. Our contract has been signed with Mayer Construction to replace the children's library doors on Monday, March 25, which was also included on our 2021 Security Grant. Installation of the fence, bollards and children's library doors will conclude all items on the 2021 NSGP grant. On February 27, our EHP certificate was granted to begin facilitating the 2022 NSGP grant. Sizeler Architects were contracted for the drawings to add a secondary emergency exit to the Feibelman Chapel. Our applications for permits with the State Fire Marshall and City of New Orleans have been filed. We will begin construction on the Chapel secondary exit in June. While the state has not issued their notice of funding opportunity yet for 2024 grant, Jimmy Stewart of SCN has completed our threat assessment, and we are ready to submit the 2024 NSGP application as soon as it opens for Louisiana.



Jennifer Daley
Executive Director

TEMPLE SINAI'S ANNUAL GALA - IN REVIEW

Thank you. I use those two words often, but they never quite seem to be enough.

On March 3, we gathered our Temple Sinai family together for a beautiful afternoon at the Pavilion of the Two Sisters at City Park for our annual Gala. We had an amazing time visiting with old friends and making new ones, eating delicious food from Pigeon Catering and of course, enjoying the fabulous show **Cantorful!** from Cantor Garfein and musical director pianist Bob Egan. Thank you Cantor Garfein for all of your hard work, preparation and giving us to the opportunity to be a part of your phenomenal one-woman, NYC-style show! With nearly 170 guests in attendance and over 220 supporters, what made this event even more special was that so many of you chose to support the Gala and Temple, even if you were not able to attend. Whether you bought a ticket, donated your time, or purchased a raffle ticket, YOU helped us exceed our goal for this essential temple fundraiser. For this, I thank you.

An event of this success only happens when we all pull together as a group. A HUGE thank you to our Gala co-chairs, Jennifer and Jack Benjamin, Jr. for their dedication, commitment, and innovative ideas that made this such a successful event. Thank you to our Gala Committee of: Caroline and Bob Brickman, Josh Danzig, Holly Friedman, Judy Gainsburgh, Amy Gainsburgh-Haspel, Susan Hess, and Robyn Nowak - your ideas, insight and vision set us on a course for success from the very beginning.

To Elizabeth Brodt, JJ Jensen Kornman, Lisa Dayan, Sierra Lavine and Tamie Bressler - you have my eternal gratitude for creating beautiful floral centerpieces and delivering them the morning of our event. Thank you, Elizabeth Brodt and Robyn Nowak, for visioning what it would take to make our space so gorgeous. I am beyond grateful for your hard work and dedication, making the vision come alive.

To our Temple Sinai staff, who are arguably the hardest working temple staff in the country - it doesn't happen without you, and we are beyond appreciative for you. Thank you Office/Finance Administrator Rachel Chamness, Communications Manager Shea McCoy, Administrative Assistants Sierra Lavine and Jack Roane and Custodian Thaddeus Sykes. Thank YOU!!!

I've heard so many positive comments about what a lovely afternoon it was. From the delicious food, gorgeous table displays to the innovative raffle items (that Foodie Raffle was a hit!), none of it would have been possible without the dedication of our Temple Sinai family. And finally, to Rabbi Daniel Sherman, our Officers & Board - I'm out of descriptors for my gratitude, I'm back to those two words: thank you.

L'shalom,

Jenn Daley, Executive Director

UPCOMING PROGRAMMING

ADULT EDUCATION

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES AT TEMPLE SINAI 7:00PM ONLINE VIA ZOOM

Join us online on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm for study and discussion, as we explore a variety of topics and prepare for upcoming Jewish holidays. We will continue to discuss the situation in Israel and the war with Hamas. We will also discuss other current events and Jewish news items that affect us locally, nationally, and around the world.

April 10: "Jews, News & Views"

April 17: "Preparing for Passover 5784"



If you would like to suggest topics for future classes and discussions, please contact Rabbi Sherman - rabbisherman@templesinaino.org

MAY 2024 MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Monday, May 6** Jewish Community *Yom HaShoah* Commemorative Program at the WWII Museum | 6:30PM
- Friday, May 10** Shabbat Evening Service and Ceremony of Confirmation
- Friday, May 17** Israel-Themed *Shabbat B'Shir* Service and Dinner
- Sunday, May 19** Community *Yom HaAtzmaut* Program at the Uptown JCC | 4-7PM
- Tuesday, May 21** Temple Sinai Annual Meeting
- Friday, May 31** Classic Sinai Sabbath Service honoring our Rabbi Emeritus Edward Cohn on the 50th Anniversary of his Rabbinic Ordination

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE
INSTALLATION OF
Cantor Rebecca Garfein
FRIDAY, APRIL 19

6:00PM SHABBAT SERVICE OF INSTALLATION
 FOLLOWED BY CONGREGATION SHABBAT DINNER



The service will be led by Cantor Garfein and Rabbi Sherman, along with our Emeriti Rabbi Edward Cohn and Cantor Joel Colman. Cantor Garfein will also be joined by her colleagues Cantor Claire Franco (Community Synagogue of Port Washington, NY) and Cantor Daniel Singer (Stephen Wise Free Synagogue of New York City). A celebratory dinner will follow.

