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# Ellyn Bender Wins Photo Contest

**C**ongratulations to Ellyn Bender. In addition to serving as Temple Sinai's President she is pretty handy with a camera. While on a walk close to her home, she caught a beautiful, purple bloom standing out brilliantly against a floor of deep green leaves. How fitting for springtime.

If you are inspired by the photos you see in the Tablet, please send us some of yours. Your photo could end up on the next cover! To have your submission considered for the April issue, please email your best high resolution photos, in horizontal as well as vertical format, by March 15 to [tablet@templesinai-sarasota.org](mailto:tablet@templesinai-sarasota.org).

Thank you for helping us beautify the pages of the Tablet.

—Les Gilbert  
Editor







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Photo by Ellyn Bender

# FROM YOUR CLERGY

## In the doing

For those of you who know me, you know that I do not often write about political issues. But there are some issues that just hit too close to home to go without comment. It is not my intent to offend anyone. However, it is just far too important to our congregation and the community at large not to offer these few thoughts.

It is no small wonder that one of the most quoted lines from the Torah is “Justice, Justice You Shall Pursue”. While the idea behind this line is both profound and universal there is a deeper meaning that bears examination. This deeper examination I believe has great relevance to our community today.

The sentence “Justice, Justice Shall You Pursue” means not just that justice is something we all must strive to have. It also means on a deeper level that a world of justice does not exist; not in days that the Torah was written, not today and in all likelihood, not in the days to come. This may seem like a depressing message, but there is a lesson of hope in its deepest meaning.

On Sunday, February 20 I attended a rally held by The Jewish Federation of Sarasota and Manatee County. The rally was held at Bayfront Park in Sarasota and was very well attended. All the speakers were committed in their messages, but very few had anything new to say about the wave of anti-Semitic activity that Sarasota had been experiencing in recent days with the clandestine distribution of hateful, anti-Semitic flyers that had been dumped overnight on the lawns of homes in several of our communities.

The spirit of the rally and its intent to create a sense of solidarity in this matter was very successful. It reminded people that we are not alone and that law enforcement is very well aware of what is happening and that we need not be afraid. Every rally I have ever been to has been like this one. It was successful in raising awareness of the problem but spent very little time on what to do next.

There was one speaker however, who introduced a concept that I believed opened a new door. I cannot remember who the speaker was, but he opened the group up to the concept of “Open Solidarity”. The

idea was that this was not just our problem. He said what we all know but seldom act upon: that an act of hate against one group is an act of hate against us all. And as a result, all must be involved in not just the response to an act of hate, but rather to behavior that will keep these acts from happening as much as we can. It is one thing to talk about solidarity, but it is another thing to act on it.

Upon hearing of this rally, my friend and colleague Pastor Steven McConnell of the Church of the Palms informed me that he would be attending this rally with many from his congregation. He was not asked to come, but he knew it was the right thing to do. This kind of solidarity between communities of our own and communities of our friends brings about change.

We have already seen changes in law enforcement, but not enough for prevention. We have seen the very beginning of discussions among our law makers about this issue, but it is only in its infancy if at all. The long march through the institution can take its lead from the Religious Action Center in Washington, DC that understands that solidarity means votes and votes mean significant change.

Will there ever be a time when we don't have the need to pursue justice because injustice no longer exists? It is highly unlikely. This does not mean that our goal should be and must be this lofty. Our religion is one of doing. It is in the doing that we have survived so long and will continue to thrive.

L'shalom,

Chazzan Abramson







# FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

## Planted

**T**he other day I passed by a small sign that caught my eye. It said, "Grow Where You are Planted". I don't know why, but it set me to thinking. It is a simple concept. Wherever you find yourself, by choice or not, take stock of your surroundings and look at the directions in which you could invest yourself and grow some roots.

Perhaps you moved to our area because of a job opportunity for you or your spouse. Perhaps it was to be near elderly parents. Maybe you just wanted to be out from the cold weather. It may make a difference if your move is by choice or not. You may find that even when a move is by choice, the result is not as expected or hoped.

Or, perhaps, no physical move is involved. Take, for example, the pandemic scenario. In the last two years, our world has been turned upside down and inside out. The ground has shifted beneath us, but for most of us, we have not moved anywhere. Perhaps quite the contrary, we have moved around less than ever. Yet, our roots have been stunted. Our connections to family and friends have become less in-person and more virtual. We missed seeing the birth of a grandchild or celebrating a *b'nai mitzvah* or attending a wedding. We have seen far less of the friends with whom we used to share meals and bake bread. Eating out is now a considered risk and some of our favorite haunts are no longer.

