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Jewish Disability Awareness Month

February is Jewish Disability Awareness Month. Each year Temple Sinai’s Access Committee endeavors to think of ways to make our congregation more aware of the needs of people with disabilities and help create a more inclusive environment. Those who attend our programs appreciate our presentations and ask insightful questions. We leave feeling hopeful that attitudes are changed and that we may have helped create a friendlier and more inviting synagogue. Alas, after a short while, we all forget and return to our old habits. It is only when we, as congregants with disabilities, engage and assimilate ourselves into the synagogue’s activities that we feel truly included.

Denise and I are active members of the Disability Movement. We have advocated for making the environment more accessible. We have worked diligently to ensure that laws and regulations were passed and implemented that guarantees the civil rights of people with disabilities. I am delighted and thankful for the progress the Movement has been able to make in these areas. Advocates in the Movement have also started and served on Boards of great not-for-profit agencies that promote equality and inclusiveness in education, employment, housing, and healthcare. We have tried to raise people’s consciences regarding disabilities by giving many presentations to schools, colleges, community groups, religious groups, businesses, agencies, etc. Progress in these areas is less obvious.

I know that I feel the most included when I am working with a team. Often at Wells Fargo, I attended meetings where many of the attendees didn’t know me. I was amused by seeing the fear on their faces as they saw me for the first time. The air in the room sometime was very thick due to their anxiety. If I led the meeting, I’d begin by saying “For the next few minutes, you probably won’t understand what the hell I’m saying because of my New York accent!” I would always get a laugh. (To be fair, Denise originated the line.) As the meeting progressed and we started talking about work, I loved seeing faces relax and the air clear as they forgot about how different I looked and sounded.

Each of us and the groups we are members of has a unique set of experiences and skills. Many people with disabilities are good at problem-solving since

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Jewish
Disability
Awareness &
Inclusion
Month

Disabilities Awareness
Shabbat Service

Friday, February 14, 6:30pm
Sanctuary



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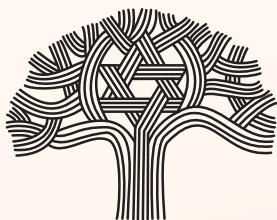
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Happy New Year!...wait wasn't that last month? Actually, we also have a new year in February. The evening of February 9th begins the minor festival known as Tu b'Shvat or the new year of the trees. In Midrash Rosh HaShanah 1:1 it explains: *The four new years are: On the first of Nisan, the new year for the kings and for the festivals; On the first of Elul, the new year for the tithing of animals; Rabbi Eliezer and Rabbi Shimon say, on the first of Tishrei. On the first of Tishrei, the new year for years, for the Sabbatical years and for the Jubilee years and for the planting and for the vegetables. On the first of Shevat, the new year for the trees*

according to the words of the House of Shammai; The House of Hillel says, on the fifteenth thereof.

The many new years help us to mark time and to celebrate the ever-changing world around us. Tu b'Shvat began as a date on the calendar dictating when farmers should bring their fruit to the Temple for offerings. Centuries went by and a "new" ritual was created to celebrate this date called the Feast of Fruits in the 1600s. Today, we know this Feast of Fruits as the Tu b'Shvat seder highlighting the changing of the seasons with four cups of wine and samplings of the seven species.

Since moving here to the East Bay in June, I have been highly attuned to protecting the earth in a way that may feel like second nature to others. I am amazed on a daily basis at the incredible work of this congregation to preserve the earth. May we all continue to do the crucial work of preserving our natural environment.

I invite you to celebrate the new year with a seder here at Temple Sinai on February 7, or create one in your house or with family and friends. A number of Tu b'Shvat seders are also available online. *Chag sameach! Happy holiday!*

- Stephanie Ben Simon
Director of Education

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their survival often requires it. Many people with visual disabilities have great listening skills. People who are deaf or hard-of-hearing have been texting long before it became popular. People with intellectual disabilities often have wonderful abilities to show appreciation.

