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**Preschool and Office Closings for September**

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**Mon 24** Sukkot

**October**
**Mon 01** Shemini Atzeret - Simchat Torah
Selichot Program and Service - Preparing for the Jewish New Year

September 1 at 7:00pm
The New Year holds such promise and potential. Each of us has the opportunity to start fresh and bring the best of our values and character to shine. The High Holy Days have proven over the past 3,500 years to be extraordinarily important to help us reflect, repent, learn, and grow. The Selichot program and service (traditionally held on Saturday evening that is at least three days before Rosh HaShanah) help us to prepare ourselves emotionally, intellectually, and spiritually for a transformative experience during the High Holy Days.

This year Selichot is on Saturday evening, September 1. The study program will focus on Cheshbon HaNefesh, Taking an Account of Our Souls. These reflective sessions will explore how ancient Jewish wisdom can provide insights for us as we deal with modern challenges and dilemmas.

After the programs we will join together for a meaningful Selichot service which concludes with the sounding of the shofar and the dressing of our Torah scrolls in their High Holy Day white covers.

The Selichot programs and service are open and free to all. Please invite your friends to join us!

Selichot Schedule: September 1

| Study Programs | 7:00pm |
| Refreshments   | 7:45pm |
| Service        | 8:00pm |

Rosh HaShanah Service - 1st Day, Family Service

September 10 at 4:00pm, followed by Tashlich at 4:45pm at Westlands Park
By popular demand, this year we will once again have our Family Rosh HaShanah service in the park. We will be at Westlands Park in Greenwood Village (off Quebec, behind Greenwood Athletic & Tennis Club). After the service we will continue with the fun and meaningful ritual of Tashlich. This is a time-honored tradition whereby we “cast out” our sins and disappointments from the past year. This is an especially delightful event for families with children. As we symbolically rid ourselves of sins, we usher in the New Year 5779 with a new and fresh start to life. Both services are free to all. Don’t forget to bring some bread crumbs!

Rosh HaShanah - 2nd Day, Service and Discussion

September 11 at 10:00am
Each year, hundreds of Temple Sinai members and friends attend the 2nd Day of Rosh HaShanah service at Temple Sinai. It’s a warm, heimische gathering that is spiritual, friendly and meaningful. One of the highlights is our annual discussion during which all are welcome to participate. This year will be: “Where were you on 9/11? Sharing our memories and stories of loss and hope.”

Temple Sinai Cemetery Memorial Services

September 16

Fairmont Cemetery, 10:00am * Mount Nebo, 11:30am * Rose Hill, 1:00pm
On the days between Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur, many observe the tradition of visiting the gravesite of deceased loved ones. No reservations are required. We’ve created memorial prayer booklets which will be available for all who’d like to visit a gravesite at a different cemetery or who cannot make the services. Please call the Temple office at 303.759.1827 to request the booklets.
Yom Kippur Afternoon Discussion Session
September 19 at 2:15pm in the Abrahams Family Chapel
It’s a long standing Temple Sinai tradition to offer an adult discussion session on Yom Kippur afternoon. This is a meaningful time for members to share their thoughts on timely and pertinent ethical and moral issues. This year Rabbi Rick Rheins will lead a discussion on “How can I forgive when I still hurt?”

Build your own Sukkah
It is easier (and less expensive) than ever for those interested in building their own sukkah. While there are several different companies which will sell you a sukkah building kit, highly recommended is The Sukkah Project. These popular kits go up in about two hours and will provide a real sukkah for your family and friends to enjoy throughout the Festival of Sukkot. It is a fun tradition to visit each other during the Festival, to raise the etrog, shake the lulav, and share a meal in the splendor of a sukkah. For more information, visit www.sukkot.com or call 844.478.5568.

September 28 at 6:30pm
Join us September 28 for a Temple Sinai Family Shabbat Dinner
SPAGHETTI IN THE SUKKAH
6:00 PM EREV SHABBAT SERVICE
6:30 PM DINNER
$7 Children Ages 3-9
$12 ages 10 and up

Please RSVP by September 23 by paying online at: www.sinaidenver.org/sukkotdinner

Save the Date
Citywide Progressive Sukkah Hop!
September 30, 10:30am - 4:00pm
Join the fun as we visit the sukkahs of different Denver organizations. Each organization will have a snack and an activity to deepen the meaning of Sukkot by exploring an aspect of “home.” The schedule of events will be available by mid-September.
Shemini Atzeret - Simchat Torah, Service and Torah Celebration

September 30 at 6:00pm - Service followed by our Torah celebration at 7:00pm
October 1 at 10:00am - Yizkor and Shemini Atzeret - Simchat Torah Service

