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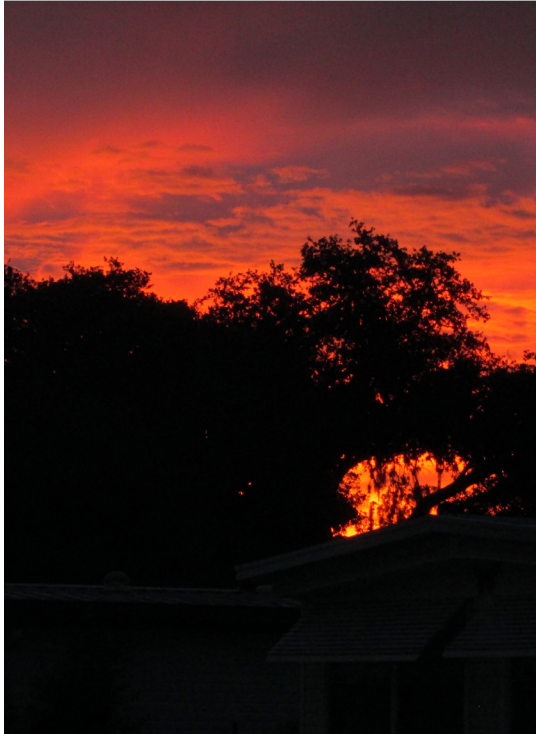
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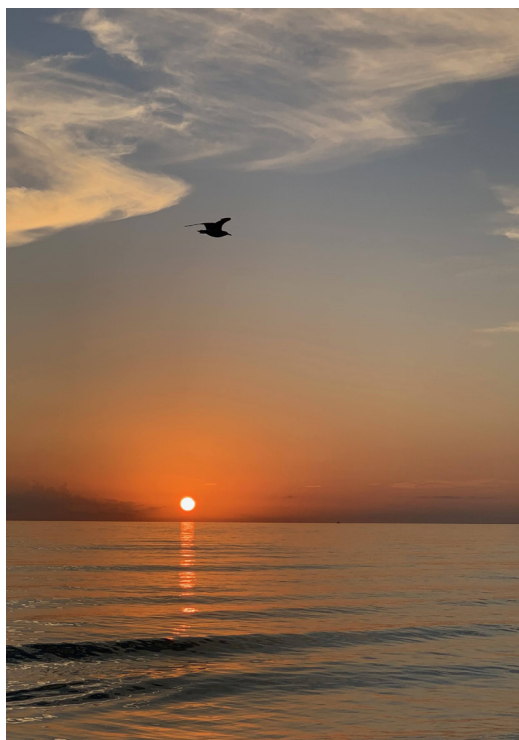
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Gail Glickman Wins Photo Contest

Congratulations to Gail Glickman. Gail captured a beautiful view of day turning to evening. The sun made a silhouette of the trees outside her house and turned the sky many shades of red, orange, yellow, blue, and purple. Gail caught a bit of the magic that often happens at sunset here in the Sarasota area.

We are beginning to receive various kinds of photos and thank those of you who have sent in your pictures. We want to see more! To have your submission considered for the March issue, please email us your best high resolution photos, in horizontal as well as vertical format, by February 15 to tablet@templesinai-sarasota.org.

We look forward to seeing your photos of what you love about our town, the surrounding area and Temple Sinai.

—Les Gilbert
Editor



Photo by Gail Glickman



FROM YOUR CLERGY

A Prayer for Being Shaken

In late summer of 2000, I was in Jerusalem for my Year in Israel Program as part of the five-year training for my ordination as a cantor at the Hebrew Union College. There were rabbinic and education as well as cantorial students. There were several students who I found particularly friendly and interesting with whom I wanted to become friends. One of the students was a rabbinic student named Charlie Cytron-Walker. He was funny, knowledgeable, loveable and a mensch.

We were in Jerusalem at a particularly dangerous time. It was the beginning of the Second Intifada and suicide bombers were everywhere. The rabbinic students and the cantorial students shared many classes, but not all. We did, however, share large school lecture style meetings on how to deal with the violence. We were all together when 9/11 happened, and between the devastation at home and the danger in Israel were often required to gather together at someone's home for safety. My apartment, as lovely as it was, happened to be below ground so we often sought shelter there. During such times like these, bonds were created that went beyond friendship and lasted for years.

After coming back to the states, Charlie and I stayed in touch, but as often happens, we went about our work and lost touch. Two years ago, we met up again at the *L'taken* Seminar in Washington D.C. and had dinner together. We caught up on old times and talked about the future. Little did I know that he and three others would be taken as hostages at his synagogue in Colleyville, Texas two year later.

When the gunman took Charlie and three others during a Saturday morning service on January 15, there was an enormous outpouring of love and concern for him and his family on Facebook. I was ultimately able to contact him and his family privately. My colleagues and I had our hearts in our mouths until 11 hours later when Charlie and the other captives escaped without injury.

