



TEMPLE  
SINAI

Finding Strength in Community

## Service Schedule

Friday, December 10

7:30 PM

*Erev Shabbat Service*

(Also Available Online via Facebook)

Saturday, December 11

8:30 AM

Torah Study

(in-person)

10:00 AM\*

Shabbat in the Round Service

(in-person)

Friday, December 17

7:30 PM

*Erev Shabbat Service*

(Also Available Online via Facebook)

Saturday, December 18

8:30 AM

Torah Study

(in-person)

10:00 AM\*

Shabbat in the Round Service

(in-person)

Please join us Friday evenings for *Erev Shabbat Service* in person or via [Facebook Live](#) at 7:30 PM.

*Pre-registration is not required.*



Please bring an *oneg* treat to share.

To minimize shared handling of utensils, we ask that you individually wrap or plate your goodies.

### IMPORTANT NOTES:

Masks are now required for all indoor activities at Temple Sinai including services.

We will continue to stream services via [Facebook Live](#) on Friday evenings.

\*Our services on *Saturday mornings* will be **IN-PERSON ONLY**.

There will be NO Rabbi's Study on Thursdays, December 23 and 30.

## Upcoming Services at Temple Sinai



**\*\*POSTPONED\*\***

**Featured Guest Speaker for Friday, December 17  
Hadassah Margolis will join us at a later date.**

*Stay tuned for the rescheduled date.*

**Erev Shabbat Service with Guest  
Cantorial Student Julia Sabra  
Friday, December 24 | 7:30 PM**

Please join us as we  
welcome **Julia Sabra**,

**Erev Shabbat Service with Guest  
Cantor Robbie Solomon  
Friday, January 14 | 7:30 PM**

Please join us as we  
welcome **Cantor Robbie**



**first year Cantorial Student at Hebrew College**, during Erev Shabbat Service on Friday, December 24. She will lead services alongside Cantor Becky.

As a classically trained musician from South Florida, Julia did not have a traditional path to the cantorate. In 2019, she graduated from the University of Florida with a degree in Psychology, as well as two minors in Music Performance and Family, Youth, and Community Sciences. She then worked as a music specialist in a pediatric clinic, with plans to pursue an M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology. She has worked as song leader and cantorial soloist, traveling to unite communities internationally, focusing on empowering teens in BBYO. Eventually, her involvement and ties to the Jewish community pulled her towards the cantorate.



**Solomon as a featured musical guest** during Erev Shabbat Service on Friday, January 14. He will lead services alongside Cantor Becky and then give a musical presentation on the *Song of the Sea*.

Cantor Robbie Solomon is internationally known as a composer of Jewish choral works and synagogue repertoire. His stirring anthem “Leaving Mother Russia”, written in 1979, became the rallying cry of the Soviet Jewry movement and established him as a musical interpreter of Jewish conscience. He has since authored dozens of songs of Jewish content, including “World of Our Fathers”, “Falasha Nevermore”, “Peace by Piece,” and is well known as a performer/song writer with the popular Jewish music group SAFAM. [Read his full bio here.](#)

*\*\*This service will also stream on [Facebook Live.](#)\*\**

**Erev Shabbat Service with Guest Speaker Ruth Zakarin**  
Friday, January 21 | 7:30 PM



Please join us as we welcome **Ruth Zakarin, Executive Director of the [Massachusetts Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence](#) as special guest speaker** at Erev Shabbat Service on

Friday, January 21.

Ruth Zakarin spent over 20 years working with survivors of domestic and sexual violence, as well as human trafficking. In May of 2019, Ruth became the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence, which includes over 115 member organizations working in collaboration to address gun violence in our communities. Ruth has particular interest in raising awareness about the intersection of domestic violence and guns, and in engaging youth voices to shape the conversation about community violence. She is the very proud mom of two fabulous teenagers, who are fast developing into our next generation of leaders.

*\*\*This service will also stream on [Facebook Live.](#)\*\**

**Erev Shabbat Service with Guest Speaker Antony Sheehan**  
Friday, January 28 | 7:30 PM



Please join us as we welcome **special guest speaker, Antony Sheehan** at Erev Shabbat Service on Friday, January 28.

Antony Sheehan has served as President and CEO of Aspire Health Alliance (formerly South Shore Mental Health) since June 2017. Aspire provides community based behavioral health and social services to the economically and socially diverse communities of Southeastern Massachusetts.

With over 25 years of experience in health care strategy, management, clinical and policy roles, Antony began his career in the United Kingdom as a clinical nurse specializing in addictive behavior and mental health. He pursued his interests in health care policy and administration, serving as a Senior Civil Servant during the Blair Administration and then as a health system CEO in England’s National Health Service.

*\*\*This service will also stream on [Facebook Live.](#)\*\**

# What's Happening at the Temple

## Temple Sinai's Annual Appeal 5782



## Support Temple Sinai's Annual Appeal 5782

*Every donation helps us get closer to our goal of \$80,000 to further enrich our community.*

[Donate Here](#)

### **Introducing: *Courageous Candles - A Hanukkah Story***



Introducing a **new book co-authored by Rabbi Meszler and his sister, Joelle Reizes.**

Rabbi Meszler read this story during *B'Simcha* Service featuring K-2 students on December 3.

