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UPCOMING EVENTS

FRIDAY | NOVEMBER 1
NFTY Fall Chavurah in St. Louis
6:00pm    Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 2
Shabbat Noach
NFTY Fall Chavurah in St. Louis
8:00am    PaRDeS
9:00am    Shabbat Morning Minyan
10:30am  Torah Study
10:30am  Carter Steine Bat Mitzvah Service

SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 3
NFTY Fall Chavurah in St. Louis
9:00am    Religious School
9:00am    Sinai Sundays: Stories of the Talmud with Rabbi Rick Rheins
12:30pm  Kugel Cookoff

WEDNESDAY | NOVEMBER 6
6:00pm    Religious School
6:30pm    Lifelong Jewish Learning

THURSDAY | NOVEMBER 7
12:00pm  Lunch & Learn
7:00pm    Introduction to Judaism

FRIDAY | NOVEMBER 8
Preschool Closed - Parent/Teacher Conferences
6:00pm    Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 9
Shabbat Lech L’Cha
9:00am    Shabbat Morning Minyan
10:30am  Torah Study
4:00pm   Charlie Stern Bar Mitzvah Minchah Service

SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 10
9:00am    Religious School
9:00am    Sinai Sundays: Stories of the Talmud with Rabbi Rick Rheins
9:00am    Jewish War Veterans Meeting
10:00am  Knitting for Charity
12:00pm  Meretz & Ruach

TUESDAY | NOVEMBER 12
11:00am - 9:00pm Restaurant Night at California Pizza Kitchen
12:30pm Drop-In Mah Jongg

WEDNESDAY | NOVEMBER 13
6:00pm    Religious School

THURSDAY | NOVEMBER 14
12:00pm Lunch & Learn
7:00pm    Introduction to Judaism

FRIDAY | NOVEMBER 15
9:30am    Preschool Shabbat Sing
5:00pm    Tot Shabbat
6:00pm    Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 16
Shabbat Vayeira
8:00am    PaRDeS
9:00am    Shabbat Morning Minyan
10:30am  Torah Study
2:30pm   JYG - NFTY678 at Denver Museum of Nature and Science
4:30pm   Sophia Shebar Bat Mitzvah Minchah Service
6:00pm   TSYG’s 31st Annual Bowl-A-Thon

SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 17
9:00am    Religious School
9:00am    Sinai Sundays: Stories of the Talmud with Rabbi Rick Rheins
10:30am  Sinai Sundays: Prayerbook Hebrew with Rabbi Susan Rheins

TUESDAY | NOVEMBER 19
6:00pm    Board of Trustees Meeting

WEDNESDAY | NOVEMBER 20
11:00am Book Club
6:00pm    Religious School
6:00pm    Brotherhood, Bible, & Beers at Darcy’s Pub
6:00pm    Lifelong Jewish Learning
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UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY | NOVEMBER 21
12:00pm  Lunch & Learn
6:00pm  Jewish Women, Wisdom, and Wine with Rabbi Susan Rheins
7:00pm  Introduction to Judaism

FRIDAY | NOVEMBER 22
6:00pm  Erev Shabbat Service Honoring Kindergarten & First Grade with Consecration and Birthday Blessings

SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 23
Shabbat Chayei Sarah
9:00am  Shabbat Morning Minyan
10:30am  Torah Study
4:30pm  Jordan Kolojay and Madelyn Klein B’not Mitzvah Minchah Service

SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 24
9:00am  Religious School
9:00am  Sinai Sundays: Stories of the Talmud with Rabbi Rick Rheins
10:30am  Sinai Sundays: Prayerbook Hebrew with Rabbi Susan Rheins
5:00pm  Interfaith Thanksgiving Service with First Plymouth Church

WEDNESDAY | NOVEMBER 27
No Religious School

THURSDAY | NOVEMBER 28
Thanksgiving
Office and Preschool Closed

FRIDAY | NOVEMBER 29
Office and Preschool Closed
6:00pm  Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 30
Shabbat Tol’dot
9:00am  Shabbat Morning Minyan
10:30am  Torah Study
4:30pm  Ruth Spiegel Bat Mitzvah Minchah Service

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY | DECEMBER 1
No Religious School
9:00am Sinai Sundays: Stories of the Talmud with Rabbi Rick Rheins
10:30am Sinai Sundays: Prayerbook Hebrew with Rabbi Susan Rheins

MONDAY | DECEMBER 2
Preschool Scholastic Book Fair

TUESDAY | DECEMBER 3
Preschool Scholastic Book Fair
10:30am Mah Jongg Tournament

WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER 4
Preschool Scholastic Book Fair
6:00pm Religious School
6:30pm Lifelong Jewish Learning

THURSDAY | DECEMBER 5
Preschool Scholastic Book Fair
12:00pm Lunch & Learn
7:00pm Introduction to Judaism

FRIDAY | DECEMBER 6
Preschool Scholastic Book Fair
6:00pm Erev Shabbat Service - No Socks Shabbat

SATURDAY | DECEMBER 7
Shabbat Vayeitzei
8:00am PaRDeS
9:00am Shabbat Morning Minyan
10:30am Torah Study

SUNDAY | DECEMBER 8
9:00am Religious School
10:00am Knitting for Charity

WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER 11
6:00pm Religious School

THURSDAY | DECEMBER 12
12:00pm Lunch & Learn
7:00pm Introduction to Judaism

FRIDAY | DECEMBER 13
6:00pm Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY | DECEMBER 14
Shabbat Vayishlach
9:00am Shabbat Morning Minyan
10:30am Torah Study

SUNDAY | DECEMBER 15
9:00am Religious School
10:00am Knitting for Charity

TUESDAY | DECEMBER 17
6:00pm Board of Trustees Meeting

WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER 18
10:00am Feeding the Homeless
11:00am Book Club
6:00pm Religious School
6:30pm Lifelong Jewish Learning

THURSDAY | DECEMBER 19
12:00pm Lunch & Learn
7:00pm Introduction to Judaism

FRIDAY | DECEMBER 20
9:30am Preschool Shabbat Sing
5:00pm Tot Shabbat
6:00pm Erev Shabbat Service with Shabbat Blessings

SATURDAY | DECEMBER 21
Shabbat Vayeishev
8:00am PaRDeS
9:00am Shabbat Morning Minyan
10:30am Torah Study

SUNDAY | DECEMBER 22
Erev Hanukkah
9:00am Religious School

MONDAY | DECEMBER 23
Hanukkah
Preschool Winter Break

TUESDAY | DECEMBER 24
Hanukkah
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UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER 25
Hanukkah
Preschool Winter Break
Office Closed
No Religious School

