## UPCOMING EVENTS

### DECEMBER 2017

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6:00p Erev Shabbat Service  
7:00p Experience & Tot Shabbat Service |
| SATURDAY  | 12.2 | Vayishlach  
8:00a PaRDeS  
9:00a Shabbat Morning Minyan  
10:30a Torah Study  
4:30p Wedding Kerstein/Skibell |
| SUNDAY    | 12.3 | 9:00a Religious School  
9:00a Rabbi Rheins Responsa II Sinai Sundays  
9:15a Sinai Sundays "Basic Hebrew" with Cantor Nesis  
10:30a Rabbi Zwerin Samuel II Sinai Sundays Class  
10:45a Sinai Sundays "Modern Hebrew" with Nenet Montgomery |
| TUESDAY   | 12.5 | 6:00p Jewish Colorado Program |
| WEDNESDAY | 12.6 | Biennial in Boston  
10:00a NCJW Meeting  
6:00p Religious School  
6:00p Bible, Beers & Brotherhood |
| THURSDAY  | 12.7 | Biennial in Boston  
12:00p Lunch & Learn  
7:00p ITJ Program |
| FRIDAY    | 12.8 | Biennial in Boston  
7:00p Erev Shabbat Service |
| SATURDAY  | 12.9 | Vayeshev  
9:00a Shabbat Morning Minyan  
10:30a Torah Study  
5:00p TSYG Gift Exchange |
| SUNDAY    | 12.10 | 9:00a Religious School  
9:00a Jewish War Vets  
10:00a Knitting for Charity  
10:30a Rabbi Zwerin Samuel II Sinai Sundays Class  
12:00p Youth Choir  
12:00 JYG Gift Exchange |
| MONDAY    | 12.11 | 9:00a ORT America Chanukah Party |
| TUESDAY   | 12.12 | Erev Chanukah |
| WEDNESDAY | 12.13 | Chanukah  
9:00a Preschool Chanukah Celebrations  
5:15p Pizza in the Lounge  
6:00p Religious School  
6:00p TMG  
6:30p Lifelong Jewish Learning - Movie Night at Temple Sinai |
| THURSDAY  | 12.14 | Chanukah  
9:00a Preschool Chanukah Celebrations  
11:00a Healing Service  
12:00p Lunch & Learn  
6:00p Winter Chavurah Planning Meeting  
7:00p ITJ  
7:00p AVS vs Panthers Hockey Game |
| FRIDAY    | 12.15 | Chanukah  
5:45p Erev Shabbat Service with TMG and Youth Choir  
5:45p Tot Shabbat  
6:30p Potluck Dinner |
| SATURDAY  | 12.16 | Chanukah Shabbat Mevarchim Miketz  
8:00a PaRDeS  
9:00a Shabbat Morning Minyan  
10:30a Torah Study  
10:30a B/M Joshua & Nathan Kretchmer |
KISLEV / TEVET 5778

SUNDAY | 12.17
Chanukah
9:00a Religious School
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12:00p Meretz & Ruach Bricks 4 Kidz

MONDAY | 12.18
Chanukah Rosh Chodesh Tevet
5:30p Winter Chavurah Planning Meeting

TUESDAY | 12.19
Chanukah Rosh Chodesh Tevet

WEDNESDAY | 12.20
Chanukah
6:00p Religious School

THURSDAY | 12.21
12:00p Lunch & Learn
6:30p Executive Committee Meeting

SATURDAY | 12.23
Vayigash
9:00a Shabbat Morning Minyan
10:30a Torah Study

SUNDAY | 12.24
No Religious School
9:00a Rabbi Rheins Responsa II Sinai Sundays
10:30a Rabbi Zwerin Samuel II Sinai Sundays Class

MONDAY | 12.25
Christmas Day
Offices Closed
Preschool Closed for Winter Break
All Day: Christmas Mitzvah in the Park

TUESDAY | 12.26
Preschool Closed for Winter Break

WEDNESDAY | 12.27
No Religious School
Preschool Closed for Winter Break
11:00a Book Club - “My Own Words” by Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Mary Harnett
(M, 2016, 400 pages)
12:00p Sinai Connections Lunch

THURSDAY | 12.28
Fast of Tevet
Preschool Closed for Winter Break
12:00p Lunch & Learn

FRIDAY | 12.29
Preschool Closed for Winter Break
6:00p Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY | 12.30
Vayechi
9:00a Shabbat Morning Minyan
10:30a Torah Study

SUNDAY | 12.31
No Religious School
9:00a Rabbi Rheins Responsa II Sinai Sundays
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Call or Email Brandy Conner at 303.759.1827 or brandy@sinaidenver.org if you wish to change your mailing preference of future Keshers.
# NEW YEAR, NEW EVENTS

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**TEVET / SHEVAT 5778**

**WEDNESDAY | 1.17**  
*Rosh Chodesh Shevat*  
*Preschool Western Days*  
5:00p TMG & Youth Choir  
5:15p Pizza in the Lounge  
6:00p Religious School

**THURSDAY | 1.18**  
*Preschool Western Days*  
11:00a Healing Service  
12:00p Lunch & Learn  
7:00p ITJ

**FRIDAY | 1.19**  
6:30p New Member Dinner  
7:00p Erev Shabbat Service Honoring Cantor Nesis

**SATURDAY | 1.20**  
*Bo*  
8:00a PaRDes  
9:00a Shabbat Morning Minyan  
10:30a Torah Study  
10:30a B/M Miles Smith  
5:00p TSYG Spring Rush

**SUNDAY | 1.21**  
9:00a Jewish War Vets  
9:00a Sinai Sundays “Prayerbook Hebrew” with Rabbi Susan  
9:00a Religious School  
9:00a Rabbi Rheins Responsa II Sinai Sundays  
10:45a Sinai Sundays “Modern Hebrew” with Nevet Montgomery  
12:00p Meretz & Ruach

**WEDNESDAY | 1.24**  
5:00p TMG & Youth Choir Shabbat Shirah  
Final Rehearsal  
6:00p Religious School

**THURSDAY | 1.25**  
12:00p Lunch & Learn  
6:30p Board Meeting  
7:00p ITJ

**FRIDAY | 1.26**  
7:00p Erev Shabbat Service with Shabbat Shirah

**SATURDAY | 1.27**  
*Beshalach*  
9:00a Shabbat Morning Minyan  
10:30a Torah Study  
6:30p Shabbat Shirah Concert “The Sabbath of Sons”

