



**RAISE THE ROOF
FOR RABBI'S CHAI**

A full year of celebrations to honor Rabbi Meszler
for 18 years at Temple Sinai

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PRESIDENT'S Message



Rob Wald



I write this as we start our celebration of *Hanukkah*. Rabbi Meszler notes that in the darkest part of the year, *Hanukkah* is the holiday that brings us light.

I'd like to think that our congregation is a gift of light to you. We are here for your *simchas*, sorrows or if you simply need brightness in your life. You are the gift of light to our congregation by being part of our community.

During the past couple of years, we have done inspiring work to stay open and to continue to provide a place to connect. For the most part, we've done an excellent job with our digital offerings, but we know there is no substitute for the in-person experience.

We're asking you to spread the word that our doors are truly open. We'd love to see you back at our programs, in our classrooms and our sanctuary. Please invite your peers to return with you to the Temple that, so far, has been strong enough to survive and grow during the pandemic. If you've come to services in person and felt the magic of being together in community, please let a friend know and invite them to join you.

Another area where a strong community is vital is addressing the growing specter of antisemitism in the country. The ADL has a new program, *Kulanu* (from the Hebrew "all of us").

While we have done much to address antisemitism for our congregation, this is a national program which will help communities educate communities and lawmakers, advocate for stronger protections against antisemitism and increase community engagement.

Temple Sinai is one of 19 temples in Massachusetts and over 100 across the country to participate. We cannot allow antisemitic hate to be normalized. This year started with the Colleyville, Texas hostage taking and is ending with social media as a force in spreading destructive antisemitic messaging. We need strength and support in the global fight against antisemitism.

It was wonderful to see the crowd at our "Hot Latkes" event and to see Rabbi Meszler and Rabbi Zupan light the first menorah at Patriot Place, replete with Pat Patriot and Patriot cheerleaders. Let's hope that the miracle of *Hanukkah* seeps throughout the year.

Lastly, I hope everyone had a wonderful *Hanukkah* and wish everyone a happy New Year.



Friday Jan. 13

7:30 p.m. *Erev Shabbat* Service with Guest Speaker Kiana Pierre-Louis, Esq. with Youth Choir

Saturday Jan. 14

10:00 a.m. *Shabbat* in-the-Round

Friday Jan. 20

7:30 p.m. *Erev Shabbat* Service

Saturday Jan. 21

10:00 a.m. *Shabbat* in-the-Round

Friday Jan. 27

7:30 p.m. *Erev Shabbat* Service with Choir Guest Speaker Marlene Bohn

Saturday Jan. 28

10:00 a.m. *Shabbat* in-the-Round

Friday Feb. 3

6:00 p.m. *Tot Shabbat*
6:30 p.m. Pot Luck Dinner
7:30 p.m. *Erev Shabbat B'simcha* Service

Saturday Feb. 4

10:00 a.m. *Shabbat* in-the-Round

Friday Feb. 10

7:30 p.m. *Erev Shabbat* Service

Saturday Feb. 11

10:00 a.m. *Shabbat* in-the-Round

Friday Feb. 17

7:30 p.m. *Erev Shabbat* Service with Guest Speaker Leran Minc

Saturday Feb. 18

10:00 a.m. *Shabbat* in-the-Round

Friday Feb. 24

7:30 p.m. *Erev Shabbat* Service with Choir

Saturday Feb. 25

10:00 a.m. *Shabbat* in-the-Round



Rabbi Joseph Meszler



Creation Through Words and Artificial Intelligence

In Judaism, words are the matter of creation. God speaks, and the world comes to be. The Rabbis believed the world was literally made out of words with Hebrew letters being the elements. For generations, the Jewish people have labored over words. A “d’var” does not just mean “word;” it is a “thing” of substance, and a d’var torah - a word of Torah - is sacred.

Perhaps that is why I am so freaked out (intentional use of language there) about the launching of ChatGPT 3.5 this past November, which I believe will be seen as an epoch-making tipping point much like the invention of the cell phone. Go to its website, put in a prompt, and it will write an essay or even a sonnet for you. How? It scours the internet, steals whatever is available, and instantly produces decently written material... I would guess at an 8th grade level.

The ethical problems are tremendous. The technology relies entirely on plagiarism. There will be no way for a teacher, a college admissions office, or anyone hiring anyone to know if there is a thinking, feeling human being on the other end of a cover letter or essay. Artists will not be paid for their work.

And it’s scary how good it can be. It does not matter how esoteric the subject. Consider the prompt, “write a poem about *Hanukkah* in the style of a sonnet by Shakespeare”:

In the dead of winter, when skies are cold and gray,
We light the menorah and celebrate *Hanukkah's* days.
A time of joy and laughter, a time of love and light,
A time to spin the dreidel and share in food so bright.

