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FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY



Breakage Is Required For Change: Living In Moments Of Discontinuity

It feels like we are in a moment of deep brokenness. So many of the institutions that gave American, Israeli, and Jewish life their continuity, meaning, and flourishing have decayed, become corrupted, or disappeared. Seeing this, it is easy to fall into despair. It is hard to see anything beyond the brokenness.

Yet, by definition, breakage is required for change. In order for new things to come into being, we need to break what came before. We see this in life itself when a pregnant woman's water "breaks" before the baby is born, or when living matter breaks down in order to provide the essential nutrients for new things to grow. We see this in Jewish life when we break a glass to celebrate a new marriage, or in the mystical tradition when, during Creation, vessels of Divine Light shattered and created the reality of the world today.

My favorite piece from the Talmud tells the story of Rabbi Judah, who was deeply ill and close to death. As he lay on his bed, his disciples surrounded him. They prayed with such intensity that they were literally keeping him alive. Rabbi Judah's handmaid sees her master's suffering. She climbs to the rafters and drops a pitcher to the ground. In the moment when the pitcher shattered, the disciples stopped praying, and Rabbi Judah died. The handmaid is viewed by Jewish tradition as a righteous woman, who had the courage to break the cycle that was preventing Rabbi Judah from moving on.

There is another option than seeing only despair in the brokenness. We could see these moments as the seam between the comfortable, predictable, and broken past and the unknown future that lies ahead. America, Israel, and Judaism itself have all gone through eras of significant change before. Along with all of the obvious challenges, these moments offer us a chance, if we take it, to be part of building anew—to shape the ideas, priorities, companies, civic organizations, media, cultural institutions, and more that will make up the landscape of the future.

As we enter the High Holy Day season, can we be like Rabbi Judah's handmaid? Are we bold enough to climb to great heights and then shatter what is holding us back?

- Rabbi Alan Litwak

A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Sage Kantor | President

Welcome back my friends!

I hope your summers were meaningful, relaxing and fun!

Back here, at your home away from home, Temple Sinai's 2023/24 year is ready to welcome you all back with open arms. We have already picked up momentum with our exciting upcoming calendar of events which will bring us many opportunities to spend our time together in and out of the Feinbloom Sanctuary. We hope you will plan to join us for all of our amazing High Holy Day programming coming up in September and October, as well as all of the holiday programs, fundraisers and FRIENDraisers throughout the year! We will kick off the festivities with our Annual "Back to Shul" Welcome Back Party hosted by the Sisterhood Circle on September 7th. SAVE THE DATE!

Once again, our Gan Sinai Early Childhood school has full classrooms with tours still happening. Everyone is excited for an amazing new school year which will include both a brand-new KINDERGARTEN program and CLUB SINAI our new Afterschool Program, which will be available to both our Sinai partners and the neighborhood community!

This exciting energy keeps us moving forward with the help and continued support given by our partners and friends. This idea of giving back is a backbone of the Sinai community and we are always looking for volunteers for all aspects of Temple life and we would love to hear from you about where you would find the most value to spend your time with us. Opportunities include helping out in the office, planning and working on events, reading to our kids in the Gan, signing up for the reinstated Caring Community assisting our partners in need, baking with the Baking Brigade or just coming in to be a greeter on Shabbat, there are many opportunities here at Temple Sinai to volunteer and lend a helping hand! Call today to let us know where you will feel most valued!

I want to take this opportunity to thank my congregational family for the outpouring of love and support following the passing of my father-in-law. Your presence during this time has been invaluable to our family. The love and connections here at Temple Sinai are what help us stand out among the rest in the larger community and I look forward to a beautiful and exciting new year coming up with all of you, building on the momentum we have created together and deepening our connections.

Hine Mah Tov U'mah Naim Shevet Achim Gam Yachad. How good it is, how sweet it is to be together on this day, and all the days to come and for a full and beautiful year of spending our time together learning, praying and celebrating at Temple Sinai. We thank you for your dedication to, and trust in Temple Sinai and, of course, my door is always open for you.

