UPCOMING EVENTS
MAY 2018 | IYYAR/SIVAN 5778

TUES 01
31st Day Omer
8:00a Preschool Basket Silent Auction

WEDS 02
32nd Day Omer
8:00a Preschool Basket Silent Auction
9:00a Mommies & Muffins
10:00a NCJW Meeting
5:00p TMG
5:15p Pizza in the Lounge
6:00p Religious School

THURS 03
33rd Day Omer
Lag B’Omer
8:00a Preschool Basket Silent Auction
9:00a Mommies & Muffins
12:00p Lunch & Learn
7:00p ITJ

FRI 04
34th Day Omer
8:00a Preschool Basket Silent Auction
6:00p Traditional Erev Shabbat Service
7:00p Experience Shabbat

SAT 05
35th Day Omer
Emor
8:00a PaRDeS
9:00a Shabbat Morning Minyan
10:30a Torah Study
6:30p ANNUAL EVENT

SUN 06
36th Day Omer
9:00a Religious School at Celebrate Israel 2018
9:00a Jewish War Veterans
12:00p TSYG Elections

MON 07
37th Day Omer
1:30p Blood Drive

WEDS 09
39th Day Omer
6:00p Religious School

THURS 10
40th Day Omer
12:00p Lunch & Learn
6:30p Executive Committee Meeting
7:00p ITJ

FRI 11
41st Day Omer
7:00p Erev Shabbat Service

SAT 12
42nd Day Omer
Behar-Bechukotai
9:00a Shabbat Morning Minyan
10:30a Torah Study
10:30a B/M Asher Weisberg

SUN 13
Yom Yerushalayim
43rd Day Omer
Mother’s Day
9:00a Religious School
10:00a Knitting for Charity

TUES 15
Rosh Chodesh Sivan
45th Day Omer

WEDS 16
46th Day Omer
6:00p Religious School - Last Wednesday

THURS 17
47th Day Omer
Last Day Preschool for T/Th Classes
11:00a Healing Service
12:00p Lunch & Learn
7:00p ITJ

FRI 18
48th Day Omer
10:00a Preschool Graduation

Email Cheryl Jordan at cheryl@sinaidenver.org if you wish to change your mailing preference of future Keshers.
18 12:00p Annual Preschool Carnival
7:00p Erev Shabbat Service with Confirmation & Teacher Appreciation

SAT 19
Erev Shavuot
49th Day Omer
Bamidbar
8:00a PaRDeS
9:00a Shabbat Morning Minyan
10:30a Torah Study
10:30a B/M Service Benjamin Kaplan
5:30p Campfire Festival Service for Tots and Young Families
7:00p Campfire Festival service for big kids and adults!
7:45P Ice cream dairy bar oneg!
8:15P Tikkun Leil study program!

SUN 20
Shavuot - 1st Day
Offices Closed Shavuot
9:00a Religious School Pre K Experience
9:00a Religious School - Last Sunday
10:00a Religious School Special Shavuot Service with Families (Blintzes and Ice Cream to follow)
10:00a Shavuot Morning Festival Service with Yizkor Memorial Prayers

TUES 22
11:30a Mah Jongg Tournament
5:00p TSYG Installations

WEDS 23
6:00p Brotherhood Bible & Beers

THURS 24
12:00p Lunch & Learn
6:30p Board Meeting
7:00p ITJ

FRI 25
6:00p Erev Shabbat Service

SAT 26
Nasso
9:00a Shabbat Morning Minyan
10:30a Torah Study
10:30a B/M Service Kolette Miller
5:00p B/M Service Samantha Masur

MON 28
Memorial Day
Offices Closed Memorial Day

WEDS 30
11:00a Book Club

THURS 31
12:00p Lunch & Learn
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7:00p ITJ
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HEALING SERVICE
MAY 17 & JUNE 28 AT 11:00AM

For our Healing Service, we gather together 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, sadness, grief and also for care givers 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.

SHAVUOT: The Early Summer Festival

Originally, the three Festivals were called Sh’losh Regalim, the “Three Pilgrimages.” Our ancestors would travel from all over to gather in Jerusalem for the sacred services. There, they would bring their offerings, renew their communal bonds, listen to the Psalms of Hallel and honor the memories of their loved ones. Though the Temple in Jerusalem was destroyed nearly two-thousand years ago, Jews have continued to keep alive those Biblical traditions.

During the Yizkor service we read the names of all our loved ones who have died during the past year. We also pause and honor the memories of those who have blessed our lives and whose legacies we cherish and preserve.

The powerful experiences of our ancestral Festivals help us rekindle faith and perpetuate the loving memory of our loved ones. Come to the Shavuot service to discover the gifts and inspiration of Judaism. Study and prayer, socializing and song, remembrance and renewal express the true essence of Shavuot.