The miracle of oil, a story oft told,
A small amount that burned for eight nights bold.
A testament to faith, a victory won,
We celebrate this triumph, as the candles are lit one by one.

So let us gather round the menorah's glow,
And sing the songs of *Hanukkah*, as we watch the flames grow.
For this is a time of joy, a time of peace and cheer,
A time to celebrate with loved ones near.

So let us raise a glass and give a toast,
To *Hanukkah* and all that it means the most.
For this is a time of love, a time of hope and light,
A time to celebrate *Hanukkah* with all our might.

I did not write that. It was written by artificial intelligence instantaneously. A little editing, and homework done; no need to learn how to think.

There will be tremendous temptation to use this when under pressure. Human beings will not resist using this new technology when the deadline is looming and they are feeling stuck. While what the artificial intelligence produces may not be good enough to pass muster by itself, I predict its main use is going to be to get a piece of writing started so you can doctor it and “make it your own.” I can hear the defensive objections already: “So what’s so terrible? If I change enough of it, what’s really wrong? Isn’t this simply the equivalent of a calculator, but for writing... to get the ball rolling? You can use it as a prompt, but just don’t use it as the final copy.”

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From the Bimah



Cantor Becky Khitrik



When teaching the holiday of *Tu BiShevat* to children, a question that often arises is “why do we celebrate the New Year of the Trees in the middle of the winter?” The easy answer is that while New England is covered with snow, Israel has just finished their rainy season and the land is getting ready for germination. However, even in Israel it isn't really spring yet. My Israeli gardening calendar informs me that Shevat is a time to germinate seeds in greenhouses, which is only a month or so earlier than when I start my own veggies under grow lights at home.

The Talmud (*Rosh Hashanah* 14a:10) addresses this issue. “The Gemara asks:

What is the reason that the new year for trees was set on this date? Rabbi Elazar said that Rabbi Oshaya said: The reason is since by that time most of the year's rains have already fallen, and most of the season, i.e. Winter is yet to come, as it continues until the spring equinox, which usually occurs in Nisan.”

“The Gemara continues:

What is he saying? The Gemara explains: This is what he said: Even though most of the winter season is yet to come, nevertheless, since most of the year's rains have already fallen, it is considered the end of the previous year of rain, and anything that grows from then on is considered produce of the next year.”

According to this teaching, we count from the time that the ground has been **prepared**, nourished and ready for a new crop. We may not see that crop for months to come, but we know that under the ground, life stirs even while we wait out winter.

We often highlight the month of Elul as a time of spiritual preparation in order to be ready to repent and atone during *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur*. I read the teaching from the Talmud to imply that there is also an imperative to reset our outlooks and intentions during *Shevat*. If we consider this month as laying the groundwork for Passover, perhaps we will not be taken with surprise and anxiety when the first of Nisan rolls around. Preparation might entail the mundane task of making a Passover cleaning list, or mean a more difficult exercise of reviewing any personal goals that we may have set for ourselves during *Rosh Hashanah*. There are not one, but **four** new years in the Jewish calendar. Perhaps the ancients were not so unlike us, in that an annual self-review was not enough to ensure that they were on track and following through with their promises.

So this *Tu BiShevat*, don't plant a tree, because you literally can't! Instead, think about what it will take to lay the ground for your personal growth. What do you need in order to achieve your goals? What are the obstacles standing in your way, and how can you remove them? What will you do during this winter, this time of quiet contemplation, rest and hibernation? May you spend this time cultivating your inner and outer light so that it may shine brightly with the budding of the trees in spring.

Rabbi Joseph Meszler (Continued)

In a world of deep fake videos, doctored photographs, and now this, I think the most disturbing implications of this technology is one of trust. How do we know what someone is presenting is original? What are they really thinking? Do we trust their words?

The genie is out of the bottle. While we may all be tempted to go off grid, learn how to farm, and live on an island far away from computers, we are going to have to adapt to a world in which even the most sacred of tasks - the task of creating with words - can be instantly corrupted.

Perhaps this is why the Rabbis insist our *Torah* scrolls must be handwritten on parchment, a process that takes the minimum of a year. They rejected the use of the printing press for the contents of the ark. There needed to be a responsible human being involved. Maybe they felt what I am feeling now and felt they were guarding our integrity.



Please join us on at 7:30 p.m. for our Friday night *Erev Shabbat* service with our guest speakers:

January 13

Kiana Pierre-Louis, Esq.



Kiana has a passion for social justice and diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging and owns a consulting company, Justice Belongs Institute, LLC that centers around this work. At Bentley University, Kiana taught several business law courses and courses that deal with diversity, equity and inclusion like, Race and the Law and Social Justice Law, an embedded travel course. She is the first Black

person to be elected to the Select Board in Sharon, and previously was the Chair of the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee for the town.

