



Program Guide

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About Us

Temple Sinai is the center of a dynamic and caring community of Reform Jews in eastern Bergen County, New Jersey. We are a welcoming home for spirituality and learning, where members celebrate Jewish living through deeply meaningful religious, educational and social experiences.

Established in 1952, Temple Sinai is the largest Reform Temple in Bergen County and the flagship synagogue for Reform Jews in northern New Jersey. We affirm the central tenets of Judaism – God, Torah and Israel – and, consistent with the principles of Reform Judaism, we accept and encourage diverse thought within our beliefs and prayers. Together, we discover our connection to prayer, spiritual renewal, and the inherent strength of a supportive Jewish community.

Join with us to deepen our shared experiences. Be moved by our worship services. Explore our weekly Torah study. Gain new perspective through the words of our guest speakers. Find a sense of belonging in a warm and inclusive setting. Work with us to help repair our larger communities. Celebrate life's journey with us. Whatever you might be looking for, find it here at Temple Sinai.

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Holidays and Special Events

Erev Rosh Hashanah

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Rosh Hashanah

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

2nd Day, Rosh Hashanah

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

Kol Nidre

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

Yom Kippur

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9



Sukkot

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

Erev Sukkot Celebration

Join the entire Temple community as we celebrate the harvest Festival of *Sukkot*! The Brotherhood will raise the roof of the *Sukkah* Sunday morning at 10am; join Early Childhood & Religious School families in decorating the *Sukkah* at 5pm; participate in our Young Family *Sukkot* service at 5:30; and partake of our *Sukkot* supper at 6:15pm, with "The *Sukkah* as Sacred Space: Opening Your Mind and Spirit Through Meditation" at 7:30. Join Tania Gold of Sacred Space Meditation and Rabbi Millstein for a special spiritual evening in the Temple Sinai *Sukkah*.



Sukkot Festival Service

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14 | 10:30 AM

Come and shake the *lulav* at this festival service! Hosted by Temple Emeth in Teaneck.

Sangrias in the Sukkah

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14 | 7:30 PM

Community Service project helping women in need of basic hygiene supplies that most of us take for granted. We will help pack supplies and drink Sangrias in our beautiful *Sukkah*.

Schach & Scotch

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17 | 7:30 PM

Join the Temple Sinai Brotherhood for an evening in the *sukkah*! *Schach* is the material covering the roof of a *sukkah* and *Scotch* . . . is Scotch, and alliterates. Come fulfill the *mitzvah* of dwelling in the *sukkah* and have a good time doing it!

Tot Simchat Torah & Dinner

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 | 5 PM

Our *Simchat Torah* celebration begins with our Tot Service (ages 2-6) at 5:00pm, and continues with our Tot Dinner at 5:30pm.

Simchat Torah & Consecration & 40th Celebration

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 | PRE-SERVICE COCKTAILS AND DINNER, 5:30 PM | SIMCHAT TORAH SERVICE, 7 PM

Celebratory oneg to follow

This *Simchat Torah*, join us for the Passing of the Scrolls and the Passing of the Years. Honoring Members of Temple Sinai for 40 years or more. \$36 suggested donation per person. Space is limited. Honorees are invited as our guests.

RSVP: Please include the names and addresses of all guests when you respond by email to info@templesinaibc.org



Sh'mini Atzeret

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21 | 10:30 AM

Join us for the festival service with Yizkor memorial observance.

Renaissance Luncheon

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 | 12-2 PM

Join your fellow Renaissance members for the annual Fall Luncheon at Temple Sinai!



Scholar in Residence

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3 – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Friday night's talk: 49 versus 49: How to Disagree Constructively

Shabbat morning: Breaking the Tablets: Uncovering the Meaning of Jewish Life (text study)

Sunday lecture on Israel and Diaspora



Rabbi Leon Morris is the President of Pardes. Leon came to Pardes from the Shalom Hartman Institute where he was Vice President for North American programs in Israel and was on the faculty of Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion. Leon made aliyah with his wife Dasee Berkowitz (Pardes Year Program alumna 1994-95) and their three children in June 2014, after serving as the rabbi of Temple

Adas Israel in Sag Harbor, NY. He was the founding director of the Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning at Temple Emanu-El (now the Temple Emanu-El Streicker Center) in Manhattan. Ordained from Hebrew Union College in 1997 where he was a Wexner Graduate Fellow, he has worked extensively with the Jewish community of India, beginning in 1990 when he served as a Jewish Service Corps volunteer for the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. He was also a Mandel Jerusalem Fellow. Leon has taught at Orthodox, Conservative and Reform institutions and is a regular contributor to the Jewish, US and Israeli press. He is an editor of the new Reform High Holy Day machzor, Mishkan HaNefesh.

Sinai Sessions

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16 | 8 PM

Bring your friends, some drinks, and your dancing shoes! For one night only, the Temple Sinai Rock Shabbat band puts on a concert you won't want to miss. Doors open at 8pm—no charge, BYOB!



Sisterhood Brunch

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 (see p. 15)

Rock Shabbat

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 | 6:30 PM

Join us for our Rock Shabbat service, with Congregational Dinner at 6:30!

URJ Biennial, Chicago IL

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11– SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

Join thousands of Jews from across North America and around the world to learn, pray, share ideas, dance and sing, hear from inspiring speakers and the leaders of our Movement; reunite with old friends, create new connections, and make decisions about the policies of the Reform Movement. For more information, visit urj.org/urj-biennial



Renaissance Chanukah Dinner

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 | 5-7 PM

Join your fellow Renaissance members for the annual Chanukah Dinner and outdoor Menorah lighting at Temple Sinai!

Trivia Night

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

Put on your thinking cap, grab some friends, and come play trivia! All funds raised support youth activities at Temple Sinai. RSVP required—contact the office for details (info@templesinaibc.org).