THURSDAY | DECEMBER 26
Hanukkah
Preschool Winter Break
12:00pm Lunch & Learn

FRIDAY | DECEMBER 27
Hanukkah
Preschool Winter Break
  6:00pm  Erev Shabbat Service
  6:45pm  Chanukah Shabbat Dinner

SATURDAY | DECEMBER 28
Hanukkah
Shabbat Mikeitz
  9:00am  Shabbat Morning Minyan
  10:30am Torah Study

SUNDAY | DECEMBER 29
Hanukkah
No Religious School

MONDAY | DECEMBER 30
Hanukkah
Preschool Winter Break

TUESDAY | DECEMBER 31
Preschool Winter Break

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A visit to Israel can have a magical effect. Whether it is your first visit or your twentieth, upon arrival you immediately have a feeling of returning home. Indeed, Eretz Yisrael, the Land of Israel is our ancestral homeland. Walking the along the stone alleys and streets of the Old City of Jerusalem and pressing a note into the Western Wall creates an immediate bond that connects us with over 3,000 years of our family’s history. It is for good reason that Susan and I look forward to our Temple Sinai Israel tours and sharing our favorite places with you.

We are thrilled to invite you to join us on our next Temple Sinai Israel Adventure, scheduled for March 15-25, 2020. It’s going to be an amazing tour at the most spectacular time of year: the height of spring in Israel, when blossoming trees, colorful wildflowers, and lush green fields adorn the landscape. Highlights of this tour include meetings with political and social leaders at the Knesset and the US Embassy, Kabbalat Shabbat at a Progressive (Reform) synagogue, Jewish-Arab dialogue, explorations of archeological sites, and visits to “off the beaten path” museums, such as the Peres Center for Peace & Innovation, The Babylonian Jewry Museum, and The Tel Aviv Museum of Art. Walking the sandy beaches of the glistening Mediterranean Sea, enjoying fine dining in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, exploring exotic markets, and relaxing in the exclusive Carmel Forest Spa Resort are among the experiences that will enlighten and transform mind, heart and soul.

There is a good reason why a record setting number of tourists from around the world visited Israel in 2019. It is the land of the prophets whose teachings continue to inspire people of all faiths. It is the land of King David and King Solomon. It was a proud Jewish nation for over a thousand years. Even after the Romans destroyed Jerusalem and forced most of our ancestors to exile, a remnant of our people held on in the Holy Land while generations maintained their connection to Israel through prayers and dreams. Alas, for the next 1,800 years, Israel was but a dream. Still, because Jews are a people of tenacious faith and hope, we held tight to our dreams and prayers. Dispersed to the four corners of the world, we were mistreated and abused because we would not abandon our faith. No matter how hard the cynics, the bullies, the bigots and the vicious anti-Semites tried to break us, we never forgot Jerusalem, and we never relinquished our birthright.

It should be noted that throughout history, even during the centuries of dispersion, there was always a significant Jewish presence in Eretz Yisrael. A census taken by the Ottoman Empire in 1880 showed that more Jews lived in Jerusalem than those of any other faith. But it wasn’t until Theodore Herzl and the development of the modern Zionist movement that Jews around the world came to the realization that the rebirth of Israel could be a reality. Im tirzu, ain zo aggada (If you will it, it is not a dream) became the rallying cry of Zionists. As the Dreyfus affair exposed latent anti-Semitism in France and pogroms in Eastern Europe terrorized defenseless Jewish communities, more and more Jews looked once again to the Promised Land for salvation. Israel, again and forever, is the hope and home of the Jewish people. Hatikvah (The Hope) captures the spirit of our attachment to Israel.

As long as deep in the heart,
The soul of a Jew yearns,
And forward to the East
To Zion, an eye looks
Our hope will not be lost,
The hope of two thousand years,
To be a free nation in our land,
The land of Zion and Jerusalem.

Now, Israel is a proud and strong nation of over 7-million Jews. It is a safe and dynamic country that is a world leader in technology, medicine, science, the arts, and archaeology. Israel even is recognized as one of the top venues for culinary excellence! So now it’s our time to return to Israel. Please consider joining us! Susan and I can’t wait to share Israel with you!

Bashanah hazot biYerushalayim! THIS year in Jerusalem!

Rick
Rabbi Rick Rheins
Going on a Short Sabbatical

Some years ago, the Temple generously offered me 6-weeks of Sabbatical time to refresh, recover, and renew. The “complications” of the past few years kept delaying the time away. Fortunately, the time is finally right and I’ll be using 4-weeks of the Sabbatical plus some vacation days to learn, explore, and rest from December 2 to January 9.

While I am away, the congregation will be in the capable hands of Rabbi Jordy and emergency help has been graciously offered by Rabbi Ray Zwerin and Rabbi David Zucker. Though I'll be away, I'll still keep in regular touch with the Temple and be available to address any urgent matters.

I’m in my 31st year as a Rabbi and 15th year serving as your Senior Rabbi. Old photographs, greying hair and loosening belt notches provide ample evidence of the wear and tear I’ve experienced over my 61 years. My family and I thank you for this opportunity to rejuvenate and come back stronger than ever!

B’vakhah,
Rick

SAVE THE DATE: TEMPLE SINAI ISRAEL ADVENTURE

JOIN TEMPLE SINAI ON AN ADVENTURE TO ISRAEL LED BY RABBIS RICK & SUSAN RHEINS
March 15-25, 2020

On our journey together we will:

· Discover Jerusalem from yesterday to today with a tour of the Old City and visits to the Knesset and Supreme Court
· Celebrate Shabbat with a Progressive community in northern Israel
· Enjoy a relaxing stay at one of the Israel’s premiere spa resorts - the Carmel Forest Resort & Spa
· Visit Ein Hod Artist’s village to meet residents
· Tour Rambam Medical Center to meet some of the life saving doctors
· Discover the Peres Center for Peace and Innovation and learn about their programs to promote a prosperous Israel
· Stroll through the lively Carmel Market & Nachalat Binyamin for a taste of Israeli delicacies and art

This amazing tour includes:

· 3 nights at the Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem
· 3 nights at the Carmel Forest Resort & Spa, Northern Israel
· 2 nights + late check out at the Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv
· Breakfast daily
· 5 dinners, including Shabbat dinner in the North
· Shabbat lunch at Carmel Forest Resort & Spa
· Arrival/Departure transfer with main group
· Entrance fees & porterage per itinerary
· Touring in a deluxe air-conditioned vehicle

Full itinerary & online registration: secure.ayelet.com/Rheins2020.aspx
Rabbi Seth Braunstein was the first person who ever told me that I should become a rabbi. Sitting in a classroom in Newton, Massachusetts at Hebrew College's Prozdor high school program, Braunstein, a Modern Orthodox ordained rabbi, told me, a 17 year old girl from a Reform background, that I might want to consider it after I spoke about my personal perspective on prayer. He and I were not particularly close, we might not have ever had a one on one conversation. As I graduated high school and went on to college, we didn’t stay in touch; I honestly didn’t even think about Rabbi Braunstein for many years.