SHAVUOT SCHEDULE:
EREV SHAVUOT IS ON SATURDAY NIGHT, MAY 19

5:30 - 6:00PM
Campfire Festival Service for Tots and Young Families (Followed by Activities and Ice Cream Treats)

7:00 - 7:45PM
Campfire Festival service for big kids and adults! This lively, musical service will engage those of every age with spirit, movement, sound and light!

7:45 - 8:15PM
Ice cream dairy bar oneg! After the service we will gather for yummy desserts and a time to schmooze!

8:15 - 9:00PM
Tikkun Leil study program! There will be study and discussion sessions geared for different ages and interests.

THE MORNING SHAVUOT SERVICE IS SUNDAY, MAY 20 AT 10:00AM

This Festival service includes the Yizkor memorial prayers and the inspiring music of our Temple Sinai Adult Choir. The service will conclude with a special Blintzes brunch! Free of charge to all who register!

To sign-up for the free Shavuot brunch, go to the Temple Sinai website at www.sinaidenver.org/event/ShavuotBrunch
MEMORIAL WEEKEND SHABBAT SERVICE
HONORING THE MEMORIES OF THOSE WHO FOUGHT AND DIED TO DEFEND AND PROTECT OUR NATION;
SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY OUR JEWISH WAR VETERANS
FRIDAY, MAY 25 AT 6:00PM

On the Friday of Memorial Day weekend, we will honor the men and women who gave their lives in defense of our nation. The liberties, freedoms and opportunities that we enjoy in the United States were secured through the sacrifice of brave men and women who have served the armed forces in defense of our country. Too many of those heroes paid the ultimate price. Their lives should never be taken for granted. Let this Memorial Day weekend be a time of reflection, gratitude and remembrance of those who gave their lives for our freedoms.

Temple Sinai will honor those fallen heroes at our annual Memorial Weekend Shabbat Service on May 25 at 6:00pm. Representatives of our Jewish War Veterans post will make a special presentation.

Saturday, May 5, 2018 at 6:30 pm
SILENT & LIVE AUCTIONS | COCKTAILS & DINNER | DRESSY ATTIRE

This year's Cultural Arts Award honorees, Selma & Osi Sladek, are two of the most dedicated and respected Denver Jewish community professionals. Their immeasurable cultural and educational leadership has impacted the community over the past six decades.

This event will truly be a celebration of their lives and their passion for music. Our program will be comprised of musical performances from various ensembles and individuals, all in a tribute to the personal and professional accomplishments of the Sladeks. It will be a unique evening bringing together many voices and talents, all in appreciation for a very special couple.
There are those of us who love a great book of history and there are others...well, who don’t. Perhaps those who shy away from a thick account of a famous period or personality recall the sleep inducing slog of endless details and obscure facts. There are some great exceptions, of course. There are times when a modern scholar, novelist, or playwright can bring history to life. One of the best and most recent examples is how Lin-Manuel Miranda was able to take a biography of Alexander Hamilton and turn it into a hit musical. The show focuses on Hamilton’s personality, his flaws, his passions, his determination to seize the moment (“My shot!”), to grab glory and purpose, and, oh yes, to help create a nation. As a result millions are now enthralled by a figure that they otherwise would only recognize from his face on a ten-dollar bill.

Similarly, Salo Baron, the late great historian, lamented the “lachrymose conception of Jewish history.” He rejected those histories of Judaism that told depressing tales of woe and misfortune as false and misleading. Accordingly, he wrote an 18-volume Social and Religious History of the Jews that was flush with examples of our people’s creative ingenuity and genius for innovation and success. Simon Schama’s unique and enthralling “The Story of the Jews: Volume Two: Belonging, 1492-1900” is very much in the mold of Salo Baron--though he is a far more entertaining writer. Schama takes the readers on a journey exploring Jewish history through the lives of individuals. His choices make the case that Judaism is, at its core, about diversity and pluralism.

For those who have not read Schama’s newest book, it is a history quite unlike most you’ll read. Instead of plodding through a timeline of major events and leaders, Schama focuses on Jews whom you may never have heard of but whose lives and experiences reveal the tone, tenor and feel of what life was like for our people. We are introduced to the English boxing champion Daniel Mendoza, Leone de Sommi, the first “unapologetically Jewish showman we know anything about,” Uriah Levy, the Jewish US Navy lieutenant who purchased and rescued the home of Thomas Jefferson from destruction, and Dona Gracia whose political and financial genius helped her and countless thousands survive the Spanish Inquisition and exile.

