



TEMPLE
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Opportunities to Get Involved 2018-2019

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Shalom,

We are excited to share with you this introduction to the opportunities for engagement, stimulation and benevolence that Temple Sinai offers you and your family. I hope that, like me, you'll be impressed by how many exciting programs and activities will take place at the Temple this year.

We know there are many factors go into to selecting a temple. We are glad that you have chosen Temple Sinai. We are unique and special place here in North Central New Jersey. One of the great sources of our uniqueness is the fact that our members come from many places. Our members come from more than 16 communities. This provides our congregation a wide variety of perspectives. We are special because our members are consistently kind people who are committed to making Temple Sinai a welcoming and engaging place.

I know it is overused, but I really want to impress upon you how your involvement in helping Temple Sinai grow and prosper is welcome and will can truly make a difference – for you as well as our congregation. There are so many ways to get involved in those areas that are meaningful to you. As you review this booklet I know you will be pleased by the diversity of programing, by the thoughtfulness and energy of our lay and professional leaders, and by our Temple's overall tone.

Please know that your staff, your Board and I are always open to suggestions, ideas and feedback in our quest to continue to keep Temple Sinai the special place that all of us have chosen as our Temple.

B'Shalom,
David Hoodis
President

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RITUAL



SHIR LIBEINU CHOIR

Our Mission

Many studies have shown that singing in a choir can provide a range of benefits, such as boosting mental health and overall well-being. At Temple Sinai, it's also a great way to build relationships with your fellow congregants.

For those who love to sing and learn Jewish music, Temple Sinai has an adult volunteer choir called Shir Libeinu. The name is Hebrew for "Song of Our Hearts." Under the direction of Cantor Marina Shemesh and Assistant Conductor Joanna Russell, with Dave Davis as accompanist, Shir Libeinu has almost two dozen members.

Opportunities to Participate

We perform at many Temple programs and services, among them our Kristallnacht and Yom Hashoah commemorations, Shabbat Shirah, and

Shabbat in Harmony. Shir Libeinu is also an integral part of the High Holy Days, when we join our professional quartet at Selichot, Rosh Hashanah, and Yom Kippur services.

Rehearsals are full of energy and enthusiasm as we learn new music and review old favorites. They take place Wednesdays, 7:30–9:30 pm. Come to one, see (and hear) what we do, and let your voice join with ours. No experience in reading music or Hebrew is necessary, so give us a try — Shir Libeinu may be just the thing to add to your life!

Contact Us

For the rehearsal and performance schedule, please e-mail Cantor Marina Shemesh, at cantorshemesh@templesinainj.org.

EDUCATION

Our Mission

Step inside the world of education at Temple Sinai and you'll encounter a community filled with exploration, energy, and spirit. From our youngest members experiencing the joys of play and discovery to our high school seniors discussing current events and debating hot topics, children have a special learning home at Temple Sinai. They're eager to participate in our interactive programming, and families are able to get to know one another as they enjoy our Jewish customs and traditions in a relaxed environment. We also have a lively and varied range of lifelong learning programs.

Opportunities to Participate

Experience the buzz and excitement of our educational programs for yourself. There are many ways to get involved and have an impact. The Temple's Early Childhood Education Program and the Religious School each have their own Parent Committee. These lively, dynamic committees are passionate about advancing our educational initiatives and are dedicated to building a stronger Temple Sinai community. Add your thoughts and ideas to the conversation —and keep our thriving educational programs at the forefront of Jewish education. We also encourage you to attend our lifelong learning programs; help us identify enriching topics, speakers, and programs to include in next year's schedule; and help organize our lifelong learning events.

Contact Us

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EDUCATION

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN



Our Mission

The Early Childhood Education Program (ECEP) at Temple Sinai takes place in a nurturing preschool environment that inspires creativity, imagination, and a love of learning. Our young children begin their educational and spiritual journeys through interactive experiences that promote positive self-esteem and a strong Jewish identity.

Amy Damast, who directs the program, is also the director of programming for Families with Young Children. This role has a broader reach; its goal is to implement programming that engages families with young children in Temple Sinai's spiritual and cultural life.

Amy works closely with our Vice President of Education, Jennifer Sinoway, to develop and expand program offerings, as well as to foster connections between ECEP families and the broader Temple community.

