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### *about the cover:*

This new painting was created after I received an email from a friend asking me to pray for her when she had her cancer operation. On that day, I sat all night praying. My prayer came in the shape of this painting of the pomegranate. The pomegranate is mentioned in the bible: "A land of wheat and barley, vines and figs and pomegranates, a land of oil producing olives and honey" (Deuteronomy 8:8) and is a symbol of good health and God's blessing. On Rosh Hashanah, it is a tradition to have a pomegranate on the table to be eaten because it has 613 seeds which coincide with the 613 commandments of the Torah. Moreover, the pomegranate's abundant seeds symbolize our hopes that we will come before God with abundant merits. I hope that with this print the Lord will bring you and yours full health. *Udi Merioz*

Udi Merioz, the owner of The Blue and White Art Gallery in Jerusalem, is a specialist in the field of developing new methods of art as a communicative language. And he states that although this artwork is copyrighted, you are welcome to use it for any non-commercial purposes.

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### *G'mar Hatimah Tovah*

*To those I may have wronged,  
I ask forgiveness.  
To those I may have helped,  
I wish I had done more.  
To those I neglected to help,  
I asked for understanding.  
To those who helped me,  
I thank you with all my Heart...*

### **SPECIAL NOTES:**

**Though we are physically distancing ourselves for all of 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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<https://templesinai-sarasota.org/>

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

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# FROM YOUR CLERGY



## THE REVOLVING GATES

Standing at the gates of Repair  
I look behind and am reminded of  
my loss.

Is there something new on these sides of the  
gates?

Can I move forward in the New Year  
Letting go of short-sightedness, of only having the  
good I want  
Shielding myself from the good I am receiving at  
this moment?

Will I come to know what the Universe gives to me  
by what it removes?

Is there greater learning than only the pain I have  
felt with the losses I have experienced?

Are these gates revolving doors, cycles that  
evolve?

Am I in my own way?

Allow me to see that my life and my choices can  
wind toward goodness

With faith and with grace, help me trust that things  
emerge as good and whole.

The gates open and close; they spin again.

I arrive at the same spot each time with new eyes.

*Mah Norah HaMakom Hazeh*: How awesome is  
this place, this moment?!

I did not know

But I am ready to learn.

— Rabbi Joshua Lesser

Our new year is almost here - the time for reflection  
is upon us. Are we ready? *Heshbon Nefesh*, taking  
an accounting of our souls, can be a daunting task  
any year. How much more difficult is it during these  
strange and difficult times! I began this message  
with Rabbi Lesser's poem, as it has inspired me to  
realize that when life seems unfair, or out of  
control, it is then - more than ever before - that we  
must strive for spiritual insight. We must challenge  
ourselves to know that the Universe gives by what  
it removes. We must reach out past our pain and  
longing to find comfort and direction.

The truth is, even in these unique times - we as  
people are still in need of self-reflection. Most of  
our days are filled with ego-based issues: desires,  
fears, needs. But I do believe many of us  
recognize that something about us is more lasting  
than our acquisitions, attainments, and

accomplishments. Now is the time to think about  
this and to contemplate what is truly meaningful. To  
ask ourselves: what might it be like to look and live  
deeper? To wonder: what might it feel like to  
redress the fragmentation in many aspects of our  
lives? These are the questions posed this time of  
year, during our High Holy Day season.

For millennia, the Days of Awe have offered the  
Jewish People a vital moment in time for spiritual  
renewal and self-reflection - a chance to take stock  
of the year that has passed and reset the table for  
the year ahead. This year will be no different. We  
will use this time to awaken our hearts and souls to  
the realities of who we are and remember that we  
shape who we are yet to be.

It is a testament to both our human and Jewish  
spirits that we innovate and continue to find ways to  
celebrate our High Holy Days and find connection  
with one another, even in the face of the challenges  
our society currently faces.

*Though we will not be together in our sanctuaries,  
we will experience togetherness.*

*Though we will not raise our voices sitting next to  
one another, we will raise them in song wherever  
we may be,  
each of our homes a **makom kadosh**, a holy space.  
While still physically distant, we will be deeply  
connected – inspired anew by ancient words and  
traditions.*

We feel blessed and honored to celebrate our Holy  
Days with you all, especially in these strange times.  
Wherever we find ourselves as we begin to worship,  
may we be able to look around and look within and  
say, *Mah Norah HaMakom Hazeh* - How awesome  
is this place, this moment. Even if it is difficult to see  
at first glance, may we be ready to learn and able to  
experience our Days of Awe fully.

From our home to yours, we send heartfelt wishes  
for a Happy and Healthy 5781.

Rabbi Samantha O. Kahn

# WHAT IS SELICHOT

For many Jews, the High Holiday season begins with [Rosh HaShanah](#) and the start of the new month of [Tishrei](#). Jewish tradition, however, teaches that the preceding month of [Elul](#) is a time of soul-searching and reflection to prepare oneself for the magnitude of the Days of Awe. It is during this time that we observe [Selichot](#) (also spelled *s'lichot*).

In the broadest definition, *selichot* are penitential prayers said before and during the High Holidays and other fast days throughout the year. But the term first appears as a reference to the biblical verses that were added to the [Yom Kippur](#) liturgy.

Eventually, the holiday prayers were combined with general prayers of repentance. The prayer book of *Rav Amram Gaon*, from the ninth century, for example, includes a collection of these poetic writings and meditations. While these prayers were initially only recited during the days between Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur, the custom developed to use them in the days beforehand as well.

In Hebrew, *selichot* translates to “forgiveness,” and indeed there is an emphasis in these prayers on the merciful attributes with which God is said to govern the world.

In many ways, the prayers which make up the *Selichot* service mirror what we find on the Day of Atonement which follows soon after. The language of these qualities should sound familiar to anyone who has recited the liturgy throughout Yom Kippur when we speak about God’s ability to forgive “transgression, iniquity, and sin.”

We begin and end the season of repentance with the same words, calling out to the compassionate God who we hope will accept our prayers. The holiday itself occurs early in the month of Elul in Sephardic tradition, but on the Saturday evening just before Rosh HaShanah in Ashkenazi communities. Either way, prayers are read and meditations considered as individuals are encouraged to reflect on the past year and the changes they wish to make in the upcoming one.

Reform congregations have developed beautiful and meaningful programs for the observance of *Selichot* on the Saturday evening prior to Rosh HaShanah. This often includes a study program about the themes of repentance and forgiveness. Many congregations show a popular movie exploring these themes.

In addition to the *Selichot* service, a meaningful ritual of changing the Torah covers to those specifically designed for the High Holidays often precedes the service. The special covers are usually white, representing purity and the wish that through repentance, our sins will be made white as snow (Isaiah 1:18).



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# SINAI MEN'S CLUB



Throughout the summer, the Sinai Men's Club has held monthly virtual schmoozes and book club meetings. What is so fascinating is that one of the unintended consequences of being unable to gather in person has been the ability of our members to participate in these activities even though, as snowbirds, they are physically away from our community. For the foreseeable future, we will be meeting virtually in all our activities.

While we are planning several virtual activities in the upcoming year, we do not as yet have specific programs to announce. Please keep up to date by checking your emails and by reading the temple's ShulCloud web page regularly. Since I am writing this article on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, times and dates are just not known.

The **SMC book group** meets on the third Thursday of each month at 12:30 p.m. The book that is being read is found on our page in ShulCloud as well as in the email announcements that you receive each week. If you want to know what is happening in the temple, tune in to the cyber world.

This July, twenty men participated in our monthly **schmooze** hosted by Mark Criden. The discussion was both entertaining and informative. Topics that were discussed ranged from the medical and pharmaceutical aspects of the pandemic to what are some good movies and TV series to watch. Joining the conversation were our own temple member experts in the field. This is just an excellent opportunity to engage in friendly conversation, and if you want to eat your lunch during the session that is just an added bonus.

If you haven't already joined us for the schmoozes or book club meetings, please give them a try. I promise that your "trip" to these activities will be traffic free and you are guaranteed not to be caught in a Florida downpour. We look forward to seeing you.

In the meanwhile, keep following us with emails from the temple weekly announcements, the *Tablet*, ShulCloud and our electronic flyers. Be well and stay safe.

L' Shalom,

Malcolm Roberts  
Richard Brown  
Co-Presidents



## SMC FAMOUS SCHMOOZES

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## SMC BOOK CLUB

3rd Thursday  
of the month



Allan Schreiber at  
[allanschreiber@yahoo.com](mailto:allanschreiber@yahoo.com)

## TREE OF LIFE



A Dove is \$300;  
a Leaf is \$150.

For information, contact  
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The Temple Sinai Men's Club (SMC) is comprised of members who value fellowship and who work together for the betterment of Temple Sinai.

The Club is dedicated to promoting and advancing spiritual and social activities.

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## BOARD BRIEFS

The Temple Sinai Board of Trustees meeting was held on June 10, 2020 via Zoom teleconference. Rabbi Kahn shared the results of the survey that was sent out to congregants about being connected to Temple Sinai during the last few months. 87.1% of the members who took the survey, said they feel connected to Temple Sinai and appreciate the calls and online services. She shared concerns that a large portion of the congregation did not take the survey. Rabbi wants to find different ways to ensure all our temple members feel connected. Chazzan Abramson is continuing to reach out beyond the computer screen with congregants.

Ellyn Bender stated that we must continue to work together. We are continuing to move forward and figure out solutions during the COVID-19 pandemic. Ellyn shared that we currently have switched from 3 custodians on staff to 2. We will see how that works and will evaluate as we go.

Judy Swerdlow shared what a challenge it has been deciding on what to do for High Holy Days this year. This has been uncharted territory. We will be doing all High Holy Day Services virtually. We have several different ways services can be done. Chazzan and Rabbi Kahn shared that there are several exciting and innovative ways they are exploring to put together the High Holy Days Services. They have been meeting and discussing with sound and video crews to try to maximize the experience for our congregants.

Temple Sinai will always assist anyone who cannot afford Temple Sinai High Holy Day Tickets. It is currently being discussed and debated what the fee schedule for guests for the virtual High Holy Day tickets will be. Ellyn and the board discussed that a decision will be made later for pricing for the High Holy Day Virtual access. We are also currently exploring having a "break fast" in a box.

Marv Rosen shared that the PPP loan left the temple in a better cash position than expected. The budget is difficult to prepare since we do not know what is going to happen. Marv and the Budget and Finance Committee are going to continue to work on the numbers and projections.