Fast forward to last year, the beginning of my final year of rabbinical school. I had been asked more times than I could count about how I decided to become a rabbi and what that journey had looked like. I would always tell the same story, about beginning college with the goal of becoming an audiologist, about working and living in the Pittsburgh Jewish community… I was very clear how I had reached this moment. At least, I thought I was, until someone asked me who the first person was to say I should be a rabbi. I had to really think about – who had it been? And then I found myself transported to that classroom in Newton, MA with Rabbi Braunstein. I wondered where he was these many years later and laughed to myself as it occurred to me “Huh, he doesn’t even know how right he was.”

I thought about googling him, reaching out to him, but then let my doubts take over; I was confident that Rabbi Braunstein didn’t remember me and even more confident that he didn’t remember the interaction. And so I did nothing for a few days until I realized that I was making a mistake. I wrote an email to Rabbi Braunstein, I told him who I was and what he had said to me as a high school senior. I told him that I was on the cusp of ordination, I was going to be a “rav b’Yisrael,” a rabbi of the people of Israel and he was the first to know it. I was nervous, but I hit the send button.

Last fall, Rabbi Braunstein and I happened to attend the same conference. He was so thrilled to see me after we’d corresponded a bit by email. He was so excited I had reached out; he had shared the story with his wife and we took a picture together so he could show her. His energy was almost frantic as he wanted to hear every detail of my journey and what I thought may be coming as I entered rabbinic placement. I thought about the hesitancy I’d had about reaching out and was so glad I hadn’t listened to my doubts, the voice that said “he doesn’t remember you, he won’t care.” Because he didn’t remember, but wow, did he care.

As we enter a season of gratitude and thanksgiving, who are the people who have touched our lives, who made an impact, who were a part of our journeys? Do they know? Have you ever told them? Did you ever say thank you? Gratitude and giving thanks is so central to our Jewish tradition; in our liturgy (our prayers) we offer thanks to God, we express gratitude for all that we have in our lives, but I don’t know that we express our gratitude to each other enough. This season, I’d like to challenge all of us to tell the people in our lives how they have impacted us; go out of your way to find them, remind them who you are if need be.

These interactions are gifts we give to others, but also gifts we give to ourselves. As we engage in this work, share your story! Let us know who you talked to, who you reconnected with, what your conversation was like. As the weather gets colder, help us spread warmth, help us spread the warmth through gratitude.

On One Foot: Learning for Religious School Parents with Rabbi Jordy Callman

Our tradition tells us that the great scholar Hillel was once approached by a man interested in conversion who said he would only accept Judaism if a rabbi would teach him the entire Torah while standing on one foot. Realizing the inability to recite the entire Torah while standing on one foot. Realizing the inability to recite the entire Torah from that position, he stood on one foot and said “what is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbor. That is the whole Torah; the rest is commentary - go learn!”

In these sessions, we will “stand on one foot” as we discuss topics together that are related to our religious school curriculum with the goal of boosting your own Jewish education and empowering you to support your children in their learning.

Sunday Mornings, 9:00-10:00am

November 24: Israel
December 13: Prophets
When we are not feeling like our best selves, or are going through a difficult time, we tend to turn to something or someone to help give us strength. Whether it be talking with a loved one or professional, exercise, praying or engaging with religious/spiritual text, creating something, or experiencing music, there is so much we can draw strength from. I personally find my primary source of healing is through creating/listening to music. Sometimes it's the lyrics in music I connect with most. Words that speak to a certain emotion, idea, or awakens a memory. Other times the musical content and rhythm draws me in and engages me. When I want to tune into that healing space, I like to play a playlist I've assembled, close my eyes and relax. I let the music paint a landscape around me of which I can interact with. I pick apart the layers, listen to the rhythm, move to the harmonic makeup, effects, then the primary melody or lyrics. I breathe deeply and become one with the music, letting each note resonate within my soul. I invite you to try this, to take a favorite album, playlist, and listen to it with the intention to gain strength and healing.

Rabbi Josh Warshawsky is a Chicago-based Jewish songwriter, leader, and educator of Torah who through his inspiring music and thoughtful teachings, has captivated the hearts and souls of many. Over the past 6 years he has shared his music and ideas with various communities and Ramah camps across the nation and has release three albums that are packed with amazing melodies and rich text.

Josh, originally from Deerfield Illinois, got his start in Jewish music thanks to his father who was leading services in his Synagogue and followed suit after having his Bar Mitzvah. He went on to study at the Jewish Theological Seminary and was hired as the Hebrew school music teacher at a synagogue in New Jersey. He loved working with kids and shared music he grew up singing by artists like Debbie Friedman, Rick Recht, and Craig Taubman. “I just had no idea that there was this whole world of Jewish music out there, so I started writing my own music.” This led Josh to explore continuing his education in Jewish studies. He was not interested in becoming a cantor because it was not a part of his Jewish life growing up, so he decided to pursue rabbinical school and was ordained in May 2019 from the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies in LA. He now transcends his teachings he gained from rabbinical studies through his music and brings entire communities together to join in prayer and song.

His newest album, “Chaverai Nevarech,” is a live album released in November 2018 that includes performance videos and descriptions of each of his pieces. On this album you can find “Va’ani Ashir Uzecha” (Psalm 59:17-18) which is not a well known passage that speaks of strength. With the repeating melodies and power these words carry, this piece sends listeners into a spiral of healing energy and has the power to induce a higher state of being.

The translation is,

But I will sing your strength
Extol each morning Your loving-kindness,
For you have been my haven
And my refuge in my times of trouble
To You, O my strength, I will sing.

This is a perfect example of combining enchanting music and rich text to inspire and provoke healing. Josh came across this Psalm when he was searching for text that has to do with finding strength. For him, he has always been connected to the power of music and finds that combining music, text and singing with community brings him strength. “We have so many words in our tradition that sometimes some of the truest ones, the deepest ones, the ones that can be most powerful and most helpful for us in times of trouble are the ones that are buried in the middle of paragraphs, hidden in the depths of the Hebrew. I found strength and direction in these words and used that inspiration to create music that would help to better express the meaning of these words and put them in reach of those who would seek their guidance. The power of singing this music in community is so important to me... Singing together lifts every voice, and though each person sung their own musical “line”, no voice and no person could ever feel alone, as we were creating this piece together.”

