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Passover at Temple Sinai

Fourth Annual Unity Seder

Tuesday, April 16, 6:00 – 9:00pm, Stern Hall

Invite members of other faith communities to join you at a welcoming interfaith celebration of freedom and



redemption with ritual foods, complimentary dinner, dessert, and a special Haggadah. Help needed with desserts, ritual foods, Seder plates, set up and clean up. Get more volunteer and RSVP information in e-news or from sinaisocialaction@ oaklandsinai.org. RSVP by April 14 at oaklandsinai.org/Passover.

WTS Women's Seder and Shared Dinner

Wednesday, April 17, 5:45pm, Stern Hall

Join us as we honor the heroines of Jewish history and rejoice in our personal liberation.

Share in an inspiring women's intergenerational service using our WTS Haggadah.

Invite your daughters, mothers, sisters, aunts, cousins and friends!

Wine and ceremonial foods are included! RSVP by April 11 at oaklandsinai.org/WTS-Events.



Annual Community Congregational Passover Seder

Saturday, April 20, 5:30pm, Stern Hall

Let all who are hungry for community join us as we celebrate our freedom with joy and song at the annual Passover 2nd Night Seder. Led by Cantor Ilene Keys and congregants Phil Rubin and Valerie Sopher. Enjoy delicious food catered by Z Cafe, meet new friends, and sing! All Seder-related foods are provided. Please feel free to bring your own wine! *Please purchase tickets by April 15 at oaklandsinai.org/Passover.*



Are you looking for a Seder for the 1st Night? Are you interested in hosting community members at your Seder? Contact Rabbi Regev at rabbiregev@oaklandsinai.org or at (510) 451-3263 x333.

East Bay Holocaust Commemoration—Yom HaShoah v'HaGevurah

Thursday, May 2, 7:30pm, Temple Isaiah in Lafayette

L'Dor VaDor — From generation to generation, we remember the Holocaust, honor survivors, and hear personal stories shared by their descendants.

This commemoration is made possible by a grant from the Tillie and Rene Molho Fund for Holocaust Remembrance of The Jewish Community Foundation. Admission is free. For more information, contact Judith Markowitz at judith@jfed.org or (510) 809-4901.





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A pril is here, and with it comes the season of change and renewal; spring is officially in the air. This is a good time for us to do a thorough cleaning and ask ourselves what we should keep and what should go. It is also a good time for us to check in with ourselves and ask — how have I changed in my outlook and perspective on the world, and how do I hope to change in my actions to match the resolutions I've made for myself this year. In short, we ask: *Mah Nishtanah*?

This rhetorical set of questions from our Passover Haggadah give us the framework to ask and repeat the age-old quiz that highlights the uniqueness of our holiday and family traditions. This portion of the Seder is often recited by the youngest person at the table and is meant to prompt them to investigate further with their own questions, which may not have as rote an answer as the song's refrain. Indeed, although the simple formula of those questions may be the secret to their enduring popularity, it actually represents a radical idea that we might wish to further consider.

Mah Nishtanah can be asked in order to catalogue all of the changes and differences we notice, but it can also be asked to examine and expose all of the things that we hoped to see changed and have not yet come to fruition. In Israel, that phrase has also become idiomatic as an ironic statement exclaimed when we are disappointed once again to see some form of petty public corruption or personal failure you had all but expected.

Our brothers and sisters in Israel are going to the polls this month after a snapelection was called for. With so much stagnation in the process towards peace, and a decade of entrenchment of special interests and coercive religious policies under the leadership of PM Netanyahu, I hope and pray that Israelis will go to the polls, not with the resigned irony and sarcasm of "Nu, Mah Nishtanah?" that all but assumes that the next government and its policies will mirror the last one; but rather, with the inquisitive determination that asks, what has really changed, and what might we yet hope to see changed this time around.

The great poet Yehudah Amichai wrote movingly about his parents' legacy and conveyed the lasting lessons his father hoped to impart. He ends the poem with these final words framed as life-commandments to add to ten we already know: "the Eleventh Commandment, "Thou shalt not change" ("Lo Tishtaneh"), and the Twelfth Commandment, "Thou Shalt change. You will change" ("Hishtaneh, Hishtaneh")."

