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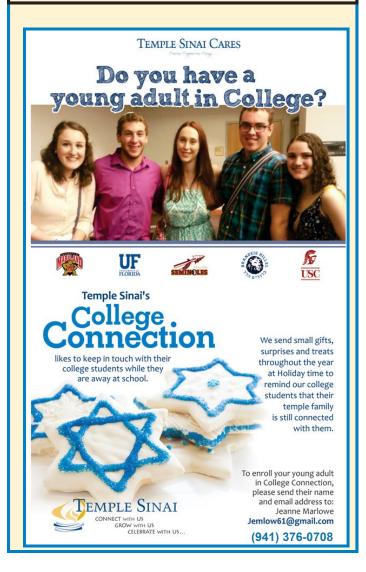
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### **SPECIAL NOTES:**

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

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

### **Temple Sinai's Website:**

https://templesinai-sarasota.org/

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\* If you have a death to report \* If you have a Yahrzeit that you would like read or changed

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## FROM YOUR CLERGY

### WHAT I LEARNED FROM A VIRTUAL HIGH HOLIDAY SEASON

After tripping over microphone wires for the hundredth time and finding new places in my home to store lighting equipment and boom stands, I was faced with one last challenge. It seemed that even my newest computers were not new enough to handle the Zoom requirements for the use of a virtual background. I had no choice but to go out and buy a new computer. Was this really what the High Holy Days are about? I was searching for some guidance on the matter and I finally found it.

For help with this relatively deep dilemma, I searched through all the usual places for a deeper meaning to our most sacred of holidays. Inspiration from the sages did not help and neither did our more contemporary guides. No one seemed to be able to address my query. How do we celebrate the New Year and reflect on what we need to do to start afresh after we come to the end of the Neila Service on Yom Kippur: how can we try to be our best selves in the year to come, while staring at a computer screen? And, how, even more to the point for me, as a cantor, how can I assist in this endeavor when I am praying to a camera?

No, my answer did not come from Rabbi Akiva, Rabbi Heschel or even Rabbi Sacks. Mind you, more often than not these sages have had answers for me. This time I found my answer from a new and much less educated and spiritual source. It was Rav Google. I am by no means making light of this situation. What I needed to learn, I found in a Google search for a colleague to whom I had not spoken for some time.

I had lost my rabbinic colleague's contact information and was searching for the synagogue I believe he was currently serving. What my search revealed was a listing of different synagogues with the following words next to their websites: "For technical assistance for this year's High Holiday Services call/click here." It seems everyone was having some kind of problem; - at least technically. It was then that I found my answer. I felt like the man pulling at the bars of a cage never realizing that the side of the cage with the door was unlocked and open.

Yes, it is true that as a cantor, as your cantor, I miss not being able to pray in the same room as you. And yes, having to pray virtually is a far cry from simple exchange of energy that comes from being together. But, the answer was not to come from getting a

better microphone, a different computer or even a professional lighting setup. While these are all technical problems that accompany the need to pray together virtually, the real technical problem is not technical at all.

My father told me that when he was still just a little boy his family was too poor to officially join a synagogue. Although they could come to some services, the Kol Nidre Service was far too crowded for them to come for free. Even though my grandfather's family was related to the millionaire Harry Fischel, who was then Vice-President of the Hebrew Free Loan Society, Beth Israel Medical Center and Beth Hamedrash Hadadol on the Lower East Side, no money came for my dad's family to go to services in New York. Instead came a 78 rpm recording of Yosselle Rosenblatt's *Kol Nidre*. Of course, they had no gramophone to use, but a neighbor allowed them to borrow theirs for the holiday season.

My father told me that every time they would play the record, the whole family would be moved to tears - not just at Rosenblatt's rendering of the prayer but in the hope that if they did a better job as human beings, the year ahead would be better for the world and for them. Well, here I am in Sarasota, Florida, one of the most beautiful places in the world, sharing this story.

Virtual or not, the question is one of *Kavanah* (inner intention), which is the technical assistance that we all need. The way we can we learn to be better connected with the core values of our tradition is what makes a High Holy Day Season meaningful. Whether we are together in person, on Zoom, or simply listening to a heartfelt prayer on a borrowed gramophone, what we feel in our hearts is the key to our growth for the coming year.

After hours of studying the algorithms of Zoom and the best equipment for live streaming, let me share with you that the best technical assistance you can find already exists in your heart.

May the year ahead be filled with acts of loving kindness that come from this very special place in each of us.

B'Shalom,

Chazzan Cliff Abramson

## SINAI MEN'S CLUB



We begin this month's article with a simple question. Have you sent your dues in yet? Here it is October, and you have been inundated with emails, letters, ShulCloud announcements and

even perhaps a personal phone call. So, what are you waiting for? We are trying to continue to provide programming, albeit virtual, and we look forward to your participation and support.

Have you participated in the **SMC Book Club**? We meet every third Thursday at 12:30 p.m. Check the announcements for the latest book, or email Allan Schreiber for more information.

Have you participated in a **Schmooze**? We meet once a month. Check the latest announcements or email Mark Criden for additional information

What about the newly formed **Film Forum**? We will be meeting again in October. Check the announcements for more information, or email Malcolm Roberts for a personalized informational response.

