



# TEMPLE SINAI TABLET

CONNECT WITH US, GROW WITH US, CELEBRATE WITH US...

**Covid-19 Temple Sinai Tablet Digital Edition**



*The Grand Rapids Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration has been held annually since the year 2000. The event features participation from a wide variety of Christian denominations and representatives of Native American, Jewish, Muslim, Baha'i, Buddhist, Hindu, secular, and inclusive religious communities. We come together to give thanks for the blessings we have received. Prayers, music, sacred writings, reflections, and meditation will be woven together with a common theme of gratitude from many traditions. The human desire to express gratitude is felt among all religious traditions and in secular society. How people express Thanksgiving takes many different shapes and styles. This is an opportunity for people of diverse traditions to listen, to share, and to better understand one another. No one is asked to compromise their beliefs, just to come together to share their stories, their cultures, and their gratitude.*

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## *They got it from us!*

The evidence: Things they don't teach you in school, like the Pilgrims modeling their autumn thanksgiving holiday after the Jewish harvest holiday of Sukkot, celebrated just a few weeks earlier.

This is actually not surprising considering that the Pilgrims - goofy hats and all - modeled their society after the ancient Hebrews. To the point that they actually learned Hebrew, including while afloat on the Mayflower.

"Look on the back of a draft of the Mayflower Compact. You see the English-Hebrew worksheets they were studying at the time," says author, historian, commentator Sha'i ben-Tekoa. In fact, says ben-Tekoa, the Pilgrims saw themselves in distinctly biblical terms. "They believed that in settling the new land, they were like the Israelites crossing into the Promised Land."

Here in the United States, Thanksgiving is one of the few legal holidays without paganism or other religious overtones," says Rabbi Chaim Wolosow, co-director of the Chabad Center of Sharon, Mass., "so all those who are wary of the other Christian holidays can truly enjoy this one since it's completely pareve."

And because the holiday has no overt religious overtones, Americans of varying faiths are able to celebrate it together.

### **Welcome Aaron McWhorter, Joining The Temple Sinai Maintenance Team**

Aaron McWhorter has joined our maintenance staff. Previously Aaron worked for three years at Sarasota Bay Club and held various positions from 2013 to 2016 at Life Care Center of Sarasota. During his employment at Life Care Center of Sarasota he received the "Whatever it Takes Service Award" multiple times.

Please be sure to greet Aaron and welcome him when you stop by the temple. We wish him lots of good luck and we are glad to have him on our team.

The **Tablet** is published for the sole purpose of disseminating information about the happenings and events at Temple Sinai.

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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/>

### **Temple Sinai's Facebook Page:**

<https://www.facebook.com/templesinaisarasota/?ref=bookmarks>

**During this Covid-19 crisis, if the temple office is not available, please contact Temple Sinai Clergy directly for the following:**

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

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# FROM YOUR CLERGY



November 2020 has arrived - and this will be an important month. While I sit here writing this article weeks before we know what our election results will be, I know 5 facts that are positively true.

## **#1 - It's important to Vote**

As proud Americans and proud Jews, we know it is our right and responsibility to participate in the democratic process. Rabbi Dara Lithwick writes, "Judaism teaches us that voting is not just a civic duty. In fact, throughout Jewish history, many of our rabbis and sages have framed voting as a mitzvah, a Jewish imperative." And let's be clear: it is a mitzvah to vote no matter your political affiliations. Judaism embraces everyone's right to hold their opinion and to work to elect those who they believe best represent their understanding of what is most needed. So, if your plan is to stay at home and not participate, I hope you will change your mind and **go out and vote**.

## **#2 - This is an important moment**

Whatever happens will be historic, and we are excited to be participating in this moment of history. Writer for TheHill.com, Reid Wilson, explained back in January that, "This year's election is the most important in our lifetime. It is a tired cliché, one parroted by presidents and politicians every two years in hopes of driving their voters to the polls. But clichés become clichés for a reason: They tend to be true. This year, the decisions voters make in November will reverberate for a generation to come, through all three branches of American government and across the world. The presidential contest alone will represent perhaps the starkest choice between two competing visions for the nation's future since the elections of 1860 that set the Union on course for a civil war."

## **#3 - We are divided**

And while I have no way of knowing what the election results will be, I do know for certain that whatever the outcome, approximately half of our nation will be excited while the other half will be sad, or angry, or disappointed. People feel deeply about the issues and candidates and therefore will have true emotional responses to the results - whatever they may be.

## **#4 - We must come together**

Regardless of what half we find ourselves in, those who are content or those who are hurting, we all need to come together to accept the results, sup-

port our democratic process, and continue on as a great nation. This requires a little work from us though. It requires those who support our winners to not gloat and to hold a place for their friends' pain even amidst their joy. It also requires those who did not support the winners to understand that our nation has spoken, even if they disagree with what has been said.

## **#5 - Temple Sinai will be unchanged**

Finally, it is important to remember that whatever happens, our congregational community remains dedicated to supporting one another and working together, regardless of our political divides. No matter what, we will continue to make our world a better place. No election, no pandemic, no disagreement can stop us from partnering with God in improving creation. So, whatever happens on November 3rd, remember that your community and your clergy remain here for you.

Rabbi Samantha O. Kahn

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Temple Sinai's

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# SINAI MEN'S CLUB ...



As we enter the ninth month of the pandemic, we are working to provide as much virtual programming as possible. We anxiously await the time when we will be able to gather in person and shake hands and give long overdue hugs. But until that time, we will hover over our computers, laptops, iPads, and phones to connect seamlessly with one another.

November promises to be a virtually active month for the Sinai Men's Club. We will have our **first breakfast of the year on Sunday, November 8th, at 10:00 a.m. BYOB.** No, not bottle, breakfast! We are, however, planning some breakfast tips. Our speaker will be Jason Rosenbaum, political reporter for NPR in St. Louis. Yes, all the way from St. Louis via Zoom. Details will be made available prior to the event. Jason's timely talk will be discussion of the recent election and... Stay tuned!

In addition to our breakfast we will be continuing with the *Film Forum*, hosted by Jim Wolfson, will be meeting virtually on Zoom on Sunday, November 15th, at 7:00 p.m. The film to be discussed will be announced at a future date.

The book for November's **Sinai Men's Book Club** will be *Countdown 1945* by Chris Wallace. It is an intriguing look about the decision by President Truman to use the atomic bomb in WWII. Our book club conversations are lively and informative and an excellent way to either acquaint or reacquaint with SMC members. The SMC book club meets virtually on Zoom the third Thursday (11/18) of the month at 12:30 p.m.. Check with Allan Schreiber for more information about the link, etc.

Our monthly schmoozes provide a wonderful way of keeping in touch and connecting with our members. If you haven't attended one of our virtual schmoozes, please consider doing so. Mark Criden hosts these monthly events. Keep a look out for temple emails and postings on the temple website for the next schmooze and other SMC events and how to sign on.