On page after page we are regaled with stories of men and women who braved anti-Semitism to create, innovate, challenge, and inspire. These were Jews who fully embraced the contemporary milieu and found it wanting. But instead of withdrawing into isolation, they brought the wisdom of our faith and culture to lift up the quality of life for all. Despite cultural oppression and the very real threats of violence that Jews faced from the institutionalized threats in every European nation,
our people taught their children Torah, a love of Jewish traditions and observances, and instilled in them the belief that life can and should be sweeter and better---for all people.

Being Jewish is more than mere living history. Being Jewish is making history; being Jewish is realizing that life does not have to be what happens to us. Rather, life is what we do to transform the status quo to better reflect our higher and most noble of ideals. Yes, Jews and Judaism still face many challenges. Yes, we often fall very far short of our ideals. But the story of the Jews is still being written. Indeed, Judaism is a work in progress. Though they may not make the pages of a bestselling history book, the men, women and children I interact with at Temple Sinai display many of the qualities extolled by Simon Schama. On a daily basis I am inspired by all who have shared their spirit, passion, and support to create a synagogue that is a loving Jewish home to over 1,000 families.

The Festival of Shavuot (May 19-20) is called “Z’man matan Torateinu –the season of our receiving the Torah.” The Torah contains the earliest stories of our people. It is our holiest book---but it is certainly not our only book. Generation after generation understood the Torah’s message as urging us to find meaning, purpose and significance in our lives. Each generation has taken up the mantle of that calling by recording stories and experiences. We never shied away from telling those stories of our failures. We never hid those embarrassing losses or the times of infighting and petulance. Rather, we recorded those stories to learn and teach from. We recorded those stories because we learn from the past but we believe in a greater future.

*B’vrakhah*,

Rick

Rabbi Rick Rheins
REFLECTIONS ON A 2018 ISRAEL ADVENTURE!

Israel at the peak of spring was the backdrop of our 2018 Adventure. Words from the Songs of Songs resonated as brilliant colors, perfumed aromas, and succulent spring fruits accompanied every step.

For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth….The fig tree puts forth her green figs, and the vines in blossom give forth their fragrance. (Shir HaShirim 2:11-13)

Our small group enjoyed a leisurely tour of Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Ramat HaNegev. Several participants would like to share their reflections with you.

B’vrakhah,
SUSAN
RABBI SUSAN MILLER RHEINS

Going to Israel with a small group meant that we could visit the Ben-Gurion Archives, get a private tour of the new solar energy station in the Negev, and have some delicious schwarma in small restaurants. The best part for me was making new friends and having time to explore on my own, or just watch the earth shadow rise over Machtesh Ramon. I’m ready to go again!

KATHY GRAZI

For me, Israel is always special but the solar tower was particularly a thrill for me. I enjoyed the special private tour of the facility. The small group was also great as it helped me make closer friends.

MICHAEL GRAZI

ONE LAND PACKAGE WILL BE AUCTIONED AT TEMPLE SINAI’S ANNUAL EVENT ON MAY 5!
The desert for me was an elegant place of calm and quiet serenity where there is no way to possibly count the stars. The colors of the desert are muted and softly beautiful, always changing. This impression will stay with me forever.

ADRIENNE LEVY

Among the highlights that we had never experienced in past visits was seeing the 9/11 Memorial....the only memorial outside of the U.S. dedicated to our national tragedy. It was a very emotional experience to see the beauty and significance of the design with all the names of the victims inscribed in the surrounding walls. It is also significant to mention that the structure was sponsored and erected by JNF, the agency that has done so much to make Israel “green” and the technologically superior nation that it is today.

Another highlight for us was the “spontaneous” Havdalah service that we had in the courtyard of the Inbal Hotel. The night was chilly, but there was so much warmth as we huddled around the Havdalah candle to shield it from the wind so we could get it lit and begin the service. As the beautiful service ended, and we all joined/swayed together (Sam Rheins included) to sing Eliyahu Ha-Navi, we could feel the spiritual significance of sharing Shabbat with friends in Jerusalem, and it was an endearing moment. We have a memento from that service: the candle drippings on the Havdalah prayer sheet!

NATALIE AND JERRY LASSOW

It would be hard to isolate just a few experiences that made an impression on us, because EVERYTHING made an impression on us!! From the first delicious dinner in Tel Aviv, where we got to meet our fellow travelers and wonderful guide Itay and driver Udi, to the last spectacular departure dinner and drive to Ben Gurion Tel Aviv airport, every moment was one to treasure.