January 27

Marlene Bohn



Marlene Bohn is an active volunteer with Jewish Family and Children's Services as a member of the Steering Committee at the Center for Early Relationship Services, a career counselor for women at risk receiving services at JFCS, and as a former Visiting Mom. She has helped train Mentor Moms with JFCS' partnership with the Jewish Community of Dnipro during her two trips to Ukraine and over Zoom during the pandemic. She has continued to stay in touch with her friends in Ukraine and will share her thoughts and theirs.

February 17

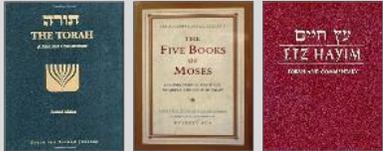
Leran Minc



Leran came to Project Bread from a background of movement and coalition building around international human rights issues. After graduating with a masters in international development from American University, his interest turned to food justice in the United States. Before working becoming Project Bread's Assistant Director of State Policy and Research, he worked as an outreach coordinator for the Child Nutrition Outreach Program. In his current role he oversees Project Bread's state policy agenda particularly around federal nutrition programs like SNAP, schools meals, and out of school time programs.

**Rabbi's Thursdays Class
@ 1:30 p.m.**
This group meets weekly with Rabbi Joseph Meszler to study Jewish ethics, beliefs and law for personal guidance.

STUDY TORAH WITH US!
On Saturday mornings, we gather with Rabbi Meszler to discuss the Parashat of the week.



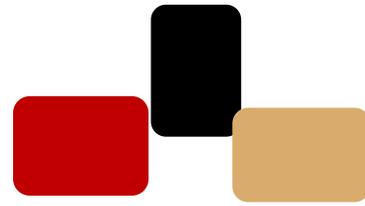
**EVERY SHABBAT MORNING
AT 8:30 A.M.**



"More than the Jewish People has kept Shabbat, Shabbat has kept the Jewish People."
(Ahad Ha-am)

When there is no *B'nai Mitzvah* at Temple Sinai, on specific Saturday mornings, we have a wonderful service at 10:00 a.m. called *Shabbat-in-the-Round*.

Check the temple website and the weekly emails for the dates.



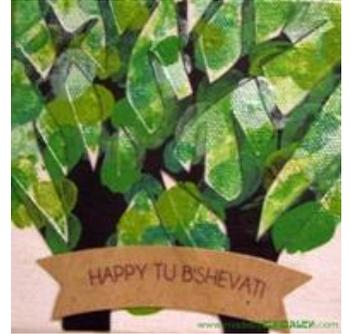
Beth Fine-Nelson



Happy *Tu B'Shevat*, the New Year for Trees

This spring will mark the 150th anniversary of Arbor Day, founded in April 1872 as a “time to plant, nurture and celebrate trees.”

But long before that, another tree-centric holiday had already been promoting arboreal appreciation for centuries. *Tu B'Shevat* is an ancient Jewish holiday known as the “new year for trees.” Its original role was to calculate the age of fruit trees, but today it has a broader ecological tone, earning it nicknames like “Jewish Arbor Day” and even “Jewish Earth Day.”



When is it?

Tu B'Shevat always occurs on the 15th day of *Shevat* and generally falls between January and February. Since Jewish calendars and secular do not match it jumps around a bit. This year it falls on January 25.

What is it?

The original purpose of *Tu B'Shevat* was to calculate the age of the fruit trees, which helped Jews in ancient Israel comply with the biblical edict from *Leviticus 19:23-25*.

With fruit deemed off-limits during a tree's first four years, *Tu B'Shevat* helped people keep track by standardizing tree-planting times. Since growers at the time often donated a tenth of their fruit to religious leaders—a practice known as tithing, the holiday was also sort of a Tax Day for trees.

How is it Celebrated?

While *Tu B'Shevat's* early days may have been less about partying than pragmatism, the holiday has become more celebratory over time. For example, the kabbalists in the 1500's began holding a *Seder* modeled after the Passover meal.

Tu B'Shevat Seders are now common, often focusing on the “seven species” of Israeli crops listed in Deuteronomy 8:8—wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives, and dates (honey). And since trees are what *Tu B'Shevat* is all about, perhaps the most salient way to celebrate is simply to plant more of them.

Tu B'Shevat serves in part as a holiday telling us to stop and think about how we breathe, stop and think about our connections to trees and to the environment as a whole. While *Tu B'Shevat* is a great holiday and a fun holiday, it's important that we don't let our environmental thoughts end when *Tu B'Shevat* ends. We should let them carry our commitment throughout the year.

So, whether you're pining for environmental awareness, or simply want to branch out and try new foods, consider turning over a new leaf this year by celebrating the original Arbor Day.

AT THE TEMPLE



Brotherhood

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19



Dinner @ 6:30 p.m. - Play Begins @ 7:30 p.m.

