

*Untitled (S.383, Wall-Mounted Tied Wire, Open-Center, Six-Pointed Star, with Six Branches), c. 1967  
by Ruth Asawa*

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### *about the cover:*

The entire piece was made with wires. Inside, the wires formed the star of David in the middle and the branches seem to be expanding from the outside in different directions. With this piece, Asawa was trying to indicate the rising oppression towards different groups across the globe, starting from the killing of Jewish people in Germany to the discrimination against Japanese Americans in the United States during World War II.

Looking at it from a different perspective, the outer part of it isn't as attractive as the inner part. The inner part seems more organized than the outer part. Is the message, "Don't judge a book by its cover"? Is Asawa sending us the message that just because someone looks different doesn't mean that the person is filled with bad intentions. This might be reflecting on how the United States government treated Japanese Americans during the war.

Ruth Asawa, born 1926 in Norwalk, California, was interned at the Santa Anita racetrack in Arcadia, CA. Some animators from Walt Disney Studios who were also there gave her art lessons. Later she and her family were transferred to the Rohwer War Relocation Center in Arkansas. She went to Milwaukee State Teachers College only to be barred from teaching because of her ethnicity but went on to Black Mountain College in NC. The experimental college welcomed students from persecuted groups; it was a sanctuary for Jewish academics fleeing Nazi Europe.

### **SPECIAL NOTES:**

**Though we are physically distancing ourselves for all our health and safety, we are continuing to find ways to socially and emotionally connect, grow and celebrate.**

**Please refer to pages 10-11 of this tablet along with visiting Temple Sinai's website and Facebook page.**

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- \* **If you hear of a congregant who is ill or in the hospital**
- \* **If you have a death to report**
- \* **If you have a Yahrzeit that you would like read or changed**

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# FROM YOUR CLERGY



## WHAT ARE WE FREE FROM THIS YEAR?

One of the most prolific instructors I had while at HUC was the wonderful author, Rabbi Carol Ochs. Years ago, we spoke about how to make Passover as relevant as it possibly can be from year to year. She said that the single most basic thing one needs to make the most of Passover is to figure out what you are free from this year that you were not free from last year. I have shared this advice before, and it makes a lot of sense as we are all held captive by something during any given year. This year is special since in addition to those personal issues from which we have freed ourselves, we also share a common issue that still “enslaves” us from which we are slowly getting free.

The ongoing constraints of the COVID-19 virus does present a challenge for us, and it becomes particularly striking at this time of year. Our freedom seems to be a moving target. Things appear to get better and then worse. We find out that a new vaccine is available, but we had great difficulty in getting vaccinated. How do we make sense of this in terms of the symbolic “freedom” we think of when we try to embrace the deeper Passover message?

As I write this, some of you may have learned that the CDC has suggested that those individuals who have been fully vaccinated may be able to get together indoors as long as they wear masks. The fact is that this could change at any time and cause even more disappointment than before. We all wanted to have a Seder of some sort in person, but it just does not seem possible this year. The congregational Seder would be quite wonderful, but we are simply not in a position to hold a live celebration, especially with food involved, well as the great numbers of congregants who always turn out to celebrate together.

Is there a truly satisfying answer to this problem? I really don't know at this time. But I do have a truly satisfying suggestion for this year. It seems that our consciousness about freedom at Passover seems to be derived from separation. Not only does Moses part the sea into two walls of water so that Jews can escape being captured, but the sea collapses back into a giant body of water just in time to separate the Egyptians from the Jews. Perhaps this year our focus on freedom should not be looking back to what we were once bound to, but

rather look forward to the bonds that make our lives even more meaningful.

Even in the Torah portion, *B'Shallach*, which chronicles the miracle of the parting of the sea in the famous “Song of the Sea” the focus shifts from what actually happens in the sea to the march to the Promised Land. Is this a lesson for us to follow? Is the secret to look ahead and not just behind? If we are indeed going to celebrate Passover by appreciating our own freedoms, perhaps we should free ourselves from the need to look backward. Just as Moses and the Israelites did, we need to make plans for what is ahead of us. Uncertain as that may be, we know that we will all be together sooner than later. Perhaps this year instead of singing “Next Year in Jerusalem”, we might want to consider “Next Year Together”.

B'ahavah,

Chazzan Cliff Abramson

## FLETCHER FAMILY TRIO

Grand Living at Lakewood Ranch, the home of Mickie and Jerry Kaye, welcomed the Fletcher Family Trio, Renee on viola, Maxwell on cello and Jack on violin, outdoors on a beautiful March 9<sup>th</sup>. Many of the residents totally enjoyed their music and look forward to a repeat performance. Thank you, Fletcher family!

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# CHAVUROT

## *Chavarah Chesed (Kindness)*



Chavarah Chesed is enjoying each other's company through our Zoom sessions! Our monthly gatherings have been fun; we're continuing to get to know each other in many ways! We always have a game to participate in. Lots of laughing, lots of stories and lots of sharing and participation.

Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, we got together in a park, sat in a circle, distancing, masking, and appreciating, relishing, and adoring all of what we do have in our lives. Thank goodness for Zoom and FaceTime to enjoy our families and each other.

We heard a Judaic lesson about Purim learning the four important activities as part of the holiday. The four being: hear the story of Queen Esther, give *tzdakah*, give *shalach manot* and have a party! In our circle, we did all four!!!! Everyone went home with *shalach manot*, and the *tzdakah* collected was given to the Gan at Temple Sinai. We partied with brunch, schmoozed and had a great afternoon.

We love our Temple Sinai group! It is always enjoyable, amusing, entertaining, and fun loving.

Stay well everyone!

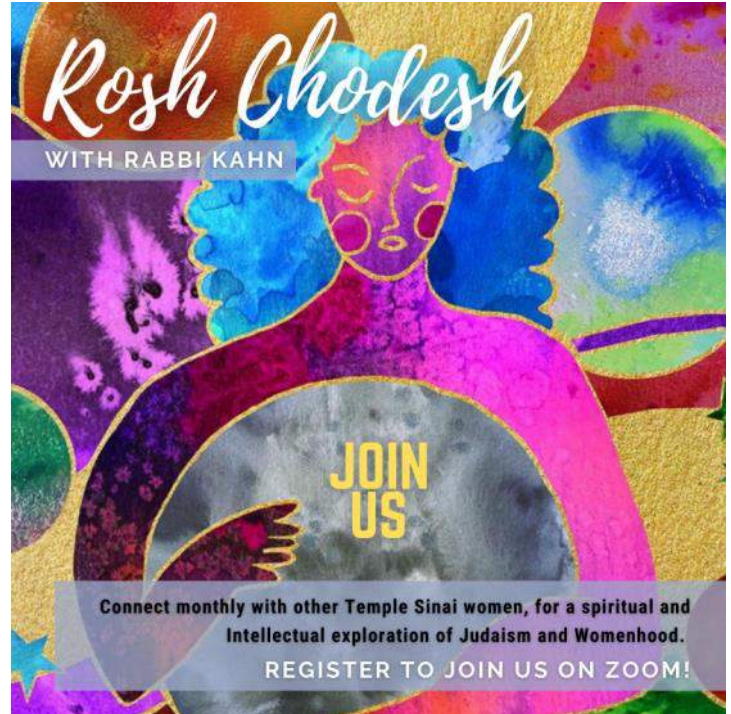
submitted by Judy Handleman

## *Chavurah Shalom*

Chavurah Shalom mourns the passing of our friend, Allan Gersman, who died on February 17, 2021. Unable to be with Marty and her family at the Temple Beth Shalom Cemetery, we shared the moment via Zoom. Unable to visit, we delivered food with love.