We will be having our first **Breakfast** on November 8th. We are currently finalizing our program and speaker. Stay tuned. We won't be serving breakfast, but that doesn't mean that we won't be thinking about breakfast as well as having a great speaker.

**Keep informed.** You might just find programs that suit you. We welcome suggestions as we continue to navigate our virtual world.

We in the SMC wish you all a happy **Sukkot**. We are saddened that our joint service and brunch with the WOS will not be happening this year. It makes us just that more anxious to look forward to next year when we can all be together again as we celebrate the High Holy Days and Sukkot.

L' Shalom,

Malcolm Roberts Richard Brown Co-Presidents

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### TREE OF LIFE

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

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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.

Howard Polivy, Membership Chairman cell: (571)228-0063 teachtel21@frontier.com

## ANNUAL APPEAL 2020/5781



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 more than \$40,000 to ensure we secure the necessary donations to build a bridge to a better year.

If you haven't taken the opportunity to contribute as of yet, please open your hearts and wallets and give generously to help us build that bridge. If you

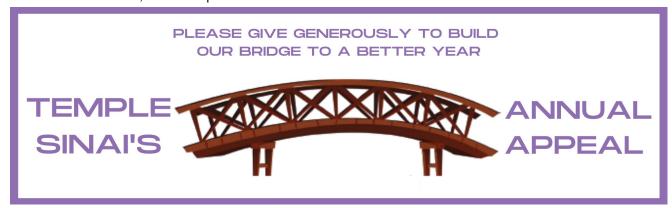
donated last year, please increase your gift by 10%. If you didn't participate last year, please give at least \$18. *Every gift matters.* 

Please join us in thanking our hard-working Campaign Cabinet who are dedicated to ensuring our success. Hats off to President Ellyn Bender, Greg and Alexandra Band, Alan and Fredda Chalfin, Betty and Don Cahall, Janine Cohen, Judy and Bob Handleman, Elana Margolis, Pearl Perlinski, Dori and Mark Spector, Jamie and Mark Heisler, David Stein, Len and Judy Swerdlow, Cookie Bloom, Daryl Worobow, Carole Gorin, Ilene Gelber, Gary Kravitz, Tony and Jan Joseph, Richard Stollman, Ted Gast and Rich Greenspan. Thank you to Peggy Miller, Judy Feldman and Suzanne Weinstein for getting our mailing out.

Please save them - 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.

Mark and Laurie Criden, Co-Chairpersons



## DEVELOPMENT: VIRTUAL BINGO

Dear Congregants,

I just wanted to say thank you to all of you who participated in our first Virtual Bingo event on Saturday, August 22, 2020. The turnout was fantastic! We had a total of 72 registrations. Congratulations to the four winners – Bonnie Sussman, Charley Madell Turon, Suzy Smuckler and the big winner, David Einstein. I would like to thank Jamie Heisler and Risa Segal from the Communications Committee for their hard work in promoting this event. I also want to thank Laura Einstein, VP of Development, and Bethany Leinweber, Director of Youth Education, Outreach and Engagement, who assisted me in making sure this was a total success

Following the event, a survey was sent out. The comments received indicated that it was a well-organized, easy and fun virtual event that most of you would like to see repeated on either a monthly or bi-monthly basis. Because of the overwhelming positive responses, we will be hosting another Virtual Bingo very soon! Please keep your eyes open after the High Holy Days for a Bingo announcement.

Best regards,

Chester W. Perlinski, Jr. (Pearl)

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Please join with us as we wish Happy Birthday to our fellow congregants who are celebrating their special day in October.

October 1
Robert Fritsch

October 2
Nancy VeShancey

October 3
Tiffany Caldwell

October 4

Laurie Lachowitzer

October 5
David Freeman
Joni Mandel

October 7
Raymond Swart

October 8
Cheryl Cooper

October 9 Sandra Coran Edward Safran

October 10 Elyse Gordon

October 12

Janine Cohen

Paul Zatz

October 14 Ronald Shapo

October 15 Louis Lasday

October 16
Micki Sherin Evans
Felton Marans
Donna Orlove

October 17
Benjamin Labiner
Sharon Pines
Jerold Stone

October 18 Molly Gersh Stanley Goldsmith Shelley Prada

October 19
Jean Andriesse

October 21 Scott Engel Jean Fox Elizabeth Zimtbaum

October 22 Joan Sands Leonard Swerdlow Karen Witte

October 24 Fletcher Wyatt

October 25
Roslyn Bassin
Amelia Brock
Lori Dreffin

October 26
Jerry Maliot

October 28 Karen Weiner

October 29

Allan Gersman

October 30 Vivian McDorman

October 31 Dobbie Linick

## RITUAL



As I sit down to write this article in early September, the world is certainly a different place. Here at Temple Sinai, we have met the challenge, and continue to bring you virtual services for the High Holy Days, festivals, and Erev