Gary Kravitz shared that the PPP loan that we originally had needed to be spent before 6/11/2020; then it was extended by the House and Senate for an additional 25 weeks. This is great and exciting news and will be extremely helpful going forward.

The board continues to try and make even more meaningful synagogue virtual services for our temple members. Skye Matera, Secretary

## RITUAL



This year, all our High Holy Days Services will be held online. While Zoom and other platforms rob us of the ambiance of the services, with every crisis comes an opportunity. I recently viewed a webinar from the CCAR led by Rabbi Larry Hoffman and other rabbis about ways to re-envision the High Holy Day liturgy and services. I want to share some of their ideas with you, as well as some of my own thoughts about how to prepare for the upcoming New Year.

I know part of my routine pre-Covid for the New Year included buying a new outfit for services, setting the table with beautiful flowers, inviting friends and family over for dinner, and enjoying the whole spirit of the holidays. As VP of Ritual, I had the pleasure of greeting you as you walked in our building to attend services. Obviously, that is not the case this year.

Rabbi Hoffman suggests that even during this year when we cannot be together in person as a community, that we still **"set the stage"**. Instead of watching the services in shorts and flip flops (my everyday Covid wardrobe), get dressed up. If possible, move the computer (or whatever you watch services on) to a different part of the house. Since we can't be together in our beautiful sanctuary, why don't we create a sanctuary in our own home. Buy flowers, set the table for a festive meal, create grandeur in your home sanctuary. If you are comfortable and able to socially distance, maybe invite another couple over (with masks) to watch the service and enjoy a meal together. This is a time to bless family and friends. Get your Chavurah together online and bless each other. Speak of life, hold up your flowers so those online can appreciate their beauty. Don't forget those who live alone. Try and include someone (through Zoom) in the sacred space you have created in your home.

This issue of the *Tablet* will include all you need to know about the upcoming virtual services. You will be given the appropriate log-in information before the services so you can enjoy them at home, or wherever you may be. They will be shorter than if we were to gather in person but will contain all the familiar elements so that it feels authentic. Rabbi Kahn and Chazzan have been working diligently to ensure we have a spiritual liturgy and great music to welcome in the New Year.

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# FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



## *Can You Hear Me Now?*

It was 1954 and I was with my father at the County Center in White Plains, NY, attending Rosh Hashanah services. Our temple was not very small, but not large enough to accommodate the number of members that showed up once or twice a year for the High Holy Day services. The place seemed cavernous to me. I stayed close to my father's suit coat. The Rabbi and Cantor were small figures on a stage far away. I could barely see them, never mind hear them. But I could hear the voices around me reciting and chanting the prayers. I remember the words so clearly, voices in unison... "bind them as a sign upon your hand..."

Over the next many decades, those emotions, those prayers, stayed with me, but remained as homeless as I did in my Jewish religious life. Perhaps because they were precious childhood memories of belonging, of being close to my father and his roots, and could not be recaptured. Perhaps, because as I grew older and became more aware of the lesser role women were constrained to play in Judaism, I could not hear those words with the same fervor and intent. *Can you hear me now?* No, not well...not much at all.

Fast forward 48 years to 2002 when Verizon captured our attention with the phrase, "Can you hear me now?", a laughable, but accurate snapshot of the new communication tool, the cell phone. Everyone with a cell phone was forever asking the other person on the line, "can you hear me now?" as they moved from one place to another trying to locate a stronger signal.

On to 2007, the year that I discovered and joined Temple Sinai. The liturgy was the same, but with much more Hebrew. The sounds, the melodies, the *nusah*\*, were different. I heard them, but they did not resonate with my beloved childhood memories. No worries, everyone told me. With time, you will hear them and learn them. I had my doubts. I worried that I would never again hear or feel the warmth of familiar prayers, the comfort of being enveloped by familiar sounds that would evoke love and trust and belief in our common good. But they were right. Over time, with the lure of Chazzan Abramson's rich voice, I began to hear the beauty of the prayers once again. I found myself feeling increasingly like that 8-year-old child. *Can you hear me now?* Yes, I can hear you now...

And now roll forward to today; the time of the COVID-19 pandemic. Characterized by "social distancing",

we ask one another on Zoom - *Can you hear me now?* Oh, click the microphone icon and the red slash will go away and I will hear you now. Is the service on YouTube or Facebook or both? We despair over the loss of our voices and our bodies and our souls in the sanctuary together. We miss the comfort of each other's voices reciting the prayers and singing together. We miss being with the clergy in person on the Bimah and the joyful cacophony of *Shiru L'Adonai*. The clergy have done a magnificent job bringing our services into our homes over these last months – beautiful slides with the prayers, skillful combining of their roles into a unified message that they are still here for us and are with us. It is not easy; we have to acknowledge. *But we can still hear them now.*

Our attention and concern are now focused on the High Holy Days. How, we ask, can we possibly experience the soul stirring impact of these services on a computer? On a tablet? On a TV? We are supposed to be part of community praying together, but that seems so impossible given the pandemic.

Fear not. No, it will not be the same. Not much is the same right now, but that does not preclude embracing the services our Clergy are preparing for us for these High Holy Days. In fact, we need these rituals more than ever during this stressful time. Our Rabbi and Chazzan are working hard to bring us a new way of seeing and hearing these services. And we will need to participate in our own ways – dressing up, just as we would to go to synagogue, perhaps having a friend or two or some family members join us to participate together as we recite familiar prayers and hear familiar melodies. Perhaps we will share an Erev Rosh Hashanah dinner with them before the service. Or share a Break Fast in person with a few people or on a family Zoom. Yes, we will be social distancing. But we will still be together; we will still be sharing the beauty, the solemnity, the introspection, and the warmth of our liturgy presented by our incredibly talented clergy.

When we ask, "*Can you hear me now?*", the answer is a resounding yes!

*L'shanah tovah tikatevu v'tichatemu*, -  
May you be inscribed and sealed for a good year.

Ellyn Bender, President

\*traditional musical motifs



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## *2020 High Holiday Schedule - 5781*

DATE	SERVICE	TIME
Saturday, September 12th	Leil Selichot Service	6:30 PM
Sunday, September 13th	How to Prepare for the High Holy Days Workshop	11:00 AM
Friday, September 18th	Erev Rosh Hashanah & Shabbat Service	6:00 PM
Saturday, September 19th	Rosh Hashanah Service for Families	9:00 AM
Saturday, September 19th	Rosh Hashanah Morning Service	10:00 AM
Saturday, September 19th	Tashlich (An at-home experience)	On your own
Saturday, September 19th	Talmidim Time - Rosh Hashanah & Havdalah Experience for Kids	7:00 PM
Sunday, September 20th	Rosh Hashanah Morning Service - Second Day	10:00 AM
Sunday, September 27th	Family Yom Kippur Experience - It's Better to be Better	10:30 AM
	Kol Nidre Evening Service	7:00 PM
Monday, September 28th	Yom Kippur Morning Service	10:00 AM
Monday, September 28th	Healing Service	12:00 PM
Monday, September 28th	Yizkor / Memorial Service	1:30 PM
Monday, September 28th	Study Session	3:00 PM
Monday, September 28th	Talmidim Time for Teens	4:30 PM
Monday, September 28th	Neillah / Havdalah	5:30 PM
Monday, September 28th	Break the Fast (at your home!)	After Services conclude

**[CLICK HERE TO WATCH SERVICES](#)**



# WOMEN OF SINAI

*"Friendships between women are built of a thousand small kindnesses . . . swapped back and forth and over again."*  
Michelle Obama



The Women of Sinai invite you to join us as we build friendships in the new year. We have begun a new initiative to encourage our members to get to know one another better. It is called "Mix and Mingle." Each month small groups of 10 members will get together over Zoom for discussion and friendly exchanges. We have had two meetings so far, and the feedback has been positive.



Watch your email for your invitation to the next "Mix and Mingle." Our thanks to Suzanne Weinstein for leading the committee for Mix and Mingle and to Janet Moses for a special Mix and Mingle including homemade mandel bread mailed to new members. Caution: Friendships may result.

Our popular **Dinner and a Movie** will return on October 18 – it will be different from before – watch your emails for details.

Our popular **Book Club** continues via Zoom. The links to join the Zoom meetings will be available on the website. At the last Book Club Meeting we were joined by the author of the book under discussion, Goldie Goldbloom. Discussion was spirited and enjoyed by all. Next Book Club Meeting will be held September 17 at 2 p.m. The book under discussion will be "An American Marriage" by Tayara Jones, discussion led by Barbara Ryder.



Of course, all plans are subject to revision depending on circumstances, but we will continue with Women of Sinai Newsletter via email and will keep the website up to date with any schedule changes.

Finally, the Women of Sinai are entering a new fiscal year and would really appreciate a timely remittance of your dues to allow us to carry out our planned activities and fundraising events to assist the temple.

*Stay safe, stay optimistic, stay well.*

Peggy Miller, WOS President



## WOS OF SINAI MITZVAH

Well, we are finally headed into fall, or so says the calendar. Hopefully, we will get some cooler days and beautiful evenings.

With your wonderful donations and WOS additions, we were able to fill 115 individual bags of school supplies for all of the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students at Booker Elementary School. What a wonderful mitzvah. Thank you!

September brings to us our High Holy Days. Of course, with that, the Women of Sinai has its huge collection of goods...enough to fill up a car. This year is no different. We are collecting things for **Hope Family Services**, which is an organization that helps survivors of domestic abuse. We will be collecting gently used clothing for all members of the family, especially for children, diapers, wipes, and some household items. Often, families come to the Hope Family Shelter with only what they are wearing, so children's clothing is especially needed. Please clean out your kids' closets as you get ready to start the school year.

Instead of collecting on the morning of the first day of Rosh Hashanah, we are asking you to bring your contributions on Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, both mornings. I will be outside the main entrance ready to collect your bags as you drive through the circle. If neither of these times works for you, please contact me so I can schedule a different time for drop-off.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Judy Polivy, VP Mitzvah

### *Women of Sinai* *Bloom Family Mitzvah Fund*

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**Membership dues choices:**

☐ Rachel \$36.00

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☐ Rebecca \$72.00

☐ Sarah \$118.00

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**WHEN:** Sunday, October 18

6:00 pm Film and Discussion  
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**ADVANCE  
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**QUESTIONS?  
REGISTRATION:**

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Make contribution checks payable to: **Women of Sinai**,  
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**Register by Oct. 15.** You will receive a zoom invitation  
via email. Please do not share the link with others.