And, our wishes for the speediest of recoveries to our friend, Richie Toppel.

submitted by Mickie Kaye



## *Rosh Chodesh Calendar 2021* *Fridays at 10:00-11:00a.m.*

APRIL 9, 27 NISAN 5781

MAY 14, 3 SIVAN 5781

JUNE 11, 1 TAMMUZ 5781

JULY 9, 29 TAMMUZ 5781

AUGUST 13, 5 ELUL 5781

*mark your calendar to save these dates!*

## *Change of Dates!*

**Sinaiversary** for past clergy will be in April and the past board members will be honored in June.

Hopefully more people would have had their vaccines and perhaps we can accommodate more folks in our sanctuary.

# FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



## APRIL - A TIME OF FLOWERS, TAXES, AND BUDGETS

April is a month of beauty and pain. Trees are green, flowers are blooming, and the heat of summer has not yet arrived. It is also a time of financial reckoning that may be painful for some - tax season, as it is known. As a religious nonprofit, Temple Sinai does not pay taxes. We escape that pain. But our fiscal year runs from July 1st to June 30<sup>th</sup>, and thus, April is budget preparation and approval time for us.

As a prelude to our Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, May 23, 2021, I thought I would give you a brief overview of the process we use for developing the budget for fiscal 2021-22 and which we will present to you at that meeting.

According to our by-laws, the Budget and Finance Committee shall prepare a budget of estimated revenues and expenditures for the ensuing fiscal year. On this committee is Marv Rosen, VP Finance, chair, Alan Chalfin, President Elect, Sherry Thomas Financial, Secretary, and Bob Handleman, VP Administration. I am on the committee as well.

Budget worksheets are distributed to each of the responsible Vice Presidents for each of the different cost centers. So, for example, the Gan is a cost center as is the Religious School and the Youth Group. These specific areas fall under the VP of Education. He/she will work with each of the responsible professionals to develop the next year's budget with an eye to numerous factors, including the last year or two of income and expenses, insight into what the next fiscal year will bring, e.g., do we expect an increase in the number of children enrolled for religious school? Does the Gan have space to increase capacity? Ritual will look to the revenue for the Book of Remembrance and High Holiday ticket sales, for example. Development will consider what fund raising activities we will have – will we have a gala? Food Fest? Consideration is given to how we can minimize the expense of an event to maximize the contribution to the operation of the temple. Facilities will be concerned with replacing large expensive items such as our aging air conditioning units as well as the cost of lawn maintenance and security. And so it goes for each of the various operating arms of the temple.

Draft budgets from each area are presented to the Budget and Finance Committee where the details are reviewed. Then the perspective is broadened to encompass the overall financial health of the temple including cash flow and potential unplanned events

for costs or revenue. Cuts are made as needed. Raises provided as appropriate. A draft budget is then submitted to the entire board for review in March. Revisions are made accordingly, and the final budget goes to the board in April for approval before the annual meeting.

COVID has brought far more uncertainty to our process and our ability to forecast revenue than we have ever experienced. This 2021-22 budget also presents a challenge as we move into a more normalized year...we hope! Stay tuned for the next fiscal chapter. And put May 23 at 11 a.m. on your calendar to hear all the details.

L'shalom,

Ellyn Bender, President



*My sincerest appreciation for all the good wishes on the occasion of my birthday from all my many friends of Temple Sinai.*

*Paula Spitalny*



## RITUAL



The Hebrew month of Nissan is in April, and midway through the month is Iyar. Passover is ending. I hope however you were able to have your seder this year, virtual or in person, that it was joyous and meaningful. I pray next year we can finally gather as a congregation and have our seder together. I never imagined that we would not be able to have an in-person Temple Sinai seder two years in a row. I am so grateful that we have the technology that allows us to celebrate together in a virtual setting. Don't forget that the **Passover Yizkor service** is on Saturday, April 3rd at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom.

We have been highly successful in having in-person Erev Shabbat services with a limited number of congregants in attendance. The Advisory Committee continues to meet to look at the latest data and to make recommendations about the number of people that we can safely have in our sanctuary while following Covid guidelines. Masks are mandatory, as well as a temperature check and socially distanced seating. Rabbi and Chazzan are protected by plexiglass barriers. You must register for services; it's just a click away on the website. And remember, we need you for honors and ushers too. Services will continue to be available online as well. If you have any questions, give Gillian Perlinski a call, and she will guide you through the sign up.

As always, we have our weekly Erev Shabbat and Saturday morning services. Friday night is live in the sanctuary, and Saturday morning is by Zoom unless there is a B'nai Mitzvah. The month begins with the **Sinaiversary Erev Shabbat** service on April 2nd where we will recognize and honor our lay leadership. The following Erev Shabbat on April 9th is the **Life and Legacy Service**. We have had wonderful participation in this important program from our members. On April 24<sup>th</sup>, we will welcome **Ava Lernerz** as a young adult in our congregation as she becomes a **Bat Mitzvah**.

The amazing Gillian Perlinski is finishing up her term as honors chair. She has set up *Sign Up Genius* to make it simple to register for services and honors. If you are interested in this very important volunteer position, please contact me. Gillian will be happy to train you.

Stay safe and be well. We hope to see more of you at our in-person services.

Judy Swerdlow, VP Ritual

## PROGRAM



### *A Word from Your Program Director, Andrea Eiffert*

This month, it is my pleasure to welcome **Amy Wenke** as the chair of the newly formed Temple Sinai Program Committee. Amy brings with her a boatload of experience, from coordinating the housing for 175 teens during the NFTY convention hosted at temple back in 2011, to a multitude of technical and organizational skills that are vital in structuring of our new committee. We are getting the ball rolling to welcome additional committee members and planning our first committee meeting, but there is still time for YOU to get involved! If you want in on the action, please give us a call!

Prefer to spend your time baking challah over committee work? Ask how you can become a **Challah Balabusta!**

And if you prefer to attend programs, not organize them, don't miss our upcoming Israel 8-part series beginning April 7th titled **The History of the State of Israel: Zionism Through 2020**. The cost for members is just \$18 for the entire series, so join us for a journey through the history of the young state, from young Zionism to the British mandate, the founding of the state of Israel, and where we are today. The last three sessions include virtual tours of Israel with our guide, Uri Feinberg, and together we will uncover a different layer of Israeli society, history, past and present. To register, go to <https://www.templestsinai-sarasota.org/the-israel-series.html>.

Amy and I welcome your ideas, suggestions and most of all, help in our mission to curate engaging, entertaining and educational programming for all current and prospective members of all ages and interests!

For more information or to get involved, please contact Andrea Eiffert at: [Aeiffert@sinaisrq.org](mailto:Aeiffert@sinaisrq.org) or call her at (941)924-1802, option 6.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**ANNUAL CONGREGATION  
MEETING**

**SUNDAY, MAY 23 AT 11 A.M.**

# SINAI MEN'S CLUB



This is my final article for the Tablet as co-president of the Sinai Men's Club. To be sure Dick Brown and I have been co-presidents during very unique times. During this past year, the

SMC has been able to bring you many programs that would have met in person with food and handshakes. Through Zoom we were able to continue with much of our programming. What a godsend it has been. We have and will continue to offer programs such as the book club, schmoozes, breakfast speakers and the newly created film forum virtually until we are once again able to join together in person.

