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RABBI'S RESPONSA



Shalom All,

I was with a marvelous older adult this afternoon who has recently enrolled in the services provided by hospice. She and I were discussing how curious it is that Judaism, which held little direct interest for her during most of her life, has grown enormously in its personal meaning as she approaches her final days on earth. We discussed why that might be and arrived at the conclusion that our traditions become most meaningful when they answer a specific need in our lives for which we lack other tools to address. She was an accomplished professional and in absolute control of her life along

the way but, now that she has been swept along as a participant (almost an observer!) in the next steps, she is finding the traditions of our people are providing meaningful direction.

I assured her that this was common in my experience. Many people find that the uncertainties of the end of life (our own or that of loved ones) leave us unbalanced and finding Judaism's guiding light proves valuable. I know, for a fact, that a great many atheists and agnostics, as well as life-long believers, have found comfort in our rituals. There is no inconsistency here. We do not need to set aside other beliefs in order to avail ourselves of the value of the death, burial and mourning rituals of our people.

I've also had many folks sheepishly admit that they don't feel they know anything about our rituals. They've heard that Judaism really knows how to "do death," but they do not necessarily know what that means or looks like. For that reason, I'm planning to offer two different series of classes this year that will speak to this. Both will be appropriate for older adults and those facing their own mortality as well as those who are (or will be someday) walking through it with someone.

The first series will be focused on our traditions. We'll discuss the à la carte menu of options

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DIRECTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL ENGAGEMENT



Vesuvius erupted in 79 AD. Amidst the rubble in Pompeii, the remains of an inscription on a bakery were found stating: *Hic habitat felicitas* — "Here dwells happiness." We humans have been in search of happiness since the beginning of time. Imagine the aroma of fresh baked breads inspiring smiles as folks communed in the bakery awaiting their daily bread. Nearly 2000 years later, as rates of depression and mental illness soar, our search for the ever-elusive happiness continues. How can Temple Sinai play a role in your happiness?

I have written many times about the importance of

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JULY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Friday, July 7

6:00pm: Shabbat Service

Friday, July 14

7:30pm: Shabbat Service

Friday, July 21

5:30pm: Bring your own Shabbat Dinner

6:30pm: Outdoor Shabbat Service and blessing of the pets

Friday, July 28

7:30pm: Shabbat Service

Please check your weekly emails and the Temple website for Zoom links and updates.

RABBI'S RESPONSA CONTINUED

that will be available. We will cover everything from what to do and say ahead of death to whom you call first upon the news of death and what to expect at every step. We'll walk through it and practice for when it is time. We will look at materials that will help you prepare, no matter what your role will be, for anticipatory mourning, the funeral, shiva and beyond. This is both basic Judaism 101 and also deep contemplation of what this powerful time of life can offer everyone involved - patient, caregivers and family.

The second series will be a course first offered at Sinai many years ago in which we undertook the process of developing our own Ethical Wills. Traditional Wills articulate who gets what when we die. Living Wills dictate our wishes for our own medical care as we approach the end (and we'll go over these, too). But, Ethical Wills are a careful and deliberate compilation of our personal, accumulated wisdom. You are a marvelous example of living Torah and it would be a shame if all of that Divine (and hard-earned) wisdom were

to simply go to the grave with you. What would you want your kids or grandkids to receive from you as a lasting legacy of your guidance? What would your partner or best friend benefit from reading after you are gone? Together, we'll explore the tradition of Ethical Wills, the traditional format and modern options for their creation (particularly in a digital age like this) and then we'll roll up our sleeves and write our first drafts of these precious documents.

Watch for the course announcements in the upcoming Scroll of Living and in our publicity this coming year. And, as always, if you have personal details to discuss on any of this, Cantor Micah and I remain available to you, always.

L'Shalom – In Peace,
Rabbi Jay TelRav

DIRECTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL ENGAGEMENT CONTINUED

relationships in the cultivation of happiness. The longest running study on happiness, administered by Harvard University, started in 1938. It ran for 80 years, as they tracked the physical and mental health of 268 then — sophomores. The findings were simple, “close relationships, more than money or fame... keep people happy throughout their lives.” Close relationships can mean many things: a spouse, one's family and one's community. The relationships that brought happiness centered around love, care and equality. Subsequent studies on happiness found that faith and meaningful work, in addition to close relationships, are also key components to happiness.