On Shemini Atzeret - Simchat Torah we celebrate the conclusion of Sukkot and yearly cycle of Torah readings. It’s a chance to dance with the Torah scrolls, sing uplifting songs, and rejoice in the heritage of learning and teaching that is the hallmark of our faith. The celebration of Shemini Atzeret - Simchat Torah begins on September 30 at 6:00pm in the Abrahams Family Chapel with a Festival Service and traditional Torah reading from the concluding passage of Deuteronomy and the opening chapter of Genesis. At 7:00pm we will have our annual exuberant celebration with songs and dancing. We’ll also unroll a Torah scroll so that it extends from one end of the Zwerin Sanctuary to the other so that we all will be enveloped in the wisdom of Torah.

Shemini Atzeret - Simchat Torah services continue the next morning, October 1 at 10:00am, during which we will observe Yizkor in memory of our deceased loved ones. This service will conclude with a special Free Brunch for all who attend. To help us get a clearer number of those who will join us for the free brunch, please register on our Temple Sinai website: www.sinaidenver.org/form/freebrunch.

What is the Yizkor Service? Yizkor is a memorial service that is held four times a year: on the last day of Passover, Shavuot, Yom Kippur, and Shemini Atzeret - Simchat Torah. It is a sacred time during which we lovingly remember and honor our family and friends who have died. It is also a time of healing as we reflect on the on-going legacy of those who nurtured us.

The Yizkor service contains many beautiful and meaningful prayers and meditations. A central part of Yizkor is the prayer that begins “Yizkor Elohim (may God remember),” which expresses the Jewish belief that the souls of our deceased loved ones are bound in the “Bond of Eternal Life.” These prayers are especially poignant for those who have suffered the loss of parents, grandparents and/or children.

Participation in a Yizkor service is a time-honored way to keep alive the memory of those who blessed our lives. At Temple Sinai Yizkor services, we will read the names of our loved ones who died over the past 12 months. In addition, we will read and honor the memories of those that have died in past years. A list for additional names to be added will be provided at the time of the service.

BUILDING OUR FUTURE MATCHING GIFT

Help Temple Sinai eliminate our mortgage by making a matching gift!

We are striving to complete this drive by the conclusion of High Holy Days 5779. To make a matching gift, please call the Temple office at 303.759.1827 or go online: www.sinaidenver.org/matching
As we gather for worship, whether for the High Holy Days or at a Shabbat service, we often come to a point of disconnect. We back away from the text, the song or the pious sentiment and consider each with a harsher gaze of “reality.” We might even challenge the entire exercise of prayer: “What does any of this mean to me? Does this prayer actually do anything to help me or help the world?” Lest you think that such challenges are inappropriate or unwelcome, let’s consider the words of one of the great Jewish theologians of the 20th century, Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel.

Heschel taught, “Prayer is meaningless unless it is subversive, unless it seeks to overthrow and to ruin the pyramids of callousness, hatred, opportunism, falsehoods” (God in Search of Man). He maintained that prayer is much more than a reading exercise. Rather, prayer is a transformative act, a connection of the individual worshipper with God. Prayer can be subversive because it has the power to subvert the comfortable routine, the self-assured paths that dull our senses so that we pass burning bushes that are not consumed without ever taking notice. Subversive prayer challenges the easy answers and assumptions that insulate us from sensing the needs and anxiety of those around us. Subversive, transformative prayer can direct us to re-evaluate the passions and emotions that we turn into anger against some and fawning adulation of others. It can awaken in us an awareness of our opportunity to make a positive difference in this world, that our lives have meaning and purpose.

Is it possible to experience transformative prayer during services that are dominated by the recitation of text? Indeed, even the most time-honored petitions, praises, and meditations can sound empty and formulaic when read without feeling. It takes the heart and mind of the individual worshipper to take note of shades of meaning and relate them to personal experiences. In effect, the active agent of the transformative prayer is not the text but the worshipper. It is the individual worshipper who breathes freshness and immediacy to make relevant ancient thoughts. If it sounds like work, it is. Worship in Hebrew is called “avodah,” literally, “work.” It takes work and real effort to invest the heart and mind in the act of prayer. Transformative prayer requires some effort of concentration and a willingness to open ourselves to the challenges and inspired insights of our Jewish heritage. It is in this way that our words, our songs, our prayers are a reflection of our inner being: sometimes thankful, sometimes cynical, sometimes confident, sometimes vulnerable, sometimes nostalgic, sometimes despairing, sometimes generous, sometimes judgmental, sometimes expansive and sometimes withdrawn. Each is a true reflection but none defines us. Subversive prayer breaks down the oversimplified descriptions of who we are and the world we live in.
Help me to serve You truly
with purity of heart.
When I hear hateful or degrading speech
Let me focus on good words and worthy thoughts,
When my worst instinct cause me torment,
Teach me to care for myself and others.
Make my soul a sanctuary,
That Your light may dwell with me.
(from Mishkan Hanefsh, Vol. 1, p.59)

Susan, Joshua, Sam, and Jakob join me in wishing you and your loved ones a sweet New Year 5779 filled with God’s blessings of good health, happiness and prosperity.