Sisterhood Cooking Class

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14 (see p. 15)



Rock Shabbat Shirah

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7 | 7:30 PM

Rock Shabbat Shirah (Sabbath of Song) celebrating the miraculous redemption of our people at the Red Sea. Led by singer/songwriter Dan Nichols. Tot service at 6 will be followed by a congregational dinner (RSVP required) and Rock Shabbat.

L'taken Social Justice Seminar

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7 - MONDAY,
FEBRUARY 10

This annual trip is designed to help teens gain a unique understanding of the political process and see how Jewish values are relevant in today's world. Participants learn about issues that are relevant to us personally and collectively, as Jews and as Americans. The trip culminates with meetings in congressional and senatorial offices on Capitol Hill where we will personally lobby for the issues of our choice.

Please contact Rabbi Millstein for more information (rabbimillstein@templesinaibc.org).



Brotherhood's Annual Guys Night Out

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

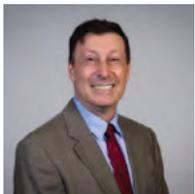
Join the Temple Sinai Brotherhood for our annual evening of socialization! As in the past, Brotherhood will be raising money for a worthy cause.



Purim

MONDAY, MARCH 9

Join us for *erev Purim* as we celebrate with events for all ages! Tot Purim is at 5:30, with community dinner for everyone at 6:15, and adult *Megillah* reading & spiel at 7:30pm.



Dr. Jeffrey Rubenstein

SATURDAY, MARCH 14 | 9 AM

Join us for Torah study lead by Dr. Rubenstein. Making the rich narrative world of Talmud tales fully accessible to modern readers, renowned Talmud scholar Dr. Rubenstein popularizes both well-known and unknown stories, analyzes the tales in their

original Talmudic context, explores their cultural meanings and literary artistry, and illuminates their relevance for modern readers.

Rock Shabbat

FRIDAY, MARCH 20 | 7:30 PM

Join us for our Rock Shabbat service, with Congregational Dinner at 6:30!

Gala

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

Please save the date for our Spring Gala!

Passover Festival Service

THURSDAY, APRIL 9 | 10:30 AM

Passover Festival Service with Yizkor

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15 | 10:30 AM

Rock Shabbat

FRIDAY, APRIL 24 | 7:30 PM

Pink Shabbat

FRIDAY, MAY 15 | 7:30 PM

Teen Foundation Car Wash

SUNDAY, MAY 17 | 9 AM - NOON

Support the Teen Foundation's charitable giving by participating in their car wash on the last day of Religious School, Sunday, May 17! The car wash will be open 9am-noon.

Erev Shavuot & Confirmation

THURSDAY, MAY 28

Shavuot Festival Service

FRIDAY, MAY 29 | 10:30 AM



Cocktails on the Course

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

Please save the date for our annual golf outing! We are considering adding tennis this year – please contact Executive Director Joe Slade if that appeals to you.



Shabbq & Annual Meeting

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

ShabBBQ dinner and service outdoors; sponsored by Brotherhood

Join our annual end of the year Shabbat BBQ dinner, Annual Meeting, and Rock Shabbat with our Rock Shabbat band. Dinner RSVP required.

Sisterhood Cocktail Party

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

Tot Shabbat & ECC Culmination Service

FRIDAY, JUNE 12



TEMPLE SINAI

Sisterhood

Sisterhood plays an essential role in making Temple Sinai a warm and welcoming community. Throughout the year, we work hard to create opportunities for women of all ages to connect spiritually, socially and charitably while passing down our traditions *l'dor v'dor* (from generation to generation). We work together and contribute to the temple, Early Childhood Center, Religious School, Brotherhood, Renaissance, Youth Group, our clergy, our community and to Israel.

Please join us! We have a calendar full of programs throughout the year celebrating holidays, gathering together for social action programs, fundraising events, community outreach and more. The following lists planned 2019-20 events. In addition there will be pop up programs corresponding with current events. Stay tuned via the temple website, Facebook and other venues of communication for constant updates. Please remember to join Sisterhood in order to be informed of the myriad events of Sisterhood that attract our entire temple membership!





Sisterhood Executive Board Members

Our Sisterhood Executive Board members welcome any questions you may have. Our contact information is listed in the temple directory.

- President, Franci Steinberg
- VP Membership, Noah Smalley
- VP Fundraising, Allie Beer
- VP Programming, Hilary Baris
- VP Programming, Sari Hollender
- VP Tikkun Olam and Ritual, Annice Benamy
- Treasurer, Hilary Eth
- VP Communication and Media, Jessica Hirsh
- Past President, Lauren Kluger

Advisory Board

- Jill Horbacewicz
- Peggy Kabakow
- Fran Kleiner
- Ruth Seitelman
- Ilene Wechter
- Meg Wolmer

General Board

- Shabbat Oneg Coordinator, Jill Maschler
- Rosh Hashana Oneg, Peggy Kabakkow
- Challah Blitz, Meg Wolmer

- High Holiday Flower Sale, Allie Beer
- Sangrias in the Sukkah, Annice Benamy
- Membership Brunch, Hilary Baris, Sari Hollender
- Walk in Dinner/Family Promise, Marci Ginzburg, Harriet Nachum, Karen Tubin
- Barnes & Noble Gift Wrap, Allie Beer, Fran Kleiner
- College Chanukah Program, Jill Horbacewicz
- January Cooking event, Harriet Salk
- Super Bowl Sunday Bake Sale, Meg Wolmer, Jessica Hirsh
- Passover Hagaddah Sale, Hilary Baris
- Shalach Manot, Franci Steinberg
- Passover Flower Sale, Allie Beer
- Sisterhood Led Shababat, Annice Benamy
- Book Group, Lauren Rosenberg
- Community Book Group, Liz Pearl, Roberta Weiss
- Golden Grams/Union Grams, Anne Fleisher
- Gift Shop, Franci Steinberg
- NCJW Liaison, Ruth Seitelman
- JFCS Liaison, Deborah Glasser

Sisterhood Board Meetings

10 AM | SEPTEMBER 22, 2019; NOVEMBER 3, 2019; JANUARY 19, 2020; MARCH 22, 2020; MAY 17, 2020

Meetings are at the temple on Sunday mornings and are generally around 1 hour long.