For the past three years, I've been a member of the Temple Sinai Strategic Visioning Task Force. We developed a tagline (*Explore Tradition. Find Purpose. Create Community*) and a new mission statement that was recently adopted by the Board. The Board has embarked on a strategic planning process that will determine how to implement these goals. We will be seeking input from the congregation and the greater East Bay community. As we continue to create the Temple Sinai Community, let's consider how we can rely on and expect more from each other. Let's focus on how the unique experiences and skills each of us have can make our synagogue a place everyone feels welcomed, needed, and appreciated.

Be sure to join the Access Committee on February 14 for Temple Sinai's annual Disability Awareness Shabbat.

- Neil Jacobson

First Friday in the Round

Friday, February 7, 6:30pm, Albers Chapel

Join us to welcome Shabbat with a new song-filled worship service celebrating the richness of Kabbalat Shabbat and the spirit of community.



Tu b'Shvat Seder

Friday, February 7, 7:30pm, Albers Chapel

Please join us for this annual joyous and light Tu b'Shvat seder after the Friday night service. Sinai Green's Seder includes song, dance, and of course, food! It's a fun way for us to celebrate Judaism's long attachment to the environment. RSVP to green@oaklandsinai.org.



Shabbat Morning Minyan

Saturday, February 8, 10:30am, Albers Chapel

The Shabbat Minyan service is filled with spirit, music, and community. These services are lay led by a member of the Minyan Committee, along with wide participation throughout the service by congregants. Stay for a potluck Kiddush lunch immediately following services.

Sababa Shabbat Service and Dinner

Friday, February 21, 5:30pm, Albers Chapel

For kids ages 0-8 and their families, it's a kid-focused Friday evening Shabbat service. Shabbat Service is first followed by pizza dinner.

RSVP required for dinner by February 18 at oaklandsinai.org.



Erev Shabbat — Mizmor Shir! Service

Friday, February 21, 7:30pm, Albers Chapel

A musical Shabbat service featuring Cantor Keys and the *Mizmor Shir!* musicians. This service features congregational melodies and eclectic, contemporary music which compliment the creative service booklet.

Erev Shabbat Family Service Dinner

Friday, February 28, 5:00pm, Sanctuary

Spend Shabbat in community at our Friday family services. Connect with other families over an informal Shabbat dinner and then gather together for our family-friendly service led by 5th Grade and Junior Choir.

RSVP required for dinner by February 25 at oaklandsinai.org.

Sign Up now for Spring Pop-Up Shabbat Dinners!

Friday, March 6, 2020—Oakland (Lincoln Highlands area) intergenerational, 2 cats, one dog (dog will be elsewhere), wheelchair access (5 spots left)

Friday, April 3, 2020—Piedmont (off of Estates Drive), adults and teens, has no pets. Please no smoking or perfume (1 spot left)

Friday, April 17, 2020—Redwood Heights area, Oakland, adults preferred. Has no pets. Some steps and non-smoking (3 spots left)

April 24, 2020—Piedmont, 8 guests, small dog, no smoking (5 spots left)

Friday, May 15, 2020—Oakland, Montclair area, 7 guests, 2 small, friendly dogs, no smoking or perfume, some stairs (7 spots left)

Contact Joanne Rocklin at jrocklin@mac.com to sign up!

Schedule of Services

Saturday, February 1, 10:30am

Shabbat Morning Service with the Bat Mitzvah of Hanna Raskin, Sanctuary

Friday, February 7, 6:30pm

First Friday Shabbat in the Round, Albers Chapel followed by Tu b'Shvat Seder in Stern Hall

Saturday, February 8, 10:30am

Shabbat Minyan Service, Albers Chapel

Shabbat Morning Service with the B'nei Mitzvah of Desmond Sobel and Calder Underwood, Sanctuary

Friday, February 14, 6:30pm

Disability Awareness Shabbat Service, Albers Chapel

Saturday, February 15, 10:30am

Shabbat Morning Service with the Bat Mitzvah of Greta Frances, Sanctuary

Friday, February 21

5:30pm Sababa Shabbat for children ages 0-8 and their families, Albers Chapel

7:30pm *Mizmor Shir!* Shabbat Service, Sanctuary

Saturday, February 22, 10:30am

Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, February 28, 6:30pm

Erev Shabbat Family Service led by 5th grade religious school class with music by the Junior Choir, Sanctuary