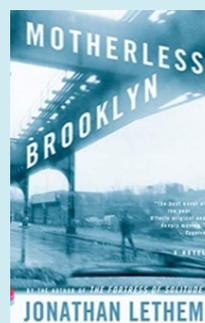
[Watch it here.](#)

While supplies last, you can get a **book bundle** that includes *The Honey Bee and the Apple Tree* and *Courageous Candles* for a **special price of \$30.**

You can also **purchase the books individually for \$18 each.**

Please call or **e-mail** the office to reserve your autographed copies for pick up at Temple Sinai.

### **Save the Date: Sinai Reads Sunday, January 9 9:30 AM**



Please join us as we discuss ***Motherless Brooklyn*** by Jonathan Lethem.

Winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award and a

New York Times Notable Book, this novel is a brilliantly original, captivating homage to the classic detective novel by one of the most acclaimed writers of his generation.

Contact **[Diane Rosen](#)** with questions.

### **Temple Sinai Community Camp Event Survey**



Temple Sinai has formed a committee and we have been working on planning a Community Camp Event.

Given the uncertainty with COVID and comfort levels, **we need your help determining what type of event you would like to participate in.**

**Please take 30 seconds to answer this survey by 12/14.** if you think you might join us for a day or overnight in late spring.

You will not be committing to anything at this point, but your answers will help us know how to move

### **Save the Date: Community Blood Drive on Sunday, January 16 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM**



**Appointments Required:**  
Visit **[www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)** to reserve your spot.

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Temple Sinai's Youth Group*

forward. Contact [Jen Weiner](#) with questions.

## Announcement from the Temple Sinai Afghan Refugee Support Committee

Please read the recent letter from the Committee [here](#) for details on how you can help.

**If you are able to provide storage, transportation for moving or help moving, please email the Temple Sinai Afghan Refugee Support Committee at**

[TempleSinaiARC@gmail.com](mailto:TempleSinaiARC@gmail.com).

## In the Community



**WITNESS**  
December 10, 2021 -  
January 23, 2022  
Virtual | Online

WITNESS, the latest project from Arlekin's Zero Gravity (zero-G) Virtual Theater Lab, is a **new documentary theater piece about Jewish immigration in the face of antisemitism**. WITNESS brings actors and audience together from around the world for a shared immersive experience set on a boat in digital space. **The piece is inspired by the journey of the MS St. Louis, which left Hamburg in 1939 with over 900 Jewish people on board and headed to Cuba only to be turned away, leaving the passengers stranded with nowhere to go and no escape.**

[Click here for more info or buy tickets](#)

**March of the Living:** \$2000 Scholarships available for 2022 Jewish Heritage Trip - Apr 24-May 8

**Keshet:** LGBTQ, Ally Jewish Youth of Color Collective & more resources.

**Scouting for Food Drive:** Boy Scout collecting donations on 12/11 from 10 am-12 pm at First Congregational Church in Sharon

**CCAR Press:** Book offerings, webinar recordings from past series, including one featuring Rabbi Meszler

**Schusterman Center for Israel Studies:** Fall Speaker Series next program-**Jews and Muslims in Dubai, Berlin, and Warsaw:** Interactions, Peacebuilding Initiatives, and Improbable Encounters is on 12/13 at 12 PM

## Resources for Challenging Times



**From CJP and their community partners:** helping you through this

time with Emergency Fund Childcare Subsidies, Employment Resources, new JREP program and a Warmline to help access assistance

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**Fault Lines Anthology:** "Fault Lines: Exploring the complicated place of Progressive American Jewish Zionism" includes 46 contributors, including Rabbi Meszler

**The Moving Traditions Teen Groups: Helping Jewish Teens Grow:** Programs for LGBTQ+ teens & 2021-22 Kol Koleinu Teen Feminist Fellowship



**JF&CS Mental Health Resources:** Wide range of programs providing social and emotional

support and help meeting basic needs, including their new programs and partnerships - **Mental Health Connect & Path to Well-being**

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**JF&CS Dementia Friends Initiative:** Become a Dementia Friends Champion and attend training in January 2022

**Resources from Institute for Jewish Spirituality:** designed to help navigate this time of uncertainty and isolation

**FEMA COVID-19 Funeral Assistance:** Info on how to receive help with funeral related expenses incurred after 1/20/20

## From the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ)

**URJ Learning Opportunities:** Upcoming Programs and Classes offered by the URJ

**URJ & ADL Partnership:** **Online Incident Reporting Form** to Combat Antisemitism and Hate

**Religious Action Center:** **2021 Racial Justice Campaign Information**

**URJ Youth:** **2021-22 Teen Leadership Opportunities** including fellowships, academies, task forces & more

**More from the URJ:** resources and programs from the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ), including **RJ on the Go & New Shalom LinkED** programming



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