A sense of isolation, the breaking of familiar routines, the concern over being exposed to this virus and resulting complacency has essentially caused us to re-plant our lives while remaining in place. We are developing new routines

and perspectives on what is necessary to have or to do and what is not. We are re-thinking our definition of socializing and we are evolving new ways of staying in touch.

Our Temple Sinai community as a whole has experienced much the same as we, as members, have. We are thirsty for our in-person events, the laughter, the hugs, the communal meals and Welcome Receptions, the freedom to sing with heart and soul without masks and without concern for possibly spreading Covid-19.

I think it is time; time to re-plant ourselves, to let our roots find new sources of water to quench our thirst. It is time to re-root our core values to ensure we remain true to them, time to re-dedicate ourselves to what we hold dear. Complacency and fear cannot, and should not, be driving forces directing our regrowth.

That small sign, "Grow Where You are Planted", hung outside the door of an assisted living apartment, says there is hope, there is life to be lived, and roots to be spread, no matter what stage of life we are in or what changes we face.

Let us turn to each other for support, return to our community of shared values and seek together the direction our roots need to grow. We can do it better together.

L'shalom,  
Ellyn Bender, President







Photo by Elyn Bender



# SINAI MEN'S CLUB

**W**e would like to welcome our newest Temple Sinai and SMC members Mitchell Austin, Don Brown, David Feldman, and Erik Fischer. We are happy to have you join us! With our new sponsorship program in place, we are looking for SMC members who would like to volunteer to be a sponsor. If interested in this program, please contact Marc Rosen at [harmar67@aol.com](mailto:harmar67@aol.com).

a team, we will succeed. If you have any suggestions at all please feel free to contact us.

Howard Polivy  
at [teachtel21@frontier.com](mailto:teachtel21@frontier.com) or Pearl Perlinski at [ofcpearl@verizon.net](mailto:ofcpearl@verizon.net).



As we all are aware, we are dealing with a new Covid-19 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, for the time being any live events at the synagogue will not have food until further notice. However, we will be having our Schmoozes live. Please see the information below.

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

For information on joining the Sinai Men's Club, please contact David Stein, Membership Chair, at (240)-672-4771 or [steintravel@verizon.net](mailto:steintravel@verizon.net).

Remember for any organization to be successful it takes teamwork. It's very unfortunate that Covid-19 has put a damper on many activities for the synagogue and the SMC. However, we really believe if we all can come together and work as

If anyone ever wants a copy of our monthly board minutes you may contact Secretary Brian Oshrin at [boshrin@aol.com](mailto:boshrin@aol.com) to obtain an electronic copy.

—Chester “Pearl” Perlinski, Co-President

—Howard Polivy, Co-President

## SINAI MEN'S CLUB UPCOMING EVENTS MARCH 2022

Date	Event	Time	Description	Host	RSVP
March 8 March 9	Pick up Knishes	11:00 AM-1:00 PM 3:30 PM-5:30PM	Pick up your Preorder Sweet Potato Or Regular Potato Knishes	Pearl Perlinski	Pearl Perlinski at <a href="mailto:ofcpearl@verizon.net">ofcpearl@verizon.net</a> by March 2
March 20	Film Forum	7:00PM-8:00PM on Zoom	“A Taxi Driver” 2017 South Korean Drama based on real events	Mike Pollack	Open to all temple members and their significant others. RSVP to Mike Pollack at <a href="mailto:mpollack738@gmail.com">mpollack738@gmail.com</a> , before March 17 to receive a Zoom invitation
March 22	Schmooze	1130 AM-1:00 PM	Oak & Stone Restaurant 4067 Clark Road Sarasota, FL	Eric Fox	Eric Fox at <a href="mailto:Fox2817@aol.com">Fox2817@aol.com</a> by March 20
March 24	Book Club	12:30PM-2:00PM On Zoom	“The Paris Architect” by Charles Belfour.	Allan Schreiber	Allan Schreiber at <a href="mailto:allanschreiber@comcast.net">allanschreiber@comcast.net</a> , before March 22 to receive a Zoom invitation



# WOMEN OF SINAI



As the expression goes, March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb. May that be a description of the pandemic. I am hoping at this writing in early February, the pandemic went out like a lamb already!