Saturday, February 29

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service with the Bat Mitzvah of Eve Handelsman, Sanctuary

Community

Social Action

Help the Hungry in 2020

Thanks to everyone who helped cook and serve holiday meals and brought food for the food drives in 2019, but don't forget that there are hungry people all year. You can help by making dishes that can be frozen and reheated for the Monday hot meals at First Presbyterian Church. Cook a turkey or make a large aluminum pan of mac 'n' cheese or lasagna or your favorite casserole. Leave it in the refrigerator in the temple kitchen labeled "For Social Action" Notify SinaiSocialAction@Oaklandsinai.org so we can arrange to take it to the church.

Census 2020

Census 2020 will determine federal funding for our schools, healthcare, transportation, and housing as well as congressional representation. Nearly 26% of Alameda County residents are considered "hard-to-count." For every person not counted, our community loses \$10,000 over the next 10 years. Temple Sinai is working with faith and community partners to help ensure everyone is counted. The first step in this process is to get community members trained to help. You can apply to be a census ambassador at <http://bit.ly/CensusAmbassador>. Please share this information widely.

The census is also hiring census workers for jobs paying \$20-\$28/hour. If you are interested, visit <https://2020census.gov/en/jobs/job-details.html>.

If you have questions about Temple Sinai's participation in the census contact Andrew Shear at census@ashearlaw.com

FEBRUARY DRIVES

- Socks and Toiletries
- Warm Clothes

SAVE THE DATE

Unity Seder – March 26

Watch the e-news and March Bulletin for details



Women of Temple Sinai.....

Save the Date of March 13 for the 30th WTS Shabbat

On December 9th a group of 16 women met to begin our study and planning together for the 2020 WTS Shabbat Service. This year's service on March 13, Ki Tisa, will be the 30th since Leona Chester so wonderfully brought the idea to life for our synagogue. Thirty years of women deepening their understanding of Torah, 30 years of developing friendships and community, 30 years of sharing our songs, interpretations and prayers with the congregation. Come, be part of this spiritual Shabbat. Bring your voices, your heart and soul and let's welcome the Shabbat bride together.

Adopt A Family

Many thanks to Adopt A Family Donors

The Adopt a Family program (AAF) at Greenleaf Elementary School in Oakland was once again a great success thanks to more than 65 generous donors who brought cheer to over 145 students, nearly a third of the school population.



Joyful faces of Greenleaf school students who received gifts from People of the Book's Adopt a Family program!"

AAF started 15 years ago when the Literacy Project recognized that many families at one of its partner schools did not have the financial resources to provide holiday gifts for their children. AAF has increased in size and reputation: donors from our congregation are now joined by many friends.

Rodolfo Perez, Outreach Coordinator at Greenleaf, does the tremendous job of selecting families in need, matching them with donors, obtaining the gift lists and forwarding them to donors, receiving the gifts from donors, and distributing them to the families. It is a nearly all-consuming job in November and December. He is limited to 60 families because it requires such a personal touch. In addition to wishlist donations, many other donors supplied gift cards and stuffed animals. Some of the gift cards will be used throughout the year for urgent needs. AAF truly touches many children and their parents. We deeply appreciate all participants.

People of the Book Literacy Project

Temple Sinai's Partnership Makes a Difference

As a new decade begins, we want to express our deepest thanks to Temple Sinai members for their generous gifts of excellent books and funds, as well as to our community partners such as Redwood Day School and Hillcrest School. We also want to thank our wonderful volunteers who tutor students at Greenleaf, Sankofa, and TCN, and who help us by sorting, transporting, and sharing our books at our school-wide giveaways. Our goal is to help children learn to love reading, and all of your help make this possible.

We appreciate the hard work of **Debbi Berenberg** and **Susan Rancer** who helped make the Adopt a Family Project such a success. **Rodolfo Perez**, Greenleaf Outreach Coordinator, is amazing, and is a one-person organizer at the school end by recruiting families, contacting donors and making sure that the gifts are delivered and picked up on time.