**It's never too late to join the Sinai Men's Club.** Contact Howard Polivy or use the membership forms found in ShulCloud. Your membership supports the SMC as well as the temple.

Stay well, stay safe, and stay active.

L' Shalom,

Malcolm Roberts and  
Richard Brown, Co-Presidents

## SMC FAMOUS SCHMOOZES

For questions/reservations,  
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(716) 713-0014

## ALL SMC BOOK CLUB MEETINGS WILL BE ON ZOOM ON THE 3RD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 12:30PM.

Password details will be sent prior to each meeting.

NOVEMBER 19 COUNTDOWN 1945  
BY CHRIS WALLACE

DECEMBER 17 OIL AND MARBLE  
BY STEPHANIE STOREY

JANUARY 21 AN OFFICER AND A SPY  
BY ROBERT HARRIS

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## 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.

Howard Polivy, Membership Chairman  
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The Social Action and Justice Committee organized a food drive to collect resources and funds during the High Holy Day Season this past September. Committee members collected donated items to stock the food pantry operated by our neighboring congregation, Church of the Palms.

In addition to shelf-stable items like canned beans and peanut butter plus household items including paper goods and laundry soap, the SAJC also collected checks to be forwarded to All Faiths Food Bank. Although the High Holy Day celebrations looked very different this year, hunger in our community is still a constant concern; the outpouring of help our congregation

provided is an inspiring example of our Jewish values in action. Many thanks to our donors and to Lisa Namburg for reaching out to Church of the Palms, to all who helped collect and organize.

Alyssa Mandel, Correspondant

## OUTREACH...

**Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5 p.m. Israeli Whisky Tasting Event**  
**Milk and Honey Whiskey Tasting - Israeli Distillery**

Get a tour of the facility, meet the owner, hosted by a professional whiskey sommelier, a Jewish dad and employee of M&H who is a trained and knowledgeable whiskey expert who will makes your whiskey more enjoyable. The \$36 per person includes a coupon for \$30 to Liquor Locker (Fruitville Road) for your own bottle of M&H whiskey, 5 one-ounce samples for the event, dark chocolate from Banyan Tree Chocolate and Cafe, and dried fruit from Richard's Foodporium. Zoom info:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85003307551?pwd=NEU1eGJGeDljd01QT251MmN1dERBUT09>

**Meeting ID: 850 0330 7551 Passcode: milkhoney**

RSVP by November 8th

## 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.

# AUGUST BOARD BRIEFS

The Temple Sinai Board of Trustees meeting was held on August 12, 2020 via Zoom teleconference. Rabbi Kahn led us in a beautiful opening prayer, reminding us how important and fortunate we are to be able to virtually come together. Chazzan shared how excited he was for everyone to see the amazing service that Temple Sinai has been preparing for the High Holy Days. He, Rabbi Kahn and many others have been working tirelessly to give our temple members a meaningful and beautiful service, despite not being able to physically be all together.

President Ellyn Bender updated us on the arrest of Vincent Martinez, who defaced the temple. He has been charged with three crimes and is currently awaiting trial. Since these acts are hate crimes, he is facing up to 15 years in jail. Ellyn shared that as horrible as these crimes are, it has been profoundly moving, connecting, to get the support of so many different people locally as well as throughout our county.

Ellyn Bender asked the board for approval for the change in signatories for the Allegiant bank account for the new board positions: Ellyn Bender, President, Alan Chalfin, President Elect and Marv Rosen, VP Finance. The board approved the change in signatories.

Gary Kravitz shared that the extension of the eight week period of to spend the PPP loan has been a lifeline for our temple.

Marv Rosen, VP Finance, shared that it is exceedingly difficult to predict what the next few months for Temple Sinai will look like, as membership, membership donations, and religious school are up in the air. Membership and religious school enrollment are significantly down from last year. Since membership, religious school enrollment, Food Fest and many other events will not happen, so in spite of the fact that the clergy have been working tirelessly to find creative ways to keep our temple connected, membership and religious school enrollment are down.

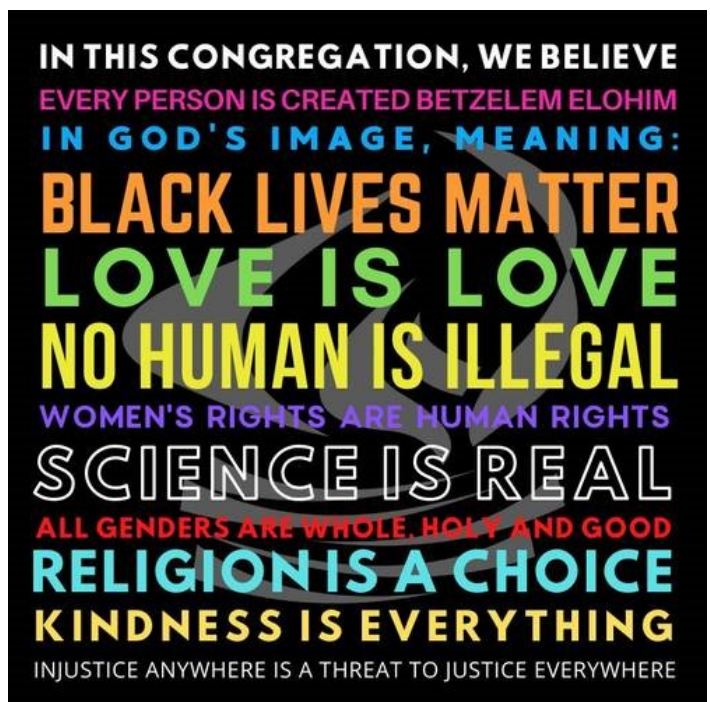
Judy Swerdlow, VP Ritual, discussed that due to the pandemic, it has been an especially difficult process trying to navigate what to do for our High Holy Day tickets. Due to technological as well as economic feasibility, it will not be possible to charge for the services online. Temple Sinai is working on creating beautiful and moving High Holy Day Services, because it is especially important to us to still find a way to have these beautiful services and remain connected to the temple and each other. Although High Holy Day tickets are being waived, it is important to remember that supporting the temple is

helping ensure the future of Temple Sinai for years to come.

Laura Friedman has taken all measures and necessary procedures to ensure the safety of the children and teachers at The Gan. They are finding ways to live and operate this "new normal". Laura also addressed the unfortunate incident of the temple being vandalized. There have been families who have pulled out from The Gan due to security fears. The Gan has taken swift action and hired an armed police officer to stand outside of school during the school day. Laura is having to ease concerns and worries everyday due to the incident and to ensure the safety and protection of everyone there.

Bethany Leinweber shared updates on the religious school. There are many challenges facing us today. Enrollment and payment for the children is at an all-time low. Although providing both in-school and online programs, it has been difficult to get families to commit and pay. Bethany and Sherry have been reaching out to families. Both of them are willing to work with and help any family in need.