Thanks to the many people who made these programs to happen and to make sure the SMC flourished during this most difficult of times. We have a new board that will take over this May, and we are confident that they will make the SMC even better. We are planning an ambitious program for next year, a year that will see us gather again in person. Below is the proposed SMC slate for next year. We wish them well and much success.

## PROPOSED 2021-2022 SINAI MEN'S CLUB BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

CO-PRESIDENTS	CHESTER PERLINSKI AND HOWARD POLIVY
VICE PRESIDENT	MARK CRIDEN
TREASURER	ALLAN SCHREIBER
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	DAVID STEIN
SECRETARY	RON ROSENTHAL
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENTS	RICHARD BROWN AND MALCOLM ROBERTS

## BOARD MEMBERS

HOSPITALITY	ART SUGERMAN
MEMBERSHIP	BRIAN OSHRIN AND DAVID STEIN
SCHMOOZE	RICHARD BROWN
TREE OF LIFE	BARRY FRIEDMAN
PUBLICITY	ERIC FOX
RITUAL	ZVI ROGOVIN
BY LAWS/CARING	TONY JOSEPH
PROGRAMMING/SPECIAL EVENTS	MICHAEL GRUENBERG
AT LARGE	MARK MARGOLIS
AT LARGE	MARTY TAFFEL

Let us all stay safe and well and be kind to one another.

L' Shalom,

Malcolm Roberts  
Richard Brown  
Co-Presidents



## TREE OF LIFE

A Dove is \$300  
A Leaf is \$150

For information, contact Barry Friedman  
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## SMC FAMOUS SCHMOOZES

*For questions/reservations,  
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## ALL SMC BOOK CLUB MEETINGS WILL BE ON ZOOM ON THE 3RD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 12:30PM.

*Password details will be sent prior to each meeting.*

APRIL	THE ORPHEUS CLOCK BY SIMON GOODMAN
MAY	AND AFTER THE FIRE BY LAUREN BELFER
JUNE	BEFORE WE WERE YOURS BY LISA WINGATE
JULY	NEWS OF THE WORLD BY PAULETTE JILES
AUGUST	THE SYMPATHIZER BY VIET THANH NGUYEN
SEPTEMBER	THE TENDER BAR BY J. R. MOEHRINGER

Allan Schreiber, Co-Coordinator  
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# WOMEN OF SINAI



*CAUTION: Retired President on duty. Knows everything and has plenty of time to tell it.*

Since this is my final *Tablet* article as President of Women of Sinai, I have taken a break from inspirational quotes to reveal the type of person I really am inside. All quips aside, I have looked forward to writing this last article for three years, as it seemed like my term stretched interminably into the future. Now, however, it seems like it went by quite quickly. In quarantine, the day lasts forever but the months fly by. I have enjoyed my tenure, but it is very exciting to anticipate what the new board will have to offer. We will be in the capable hands of Laurie Criden as president, and many of our loyal board members will remain on board to help her as they have helped me. All the real work is performed by the board members; the president merely helps navigate as needed and tries to keep everyone organized. I thank all the board members and the members of Women of Sinai for their support; it has helped more than you will ever know.

We owe a great big "Thank You" to **Janet Gross, Committee Chair, Laurie Criden, Tech Support, Patty Schreiber and Janet Moses, Committee Support**, for organizing the virtual Mah Jongg and More Tournament last month. It was a great success. Also, we look forward to another New Member Meet and Greet via Zoom in the month of April organized by **Janet Moses, VP of Membership and Harriet Heisler**, incoming Co-VP of Membership.

On April 15, our book club will welcome the author of the selected book, R. L. Maizes, to join in our discussion. We had an author present at an earlier book club gathering and the discussion was fascinating. This book selection is a quirky collection of short stories. We are focusing on the story "We Love Anderson Cooper", which is about a young man who comes out of the closet at his Bar Mitzvah - should lead to a lively discussion.

We are pleased to announce that the Gift Shop is now open by appointment only. Please contact Barbara Bryden at [genetique@earthlink.net](mailto:genetique@earthlink.net) or Gillian Perlinski at [gillianlash@verizon.net](mailto:gillianlash@verizon.net) for an appointment. As a reminder, purchases made at the gift shop help support Women of Sinai.



Looking forward to our **Movie and More** on Sunday, May 23, organized by **Janet Tolbert**. The movie selection is "The Meyerwitz Stories" and is available on Netflix. Look for our flyer in the *Tablet* and in the WOS weekly online newsletter.

Signing off with gratitude,  
**Peggy Miller**, Past President of Women of Sinai

## *Good News!* *The Gift Shop is Now Open for* *Business by Appointment & Every* *Friday Evening!*

The Gift Shop has been freshly painted and is sparkling clean. All items are on display and for sale at 20% off, except for the articles created by Gary Rosenthal.

All proceeds from the Gift Shop go to the Women of Sinai. All monies collected are then distributed to various charitable causes WITHIN OUR Sinai community. Therefore, any proceeds from the Gift Shop are considered Tzedakah. Thus you can purchase items and be blessed at the same time!! For appointments, contact Barbara Bryden at (516) 314-0321 or Gillian Perlinski at (703) 371-7020.

## WOS MITZVAH

Happy Spring Everyone!!!

I wanted to personally thank you for all the food you brought for our temple-wide food drive. I am always overwhelmed with your generosity. The food bags filled our huge bin, and your monetary donations were tremendous. While these are such difficult times for many people, and family kitchen food pantries are empty, the answer from our own community was astounding. With your generosity, we will be filling many home pantries from The Food Bank of Manatee. Your checks have gone to All Faiths Food Bank or The Food Bank of Manatee, as you have requested.

Thank you so much for always being ready to give to those in need.

I am truly grateful for your generosity.  
**Judy Polivy**, VP Mitzvah





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Stories**



**MAY  
23  
SUNDAY**

**The Meyerowitz Stories** is an American Comedy-drama film, directed and written by Noah Baumbach. Starring Adam Sandler, Ben Stiller, Dustin Hoffman Emma Thompson. It follows a group of dysfunctional adult siblings trying to live in the shadow of their father.

**! FREE ON NETFLIX !**

Watch the film in advance at your leisure in the comfort of your home and gather with WOS on May 23rd for friendship, fellowship, and a cultural experience as we discuss the film. Submit your questions on the chat.

**www.SinaiSRQ.org**

**WHEN: Sunday, May 23rd**

7:00 pm Film and Discussion  
with Carole Kleinberg

**COST:** A Voluntary  
Contribution  
will be welcome

**QUESTIONS?**

**REGISTRATION:**

Janet Tolbert - [Janetrtolbert@gmail.com](mailto:Janetrtolbert@gmail.com) - 388-9624.

Make voluntary contributions payable to: **Women of Sinai**, and mail with this form to: **Barbara Pollack**, 16635 Collingtree Crossing, Lakewood Ranch 34202. **Register by May 20.** You will receive a zoom invitation via email. Please do not share the link with others.

**Advance Registration  
REQUIRED**

**Women of Sinai Movie & More - May 23rd**

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likes to keep in touch with their college students while they are away at school.