Helen Smiler, Teri Bleckner, Geoff and Barbara Kotin, and all who helped with the Food Drive, are a great team.

Thank you to **Tom Revelli** of Montclair Sports for his generous donation of new shoes to families in need.

Six year-old **Gavin Schlesinger** collected school supplies and backpacks for his birthday this year, and delivered them with his grandmother **Debbi Berenberg** to Greenleaf for students in need of those items. Terrific mitzvah Gavin!

A few comments from our partner schools:

"Thank you to Temple Sinai for sponsoring author Annie Barrows to share with our 3rd graders. Not only were our third graders an amazing audience, they proposed the cutest questions you might think of. Students also realized that writing a good book means taking creative liberty to real events. Life is the inspiration, but creativity makes it

life-changing. In addition, Temple Sinai is generously doing a food drive to support Greenleaf families. We appreciate your support and generosity."

- Greenleaf School Principal

"Thank you JEAN and JUDY for coordinating a beautiful author visit." (Re author Juan Guerra)

- ICS principal

So far this year we have made a huge difference to our partner schools with:

- Author visits by Annie Barrows (Ivy & Bean) to Greenleaf School and Juan Guerra to International Community School (ICS)
- A much-needed grant to Greenleaf School to purchase library books. (Additional grants will go to Think College Now (TCN), ICS, and Bella Vista School.)
- School-wide book giveaways to TCN and Bella Vista School (more coming to our other partner schools), plus many, many gifts of free books to Greenleaf, La Escuelita, Grass Valley, St. Mary's Preschool, Habitot Children's Museum, and other organizations in our community.



Author Annie Barrows at Greenleaf School



Author Juan Guerra at International Community School

VOTE FOR OUR VALUES IN THE WZO

The World Zionist Congress Elections will take place from January 21 - March 11 and your vote is critical to maintaining a strong Reform presence in Israel, including Rabbi Mates-Muchin, who is running as a delegate on the ARZA/Reform slate. A strong presence will enable the Reform Movement to influence the disbursement of millions of dollars and put leaders in place who will ensure that decisions about government and public spending over the Green Line, including land purchases, reflect the Movement's values and positions. This is the way we can continue to build a democratic society in Israel that truly reflects the Jewish values we hold dear: pluralism, equality, economic justice, and peace. Your vote is the only democratic opportunity we have as American Jews to influence Israeli society in support of these values. Beginning January 21 you can vote at <https://azm.org/elections>. Keep your eye on the website and weekly email for more information and opportunities to volunteer to help us make sure that every adult congregant votes.



Vote Reform

World Zionist Congress Elections | January 21-March 11, 2020 | ARZA.org



Youth and Education

SiTY Events

Pacific Pinball Museum

Saturday, February 8, 1:00 – 4:00pm, Alameda

The Pacific Pinball Museum is filled with murals, jukeboxes, and over 90 pinball machines available to play! We'll have some pinball time, then head out for crepes and coffee.

Save the Dates

SiTY Purim Shul-In

Saturday, March 7 – Sunday, March 8
8-12th Grade SiTY Purim Shul-In.

Bagels to Bedtime

Saturday, March 21, 8:00am – 8:00pm
An 8th grade all day adventure in Santa Cruz!

Maccabiah Color Wars

Sunday, April 19, 2020, 1:00pm

Contact michele@oaklandsinai.org for info
on any youth events.

PARENT AND ME

Jewish Music Class

For toddlers and preschoolers and their families.

Led by Temple Sinai song leader
ISAAC ZONES

Temple Sinai, 2808 Summit Street, Oakland

Class will be 6 weeks
Wednesdays
from 9:30 – 10:15am

Classes will be held
February 19 and 26, and
March 4, 11, 18, and 25.

Cost: \$75 for series

REGISTER AT
WWW.OAKLANDSINAI.ORG
For more information, contact ellen@oaklandsinai.org.

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Sinai in Song

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS WITH CANTOR KEYS

A Journey to the Cantorate

Wednesday, February 12, 2020, 7:30pm

An intimate conversation highlighting Cantor Keys' cantorial career and what brought her to this calling facilitated by congregant and stand-up comedian David Cohen.

