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Temple Sinai Honors Mickie Kaye



Temple Sinai dedicates this October issue of the *Tablet* to Mickie Kaye who has created outstanding issues month after month, year after year.

Mickie was born in Brooklyn, then grew up in Great Neck, NY, where she met and married Jerry, the love of her life. After living abroad when Jerry was

stationed in Germany, they returned to Long Island where they raised two children. They currently have four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Mickie was president of the cooperative nursery school then active in the Huntington Jewish Center Sisterhood, first as corresponding secretary and then president. In 1984 Mickie and Jerry started their new life in Sarasota and joined Temple Sinai when it moved into the Kenilworth Street building (circa 1992). Although not founding members, they were there in the beginning. Mickie stated that she found everyone welcoming.

In 2009, Marvin Rosen called Mickie and asked her to proofread the *Tablet*. Mickie exclaimed, "I couldn't say no to Marvin." At that time layout was done in the LPi publishers Ohio office; but a few years later, Mickie was asked to do the *Tablet* layout herself. She was sent the software from LPi and guided via telephone on the "how to"; she dealt with LPi sales reps for ads and introduced the concept of creating new and interesting color covers.

Mickie was on the Women of Sinai Board for a few years, but her interest in working on the *Table*t required many hours of her time each month. When she was first asked to be involved, Jerry encouraged her, saying, "you can do it," and she did do a wonderful job. She varied the order of the pages and did not have an index so that readers would not just go to one topic but were encouraged to read through the entire issue.

From the beginning, Mickie felt that the cover should invite you to open the Tablet, to invite you to read what was inside. She declared that finding and designing color covers was one of the most rewarding aspects of her extensive responsibilities. The cover for September 2013 was her favorite. Mickie and Jerry went to Lido Beach with then members Ruth and Rich Goldman to execute her idea: write the old year, 5773, near the water then the new year, 5774, away from the water. As the tide came in, the old year was starting to wash away, to fade, and the new year was clearly seen. Her words under the photo by Rich were poignant and significant: As the Sarasota tide washes away the year 5773, so shall we enter and build in the new year 5774.



As the Sarasota tide washes away the year 5773, so shall we enter and build in the new year 5774.

Shanah Tovah

Mickie reflected on her experience: "It has been a wonderful, challenging and creative hobby, and this 'retirement' will leave an empty spot in my life." We thank her for her years of commitment to making the *Tablet* so dynamic.

by Gail Glickman

About the cover

The stained glass windows above the ark were donated by Past President Gwen Baseman-Ziomek and Joe Ziomek: "We pray that these windows always bring peace and warmth to this congregation".

Allan Shaivitz, our Arts and Aesthetics Committee Chair, explains that the windows are an abstract theme centered around Jerusalem and all that it evokes. The center panel reflects the graceful upward sweep of the etched glass of the Ark doors below, imagining perhaps the flow of prayers upward. Allow the abstract imagery of David Ascalon's creations to inspire your spirituality and a sense of hope and peace.

Israeli born contemporary sculptor and stained glass artist, and co-founder of Ascalon Studios, David Ascalon, came to the United States as a teenager. He attended Beverly Hills School, studied art and design at the California State University at Northridge and architecture and interior design at California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, and Pratt Institute in New York. Throughout the 1970s, Ascalon worked in the field of interior design but wanted a more immediate means of artistic expression. He began experiment in sculptural metalwork by exploring abstract compositions with a welding torch. In 1977, he relocated to the Philadelphia area where he began focusing his efforts on the creation of sitespecific artwork for houses of worship and public spaces. Much of his work draws on ecclesiastical themes, utilizing non-traditional approaches and contemporary forms.

FROM YOUR CLERGY



The High Holy Days are behind us, and we enter October returning to the beginning of our Torah. On the first Shabbat this month, we read *Bereshit*, and recount the creation of the world. Following Rabbinic Sage Ben Bag-Bag's

lead ("Turn it, and turn it, for everything is in it," Pirkei Avot 5:22), we turn Torah over again, hoping that by viewing the same verses through a new prism, Torah might bedazzle us with new insights this year. Personally, this year, I'm drawn back to one of my favorite theological questions from these sacred words: Is existence an experiment? What happens if it fails or ends?

In the opening lines of Torah, there are multiple hints that maybe, just maybe, there were worlds created and destroyed before ours. One of the most well-known points of curiosity on the subject comes from the very first letter. We translate the first word of Torah as "In the beginning," but the lack of vowels in our sacred text means it could potentially say, "In a beginning". We also learn that the only thing in existence before this beginning was chaos. So, we wonder, where did this chaos come from?

What if the beginning of the world and life as we know it was not actually THE beginning, but just one of God's many attempts at creating life? What would that mean for us? How would it change our understanding of time and purpose? I wonder, did other beginnings end because God wiped them out? Or did those beings bring about their own destruction? If so, did they turn on each other in acts of war? Or did they turn on creation itself and make their world inhospitable? Furthermore, I wonder, will we be the version of existence that lasts forever? If so, what do we need to do to take care of ourselves, each other and our world so that our beginning is not just another attempt but rather the final beginning of creation?