Book Group

7:30 PM | OCTOBER 1, 2019; DECEMBER 3, 2019
JANUARY 21, 2020; MARCH 24, 2020; MAY 12, 2020

A Sisterhood member moderates as members discuss current books. Book Groups are held at the temple.



Membership Drive

HIGH HOLIDAYS | BEGINNING OF SCHOOL YEAR

Join Sisterhood! Become a Sisterhood member; attend meetings and programs to suit your interests. You are billed with your temple membership or can pay Sisterhood directly. Membership is \$54.

Challah Blitz

FALL, SEPTEMBER

Are you a new member to Temple Sinai? Sisterhood of Temple Sinai delivers a welcome package to your door.

High Holiday and Passover Flower Sale

HIGH HOLIDAYS AND PASSOVER

Floral arrangement fundraiser. Members can purchase flowers to beautify your homes for the Jewish New Year or for your Seder table.



Sisterhood sponsored Rock Shabbat with Elana Arian

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Come join us for a Shabbat service. Composer, multi-instrumentalist, and recording artist Elana Arian will be featured at Temple Sinai; Sisterhood is sponsoring this amazing Shabbat event.



DARE TO BARE, Movemeant Foundation

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 | NYC

Join Sisterhood members while making fitness accessible, fun and empowering women toward body positivity and supporting one another. Activities are located in Union Square Park in NYC.

Oneg Desserts

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 | EREV ROSH HASHANA

Bake something sweet for Erev Rosh Hashana Oneg at the conclusion of the services. Sisterhood sponsors this event.

Break the Fast

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

Sisterhood/Brotherhood sponsors the Break the Fast after services.

Sangrias in the Sukkah

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14 | 7:30 PM

Community Service project helping women in need of basic hygiene supplies that most of us take for granted. We will help pack supplies and drink Sangrias in our beautiful Sukkah.

Dean Street Stroll

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Shop in Englewood on Dean Street and mention the "Stroll". A percentage of proceeds will be given back to Sisterhood; Sisterhood will turn around and support our community with the funds raised.



Annual Membership Brunch

10:30 AM | SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Open to all paid Sisterhood members. We will invite all members to a brunch and with a special topic and speaker.

Walk in Dinner Program—Family Promise of Bergen County

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

Help cook or help serve for the annual event serving the homeless shelter.

Gift wrapping: Barnes & Noble

DECEMBER

Gift wrapping for the holidays: Fundraiser on a series of days at Barnes & Noble, Hackensack. Exact dates TBA. Show your wrapping skills!

Light the Menorah

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

Sisterhood lights the large menorah in front of temple.

Cooking Event

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

Join us as a professional chef will demonstrate her skills and then we'll eat our delightful creations.

Bake Sale

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Annual Bake Sale – Super Bowl day as a fundraiser. The bake sale is held during Sunday School. Bake and work at the sale. Proceeds support our community.



Religious School Students Pack Hamentashen

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 26

Our students get in on the action and help pack Hamentashen prior to Sisterhood's large packing of the hundreds of bags.

Shalach Manot Packing

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

Pack! Come participate in our largest fundraiser! Help pack contents of the Shalach Manot bags to be distributed to temple members, ECC, temple staff and Meals on Wheels.



Shalach Manot Delivery

WEEK OF MARCH 1

Delivery! Help in the distribution of the Shalach Manot bags. Members are asked to deliver bags to people living in their neighborhood.

Sisterhood Led Shabbat

FRIDAY, MARCH 27 | 7:30 PM

Service led by Sisterhood members. Speak a part or lead us in song.

Haggadah Sale

MARCH

The second year of a great fundraiser with your personalized family Haggadah!



Women's Seder

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

A new twist on seder. Learn about women's role in the story of Exodus. Attendees bring an international charoset for others to taste.



Sisterhood Cocktail Party

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

End of year Spring event, installation of new officers.



Visit our gift shop outside the Temple Main office.

There are Judaica and gifts for ECC students, great jewelry, birthday gifts. You can contact Sisterhood or Hillary Hans in the office to purchase an item.

Sisterhood works in cooperation with local Jewish organizations in raising awareness on current issues. We work together with the following local organizations:

- ▶ National Council of Jewish Women (Bergen County Section),
- ▶ Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey,
- ▶ Federation's Women's Philanthropy and
- ▶ Jewish Family and Children's Services.

We welcome new ideas for new programming.

TEMPLE SINAI

Brotherhood



The Brotherhood of Temple Sinai sponsors activities designed to expand the horizons of Temple members interested in today's Jewish life and community affairs, and raises funds to support numerous Temple initiatives.

The many activities hosted by the Brotherhood include special events and holiday programs, and the popular monthly Sunday Breakfast program, where members enjoy socializing with old and new friends.

First up, mark your calendars, **Sunday September 8**, we are honored to have Rabbi Ariella Graetz-Bartuv from our Reform sister congregation Kehilat Emet Veshalom, in Nahariya Israel. Breakfast will start a little later than usual; 10:30, to accommodate the first day of Religious School parent student assembly. Rabbi Graetz-Bartuv will be discussing the upcoming Israeli elections and the ramifications for Israel and the Israeli Reform Movement.

On **Sunday November 3** (regular time **9:30**) Rabbi Leon Morris, the director of Pardes, a highly respected pluralistic Jewish learning center in Jerusalem will be our speaker. Rabbi Morris will be with us throughout that weekend and he will be addressing how Jews of different political outlooks can engage in civil dialogue.