Early Childhood School Program

The ECEP is a vibrant, child-centered experience for ages 1 to 5. Classes are Toddler & Me (for toddlers and caregivers), Toddlers Together (the toddler drop-off transition-to-preschool class), and those for 2-, 3-, and 4-year-olds. Our creative summer program runs for seven weeks, from mid-June to early August.

Programming for Families with Young Children

Our educational and spiritual programs, geared toward Temple families and prospective members with young children, encourage participation in child-friendly Shabbat and holiday celebrations. They include:

- Afternoon children's services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur
- Tot Shabbat and Tot Havdalah services — interactive monthly services with music, dancing, blessings, and prayers, followed by a light dinner and an activity
- High Holy Day Early Childhood program during the 9:00 am service . . . and so much more!



Opportunities to Participate

Looking for a nurturing, progressive learning environment for your child and an engaged and inclusive community for yourself? Schedule a tour and take a look!

Our Early Childhood Parent Committee, comprising a motivated group of parents, plans social events and fundraisers that support the goals of the ECEP. Add your ideas to the conversation! Don't have a preschooler, but would still like to get involved? Contribute your talents and skills to enrich our program.

- Volunteer your time, energy, and spirit to help with our youngest members during school days, High Holy Day programs, and Tot Shabbats. Adults and teens are welcome.
- Develop marketing materials to promote our gem of a program to the Summit community and neighboring towns.
- Design materials to advertise programs and organize fundraisers.
- Plan special events to enhance our community-building efforts

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EDUCATION

TEMPLE SINAI RELIGIOUS SCHOOL GRADES K-12

Our Mission

Temple Sinai's Religious School engages, educates, and empowers more than 200 children from kindergarten through 12th grade. In our lively community of "learners and doers," children, teens, and families take part in creative, interactive programming that links them to our people's Torah values, history, traditions, and culture. We highlight the Reform Jewish tenets of love of Israel and of being a "light unto the nations." Through acts of kindness, we repair the world and our children experience the joy of making a difference.

With a renewed focus on youth engagement, Temple Sinai has a new Director of Youth Engagement, Samantha Eichert. Samantha will implement programming that strengthens the temple's youth groups and increases engagement for students in 4th – 12th grade.

K-2 Academy

With its focus on family and fun, Temple Sinai's K-2 Academy is an arts-centered introduction to our Religious School. Starting in kindergarten, children and their parents celebrate Jewish holidays, learn about Torah, and form friendships as they become a part of our Temple Sinai family.

Classes meet Sunday, 8:45 to 10:45 am

Third Grade

Our third-graders learn to read Hebrew, take personal meaning from Torah stories, and celebrate tradition and Israel through Jewish music, cooking, multimedia, crafts, games, and social interaction. This program meets on Sunday from 8:45 to 10:45 am.

Fourth-Seventh Grades

Classes meet twice a week. On Sunday, the children enjoy meaningful and creative curricular units called Torah and Prophets; Jewish Values and Dilemmas; Jewish History; Modern Israel; and Holidays. Hebrew education forms the foundation of our Wednesday classes, during which students utilize technology to assist with Hebrew reading and prayer fluency. Youth-group activities and deepening friendships begin in grade four and continue through the grades. In sixth grade, our students develop close relationships with our clergy as they prepare for B'nei Mitzvah.

Grades 4 & 5: Sunday, 8:45–10:45 am;

Wednesday, 3:45–5:00 pm

Grades 6 & 7: Sunday, 11:00 am–1:00 pm;

Wednesday, 3:45–5:00 pm

8th-12th Grades

We're particularly proud that many of our post-B'nei Mitzvah teens continue on to Temple Sinai High School (TSHS). Outstanding teachers create a safe space in which teens can talk about their real-life challenges. Our graduates boast that they feel more comfortable being themselves with friends, teachers, and clergy at TSHS than in their secular school program. Students study teen-relevant electives, take part in youth-group activities, and have the opportunity to participate in TSHS's Student Council.

Many of our high school students also enjoy volunteering in our K-5 religious school program on Sunday. These students more than fulfill their secular high school's community-service requirement, and as a bonus, we offer TSHS transcripts for all students to use when they apply to colleges.

In the 10th grade, students experience a transformative Confirmation with Rabbi Gershon and Cantor Shemesh. Twelfth-graders rejoice in their graduation celebration, an occasion filled with friendship and love.