You can find the song Va’ani Ashir Uzecha, as well as his music, videos and other offerings at https://joshwarshawsky.com/
**SERVICES**

**Add Your Voice and Spiritual Joy!**

**Attend the Shabbat Morning Minyan (9:00-10:30am)**

Every Shabbat morning (9:00-10:30am), Temple Sinai offers a unique and very spiritual service. It is led by a combination of our members and our clergy and provides an inclusive forum of traditional liturgy together with contemporary and personal meditations. On any given week, different congregants will read Torah, help lead the service, offer words of commentary and wisdom, and share challenging perspectives from the Haftarah portion. There’s upbeat music, warmth and inspiration as all participate in the celebration of Shabbat.

Please consider making this a part of your Shabbat observance. If you’d like to prepare a Torah reading or to lead parts of the service, just contact the Rabbis. We’d love to help you add your voice and spiritual expression to our Shabbat service!

**Healing Services:**

**Thursday, November 14 and Thursday, December 19, 11:00am**

For our Healing Service, we gather together for prayers, meditations, and the warm embrace of friends to renew our sense of hope, strength and healing.

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

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

**Special Veterans Day Shabbat**

**Friday, November 8 at 6:00pm**

Includes a Kristallnacht observance

Temple Sinai will honor and call up for special recognition all those who are veterans of the United States Armed Forces. If you are among those who have served or are serving in this nation’s Armed Forces, you deserve our heartfelt expressions of appreciation!

This year’s Veterans Day Shabbat is made even more poignant because it nearly coincides with the anniversary of Kristallnacht, The Night of Broken Glass: November 9, 1938. On that night, thousands of Jews were removed to concentration camps, synagogues were burned and Jewish homes and businesses were destroyed. The Nazi nightmare was only defeated due to the extraordinary bravery of the men and women who served in the American Armed Forces and our allies. Please come to honor our Veterans and remember the freedoms they won for us.

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**52nd Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service**

with our friends from First Plymouth

**Sunday, November 24 at 7:00pm**

Fifty-two years ago, when Temple Sinai was just beginning, our friends at First Plymouth UCC shared their building with us and gave us a home. That spirit of good will, generosity, and cooperation has continued throughout our more than five decades of friendship. In light of our shared history, how appropriate it is for members of our two congregations to join before Thanksgiving for a brief but meaningful service to express our appreciation to God for the goodness and bounty that bless our nation and its citizens.

This year, the service will be held at Temple Sinai on Sunday, November 24 at 7:00pm. It will include inspiring music and prayers by our clergy, along with First Plymouth’s religious leaders, including their new Senior Minister, Jenny Shultz-Thomas. After the service, we will enjoy a lovely dessert. This brief but meaningful and musical service sets a perfect mood to our Thanksgiving. Donations will be collected to benefit the local food banks and homeless shelters.
An Obligation to our Descendants

A principal theme of the recent High Holidays was a focus on the new year, an opportunity to begin a “clean slate.” We all indulge in forming ephemeral new year’s resolutions, “to be a better person going forward.” A rabbi recently explained: God isn’t so concerned about the intensity of our praise to Him. Rather, he cares more about how we treat each other. That reinforces our mandate to support our Temple’s endowment. This mandate is not a quid pro quo for assuring our inclusion in the Book of Life. Rather, it’s a reminder that each of us is a crucial link in our 4,000-year chain of Judaism. How will we assure the continuation of this unique legacy? How must we treat our descendants? Building Temple Sinai’s endowment is our responsibility to them. Fulfilling this responsibility requires no present payment, but a promise to provide for our Temple in our will or other estate plan. Join the growing number of our members in Sinai Circle, the designation of those who have already so provided.

Dana Doron, Teen Israel Emissary

Temple Sinai is honored to partner with JEWISHcolorado and the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) in the Sh’nat Sherut (or ShinShin) Program for the sixth year. This year, we welcome to our community Teen Israel Emissary Dana Doron. The ShinShin Program places high school graduates from Israel in Jewish communities abroad for a one-year program of volunteer service. The objective is to build bridges between Israeli youth and Jewish communities, creating educational dialogue between the two in order to strengthen our Jewish family ties and to build the foundation for a secure Jewish future.

The Shinshinim have just completed their senior year of high school and have deferred their army obligation for a year of community service. They are trained in Israel in an intense preparatory course focused on Jewish heritage, Jewish Pluralism, American culture, and issues of national and religious identity. During the academic year, Colorado’s Shinshinim serve as informal educators at synagogues, day schools, youth movements and supplementary schools. During the summer, they work at one of Colorado’s Jewish summer camps. In addition to teaching about Israel, Israeli culture, Jewish identity and Jewish celebrations, the Shinshinim help prepare community-wide programs about Israel.

Dana is excited to be Temple Sinai’s Teen Israel Emissary. She is from Kokhav Yair, a town in the center of Israel, and she grew up with her parents and her older sister. Dana, who loves outdoor activities and nature, studied Biotechnology and Diplomacy at Yarkon high school in Israel. Dana was a participant and counselor in her Israeli youth group “Scouts” for nine years. She is excited to work with Temple Sinai’s religious school students, youth group teens, and families and believes that representing Israel abroad is important. Dana hopes that this experience will help her develop as a person and enhance her identity as a Jew.
As we know, Thanksgiving is not a Jewish holiday; the Pilgrims were not Jewish. When the first Thanksgiving was celebrated, our ancestors had for the most part not reached these freedom shores. But freedom is Jewish, salvation is Jewish. Indeed, giving thanks is Jewish.

As American Jews, we gather around our tables at Thanksgiving not only to give thanks for the joys and bounties of our own lives, but also to thank God that we have come to share in a land built upon dreams and religious freedom. The pilgrims were not Jewish, but the holiday they established can be enjoyed by us both as Americans and as Jews as we gather our families and give thanks for the gift of freedom and for the cornucopia of blessings which we enjoy each and every day.

In a society that’s always on the move, perhaps the most precious of these blessings is the blessing of family time together. As we give thanks, we are provided the opportunity to spend time with those we love, time to share activities, share books and share memories. We can take this time to remember our blessings – our family, friends, and community.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving,
Ron Leff,
Director of Education

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Moving Traditions B’nai Mitzvah Initiative

Temple Sinai is excited to have been chosen to partner with Moving Traditions to pioneer a new approach to B’nai 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 to 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’nai 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’nai Mitzvah as a life cycle transition into “becoming a teen” that leads to personal growth and positive communal connection.