NATALIE AND JERRY LASSOW
CANTOR SHEILA NESIS

On May 25, 1908, the Opera House in Buenos Aires, “Teatro Colon,” opened its doors in its current location. This monumental and majestic theater required three different architects and the most refined woods, marble, tile, etc. from Spain, France, and Italy, as well as other countries, for its construction. Luciano Pavarotti would say about the Teatro Colon that it is one of the most difficult theaters in which to perform. Why? Because its exquisite acoustics are so perfect that any errors could be clearly heard. This past March I had the pleasure of co-leading a delegation from Denver and LA on a Jewish Heritage trip to Buenos Aires.

While on our tour of the Teatro Colon, the guide talked about the process of restoration the building had undergone in recent years. With a gentle smile on her face, she pointed at a square on a wall in one of the rooms where we had stopped, and then said, “This was left here to show the arduous work of restoration that took place. This panel shows the wall the way it was before the restoration started.” The panel on the wall showed years of deterioration due to smoke and other pollutants. I searched in her smile to understand the full meaning behind her sense of pride: It wasn’t just about showing the final result of a job well done; it was about the process. Being able to appreciate what the building was and what it is now, without covering its past completely, was the perfect way to understand the true meaning and the full story of the Opera House.

The memory of this tour of the Teatro Colon became more meaningful a week ago as I sat with family, friends and community for the Passover Seder, my first as an American citizen. The magid section came around, and we prepared to tell the story not only of our ancestors who escaped slavery thousands of years ago but also our personal stories, and those of our parents, grandparents, and great grandparents. Who are you and where do you come from? What is your story? Although we each have one that is rich and dense, I wondered what makes it into the “official” version of the story of our lives, and what we leave out. I became aware of the fact that, often, there is a particular version that we tell others, and, eventually, we repeat to ourselves. I began to fear that each of our stories, my story, becomes too clean and sterile, too diluted, and begins to lack meaning, as we often (unlike the Teatro Colon) erase the marks of what was there before in the process of highlighting who we are today. And so, I wonder, are there ways to access that which we
have left out of our official stories, to infuse them with meaning, authenticity, truth, and a sense of pride? I believe one way to do this is through traveling. Here are four things that I have left out of my official story, but that I was reminded of while traveling throughout Buenos Aires this past March:

Buenos Aires was created to be “the Paris of South America.” There is beauty and history in every building, in every square, in every school, in every park.

The best doctors in Buenos Aires, in addition to their private practices, see patients or coordinate special labs and research initiatives in public hospitals (Argentina provides free basic health care to everyone). Why? Because it gives them a higher status. You heard that well! Working at a public hospital gives doctors a name and a reputation that they wouldn't have if they were to only practice in the private sector. I’m extremely proud of this.

A visit to the Metropolitan Cathedral located in Mayo Square reveals a holocaust memorial. This unique memorial contains sheets from prayer books, megillot, etc. rescued from the ruins of the Treblinka and Auschwitz concentration camps as well as the Warsaw ghetto.

Lastly, Friday evening services at synagogues in Buenos Aires are still my absolute favorite! The music and the sense of community of all ages truly coming together is contagious to all attending, even if it's their first time there! The contagious warmth, the uplifting melodies, the informal and accessible style of the prayer leaders make it a truly unique experience.

I hope Jews around the world, like my friends from Denver and LA, will continue to have the courage and determination to go out of their comfort zones, to travel, meet other people, and re-discover people they already know in their home countries. Thanks to them and our experience together, I was able to fill in some of the pieces of the puzzle of my personal magid and create a more authentic version of my personal story. Let us truly be able to gather again for our Seder in years to come, ask the right questions, and tell the most vivid, truthful, and enduring stories of both our ancestors and ourselves!

Cantor Sheila Nesis
I’m finally here, and I couldn’t have imagined a better start! On my very first day at Temple Sinai Preschool I was greeted with hugs and flowers from students, smiles and embraces from staff and warm & welcoming families. The children hung welcome signs and invited me to join their interactive Passover exploration. At the end of that first day my cheeks hurt from smiling, and my heart was full.

I spent my first weekend hiking Red Rocks with my dog (she licked a cactus!) and cheering on the Rockies. The weather is exactly what I was told to expect, snow and sun! Everyone has been so gracious, recommending great restaurants, music venues, hiking trails, a much-needed spot for a mani/pedi, and I have only gotten lost once!

In the coming weeks I look forward to meeting the Temple Sinai community and fully integrating into the incredible program at your preschool. Please, always feel free to stop by and say hello.

Warmly,
Sheila Purdin
Director of Early Childhood Education
Currently enrolled children, as well as new families, are welcome to join in the fun at Temple Sinai Adventure Camp.

We offer camp to children as young as 18 months through 6 years old. We have exciting themes that are sure to spark your child’s interest.