Presented by Women of Temple Sinai.

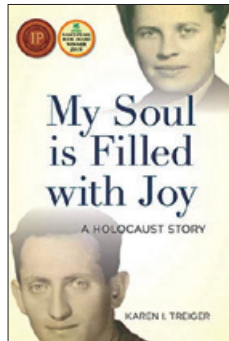


Book Reading by Author Karen Treiger “My Soul Is Filled with Joy— A Holocaust Story”

Wednesday, February 5, 7:00pm,
Albers Chapel

The Fine Arts Committee on Culture and Community invites you to a reading of “My Soul is Filled with Joy” on the evening of Wednesday, February 5.

- Winner of the PNWA Nancy Pearl Books Award - Best Memoir
- Winner of Bronze Medal in World History Independent Publishers Assoc.



“Impeccably researched, well-crafted, and profoundly felt, this is a tale of hope and promise that emerges from horror and destruction, as well as one of the powers of the human spirit.”

- Steve Steinberg, Author

I urge everyone to look deeply into this book and accept its priceless gift of a new life. . . . I call this book sacred, for (as with all forms of scripture) it tells not only what happened — but how to live in light of the story.”

- Rabbi Yitz Greenberg, chairman,
the United States Holocaust Memorial Council, 2000-2002

Walking in the Valley of the Shadow Series

Beginning Wednesday, February 5, 7:30pm,
JCC East Bay in Berkeley

HAMAQOM (formerly Lehrhaus Judaica) is reprising its acclaimed series, “Walking in the Valley of the Shadow...And Not Being Afraid.” a series of discussions about the challenging issues surrounding death and dying. Sessions focus on advance directives and final wishes; Jewish laws, customs, and traditions concerning the body and burial; the art of comforting the sick and the bereaved; mourning and grieving; and Jewish perspectives on the afterlife. This 6-session program will be offered at the JCC East Bay in Berkeley, as well as the JCC’s in San Francisco and Marin.



The Berkeley sessions are Wednesday evenings from 7:30 – 9:00pm. The first session, on February 5, is entitled “The Other Conversation: Talking with Your Family About Your Final Wishes,” and will be taught by Sam Salkin, Director of Sinai Memorial Chapel. Go to <https://hmqm.org/yourhaus-our-course-offerings/> for complete listings and registration.

Dream a Little Dream of Me— Temple Sinai Tin Pan Alley Singers’ 21st Annual Concert and Sing-along

Saturday, February 8, 7:00pm, Sanctuary

Presented by The Fine Arts Committee on Culture and Community, this fun event will have you singing like the stars!

Lyrics are projected on a screen so you can sing along to songs including “San Francisco,” “Ain’t We Got Fun,” “Dream a Little Dream of Me,” “Pretty Baby,” “Carolina in the Morning,” and “It Had to Be You.” Cost is \$18* at the door (over 80 or under 30 are \$12), a bit less at brownpapertickets.com/event/4411874

Contact Phil Rubin at phil@legalmaster.com or (510) 547-8080 with questions.

*Funds raised help bring this program to retirement communities including: Reutlinger Home for Jewish Living, Rhoda Goldman Plaza, Baywood Court, Belmont Village, Merrill Gardens, Bayside Park, The Point at Rockridge, The Lake Merritt, Piedmont Gardens, Lake Park



Modern Hebrew Poetry and the Echoes of the Bible with Rabbi Regev

Sunday, February 9, 9:30 – 11:30am, Albers Chapel

Join Rabbi Regev to explore highlights of the modern Hebrew poetic cannon and the unique ways that Israeli poets echo and subvert the words of the bible and the rabbinic Jewish cannon. No Hebrew reading experience is necessary — we will be reading in translation alongside the Hebrew for those who may be fluent.

Lunch and Culture

Tuesday, February 25, 12:00pm

Screening of “Above and Beyond,” a documentary telling the story of four American pilots who smuggled planes out of the U.S., trained behind the Iron Curtain in Czechoslovakia, and flew for Israel in its War of Independence.