As we gather around our Seder tables this Passover, I hope we will look around at each other and ask honestly — *Mah Nishtanah* — what has changed, and what must yet BE changed?

Rabbi Yoni Regev

First Friday Shabbat in the Round

Friday, April 5, 6:30pm, Albers Chapel

This month join Rabbi Mates-Muchin, Cantor Keys, song leader Isaac Zones, and the First Friday Players to welcome Shabbat with a new song-filled worship service celebrating the richness of Kabbalat Shabbat and the spirit of community.



Erev Shabbat Family Service Led by 7th Grade with Music by Junior Choir

Friday, April 12, 5:30pm Dinner in Stern Hall, 6:30pm Service in the Sanctuary

Join us as we welcome Shabbat with candle-lighting, song and prayer. Friday evening services often include teaching sessions, sermons, guest speakers, or special musical services. RSVP for the Family Dinner at 5:30pm at oaklandsinai.org by April 10.

Services are followed by an Oneg Shabbat where members and guests can mingle informally and enjoy the Shabbat spirit together.



Monthly Shabbat Morning Minyan

Saturday, April 13, 10:30am, Albers Chapel

The Shabbat Minyan service is filled with spirit, music, and community. These services are held on the second Shabbat morning of each month and 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.

SUMMER POP-UPS!

Yes, SUMMER! It will be here before you know it! We have some lovely Shabbat dinners planned, so reserve your spots early as they fill up quickly. All you really need to do now is contact Joanne with your chosen date(s), and then wait for further easy instructions.

Friday, June 21, 2019 Oakland, Crocker Highlands area, 8 guests, one friendly, non-shedding dog.

Friday, July 5, 2019 Berkeley, Elmwood area (Fairview Park), 6 guests, one dog.

Friday, July 19, 2019 Oakland, Rockridge area, 8 guests, have no pets (except, according to hosts, "a corn snake which keeps to itself"), no smoking (unless "they are children") Bonus: this household comes with a sense of humor.

Friday, August 9, 2019 Oakland, Lake Merritt area, 8 guests, 6 steps to the porch

Friday August 23, 2019 OAKLAND, near Rose Garden, 10 guests, one small dog, wheelchair accessible, scent free

Schedule of Services

Friday, April 5, 6:30pm

First Friday Shabbat in the Round, Albers Chapel

Saturday, April 6, 10:30am

Shabbat Morning Service with the Bat Mitzvah of Julia Larson, Sanctuary

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Shabbat Morning Minyan, Albers Chapel

Friday, April 19

First Night Passover Seder – NO Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, April 20, 10:30am

Shabbat Morning Service, Albers Chapel

Saturday, April 20, 5:30pm

Annual Congregational Passover Seder, Stern Hall (RSVP required; see Bulletin cover)

Friday, April 26, 6:30pm

Erev Shabbat Service with Yizkor, Albers Chapel

Saturday, April 27, 10:30am

Shabbat Morning Service with the Bat Mitzvah of Billie Spicer-Lambert, Sanctuary

Youth and Education

April Youth Events

Sunday, April 14, 1:00-3:00pm SITY JR. BOATING ADVENTURE AT LAKE MERRITT

https://oaklandsinai.org/SiTY-Junior-Events to register. \$15 before April 4, \$20 after

Friday, April 26- Sunday, April 28 NFTY 8-12 GRADE GESHER KALLAH

Transition can be scary or exciting, just depends whether or not you have a loving, supportive community by your side. Join us for what will certainly be our largest event of the year, as we CELEBRATE, LAUGH, CRY, and WELCOME THE FUTURE OF NFTY – OUR 8th GRADERS!! Registration open until April 15. https://centralwest.nfty.org/event/gesher-kallah/

Friday, May 3-Sunday May 5 7TH GRADE TRIP TO LOS ANGELES

All upcoming events can be found at http://bit.ly/SinaiYouthCalendar. For more information about ANY of these events, contact Michele michele@oaklandsinai.org

Taste of Religious School

Sunday, April 14, 10:00 - 11:30am, Temple Sinai

Interested in learning more about Temple Sinai's Religious School Program?