At Temple Sinai, we create pathways to relationships. Sinai Circles forge intentional relationships within the Temple Sinai family amongst members who might not have an opportunity to meet otherwise. These intimate groups create safe spaces, enabling our members to connect deeply. Another program I'm particularly excited about is Wine and Cheese and the Meaning of Life, beginning this summer. 10-12 people will engage in meaningful, thought-provoking conversation, facilitated by Rabbi Jay, while enjoying tasty

beverages and snacks. Staying Connected, programming for our seniors, is up and running again after the pandemic hiatus. Yoav, our Israeli emissary, will be leading a discussion group about Israel. We're also planning a panel discussion, a movie night, and a trip to the New York Botanical Gardens. We're excited to host more geographical get-togethers – within the last two years we've had tremendously successful gatherings of our members from Darien and New Canaan. Keep an eye out for gatherings in Stamford, Greenwich and Pound Ridge.

Temple Sinai is a *Kehillah Kedoshah* thanks to the sacred relationships that form here. As a current Circle member reflected, God exists in the connections between the people here at Sinai. It is our sincerest hope that, within this community, our members can be their most authentic selves, thus finding connection, meaning and happiness. The Pompeian baker would surely smile seeing “*Hic habitat felicitas*” hanging above our front door, knowing that, 2000 years later, Temple Sinai is a place where happiness dwells.

Larry Stoogenke

PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE



Thank you for honoring me with your trust and confidence as I become the President of Temple Sinai for the next two years. We are blessed with an energetic and talented team of clergy, staff and lay leaders to continue on our congregational path of spiritual and community growth in the Jewish tradition.

I want to thank our outgoing board members for their generous time and commitment to our congregation: Alan Cohen, Nan Gordon, Wynd Harris, Tatyana Lovishuk and Lisa Silver. And a warm welcome to our newest board members: Marian Freed, Elizabeth Giles, Beth Levick, Arlene Rosen and Mered Sliwinski.

I first became familiar with our cozy and architecturally-eclectic building when my son Andrew Kostin attended the JCC Sara Walker Nursery School here in the early 1990's. Shortly thereafter, my husband Ed Kostin z"l and I joined the congregation. Over the years, our congregation has seen lots of growth and change. Having been raised in a Reform congregation, I have always been comfortable with our movement's innovations to reconcile Judaism with contemporary life and with the evolution of our worship services throughout the decades. I recognize that many of our members come to us from

different faith backgrounds and different branches of Judaism. This diversity makes us both stronger and richer as a community. I look forward to continuing to grow and learn from all of you.

I am the third generation in my family to serve as a congregation president. My maternal grandfather Barnett Sapiro z"l was a founding member of the Reform congregation Temple Emanu-El in Honolulu, Hawaii and became its first president in 1938. From 1948-1950, my paternal grandfather Louis Finkelstein z"l was the president of Beth Zion Temple, a Reform congregation in Johnstown, PA. A few decades later, my father, Seymour Finkelstein z"l also served as president of that Reform congregation. My father then served as president again for the merged successor Temple Beth Shalom. I guess you could say that my serving as your congregational president is nothing less than *"beshert!"*

While I know many of you already, I look forward to meeting those of you who are relatively new to the congregation as well as those of you who have recently become active in the congregation.

As I encourage all of you to continue your personal growth at Temple Sinai, I'll leave you with this quote from Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks z"l:

"Jewish life is not always as consistently inspiring as we would wish it to be. The way to change that is to get involved and make it better."

L'Shalom – In Peace,
Susan Kostin

Welcome
NEW MEMBERS
FOR 5783

Diane Hoberman Louie
Yvette Kahn
Barr & Steven Kryger-Even
Judith & Joel Rein

CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2023/5783



Rabbi Jay, Skyler Gendason, Cassandra Cronk, Emma Hannum, Ashen Harper, Cantor Micah

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AUGUST SERVICE SCHEDULE

Friday, August 4

6:00pm: Shabbat Service

Saturday, August 5

9:00am: Avodat HaLev

Friday, August 11

7:30pm: Shabbat Service

Friday, August 18

5:30pm: Bring your own Shabbat Dinner

6:30pm: Outdoor Shabbat Service

Friday, August 25

7:30pm: Shabbat Service

Please check your weekly emails and the Temple website for Zoom links and updates.

A Blessing for Our Pets

Would you like the opportunity to share the beauty of Temple Sinai with all the members of your family?

Join us on Friday, July 21 for our Shabbat service including your pets.