For more information or to register for Summer Adventure Camp visit www.sinaidenver.org/summercamp or contact the preschool office at (303)759-0755.
YOUTH GROUPS

TSYG ELECTIONS!
SUNDAY, MAY 6

TSYG will be headed to the park for an afternoon of fun in the sun! We will be picnicking and enjoying “field day” style activities! Also, help us elect the 2018-2019 TSYG Board and Leadership.

Any high school teen is eligible to hold a leadership position on our Temple Sinai Youth Group Board. If you are interested in running for TSYG Board or Leadership, please email julia@sinaidenver.org

PIZZA IN THE LOUNGE
WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

4th - 12th graders, come hang out, eat dinner, catch up with friends and play in the Youth Lounge from 5:15 - 6:00PM. The cost is only $5!

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.

Stay tuned for our summer calendar!
MEET THE MADRIKHIM

Rosy Ayres

I’m an 8th grader at Mesa Middle School in Castle Rock and have been attending Temple Sinai since Kindergarten. Throughout my early years I remember loving learning about holidays and doing crafts that correspond with them. Mr. Loren Ginsburg was my favorite teacher at Temple Sinai. He was respectful, funny, and always wore crazy ties like his Spongebob tie, Monopoly tie, and more! I remember learning a lot of Hebrew from the mitkadem program, making great friends, having fun in the sanctuary during services (like hearing stories about Solomon and singing). In 5th grade my class made a geographic map of Israel that was as tall as the kids in my class!

When I’m not at Temple Sinai, I enjoy playing guitar, playing volleyball, skiing, riding my bike, and hanging out with my family (mom, dad, and my sister, Maya) and friends! My favorite Jewish holiday is Passover because I think the story is very interesting, and you can always learn more and develop a better understanding of it each year. I also really enjoy the Seder and the food.

Every Sunday I am able to see an awesome group of 5th graders and help our amazing teacher, Ms. Elaina. My favorite experience as a madrikhah is being able to help the 5th graders in our class learn and progress further as Jewish people. Last week we did a chocolate Seder and it was delicious! I had the privilege of hiding the afikomen (a chocolate bar). I love hearing our students’ opinions and thoughts on our Jewish heritage and have so much fun with them! I chose to become a madrikhah so that I could share my passion of being Jewish with a younger generation, and I also love working with kids.

My goal at Sinai is to keep digging deeper and learning more and more about Judaism through the Torah, the Rabbis, teachers, guest speakers, and my peers. I also hope to practice my Hebrew because being able to read Hebrew is such a cool skill! In the future beyond Temple Sinai, I hope to eventually travel to Israel.

In conclusion, I hope you 5th grade students know how important it is to be proud of being Jewish, because there are so many fascinating stories, values, and beliefs in Judaism. Also, I want to thank Ms. Elaina and all the kids in her class for being wonderful. I have had such a fun year with all of you!
KOLETTE MILLER - MAY 26, 2018

Kolette is the daughter of Gregg and Denise Miller and the sister of Madeline, (14). She attends Campus Middle School and enjoys singing, baking, basketball, volleyball and art.

Kolette volunteered at Denver Dumb Friends League, an animal shelter that rescues animals and offers animal adoption, for her Mitzvah project.

BENJAMIN JONAH KAPLAN - MAY 19, 2018

Benjamin is the son of Melanie Freedman and David Kaplan and the brother of Seth (10). He attends Mountain Ridge Middle School and enjoys basketball, reading, skiing, cross country running, playing video games and playing with friends. He also loves to watch his favorite hockey team, the Montreal Canadiens.

For his Mitzvah project, Benjamin went door to door collecting non-perishable food items in his neighborhood. He collected over 400 canned goods and other items which he donated to the local food pantry.

DOES YOUR CHILD TURN 13 IN 2019 OR 2020? WE ARE ASSIGNING B’NEI MITZVAH DATES FOR 2020!

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. If you have a child who will turn 13 (or older) in 2019 or 2020 and you do not yet 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.
Confirmation is more than just the graduation of 10th graders from Religious School. It is a sacred milestone whereby students reaffirm the importance of their Jewish faith, heritage, and community. Confirmation marks the significant progress the students have made since they became B’nei Mitzvah and demonstrates that they have taken their pledge seriously to continue their studies and participate actively in Jewish life.

These are especially wonderful students who are imbued with a positive feeling of Jewish identity, a solid Jewish education, and a sense of spirituality, compassion, morality and ethical strength.

One of the highlights of the year is our Temple Sinai Confirmation service. The Confirmands will lead the service, read from the historic Holocaust Torah, and share inspiring personal messages.

At this year’s service we will also be honoring our Religious School teachers, student madrikhim and devoted staff with a special appreciation presentation. We hope that you will show your support and encouragement to the Confirmation students and their families by attending their special service on Erev Shabbat, Friday, May 18, at 7:00PM.