Like Esther battling adversity, the Women of Sinai remained strong as we battled our common foe, Covid-19 and all its variants. We had *mitzvah* collections in February by holding a food drive. In March we are collecting items to help The Gan. Check the synagogue website for more information.

Ann-Marie Russell spoke about the architecture in Sarasota. She was a wealth of information about the many interesting buildings in Sarasota.

The book club continues to be a big draw as many join in the conversation. The February book was *Married to the Rabbi*. In March we will be discussing *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell. This is a fictional account of Shakespeare's son, who died at the age of 11 in 1596 during the bubonic plague.

Since (sadly) we had to cancel Mahjongg and More, we are investigating other opportunities to engage us. Look for information about an informal viewing of Embrace Our Differences in March.

Women of Sinai are always looking for fresh

faces and new voices to join our board. Tasks come in all shapes and sizes. Dip your toe into the water of Women of Sinai. There are short and long term tasks that need helpers. If you are looking for some opportunities to get more involved, email Greta Roberts at [migdalar@icloud.com](mailto:migdalar@icloud.com).

With Purim around the corner, we should think about this: Purim is celebrated by observing the following four rituals:

- Reading the Megillah which recounts the story of the Purim miracle. This is done once on the eve of Purim and again the following day.
- Giving money to at least two underprivileged people.
- Sending gifts of two kinds of food to at least one person.
- Having a festive Purim feast, which often includes wine or other intoxicating beverages.

Looking forward to sharing a toast with many of you on March 16! *Chag Purim sameach*.

—Laurie Criden

## WOMEN OF SINAI MITZVAH, MARCH 2022

**H**appy Spring!  
Our Food Drive in February was a success! A huge “Thank you” to all of you who participated. And a huge additional “thank you” to those who gave monetary donations. All Faiths Food Bank is so appreciative of our collection and I hope we can do this again. Special thanks to Lisa Pollack, Tara Ullman-McCaffrey, and Howard Polivy who were at the Temple helping folks take food out of their cars.



Tara even used her organization skills to organize all of the food in the bin! Thank you so much to you all.

Our collection for March will be to help The Gan. When I asked Laura how we could help, she suggested two areas of need: the kitchen and the playground. Here are some suggestions:

Kitchen: towels, cooking tools, measuring tools, pots, pans, etc.

Playground: all sized balls, Nerf toys, sidewalk chalk, outside games, etc.

There will be a bog box in the office for all of your donations, labeled for The Gan.

Again, I thank you for your generosity and kindness for others. Temple Sinai members create a very solid and caring community.

Happy spring!

—Judy Polivy





## THE WOMEN OF SINAI HEAR ABOUT ARCHITECTURE SARASOTA FROM WELL-KNOWN MUSEUM FOUNDER, ANNE-MARIE RUSSELL

**W**omen of Sinai did it again with an outstanding presentation by Anne-Marie Russell at the Women of Sinai Zoom meeting on February 3. Anne-Marie Russell is an art historian with a B.A. in Cultural Anthropology, UC Boulder, and an M.A. in Art History, UA Tucson. Anne-Marie is the co-founder of one of the first art sites on the internet. She has produced and directed award-winning art documentaries, taught graduate and undergraduate courses in art history at the University of Arizona while serving as Executive Director and Curator of the Museum of Contemporary Art in Tucson. Most notably, in our area, Anne-Marie created the Sarasota Art Museum along with the help of others. She served as the inaugural Executive Director and is currently Executive Director of Architecture Sarasota, which stewards

Sarasota's important architectural legacy and promotes principles of good design in the region.

At the Women of Sinai meeting focusing on Arts in Sarasota, Anne-Marie spoke about the global recognition, educational programs, lectures and tours that have made Sarasota a well-known cultural center. The concepts of living harmoniously with nature and preservation of architectural design in Sarasota have been two major guiding principles. The meeting was both educational and enlightening for the Women of Sinai. Suzanne Weinstein and Judy Feldman, Women of Sinai programming co-chairs, were commended for bringing this topic to us.