**SUNDAY | 1.28**  
9:00a Sinai Sundays “Prayerbook Hebrew” with Rabbi Susan  
9:00a Religious School  
9:00a Rabbi Rheins Responsa II Sinai Sundays  
10:00a Religious School Tu B’Shevat Seders  
10:45a Sinai Sundays “Modern Hebrew” with Nevet Montgomery  
12:00p JYG Leadership Team Meeting

**TUESDAY | 1.30**  
*Preschool Tu B’Shevat Seders Tu B’Shevat*

**WEDNESDAY | 1.31**  
*Preschool Tu B’Shevat Seders Tu B’Shevat*  
11:00a Book Club “The Bridal Chair” by Gloria Goldreich (F, 2015, 496 pages) facilitator Joyce Meltzer  
6:00p Religious School
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Imagine yourself going to school in Israel, going to class on the top of a mountain, having a class in a cave, hiking in the desert in the middle of the night, floating in the Dead Sea. All this and more is part of the most incredible academic experience ever with Alexander Muss High School in Israel!

We hope that you are considering applying for the AMHSI-Jewish National Fund Mountain State Impact Fellowship; an incredible opportunity for high school sophomores and juniors from Colorado to be in Israel for the AMHSI September, 2018 8 week session. Attached is some more information about the Fellowship. We are seeking exceptional high school students who have demonstrated achievements in leadership, character and academic endeavors.

In addition to the Mountain State Impact Fellowship, we also offer 2 semester long sessions, 3 more mini-semester programs and a summer group. See more by visiting our website. Financial aid and scholarships are available for all sessions.

No matter which session you choose – you will learn about Israel through an exciting academic adventure where the country of Israel is transformed into a living classroom. Our general Studies program enables you to stay up to date with your home high school classes. We offer all levels of courses; including honors, AP, and the like. If a student joins us for a spring session, they take their AP exams (if registered) on our campus. There is nothing better than going to school abroad – especially in Israel.

For more information, please be in touch with your local Alexander Muss Admissions Director, Jeff Hast, by calling 480-447-8100 x983 or by e-mailing jhast@jnf.org. He will be more than happy to answer of your questions about AMHSI, the Impact Fellowship and more.
WHO IS CHUCK?!

Chuck has been the Mascot of Temple Sinai Youth Group (TSYG) since 2000/2001. Back in 1995 there was a big push from Assistant Rabbi Steve Kahn, Rabbi Zwerin, & Tami Miller to create a youth culture at Temple Sinai. Tami Miller literally “wrote the book” on Temple Youth Culture. Tami Miller wrote “Creating a Synagogue Youth Culture” which can be found in The Jewish Educational Leader’s Handbook published in 1998.

Jump ahead to 2000, Chuck’s inception. At this time, the youth culture at Temple Sinai was in full motion & TSYG was growing with the support of Rabbi Steve Kahn, Tami Miller, Rabbi C. Michelle Greenberg, and Seth Winnerman (TSYG’s Youth Director). Seth remembers Chuck being introduced to the youth groupers by Rabbi C. Michelle Greenberg, who, according to Seth, “was a huge youth advocate”.

Here is what Rabbi C. Michelle Greenberg had to say about Chuck, “I don’t remember a whole lot about Chuck other than how much his creation made us laugh. (My God, it sounds like I’m writing a eulogy.) And that I may have been the one that supplied the gorilla (?) in the first place. I have a vague recollection of a successful Ikea run in Elizabeth, NJ while I was in rabbinic school at which I got a little over-enthusiastic and picked up a giant stuffed animal. And I may have brought him to the kids for a laugh and it could have taken off from there.”

Rabbi C. Michelle Greenberg was right; Chuck took off from there! Rabbi Josh Fixler, who was present for the “...birth/creation/stork-arrival/what-have-you” of Chuck remembers someone drew the picture of Chuck and then he did the “goofy TSYG lettering”. The combination of the picture and the lettering became the first TSYG logo, which has been used ever since!

Since 2000, Chuck has remained a staple of TSYG and the Temple Sinai Youth Culture. He has been included in TSYG cheers, merchandise designs, and variations of “fuzzy” stuffed gorillas around the youth lounge. Now, Chuck even exists as a life-size gorilla costume worn by TSYG’s current Communications Vice President Ben Eber, who will eventually “will” the costume down to a younger member of TSYG.

We are TSYG, our mascot’s name is Chuck and when we get together, we really like to...chill.
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We have held several JYG Leadership Team Meetings during the fall semester, & they were 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 Spring, please send Julia an email (julia@sinaidenver.org) with your child’s name and grade!

We will meet on:
- Sunday, January 28 at 12:00 - 1:30P
- Wednesday, February 21 at 5:00 - 6:00P
- Sunday, March 11 at 12:00 - 1:30P
- Wednesday, April 25 at 5:00 - 6:00P

This weekend is a wonderful opportunity for 7th & 8th grade Reform Jewish youth in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, Southern Illinois, Iowa and Wyoming to join together for a weekend of fun and learning. We will spend the weekend celebrating Shabbat, participating in fun programs and meeting other Jewish teens.

Join JYG for an afternoon with lunch and self-defense instruction from our favorite Krav Maga instructor, Nate!

Join JYG for a delightful Holiday movie and lunch! Bring a wrapped pair of socks and/or mug for an exciting gift exchange!

BOOK YOUR FLIGHT NOW!

Leaving:
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2
SW #41
Departs from DEN 10:45A
Arrives at STL 1:35P

Coming Home:
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4
SW #3195
Departs from STL 2:30P
Arrives at DEN 3:50P
OFFICE HOURS
Two Wednesdays a month, the youth lounge will be open from 4:00-6:00 pm! Come hangout, snack, work on homework, or just chat with me, Julia!