Opportunities to Participate

As a member of Temple Sinai, you'll find many ways to continue your own Jewish journey, forge new friendships, and create a most meaningful life for yourself and others.

- Join our Religious School Committee or become a Class Parent.
- Assist teachers in our classrooms or volunteer in the Religious School office on Sunday.
- Participate in your child's family socials, family programs, and social-action activities and build special family memories.
- Help out with photography, graphic design, marketing, fund-raising, and program design.
- Participate in our variety of lifelong Jewish-learning courses and events.

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LIFELONG LEARNING

Our Mission

Temple Sinai offers a diversified program of educational opportunities in both multi-session and single programs.

Tuesday Lunch and Learns

Bring your lunch; we provide beverages and desserts. Each program consists of one, three or four sessions as indicated. Fees: \$10 for one-session programs
\$25 per three-session program
\$30 per four-session program;
\$40 for nonmembers

Women in the Bible

Sandy Schlanger, speaker
October 9, 16, and 23 and subsequent dates, noon – 1:30; no fee to participate. Often times the voices of Biblical women were lost. This program will give them their voices back. Be prepared for sex, violence, and mayhem.

A Bird in The Cage: Jewish Music Under Oppressive Tsarist and Soviet Regimes

Cantor Marina Shemesh
November 13, 27, December 4, 11
The course will explore the lives and careers of the outstanding Jewish actors and musicians and their contribution to the survival of Jewish culture in the Russian Empire and the former Soviet Union, and the challenges they faced. Topics will include the attitude of Soviet authorities toward Jewish culture, texts and songs by Jewish authors that reflected the thoughts and aspirations of Soviet Jews, and the recovery and renaissance of Jewish culture.

Rabbi Stuart Gershon

January 8, 15, 22 and 29
Title and course description to follow.

Islam in America Today

Anisa Mehdi, President and Executive Director of Abraham Path Initiative
February 5, 12 and 19
Course description to follow.

Five Uncommon Women Who Rocked the Art World

Janet Mandel
April 2, 9, 16 and 30
We will examine the lives and works of five female painters who reached impressive heights of creative achievement and professional success in the 19th and 20th centuries, each significant and unconventional in her own way. In week one we will discuss Mary Cassatt and Berthe Morisot, impressionist innovators who have been obscured far too long by their more famous male counterparts. In week two we will learn in depth about Mexican and feminist icon Frida Kahlo. The long and productive life of Georgia O'Keeffe will be the subject of week three, and in week four we will discover Elaine de Kooning, who continues to emerge as an important artist in her own right from the shadow of her teacher and husband, Willem de Kooning.

Tuesday One-session Lunch & Learns Leonard Bernstein's Prologue to West Side Story: A Radical Departure

Marriner Maull
October 30
Join George Marriner Maull, artistic director of The Discovery Orchestra, as he explores details of this unusual Broadway overture. Using piano examples and recorded excerpts in an enjoyable interactive format, Maull will also highlight some of the composers who influenced Bernstein and demonstrate the 1957 Broadway musical context in which West Side Story was premiered.

A History of Serial Murder from One Million B.C. to the Present

Harold Schechter
November 6
Largely because the term "serial murder" only gained currency in the 1980's, people often assume that it is a uniquely modern phenomenon. The truth is that this extreme form of homicide is as old as our species – indeed probably predates it. In this lecture, crime historian and best-selling author Harold Schechter discusses the age-old crime we now call serial murder in all its aspects: historical, psychological, and cultural. He will

also discuss that rarest of all homicidal psychopaths: the Jewish serial killer.

Wednesday Evening Lecture Series

Fall Session: October 10, 17, 31,
November 7, 14, 27

Once again, we will be presenting a Wednesday evening video lecture series at the Temple. Professor David Ruderman will be speaking on "Jewish Intellectual History: 16th to 20th Century". The series is produced by The Great Courses and comprises 24 half-hour video lectures, with two lectures presented each weekly session, 12 in the fall session and 12 in the spring session. The fee for is \$20 for the fall sessions and \$20 for the spring sessions.