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To enroll your young adult in College Connection, please send their name and email address to: Jeanne Marlowe [Jemlow61@gmail.com](mailto:Jemlow61@gmail.com)



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Midweek Hebrew  
Weekly 1:1 Hebrew Tutoring  
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# THE GAN



**Laura Freedman**  
Director of Early Childhood  
Education

*The Gan at Temple Sinai*  
*Growing Minds, Strengthening*  
*Bodies, Nurturing souls*

## Calendar

- April 1-2 Gan closes at noon for Passover  
(lunch at home)
- April 5 "Is There Jewish Life After Pre  
school?"  
Coffee and Nosh at 9:30 a.m.
- April 15 Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration at  
9:30 a.m.
- April 23 Camp Fees deadline
- April 26-30 Teacher Appreciation Week at The  
Gan
- April 30 Lag B'Omer Celebration Picnic at  
The Gan

## *Purim Parking Lot Parade* *& Puppets & Party*



Devy Duck : Devlyn Fischer all  
dressed up!

Devorim  
(Bumble  
Bees – 4  
year olds)  
posing to-  
gether.



Tzip Purim  
(Tziporim Birds –  
1 year olds)  
lining up to start  
their route in the  
parade.



Shoshanim  
group dancing about  
in the Social Hall.

**Laura**





# MEMBERSHIP

## Membership Directory Update

Please inform the temple office if there is any correction or change in your address, telephone numbers or email address, so that updates may be published in next month's TABLET.

### Address change:

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## Milestone Anniversaries 25 years+

**April 11**

Lisa and Amir Arbisser

45 years

**April 28**

Amelia Brock and Jerry Mechaber

25 years

## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

The work of **Temple Sinai's Membership Committee** is crucial to the creation of a meaningful temple community.

While every member is, by nature, involved in membership, the committee is the primary group that focuses on *attracting, recruiting, welcoming, integrating, engaging and retaining members* to help them find a lifelong place for themselves within our temple family.

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## Happy Special April Birthday! 50 years+

**April 7**

Mickie Kaye

85 years

**April 11**

Roslyn Ross

75 years

**April 12**

Andrew Marlowe

60 years

**April 15**

Cassandra Winters

50 years

**April 22**

Louis Cohen

55 years

Herbert Lauber

90 years

Michael Lindheimer

80 years

**April 25**

Robin Klein-Strauss

70 years

# CELEBRATE!

*Please join us in wishing our fellow congregants a Happy Anniversary this month of April!*

April 6  
Roz and Ron Rosenthal

April 10  
Elyse and Mark Gordon

April 11  
Gail and Allan Shaivitz

April 13  
Micki Sherin Evans and Eugene Evans

April 16  
Robert and Ron Gerlach

April 21  
Chazzan Cliff and Jamie Abramson

April 22  
Shelley and Jorge Prada

*Please wish these fellow congregants a very Happy Birthday as they celebrate their special April day.*

April 1  
Gail Coel

April 2  
Arthur Emrich  
Malcolm Roberts  
Rona Ross

April 3  
Emily Levin

April 4  
Diane Block  
Harriet Heisler

April 6  
Sondra Ettlinger  
Marty Katz  
Gloria Peretz

April 7  
Leonard Shafer

April 8  
Frances Brandt  
Beth Ellsworth  
Mitchell Epstein  
Brian Oshrin  
Robert Weiss

April 9  
Jack Rosenblum

April 10  
Michelle Marcus  
Marcy Miller  
Ari Shapiro

April 11  
Jill Malkin

April 12  
Janis Collier

April 13  
Ron Bellamy

April 14  
Jack Nesbit

April 15  
Richard Toppel

April 16  
Sylvia Bloom

April 17  
Nicholas Chipurnoi  
Larry Coel

April 19  
Karen Worobow

April 20  
Wende Kozlow

April 21  
Diana Ehrlich  
Diane Weiss

April 22  
Lawrence Hurvitz  
Janet Joseph  
Marty Liebgott

April 23  
Allison Juceam  
Sherry Thomas

April 25  
David Graber  
Ingrid Green

April 27  
Linda Chapman  
Ann Goldstein

April 28  
Nancy Swart

April 29  
Michala Chipurnoi  
Ann Friedman  
Barbara Grossman

April 30  
Alexandra Pike

JOIN CHAZZAN ABRAMSON

**INTRODUCTION  
TO HIGH HOLIDAY  
LITURGY & MUSIC**  
USING THE MISHKAN HANEFESH

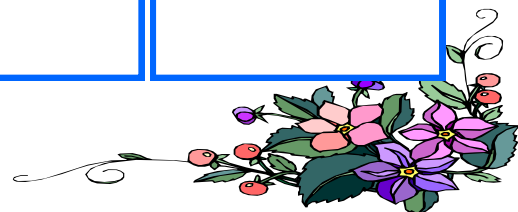


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## TEMPLE SINAI COMINGS AND GOINGS



It is with great appreciation that our Temple Sinai clergy, staff and leadership wish to thank Risa Segal for over six years of dedication and hard work in her role as Communications and Development Administrator. Risa has been an essential part of our staff and her meticulous and creative work served to convey Temple Sinai's mission, creating vibrant and welcoming digital marketing content to engage and educate our community. Risa is moving on to take a larger role in her family's business; we are sad to see her go, but grateful that she will remain an integral part of our temple community. She and her family are longtime members of Temple Sinai, and we look forward to many, many more years ahead!

Risa's departure leaves large shoes to fill for sure, and we are thrilled to announce that Melanie Epstein has been hired as Temple Sinai's full time Marketing and Communications Coordinator, reporting to Andrea Eiffert. Melanie comes to us with a BA, cum laude, in Communication Studies and Public Relations, from Rollins College. She began her career in New York City, working in advertising at Ptarmigan Media and merchandising at Macy's corporate. Upon moving back to Sarasota in 2019, Melanie began working at RE/MAX Platinum, where she oversaw promotion activities and social media, managed client communications and community outreach, and executed successful marketing strategies. She looks forward to contributing her skills and passion for Jewish communal work at Temple Sinai. Though she is new to staff, Melanie is no stranger to us. She has been an active member since 2008, served on the SAFETY board and was a *madricha* in high school. She currently teaches first and second grade in our religious school.



**Thank you, Risa, for your years of service and  
welcome aboard Melanie!**

*Mazel Tov*

**Jack Somerled Fletcher**, son of Renee' and Wyatt Fletcher of Sarasota, FL, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on April 24, 2021. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Jack's original Bar Mitzvah date was changed, and thus he has two Torah Parshas, Re'eh and Achrei Mot-Kedoshim.



Jack is an 8th grader at Braden River Middle School; his favorite subjects include any music class. He plays five instruments, drum set, electric bass, violin, trumpet, and piano and is active in the Jazz Band, Orchestra, and Rock Band. Jack is also a first degree black belt in Hwa Rang Do. Jack has been selected as the drummer for the Florida All State Middle School Jazz Band two years in a row and performed a drum set solo with The Pops Orchestra 2 years ago. He has played violin for 6 years and performs with the Sarasota Youth Orchestra. He enjoys volunteering and most

recently has been performing "front porch concerts" with his family's string trio for home-bound elderly. Prior to the pandemic, he performed at local nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

In his free time, Jack enjoys playing video games and spending time with his family. Jack and his family invite the entire Temple Sinai congregation to view his Bar Mitzvah via livestream, followed by an in-person "drive-by" from 1 pm - 2 pm at Temple Sinai to wish him a "Mazel Tov," hear Jack and his rock band perform and receive a special gift.



# YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

**SAFETY** – Grades 9 – 12

**JOOSY** – Grades 6 – 8

**Kesher** – Grades 3 – 5

Kesher means a knot, connection, link.

Please visit our webpage at  
<http://www.temple Sinai-sarasota.org/youthgroup.php> for more information about  
**SAFETY**, **JOOSY**, and **Kesher**.



**Deb Bryan, Youth Group Advisor**

[dbryan@sinaisrq.org](mailto:dbryan@sinaisrq.org)

## ***A Special Note from a SAFETY Board Member!***

Hi, everyone! I'm Lucy Thomas, a freshman in high school, and I have been on the Youth Group's SAFETY Board this past school year.

It is so hard for me to express in such few words how amazing it has been to be involved in this leadership experience, because it has really helped me develop my skills. I became much closer with my temple friends whom I have known since I was a little kid! Being the youngest person on the SAFETY Board made me feel like I really had to prove that I had the same amount of leadership abilities as all the juniors, but they never made me feel like I was any less a part of the group.

Being on the SAFETY Board is something I would recommend to all the incoming high schoolers or current high schoolers of Temple Sinai, whether you have a leadership background or not. It's a great way to learn and grow. Hope to see all your applications, which are due by March 19, 2021! Check your email inboxes (or your parents' email inboxes) for the application and other information!



## ***SAFETY Board Election Took Place during the Painting Youth Lounge Ceiling Tile Event on Mach 28th!***



These current SAFETY Board members want YOU to join them! Our Temple Sinai Youth Group needs your help to keep it the best it can be! Join us! Apply to be on the Temple Sinai Youth Group SAFETY Board for 2021-2022!

## **APRIL CALENDAR**

- 4/11 SAFETY Board Meeting at 4:00 p.m.**
- 4/18 Virtual Fashion Show and Contest for Grades 6 and Up at 4:00 p.m.**



# RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



Bethany Leinweber, Director of Youth Education, Outreach and Engagement

*Here's What Happened While You Were Gone...*

## *Purim "Car" nival Maze*

The Chipurnoi Family



The Mitchell Family



Davina Chait and Iyar ben Herut



The Gordons



Geveret Ilene Dyrda



Dunk Boys



## *Sisters of Sinai*

The moms of The Gan, Religious School and graduates of both gathered for a lovely evening celebrating Rosh Chodesh Adar. We received "**Secret Esther**", practiced mindful meditation and shared intimate moments throughout the hour spent together. It was a special time shared and we look forward to joining together again each month.

# RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

## *Birthdays for April - Yom Huledet Sameach!*



April 4 Skate Segal  
Celia Collier  
April 7 Ariella Graber  
April 10 Logan Weitzner  
April 14 Keira Ellsworth  
April 19 Alivia Graber  
April 25 Ava Lenerz  
April 27 Ethan Freeman  
April 28 Marty Gomien  
April 30 Ezra Weinstein



## *What's Happening in the Religious School for April?*

- APRIL 3 7:00 P.M.- HAVDALLAH and DRIVE-IN MOVIE AT SINAI *Prince of Egypt*
- APRIL 4 10:00 A.M. – 12 NOON IN PERSON SCHOOL K-7  
1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. ONLINE K-7  
3:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. ONLINE *MOVING TRADITIONS*
- APRIL 7/8 MID-WEEK HEBREW ONLINE TUTORING 5:00 - 6:00 P.M.
- APRIL 10 7:00 P.M. **BNAI MITZVAH RETREAT** for ALL 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students – Location (online, in person, someone's back yard TBD)
- APRIL 11 10:00 A.M. - 12 NOON IN PERSON SCHOOL K-7  
1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. ONLINE K-7  
12 NOON – 2:00 P.M. IN PERSON *MOVING TRADITIONS*
- APRIL 14/15 MID-WEEK HEBREW ONLINE TUTORING 5:00 - 6:00 P.M.
- APRIL 18 CELEBRATE YOM HA'ATZMAUT!  
10:00 A.M. – 12 NOON IN PERSON SCHOOL K-7  
1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. ONLINE K-7  
3:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. ONLINE *MOVING TRADITIONS*
- APRIL 21/22 MID-WEEK HEBREW ONLINE TUTORING 5:00 - 6:00 P.M.
- APRIL 25 10:00 A.M. – 12 NOON IN PERSON SCHOOL K-7  
1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. ONLINE K-7
- APRIL 28/29 MID-WEEK HEBREW ONLINE TUTORING 5:00 - 6:00 P.M.
- APRIL 30 6:00 P.M. **SHABBAT L'MORIM**



# BECAUSE WE CARE...

## TEMPLE SINAI GENERAL FUND

Aravilla  
Monica DeGiovanni/Development Corporation for Israel  
Kardon/Kittner/Huntting Foundation  
Louis Lasday  
Elinor Zuch

### In Honor of:

Mark Heisler, 'our new chanter':  
Betty and Richard Greenspan  
Judy Polivy's Birthday: Judy and Robert Goldblatt  
Bernice Niss's Birthday: Carole and Fred Gorin  
Toby Weiss's Birthday: Carole and Fred Gorin

### In Appreciation of:

Temple Sinai's Shabbat Services:  
Jeffrey Bergart  
Barbara Bryden Gruenberg, for your fun class on how to make Halvah: Ellyn Bender and Pam Paschall  
Dr. Leigh Gordon, for your informative and timely Covid coping presentation: Betty and Richard Greenspan  
Pearl Perlinski, for your informative driving presentation, 4.3 seconds: Betty and Richard Greenspan  
Dr. Phil Chaiken, for your Covid/Pharmacology presentations: Betty and Richard Greenspan

### Speedy Recovery of:

Fredda Chalfin: Ellyn Bender and Pam Paschall  
Jim Wolfson: Betty and Richard Greenspan

### In Memory of:

Alvin Grossman, brother of Maxine Goodheim: Maxine Goodheim  
Robert Safran: Dana Corn  
Robert Safran: Clara and Lawrence Kahn  
Robert Safran: Fran and Jeff Cohen  
Robert Safran: Ruth and Howard Taylor  
Allan Gersman: Betty and Richard Greenspan

Allan Gersman: Doris and Ron Benice  
Allan Gersman: Harriet and Marc Rosen  
Allan Gersman: Myrna and Herbert Lauber  
Allan Gersman: Sandy and Gary Kravitz  
Allan Gersman: Carole and Fred Gorin  
Allan Gersman: Joseph Fammartino

## RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

### In Appreciation of:

Kathy Stern, for her work and support on the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee: Elana and Mark Margolis  
Dori Spector, for her work and support on the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee: Elana and Mark Margolis

### In Memory of:

Pauline Handleman: Judy and Robert Handleman  
Robert Safran: Greta and Malcolm Roberts  
Robert Safran: Helene and Elliot Lerner  
Robert Safran, brother of Edward Safran: Harriet and Edward Safran  
Allan Gersman: Sondra and Tom Ettlinger  
Allan Gersman: Elana and Mark Margolis  
David Krantz, father of Gail Glickman: Gail Glickman

## CHAZZAN'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

### In Appreciation of:

Gillian and Pearl Perlinski, for their work and support on the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee: Elana and Mark Margolis  
Judy Intrator, for her work and support on the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee: Elana and Mark Margolis