SPRING SEMESTER DATES:
- December 13
- December 20
- January 10
- January 17
- February 7
- February 21
- March 3
- March 14
- April 11
- April 18
- May 2

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 303-759-1827 or julia@sinaidenver.org

NFTY-MV WINTER CHAVURAH
JANUARY 12-15
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- Thursday, December 14 at 6:00P
- Tuesday, December 19 at 5:30P
- Sunday, January 7 at 3:30P
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- Provide 3 meals - Breakfast Saturday and Sunday and dinner on Sunday
- Transportation to and from the event for the weekend (drivers must be over 21 and seatbelts are required for all passengers.)

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Hi! Our names are Macey and Gabbie and we are freshman at Littleton High School. We have been friends since 7th grade and met through Temple Sinai and youth group. We are both doing leadership development team on our youth group board and have had so much fun! We love going to programs and hanging out with our friends. It is so fun to spend time with everyone and forget about the stress of school for even just a few hours a month. We have been waiting to be like the “big kids”; we always used to see them leading group programs and events and now we are the “big kids!” We have gotten to run Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur services, call people for our Bowl-A-Thon, and we are starting to plan our first NFTY event!

NFTY to us is a family. We spend a fun weekend bonding, sharing laughs & meeting new people. NFTY is one way we enjoy time with friends old and new and learn about our religion in a fun way. The Jewish community is amazing. We are all one big family, and we’ve learned people are accepting. In times of need we can always count on them to help and be there for us.

“Gonna live and die, N-F-T-Y!”
In preparation for Thanksgiving, our preschoolers worked on Tikkun Olam (repair of the world) and Tzedakah (charity). Our families collected food items to donate to the Weinberg Food Pantry for our 9th annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. Thank you to everyone who helped make our Thanksgiving food drive a success!

We will continue working on Tikkun Olam and Tzedakah with our annual Chanukah Helpers program. Chanukah helpers benefits families at Safe House Denver. Our families participate by purchasing gifts for these families for the holidays. Keep an eye out for our Chanukah Helpers board at the preschool office!

We have also been learning about Tikkun Olam and Tzedakah through music!

Here is a message from Dan the music man:

Hello families!! We have had so much fun filling the school year with tons of music, dancing, singing, and even trying instruments from a Moroccan Oud to a mandolin, and all sorts of drums! The music program has also served as a vital source for the kids to learn about holidays, prayers and Hebrew vocabulary.

The kids are always excited to shout out their favorite songs to sing in class, and I understand they are singing them at home. I am excited to share some lyrics of the ‘Dan the Music Man Classics’, so our families can share musical bonding opportunities with their kids at home and keep music alive in their hearts.

You can always reach me at dan@sinaidenver.org if you have questions or ideas!

Below are the lyrics for 2 of the preschool’s favorite songs:

Boker Tov – Ellen Allard
When I say Boker Tov everybody say Boker Or (Boker Or)!
When I say Boker Tov everybody say Boker Or (Boker Or)!
Everybody ready, Come on, come on!
Everybody ready, Oh Yeah, Oh Yeah!
Everybody ready, uh huh, uh huh!!
Boker tov,
(Boker Or)!!!!!!
(Boker Tov means good morning, Boker Or means morning light)

Share and Be Nice – Craig Parks
Share and be nice,
Share all your toys. X2
Listen to your friends
(Listen to your friends)!
Help the world to mend,
(Help the world to mend)!
Ti-kun O-lam, Ti-kun O-lam
(Tikun Olam is Hebrew for mend the world)
Home-School communication is important, especially during urgent times. Together with the Preschool, our Temple Sinai Religious School is now using EZ Texting, a SMS text messaging system, to immediately share information related to school closures due to weather or other concerns.

Should there be a school closure, a message will be sent to all cell phone numbers listed on your Temple Sinai account.

If you do not have a cell phone number on file or want to add an additional cell phone number, please contact Brandy Conner at brandy@sinaidenver.org.
**APPLESAUCE**

Prep: 10 Minutes  |  Cook: 20 Minutes

**Ingredients**
- 4 Apples - Peeled, Cored & Chopped
- 3/4 Cup Water
- 1/4 Cup White Sugar
- 1/2 Teaspoon Ground Cinnamon

**Directions**
In a saucepan, combine apples, water, sugar & cinnamon. Cover & cook over medium heat for 15 to 20 minutes or until apples are soft. Allow to cool, then mash with a fork or potato masher.

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**SUFGANIYOT**

Yield: 24 Doughnuts

**Ingredients**
- 1 Package Dry Yeast
- 3 Tablespoons Sugar
- 1/4 Cup Lukewarm Water
- 3 1/2 Cups Unbleached All-Purpose Flour
- 1 Large Egg
- 1 Large Egg Yolk
- Pinch of Salt
- 1 Lemon - Grated Zest
- 3 1/2 Tablespoons of Butter (room temp)
- Vegetable Oil
- 1/2 Cup Apricot Jam
- Confectioners’ or Granulated Sugar

**Directions**
Dissolve the yeast and 1 tablespoon of sugar in the water. Let sit for 10 minutes. Put the flour in the bowl of a food processor equipped w/ a steel blade. Add the dissolved yeast, milk, whole egg, yolk, salt, lemon zest, and the remaining sugar. Process until blended. Add the butter and process until dough becomes sticky yet elastic. Remove the dough to a bowl, cover and let rise in a warm place for an hour. If you want to prepare it ahead, place the dough in the refrigerator overnight, then let it warm to room temp before rolling and cutting.

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**POTATO LATKAS**

Yield: 60 Latkas  |  Cook: 30 Minutes

**Ingredients**
- 5 Pounds of Medium Potatos (Grated)
- 1 Medium Onion
- 4 Eggs
- 1/2 Tablespoon of Salt
- 1/4 Cup Flour
- 1/4 Cup Matzo Meal

**Directions**
Peel potatoes and coarsely grate by hand. Soak potatoes 1 to 2 minutes after last batch is added to water, then drain well in a colander. Mix with eggs. Transfer potato mixture to a bowl and stir in egg and salt. Fry & Enjoy!
**SHIRLEY TEMPLE SINAI**

Ingredients:
- Splash of grenadine syrup
- Glass of ginger ale
  (Or Sprite/7-UP)

Preparation:
Add a splash of grenadine to a glass of ginger ale, garnish with a maraschino cherry.

