

TABLET BRIEFS

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Happy June!

By now we hope you have made your way to our newly revised website and had the opportunity to check out some of the changes. There are a few noteworthy features, in addition to the beautiful new look, that I'd like to point out. First up is the “**event widget**” in the middle of the homepage which enables you to specify an event category, such as Adult Communities or Worship, and view the next five upcoming events in that category. When you locate an event of interest, just click on it and you will be taken to its event page where you can see more information and register for the event. We have also reorganized the **navigation bar** at the top of the homepage, which we hope is intuitive and will make it easier to find what you need. There is a **For Members** category on the navigation bar which provides access to “member only” pages such as...

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This Month's Featured Articles

- *June is Pride Month*
- *URJ Scheidt Seminar*

HAPPY JUNE!

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...your member portal and internal forms you may need from time-to-time throughout the year. Please know this is just the beginning! We are working to update all of the outdated photos and information contained on the website and hope to have it fully functional and current by the end of the summer. If you are interested in more tools to help you navigate your way through the website, [click here](#) to view the recorded version of our “Intro to ShulCloud Navigation.”

You may have also noticed the new format of the Ma Koreh weekly eblast. Many of the design elements match the new website and we simplified the contents by reducing the graphics in order to allow you to view it more fully and quickly. We hope that all of these changes help you to experience our communications in an easily digestible and visually attractive way!

For any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at: Aeiffert@templesinai-sarasota.org

Andrea Eiffert

Director of Communications and Programming



JUNE IS PRIDE MONTH



The Torah tells us that discrimination against any person arising from apathy, insensitivity, ignorance, fear or hatred is inconsistent with the fundamental belief that we are all created in God's image. This idea, called b'tzelem Elohim from Genesis 1:27, is the very principle that has led the Reform Jewish Movement to

fight for civil rights, women's rights and rights for the LGBTQ+ community.

Reform Jews are committed to the full participation and affirmation of people identifying as LGBTQ+ in synagogue life as well as society at large, and so many Reform congregations celebrate Pride Month by holding a "Pride Shabbat." Temple Sinai will celebrate our commitment to inclusion with a special Pride Shabbat on Friday, June 16. We will welcome Jason Champion, president of Project Pride SRQ who will speak about issues facing the LGBTQ+ community and how their challenges in some ways mirror the challenges faced by Jews.

Project Pride's mission is "to expand awareness and understanding of the LGBTQ+ community by creating strategic partnerships with local organizations, businesses and governments toward a shared goal." Their vision is "to work for an all-inclusive community where everyone is equally united, supported and celebrated." I personally believe these goals encapsulate those we at Temple Sinai support, believe in and strive to achieve as we ourselves face ongoing local and global challenges from those who seek to harm us.

Almost eighteen years ago, as I was making my decision to become the chazzan at Temple Sinai, I was moved by the message on our synagogue's website about the meaning of the prayer, *Shema Koleinu* (Hear All Our Voices). I never forgot those words and they remain a defining principle at Temple Sinai today. I believe it is a secret everyone knows and very few people act upon, but which we at Temple Sinai have always acted upon. We invite everyone to join us as we continue to do so and hope to see you all at our Pride Shabbat celebration on June 16. **June 2023 | Issue 13**

LETTER FROM THE

President



Dear Friends,

I recently attended the URJ Scheidt Conference, a three-and-a-half-day conference in Dallas, TX, attended by URJ-affiliated synagogue presidents from across the country. The 98 temples represented were of all sizes, from 88 members to over 2,500 members. It was a great meeting; I learned a great deal networking with other presidents and it was comforting to know that we at Temple Sinai are not alone in the challenges and concerns we experience. An overarching theme was encouraging each congregation to adopt a unique Code of Ethics. The goal is to create a code by which congregants, lay leaders, clergy and professional staff are held to the highest standards of personal and professional integrity, moral conscience, and social responsibility. This code will articulate expectations for ethical behavior and provide the structure and processes necessary to implement and enforce the code. As a leading objective during our June 25 Board Retreat, I plan to work with our board to create and implement a Temple Sinai Code of Ethics.