Carole Gorin, for her help in my getting the vaccine: Elana Margolis

### In Memory of:

David Lieberman: Judith and Alan Fishbein  
David Lieberman: Alene Wendrow and George Neidich  
Allan Gersman: Jane and Marvin Glusman  
Allan Gersman: Alene Wendrow and George Neidich  
Allan Gersman: Robert Krasow

## RABBI GEOFF HUNTTING/LIFE AND LEGACY ENDOWMENT FUND

### In Appreciation of:

Geri Drexler, for my thoughtful secret Esther gift: Elana Margolis

### Speedy Recovery of:

Barbara Brown: Diane and Norman Silverstein

### In Memory of:

Henry Benesch, father of Michael Benesch: Diane and Norman Silverstein  
Allan Gersman: Mickie and Jerry Kaye

## DIRECTOR OF YOUTH EDUCATION'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Elana and Mark Margolis

### In Honor of:

Alix Leinweber becoming a Bat Mitzvah: Laurie Lachowitzer

### In Appreciation of:

The fabulous 30<sup>th</sup> Sinaiversary Party – committee members, donors, and participants: Ellyn Bender and Pamela Paschall  
Donna and Brian Oshrin, for their work and support on the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee: Elana and Mark Margolis  
Barbara Pollack, for her work and support on the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee: Elana and Mark Margolis

Lisa Naiburg, for her work and support on the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee: Elana and Mark Margolis

## GAN FUND

### Speedy Recovery of:

Myron Bernstein: Judith and Leonard Swerdlow

### In Memory of:

Linda Politzer, sister of Joyce Fine: Joyce and Roger Fine

## CECILE T. ALEXANDER SOUND & PRODUCTION ENHANCEMENT FUND

### In Memory of:

Evelyn Sussman: Bonnie and Harvey Sussman  
David Lieberman: Cookie Bloom  
Allan Gersman, husband of Marty Gersman: Cecile Alexander  
Allan Gersman, brother and brother-in-law of Don and Harriet Gersman: Cecile Alexander

## ANCHIN FUND

### In Honor of:

Toniet and Jim Wolfson's granddaughter becoming a Bat Mitzvah: Greta and Malcolm Roberts

### Speedy Recovery of:

Fredda Chalfin: Judith and Leonard Swerdlow

### In Memory of:

Herbert Horowitz: Cookie Bloom  
Allan Gersman: Toby and David Weiss  
Allan Gersman: Judith and Leonard Swerdlow

## HORAY SINAI FUND

### In Appreciation of:

Elana Margolis, for all she does, and for all she is - a true woman of valor: Lisa Naiburg

## YOUTH GROUP FUND

### In Appreciation of:

Maxwell Fletcher being one of our Emcees: Elana and Mark Margolis

## URJ SUMMER PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP FUND

### In Memory of:

Ben Lachowitzer, father of Laurie Lachowitzer: Laurie Lachowitzer  
Greg Markus's mother: Laurie Lachowitzer

## MARX EDUCATIONAL FUND

### In Memory of:

Robert Safran: Meredith Ernst

## SHERRY LINHART FLOWER FUND

### In Memory of:

Allan Gersman, husband of Marty Gersman: Etta and Howard Raiken  
Allan Gersman, brother and brother-in-law of Don and Harriet Gersman: Etta and Howard Raiken

The Caring Committee is very lucky that our board member, **Leigh Gordon**, has a once-a-week support group for some of our members having trouble during these uncertain times. We appreciate all that Leigh is doing for our Temple Sinai members!

There is still room for a chair of this committee.

Please contact  
elanatemple@aol.com

Stay well and healthy!

**Elana Margolis**  
VP Membership

## MEMBERSHIP CALLING TREE

We have 40 members making our telephone tree monthly calls.

Thanks to Carole Gorin and her many helpers.

Interested in helping?  
Please contact Carole at chgorin@gmail.com



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Tabs can be dropped off at Temple Sinai mid-week from 9 am - 4 pm

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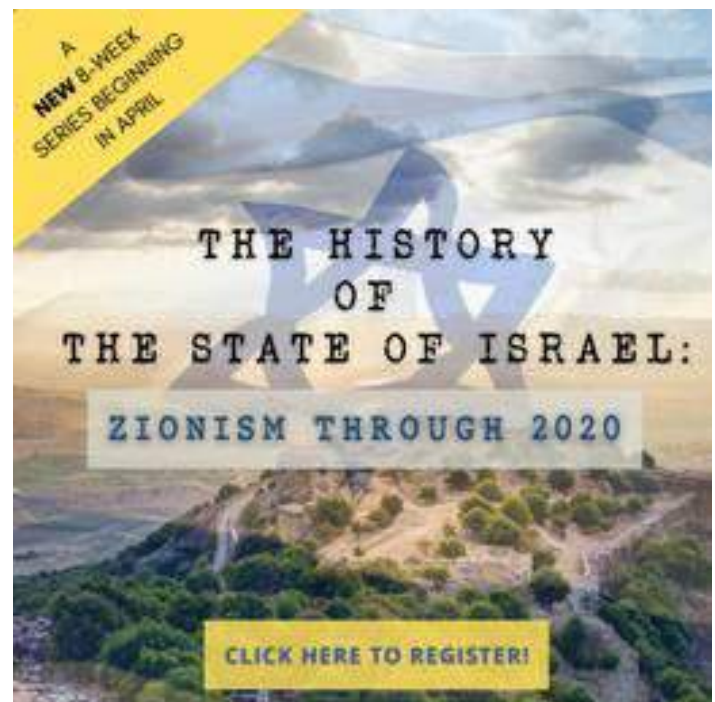
# MARCH BOARD BRIEFS

The Board of Trustees recently learned that our first Payroll Protection Plan loan has been forgiven, and the temple has received the funds from a CARES grant. Additionally, individual private gifts have recently been received, which helped a great deal in ensuring the financial well being of Temple Sinai. Special thanks are owed to Marv Rosen and Marian Siegel for their hard work in completing and submitting application materials for relief funds. Later this spring, we anticipate making some enhancements to the sanctuary, including beautiful bookshelves to hold our collection of prayer books.

In February, members of the board dedicated time in a day-long retreat to help craft mission and vision statements for the temple in conjunction with Rabbi Kahn. The language is currently being refined and clarified to ensure it is an adequate reflection of the thought that went into these statements. The board also elected to form a team to work as part of the URJ Benchmarking Project. This project involves some self-study and reflection and allows us to access data the project compiles from participating URJ congregations, such as operating data and information about early childhood education.

Some members of the board, as well as some congregants, have formed a task force to create a self-reflection tool about practices enacted during the pandemic. There may be some innovations we wish to retain even after the world returns to a semblance of normalcy.

Submitted by,  
Alyssa Mandel, Board Secretary



## *New Membership Idea!.*

Would you like to connect with Temple Sinai members who come from MD? Queens? Long Island? Chicago area? Boston?

Let us know your area and we will set up area Zoom meetings!!