**MACCABEAN MULE**

Ingredients:
- 4 oz Ginger beer
- 1 1/2 oz Vodka
- 1/6 oz Lime juice

Preparation:
Combine vodka and ginger beer in a copper mug or highball glass filled with ice. Add lime juice. Stir gently and garnish with a lime slice.

Served:
On the rocks or poured over ice.

Drinkware:
Copper mug or highball glass
Standard garnish: Lime slice

**CHANUKAH GELT MARTINI**

Ingredients
- 1 1/2 Ounces Chocolate Liqueur
- 1 1/2 Ounces Creme de Cacao
- 1/2 Ounce vodka
- 2 1/2 Ounces Half & Half
- 1 Cup Ice

Directions
Combine chocolate liqueur, creme de cacao, vodka, half & half, and ice in a cocktail shaker. Cover and shake until chilled. Strain into a chilled cocktail glass.
ADULT PROGRAMMING

SINAI CIRCLE

Every Adult Should Have An Estate Plan. Please Remember Temple Sinai.

On Yom Kippur, the messages and prayers in our liturgy are indeed awesome. Many of these prayers contain the implicit truth that none of us are going “to be around” forever. We speak, among other topics, of everlasting life, of more righteous lives. We seek forgiveness.

How, then, do we assure that our commitment to Temple Sinai, to Reform Judaism, and to each other -- will continue past tomorrow? How can we assure our children, and their descendants, that their Temple will have the financial strength to endure? Consider this: In our country, most non-profit institutions, if they can, build endowments.

In fact, a large portion of U.S. Reform temples of any significant size have created and nurture their endowments. This is accomplished by on-going programs -- relatively low-key, low-pressure -- encouraging congregants, their relatives, and other interested parties to “remember” these endowments in their estate plans.

Sinai Circle member is the title we confer upon anyone who commits to make provision by will, trust, life insurance, or other estate planning mechanism - for Temple Sinai to receive a portion or specific amount when this person passes away (or before then). This isn’t “buying one’s way into Heaven.” Rather, it’s a simple but thoughtful way (after providing for one’s family and other first-line beneficiaries) to protect Temple Sinai’s fiscal longevity. May you be inscribed for the new year “in the Book of Life.” May our Temple be inscribed in your estate plan.

SINAI SUNDAY CLASSES

Course 101: Progressive Halakhaha, Part II
Course 201: Prayerbook Hebrew 1 with Cantor Sheila Nesis
Course 301: Prayerbook Hebrew 2 with Rabbi Susan Rheins
Course 401: Sundays with Samuel II with Rabbi Raymond E. Zwerin
Course 501: Modern Israeli Hebrew with Never Montgomery
Course 601: Adult B’nei Mitzvah Class with Rabbi Rick Rheins, Rabbi Susan Rheins and Cantor Sheila Nesis

For more information, contact Lisa Thorner at 303-759-1827 or lisa@sinaidenver.org to reserve your spot!

B.Y.O.T.

Rabbi Susan’s very first B.Y.O.T. (Bring Your Own Topic) took place Sunday, October 29.

Here are Rabbi Susan Rheins and Dr. Sarah Grope schmoozing.
TEMPLE SINAI IS HOSTING A Chanukah Potluck!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2017
5:30PM Family Shabbat Service
Followed by Dinner & Celebration

WE WILL SUPPLY THE LATKES & CHALLAH! BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH TO SHARE!

Last Name: A - K Bring Dessert
L - S Bring A Main Dish
T - Z Bring a Side

Bring your own Chanukiyah for our Community Lighting Ceremony.

RSVP at sinaidenver.org/event/chanukah by December 11!

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

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CHANUKAH PRAYERS

Baruch atah, Adonai
Eloheinu, Melech haolam,
asher kid’shanu b’mitzvotav
v’tsivanu l’hadlik ner shel Chanukah.

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

Baruch atah, Adonai
Eloheinu, Melech haolam,
she-asah nisim laavoteinyu 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.

Baruch atah, Adonai
Eloheinu, Melech haolam,
shehecheyanu v’kiy’manu v’higianu laz’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.
ENdOre EVenTS

FRIDAY LUNCH CLUB AT DAZZLE JAZZ!
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1 | 11:30A
930 LINCOLN ST.
Encore members will look to start their weekend early with lunch, accompanied by live jazz music at Dazzle Jazz on Friday, December 1. Encore members will head to Dazzle Jazz to enjoy an afternoon of jazz, food and friends. Jazz runs from 11:30A -1:30P! It is FREE, and the only cost is the cost of food.

RSVP to Lisa Thorner at 303-759-1827 or lisa@sinaidenver.org

NEW MEMBER DINNER
SAVE THE DATE
FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2018
6:45P – DINNER
If you are a new member of Temple Sinai who joined during 2017, 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 & other members of Temple Sinai – both old and new. Please watch for your invitation to this fun-filled evening. The dinner is open to the entire Congregation. The costs are as follows:

Adults: $18.00
Kids (Ages 5-13) $8.00
Kids Up to 4 are free

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

LIFELONG JEWISH LEARNING
Skip another evening of couch-time and join us for an exciting slate of programs for the fall/winter semester of Lifelong Jewish Learning. The programs will be held on Wednesday evenings and are free and open to the public.
FUNDRAISING

WATERWAY CAR WASH

Temple Sinai is pairing with Waterway car wash. Purchase a full-service Waterway car wash for $16.00 (regular price) and $8.00 goes back to Temple Sinai. The certificate is good for any Waterway car wash in Colorado.

Contact the main office at (303) 759-1827 or for additional information Lisa Thorner at lisa@sinaidenver.org to purchase your car wash certificate.

DELECTABLE EGG FUNDRAISER

Temple Sinai and The Delectable Egg in the Denver Tech Center (5312 DTC Boulevard) are joining forces once again. All you have to do is eat! Come eat at any time, any day and The Delectable Egg will donate 10% of the total sales back to Temple Sinai. All you have to do is let your server know you are with Temple Sinai.

KING SOOPERS CARDS

RELOAD, RELOAD, RELOAD!!!

Please reload your Kings Soopers cards if you already own one. If not, purchase a King Soopers gift card from the Temple Sinai Office and a percentage of it goes back to the Temple! Once you purchase your card, you can reload it at any time, at any King Soopers and 5% will go back to Temple Sinai! Interested? Contact Lisa Thorner at lisa@sinaidenver.org.

