May the glow of each candle you light make your heart happy and your Chanukah bright!

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The following article comes from the Dr. Jacob Rader Marcus z’l, and the files of the Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives, a branch of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati. Dr. Marcus was a beloved teacher of generations of Reform Rabbis, including Susan and me. He is widely considered the founding father of the academic field of American Jewish studies and his knowing insights about American Jewish life continue to be an inspiration. I can think of no greater Chanukah gift than to share his words with you.

Today many American Jews celebrate Hanukkah with the same gusto as their gentile neighbors celebrate Christmas. It is a time of giving and receiving, and it marks the beginning of the end of the secular year. Yet in the traditional Jewish calendar the Festival of Lights was considered a minor holiday without rampant commercialism and the secular connotations that come with gifts. In an Ashkenazi prayer book, printed in the United States in 1848, the Hanukkah celebration was not yet a parallel to Christmas, although the practice of lighting the menorah was common. Indeed, throughout much of the nineteenth century American Jews tended to neglect the Festival of Lights a fact noted even by Christian newspapers. Yet already by the 1920s, Christians were referring to Hanukkah as the “Jewish Christmas,” while Jews celebrated the holiday not only by lightning the Menorah but by giving gifts, all in the shadow of a developing consumer culture.

Like so many aspects of Jewish religious practice, the transformation of Hanukkah was linked to the growth of United States Jewry within its unique environment. Interestingly, we can even see signs of Americanization in the changing eating habits of various Jewish communities. Jews traditionally eat latkes on Hanukkah. Yet, in late-nineteenth-century Vermont, Jews ate their latkes with maple syrup, while during the same era in California, a dish of potato pancakes was served with goat cheese!

The elevation of Hanukkah to a major holiday was the result of Jews acculturating themselves to an America that was overwhelmingly Christian in population and symbols. During the renowned Pittsburgh Rabbinical Conference of 1885, Kaufmann Kohler (1843-1926), a leader of the Reform movement, spoke of the importance of dressing up Hanukah to compete with Christmas. In part, this advice was a reaction to Christian missionary activities, which attempted to lure Jewish children to Christmas celebrations with the promise of material rewards.

By the 1920s, Hanukah had become an important holiday among American Jews. Yet it would be incorrect to regard this holiday as a mere imitation of Christmas with an emphasis on the exchange of presents. Rather, American Jews use this time as a celebration of family reinforcing Jewish identity in a country whose population may be overwhelmingly Christian but in which Jews feel at home. Hanukkah, therefore, is a means for American Jews to feel a kinship with their neighbors, while simultaneously asserting their Jewish distinctiveness.

May the glow of the Chanukah lights brighten your spirit, warm your heart and remind you and your family of the blessings of God and our Jewish heritage.

Chanukah Sameiach!

Rabbi Richard Rheins

Welcome New Members!

Melanie Stein-Kantor
Alison & Dave Smith
Greyson (9) and Miles (11)

Bible, Beers & Brotherhood
Men Talking Torah with Rabbi Rheins
Wednesday, December 14
6:00 p.m. at Darcy’s Pub
Darcy’s Pub in the DTC (S. Ulster St. between Union and Belleview) No RSVP Needed!
The First Night of Chanukah is Sunday evening, December 24!

The Rituals and Origin of Chanukah?

Chanukah means “dedication.” About 168 BCE, Antiochus Epiphanes, the Greek ruler of Asia Minor, sought to impose Greek culture and idolatry upon Jews and all the other peoples he ruled. Though some Jews bent to his will and assimilated fully, most of our Jewish ancestors, led by the Maccabees, resisted the Greek plan and revolted against Antiochus. The war lasted some three years and is considered history’s first struggle for religious freedom. Despite overwhelming odds, the Judeans were successful and joyously engaged in the rededication (chanukah) of their Temple on the 25th of Kislev in 165 BCE.

The miracle of the Maccabees’ victory is commemorated annually by Jews for eight days—kindling candles, singing songs and exchanging gifts, offering prayers of thanksgiving and rededicating themselves to the cause of religious liberty in their Chanukah celebrations. Chanukah originally was developed to parallel the eight day Festival of Sukkot (which was the traditional time for dedicating the Temple). Over time, the eight days of Chanukah were linked by a Rabbinic midrash to a miracle of sacred oil (chanukah) of their Temple on the 25th of Kislev in 165 BCE.

