

TABLET BRIEFS

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As we linger in the Yamim Noraim, the Ten Days of Repentance, we continue to reflect and look ahead.

As you know this is the synagogue's busy season. The fall not only means more programming but four holy days one after the other. The stretch from Rosh Hashanah to Simchat Torah brings with it joyous celebrations and somber remembrances. Approaching Yom Kippur let us return, *teshuvah*, to what is important - community and joyous moments that help create beautiful memories!

This Month's Featured Articles

- *Hidden Connections* by Chazzan Cliff Abramson
- *Annual Appeal* by Elana Margolis and Laurie Lachowitzer



TEMPLE SINAI

HIDDEN CONNECTIONS



At the conclusion of N'ilah we begin to hear, "Now that the Holy Days are over..." implying that the High Holy Days end with Yom Kippur. Nothing could be further from the truth. Although Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur mark the beginning of the Days of Awe, there is so much more that follows, including Sukkot and Simchat Torah. Subtle connections link many parts of our calendar. Some of these connections foreshadow one part of our year from another. And there's more...

In many countries, a Friday morning shopping ritual precedes the traditional preparations for Shabbat. While this may be an obvious connection, there are other, more subtle associations. The haftarah blessing chanted at the conclusion of the Shabbat morning Torah reading, using music entirely based on the cantillation melody of the haftarah itself; this is a subtle foreshadowing.

We can even apply this foreshadowing to other holidays. Rosh Hashanah is preceded by Selichot; a holiday when we make time for reflection so we can prepare for Rosh Hashanah. Between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, there is a period of time called the "Ten Days of Repentance," which signals that Yom Kippur is not far off.

Even building of the sukkah which happens at the conclusion of Yom Kippur, begins by hammering the first nail into the wood and foreshadows the ultimately fully erected sukkah. There are so many more hidden connections between the holidays that a bit of contemplation can reveal to you.

May the cycle of the year ahead be filled with joy and peace for all of you.



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

I would like to start by wishing each and every one of you a happy and healthy 5783! May you be inscribed in the Book of Life for a year filled with health, love and peace. It's also a time for self-examination (not guilt!) and to ask ourselves: "What could I have done better this year? What can I do better next year? How can I be a little kinder next year?"

May I give you one suggestion?
VOLUNTEER.

This year during my personal time of reflection, I have thought a great deal about my five years in Sarasota and how I became involved at Temple Sinai. Prior to moving here, Fredda and I had dropped out of the Jewish community after our children had their *b'nei mitzvah* and for many years our only Jewish engagement was visiting synagogues during our travels.

So naturally when we arrived in Sarasota, I visited Temple Sinai and was immediately taken by the warmth and friendliness of the congregation! Fredda and I decided to join and it didn't take long before I found myself helping here and there. Before I knew it, I was asked to join the board as a trustee and I found that the more I did, the better I felt. Serving the synagogue gave me a sense of belonging and a personal satisfaction I hadn't experienced in a long time. When asked to become Ellyn's President Elect, it didn't take much arm twisting!



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT (CONTINUED)

I would be lying if I said the past couple of months haven't been challenging! But as many of us learned on Selichot, while personal growth is difficult, the resulting resilience and gratification are worth the growing pains. I'm thrilled to tell you that Temple Sinai's future is looking bright! Since July 1, we've had eleven new member families join our synagogue. As COVID fades away, people are eager to be together and reconnect and volunteering is among the best ways to do just that.

Thanks to our dedicated volunteers, several fundraising events are scheduled. This includes the Jewish Food Festival and a Casino Night. Our kitchen is open and welcome receptions are back thanks to Kitchen Manager, Jerry Thomas and the help of many volunteers. The Social Action Committee has been rekindled. Everything AND the Turkey is being planned as our Mitzvah Day and each will provide additional important volunteer opportunities.

Let us not forget the staff who work to keep things humming along!

Chazzan Abramson is working tirelessly alongside the Ritual Committee to prepare for meaningful and introspective High Holy Day services. Through Laura Freedman's leadership, the Gan is fully enrolled and has a waiting list. New young families are joining Temple Sinai in part because of JQuest, our new youth education program under Bethany Leinweber. Our SAFETY Youth Program, under Josh Leinweber, is having record attendance and programs.