Please contact either Bethany Leinweber  
at [bleinweber@sinaisrq.org](mailto:bleinweber@sinaisrq.org)  
or Elana Margolis at [elanatemple@aol.com](mailto:elanatemple@aol.com)



# WE REMEMBER THEM...

Jean Andriesse for Everett Andy Andriesse  
 Lorraine Asarch for Henry Asarch  
 Kathy and Myron Bernstein for Irving Bernstein  
 Ann Black for Herbert Horowitz  
 Barbara and Richard Brown for Florence Bloom  
 Amy and Lance Cassell for Helene Westman  
 Judy Drachman for Jean Maltz  
 Judy Drachman for Allan Drachman  
 Judy Drachman for Joan Pitler  
 Illene and Skip Dyrda for Joan Spittal  
 Laura and David Einstein for Gelia Einstein  
 Laura Freedman for aunt, Linda Politzer  
 Coleen and Marc Friedman for Rose Schwartz  
 Leigh and Michael Gordon for Lynne M. Gordon  
 Carole and Fred Gorin for beloved aunt of Carole Gorin, Anita Winer  
 Betty and Richard Greenspan for sister of Bruce Feldman, Devera Lurie  
 Betty and Richard Greenspan for husband of Itzel Lieberman, David Lieberman  
 Betty and Richard Greenspan for mother of Debbie VanPraag, Rebecca VanPraag  
 Betty and Richard Greenspan for father of Robert Horowitz, Herbert Horowitz  
 Betty and Richard Greenspan for father of Michael Benesch, Henry Benesch  
 Janet and Louis Gross for Minna Gross  
 Robert Horowitz for father, Herbert Horowitz  
 Doris Kanter for Samuel Kanter  
 David Kaufman for father, Morris Kaufman  
 Mickie and Jerry Kaye for mother of Mickie Kaye, Dutchy Kliegman  
 Mickie and Jerry Kaye for father of Jerry Kaye, Joseph Kolichstein  
 Martha Magenheim for father, Milton David Magenheim

Shelley and Gregory Markus for grandmother of Shelley Markus, Rose Rice  
 Peggy and Bob Miller for Harry Miller  
 Irving Mishkin for Ruth Mishkin  
 Sheila Namiot and Marvin Rosen for Frances Miller  
 Sheila Namiot and Marvin Rosen for Allan Gersman  
 Gail Perer for father, Harold Bahm  
 Mikki and Joel Pertofsky for Louis Pertofsky  
 Etta and Howard Raiken for beloved son, Scott Farrell Raiken  
 Marilyn Ridgway for Allan Gersman  
 Marilyn Ridgway for brother, Bruce E. Krane  
 Marge and Ira Rome for Allan Gersman  
 Ellen and Sidney Rothschild for Dorothy Nall Brotz  
 Frances, Paul and Francine Schatz for Lillian Marder Schatz  
 Bernice Volk for Robert Volk  
 Diane and Robert Weiss for Marc Stuart Weiss  
 Sheila and Warren Wollheim for aunt, Bea Wollheim  
 Karen and Daryl Worobow for Jack Finkel  
 Karen and Daryl Worobow for Stella Rulnick



**Temple Sinai Gardens is our very own Jewish section in the Robert Toale & Sons Funeral Home at Palms Memorial Park.**

**For information, contact the temple office**

## OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY PASSED.

**Edward and Harriet Safran**, and to **Rebecca and Louis Cohen**, on the death of Edward's brother, Harriet's brother-in-law, and uncle to Rebecca and Louis Cohen, Robert Safran. Robert Safran died on February 8, 2021.

**Marty Gersman, and to Don and Harriet Gersman** on the death of Marty's husband, and our congregant, and Don's brother and Harriet's brother-in-law, Allan Gersman. Allan Gersman died on February 17, 2021.



## Memorial Plaques

Purchasing a Memorial Plaque will commemorate your loved one(s) for all eternity.

What a beautiful way to honor those who have passed away.

*The special price for a plaque is \$252.*

To order a Memorial Plaque, please contact the temple office, (941) 924-1802.

# LIFE & LEGACY™

## Over but not Out

On June 15, 2016, I attended an auspicious meeting at our Jewish Federation. Also from Temple Sinai were Mark Richmond (z"l), Rich Stern and Gary Kravitz. We met with Federation's Executive Director, Howard Tevlowitz and their President at the time, Patti Wertheimer. They wanted to talk with us about a new program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, *Life and Legacy*™. I was familiar with HGF because of the popular PJ Library and their free Jewish books to young families. I had even heard of the *Life and Legacy*™ program, as I had read of it in an out town Jewish newspaper. I knew it was all about encouraging after lifetime giving.

It was explained to us at that meeting that our community would have to apply to be considered to participate. Federation would have to be able to convince the Grinspoon organization that the Sarasota/Manatee temples, agencies and organizations would be worthy partners for this effort. And so, it began. Federation did its legwork and got Sarasota/Manatee approved to be part of a newly forming cohort. Temple Sinai and all the other participating local groups had to complete a comprehensive Case Study to be accepted and we were. It is officially a 4-year program; March 31<sup>st</sup> was the end of our last quarter.

We have had a strong committee throughout, but our solid base was due to the relentless determination and diligence of Mark Richmond. He was passionate about helping to secure our future. Daryl Worobow served for years as chair and most recently, Mark Criden and Janine Cohen have stepped up to lead the team going forward. Other committee members are (Kathy Bernstein, Cookie Bloom, Marge Ellin, Rich Greenspan, and Elana Margolis. We also thank Ken Kaufman for his years of service on this team.

It has been my honor to work with these great people on such an important committee. It's now time for me to move on to something else. I keep trying to learn to relax but I fail miserably at that!!

Endowment giving remains a crucial element of assuring our ongoing success. We will still be able to benefit from our connection to the Grinspoon *Life and Legacy*™ program. Educational webinars, access to marketing materials and other support continues. You can be remembered forever at Temple Sinai with a gift in your will, trust, retirement account or life insurance policy.

Laurie Lachowitzer



**LIFE & LEGACY™**  
Assuring JEWISH TOMORROWS  
A program of the  
HAROLD GRINSPOON  
FOUNDATION

*You are cordially invited to  
Temple Sinai's  
Legacy Donor Shabbat  
Friday, April 9, 2021  
6:00 PM Service  
Live Streamed*

*We will briefly acknowledge and thank all  
of our Endowment Donors for their  
commitment to the enduring prosperity  
of Temple Sinai*

  
The Rabbi Geoffrey Huntting  
Endowment Fund



to **Barbara and Michael Pollack** on the marriage of their daughter Illana to Ed Pool.

*If you wish to have a Mazel Tov published in the TAB-LET, please call the temple office with your information.*

## Special Message from our Jewish Federation about LIFE & LEGACY™

Because of YOU, our community has recently reached two exciting milestones! We have successfully **formalized 75% of our Year 1 and Year 2 Letters of Intent** and have reached **\$20 Million Dollars** in estimated value of promised gifts!

What a remarkable journey! Here is our LIFE & LEGACY success at a glance:

• 4 Years
• 10 Partnering Organizations
• 62 Volunteers
• 550 Donors
• 663 Letters of Intent
• 117 Realized Gifts with a total of \$2.5 Million already received by the selected partnering organizations
• 490 Overall Formalized Gifts
• 639 Conversations and Presentations
• 2,284 Marketing efforts
• 4,445 Stewardship touches
• <b>\$20,011,010 Million Dollars in estimated value of promised gifts!</b>

As we complete another program year at the end of March, we can certainly look back at the past four years with immense pride for the work we have done as a community, and gratitude for the generosity of all our LIFE & LEGACY donors.