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Candles are added to the chanukiyah from right to left, but are kindled from left to right. The newest candle is lit first. (On the Shabbat of Chanukah, kindle the Chanukah lights first and then the Shabbat candles.)

First light the shamash, “the helper candle,” then use the shamash to light the other candles of the chanukiyah. As we light the candles we sing:

Barukh atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melekh haolam, asher kideshanu b’mitzvotav v’tzivanu lehadlik ner shel Chanukah.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who hallows us with mitzvot, commanding us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

Then we say:

Barukh atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melekh haolam, she-asah nisim la-avoteinu v’imoteinu bayamim haheim baz’man hazeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old at this season.

On the very first night we also add shehecheyanu:

Barukh atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melekh haolam, shehecheyanu v’k’iymanu v’higianu la’az’man hazeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.

Ask Rabbi Rheins

What is the correct way to spell the Festival of Lights: Hanukkah or Chanukah?

Transliteration is an imperfect science. The goal of transliteration is to find the right combination of English letters that will help the reader sound out a word from another language. This is an especially daunting task when attempting to render Hebrew in transliterated English. Quite frankly, English is so inconsistent that readers have a difficult enough time trying to pronounce English words, let alone Hebrew words spelled with English letters. For instance, consider the diphthong ei. In English ei sounds like “a” as in “fright.” But the same “a” sound can also be rendered using ey (they), ay (May), and even ai (maid). So, which diphthong should we use to represent the “a” sound for the vowel tzerei in Hebrew?

The late Professor Werner Weinberg of Hebrew Union College wrote extensively on the art and options of transliteration. In his terrific book, How Do You Spell Chanukah? A General Purpose Romanization of Hebrew (HUC Press, 1976), he notes that different systems of transliteration are required for the general public as opposed to the needs of scholars. In scholarly journals, there is a need to render specific letters and punctuation for each Hebrew consonant and vowel. This was especially important in the day when printing presses were not always capable of using Hebrew letters. The general public, however, requests to know how the word sounds and is not always so demanding that the English letters are exact matches for the corresponding Hebrew consonants and/or vowels.

Okay, after all of that, the preferred spelling is Chanukah.

So why not Hanukkah? The technical reason for preferring Chanukah is that the Hebrew chet is more accurately represented by the English ch than the letter h. Scholars sometimes render the chet with an h that has a dot under it—but that is next to impossible to recreate in popular texts and, even still, most people would be baffled by the strange sight of an h with a dot under it because it has no corresponding English usage. The double kk in Hanukkah is also unnecessary, except for those who wish to note that the Hebrew letter kaif has a dagesh forte. In any case, the pronunciation of the kaif in Chanukah is similar to the English “k.” For general transliteration purposes, that’s enough.

Of course, the best way to spell Chanukah is with the Hebrew letters themselves! חֲנֻכָּה

Interested in learning Hebrew? Please contact me or Rabbi Susan!

Chanukah Sameach!
There is a place far beyond the sea where the sand is white, the house is warm, 
The sun shines over the market, the street and the port. 
There is a place that I will not forget, that I will always carry with me. 
There is a place that I love.

If these lyrics sound familiar, you’re undoubtedly a fan of the classic Israeli film “Kazablan.” Set in Old Yaffo in the 1960s, Kazablan is Israel’s ”West Side Story” and “Fiddler on the Roof” rolled into one. While the words actually reflect Kazablan’s pining for his home and family in Casablanca, when I hear them I think longingly of Israel.

At this time of year, however, gray skies cloud Israel’s markets, streets and ports as often as the sun shines. The late Israeli singer/songwriter Naomi Shemer’s Sheleg Al Iri (Snow on My City) or HaIr B’afor (City in Gray) more appropriately describe Israel during autumn and winter which, like all other seasons, are perfect times to visit Israel and which is where I am as you read this message. If it rains while I’m here, all the better! After all, from the end of Sukkot until Pesach, we insert daily into the Amidah a petition asking God to let the wind blow and the rain fall: mashiv haru’ach u’moreed hagashem! Like much of Colorado, Israel has a semi-arid climate and is highly dependent during the spring and summer on the rain and snow that fall in autumn and winter. The kaleidoscope of wildflowers that we see when we visit Israel in the spring, the rushing rivers of the Golan on which we kayak when we visit Israel in the summer, and the luscious dates dripping with sweetness that we savor when we visit Israel in early autumn are just some of the blessings resulting from the precipitation for which we now pray.