Shabbat. The time and effort that Rabbi Kahn and Chazzan Abramson have put into developing these beautiful and spiritually meaningful services continue to amaze me. A special thank you to Laura & David Einstein, Gillian & Pearl Perlinski, and their committee for the organization and filming of the honors for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

The month of October corresponds to the Hebrew month of Tishri and Cheshvan. While the fall holiday season officially ends with Sukkot and Simchat Torah, we have our Erev Shabbat Services that continue to bring joy and hopefully some rest into our virtual lives. On October 2, we will have our Erev Shabbat **Sukkot** Service, and on Saturday morning we will welcome the first day of Sukkot with our Shabbat morning Service at 10:30 a.m. The WOS will be participating in this service. Thank you to Dobbie Linick for organizing the service, and Peggy Miller for her d'vorah Torah. I will miss gathering in the Sukkah and shaking the Lulav and Etrog as a congregation, but I hope many of you are able to build your own sukkah at home.

The joy continues with the October 9 Erev Shabbat Consecration Service with grades K-2. Please use the links on our website and enjoy the smiling faces of our youngest students as they begin their Jewish education. The following day, October 10, will be our Shemini Atzeret and Yizkor Shabbat Service at 10:30 a.m. The weekend continues with Simchat Torah on Sunday, October 11 at 9:00 a.m. The month of Tishri eases into Cheshvan, when on October 23 we will join our third graders as they help lead the Erev Shabbat Services.

As our "new normal" continues with virtual services, I want to remind you that even though we are not physically connected, we are spiritually connected through the wonders of Zoom and YouTube. Please refer to the weekly email schedule of virtual events, as well as the temple website for login information and links to our services.

Thank you to all of you who have graciously recorded the honors of candle lighting, kiddush and motzi.

Judy Swerdlow, VP Ritual

### **Membership Matters!**

Elana Margolis, VP Membership elanatemple@aol.com

## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

We hear:

Temple Sinai is always asking me for money
Why should I pay my commitment fee ("dues") when everything is virtual?
Why isn't Religious School free?
Why do we need sponsors for events that cost us money?
Every email wants me to donate money
What's happening to all this money I pay?



Temple Sinai is a non-profit religious institution. That means that we don't make money. So why do we fundraise? Simple – our income (revenue) from membership fees is less than 50% of our operating expenses. And our operating costs include everything we do to support our educational programs and ritual services; our Clergy and staff, our teachers, supplies, telephones, safety and security, utilities, building maintenance, and so on. Fundraising of all kinds – Annual Appeal, donations, WOS and SMC, Food Festival, and Gala, to name a few – make up the difference.

### Covid-19 Impact on the Budget

The Board of Trustees passed its annual budget for fiscal 2020-21 (July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021) as required at the onset of the shutdown. Not being able to assess the impending impact of COVID-19, it reflected the good financial year we were experiencing in 2019-20 in which our members gave generously. *It would have been our best financial year ever...* until mid-March struck.

The Board has been measuring the impact of this pandemic on our income and expenses. We shut down on March 13, 2020. The Gan closed (a significant contributor to our revenue stream), the Religious school closed, and the building "closed". However, "we" never shut down. "We" continued to work together, mostly by Zoom. We implemented ShulCloud and built an entirely new website. We converted the paper Tablet to digital in order to communicate more effectively and reflect schedule changes swiftly. From the first Shabbat on, the Clergy conducted Shabbat services, working continually with new technologies to improve our experience. The Gan and Religious School went virtual. "We" never shut down.

The impact of COVID-19 on Temple Sinai is now evident in the new 2020-21 budget passed by the Board in September. We calculated a loss of more than \$500,000 in revenue that includes an estimated loss of \$150,000 in fundraising activities; High Holy Day ticket sales, Temple wide dinners, Food Festival, Gala and many other events. The financial contribution from The Gan has decreased significantly due to COVID closures and limitations. We are losing significant Social Hall rental and catering income.

Expenses? The PPP loan enabled us to pay salaries, mortgage interest, and utilities for 8 weeks. We have worked hard to decrease all expenses, but COVID-19 and moving into the virtual world has, in fact, increased some expenses, especially related to sanitization/supplies and religious service production, including the High Holy Days. Most of our expenses are fixed: mortgage and interest payments, utilities, salaries, and facility maintenance. And then there is the aging leaking roof...

#### Going Forward

We have a plan. The Gan is operating safely at full speed. The Religious School is over 80 students strong. Our Building and Maintenance Fund is there to support us as needed. We are in the process of refinancing our mortgage. Our Development Team is exploring novel and fun ways to play and pay. We will continually assess both income and expenses and tighten the latter as needed. We will continue to provide financial assistance to our members and turn no one away. And we promise to keep you updated as we move through the year.

We all want to return to Temple Sinai when it is safe. In order to ensure that, we are asking for those of you who are financially able during these very difficult times, to be as generous as you can to whatever Temple Sinai fundraising effort you chose to participate in: Annual Appeal, dedications, events etc. **Our future is dependent on you**.

We have ushered in the year 5781. We have celebrated and atoned. We have renewed our commitment to the future of Temple Sinai and we are strengthened by each other.

den Sende Ellyn Bender, President

## WOMEN OF SINAI



"Becoming a mother is learning about strengths you didn't know you had and dealing with fears you didn't know existed."