RSVP required at oaklandsinai.org by Friday, February 21.



Giving

Todah rabah! Thank you very much to the following who provided contributions to Temple Sinai. These donations were recorded between October 30 and December 31, 2019. For corrections or additions to this list, please contact rhonda@oaklandsinai.org (510) 451-3263 x303.

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in memory of Sadie Korn

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in memory of Aaron Greenberg

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in memory of Sadie My-La Korn

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in memory of Michael Kamby

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in memory of Sadie Korn

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*in celebration of the Bat Mitzvah
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in memory of Beverly Thorne

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job as Board President*

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Emma Danziger*

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Yesod

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Birthdays

Michael Semler	2/1
Jeff Gouveia	2/4
Michael Sands	2/4
Marilyn Friedman	2/5
Pat Livingston	2/6
Janet Weinstein	2/6
Gilbert Holtzman	2/9
Steven Oppenheimer	2/9
Rita Zwerdling	2/11
Melissa Batavia	2/14
Allan Gordon	2/14
Michael Rancer	2/14
Bruce Joffe	2/15
Sarah Goldberg	2/16
Adam Briones	2/17
Carol Sideman	2/18
Lisa Braver Moss	2/19
Samuel Schuchat	2/19
Elaine Binger	2/20
David Gold	2/20
Karen Marker	2/20
Ben Harrison	2/21
Christine Lekutis	2/21
Jerome Muchin	2/21
Andrew Nourafshan	2/21
Ben Lepow	2/22
Scotia Miller	2/22
Steven Wolmark	2/22
Arthur Lande	2/24
David Wagman	2/25
David Mason	2/26

Anniversaries

68	Mike and Susan Levy 2/10
61	Norm and Carole Robinow 2/1
45	Frank and Libby Silver 2/22
40	Bart Schenone and Sandie Margulies 2/23
40	Elliott and Rubi Abrams 2/17
40	Mark and Kerri Lubin 2/10
15	George and Maggie Lazar 2/18
5	Allison Henkel and Mel Forter 2/13

Welcome New Members

Sarah and Boris Korsunsky, Eli, Ezra
 Emily and Mark Loper, Luke
 Jaclyn Mayer and Charles Glover, Dashiell, Jules
 Benjamin Olson and Madeline Noonan, Max
 Jessie and Ethan Ornstein, Eden
 Judit and Gabor Pap, Vince
 Ariyele Ressler and Jeff Clarke, Arisa
 Danny and Pola Stein, Miles

Birthdays and anniversaries are listed in multiples of 5 as well as birthdays age 80 and over. Mazel Tov!

B'nei Mitzvah



Hanna Raskin
 Daughter of
 Deanne
 Detmers-Raskin
 February 1



Desmond Sobel
 Son of
 Henry Sobel and
 Susan Bessler
 February 8

Calder Underwood
 Son of Shana
 Lazerow and
 Christopher
 Underwood
 February 8



Greta Frances Kaufman
 Daughter of
 Shara Kaufman and
 Matthew Frances
 February 15



Eve Handelsman
 Daughter of
 Sarah and Michael
 Handelsman
 February 29

REMEMBRANCES

We mourn the loss of:

Adrienne Sue Bennett
 Mother of Ricki Bennett

Gerry Eiselman
 Brother of Steve Eiselman

Miriam Bloomberg
 Temple Sinai Member

Bonnie Hirsch
 Mother of Joanna Hirsch

Simon Cohn
 Husband of Janet Cohn

Sadie Korn
 Daughter of Daniel Korn & Trang La

Stephen Corbin
 Brother of Susie Neuwelt

Rita Ann Wodinsky
 Mother of Tanya and Erika Wodinsky

May their memories be a blessing.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

9:00am Torah Study
10:30am Shabbat Morning Service with Bat Mitzvah of Hanna Raskin

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

No 7th grade Religious School

9:30am Modern Hebrew Poetry and the Echoes of the Bible with Rabbi Regev
12:00pm 4th Grade Mikveh Visit
1:00pm Purim Spiel Rehearsal