Sinai Session 8 is on the calendar for Saturday night, **November 16**. The band has already begun rehearsing. The evening will be filled with many familiar favorites and a bunch of new songs. Guest performers have already put in their requests. We have openings if you'd like to shine in the spotlight. Please give me a ring if you'd like to sing!

As in the past, we will be in need of help transforming our social hall into a night club. Please reach out to me if you're available to help set up.

Mark your Calendars for **Trivia Night's** 11th year on **Saturday January 11**. It has grown in attendance each and every year. Teams have returned year after year. Through the generosity of many donors, the prizes have expanded. But most of all, the evening is always filled with competitive comradery! If you have prizes you would like to donate, please give me a call. It's never too early!

Brotherhood is rebranding our previously titled Guys Night Out event, **Men's Night Out! "MNO"** is scheduled for **Thursday, February 13**. A "low key" night to hang with the guys. The venue hasn't been selected as yet (suggestions welcome), but it will of course be local, the modest fare will include food and drink, and we will again add a charitable component to the evening that Brotherhood will match.

Of course we will partake in many of our usual events such as co-sponsoring Break The Fast, and the Sukkah build. As always, we welcome suggestions for events, speakers, community outreach, and most of all your active participation. If you would like to become involved in Brotherhood leadership, or have an idea, please reach out to me by phone (201) 816-0251, or email: mrjacktee@aol.com.

All the best,
Jack Reich, Brotherhood President

TEMPLE SINAI

Renaissance



The Renaissance Group is for congregants age 55 and older. Throughout the year, the group participates in variety of educational and cultural experiences in a social atmosphere. Activities include book discussions, movies, lectures, concerts, museum and theater trips, and historical tours. Activities often end with dinner at a nearby restaurant. Suggestions for new events are always welcomed by the Planning Committee, and many friendships are formed within the congenial atmosphere. Annual Renaissance group dues help offset the expense of activities.

Adult Learning

Shabbat Morning Torah Study

9 - 10:15 AM | SATURDAYS

Part book group, part religious study, and at times a *Chaverah*, discussion is led by either Rabbi Millstein, Cantor Nitza or a special guest. Study is accessible to all who are eager, whether novice or advanced student. All classes are presented in English with any Hebrew portions fully explained. Participants share the same amazement at how touched they are by the “book,” indeed finding it a “tree of life.”

Tuesday Lunch & Learn

12:30 - 2 PM | TUESDAYS

Bring your own lunch and join Rabbi Millstein to discuss current events and the world Jewish community. All are welcome to join this engaging class, free of charge. Lunch & schmooze at 12:30, discussion beginning at 1pm.

Brotherhood Breakfasts

TIMES VARY | SUNDAYS

Join community members & guest speakers for a light breakfast and learning! Times and topics vary, but our first Breakfast this year will be Sunday, September 3, and feature Rabbi Ariella Graetz-Bartuv.

Kulanu

9:30 - 11 AM | SUNDAYS, BEGINNING 9/22

This weekly Jewish Studies class, led by Miriam Gray, explores Judaism. A modest fee applies. For additional information, please contact the Religious School office at (201) 568-3075.



Family Programming



Our Tot Shabbat program is aimed at families with children ages 2-6 years old. This brief, interactive musical service is designed to help children and families experience the joy of Shabbat in a community setting. Dinner is served afterwards. To RSVP, please contact Jaki Raider in the Early Childhood office (jraider@templesinaibc.org).

Tot Shabbat generally falls on the first Friday of each month. Dates for this year are:

SEPTEMBER 6, 2019

OCTOBER 13, 2019

OCTOBER 20, 2019

NOVEMBER 1, 2019

DECEMBER 6, 2019

JANUARY 10, 2020

FEBRUARY 7, 2020

MAY 8, 2020

JUNE 12, 2020

Youth Programming



The pursuit of social justice is the cornerstone of the Temple Sinai Youth Program, which serves students through grade 12.

The Youth Program provides opportunities for our young people to engage in meaningful service, which helps them develop the personal relationships central to a strong community. Participation strengthens both their personal commitment to Judaism and their connection to the Jewish community.

The Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism's **L'Taken Seminar in Washington, DC** is one example of this type of programming. Our high school students spend three days learning about Jewish values and social justice before going to Capitol Hill to lobby to our elected officials. Another example is the annual **Midnight Run**, when our teens collect clothing from the Temple community and deliver it to homeless people in New York City, along with meals they prepare.

Our Youth Program also focuses on community building through the celebration of Jewish culture, Shabbat, holiday observances and community events.

Students in grades three through seven focus on building community. Through fun social programs, social justice opportunities, family programs, field trips and guest educators, we help build lasting bonds and meaningful relationships among our youth.



SPECIAL FAMILY SERVICES

In addition to special holiday services geared towards families throughout the year, there are a handful of special services, described below.

Consecration

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

(part of our congregational Erev Simchat Torah services)

All students attending Religious School for the first time will receive a blessing and symbolic gifts as they begin their formal Jewish education at Temple Sinai. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend this meaningful ceremony. Additional information will be forthcoming from the Religious School Office prior to the event.