The evening will begin with a Shabbat picnic in the Sinai backyard at 5:30pm followed by a short service at 6:30pm. Bring your favorite pet friends to join us for a special blessing.

WINE AND CHEESE WILL BE SPONSORED BY TEMPLE SINAI SISTERHOOD AND BROTHERHOOD.



Save the Planet (one Bulletin at a time)

You can now receive the Temple Sinai monthly bulletin directly in your email box. Please let us know if you prefer to receive the bulletin electronically. Just call the Temple office at 203.322.1649 or email shelly@templesinaistamford.org and let us know.

ATTENTION PRE-K

The Temple Sinai Pre-K

program is a beautiful way to continue or begin your child's Jewish education at Temple Sinai!

The Temple Sinai Pre-K

is funded thanks to a generous sponsorship from The Larry Cohen Fund and is free of charge to members and non-members of Temple Sinai.

Temple Sinai Pre-K is a weekly Sunday morning program for three- and four-year-old children. The class meets from 9:00am to 10:30am at Temple Sinai.

Contact the temple office to sign up today!



NOTES FROM THE CANTOR



What a year we've had! Here at Temple Sinai, we've seen tremendous growth, both in our membership and in all that we have to offer our community. I, for one, am feeling proud and exhausted by all that our amazing congregation has accomplished.

I'm so grateful for these summer months when we can enjoy a bit more spaciousness before diving into the busy year ahead.

I hope these long summer days are bringing you rest and renewal as well – a chance to take a deep breath and look at the big picture of life. With the (hopefully) more restful rhythms of summer, perhaps you're taking a moment to pause and evaluate how you spend your time. Where do your priorities lie? What activities bring you joy and fulfillment? Challenge you to grow? Connect you with others in your community? I hope the answer to at least one of those questions involves Temple Sinai! Whether it's attending Shabbat services, participating in a Sinai Circle, or volunteering on one of our committees,

Sinai has so many opportunities for enriching engagement and connection.

I know many of you reading this bulletin are already aware of all the on-ramps to engagement here, but we have so many new members joining us that I want to draw your attention to one of the groups that may not yet be on your radar screen – Kolot Sinai – the Voices of Sinai. Kolot Sinai, our volunteer adult choir, was founded the year I joined Temple Sinai in 2008 and sang together for the first time at my installation that very year. We were originally led by the incredible Kathy Storfer, of blessed memory, and now we sing under the baton of the amazing Zach Kampler. We've enjoyed 14 years of singing together and each time we sing together, it is truly a sacred experience.

Kolot Sinai is open to anyone who loves to sing and we would absolutely love to have

you join us. There are no auditions – if you want to sing with us, you're in! You do not need to be a trained vocalist, or know how to read music, or read Hebrew. You simply need to love music and choral singing. Kolot Sinai sings three times a year – at S'l'ichot, Shabbat Shira (The Sabbath of Song) and the Sisterhood Shabbat. We rehearse on Saturday afternoons leading up to each of these services. Our rehearsals are fun and light-hearted. We learn a lot and we laugh a lot.

If any of this sounds interesting to you, please reach out to me. It would be my honor and privilege to sing with you at any one or all three of the above-mentioned services next year.

I hope to hear from you soon.

B'Shira, In Song,
Cantor Micah Morgovsky

NEWS FROM SISTERHOOD



Every year Sisterhood is extremely busy with both our "annual favorites" and new events. This past year alone,

Sisterhood sponsored three cooking classes: learning to make Persian dishes, rugelach, and Israeli spreads.

We organized Yom Kippur break-fast for the synagogue and hosted three Zoom book chats. This June we took a field trip to the Culinary Institute of America. One of the biggest highlights of the year, as always, was Sisterhood Shabbat, where we designed and conducted the service. This summer Sisterhood, along with Brotherhood, is sponsoring the wine and cheese at our outdoor Shabbat services.

In addition to our events, Sisterhood's gift shop has been quite successful. We

have stocked the shop with holiday merchandise. We also special order *kippahs* and *tallit* for Mitzvahs.

This past year alone, Sisterhood has donated to charity and to Temple Sinai projects. Some of these donations have included the Cantor's Concert, a donation of Kiddish Cups given to our B'nei Mitzvah, tzedakah boxes to the Confirmation class, and the Annual Temple Sinai Gala. In addition, Sisterhood supports Women of Reform Judaism, Schoke Jewish Family



Service, the Back to School Shop, and the Sally Kelman Fund.