Andrea Eiffert is making sure that all of our programs and events are marketed successfully and is overseeing the multitude of adult programs and lifelong learning opportunities. Marian, Tina and the custodians work hard to maintain the books, office and the building. In short, Sinai is alive and back!

As we prepare for the New Year, I want to thank all of you for your commitment to Temple Sinai and urge you to get involved. Volunteer!

L'Shana Tovah,
Alan Chalfin, President

AUGUST BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING BRIEF

Minutes from the July board meeting were approved.

The meeting began with a prayer from Chazzan Abramson and he let everyone know he was healing well from his recent surgery.

President-elect Sherry Thomas provided some encouraging words regarding the momentum and the desire to keep it going, especially with the roll-out of JQuest. She congratulated Bethany and her team on a fantastic JQuest Open House.

Secretary Elyse Gordon gave a brief explanation of when reports are due and why it is important to meet the deadlines.

Announcement that Women of Sinai and Sinai Men's Club will have representation on the Board of Trustees. Representatives are invited to sit at the table with voice but no vote.

Temple Sinai Member Richard Stern gave a presentation about the synagogue's investment policy. He reviewed the basics of investing and what financial advisors do to support companies and organizations. He answered basic questions as well.

AUGUST BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING BRIEF (CONTINUED)

Rob Krasow, VP Development, provided an explanation about “Chai Day” and its rollout on August 18. Chai Day winners receive a designated parking spot for one month. Members can buy tickets for \$18 each with a drawing being held on the 18th of the month. Rob also gave a brief overview of some upcoming fundraising initiatives for the year:

- The Annual Appeal will be spearheaded by Laurie Lachowitzer and Elana Margolis. We are anticipating 100% board participation.
- A 50/50 raffle will be ongoing until April and all members received information with tickets in mail.
- A Night at the Theater: Broadway and More will be held on Saturday, December 10. We already have several sponsors to help offset the cost and hope to bring in significant funds through ticket sales.
- Temple Sinai Casino ReFUND Night on Saturday, April 15. The 50/50 raffle will be held at this event and it will be this year’s major fundraising event.
- Junk to Jewels rummage sale will be scheduled to take place this spring. All proceeds will benefit the synagogue.

High Holy Day Marketing Campaign. Development and Communications are working on a Facebook ad campaign targeting unaffiliated Jews in Sarasota and Manatee counties. Using specific filters to target this demographic, we will be offering discounted High Holy Day tickets to potential new guests and members. A motion was raised and passed by the board.

Annual Appeal

The Past Presidents invite you to participate in our Annual Appeal.

“But I pay my dues,” you say. Yes, we are grateful for your membership commitment. The reality is that dues only cover a portion of our expenses. Historically, traditional dues and fees bring in about 50% of our revenue. That is why we are seemingly always asking you to donate and to support various fundraising activities and events.

What does Temple Sinai mean to you? What do you value most about Temple Sinai?

We ask you to reflect on these questions for a few minutes. Everyone will have their own unique answers, but we can anticipate some of the responses. People value our sense of community and the feeling of belonging, the meaningful liturgy and inspiring music we experience, our engaging adult learning opportunities and creative youth education. As we enter our fourth decade, we continue to ensure the future of our synagogue and the Jewish people.

Please consider what Temple Sinai means to you. Please open your hearts and your pocket to help us build towards a stronger tomorrow. You may make your contribution online, transfer stock or IRA funds or send a personal check. We are grateful for your gift.



Elana Margolis and Laurie Lachowitzer, in collaboration with the Past Presidents.





*Temple Sinai Past Presidents cordially
invite you to participate in this year's
ANNUAL APPEAL.*

*Every gift is a commitment to Temple
Sinai's future, building towards a
stronger tomorrow.*

Donate Now

L'Shanah Tovah

Wishing you health,
happiness and peace.