—Gail Glickman



Anne-Marie Russell

# LIFE & LEGACY™

On Friday, March 18 the Life & Legacy Team will host a combination in person and livestreamed Erev Shabbat service to honor our donors and volunteers. Volunteers from our committee and donors will participate in the service. Although the continuing Covid-19 Pandemic will not allow us to host a Shabbat dinner as originally planned, it will be a joyous celebration of our Sinai community members who have contributed their time and financial resources to ensure our synagogue's future.



In this Tablet article, the committee would like to thank Temple President Ellyn Bender and her wife Pam Paschal for their support of the team and the Life & Legacy mission. Ellyn and Pam are both Life & Legacy donors. Ellyn said it beautifully a year ago: "I want to discuss two programs that ensure the future of Temple Sinai and the Jewish community in which we live: The Annual Appeal and Life & Legacy. With revenue dramatically down due to Covid-19, our members have stepped up by paying their commitment fees in full, if able, by donating generously to the Annual Appeal and by including us in their legacy plans. These two programs are the foundation of Temple Sinai and provide for our future."

Please join us March 18 in person or via livestream to celebrate Shabbat and our 70 plus donors to Life & Legacy. 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 & Legacy Team,  
Janine Cohen (jlc@dmcohen.com)





# BOARD BRIEFS

In January, the Board heard from Rabbi Melissa Stollman, who is heading up marketing and communications for the temple. Rabbi Stollman explained to the Board the timeline needed to market events effectively, and the best ways to contact the marketing and communications team.

The Board also discussed security issues in light of the recent event in Texas. Continuing to encourage congregants to wear their name tags was discussed. The need for additional greeters was also mentioned. The Board talked about the

importance of balancing the desire to create a warm, welcoming community with the security needs of the congregation.

Additionally, the Board voted in early January in favor of temporarily reinstating some previous Covid-19 precautions in light of the Omicron variant. Those included asking for proof of vaccination at most services and suspending serving food in the atrium.

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 synagogue 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 synagogue family.

Contact Elana Margolis at  
elanatemple@aol.com  
(941) 966-0252



# PROGRAM

Scholar in Residence: Prepare to Be Shaken Not Stirred!

Have you registered yet? If not, register now!

**O**n 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.

The weekend kicks off with a welcome reception in the atrium at 5:15PM, followed by Erev Shabbat services led by Rabbi Kahn and Chazzan Abramson at 6:00PM in the sanctuary. Participation in all three presentations is free of charge and you may join in person or virtually:

**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.*

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! 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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## *MISHLOACH MANOT* BASKET PICK-UP INFORMATION:

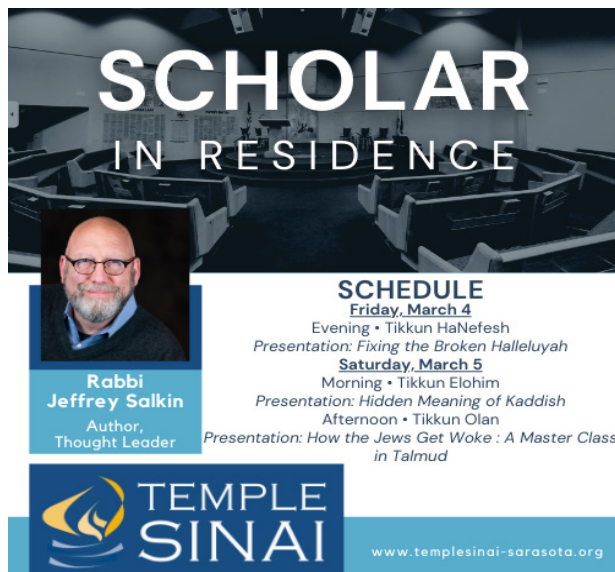
Our first annual *mishloach manot* FUNdraiser was a huge success on all accounts! Whether or not you participated in sending Purim greetings to your friends, you and every other synagogue, religious school, Gan and staff member family will receive a beautiful treat-laden basket, including hamantaschen as well as a card listing the names of everyone who sent you their Purim greetings. We hope this initiative will bring you Purim joy, demonstrating the community's love that surrounds you!

Here are the details about picking up your basket and card:


- Religious school families can collect their baskets at the synagogue at 12:15PM on Sunday, March 6, or between 4:00PM and 6:15PM on Wednesday, March 9.
- Gan Families can collect their baskets in car line the week of March 7-11.
- There will be a drive-thru pick up on Friday, March 11 between 4:00PM and 6:00PM (before the Erev Shabbat service) at the synagogue's front entrance.
- There will be a drive-thru pick up on Sunday, March 13 between 10:00AM and 2:00PM at the synagogue's front entrance.