Linda Wooten

As the school year begins, we recognize that many mothers (and grandmothers) are agonizing over decisions regarding education, health and security. It is our hope that our programs can help support you during this difficult time.

In the education arena, kudos go to **Judy Polivy**. She (with some help from her spouse) completed the school packs which the Women of Sinai provide to Booker Elementary School. Because of the limitations on using common areas in the temple building, Judy and Howard did all the work personally. We are incredibly grateful to them and pleased that our commitment was fulfilled.

Our fall programming will begin with **Movie & More** on October 18. Join us at 6 p.m. for discussion via

Zoom led by **Carol Kleinberg** and organized by **Janet Tolbert**. The movie is "Death of Stalin" and is available via Netflix. If you don't currently subscribe to Netflix, you can take advantage of a free trial offer to view this movie.



Our popular **Book Club** continues via Zoom. The links to join the Zoom meetings will be available on

the website and emailed to participants a few days before the meeting. The next book club meeting will be held October 15 at 2 p.m. The book under discussion will be "The Guest Book" by Sarah Blake and the discussion will be led by **Marge Ellin**.



Of course, all plans are subject to revision depending on circumstances, but we will continue with the Women of Sinai Newsletter via email and will keep the website up to date with any schedule changes. If you are not receiving our emails, please let me know so we can correct our records.

Finally, the Women of Sinai wishes to thank everyone who has already paid their dues. The *Simchagram* letters will be mailed out in October and must be returned during December. This is a service for our members, and you don't want to be left out.

Stay safe, stay optimistic, stay well.

Peggy Miller, WOS President



Happy October!! I want to say a personal THANK YOU! There are so many of you who donated adult and children's clothes, diapers and wipes and other "extra" items. We had two days of collections at the temple and on both days we had

many bags of items. By the second day, we had a full SUV and were able to take the donations directly to **Hope Family Services**. In addition, we had another filled SUV from people who couldn't come to the temple on the collection days. Remember, Hope Family Services is a wonderful support agency for survivors of domestic abuse. It has a complete and confidentially located shelter as well as their **Hope Chest** store for folks to shop. Your donations mean the world to the survivors. The workers at Hope Chest happily accept all items we bring and are so appreciative of our donations.



We picked up a huge donation to HOPE Family Services in advance because there would not be enough room tomorrow for other donations to fit in our vehicle with all of Cy's clothes. Thank you, Gail Glickman.

Howard and I just spent the first of two days of collections and this is what we got:



Normally, I would be collecting items such as books for HIPPY (Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youth) and diapers/wipes and children's clothing during our monthly luncheons. Unfortunately, we are not having our luncheons so I will not be placing a crate in the Gan Lobby for the collections. However, HIPPY and Hope Family Services continue to need donations. If you have items that you would like to donate, I am happy to set up a time to pick up your items. Please contact me to do that.

Again, thank you so much for your generosity.

Judy Polivy, VP WOS Mitzvah

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## LIFE AND LEGACYTM



## What will be YOUR Legacy?

Our Legacy Donors are people like you. Many forward-thinking, generous members of Temple Sinai have made after lifetime gifts to help assure our future. Endowment funds keep on

giving because only the earnings of the endowed principal can be spent, thus ensuring ongoing income for the future generations at Temple Sinai.

WHY create a Jewish Legacy:

- \* to express your values to your family and community.
- \* to convey your desire for a vibrant future at Temple Sinai.
- \* to preserve the traditions and programs you love here
- \* to do something for the *future* that you might not be able to do today.

You can be remembered forever at Temple Sinai with a gift in your will, trust, retirement account or life insurance policy. Our website has a wealth of information about the Life and Legacy<sup>TM</sup> program. You, too, can make a lasting impact.

Laurie Lachowitzer, Committee Member

### Amazon Smile: You Shop Amazon Gives

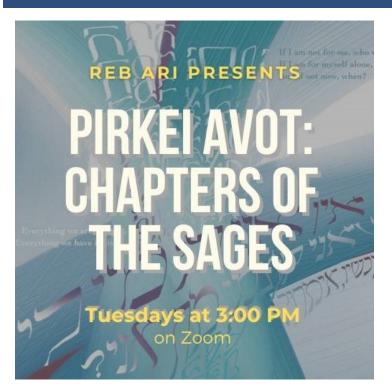
Do you shop on Amazon?

**AmazonSmile** is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as

Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice...

Our quarterly AmazonSmile donation impact to date: \$966.75 to Temple Sinai

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





most useful), shake the lulav/etrog, and say Brachot.



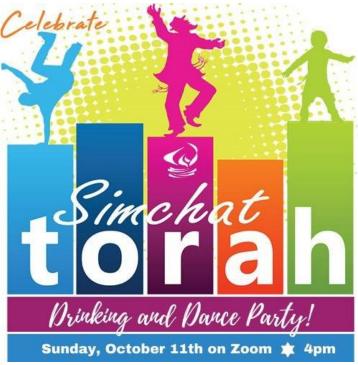


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# Sneak peek of Happenings at Temple Sinai continued...









