

Dear Temple Sinai Members,

As I begin my first year as Temple Sinai's president, I first want to express my profound gratitude to our clergy, staff, board of trustees, past presidents, educators, auxiliary members, connectors, and volunteers who bring so much energy and commitment to our congregation. It is precisely because of the efforts of so many that I remain, upon Rabbi Gershon's retirement, so optimistic about our period of transition. (Rabbi, a final thank you for it all!).

We have a wonderful interim rabbi in Rabbi Ross, who has already started his efforts in leading our congregation while we search for our next permanent Rabbi. Thank you to Susan Mamis, Andrea Reiter, and Barry Troy for leading Rabbi Ross's transition efforts.

Our application is ready to post on August 1 and we are already underway with our permanent Rabbi Search. Importantly, the entire Rabbi Search Committee, save one member, has committed to continuing their service - that is simply an amazing commitment. Under the leadership of Michael Sherman and Vanessa Weisbrod, I am confident we are going to find the right rabbi for our community.

We have 24 B'nei Mitzvah families celebrating in 2019-2020 and our overall membership count remains largely unchanged. We successfully launched the Temple Emanu-El Holocaust Remembrance Center. To fight ignorance and Anti-Semitism, we will expand programming efforts around this tremendous asset. We have a sound financial base that I am committed to preserving.

Of course, with any transition comes change, and I'm sure we'll try new things over the next few years. Some will work well, some won't, and that's to be expected. But through it all, we will celebrate our past successes while building an even better future for Temple Sinai, hopefully always treasuring the time we have together.

Lastly, to David Hoodis - on behalf of the entire congregation I thank you for your service and dedication to Temple Sinai - kol hakavod.
Have a wonderful summer!

L'Shalom,
Ian Singer