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

7:30am Tuesday Morning Minyan
7:00pm Adult Choir

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

12:15pm Al-Anon Meeting
3:45pm 4th Grade Mikvah Visit
3:45pm Religious School
7:00pm Author Event "My Soul is Filled with Joy" - Fine Arts Committee
7:00pm Purim Spiel Rehearsal
7:30pm Introduction to the Jewish Experience

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

7:30pm WTS & Friends Bridge Night

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

6:30pm First Friday Shabbat in the Round
7:30pm Tu b'Shvat Seder

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

SITY Event

9:00am Torah Study
10:30am Shabbat Morning Minyan
10:30am Shabbat Morning Service with B'nei Mitzvah of Desmond Lev Sobel and Calder Underwood
7:00pm Tin Pan Alley Sing-Along

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

9:30am Modern Hebrew Poetry and the Echoes of the Bible with Rabbi Regev
11:30am Junior Choir
1:00pm Purim Spiel Rehearsal
2:00pm Family School

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

7:30am Tuesday Morning Minyan
7:00pm Adult Choir

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

12:15pm Al-Anon Meeting
6:00pm Committee Dinner
6:15pm WTS Board Meeting
6:30pm Education Committee Meeting
6:30pm Social Action Committee
6:30pm Sinai Green Meeting
7:00pm Purim Spiel Rehearsal
7:30pm Introduction to the Jewish Experience
7:30pm Women of Temple Sinai Presents A Journey To the Cantorate with Cantor Ilene Keys

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

6:30pm Erev Shabbat Service with Disability Awareness Program

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

9:00am Torah Study
10:30am Shabbat Morning Service with Bat Mitzvah of Greta Kaufman Frances

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

No 7th Grade Religious School

No Religious School

11:30am No Junior Choir
1:00pm Purim Spiel Rehearsal

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

No 7th Grade Religious School

No Religious School

Office Closed for President's Day

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

No 7th Grade Religious School

No Jewsdays Night

No Religious School

No Adult Choir

7:30am Tuesday Morning Minyan
7:30pm WTS & Friends Bridge Night

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

No Religious School

12:15pm Al-Anon Meeting
1:00pm WTS Book Group Meeting
6:00pm Ritual Committee Meeting
7:00pm Purim Spiel Rehearsal
7:00pm Temple Board Meeting
7:30pm Introduction to the Jewish Experience

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

NFTY 8th Grade Experience (Feb. 21-23)

5:30pm Sababa Shabbat Service and Dinner

7:30pm Erev Shabbat - Mizmor Shir! Service

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

9:00am Torah Study
10:30am Shabbat Morning Service

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

11:30am Junior Choir
1:00pm Purim Spiel Rehearsal
1:00pm RS Faculty Meeting
3:00pm 7th grade Religious school

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

7:30am Tuesday Morning Minyan
12:00pm Lunch & Culture
7:00pm Adult Choir

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

12:15pm Al-Anon Meeting
3:45pm 6th Grade Family Program
7:00pm Purim Spiel Rehearsal
7:00pm Israel Education Committee Meeting
7:30pm Introduction to the Jewish Experience

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

5:00pm Erev Shabbat Family Service Dinner
6:30pm Erev Shabbat Family Service led by 5th grade and Junior Choir

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

9:00am Torah Study
10:30am Shabbat Morning Service with Bat Mitzvah of Eve Handelsman



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Celebrate Purim!

This year's Purim Spiel is

"The Megillys"

The award ceremony for *the best of the best*
Temple Sinai Purim Spiel Moments!

Purim Spiel and Carnival Erev Purim

Sunday, March 8

10:00am Purim Spiel

11:00am Purim Carnival

Monday, March 9

5:30pm Purim Dinner, Stern Hall

6:00pm Erev Purim Megillah Reading and Spiel, Sanctuary

Directed by **Jackie Berkman**, Assistant Director **Teddy Mates-Muchin**.

Writer and Musical Director **Lucy Harris**.



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Scholar in Residence Weekend

Friday, March 20 – Sunday, March 22

FEATURING NOAH ARONSON,
Jewish musical artist