For the full collection of virtual happenings visit: <a href="https://www.templesinai-sarasota.org/calendar">https://www.templesinai-sarasota.org/calendar</a>

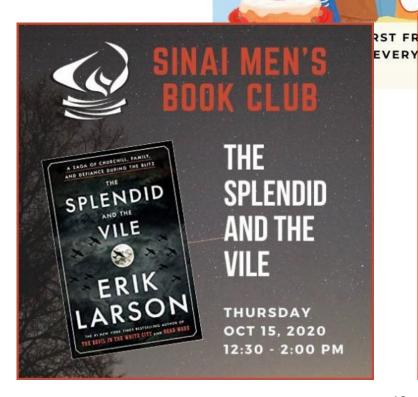




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Family Kabbalat Shabbat

Happenings







## THE GUEST BOOK

THURSDAY OCT 15, 2020 2:00 - 4:30 PM



### The next SAFETY event is

## Mugs n' Meals

A YOUTH GROUP COOKING EVENT



SATURDAY, OCT. 24

## **Animal Hour!**





Happenings





## CHAVUROT

### Chavurah Netanya

Chavurah Netanya has kept in touch during the pandemic. Several members meet weekly to play mah jongg, chat and catch up on what is happening or not happening, in our lives. The only thing missing is the snacking and maybe that is a good thing.

One benefit of Covid-19 and not being able to meet and play in person, is that our friends who are not in Sarasota can join us. Some of us have been able to 'attend' workshops on space given by our own NASA ambassador, Linda McKenna. She offers these presentations through the Sarasota Public Library and they are very interesting and informative.



We also got together for a socially distanced 'bring your own bagel breakfast' on the bay. Hopefully, we will enjoy a beautiful Sarasota sunset

together at that same spot.

We wish all of you a healthy, happy and safe new year.

Suzanne Weinstein

### Chavurah Ruach Zoom Event

After many months of not being together as a group, Ellen Rothschild, our Team Leader, organized a Zoom social event for our Chavurah. We decided that Tuesday evening would work best for all of us and it was a big success!! Our attendance was close to 100%. Being that some of our members are spending their summer in the Northeast (New Jersey and Maine), the Zoom format worked well for us.

We spent the first half of the evening talking about how we were spending our time during this extended Pandemic. It seems like many of our members are doing a lot of Zooming and exercising. Hopefully, we'll all stay in good shape!! During the second half we talked about fun childhood memories, which was an interesting and upbeat activity. We look forward to the time when Chavurah Ruach can be together again in person. For now, Zoom seems to work to keep us connected.

Thank you, Ellen, for organizing this fun activity.

Beth Stone

## CARING COMMITTEE



Being in a stay-at-home mode has provided us with time to reflect on how we are coping as well as how we ease the anxiety of others while feeling anxious ourselves. Some days we feel down, but then our energy level returns, and we feel resilient again—a powerful gift. It has also been a time to reflect on some of the selfish things we might have done to others, intentionally or not, and how much negative energy we've spent on what continues to go on in the world. Let's face it --Temple Sinai, its clergy, lay leaders and support staff ground us and even let us know what day it is by calendar events!

Many of us on the Caring Committee volunteered to be part of the "phone tree". Carole Goren organized and stream-lined the process for us to contact friends and strangers. Many strangers became friends by connecting with that old-fashioned telephone/cellphone. We listen to each other's voices, whether it is a short pleasant conversation or one that opened many topics.

Please contact me or the temple office if you need assistance or know someone who does. All of us on the Caring Committee send you virtual hugs hoping that we may look forward to a vaccine in 2021.

Rona Elias, Chair

## THE GAN



Laura Freedman **Director of Early Childhood** Education

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

### Calendar

October 2 Gan Sukkot Celebration October 8 "Back to School" Night October 12

School Closed

**Professional Training Day** Gan Simchat Torah Celebration October 14

October 30 Trike-a-thon

### First Day of School 2020



One group of prekindergartners in their "I'm in pre-k!" hats.

Ezra Pallegar, Liam Rush, and Noah Feinsilber sitting on the couch with a good book to read. Getting

to know each other and their new school!



Giorgia Mei in her ABC's dress.



Isla Donahue's first day wearing her mask, too.





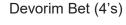
Ezra and Arlo Pallegar walking down the hall for their big day!

### First Shabbat of the 2020-21 School Year - Socially Distanced!

Shoshanim Alef (2's)



Devorim Alef (4's





7302 Parparim (3's)

## **MEMBERSHIP**



## Welcome to our Temple Sinai Family!

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### Mazel Tov to:

**Roberta and Frank Bachenheimer** on the marriage of the granddaughter Abigail Brand to Josh Rinde on August 22, 2020.

**Joan Gastman and family** on the marriage of her daughter Amanda on August 22, 2020.

**Mickie and Jerry Kaye** on their grandson, lan Jacob Kaye, becoming a member of the Sarasota Police Department, August 20, 2020.