As always, it’s a dream come true to be in Israel. I’m here for too short a time to visit Rick’s and my oldest son who, for 10 months, is living in Jerusalem and working as an Israel Government Fellow (IGF) in the Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs. How did he get this position, you might ask? IGF is one of Masa Israel’s 200 study, internship, and volunteer opportunities for Jewish young adults ages 18-30. Since Masa Israel’s founding in 2004 by the Prime Minister’s Office of the Government of Israel, in partnership with The Jewish Agency for Israel, over 110,000 young Jews from more than 60 countries have participated in Masa Israel programs. If you are a young adult or know a young adult who is passionate about Israel and wants the experience of a lifetime, I highly recommend considering a Masa Israel program (www.masaisrael.org).

In my heart, the sun always shines in that place far beyond the sea. The sand here always is white, and the houses here always are warm. Israel is the place that I cannot forget. Israel is the place that I always carry lovingly and longingly with me.

L’hitra’ot from Jerusalem!

Susan

Our URJ region’s 4-week Jewish summer camp is GUCI and GUCI is more than just a summer camp!

With all the concern about the shrinking levels of Jewish identity among young people, data has overwhelmingly demonstrated that affiliation with a synagogue and sending kids to Jewish summer camps gives parents and grandparents the best hope that the next generation will remain Jewish. Temple Sinai encourages all of our youth to attend a Jewish summer camp, and there are several that are worthy. One of the nation’s best is URJ Goldman Union Camp Institute (GUCI)!

GUCI offers campers a wide variety of activity choices that allow them to exercise their bodies and minds, challenge their creativity and enhance their Jewish identities. From sports and fitness to the performing and creative arts; from nature activities to outdoor adventure programs, GUCI has something for everyone. A summer at GUCI is an unforgettable religious, cultural, recreational and social experience!

GUCI is the designated camp for Temple Sinai’s URJ region. This summer, several of our young adults will be working as counselors, and Temple Sinai’s veteran campers are counting the days until GUCI 2017 begins! For more information about GUCI, contact Rabbi Susan Rheins: rabbisusan@sinaidenver.org or GUCI: https://guci.org/
It is said that in a messianic time, no prayers will be needed, except for the Haadah, the prayer for thanksgiving. Even in a time when there could be complete wholeness, contentment, and peace, we would still be bounded to pray in acknowledgment for that which is sacred in our lives, and say thank you. We are not there yet, but I ask you, what would you be thankful for?

I would be thankful for the music. Music has an incomparable power to reach people beyond languages, cultures and continents. It can touch the hearts of thousands and move them to make a change. Sometimes a simple change, like making sure to say “I love you” to the ones you love, be kinder, perhaps even be a better listener. Other times, music has been the vehicle through which a generation’s message has been shared to bring change and awareness in the face of their reality. And this is why it’s so powerful; that’s why its message can never be destroyed. Perhaps, music is where God dwells.

I personally feel its power during the High Holy Days when shared with such talent and n’shamah by our Adult Choir. I feel it when TMG leads services on a Friday evening and a congregant is moved in such a way that they rush to the bimah to congratulate our Temple’s teens. I feel it in those who also participate with their instruments during our worship services. I feel it when helping our teens to develop their passion as song leaders, and I know, you feel it too.

In the next few months, I invite you to continue being a witness of the power of music in two different and very meaningful ways. On Friday evening, December 2nd, I hope to see you all as we honor Rabbi Zwerin with a service that will incorporate the best of the worship music of yesterday and today. And, on Saturday February 11th, I will welcome two of my dear colleagues from Buenos Aires, Argentina, Cantors Diego Rubinztein and Ines Kapustiansky. They will help lead the morning minyan service, and they will perform an evening concert that will feature the best of Argentinian, both secular and Jewish, music.

Music tells my personal story in ways that words can’t express, as well as the story of our community, and it projects us to understand who we are today, and all that we can be tomorrow. To borrow from ABBA, I’m thankful for the music, for the joy it brings. And to God, for giving it to me.

SAVE-THE-DATE!
FROM ARGENTINA, WITH LOVE
Saturday, February 11 at 7:00 p.m.

Join us for a very special concert with Argentinian Cantors Diego Rubinztein and Ines Kapustiansky. Their beautiful harmonies and Latin rhythms are not to be missed! Cabaret-style evening with wine and desserts.
For our Healing Service, we gather together in the sacred space of the Abrahams Family Chapel for prayers, meditations and the warm embrace of friends to renew our sense of hope, strength and healing.