Skye Mata, Secretary



# FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



## Thanks + Giving = Thanksgiving

I must admit that one of my favorite “poems”/prayers comes from our Erev Shabbat service booklets. It is one that I insisted be included in my Bat Mitzvah service in 2015. It spoke to me then and speaks to me now.

“Spirituality is living with attention.  
Living with attention leads me to thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving is the response I have  
To the great debt I accrue with each breath I take.  
Attending to the everyday miracles of ordinary living,  
I am aware of the interconnectedness of all things.

*I cannot be without you.  
This cannot be without that.  
All cannot be without each.  
And each cannot be without every.*

Thanksgiving is not for anything, it is from  
everything.

May I cultivate the attention  
To allow the thanks that is life  
To inform the dance that is living.”

Rami Shapiro (*italics are mine*)

As we approach our first (and hopefully our last) Pandemic Thanksgiving, you, like me, are probably unsure as to how to proceed. Guests or no guests? Travel to see family or friends? Or stay safely at home? If we stay home, alone, do we make a turkey and all the trimmings anyway? Will it still have any meaning?

All these pandemic related uncertainties and unresolved conflicts lay bare the basic concept of Thanksgiving, or as I am thinking about it, Thanks and Giving = Thanksgiving.

Sidestepping the historical aspect of the holiday, we might consider what else it means to each of us - today, this month, this year, and during this time of a pandemic. As I write this article, yes, I do have much to be thankful for: health of my family and myself, food on the table, a place to call home, enough money to imagine a vacation away some day... and a community of people from all walks of life who have supported me throughout my years. It is to these people, each of you included, to whom I dedicate these words.

*I cannot be without you.*

We at Temple Sinai give ... and we take. We come together with all our disparate experiences and we form a network, a net that connects us.

*All cannot be without each.*

We continue to cultivate the love and support for our temple family in these strangest of times. We give thanks by staying in touch, by the telephone calls that are made to each other, by the contributions in honor of, or in appreciation of, or in memory of. We support each other by giving to the Annual Appeal to ensure that our network, our community, remains strong not only for the present, but for next year and for the future.

We have so much to be grateful for: clergy who ease the anxiety in our hearts through song and prayer and staff who work tirelessly to keep Temple Sinai humming, despite missing the face to face interactions that give much life to their work. We look forward to a return of live services with our clergy streamed live from the sanctuary this month and followed by, we hope, a paced return to the sanctuary ourselves. Different than in previous years, we nonetheless anticipate a warm and uplifting virtual Thanksgiving service with our neighboring congregation, the Church of the Palms. Our educational programs come back from hiatus with topics to entice even the most anti-Zoom among us. The snowbirds will soon be descending; we will welcome them home with virtual hugs. We, as members, connect everyone to each other and are the very reason Temple Sinai continues to flourish.

So, turkey or no turkey? Does it matter? Giving and feeling gratitude is the essence of Thanksgiving, no matter what you eat or with whom you eat. Let us celebrate living as we hold these thoughts close...

To allow the thanks that is life  
To inform the dance that is living.

I wish each of you a safe and healthy Thanksgiving. Dance if you can, eat for sure and give thanks for all that you have given and have received. I, for one, am most grateful to belong to our amazing Temple Sinai family.

Ellyn Bender, President



# LIFE AND LEGACY™



We are entering a time of year usually associated with festivities, large gatherings of friends and family and travel. This year may look much different for many of us.

On Friday, March 13, when we cancelled our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Donor Legacy Shabbat, I certainly never could have imagined that we would not be meeting together in our sanctuary or social halls over seven months later. I remember that morning well as I had picked up the rental champagne flutes for our special Welcome Reception that evening. When I got to temple with them, I was told the service was canceled and that we were closing the facility. I returned the flutes and, as a further disturbing sign of the times, I see that the Rental

Depot is now out of business.

Yet, we still have much for which to be thankful. Most of us and our families have remained healthy, with roofs over our heads and food on our tables. Many of us even have a stockpile of toilet paper!! Temple Sinai remains strong; it just looks different.

- We still gather for prayer, albeit via Zoom or our YouTube channel.
- We still socialize, socially distanced or virtually with our temple friends.
- We still learn - our Gan early childhood education, religious school and adult learning carry on.
- We still do mitzvot and social action- our recent Food Bank Drive was a resounding success.
- We still meet with the Rabbi and Chazzan to share, chat and plan.

More than ever, I remain confident of Temple Sinai's future. The current challenges we face as a congregation, a people and as a country, will one day be behind us. We are more than our building; we are a vibrant community.

As you may know, we are in the fourth and final year of the Life and Legacy™ program. We are grateful that over 17,000 North American donors have committed over \$1 billion in legacy gifts through the collaboration of Jewish Federations and Harold Grinspoon Foundation. I am proud to be one of our members who has made an after-lifetime gift to Temple Sinai.

As you count your blessings this holiday season, know that you too can be remembered forever at Temple Sinai with a gift in your will, trust, retirement account, or your life insurance policy.

Laurie Lachowitzer, Co-Chair  
Temple Sinai Endowment Team



## CARING



As I begin the November article for the Caring Committee, I want to thank Judy Swerdlow, VP of Ritual. Ever since starting to read *The Tablet* several years ago, I always looked to her column for information about the Hebrew months and the significance of events connected to that time period. Zooming over the holidays provided us with an opportunity to repeat the Kol Nidre service and listen to our Chazzan's beautiful voice.

Our Jewish Calendar is what I refer to as a measure of time in these days of COVID. For example, *Cheshvan* follows the High Holy Days and provides us the time to get back into a routine for the winter ahead. Little did we know this would be so literal. As we move into *Kislev*, we start preparing for Chanukah. The fact is that traditional holiday events at our homes will not be happening this year, but we will be buying boxes of Streit's Potato Pancake Mix. We can remember helping our grandmas to grate potatoes and onions for the best latkes ever. These memories help with our feelings of isolation.

Thankfully, we have our place of worship here at Temple Sinai where we can contact the clergy and the Board of Trustees. And they contact us.

***Please reach out to the Caring Committee if you wish someone call to just say hello. Stay safe and stay healthy.***

Rona Elias, Chair Caring Committee

# WOMEN OF SINAI



Thursday, November 5, will usher in our new season with a Zoom meeting featuring Heather Todd, Executive Director, Teen Court of Sarasota. The mission of *Teen Court* is to introduce area youth to activities and services that promote feelings of self-esteem and self-improvement to develop a healthy attitude toward authority. Their vision is to instill self-esteem in youth by introducing them to the positive benefits of law-abiding citizenship.



Our clothing and diaper collection was a **huge** success. We thank everyone who participated and all the hard work of **Judy and Howard Polivy** picking up at homes as well as at the temple.