At that same time, my 87 year old mother was in the hospital suffering from severe effects of Covid. My family and I were unsure of the outcome of her situation. It was pretty touch and go for a while, but a few days later she had turned the corner and began her path to recovery. Between Charlie's life threatening situation and my mother's, I was indeed shaken. I was not sure what to make of all this sadness and strife.

Days later, when I realized that there was no way to explain why all of this had happened I knew that there was something I could do, and I will offer it to you now. I offer a prayer to all of you, including myself. I pray that all of us will never forget how fragile and precious life can be and we are always grateful for what each and every day brings us. May you all be well and safe.

L'shalom,

Chazzan Abramson



FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

But I Did Everything Right...

Have you ever carefully planned to do something - taken on a job, a task, a problem - and despite doing everything you did for the right reasons, it doesn't turn out well? I am certain that you have! It is one of the earliest lessons that we learn as children...we do our best to ensure the outcome we desire and expect, but it doesn't always turn out that way, despite all good intentions.

Ira Glass on *This American Life* cites the perfect example of this; a young woman working at a theme park finds a wallet stuffed with money. Her fellow workers want to split the money between them, but she refuses, saying that this money could be a family's entire vacation at the park. She takes the money and places it into her cash register and waits. Sure enough, in comes a man who asks if someone found the wallet he lost. The young woman, anticipating a heartfelt thank you, proudly pulls the wallet from the cash register and hands it to him saying "I found it and saved it for you." The man grabs the wallet and begins counting the money inside. He turns to her and says, "some of the money is missing - did you take my money? You took my money!" Dumfounded, she can hardly respond. She meant well. She did the right thing for all the right reasons. And still, it did not turn out as she expected.

And so, as adults, one would think that having had experiences like this in our lives, this would not be a new lesson to be learned each time it happens. Nevertheless, it surprises us. We do not expect it. We do not anticipate it. When we do the right thing for the right reasons and the outcome just does not match the intentions with which we set out, it gives us pause. Sometimes, we are shocked. Other times, we are just terribly disappointed. And sadly, sometimes it causes us to lose faith in our own judgment.

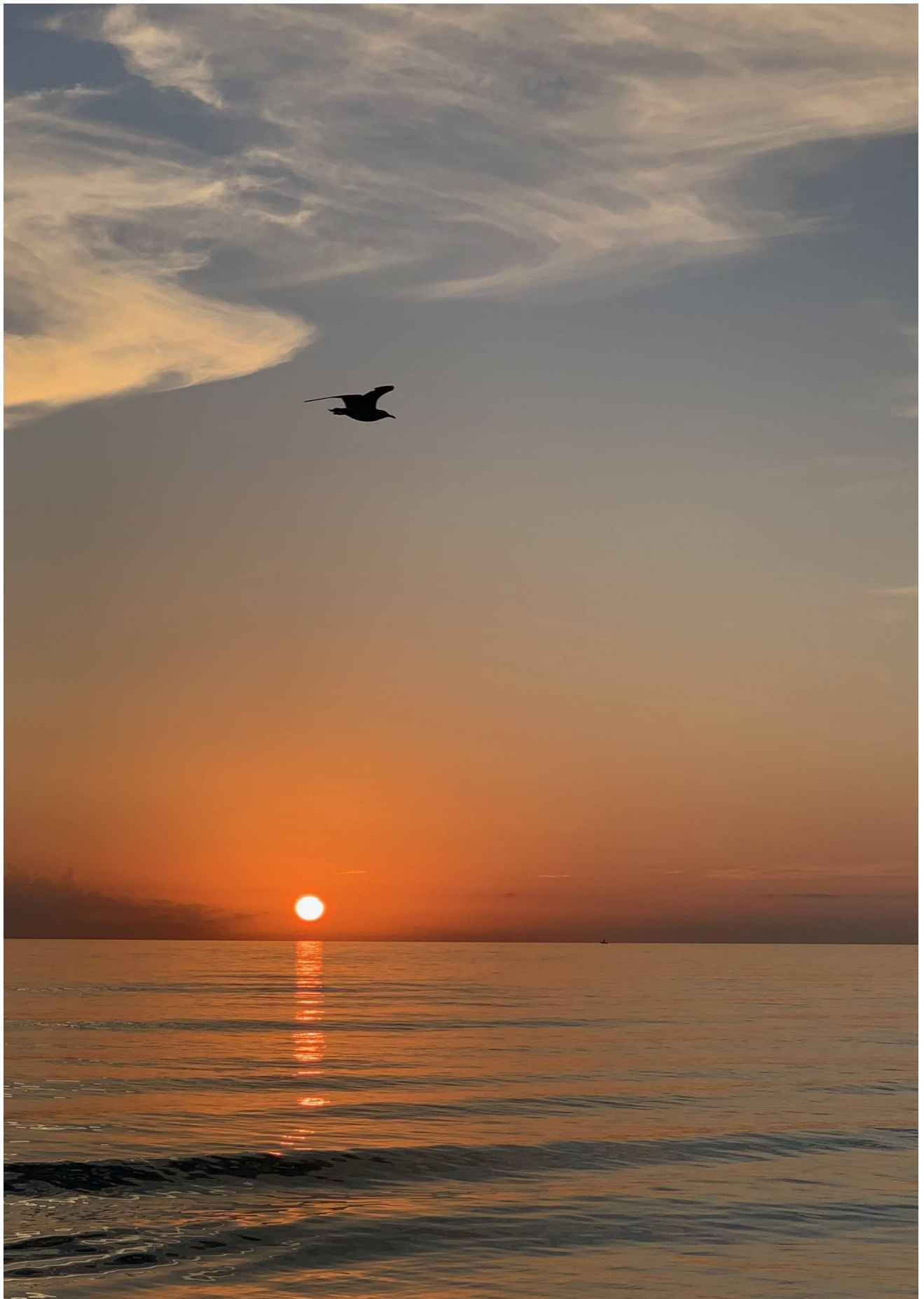
As I think over the difficult decisions that we have made in response to the COVID-19 pandemic over the last 23 months, I am certain that we tried to do the right thing for Temple Sinai and our community. I know that I, as well as my board colleagues, believe that we have an obligation to not only serve our community, but also to safeguard our physical security and our health, including exposure to COVID-19. Some of our decisions were lauded, some were not. But always, they were made with the intention of doing the right thing for the greater good of our congregants, staff, and clergy.