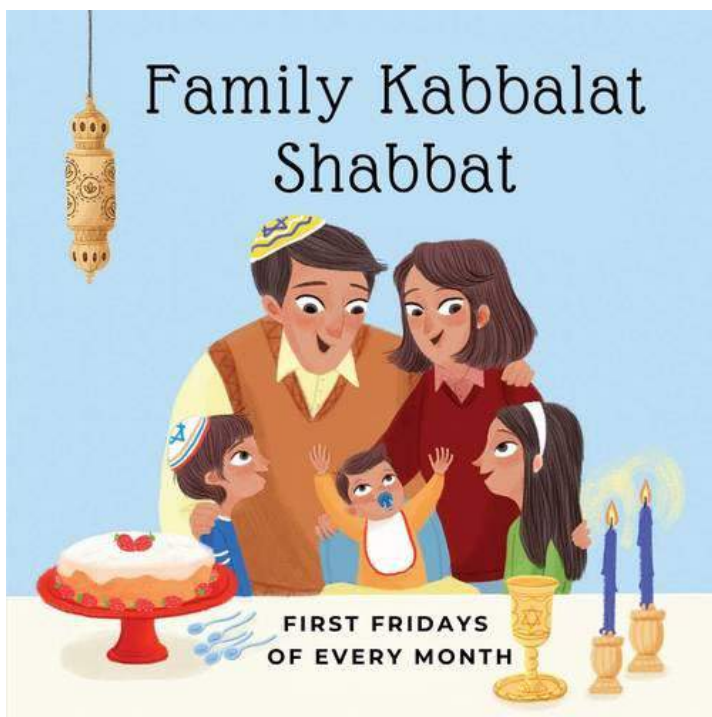
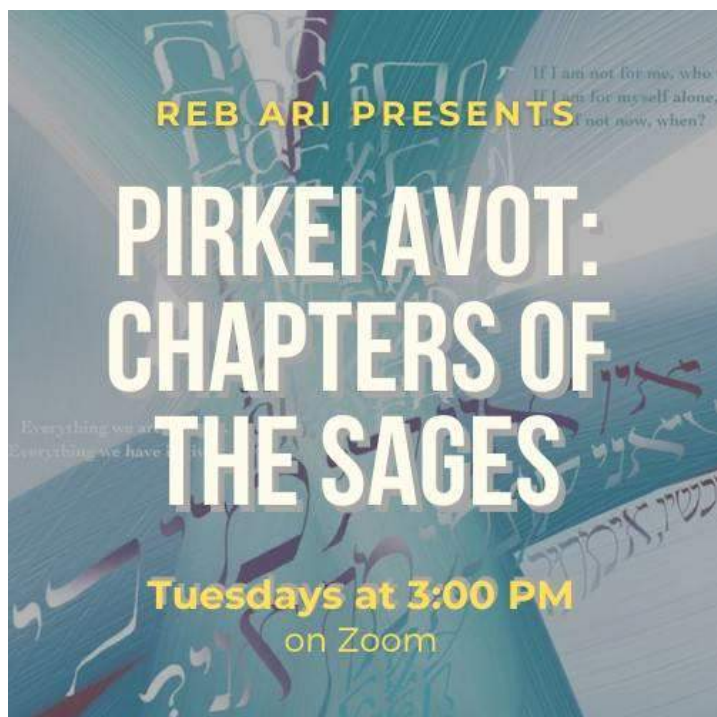


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CELEBRATE WITH US...



# Here is a sneak peek of just a few Happenings at Temple Sinai...



## Membership Matters!

Elana Margolis, VP Membership  
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# Happenings at Temple Sinai continued...

Attention Grades 7-12! The SAFETY Youth Group invites you to...

## Harry Potter and the Kiddush Cup of Fire!

**7:00 PM on Saturday, September 12th!**

Join your friends for Havdalah and a magical journey through a virtual escape room on Zoom!

**Register by September 6th!**  
Send a DM to @safety\_teen on Instagram!  
**OR**  
Send an email to Deb at dbryan@sinaisrq.org!

We hope to see you there for a spellbinding evening!

**NEW!**

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MEN'S CLUB

## VIRTUAL MONTHLY FILM FORUM

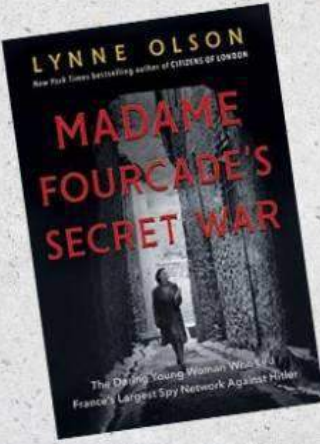
**SUNDAY, SEPT. 13th • 7pm**

VIEW FILM ON NETFLIX /  
DISCUSS TOGETHER ON ZOOM

**FILM: SPOTLIGHT**



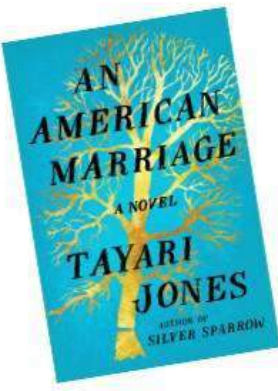
## SINAI MEN'S BOOK CLUB



### MADAME FOURCADE'S SECRET WAR

**THURSDAY  
SEPT 17, 2020  
12:30 - 2:00 PM**

## WOMEN OF SINAI BOOK CLUB



### AN AMERICAN MARRIAGE

**THURSDAY  
SEPT 17, 2020  
2:00 - 4:30 PM**

For the full collection of virtual happenings visit:  
<https://www.temple Sinai-sarasota.org/calendar>



# Happenings at Temple Sinai continued...

Temple Sinai Religious  
School Presents

## TALMIDIM TIME

Pray a little.  
Eat a little.  
Hang out with friends!

## SUKKAH BUILDING CONTEST

Make your very  
own Family Sukkah  
-Mini ones (made  
from food, crafts,  
recycled materials)  
OR a life size one!

**10/4  
4PM**

We will Zoom to view, vote (for most creative most sturdy,  
most useful), shake the lulav/etrog, and say Brachot.

A photograph showing several children and an adult working together to build a Sukkah. One child is on a ladder, another is reaching up, and an adult is looking up at the structure. The Sukkah is made of wooden poles and has a thatched roof.

 **SAJC'S  
GREEN TEAM  
PRESENTS:**

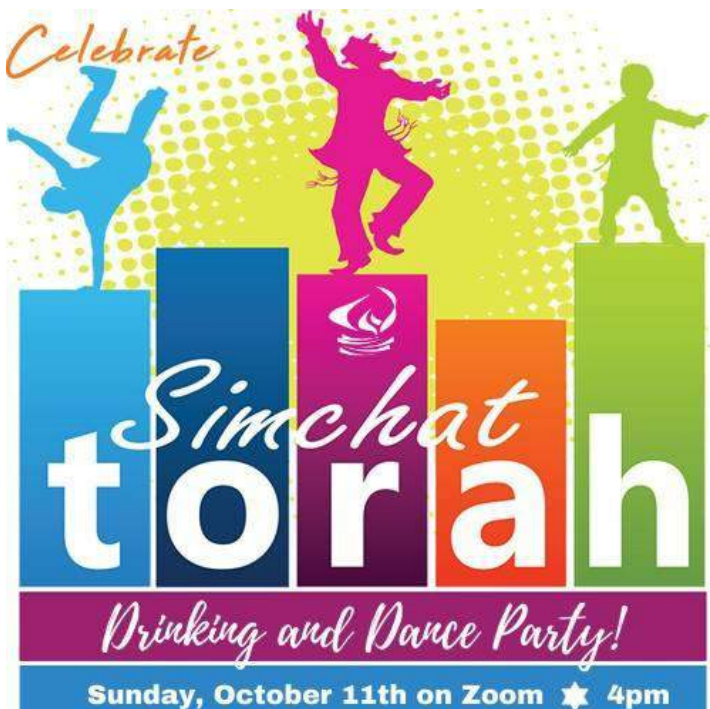
### Innocent Victims: Wildlife & Plastics Don't Mix

**Monday, October 5th  
7:00 PM | Via Zoom**

Do not miss this  
important program given  
by Nobel Laureate,  
**Dr. Terry Root.**

A photograph of a sea turtle in the ocean, eating green plastic straws. The turtle's head is visible, and it is surrounded by more straws.

*Celebrate*

A colorful graphic for Simchat Torah. It features three stylized figures in blue, pink, and green jumping over a series of colored blocks (blue, purple, orange, green). The text "Simchat Torah" is written in a large, stylized font across the blocks. Below the blocks, it says "Drinking and Dance Party!" and "Sunday, October 11th on Zoom ★ 4pm".

## Simchat torah

*Drinking and Dance Party!*

**Sunday, October 11th on Zoom ★ 4pm**

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# DEVELOPMENT



Laura Einstein -  
VP Development

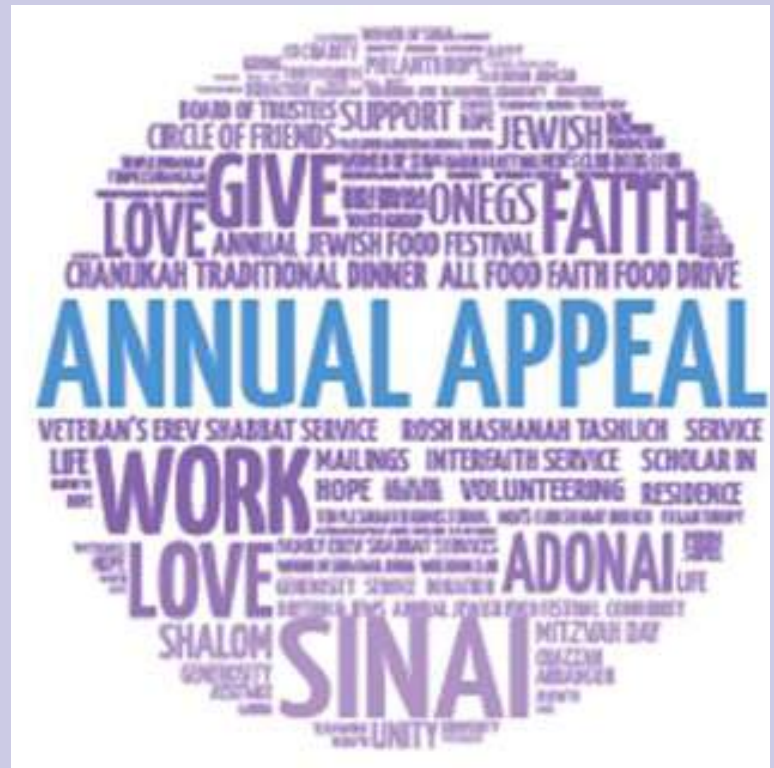
It's been a whirlwind since taking on the VP of Development board position here at Temple Sinai. Most of my initial hopes and ideas for great fundraising events - both the traditional ones we know and love and brand new events

being imagined - are naturally "up in the air" because of Covid. Despite all, I truly see a bright future ahead and I have a fabulous committee of dynamic thinkers leading the charge. You can be sure we will continue to bring you fun and meaningful events both virtually, and in person when we can all be together again.