Our popular **Book Club** continues via Zoom. The links to join the Zoom meetings will be available on the website calendar. Next book club meeting will be held November 19 at 2 p.m. The book under discussion is "A Guide to the Perplexed" by Dara Horn; the discussion will be led by **Rona Elias**.

Kudos to **Dobbie Linick** for the excellent planning of the Sukkot service which included the participation of fifteen Women of Sinai members including our usual Torah Chanters: **Paula Spitalny, Dobbie Linick and Delores Lustig**. It was a beautiful service.



**Report to Members:** Current membership stands at 162 including eight new members. This number is slightly down from last year, but we hope that more members will be paying their dues soon. We owe a debt of thanks to **Judy Rogovin**, Continuity Chair, and to **Jane Glusman**, Financial Secretary, who have worked extremely hard to reach out to members who may have overlooked their dues payments this year.

The **Simchagram** letter will be mailed out in early November and must be returned by December 11 (beginning of Chanukah.) This is a WOS members fund raiser, and you don't want to be left out.

Do you play **Mah Jongg**? Purchase your card from Women of Sinai to support your sisterhood. Standard card: \$9.00; Large card: \$10.00. To order your card for 2021, send your check to Barbara Bryden at 13709 Trentino Street, Venice, FL 34293. Checks must be received by January 15<sup>th</sup>. Stay safe, stay optimistic, stay well.  
Peggy Miller, WOS President

## The Women of Sinai Gift Shop

### 'Browse, Buy, Bring a Friend'

Gift Shop profits are donated to Temple Sinai's "Anchin Fund". This fund supplements temple dues for qualified families.

The gift shop is a wonderful and accommodating place!  
If there is something you would like us to order for you, we will be happy to do that.

With the Sinai campus closed down, we look forward to serving your needs upon the reopening of the temple.

Barbara Bryden-Gruenberg  
giftshop@sinaisrq.org.

## Mazel Tov to:

**Mickie and Jerry Kaye** on the birth of their third great grand child, Hayden Oberdorff. She was born September 23, 2020 in Harrisonberg, VA.



## Tikkun Olam

**All Faiths Food Bank  
Campaign Against  
Summer Hunger.**

**Hunger does not  
take a vacation!**

**Please help!**

**The Need Is Great!**

**Donate non-perishable food items.**

**Food barrels are located in the Social Hall.**



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



CHAZZAN ABRAMSON PRESENTS

## Overcoming Stage Fright

A WORKSHOP

**TUESDAYS @ 11 AM**

## Coffee Talk IS BACK!

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

STARTING TUES. NOV 3 ON FACEBOOK LIVE

**Tues  
1:30**



REB ARI PRESENTS

## PIRKEI AVOT: CHAPTERS OF THE SAGES


Everything we do  
Everything we have

**Tuesdays at 3:00 PM**  
on Zoom

## THE MATURING VOICE: STRENGTH, FLEXIBILITY & VOCAL HEALTH

WITH CHAZZAN ABRAMSON

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



**EVERY  
WED  
11AM**


## MUSIC OF THE SYNAGOGUE

## WHY WE SING WHAT WE SING

WITH CHAZZAN  
CLIFF ABRAMSON

THURSDAYS  
@ 10 AM

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WOMEN OF SINAI PRESENT

Featured Speaker:  
**Heather Todd**  
Executive Director

**TEEN COURT OF SARASOTA**

Introduces area youth to activities and services that  
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when they develop a healthy attitude toward authority.  
All organizational activities instill and teach the benefits  
of law abiding citizenship and civic engagement.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND!

**Thursday, November 5 1 PM**



SINAI MEN'S CLUB

## VETERAN'S DAY SHABBAT

Honoring the veterans from the  
American Armed Force & Israeli Defense Force

Join us for this special service

**FRIDAY, NOV. 6  
6PM**

## TRIVIA NIGHT

FREE ENTRY  
&  
PRIZES

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE  
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**SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 7 7 PM**

SINAI MEN'S CLUB BREAKFAST



**JASON ROSENBAUM**  
NPR POLITICAL REPORTER

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8 | 10:00 AM**


## Membership Matters!

Elana Margolis, VP Membership: [elanatemple@aol.com](mailto:elanatemple@aol.com)




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

**NEW** **THE STATE OF WORLD JEWRY**



A NEW ADULT ED WORKSHOP TAUGHT BY RABBI GEOFF HUNTING

**MONDAYS 11AM NOV. 9 & 16 DEC. 7 & 14**

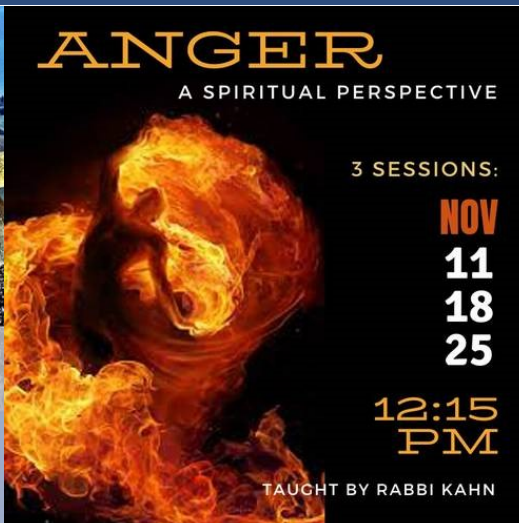


**ANGER**  
A SPIRITUAL PERSPECTIVE

3 SESSIONS: **NOV 11 18 25**

**12:15 PM**

TAUGHT BY RABBI KAHN



The next **SAFETY** event is **Mugs n' Meals**

A YOUTH GROUP COOKING EVENT  
For Grades 6 - 12



**SATURDAY, NOV. 14**  
**7 - 9 PM**

REGISTER BY NOVEMBER 6TH

**NEW!** **SINAI MEN'S CLUB** **VIRTUAL MONTHLY FILM FORUM**

**SUNDAY, NOV. 15th • 7pm**

VIEW FILM ON NETFLIX / DISCUSS TOGETHER ON ZOOM

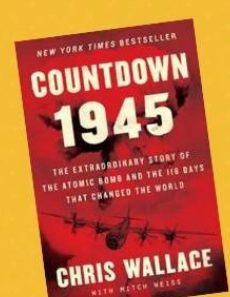
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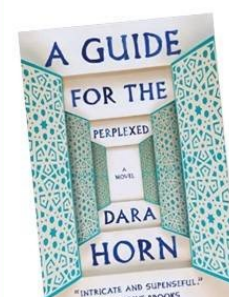
THURSDAY **NOV. 19 2020**  
**12:30 - 2:00 PM**



**WOMEN OF SINAI BOOK CLUB**

**A GUIDE FOR THE PERPLEXED**

THURSDAY **NOV 19, 2020**  
**2:00 - 3:30 PM**



**B'NAI MITZVAH FAMILY PROGRAM**

**THURSDAY, NOV 19 - 7:30 PM**



**Whisky Tasting! & TOUR ISRAELI DISTILLERY**

**+ ARTISAN CHOCOLATE DRIED FRUIT**

**NOV 22 SUNDAY 5PM**

**zoom ONLINE**

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**Schmooze**  
With the Sinai Men's Club

Wondering how you're going to deal with Thanksgiving Anxiety? Well, you're Invited!