We wish you a wonderful summer and hope to see you at our next event.

B'Shalom,
Sisterhood Co-Presidents,
Michele Haiken Fink & Liz Lebo

EDUCATION



Transitions are often complex, and some of us are generally more resilient than others. Fortunately, Temple Sinai remains a constant for many of us while we keep up with the times.

Over the years, our programs have changed, and our building has received minor updates. Still, we are who we are, a religious community, a supportive

community, a family, and for many of us, much more. As of this September, I have been employed by Temple Sinai for ten years and both my role and aspects of my personal life have changed over those ten years. What has not changed is my relationship with Temple Sinai. I look

forward to my daughter joining me at on Sundays for kindergarten. Temple Sinai continues to be the synagogue that I want my family to be a part of.

Next school year, we will welcome several new religious school faculty members to Sunday School and our Hebrew Learning program. The seventh grade will return to Sunday mornings, and we will continue experimenting with finding a Temple Sinai Inspire (TS Inspire) model that engages our teens in the most exciting ways. I don't want to rush the summer, but I look forward to re-launching our religious school programs beginning September 10.

We can't forget about our youngest members and program attendees. We have seen record growth in participation in our twice-monthly Shabbat for Young Children program. Next year we are fortunate to have Natasha Fenster leading us twice a month as we continue to build our offerings for families with young children.

I hope everyone gets what they need out of the summer. Don't be strangers. We hope to see you around town and at our outdoor Shabbat services.

L'Shalom,
Morah Erica Quamily, LMSW



Remember to visit the **Sisterhood Gift Shop** for your Judaica needs including personalized yarmulkes and masks, and also shop at your convenience on the Temple website at our pop-up store. All proceeds help support the Religious School and other Temple programs.



Early Childhood Education Center
Temple Sinai

Early Childhood Education Center at Temple Sinai is dedicated to providing high quality early childhood education and care to children from 6 weeks to 5 years old. We opened our program last summer and are accepting enrollment applications for infant, toddler and preschool programs.

To learn more about the program and to schedule a tour, please email ECEC@templesinaistamford.org or visit our Facebook page: Early Childhood Education Center at Temple Sinai.

Teaching Positions: Teaching positions are available for Part-Time Teachers and Substitute Teachers. To apply, please email your resume to ECEC@templesinaistamford.org.

ATTENTION:

Temple Sinai is pleased to be able to offer

FREE KINDERGARTEN

IN THE

2023-24 Religious School year!

Temple Sinai membership is NOT a requirement, and anyone in the community is welcome to register their child.

Please contact the temple office for more information and registration forms.

Please pass this on to your friends in the greater Stamford community.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS



Have you really seen our Ark doors in the Sanctuary?

I wonder how many of you have had the opportunity to take a close look at the tapestry on the ark doors in our sanctuary. Have you noticed that they are hand woven and an incredible piece of Jewish art? The ark is made up of four separate panels and from left to right they take us on a seven-day journey of the story of Creation. There are Hebrew letters, birds, lions, insects, an owl, a vision of a mountain, light and dark images and so much more all woven into these panels.

The story behind ark tapestry begins in 1969 when Temple Sinai congregant Lucille Janus noticed that the ark was covered with a shower curtain and she wondered why. According to the book, *The Temple Sinai Ark Tapestry, A Masterwork in American Jewish Folk Art*, little did Lucille know that question would lead not only to an incredible

creation for our sanctuary, but to a lifelong friendship of several women (Lucille Janus, Phyllis Peckar Clamage, Veronica Roth, Florence Faerman Suerig, and Ida Janus) who spent five years creating this work of art.

It is so hard for me to comprehend the vision that these women saw when they took on this project which started off as an 11 x 14 drawing that showed a ball of sun, a tree of life with water and fish created by Marthe Clamage, an art teacher at Stamford High. From this drawing, the will of these women, and \$500 for sewing supplies the work begun. They then spent five years stitching and sewing to create what we now have as a major focal point in our sanctuary.

Rabbi Eugene B. Borowitz z"l and Beth Levine, with Judith Katz and Laura Kruger created the book, **The Temple Sinai Ark Tapestry, A Masterwork in American Jewish Folk Art*. It is a wonderful history of the ark



tapestry. It details the lives of the women involved and their story of how the tapestry came to be. It also gives you a "tour" through the tapestry explaining the various symbolisms.