In the meantime, and as the "Days of Awe" approach, I am looking forward to another tradition here at Temple Sinai - The Annual Appeal. This is truly a time of introspection and I hope we can each reflect on what Temple Sinai means to us and our community.

Managing the "Annual Appeal" is no small feat, and it is with deep appreciation and great pleasure that I'm announcing that Mark and Laurie Criden will be the chairs for the 2020-2021 Annual Appeal. In any year, but especially this year of unique challenges - we couldn't be in better hands. Mark and Laurie love Temple Sinai, care deeply about its future, and bring substantial development experience to the campaign. I want to thank them for taking on such an important responsibility that is so essential for our future.

As Temple Sinai soon enters its thirtieth year, please know how important each and every one of you are to sustaining this wonderful community. We want and need to stay strong and continue thriving, despite the current challenges many are facing. As we enter this beautiful High Holy Day Season, I thank each of you for your continued support of Temple Sinai.



Easy donations made here:

<https://www.temple Sinai-sarasota.org/appeal>



# ANNUAL APPEAL

## A message from Laurie & Mark Criden, 2020 Annual Appeal Chairs:

Rabbi Kahn reminds us that wherever we go, it is eternally Egypt. There is a better place, a promised land; but to reach that promise requires us to pass through the wilderness. And there is no way to get from here to there other than by joining hands, marching together.

Welcome to Pandemic 2020. As we pass through the month of Elul, and from there to our Holy Days, we must join hands virtually, masked and with appropriate regard for social distancing. This is our wilderness, and through it we will march forward, to reach the promise of a better year.

To ensure our beloved Temple Sinai gets to that promised land with the resources to thrive, *with the enthusiastic support of our President Ellyn Bender, Vice President of Development Laura Einstein, our Board of Trustees, and the multitalented Risa Segal*, we've accepted the challenge of chairing this year's Annual Appeal.

Standing on the shoulders of Gary Kravitz and his crew from last year's Kadima B'Yachad campaign, we've put together a talented, hardworking team of members who love our synagogue and are dedicated to securing the necessary donations to reach that better year.

It's not hard to imagine what our better year will look like. Wonderful services led by Rabbi Kahn and Chazzan Abramson experienced live in our beautiful sanctuary. Joyous events from the Women of Sinai and the Sinai Men's Club. The musical laughter and participation of our Religious School and Gan students. Our gala. Our Food Fest. Our welcome receptions. Adult Education second to none.

And above all, a better year means sharing simchas and sadness with our fellow members. When my aged mother passed away late last year, well over 100 of you joined us for shiva, establishing you forever as our Jewish family and Temple Sinai as our spiritual home.

We know our members have the resources to build this bridge to a better year. Right now, though, that money's still in your pocket. Because most of us had plans to travel, attend theater and concerts, and of course socialize at restaurants, we are collectively blessed with additional discretionary income. Maybe, like us, you're doing some remodeling and spending more on your daily happy hours. Still, there likely remains a surplus.

We know we can't expect you to send all your disposable income to us, especially with many other charities tugging at your heart.

So what can you do to ensure Temple Sinai reaches a better year? Open your hearts and wallets and give generously to help us build that bridge through the wilderness. If you donated last year, please consider increasing your gift by 10%. If you didn't participate last year, please consider a gift of \$18. And please make your gift soon to save yourself from a nudging reminder call.

We wish you a happy, healthy New Year, and we thank you in advance for your kind and generous support.



# CHAVUROT

Dear Chavurah members,

Thank you for the wonderful experience I had co-chairing the Chavurah Program these past years. My greatest pleasure was meeting with you as you started a new group. People who didn't know each other had an opportunity to make new friends and plan exciting times together as well as give back to Temple Sinai and the Sarasota community.

I wish you all continued success as you think about how to "get together" in this difficult time of social distancing. And the best to the new Chavurah chair people- Bonnie Sussman and Beth Stone. They will be there to help you and to start additional Chavurot.

Hope you had a wonderful summer. And, hopefully, we will see each other in person very soon.

*Ellen Rothschild*

## *Chavurah L'Chaim*

Chavurah L'Chaim met at Payne Park in Sarasota on Wednesday, June 24, in a social distancing circle (yes, 6' apart!) under a lovely overhang. It was nice to get together, being in each other's company after 3 months and share pandemic experiences. Everyone talked about how they are keeping busy and shared ideas with each other. We each brought our lunch and enjoyed homemade Mandelbread for dessert. We'll be planning a monthly get-together at the park until the pandemic is over. BTW: Janet Moses had a passerby take the picture on her phone.

*Janet and Cecile*



Front row: Cecile Alexander, Janet Moses, Mel Moses, Jeff Orlove, Donna Orlove  
Back row: Howie Katz, Dottie Katz, Frank Bachenheimer, Bobbi Bachenheimer, Barbara Brown

In the July/August *TABLET*, a few important words and the photo were omitted for

## *Chavurot Pardes and Tovah*

People plan and then COVID-19 comes along and throws the plans out the window. So we Zoomed our get together on May 2 by having Happy Hour instead of taking the Newtown Trolley Tour and enjoying lunch at Made Restaurant. This was a minor upset in the scheme of things, knowing the difficulties, stress and sadness in so many lives. We chatted about how we are coping, what we are missing and the things we do to make the time pass. All in all, it was an hour well spent.

*Judy Feldman*



## *Ritual* continued from page 6

Don't forget to return your listing for the Book of Remembrance to the temple office. We need to confirm that the names of your loved ones that we have on file are correct. We would appreciate any donation to help support the Book of Remembrance. The last few months have certainly been challenging, but remember, **We are Temple Sinai Strong!** Happy New Year.

Judy Swerdlow, VP Ritual



# THE GAN



**Laura Freedman**  
Director of Early Childhood Education

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

## CALENDAR

September 7	<b>School Closed – Labor Day</b>
September 18	Gan closes at 2:00 p.m.
September 19	Families with Young Children <b>Rosh Hashanah Virtual Celebration</b> at 9-9:30 a.m. Geared to children 0-7 years old
September 27	Families with Young Children <b>Yom Kippur Virtual Family Experience</b> at 10:30 a.m. Geared to children of all ages
September 28	<b>School closed – Yom Kippur</b>



Casper at camp!  
Casper Gruters shows her creation in an imagination station!

## CAMP GAN PICTURES



Camp 4s:  
Stella McCoy,  
Kaelynn Kaplan,  
Joi Pham,  
Shayla Fischer  
closely examine  
the plantings in  
the Gan  
Teaching  
Garden



Lily Page, Elin Craddock and Geveret Giselle work on a project together.

Krisztina's  
camp kids!  
Stella Mae  
Kahn, and  
Chase  
Spalsbury read  
about the life of  
bumble bees!



Geveret Laura shows the children at Shabbat the \$500 check to an animal rescue sanctuary. The children raised the funds through their weekly tzedakah Shabbat donations!





# MEMBERSHIP



*Welcome  
to our  
Temple Sinai Family!*

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## *Milestone Anniversaries*

*25 years+*

*September 1*

*Billie & Marshall Medoff 30 years*

*September 4*

*Dale & David Goldheim 60 years*

*September 27*

*Rhoda & Stuart Friedman 45 years*



## *Thank you Temple Sinai!*

George and I moved to California a little over a year ago to enjoy my daughter, son in law and grandchildren. We lived in Lakewood Ranch for 13 years and while we were so excited to embark on our new journey, it was very difficult to leave dear friends and a temple that was always so warm and inviting. I was honored to sit on the board for a number of years. I made some lasting friendships and keep in touch with many.

We joined the JCC here and felt we had a little bit of Jewish culture but I knew there was nothing that could replace the wonderful feeling of being at Temple Sinai. Elana Margolis mentioned that the services were being streamed on YouTube. I began to watch the services. It's funny how a small thing like that could make one feel so connected. I remember writing a note to Rabbi Kahn and telling her how much I enjoyed her service. A rabbi I had never met, but yet I felt connected. Then the virus turned the world upside down and Temple Sinai far surpassed what I could ever imagined with its connection to the virtual world and connecting all of us, even though we are not physically there.. I felt a part of the congregation, once again part of the Temple Family.

So what did I do from 3,000 miles away....I rejoined Temple Sinai!! With all of the wonderful virtual happenings, classes, meet and greets online, I feel a part of the temple family, as if I am just around the corner! So thank you to those who have worked so hard to make the Temple Virtual World happen and all of us feel so connected. I am so happy to be back and part of the Temple Sinai Family that I have missed so much.

Charley Turon

## *Mazel Tov to:*

**Eleanor and Bruce Feldman** on the birth of their first great grandchild, Alice Maran Chamberlain, born July 9, 2020. Proud parents are Marris and Brian Chamberlain.