I believe there are as many lessons as there are questions that stem from this reading of our text. It helps me to fully feel the weight of *Tikkun Olam*, of living as God's partner in the care and repair of our world. It also serves as a reminder that new beginnings are always possible, and at this time of the year, that is a nice reminder. No matter what happened before, no matter what chaos we are stepping out of, there is always an opportunity to create something new, something precious, something beautiful. We are continually able to redefine ourselves and our lives, so let's make this permutation of life a meaningful one as we move forward

into our new year. May this beginning be for a year of kindness, blessings and peace.



Rabbi Samantha O. Kahn

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articles, flyers and photographs

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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



Thank You on Speed Dial

So, how may I thank thee? Let me count the ways...

Yes, we all say "thank you" – as children we were taught that dutiful response, heartfelt often, but just as

often, perfunctory. We may mean well, but often a thank you falls flat, especially when we say it as a matter of course and when it is expected.

I was thinking about this because we have just completed multiple services and programs offered by our clergy for the High Holy Days. There were 14, in fact, beginning with *Selichot* and ending with *Havdallah* on *Yom Kippur*. If you think you were tired, let's give some thought to our clergy. Are we grateful? Sure! Did we thank them? Sure! ... but *really* thank them?

Let's take a closer look at what they do to prepare for these holidays. Preparation is both physical, i.e., planning and creating the services, and spiritual preparing emotionally and mentally for these Days of Awe. And, this preparation starts months ahead. No. it is not just writing the perfect sermon for the perfect moment in the service. It is creating the sacred space that allows the sermon to fill the room, touching each of our souls. We used our new High Holy Day prayerbooks, Mishkan HaNefesh, for the first time. The clergy began arranging our services de novo, from the start. There was no roadmap, no familiarity of the routine. Yes, exciting and exhilarating, but also fraught with anxiety. Rabbi Kahn had more notes and stickies in each of her pulpit copies than there were pages in the book! Oh, and did we mention the pandemic that we thought would be over by then? There was the anxiety over our livestream faithfully conveying the solemnity and the spirituality of the services to our members watching virtually and hopefully never losing the internet connection to them.

As Rabbi Paul Kipnes so artfully expresses his anxiety and those of most rabbis in an excerpt from his poem "In the Middle of the Night: A High Holy Day Clergy COVID-19 Confession":

In the middle of the night
I am feeling the fright
About how to do this right —
My High Holy Days COVID-19 rewrite

Can I be an inspiration?
Will I shine a comforting light?
Will the internet hold up
Providing sufficient megabytes?

And then we have the chazzan... ahhh the music. It's different, not the usual Shabbat melodies. Refreshing his repertoire and learning new ones, the chazzan is a vocal performer and not only has to prepare musically, but, like the rabbi, also spiritually. Physical stamina and vocal artistry are required, but alone are not sufficient. It is essential that the chazzan inspire the congregation to reach the emotional heights of the prayers.

As Cantor Barbara Ostfeld points out: "You run your eyes over the congregation, and you see much pain, much love, much loneliness, and many tender moments and it always did tend to choke me up. You need to allow those feelings to be expressed in your singing, yet not be so moved by them that your singing is impaired."

Oh, and one more note: during all this preparation, our clergy continued to provide us with Shabbat services, religious school and b'nai mitzvah lessons, officiate at funerals and shivas, make sick and condolence calls, listen to, read and respond to messages from all of us and others, meet with temple leadership, and plan for the new year.

I, for one, in this article, want to express my gratitude and appreciation to our talented and exceptional clergy for their outstanding efforts to create High Holy Day services that reached out and touched each of us. You may want to do the same, in your own way...

Warmly,

Ellyn Bender, President



SINAI MEN'S CLUB



We would like to welcome our newest SMC members, Michael Katz, Philippe Koenig, Jeff Saltz, Harris Schild, Jeff Silvershein, and Adam Swerdlow. We are happy to have you join

us! With our new sponsorship program in place, we are looking for SMC members who would like to volunteer to be a sponsor. If interested in this program, please contact Marc Rosen at harmar67@aol.com.

The COVID numbers continue to spike up with the Delta variant. Our most important mission is to make sure that everyone is safe, so we have adjusted and started zooming our programs again. We will continue to work hard to provide the best programming possible, whether it's live or by Zoom.

SMC and WOS assisted in leading the Sukkot service on Tuesday morning, September 21st. Thank you to Zvi Rogovin for organizing SMC's participation in the service.

Past President Richard Brown hosted the Zoom Schmooze on Tuesday, August 24th and Monday, September 27. Mark your calendars for our next **Zoom Schmooze on Friday, October 29th.** Even though we can't meet in person, this is still a good way to keep in touch with each other. Please RSVP to Richard Brown at 67oldsmobile@gmail.com no later than October 26th, if you wish to attend the next Zoom Schmooze.