This is the time of year when we begin to identify positions on the board that will need to be filled for the next year. The nominating committee seeks to identify upcoming temple members willing to serve and share their vision of our future. Those on the board, and those hoping to join the Board, sincerely believe that they will make the "right" decisions or they would not put themselves in these positions. Yet, as we all know, doing all the right things does not always ensure the intended result. To those of you who have, and will, step up to the important role of board member, I thank you and encourage you to keep pursuing the "right" thing to do, no matter the circumstances. If you do that, Temple Sinai will benefit from your strength.

L'shalom,

Ellyn Bender, President





SINAI MEN'S CLUB

We hope everyone enjoyed their New Year's. We would like to welcome our newest board member Stuart Rothbaum. Stuart will be bringing a lot of experience to our board. We look forward to working with him.

As we all are aware, we are dealing with a new Covid variant called Omicron. We continue to get guidance from the opening committee and the Temple Board. One of the current rules is that we cannot have food in the Atrium or Social Hall. So, at this time it's unfortunate but we must cancel the following events until future notice. Breakfast on February 6, the Lunch and Learn on February 10, and the Schmooze on February 25.

Remember for any organization to be successful it takes teamwork. It's very unfortunate that Covid has put a damper on many activities for the Temple and the SMC.

However, we really believe if we all can come together and work as a team that we will

succeed. So, we ask you all to get involved and give us your ideas on fundraising and holding future safe events. Your voice does matter!

Listed below are some of our scheduled events for February 2022. We look forward to your participation!

—Chester “Pearl” Perlinski, Co-President

—Howard Polivy, Co-President



SINAI MEN'S CLUB UPCOMING EVENTS FEBRUARY 2022

Date	Event	Time	Description	Host	RSVP
February 13	Film Forum	7:00PM-8:00PM on Zoom	“The Secret Life of the Cruise” (Amazon Prime & YouTube) 2018 Docutainment film	Mike Pollack	Open to all temple members and their significant others. RSVP to Mike Pollack at mpollack738@gmail.com , before February 10 to receive a Zoom invitation
February 17	Book Club	12:30PM-2:00PM On Zoom	“The Paris Architect” by Charles Belfour	Allan Schreiber	Allan Schreiber at allanschreiber@comcast.net , before February 14 to receive a Zoom invitation

WOMEN OF SINAI



It seems 2022 started off much differently than we had hoped. Most of us curtailed some of our plans or moved them outdoors. Zoom is once again our main means of communication. Women of Sinai continues to reach out to all members to help them stay connected.

At the board meeting on January 6, Peggy Miller was pleased to report that our Simchagram program has collected its largest amount of donations! We hope you enjoy getting birthday wishes from Women of Sinai friends. Thank you Peggy for your work with the Simchagrams.

Another shout out to Sarah Benesch for taking care of the 2022 Mah jongg cards. Due to our members, Women of Sinai purchased 128 cards and we will receive a percentage of the cost.

If you missed the Dessert and Movie, you will have another opportunity to watch and discuss a movie with Carole Kleinberg. Janet Tolbert chaired this event and as usual did a wonderful job of getting the word out. Over 50 people attended the December 5 movie. Before the movie we had the opportunity to socialize with friends in the atrium along with some sweet treats. Thanks to our Hospitality VPs, Judy Intrator, Beth DelPico and Lee Coopersmith. We look forward to the next Dessert and Movie in May. You don't want to miss it!