Join your Temple Sinai brothers for a night of pizza and poker-live and in person. Grab a slice or two of pizza at 6:30 p.m. Cards will drop at 7:00 p.m. There is a \$50 entry fee. The prize pool will be determined by the number of players.



Sunday afternoon in February (TBD)

Contact Jon Cohan at joncohan@gmail.com



Mah Jongg is not just for Grandma anymore!

If you have always wanted to learn this Chinese tile game played by Jewish women and men the world over, now is your chance.

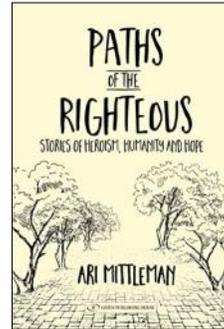
Wednesdays at 7pm here at Temple Sinai. If you are a beginner looking for a game we have a drop-in game on Wednesdays too.

Please email Beth Nelson at Bnelson@temple-sinai.com for more information and to RSVP.

SINAI READS

Sunday, January 29

9:30 a.m.



Paths of Righteous by Ari Mittleman

What does it mean to be a righteous person in these uncertain times. When antisemitic violence has rocked the Jewish community, it's common to turn inward.

Our heroes who give us hope shine a light through dark times. Throughout history, Jewish leaders have shown our community and humanity what it means to rise to the occasion. But do you know the stories of non-Jewish luminaries that uplift our community while inspiring their own?

In *Paths of the Righteous*, discover eight individuals who have gone above and beyond for Israel and the Jewish people during a difficult and turbulent period. Largely unheralded and not in the headlines, their stories can inspire us.

They each demonstrate unique attributes. No matter how hidden it may seem during an uncertain journey and challenging times, collectively they teach us what it means to pursue a righteous path in the twenty-first century.

King Solomon in Proverbs wrote: "The path of the righteous is like the light of dawn; it shines ever brighter until the day is perfect."

Black, White and Latino from Africa, Europe and North America, you will meet four men and four women you won't soon forget. They prove true this verse and demonstrate the true meaning of this verse.

Questions or to RSVP, contact Diane Rosen:
dianerosen64@gmail.com

Meeting ID: 858 6173 6251
Passcode: 285241

The Life Cycle of our Congregational Family

Israel Action Committee



Mazel tov



To **Susan & Ed Rybak** on the birth of their granddaughter, *Scottie Reese Rybak* born to Michael & Kellie Rybak on December 11

Condolences



May their memory be a blessing.

To **Michelle Wheeler** on the death of her father, *William "Bill" Parvey*, on November 17

To **Beth Trilling** on the death of her mother, *Lois Lemelman*, on December 20

To **Harriet Gardner** on the death of her brother, *Richard Marcus*, on December 24

To **Dina & Steven Rosenbaum** on the death of their father & father-in-law, *Max Wischkin*, on December 30

To **Rusty Callaway & Sandy Biber**, on the death of their father & father-in-law, *Earnest "Red" Callaway*, on December 29

To **Leslie Goldberg** on the death of her son-in-law, *Dr. Jose Menoyo*, on January 2

by Robert Soffer

TEMPLE SINAI JOINS THE ADL IN A UNIQUE PROGRAM TO FIGHT ANTISEMITISM

Recently the ADL (Anti-Defamation League) launched a new program called *Kulanu*: Synagogues in Action Against Antisemitism.

Kulanu, meaning "all of us" in Hebrew, offers synagogues exclusive access to ADL resources in the fight against antisemitism and a unique opportunity to work with other synagogues to address this most ancient of hatreds.

Temple Sinai applied to participate in the *Kulanu* program, and its application was approved. Our congregation has now joined 116 other synagogues in the fight against the rising antisemitism in America.

Rabbi Meszler and some members of the congregation have just formed a *Kulanu* working group.

The working group's goal is to develop and implement results-oriented action plans to address 21st century antisemitism. NEVER AGAIN!

If you would like more information about Temple Sinai's participation in the *Kulanu* program or if you would like to help, please contact Rabbi Meszler or

Robert Soffer, Chair of Israel Action Committee, sofferrobert@gmail.com or 781-784-7673.



Come, sing, make new friends, and take that first step in repairing the world with us.

RSVP (or write with questions) to bkhitrik@temple-sinai.com.



Our VOLUNTEERS



Knitting, crocheting for the needy is one heckuva *Knitzvah* by Melody Ritt



Late last autumn, I passed a tree on Cape Cod on which Ziplock bags had been hung, each containing a knitted hat and scarf, and a note which said, "I am not lost. If you need me, I am found." Seeing that tree planted an idea in my head and during the sweaty days of summer, I began knitting woolen hats for donation to the Knitzvah Group at Temple Sinai.