Allan Schreiber will be back hosting the **Zoom Book Club** on Thursday, October 21st. The title of the book is "News of the World" by Paulette Jiles. If you are interested in participating in the discussion, please RSVP to Allan Schreiber, coordinator, at allanschreiber@comcast.net, no later than Monday, October 18th.

Mike Pollack will be back hosting the **Zoom Film Forum on Sunday, October 10**th. The Title of the film is "The Farewell" Please RSVP to Mike Pollack at mpollack738@gmail.com, no later than Thursday, October 7th.

The SMC will be hosting their first **Annual Blood Drive in Support of Adam Swerdlow on Sunday, November 14**th from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at Temple Sinai. Please save the date and come out to donate blood. If you would like to donate blood, please copy the following link into your web browser

https://donor.suncoastblood.org/donor/schedules/ drive schedule/31253 If you can't give blood but would like to volunteer to help out at the blood drive, please contact Co-President Pearl Perlinski at ofcpearl@verizon.net

Zvi Rogovin is looking for all veterans who served in the U.S Armed Forces or the Israel Defense Forces. Please send Zvi the highest rank you held, branch of service and years you served. If any of you would like to participate in the **Shabbat Service honoring our Veterans on Friday, November 21**st, please email Zvi for further information at zjrogovin@verizon.net.

Michael Gruenberg and Marty Taffel, our programming team, are working closely together to develop monthly programs that will interest our current membership and will excite prospective members to join. Have an idea for a program you would like to share? Please send an email to cochair Michael Gruenberg at michael.gruenberg@verizon.net.

Haven't joined the Men's Club yet, but would like to? Our **Annual Membership Drive** is still underway. A membership mailing was sent out in August. If you have not responded yet, please do so. You can join through ShulCloud, or you can print the Sinai Men's Club Membership Form from ShulCloud and mail it with your check to David Stein at 7104 Rue de Palisades, Sarasota, FL 34238. For membership information, please contact David Stein, SMC Membership Chair, on his cell at (240) 672-4771, or by email at steintravel@verizon.net.

We wish you all the best in the New Year, L' Shalom.

Chester "Pearl" Perlinski – Co President



WOMEN OF SINAI

WOS Mitzvah

Happy October!! Up north we could be looking at colored leaves and crisp evening air. That's one thing I definitely miss living in FL. But we Floridians have warm, humid air to do any activities we want. So welcome to fall!

I wanted to tell you about the generosity of Temple Sinai members in our recent collections. Thanks to a few Women of Sinai, namely Laurie Criden, Judy Rogovin, Cecile Alexander, Ronni Fried, and our male representative, George Fried, we were able to put together 115 bags of school supplies for Booker Elementary School. This was one bag for each second grader to take home to use for homework.

We also collected four plus SUV carloads of women's, men's and children's clothing, household items, and children's accessories--car seats and strollers--and books and toys on our annual drive on Rosh HaShanah morning. I appreciate the use of extra cars from the Roberts', Cridens, Handlemans, and Goldheims. Our temple community is an amazing community, very willing to help families in crisis through **Hope Family Services**.

I cannot thank you enough for your thoughtfulness, kindness and generosity.

You all did a wonderful Mitzvah,

Judy Polivy, VP WOS Mitzvah





WOMEN OF SINAI



If I were up north, I would be putting away all my summer clothes and getting out my sweaters, boots, and warm coats. Pumpkin spices fill the air and the crunch of the leaves with their vibrant colors remind us snow is now around the corner. In Sarasota.

the snowbirds are returning and the High Holidays have ended. Catching up with friends as the air cools, we begin to enjoy the comfortable temperatures that lured us here.

So what have the Women of Sinai been up to? We packed school supplies for children in Booker Elementary, helped with the Selichot dessert boxes, and stuffed envelopes for the annual appeal. Many hands make light work and the Wonderful Women of Sinai" are some of the best volunteers around!

Book club continues to be zoom only. When the COVID-19 infection rate goes down, we will investigate moving to in person. The book for October is Button Man by Andrew Gross. Rona Elias will facilitate the discussion. Check the temple website or the weekly e-blasts for the link.

Our October 7 presentation from Guardian Ad Litem will be zoom only. The 12th Judicial Circuit Guardian Ad Litem (GAL) program recruits, trains, supports and supervises court-appointed volunteers to represent their most vulnerable children. Check the temple website or the weekly email blast for the link.

Looking towards November: Andrea Eiffert, Temple Sinai Program Director, is organizing a Mitzvah Day event called "Everything But the Turkey" on Sun., Nov. 21, 2021. The goal is to prepare 100 meals to donate to the organization, "Second Chance Last Opportunity". "SCLO" is a hands-on intervention center with programs that include life-management skills training, parenting skills training, counseling, mentoring, HIV-AIDS education and counseling, summer and afterschool youth programs, food, clothing and shelter referrals, and holiday meals and food distribution. More information about how you can be involved will be coming in the next few weeks.