Although Mahjong and More was canceled, we are looking for smaller ways to get together and play. Keep an eye out for more information.

Be sure to read Judy Polivy's Mitzvah project initiative. Judy works hard making sure our Mitzvah projects are well organized and supportive of the needs in our community.

On February 3 at 1:00PM the Women of Sinai will hear all about Arts in Sarasota. We are keeping our fingers crossed that it will be a hybrid model. Anne-Marie Russell will be the speaker for the Arts in Sarasota program. Anne-Marie Russell served six years as founding executive director and chief curator of Sarasota Museum of Art which is in the old Sarasota High School building.

As we look forward to what February has to bring, there are still ways to stay connected. Join Rabbi Kahn on February 2 at 9:00AM for Torah Trails on Siesta Key. The book club pick for February 17 at 2:00PM on Zoom is *Married to the Rabbi*. Check the temple calendar for the links.

Want to get involved in Women of Sinai? We are looking for new fresh ideas from our membership. Contact Laurie Criden at Laurie725@gmail.com to find out how you can be a valuable member of Women of Sinai.

—Laurie Criden

WOMEN OF SINAI MITZVAH, FEBRUARY 2022

Welcome to February! Thank you to those who brought books for HIPPY (Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters). All of your books were delivered at the end of January. It's amazing how this organization can get parents, who are not sure how to read with their little ones, to learn how to make reading "fun" and get meaning from the story with their children. These same parents get so involved in the reading process that they become the "drivers", reading everyday with their children and really enjoying the time they spend together. So Thank You!

Get ready to clean out your non-perishable food closets. We are doing a Temple Sinai-wide Food Drive, with food going to All Faiths Food Bank in Sarasota.

Save the dates: All Faiths Food Bank is delivering a large food bin to the Temple on

Monday, February 7. We will be collecting non-perishable food Monday afternoon, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00AM to 2:00PM, and the bin will be picked up on Friday morning, February 11. If you only come to Temple for Shabbat services, then on Friday, February 4, please bring your food that evening and put it in the yellow food bins, already at the temple. That food will also be included in our drive and will be placed in the bin on Monday.

As you are usually so kind and caring, let me thank you ahead for your generosity. Let's help All Faiths Food Bank feed the community in February.

For questions, please contact Judy Polivy (teachtel21@frontier.com)
(703) 624-7093

—Judy Polivy

MEN'S JUDAICA JEWELRY

The Gift Shop has some strong and attractive jewelry for the men in the Temple that is very reasonably priced. Pieces that would be good gifts for men. We are also getting ready for Passover and have Elijah cups and new seder plates.

Stop in and look around. Come say hello. We are open Friday evenings before services at 5:00PM or call (516) 314-0321 for an appointment.



TEMPLE SINAI CELEBRATES TU B'SHEVAT

Tu B'Shevat, an ecological holiday, reminds Jews of our connection to the earth and our role as caretakers of the environment. Temple Sinai has a strong tradition of emphasizing the importance of the earth on this special holiday, called the Birthday of the Trees.

Temple Sinai's Religious School students celebrated Tu B'Shevat January 23, enjoying a wonderful celebration with over 60 kids, parents, teachers and madrichim in attendance. Due to cold and wet weather the event was moved from Phillippi Estate Park "home" to Temple Sinai, but the inclement weather did not deter the kids from having a wonderful time. The day began with an engaging and musical service led by Rabbi Samantha Kahn, Chazzan Cliff Abramson and Bethany Leinweber, Director of Youth Education. There was singing, blessings, a story and a skit, followed by a program by the teachers and madrichim of Temple Sinai Religious School. The students/parents split into groups by grades and built and painted birdhouses, and listened to Geveret Illene teach all about JNF and

the importance of planting trees in Israel. The day ended with the distribution of delicious fruit cake inspired by the seven species of Israel made by Neshama Gourmet. Bethany exclaimed, "everyone had a blast!"

The Gan at Temple Sinai students and teachers celebrated the holiday of Tu B'Shevat in the classrooms. The teachers explained how we should take care of the trees and what wonderful gifts that the trees give to animals and people. The teachers read aloud books about the holiday and the trees. Art projects/activities included student-made bird feeders to hang on trees in The Gan teaching garden, painted tree murals of the 4 seasons, a felt board decorated to show the birthday of the trees, sensory bin to plant flowers and coffee filter flowers to add to the school-wide mural. The Gan students and teachers sang "Happy Birthday" to the trees in English and Hebrew and everyone enjoyed the Birthday Celebration of Trees!

—Gail Glickman



Marin and Logan



Ariella and Lucy



Yosef and Else

LIFE AND LEGACY™

The Life and Legacy Endowment Team continues its efforts to increase resources and plan for Temple Sinai's future by increasing the size of our endowment so that it can make a meaningful annual contribution to Sinai's budget.