L’Shanah Tovah teka-tay-vu ve-t’cha-tay-mu, v’Chag Sukkot Sameiach,

Rick

We look forward to honoring you with an *aliyah* to the Torah during the High Holy Days:

**Members of Temple Sinai for 25 or more years**
Rosh HaShanah Morning, September 10, Early Service (8:30am) and Late Service (11:45am)

**5778 B’nei Mitzvah**
Yom Kippur Morning, September 19, Early Service (8:30am)

**5778 Confirmation Class and 5778/2018 Israel Teen Tour Participants (IST, NFTY in Israel, BBYO)**
Yom Kippur Morning, September 19, Late Service (11:45am)

Interested in Becoming Jewish or Learning more about Judaism? Sign up for the next Introduction to Judaism (ITJ) course!

The Rocky Mountain Rabbinical Council offers a nationally renowned 28-week Introduction to Judaism (ITJ) course. Temple Sinai and Temple Emanuel rotate as the hosts of these classes (which are held on Thursday evenings). The Fall session begins on October 4 and will be hosted by Temple Emanuel.

This program is taught by Rabbis from the Conservative, Modern Orthodox, Reconstructionist and Reform movements. Many of you know that ITJ is a cornerstone of the Denver Jewish community’s conversion program. In fact, ours is one of the few in the country in which Rabbis from all the respective movements participate. But ITJ is not just for those interested in converting to Judaism. A great number of the ITJ students are Jews who simply want to take advantage of the fabulous classes in order to discover or rediscover the richness of Jewish thought, practice and history.

There is a modest fee for the course, but some scholarships are available. If you are interested in taking the class, please contact Betsy Epel, the Director of the ITJ program, at 720.941.2655 or rmrcitj@gmail.com.
Who doesn’t love homemade leftovers from two or three days ago? The flavors of a good pasta sauce only get intensified, yet are smoother and richer. Moreover, homemade leftovers take us back to that sacred time in the kitchen, when we had the time, even within our busy schedules, to press pause and dwell in what it means to nourish and nurture ourselves and our families. We all can tell the difference between fast food, even really good restaurant food, and homemade meals, and will take leftovers a thousand times over any of those others.

Cantor Ellen Dreskin teaches us that there is another kind of leftovers that we should consider when it comes to nourishing ourselves. In our morning liturgy, there is a blessing that closes with the words “Habocher B’shirei Zimrah”, translated commonly as “The One who chooses melodious songs.” The words “shir” and “zemer” are both Hebrew words for song. So, why do we have these two words that are synonyms so close together in the sentence? Rabbi Zeev Wolf of Zhitomir, in the late 18th century, offers a different translation. He says, the blessing is really referring to the “sh’iarim zimra”, the leftovers or the crumbs of a melody...but what are these? Perhaps, this is an invitation to take a song, a melody (or many!) with us as we leave shul, and carry it along with us into the week to come. To allow that melody to be a reminder of the sweetness of Shabbat and to let it infuse our actions with goodness, nourishing our spirits and our everyday lives.

As we approach a New Year in the Jewish calendar, I hope you’ll find ways to nourish and nurture yourselves with lots of leftover melodies, those that stay in your head and move you to bring more meaning and spiritually in your life, and that move you to act in a positive way in the world we live in. Here at Temple Sinai there are many opportunities for taking melodies with you: you can join our regular erev Shabbat services, and you can also try our new worship, Experience Shabbat, an intimate and informal way to receive Shabbat through song, poetry and mediation. You can join us for Campfire Shabbat, when families come together for some much needed quality time as we gather around a (electric!) fire pit and sing our hearts out (camp style!) to welcome Shabbat. You can also join us for our year long singing opportunities in both the Adult and Children’s choirs. Habocher B’shirei Zimrah! Come and sing beautiful songs, and take the leftovers of those melodies into your lives!