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Sage Kantor
President

Welcome New Partners

AURA & FRED BRAND
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HIGH HOLY DAYS

2023 / 5784

WELCOME BACK!

How nice it is to be able to say those words, *Welcome Back*.

The clergy, staff and Board look forward to welcoming you back to **High Holy Days** services as we begin the new year together. We hope that 5784 will be a year of health, happiness, and peace for all. **High Holy Days** services will also be available through streaming. Kindly RSVP so that we know that you will be joining us.

As we plan for the New Year, we have a list of Sponsorship opportunities along with our New Year Greetings video and "In Memoriam" video, that we are offering to our congregants. What a wonderful and lasting way to extend warm greetings to your fellow congregants or to honor the memory of a loved one.

Please review the attached order form or go to tsnd.org/HHD and let us know if we can include you as we begin to prepare for the High Holy Days. The deadline this year is August 31, 2023. Please help us by adhering to the deadline.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

Susan Warech
Director of Administration
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Temple Sinai's Vision

Temple Sinai is the choice for all those seeking an inclusive Jewish community, creating a caring and impactful difference in every person, and coming together to build a just and compassionate world.

Temple Sinai's Mission

A Community
Nurturing
Fuller Jewish Life.

Join Us!

HIGH HOLY DAYS SERVICES

2023 | 5784

S'LICHOT

Saturday, September 9th

- Dinner & Movie 6:15 pm - 9:00 pm
- S'lichot Service 9:00 pm

EREV ROSH HASHANAH SERVICE

Friday, September 15th | 5:15 pm - 6:30 pm

FIRST DAY ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES

Saturday, September 16th

- Family Service 9:00 am - 9:45 am
- Morning Service 10:00 am - 12:30 pm

SECOND DAY ROSH HASHANAH SERVICE WITH TASHLICH

Sunday, September 17th

- Service 10:00 am - 12:30 pm
- Tashlich 12:30 pm

KOL NIDRE/ EREV YOM KIPPUR

Sunday, September 24th | 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

YOM KIPPUR

Monday, September 25th

- Family Service 9:00 am - 9:45 am
- Morning Service 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
- Study Session 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm
- Yom Kippur afternoon 3:30 pm - 7:00 pm

FIRST DAY SUKKOT SERVICE

Saturday, September 30th | 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

ATZERET/SIMCHAT TORAH SERVICE WITH YIZKOR:

Saturday, October 7th 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

**FILL OUT YOUR
HIGH HOLY DAYS
FORMS ONLINE!**

[TSND.ORG/HHD](https://tsnd.org/hhd)



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

*...u'tzedakah ma'avirin et ro'ah hagezeirah
...Tzedakah tempers judgment's severe decree*



High Holy Days Greeting Video

Wish your Temple Sinai family a "Shana Tova"

- Name only: \$36
- Video (no more than 5 seconds): \$36
- Photo (hold up a "Shana Tova" sign): \$36

This will debut on Erev Rosh HaShanah

"In Memoriam" Video Montage

In place of our annual printed Book of Memory

- Name alone (same amount as last year) \$18
- Photo and name/s (additional amount) \$36

This will be shown during Yizkor

(Upload your photos/videos at tsnd.org/hhd)

<input type="checkbox"/> High Holy Days Season Sponsor (All 7 services, all other sponsorships, New Years Greeting and "In Memoriam" videos)	\$5,400
<input type="checkbox"/> High Holy Days Services Sponsor: \$3600 (all 7 services)	\$3,600
<input type="checkbox"/> One Specific Service	\$540
<input type="checkbox"/> Rosh HaShanah Flowers	\$360
<input type="checkbox"/> Yom Kippur Flowers	\$360
<input type="checkbox"/> Choir	\$2,500 Per Holiday
<input type="checkbox"/> Conductor	\$1,800
<input type="checkbox"/> Cellist	\$540
<input type="checkbox"/> Harpist	\$540
<input type="checkbox"/> Flutist	\$540
<input type="checkbox"/> Technology	\$540 Per Service
<input type="checkbox"/> Yom Kippur Afternoon Study Program	\$180