Sunday One-session Lunch & Learns Jews During the Holocaust

Dr. Rebecca Erbelding, Archivist, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum
October 21, 1:45pm

A little-known US government agency founded in 1944, the War Refugee Board rescued tens of thousands of Jews from the Holocaust. After undertaking a decade of research, Dr. Erbelding will share the stories of the young Treasury Department lawyers tasked with rescuing Jews, the bold and often secret and controversial steps they took to save lives, and the importance of remembering their efforts, even as we lament that more wasn't done to save Jews.

Four Films about Jewish Partisans, a Dying Language, Indigenous Tribes, and Baseball

Seth Kramer
March 3
Seth Kramer, a well-known documentarian, will excerpt and discuss four of his films. "Resistance: Untold Stories of Jewish Partisans" dispels the myth that Jews went silently to their graves during the Holocaust. "The Linguists" follows two scientists who cross the globe looking for the last speakers of a dying language. "The Anthropologist" examines the impact of climate change on indigenous communities around the world. "Heading Home: The Tale of Team Israel" tells the

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story of the Israeli National Baseball Team's Cinderella run at the 2017 World Baseball Classic.

The Year I Put My Financial Life In Order

John Schwartz
March 31
John Schwartz, a reporter for The New York Times, has written his latest book about the steps he took to get a grip on his finances. Those who have previously heard John speak about his first book know they will laugh a little, learn a lot, and leave with an ability to put together their own plans.

Shabbat Morning Torah Study

Saturdays, 8:45–9:45 a.m.
"Provide for yourself a teacher and get yourself a friend." —Pirkei Avot 1:6

Torah is the foundational document of Judaism. At our weekly Torah Study class, we discuss each verse and chapter and explore themes, highlights, drama, and ideas. Participants expand their Jewish knowledge by examining issues and sharing insights raised by the readings, often touching on important questions, such as religious experience, the meaning of a ritual, and how the text

relates to modern religious and ethical issues. Torah Study is an interactive class encompassing theology, spirituality, biblical culture, and even a little archaeology.

Torah Study brings together an enthusiastic group of all ages every Saturday morning, 8:45–9:45. The class is led by Rabbi Gershon who brings his wealth of knowledge along with supporting commentaries and background information. Temple members and the public at large are invited to join in for the camaraderie and learning. Dress is casual, and coffee, bagels, and nosh are served.

This program has been very well received and now has more than 30 congenial participants each week. If you've never studied Torah, this is a wonderful way to start: Every week, you'll look forward to this hour of personal growth and companionship.

Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class

Sunday mornings from 10 to 11, for 13 sessions commencing October 14
Did you miss out on becoming a Bar/Bat Mitzvah when you were thirteen? Would you like to celebrate your adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah on June 1, 2019?

In the Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class, taught by Cantor Shemesh and Rabbi Gershon, you will learn:

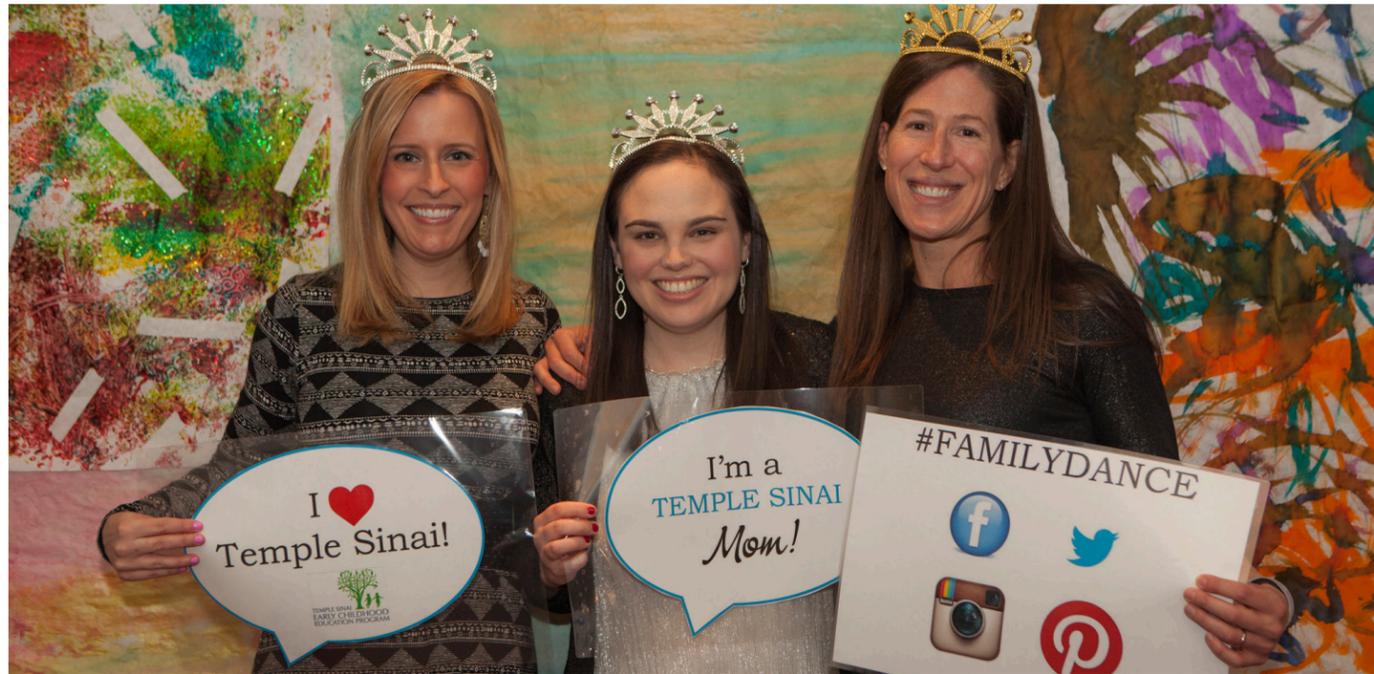
- How to chant the Torah and haftarah portions
- How to write a Davar Torah
- Fundamentals of the Hebrew bible and Torah reading cycle
- Artistry of the Saturday Morning Prayer Service
- Meaning of the Commandments for the 21st Century

To sign up or get more information please contact Cantor Shemesh (cantorshemesh@templesinainj.org) or Rabbi Gershon (rabbigershon@templesinainj.org).

Annual Tu B'Shvat Seder

Sunday, January 29, 5:00 pm
Tu B'Shvat is an ancient festival that reminds of our sacred duty to renew the promise of the Earth and all its bounty.

COMMUNITY



SISTERHOOD

Our Mission

Who is Sisterhood? We are women — daughters, mothers, grandmothers, sisters, wives, friends — from all walks of life and in all stages of life who come together to socialize and perform mitzvot, to support one another and our synagogue in ways that give us fulfillment. We strive to enrich Jewish living, establish lasting friendships, accomplish tikkun olam (social action and community service), and support the ideals of Reform Judaism.

Joining Sisterhood is a great way to make friends and become involved in our Temple community. Watch for further communications about this and other events coming soon.

Opportunities to Participate

Please join us for our upcoming events – all of which will be announced in the Temple e-Bulletin.

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COMMUNITY

BROTHERHOOD

Our Mission

Our mission is to create a community in which the men of Temple Sinai can join with one another to have fun, learn, and support our greater Temple Sinai community. Our goal is to improve ourselves and grow as modern Jewish males so we can be better fathers, husbands, and friends. We welcome all of the Temple's adult male members.

Opportunities to Participate

Following are a sample of activities that help us grow the bonds of Brotherhood.

- Monthly informal get-togethers
- Jewish rituals: Brotherhood Shabbat, Torah learning
- Holiday celebrations: Sukkah dinner, Purim Carnival, Mother's Day brunch
- Social: movie nights, craft beer/wine tastings, "ethnic" dinners, golf outings, softball team

We have a four-member executive committee that determines overall policy (contact information is below). An officer group (eight men) oversees the following four functional areas: programming, treasury, membership, and publicity. We welcome all Temple men to participate, at any time.

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RENAISSANCE GROUP

Our Mission

The mission of the Renaissance Group is to provide social events throughout the year, thus reinforcing relationships among members of the Temple. All who are at least 50 years old, single or married, are encouraged to join. Annual dues are \$20.

Opportunities to Participate

Our activities have included

- Hikes in area parks
- A visit to "Grounds for Sculpture"
- Performances of Carolyn Dorfman Dance
- Concerts, such as the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra's morning rehearsals at NJPAC and the New Jersey Youth Symphony
- Plays at local theaters
- Dinners
- Hanukkah party
- Whitney Museum and the Museum of Jewish Heritage
- Dodge Estate
- New Jersey Jewish Film Festival

It's a group effort and ideas are always welcome. Volunteering to manage an event is a wonderful way to get to know some interesting people.