3rd Grade Shabbat with Dinner and Siddur Ceremony

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

5th Grade Shabbat Dinner and Service

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

6th Grade Shabbat Dinner and Service

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

4th Grade Shabbat Dinner and Service

FRIDAY, MAY 8



B'nei Mitzvah

8/19/2019

Israel—**Max Epstein**

Parents: Joshua & Lindsay Epstein

8/31/2019

Dylan Reichel

Parents: David & Tracy Reichel

9/7/2019

Cole Mogensen

Parents: Charles & Alyssa Mogensen

9/7/2019

Ryan Shklyar

Parent: Amy Shklyar

9/21/2019

Luke Simon

Parents: Robert & Elizabeth Simon

10/12/2019

Dean Fischer

Parents: Barry & Jill Fischer

10/12/2019

Ryan Fischer

Parents: Barry & Jill Fischer

10/19/2019

Charley Levine

Parents: Mitchell & Sloane Levine

10/26/2019

Lauren Brolin

Parents: Todd & Debbie Brolin

11/2/2019

James Naidrich

Parents: Joseph & Nicole Naidrich

11/9/2019

William Glasser

Parents: Gary & Deborah Glasser

11/16/2019

Ari Karageorge

Parents: John & Samantha Karageorge

11/23/2019

Amanda Capon

Parents: Josh & Lori Capon

11/30/2019

Wyatt Dabby

Parents: Jordan & Shari Dabby

11/30/2019

Eli Dabby

Parents: Jordan & Shari Dabby

12/21/2019

Noah Saphier

Parents: Carl & Aviva Saphier

12/21/2019

Alia Saphier

Parents: Carl & Aviva Saphier

1/25/2020

Stone Quiroga

Parents: Nahuel & Wendy Quiroga

2/29/2020

Justin Pleva

Parents: Brian & Eileen Pleva

3/7/2020

Ruby Shultz

Parents: Ron & Jennifer Shultz

4/4/2020

Ethan Hartstone

Parent: Allison Hartstone

4/18/2020

Sophia Silverman

Parents: Eric Silverman & Deborah Adler-Silverman

4/25/2020

John O'Connor

Parents: Jack & Julie O'Connor

4/25/2020

Gwyneth O'Connor

Parents: Jack & Julie O'Connor

5/2/2020

Allie Polevoy

Parents: Seth & Stephanie Polevoy

5/9/2020

Joe Cogan

Parents: Jonathan & Lila Cogan

5/16/2020

Emma Baumgarten

Parents: Joshua & Dana Baumgarten

5/16/2020

Lilly Baumgarten

Parents: Joshua & Dana Baumgarten

5/23/2020

Isaac Topfer

Parents: Jeffrey & Lisa Topfer

5/30/2020

Juliet Schwartz

Parents: James & Jamie Schwartz

6/6/2020

Leah Gaber

Parents: David & Jessica Gaber

6/13/2020

Eden Yoskowitz

Parent: Arlene Yoskowitz



Early Childhood Center



Our Early Childhood Center boasts a vibrant and involved Parent Association. Among the many social and fund-raising activities they coordinate, the highlights of their efforts begin and end our school year. The **Fall Festival** is Sunday, October 14. Apple cider and donuts are served as the children enjoy a visit with the petting zoo, have their face painted or create a fall craft. We end our year with an even bigger and even more exciting **End-Of-Year Carnival**, complete with midway games, bounce houses, dinner and an ice cream truck. In between, our year is filled such events as our Parents' Night Out (complete with dinner and entertainment) and a Winter Show that appeals to our younger audience. Our Parent Association coordinates Health Week and Safety Week with visits from neighborhood professionals, runs our challah delivery, lunch program, book fair and so much more. We couldn't do what we do without the generous support of our wonderful parents.

Holiday Happenings

Join us for a fun program where Pre-K children experience the Jewish holidays. Children play games, make crafts and sing songs. Each session includes a model *Kabbalat Shabbat*. Open to the community and free of charge.

SUNDAYS 9:45 - 11:15 AM
SEPTEMBER 22; OCTOBER 6;
NOVEMBER 3; DECEMBER 8;
JANUARY 5; FEBRUARY 2;
MARCH 1; MAY 3



Tzedakah



We invite you to support our ongoing commitment to *tzedakah* (charity, justice or righteous) and *g'milut chasadim* (acts of loving kindness). Your gift is a meaningful remembrance and helps to build a stronger Temple.

Donations can be earmarked for a specific fund and may be in honor of or in memory of loved ones.

To give, please send your contribution to the main office.

**Enhanced Membership Participation:
*Haverim, Chai, Re'im and Malachim***

Each year, we ask that those who are able to increase their membership level do so. These dues are in addition to regular annual dues and specifically help to defray the costs for families who cannot afford to pay their full dues. Donors are acknowledged on the plaque displayed just outside of the Sanctuary. Enhanced levels include:

HAVERIM (FELLOWS) \$1,272 (support one additional Temple family)

CHAI (LIFE) \$1,872 (support two Religious School students)

RE'IM (BENEFACTORS) \$3,672 (support two families and a student)

MALACHIM (ANGELS) \$5,472 (support two families and three students)

Tzedakah



Sponsorship Opportunities

Please contact Executive Director Joe Slade with any questions.

Rock Shabbat Dinner.....	\$500
Rock Shabbat Dinner Series	\$1,000/\$3,000/\$5,000
Cocktails on the Course Hole Sponsorship.....	\$1,800
Gala sponsorship.....	\$1,000/\$3,000/\$5,000
Sinai Sessions.....	\$500/\$1,000/\$2,000
Trivia Night	\$500/\$1,000/\$2,000
Shabbq.....	\$500/\$1,000/\$2,000
Shabbat Oneg	\$350
Torah Study (series).....	\$1,000/\$3,000/\$5,000
Lunch & Learn (series).....	\$500/\$1,000/\$2,000
Hineini Leadership Development Program	\$1,000/\$3,000/\$5,000
Purim Spiel & Dinner	\$500/\$1,000/\$2,000
Tikkun Leil Shavuot.....	\$500/\$1,000/\$2,000
Sukkot Dinner	\$500/\$1,000/\$2,000
Hosting Family Promise	\$500
Tot Shabbat (one month).....	\$500
Tot Shabbat (series)	\$1,000/\$3,000/\$5,000
Scholar in Residence	\$1,000/\$3,000/\$5,000
Celebration of our 40+ year members.....	\$1,000/\$3,000/\$5,000

Annual Fund

Our Annual Fund is essential, as dues and tuition alone cannot cover the costs of maintaining a progressive Jewish presence in this area, or the proper education of our students. Donations to our Annual Fund ensure that our programs are fully funded and that all who wish to join our congregation and participate in our community can do so regardless of their ability to pay. At Temple Sinai, no one is turned away due to true financial hardship.