OTHER SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

<input type="checkbox"/> Brick Pavers (4x8, 8x8)	\$180, \$360
<input type="checkbox"/> Memorial Plaque	\$750
<input type="checkbox"/> Pew Seat	\$600
<input type="checkbox"/> Chumash Torah Commentary Dedication	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Dedicate a 2-volume set of our new High Holy Days prayer books	\$72

Name: _____ Total Enclosed \$ _____

Please let us know if you are sponsoring something in honor of/memory of someone, please list names as follows:

PLEASE FILL OUT OUR ONLINE FORM AT WWW.TSND.ORG/HHD OR FILL OUT THIS FORM AND RETURN IT TO US WITH A CHECK

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FOR EVERY SEASON, FOR EVERY REASON

SUKKOT FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 1, 2023
10:00AM - 12:00PM

Shake lulav; Eat in a sukkah
Sukkot "Farmer's Food Tasting Market"
Arts & Crafts
Hay Rides



BBQ • MUSIC • FRIENDS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023

5PM - 6PM SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION
6PM - 8PM REAL SOUTHERN BBQ AT THE
HANDS OF TEMPLE SINAI BBQ PIT MASTER,
JASON RINDLER

\$20 PER ADULT | \$5 PER CHILD (UNDER AGE 13)

PREPARING FOR THE HIGH HOLY DAYS
IS NOT JUST FOR CLERGY . . .

The High Holy Days: A Time of Reflection

August 22, 29, Sep 5, 2023 | 7:00-8:30PM
Temple Sinai Zoom

Led by master educator and TSND partner
Merle Saferstein

Please RSVP | 305.932.9010

In this three-part series, participants will be invited to reflect on the year that has passed and where they would like to be this time next year.

Chai Donor Recognition Award

Level	Digital Display	High Holy Day Aliyah	Chai Donor Events	Congregational Dinner	Music Fest Tickets	Plaque Recognition	Reserved HHD Parking (1 Car)
\$100,000	●	●	●	● ∞	● ∞	●	●
\$50,000	●	●	●	● x's4	● ∞	●	●
\$25,000	●	●	●	● x's2	● x's2*	●	●
\$10,000	●	●	●	● x's1	● x's2*	●	●
\$5,400	●	●	●	● x's1	● x's2	●	●
\$3,600	●	●	●	● x's1	● x's2		
\$1,800	●	●	●				
\$1,000	●	●	●				

*Patron Tix ∞ Unlimited



Our Chai Donor Board for participants that gave \$5,400 and up!

"What is the Annual Giving Campaign and why do we need it? How do I become a Chai Donor?"

These questions are good and often asked so we will try to answer them. We are so fortunate to have had thoughtful, dedicated congregants who had the foresight to buy this beautiful property and build a magnificent sanctuary, social hall, administrative buildings, and a school. Our dues, rental income, and tuition cover many of our expenses, but not all. As we have aged buildings and a vast property, the extra donation from the Annual Giving Campaign allows us to maintain what is over and above our dues, rental income, and tuition. These extra funds help pay for needed repairs, extra security, and caring community services for families in need.

Chai Donors donate a minimum of \$1,000 (July 1-June 30) over their dues. These donors receive special recognition on our banner in the Bloom Lobby. If donations total \$5,400 during our fiscal year (July 1-June 30) congregants are listed on a plaque in the lobby signifying their donation. This was added several years ago and is a beautiful art piece. Thank you to Ron Book and his family for the generous donation of the frame for the plaques.