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**TEMPLE SINAI 2018 CONFIRMATION CLASS GREETINGS ORDER FORM**

Confirmation Greetings are a wonderful way to express pride in the achievements of the 2018 Confirmands. Think of this as sending a greeting as well as providing additional funding for the Julius and Helen Ring Israel Teen Scholarship Fund. Please check off the name of each Confirmand you wish to congratulate and send a check for all greetings ordered. Greetings are also available online at https://www.sinaidenver.org/ist. Note: you will not receive an acknowledgement card from the Temple and students don’t always write thank-you notes in response to these greetings. Composite greetings will be sent to the Confirmands following the Confirmation ceremony. Funds will be used to provide scholarships for participants attending teen Israel programs.

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- Mindy Neel
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- Zachary Chapman
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- Alena Ginsburg
- Hannah Marians
- Edward Meyer
- Zachary Post
- Jordan Simon
- Allison Speir
- Matthew Weiner

**SON OR DAUGHTER OF**

- Julie and Michael Chapman
- Karen and Gregg Engel
- Jeffrey Ginsburg
- Amy and Russell Marians
- Jody and Mark Meyer
- Bonnie and Gordon Post
- Cheryl Simon and Jerry Simon
- Ira and Dorothy Speir
- Annette and Michael Weiner
Annual Event

SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2018 AT 6:30PM

We are pleased to announce that our upcoming Annual Event on Saturday, May 5, 2018 will take place at Temple Sinai. This year we will be honoring long-time Temple Sinai and community members, Osi and Selma Sladek. In addition to the dinner, we will have fabulous silent and live auctions, delicious food, an open bar and amazing entertainment. There will be many opportunities for sponsorship and/or to pay tribute to our honorees in our Event Journal.

Restaurant Night

AT CHIPOTLE
MAY 22, 2018, 4:00 – 8:00PM

Join us for a fun evening with friends. Come have dinner from 4:00 – 8:00PM at Chipotle at 12073 E Arapahoe Rd., Centennial. For each dine-in or carry-out purchase, Chipotle will donate 50% of the total sales back to Temple Sinai. Contact Lisa Thorner at lisa@sinaidenver.org to pick up your flyer.

For additional information, contact Lisa Thorner, Program Director at lisa@sinaidenver.org or 303-759-1827 or Event Chair, Vicki Goldman at gold6125@aol.com.

Tagawa Gardens

Spring is just around the corner. Join us from May 1 to June 1 for a fundraiser at Tagawa Gardens located at 7711 South Parker Road in Centennial. Tagawa Gardens opened its doors to the public 29 years ago. You can stroll through acres of an indoor and outdoor oasis of lush plants, beautiful flowers, and blooming display gardens. You can leisurely chat with garden enthusiasts and experts. A percentage of the total sales will be donated to Temple Sinai.

Contact Lisa Thorner at lisa@sinaidenver.org to pick up your flyer.
**KING SOOPERS CARDS**

**How does it work?**
You buy a gift card from Temple Sinai for $25.00 and there is $25.00 loaded on the card. Use the card to pay for purchases at King Soopers. The card can be reloaded for any amount up to $500.00. You simply give the card to your cashier before your purchases are scanned so the reloading is paid as a separate transaction. You can reload again and again.

**What’s the catch?**
No catch . . . really! There are no extra costs associated with this program. This is a way for King Soopers to encourage shoppers to patronize their store and also for them to support to non-profit organizations.

**How does Temple Sinai earn money?**
Every time you reload the card, King Soopers adds that amount to our reward account. Once the total in any given month reaches $5,000, Temple Sinai gets a check for 5% of the total. It’s that simple. If we don’t hit $5,000 in that month, the balance rolls forward to the next month and continues accumulating.

**How can I purchase my card?**
These cards are sold any time at Temple Sinai. Please contact Lisa Thorner at lisa@sinaidenver.org or 303-759-1827 to purchase your card.

Each card is $25.00 (and has $25.00 pre-loaded on it for you to spend). Remember to get a card for your friends, neighbors, coworkers and extended family members, too!

**What can I use the card for?**
Use the card for any purchases at King Soopers (with the exception of some services and lottery tickets, other gift cards, etc.) including gas purchased at either King Soopers or City Market Fuel Centers.

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**BRICK PROJECT**

Pave the way for Temple Sinai’s future by purchasing a commemorative engraved brick for the front entrance of our synagogue. Your engraved brick(s) will provide an opportunity to commemorate life’s simchahs, acknowledge a special event, celebrate milestones or inscribe a family name. These legacy bricks are proudly displayed outside the front entrance of the main Temple building for you to enjoy for years to come.