If you are unable to get your basket during one of the scheduled times, please contact Andrea Eiffert.

*Chag Purim sameach*, wishing you all a joyous Purim!



**SCHOLAR  
IN RESIDENCE**




**Rabbi  
Jeffrey Salkin**  
Author,  
Thought Leader

**SCHEDULE**

**Friday, March 4**  
Evening • Tikkun HaNefesh  
Presentation: *Fixing the Broken Halleluyah*

**Saturday, March 5**  
Morning • Tikkun Elohim  
Presentation: *Hidden Meaning of Kaddish*  
Afternoon • Tikkun Olan  
Presentation: *How the Jews Get Woke : A Master Class in Talmud*



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MANOT**

**PICK UP INFORMATION**



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GROW WITH US  
CELEBRATE WITH US

# RITUAL



There is a familiar advertising slogan that definitely applies to *Adar*: “Double your pleasure, double your fun”. This month, *Adar* has “doubled” (*Adar II*) so that we have more time to follow the commandment to “increase joy.” We start by celebrating the joyous festival of Purim, a holiday that commemorates the courage of a young Jewish woman named Esther and is an affirmation of Jewish survival. Traditionally, we send food baskets (*mishloach manot*) to friends, give gifts to the needy, hold masked carnivals and read the Book of Esther. Here at Temple Sinai, we are following many Purim traditions: gifts of *Mishloach Manot* will be given to all congregants, food drives will help feed the hungry, masks will be worn in the sanctuary when reading from the Book of Esther, and our hilarious Purim Spiel will again be led by Chazan Abramson. Get your groggers ready!

We also have a “double-header” weekend on March 4 and 5. Our Scholar In Residence, Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin, will focus three presentations (Friday night and Saturday) on “*tikkun*”(repair). This is a wonderful opportunity to increase our joy of learning.

Erev Shabbat services on March 18 will honor our Life & Legacy members. Their continued financial support enables us to look forward to another strong 30 years of worshipping and studying together.

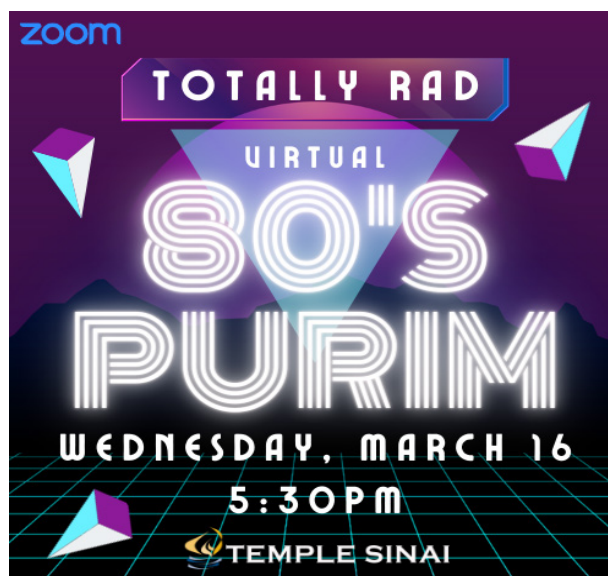
My wonderful grandmother always made hamantaschen for me, even when it wasn’t Purim. Just thinking about how delicious they were, and how much love went into making them, I hope that each of you experiences a month filled with joy, love, and learning!

—Barbara Pollack, VP Ritual

## PURIM SPIEL

Join us for a totally rad virtual Purim spiel at 5:30PM on Wednesday, March 16! Get ready for a new wave take on all your favorites: Queen Esther, Mordechai, Vashti and the gang. Dig out your leg warmers and don't stop believin' because we plan to hit you with our best shot. Might as well jump to register for the fun. All except Haman...he gives love a bad name...

This program is free and open to the community. [Click here to register!](#)





## ARTIST SERIES CONCERTS AT TEMPLE SINAI



**F**or 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 March 6 at 4:00PM, the young musicians of Risus Quartet bring their passion to the stage. “Risus” in Latin means “laugh,” and the main vision of this quartet is to bring joy and laughter to their audiences. Grand Prize and Gold Medal prizewinners at the 2021 Fischhoff National Chamber Music, the Risus Quartet is currently the Young Professional Competition String Quartet in residence at the Butler School of Music at the University of Texas in Austin.