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

# MEMBERSHIP

## Happy Special Birthday!

50 years+

September 16

*Ilene Gelber* 70 years

September 18

*Barbara Scissors* 70 years

September 30

*Trudi Krames* 50 years



*Please join with us as we wish Happy Birthday to our fellow congregants who are celebrating in September:*

Brian Gomein	September 2
Laura Einstein	
Gillian Perlinski	September 4
Rona Elias	
Joseph Tufariello	
Ida Levin	September 5
Carol Toppel	September 6
Mark Stanford	
Eric Fox	September 7
Lawrence Kahn	
Bethany Leinweber	September 8
Carole Kleinberg	September 9
Skip Dyrda	September 10
Steven Lambright	
Shimon Weiman	
Zvi Rogovin	September 11
Fay Kardon	
Norman Silverstein	September 13
Stanley Cohen	September 18
Carole Schwartz	
Howard Tevlowitz	September 18
Susan Siegel	September 21
Steven Lehrer	September 23
Cookie Bloom	
Melody Mishkin	
Donna Oshrin	
Sunny Brownrout	September 24
Harvey Sussman	September 25
Paul Aronovitch	
Barbara Bryden-Gruenberg	September 26

Seymour Ziegelman	
Annette Kirshne	September 27
Selma Levenson	
George Freed	
Alan Fishbein	
Barry Klayton	September 28
Gil Ben-Herut,	
Dorothy Schmidt	September 30

*Happy Anniversary  
to our temple family members  
who are celebrating this month!*

September 1 1962	
Bonnie and Harvey Sussman	
September 2 2007	
Wende Kozlow and Adam Gersh	
September 3 1972	
Yvonne and Edgar Weinsberg	
September 3, 2000	
Debra & Daniel Weinsberg	
September 4 1961	
Sheila and Peter Kasdan	
September 5 1982	
Gail and Larry Coel	
September 5 1971	
Joyce and Jeffrey Omansky	
September 9 1956	
Rona and Stanford Ross	
September 9, 2000	
Alyssa Mandel & Brian Gomien	
September 10, 2000	
Barbara Bryden-Gruenberg & Michael Gruenberg	
September 13 1992	
Lisa Pollack and Mark Michlman	
September 20 1969	
Barbara and Jonathan Ryder	
September 24, 2005	
Lisa Klein & Lance Karp	
September 25 1983	
Marcy and Brian Miller	
September 28 1978	
Racelle and Shimon Weiman	

# RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

## 3 SUPER! HOLIDAY COOL! EXPERIENCES

TEMPLE SINAI RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & YOUTH PROGRAMS

- **FREE** to Everyone of **ALL** Ages! ► **REGISTER** online
- **PICK UP** your Kits ► **Meet** us on **ZOOM** and **ENJOY!**

SEP  
13  
SUNDAY



**HONEY TASTING**  
**DELICIOUS VIRTUAL CELEBRATION**



Rabbi Kahn



Bethany Leinweber



4 types of Honey

Mini Biscuits

SEP  
19  
SATURDAY



**ROSH HASHANAH**  
**INTERACTIVE FAMILY EXPERIENCE**



Rabbi Kahn



Bethany Leinweber



Chazzan Abramson



Laura Freedman

- Blow your own shofar
- Build a fort
- Art music movement
- For families with children up to 8 years old.

SEP  
27  
SUNDAY



**YOM KIPPUR**  
**INTERACTIVE FAMILY EXPERIENCE**



Rabbi Kahn



Bethany Leinweber



Chazzan Abramson



Laura Freedman

- "It's Better to BE Better"
- Play a Game
- Say Sorry
- Find Ways to be Better!
- For families with children up to 7th grade.



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*Please join us for all of these special High Holy Day events.*

*Email :  
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to receive all your FREE kits!!!*

**"Why do we use a round challah during the High Holy Days?"**

Rabbi Victor Appell tells us, "The round shape is a reflection of the continuing cycle of years and seasons. Another interpretation is that the round challah resembles a crown, symbolizing the sovereignty of God. At a time of year when our thoughts turn to repentance and resolution of self-improvement, the round challah reminds us that the opportunity for *teshuvah*, return, is never ending"; round loaves with no beginning or end symbolize continuity.

*Judy Swerdlow, VP Ritual*



# RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



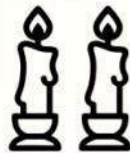
 **TEMPLE SINAI**

## KABBALAT SHABBAT

A SHABBAT CELEBRATION FOR  
YOUNG FAMILIES  
STARTING JULY 3, 4:40 - 5 PM

THE FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH  
JOIN RABBI SAMANTHA KAHN AND HER  
MOTHER, NONA JODI, FOR SHABBAT  
BLESSINGS AND FUN INTERACTIVE  
SHABBAT SONGS.

ZOOM @ [HTTPS://BIT.LY/SINAIKABBALAT](https://bit.ly/sinaikabbalat)



## SINAI SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPER SCHEDULE



**IN PERSON**  
Following CDC  
GUIDELINES

**SUNDAYS**  
10am-12pm

Judaics, Hebrew, and **Specials** (cooking, music, Gaga, and Art). New and amazing B'nai Mitzvah and Teen programs through **Moving Traditions**.

**WEDNESDAYS**  
5-6pm

Hebrew in Person for grades 3-7.  
**SMALL CLASS SIZES.**

**ONLINE**



**SUNDAYS**  
1-3pm

Judaics, Hebrew, and **Specials** (cooking, music, Gaga, and Art). New and amazing B'nai Mitzvah and Teen programs through **Moving Traditions**.

**THURSDAYS**  
5-6pm

Virtual Hebrew on Zoom for grades 3-7.

All **HOLIDAYS**  
+ **BIG EVENTS**

will be **Virtual**  
on **ZOOM**.

Go to [www.SINAI SRQ.org](http://www.SINAI SRQ.org).  
**SIGN IN** to the membership  
portal and . . . . **ENROLL**  
**YOUR CHILD NOW!**

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If the High Holy  
Days are here,  
so is the Annual  
Appeal.

Watch for  
information  
coming soon!



# RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Sunday August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 15 families took off in their cars for an around the town **Scavenger Hunt**. They had to read clues, go to the spot, take a picture, and send it to Geveret Bethany. They visited other synagogues, places to do mitzvot, stores where you can buy a challah, places that make them feel blessed, and landed back at Temple Sinai. It was an hour of family fun!

When the scavenger ended, **MACARONA 2020** broke and each family plus 6 more for a total of 21 families received a bag full of goodies and activities to do for a week of **Virtual Maccabiah**. They were broken into two teams: *Blue Buffs* and *Green Masks*. During the week, they had challenges to do at home. For instance, dog makeover, movie cover makeover, cheer, song, plague, candy sushi, jump roping, bubble blowing, creative masks, and more! Blue Team took the win, but in the end, they became Turquoise to be one *Kehillah Kedosha* (holy community). The plaques will be hung in the school hall. This was the first of many such games as everyone enjoyed themselves!



**TABLET DEADLINE**  
articles, flyers and photographs  
for the **OCTOBER** issue,  
no later than **SEPTEMBER 1ST**.

All text, flyers and best photos  
(refer to emailed info) must be  
e-mailed to [mickietablet@gmail.com](mailto:mickietablet@gmail.com).



Shared by Roberta Berson and  
Frank Tucciarne





# RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

## September Calendar for Religious School:



**September 7** – No School Labor Day

**September 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30** – Mid Week Hebrew for all students in grades 3-7  
**Wednesday, in person 5-6 p.m., Thursday, online 5-6 p.m.**

**September 13** – Sunday School: In person 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., online 1-3 p.m.

**Rosh Chodesh/Shevet Teen Class begins for online learners from 2- 3 p.m.**

Pick up your Honey Tasting Kit between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m.

**September 19 Rosh Hashanah Family Experience - Preschool to Age 8.** 9- 9:30 a.m. Pick up your FREE kit on Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, between 12-2 p.m. Inside will be interactive pieces for our RH Experiences: create a fort (aka tent of meeting), blow the shofar, listen to a story, do a craft, and much more! Register by Tuesday, September 1st. Email Bethany Leinweber [bleinweber@sinaisrq.org](mailto:bleinweber@sinaisrq.org). Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81433191300?pwd=Wjg0bjRHZFVoaTEweTdVWjIDc2p3Zz09>

**September 19, Havdalah and Talmidim Time** - led by our SAFETY board and Bethany Leinweber - Engage in a meaningful Rosh Hashanah service along with a fun activity! Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m. - Grades 3 – 12. For more information contact: Email Bethany Leinweber [bleinweber@sinaisrq.org](mailto:bleinweber@sinaisrq.org). Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85925594832?pwd=Z09jbXFtOEJpYHY1pMUEF5aUd6Zz09>

**September 27 It's Better To Be Better - A Yom Kippur Family Gathering.** Sunday, 10:30-11:15 a.m. For ages preschool to 7th grade. Pick up your FREE kit on Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, between 12-2 p.m. Participate in an engaging slideshow, art project, songs, blessings, and more! Let's learn how to be better by reflecting on the past year and looking forward to the new one! For more information contact: Email Bethany Leinweber [bleinweber@sinaisrq.org](mailto:bleinweber@sinaisrq.org). Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89373007331?pwd=ME1FV1lzVkITOTRDTWFERjIzTHpiQT09>

**September 28 Yom Kippur Talmidim Time.** Monday, 4 p.m. - **Let's Take a Walk on the Wild Side!** Grades 8-12 only. For more information contact: Email Bethany Leinweber [bleinweber@sinaisrq.org](mailto:bleinweber@sinaisrq.org) Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86199202823?pwd=VTV5Wmxaa1laRTRGUmtiZ0NicHFNQT09>

## Temple Sinai Caring Committee

As we shed Nat King Cole's uplifting song "Those Lazy-Hazy-Crazy Days of Summer", we find ourselves in the month of **Elul** preparing for **Tishrei** and the start of the New Year. Referencing that song and how it relates to COVID, this is how this summer has been: between Zooming, brief outdoor errands with masks, not being able to socialize with many friends, canceling trips up north because we would have to self-quarantine for two weeks in the states we wish to visit, certainly has made this summer crazy. Staying in place makes us lazy...and hazy about the days of the week.

Some of us are retired mental health workers who have let our licensure lapse, and therefore are not equipped legally to render services. But our clergy, president and the board of trustees have created a group of licensed professionals who are also members of the temple to provide that support in a confidential manner.