The Healing Service is for those who are struggling with their health, struggling with sadness and grief, and for caregivers who seek inspiration as they pray for the welfare of loved ones.

All are welcome. If you are unable to attend the service, just send us the name(s) of the loved ones you would like mentioned during our prayers. Be sure to let them know that they are in all of our thoughts and prayers.

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**Mason Berkhoff**
December 3
Mason is the son of Rebecca Bernstein and Bryan Berkhoff. He is a student at Campus Middle School and enjoys reading, playing video games, Pokemon tournaments and cooking. For his Mitzvah Project, Mason volunteered at the Denver Dumb Friends League as a Junior Volunteer for five months.

**Rena Lilliane Zucker**
December 10
Rena is the daughter of Shanah and Josh Zucker and the sister of Ailiana (10) and Micah (8). She is a student at Laredo Middle School and enjoys Taekwondo, hanging out with her friends, watching movies and listening to music. For the past three winters Rena has gone around shoveling driveways and collecting money for The Children’s Hospital. She has sent almost $300 to the hospital. This is in addition to various other projects she has done. Just to name a few: She raised $136 to help pay for hospital bills for a sick child in her Taekwondo school by selling home made cookies, and she always helps her mother with the annual drive for the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless.

**Matthew Kleyman**
December 17
Matthew is the son of Yelena and Stan Kleyman and the brother of Monica (18) and Leo (26). He is a student at Laredo Middle School and enjoys reading, singing, traveling and spending time with friends and family. For his Mitzvah Project, Matthew performed vocal music concerts for nursing home residents at three different houses.

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**Does Your Child Turn 13 in 2018 or 2019?**

It is never too late to have our children experience the life-affirming joy and pride of accomplishment by leading a service as a Bar or Bat Mitzvah. Each year around 60 students become Bar or Bat Mitzvah at Temple Sinai. The 2018 schedule is filling up and we have **just started to assign the 2019 dates**.

If you have a child who will turn 13 (or older) in 2018 and you do not have a reserved date for a service, please call Rabbi Rick or Rabbi Susan Rheins and we'll answer all your questions and help you find a date that works for your family.

Date selection request forms also are available in the Temple Sinai office and can be mailed directly to you.

Know that our clergy work personally with each student and his/her family to help create a memorable celebration that will bring a lifetime of blessings.

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**Healing Service**
Thursday, December 15 at 11:00 a.m.
For our Healing Service, we gather together in the sacred space of the Abrahams Family Chapel for prayers, meditations and the warm embrace of friends to renew our sense of hope, strength and healing.

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**LUNCH & LEARN**
Thursdays, Noon to 1:00 p.m.
December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
COME TO LEARN, DISCUSS, DEBATE AND MEET FRIENDS

We’ll review ethical & moral issues in selected Jewish texts, discuss current hot topics and debate the important issues of the day.

Bring your Lunch! We will serve the Text and Topics!

NEWCOMERS QUICKLY AND EASILY FIT RIGHT IN!
It’s a great way to learn and meet new friends!
The Executive Committee along with Board help to make our spiritual home better each and every day! We are blessed with fine financial support to make it all happen. Thank you to our members who have responded.

As I indicated in my High Holy Day messages, we need active participation of our congregants to keep our Temple thriving AND spirited season of activities that follows and continues here at Temple Sinai. Once again I want to thank the many individuals who worked so hard to ensure a smooth transition during the High Holy Days and a healthy New Year!

Last month I introduced our Executive Committee. This month I would like to present our Board of Trustees. We are blessed with fine, competent individuals on our Board who help to lead and guide our Temple in a positive and strong direction. The Executive Committee along with Board help to make our spiritual home better each and every day!

Grace Bach - Formerly worked in Interior Design and Antique sales. She has been a Temple Sinai member for 48 years! She has a son Cary (Tina) and a daughter Cheryl. She is blessed with six grandchildren, one great granddaughter and four step-grandchildren.

Jennifer Feingold - Jennifer is a family law attorney and mediator. She is married to Lane and mother to Mira and Ben. The Feingolds have been Temple members for 10 years.

Lane Feingold - Senior Account Manager for Motorola Solutions. He sells wireless voice and data solutions to Government and Public Safety Agencies in Colorado to help them become more efficient and to help make their jobs safer. He and his wife Jen have been Sinai members for 10 years. They have two children, Mira and Benjamin.