On March 27 at 4:00PM, classical saxophonist Steven Banks, the first saxophonist ever to win first prize in the Young Concert Artists International Auditions, will present a program showcasing the phenomenal versatility of this amazing instrument. Accompanied by pianist Xak Bjerken, repertoire will include works by Creston and Brahms, as well as Banks’ own compositions.

Don’t miss this opportunity see these exceptional, young stars of classical music.

Tickets are \$40; Temple Sinai members can get 10% off. Call (941) 306-1202, Monday-Friday, 10:00AM-4:00PM, to get yours!

For more info, visit [ArtistSeriesConcerts.org](https://ArtistSeriesConcerts.org).



Risus Quartet



Steven Banks

# THE GAN

## Calendar of Events

March 11

Purim Parade of Students

March 14-18

Gan Closed - Spring Break

March 21

Temple Tots resumes at 9:30AM



Laura Freedman,  
Director of Early Childhood Education

## Dental Health Visit



Learning about Healthy Snacks  
v. Unhealthy Snacks



Students dressed up as teeth and gums to learn  
about proper care for our teeth



Dr. Manav Malik, known as Dr. M&M  
"brushing" the teeth correctly!



Dr. M&M



# RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Temple Sinai Youth Education Programming



Bethany Leinweber,  
Director of Youth Education, Outreach and Engagement

## Calendar of Important dates for February:

March 2-3	Midweek Hebrew
March 3	Brews and Schmooze - Sarasota Brewing Company 6:00PM
March 6	<i>Mishloach Manot</i> Day! Mitzvah Project for Grades 4-12 <b>We need 10 parents to volunteer for this event. Email Bethany to volunteer.</b> Religious School for ALL students 10:00AM Moving Traditions <i>Rosh Hodesh/Shevet</i> 12:30PM
March 9-10	Midweek Hebrew
March 10	Sinai Moms Sisters of Sinai <i>Rosh Hodesh Nissan</i> 7:00PM
March 16	Purim Spiel and Celebration 5:30PM - ON ZOOM
March 23-24	Midweek Hebrew
March 25	Rhythm and Jews Shabbat Service 6:00PM
March 27	Religious School 10:00PM Confirmation 10:30AM off-site at Rabbi Kahn's house

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY

Rory Gomien

Stella Mae Kahn

Sage Leinweber

Jett Segal

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT MITZVAH-MAKERS

Sunday, February 6, Temple Sinai's Religious School fourth through seventh grade had a special treat to have visitors come during class to focus on the concept of *mitzvah* (commandment/good deed). The students are learning about Mitzvah-makers, how to become one and what it takes to be a Mitzvah-maker. Temple Sinai member, Chester ("Pearl") Perlinsky, addressed the classes, sharing his experiences as a police officer and as someone who served in our Armed Forces. Dr. Lance Karp, father of Laurel and Laila Karp, spoke to the kids about how being a dentist makes people healthier and can even help save lives. Steve Lambright, father of Liana and Preston Lambright, spoke about being a fire fighter. Bethany Leinweber, Director of Youth Education, declared, "The students were able to ask questions and both students and teachers thoroughly enjoyed these Mitzvah-maker visits."



Pearl Perlinski,  
Police and Army officer



Dr. Lance Karp, Dentist





Steven Lambright,  
Firefighter  
with Religious School  
students







K-3 delivering cards and visiting with residents of Aravilla - being Mitzvah makers



Religious School students getting ready to visit Aravilla



Religious School group photo for directory



Moving Traditions teen boys talk to 8th graders



Parents schmoozing at The Loving Breakfast





# YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

On Saturday, January 22, members of SAFETY & JOOSY met for dinner at Demetrios and team building at Escape Reality! SAFETY also wishes Ella Collier a Mazel Tov on being voted in as our new Communications Vice President!



Joshua Leinweber,  
Youth Group Advisor



# CHAVUROT

CHAVARAH CHESED

On Thursday, February 17, Chavarah Chesed got together at Historic Spanish Point: Sarasota's Hidden Oasis. We had a tour guide show us around the beautiful grounds and heard historic stories. It was totally astonishing! Spanish Point is nestled far back off Tamiami Trail in sleepy Osprey. The 30-acre parcel of waterfront land has been inhabited by humans since 300 A.D. Spanish Point has beautiful grounds and is the most archaeologically valuable piece of land in Sarasota County. As we walked along historic shells, we were mesmerized with our surroundings. It was a beautiful day together! Lunch boxes were ordered from Michael's On East. We *kibbitzed* and enjoyed the afternoon on a beautiful Sarasota February day.