BRICK PROJECT

It is never too late to remember a loved one or to celebrate a graduation, confirmation, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, a special birthday, or any other milestone. The events that we experience individually are meant to be shared with our Sinai community. Brick by Brick is an ever-evolving commemoration of the special moments and people that shape and influence our lives. 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. Temple Sinai ordered its third shipment of bricks at the end of January. This is a continuous project that will take place until the outside area is filled.

MOVIE NIGHT AT TEMPLE SINAI

DECEMBER 13 - 6:00P
“HOLY LAND HARDBALL”

A few years back, a Boston bagel maker decided to start a professional baseball team in Israel. The documentary Holy Land Hardball follows the unlikely group of players and executives who attempted to bring professional baseball to Israel in 2007.

Popcorn will be provided. Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be available for $5.00 beginning at 6:00 p.m. (Movie at 6:30 p.m.) Reservations are required for food. Please RSVP for the event to Lisa Thorner at the Temple, 303-759-1827.
WHAT’S THE SCOOP?

ANNOUNCING TEMPLE SINAI’S NEW SCHOLARSHIP FOR FIRST TIME SUMMER CAMPERS!

Temple Sinai members Lori & John Spanbauer have generously established the Alan Farber Memorial Camp Scholarship Fund. The fund is in loving memory of Lori’s brother Alan.

This annual scholarship will help Sinai students from qualified families attend a 2-week Jewish summer camp. The Alan Farber Memorial Camp Scholarship Fund will pay up to 80% of the camp fees and expenses for first time campers.

To apply, the students must show that they have a financial need that would otherwise prevent them from attending a sleep-away summer camp. The applications will be handled confidentially by Rabbis Rick and Susan Rheins and the Spanbauers. The intention is for 2 or 3 students to be selected each year to receive this scholarship.

To apply, simply complete the following information and return the form to Rabbis Rheins at Temple Sinai by February 1, 2018.

1. Name and age of student
2. Name of parents
3. Address and phone numbers (including email address)
4. The name of the intended camp
5. A brief description of the financial need
6. A short message as to what a summer camp experience would mean to you

We are so pleased to help a few more of our Temple Sinai students attend a Jewish camp this summer!

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.

JEWISH 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 call Loretta Cawelti at 303-369-5714.

BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2017
11:00A - 12:30P
“My Own Words” by Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Mary Harnett (M, 2016, 400 pages)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2018
11:00A - 12:30P
JEWISH WAR VETERANS

DECEMBER 10 at 9A
Our speaker will be Stew Elliott, director of Veterans Services at CU Boulder.
He plans to talk about the US Navy SEALs and the work he is currently engaged in supporting the over 1000 students veterans at CU Boulder.

JANUARY 21 at 9A
January is a great time put those New Years resolutions of organizing to work.
Our January 21 speaker at Temple Sinai, will be Wendi Strom. Her lecture entitled "How to Avoid the WORST Scavenger Hunt Ever" will touch on which financial records, legal records and and health care directives you’ll want to have gathered, and why.

Please join us for our delicious breakfast at 9:00A followed by these special speakers.

Meetings not to be missed!
February 11, and March 11

For more information please call Ruth at 303-955-6974.

BIBLE, BEERS, & BROTHERHOOD

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6 AT 6P
Men talking Torah with Rabbi Rheins!
Darcy’s Pub (In the DTC)
4955 S Ulster St 103 Denver, CO 80237

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
Rabbi Susan can be reached at rabbisusan@sinaidenver.org

LUNCH & LEARN
AT TEMPLE SINAI
EVERY THURSDAY NOON TO 1P
Come to learn, discuss, debate and meet new friends! We’ll review ethical and moral issues in selected Jewish texts, discuss hot current topics and debate the important issues and topics! Bring your lunch! We’ll serve the Text & Topics!
As a child, Chanukah was one of my favorite holidays. My sisters and I would gather around the kitchen table as my father carefully lit our menorah. My parents did not believe in eight nights of presents, although we usually got at least one really awesome gift. But that was not what I remember about Chanukah as a child. Rather, it was the songs, the pitch black room lit by each candle, and the voices of my sisters, mother and father as we sang Rock of Ages.

My mom made sure that whatever we lacked in gifts, she made up in food. Homemade roast-ed chicken, salads, vegetables and, of course, latkes and apple sauce. They were always thin and crisp and could support the large amount of apple sauce I threw on each pancake. I remember my mother chopping onions and crying, telling us “how much she slaved over us” and “how lucky we were.” Only later did I realize the true source of her tears. The aftermath of a night of Chanukah is just as strong a memory...the smell of oil, candles, the silver wrappers of chocolate gelt covering our table.

Over the years, I rethought Chanukah in our household. What made these memories stand out? Was it really the food and menorah? It wasn’t the presents, although I do remember our excitement when we received an Atari 2600, or electronic keyboard and accompanying piano books. What truly made Chanukah stand out as a childhood memory was the intimacy of the holiday. It was us...just my family, together singing songs of “days long ago.” It was the smell of my father’s cologne and mother’s shampoo; it was the sounds of my sisters’ laughter and the warmth of their shoulders where I rested my head.

Today we are all now grown and in different cities. Both my siblings are married with two children each. And while I am sad that I will not be able to celebrate Chanukah with my sisters, nieces and nephews, a smile comes to my face. They are creating a memory just as I experienced years ago... they are creating a sacred space in their home in a dark room with candles and a menorah, an intimate family experience filled with kindness and love.

Lorne Maltenfort
Executive Director
BENEFIT BY GIVING
AT YEAR END

A gift to the Temple Sinai provides you with a feeling of personal satisfaction and demonstrates your belief in our mission. It may also result in a more tangible return in the form of tax benefits. Charitable deductions on your current income tax return and capital gains tax savings are of foremost benefit. Future estate tax savings may also result from your gift.

Make an end of the year tax-deductible donation today by calling our offices at (303) 759-1827!

Here are some common questions/answers regarding gift giving.

1. WHEN SHOULD I GIVE?
If you itemize deductions this year and complete your gift before December 31st, your gift is tax deductible this year. Generally, the effect of the deduction is that the higher your income tax bracket, the more you will save in taxes.