**PANDEMIC THANKSGIVING WEEK VIRTUAL ZOOM SCHMOOZE!**

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**SINAI MEN'S CLUB**



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



# Moze! Tov:

FEDERATION NEWS

October 2020



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## Federation Celebration set for Sunday, November 8

By Gayle Guynup

By Gayle Guynup

**T**he Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee's will once again mark the accomplishments of the organization and its many lay leaders and volunteers with its annual awards ceremony at the Federation Celebration. The virtual event, chaired by Marsha Eisenberg, will begin on Sunday, November 8 at 3:00 p.m., and will include a State of the Federation address by Board of Directors President Randon Carvel, remarks by CEO Howard Tevlowitz, and a groundbreaking ceremony of the new Federation campus.

"Our annual Federation Celebration allows us the opportunity to express our appreciation for volunteers and donors who have made such a difference in the past year. Although our Celebration will be virtual, it will be as heartwarming as ever," said Carvel. The 2020 awardees were chosen by Federation staff to recognize volunteers and lay leaders for their hard work this past year bringing together the Federation and the Sarasota-Manatee community. This year's award recipients are:

### Ahava (Love) Award

Geri and Lenny Drexler, nominated by Kim Adler: "Two of the kindest people you will ever meet, Geri and Lenny Drexler are incredible ambassadors for our Federation. Geri serves on our LIFE & LEGACY™ Committee and is a staple at our events. Lenny has served on our board for many years and always answers the call – serving on committees, making thank you calls to donors and helping out at events. And they still find time to support their synagogue and the Jewish Club of Lakewood Ranch."

### Acharai (Follow Me) Award

Ellyn Bender and Christine Elliot, nominated by Howard Tevlowitz: "Synagogues have been the heart and soul of our Jewish community for millennia, and those who run them are our community's unsung heroes. Today, synagogues also face challenges related to COVID-19, changing demographics and the recent string of antisemitic acts of vandalism. Our community must recognize two outstanding individuals who have exhibited extraordinary leadership qualities in the face of these challenges. Ellyn Bender, president of Temple Sinai, and Christine Elliot, executive director of Temple Emanu-El, both serve as role models not only for their respective synagogues, but for our overall Jewish community. We appreciate their hearts, caring and leadership."

# CHAVUROT

## A ZOOM TASHLICH



**Chavurah Ruach** was spread out over the east coast for the holidays this year. We knew that we wanted to be together so we zoomed between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. We shared our holiday experiences with each other. Some of us were lucky enough to be with family, a few Ruach members were able to get together (Len, Judy and Patty), a few of us who are in NJ spent the first night together, while some were able to zoom with family. **Zoom:** the next best thing to being together in today's pandemic.

We decided to do our version of **Tashlich** which involved a bowl of water (Margo and Barry had plastic fish and Ellen and Sid used a ceramic mermaid) and whatever bread was available. Before we symbolically discarded our "sins", we learned a little about the symbolism of this act and having tossed our bread in the water, we felt we would all be written in the book of life for another good year.

All of us in Chavurah Ruach wish all of you a good year as well.

Submitted by  
Ellen Rothschild

## CHAVURAH SHALOM!

**Chavurah Shalom** is doing fine, but misses being together. To stay in touch, we have been "Zooming With a Purpose". At one session, we shared favorite childhood memories. At another, we spoke about special vacations. Having a topic seems to work out well. In mid-October, we are all looking forward to a Pizza Party at an outdoor socially distanced venue. It should be fun, and we are all anxious to once again get together in person.

**Shalom** from all of us to all of you!

*Diane Silverstein*

### **P. S. from Chavurah Shalom:**

Just got together on October 14th and enjoyed seeing each other in person. Not all of us could make it, but those of us who did enjoyed delicious cheese pizzas, lots of laughs remembering Yiddish expressions and stories from our youth and good old warmth from being with family! We wish Diane a speedy recovery!

*Mickie Kaye*

## Chavurah Mavens

**The Mavens** are Zoom meeting once a week. Our creative team, Jan and Tony Joseph, organized a COVID-19 Bingo session. All the words on our Bingo cards were related to the virus. Another week, they planned a scavenger hunt. The first team to find the items on the list won. To boot, both events had prizes.

Most weeks, we chat about news of our families, any outdoor places we have visited, and noteworthy TV programs. We have to laugh or at least smile, when the free Zoom time of 40 minutes cuts someone off mid-sentence. Let's hope that happier moments loom ahead for us all.

*Bonnie Sussman*



## 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](mailto:Templesinaichavurah@gmail.com).



# THE GAN



**Laura Freedman**  
Director of Early Childhood  
Education

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

## CALENDAR

November 20 Thanksgiving Show and Treats  
at 11:30am on ZOOM  
November 23-27 School Closed for  
Thanksgiving



Devorim (Bumble Bees) Aleph - 4-year old's'  
class sukkah

## GAN SUKKOT CELEBRATION



Shoshanim (Roses) 2-year old's' class sukkah



Devorim (Bumble Bees) Bet - 4-year old's'  
class sukkah



Parparim (Butterflies) 3-year old's' class sukkah



# MEMBERSHIP

HELLO

My name is

*Annie Jacobs*

I have been coming to Sarasota since I was a young child, visiting my grandparents during school holidays. My home is currently in northern Virginia.

However, I will be moving to Sarasota permanently before the end of this year. I thought about joining a temple in Virginia, but my initial effort was disappointing. I didn't feel welcome, so I didn't try again.

My spouse Terry is a computer engineer and serves as technical director for a private company; my background is law and tax. I worked in international tax at a major accounting firm and did program planning for a legal association but am currently doing volunteer work. As soon as the public health situation is greatly improved, I plan to enroll in a professional baking and pastry course at Manatee Technical College.

We have three cats: Fortunate, Zeus and Hope. There is a possibility we will acquire a fourth if our current foster cat, Arthur, becomes our latest adoptee.

My hobbies are cooking and baking; the more complicated the better! I also enjoy building models of famous buildings, historical structures and ships.

I have been a Temple Sinai member since mid-summer of this year. Before my actual move to Sarasota, I wanted to find a community to which to belong. The draw of a shared Jewish heritage and tradition prompted me to search for a reform synagogue. I found Temple Sinai and immediately received a warm welcome. I felt comfortable that I had a "family" at the temple even though I did not know very many members.