**Experience Shabbat:** Come welcome Shabbat in an intimate and informal setting. This hour long service is filled with joyful and soulful melodies, poetry and mediation. Friday - October 5, November 16, December 14, and January 11 at 7:00pm

**Campfire Shabbat:** Families are invited to be transported into the wilderness as we share Shabbat around a campfire! Friday- October 26, February 8, and April 12 at 6:00pm

**Children’s Choir:** Come and learn from Dan Yolles and Cantor Sheila Nesis about our Youth Choir and Teen Music Group (TMG) on the first day of Religious School, September 16. More information on rehearsals and performances are coming soon!
Billy Jonas is one of those rare performers who can engage and delight both young and adult audiences. For more than two decades, his creative, spiritual and interactive performances have enchanted and inspired people from all walks of life - touching hearts, souls, and minds world-wide. His shows have taken him from the White House and Kennedy Center to Limmud UK and Israel. In addition to conventional instruments (voice, amp & guitar), Billy Jonas makes innovative use of homemade “industrial re-percussion” creations. He helps audiences discover the music within common items… and themselves.

**Friday, November 30**: Come welcome Shabbat with Billy Jonas!
**Saturday, December 1**: Special Havdalah and evening concert!
**Sunday, December 2**: Come for a fun morning family concert!

Sponsorship opportunities! Ticket information and more details coming soon!
Religious School

The beginning of the Jewish year presents each of us with the opportunity to reflect - on the year that has passed and the year ahead. The ten day period beginning with Rosh HaShanah and ending with Yom Kippur is known as the “Ten Days of Repentance” and is at the heart of the period in the Jewish calendar that centers on t’shuvah (repentance). T’shuvah is one of the most important of Jewish ideas. Judaism teaches that it is the responsibility of every person to:

1. Reflect upon his or her actions.
2. Recognize and take responsibility for those times when he or she “missed the mark” and did not act in the best way possible.
3. Apologize for or in other ways fix the things that have been hurt or broken through these “missings of the mark.”
4. Do the “inner work” necessary to see to it that the urges and weaknesses that led to this behavior will never do so again.

These ten days are the perfect time to teach our children and ourselves how to say “I’m sorry.” The skill of “knowing how to be wrong” is one of the most important interpersonal tools. It is the way we learn to take full responsibility. “Being wrong” is at the heart of sustaining relationships and, counter to many first thoughts, is the key to good leadership. The High Holy Days offer the opportunity to have wonderful conversations about “how to be wrong” and “how to fix things we injured.”

Best wishes to you and your family for a year filled with good health, happiness and Jewish learning.

Ron Leff
Director of Religious Education

Religious School Registration
There’s still time to register for the 2018-19 school year! If you haven’t registered, please visit www.sinaidenver.org/religiousschool for information. Call the Religious School office at 303.759.1827 with questions.

Back-to-School Program and Family BBQ
September 16 at 9:00am
We will begin the school year with a Back-to-School Program and Family BBQ! All K-6 families will join together for an orientation, open house and family education program. This will be a great way to start our Religious School year as a community. Families will have the opportunity to meet teachers, learn more about the plans for the school year, the Fall holidays and meet other families. We’ll conclude with a family BBQ! Visit www.sinaidenver.org/rsbbq to rsvp for the BBQ.
Sukkot Service/Consecration
September 28 at 6:00pm
Celebrate Sukkot with us! All new students in Temple Sinai Religious School will be honored at the Consecration Service. The children will be called to the bimah and greeted by our clergy. Consecration at Temple traditionally marks the official start of a student’s formal Jewish education. It’s a special time set aside to wish students success and fulfillment in years to come. Following the service, join us for Spaghetti in the Sukkah! To make your dinner reservation, visit www.sinaidenver.org/form/sukkotdinner.

Moving Traditions B’nei Mitzvah Initiative
Temple Sinai is excited to have been chosen to partner with Moving Traditions to pioneer a new approach to B’nei Mitzvah. This year we’ll be adding Moving Traditions family education and pre-teen sessions that connect Jewish wisdom to the inter-personal and social elements that come with the coming of age ritual.

The Moving Traditions sessions, created by Rabbis and social workers, aim to help you and your pre-teen explore what it means to be a guest and a host, how to navigate peer pressure, social media, and the experience of being the center of attention, as well as other social-emotional challenges and joys associated with the B’nei Mitzvah. We hope that your participation in the Moving Traditions family education sessions will enrich your child's experience - and your own - marking the B’nei Mitzvah as a lifecycle transition into “becoming a teen” that leads to personal growth and positive communal connection. We will begin the year with two family sessions:

**Sixth Grade** - September 29, 9:30am - 12:00pm  **Seventh Grade** - October 27, 9:30am - 12:00pm

Mark your calendar and watch for more information. If you have any questions, contact Ron Leff or Rabbi Susan Rheins or visit www.movingtraditions.org to learn more about Moving Traditions.
Melissa Oxenhandler, Youth Coordinator