Join us for a "Taste of Religious School" on Sunday, April 14 from 10:00 – 11:30am.

This is for parents and children to get an introduction to the program. For more information contact Rabbi Levenberg at rabbilevenberg@oaklandsinai.org

Junior Choir Party Offsite

Sunday, April 14, 12:00 – 1:30pm, Fenton's Creamery

Fenton's Creamery, 4226 Piedmont Ave, Oakland, CA 94611

Preschool Fundraiser Saturday, April 6, Rose's Taproom, Oakland

The Temple Sinai David Pregerson Preschool Scholarship Fundraiser is on April 6, 2019. The event helps

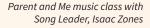
support scholarships for 20% of TSDPP families. Thank you for your help in making Jewish education accessible for more families.



Junior Choir Party at Fenton's, 2018



Students in our Family School made Shlach Manot baskets for Purim and hand-delivered them to Sinai members aged 80 and above, as part of Temple Sinai's Intergenerational Connect program. Both youth and elders enjoyed the treats and the visits!



2019-2020 Religious School Registration Time is HERE

It's time to register for Religious School and teen programs for the fall.

Registration materials will be available online on April 15. Visit oaklandsinai.org for registration instructions. Have questions about our Religious School programs?

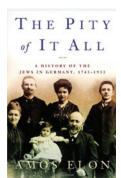
Contact Rabbi Levenberg today! Early Bird pricing lasts until Friday, May 17.

Next Jewish Book Club Meeting

Sunday, April 7, 9:30am, Albers Chapel

Led by Rabbi Mates-Muchin and Rabbi Regev, the Jewish Book Club will meet bi-monthly over the next two years as we wade into the vast sea of Jewish books and the insights they offer into two-thousand years of our history.

April will focus on Enlightenment & Emancipation with *The Pity of it All* by Amos Elon.



Addressing Housing and **Homelessness**

Sunday, April 28, 9:30 – 11:00am, Albers Chapel

Although the problems seem intractable, there are many organizations that help address the needs for affordable housing and services for the homeless in our area. We have invited several of them to talk about their services and also to share information about opportunities to volunteer and support their work.

Community Lunch Programs

oin our Lunch and Learn on the 2nd Tuesday, or Lunch J and Culture on the 4th Tuesday. Catered lunches are open to all congregants and their guests. \$5 suggested donation for lunch.

Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Mates-Muchin

Tuesday, April 9, 12:00pm, Albers Chapel Text Study on Elijah the Prophet

Lunch and Culture with Dorian Farrow

Tuesday, April 23, 12:00pm - 1:30pm, Albers Chapel Jewish Views and Values on a Plant-Based Diet

> **RSVP for Community Lunches at** oaklandsinai.org



COMING IN MAY

Consul General of Israel, Shlomi Kofman

Sunday, May 5, 12:00 - 2:00pm, Fischer Library

The Consul General will discuss the changing political dynamic in the Middle East as well as politics within Israel. It promises to be a meaningful and lively discussion.



Shlomi Kofman began his appointment as Israel's Consul General to the Pacific Northwest in August 2017. He most recently served as a Policy Advisor to the Deputy Foreign Ministers based in Jerusalem, Israel.



Let's Go to the Theater: The Good Book Discussion

Wednesday, May 22, 7:00pm, Albers Chapel

The Good Book explores faith, belief in God, and the acceptance of biblical scripture as divine, as opposed to rational, historical theories of the origin of the Bible.