Vicki Goldman - Vicki was a commercial banker for 25 years. She currently manages residential real estate. She and her husband David have two children, Corey and Marissa. Vicki has been a Temple member for 48 years!

Sherri Ginsburg - Sherri is the Activities Assistant at Cherokee Trail High School in the Cherry Creek School District. She is married to Brett and has two sons, Zach and Ari. Sherri has been a Temple Sinai member for 11 years.

Sandy Korn - Sandy is an Administrative Assistant for the Radiation Oncology Department at University Hospital. She and her husband Mike have three children, Ben, Sarah and Sam. They have been Temple members for 21 years.

Jeff Lavenhar - Oil and Gas brokerage and investments and former Adoption Agency Administrator. Jeff is the father to Jason and Chelsea. He has been a member of Temple Sinai for 25 years.

Barbara Lettes - Barb is a retired Special Education and Reading Teacher and advocated, evaluated, and provided curriculum support and instruction to students with special needs. She and her husband Mark have two children, David and Jill (Zack) and two granddaughters, Lilliana and Dara. The Lettes’ have been members of Temple for 30 years.

Mark Meyer - Mark is an attorney at Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie LLP. He has a transactional law practice primarily focused on Real Estate Law, general Corporate Law and protecting and enforcing branding and trademark rights. He and his wife Jody have two children, Ted and Lucy. They have been Temple members for three years.

Ralph Powell - Ralph is the Reclamation Manager with King Soopers. He is married to Shirley Beer Powell. Their children are Nicole (Hank) and Ryan and they are grandparents to three grandchildren. They have been Temple Sinai members for seven years.

Shirley Beer Powell - Sisterhood President, Shirley is a former Retailer, Fundraiser and Human Resources Associate. She and her husband Ralph have two children, Nicole (Hank) and Ryan and three grandchildren. They have been members of Temple Sinai for 7 years.

Gene Rosenthal - Gene is a Podiatrist and practices at Rose Medical Center. He and his wife Michelle have two daughters, Brooke and Megan. He has been a member of Temple Sinai for 37 years.

Lin Sunshine - Lin is Ex Officio to the Board of Trustees as a result of her being on the North American Board of the Union for Reform Judaism. Lin is also the Executive Assistant to Clergy. She was an Executive Legal Assistant for 25 years for a large Denver law firm. She and her husband Gary (the son of long-time Temple members) have three children Elizabeth (Avi), Rebecca (Sam) and Benjamin. Lin & Gary have been members of Temple Sinai for 34 years.

Bruce Tully - Bruce and his wife Kim are parents to son Noah and daughter Brynn. He is an Account Manager for a start up software company in LoDo. The Tullys have been members for 15 years.

Jeff Weinberg - Prior to retirement, Jeff was an Information Technology Project Analyst. He and his wife Michelle have two children, Allison and Eric. They have been Temple Sinai members for 19 years.

May the lights of the festival shine brightly upon all of you as we approach the end of the standard calendar year. I want to wish you and your family a Happy, Healthy New Year!

Wendy
To our Treasured Members,

So many times when we get toward the end of a really exceptional book, we eagerly anticipate what is to come next. It’s been so good, so enjoyable, so fulfilling that we would rather it just keep on going. We flip through the pages with eagerness. Some books teach us valuable lessons along the way, some books just make us laugh and forget about life, some books remind us of what is truly important in our lives and some books just make us fall in love with all of the characters.

I have come to a decision that it is time to flip the page and begin a new chapter in my story. On November 1st, I informed the Temple Sinai Board that I will be resigning from my position as the Executive Director, effective February 28, 2017. Although I enjoy and value the work that I do at Temple Sinai, it is time for me to move on and take my career in a new direction. This decision was very difficult for me given almost 23 years of employment as the Program Director, Preschool Director, Assistant Executive Director and Executive Director.

Many are asking why and trying to speculate, thinking I would retire from here some day. The truth is that I would be remiss if I didn’t admit that I am looking forward to less hours and spending the next few years committed to my children and husband (Chelsea, Corey and Jeff), extended family and friends. In addition, I struggle with an autoimmune disease that is manageable, but has made it more difficult to be “on” the hours that are necessary for me to do what I do best, what I value most and what I love dearly. I am excited to spend time with friends, begin a new chapter in my life and finally walk out the door as a staff member and walk back in as a grateful and privileged member of this community.