The Life & Legacy Team



The Rabbi Geoffrey Hunting
Endowment Fund

Please contact Janine Cohen
(jlc@dmcohen.com) for
information on Life & Legacy

Schedule of High Holy Day Services

DATE	SERVICE/PROGRAM	TIME
Tuesday, October 4	Kol Nidre Service*	7:30pm
Wednesday, October 5	Yom Kippur Morning Service*	10:30am
	Family Yom Kippur Experience	1:30pm
	High Holy Day Talkback	2:30pm
	Afternoon Yom Kippur Service	4:30pm
	Yom Kippur Yizkor Service	5:00pm
	N'ilah and Havdalah Service	5:30pm
	Break the Fast	6:30pm
Monday, October 10	Sukkot Service & Kiddush	10:30am
Monday, October 17	Sh'mini Atzeret/Yizkor Service	10:30am
	Congregational Simchat Torah Celebration and Consecration Service, with Yiddish Cowboys	5:30pm

**These services require tickets to attend in person and are also available on livestream.*



Picture from Tashlich on the Beach



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Calling all URJ Camp Coleman families!

DO YOU LOVE URJ CAMP COLEMAN?
CAN'T WAIT FOR YOUR KIDS TO RETURN IN SUMMER 2023?
DON'T MISS OUT ON PRIORITY REGISTRATION!

As you may know, this past summer at Coleman we worked to have the most typical summer possible and it couldn't have been a greater success. If your children have attended Camp Coleman in years past, then you are able to register during the Priority Registration period (October 6 - October 16). Anyone who was on the 2022 waiting list is also able to register at that time! We're sure that all sessions will be filling up fast, so definitely save your spot now if interested.

If you're new to the Coleman community and this would be your first summer sending your kids, no worries. Regular registration will open on October 18!

Have questions about priority registration or would like more information? Feel free to reach out to Lauren Gordon at campcoleman@urj.org.



Upcoming Featured Events

Synagogue-wide
**High Holy Days
Food Drive**

October 4 - 5 from 9:00am-6:00pm

Bags will be given out on Rosh Hashanah for you to fill and return to Temple Sinai on Yom Kippur.

Your donations will benefit
ALL FAITHS FOOD BANK

Questions? Judy Polivy
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CHAZZAN ABRAMSON AND
TEMPLE SINAI INVITE YOU TO:

**SUNDAYS AT
SINAI**

Sunday, October 9
4:00pm - 5:15pm

A CELEBRATION OF THE
MUSICAL ARTS FEATURING
THE ASTRALIS CHAMBER ENSEMBLE

FREE AND OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY
BUT PLEASE REGISTER AT:
WWW.TEMPLESINAI-SARASOTA.ORG/EVENTS




AMERICAN FRIENDS OF
MAGEN DAVID
ADOM



TEMPLE SINAI
CONNECT WITH US
GROW WITH US
CELEBRATE WITH US...

Please Join Us

As we dedicate a

Mobile Intensive Care Unit for Israel

Generously Sponsored by

Milton Richter

Sunday, October 16, 11:00AM

In person or on Zoom

4631 S Lockwood Ridge Road, Sarasota
Enter from Proctor Rd.

Come for Erev Shabbat
services and stay for

**Dinner
& Game Night**

Pan Asian Buffet Style Dinner

**Friday, October 21
7:15pm**

4631 S. Lockwood Ridge Road
Sarasota



BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, October 30th | 9AM - 2PM

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CELEBRATE WITH US...

4531 Lockwood Ridge Rd
Sarasota

Presented By
Temple Sinai Men's Club
In Support of Adam Swerdlow



Each donor will receive a Culver's "Pint For A Pint" Coupon, a custom SCBC "Faith in Blood" t-shirt, and a trackable tree planted for donating!!

SUNCOAST
BLOOD CENTERS

Sign up NOW!

ANIMAL HOUR AT TEMPLE SINAI

For ALL ages!

FREE

Sunday, October 30
10:00am - 11:00am
at Temple Sinai

Bring your pet and
receive blessings, take photos
and make treats and crafts!

BRING DONATIONS:
BIRD SEED
BIRD TOYS





A word from the... *Social Action and Justice Committee*

Join us for our open house on October 23 at 10:00am.



VOTING REMINDER

The November 8 election will be here shortly. It will include voting for US Senator, House of Representatives, Governor of Florida, Attorney General, Constitutional Amendments and various local issues. An informed public is the foundation of democracy. The last day to register and be able to vote in this election is October 11.

TO LEARN MORE VISIT:

www.templestsinai-sarasota.org/adult-communities/socialaction

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(WE REMEMBER THEM)

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May their memories be for a blessing.