Last year the Caring Committee under the guidance of one of our members, Howard Taylor, created our mission statement which reads: *The mission of the Caring Committee, a group of volunteers, is to represent Temple Sinai on behalf of its members. Our focus is to provide support in times of sorrow and to celebrate in times of joy.* You are not alone; please call upon us

The Caring Committee and I wish our congregation a **Shanah Tovah!**

Rona Elias, Chair      rkelias17@gmail.com      (410) 598-1056

# WE REMEMBER THEM...

*Jean Andriesse* for father, Jacob Falkow  
*Jean Andriesse* for daughter, Judy Maggie Andriesse  
*Lisa and Amir Arbisser* for Rafael Arbisser  
*Marilyn and Paul Blankman* for Barbara Blankman Augenstein  
*Diane and Victor Block* for father of Victor, Walter Block  
*Kathy and Myron Bernstein* for Claire Bernstein  
*Debra and Robert Bryan* for Sandra L. Torine  
*Philip Chaikin* for Rhea Thelma Chaikin  
*Larry Coel* for Joseph Coel  
*Jay S. Colbert* for Eve E. Colbert  
*Sandra and Aubert Coran* for Isaac Filin  
*Sandra and Aubert Coran* for Susan V. Coran  
*Jean Danoff* for Max Oettinger  
*Elyse and Marvin Diamond* for Anne and Solkin Copeland  
*Stephanie Dluzeski* for Teri Lindenberg  
*Geraldine and Leonard Drexler* for father of Leonard, Seibert Drexler  
*Illene Dyrda* for Theresa Dyrda  
*Illene Dyrda* for Michael Maiden  
*Andrea Eiffert* for Gerald M. Schwartz  
*Alice Feldman* for Carol and Arthur Brock  
*James Feldman* for Barbara Hershey  
*Coleen and Marc Friedman* for Pat Robinson  
*Miriam Gershon* for Abraham Bernstein  
*Jane and Marvin Glusman* for Albert Goldberg  
*Judith and Herbert Gofman* for Aaron Safier  
*Dale and David Goldheim* for Lillian Blumenthal  
*Barbara Grossman* for Lillian Hopp  
*Barbara Bryden Gruenberg and Michael Gruenberg* for Ernest Gruenberg  
*Wendy Hacker* for Frank 'Moe' Hacker

*Robert Haft* for Alfred P. Haft Jr.  
*Herbert Horowitz* for Rose Horowitz  
*Larry Hurvitz* for Arnold Hurvitz  
*SF Hyde* for Bess Finkelstein  
*Kenneth Kaufman and Debbie Follman* for mother, Jean Kaufman  
*Cecile and Barry Klayton* for father, Cecile Klayton  
*Laurie Lachowitz* for son, Seth Woolf  
*Itzel and David Lieberman* for Karen Lieberman  
*Deborah Linick* for father-in-law, Jack Linick  
*Dobbie Linick* for father-in-law, Jack Linick  
*Delores Lustig* for Edna and Sam Lustig  
*Barbara Mandel* for husband of Barbara Mandel, father of Alyssa Mandel  
*Elana and Mark Margolis* for Tess Weinblatt  
*Elana and Mark Margolis* for Helen Margolis  
*Shelley Markus* for Norman Rice  
*Colleen and Nathan Merwitz* for Winnie Acheson  
*Marlene and Calvin Miller* for Yetta Waxman  
*Peggy and Bob Miller* for Michelle Brailsford  
*Irving Mishkin* for mother, Aida J. Mishkin  
*Susanne and Henry Mosler* for Arthur R. Mosler  
*Susanne and Henry Mosler* for Barry Mosler  
*Bernice Niss* for Norton Niss  
*Eve Pokornicky* for father, Leon Neviaser  
*Judy and Howard Polivy* for Sylvia Grubman  
*Malcolm Roberts* for PFC Karl Schechter  
*Judy and Zvi Rogovin* for Mordechai Rogovin  
*Rona and Stanford Ross* for William Ross  
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*Gail and Ronald Schimel* for Belle Springer  
*Dottie Schmidt* for Philip Schmidt  
*Dottie Schmidt* for mother, Frieda Ginsburg  
*Dottie Schmidt* for mother-in-law, Ann Schmidt  
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*Patty and Allan Schreiber* for Alvena Schreiber  
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*Bernice Volk* for Miles Frederick Sandler  
*Bernice Volk* for Jennie Schultz Siegel  
*Sheila and Warren Wollheim* for Chava Boltee  
*Sheila and Warren Wollheim* for mother of Sheila, Jeanne Harter  
*Karen and Daryl Worobow* for mother of Daryl, Lenore Worobow

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

**Melissa, Jack and Trent Berry** on the death of her father and their grandfather, Norman Stahler, who died on June 1, 2020.

**Benjamin Handelman and Jay Handelman** on the death of Ben's wife and Jay's mother, Judith Handelman, who died on June 11, 2020.

**Seymour Ziegelman** on the death of his wife, Loretta Ziegelman, who died on June 26, 2020



# YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

**SAFETY** – Grades 9 – 12

**JOOSY** – Grades 6 – 8

**Kesher** – Grades 3 – 5

Kesher means a knot, connection, link.



**Deb Bryan, Youth Group Advisor**  
[dbryan@sinaisrq.org](mailto:dbryan@sinaisrq.org).

## YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

### Some of the Things SAFETY Did to Help Others in the Time of Covid-19

- Participated in the Caring Committee Letter Writing Project
- Donated to the All Faith's Food Bank
- Participated as a judge for Sinai Macarona 2020
- Played music for family and neighbors outside
- Created and hosted the KaHoot for Sinai Macarona 2020
- Helped create fun online events during quarantine (*QuaranTEENS Got Talent*, *Kahoot*, and *Jewpardy*) for kids in the Sarasota Jewish community
- Created PJ Library videos to educate children
- Helped children stay active and positive by volunteering at a day center
- Used social media to let people know how to use their voice to support people and causes
- Met weekly with the SAFETY Board to plan meaningful (and fun!) youth group events for 2020-2021

## SAFETY Board 2020-2021



Hello! My name is Maxwell, and I am a junior at Braden River High School. I also serve as President of the SAFETY Youth Group. As president, I want to see young Jewish teens come together this year to form a community, discover what it means to be Jewish, and have fun along the way.

Maxwell Fletcher, President

Questions? Email Deb Bryan, Youth Advisor at [dbryan@sinaisrq.org](mailto:dbryan@sinaisrq.org)

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

As the Programming Vice President of our youth group, I plan to create and implement events and programs throughout the year that bring people together, both virtually and in-person. I am excited to host events that the whole family can enjoy. The one thing that I would like to make happen are fundraisers that are fun and raise money and items for great causes.

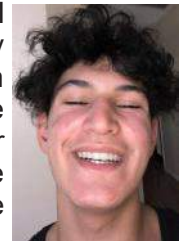
Katherine Carnes, Programming Vice President



As the Social Action Vice President, I plan to work closely with the SAFETY board to make sure our tzedakah donations and volunteer hours are going to great causes that will make a great deal of change in our community. As the Religious and Cultural Vice President, I hope to work with Rabbi Kahn and Chazzan Abramson to plan fun and creative services and other events for the children of our congregation to lead, learn, and enjoy.

Lucy Thomas, Social Action Vice President, Cultural Vice President

As a member of the SAFETY Board I plan to help grow our youth group by encouraging kids of all ages to join when they're of age. I want to create a fun environment where the younger kids will look up to us and want to be on the SAFETY Board when they are old enough!



Noah Leinweber, Membership Vice President



I look forward to revamping the Youth Group Constitution while cataloguing the youth group's steps along the way as we all adjust to the new paradigm that COVID-19 presents in the coming school year.

Gryffin W. Plumley, Historian

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### In Honor of:

Rae Ellen and Bob Levene's grandchildren Emily and Russell becoming B'nai Mitzvah: Ronni and George Freed  
Emma and Jonathan's Wedding: Judith & Leonard Swerdlow  
Allan Shaivitz 80<sup>th</sup> birthday – Mazel Tov: Carole and Fred Gorin  
Bethany Leinweber becoming the new Director of Youth Education, Outreach & Engagement  
Bob Goldblatt's special birthday: Judy and Eric Fox  
Bob Goldblatt's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday: Sandy and Gary Kravitz  
Laurie Criden's birthday: Judy and Robert Goldblatt  
Judy Handleman's birthday: Judy and Robert Goldblatt

### In Appreciation of:

Joan Gastman and Art Sugerman for your delicious kindness: Terry and Sandy Hayden  
Rabbi Kahn and Chazzan Abramson officiating the Zoom Service for Norman Stahler: Melissa and David Berry  
Jamie Abramson for your beautiful violin music accompanying Cliff: Carole and Fred Gorin  
Temple Sinai congregation for Bob's special birthday: Judy Goldblatt

### Speedy Recovery of:

Chef Adam Woldman: Betty and Richard Greenspan  
Harriet Rosen: Carole and Fred Gorin

### In Memory of:

Carol Watson: Betty and Don Cahall  
Judith Handelman: Ronni and George Freed  
Judith Handelman: Judy and Robert Goldblatt  
Arthur Simmons: Helena Simmons, three sons and four grandchildren  
Cy Glickman: Oakwood Manor of Sarasota  
Judith Handelman: Betty and Richard Greenspan  
Abraham Hoffman: Laurie and Mark Criden  
David M. Chalfin: Fredda and Alan Chalfin  
Maurice Chalfin: Fredda and Alan Chalfin  
Thomas Moloff: Fredda and Alan Chalfin

## RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

*Judy and Eric Fox  
Gail Glickman  
Laurie Lachowitzer  
Beverly and William Murphy*

### In Honor of:

Rabbi Kahn's first year leading our congregation, and the personal, positive impact she has had for us.  
The Wedding of Dan and Zhana Goldblatt: Judy and Robert Goldblatt

### In Appreciation of:

The beautiful service for Dr. Edward Wheeler: Milton Richter  
The wonderful services every Friday evening: Ellyn Bender and Pam Paschall  
Jane and Marvin Glusman's 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary: Shirley Rose

### Speedy Recovery of:

Harriet Rosen: Gail Glickman

### In Memory of:

Cy Glickman: Myrna and Andre Block  
Mitchell Epstein's beloved mother: Elana and Mark Margolis  
Lawrence Rose: Shirley Rose  
Judith Handelman: Elana and Mark Margolis  
Murray Mandelker: Janis and Ronald Collier  
Loretta Ziegelman: Elana and Mark Margolis

## CHAZZAN'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

*Laura Freedman  
Gail Glickman  
Shirley Rose*

### In Honor of:

Laurie Criden's 66<sup>th</sup> birthday: Elana and Mark Margolis  
Bob Goldblatt's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday: Elana and Mark Margolis

### In Appreciation of:

Laurie Criden's handy masks and hug pillow: Elana and Mark Margolis  
Chazzan's amazing support for my family and myself: Helena Simmons  
Chazzan's inspiring concert: Carole and Fred Gorin

### Speedy Recovery of:

Harriet Rosen: Gail Glickman

### In Memory of:

Rabbi Mark Goldman's beloved wife Meryl: Elana and Mark Margolis  
Alvin Wendrow: Alene Wendrow and George Neidich  
Ludwig Davidsburg: Brother of Shirley Rose