I look forward to attending services, educational programs and holiday events, and joining a Chavurah when we can safely be together again.

Annie

## 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.

### Email address change:

**Roucher, Nancy**

nancyroucher@gmail.com

### Address change:

**Mendelson, Dale**

3271 Proctor Road #1110

Sarasota, FL 34231

(941) 413-5535

**Nesbit, Dorothy and Jack**

12201 Marsh Point Rd.

Sarasota, FL 34238

(941) 358-6601

**Pearl, Marc**

**Lewison, Lorraine Pearl**

2244 Palm Terrace

Sarasota, FL 34231

## Milestone Anniversaries

25 years+

November 20 65 years  
Dale and Myron Mendelson



# MEMBERSHIP



## Welcome to our Temple Sinai Family

**Greber, Jessica**  
4732 Charing Cross Circle  
Sarasota, FL 34241  
(941) 373-5293  
sjessgreb@gmail.com

**Landa, Lydia**  
4714 Meadowview Circle  
Sarasota, FL 34233  
(941) 923-0298  
Cell: (941) 350-6872  
llanda@comcast.net

**Napshin, Barry**  
7857 S. Leewynn Court  
Sarasota, FL 34240

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

November 14  
*Betty and Richard Greenspan*

November 15  
*Sondra and Tom Ettlinger*

November 17  
*Amy and Lance Cassell*  
*Janice and Robert Grossman*

November 22  
*Judith and Herbert Gofman*  
*Joan Gastman and Art Sugerman*

November 23  
*Barbara and Richard Brown*

November 24  
*Tiffany Caldwell and David*  
*Freeman*  
*Nancy and Pierre Menard*

November 25  
*Risa and Corey Segal*

November 26  
*Karen and Bert Harris*

November 27  
*Dorothy and Howard Katz*

November 28  
*Varsha and David Stein*

November 30  
*Judith and Zvi Rogovin*

## Happy Special Birthday! 50 years+

November 1  
*Laura Zatz* 80 years

November 5  
*Patricia Glah* 70 years

November 12  
*Stephany Richmond* 65 years

November 13  
*Bert Harris* 80 years

November 17  
*Janice Grossman* 75 years

November 21  
*Rona Simon* 80 years

November 23  
*Snait Ben-Herut* 50 years

November 24  
*Shirley Rose* 80 years

November 26  
*Jimmy Rivas* 50 years





# BIRTHDAYS

# RITUAL

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

**November 1**

Marvin Glusman

**November 2**

Stephen Swerdlow

**November 3**

Jerry Rothenberg

**November 7**

Dale Goldheim

**November 9**

Robert Levene

David Weiss

**November 10**

Betty Cahall

Donald Cahall

**November 11**

Nancy Roucher

**November 12**

Anna Shlossberg

**November 13**

Brenda Pendleton

**November 15**

R. Malcolm Schwartz

**November 16**

Joan E. Lappin

Frances Schatz

**November 16**

Joan E. Lappin

Frances Schatz

**November 17**

Delores Lustig

Herbert Horowitz

**November 19**

Ronni Freed

Florey Miller

**November 20**

Hannah Michelson

**November 23**

Bruce Feldman

**November 25**

Jill Friedman

Robert Sambursky

**November 26**

Michelle Miller

Barbara Sander

**November 27**

Daniel Friedman

**November 28**

Clara Kahn

thanking someone often implies you are acknowledging your thanks for something someone has given you." The Hebrew term for gratitude is "havarat hatov", which translates "recognizing the good."

Yes, it has been an extremely difficult year for many people. We are nine months into a worldwide pandemic with all the related health and economic challenges. We have endured anti-Semitism right here on our beautiful campus, as well as political unrest in our country. My own family has been struck with major illnesses. Yet, in Judaism, we start the morning with a prayer of gratitude, "Modah ah-nee lifanecha", *"I gratefully acknowledge your Face; Spirit lives and endures; you return my soul to me with compassion; How great is your faith in me."*

**On November 25, we will join virtually with our friends at Church of the Palms for our annual Interfaith Thanksgiving service.** While we will miss the comradery of getting together in person, we are grateful for the technology that still allows us to connect. Please join Pastor Stephen McConnell, and our own Chazzan Abramson and Rabbi Kahn for this beautiful service. The music will move your spirits, and we look forward to Rabbi Kahn delivering the sermon. You will be sent the appropriate link with the time of the service.

This month, you will notice a change in our Erev Shabbat services; we will be broadcasting live. You will be sent the appropriate link to join us virtually. Please be patient, as with anything virtual, technical problems can occur.

We are excited that **the service on November 6 will be honoring our Veterans.** The Men's Club will help conduct the service as we honor and remember those who have served our country. The following Erev Shabbat, on November 13, we will have participation from 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade and the youth groups. It is always a pleasure to have our young adults help lead our services.

While our Thanksgiving observances in 5781 will certainly look different from previous years, I am sure it will be a lovely day in whatever way we celebrate. Remember, "Erev Thanksgiving" with The Church of the Palms. Information will be sent out on how to link up. Have a wonderful holiday.

Judy Swerdlow, VP Ritual



## RITUAL



I am writing this article from Maine, looking at the beautiful fall foliage outside the window in my son's home. In November we will celebrate Thanksgiving as a nation and temple community, and I am reflecting over the past year, and am thinking, what I am grateful for.

I always used *gratitude* and *being thankful* as synonyms, but upon doing some further research, I found differences between the two. **"Being grateful is about appreciating what one has, as opposed to what one wants. Being thankful or**

# RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



Bethany Leinweber, Director of Youth Education, Outreach and Engagement

## Looking Back

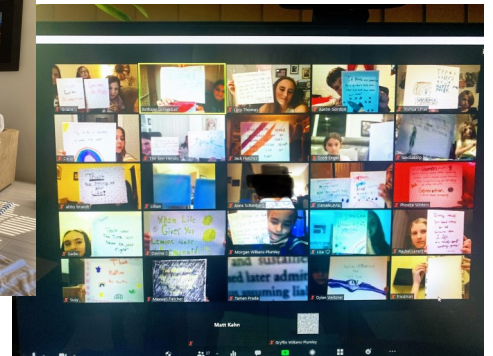


Rosh Hashanah Morning Service for preschool - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

Rosh Hashanah Talmidim Time for 3<sup>rd</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade

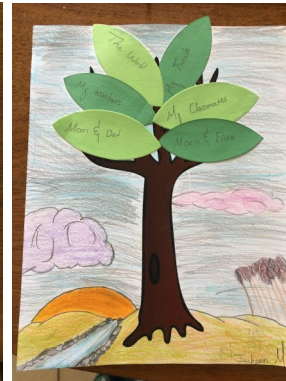
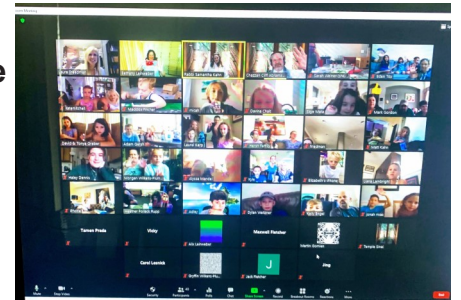