2. WHAT SHOULD I GIVE?
Gifts of Cash - This simple and direct form of giving will be used to for our greatest current need. A cash gift is generally deductible up to 50% of your adjusted gross income, and gifts in excess of 50% may be carried over as deductions for up to five additional years.

Gifts of Securities - Stocks that have increased in value since your purchase and you have owned longer than one year can be a substantial gift. You still receive a charitable deduction for the donation of assets based on the fair market value on the date of the gift. You have the added bonus of avoiding all federal capital gains tax that would otherwise be due on a sale of the assets.

Gifts of Real Estate - Almost any real estate—whether close to us or not, developed or undeveloped—is potentially a charitable gift. If you have owned your home or other real estate for a long time, it likely has substantially increased in value. If you would like to help Temple Sinai, your property opens the door to a unique opportunity: Donate the property to us now, place it in trust, or retain the use of it for the rest of your life. All of these methods will enable you to enjoy financial benefits while supporting Temple Sinai.

Gifts of Insurance - As your review your year-end financial status, remember that a no longer needed life insurance policy is a viable gift. Policies that are paid up contractually may be deductible as gifts for their replacement value, unless that value is greater than the cost basis. It is more common for policies to still require premiums to be paid. When you donate these, the future premiums are tax-deductible as you pay them. You may qualify for income tax deductions when the organization receiving the policy is named as owner and beneficiary. A policy naming Temple Sinai as beneficiary—without giving us policy ownership—guarantees a future gift to us as well, but without current tax benefits.

Gifts Providing Income to You - You may hold assets that would make great gifts at some point in the future but that are currently required to provide for your present needs. By placing such property into a charitable remainder trust, a unique gift arrangement can be made that would provide income to you and perhaps a beneficiary. At the end of a specified time, (such as your beneficiary’s lifetime), the balance of the trust assets would be given to Temple Sinai. Using a charitable remainder trust creates an immediate tax deduction, allowing personal and family income needs to be met while providing a wonderful gift to us.

3. WHY SHOULD I GIVE TO TEMPLE SINAI?
While tax benefits are helpful, your wish to help Temple Sinai is paramount. Your gift will be used to sustain our vibrant shul in Denver. For that, we thank you. We can provide you with additional information on the variety of gift options and tax saving strategies that are especially suited to giving at the end of the year. Our help is given in strict confidence by professional estate planners who have volunteered their time.

Thank you for your consideration.
UNDERSTANDING OUR JEWISH HERITAGE

Have you thought about taking a Jewish Heritage trip to Eastern Europe? We recently toured this region, as we are in good health, have the time, and enjoy learning. Although we have knowledge about our history, and have seen movies and read books about the Holocaust, we were not prepared for what we saw and learned.

The cities we visited were Warsaw, Krakow, Budapest, Bratislava, Vienna, and Prague. On foot, our knowledgeable local guides showed us former ghettos, Jewish cemeteries dating back hundreds of years, active synagogues, synagogues that have been converted to Jewish museums, and memorials to our slaughtered people. We devoted many hours to Auschwitz, Auschwitz-Birkenau, and Terezin where we said Kaddish with our fellow travelers. While we knew that our history was horrific, we felt sadness and pain to a much greater degree while walking through these sites. This experience has changed us; it will remain with us. The figures told to us about the Jewish populations before WWII and the Jewish populations today are staggering. For example, 3.3 million Jews lived in Poland before the war, and perhaps 15,000 live there now. Most likely there are more Jews than reported, because many people don’t know their Jewish ancestry or are fearful to claim their Jewish identity. We also heard that in some of these countries b’rit milah (circumcision) is not performed because the parents are afraid to “mark their child as a Jew.” We were told that Germany, which we did not visit, repeatedly teaches middle school and high school students about the atrocities committed by Germans. The education of Poles, Austrians, Hungarians, Slovaks, and Czechs is different. In fact, these countries, which were controlled by Communists from 1945 until 1991, claim to be guiltless. There is a version of history gaining momentum in these countries, that they were victims—not perpetrators. Watch a video of Hitler in Vienna in 1938, on YouTube, and see if you reach the same conclusion. There were some bright spots. The foremost was that the Jewish people survived. A strong faith, common languages (Yiddish and Hebrew), intelligence, grit, and the Diaspora all contributed to our survival. The Krakow JCC recently opened a preschool for Jewish toddlers. Memorials to Jewish lives lost were in all the countries, and righteous gentiles were credited throughout the region. Since the fall of the Iron Curtain, several Jewish museums have been established, and others renovated, and they were swarming with school children, teens, and visitors of many nationalities.

So, where do we go from here? We feel a stronger obligation to support and grow the Jewish communities of Temple Sinai, Denver, Israel, and the Diaspora. Here we are blessed with freedoms that many of our faith have not had for generations, and do not have today. Through strong Jewish communities, we will continue to repair the world and fend off the powers that wish to destroy us.

Jane and Jeff Robbins
Old New Synagogue in Prague

Great Synagogue in Dohány Street

Hidden Synagogue in Terezín
No one knew that 11 years would lead to this. Marie Gordon, Lisa Friedman and Linda Stein didn’t start off making thanksgiving baskets but by helping the community. It all started off very differently in 2006 when the principal at Brown Elementary met with the three Temple Sinai members about providing backpacks filled with school supplies for underprivileged children at Brown. This was part of Temple Sinai’s Mitzvah Day, where congregants got together to do their share of Tikkun Olam (“repairing the world”).

The project was a huge success, serving a community where children had to not only worry about their next meals, but also where a pencil, notebook or ruler came from. “After we finished the backpack project, we realized that the one-day-a-year mitzvah concept didn’t sit with us. It needed to occur on a sustained basis.” So, Marie, Lisa and Linda brainstormed ways to continue giving back to the community. And that is how Temple Sinai’s Thanksgiving basket project began.

The trio reached out to Brown Elementary again to see if there was a need for food at Thanksgiving. The principal gave an emphatic “yes”. Phone calls were made to congregants asking for $36. The money would be used to purchase items for the baskets. And not “cheap” items, but items that people would be proud to bring into their home...fresh turkeys, bottles of sparkling apple cider, fresh fruits, vegetables and breads. “You should have seen the look on the families’ faces when they saw their baskets. They were overwhelmed with joy. And because of this pride, they would invite their family and friends to join them for Thanksgiving. We were only making 26 baskets but were feeding hundreds”, said Lisa Friedman.