How about December: The temple will be presenting Hands on Hannukah at UTC during the eight days of the holiday. Crafts, cooking demonstrations, singing, as well as lighting the *hannukiah* will take place each night. Volunteers will be needed. Sign up to help using sign up genius or contacting Bethany Leinweber.



Thank you to Judy Intrator who has agreed to take a leadership role in the **Mah Jongg and**

More event. Karen Witte will be her mentor!

Finally, I hope you have enjoyed the weekly e-blasts with the pictures of some of our lovely Women of Sinai from years past. Want to get more involved? Send me an email at Laurie725@gmail.com.

Laurie Criden, WOS President

Booker Elementary School Supplies



Pictured: Laurie Crden, chair Judy Polivy, Cecile Alexander, Judy Rogovin, Ronni Freed (and not pictured our photographer George Freed)

Annual Appeal Envelope Stuffing





Selichot Take-home Dessert Boxes

CHAVUROT

Chavurah Essen Fressing Travels During Summer

We gathered in person in June for our first indoor restaurant dining experience as the Sarasota humid weather set in, and we couldn't dine outside. We had been looking forward to the time when we could meet with our Chavurah friends in person and enjoyed the dining experience.



Because of Covid, only one of our couples had been going to Atlanta regularly this past year to be with family. They celebrated Passover with them in person by making enough matzah ball soup to feed an

army but it was devoured by their children, spouses, and grandchildren. The rest of us waited until summer to travel near and far to celebrate graduations, bat/bar mitzvahs and just visit family and friends. We found that, once you experience the hot summer weather in Sarasota, you can better tolerate the weather in other "hot" states.



Several of us have gone to Maine for cooler climates and a respite from normal lives. The beautiful Maine woods and lakes were magnificent and the cool weather, a very welcome change. Others of us have visited family in the Maryland/Washington area, enjoying a bit of cooler weather. Another couple has traveled to visit family in New Brunsfels, Texas,

one of the oldest German communities in the state; they also visited San Antonio and spent time with family on the Riverfront during the very picturesque "boat festival".

A couple of us went to Chicago, which offered a respite from the heat and the opportunity to attend the "Immersive Van Gogh" production and to visit the traveling exhibit of the Obama presidential portraits. Some of us favored road trips in Florida to "northern" locations such as St. Augustine, Savannah and Charleston - where the heat accompanied us but the biscuits and southern delicacies made it all worthwhile.

After a busy summer, we're looking forward to getting together for the Azi Schwartz concert In January and some great dining, as usual! Our Chavurah members wish everyone a Healthy and Happy New Year and, until we meet again, happy travels!

Submitted by Sara Benesch



Purpose of the Chavurot Program

The purpose of the Temple Sinai Chavurot program is to be a social group that celebrates a Jewish lifestyle in Sarasota and provides a warm and comfortable environment for Temple Sinai members to meet new friends. We are always in the process of forming and reorganizing our individual Chavurot to meet the needs of our members.

If you are interested in joining, or know of members interested in joining a Chavurah, please have them email us at

Templesinaichavurah@gmail.com.

Life and LegacyTM



The Life and Legacy Team met on September 17. Our goal is to build an endowment large enough to make a meaningful annual contribution to ensure Temple Sinai's future financial well -being.

The past three issues of the Tablet have featured testimonials by Mark Criden, Sinai's VP of Development, Cookie Bloom, and me as to why we each chose to make a legacy gift. This month, Dr. Richard and Betty Greenspan, long-term Temple Sinai members, share their story.

Rich and Betty Greenspan have been Temple Sinai members since mid-1990s. They were early donors to Temple Sinai's Endowment Fund, and Rich continues to be a valuable member of the Life & Legacy team. Both Rich and Betty have remembered Temple Sinai in their wills. Rich is a former temple board member and temple president. If you attend Shabbat services on Friday night, you will often see Rich wearing his red *Ambassador* badge and greeting congregants as they enter. Betty's passion is baking for the Jewish Food Festival. Rich said: "Betty and I chose to leave legacy gifts because we want future members of Sinai to enjoy the beautiful services, meaningful activities and participate in this warm, vibrant community that we have come to love."

Please join Rich and Betty and 70 donors in leaving a legacy for future generations. Be remembered forever at Temple Sinai with a gift in your will, trust, retirement account or life insurance policy.

Each of us has the opportunity to secure the Jewish future. The future is in our hands.

For the Life & Legacy Team

Janine Cohen, Chair

BOARD BRIEFS

The Board of Trustees met and discussed the latest **Advisory Committee recommendations regarding High Holy Days.** The board decided that all members and ticketed guests attending congregational High Holy Days Services would need to provide proof they are fully vaccinated. Additionally, all attendees over the age of 2 would be required to wear a mask. Attendees would be seated every other row. Tickets would be required for all services held at Temple Sinai except the family service on Yom Kippur.