We will begin the year with two family sessions –
**Seventh grade** – Saturday, December 7, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
**Sixth grade** – Sunday, January 26 - 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Please mark these dates on your calendar and watch for more information. We hope that participation in this initiative will enhance your family’s B’nai Mitzvah celebration. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Rabbi Callman or Ron Leff. For more information about Moving Traditions you can visit www.movingtraditions.org.
Temple Sinai Preschool fosters a sense of connectedness among all members of the school and synagogue community. That was the big idea when our Leadership Team, preschool staff, and I decided to reimagine our Back to School night. It was born from our vision statements and the commitment to actualizing them in all of our work with children, families, and our larger community.

We wanted families to feel connected from the moment they arrived, so we started by reimagining our space. Teachers were stationed outside our doors as greeters, at age-level registration table and along our hallway ready to talk with families and move them toward the wine and nosh. To help families feel comfortable, know where to go and have someone to talk with during this Happy Hour period, we created pre-printed name tags for everyone with parent name, child’s name and each was color-coded by age group.

After our short Happy Hour, we came together as a whole community. Our Vision Statements served as the backdrop to the evening while Rabbi Rheins and Rabbi Callman greeted the crowd, sharing anecdotal stories of their time in the preschool. Temple President, Bob Steine invited families to be involved and in touch, a sentiment echoed by board members, Bruce Tully and Kathy Zeiger. Executive Director, Greg Kellner, and staff members, Ron Leff and Lisa Thorner, who were also in attendance to show support and answer questions.

Then the real fun began! We introduced the Spaghetti Challenge, a team building opportunity that beautifully illustrated the use of unconventional materials to learn 21st Century skills. We sent our families into their children’s classrooms to experience exactly what their children experience on a daily basis, the opportunity to learn and have fun at the same time. With a little spaghetti, tape, string, and a marshmallow, our families communicated as a team, thought critically to solve a problem, collaborated, worked creatively, and had fun, just like the students of Temple Sinai Preschool do every single day. It was awesome! They also made new friends, connected with their children’s teachers, preschool administrators, Temple Sinai staff members, board members, and clergy.

We set out to make Back to School night more than a time to learn about what happens in the classroom, we wanted that AND a time to foster a sense of connectedness among all members of the school and synagogue community. We did it!
TSYG INVITES YOU TO:
TEMPLE SINAI YOUTH GROUP’S 31ST ANNUAL

BOWL-A-THON

Benefitting Camp Rainbow
a camp for kids with cancer and other blood related illnesses

Everyone is invited to this fun family event!
November 16, 2019, 6–8pm  -  AMF Monaco Lanes

PLEASE VISIT SINAIDENVER.ORG/YOUTHGROUP FOR MORE INFORMATION

Temple Sinai

Questions? contact melissao@sinaidenver.org

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Alan Farber Memorial Camp Scholarship For First Time Summer Campers!
Jewish Summer Camp of Your Choice
Up to 80% Scholarship for First Time Campers

Temple Sinai members Lori and John Spanbauer generously established the Alan Farber Memorial Camp Scholarship Fund in loving memory of Lori’s brother Alan. This annual scholarship will help Temple Sinai students from qualified families attend a 2-week or 3-week Jewish sleep-away 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 otherwise would prevent them from attending a sleep-away summer camp. The applications will be handled confidentially by Rabbi Rick and and Lori and John Spanbauer. To apply, please complete the online form on our website - https://www.sinaidenver.org/form/campscholarshipapplication.html
YOUTH GROUP

M & R

M
eretz Kindergarten - 2nd Grade
November 10 & December 8, 12-1:30PM

December: Meretz Hanukkah Celebration

R

uach
3rd - 5th Grade
November 10 & December 8, 12-1:30PM

December 8: Ruach Hanukkah Celebration

J

Junior Youth Group (JYG)
6th-8th Grade

November 16, 2:00-4:40pm:
NFTY678 at Denver Museum of Nature and Science
Join all of Denver/Boulder JYG for a day at the museum! We'll check out the new exhibit Extreme Sports: Beyond Human Limits

December 8, 5-7:30pm
Join us for a JYG Painting Party at Sipping N Painting Hampden! Make a masterpiece for yourself, or create a Hanukkah gift for a friend!

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emple Sinai Youth Group (TSYG)
9th-12th Grade

November 16, 6:00-8:00pm: Bowl-A-Thon
December 7: 8th Grade Rush

N

Fty Missouri Valley

Temple Sinai is so excited to host NFTY Missouri Valley's Winter Chavurah! This event is over MLK weekend and is always a blast! Our high schoolers will be planning & running the entire weekend of fun and learning! We invite all 9th through 12th graders who want a say in the weekend plans to join us for planning meetings! If you are interested in helping in the planning process, please contact Melissa Oxenhandler.

Host Families Needed!
January 17-20, 2020

Temple Sinai will be hosting Winter Chavurah! When a synagogue hosts an event, congregants from the host synagogue as well as families that live in the same city in the surrounding area near that synagogue volunteer to house teens who are attending the event.

Hosts will be housing the teens on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday night. Pickup at night is typically around 10:00-11:00 pm and drop off in the morning is typically around 8:30-9:30 am. You will receive an exact schedule in advance of the event. Transportation to and from the event for the weekend (drivers must be over 21 and seatbelts are required for all passengers.)

You can house as many teens (minimum of 3 and maximum of 9) as you can transport safely with seat belts. Please know that you DO NOT need to provide beds. Each teen will bring a sleeping bag and pillow.

Host families will typically provide Saturday breakfast and dinner, and Sunday breakfast. Late night snacks are also encouraged!

If you are interested in being a host family, please contact Melissa Oxenhandler at melissao@sinaidenver.org or 303-758-1827

For more information and event registration links, check out our website at: www.sinaidenver.org/youthgroup or contact Melissa Oxenhandler at 303-759-1827 or melissao@sinaidenver.org
B’NEI MITZVAH

CARTER STEINE – NOVEMBER 2, 2019
Carter is the daughter of Bob and Tami Steine, and the sister of Taylor (25), and Madison (22). She attends The Challenge School and enjoys dancing, painting, girl scouting, and spending time with her sisters.

For her Mitzvah Project, Carter has volunteered all over town. She visited residents at the Kavod Senior Living Center this past summer, helped at the Food Bank of the Rockies, volunteered at Same Cafe, helped to collect seeds for replanting and removed invasive species form Rocky Mountain National Park.

MADELYN KLEIN & JORDYN KOLOJAY – NOVEMBER 23, 2019, MINCHA SERVICE
Madelyn is the daughter of Todd and Stephanie Klein and sister of Josh (18). Jordyn is the daughter of Dave and Danielle Kolojay and sister of Breck (11). They attend Cresthill Middle School and enjoy lacrosse, soccer, and volleyball, and spending time with friends and family.