Melissa Oxenhandler is from Colorado Springs, CO. She grew up attending Temple Shalom, and was an active member of BBYO, involved in the Rocky Mountain Region, as well as internationally. Melissa attended the University of Colorado Boulder where she received a Bachelor's Degrees in Religious Studies and Advertising, Public Relations, and Design. In college, Melissa was involved with Hillel, where she served as student President and with Sigma Alpha Epsilon Pi, where she was one of the founders of her chapter. After graduation, Melissa spent a year working as a Leadership and Educational Developer for Sigma Alpha Epsilon Pi, the national Jewish sorority, where she traveled to campuses across the country, opening new chapters and visiting existing ones to lend support. When she isn’t working, Melissa enjoys skiing, playing the ukulele, and hanging out with her pet chickens.

Hi Everyone!

I am so excited to be working with all of you and joining the Temple Sinai family! I am incredibly passionate about working with and developing young Jewish leaders and I cannot wait to meet all the wonderful children and teens at Temple Sinai. After spending the past year traveling the country working in various Jewish communities, I’m so happy to be in the place I know and love, Colorado. I’m looking forward to working together to continue to build a home for Temple Sinai youth! I am so excited to get to know each and every one of you. Please feel free to come say hello and introduce yourself. My door is always open!

Best,
Melissa
I love that the beginning of the school year is always followed closely by the Jewish New Year. The new year is a time for reflection and renewal, and the energy in an early childhood center is palpable. This year is especially wonderful for me as it is my first new year at Temple Sinai Preschool. My first Bereshit, beginning, and I must admit as the start of the school year approached, I was a little nervous, and a lot excited.

The process began, as it almost always does, with a week of teacher pre-planning. Our summer staff was transitioning to the school year and those that took the summer off were returning to the group. There was a lot of furniture rearranging, cleaning, training, and team-building. Several of our teachers led learning sessions inspired by their experiences with the JEWISHcolorado Early Childhood Initiative, which sponsored professional development opportunities. Throughout our week we focused on why we do what we do, what we believe as Jewish educators and how that translates into our daily practice. We reflected on the amazing journey of Temple Sinai Preschool and our goal of educating lifelong learners connected to our synagogue community.

Finally, at the end of the week, we welcomed our families and children to the first day of school. The joy of watching children reunite with friends and meet teachers for the first time was overwhelming. I watched as a few little ones clung to the necks of a parent or the leg of a nanny, and other children ran down the hall barely waving goodbye. I stood at the entrance of Temple Sinai Preschool and gave supporting hugs, high fives, cheers of delight, and many words of encouragement to kiddos and adults. I rejoiced in the honor of sharing these firsts with our Temple Sinai family. For a few moments I wondered what it would be like years from now reflecting back on this first. I felt refreshed, renewed, and so grateful for the journey.

Shanah Tovah,
Sheila Purdin
Director of Early Childhood Education

Adventure Camp at Temple Sinai Preschool
Students and families joined Mazel Together for a Sizzling Summer of Social Action by preparing over 135 pounds of food for the Jewish Family Service Food Bank. With the help of parent volunteers Amy Fenster, Adriane Greenberg, and Leah Pryor-Lease, children filled rice bags and made jars of bean soup for donation. Yasher Ko’ach!
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 a Bar or Bat Mitzvah at Temple Sinai. If you have a child who will turn 13 (or older) in 2019 or 2020 and you have not reserved a date for a service, please call Rabbi Rick or Rabbi Susan Rheins at 303.759.1827 and they will 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 your clergy work personally with each student and his/her family to help create a memorable celebration that will bring a lifetime of blessings.

B’nei Mitzvah

David Weiden - September 22, 2018

David is the son of Marina Rolbin and Dave Weiden and the brother of Sasha (11). He attends Cresthill Middle School and enjoys fencing, basketball, playing Fortnight and guitar, reading and hanging out with friends.

For his Mitzvah Project, David volunteered for the Lunchbox Express through Jewish Family Service. The JFS Lunchbox Express makes nutritious, free, fresh lunches available during summer months to children who do not have access to free and reduced fee lunches provided during the school year.

Julia Ilyse Gralla - September 22, 2018

Julia is the daughter of Brooke and Jonathan Gralla and the sister of Kyra (9). She attends West Middle School and enjoys tennis, cooking, theater/drama and Destination Imagination.