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

### Membership Directory Update

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

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## Milestone Anniversaries 25 years+

October 2 Jeanne and Andrew Marlowe 25 years



### Happiest of Anniversaries!

October 24
Rabbi Samantha and Matt Kahn
10 years



## **MEMBERSHIP**





My husband and I began visiting the Sarasota area about 10 years ago and we fell in love with it. A two week stay turned into a monthlong visit and then turned into a three month stay. Four years ago, we took the plunge and purchased our own place.

Unfortunately, my husband was only able to enjoy it for a year; he passed away that summer. I continue to make Sarasota my winter home. In the summer I travel back to Bay City, Michigan, a small city in the crook of Michigan's "thumb". We lived and raised our two boys there. We belonged to Temple Beth Israel and I have maintained my membership there. Our boys grew up in Bay City and we celebrated many life events at our home. As is the case in many small towns, many of our young people did not return to our city, so it became less and less populated. Our community joined a neighboring city to support a Sunday school and a part-time rabbi.

My younger son Daniel lives with his wife Jordan and my granddaughter, Stevie, who is two years old. Daniel is a pilot and entrepreneur. Jordan is taking a break from her occupational therapy career to be a stay-at-home mother. My older son Matthew passed away 11 years ago, losing his fight with depression.

My interests are varied. I enjoy oil painting and drawing. I also have worked with silver clay and weaving. I always enjoy a good book and usually have one or two going at a time. I belong to a book club in Michigan.

At the end of February of this year, I joined Temple Sinai. I decided that I needed the connection to Judaism that I had lost when our Michigan community started to change. I had attended services at another Sarasota temple but did not feel any connection there. During my first Friday night service at Temple Sinai, something just clicked. I was impressed with the friendliness of the congregation, and with the rabbi and the cantor. I enjoyed the welcoming spirit and enthusiasm of the congregation.

I am interested in joining a Chavurah and will do anything else except a rummage sale!

### Please wish these fellow congregants a very Happy Anniversary as they celebrate their special October day.

October 9
Sheena and Steven Lambright

October 10
Dorothy and Jack Nesbit

October 15
Ashley and Jordan Sanderson

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 23 Peggy and Bob Miller

October 25 Linda and Roy Chapman

October 27
Cecile and Barry Klayton

October 28 Kelly and Scott Engel

### MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

The work of our **Temple Sinai's Membership Com- mittee** is crucial to the creation of a
meaningful temple community. While every
member is, by nature, involved in membership,
the membership 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 941-966-025 or Susan Maliot at smallot@gmail.com.

## Happy Special Birthday! 50 years+

October 3

Myron Z. Bernstein 75 years

October 5

Jill Fischberg 50 years

October 7

Steve Weintraub 70 years

October 11

Mary Gendler 80 years

October 16

Diane Silverstein 85 years Yvonne Weinsberg 75 years

October 18

Ida Levín 70 years

October 22

Morton Goldstein 80 years

October 25

Marilyn Goldfarb 80 years

October 30

Henry Mosler 80 years



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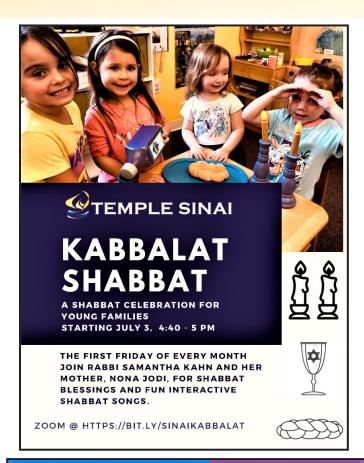
To honor someone, wish them a speedy recovery, offer condolences or thank them, consider making a donation to the WOS Mitzvah Fund.

Cards are available for a minimum of \$5.50 each and will be sent immediately.

If you wish to send the cards yourself, you may obtain packs of five for \$25.

Contact Cecile Alexander, 2483 Vaccaro Drive,

Sarasota, FL 34231 (941) 926-7799 or sdcalexander@verizon.net.





## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



Bethany Leinweber, Director of Youth Education, Outreach and Engagement

### Looking Back

We had a fabulous and successful first day of Sunday School on August 30<sup>th</sup>! We were all masked and trying to keep our distance, and we still managed to have fun, make new friends and learn!

Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, our students from summer tutoring participated in the **Friday Night Welcome Back Service**. Along with them were Maxwell Fletcher and Noah Leinweber who hosted "**Friday Night Live**", highlighting all the great summer activities our families were engaged in. All enjoyed seeing the young kids and listening to them share about Shabbat and show off their ability to read the prayers.

### Looking Ahead

**Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Family Kabbalat Shabbat - Join Rabbi Kahn and her Mom for a fun filled family friendly Kabbalat Shabbat experience! Join the Zoom call here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/430270824 at 4:40 PM

**Sukkot:** Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 4 p.m. - Sukkah Building Contest - Make your very own Family Sukkah -mini ones (made from food, crafts, recycled materials) OR life size one. For more info or to Upload a 60 second tour of your sukkah, contact or send to <u>bleinweber@sinaisrq.org</u> by Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup> at noon. We will meet via zoom on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. to view, vote (for most creative most sturdy, most useful), shake the lulav/etrog, and say *brachot*,

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84395354608?pwd=VVV6QXdzU3huaGNHejl6eXcrMFZGdz09 Meeting ID: 843 9535 4608 Passcode: Sukkot

**Consecration - Friday October 9**<sup>th</sup>: 6 p.m. Grades K-2 as well as our new students will be honored during the Shabbat Service. The students will receive a special gift of a Torah and certificate from Temple Sinai to celebrate beginning their formal Jewish Education. Students will participate in the service, the Rabbi will say a blessing, and Bethany Leinweber, Director of Youth Education will introduce all the new students.