I would love to give anyone a closer tour of the ark so you can see the amazing work that these women created with a small vision. Give me call, or send me an email (shelly@templesinaistamford.org) and let me know when you want to stop in to take a look!

Shelly Welfeld

**We have a few copies available in the Temple office.*

DIRECTOR OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTER (ECEC)



It's summertime and the living is so much fun. With such warm weather, who wouldn't want to be playing in the water? I thought you might enjoy some pictures of the children having fun at the ECEC.

L'Shalom – In Peace,
Phyllis Lyons



JULY/AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

JULY

Edward Abrams
Annabelle Alon
Alan Barr
Jessica Bernstein
Lucy Bernstein
Daniel Blonshteyn
Eric Bloom
Gary Bloom
Jamie Boris Lapin
Meghan Budries
Blake Bueckman
Staci Burston
Cassandra Cronk
Jack Diamond
Brody Ebright
Deena Ebright
Paula Eppinger
Douglas Fenton
Chris Ferony
Richard Fine
Max Fink
Marnin Forman
Alan Freeman
Connie Freeman
Julia Frederick
Dennis Gehr
Elisabeth Giles
Bruce Goldstein
Karen Gordon
Sophia Graf
Abigail Hannum
Gabriella Hunt
Susan Isaacs
Benjamin Isenstein
Jake Isolda
Paul Isolda
Lila Juneja
Sadae Kadish
Leah Kagan
Lewis Kass
Emily Klein
Sean Kornfeld
Joan Kranz
Mason Lapine
Olivia Lapine
Aaron Lear

Debbie Lese
Jonathan Lese
Aaron Levenson
Helen LeVine
Carrie Levitt Kaplan
Tatyana Lovishuk
Jordana Lubliner
David Lyons
Lila Marcus
Bennet Moskowitz
Vincent Murace
Jason Neer
Elizabeth Ortiz-Schwartz
Moriah Pardo
Susan Pellish-Thaler
Jordanna Posner
Harry Rich
Laurie Rosen
Lev Rubin
Edith Samers
Patty Sarner
Emily Savitt
Paige Savitt
Meredith Scheine
Chloe Schlesinger
Amy Schneider
Mark Schoenholtz
Sandra Semel
Beth Shaulson
Anna Silver
Jacob Silver
Charlotte Sorensen
Ayalah Spratt
Aaron Stark
Marion Stern
David Todrin
Lindsey Wallach
Donna Wise
Benjamin Wolff
Hannah Wolff
Debra Youngstein

AUGUST

Leeor Alon
Laila Barenbaum
Ari Behrend
Zoey Behrend
Jason Berman
Natalie Biren
Edie Block
Samson Block
Benjamin Blonshteyn
Andrew Cohen
Jason Cohen
Rachel Edery
Cory Ezring
Jennifer Ezring
Joel Fenster
Natasha Fenster
Eleanor Fenton
David Fischer
Rose Forman
Gary Gepner
Zoe Goldberg
Adele Goldsmith
Alexander Graf
Brendon Harmon
Jonathan Hollenberg
Alexander Hunt
Meryl Japha
Dylan Johnson
Madison Johnson
Ben Klein
Zachary Kornfeld
Martha Kramer
Evan Krasnor
Sarah Krasnor
Barr Kryger-Even
Marc Kurzman
Linda Lakin
Eleanor Lapin
Madeleine Lapine
Noah Lapine
Henry Lear
Lilian Lebo
Andrea Leifer
Lauren Levenson
Brian Libman
Carol Lilienthal

Mark Lovishuk
Stu Madison
Jamie Major
Theodore Meiri
Caren Miller
Eric Morson
Grey Moskowitz
Kevin Murace
Rebecca Nurick Wood
Daniel Pachter
Todd Palker
Sharon Pardo
Lisa Popper
Steven Posner
Roger Randall
Polly Rauh
George Sarner
Richard Sarner
Daniel Scherer
Lilah Scherer
Jayne Schiff
Jason Schlesinger
Eugene Schwartz
Alan Schwedel
Jacob Sherman
Lily Silver
Mered Sliwinski
Doug Watson
Jeffrey Weil
Roxanne Weisbard
John Zimmerman



★ HAPPY ★
BIRTHDAY!



BROTHERHOOD RE-IMAGINED AND RE-ENERGIZED

In a column last year, we pleaded that "Brotherhood Needs a Coup." In our last column, we reported that a revitalization was well under way. I am happy to report that Brotherhood has completed a thorough overhaul of its organizational structure in a manner more akin to a constitutional convention than a revolution.