Organized and run by Temple members Anne Yas, Lisa Okstein, and Rhonda Jansky last year, *Knitzvah* is continuing now with Ellen Bender, Rhonda, and myself at the helm.

On December 10, 2022, we gathered with a group of generous, talented individuals in the Social Hall at Temple Sinai with knitting needles and crochet hooks in hand to kibbitz and create winter outer wear for members of the unhoused community. About 50 handmade and purchased items were collected and donated that day. The gifts included warm winter hats, scarves, gloves (with fingers and without), socks, underwear, and even a down jacket. The following day, with ice and snow underfoot and temperatures dropping into the low 30s, the clothing was delivered to Father Bill's/MainSpring in Brockton, where it was distributed among the guests.



Although many of our Temple members are lucky to live in the suburbs, individuals who lack permanent housing are near our neighborhoods and attending our public schools.

In an October 20, 2022 article by Christopher Butler in *The Enterprise*, a spokesperson for Father Bill's & MainSpring said the shelter provides beds for roughly 130 individual adults each night, totaling approximately 1,000 individual adults per year. Father Bill's President, John Yazwinski, said the fastest-growing age group the shelter provides services for is 18-24 year-olds. Approximately 60% and 70% of people who use the shelter's services are temporarily homeless and use the services for a few months. Roughly 20% to 30% are "chronically homeless." I think about these families and individuals each time my fingers wrap the yarn around my needles and pull it into stitches. I hope my knitted projects are protecting someone who needs them from the winter cold.



Deep thanks go to all who participated in the first *Knitzvah* meeting by knitting, crocheting, and donating items. If you would like to attend the next *Knitzvah* meeting at Temple Sinai on Sunday, January 15, at 10:00 am, or if you'd like to support our efforts by donating new knitted or purchased items, email sinaiknits@gmail.com for information or just show up. You can also visit the Father Bill's/MainSpring Amazon Wish List at www.tinyurl.com/amazonfbms for suggested items to donate.

Please note: New Items are requested.

Questions? Email sinaiknits@gmail.com or phone Melody, 339.364.0689, or Ellen, 781.690.6938.

Our VOLUNTEERS



MainSpring Thanks

Temple Sinai serves guests of the MainSpring House in Brockton on the second Sunday of every month. Meals are always needed. If you are able to contribute meals, please contact:

Sue Greenfield at daisysue22@comcast.net or Julie Zupan at rabbijuliezupan@gmail.com

Thank you to our cooks & servers for:

November

Gail Bashein Lisa Beatty Beth Berkley David Bohn Mark Cohen Lisa Fireman Joy Goldenberg Sue Greenfield Beth Kurland	Mitzvah Makers Bill Scher Allison Schnipper Stacey Simons Susan Slater Sandy Slavet Kim Soper Sonya Townsend
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December

Gail Bashein Lisa Beatty Beth Berkley David Bohn Lisa Fireman Joy Goldenberg Nancy Hall Caryn Katz Mitzvah Makers	Melody Ritt JoEllen Ross Cheryl Rubinstein Bill Scher Allison Schnipper Susan Slater Sandy Slavet Anne Yas
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The *Hesed* Committee Helps Make Temple Sinai Special



The *Hesed* (Caring) Committee shows compassion and support to our Temple Sinai congregation.

Hesed activities include:

- * Consoling grieving families with a personal phone call and note (sample scripts and note cards are provided) and ordering a delicious, catered meal prepared and delivered by The Main Course, Canton;
- * Remembering our senior members with a special *Shabbat* service and/or assembling and delivering holiday gift bags;
- * Assembling and delivering “Welcome Baby” gift baskets.



Temple Sinai will host a community blood drive

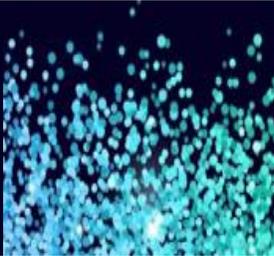
Sunday, January 15

8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Register to donate at www.redcrossblood.org



RAISE THE ROOF FOR RABBI'S CHAI



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for 18 years at Temple Sinai

SAMPLE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

RABBI'S CHAI ANNIVERSARY

MAR RABBI'S FAVORITE
24 TUNES: CHOIR SERVICE

APR COMEDY NIGHT
01

MAY FOOD DRIVE
01

NOV AN EVENING OF
11 CELEBRATION

...AND MORE TO COME!
18 EVENTS IN TOTAL

More Details on page 12

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TEMPLE SINAI	FULL HOST SPONSORS	COMEDY NIGHT & SOIREE SPONSOR	COMEDY NIGHT SPONSOR, SOIREE VIP	COMEDY NIGHT VIP	PHOTO SPONSOR	SHABBAT SPONSOR
Sponsor Benefits	\$10,000	\$3,600	\$1,800	\$1,000	\$360	\$180
Named garden bench	✓					
Dedication in commemorative book	✓					
Private lunch with Rabbi Meszler	✓					
Reserved parking at all Chai events	✓					
Reserved parking space for 2023 High Holy Days	✓	✓				
VIP Status at soiree & comedy night	✓	✓				
Comedy night VIP status & free parking	✓	✓	✓			
Photo with Rabbi Meszler	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Shabbat Dinner for 2	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Soiree tickets	VIP Table for 10	4 VIP tickets	2 VIP tickets	2 dinner tickets		
Comedy Night tickets	10 VIP tickets	6 VIP tickets	4 VIP tickets	2 VIP tickets	2 Gen Adm	
Shabbat service honor	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Oneg Shabbat Hosts