Simchat Torah Day Drinkin and Dance Party!! Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, at 4 p.m. FOR EVERYONE! Listen to all of our Torah Readers from this past year . For the kids - Freeze Dance, Dance Contests with NFTY Board and Deb. For the adults - Day Drinking!!! Torah Trivia Drinking Game with Bethany, Rabbi, and Chazzan (BYO of course) - Let's Toast to this Crazy Year being behind us and moving into what is sure to be a better one! For more information contact: Email Bethany Leinweber <a href="mailto:bleinweber@sinaisrq.org">bleinweber@sinaisrq.org</a>. Bethany Leinweber is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82839480430?pwd=dTd1OGhnam9yUm51K29JeTlqUkhqUT09

Animal Hour! Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, at 4 p.m. For All Ages. FREE! Bring your pet to Zoom...Send photos of your pets to <a href="mailto:bleinweber@sinaisrq.org">bleinweber@sinaisrq.org</a> to be included in a special slideshow. Listen to the story of Noah's Ark, make a pet toy and a healthy pet treat! Hear from Nate's Honor Rescue and donate items in need.

Contact Bethany Leinweber to receive the zoom link for this event.



## WE REMEMBER THEM...

The Board approved \$9 as the minimum amount for any Yahrzeit donation.

## n Memoriam

Lorraine Asarch for Susie Grossman Diane and Vic Block for Toby **Block** Nancy Bossov for Leonard Durmaskin Kathy and Myron Bernstein for Albert Rubin Marilvn Blankman for Morris Naselow Fredda and Alan Chalfin for Rebecca Chalfin Janine and Douglas Cohen for Vila Sturtz Micki Sherin and Eugene Evans for Donald Arthur Evans Coleen and Marc Friedman for Philip Friedman Irene and Robert B. Fritsch for Philip Kaplan Judye and Robert Goldblatt for Sol D. Goldblatt Barbara and Michael Gruenberg for Abe Gorelick Barbara and Michael Gruenberg for Erna Gruenberg Harriet Kaufman for Minnie Cohn Cecile and Barry Klayton for Edna Boyd Laurie Lachowitzer for Charles Woolf Susan and Leonard Landau for Herman Petricoff Susan and Leonard Landau for David Landau Carol and Elliot Livstone for Lloyd Livstone Carol and Elliot Livstone for

Florence Miles

Goodman

Piller Madell

Dobbie Linick for Roslyn Linick Betty and Stan Liner for Milton

Charlev Madell-Turon for Doris

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

Ed Willner and children Sam, Jon, Melissa and Matt on the death of his wife and their mother, Renata Willner, who died on July 31, 2020.

**Joan and Harold Goodis** on the death of their son, Richard Goodis, who died on August 8, 2020.



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## YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

SAFETY - Grades 9 - 12 JOOSY - Grades 6 - 8

Kesher – Grades 3 – 5

Kesher means a knot, connection, link.

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

Deb Bryan, Youth Group Advisor

dbryan@sinaisrq.org.

Harry Potter and the Kiddush Cup of Fire!

SAFETY committee members met regularly in order to plan their first event of the 2020-21 year for grades 7-12. *Harry Potter and the Kiddush Cup of Fire* included Havdalah and "a magical journey through a virtual escape room on Zoom." Deb and the SAFETY Board finished the

evening with a group discussion about Selichot and the year ahead. Photos and more news about the event will appear in next month's edition of *Temple Sinai Tablet!* 

### Caring Committee Letter Writing Project Continues with High Holy Day Cards

As a follow-up to last month's "Letter Writing Project," the SAFETY Board continued assisting the temple's Caring Committee by writing and sending High Holy Day cards to those temple members who are not able to get out-and-about due to the pandemic.

Mugs n' Meals – Virtual Cooking Event!

If you are reading this and are in grades 6 and up, then this is the event for YOU! But first, you must answer these 3 questions:

- (1) Have you ever come home from school hungry?
- (2) Have you ever just wanted to know how to make a quick-and-easy snack (or meal) but aren't quite sure how to do it?
- (3) Are you ready to take control of your taste buds and learn how to make 3 delicious snacks (or meals)?

If you answered YES to any of the above questions and want to find out more and learn while having a great time with friends, then *Mugs n' Meals* is the event for YOU! Look for emails, Instagram posts, and elsewhere on the temple website for more information!

### The SAFETY Constitution – The Update Continues

Maxwell Fletcher, Gryffin Wilkens-Plumley, and Deb continue to work on additions, deletions, and some light changes to the Temple Sinai SAFETY Youth Group Constitution. Once they have amended the document, they want to present it to Rabbi Kahn and a group of temple adults for ratification. Their goal for completion of this project is by the end of this year.