In November the Endowment Team welcomed longtime Temple Sinai member Larry Linhart to the Team. In this month's Tablet article Larry shares his thoughts about giving to support our Temple's current and future needs.

Larry Linhart Shares His Thoughts

Sherry (z"l) and I moved to Longboat Key in June 2007, after many years of vacationing here. We both were avid sailors and being able to dock our sailboat at the Longboat Key Moorings marina, which was near our home, was a real plus. We joined Temple Sinai shortly after moving here after visiting several congregations. The warmth of Temple Sinai along with the impressive clergy sealed our decision. Sherry became very involved in various gardening and flower arranging pursuits due to her long love affair with flowers. We both enjoyed participating in temple events and attending services. Many of our best friendships were developed through the temple.

We both decided to support Temple Sinai through the Annual Appeal and made arrangements for gifts to the temple after our deaths. In honor of Sherry's 70th birthday, I established the Sherry Linhart Flower Fund and was glad to see that fund bring joy to Sherry prior to her passing. Around this time, I also joined the Life & Legacy Program to help assure the temple's long-term viability. After Sherry's death, and in accord with our prior arrangements, I wanted to make a more meaningful gift to the temple in honor of Sherry. I worked with Rabbi Kahn and Gary Kravitz to make that gift, which then resulted in naming the Chapel after Sherry. Sherry and I both strongly believed in *tzedakah* and believe that the Life and Legacy Program is a flexible program that enables us and all others to carry out that obligation within our means.

Please join Larry Linhart and the 70 plus donors to Life and Legacy, and 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.

For the Life and Legacy Team,
Janine Cohen (jlc@dmcohen.com)



BOARD BRIEFS

At the December meeting, the Board received information about the *Mishloach Manot* Purim fundraiser. An email for the fundraiser went out in January with a personalized link for each family. Each family can select members to send a Purim gift to, or give one to every family at the temple for a set price. Everyone will receive a Purim gift through this fundraiser.

The Board voted to rename the Scholar-in-Residence Fund as the Adult Programming Fund, allowing for a broader, more flexible use of this fund. The purpose of the fund will be to support adult programming, and it will be managed by the Program Director and the Vice President of Education. Contributions to

this fund can be made through ShulCloud or by check.

The Board considered recent Advisory Council recommendations. The Board voted to remove the blue tape in the sanctuary, to allow people to social distance while using the space more efficiently. The Board also voted to require staff to receive a booster when appropriate per CDC guidelines. At a later vote, the Board considered additional Advisory Council recommendations, and voted to require proof of vaccinations at in-person services (other than preschool/religious school services) and to suspend food and drink outside for the next 30 days.

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Weiner,
Board Secretary

Membership Matters

The work of Temple Sinai's Membership Committee is crucial to the creation of a meaningful temple community. While every member is, by nature, involved in membership, the committee is the primary group that focuses on attracting, recruiting, welcoming, integrating, engaging and retaining members to help them find a lifelong place for themselves within our temple family.

Contact Elana Margolis at
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PROGRAM

Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin's Martini Judaism: For Those Who Want to Be Shaken, Not Stirred Not Stirred



Twenty-three months and counting... Covid continues to wreak havoc on our programs and lives, but we must refuse to let this deter us. With equal measure of creativity, flexibility and teamwork, we pledge to continue presenting events and programs that will keep you safe while engaging your hearts and minds.

To that end, we have had to make some changes to our Jewish Genealogy series and are also planning ahead to our March Scholar-in-Residence weekend, featuring Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin. But we have also launched a feel good FUNdraiser designed to remind us all about the mitzvah of *mishloach manot* (giving gift baskets for Purim) and remind us that together or apart, we truly are a family. If you haven't yet joined in the fun, [click here](#) for more information.

Missed the first session in Jewish Genealogy series on January 18? No problem; we recorded the first session and it's not too late to catch the rest of the series! Temple Sinai member and Genealogist, Doug Cohen, and Kim Sheintal from the Jewish Genealogical Society of SW Florida, are teaming up to provide all the information you need to explore your family tree! The six-part series is just \$36 per person for temple members but unlocking the secrets of your ancestry is priceless. [Click here](#) for more information and registration.

On March 4 and 5, we will be welcoming Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin as our guest Rabbi and Scholar-in-Residence. Rabbi Salkin has a national and international reputation as one of America's most quoted rabbis and thought leaders. His words have been cited in *The New York Times*,

The New Republic, and *USA Today*. He has appeared on television and radio programs, and has spoken in more than a hundred communities, including Israel, Great Britain, Cuba, and Poland. Several of his books have won national awards. He is the author of *Putting God on the Guest List: How to Reclaim The Spiritual Meaning of Your Child's Bar or Bat Mitzvah*. Rabbi Salkin serves as senior rabbi at Temple Israel of West Palm Beach. Rabbi Salkin's timely and relevant theme will be "tikkun," Hebrew for mending or repairing.