For her Mitzvah Project, Julia volunteered with the Lunchbox Express through Jewish Family Service. They have buses that take meals to underserved children during the summer and she volunteered to help serve meals to the children at the bus stops. Julia also used her love of cooking to help fundraise for the Lunchbox Express and donated over $1,000 by hosting five themed cooking camps for her sister and friends where she taught them how to cook dishes from around the world.
**25 Year Pre-Neg**  
**October 12 at 6:00pm**  
Please join us as we honor those who have been members of Temple Sinai for 25 or more years. We will have a wine and hors d’oeuvres reception at 6:00pm for those members who are 25, 35 and 45 year members, followed by Kabbalat Shabbat services at 7:00pm. There will be a special oneg following the service. For more information, please contact Lisa Thorner at 303.759.1827 or lisa@sinaidenver.org.

**Broncos Bash**  
**October 7 at 10:00am**  
Join us as the Broncos take on the Jets at 11:00am. We will tailgate in the parking lot and then head inside to watch the game. Bring your lawn chairs and let’s celebrate. There will be several activities for the kids including a bouncy house, Gaga Pit, face painting and Dippin Dots.

$5 for hot dogs, chips and drink or bagels and cream cheese. To RSVP, contact Lisa Thorner at 303.759.1827 or lisa@sinaidenver.org.

**Encore**  
**Theatre Or Presents: Oh My God!**  
(A divine comedy by Anat Gov)  
**September 30 at 2:00pm - Pluss Theater at the JCC**  
God goes to therapy! When God seeks out an earthly therapist to aid with wrenching doubt, it is not always clear who is the therapist to whom. Wrestling with doubts of her own, Ella has but one therapy session to convince God not to destroy creation.

Tickets are $26. RSVP by September 15 to Lisa Thorner at 303.759.1827 or lisa@sinaidenver.org.

**Day Trip to Boulder - Save the Date!**  
**October 10 at 9:00am**  
Enjoy a beautiful day in Boulder. We will tour, eat and shop and return around 3:30pm. More details to follow.

**Dazzle Lunch and Jazz**  
**November 16 at 11:30am**  
Encore members will look to start their weekend early with lunch, accompanied by live jazz music! Members will enjoy an afternoon of smooth jazz, food and friends from 11:30am - 1:30pm. It’s FREE - the only cost is the food. To RSVP, contact Lisa Thorner at 303.759.1827 or lisa@sinaidenver.org.

**Lifelong Jewish Learning**  
Whether you are interested in the repercussions of “fake news”, the impact of immigration on your life, the origins of the KKK in Denver, a musical cabaret or a movie, welcome to Lifelong Jewish Learning! Join us every other Wednesday night beginning October 10 from 6:30 - 8:00pm. All programs are free and open to the public. Stay tuned for a list of speakers!
Sinai Sunday Classes
In this third session of Exploring Reform Responsa, we will look at the most recent moral, ethical and ritual issues that are confronting modern Jews. Most of these responsa have not yet been published. Therefore, we will use photocopies instead of bound text. Newcomers will fit in easily because each issue will be new. Our format will continue to permit all to read and explore the text and issue independently in order to enhance our subsequent discussions. The full listing of the issues will be announced shortly.

Bible, Beers & Brotherhood
No September Meeting
Next Meeting: October 11 at 6:00pm
Darcy’s Pub - 4955 South Ulster Street in Denver

Lunch & Learn
Thursdays, from Noon to 1:00pm
September 6, 13, 27
Note there is no meeting September 20
COME LEARN, DISCUSS AND MEET FRIENDS!
NEWCOMERS EASILY FIT IN! IT IS FREE!
• 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!

Knitting for Charity
September 16 at 10:00am
Suzan Markman’s Home
1617 South Rosemary
Denver, CO. 80231
To donate yarn, contact Suzan Markman at 303.770.4014.

55+ Singles Group
Did you know that there is a group for single men and women who are 55+? We meet once a month and have a great time. Join the fun!
Call Gayle Glucksman at 303.908.0455 for details.

Jewish Interest Free Loans
Jewish Interest Free Loans (JIFL) was founded in 2000 and has helped over 400 households find economic relief. To qualify for a JIFL loan, you must be Jewish, be a CO resident for at least 6 months, and have an income or a plan for repaying the loan.

For more details, please email Loretta Cawelti at lorcawelti@hotmail.com.

Brick Project
Pave the way for Temple Sinai’s future by purchasing a commemorative engraved brick. Your engraved brick will provide an opportunity to commemorate life’s simchas, 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 build a more beautiful entrance to the Temple and make a permanent mark by investing in the future of Temple Sinai.

If you would like to purchase a brick, call the Temple at 303.759.1827 to obtain a form or go online to www.sinaidenver.org/brick-by-brick.html. For additional information, contact Lisa Thorner at lisa@sinaidenver.org.