Once or twice each year we ask you to bring a dessert to the temple for the Friday night *Oneg Shabbat*. Please drop it off in the temple kitchen any day of the week, but before Friday at 2pm. If you are unable to drop off a dessert on your assigned week, a donation to the *Oneg* fund is also welcome. You can also bring your dessert contribution on a different week. Thank you for your help.

Jan. 13
Erev Shabbat

Jan. 20
Erev Shabbat

Jan. 27
Erev Shabbat

Ben Abrams
Larry & Tracey Abrams
Zachary & Dianna Abrams
Michael &
Rebecca Abramson
Frank & Melissa Adams
Randy & Julie Adams
Scott & Susan Adler
Aaron & Peri Agulnek
Jon & Marilyn Aliber
Brett & Vicki Allen
Russell & Lisa Allen
Alysha & Nick Altieri

Lee & Elizabeth Altman
Bill & Ellen Apfel
Dan Rosenfeld &
Cheryl Appel Rosenfeld
Ben & Marlene Arnold
Teri Aronowitz
Paul & Hara Aronson
Stuart Zorn &
Nancy August
Tracey & Jeff Azer
Chris Bailly &
Lindsey Oura
Michael & Deborah Baker
David Barron &
Sheryl Horowitz Barron

Jon & Gail Bashein
Eitan & Vered Becker
Marty & Rosette Becker
Ella Belenky
Shanna Belenky &
Michelle Jackson
Jim & Judy Bender
William & Ellen Bender
Scott & Alison Berenson
Paul Berger
Howard Berkenblit &
Tina Schaper
Mike & Beth Berkley
Ken & Holly Berkowitz
Len & Sheryl Berkowitz

Feb. 3
Erev Shabbat B'Simcha

Feb 10
Erev Shabbat

Feb. 17
Erev Shabbat

Feb. 24
Erev Shabbat

Philip Berkowitz
Jake & Melissa Berman
Adam & Ariel Bernstein
Olga & Keith Bernstein
Susan Bernstein
Karen & Adam Binder
Eric & Joanne Blatte
Mitchell &
Hollie Blaustein
Steve & Linda Bloch
Matt & Lindsay Block
David & Linda Blocker
Barry & Julianne Bloom
Stephen & Ellen Blum

Joshua & Jill Blumen
David & Marlene Bohn
Richard &
Marsha Books
Rachel & Eric Borman
Doug & Susan Bornstein
Bruce & Amy Botvin
Matthew Brandell &
Lisa Keller
Pam & Alan Breitman
Marc & Phyllis Breslof
Stephen &
Helena Bresnick
Donald Brichta &
Dana Bottorff

Dana & Lori Brody
Scott Brody &
Cecilia Guadron
Jesse & Lauren Brouhard
Kevin & Jennifer Brown
Alan & Laurie Brown
Scott & Carol Brown
Gordon &
Elisa Buchsbaum
Paul & Melissa Bunis
Victoria Burdman
Robert Burger &
Judy Gansberg
Rusty Callaway &
Sandy Biber

Peter & Susan Caplan
Steve & Wendy Carr
Larry & Jodi Carter
Mike & Susie Cashton
Jim & Claire Castleman
John Macuga &
Sharon Chase
Robert & Leene Chavez
Andrew &
Heidi Cheerman
Paul & Ellie Chella
Michael & Amy Clayman
Brad & Joan Clemens
Jodi & Michael Coffman

INCLUSION STEERING COMMITTEE



by Sandy Slavet

February is Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance, and Inclusion Month (JDAAIM).

And although COVID limited how much our temple community could provide in-person access and participation, we were definitely not ignoring our commitment, responsibility and support to individual and family members with lived experience.

We have continued to work closely with our Religious School professionals and provide support when needed to children and adults.

This year we hope to expand our ability to ensure that Temple Sinai is welcoming, supportive and inclusive in any way that is needed.

Look for information on upcoming opportunities including movie nights, book club, speakers, workshops/trainings and more. It's important to emphasize that we can only support an individual or family member's specific needs if you let us know what they are.