Planned Giving

By including Temple Sinai in your financial and estate plans, you may increase your current income and provide future support for areas of the congregation that are important to you. Often, you can make a larger gift than you might have thought possible, while also benefiting yourself and your family. Planned gifts may be eligible for immediate tax deductions or reduce estate taxes for you and your children.

To learn more about participating financially at Temple Sinai or to address any questions, please contact Joe Slade, Executive Director, at jslade@templesinaibc.org or (201) 568-3035, ext. 201.

Tree of Life

Honor a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, new baby, special birthday or anniversary with an engraved, permanent installation on this beautiful artwork featured on the wall of the Temple lobby.

Options include:

BRASS LEAF: \$500

COPPER LEAF: \$1000

POMEGRANATE: \$1,800

GARDEN ROCK: \$3,600



Tzedakah

SPECIAL FUNDS

Special Funds support specific areas of synagogue life and activities. Gifts of any size are greatly appreciated. You may select where you would like your donation to be credited.

Yahrzeit: Your donation pays tribute to beloved family members and friends who are no longer with us, but whose memory is very much alive.

Religious School Scholarship Fund: Help provide scholarships and support for a Jewish education at Temple Sinai.

Religious School: Help support our Religious School.

Lynn & Lizzie Koch Education Fund: Help enhance the academic experience of our children.

Early Childhood: Help support our early childhood program.

Early Childhood Center Scholarship Fund: Help provide scholarships for our youngest students attending the Early Childhood Center.

Adult Education Fund: Help fund the weekly Shabbat Torah Study Group, adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah program and other Adult Education programs.

Sisterhood Fund: Support the many educational, social and cultural programs run by Sisterhood.

Brotherhood Fund: Support the ongoing speaker program, and numerous other social and community activities.

Renaissance Fund: Support programs for congregants age 55+.

The Leslie Simon Simcha Fund: Contributions to this fund enrich Jewish holiday celebrations for our children.

Torah Fund: These funds are used to maintain our beautiful Torahs, their bindings, covers, stands and silver adornments.

Youth Group Fund: Support this fun and socially responsible recreation program for our teenagers. These social and educational programs build on the Jewish education and spirituality students begin in Religious School.

Paul Winter Helping Hands Fund: Named for a beloved Temple member, this fund provides outreach and support to congregants in time of need.

Ezra Fund for Member Support: Assist congregants in need with financial support specifically for Temple membership commitments.

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund: In appreciation and in honor of the work of Rabbi Millstein, funds are used to support people in need, as well as Temple and community programs.

Rabbi-Educator's Discretionary Fund: In appreciation and in honor of the work of Rabbi Kramer-Mazer, funds are used to support people in need, as well as Temple and community programs.

Summer Scholarship Fund: Help supplement tuition for URJ Summer Camps and NFTY Programs to Israel for the children of Temple members who could not otherwise afford these invaluable programs.

Richard S. Wolfman Family Music Fund: In appreciation of our Cantor, provide support for musical presentations that enhance our spiritual experience at Temple Sinai.

Social Action: Help focus on the political and social needs of our community.

Sinai Wall of Scholars: Honor your child as he or she celebrates the milestone of graduating from the Early Childhood Center. Memorialize this event with a permanent, engraved plaque for \$180, to be incorporated into the design of a mural depicting the Five Books of Moses and exhibited in the hallway of our Religious School. This Fund is in honor of Lynne and Lizzie Koch, devoted and beloved members of the Temple Sinai ECC and Religious School.

Corporate Matching

Many corporations match charitable giving from their employees. Temple Sinai of Bergen County is a 501(c)(3) organization. We urge you to ask your employer for the appropriate forms and information for submission to the office for processing. Please do not miss this opportunity to add to your donation.



Tzedakah



Hineini Capital Campaign

The vision of Temple Sinai's Hineini Capital Campaign is to complete a full renovation of our building and create an endowment to sustain our community.

Over the past 65 years, life in general and congregational life at Temple Sinai has changed so much, but our facility has changed very little. While we are grateful to have reached this point in the process, our renovation is not yet complete.

Our architect, Mark Levin, has designed a master plan for our entire facility, which includes:

- ▶ Designing two warm and welcoming lobbies (upstairs and downstairs) with lounge furniture that would also function as comfortable meeting spaces
- ▶ Building a Chapel/Learning Center/Library over the Engle Street rooftop garden which would serve as an intimate sacred space and provide us with inspiring meeting space for Torah Study, lecture series and other adult educational programming
- ▶ Creating technologically-advanced classrooms and multipurpose space that is developmentally appropriate for early childhood through high school education and activities
- ▶ Consolidating our offices and administrative spaces to enable more efficient and productive use of space and staff time
- ▶ Landscaping and hardscaping our grounds and parking lot to create a gracious entrance to our synagogue
- ▶ Creating an endowment to sustain our community for generations to come

Our Board of Trustees, in partnership with our clergy and professional staff, is committed to raising \$10 million dollars to renovate our building to reflect Temple Sinai's role as the flagship synagogue for Reform Jews in Northern New Jersey. Just as the five founding families did for us 65 years ago, and just as a committed group of Temple families generously did for us 20 years ago during our past renovation, it's our turn now to create our legacy. In the same way that you are participating meaningfully in life at Temple Sinai, please participate financially in our Capital Campaign in an amount that is meaningful to you. Every gift is truly appreciated and important.



A Message From Our Chairs



One of the strengths of Temple Sinai is that each member participates in our vibrant congregational community in a way that is meaningful to each individual. We worship, learn, socialize and perform acts of tikkun olam together—realizing the vision of the five families that founded Temple Sinai 65 years ago. Today we are the largest Reform congregation in Bergen County and are in the process of preparing for future growth.