The board also discussed the **URJ Benchmark**. The process to begin the Benchmark was started after Yom Kippur. A survey went out to all members of the congregation; the survey will primarily be conducted by email, but a paper option is available at the temple office. The Benchmark will provide us with valuable information about our strengths and weaknesses as compared to other synagogues our size. All congregants are asked to respond to the survey that the URJ sent out to assist the Board in making this process as meaningful as possible. All adult members of a household should respond separately.

The **Annual Appeal** was also discussed. The importance of the Annual Appeal to the synagogue was reiterated, and strategies for having the most successful Annual Appeal possible were discussed. Congregants can expect to start hearing about the Annual Appeal shortly if they have not already.

Sarah Weiner, Secretary

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.

Contact Elana Margolis at elanatemple@aol.com (941) 966-0252

CASINO & DANCE PARTY

LATEST UPDATE ON THE CASINO & DANCE PARTY HONORING CHAZZAN CLIFF ABRAMSON

The Committee doesn't have much to report at this date as everyone has been focused on the High Holy Day Services.

However, we decided to change the release of the "Save the Date" to November 4, 2021. We wish you all the best in the coming year!

Chairs, Gillian and Chester "Pearl" Perlinski Co-Chairs, Kathy and Myron Bernstein

ANNUAL APPEAL

2021-2022

Our Annual Appeal has been underway for a month, and we've received a tremendous outpouring of support from our membership. Even before the official campaign launch on Rosh Hashanah, members donated almost \$60,000 to ensure our vibrancy during our 30th Sinai-versary year.

If you haven't taken the opportunity to contribute yet, please open your hearts and wallets and give generously to our Jewish communal home. If you donated last year, please increase your gift by 10%. If you didn't participate last year, please give at least \$18. **Every gift matters.**

We will name those dedicated members serving as our Campaign Cabinet in the November Tablet. In the meantime, if you love Temple Sinai as we do, and don't mind sharing that love with other members, consider joining us in ensuring we have all the resources we need to accomplish our mission. A few more volunteers making a dozen or so calls of their choosing to remind others to consider a gift will enable us to reach everyone.

In the meantime, please save our cabinet - and yourself - a nudging reminder call and make your gift now.

Chag Sameach Sukkot and Simchat Torah. Thank you for your kind and generous support.

Fredda & Alan Chalfin Laurie & Mark Criden Campaign Chairs



The Best is Yet to Come!



PROGRAM



Wow! The High Holy Days came and went like a whirlwind, and I am wishing you all a happy and HEALTHY new year! There is much to look forward to as we plan for a sweet new year, so please keep reading!

For starters, we are thrilled to be able to offer a **beginner Hebrew course** which will meet weekly on Zoom from October 5 through January 4. This course will be taught by our own Snait Ben-Herut, who is both a native Hebrew speaker and a certified *Ulpan Or* professor. In this

course, you will learn the basic elements of Hebrew reading, writing, comprehension, and conversation. Utilizing the Rapid Language Acquisition approach, the course will place focus on Hebrew as a whole experience. With video clips, audio recordings, built-in structured exercises, virtual flashcards, Israeli songs, Hebrew games and face-to-face conversation, there are many modalities to ensure your success! Class size is very limited so register right away!

Also, please mark your calendars and plan to attend these new programs in November:

- First, on November 6, Lucy Thomas and Ted Gast are teaming up with the clergy, temple youth group, chavurot and more to design a very special Intergenerational Shabbat Experience. The morning will begin with a youth led service, followed by a kiddush lunch (modified based on current temple COVID policy) and program exploring what American and Jewish laws say about the concept of justice. Please do not miss this unique opportunity for members of all ages to worship, learn and debate together.
- Also in November, everyone is invited to take part in this year's congregational Mitzvah Day, "Everything But the Turkey," on Sunday, November 21. As a temple community we will be preparing all the side dishes and desserts to feed 100 people and then donate all the food to Second Chance Last Opportunity, a local organization whose mission is to empower individuals in crisis by providing them with essential skills and tools so they can manage their lives more productively. Second Chance Last Opportunity will provide the donated food as part of a Thanksgiving offering to individuals in their program. Be on the lookout for an email with details and signup soon!

To register or find out more about these programs and others, please visit the Temple Sinai Events page on our website! (https://www.templesinai-sarasota.org/events) As always, I welcome your emails and calls with ideas, feedback and of course, offers to help.

B'shalom,

Andrea Eiffert
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RITUAL



As I write this Tablet article, still in the month of Elul, the *Ten Days of Awe* have not yet begun. However, by the time you read this, the month of *Tishrei* will almost be over. And what a month it was! From introspective contemplation and repentance to joyous celebration of food and Torah, Tishrei encompasses all dimensions of the High Holy Days.