The primary voice of the work is that of a scholarly atheist Bible professor. As a liberal secularist, Miriam is highly annoyed by the fact that faith and illogic repeatedly triumphs over rational intellectualism with



the believing students in her classes. What is the Bible's hold over intelligent people of faith who remain unmoved by her rationalist attempts to undermine its assertions? Yet she struggles with both her angry inability to tolerate the opinions of others and her own fear that her life has no meaning. How do we as modern American Jews view our sacred scripture? How do we bring the tenets of our tradition into modern times without slipping into moral relativism? See the play at Berkeley Rep prior to May 22, and then join Rabbi Chester for a stimulating discussion of the origins of

Meals for Those in Need

Every Monday, volunteers from our neighbor, First Presbyterian Church (27th and Broadway) prepare and serve a hot meal for hungry and homeless people, assisted by volunteers from Temple Sinai. Although we have a steady crew of regular volunteers, we could use a couple more from 10:00am – 12:00pm. Contact Teri Bleckner, teri.bleckner@gmail.com or just stop by.

On Sundays, the church also makes and distributes sack lunches to homeless people in the area. Temple Sinai is now providing their volunteers with a break by taking on the second Sunday of each month. Sign up at oaklandsinai.org/SocialAction.



Temple Sinai and First Presbyterian serving lunch.



Volunteers making lunches at First Presbyterian.

4th Annual Unity Seder

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Addressing Housing and Homelessness Sunday, April 28, 9:30 – 11:00am, Albers Chapel See details on page 5.

Passover Gift Shop Sale Dates

Fridays, April 5 and April 12, 12:00 – 3:00pm Sundays, April 7 and April 14, 9:00am – 1:00pm

Passover is just around the corner. We have a wide variety of lovely and unique Seder Plates, Matzo covers, matzo holders, gift items, and frogs of all sizes.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to support our temple community and get some of your holiday shopping done.



If you have been dreaming about a new Talit, our wide variety of beautiful Talitot will be on display to try on and purchase.

WTS GIFT SHOP NEW ARRIVALS OF TALLIT



We have the BEST selection of Tallit and BEST prices around!

We've slashed prices on ALL Tallit to encourage our members to shop at Temple Sinai.

Selection is limited as we do not have duplicates. Let's meet! Make an appointment today.

Contact:

Estelle: dominodog@aol.com
Barbara: beemorr@aol.com
Ricki: roleon@aol.com

Brotherhood Softball Starting a New Season

Are you interested in joining the Temple Sinai softball team and getting more involved in the community?

Whether you are a new or longstanding Sinai member, Brotherhood softball gives you the opportunity to build relationships with men in our Temple community and continue our 30-plus-year tradition. We have a great time playing together and there are multiple father-son players on our teams.

Our season runs April through July on Sunday mornings in Walnut Creek. For more information, contact team manager, Mark Drexler, at mark49sales@comcast.net or (510) 332-9013.



Chevrah Kadisha at Temple Sinai: An Update

In the aftermath of Pittsburgh, the concept of the Chevrah Kadisha (literally, "Holy Society") has gotten national attention, in both the Jewish and the secular press. This makes it an opportune time to remind Temple Sinai members of the work of the Chevrah that we have here in our congregation.

Our primary task is the ritual of taharah — literally, "purification" — in which we prepare the deceased for burial washing the body, dressing it in simple white linens, and placing it in the traditional simple wooden coffin. During the process, we read a special liturgy, codified largely in the 17th century, in which we pray for the well-being of the soul of the deceased (and for our own safety in our work), using special texts, primarily from the Prophets and the Writings. At the beginning and at the end, we ask forgiveness of the deceased for any errors we may make or have made. "We do the best we can."

The ritual also provides comfort to members of our community who are dying and their loved ones, by assuring them that the body will be taken care of after death in a traditional way, with deep respect, and honoring the divine spark it had held.

We do our work at Sinai Memorial Chapel's facility in Lafayette, and we work anonymously. (An individual's membership in the Chevrah may be known, but we never disclose who performed the ritual for a given individual.)

Other elements of Jewish end-of-life traditions, such as providing the se'udat havra'ah — meal of comfort upon return from burial — and leading of shiva minyanim are supported by our congregation's Caring Community and Ritual Committee. We also have a Nechamah ("comfort") Committee, which can provide support to mourners, in supplement to the work of our clergy.