## *Purpose of the Chavurot*



The purpose of the Temple Sinai Chavurot program is to be a social group that celebrates a Jewish lifestyle in Sarasota. It 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 email Bonnie Sussman or Beth Stone at:

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



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## *Membership Updates*

### **Email address changes:**

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## *Mazel Tov*

*to*

Kate and Thomas Mitchell on the occasion of  
their son Jackson becoming Bar Mitzvah on  
January 29

Amy and Lance Cassell on the occasion of  
their daughter Alayna becoming a Bat Mitzvah  
on February 5

Kelly and Scott Engel on the occasion of their  
daughter Marli becoming a Bat Mitzvah on  
February 12

Amelia Malkin for committing to the  
University of Florida to play soccer

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

## *Directory 2022*

The Directory is back for 2022! We are so pleased to offer this special publication, which will be distributed to the entire membership at the annual meeting in May.

As a point of clarification, there is no charge to have your contact information listed in the Directory. This information is already available to all members in ShulCloud. However, we hope that members will purchase an ad or include a personal message as a great way to support the synagogue. Submissions are due by February 28.

To request an ad form or to opt out from having your contact information in the Directory, please contact Sharon Wittenberg, Development Coordinator at [directory@templesinai-sarasota.org](mailto:directory@templesinai-sarasota.org) or (248) 568-5145.

Thank you for your support of Temple Sinai!

—Sharon Wittenberg, Development Coordinator

# CELEBRATE

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

March 7

Kimberly and Jonathan Adler

Patricia and Allan Schreiber

March 24

Sara and Michael Benesch

March 25

Michele and Stewart Geboff

March 31

Sandy and Gary Kravitz

## *Milestone Anniversaries MARCH!*

March 11  
Toby and David Weiss 50 years

March 14  
Susan and Jerry Maliot 35 years

March 24  
Sherry and Jerry Thomas 20 years

March 25  
Phyllis and Stephen Swerdlow 50 years

March 30  
Charlotte and Robert Hodes 40 years

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

March 1

Alan Chalfin

Judy Fox

March 2

Paul Chapman

March 3

Michelle Portnow-Rivas

Marcia B. Smith

Richard Stollman

March 4

Ellen Rothbaum

March 5

Stanley Liner

March 7

Annie Jacobs

March 8

Stephanie Dluzneski

March 10

Earl Schaffer

March 11

Sandra Lindheimer

March 12

Janet A. Gross

March 13

Mary Collier

Judye Goldblatt

March 14

Barbara Ryder

Corey Segal

March 15

Jane Glusman

Harriet Kittner

Robert Krasow

Howard Simon

March 16

Melanie Fischer

Leonard Landau

March 17

Fredda Chalfin

March 18

Barbara Feldman

Michael Juceam

Jack Shapiro

Gerald Sideman

March 19

Amir Arbisser

Stuart Friedman

Nancy A. Gold

March 20

Jerry Mechaber

March 21

Karen Chapman

Theodore Gast

Susanne Mosler

Michael Nash

March 23

Ruth Kornman

March 24

Marilyn Blankman

Michael Stauss

March 25

Amy Drachman

March 26

Jerry Kaye

March 27

Alan Zimtbaum

March 29

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Chester (Pearl) Perlinski's conversion: Marian Siegel

Chester (Pearl) Perlinski's conversion: Marilyn Lapidus and Arnold Baer

Speedy Recovery of:

Arnold Spitalny: Betty and Richard Greenspan

Marilyn Blankman: Judith and Leonard Swerdlow

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Harriet Kaufman: Betty and Richard Greenspan

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Dr. Sam Rosenfeld, our friend: Betty and Richard Greenspan

Frances Weintraub, mother of Judy Fox: Gillian and Chester Perlinski

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Chester (Pearl) Perlinski's conversion: Phyllis and Stephen Swerdlow

Chester (Pearl) Perlinski's conversion: Debbie and Michael Rubin

In Appreciation of:

Rabbi Kahn, thanks to our Rabbi, looking forward to 2022: Betty and Richard Greenspan