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TIKUN OLAM AND CARING

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Our Mission

"If I am not for myself, who will be for me? If I am only for myself, what am I? If not now, when?" —Pirkei Avot 1:14

Temple Sinai's Social Action Committee is comprised of members who believe in social justice and repairing the world. We are committed to dedicating our resources to improve the lives of others through service, awareness and advocacy.

Opportunities to Participate

The Social Action Committee welcomes any member who would like to join the committee or participate in any of our new and/or on-going initiatives, managed by dedicated Temple Members:

- SHIP (Summit Helping Its People)
- Annual High Holy Day Food Drive
- Family Promise Hosting
- Alternative Gift Market/Mitzvah Mall
- Community-based Support programs (toy-drives, food and clothing drives)
- Support for Elderly, shut-in community members
- Anti-Racism Efforts
- Refugee Settlement Efforts
- Literacy
- Environmental Advocacy

We are working hard to coordinate our efforts throughout our dynamic Temple community. We look forward to making a difference in the lives of others with more volunteers and new committee members. We need you to help us make a difference.

Contact Us

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FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING

Our Mission

For the past 33 years, Temple Sinai has participated in Union County's Interfaith Hospitality Network, now a program of Family Promise. Each year, for a minimum of two weeks, Temple Sinai provides hospitality to approximately five homeless families with children ranging in age from toddler to teenager.

Guest families are screened by Family Promise of Union County, a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for the area's homeless families by helping them obtain safe and affordable housing and by promoting personal development and self-sufficiency.

Opportunities to Participate

During our hosting period (which is typically scheduled for consecutive weeks during the summer), Temple Sinai becomes a temporary home for these families. They're treated as our guests, and congregants volunteer to provide basic human needs — shelter, safety, and sustenance — in a spirit of warmth and hospitality. There are many Temple Sinai members who regularly volunteer, but more are always welcome (and needed).

Volunteers help convert rooms on the third floor into inviting bedroom spaces and transform the Social Hall into a makeshift dining room and playroom for the children. They also provide the evening meal, friendly conversation, groceries for breakfast and lunch, and stay overnight with the guests. This is a unique opportunity for children to volunteer with their parents or grandparents.

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TIKUN OLAM AND CARING

CARING COMMITTEE

Our Mission

The Caring Committee is a group of Temple Sinai congregants who reach out to members of our congregation. We try to offer some comfort in the times of sadness, support in times of need, and celebration in times of joy.

Opportunities to Participate

Serving on the Caring Committee is a great way to strengthen your connections to Temple Sinai. It's a rewarding way to contribute to our congregation and usually an easy mitzvah.

Sign-up is for two-week increments (as many as you can fit into your schedule), easily accomplished through our website. Other options are available, just contact us. During their two weeks, representatives of the committee let a Temple member or a family know — via a phone call, an e-mail, a visit, or a card — that we're aware and that we care. We offer condolences or congratulations, and see if someone needs a helping hand, for example, with food. Sometimes people just want to talk a bit or have a little company. Temple staff help our team if we need information or advice.

We find out about events and whom to call from Temple e-mail announcements to our community and direct e-mails. Please look for them (they are not the weekly Temple e-mails). If other events come to light, we inform the CC representatives during their weeks.

If assistance is requested that a member of the committee can't provide or if circumstances are out of the ordinary — for example, lots of meals are required or something special or expensive is needed — the representative can tell Roberta Nooger or Audrey Napchen, and one of us will assist or see if anyone else on the committee is available to help. Due to insurance issues, the Caring Committee members are not permitted to drive members to appointments.

Detailed information and the sign-up link are on Temple Sinai's website; just look under "Caring Committee."

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ISRAEL ACTION COMMITTEE

Our Mission

The brainchild of Rabbi Gershon, the Israel Action Committee seeks to foster a deeper understanding and connection to Israel.

Opportunities to Participate

Our efforts have included Israel Bond drives, cultural fairs, support for students visiting Israel, attendance at annual AIPAC conferences, connecting with reform congregations in Israel, and learning how to best combat the Boycott, Divestiture and Sanctions movement that tries to de-legitimize Israel.