Rabbi Sir Jonathan Sacks said, "Faith is about seeing the miraculous in the everyday, not about waiting every day for the miraculous." For me, it is miraculous to see all the hard work involved in planning for the High Holy Days come to fruition. The dedication of clergy, staff and volunteers

is truly awe inspiring. We have ushered in 5782 with renewed strength and dedication.

The first Shabbat after Simchat Torah is Shabbat Bereishit ("in the beginning"). We begin celebrating a new cycle of life events with the Bar Mitzvah of Aaron Gordon on October 23rd. And as we begin each week by rejoicing in the miracle of Shabbat, I hope you will continue to volunteer to take part by signing up online through *Sign Up Genius*.

May we all be inscribed in the Book of Life for a good year, finding small miracles and joy each day.

Barbara Pollack, VP of Ritual

FOOD FEST #14

SAVE THE DATE!!! FOOD FEST #14 will be on **SUNDAY**, **JANUARY 30**, **2022**. We need all of you to help with this important fundraising event.

LAURA EINSTEIN will be organizing the Arts & Treasures donations. Start putting aside little used items in your home to donate to the Treasures tables. Do you have a piece of art that is in a closet that will be an addition to another home? Books that you want to pass on to another avid reader will be appreciated. Are you an artist who would like to donate a piece of your work? In 2020, the Arts and Treasures rooms made \$2000+ for the temple.

FLOREY MILLER, our masterful baker, will need a lot of help to surpass the \$3000 we made at the last Food Fest. If we all bake a few dozen goodies, or more, we can make a considerable contribution! Let's fill up the bakery!

Please volunteer with **PATTY SCHREIBER** to help set up on Friday, January 28 and Saturday, January 29. We will have two, three hour shifts on January 30 starting at 9:30 and 12:30. GENE EVANS and MARC ROSEN need parking lot helpers, I checked the Farmer's Almanac; we are guaranteed outstanding weather (either wet or dry!).

Sponsorships raise \$8000-\$10,000. Contact **MARK MARGOLIS** to be a sponsor.

Vendors will have indoor space to display and sell their crafts, jewelry, products, and plants. Please contact **STAN LINER** to reserve your table.

Food preparation will be in December and January with dates forthcoming for cooking in the kitchen.

Questions can be directed to me, or contact the persons listed above for more information.

See you at the FOOD FEST.

Patty Glah CFFO
Chief Food Fest Organizer



THE GAN



Laura Freedman, Director of Early Childhood Education

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

Calendar

October 9 Family Fun Event is delayed for all

of us to be able to gather.

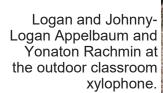
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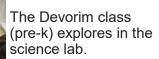
October Temple Tots start date TBD
October 29 Trike-a-thon Mitzvah Project

The Gan at Temple Sinai is loads of fun!!!



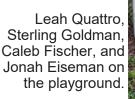
Super Eliza- Eliza Mitchell posing in dramatic play center.







Ben Silverstein fingerpainting.





Berkeley Khoury and June Weiner cruisin' on the playground.

ARTIST SERIES CONCERTS COMES TO TEMPLE SINA!!



For over 25 years, the Artist Series Concerts has been bringing the best and brightest young concert

musicians to Sarasota and this season six of these young "stars on the rise" will be performing at Temple Sinai!

The series opens on November 7 at 4 pm with violinist SooBeen Lee and pianist Dina Vainshtein. Hailed as Korea's "hottest violin prodigy," 20 year-old SooBeen has been praised by the Washington Post for her "poised presence, luxurious sound, spot-on intonation and a bow arm that will be the envy of her peers." Their program features works by Schubert, Debussy, Suk and Russian composer Igor Frolov's *Fantasy on Porgy and Bess.*

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Other upcoming artists are: Merz Trio with Jordan Bak, viola (January 23, 4 pm); Anthony Trionfo, flute and Albert Cano Smit, piano (February 6, 4 pm); NEXUS Chamber Music Chicago (February 20, 4 pm); Quartet

Amabile (March 6, 4 pm); and classical saxophonist Steven Banks (March 27, 4 pm). For more information, visit ArtistSeriesConcerts.org.

SINAI-VERSARY CELEBRATIONS

The **Sinai-versary** for **October 1** will celebrate our new members, and members who have been members from 1-10 years at our temple and Mickie Kaye as she retires from doing the Tablet for 12 years

On **November 5**, we will celebrate those folks who have been members from 11-20 years.

On **December 3**, we will celebrate those members who have been members from 21 -30 years.

Come and celebrate with us each month for our special Sinai-versary for our 30th year!!

Elana Margolis, VP Membership

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CELEBRATE!