Whether you pay dues, make donations, bring your children to school, attend services, and/or come to programs and events, you are a valued part of our Temple Sinai Family. Thank you for being the best and most generous community.

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CHAI DONORS

2023/2024-5784

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Treasurer's Report

2022/2023 has been an exciting year for our Temple Sinai community. Along with our in-person services we are streaming our services, Torah study and other adult education programs. We are also collaborating on social action projects in our community. Your generous contributions to our Annual Fund and General Donations made so much possible. Thank you to every one of you who has donated, attended Dine for Sinai, the Gala honoring our own Susan Warech and a multitude of other occasions where you gave your time and resources. Our Annual Giving Campaign reached our goal for this past fiscal year and again we say thank you.

This past year we had one of our buildings go through the 50-year re-certification process and this year we will be doing the same for 3 additional buildings. We will keep you up to date on the progress. This summer we are finally moving forward with replacing the air handlers in the Feinbloom Sanctuary and Wiener Social Hall. This is a \$175,000 project which is long overdue. The roof on the Feinbloom Administration building will also be replaced. This is a large campus, with a lot of projects in the pipeline to maintain the property. Your continued support is appreciated and needed. On a high note, Gan Sinai Early Childhood Education Center has updated all the classroom bathrooms and has a beautiful new playground, thanks to the generosity of congregants and Gan Sinai families. Come check it out. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Carol Moss
#IAMSINAI



Help Wanted

FINANCE COMMITTEE: WE HAVE AN ACTIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE THAT EVALUATES ALL FINANCIAL REPORTS AND MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE ANY MEMBER OF THE CONGREGATION THAT WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THIS COMMITTEE.

THERE ARE NO PRE-QUALIFICATIONS!

PLEASE CONTACT CAROL MOSS AT CBM1943@YAHOO.COM IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.

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Gan Sinai

Gan Sinai Early Learning Center at Temple Sinai of North Dade nurtures the growth of curiosity, creativity, and connection in and among our children by providing a Jewish, child-centered, play-based, and family-focused early learning program in a nature-rich environment. We share an abiding appreciation for the unique seed of holiness that each child plants in the world and each child's capacity to reach his or her brightest potential.



Sun Sinai & Club Sinai

SUN SINAI – At Sun Sinai, we believe that learning happens when our spirits are ignited, when we're having fun and when we can explore and discover our Jewish passion. Through one-on-one attention and camp-style Jewish learning, we help Jewish children SHINE! This is a Sunday School program for K – 7th graders.

CLUB SINAI – where after school is cool – provides premium after-school care and experiential Jewish education 2, 3, 4 or 5 days a week to kindergarteners through 5th graders.



Teens

Temple Sinai's teen groups offer middle and high school students the chance to socialize, learn, and live Jewish lives with community service and leadership opportunities.



Empty Nesters

Our Empty Nesters group is responsible for developing, arranging, conducting and coordinating social programs, events and meetings for empty nesters. Some of the activities we do are: Game Nights, Dinners, group participation in Temple Sinai's social events and our annual Shabbaton: a special weekend where we bond, we learn and pray together in a relaxed and informal destination.



Sisterhood Circle

The Sisterhood Circle of Temple Sinai provides the women of our congregation a strong sense of community through opportunities for friendship, leadership, and intellectual and spiritual growth. Together the Sisterhood Circle strives to enrich our Temple family, as well as to advance social justice through advocacy and action.



Temple Sinai Choral

Do you enjoy singing? The social and health benefits of choral singing for all ages are becoming well known. Our TSND adult ensemble would love to have you join us! Whether or not you have previous choral experience or can read music, Cantor Norman and our musical director Juvenal Correás-Salas will help you become a better choral musician and you will become a part of our musical family.

Learn more at tsnd.org or contact our Temple office at 305.932.9010



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6:15PM

TEMPLE SINAI PRESENTS

ROCK SHABBRAT

MUSIC
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