The Chevrah Kadisha's second area of programming is education about Jewish end-of-life (and during life!) practice. Congregants have joined us for: a Yom Kippur afternoon workshop on identifying our most important values; two workshops in October 2018 for members and prospective members of the Chevrah about the details of taharah; a workshop in February 2019 on shmirah — literally, "watching" or "guarding" — in which individuals sit, in shifts, with or near the body, from the time of death until burial, reading Psalms or similar texts, so that the soul is not alone in this crucial time; and three "Death and Desserts" evenings in January, February, and March 2019, for participants to "help make the most of their finite lives."

Coming up: Our annual congregation-wide educational program, on May 5, which will include participation from Sharon Brusman, Managing Director of Sinai Memorial's Lafayette branch (see separate announcement below).

Please join us for this upcoming program, and more in 2019. For more information, contact Dan Fendel (dfendel@sfsu.edu) or Michelle Siegel (michelle-siegel@sbcglobal.net).

HOLD THE DATE!

Chevrah Kadisha: After Pittsburgh Sunday, May 5, 9:30 – 11:30am, Temple Sinai

How can we serve our community with care and respect? Why and how does the Chevrah Kadisha honor our loved ones after death? Why is this comfort meaningful today? Leaders of the Temple Sinai Chevrah Kadisha; Rabbi Mates-Muchin; and Sharon Brusman, Managing Director of Sinai Memorial Chapel will discuss what a Chevrah Kadisha is and why our traditions and rituals are especially relevant today.

People of the Book Literacy Project

Spread the Joy of Reading

Thank you to all congregants for your generous donations. At a time when students in the OUSD struggle to get access to good books, your gifts to help to spread the joy of reading are most

appreciated. Children from Burckhalter Elementary School, one of 12 schools that received \$1000 grants from the "Books" Kids Want To Read (BLWTR)" grant made available through a partnership with Temple Sinai's People of the Book Literacy Project and FOPSL (Friends of the Oakland Public School Libraries) sent a heartfelt thank you note. A "Think College Now" student who is very happy is shown here with the book she selected at our school-wide book giveaway in early February.



TEMPLE SINAI BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, April 28, 8:00am - 1:00pm, Stern Hall

There is no mitzvah more important than saving a life.

For that reason Temple Sinai is conducting a blood drive in Temple Sinai's Stern Hall on Sunday morning, April 28th.

If you're a blood donor or would like to become one, please consider signing up for this very important mitzvah.

E-mail phil@legalmaster.com and he'll send you the link.

(In response to our most frequently asked question, yes, there will be chopped liver.)

Co-sponsored by the Ritual Committee, the Fine Arts Committee on Culture and Community, and the Pipe Organ Restoration Committee.



NEW! Temple Sinai Bulletin Ad Sales

Temple Sinai is happy to announce the sale of ad space in our monthly newsletter, the Bulletin.

Since Temple Sinai is a non-profit organization, revenue from ad sales will go toward further production of the Bulletin and are not for profit.

Ad space will be purchased yearly so ads will run for one entire year (9 issues). Ad position is not guaranteed and will most likely vary from month to month.

We invite you to participate in advertising in the Bulletin at the following levels:

Ad Size Dimensions 1/8 page 3.5"w X 2"h 1/4 page 3.5"w X 4"h

Your 1/8 page ad could go here!

Ads will be due the first day of the month prior to the month of publication and will be repeated each month for the Bulletin year unless new artwork is submitted.

Email bulletin@oaklandsinai.org for more information on ad creation and pricing.

Your 1/4 page ad could go here!

Todah rabah! Thank you very much to the following who provided contributions to Temple Sinai. These donations were recorded between January 30 and February 28, 2019. For corrections or additions to this list, please contact rhonda@ oaklandsinai.org, (510) 451-3263 x303.