All three presentations will take place in the sanctuary and via livestream, and we will be providing a boxed lunch on Saturday. Here is the presentation schedule for the weekend:

Friday, March 4, 7:00PM: Tikkun HaNefesh (Repairing the Soul) featuring Rabbi Salkin's presentation: *"Fixing the Broken Hallelujah," an intimate encounter with the theology and poetry of Leonard Cohen – through Christian, Jewish, and mystical imagery.*

Saturday, March 5, 11:00AM: Tikkun Elohim featuring Rabbi Salkin's Presentation: *"The Hidden Meaning of Kaddish." Judaism's greatest hidden truth has been staring us in the face for almost a thousand years. You will never experience Kaddish the same way again.*

Saturday, March 5, 1:00PM: Tikkun Olam featuring Rabbi Salkin's Presentation: *"How Jews Get Woke:" A Master Class in Talmud. If you've never studied Talmud before, this funny and inspirational session is all about how to seek social justice in our communities.*

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Many thanks to Mark and Laurie Criden, Barbara and Michael Pollack, Alan and Fredda Chalfin, Women of Sinai and Sinai Men's Club for their generous sponsorships! Please note: Erev Shabbat service will be at 8:00 PM this weekend. For full details and to register, [click here](#).

Love Temple Sinai adult programs? Please consider a contribution to the new Adult Program Fund.

—Andrea Eiffert, Program Director

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RITUAL



As I contemplated what to write for February's *Tablet* article, I discovered a Talmudic quote: "When Adar comes, we increase in joy." Thinking of Purim, I am happy to be able to write about a holiday that increases our sense of well-being. Then I look at the calendar and Adar has pulled a fast one- it's a Jewish leap year (occurring approximately once every 3 years) and Purim won't be celebrated until Adar II in March! How appropriate that the quirky month of Adar falls when it does, since February is unique in that it too has a leap year (once every 4 years). The Jewish leap year, "shanah me'uberet," insures that the lunar months of the Jewish year stay in sync with the solar calendar.

In the secular world, we celebrate love on Valentine's Day, February 14. How fitting that Purim is celebrated on the 14th day of the month of Adar. But this year, we'll have to be content to observe "Little Purim" (Purim Katan) on the 14th and wait until Adar II to hear the words of the whole Megillah. Just as February's shortness helps us get through winter faster, it also moves us closer to Purim.

Here at Temple Sinai, special Bimah highlights in February include Alayna Cassell becoming a Bat Mitzvah on February 5 and Marli Engel becoming a Bat Mitzvah on February 12. These services will be held in person and virtually, and all are encouraged to attend.

So how to be happy in Adar? For me, it's enjoying simple pleasures like tasting my first cup of coffee each morning, surrounding myself with cheerful people and positive thinkers, and challenging myself to get involved in new things. And, of course, volunteering to participate in a Shabbat service by signing up through Sign Up Genius!

Here's to a month that increases in joy each day!

—Barbara Pollack, VP Ritual

CHESTER “PEARL” PERLINSKI COMPLETES HIS CONVERSION TO JUDAISM JANUARY 14, 2022

Chester “Pearl” Perlinski completed his conversion to Judaism in a heart-warming ceremony during the January 14 Erev Shabbat service. Rabbi Kahn emphasized the significance of the occasion and also shared her glowing comments about Pearl’s many contributions to Temple Sinai. Rabbi Kahn and Chazzan Abramson blessed Pearl and Pearl can be seen in the photo as Rabbi Kahn extends her best wishes.

Pearl has assumed many responsibilities at temple and within the Jewish community even before this special date. He is co-president of the Temple Sinai Men’s Club and he is Temple Sinai’s Security Committee Chair and Jewish Federation Security Committee Member. In that capacity, Pearl successfully obtained a security grant for Temple Sinai. With the help of The Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee and its partnership with Secure Community Network, we have received over \$90,000 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency for security enhancements.

Many of you were present, either in person or livestreamed, when Pearl conducted a moving tribute to veterans during our Veteran’s Day Erev Shabbat service. He can also be seen almost every Friday night greeting congregants as they enter the temple.

—Gail Glickman



ARTIST SERIES CONCERTS AT TEMPLE SINAI



For over 25 years, Artist Series Concerts has been bringing top young concert musicians from all over the world to Sarasota, and this season several of these young “stars on the rise” are performing at Temple Sinai.

On February 20th at 4:00 pm, we feature NEXUS Chamber Music Chicago, a collective of international artists committed to stimulating new interest in serious chamber music. Launched in 2018, NEXUS was co-founded by cellist Alexander Hersh, who was a winner of the Artist Series Concerts national string competition the same year. Hersh will be joined by violinist Maria Ioudenitch and violist Chloé Thominet in a program of string trios by Sibelius, Kurtág, Dohnányi, and Beethoven. The award-winning young musicians of NEXUS Chamber Music are on a mission to create unique, modern chamber music experiences, and their performances have been hailed by the Chicago Classical Review as “at a supremely high level”.