I value, adore, appreciate and have enjoyed working with so many members, lay people and staff for so many years. I feel blessed by the opportunities I was given and the knowledge that I have gained. I will move on to my next adventure reflecting on what was a most rewarding and gratifying experience. I will be guided by the lessons learned and will never let go of the many memories that fill my head and my heart. There are too many people to ever begin to thank personally. But I thank the many Presidents who believed in and supported my efforts, Loretta Cavelti and Ruth Cohen, who challenged me and opened up opportunities for me, Rabbi Zwerin who gave me the first opportunity to grow and, of course, Rabbi Rheins who demonstrated trust, support, advice, care, encouragement, friendship and an unbelievable sense of humor.

As you know, I have been blessed to work with an extraordinary staffing team. We share a synergy that is rare and each person on our team brings along their amazing skills, talents, creativity and expertise. The reward for all of our members, is that this team has provided the best service to this community programmatically and spiritually. The passion and love that each person has brought, has been shared over and over again in the work accomplished every day.

I am honored to have served this congregation and I look forward to the opportunity to express my gratitude to many of you between now and February 28th.

L’shalom,
Amy

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**Temple Sinai Book Club**

**One Wednesday a month at 11:00 a.m.**

**December 28:** *The Ice Cream Queen Of Orchard Street* by Susan Gillman will **replace** New York Yiddish Theater.

**January 25:** *All Who Go Do Not Return* by Shulem Deen (M, 2015, 288 pages)
In the Congregation
Lisa Thorner
Director of Programming and Member Engagement

**Encore**
a program for active adults 50 & older

**Friday Lunch Club at Dazzle Jazz!**
Friday, December 9 at 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Encore members will look to start their weekend early with lunch, accompanied by live jazz music at Dazzle Jazz (930 Lincoln St.) on Friday, December 9. Come enjoy jazz, food and friends. It is FREE, and the only cost is your lunch.

**Restaurant Night at California Pizza Kitchen**
Tuesday, December 13
11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Please join us for lunch or dinner from 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. at California Pizza Kitchen, 8343 Park Meadows Center Drive in Park Meadows. For each dine-in or carry-out purchase, CPK will donate 20% of the total sales back to Temple Sinai. Contact Lisa Thorner at lisa@sinaidenver.org to pick up your flyer.

**Mental Wellness Matters**
Going To Extremes: A Discussion About Children and Bipolar Disorder
December 7 at 6:30 p.m.

What Bipolar Disorder looks like in children.
What life is like for parents of a bipolar child.
What getting a diagnosis means and how it feels.
How having a bipolar child effects all your relationships.

Join us for an informative and interactive conversation with Cindy Singer and Sheryl Gurrentz (authors of the national award-winning book, If Your Child Is Bipolar) who will share their own personal stories. Bring your questions, worries and experiences to share and discuss. If you are a parent of a bipolar child or someone who loves one, you will leave this program knowing that you are not alone and that there are ways to make life easier and better for you and your child.

**Deli Man Documentary Film**
December 14 at 6:15 p.m. at Temple Sinai

Erik Greenberg Anjou’s documentary Deli Man profiles third-generation delicatessen man Ziggy Gruber, the owner and proprietor of the top-rated Kenny & Ziggy’s in Houston. The filmmakers explore how the traditional foods he serves, such as blintzes and corned-beef sandwiches, help keep Jewish heritage alive and well. The film will be shown at the Temple Sinai from 6:15 p.m.-8:00 p.m. (note the earlier start time).

In keeping with the movie, the Bagel Deli will provide boxed dinners for $10.00 per person. The optional dinner will be provided at 5:30 p.m. If you would like to order dinner, contact Lisa Thorner.

Reservations are limited. Must RSVP to Lisa Thorner at lisa@sinaidenver.org or 303-759-1827.

**New Member Dinner**
Save-the-Date!
Friday, January 20
5:45 p.m. Service - 6:30 Dinner

As a new member of Temple Sinai during 2016, we want to make sure that you know about the wonderful programs that Temple Sinai offers.

One important event for all new members is our annual New Member Dinner. There will be a special service at 5:45 p.m., honoring all of you, followed by dinner and special programming. Please mark your calendars and plan to bring your families. During the dinner, there will be supervised activities for children of all ages.

Dinner is free of charge to new members and will give you an opportunity to meet members of the Board of Trustees, Temple staff and other members of Temple Sinai – both old and new. Please watch for your invitation to this fun-filled evening.