More recently, the committee has sought to promote pluralism and religious equality in Israel. The committee has discussed ways of cooperating with the Association of Reform Zionists of America (ARZA) and a foundation which sponsors conservative and reform rabbis in Israel.

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TEMPLE SUSTAINMENT



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Our Mission

We welcome new congregants and help to create an environment that encourages our members to forge bonds within the Temple family.

We're a diverse congregation, currently with approximately 500 families. Temple Sinai warmly embraces new members, believing that each brings talents, energy, and perspectives that enrich us. We are an inclusive Reform Jewish community: we have members who are Jewish by birth, have converted to Judaism, or are married to Jews, as well as those who would like to learn more about the Jewish faith. We recognize that our members have differing needs. By offering a variety of religious and Temple-sponsored activities, we work hard to engage our community in all stages of life. This welcoming approach is the foundation of our worship, programs, and service to the community.

The Membership Committee helps to organize people with similar interests, such as those who want to pursue acts of kindness. Feeding the hungry, comforting the homeless, educating the underprivileged, helping our fellow congregants in times of need — all this can be accomplished in partnership with the Temple.

Opportunities to Participate

We need help conducting events and communicating with our members and the wider community. Want to put baskets together? Call new members to check in? Organize a community dinner? There are many ways to get involved with our Membership Committee. We're a community in which people feel at home with friends who are always there to extend a hand. Help friends, old or new, sense what a dynamic congregation we are, and how Temple membership can make a difference in their lives.

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TEMPLE SUSTAINMENT



OPERATIONS

Our Mission

Our goals are to maintain and upgrade the building and grounds of Temple Sinai and to integrate Temple Emanu-El into our community physically and spiritually.

We ensure that Temple is kept in optimal condition. After identifying areas that need upkeep or updating, we obtain bids from vendors or contractors for specific projects. This year we are updating lighting, flooring, and have installed a state of the art security system.

In the ongoing process to unite our congregations, we are incorporating Temple Emanu-El's items, artwork, and artifacts into our spiritual home. To date, this has included installing tribute bricks at our front entrance, yahrzeit plaques in our sanctuary, the tapestry in our social hall, and the Tree of Life on our main level. We use Temple Emanue-El's Torah holders, challah table, and portable ark in our services.

We are constructing the Holocaust Remembrance Center. We have been working closely with the Holocaust Remembrance Center team to design the physical space and the cabinetry, to make it a special place at Temple Sinai.

Opportunities to Participate

We welcome assistance in keeping our home beautiful and current. Our terrific team of architects and designers are always working hard to keep Temple Sinai in top condition. We solicit advice and bids from congregants with special expertise in relevant areas.

Have a green thumb? We want to keep our grounds fresh and bright. Help us by assisting with seasonal light planting and maintenance.

Is history more your thing? We want to honor Temple Sinai's past and present in our religious school. We'd love your help organizing photographs of our congregation, clergy, and students. We're planning to create a beautiful space to exhibit our history.

We always have projects that could use your help. We welcome your assistance in building and maintaining our community and home.

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DEVELOPMENT

Our Mission

We help to help create the conditions that render it appropriate and noble for our members and others to make donations to the Temple that fund gaps between the Temple's operating revenues and expenses, support particular Temple programs, and ensure the Temple's long-term financial health. To these ends we:

- Foster greater member engagement.
- Ensure that the Temple treats our members as its owners, and in particular, provides them information about the Temple's operations.
- Conduct the High Holiday Appeal, the Temple's signature annual fundraising event.
- Conduct other fundraisers. Last year, we sold bricks and held a successful cantorial concert. New program events are considered and implemented every year.
- Identify Temple endowment opportunities and other functions and services suitable for donor support and then seek that support.
- Support the Temple's Create a Jewish Legacy (CJL) efforts, the Temple's legacy gift program. Such gifts are typically made from personal estates, life insurance or other funding sources on the donor's passing.

Opportunities to Participate

We have great things to do. If you'd enjoy increasing member engagement within the congregation, putting together social and other events, developing fundraising strategies, creating attractive reports and communications, and, of course, schmoozing with friends and acquaintances, please join us in our efforts to make a difference for the congregation.

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