All members of our community are encouraged to participate in this special project that will not only build a more beautiful entrance to the Temple, but also make a permanent mark by investing in the future of Temple Sinai.

If you would like to purchase a brick, please go online to http://www.sinaidenver.org/brick-by-brick.html or call the Temple Sinai to obtain a form.

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

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**A Special Thank You**

Temple Sinai would like to thank the 9Health Fair Committee for making the event on April 15 such a success. There were 631 people that attended this year’s Fair and it could not have been possible without all of you!

Terri Tillis - Co-Site Coordinator
Stacy Pocrass - Co-site Coordinator
Sherri Diamond - Non-Medical Volunteer Coordinator
Jessica Fallis - Medical Volunteer Coordinator
Debbie Lipman - Food Coordinator
Larry Lipman - Food Coordinator
Joshua Zucker - Assistant Medical Volunteer Coordinator
Mike Grazi - Laboratory Supervisor
Lisa Thorner - Staff
Lin Sunshine - Volunteer Engagement & Events Specialist, 9Health Fair
WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A PART OF A CHAVURAH?

The Temple Sinai community is rich in history and tradition. The Chavurah program creates micro communities within our Temple Sinai family by joining congregants into a network to socialize, laugh and spend holidays together!

WHAT ACTIVITIES DO CHAVUROT ENGAGE IN?

Chavurah activities include events relating to Jewish holidays, exploring our beautiful Colorado outdoors, or just providing a chance to socialize!

Want to join? Email Shana Cohen, Chavurah Committee Chair (shanalines@gmail.com) or Lisa Thorner, Director of Programming and Volunteer Engagement (lisa@sinaidenver.org)

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

HAVDALAH IN THE PARK
MAY 19, 6:00PM

Join Temple Sinai Young Professionals at Bible Park to enjoy Havdalah!

BIBLE PARK
6802 E Yale Ave., Denver, CO 80224

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR FIRST SUMMER JAM FEATURING NEFESH MOUNTAIN
JULY 8 AT TEMPLE SINAI
Mah Jongg Tournament

SPONSORED BY TEMPLE SINAI AND LEA HADASSAH

MAY 22 AT 11:30A - 4:30P
TEMPLE SINAI, 3509 S GLENCOE ST., DENVER, CO

$36 - REGISTER BEFORE MAY 14
$45 - REGISTER AFTER MAY 14

Cash prizes for top winners, 50/50 drawings, snacks and a light lunch will be served at 1:00P. You must arrive at 11:30A for registration time.

The tournament begins PROMPTLY at NOON.

You will play three 1-hour Sessions (4 Games Each) at three different tables between noon and 4:15pm.

Non-competitive tables are available. Any players arriving late will only be able to play at non-competitive tables.

Please contact Lisa Thorner with any questions at 303-759-1827 or Barb Trotsky at 720-280-2447. RSVP online at www.sinaidenver.org/event/mahjongg
STAY CONNECTED

SICK? STRUGGLING?
WANT A CALL OR A MEETING?
INFORM THE RABBIS!

Adding to the agony and frustration of dealing with illness or struggling with a difficult time is the nagging thought that you are forgotten and that no one cares. Temple Sinai most certainly cares about every one of our members. Rabbis Rick and Susan Rheins will be quick to make a call or visit to any of our members and loved ones. In addition, we have a group of volunteers on our Caring Committee who will do their best to respond with cards, calls and offers of assistance. So please call or write to our Rabbis and let them know that you’d like their help and attention.

Confidential messages can be made directly to Rabbi Rick Rheins at his email: rabrheins@sinaidenver.org
or Rabbi Susan Rheins can be reached at rabbisusan@sinaidenver.org

BIBLE, BEERS & BROTHERHOOD

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23 AT 6:00PM
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20 AT 6:00PM

MEN TALKING TORAH WITH RABBI RHEINS

Join the men at Darcy’s Pub to talk Torah and schmooze with Rabbi Rick Rheins! Darcy’s Pub is located at 4955 South Ulster Street #103, Denver, CO 80237.

TEMPLE SINAI BRIDGE GROUP FORMING

Temple Sinai will be starting a casual bridge group for couples to play and meet in rotating homes. For more information or if interested in joining, please contact Eddie Yenkinson at zaydefalcon@gmail.com.

SINAI CIRCLE

PRESERVING OUR PRECIOUS LEGACY

A significant percentage of American Jews are not formally affiliated with a temple or synagogue. This isn’t a new disclosure. Perhaps each of us knows several Jewish acquaintances – even relatives—who consider themselves “loyal” Jews, notwithstanding their election to “stay independent,” to “avoid costly institutional overhead,” or “to request tickets for the High Holidays only.” At least until a major life-event causes an “I-better-join-now” moment.