For their Mitzvah Project, Madelyn and Jordyn participated in iCan Bike, a national non-profit that teaches children with disabilities how to ride a bicycle. The girls worked closely with a young participant serving as his spotter and cheerleader as he gained confidence, learned to pedal, and use the handlebars. The experience was rewarding and the girls gained greater awareness of the needs of our disabled community.

RUTH SPIEGEL – NOVEMBER 30, 2019
Ruth is the daughter of Jeff and Ilana Spiegel, and the sister of Max (21), Charlotte (18), and Jack (16). She attends Campus Middle School and enjoys diving, running, all-star cheerleading, and sleep away camp.

For her Mitzvah Project, Ruth is volunteering at Caza de Paz to help people who are coming out of the immigration detainment center. She cooks and delivers meals, groceries, and supplies that recently released immigrants can eat while they are at Casa de Paz and during trips to reunite with their families. When families are at Casa de Paz visiting loved ones in the detention facility, she plays with the little kids. You can help immigrants by purchasing items from the Casa de Paz registry.

B’NEI MITZVAH DATES FOR 2022!
ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16 AT 10:00 AM
We will have a meeting and program on Saturday, November 16 at 10 am for parents and for students who will turn thirteen and become Bar/Bat Mitzvah in the year 2022. The first part of the morning will be an introduction to Moving Traditions, an acclaimed program that Temple Sinai is using to help students and families enhance their B’nei Mitzvah experience.

The program will conclude with the distribution of the 2022 Dates Selection forms. Both Rabbi Rick Rheins and our Education Director Ron Leff will run the program and be available to answer your questions.

DATES ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR B’NEI MITZVAH IN 2020 AND 2021
It is never too late to have our children experience the life-affirming joy and pride of accomplishment by leading a service as a Bar or Bat Mitzvah. Each year around 60 students become Bar or Bat Mitzvah at Temple Sinai. If you have a child who will turn 13 (or older) in 2020 or 2021 and you do not yet have a reserved date for a service, please call Rabbi Rick Rheins or Rabbi Jordy Callman and we’ll answer your questions and help you find a date. Date selection request forms also are available in the Temple Sinai office. Our clergy work personally with each student and his/her family to help create a memorable celebration that will bring a lifetime of blessings.
PAY TRIBUTE TO YOUR LOVED ONES

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. Here are several ways in which one may do so.

BRICK PROJECT

Brick by Brick is an ever-evolving commemoration of the special moments and people that shape and influence our lives. Bricks can be purchased online at http://www.sinaidenver.org/brick-by-brick.html. The display of bricks is located in front of Temple Sinai’s entrance. Cost: $125 (4x8 Brick) and $250 (8x8 Brick)

WALL OF REMEMBRANCE

The Wall of Rememberance, located outside the Zwerin Sanctuary, is a way to memorialize the passing of a loved one. Nameplates are inscribed with the name of the departed along with the English and Hebrew date of death. Cost: $300

TREE OF LIFE

The Tree of Life sculpture was created by the renowned synagogue artist Sanford Werfel. The branches of the tree form the Hebrew words “Etz Chaim”. The stones at the roots of the tree are symbolic of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. The golden leaves and stones may be inscribed to highlight or commemorate joyous occasions, including births, weddings, anniversaries, graduations or to honor family, parents or friends. Cost: $175 to inscribe a leaf and $1,000 to inscribe a stone.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION or questions about any of our fundraisers or programs, please contact Lisa Thorner at 303-759-1827 or lisa@sinaidenver.org

KING SOOPERS CARDS

King Soopers cards are being replaced by a community rewards program. No longer can congregants reload gift cards to earn money for Temple Sinai. Now, you just need to link your loyalty card to your organization and shop with King Soopers. Each individual will need to enroll their King Soopers card and update information at www.kingsoperscommunityrewards.com. Once you sign in to your digital account, search for TEMPLE SINAI and click save. The Temple will still receive five percent back of all purchases made.

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 for additional information or Lisa Thorner at lisa@sinaidenver.org to purchase your car wash certificate.

RESTAURANT NIGHT

CALIFORNIA PIZZA KITCHEN
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

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

Temple Sinai’s Lifelong Jewish Learning sessions are varied, spanning the gamut from the religious to the secular, but always featuring a Jewish aspect. The Wednesday Night Lectures are held from 6:30-8:00 p.m. They are free and open to the public. Refreshments are served.

**November 6**
**The History of Jewish Music on One Foot.**

Rabbi Cantor Kim Harris of Congregation B’nai Chaim in southwest metro Denver, combined her passion for teaching with her love of Jewish music and liturgy to become a cantor, before pursuing the rabbinate. She has enjoyed recognition both for her scholarship and musical compositions and several of her songs have been published in works by URJ Books and Music.

**November 20**
**Mental Health and Jewish Values**

Mental health is on everyone’s minds these days as more and more people confront this very complicated issue. Rabbi Sandra Cohen will give a presentation on this timely topic with a discussion of Jewish values and their importance in the way we approach mental health.

**December 4**
**Dinner and a Movie**
**The Great Buster: A Celebration**

Although Buster Keaton’s heyday was in the silent movie era of the 1920s he’s still considered a legendary influence on many of the most prominent Jewish film-makers even today. This documentary by Peter Bogdanovich explores his physical brand of comedy (no tricks! No stuntmen!) with film clips and commentary from Mel Brooks, Robert Klein, Carl Reiner and others who learned from his unique brand of comedy.

**Dinner at 6 p.m.:** Grilled hot dogs, chips and drink - $5.00. We’ll supply the popcorn. RSVP to Lisa Thorner at 303-759-1827 or lisa@sinaidenver.org.

**December 18**
**An Evening with Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser**

We’re excited to welcome Phil Weiser, the 39th Attorney General of Colorado. In his storied career, Weiser has served in senior leadership positions in the Obama administration; clerked at the U.S. Supreme Court for Justices Byron White and Ruth Bader Ginsburg; and served in President Bill Clinton’s Department of Justice. Weiser has also served as a Professor of Law and Dean of the University of Colorado Law School, where he founded the Silicon Flatirons Center for Law, Technology, and Entrepreneurship. Join us for an enlightening and engaging evening.