Today, this group and their team of volunteers assemble almost 50 baskets for Thanksgiving. As the average income level rose at Brown Elementary, the team looked at new communities to reach out to. This year, Temple Sinai baskets went to families in need at Aurora West. The baskets were carefully packaged on the Monday before Thanksgiving and then delivered via truck to Aurora West for distribution. “It means a lot for these families to not have to worry about paying for their Thanksgiving meal,” said Marie.

And so Temple Sinai members continue to see their role as “givers” to our community. Just as God gave the Jewish people the Torah and led us out of Egypt, we give to our families, friends and community, as it is a part of our soul and a source of nourishment. Some may be reading this and ask, “What program can I start to serve my community?” Well, the trio has some wise words of advice: “Find something you are passionate about. If you are passionate about it, the project will move forward naturally.”
INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED HOLOCAUST EXHIBIT AT TEMPLE SINAI

In keeping with Temple Sinai’s legacy as a leader in Jewish education, we are proud to be the exclusive host of the acclaimed Holocaust By Bullets exhibit through December 10, 2017.

Many of you are well aware of Yahad in Unum because you came to hear its founder Father Patrick Desbois at his previous visit to Temple Sinai. Others have seen his profile on 60 Minutes (check out: http://www.cbsnews.com/news/hidden-holocaust-60-minutes).

Father Desbois has spent more than a decade identifying and documenting the “Holocaust by Bullets” -- the lost mass-shooting sites of Eastern Europe. Over a million Jews and other victims were murdered by the Nazis and their allies not in the death camps but in thousands of fields. The victims lie in unmarked graves, forgotten to history but not to us and not to those who care about justice for the victims. As a Catholic Priest, Desbois is able to interview elders in villages and discover the location of the killing fields. He has been remarkably successful.

Yahad in Unum (YIU) has recorded the testimonies of thousands of participants and witnesses to these events, creating a critical historical record. Through 10 years of research, YIU has identified over 1,650 execution sites and recorded 4,115 testimonies during 93 investigative research trips.

Yahad has also begun to harness its considerable forensic skills to document more current crimes against humanity, such as the ISIS assault on the Yazidis of Iraq.

We all owe Sinai member Sam Jonas & Religious School teacher Todd Hennessy a great debt of gratitude for their tireless efforts to bring this exhibit to Temple Sinai. Sponsorship opportunities still are available and the proceeds will help YIU continue their research.

B’vrakhah,  
Rick  
Rabbi Rick Rheins

CHRISTMAS MITZVAH IN THE PARK

While Temple Sinai’s goal remains steady to support the homeless year round, on December 25 we partner with multiple churches and organizations to provide for the homeless in a unique and “hands on” way.

Join us at Lincoln Park on Xmas day as we hand out NEW hats, gloves and scarves to the 900 or so homeless that line up for clothing.

Please consider making a donation of new hats, gloves and scarves by bringing them to the Temple Sinai offices. Temple Sinai will also accept cash donations which will be used to purchase additional clothing.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Susan Levine at sulevine64@gmail.com
TEMPLE SINAI’S SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE
JANUARY 5-7
Rabbi Mark Washofsky Ph.D.

The Talmud teaches that scholars enhance peace in the world (Berakhot 64a). The commentary to this explains that scholars of Torah and Halakhah (Jewish law and practice) bring peace because they help us adjudicate disputes that tear apart spouses, partners, friends and communities.

I suppose that many of you have a person, a mentor, a teacher who made such a profound impact that years later you still feel the blessing and good fortune of having this person in your life. I have been blessed with a number of mentors who have inspired me and whose teachings still inform me every day of my life. Of all of my teachers, the one who has had the greatest influence is my friend and teacher, Rabbi Mark Washofsky Ph.D.

Admittedly, it is hard to choose which title to use for Mark. He is my Rabbi. He is also the Solomon B. Freehof Professor of Jewish Law at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati. He was my primary teacher and mentor in rabbinic school and my thesis advisor.

For over twenty years Mark has also been the chair of the Responsa Committee of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, which provides guidance on questions of Jewish practice, a committee on which I have been proud to serve. For his lifetime of devotion to Reform Jewish practice and development, it is my utmost privilege to introduce him to you as our Scholar-in-Residence. In addition, Temple Sinai and Temple Emanuel will award Rabbi Dr. Washofsky the Isaac Meyer Wise Award in recognition of his extraordinary contribution to Reform Judaism and to the Jewish world. This award will be given at a very special Friday night Shabbat service on January 5 (7P).

At this service he will also give the first of his weekend of lectures: “Reform Responsa: How Halakhah Responds to Today’s Issues.” Following the Shabbat morning service on Saturday, January 6, 2018 (9:00-10:30A & open to community), there will be a special brunch at which Mark will deal with the pressing contemporary bio-ethical issue of physician-assisted suicide. (There will be a nominal fee to cover the cost of the brunch—10:45A -1P.)

On Motza’ei Shabbat, the evening of Saturday, January 6, 2018, there will be a special Saturday Night Dinner with Havdalah and private lecture for those who are the underwriters and sponsors of the Scholar-in- Residence weekend. (We invite all who are interested in being included in this special engagement to contact me personally.)

On Sunday morning (9-10:30A), January 7, 2018, Mark will teach a special session of my Responsa class with a session entitled “Would You Kill the Fat Man? Jewish Law Meets the Trolley Problem” – i.e., the dilemma among ethicists over whether it is right to kill one person in order to save several persons. This session is free of charge and all are welcome.

The Talmud concludes tractate Berakhot by teaching us that “whoever enjoys a meal at which a Torah scholar is featured, is as if he/she benefits from the Divine Presence.” Why? Because learning and engaging with a pre-eminent scholar is a rare and holy opportunity. It elevates our awareness and perception so we can more acutely connect to the ultimate meaning and purpose of our lives. Let me put it as candidly and as forthrightly as I can: this is a once in a lifetime opportunity. Chances are, you will simply not be able to meet and study with a greater Torah scholar than Rabbi Mark Washofsky. I am thrilled beyond words that he will be our Temple Sinai Scholar-in-Residence. And I am thankful to God that you, my beloved friends and congregants, will be able to meet and learn from one of this generation’s greatest scholars. Come to every lecture. Invite all of your friends and family. Give yourself and all those you care about the gift of Torah!