As a practical matter, that leaves those of us who are temple or synagogue members to “carry the ball.” Probably, none of us faces each day with the conscious anxiety that Judaism will self-destruct because of a material percentage of non-affiliated Jews. However, “deep down,” a typical Temple Sinai member believes that “it’s important that my family and I belong to and support our primary Jewish institution”– for religious, cultural, historic, personal reasons.

And that, dear friends, is why we promote an endowment at Temple Sinai. This is a long-term, ongoing project of dire importance. We are committed to build and maintain our Temple’s financial strength for an endless progression of “tomorrows.”

Yes, we currently pay dues to support our ongoing operations. We donate to match the wonderful, generous matching-gift to eliminate our mortgage. But to build our Sinai Circle endowment, we pledge now, but pay in the future. Please join our Sinai Circle members who already have made Temple Sinai a formal part of their financial planning. Contact Steve Susman at stevesusman@comcast.net.

Chair of our Endowment Committee,
Sinai Circle,
Steve Susman

SENIOR (60-70’S) MEN’S SPRING SLOW PITCH TEAM

Anyone interested in playing, please contact Cary Knaster at 303-699-7891. Players who have previous experience playing in a softball league are preferred. The games will be played during the week.
LUNCH & LEARN
THURSDAYS, NOON TO 1:00 PM
MAY 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31

COME TO LEARN, DISCUSS, DEBATE, AND MEET FRIENDS

- We’ll review ethical & moral issues in selected Jewish texts
- Discuss hot current topics
- Debate the important issues of the day
- Bring your Lunch! We will serve the Text and Topics!

Newcomers quickly and easily fit right in! Bring your lunch and join in the discussion! It’s a great way to learn and meet new friends --- and it’s all FREE!

55+ SINGLES GROUP

Did you know that there is a phenomenal group titled 55+ for single men and women who get together every month? Fabulous friendships have formed, plus an amazing bonus of two people meeting who are now engaged!

This is a group for men and women to make new friends. We meet once a month and have a great time. It has become truly an amazing group of people. Come join in the fun.

For more information please call Gayle Glucksman at 303-908-0455.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS
SUNDAY, MAY 6 AT 9:00AM

Our May Jewish War Veterans meeting will be held on May 6. Our presenter Wendi Strom will be speaking on "How to Avoid the Worst Scavenger Hunt Ever" and provide you with the steps you can take to protect your loved ones, your money and yourself by pre-planning. She will touch on which financial records, legal records, documents, and health care directives you'll want to have gathered, and why.

Looking forward to seeing you at our wonderful breakfast ($8) and meeting not to be missed. Rsvp to Ruth 303-955-6974

KNITTING FOR CHARITY

Please take note of the date and location changes:
MAY 6, JUNE 3, JULY 15, AUGUST 12, SEPTEMBER 16

Suzan Markman’s House
1617 South Rosemary
Denver, CO, 80231

*Knitting for Charity is always in need of more yarn! If you would like to donate, please contact Suzan at 303-770-4014.

TEMPLE SINAI AT MT. NEBO MEMORIAL PARK

Temple Sinai has a section of burial plots within Mt. Nebo Memorial Park (located at 13th Avenue, just west of Peoria) that are available for purchase by Temple Sinai members and their immediate loved ones. Plots can be purchased for $1,300 per plot and can be paid in full at the time of purchase or paid out over a year’s time with a $100 deposit and $60 finance fee per plot.

If you are interested in purchasing burial plots in the Temple Sinai section at Mt. Nebo Memorial Park, please contact Jody Meyer at 303-759-1827 or jody@sinaidenver.org.

JEWSISH INTEREST FREE LOANS

Jewish Interest Free Loans (JIFLCO) was founded in 2000 and has helped over 400 households find economic relief. To qualify for a JIFLCO loan, you must be Jewish, be a Colorado resident for at least six months, and have an income or a plan for repaying the loan.

For more details, please email Loretta Cawelti at jifl@sinaidenver.org
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BUILDING OUR FUTURE FUND - MATCHING GIFT
Barb and Larry Polman in honor of Marlene and Norm Polman
Sandy and Neil Culbertson in memory of Sid Glassman
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Anita Eisenberg in loving memory of Lorraine Dreiblatt
Bunny and Gene Cole in honor Selma and Osi Sladek and in memory of Sid Glassman and Harriet Hankin
Dr. Mel and Roberta Klein in honor of Temple Sinai
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Jan and Cliff Yeckes in memory of Harr, Shelly and Bradford Yeckes
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