Kahn family tent



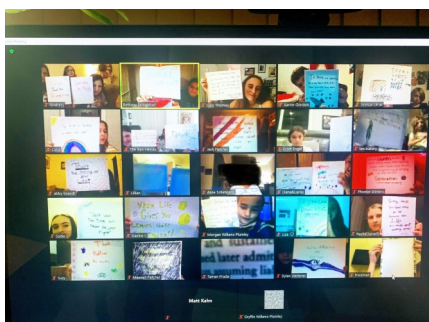
“Yom Kippur, It’s Better to Be Better” for preschool to 7<sup>th</sup> grade

Adam Fischberg and KINDNESS TREES



Yom Kippur Talmidim Time for 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>

We read the following articles from URJ website and did 2 reflective/engaging activities related. See below.  
<https://reformjudaism.org/blog/yom-kippur-personal-reflection>  
<https://reformjudaism.org/blog/understanding-yom-kippur-then-and-now>  
<https://padlet.com/bleinweber/d20ainx7luglm3sq>





# RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

*Midweek - in person Hebrew....it's safe, engaging, and fun!*

## Looking Ahead

### School schedule:

**Sunday School** (both in person and online) - November 1 (daylight savings), 8, 15, 22

**Midweek Hebrew** – November 4/5, 11/12, 18/19

*Temple Sinai Religious School engages students and their families in Jewish learning and meaningful experiences that inspire them to appreciate and proudly celebrate being Jewish in our community and in today's world.*



**NO SCHOOL** - November 25, 26, 29 - THANKSGIVING BREAK

### Schedule:

**November 6<sup>th</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 p.m. or watch us on Facebook Live at 4:45!

**November 7<sup>th</sup> Kindergarten - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Family Havdalah Gatherings:** 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Join us on **Zoom** (or at the beach - depending on Covid) for a musical and engaging Havdallah led by Bethany Leinweber. We will enjoy the tastes, smells and peace of ending Shabbat and beginning a new week. RSVP to Bethany at [bleinweber@sinaisrq.org](mailto:bleinweber@sinaisrq.org)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89839104924?pwd=MTg0dWZpMGlrbmRpR1ViNjhMMHR2Zz09>

**Meeting ID: 898 3910 4924 Passcode: Havdallah**

**November 13<sup>th</sup> Youth Group Leads the Shabbat Service**

**November 19<sup>th</sup> B'nai Mitzvah Moving Traditions Family Program Part II: 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**  
Our synagogue is partnering with *Moving Traditions* ([www.movingtraditions.org](http://www.movingtraditions.org)) to pioneer a new and exciting approach to b'nai mitzvah that connects Jewish wisdom to the interpersonal and social elements of this coming-of-age ritual. This year, we'll be adding *Moving Traditions'* family education and pre-teen sessions to our b'nai mitzvah preparation. Through games, activities and discussion, the *Moving Traditions'* sessions, created by rabbis and social workers, will help parents and pre-teens explore what it means to celebrate during a pandemic, to be the center of attention during a life cycle ritual, to navigate expectations from friends and family, to find Jewish meaning in the ceremony, as well as exploring other social-emotional challenges and joys associated with the b'nai mitzvah. We will begin via Zoom and hopefully switch to in person at a later date.



# 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.templestinai-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” Escape Room Kickoff!*



SAFETY committee members hosted their first event of the 2020-21 year for grades 7 and up called *Harry Potter and the Kiddush Cup of Fire*. It began with Havdalah followed by “a magical journey through a virtual escape room on Zoom” where everyone was put into three teams by grade so they could get to know their religious school classmates better. Before the evening ended there was a group discussion about Selichot and the year ahead. Youth groupers were asked how they could help their parents and families more at home in the coming year, and everyone shared. Two examples were “...help walking the dog...” and “not fight with my brother.”

One of the teams from the “Kiddush Cup of Fire”

*Join Us...*



**Attention Grades 6-12!**  
The SAFETY Board invites you to...

**Mugs  
n  
Meals**

**7:00 PM on Saturday, November 14th!**

Join your friends on Zoom for Havdalah  
and 3 delicious meals made in mugs!

**Register by November 6th**

by sending an email to Deb at [dbryan@sinaisrq.org](mailto:dbryan@sinaisrq.org)!

Once you register, you will receive an  
ingredients list for the event!

Please let us know if you have any  
dietary restrictions or allergies.

**We hope to see you there!**

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

The SAFETY Board continues to assist the temple's Caring Committee by writing and sending High Holy Day cards to temple members.

### ***SAFETY Board Members Who Wrote the Cards***

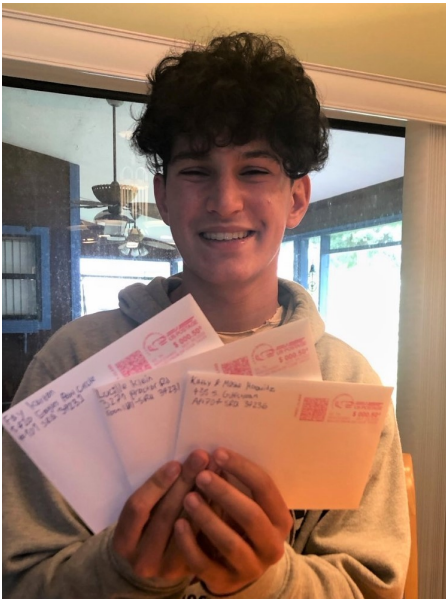


Katherine Carnes



Maxwell Fletcher

Lucy Thomas



Noah Leinweber

Gryffin Wilkins-  
Plumley





# BECAUSE WE CARE...

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

## TEMPLE SINAI GENERAL FUND

S. F. Hyde  
Gloria J. Siegel  
Richard Siegel

### In Honor of:

Marcy and Brian Miller's Anniversary: Laurie and Mark Criden  
Rho and Stu Friedman's Anniversary: Laurie and Mark Criden  
Rabbi Geoffrey Huntting: Betsy and John Kane-Hartnett

### In Appreciation of:

Laurie Criden for the wonderful masks: Susan Fingerma  
Temple Sinai-thank you for all you do for our community and my family: Melody Mishkin  
Rabbi Huntting: Laura Briefman  
Rabbi Kahn and Chazzan Abramson's beautiful High Holy Day Services: Carole and Fred Gorin  
Ellyn Bender and all you have done to make our High Holy Day's warm and friendly: Carole and Fred Gorin  
Laura Einstein and the participants together for the High Holy Day readings: Carole and Fred Gorin  
Temple Sinai's wonderful virtual High Holy Day Services: Michele Glasser  
Temple Sinai's wonderful virtual High Holy Day Services: Alla Bolkhovsky  
Alexandra and Gregory Band's arranging for the beautiful Kol Nidre Service: Carole and Fred Gorin  
Rabbi Kahn's lovely High Holy Day Services: Marty and Jonathan Katz

