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Finding Strength in Community

Please join us on [Facebook Live for Shabbat services](#) as we reflect on this week.

## Service Schedule

Friday, January 8

6:00 PM

Tot Shabbat

([via Facebook Live](#))

7:30 PM

*Erev Shabbat B'Simcha Service*

([via Facebook Live](#))

Saturday, January 9

8:30 AM

Torah Study

([via Zoom Classroom](#))

9:45 AM

*Shabbat Morning Service*

([via Facebook Live](#))

Friday, January 15

7:30 PM

*Erev Shabbat Service with Guest*

Soloist Heather Klein

([via Facebook Live](#))

Saturday, January 16

8:30 AM

Torah Study

([via Zoom Classroom](#))

9:45 AM

*Shabbat Morning Service*

([via Facebook Live](#))

4:30 PM

*Melaveh Malkah & Havdalah*

with Cantor Becky

([via Zoom](#))



Join us for [Tot Shabbat, Friday, January 8 at 6:00 PM](#), a lively, dynamic service perfect for young families, and will include a **short Yiddish shadow puppet show** this month!

Bring a shaker, musical instrument, or your favorite wooden spoon and your most special stuffed animal to this [Facebook Live event](#).



View last week's services which featured our Cantor Emeritus Jeff Klepper:

[Erev Shabbat Service, 1/1/21](#)  
[Shabbat Morning Service, 1/2/21](#)

We welcome more special guests to our *Erev Shabbat* services in January and invite you to join us!

January 15, 7:30 PM - Soloist, Heather Klein  
January 22, 7:30 PM - Speaker, Hadassah Margolis

**From Rabbi Meszler: Forgiving: Jewish, Forgetting: Not So Jewish**



The name of the portion is Vayechi - he lived. Maybe that's our answer: to live with. To keep living and to add more stories, good stories, better stories, loving memories we create that help and sustain us. We can strive to forgive, but it is often impossible to completely forget. Instead, we can make additional, sacred memories, which deepen and transform our lives for a more transcendent purpose.

Taking this lesson from our ancient ancestors, we can pray: God, help us to take our hurts and transform them into empathy for others. Help us to take our mistakes and make them into lessons. And help us to see the world anew, as part of a larger, greater story of redemption, and to live.

[Read Rabbi Meszler's Sermon here](#)

## A Special Musical Guest joining us for Shabbat Services (Jan. 15th)



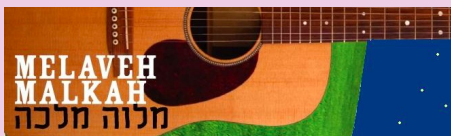
Canor Becky and Cantorial Soloist Heather Klein sing a Yiddish folk song by Chava Alberstein, with their original English lyrics.

### Zayt Gezunt by Chava Albertstein

*...Dark days soon will be a memory  
Giving way to light!  
Rededicate to one another  
These candles shining bright*

**We are delighted to have Heather join us for Shabbat services on Friday, January 15th at 7:30 PM.**

## What's Happening "at" the Temple



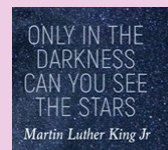
Join Cantor Becky on **Saturday, January 16 from 4:30-5:15 PM** to sing, schmooze, and make *havdalah* - an opportunity to connect with each other over Zoom - as we say goodbye to Shabbat.

### [Melaveh Malkah & Havdalah Zoom Info](#)

Meeting ID: 953 011 3877  
Passcode: Sinai

### Sharon Interfaith MLK Celebration

The Sharon Interfaith Clergy Association invites you to join us on **Sunday, January 17th at 4:00 PM** as we explore the call to anti-racist action in our faith communities.



[Click here to register](#)

*Registration is required for this event. Registrants will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.*

*For more MLK programming from the Sharon Interfaith Clergy Association, check out our **In the Community Section.***

**Difficult Dialogues: Talking Across Differences**  
**Thursday, January 21st at 7:30pm**

Join psychologists, social justice educators, and Temple leaders, **Dr. Susy Gallor** and **Dr. Jennifer Weiner** for an interactive discussion on the importance of having difficult dialogues with individuals of diverse backgrounds.