So please share with us what has worked and what needs more work; the Inclusion Steering Committee is a resource and a guide- our entire congregation is responsible for inclusion and we are committed to make that happen for everyone.

In honor of JDAAIM, the inclusion steering committee invites you to join us on Sunday morning, February 12, from 10:00 am to 11:00 am for our first Inclusion Book Club. We will be discussing the book "[Front of the Class: How Tourette Syndrome Made Me the Teacher I Never Had](#)".

This is the remarkable story of a remarkable man. Brad Cohen's story is a triumph of hope, determination, will, and relentless good humor.

Join our conversation and share our thoughts about the challenges and achievements of Brad Cohen's extraordinary journey and perhaps share our own stories of hope and triumph as well!

The book is available on Amazon, possibly other bookstores and possibly available at your local library.

Light refreshments will be available.

Acts of TZEDAKAH



Donations for Sept./Oct.

Adult Education & Culture Fund

Congratulations to

Ronni Hochman on the birth of her new grandson,
Rafael from **Bruce & Beth Goldman**

Amy Gardner Youth Fund

In appreciation of

Richard & Amy Gardner from **William & Enid Ellis**

Building & Maintenance Fund

In honor of

the birth of Ryan Englebourg, grandson of
Shari & Carl Engelbourg from **Neal & Cheryl Opper**

In memory of

Chelsea Vantine-Kelley from **Neal & Cheryl Opper**

Cantor Morris Choir Fund

In appreciation of

Cantor Becky Khitrik's support. In appreciation of your participating in Ruth Saffron's funeral service. As you know Ruth loved hearing you sing & was always at services to hear the choir too. We are certain that from high above she heard your beautiful voice that day.

Thank you, from **David & Susan Segaloff**

In memory of

my beloved father, Edwin Orell from **Leslie Goldberg**

Cantor Music Fund

An act of *tzedakah*

act of *tzedakah* from **David White**

In appreciation of

Cantor Becky Khitrik for your officiating at Craig's & my wedding making the day so special with your beautiful voice and song.

from **Sara Joseph & Craig Basson**

Cantor Becky's thoughtful help with mom's eulogy.

from **Stuart & Wendy Raifman**

In honor of

Daniel Goldberg becoming a *Bar Mitzvah*

from **David & Rachel Goldberg**

Basson-Joseph wedding

from **Maurice & Judith Joseph**

Charles Wilson Disability Access Fund

In memory of

Mitchell Kur from **Audrey Wilson**

Dickerman Endowment Fund

Best wishes to

Carol Dickerman's mother for a speedy recovery
from **Myron & Laura Dickerman**

Acts of **TZEDAKAH**



Dickerman Endowment Fund (cont'd)

Happy anniversary to

Barbara & Ernie Mathias

from **Myron & Laura Dickerman**

Myron Dickerman; How lucky we are to have reached another Happy Anniversary together.

from **Laura Dickerman**

Happy birthday to

Sam Farkus from **Myron & Laura Dickerman**

In appreciation of

the compassion and care shown to my mother,

Cynthia Arbit, by the staff at Sensicare of

South Florida from **Marcy Freedman**

all the staff of Whitney Place for their care &

compassion shown to my mom, Cynthia Arbit

from **Marcy Freedman**

Donations & Memorial

An act of tzedakah

in memory of Denise Levy

from **Sheldon Leppo & Sandra Levy**

In appreciation of

Rabbi Meszler from **Daniel Silverman**

Rabbi Meszler from **Faye Cohen**

In loving memory of

my parents, Joseph & Ellen Pepe from **Brenda Pepe**

Rose Holt, mother of Sandra Levy

from **Sheldon Leppo & Sandra Levy**

our dear parents, Minnie & Julius Schwartz &

Sylvia & Frank Roberts

from **Stephen & Jan Schwartz**

In memory of

Susan Levine, wife of Ben Levine

from **George & Judith Rudnick**

my parent's yahrzeits from **Karen Sprung**

Sydelle Wexler, mother of Mark Wexler

from **Samuel Goldsmith & Phyllis Cohen**

my daughter, Beth Ann Knell

from **Sheldon Leppo & Sandra Levy**

my son, Ronald Leppo

from **Sheldon Leppo & Sandra Levy**

Mazel tov to

the Cooley family on the marriage of Paul & Erica

from **Sue & Ken Wolkon**

Hesed Fund

In honor of

Evelyn's baby naming from **Michael & Kathryn Cope**

Hesed Fund (cont'd)

In honor of

Lisa Fireman & Sharyn Keimach for their many years of leadership & dedication to the Hesed Committee from Hesed Committee