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Other upcoming artists are: Quartet Amabile (March 6, 4:00PM); and classical saxophonist Steven Banks (March 27, 4:00PM).

For more info, visit ArtistSeriesConcerts.org.



B'NAI MITZVAH

At Temple Sinai, becoming a Bar or Bat Mitzvah is one exciting moment on the continuum of Jewish learning. The purposes of this life cycle event are to enhance the child's self-esteem and to help nurture an identification with his or her Jewish community. We are happy to announce the following B'nai Mitzvah, celebrated here at Temple Sinai.



Alayna Cassell

Alayna Paige Cassell, daughter of Dr. Lance and Amy Cassell, was called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on February 5, 2022. Her interests include art, spending time with her family and animals.



Marli Engel

Marli Quinn Engel, daughter of Kelly and Scott Engel, was called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on February 12, 2022. She is a Barrel racer (horseback riding) loves music, dancing and animals.



Jackson Mitchell

Jackson Thomas Mitchell, son of Thomas and Kate Mitchell, was called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on January 29, 2022. He enjoys being involved in many theater productions at Venice Theatre. He loves his weekly piano and guitar lessons, is an avid reader, and a fan of classic cars.

THE GAN

Calendar of Events

February 28

Family Movie Night at 5:00PM
Stay tuned for the fabulous details!

Ongoing Events

Mondays

Temple Tots with Geveret Laura for 8-18 month olds
Mommy & Me style class at 9:30AM for circle time,
sing-a-long and movement, free play, and parent
share (vent). RSVP to laura@templesinai-sarasota.org



Laura Freedman,
Director of Early Childhood Education



Lunch with Laura: a
Silent Auction item that
Grandparents Judy and Len
Swerdlow won for grandkids
Harlow and Oscar Swerdlow.
We had a special time
together!!

Shabbat BaChootz: Shabbat Outside on The Gan Playground & Outdoor Classroom



Eliza Mitchell



Katie Silverstein and Eliza Mitchell



Lily and Reagan Spell and
Eloise Colkit



Girlfriends Laila Golen, Shayla Fischer,
and Stella Mae Kahn

Gulf Gate Library Hanukkah Celebration: An annual holiday outreach gathering at the public library hosted by Laura Freedman



Hanukkah crafting



Marin and Eliza Mitchell, Eva Colkitt, and Laura Freedman



Lyla Burton and Maddox Fincher playing the dreidel game



Jessica, Noah, and Charlie Greber



Vicky, Novalee, and Laila Golen



Dad Ryan Fincher, Grandma, Maddox and Caleb Fincher

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Temple Sinai Youth Education Programming



Bethany Leinweber,

Director of Youth Education, Outreach and Engagement

Calendar of Important dates for February:

February 3-4	Midweek Hebrew
February 3	Brews and Schmooze - Big Top Brewery 6:00PM
February 6	Sunday School 10:00AM
February 9-10	Midweek Hebrew
February 10	Sinai Moms Sisters of Sinai Rosh Hodesh Adar 7:00PM
February 11	Grade 6th grade Participates in Shabbat Service followed by Pizza dinner
February 13	Sunday School 10:00AM Moving Traditions Rosh Hodesh/Shevet 12:30PM
February 16-17	Midweek Hebrew
February 20	No Sunday School
February 23-24	Midweek Hebrew
February 25	Rhythm and Jews Shabbat Service 6:00PM
February 27	Sunday School 10:00PM Confirmation 10:30AM - 12:30PM

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

Alayna Cassell

Alexa Scharff

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Marli Engel

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MEMBERSHIP

Directory 2022

We're excited to share that the Temple Sinai Membership Directory is back for 2022! It is scheduled to be distributed at the annual meeting in May. This is a wonderful and easy way to support our strong and dynamic community.

Please look for details in the next month on ways you can participate. We hope you will purchase an advertisement, write a personal message or include a special photo for the Directory.

In the meantime, you can contact our Development Coordinator, Sharon Wittenberg at sharon@templesinai-sarasota.org with questions or comments.

—Sharon Wittenberg, Development Coordinator

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Say hello to the Bortingers!



Having family here, it made moving to Sarasota full time in August 2020 an easy decision. Nancy and Arie hail from Ridgewood, New Jersey where they were active members in their temple. Nancy's

background is working with geriatric patients; Arie was a research chemist.

Nancy and Arie met in Israel (Arie is a *sabra*, native-born Israeli) so travel is in their blood. They have two married sons and four grandchildren. Visiting their two sons and four grandchildren is top of the list, but mostly the children love coming to Florida to visit their grandparents, *Savta* and *Sabba*.

Temple Sinai was an easy choice. Nancy's sister and brother-in-law, Greta and Malcolm Roberts have been members for 8 years. Between the warm welcome from the Roberts' friends and our very own Elana Margolis, they felt at home immediately.