Chester (Pearl) Perlinski's work on the Food Fest: Elana and Mark Margolis

In Memory of:

Michael Fischer: Skye and Paul Mata

## CHAZZAN'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

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Chester (Pearl) Perlinski's conversion: Gillian and Chester Perlinski

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## SINAI MEN'S CLUB LANDSCAPING AND BEAUTIFICATION FUND

In Honor of:

Chester (Pearl) Perlinski's conversion: Joanne and Alan Trachtenberg

Chester (Pearl) Perlinski's conversion-welcome to the tribe: Judith and Leonard Swerdlow

Chester (Pearl) Perlinski's conversion: Nancy Chavenson

# WE REMEMBER THEM

Jeanette Andriesse for Everett Andy Andriesse

Marilyn and Paul Blankman for Florence Blankman

Diane and Victor Block for Shirley Snofsky

Diane and Victor Block for Ethel Friedman Slodzina

Diane and Victor Block for Adele Gabrielle

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Irene Hyman for Alvin Hyman

Adine Kaufman for mother, Harriet Kaufman

Kenneth Kaufman for Jeanne Kaufman

Myrna & Herbert Lauber for Adele Lauber

Ida and Joseph Levin for Manya Diment

Shelley and Gregory Markus for beloved grandparents, Rose and Abraham Rice

Susanne and Henry Mosler for Nathan Popluder

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## Condolences to

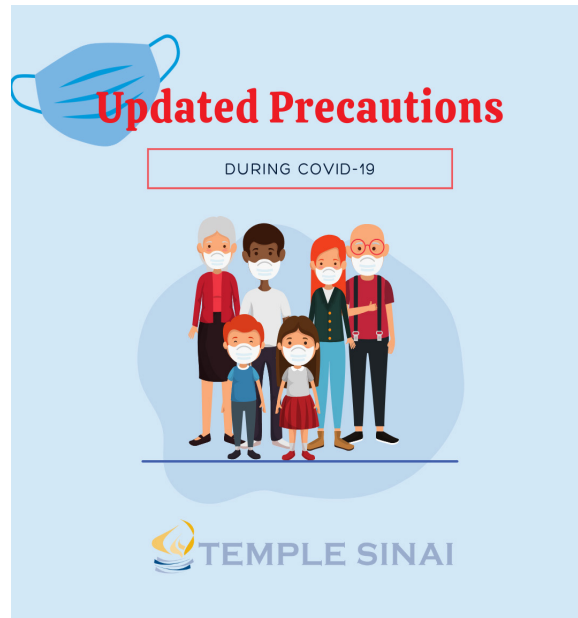
Sylvia Bloom on the death of her husband and our congregant Richard Bloom, who passed away on December 30, 2021.

Robert and Janice Grossman on the death of his brother and her brother-in-law Sheldon Grossman, who passed away on January 11, 2022.



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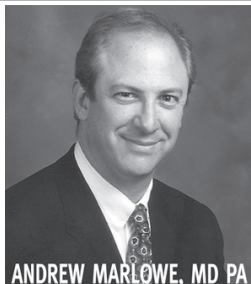


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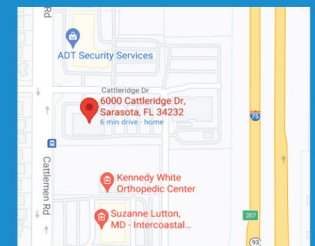
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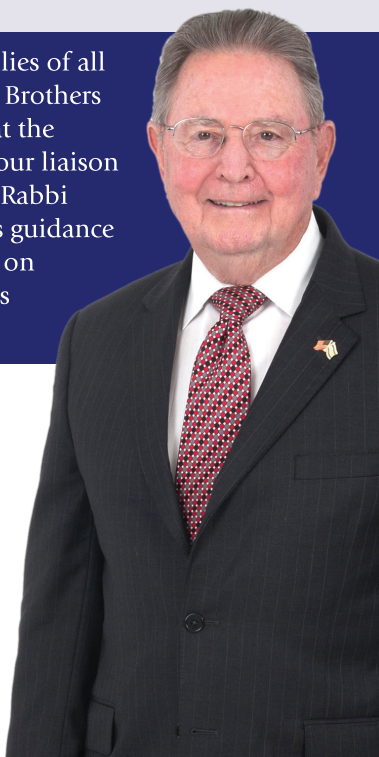
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