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Social Action/Anti-Hunger Fund

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Rabbi Ruth Adar and Linda Burnett on the occasion of providing lunches for Oakland students during the teacher strike

Miranda J Dean

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Sonia Sinton-Clark in memory of Lillian Chaikin, a firm supporter of picket lines

Maxine Turret in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Eva Fostovsky-Geckeler

Where The Need Is Greatest Fund

Ron and Ellie Berman in memory of Joan Mann

Ann Brandt

in memory of Frank Brandt

Rich Cohen and Marla Johnson in honor of Lynn Greenberg's Birthday

Jane and Richard Cohen in memory of Steven Hallert

Dana Fox and Paul Langlie

Frances Greenberg and Donald Chaiken in memory of Joan Mann and Lois Arnold

Leo and Florence Helzel in memory of Joan Mann

Deborah and David Kirshman in memory of Joan Mann

Norm and Carole Robinow in memory of Joan Mann in honor of Barbara Morrison becoming a Bat Mitzvah

Nathan Stein

in memory of Henrietta Oberndoerfer

Susan Weiner

in memory of Andrea Jill Strom Rancourt

Jamie and Brooke Zimmerman in memory of Joan Michelotti in honor of Deana Freedman being named as a Ronald MacDonald House Honoree in honor of Dr. Ronnie Rubenstein's Birthday

Sidney and Sandra Zusman in honor of the complete recovery of Mrs. Hilary Zorn Wolf



Lifecycles

Birthdays

4/1 Marty Glick

4/2 Ilene Keys

4/2 Molly Peritore

4/4 Jessica Braun

4/4 Judy Grunwald

4/5 David Herscowitz

4/6 Lai-Ming Meyer

4/6 Lorin Blum

4/8 Carol Cohen

4/8 David Schlessinger

4/8 Murray Gordon

4/9 Edie Kaplan

4/11 Steven Solomon

4/12 Anne Herskowitz

4/12 Jill Saper

4/12 Louise Harm

4/13 Melodee Au

4/13 Robert Godes

4/14 Arlene Garfinkle

4/16 Paul Dresnick

4/17 Jason Alderman

4/17 Patricia Golde

4/18 Robert Greenberg

4/19 Anton McGready

4/20 Jamie Miller

4/23 Daniel Dornbusch

4/23 Peter Laub

4/23 Ronald Bachman

4/24 Arlene Saidman

4/24 Michelle McGilloway

4/26 Stephen Shochet

4/26 Victor Sonenberg

4/27 Lawrence Saidman

4/28 Wendy Cochran

4/30 Helene Schwartz

4/30 Mark Goldsmith

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

Mazel Tov!

Wedding Anniversaries

40 Bob and Kathy Knoll 4/28

30 Ed Rosenthal and Jane Klein 4/23

25 Edward Zusman and Kathleen Ewins 4/9

25 Arnie Gutlaizer and Lisa Norris 4/16

20 Rachel Saidman and Steven Chen 4/11

10 Adam and Cheo Tobin 4/26

Welcome New Members!

Makenzie Means and Vance Tran

Becca Katz and Darian Heyman, Rafael Katz Heyman

Mazel Tov! Bruchim Habaim – Welcome to the world!

Lucy Rosenthal

Was born on October 11, 2018

Proud parents:

Noah and Kimberly Rosenthal

Elizabeth Sarah Leitalo Bani

Was born in February 11, 2019

Proud Parents:

Samantha and Jim Bani

Proud Great Grandparents: Susan and Mike Levy

Zalazona I ila Eiralala

Zahava Lila Fields

Was born March 7, 2019

Proud Parents:

Jessica Pearlman & Joshua Fields

B'Nei Mitzvah



Julia Isabel Larson
Daughter of Sarah Larson and
Robert Larson
Saturday, April 6



Billie Spicer-Lambert
Daughter of Jakki Spicer and
Andy Lambert
Saturday, April 27

Thank you to the Larson, Spicer, and Lambert families for sponsoring Onegs this month.

REMEMBRANCES We mourn the loss of: Barbara Cohn Mother of Simon Cohn Vivian Miller Gordon Aunt of Resa Gordon Marilyn Fountain Temple Sinai Member May their memory be a blessing.