Learn about your own social identity, how your identity shapes your worldviews, values, and experiences, and how to develop your abilities to work with, communicate with, and relate to people of diverse backgrounds in order to heal and strengthen our communities.

**Please join us! Register here.**

*Sponsored by the Social Justice committee and open to Temple Sinai members only. Pre-registration is required.*

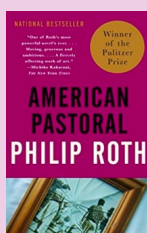


**Religious School Calendar Raffle Fundraiser**

Support our Temple Sinai Religious School and **buy your February 2021 Raffle Calendar online today here.** It's a win - win! You will have 28 chances to win prizes and all **proceeds will benefit the religious school.**

**Calendars are \$10 each | 6 for \$50**

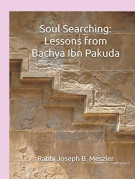
**Questions?** E-mail **Beth Nelson** or visit our **fundraiser webpage**



Join us for our next **Sinai Reads on Sunday, January 24th at 9:30 AM** via Zoom, where we will be discussing Philip Roth's Pulitzer Prize winning novel, *American Pastoral*.

**Meeting ID: 860 4476 5893**  
Passcode: 741836

Contact **Diane Rosen** with questions.

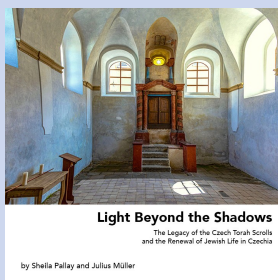


Join Rabbi Meszler's **Weekly Study, Thursdays at 1:30 PM** and study the **philosophy of Bachya ibn Pakuda.**

**Rabbi Meszler's Online Classroom:**  
**Meeting ID: 369 723 0846**  
**Password: Bagels**

*All are welcome!*

## Light Beyond the Shadows: Programs and Presentations



***Light Beyond the Shadows***  
*by Sheila Pally and Julius Müller*

Inspired by the survival of 1,564 Czech Torah scrolls - including scroll 655 from Přeštice, Czechoslovakia restored by Temple Sinai in 2015 - *Light Beyond the Shadows* depicts Czechia's rich history of some of the Jewish life and highlights the resurgence of a new generation of Czech Jews.

Author and Temple member Sheila Pally has generously donated 100 copies of this book to Temple Sinai.

**Donation: \$25\***  
\*\$10 to Temple Sinai  
\$15 to The Memorial Scrolls Trust.

**Purchase on PayPal**

**Mail your check:**  
Temple Sinai  
*Light Beyond the Shadows*  
25 Canton Street  
Sharon, MA 02067

**Sunday, January 31, 2021 | 1:00 pm**  
**Zoom Panel Discussion**

Virtual live discussion of the new book, *Light Beyond the Shadows*, featuring:

- Temple Sinai member **Sheila Pally**
- Czech genealogist **Julius Müller**

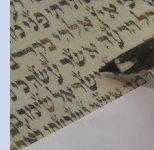
**Sunday, February 7, 2021 | 1:00 pm**  
**Online screening of *Commandment 613***

This 23-minute documentary highlights the sacred work of sofer STaM (Torah scribe) Rabbi Kevin Hale as he

- **Memorial Scrolls Trust (MST)** Trustee Lois Roman
- Samples of Sheila's evocative photos
- Remembrances of the 13-week journey that led to the book's publication

[Reserve your space for Session 1](#)

restores Torah scrolls saved in Czechoslovakia during the Shoah. A live Q&A with filmmakers Miriam Lewin and Randi Cecchine, photographer Sheila Pallay, and Rabbi Hale follows.



[Reserve your space for Session 2](#)

These programs are free; [your generous donation is welcome](#).  
Pre-registration is required.