First and foremost...

I am so very grateful to have had the opportunity to share my One-Woman Show, **Cantorful!** at this year's Temple Sinai Gala at the Pavilion of the Two Sisters in City Park. It was fantastic to have my friend, pianist and music director, Bob Egan here to play for me and at one point during the show, I realized how amazing it was to be able to bridge my life in NYC/NJ with my new life here in NOLA by having Bob here to play for the show. I want to thank Jennifer and Jack Benjamin and their terrific committee for their tremendous work on the gala. Huge gratitude to Jenn Daley, Shea McCoy, Rachel Chamness, Thadeus and all the Temple staff for making sure things ran smoothly. Huge gratitude to our clergy, Rabbi Sherman, Rabbi Cohn and Cantor Colman for their love and support. I am also thankful to our Board of Trustees for entrusting me with this year's gala. I truly had a blast and was so happy all in attendance seem to as well! Here is a copy of the review of our show: https://www.crescentcityjewishnews.com/cantor-rebecca-garfein-shines-in-recent-concert/?fbclid=IwAR3FH_ugKGrahOD-2SdFvupQHHRxVPqL5diloD0BPiM49dHJnHuOg5Lkqu0

I am now looking ahead and forward to my "formal" Installation weekend, April 19-21 where my beloved colleagues from New York, Cantor Daniel Singer, Stephen Wise Free Synagogue, and Cantor Claire Franco, The Community Synagogue of Port Washington, will join us in the celebration. We will also have members of our Children and Professional choirs as well as members of Panorama Brass Band joining us.

What is a Service of Installation? It is a chance to welcome a new Clergy into the community in a more official and formal way. I look forward to Rabbi Sherman leading the ceremony and having Cantor Colman and Rabbi Cohn join us as all the clergy bless me and say words of affirmation. It should be a most meaningful evening on so many levels. My children and new husband, Alexander have never experienced any of my prior Installation Services and this is only the third one of my career! The last Installation was well before my boys were born! So as you can see, I am looking forward to this upcoming special Shabbat with great anticipation!



Cantor Rebecca Garfein
 D.M.

On Sunday, April 21 at 2p.m., we will also have a wonderful concert, "From Bimah to Broadway," with Cantors Colman, Singer and Franco. We will also be joined by Cantor Kevin Margolius from Touro Synagogue and Cantorial Soloist, Jordan Lawrence for Congregation Gates of Prayer. Accompanying us on piano will be Loyola Professor as well as my voice teacher, Dreux Montegut. It should be a fantastic afternoon and I look forward to seeing you there! Proceeds from our concert will benefit those affected by the horrific Oct.7, 2023 attack in Israel.

Wishing you and yours a blessed Passover from our house to yours! I look forward to seeing you soon!

-Cantor Rebecca Garfein

FROM BIMAH *To Broadway*

A CANTORIAL CONCERT

Sunday, April 21 **2PM**

The celebration continues with a Cantorial Concert featuring Cantor Garfein and Friends with a wide array of Jewish music and beyond. All are welcome to join us for a fun afternoon for the entire community.

Cantor Rebecca Garfein, Temple Sinai, New Orleans
Cantor Claire Franco, The Community Synagogue, Port Washington, NY
Cantor Daniel Singer, Stephen Wise Free Synagogue, New York, NY
Cantor Emeritus Joel Colman, Temple Sinai, New Orleans
Cantor Kevin Margolius, Touro Synagogue, New Orleans
Cantorial Soloist Jordan Lawrence, Gates of Prayer, Metairie

1PM - VIP Hors D'oeuvres & Cocktail Reception
2PM - Cantorial Concert
4PM - Post-concert reception for all attendees

Ticket Information:
General Admission | \$18
VIP | \$75

VIP Ticket includes: Priority seating and pre-concert hors d'oeuvres and beverages.

TICKETS



PURIM RECAP!

What's Happening @ Chavurah@Sinai?