We are honored and excited to co-chair Temple Sinai's Hineini Capital Campaign. Inspired by the encouragement and support of Maggie Kaplen and the Taub family, our vision is to renovate our entire building. This renovation will support our current and future initiatives, in order to better meet the needs of the current community and future generations. In the 65 years since Temple Sinai was founded, the world has changed so much—but our building has changed very little. The time is now to build a synagogue that reflects the flagship congregation that we have become.

We are all fortunate to have Temple Sinai as our spiritual home within our local Jewish community. It is now our turn to create our legacy for the next generation. In the same way that each one of you participates in life at Temple Sinai in a way that is meaningful to you, we invite you to participate financially in our Capital Campaign in an amount that is also meaningful to you.

Every gift—in any amount—counts! Please join us: each one of your gifts will be as meaningful to Temple Sinai as you are to our congregation.

With appreciation,
Rob Goldstein & Ilana Matteson

Financial Report



Temple Sinai is weathering a few fiscal challenges this year but is still standing tall. There are two areas impacting our financials – increased security measures and a downturn in some key program revenue sources. Following are brief explanations of these two areas.

Tragic acts of hate and violence around the country and around the world take an emotional and financial toll on our community. In response to an increase in attacks on houses of worship, the Board of Trustees approved the hiring of additional personnel to protect our students, teachers and guests during the week and on *Shabbat* and holiday observances. This was a significant and unanticipated additional expense which contributed greatly to this year’s deficit.

Every effort has been (and will be) made to minimize the overall impact to temple life during recently completed and future planned major renovations. Nevertheless, construction forced the Temple to cancel summer camp for the Early Childhood Center during summer 2018; this led to lower enrollment than might otherwise have been expected for summer 2019 as well.

To meet these current fiscal challenges, as well as unavoidable increases in human resources, facility support, and other products and services, it was necessary to increase both the membership fees and the security assessment in the coming year. Standard dues increased approximately 3%. Members who currently support The Temple at the basic level will be asked to consider raising their dues level to an Enhanced Dues level. Additionally, the Board has approved an additional ‘Security Staffing Fee’ of \$200, to be reviewed after one year, so that we may maintain the presence of trained security personnel during normal ECC and Religious School hours.

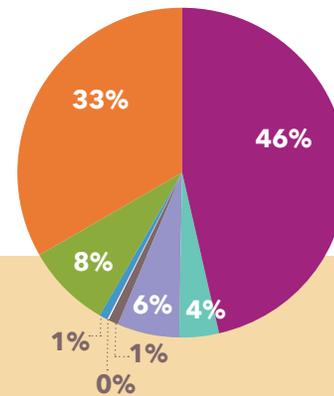
As you can see on the following page, membership contributions alone are far from sufficient for sustaining our community. A list of sponsorship opportunities can be found on page 28, and we hope you will consider directing some of your gift to the Annual Fund towards supporting these endeavors.

Operating Income

Total Dues & Assessments	\$1,149,500
Total High Holy Day Income	\$102,000
Total Contributions & Fund-Raising	\$161,000
Total Rental Income	\$30,000
Total Programming Income	\$3,840
Total Other Operating Income	\$20,600
Total R/S & Adult Ed Income	\$209,750
Total ECC Income	\$831,110
Total Operating Income	\$2,507,800

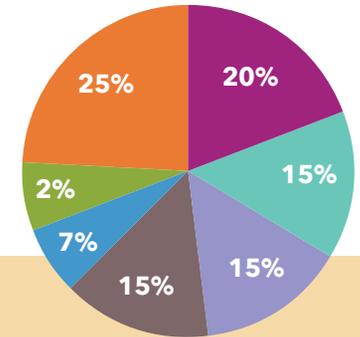
Operating Expenses

Total Clergy Expense	\$528,423
Total R/S & Adult Ed Exp	\$398,808
Total Building & Maint. Exp	\$401,310
Total Administration Exp	\$394,679
Total Ritual & Fund-Raising Exp	\$174,100
Total Committee & Prog Exp	\$48,556
Total ECC Exp	\$650,852
Total Operating Expenses	\$2,596,729
Operating Income (Loss)	(\$88,929)



FY 20 Operating Revenue

- Dues & Assessments
- High Holy Day Income
- Contributions & Fund-Raising
- Rental Income
- Programming Income
- Other Operating Income
- R/S & Adult Ed Income
- ECC Income



FY 20 Operating Expenses

- Clergy Expense
- R/S & Adult Ed Exp
- Building & Maint. Exp
- Administration Exp
- Ritual & Fund-Raising Exp
- Committee & Prog Exp
- ECC Exp

Clergy & Staff



Rabbi Jordan Millstein has served Temple Sinai as senior rabbi and spiritual leader since 2008.

Previously Rabbi Millstein served for 9 years as the senior rabbi of Temple Emanuel of Worcester, MA. During his tenure at Temple Emanuel, Rabbi Millstein worked closely with lay leadership to reinvigorate this historic congregation and create a warm and dynamic synagogue community. Together they developed a vision and strategic plan to meet

financial and demographic challenges, energize worship and engage the congregation in new educational and social justice programming.

Rabbi Millstein graduated magna cum laude from Harvard University in 1985. For several years he worked as a professional advocate for the homeless and disabled before enrolling in the rabbinic program at Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion. Rabbi Millstein was ordained in 1993. He was also privileged to be a fellow of the Wexner Graduate Fellowship Program, a national Jewish leadership development program.

While a student at HUC-JIR, Rabbi Millstein married Rabbi Paula Feldstein, also a rabbinical student at the time. Rabbi Millstein and Rabbi Feldstein live in Demarest with their two daughters; Eve and Sarah.