Waterway Car Wash
Temple Sinai is pairing with Waterway Car Wash. Purchase a full-service car wash for $16 and $8 goes to Temple Sinai. The certificate is good for any Waterway Car Wash in Colorado.

Contact Lisa Thorner at 303.759.1827 or lisa@sinaidenver.org to purchase your car wash certificate.
Jewish War Veterans
September 16 at 9:00am
Ari Greene Harrison, proud Gold Star son
of West Point graduate and US Army Captain
Ellis David Greene (1st Calvary, 227 Aviation
Battalion) who was killed in Vietnam and whom
Jewish War Veterans Post 344 is named in
memory of, will be speaking about his
involvement in Sons and Daughters in Touch.
SDIT’s mission is to locate, unite and provide
support to Gold Star sons and daughters and the
family members of those who died or remain
missing in Vietnam.

Please join us for breakfast and a wonderful
speaker! For more information, please call Ruth
at 303.955.6974.

Sick? Struggling? Want a Call or
Meeting? Inform the Rabbis!
Adding to the frustration of dealing with illness or
struggling with a difficult time is the thought that
you’re forgotten and that no one cares. Temple
Sinai 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/or 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.
Rabbi Rick Rheins: rabrheins@sinaidenver.org
Rabbi Susan Rheins: rabbisusan@sinaidenver.org

King Soopers Cards
How does it work?
You buy a gift card from Temple Sinai for $25
and $25 is pre-loaded on the card. The card
can be reloaded up to $500. You can reload as
often as you want!

What is 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 shop
their store and for them to support 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. If
we don’t hit $5,000 in a month, the balance rolls
forward to the next month.

How can I purchase my card?
These cards are sold any time at Temple Sinai.
Please contact Lisa Thorner at 303.759.1827 or
lisa@sinaidenver.org to purchase your card.
Each card is $25. Remember to get a card for
your friends, neighbors, co-workers 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 lottery tickets, gift cards,
etc) including gas purchased at King Soopers or
City Market Fuel Centers.

Jewish War Veterans Post 344 is looking for donations of
NEW or USED baseballs! The baseballs will be
decorated and sent overseas in support of our troops.

Please drop off donations at Temple Sinai.

Donations Needed!!
Temple Sinai at Mt. Nebo Memorial Park

Temple Sinai has plots within Mt. Nebo Memorial Park (located at 13th Ave, west of Peoria in Denver) 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 out over a year’s time with a $100 deposit and $60 finance fee per plot. For details, contact Lauren Bubis at 303.759.1827 or lauren@sinaidenver.org.

Sinai Circle

“What Motivates Us to Give”

Helping others takes countless forms, from giving money to helping a stranger dig his car out of the snow, and springs from countless motivations – deep-rooted empathy and commitment to a more calculated desire for public recognition. Psychological research has shown that happier people give more, and giving makes people happier. So, happiness and giving may operate in a positive loop.

As you know, our Temple congregants who have confirmed that they have provided for our Temple in their financial planning – are deemed to be members of Sinai Circle. Many Sinai Circle members have commented that they “feel good” about providing for the Temple’s financial future; or that “I feel a personal obligation to help perpetuate Reform Judaism”; or that “I’m enthusiastic about it - especially since I can pledge now, but provide for payment in the future.”

These “feelings,” these motivations, are prevalent throughout our membership. Our endowment committee welcomed new committee members, as well as new Sinai Circle participants. As previously explained, every Temple member is being contacted by our endowment committee volunteers, requesting each Sinai Circle member to re-confirm their previous commitment (to keep our records current); and requesting all others to formalize a new commitment in their estate planning. Further, Rose Community Foundation will provide a grant to Temple Sinai if we meet certain goals of re-confirmations and new financial-planning formalizations.

All of us are familiar with the annual fund-raising appeals at High Holy Day season - Sinai Circle’s appeal, though, is not a request for a present donation. Please consider reviewing your financial planning (with a provision for Temple Sinai), co-incident with your plea for entry into the Book of Life. It’s not a sacrilege to conjoin your thoughtfulness for Judaism’s future with your prayer for personal salvation. Even in the solemnity of our Days of Awe, you will emerge a happier person.