**Encore and Kavod on the Road**
**Denver Central Library & Lunch at Leven Deli Co.**
**Friday, December 13, 9:30AM Departure from Temple Sinai**

Join us on a tour of the wonderful genealogical resources of the Western History and Genealogy department, including the Denver Obituary Indexes, Cemetery Records, the Western History Subject Index, the genealogy book selections, microfilm readers, city directories and newspapers, including the full run of the Rocky Mountain News and the Denver Post. Learn about research methods and conducting research in the Mullen Manuscript reading room.

Lunch to follow at Leven Deli Co. One part Jewish deli, one part Mediterranean restaurant, Leven lightens and brightens the classic deli with new flavors – dry aging pastrami and baking fresh rye bread the old school way.

**Drop-in Mahjong**
**Tuesday, November 12 at 12:30PM**

Drop-in Mahjong for fun at Temple Sinai the second Tuesday of the month starting November 12th at 12:30 p.m. Newbies welcome!! Please RSVP, Contact: Nancy Eisenberg, neisenberg314@gmail.com or 561-866-3104
**TEMPLE SINAI CHAVUROT**  
Are you looking to join a Chavurah?  
Three new Chavurot are forming now!  

**Granparents Chavurah**

Are you interested in starting a chavurah for grandparent(s) who are caring for grandchildren? Maybe you are assisting a single parent, perhaps you have custody, or you are just helping out your hard-working children... a lot. Activities will be designed for multiple generations. Maybe a PG movie and lunch, maybe dinner and a family service, maybe indoor miniature golf. We will decide together what works for us. Contact Sheila at 303-912.9143. Please leave a message if I don't answer. I may be schlepping/playing with the grandson!

**Highlands Ranch Chavurah**

A group to get together and do fun things. No restrictions other than living in Highlands Ranch. Get together for social events like a game night, a movie or attending an already planned HRCA community social event. The first event will be a potluck game night at David and Jennifer Meyers home on Sunday night November 10 so we can get to know each other. Bring a dish and a game. Come over at 6:00pm, we will eat and then play games until 9:00pm. RSVP to Jennifer at 757-277-3314 to get the address.

**Wednesday Supper Club Chavurah**

If you have kids in the Wednesday evening Hebrew class or the teen Religious class (or even if you don’t) and want to go out to dinner with other Temple Sinai adults while they are in class, this chavurah is for you. The first Wednesday of the month we will meet at a nearby restaurant, eat dinner together and socialize. At the first dinner, we will bring a calendar and people can volunteer to pick a month to lead. The only limitation is that we need to be back in time to pick up our kids from religious school/Hebrew school at 8:00pm. First event: FelFel Mediterranean, 4401 S Tamarac Pkwy, Denver, CO 80237 Wednesday November 6th at 6:15pm. RSVP to Jennifer at 757-277-3314 or David Meyers 757-277-3313.

**JOIN A COMMITTEE AND VOLUNTEER AT TEMPLE SINAI**

Volunteering on one of our congregational committees can be interesting and rewarding. This is your opportunity to get to know your fellow congregants and become more involved in Temple activities. Contact Lisa Thorner at lisa@sinaidenver.org or 303-759-1827, to learn more about different committees, their goals and objectives.

**G R A N T W R I T E R**

Do you have experience writing grants? Temple Sinai is seeking someone with a talent for persuasive and technical writing.

If you are interested, please contact Lisa Thorner at lisa@sinaidenver.org or 303-759-1827x315.

**KUGEL COOKOFF**  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3 AT 12:30PM**

Temple Sinai’s Caring Committee will be hosting the 2019 Community Kugel Cook Off on Sunday, November 3 at 12:30pm. Temple Sinai invites all kugel chefs to show off their kugel skills! Bake your famous kugels, sweet or savory, cold or hot, for a chance at the title of Kugel King or Queen! There will be a panel of judges and prizes for the winning kugels. The fee is $5.00 and is open to all ages.

**JEWISH WAR VETERANS**  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10 AT 9:00AM**  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 AT 9:00AM**

*November:* Our speaker will be Seth Ward, a senior lecturer in the Dept. of Philosophy and Religious Studies at the University of Wyoming, specializing in Jewish, Islamic, and Middle Eastern Studies. November 10, 2019 is the yahrtzeit of Yitzhak Rabin, assassinated nearly a quarter-century ago. On this date, we remember Rabin’s legacy, review how the region has been transformed since 1995, and—to the extent possible—try to envision what the Middle East will look like in 2020.

*December:* White supremacy, anti-Semitism, and other types of bias and bigotry have increased in the U.S. over the past few years. Learn from Mountain States Regional Director Scott Levin how ADL tracks, evaluates and responds to hate incidents across the country and in our own backyard.

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Kesher | November/December 2019
JEWISH WOMEN, WISDOM, & WINE
WITH RABBI SUSAN RHEINS
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21 AT 6:00PM

A delightful evening for women (21+) to come together to dine and discuss meaningful and timely Jewish topics. No cost to attend; just pay for dinner.

Shanghai Kitchen: 4940 So. Yosemite St., Greenwood Village, CO 80111

HEALTH FAIR
SAVE THE DATE!
SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2020

For the 12th-straight year, Temple Sinai will be hosting a Health Fair on Sunday, April 26, 2020 from 7:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Every spring, people from around the state come together to deliver Health Fair’s free and low-cost health awareness and educational screenings. Because of this volunteerism, over 100,000 lives are impacted annually.

This is a wonderful opportunity for Temple Sinai to once again use as a Mitzvah Day and give back to the community.

We are looking for volunteers to make this year’s Fair bigger and even better. Last year, we served over 600 people in the community. Please contact Terri Tilliss at Terri.Tilliss@ucdenver.edu or Lisa Thorner at lisa@sinaidenver.org or 303-759-1827 for additional information.

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

Temple Sinai’s participation with Christmas in the Park started through Mitzvah Day 11 years ago. The following year we contacted After Hours, an alternative Methodist Church who spearheads Christmas In The Park. There were eight Sinai members, and six from HEA who joined our merry group. We supplied “new” hats, gloves and scarves to the approximately 1,000 homeless residents of Denver. We are one of 40 religious and other Denver organizations - and the only Jewish group - that supply clothing, bedding, necessities, and food.

Set up is at approximately 10:00am on Christmas morning at Lincoln Park in front of the capital. This year we have also been asked to “Captain” the accessories section. We are there until approximately 2:00pm. We will be outside to pass out items no matter the weather.

We are collecting new hats, gloves, tarps and scarves from our Team Sinai members. This year we have added 4X6 tarps that are placed under the new sleeping bags. Our team members supply the tables, chairs and labor, and we greet each person warmly with our items.