First, the members unanimously adopted revised bylaws. That seems rather pedestrian on its face, but the changes encourage and facilitate broader participation in managing the organization in a way that has already led to the inclusion of new leaders and, more importantly, an infusion of new ideas for social events and services to the Temple and its congregation. For the first time in over a decade, Brotherhood has a group of officers tasked with specific responsibilities and a real Board of Trustees committed to meeting periodically to ensure that Brotherhood has a full calendar of events and fulfills its responsibilities to provide services to the temple. I was elected to serve one more term as President; Glenn Harper, Patrick Kramer and Aaron Levenson were elected Vice Presidents; Larry Cryer was elected Secretary; Adam Terr was re-elected as Treasurer and as Brotherhood's representative on the Temple Board; and Gary Gepner and Jeff Pardo were elected as Trustees. Glenn

was elected First Vice President, who will succeed me as president in July 2024, and the Board assigned him responsibility for Membership. Patrick was assigned responsibility for Programming, and Aaron was assigned responsibility for Temple Services. Former co-president Marc Bennett remains active and on the Board as the Immediate Past President.

The infusion of new leaders had an immediate impact on the energy and mission of the organization. After organizing and effecting the Mitzvah Day barbecue, Brotherhood members rewarded themselves for their hard work with their own barbecue, taking the opportunity to informally socialize among ourselves. We planned a new member dinner and are already planning a full schedule for next year. Among new activities we're contemplating are a field day with parent-child athletic events and cocktail receptions preceding Summer outdoor Shabbat services.

Brotherhood has restored the tradition of having its members present the Tanakh to B'nai Mitzvah celebrants. We continue to strengthen our relationship with Sisterhood. Sisterhood and Brotherhood members worked side by side once again at the Mitzvah Day BBQ, and Brotherhood will coordinate B'nai Mitzvah presentations with Sisterhood's presentations of the Kiddush Cup.

Temple Sinai needs a strong Brotherhood to continue to provide its current level of services to congregants that

allows Growth to Happen Here, such as sponsoring the Political Brunch, the Mitzvah Day and Welcome Back Smokin' BBQs, constructing our sukkah, organizing volunteers to assist with holiday events such as the Religious School Holiday Party and High Holy Day onegs, and providing ushers for High Holiday services. Starting in 2024, Brotherhood will also have significant responsibility for programming at the Men's Retreats. Brotherhood cannot fully meet its portion of that mission solely through the efforts of even its newly expanded cadre of officers and trustees. It needs volunteer efforts by its members, and there is plenty of room for existing – and new – Brotherhood members to take leadership roles by serving on committees managed by the Vice Presidents and by managing specific events. Our members not only get a real sense of accomplishment after performing those volunteer services for the congregation, we have a lot of fun doing them.

I close by imploring existing Brotherhood members who have not been active to get more active next year, and by encouraging eligible Temple members who have not previously joined Brotherhood to do so.

Any comments you may have can be sent to us at brotherhood@templesinaistamford.org.

Mike Kadish
President



Sisterhood trip to the Culinary Institute of America!

Jessica Kooris, Jeri Appel, Sandra Haiken, Michelle Ebstein, Michele Haiken, Sharon Pardo, Suellyn Bache, Liz Lebo, Carole Gladstone, Katy Meyers, Irma Paull, Arlene Rosen, Marilyn Terr

Donations to Sisterhoods Mother's Day Tea 2023

AS OF JUNE 6, 2023

Sisterhood thanks all of those who donated to our annual Fantasy Mother's Day Tea.
These funds support our temple and our local community.