In Memoriam

Herbet Cook,
father of Shelly (Rick) Sapkin

Peter Knezevich,
brother of Karen Kaehler

Charleen Levitt,
wife of Jack Levitt, mother of Dan (Jean) Levitt, sister of Larry (Susan) Siegel, grandmother of David (Elizabeth) Levitt & Jeffrey Levitt

Richard (Dick) Lutz,
brother of Howard (Donna) Lutz

Steve Miles,
brother of Hugh (Marcia) Miles

Elizabeth Pryor,
mother of Leah (Rachel) Pryor-Lease, grandmother of Ari & Asher

Tamara Wine,
aunt of Michael Kramer, sister-in-law of Mark Kramer

Rebecca Henda Zeiderman,
sister of Marla (Alan) Shapiro
Donations

Building Our Future Fund
Marshall & Helene Abrahams
Loretta Cawelti in memory of Don Cawelti, Alice Payne, Ray McMillen and Liz Hoskins
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Marshall & Helene Abrahams in memory of Charleen Levitt
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Carolyn Eisen’s Estate in memory of Carolyn Eisen
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Thank you
Study with Rabbi Raymond Zwerin

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Program
THE BOOK OF GENESIS
Wednesday Mornings from September 26 - November 14 from 9:30am - 11:30am

Some might call it the most incredible book ever written. Genesis is science and myth, history and fiction, immigration and emigration, feast and famine, birth and death, peace and strife, threats and promises, sibling hatreds and reconciliations, families in turmoil and families aiding and maintaining. The yin and yang of interpersonal relationships is palpable; the sense of God’s presence in human history and of humanity in God’s history maintains throughout. What did the author know about the creation of galaxies and nebulae, about climate change, about nation building, about the nature of clans and tribal forces, about psychology and pathology, about trust and faith? Genesis is about change - of place, of name, of fortune, of fate, of destiny. It is about the birth of the universe and about the birth of a people…. Both of which were cataclysmic. Let’s have fun studying together!

To register please go to www.oli/du.edu or call 303.871.2739.

Torah Study
Taught by Rabbi Raymond Zwerin and Rabbi Steve Kaye
Join Rabbis Zwerin and Kaye for Shabbat morning Torah Study. Everyone is welcome!
September 8 is the start date
10:30am, don’t be late.
Chapter 6 of Deuteronomy

Thinking of Joe Sanders
For those of you who do not know, our beloved security guard, Joe Sanders, underwent knee replacement surgery in July. Joe has undergone several additional surgeries due to complications and will not return to Temple Sinai in the near future. The Temple would like to help Joe and his family during this difficult time. If you would like to donate a gift card in any amount, please drop the card off at the Temple office to Brandy Conner or Lisa Thorner. We will be collecting gift cards over the next few weeks to give to Joe and his family. Any questions email Brandy Conner at Brandy@sinaidenver.org or Lisa Thorner at Lisa@sinaidenver.org.
TEMPLE SINAI ELECTRONICS RECYCLING FUNDRAISER

October 2–14

Here is a list of items we can recycle:

- Desktops and laptops
- LCD Monitors
- CRT Monitors
- LED Monitors
- Computer Peripherals
- Computer Accessories
- Computer Mice
- Keyboards
- Copiers
- Printers
- Digital Cameras
- Cell Phones
- Game Consoles

NO TVs

lisa@sinaidenver.org or (303) 759-1827.
SAVE A SEAT ON THE BUS FOR IST 2019!

Joyce Zeff
Israel Study Tour

JUNE 16 - JULY 21, 2019

JOIN US FOR AN INFORMATION SESSION

Wednesday, September 26
6:30 pm
Boulder JCC

Thursday, September 27
7:00 pm
Temple Emanuel

Monday, October 8
7:00 pm
Hebrew Educational Alliance (HEA)

Tuesday, October 9
7:00 pm
Temple Sinai

For more information, go to JEWISHcolorado.org/IST

To learn more, contact Josh Samet, Director of the Joyce Zeff
Israel Study Tour (IST), at 303.951.8493, or via email, at jsamet@jewishcolorado.org

The Joyce Zeff Israel Study Tour (IST) is is a journey of a lifetime and life-changing experience. From sunrise at Massada to Shabbat at the Western Wall (Kotel), it combines extraordinary adventure, exceptional leaders, a commitment to education, Jewish values, and years of experience to guide students to learn, explore, discover and soak up every moment. Students have the opportunity to become more independent, learn more about themselves, connect to Israel and strengthen their Jewish identity.

IST is one of the premiere Israel teen trips and is the longest running annual community-based Israel trip in the U.S. It’s a 5-week immersive program where we spend the first 4 days in Poland then the next 30 days in Israel. The trip is for students that are currently juniors in high school.
Temple Sinai is once again hosting a Shred-a-Thon to welcome in the New Year.

Bring in your unwanted papers, files and documents to be safely and securely destroyed.

We hope that you will join us for this community-wide event!

This Shred event will be one day only. Minimum suggested donation of $18.00 or more is appreciated.

If you are interested in volunteering for this event, contact Lisa Thorner at lisa@sinaidenver.org or 303-759-1827.
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