## In the Community

### **Gilson JCC Early Learning Center Sharon** **[Virtual Open House](#) - Wednesday, January 20, 10:30 AM**

Give your child the gift of an in-person early childhood experience! You will feel confident watching them grow, learn and have fun in a safe, hands-on and nurturing environment. All faiths welcome.

**Interested in joining?** Meet with school leadership during our **upcoming virtual open house** and see our school in action. Email school Co-Director [Lauren Jonas](#) to register.  
**We hope to see you then!**



### **[Martin Luther King Family Book Club](#)** **Monday, January 18**

Join us for this family program to **study about Martin Luther King together** and engage in **discussion about how his life and values connects to our life and our values**.

Families will be provided with a suggested reading list with online books that are **appropriate for ages 5-12** with guiding questions for discussion & matched with another family to discuss via Zoom.

[Learn more and register here.](#)

*Sponsored by the Sharon Interfaith Clergy Association*

**[Keshet](#)**: Upcoming Programming for LGBTQ Families - **Online Arts Circle on 1/11 at 8 PM**

**[The Rabbi Samuel Chiel \(zt"l\) Genesis Forum 2020-21](#)**: Next Program - **1/13 at 12 PM**

**[CCAR Press](#)**: Next Program - ***This Precious Life* Book Launch on 1/10 at 1 PM**

**[Hebrew Senior Life](#)**: Couples with Varying Care Needs **Webinar on 1/14 at 2 PM**

**[Schusterman Center for Israel Studies](#)**: New Lecture Series begins on **1/21 at 6 PM** with **Text and the City: Learning Hebrew in the Street**

[Learn more about all of these community programs here.](#)

## Resources for Challenging Times

**[From CJP and their community partners](#)**: helping you through this time with Emergency Fund Childcare Subsidies, Employment Resources, including the new JREP program and a Warmline to help

**[From the URJ](#)**: resources and programs from the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ), including **RJ on the Go**

**[Parenting in a Pandemic](#)**: insights &

access assistance



**Together in Harmony: A Celebration of the Resiliency of the Human Spirit  
Monday, February 1 | 7:30–8:30 PM**

Join a very special gathering to begin a month-long celebration of Jewish Disabilities Awareness, Acceptance and Inclusion Month (JDAIM) with healing songs, prayers, and reflection that will lift our spirits.

[Register for this free virtual event here.](#)

practical advice to help parents support their teens

**Coping with COVID-19:** Temple Sinai's summer Q&A webinar series

**Environmental & Racial Justice Webinar:** Co-presented by our Social Justice Committee, Sustainable Sharon Coalition & Sharon Racial Equity Alliance

**Resources from Institute for Jewish Spirituality:** designed to relieve stress as we increase awareness and navigate this time of uncertainty and isolation

**"When We Turned Within, Volume 2":** Rabbi Meszler is included in this collection of writings in response to Covid-19

**The Moving Traditions Teen Groups: Helping Jewish Teens Grow:** New programs added for LGBTQ+ teens

Massachusetts residents are advised to **limit the risk of exposure to COVID-19** by following these steps to **1.) stop the spread of COVID-19** and **2.) prevent deaths.**

- If you have travelled out of Massachusetts, you need to follow the State's travel requirements and remain in quarantine for 10 days (or 7 days, if tested negative on day 5 onwards).
- If you gathered with people outside your household for New Year's Eve parties or in the past several days, we recommend a similar period of quarantine.
- Everyone should remain at home if you are feeling unwell with any condition.
- Our COVID-19 precautions and plan remain in place and we are staying informed on conditions within Sharon and the Commonwealth.

**PLEASE: We want everyone to stay safe and healthy.**

- Wear a mask
- Practice social distancing: stay at least six feet away from other people
- Wash hands often with soap and water or use hand sanitizer
- Get the flu vaccine
- Monitor for symptoms – fever, cough, shortness of breath
- If you may be around those at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19, take extra precautions to keep them safe
- Monitor recommendations from your locality, [Sharon Health Department, MA](#) [Department of Public Health](#), and the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.](#)

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