### In Memory of:

Barbara McCombs: Cookie Bloom  
Sherwin Fishman: Cookie Bloom  
father of Andrew Gold, grandfather of Joshua, Benjamin and

Abigail, David R. Gold: Amanda and Andrew Gold  
Jack Sussman: Bonnie and Harvey Sussman  
Elaine and Justin Wilkes: Michele Glasser  
Berta and Chaim Minkovich, Tanya and Nohum Bolkhovsky: Alla Bolkhovsky

## RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

*Carole and Malcolm Schwartz*

### In Honor of:

Myron Bernstein's Birthday: Sara and Michael Benesch

### In Appreciation of:

Rabbi Kahn: Shirley Rose  
Rabbi Kahn's beautiful heartfelt words, and your uplifting love and kindness: Varsha and David Stein

### In Memory of:

Esther and Albert Heffler: Cheryl Adelman  
Joseph Binder: Anne and Michael Katz  
Rosalind Greene: Rae Ellen and Robert Levene

## CHAZZAN'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

### In Honor of:

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

### In Appreciation of:

Michael and Maya Gordon for their rendition of Avinu Malkeinu: Judy and Len Swerdlow  
Chazzan Abramson's beautiful voice, sense of humor, and poignant stories: Varsha and David Stein

### In Memory of:

Dorothy Wendrow: Alene Wendrow and George Neidich

## DIRECTOR OF YOUTH EDUCATION DISCRETIONARY FUND

### In Memory of:

father of Robert Handleman, Phil Handleman: Judy and Robert Handleman

## RABBI GEOFF HUNTING/LIFE AND LEGACY ENDOWMENT FUND

### In Appreciation of:

Judye and Bob Goldblatts's hospitality: Elana and Mark Margolis  
Rabbi Huntting's beautiful Torah Reading: Carole and Fred Gorin

### In Memory of:

Evelyn Lerner: Gail Glickman

## 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  
941-966-025 or  
Susan Maliot at  
smaliot@gmail.com.

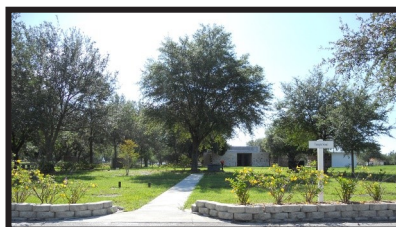
# WE REMEMBER THEM...

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



Sheila and Ron Bellamy for mother of Sheila Bellamy, Rose B. Carmel  
 Ellyn Bender and Pam Paschall for father of Ellyn, Louis Bender  
 Ellyn Bender and Pam Paschall for father of Pam, James Paschall  
 Cookie Bloom for Eve Ehrenberg Feldman  
 Barbara and Richard Brown for son of Joan and Harold Goodis, Richard Goodis  
 Diana and Lawrence Ehrlich for Leon Ehrlich  
 Diana and Lawrence Ehrlich for Sylvia Lewis  
 Micki Sherin Evans and Eugene Evans for Phil Sherin  
 Eleanor and Bruce Feldman for Sophie Feldman  
 Robert Fritsch for Rebecca Kaplan  
 Jane and Marvin Glusman for Jean Goldberg  
 Doris Kanter for Etta Kanter  
 Susan Karp for Jerome Bernard Karp Hauser  
 Dorothy and Howard Katz for Bernard Katz  
 Kenneth Kaufman for mother-in-law, Gertrude Schusterman  
 Cecile and Barry Klayton for Evelyn Klayton  
 Rae Ellen and Robert Levene for Karl H. Strohl  
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 Marlowe Family for Frank I. Marlowe  
 Eldene Mohl for mother, Fritzi Stern  
 George Neidich and Alene Wendrow for Hyman Neidich

Bernice Niss for Reba Askin  
 Mikki and Joel Pertofsky for Hy Ravin  
 Barbara and Michael Pollack for Irving Pollack  
 Eve Pokornicky for Yetta Neviasser  
 Judy and Zvi Rogovin for Chaia Rogovin  
 Shirley Rose for son, Ben Eric Rose  
 Mimi Seitman for mother and father-in-law, Beatrice and Jack Seitman  
 Marilyn and Ronald Shapo for Sylvia and Eli Heiriwitz  
 Marilyn and Ronald Shapo for Norma and Mitchell Shapo  
 Linda Smalheiser for Gary Metz  
 Linda Smalheiser for Albert Metz  
 Marcia Smith for George Stanley Blank  
 Bryna and Howard Tevlowitz for Louis Abramowitz  
 Suzanne & Michael Weinstein for Jacob Weinstein  
 Alene Wendrow and George Neidich for Hyman Neidich  
 Karen and Bill Witte for Julius Weinstein  
 Sheila and Warren Wollheim for Ella Wollheim



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

You have the choice of traditional burial plots or cremation spaces. With the opportunity to plan, you can be sure that your wishes are carried out.

Call the temple office at (9441) 924-1802.



## Memorial Plaques

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

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

The special price for a plaque is \$252.

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



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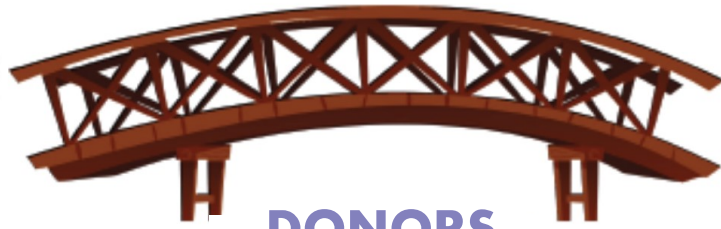
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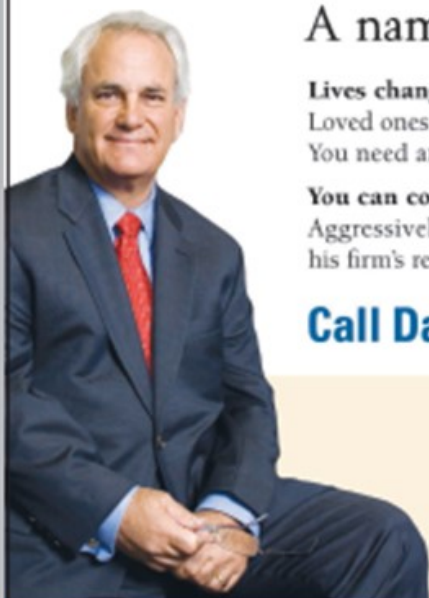


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