## RABBI GEOFF HUNTTING/LIFE AND LEGACY ENDOWMENT FUND

*Laura Freedman  
Karen and Daryl Worobow*



# BECAUSE WE CARE...

## **In Honor of:**

Karen and Daryl Worobow's son's recent wedding: Elana and Mark Margolis

Laura Freedman's daughter's marriage to Jordan Moor: Elana and Mark Margolis

## **In Appreciation of:**

Officiating Ruth Briefman's funeral: Mark Briefman

## **In Memory of:**

Daryl Worobow's beloved father: Elana and Mark Margolis  
Nathan Weinblatt: Elana and Mark Margolis

## **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DIRECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

## **In Honor of:**

Bethany Leinweber's new position as Director of Engagement, Education & Outreach: Elana and Mark Margolis

## **THE GAN FUND**

## **In Appreciation of:**

Laurie Criden's kindness to others: Judy and Howard Polivy

## **CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

*Carole and Fred Gorin*

## **In Honor of:**

Russell and Emily Spak becoming a B'nai Mitzvah: Rae Ellen and Bob Levene

## **In Memory of:**

Kim Kittner: Geri Jo Manson  
Kathy's mother Babs Rice: Kathryn and Richard Stern  
Fanny Mendlowitz: Joyce and Roger Fine and Family

## **LIBRARY FUND**

*Betty and Don Cahall*

*Mickie and Jerry Kaye*

## **HORAY SINAI FUND**

## **In Memory of:**

Nancy Friedberg's mother: Beth and Howard Swartz

## **FANCHON D. ROSENSTEIN SOCIAL ACTION FUND**

*Carole and Fred Gorin*

## **In Appreciation of:**

Janice and Bob Grossman, for their gesture of generosity: Judith and James Feldman  
Lorraine Asarch: Nina Bailey  
Laurie Criden's birthday: Sunny Brownrout

## **In Memory of:**

Richard Colby, brother: Karen Weiner  
Alyson and Mark Zildjian's mothers: Betty and Donald Cahall

## **SHERRY LINHART FLOWER FUND**

*Sally and Robert Brown*

## **Speedy Recovery of:**

Adam Woldman: Judy and Len Swerdlow



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## **WE ARE A "HOME" COMING**

We're known as "the friendly congregation" – really! Many guests tell us how welcomed and included they feel from the moment they walk through our doors. Regardless of sexual orientation, racial, religious, or ethnic background, all are welcomed.

## **WE CONNECT JEWS TO JUDAISM**

Today we are all Jews by choice, regardless of how we were raised. Celebrating and sharing life's highs and lows, as well as holidays, Shabbat and doing good binds us together.

## **WE CONNECT JEWS TO EACH OTHER**

Many of our congregants who are new to town are looking to put down roots and develop an intimate network of friends. We function as a center for their Jewish lives, a place where they can experience a true sense of belonging and inclusion with other Jewish families

## **WE EMBRACE OPENNESS & CREATIVITY**

We don't want to be the same as other congregations; we have carved out our own niche. The style of our services and our music make us unique in our community. We are eager to rethink Jewish learning for students of all ages.

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Laurie Lachowitzer, Committee Member


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## THE GREEN TEAM

The Social Action and Justice Committee's (SAJC) Green Team invites you to attend a webinar-style presentation on the effects of plastic in the environment on **Monday, October 5 at 7 p.m. via Zoom.**

Terry L. Root, Senior Fellow Emerita of Stanford University's Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment, will present *Innocent Victims: Wildlife and Plastics Don't Mix*. As a result of plastic trash, uncountable innocent wildlife victims suffer throughout the oceans and across the land. The plastic polymer was invented in 1907 and other than what has been burned, all that plastic still exists. Humans have created more than 8 billion tons of plastic since 1907. About 1 million plastic bags are used each minute around the world. About 8 million tons of plastic finds its way into the oceans each year. One hundred percent of the sea salt tested in the US had micro plastics in it. Marine animals that are most impacted by plastics include sea turtles, seals and sea lions, seabirds, fish, and whales and porpoises. Land animals hurt by plastics run the gamut from turtles to birds to mammals. By far, the single-use plastics are the worst, such as bags, straws, and bottles. We can make a BIG difference; we just need to care enough to do it.

Root earned her doctorate in biology from Princeton University and was a professor at the University of Michigan for 14 years. Now a resident of Sarasota, Root was co-awarded the Nobel Peace Prize with Vice President Al Gore for her work on the Climate Change Assessment Report in 2007. In addition to many other honors and awards for her published work, Root has served on the boards of and as science advisor to several non-governmental organizations. Currently, she is science advisor for the American Wind and Wildlife Institute and serves on the board of the National Audubon Society as a Director and as Assistant Secretary. When not giving talks and continuing scientific research on species and climate change, Root enjoys creating wheel-thrown pottery, singing and bird watching.

For more information about the program and to register, please visit the SAJC page on the Temple Sinai website.

<https://www.templestinai-sarasota.org/event/innocent-victims-wildlife-and-plastics-dont-mix.html>



The poster features a teal background on the left with white and yellow text, and a photograph of a sea turtle on the right. The sea turtle is shown from the chest up, swimming through green seaweed. The text on the poster reads: "Social Action & Justice Committee SAJC'S GREEN TEAM PRESENTS: Innocent Victims: Wildlife & Plastics Don't Mix Monday, October 5th 7:00 PM | Via Zoom Do not miss this important program given by Nobel Laureate, Dr. Terry Root."

# HISTORY OF ROSH HASHANAH



The origins of [Rosh HaShanah](#) are found in the Bible. The Book of Leviticus (23:24-25) declares: "In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall observe a day of rest, a memorial proclaimed with the blowing of the [shofar](#), a holy convocation." Although this day eventually became Rosh HaShanah, the Jewish New Year, it was not originally known as such.

In ancient times, there were four different New Years on the Jewish calendar. Each had a distinct significance:

- The first of the Hebrew month of Nisan, the New Year of Kings, was the date used to calculate the number of years a given king had reigned.
- The first of the Hebrew month of [Elul](#) was the new year for tithing of cattle, a time when one of every 10 cattle was marked and offered as a sacrifice to God.
- The first of the Hebrew month of [Tishrei](#) was the agricultural new year, or the New Year of the Years.

The 15th of the Hebrew month of Sh'vat, known as [Tu BiShvat](#), was the New Year of the Trees.

Although the Torah refers to Nisan as the first month of the Jewish year, the first day of the month of Tishrei emerged as what we now know as Rosh HaShanah.

The Babylonians, among whom the Jews lived, marked a "Day of Judgment" each year. They believed that on that day, a convocation of their deities assembled in the temple of the god Marduk.

These gods, they held, renewed the world and judged each human being, inscribing the fate of every individual on the tablet of destiny. The legend was a powerful one, and Jews most likely borrowed elements from it in shaping Rosh HaShanah. The meeting of many deities evolved into a belief that the one God judged every Jew on that day, immediately inscribing the completely righteous in the Book of Life and consigning the completely wicked to a sad fate. Those "in between," however, had 10 days, concluding on [Yom Kippur](#), in which to repent before the Book of Life was sealed for the New Year.

In addition to the biblical "holy convocation" and the transformed Babylonian "Day of Judgment," the first of Tishrei also was associated with the anniversary of the creation of the world, *Yom HaRat Olam*. For these three compelling reasons, the first day of the seventh month ultimately became the "official" Jewish New Year.

It was not until about the second century C.E. that the holiday acquired the name Rosh HaShanah, which first appeared in the [Mishnah](#). Before then, however, the day had many other designations. The oldest name, found in the Torah (Numbers 29:1) is *Yom T'ruah* ("Day of Sounding the Shofar"). Two other names, undoubtedly reflecting Babylonian influence, were *Yom HaZikaron* ("Day of Remembrance") and *Yom HaDin* ("Day of Judgment"). While those terms are still preserved in the liturgy and rabbinic literature, Jews all over the world today usually refer to Rosh HaShanah as the Jewish New Year.



# HISTORY OF YOM KIPPUR

## ORIGINS

[Yom Kippur](#), which dates from biblical times, is referenced in three separate passages in the [Torah](#). The Torah refers to Yom Kippur as *Shabbat Shabbaton*, “a Sabbath of complete rest,” while the Talmud denotes Yom Kippur simply as *Yoma*, “The Day.”

The Torah portrays Yom Kippur primarily as a day centered almost exclusively upon the Temple in Jerusalem. It was on this day that the *kohen gadol*, the high priest, performed the complicated rituals and sacrifices that purified the Temple from the defilement that had attached to it as a result of the sins of the Israelite people. (They believed this defilement had caused God’s presence to depart from their midst.) There also was another aspect to the day: *atonement*, the spiritual cleansing of the people themselves. Their role was to serve as an attentive and expectant audience outside the Temple precincts, awaiting the hoped-for successful outcome of the high priest’s service. Their role, according to the Torah, was to abstain from work and to practice “self-denial.” Our tradition has defined “self-denial” as *inuyim* (afflictions): fasting and refraining from certain other activities that satisfy our physical needs.



## AFTER THE TEMPLE

With the Temple’s destruction, the second aspect of Yom Kippur, focused on atonement, came to predominate. The atonement we now perform is turned inward; it is an act of self-purification in which we cleanse our own lives from the stain of our misdeeds. Like the Israelites during the Temple period, we continue to fast, understanding this self-denial as a cleansing of our soul, an act of self-discipline, and a sign that on this day we rise above our most basic biological necessities to focus our attention on matters of the spirit.

Our prayers traditionally last all day, as did the service of the high priest. We recall the priest’s service in poetic form and the recitation of [N’ilah](#) at the conclusion of Yom Kippur hearkens back to the time when the “closing of the gates” was a feature of the Temple’s everyday ritual. Finally, the drama of the ancient sacrifice has become an internal drama, which we experience as a grand spiritual and emotional sweep that carries us from the haunting melody of [Kol Nidre](#), through the recitation of the prayers, [s’lichot](#) and [vidui](#), culminating in *N’ilah*, when we stand one last time before God in the fading moments of the year’s holiest day.