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

October 2

Jeanne and Andrew Marlowe

October 9

Sheena and Steven Lambright

October 12

Cynthia and Arthur Solomon

October 16

Jill and Daniel Friedman

October 19

Elyse and Marvin Diamond

October 21

Lori and Scott Dreffin Harriet and Don Gersman Marilyn and James Payton

October 24

Samantha and Matt Kahn

October 25

Linda and Roy Chapman

October 27

Cecile and Barry Klayton

Milestone Anniversaries OCTOBER!

October 23

Peggy and Bob Miller 45 years

October 28

Kelly and Scott Engel 15 years



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

October 1

Robert B. Fritsh

October 2

Nancy VeShancey

October 3

Myron Z. Bernstein Tiffany Caldwell

October 4

Laurie Lachowitzer

October 5

Jill Fischberg David Freeman Joni Mandel

October 7

Raymond Swart

October 8

Cheryl Cooper

October 9

Sandra Coran Edward Safran

October 10

Elyse Gordon

October 11

Mary Gendler

October 12

Janine Cohen

Paul Zatz

October 15

Louis Lasday

October 16

Felton Marans Donna Orlove Micki Sherin Evans

Diane Silverstein

October 17
Jerold Stone

October 18

Stanley Goldsmith

Ida Levin Shelley Prada

October 19

Jeanette Andriesse

October 21

Scott Engel Jean Fox

Elizabeth Zimtbaum

October 22

Leonard Swerdlow

Karen Witte

October 24

Wyatt Fletcher Jennifer Weitzner

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Ron Rosenthal: Gloria Peretz

Our condolences to the family and friends of those who have recently passed:

Lisa Kleinberg and Dr. Ira Azeneer, on the death of his son, Micah Azeneer, who passed away on July 26, 2021

Roz Rosenthal on the death of her husband. Ronald Rosenthal, who passed away on August 18, 2021

Lorraine Asarch for Susie Grossman Kathy and Myron Bernstein for Albert Rubin Janine and Douglas Cohen for Viola Sturtz Micki Sherin Evans and Eugene Evans for Donald (Art) Evans Colleen and Marc Friedman for Philip Friedman Irene and Robert Fritsch for Laura Fritsch Nancy A. Gold for David R. Gold Joan and Harold Goodis for son, Richard Goodis Barbara and Michael Gruenberg for Erna Gruenberg Harriet Kaufman for Minnie Cohn Cecile and Barry Klayton for Edan Bovd Susan and Leonard Landau for Neoma Petricoff Betty and Stanley Liner for Milton Goodman Carol and Elliot Livstone for Florence Miles Carol and Elliot Livstone for Lloyd Livstone Vivian McDorman for Anna Graber Vivian McDorman for Claire Rudnitsky Vivian McDorman for Shirley Felinton Peggy and Bob Miller for Isabelle Miller Irving Mishkin for Dolores Karpf Itving Mishkin for Sonia

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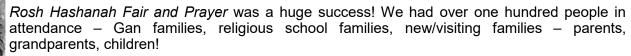
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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL





Rabbi Kahn, Chazzan Abramson, Bethany Leinwber, and Laura Freedman led an interactive meaningful and fun Rosh Hashanah service under the pavilion at Phillippe Estate Park.

Following this, our Religious School teachers along with our Madrichim Team ran ten phenomenal Rosh Hashanah themed booths. Students created *Doves of Hope* for our Chai Tree, they washed away their mistakes with *Coffee Filter Taschlich*, they created an apple print canvas, they made cards for the residents of Aviva, got their hands painted with apples and *shofarot*, they learned the Rosh Hashanah prayers, blew the shofar, and played on the playground. It was such an energetic, fantastic way to begin our Jewish New Year!









YOUTH GROUPS UPDATE



SAFETY - Grades 9 - 12

JOOSY - Grades 6 - 8

Kesher - Grades 3 - 5

Kesher means a knot, connection,
a link.

Please visit our webpage at http://www.templesinai-sarasota.org/community/teens for more information about SAFETY. JOOSY and Kesher.

Temple Sinai's NFTY Board is off to a strong start this year. The board is comprised of dedicated teens who are committed to both Judaism and increasing the involvement of our teens and pre-teens in developing their Jewish identity. In less than a month, the board has met twice to guarantee a positive start to the year.

NFTY is built on 13 principles, and the board is already earnestly embracing four of them:

- Repairing the World Social action ideas are in their infant stages; however, the board is exploring
 ideas such as Youth Mitzvah Day and a clothing drive for The TWIG (a clothing store for foster children).
- **Community** The sense of community is strong with the board, many are working on a committee for an inter-generational Shabbat.
- **Hebrew** During an inter-generational Shabbat meeting the participating board members were firm in the Torah readings being in Hebrew, as it provides them with a sense of spirituality.
- **Fun & Spirit** These teens, who are keenly aware of working in a pandemic, have completely revised our kick-off event on September 19 so that it is COVID friendly, fun and full of *ruach*!

Keep an eye out for NFTY / JOOSY youth events as these teens create programs to engage their peers so they can continue to grow both socially and Judaically.