### Calendar of Events

10/11 at 3:00 p.m. – SAFETY Board Meeting 10/17 – Mugs n' Meals (Cooking Event) 10/25 at 4:00 p.m. – SAFETY Board Meeting 11/8 at 4:00 p.m. – SAFETY Board Meeting 11/13 – Youth Group-Led Shabbat Service 11/14 – Event TBA for Grades 7-12 11/22 at 4:00 p.m. – SAFETY Board Meeting 12/6 at 4:00 p.m. – SAFETY Board Meeting 12/12 – Event TBA for Grades 7-12

Questions? Email Deb Bryan, Youth Advisor at dbryan@sinaisrq.org

## **BECAUSE WE CARE...**

The Board approved a minimum of \$9 for a donation to any of the Temple Sinai Restricted Funds.

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Alyssa Mandel Birthday: Carole and Fred Gorin

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### In Appreciation of:

Rev Ari Shapiro for all you've done and are doing for Temple Sinai: Betty and Richard Greenspan Ellyn Bender, a wonderful leader: thank you for taking over for Rabbi Kahn while she was on vacation: Carole and Fred Gorin

Marvin Glusman, your D'var Torah was inspiring. Thank you for stepping up and helping with the Shabbat Service: Carole and Fred Gorin

Ellyn Bender, for all you do to keep our temple running smoothly: Carole and Fred Gorin

The Gordon Family's participation in the Erev Shabbat Service: Carole and Fred Gorin Marian Siegel and Tina Baran for their work in maintaining office, and finance functions: Ellyn Bender and Pam Paschall

#### In Memory of:

father, Lawrence M. Mabe: Roberta Gerlach Renata Willner: Carole and Fred Gorin Parents of Phyllis, Sylvia and Joseph Rosof: Phyllis and Stephen Swerdlow Parents of Stephen: Frances and Leon Swerdlow: Phyllis and Stephen Swerdlow brother of Stephen, Donald Swerdlow: Phyllis and Stephen Swerdlow Richard Goodis, son of Joan and Harold Goodis: Bobbi Cohen and Kevin Flynn Richard Goodis, son of Joan and Harold Goodis: Fredda and

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### In Honor of:

Jane and Marvin Glusman's 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary: Elyse and Marvin Diamond Barbara and Michael Pollack's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary: Elyse and Marvin Diamond

Betty and Don Cahall's 45<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary: Elyse and Marvin Diamond

### In Appreciation of:

Rabbi Kahn's beautiful message, sending good vibes: Shirley Rose Rabbi Kahn's caring and jokes: Lorraine Asarch Rabbi Kahn's Welcome Back Service, and the wonderful things you do: Carole and Fred Gorin

### In Memory of:

Sadie Glickman: Gail Glickman

### CHAZZAN'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

#### In Honor of:

Marvin Rosen's Special Birthday: Doris and Ron Benice David Kaufman becoming a grandfather: Ellyn Bender and Pam Paschall

### In Appreciation of:

Chazzan Abramson and his wonderful concert: Ellyn Bender, Pamela Paschall Ellyn Bender, for her wonderful job as President: Gail Glickman Chazzan Abramson for his concert and wonderful YouTube services: Gail Glickman Chazzan Abramson for keeping in touch with our ailing congregants-you are amazing: Carole and Fred Gorin

### In Memory of:

Mayer Weinblatt: Elana and Mark Margolis

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In Appreciation of:

Bethany Leinweber: Carole and Fred Gorin

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The Owen's Family

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### **BECAUSE WE CARE...**

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Lorraine Asarch

### In Honor of:

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### In Memory of:

Lisa Fedler: Diane and Norman Silverstein

#### **ANCHIN FUND**

#### In Honor of:

Jane and Marvin Glusman's 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary: Roz and Ron Rosenthal

## TORAT CHAYIM FUND In Honor of:

Marvin Rosen's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday: Ellyn Bender and Pam Paschall



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 *Inno-*



cent 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.

Alyssa Mandel, Committee Member



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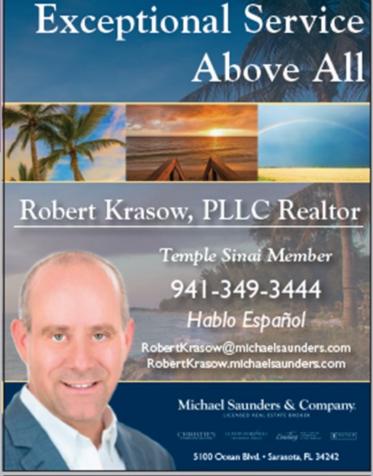
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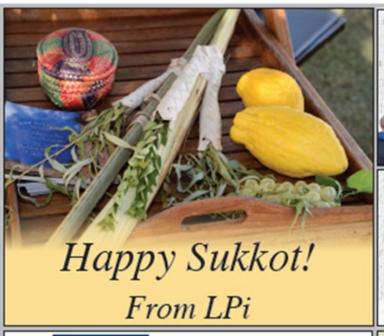
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