In loving memory of

Gail Ginsburg from **Barry & Lisa Fireman**

My beloved (Joan's) mother, Edith S. Smith

from **Bradley & Joan Clemens**

Betty Brenner, mother of Mark Brenner

from **Sheldon Leppo & Sandra Levy**

In memory of

Phyllis Kramer, mother of Robin Galinsky

from **Barry & Lisa Fireman**

my sister, Charlotte Bossert from **Claire Kadet**

David Schechter, beloved father & grandfather of the

Heinberg-Cecil family from **Jeri Heinberg**

Ruth Saffron from **Joy Goldenberg**

Joseph Chella from **Joy Goldenberg**

Marcia's mother, Dora (Peggy) Rodman

from **Martin & Marcia Richards**

my mother-in-law, Lillian Karas from **Rose Karas**

my dear brother, Harry Koretsky from **Rose Karas**

my husband, Charles Karas from **Rose Karas**

Jack Zorn from **Stuart Zorn & Nancy August**

HHD Prayer Book Inscribed

In honor of

Sadie Rubin from **Steven & Harriet Rubin**

Jonathan Rubin from **Steven & Harriet Rubin**

Holocaust Memorial Fund

In memory of

George Kamen from **Frank & Joyce Kravitsky**

Landscape Fund

In memory of

Betty Braun Goldberg from **Steven & Linda Goldberg**

To thank

Lisa Jaffe for being such a great neighbor

from **Michael & Kathryn Cope**

Memorial Plaques

In memory of

Ruth Saffron from **David & Susan Segaloff**

Sandra Wheeler from **James & Elise Popkin**

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In honor of

Evan Binder becoming Bar Mitzvah
from **Adam & Karen Binder**
Alexis Epstein becoming Bat Mitzvah
from **Evan & Courtney Epstein**
Gabe & Karly Kaizerman becoming
B'nai Mitzvah from **Karl & Esther Kaizerman**
Remy Cohen becoming Bat Mitzvah
from **Neil & Lainie Cohen**
SAJS 7th birthday from **South Area Jewish Singles**

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

An act of tzedakah

from the **Reizes & Cleveland clan**
Rabbi Meszler, thank you for everything you do for our
Children, temple, & community.
from **The Raynus Family**

In appreciation of

all of the support we received before, during &
after my mother's funeral
from **David & Jennifer Rudnick**
Rabbi Meszler's support. Thank you for being
there for us when Ruth was very ill &
subsequently passed away. Your thoughtfulness &
kind words helped us get through this difficult
time. With much appreciation we thank you for
everything you did to help us & our family.
from **David & Susan Segaloff**

Rabbi Meszler. Many thanks for all your help &
support of the South Area Jewish Singles group.
from **Elaine Reiser**

Rabbi Meszler. Thank you for making me feel so
welcome. from **Irving Weiner**

Rabbi Meszler for his caring & support of our family
(the Ross and Roos families) from **Manfred Roos**

Rabbi Meszler. Thank you for your support &
kindness to my family during this difficult time.
from **Marcy Freedman**

Rabbi Meszler for officiating at Craig's & my
wedding & making our ceremony so very special.
from **Sara Joseph & Craig Basson**

Rabbi Meszler for his help & concern as we managed
my mother's illness & her passing.
from **Stuart & Wendy Raifman**

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund (Cont'd)

In honor of

your support for Daniel's Bar Mitzvah
from **David & Rachel Goldberg**
Rabbi Meszler. Thank you for the services &
important sermons you gave during the High Holy Days.
from **Deborah Dubowy & John Qualters**
the Basson-Joseph Wedding
from **Maurice & Judith Joseph**
the 95th birthday of my wonderful mother,
Claire Kadet from **Paula Bress**
the marriage of Lauren Adams to Sean Pratt
from **Randolph & Julie Adams**

In loving memory of

Gladys & Rubin Katcher from **Jon & Deborah Cohan**
John & Emma Smith. May their memory be a
blessing from **Michael & Kathryn Cope**

In memory of

Sandy Pascar from **Harley Pascar**
Gail Levy Ginsberg, sister-in-law of Sandra Levy
from **Jay & Melody Ritt**
Ida Kawadler from **Martin & Ellen Kawadler**
Martin's father, Leo H. Richards
from **Martin & Marcia Richards**

To thank

Rabbi Meszler for helping us celebrate Aharon Meir's
naming! from **Andrew & Lauren Merriam**
Rabbi Meszler for his humor infused guidance &
support in preparation for Alexis's Bat Mitzvah.
from **Evan & Courtney Epstein**

Religious School Fund

Mazel tov to

Gerl Segel, on the birth of her granddaughter,
Tilly from **Jim & Kim Soper**
Lyanna Wasserman on her 1st birthday! Wishing you
all health & happiness! from **Jim & Kim Soper**

Social Action Fund

In memory of

Jean Stone from **Steven & Linda Goldberg**

Tree of Life

In honor of

the marriage of Jason & Sarah Cope
from **Michael & Kathryn Cope**

Tzedakah Round-Up

An act of tzedakah

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