DONOR	IN MEMORY OF	IN HONOR OF
Jeri Appel	Grace Appel	My mother Betty Roberts
Muriel Ashley	Jannie Tannenbaum	
Suellyn Bache		The wonderful women in my life
Michele S. Bauman	Mildred Levin	Lizbeth Diamond
Eve Block		The women of Sisterhood
Diane Brown	Susan Woodman	Jean Firestone
Rosalind Carlin	Mollie Goldberg	
Roberta Cohen	Shirley Cohen	
Joan Danoff	Evelyn Bruder, Sadye Danoff	
Deb DeNardo	Jennifer Galpin, Nancy Katcoff, Atara Kirsh	Shirley Kirsh
Michele Ebstein	Margaret Redniss, Esther Redniss, Doris Ebstein, Juliet Nethe	Rebecca Ebstein, Martha Maresco, Marie Fetter
Charlesanna Ecker	Frances Daily	
Michelle Haiken Fink	Lana Fink	
Marian Freed	Phyllis Freed	
Lesley Gehr	Evelyn Shapiro, Helen Feld, Ruth Schnurmacher	
Laura Ordway George	Roseanne Goldbard	
Nan Gordon	Ina Preschel, Shirley Gorden	Marcy Julius, Kimberly Gordon
Carole Gladstone		My "Sisters" of the "Hood"
Sharon Goldstein	Renee Ferrer, Luisa Goldstein	
Susan Greenberg	Sylvia Mathes, Mollie Greenberg	
Judy Heft		
Linda Hurwitz	Marilyn Kahn, Janet Fine	
Sadae Kadish		The women of Sisterhood
Randie Katz		Sonnie Katz
Danielle Klein		Marcia Bergson
Helen Kveskin	Ethel Kveskin, Sylvia Truss	
Liz Lebo		Rachel Glotzer
Carol S. Lilienthal	Gertrude Sherman	
Terrie Ann Lowenthal	Essie Lowenthal, Sadie LeVine	Eleanor Lowenthal
Joan Madison	Bea Singer, Rose Lock, Sylvia Lock	Elena Elkin, Meryl Elkin, Susan Siegal
Judith Margolin	Gertude Raskin	
Dayna Nathenson		All the women who raise us up.
Sharon Pardo		Meryl Silverstein
Irma Paull		Estelle Fruchtman
Betty Roberts	Rosalie Rosenberger, Sadie Krupnick	Jeri Appel
Arlene Rosen	Doris Karlin, Lena Schlafman, Jennie Karlin, Mina Rosen	Alyssa Rosen, Melissa Rosen
Maggie Seligman	Janice Seligman	Cantor Micah
Sandra Semel	Eva Kurkand	
Susan Shapiro	Gertrude Shapiro	
Lisa Silver	Vivienne Silver	
Meryl Silverstein	Freda Novick, Adele Silverstein, Etta Rich	
Alana & Mered Sliwinski	Elda Pinz	
Jennifer Torbick	Harriet R. Sherman	
Shelly Welfeld	Mimi Welfeld, Phyllis Jones	Kayla Weiser, Paige Schwartz, Mia Weiser
Barbara White	Sylvia Sackman, Bertha Sackman	

SUMMARY OF THE CLIMATE ACTION WORKSHOP ON MITZVAH DAY AT TEMPLE SINAI

We know there is a climate crisis. But what can we, as individuals and families, do that will make much of an impact?

One area that we can explore and act on is our finances – where we bank, what credit cards we use, and how we invest the money we have saved.

There is a broad movement across Jewish organizations (led by Dayenu, Shalom Center, and the Jewish Climate Leadership Coalition) to look at how our money is bankrolling the climate crisis.

The big banks (like JP Morgan Chase, Citi, Wells Fargo, and Bank of America) fund fossil fuel companies to do fossil fuel extraction. In 2022, the 60 largest banks provided \$673 billion in fossil fuel financing.

The good news is that a number of new companies and products exist that provide greener choices. We can move our money to “green” banks that, as policy, do not engage in funding fossil fuel companies. Same thing with credit cards. And research over the last 20+ years has shown that a composite index of green companies performed as well as if not slightly better than, the S&P 500.

To help make decisions about where to put your money, here are some informative websites:

- Bank for Good: <https://bankforgood.org> - Banks
- Green America: <https://www.greenamerica.org/finance> - Credit Cards
- As You Sow: <https://www.asyousow.org> - Analyze Your Stock/Bond Portfolio
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- Shalom Center: www.theshalomcenter.org - Divesting from fossil fuels
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For more detailed information, please contact the Temple Sinai Climate Group at sinaiclimategroup@gmail.com.

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Saturday, July 8: Pinchas
Saturday, July 15: Matot - Mas'ei
Saturday, July 22: D'varim
Saturday, July 29: Va-et'chanan

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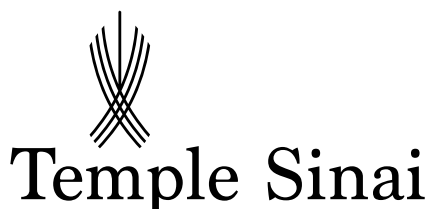


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