I want to thank all who attended and participated in our May 7 Annual Meeting and share some highlights: we adopted our annual budget for the upcoming fiscal year, we heard reports from our VPs summarizing the accomplishments and challenges they faced over the year and we answered questions asked by members in attendance. I want to thank the board for all their hard work on the budget and throughout the year, and to welcome our four new members to the board: Amy Drachman, Financial Secretary; Karen Witte, VP of Administration; Florey Miller, Trustee; and Michael Rubin, Trustee. I'd also like to congratulate Pearl Perlinski on his transition from Trustee to VP of Facilities.

LETTER FROM THE *President (continued)*



I look forward to working with the entire board this coming year! I'd also like to thank the outgoing members: Myron Bernstein, Leigh Gordon, David Weiss and Brian Oshrin for their hard work and contribution to the synagogue.

Finally, I would like to address a question recently presented to me: "Must one be a Temple Sinai member in order to join a chavurah?" The answer is simple... yes. One of the benefits of membership to Temple Sinai is access to our wonderful auxiliaries including the Sinai Men's Club, Women of Sinai, Sinai Solos, Social Action and Justice Committee and of course, the chavurot, to name a few. Therefore we welcome anyone interested in joining one of our auxiliaries to first join Temple Sinai and enjoy all of our offerings as part of our synagogue community and family.

L'shalom,
Alan Chalfin, President

Board of Trustees

MEETING SUMMARY

April 2023

Board meetings are open to all Temple Sinai members.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 21 at 7:00pm.

Building Insurance Appraisal: At this time we are holding on a building insurance appraisal.

Marvin Rosen, VP of Finance, reviewed the budget for the upcoming fiscal year reporting a projected deficit of approximately \$118,000, the lowest it has been in four years. Mr. Rosen made a motion to adopt the budget as presented and Chester Perlinski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Reb Ari Shapiro was given the floor to address the board with a list of questions and concerns from previous correspondence with President Alan Chalfin. The board addressed his questions and provided responses. Additionally, they agreed to continue to monitor and discuss these issues.


Upcoming Featured EVENTS

Organized by Women of Sinai


Help the Hungry

Tuesday, June 6
1:00pm-3:30pm
Deadline to register is June 2

All Faiths Food Bank
warehouse:
8171 Blaikie Court, Sarasota



ENDING HUNGER
ALL FAITHS FOOD BANK
PARTNER OF
PEOPLE'S AMERICA



SUMMER ADULT ED SERIES

Cultures and Cocktails

SUNDAYS AT 4:00PM

JUNE 11: ASHKENAZI JEWS ARE FROM MEXICO?
PRESENTED BY FLORA OYNICK

JULY 23: HOW JEWS ARRIVED IN COSTA RICA
PRESENTED BY DEBBIE MAJCHEL
AND DANIEL WEISLEDER

\$18/each or \$25/series

At Temple Sinai, 4631 S. Lockwood Ridge Rd.



TEMPLE SINAI

EREV SHABBAT SERVICE



CELEBRATING PRIDE MONTH
WITH SPEAKER JASON CHAMPION
PRESIDENT OF PROJECT PRIDE SRQ
FRIDAY, JUNE 16 AT 6:00PM



Free!
5:00pm
Welcome Reception
7:15pm
Shabbat dinner
Pre-register for dinner

TEMPLE SINAI

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BOARD MEETING



WEDNESDAY
JUNE 21
7:00PM

Please pre-register. Meeting agenda will be sent via separate email.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND OUR COMPLETE CALENDAR, VISIT:
www.temple Sinai-sarasota.org/calendar

TRIBUTES

TEMPLE SINAI GENERAL FUND

Aravilla

Eleaner and Bruce Feldman

Sandra and Robert Jacobs

In Honor of:

Karen and Daryl Worobow, on the birth of their granddaughter: Cindy and Michael Nash

Gillian and Chester 'Pearl' Perlinski, Volunteers of the Year for their devotion: Roberta Gerlach

In Appreciation of:

Alexandra and Greg Band, for their lovely hospitality: Gillian and Chester 'Pearl' Perlinski

Marcy and Jared Kaufman's wonderful Seder and hospitality: Harriet and Marc Rosen

All of the sponsors and volunteers who made Casino Night a huge success: Gillian and Chester 'Pearl' Perlinski
Holly Schirtzer, for her kindness: Diana and Lawrence Ehrlich