For additional information, contact Lisa Thorner, Program Director at 303-759-1827.

**Mazel Tov!**
to Diana & Michael Kaplan on the birth of their granddaughter, Ance Olga Kaplan born 11/14/16.
Once Upon A Time...  
Temple Sinai's 2017 Annual Event & 50th Anniversary Celebration  
Saturday, April 29

It will be a truly magical, unforgettable evening as we celebrate Temple Sinai’s first 50 years.

HONOREES:  
We are proud and excited to be honoring Temple Sinai’s First Families:  
RABBI RAYMOND & RIKKI ZWERIN  
HOWARD & DONNA LUTZ  
CHUCK SHOM  
ABE WAGNER

We would love to have your help as we prepare for an evening unlike anything we have had before. Contact Lisa Thorner at lisa@sinaidenver.org or 303-759-1827. This is our one major fundraising event for Temple Sinai during the year. In addition to dinner, we will have a fabulous silent auction with many wonderful items, delicious food, an open bar and lots of fun.

SILENT AUCTION:  
There is nothing like a Temple Sinai auction! The items are exciting and unique! There is sure to be a thrilling competition of bids for many of our items. Some of the items include: gift cards to restaurants and spas, signed sports memorabilia, trips, an assortment of specialized baskets, sports tickets, photography packages, hotel stays and much more. There will be close to 200 items. Please use the enclosed silent auction form on this page and submit any items you would like to donate. If you have a donation, please contact Lisa Thorner in the Temple office at lisa@sinaidenver.org.

TRIBUTE/ADVERTISEMENT JOURNAL:  
Help us celebrate Temple Sinai and pay tribute to our amazing honorees. Share precious memories, make an acknowledgment to those you love or admire, place a picture or greeting to your children in Preschool or Religious School or advertise your business. To participate in the Event Journal, please contact Lisa Thorner at lisa@sinaidenver.org.

For additional information, please contact Lisa Thorner at 303-759-1827 or lisa@sinaidenver.org.

Cost: $150.00 per person

Please submit this form by April 22

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Temple Sinai has installed the second phase of bricks outside our main door. This is a continuous project that will take place until the outside area is filled. If you would like to purchase a brick, go to: sinaidenver.org/brick-by-brick, or call the Temple Office to obtain a form. We would like to order our next shipment by the end of December.

Todah Rabbah!
to the participants and helpers who made this year’s Pink Shabbat so meaningful:
to Bernie Rogoff and the many members of the Jewish War Veterans who brought inspiration and honor to our Temple Sinai Veterans Day Shabbat service.
to Larry Siegel for his fabulous presentation of “Striking Liquid Gold: Colorado Jews in the Oil Industry” at Lunch & Learn.
to Art Diamond for sharing his inspiring story at Lunch & Learn of his time with General Rose during WWII.
Youth Group News
Julia Teitell
Director of Youth Engagement

**TSYG (6th-12th Grade)**

**TSYG’s Goes to Zoo Lights!**
Saturday, December 10
Join TSYG for a bright evening at the Denver Zoo!

**Regional Events**

**NFTY-MV Winter Chavurah**
January 13-16
Join us for extra long, extra fun Winter Chavurah in St. Louis, Missouri! Check your emails for more information!

**JYG (6th-8th Grade)**

**JYG Goes to Zoo Lights!**
Sunday, December 4
Join JYG for a bright evening at the Denver Zoo!

**Leadership Opportunities!**
We had our very first JYG Leadership Team meeting in November, and it was a great success! If your teen is interested in taking a leadership role (planning events, getting people involved, learning new leadership skills, etc…) in the Fall or Spring, please join us for any of our future meetings!

- January 22- 12:00-1:30 p.m.
- February 26- 12:00-1:30 p.m.
- April 26- 5:00-6:00 p.m.

**Ruach (3rd-5th Grade)**

**Krav Maga**
Sunday, December 4
Join Ruach for a fun and active day learning Krav Maga!

**Meretz (K-2nd Grade)**

**Krav Maga**
Sunday, December 4
Join Ruach for a fun and active day learning Krav Maga!

**PIZZA IN THE LOUNGE**
Wednesday, December 14
4th-12th graders, come hang out, eat dinner, catch up with friends and play in the Youth Lounge from 5:15-6:00 p.m. The cost is only $5! Buy a Pizza Punch Card at www.sinaidenver.org/pizza and get one night FREE!