Cantor Nitza believes Shabbat should be a multi-generational experience filled with music.

Reflecting both Ashkenazi and Sephardic traditions, she tries to create a balance of traditional and contemporary settings. She encourages adults and children to explore creative musical modes of worship. Through special musical programs and concerts featuring talented instrumentalists, Cantor Nitza helps enhance our worship at Temple Sinai.

With Cantor Nitza's input, music is as an important part of our Religious School, our Early Childhood Center and our Adult Education curriculum. Our students learn to chant prayers in Hebrew. Our B'nei Mitzvah students participate in classroom and individual sessions filled with uplifting tunes and joyful spirit.

After graduating from Hebrew Union College in New York City and from the Tel Aviv Academy of Music, Cantor Nitza began her professional career here at Temple Sinai. "It continues to be my great privilege to be part of Temple Sinai," Cantor Nitza says. "In this loving Temple home,

devoted members, caring friends and committed colleagues have inspired me to grow spiritually and professionally for the past twenty years. I am deeply grateful for that. Together we have created a wonderful sanctuary of Torah and community."

Along with her husband Isaac, Cantor Nitza resides in Nyack, NY with her two daughters.



Joseph Slade, Executive Director Joe brings over a decade of finance and operations experience to Temple Sinai; he previously served as Executive Director of the historic K.A.M. Isaiah Israel Congregation in Chicago. Joe also worked at the Union for Reform Judaism's Goldman Union Camp Institute, as the Senior Assistant Director, focusing on staff and facilities management, safety, and security. Joe, his wife Alison Banger, and their daughter

Alexandra live in Dumont.

A native New Yorker, Joe received his B.A. in Philosophy at the University of Chicago before spending the next decade working in higher education administration and Jewish camping, earning an M.A. in Philosophy from Georgia State University as well.



Rabbi Beth Kramer-Mazer, Rabbi-Educator

A lifelong Reform Jew with pluralistic leanings, Rabbi Kramer-Mazer grew up in an engaged Jewish household in Sudbury, Massachusetts. Beginning at a young age, she was immersed in lively and dynamic Jewish communities, ranging from her creative synagogue, Congregation Beth El of the Sudbury River Valley, Jewish summer camp, NFTY (Reform youth group) and multiple Israel trips.

Rabbi Kramer-Mazer earned her undergraduate degree at the University of Rochester, and went on to earn a Master of Arts in Interdepartmental Jewish Studies at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Rabbi Kramer-Mazer was ordained as a Rabbi in May 2016 at the Academy for Jewish Religion.

Since 1996, Rabbi Kramer-Mazer has worked full-time in the amazing arena of Jewish education, with sixteen of these years served in Rockland County, New York and the balance here in Bergen County. She is an

alumna of the Leadership Institute for Congregational Educators, the acclaimed Rabbis Without Borders program and the i-Engage Leadership Hartman Rabbinic Fellowship. Rabbi Kramer-Mazer is thrilled to serve the Jewish community as both a progressive rabbi and an experienced educator, blending passions and skills from both arenas.

Rabbi Kramer-Mazer resides in New City, New York and is married to her bashert, Ross Mazer. Together they have two teenaged daughters, Shoshana Eden and Jordana Rae. When not working, Rabbi Kramer-Mazer enjoys spending time with her family, attending fitness classes, and bustling around the kitchen.



Risa Tannenbaum, Early Childhood Director

With Jewish education always at the center of her professional life, Risa's first Early Childhood teaching experience was at the Temple Sinai Early Childhood Center (ECC) in 1988. Since then, she has continued her professional development at the JCC on the Palisades with successive responsibilities as a teacher, Program Supervisor and Assistant Director of Early Childhood. Since 1996, Risa

has led the Temple Sinai Early Childhood Center as its Director. Risa holds a Master's degree from Bank Street College of Education. She is a member of The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and The Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education (CAJE). In addition, she mentors educators to obtain their Child Development Associates degree (CDA). Risa resides in Teaneck with her husband Richard.

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Standing Committees



Temple Sinai has numerous committees to support our programs and initiatives. If you are interested in becoming involved in one or more committees, please let Executive Director Joe Slade know.

Adult Education

Conceives, plans and schedules educational classes and programs.

Cemetery Committee

Supervises acquisition, maintenance and sale of cemetery plots.

Directory

Creates a yearly publication of temple membership. The directory raises funds from local merchants and member support.

It is distributed in the Shalach Manot Purim delivery bags.

Early Childhood Parent Association

Reviews policies and supports activities for the Early Childhood Center.

Finance Committee

Reviews the day-to-day expense management of the Temple.

Fundraising Committee

Creates and implements initiatives and activities to raise funds to help support the operation of the Temple and the enhancement of its programs.

High Holy Days Honors Committee

Coordinates honors for the High Holy Day Services.

High Holy Days Ushers / Greeters Committee

Coordinates and oversees the provision of ushers at High Holy Days Services.

Interfaith Couples Group

Meets monthly to share experiences, ideas and concerns.

Marketing and Communications Committee

Oversees the publicity and promotion of the Temple's activities and programs to members and the community.

Membership

Develops and implements initiatives focused on membership recruitment, engagement, and growth.

Paul Winter Helping Hands

Provides outreach and support to congregants in times of need.

Religious School Committee

Oversees and supports the quality and scope of Religious School operations, programs, curriculum and fundraising.

Ritual Committee

Considers and establishes guidelines for the religious observances and rituals of the congregation with the guidance of the Rabbi and Cantor.

Temple-Wide Shabbat Dinners

Leads the coordination and implementation of monthly congregational Shabbat dinners. All are invited to cook and serve.

Tikkun Olam Network

Plans social action and community projects, encouraging all members to embrace the values of tikkun olam, tzedakah and mitzvot.

Youth Committee

Coordinates and oversees the planning of Youth Group activities with the Religious School and Youth Director.





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