Speedy Recovery of Cookie Bloom:

Betty and Richard Greenspan

Judith and Leonard Swerdlow

Speedy Recovery of:

Irv Miller: Karen Witte

Bob Goldblatt: Judith and Leonard Swerdlow

In Memory of:

Anna Graber, grandmother of Vivian McDorman: Vivian McDorman

Maurice J. Marenberg, late father-in-law of Bruce Feldman: Eleanor and Bruce Feldman
Helen Hilton, mother of Betty Greenspan: Betty and Richard Greenspan

Edward Hilton, brother of Betty Greenspan: Betty and Richard Greenspan

Vivian Zwick: Betty and Richard Greenspan

Margery Shurberg: Betty and Richard Greenspan

CHAZZAN'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Debra and Dan Dannheiser

Cynthia Davis Guttman

Elinor and Herbert Krasow

Sherry and Jerry Thomas

Women of Sinai

In Honor of:

Janine and Douglas Cohen's 40th Wedding Anniversary: Betty and Don Cahall

Jamie and Chazzan Cliff Abramson's 10th Wedding Anniversary: Elana and Mark Margolis

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Diana Ehrlich's special birthday: Gillian and Chester 'Pearl' Perlinski

Gillian and Chester 'Pearl' Perlinski, for their devotion as Temple Sinai volunteers: Roberta Gerlach

Karen and Daryl Worobow's newest granddaughter: Elana and Mark Margolis

Gillian and Chester 'Pearl' Perlinski, Volunteer's of the Year for their commitment and service: Ellyn Bender and Pamela Paschall

TRIBUTES (CONTINUED)

CHAZZAN'S DISCRETIONARY FUND (continued)

In Honor of:

Roberta and Ron Gerlach's 45th Wedding Anniversary: Gillian and Chester 'Pearl' Perlinski

Karen Worobow's special birthday: Gillian and Chester 'Pearl' Perlinski

In Appreciation of:

Gillian and Chester 'Pearl' Perlinski: Betty and Donald Cahall

Chazzan's wonderful and enlightening Winter Music Series: Betty and Richard Greenspan

Chazzan Abramson for sponsoring the very enjoyable Winter Concerts, and look forward to seeing them next year: Patty Glah

Chazzan Abramson's special attention to the naming of our grandson, Levi: Sheila and Warren Wollheim

Speedy Recovery of:

Cookie Bloom: Elana and Mark Margolis

In Memory of:

Cy Glickman, beloved husband of Gail Glickman: Gail Glickman

RABBI GEOFF HUNTTING/LIFE AND LEGACY ENDOWMENT FUND

In Honor of:

Rabbi Geoff and Sue Kittner Huntting's daughter Becca becoming engaged and for her graduation: Elana and Mark Margolis

Sheila and Warren Wollheim's grandson, Levi Higa's naming: Elana and Mark Margolis

Janine and Douglas Cohen's 40th Wedding Anniversary: Elana and Mark Margolis

In Appreciation of:

Rabbi Huntting's beautiful service at the naming of our grandson Levi: Sheila and Warren Wollheim

In Memory of:

Vivian Zwick, mother of Barbara Sander: Elana and Mark Margolis

MEN'S CLUB DONATIONS

Speedy Recovery: Stephen Swerdlow: Judith and Leonard Swerdlow

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH EDUCATION'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Cynthia Davis Guttman

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Alyssa Mandel and Brian Gomien
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Alexandra and Gregory Band

Sherry and Jerry Thomas

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Caitlin and Michael Moustoukas
Britt and Noah Riner
Chloe and Adam Swerdlow

In Memory of:

Elaine Schirtzer, deceased wife of
Hyman, from Holly Schirtzer

GAN FUND

Samantha and Brian Karman
Gillian and Chester 'Pearl' Perlinski, for
Gan Security
Tara and Brad Roberts

In Honor of:

Karen and Daryl Worobow's newest
granddaughter Stella Worobow:
Judith and Leonard Swerdlow

In Memory of:

Sophie Swerdlow, from Judith and
Leonard Swerdlow

ANCHIN FUND

Women of Sinai

URJ SUMMER PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Women of Sinai

In Memory of:

Vivian Zwick, from Susan Mallitz

ROBERT L. BASEMAN FUND FOR THE ENHANCEMENT AND PROMOTION OF TEMPLE SINAI

Speedy Recovery of:

Stephen Swerdlow, from Elana and Mark
Margolis

In Memory of:

Reggie Rodbell: Elana and Mark Margolis

ADULT PROGRAM FUND

In Honor of:

Brian Hersh being named CEO of The Arts
and Cultural Alliance of Sarasota County,
from Ellyn Bender and Pamela Paschall

In Memory of:

Scout, beloved dog of Andrea and
Eric Eiffert, from Ellyn Bender and Pamela
Paschall

MARX EDUCATIONAL FUND

In Memory of Margery Shurberg:

Edris and David Weis
Phyllis Lubert and Phil Feinstein
Susan Levine
Wendy and F. Thomas Hopkins
Judith Kenley

THANK YOU

CONDOLENCES AND YAHREZEITS

WE REMEMBER THEM

The family of congregant Judith Catalano, who passed away on May 3, 2023.

Marvin Rosen on the death of his brother, David Rosen, who passed away on May 10, 2023.

Michelle Portnow Rivas and Jimmy Rivas on the death of Michelle's father, Arthur Portnow, who passed away on May 11, 2023.

Michael Juceam on the death of his father, Arthur David Juceam, who passed away on May 12, 2023.

Jean Andriesse in memory of Mollie Andriesse and Stanley Falkow.

Sheila and Ron Bellamy in memory of Ann C. Luongo.

Ellyn Bender and Pamela Paschall in memory of Pamela's brother.

Diane and Victor Block in memory of Lee Alan Block.

Sylvia Bloom in memory of Lottie Lafkowitz and Sheila Fisher.

Betty and Donald Cahall in memory of Joseph Burstyn.

Janine and Douglas Cohen in memory of Shirlee Cohen Freed.

Diana and Lawrence Ehrlich in memory of Margaret Lewis.

Judy and Eric Fox in memory of Eric's mother, Irene Fox.

Irene and Robert Fritsch in memory of Rose Drawas Kaplan.

Laurie Ginsburg and Natalie Young in memory of Joy Feinberg and Art Ginsburg.

Judith and Herbert Gofman in memory of Samuel Gofman and Pauline Gofman.

Carole and Fred Gorin in memory of Charlotte Lerner.

Rabbi Geoff and Sue Kittner Huntting in memory of Sue's father, David Kittner and Rabbi Geoff's mother, Jean Huntting.

Sammy Hyde in memory of Herman Finkelstein.

Marilyn Katz in memory of father-in-law, David Katz.

David Kaufman in memory of Morris Kaufman.

Rae Ellen and Robert Levene in memory of Ruth Strohl.

CONDOLENCES AND YAHREZEITS

(CONTINUED)

Lydia Landa in memory of Lily Sequerra.

Deborah Linick in memory of Esther Hirsh and Murray Hirsh.

Martha Magenheim in memory of Ret Turner.

Claire McCarthy in memory of Renee F. Goldstein, Bruce L. Ruben and Martin Pfeifer.

Irving Mishkin in memory of Simon Mishkin.

Susanne and Henry Mosler in memory of Alberta Mosler

Gail Perer in memory of mother, Helen Bahm.

Gillian and Chester "Pearl" Perlinski in memory of Gillian's beloved father, Melvin N. Lash.

Debbie and Michael Rubin in memory of Debbie's mother, Glorya Sackett Scherr.

Gail and Ronald Schimel in memory of Ronald's beloved father, Leo Schimel.

Patricia and Allan Schreiber in memory of David Gross and Donald Biggard.

Reb Ari Shapiro in memory of Henry Shapiro.

Paula Spitalny in memory of Lilian Weitz, Marjorie Rose and Max Spitalny.

Marty Taffel in memory of wife, mother, teacher, Arleen Gerson Taffel.

Suzanne and Michael Weinstein in memory of Naomi Weinstein.

Karen and Daryl Worobow in memory of Marion Finkel.

Laura and Paul Zatz in memory of Herman Wilkinsky.

Laura and Paul Zatz in memory of Meyer Zatz.

Elinor Zuch in memory of beloved husband, David Zuch.

Zichronam Livracha
May their memories be for a blessing.

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