Already members of a newly formed *chavurah*, they have joined Women of Sinai and Men's Club and look forward to celebrating Jewish life within our community. Friday night services and dinners out with other new members has offered a strong connection to Sinai and our wonderful membership.

Make sure to say hello to the Bortingers. You will certainly see them around the temple.

Mazel Tov

to

Judy Fox who will serve on the 2022 Board of Directors of The Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee.

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

CELEBRATE

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

February 2

Natalie and Robert Weinstein

February 6

Kitty and Hanford Gross

February 19

Lauren and Brian Hersh

Kimberly and Jeffrey Saltz

February 22

Jill and Christopher Malkin

February 24

Lauren and Jeffrey Pearl

Marianne and Douglas Weiss

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

February 1

Mark Spector

February 3

Cindy Nash

Judith Polivy

Scott Elias

February 4

Lauren Pearl

February 5

Nancy Bossov

Cynthia Solomon

February 6

Hanford Gross

Toby Weiss

Ruth Shafer

February 7

Fred Gorin

Jeanne Marlowe

February 8

Rhoda Friedman

February 9

Jerry Kamiel

Jeffrey Silvershein

February 10

Lisa Greenberg

February 11

Paul Blankman

Julie Bess Jelinek

Phyllis Swerdlow

February 12

Doris Benice

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February 14

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February 15

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February 17

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Liza Collier becoming a Bat Mitzvah; Mazel Tov to the Collier family: Fredda and Alan Chalfin

In Appreciation of:

Pearl Perlinski and all he has done the past year for Temple Sinai: Judy and Eric Fox

Speedy Recovery of:

Alan Chalfin: Betty and Donald Cahall

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Alan Chalfin: Judith and Leonard Swerdlow

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Marty Taffel

In Appreciation of:

Rabbi Kahn's comfort and healing words at my mother's funeral: Judy and Eric Fox

Speedy Recovery:

Matt Kahn, feel better soon: Elana and Mark Margolis

Donald Cahall: Elana and Mark Margolis

Jamie Heisler: Jamie and Mark Heisler

CHAZZAN'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Barbara and Michael Pollack

In Honor of:

Liza Collier becoming a Bat Mitzvah: Elana and Mark Margolis

In Appreciation of:

Debbie and Michael Rubin's wonderful hospitality: Elana and Mark Margolis

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Lisa Naiburg and Daniel Kisch's wonderful hospitality: Elana and Mark Margolis

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Mark Silverstone

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In Honor of:

Liza Collier becoming a Bat Mitzvah: Ellyn Bender and Pamela Paschall

In Appreciation of:

Bethany Leinweber's work in putting together Hands on Hanukah: Carole and Fred Gorin

Bethany Leinweber's tremendous Hands on Hanukkah Program: Judy and Robert Handleman

Bethany Leinweber's outstanding Chanukah Event: Laurie Lachowitzer

In Memory of:

Larry Travitsky, father of Amy Cassell: Amy and Lance Cassell

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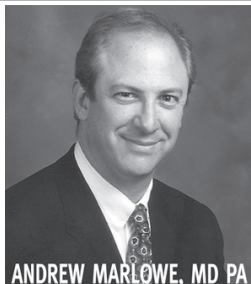


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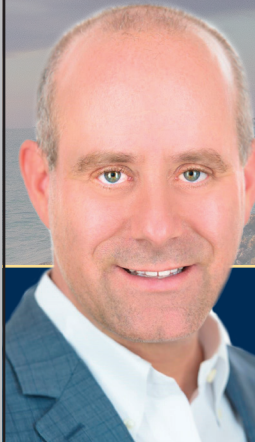
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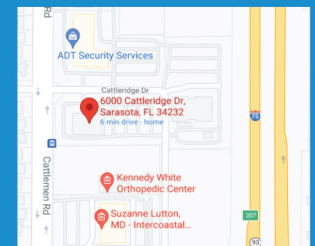
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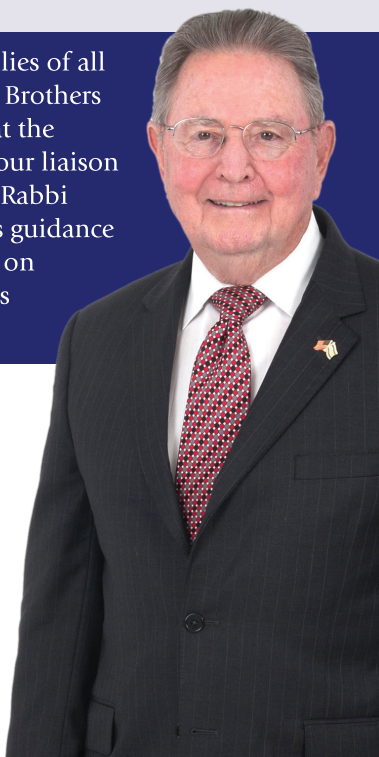
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