Our students are continuing to thrive in C@S! Aleph and Bet have been exploring Jewish values and connection with Israel. Gimel is learning about themselves and the world around us through the lens of Jewish leaders like Moses, Miriam, Aaron, Joshua and Deborah. Dalet is learning about standing up for what's right, reflecting on the Jewish history of civil rights advocacy and how to stand up against anti-semitism in our schools and society today.

This month we celebrated Purim, enjoying lots of hamantaschen, megillah readings, and joyful times together at our annual Purim carnival!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

We look forward to our Lagniappe Day next month, where we'll be watching *Prince of Egypt* together on Sunday, April 21 after Religious School.





Bim Bam Kids Club

**PASSOVER
EDITION**

**FRIDAY
APRIL 12
5:30PM**

Ages 2-5, but fun for the whole family!

GESHER




GRADES 11-12


WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

6-7PM

TEMPLE SINAI



All of our 11-12th Grade Students are invited to Dinner & Discussion with Rabbi Sherman at Temple Sinai on Wednesday evening, April 10 from 6-7pm. Please RSVP to the Temple office.



PASSOVER

5784



**TEMPLE
SINAI**
NOLA

- Monday, April 22 • 1st Night of Passover (*office closed*)
- Tuesday, April 23 • Congregational Seder at Temple
- Wednesday, April 24 • Annual LGBTQ+ Passover Seder with JPNOLA
- Friday, April 26 • Shabbat of Passover Evening Service
- Saturday, April 27 • Shabbat of Passover Morning Service
- Sunday, April 28 • 7th Night of Passover
- Monday, April 29 • Last Day of Passover (*office closed*)

SECOND NIGHT SEDER

Cost:

Member Adults | \$50

Non-member Adults | \$75

Children & College Students* | \$18

Seat for Elijah | \$36

(sponsor an extra reservation)

**children 8 years and younger FREE*

***catered by Rommel Catering*

****financial assistance available*

**REGISTER
HERE**

*or call the Temple
Office to make your
reservation
504.861.3693*



PASSOVER YIZKOR

Saturday, April 27

10:30AM Shabbat Morning Service

Twice a year we have a special service in which we remember all of those who have died recently. On Yom Kippur afternoon we have our annual Yizkor Memorial Service, when we read the names of all who have died the previous year. At the end of Passover, we stop to remember all who have died in the first half of the Jewish Year.

Please join us for our Shabbat Morning Service on the Sabbath of Passover on Saturday, April 27, beginning at 10:30am. The service will conclude with the recital of our Yizkor Memorial Prayers and our remembering all those whom we have lost thus far in 5784.



LGBTQ+

SEDER

@ TEMPLE SINAI
WED 04.24 | 6 PM

\$18 | FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

RSVP REQUIRED:

jewishnola.com/lgbtqseder

INTERFAITH

'PACK UP & GO ON THE ROAD'

Picnic Seder

SUN 04.14 | 11-1 PM
AUDUBON PARK

REGISTER @ [JEWISHNOLA.COM/INTERFAITHSEDER](https://www.jewishnola.com/interfaithseder)



TASTY TEEN SEDER

FOR 8TH-12TH GRADE

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

6:00PM AT TOURO SYNAGOGUE

Temple Sinai 8th-12th graders are invited to come and participate in and help lead a Seder designed specifically for teens! This is a great opportunity to explore your connection to Judaism and get to know other Jewish teens in New Orleans. Cost to attend is \$18.

[Click here to RSVP](#)



MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR

Matzah

--Pesach Crafts for Kids--

MATZAH HOUSE



What you Need:

- A rectangular piece of cardboard (about 12 by 14 inches)
- Aluminum foil
- Kitchen scissors
- 5 sheets of matzoh
- Matzoh crackers
- 2 cups peanut/nut butter
- A pastry bag or ziploc bag
- 1 cup matzoh meal
- Toothpicks
- Assorted kosher-for-Passover candies and chocolates, such as fruit slices, marshmallow twists, and jelly rings

Directions:

- 1 Before you start crafting, cover your work surface with newspaper or a plastic drop cloth to protect it from spills. Wrap the cardboard base in aluminum foil to make a nice, clean foundation for the house. Next, spread a thin, even coat of peanut butter on the surface of the foil.
- 2 First, fill a pastry bag or resealable plastic bag with about 1 cup of peanut butter and snip off the tip to form a quarter-inch opening. To begin building, stand two pieces of matzoh, with the edges forming a right angle to one other, upright on the cardboard base. Using the pastry bag, pipe a line of peanut butter along the seam where the two pieces of matzoh meet. Repeat with two more pieces of matzoh to form a square. Then pipe peanut butter into the inside corners and along the inside of the base to reinforce the structure. With the four walls intact, sprinkle the matzoh meal on the peanut butter surrounding the house, to create the appearance of sand. Carefully transfer the entire structure into the refrigerator to chill and set for 1 to 2 hours.
- 3 Place a sheet of matzoh on a plate (for easy transfer to the fridge at the end of this step). Spread the matzoh with a thin layer of peanut butter, then place your choice of chocolates or candies on top of the peanut butter to fashion the roof "tiles." We opted for chocolate-covered marshmallow twists, but you can use other kosher candies or create a shingled look by layering matzoh crackers. Refrigerate the roof for 1 hour until it's chilled and set. If your roof is particularly heavy, you can build some extra support into the house structure. In that case, remove the house from the refrigerator briefly and place an additional support sheet of matzoh vertically inside the square base, securing it in place with additional peanut butter. The house does not need to be refrigerated again and the roof can be placed securely on top of the structure.
- 4 Take your pick of the suggestions below, or let your imagination run wild as you customize the appearance of your abode:
 - Windows: Cut round, flat, kosher jelly candies into squares to create four-pane windows; attach them to the sides of the house using peanut butter. Alternately, create circular windows by attaching chocolate-covered jelly rings to the house walls.
 - Door: Create the perfect entryway by placing two chocolate-covered marshmallow twists vertically, side by side, on the front of the house.
 - Fence: Pipe a line of peanut butter along the outer edge of the base and place jelly fruit slices, cut side down, on top of it.
 - Path: Secure two matzoh crackers with peanut butter to the base as a walkway to the door.
 - Flowering bush: Place small, green jelly fruit slices in a cluster and adorn them with cut-out pieces of red and purple jellies.
 - Palm tree: Stack about 10 round jellies on top of one another, securing them with a toothpick to hold the trunk of the tree together. Using toothpicks, attach green fruit slices to the top of the trunk to form leaves. Anchor the palm tree to the base in front of the house with additional toothpicks.
 - Once you've finished adding the decorations, return the house to the refrigerator for 1 to 2 hours to chill and set.

NOT JUST Matzah

Recipes to try at home this Pesach

Matzah Balls



Ingredients:

- 4 eggs separated
- 1/2 cup cold water
- 1/4 cup chicken fat or vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon finely minced parsley
- Large pinch of ginger
- 1 1/4 cup matzah meal
- 2 quarts water with 1 chicken bouillon cube added

Directions:

1. Beat egg whites with a rotary beater (or a whisk) until slightly fluffy. Beat or mix egg yolks with the water until foamy. Combine egg whites and yolk mixture, and beat with the rotary mixer until combined and foamy.
2. Add fat or oil, salt, pepper, garlic powder, parsley, and ginger to the egg mixture and beat well to form an emulsion.

3. Add the matzah meal and stir with a fork until thoroughly combined. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight or at least 2 hours before making the balls.
4. When ready to cook matzah balls, bring water and bouillon to a boil in a 3-quart pot. Make sure the bouillon cube is dissolved. Reduce the temperature so water is at a low simmer.
5. Lightly grease your hands with a little oil and form balls. Drop them into the simmering seasoned water. If the water is boiling too rapidly, the matzah balls will fall apart.
6. Cover the pot and cook for 20 minutes over moderate heat. Do not lift the top off the pot before the time is up.



Traditional Charoset

Ingredients:

- 8–10 sweet apples, Fuji, Gala, Honey Crisp, etc.
- 8–10 ounces of pecans, toasted
- 1 Tablespoon cinnamon, or to taste
- 1/4 cup clover honey, or to taste
- 1 cup Concord grape wine, such as Kedem

Directions:

1. Peel, core, and cut the apples into 8 pieces.
2. Place half of the apples in a food-processor workbowl and pulse until the pieces are about 1/4 inch. (Alternatively, you can use a wooden bowl and a single-blade chopper/ hand-grater.) Transfer them to a large glass bowl and repeat with the remaining apples.

3. Toast the pecans at 350°F for 5 minutes. Cool slightly, for about 3 minutes, then add them to the workbowl. Pulse the machine on and off until the pecans are finely chopped, or hand-chop.
4. Mix the pecans with the apples.
5. Add the cinnamon and honey to the apple mixture and stir to combine.
6. Add the wine and mix well. If the mixture is watery, drain off the excess liquid, adjusting the cinnamon, honey, and wine as desired. Cover and refrigerate overnight, but preferably 1–2 days. Although the charoset will taste delicious right away, time will allow the flavors to mellow and balance.