## MODERN HISTORY

On Yom Kippur in 1973, Egypt and Syria orchestrated a surprise attack against Israel. Although the Israeli army was outnumbered severely by the oncoming troops, the Israeli troops successfully fended off their attackers. Two weeks later, the United Nations Security Council called for a ceasefire. Five years later, in September 1978, Muhammad Anwar al-Sadat, president of the Arab Republic of Egypt, and Menachem Begin, prime minister of Israel, met with Jimmy Carter, then-president of the United States, at Camp David and forged a policy for establishing peace in the Middle East. Although Israel continues to pursue peace with her neighbors today, the efforts of those leaders to reconcile and move forward are a model from which we all can learn, and they exemplify the spirit of the High Holidays.

## Rosh Hashanah

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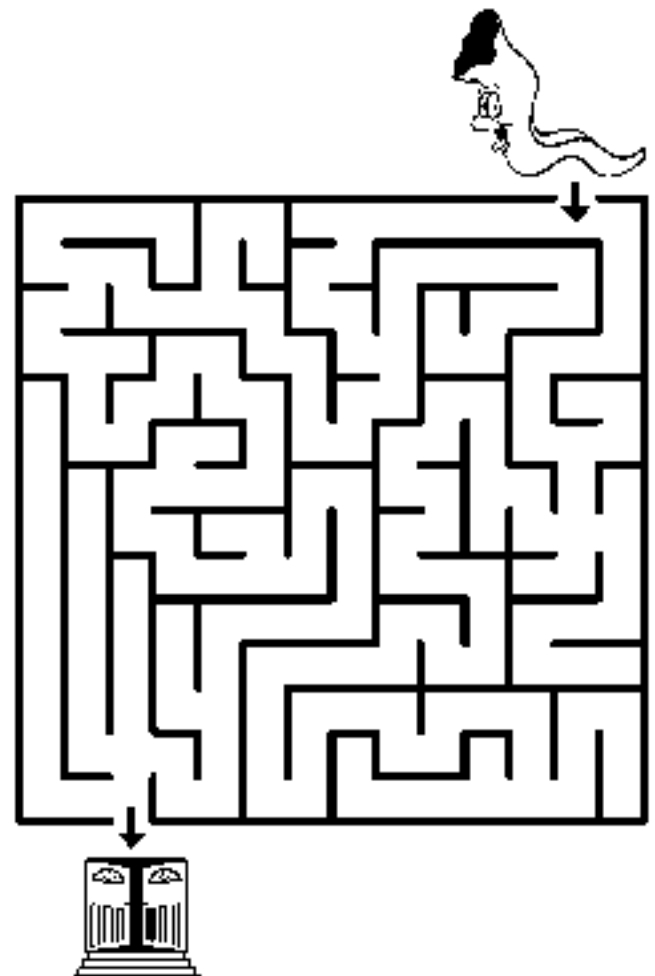
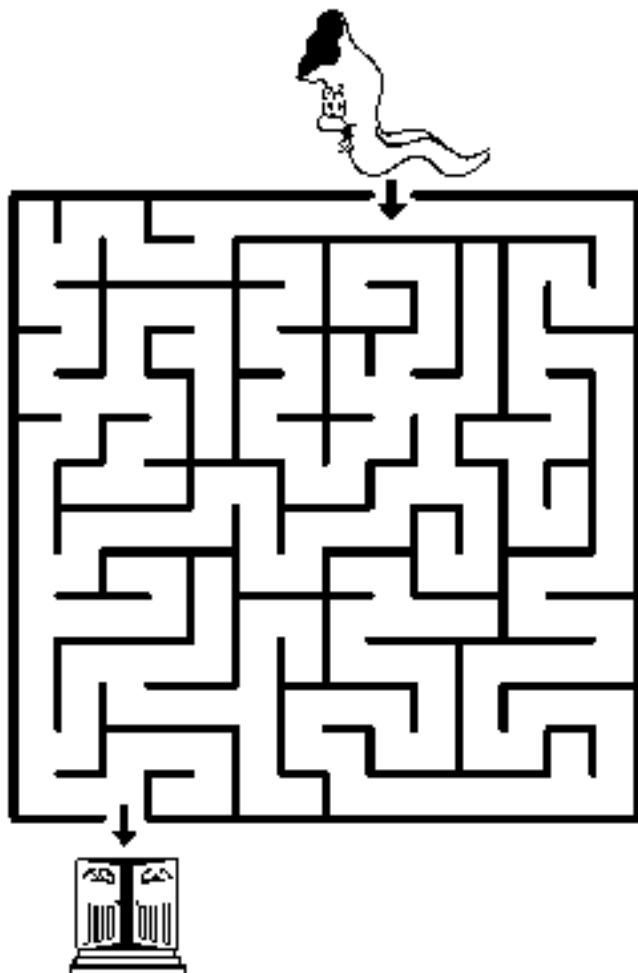




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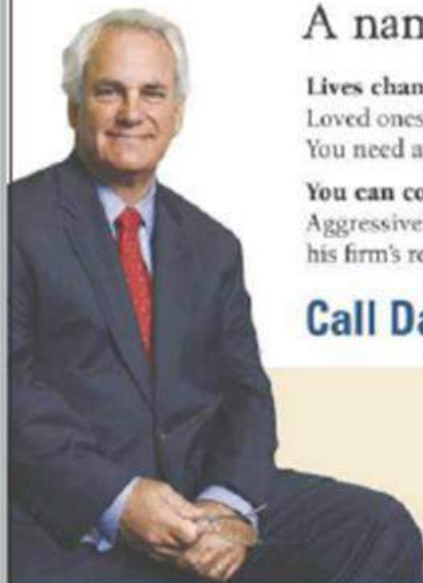


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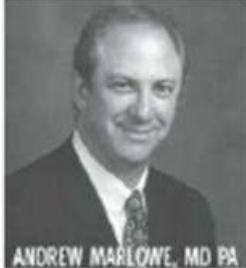
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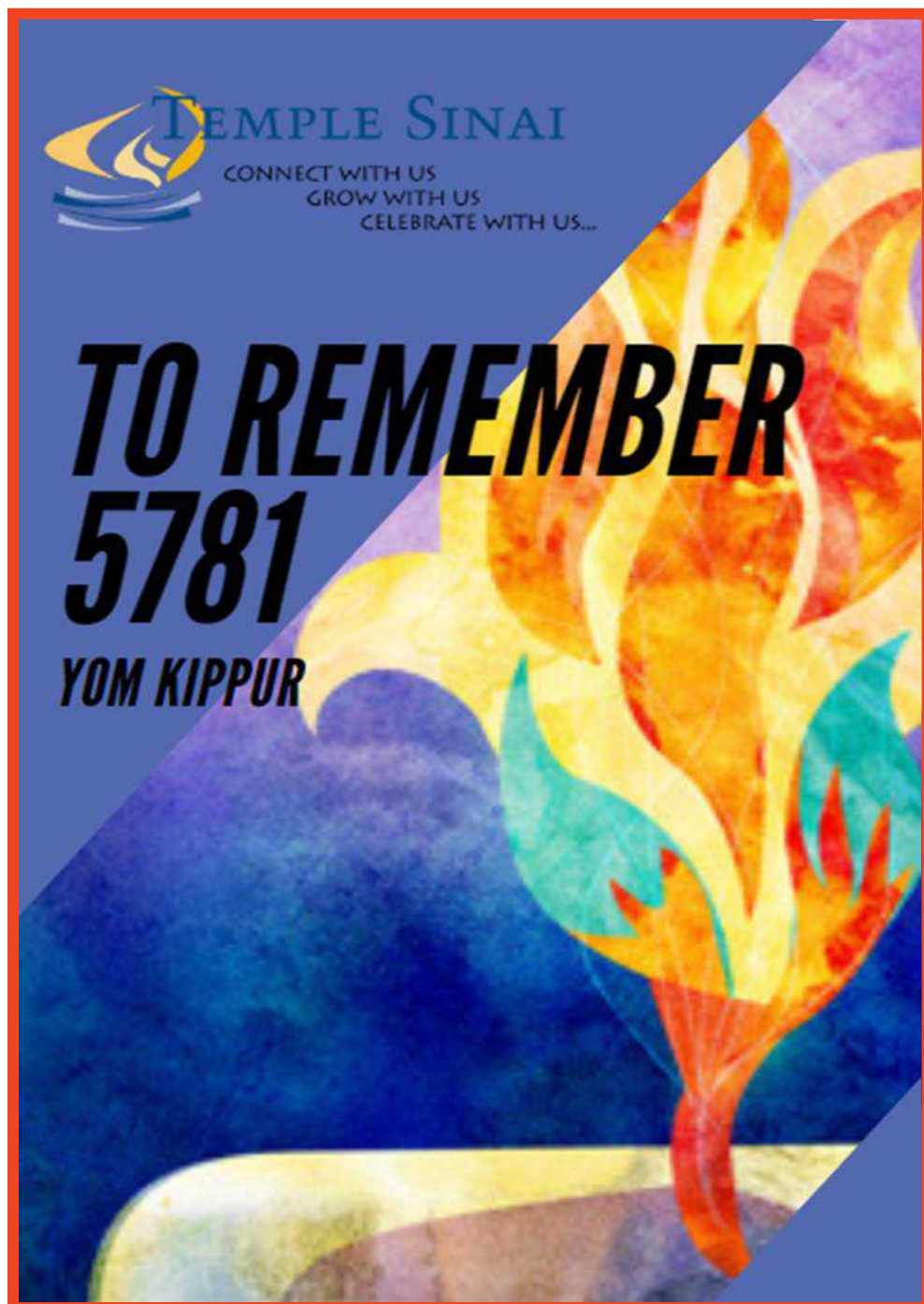
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**Have all details to**  
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# FAQ's

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## **How can I access the services live stream?**

You can join us virtually by clicking on the banner ad on the home page of our Temple Sinai Sarasota website (<https://www.temple Sinai-sarasota.org>) which looks like this:



## **Where can I find the Zoom link for the services which will also be Zoomed?**

We will be embedding the Zoom links into the name of the service/program on the website schedule, so you can easily access them by just clicking on it. We ask however, that you do NOT post any Zoom links on social media as we do not wish to invite "Zoom bombers" to our events. You will need to download the Zoom app on your iPhone or tablets. [Click here to do so.](#)

## **Can I invite my friends and family to join us for any of these events and services?**

Yes! Please let them know we are streaming live for everyone to participate and there is no charge. You can also send them Zoom links directly. We want everyone to have a taste of our warm welcome at our "virtual Congregational home" during this time.

## **Do we need to have a Mishkan HaNefesh High Holiday prayer book?**

No, we will be sharing the prayers and liturgy on the screen to make it easy for you to follow along.

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