**Mazel Tov and a huge Thank You to all of you!** It has been a pleasure working with all of you and building the future of our Jewish community together.

Warmest Regards,

**Gisele Pintchuck**  
*LIFE & LEGACY™ Director*



# HAPPENINGS

**Coffee Talk**

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS + OUR CLERGY WILL WEIGH IN ON THE TOPICS OF THE DAY!

**Tues 1:30**

**THE MATURING VOICE:**  
STRENGTH, FLEXIBILITY & VOCAL HEALTH  
WITH CHAZZAN ABRAMSON

A Workshop with Exercises for Better Breathing, Phonation and Habitual Vocal Behavior

**EVERY WED 11AM**

REB ARI PRESENTS

**THE 12 MINOR PROPHETS | TUES 3PM**

MUSIC OF THE SYNAGOGUE

**WHY WE SING WHAT WE SING**

WITH CHAZZAN CLIFF ABRAMSON

THURSDAYS @ 10 AM

A TEMPLE SINAI HANG

**GUYS NIGHT OUT**

5:30 PM | April 1, 2021

Outside Behind the Social Hall  
TEMPLE SINAI SARASOTA

RSVP ONLINE

**FIRST SHABBAT**

**30** TEMPLE SINAI

**SINAI CLERGY PAST & PRESENT**

**APR 2<sup>nd</sup>**



# HAPPENINGS




**THE PRINCE OF EGYPT**

**HAYDALAH & A DRIVE-IN 7PM**

The fun, Sinai way to end Passover all together in the parking lot and watch the movie in your car.

**APR 3 SATURDAY**



The History of the State of Israel: Zionism through 2020

The Foundation of Zionism: Was This in Fact the Beginning?

DER JUDENSTAAT.

VERSUCH

MODERNE LÖSUNG DER JUDENFRAGE

VON THEODOR HERZL

Session #1 of an 9-part series

**APRIL 7 WEDNESDAY**

12:15 - 1:30 pm

**MEET 30 MEMBERS**

MONDAY, APRIL 12:

**CAROLE KLEINBERG**

**DO WE NEED JEWISH THEATRE IN SARASOTA?**

Learn about the value, purpose and scope of Jewish Theater and plans for the future!

**30 TEMPLE SINAI**

10:30 - 11:30 AM



The History of the State of Israel: Zionism through 2020

Yom HaZikaron

Session #2 of an 9-part series

**APRIL 14 WEDNESDAY**

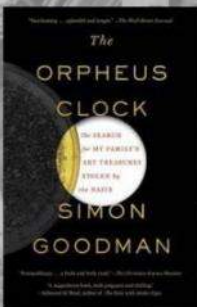
12:15 - 1:30 pm

**30 TEMPLE SINAI**

**SINAI MEN'S BOOK CLUB**

**THE ORPHEUS CLOCK**

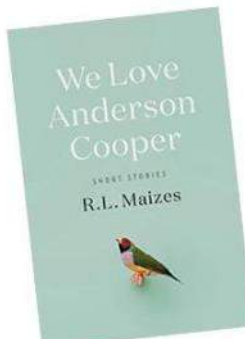
THURSDAY  
APRIL 15, 2021  
12:30 - 2:00 PM



**WOMEN OF SINAI BOOK CLUB**

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THURSDAY  
APR 15, 2021  
2:00 - 3:30 PM





# HAPPENINGS

**MEET 30 MEMBERS**

**MONDAY, APRIL 19:**  
**JAY HANDLEMAN**

**THE LOCAL ARTS SCENE CIRCA 2021**

How have the local arts organizations fared during the pandemic? What should we expect after vaccinations? When will we more broadly reopen?

**10:30 - 11:30 AM**

**30** TEMPLE SINAI  
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The History of the State of Israel:  
Zionism through 2020

**WWI and  
The British Mandate**



Session #3 of an 9-part series

**12:15 - 1:30 pm**

**APRIL 21 WEDNESDAY**

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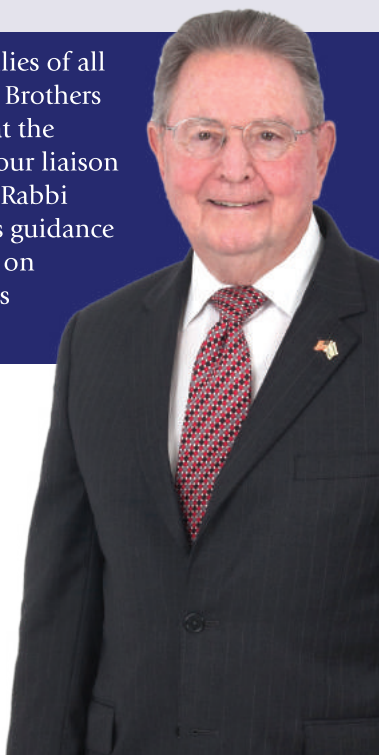
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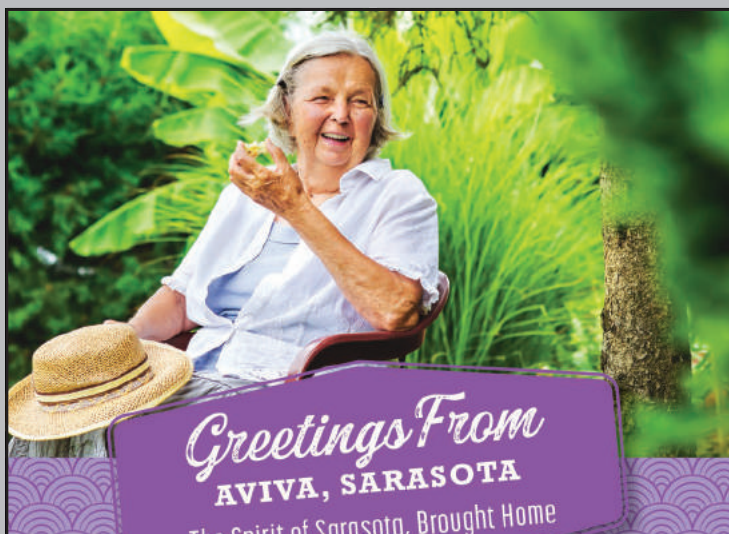
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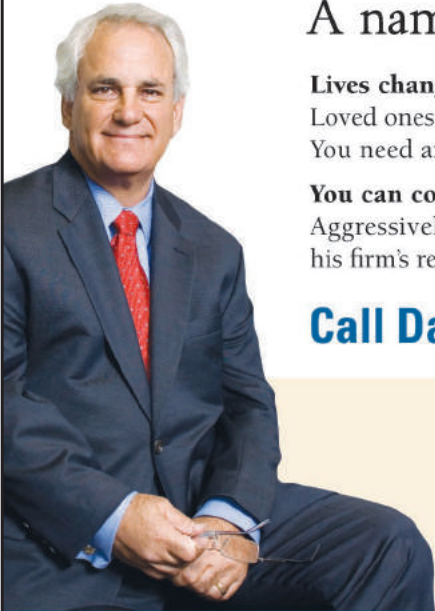
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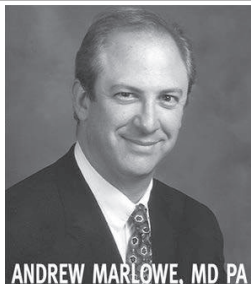
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