B’vrakhah,
Rick
Rabbi Rick Rheins
Mark Washofsky is the Solomon B. Freehof Professor of Jewish Law at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati. He specializes in the literature of Jewish law (halakhah) and the application of legal theory to the understanding of the Jewish legal process. His publications deal with such subjects as the history of the halakhah, the nature of rabbinical decision making, and issues of medical ethics in Jewish law. From 1996-2017 he served as chair of the Responsa Committee of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, which issues advisory opinions on questions of Jewish practice. He is the author of Jewish Living: A Guide to Contemporary Reform Practice and of Reform Responsa for the Twenty-First Century, the latest printed collection of Reform responsa.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2018 7:00P
Friday night – Mark will speak at Services (No Cost) - Oneg following services
Session: “Reform Responsa: How Halakhah Responds to Today’s Issues”

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2018
MORNING MINYAN 9 -10:30A
BRUNCH FROM 10:45A - NOON
WITH MARK WASHOFSKY
(Open to community) Cost: $18.00
Session: Contemporary bio-ethics issue of physician-assisted suicide

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2018
Saturday Night Catered Cocktail Party at Rabbis Susan and Rick Rheins’ home with Havdalah and private lecture for those who are sponsors of the Scholar-in-Residence weekend.

If interested in sponsoring, contact Lisa Thorner at lisa@sinaidenver.org or (303) 759-1827

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2018 9:00-10:30A
Mark will teach a special session of Rabbi Rheins’ Responsa class with a session entitled: “Would You Kill the Fat Man? Jewish Law Meets the Trolley Problem” i.e., the dilemma among ethicists over whether it is right to kill one person in order to save several persons.

This session is free of charge for those taking Rabbi Rheins’ Responsa Class, otherwise the cost: $18.00.

If you would like to attend both the Saturday and Sunday morning sessions, the discounted cost would be $30.00

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Cost: $250.00
Includes:
• Attending all sessions
• Reserved seating Friday night and Saturday mornings
• Sitting with Mark Washofsky at brunch Saturday morning
“What are 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. 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 hahein 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’kiy’manu v’higianu laz’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.”
Experience Shabbat is an alternative service to our traditional Friday evening service. It’s an hour long, and while it does include our full liturgy, it does not include a sermon or Torah reading. Rather, music, poetry and meditation are woven together. The Chapel is set up in circle, and with the help of guitars, drums and harmonies, prayer and niggunin dominate the service. There is no one single way to do worship "right", so we want to explore a different way to come together on Shabbat. Join Dan Yolles and me, and make it your own!

SPECIAL SERVICE
CELEBRATING
CANTOR NESIS BECOMING AN AMERICAN CITIZEN!
FRIDAY JANUARY 19, 7:00P

On October 2nd, only 24 hours after Yom Kippur, I appeared for my citizenship interview and later that same day, with my son and husband, I participated in my ceremony of naturalization, along with another 40 people from 23 different countries! It was a special moment that I want to share with you, my extended family, during services and by sponsoring a special oneg. 
I hope to see you then to celebrate together!

SHABBAT SHIRAH, THE SERVICE AND THE CONCERT.
FRIDAY JANUARY 26, 7:00P
SATURDAY JANUARY 27, 7:30P

As it’s been our long standing tradition, we celebrate Shabbat Shirah, the Sabbath of Song, with a phenomenal service on Friday evening, with Temple Sinai’s choirs, and a concert on Saturday evening. This year, our concert is called "Songs of Freedom", and it will feature Temple Sinai Adult Choir, along with special guests The First Universalist Singers, the choir from the First Universalist Church of Denver, and The Spiritual Voices, Bennie L. Williams gospel choir. It will be a unique musical experience, the first of its kind at Temple Sinai. Tickets for the concert are $25, and VIP tickets will be available at $50.
B’NEI MITZVAH

Joseph Tadhg Dwyer | January 13, 2018

Joseph is the son of Cayel and Denika Dwyer and the brother to Ciernan (11) and Saoirse (5). He attends Campus Middle School and enjoys playing lacrosse and riding his bike!

For his Mitzvah project, he is collecting socks for an organization to help people in need. The organization is Sock-It-To-Em. He chose this as his Mitzvah project because it seemed interesting and he enjoys helping other people.

Josh Kretchmer | December 16, 2017

Josh is the son of Zack and Lindy Kretchmer and the brother to Nate Kretchmer (13) and Micah Kretchmer (15). He attends Campus Middle School and enjoys hockey, theater and Critter Club!

For his Mitzvah project, Josh is a Madrikhim at Temple Sinai.

Nate Kretchmer | December 16, 2017

Nate is the son of Zack and Lindy Kretchmer and the brother to Josh Kretchmer (13) and Micah Kretchmer (15). He attends Campus Middle School and enjoys Jazz band, student council, and Critter Club!

For his Mitzvah project, Nate is working with dogs that are training to be service animals at Freedom Service Dogs.

Miles Britton Smith | January 20, 2018

Miles is the son of David and Alison Smith and the brother to Greyson Smith (10). He attends West Middle School and enjoys soccer, skiing, swimming, basketball and building things.

For his Mitzvah project, Miles is researching Type 1 Diabetes - the causes, the potential cures and studying Greyson’s diagnosis with the Barbara Davis Center.
IN MEMORIAM

Jerry Ward,
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Zikhronam Livrakhah,
May they be remembered for a blessing.

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If you are interested learning about Judaism please contact Betsy Epel,
the Director of the ITJ program at 720-941-2655 or rmrcitj@gmail.com.

DOES YOUR CHILD TURN 13 IN 2019 OR 2020?
WE ARE BEGINNING TO ASSIGN 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.

The 2019 schedule is filling up and we have just
started to assign the 2020 dates.

If you have a child who will turn 13 (or older)
in 2020 and you do not yet have a reserved date
for a service, please call Rabbi Rick or Rabbi Su-
san 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
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Know that our clergy work personally with each
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rable celebration that will bring a lifetime of bless-
ings.
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