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

7:30am Tuesday Morning Minyan

4:00pm SiTY Lounge Time

5:30pm SiTY Tuesday

7:00pm Adult Choir

7:30pm Mussar for Modern Life — Adult Education Class with Marla Kolman

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

12:00pm Parent and Me Music Class with Isaac Zones

12:15pm Al-Anon Meeting

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

7:30pm WTS & Friends Bridge Night

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

12:00pm WTS Passover Gift Shop Sale 6:30pm First Friday Shabbat in the Round

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

9:00am Torah Study

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service with Bat Mitzvah of Julia Larson

7:00pm Preschool Scholarship Fundraiser 7:00pm Adult Choir

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

9:00am WTS Passover Gift Shop Sale

9:30am Jewish Book Club

11:30am Junior Choir Last Rehearsal of

this session

3:00pm 7th Grade Religious School

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

7:30am Tuesday Morning Minyan

12:00pm Lunch & Learn

4:00pm SiTY Lounge Time

5:30pm SiTY Tuesday

7:00pm Adult Choir

7:30pm Mussar for Modern Life — Adult Education Class with Marla Kolman

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

9:00am Preschool Teacher **Appreciation Brunch**

12:00pm Parent and Me Music Class

with Isaac Zones

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 Teen leadership Meeting

6:30pm Sinai Green Meeting

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

8:30am Preschool Parent Coffee

12:00pm WTS Passover Gift Shop Sale

5:30pm Family Shabbat Dinner

6:30pm Erev Shabbat Family Service Led by 7th Grade with Music by Junior Choir

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9:00am Torah Study

10:30am Shabbat Morning Minyan

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9:00am WTS Passover Gift Shop Sale 10:00am Taste of Religious School

12:00pm Junior Choir Party Offsite

1:00pm SiTY Jr. Boating Event

3:00pm 7th grade Religious School

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

7:30am Tuesday Morning Minyan

4:00pm SiTY Lounge Time

5:30pm SiTY Tuesday

6:00pm Unity Seder

7:30pm WTS & Friends Bridge Night

7:30pm Mussar for Modern Life — Adult Education Class with Marla Kolman

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

12:00pm Parent and Me Music Class with Isaac Zones

12:15pm Al-Anon Meeting

1:00pm WTS Book Group Meeting

5:45pm WTS Seder

7:00pm Temple Board Meeting

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

Erev Passover

Preschool and Office Closed

No Services

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

Passover

9:00am Torah Study

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service

5:30pm Community Seder

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

Passover

No Religious School

3:00pm 7th grade Religious School

MONDAY, APRIL 22

Passover

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

Passover

No SiTY

No Adult Choir

7:30am Tuesday Morning Minyan

12:00pm Lunch & Culture

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

Passover

No Religious School

12:15pm Al-Anon Meeting

7:30pm Israel Education Committee Meeting

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

Passover

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

Preschool and Office Closed

NFTY Gesher Kallah 8-12 Grade

(April 26 - 28)

6:30pm Erev Shabbat Service with Yizkor

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

9:00am Torah Study

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service with Bat Mitzvah of Billie Spicer-Lambert

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

8:00am Blood Drive

9:30am Social Action: Housing and

Homelessness

11:30am Madrichim Meeting

3:00pm 7th grade Religious School

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

7:30am Tuesday Morning Minyan

4:00pm SiTY Lounge Time

5:30pm SiTY Tuesday

7:00pm Adult Choir

7:30pm Mussar for Modern Life — Adult Education Class with Marla Kolman

7:30pm Yom HaShoah Movie

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COMING IN MAY

Shabbat Morning Outdoor Service

Saturday, May 4, 10:30am, Roberts Park

Join us for a service of singing, meditation, prayer, and gratitude of our beautiful surroundings. Please stay for a delicious potluck Kiddush lunch afterwards. This is a lay led service by members of the Sinai Green Committee. Please bring a chair or picnic blanket and don't forget to dress in layers.

Aspiring to Holiness: Creative Community Service and Yom HaAtzmaut Celebration

Friday, May 10, 7:30pm, Albers Chapel

Join us for an Erev Shabbat service written and presented by Temple Sinai congregants featuring original interpretations of the Friday night liturgy. The service promises to be a moving and joyous celebration of Shabbat.

May's community Shabbat will focus on Aspiring to Holiness.