**PARENT VOLUNTEERS**
Want to get involved in our Youth Group community? Want to help out with programs or behind the scenes work? Contact Julia Teitell at julia@sinaidenver.org or 303-759-1827.

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**Samantha Aseoff, 8th Grade**

**JYG Leadership Team Member**

Hi I’m Samantha Aseoff. I am in 8th grade and I am part of the JYG Leadership team. I am super excited to be a part of this new program, which allows kids who aren’t old enough to be a part of TSYG (high school youth group) to have a voice in the planning of activities. There will be three more meetings during this school year, so don’t miss out on this amazing opportunity! The only requirements are you must be in 6th-8th grade and have a desire to have fun! I look forward to seeing you all there!
Donations & Tributes

Alan C. Jacobson Memorial Fund

In Memory of
Louis Levy  Lawrence Jacobson
Bernard Witkin  Lawrence Jacobson

Alan Farber Memorial Camp Scholarship Fund

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Freda Waldman  Stan Farber

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Naomi Wisott's Birthday  Alan & Anita Eisenberg
Marriage of Rob Glucksman and Crista Cohen  Dr. Marc & Susan Reissner

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In Memory of
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Fred Engel  Carol Laycob
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Dr. Gary Milzer  Carol Laycob

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Helene Abrahams  Richard & Barbara Finke

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In Memory of
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Doron Aboch  Sam Schweitzer
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Eugene Zimmerman  Carolyn Eisen

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In Honor of
Ray & Alicia Smith's 50th Anniversary  Milt & Linda Brandwein
In Memory of
Isadore & Celia Sorkin  Dr. Marc & Laurie Sorkin

General Fund

In Honor of
Larry Siegel's 80th Birthday  Alan & Gloria Kris
Larry Siegel's 80th Birthday  Morris & Helen Ginsburg

In Memory of
Ida Letman  Steve & Nancy Letman
Bernard Witkin  Sam & Carol Jonas
Angie Wolf  Marti & Jeff Grazi

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In Memory of
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In Honor of
Ray & Alicia Smith's 50th Anniversary  Wendy Vean
Johanna Silver publishing "The Bold Dry Garden"  Dorothy Rosenblatt

In Memory of
David Naiman  Dorothy Rosenblatt
David Naiman  Wendy Vean

Jewish Education Fund

In Honor of
Naomi Wisott's Birthday  Carole & Bob Adelstein

In Memory of
Bernard Witkin  The Wolf-Spector Family

Julius & Helen Ring Israel Teen Scholarship Fund

In Honor of
Larry Siegel's Special Birthday Dr. Melvyn & Roberta Klein
Ray & Alicia Smith's 50th Anniversary Dr. Melvyn & Roberta Klein
Larry Siegel's Special Birthday Estelle Meskin & Lew Sapiro
Ray & Alicia Smith's 50th Anniversary Dr. Jean Guthery
Larry Siegel's 80th Birthday  Gary & Lin Sunshine
Gabrielle Burnette becoming a Bat Mitzvah  Gary & Lin Sunshine
Rob & Cindy Abramson  Gary & Lin Sunshine
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Liz Sunshine & Avi Knoll's Anniversay  Gary & Lin Sunshine
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Rabbi Ray Zwerin on his 80th Birthday  Barry & Diane Samet

In Memory of
Robert Feinstein  Bill & Ann Levis
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Dr. Gary Milzer  Dr. Melvyn & Roberta Klein
Susan Meskin  Estelle Meskin
Julius Ring  Estelle Meskin
Mort Leiser  Estelle Meskin
Angela Wolf  Estelle Meskin
Dr. Robert Aronson  Estelle Meskin & Lew Sapiro
Bernard Witkin  Estelle Meskin & Lew Sapiro
Bernard Witkin  Anita Fricklas
Bernard Witkin  Stephen & Maxine Miller
Bernard Witkin  Michael & Julie Chapman
In Memoriam

Rosalie Shapiro, Mother of Daniel (Michelle Kalin)
Shapiro, Grandmother of Haley & Ryan Shapiro

Frieda Funt, Mother of Sandra Parnes, Grandmother of
Noah Parnes, Joshua & Mikelle Parnes, Great-
Grandmother of Avi & Tovah Parnes

Morey Stein, Nephew of Renee Karpel

Todd Koppel, Cousin of Larry (Barb) Polman
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**Additional Notes:**
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