Josh Leinweber, Youth Group Advisor



PHOTOS

From left to right row by row on pages 19-20

- Esther Mashrian
- 2. Cassell Family
- Maddox & Caleb Finch with dad, Ryan
- 4. Joshua & Alix Leinweber
- 5. Amelia Hilton, Lucy Thomas & kids
- 6. Bethany Leinweber Laura Freedman
- 7. Maxwell Fletcher helping with cards
- 8. Laura Freedman in sanctuary
- 9. Bethany Leinweber in sanctuary
- Elana Margolis, Maxwell Fletcher & Chazzan Abramson
- 11 Joshua Leinweber, Director of Youth Groups
- 12. SAFETY board hard at work
- 13. Maxwell Fletcher, Youth Group President
- 14. Noah Leinweber interviewing

B'NAI MITZVAH



Aaron Lewis Gordon, son of Elyse and Mark Gordon, will be called to the Torah a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, October 23, 2021. He is a student at Rowlett Middle School in Bradenton and takes English and Math honor classes. Aaron is in the Boy Scouts, plays guitar in a band known as *Trainwrec*k

and is part of the Madrichim Team here at Temple Sinai.



Rabbi Kahn

REMEMBERING...

Temple Sinai Remembers the Antisemitic Vandalism

by Gail Glickman

Antisemitism never seems to go away but Temple Sinai maintains a positive attitude and continues with beautiful and inspiring services and festive events. The antisemitic vandalism that took place last year made clergy and staff aware of the need to institute additional security measures including locked doors and cameras installed in strategic places.

Recently PBS interviewed Rabbi Samantha Kahn, Laura Freedman, Director of Early Childhood Education, and Megan Greenberg whose two sons attend The Gan at Temple Sinai. Recalling the horror of discovering the attack on our beautiful structure, those interviewed reflected on the impact. Staff and congregants alike were outraged by the threat to temple members and students at The Gan. Temple Sinai is aware that the acts of hatred must never be forgotten but should not stop all activities offered to the community.

Last July when the vandalism took place, Ellyn Bender, President of Temple Sinai, expressed everyone's feelings, "It's very hurtful, it's very painful, it's very sad." Now we look to the coming year 5782, starting with Rosh Hashanah, September 7th, and we have faith that we live in a community that supports us and we will have a good and peaceful year.



Laura Freedman









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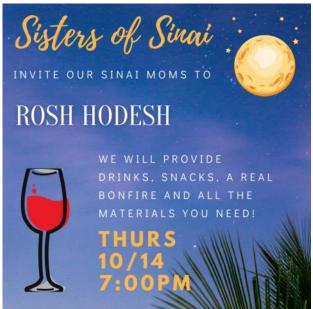
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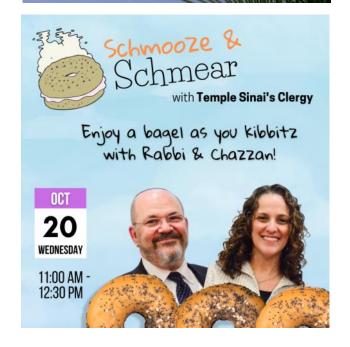
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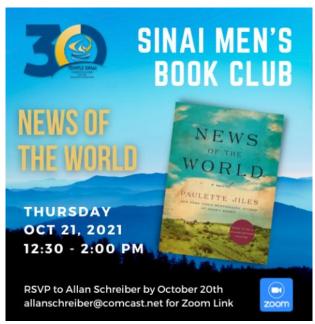


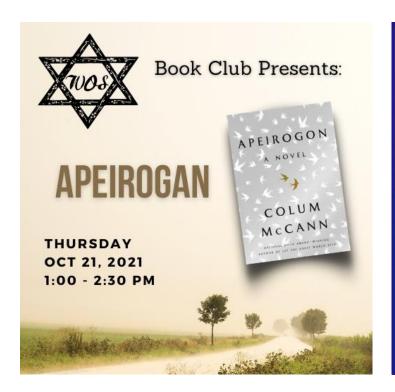






















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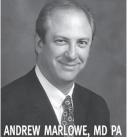
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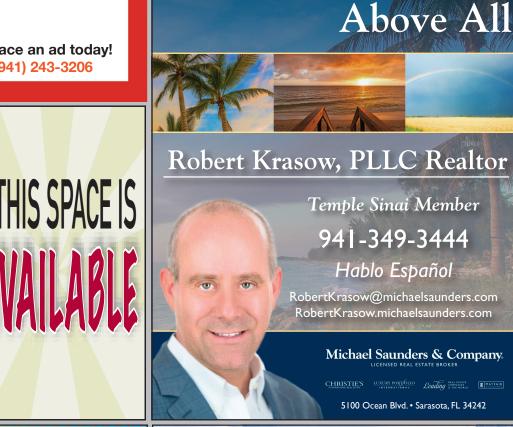
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