Passover Brisket



Ingredients:

- Vegetable spray for roasting pan
- One 4-6 pound, well-trimmed brisket
- 2 large onions, thinly sliced
- One 1-oz envelope of dried onion soup mix
- ½ cup dark brown sugar, packed
- ½ cup ketchup
- 4 cups beef broth

Directions:

Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Spray large roasting pan with vegetable spray. Rinse the brisket well under cool running water and pat dry with a paper towel. Position brisket in roasting pan, fatty side up, and scatter onions over the top. In medium mixing bowl, thoroughly combine soup mix, brown sugar, ketchup and beef broth. Drizzle mixture evenly over the brisket and onions. Bake uncovered for one hour, basting once. Cover with lid or foil and continue cooking for 3 hours or until tender. Remove brisket from pan and let sit 20 minutes before slicing.

Tzimmes

Ingredients:

- 4 cups apricot nectar
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 6 tbsp margarine
- ¾ cup chopped dried apricots
- 2 tbsp of light brown sugar
- ¼ cup honey
- 1 ½ tsp of kosher salt
- ½ tsp of cinnamon
- ½ tsp of pepper
- 5 pounds of sweet potatoes – peeled and sliced into medallions
- 1 small bag of baby carrots
- ¼ cup of pitted prunes

Directions:

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Grease 13 x 9 glass dish. In large cooking pot, combine apricot nectar, chicken broth, margarine, apricots, brown sugar, honey, salt, cinnamon, and pepper. Heat until margarine melts. Then, add sweet potatoes, carrots and bring to a boil. Cover pot and turn to stove to medium/low until potatoes soften (about 15 minutes). Take off heat. Use slotted spoon to take out potatoes, carrots and transfer to greased baking dish. Add in prunes and pour juice from pot over potatoes, making sure apricots from pot also get transferred to baking dish. Cover with heavy foil. Bake for 30 minutes, remove foil and continue baking for 55 minutes. If not immediately serving, reheat in oven at 300 degrees for ½ hour.



2024 GALA

IN REVIEW





Lifecycle Events Yahrzeiten



March 31-April 6

Mina Campell Alaynick
Felix L. Alcus
Samuel T. Alcus, Sr.
Ethel Wickert Ampolsk
Sydney J. Besthoff, Jr.
Raphael Block
Harry J. Blumenthal
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April 2

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April 4

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April 6

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Jeanne Smolkin

April 9

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Stephanie Simoneaux
Rose Anne Suffrin

April 10

Dr. Melville Sternberg
Elijah Wait Krochmal

April 11

Meryl Burka
Dr. Harris Hyman, III

April 13

Lisa Zoller

April 14

Jan C. Benjamin
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Dr. Myron Schneider

April 15

Ariel Gutierrez
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April 16

Isaac Rothman

April 17

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Julia Walker

April 18

William Frank
Devereux Moring, III
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April 19

Erin Butler
Elisabeth Schwerd

April 20

Terri Haffner
Robert MacMaster
Daphne Moses

April 21

Eric Aschaffenburg
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Dr. Mark Kappelman
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Melinda Mayer

April 22

Bridget Bories
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Dr. Jason Gaines

April 23

Hannah Mendler
Morgan Sherman
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Dorothy Weisler

April 24

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April 25

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April 28

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DARRYL BERGER

Recipient of The Times-Picayune Loving Cup for 2023



Temple Sinai would like to congratulate our long-time member, Darryl Berger, on his selection to receive The Times-Picayune Loving Cup for 2023.

Darryl is being honored for his ongoing dedication to serving the city and community that he loves. We are so proud of Darryl for all of his accomplishments, his giving spirit, his sense of community service, and so much more. He and Louellen are examples of all that is best about New Orleans. We are also grateful for their ongoing support of Temple Sinai.

The Loving Cup has been awarded annually since 1901 to individuals who have worked unselfishly for the community without expectation of public recognition or material reward. A public presentation of the award will be held later.

Darryl joins an impressive list of Temple Sinai members who have been awarded the Loving Cup, including: Isidore Newman (1902), Simon Schwartz (1923), Edgar Stern (1930), Felix P. Dreyfous (1933), Samuel Zemurray (1938), Ida Friend (1946), Harry Latter (1950), Joseph H. Epstein (1952), Captain Neville Levy (1957), Percival Stern (1963), Edith Stern (1964), Rabbi Julian B. Feibelman (1967), Harry Salmon, Sr. (1968), William B. Burkenroad, Jr. (1974), Moise Steeg, Jr. (2004), and William Goldring (2011).

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Asher Emerson, who became a Bar Mitzvah at Temple Sinai, on March 23. Asher is the son of Gia & Noah Emerson.

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