For more information on Christmas in the Park, please contact Paul and Susan Levine at plevine@transmitmagazine.com or sulevine64@gmail.com

ANNUAL EVENT
SAVE THE DATE!
SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2020

We are pleased to announce that our upcoming Annual Event on Saturday, May 9, 2020 will take place at Temple Sinai. This is our one major fundraising event for Temple Sinai during the year. This year we will be honoring Elaine and Max Appel.

Our Annual Event is a community-building event that brings together Temple Sinai members, staff and community supporters. In addition to the amazing hors d’oeuvres, we will have a fabulous silent and live auctions, an open bar and amazing entertainment. Finally, there will be many opportunities for sponsorship and/or to pay tribute to our honorees in our Event Journal.

Kathy Zeiger will chair this year’s event. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please contact Lisa Thorner, Program Director at lisa@sinaidenver.org or 303-759-1927.

We will have our first planning meeting on Tuesday, November 5 at 6:00pm at Temple Sinai.
Mah Jongg Tournament

SPONSORED BY TEMPLE SINAI AND LEA HADASSAH

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3
10:30 AM - 4:00 PM
TEMPLE SINAI, 3509 S. GLENCOE ST., DENVER, CO 80237

$36 - REGISTER BEFORE NOVEMBER 22
$45 - REGISTER AFTER NOVEMBER 22

Cash prizes and other prizes for top winners, 50/50 drawings, snacks, and a light lunch will be served at noon. You must arrive at 10:30 AM for registration time.

The tournament begins PROMPTLY at 11:00 AM.

You will play three 1-hour sessions (4 games each) at three different tables between 11:00 AM and 3:45 PM.

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

Name: ________________________________
Phone: ________________________________
Email: ________________________________
Payment Amount: $____________________
☐ Check Enclosed
☐ Charge Credit Card
Credit Card #: ________________________
Exp. Date: _______ CVV Code: _______
Billing Address: ________________________

Please list names of other registrants whom you often play with:
____________________________________________________________________________

CIRCLE ONE

Bringing a Mah Jongg Set: YES NO
I CAN Volunteer: YES NO
I want to play: Competitive Non-competitive

Please contact Lisa Thorner with any questions at 303-759-1827 or Barb Trotsky at 720-280-2447. RSVP online at https://www.sinaidenver.org/form/mahjongg
The Rocky Mountain Rabbinic Council offers a nationally renowned 28-week Introduction to Judaism (ITJ) course. Temple Sinai is the host of these classes, which are held on Thursdays from 7:15-9:00pm.

This is program is taught by Rabbis from the Reform, Conservative, Reconstructionist, and Modern Orthodox 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 at 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 call Rabbi Rheins at Temple Sinai. You can also contact Betsy Epel, the director of the ITJ program, at 303-324-9830.

The next class starts on January 16.

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 $1,500 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 Lauren Bubis at 303-759-1827 or lauren@sinaidenver.org.

BROTHERHOOD, BIBLE, AND BEERS
MEN TALKING TORAH WITH RABBI RHEINS
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20 AT 6:00PM

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

INTERESTED IN BECOMING JEWISH OR LEARNING MORE ABOUT JUDAISM? SIGN UP FOR THE NEXT INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM COURSE!

ICK? 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. Rabbi Rick Rheins and Rabbi Jordy Callman 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 our Rabbis at: rabrheins@sinaidenver.org, rabbicallman@sinaidenver.org

LUNCH & LEARN
THURSDAYS, 12:00-1:00PM
NOVEMBER 7, 14, 21
DECEMBER 5, 12*, 19, 26
(note that we will not have class on November 28)

Come to learn, discuss, debate, and meet friends. We’ll review ethical & moral issues in selected Jewish texts, discuss hot current topics, and debate the important issues of the day. Bring your Lunch! We will serve the Text and Topics! Newcomers quickly and easily fit right in! Bring your lunch and join in the discussion! It’s a great way to learn and meet new friends - and it's all FREE!

Note that Rabbi David Zucker will teach Lunch & Learn on December 12 and share highlights from his new book American Rabbis: Facts and Fiction.

JEWISH INTEREST FREE LOANS
IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF FINANCIAL HELP

If you are Jewish, live in Colorado, and need financial assistance we can hopefully make a difference in your life. In 1998 the Jewish Interest Free Loan of Colorado became the newest of over 50 such organizations. We are pleased to serve the needs of our people state-wide. For additional information please contact JIFLCO at 303-759-1827 or leave a message at 303-369-5714.

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DONATIONS

RECOGNITION

DONATIONS PROCESSED AUGUST 1 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

Alan Farber Memorial Camp Scholarship Fund
In loving memory of:
Alan Farber
    John & Lori Spanbauer and
    Stan Farber
Clara Farber
    Sandra Farber-Volk
Malarre Gwartz
    Stan Farber & Bert Solov
    John & Lori Spanbauer

In honor of:
Stanley Farber’s 90th Birthday
    Michael & Patty Rolnick
Howard, Michele & Kym Harris’ Special Birthdays
    John & Lori Spanbauer
Earl Roper’s 70th Birthday
    John & Lori Spanbauer

Building Maintenance Fund
In loving memory of:
Yetta Watson
    Art & Marilyn Wolfson

Cemetery Beautiful Fund
In loving memory of:
Albert and Shirley Sorkin
    Marc & Laurie Sorkin

High Holy Day Flowers
Donors:
Ronald & Sara Epstein
    Dawn Nakamura Kessler
    Brad & Nancy Weiman

In loving memory of:
Peter Guthery
    Jean Guthery

Ilene Shiroff Memorial Fund
In honor of:
Regina and Lester Leaf’s 50th Wedding Anniversary
    Joe & Marlynn Silver
Sophia Shiroff Becoming a Bat Mitzvah
    Joe & Marlynn Silver

Jewish Education Fund
In loving memory of:
Michael Kaplan
    Anita Fricklas
Lisa Klumb
    Richard & Patricia Strouse
Max Wolf
    Richard & Patricia Strouse

Julius & Helen Ring Israel Teen Scholarship Fund
Donors:
Daniel Shapiro & Michelle Kalin-Shapiro

In honor of:
Marty Fliegelman
    Stanley & Susan Kerstein
The Birth of Noah Samet
    Oscar & Selma Sladek
The Marriage of Aaron Zuzulia and Aviva Rosen
    Richard & Elaine Ricklin

In loving memory of:
Lenora Babich and Judy Herman
    Michael & Phyllis Babich
Samuel Gordon
    Arnold & Eileen Lash
William Gefter
    Marc & Susan Reissner
Tom Heyman
    Marc & Susan Reissner
Reyna Hiller, Michael Kaplan, Alfred Abraham Simson and Willi Wohlgenannt
    Jean Guthery
Lisa Klumb
    Michael & Phyllis Babich
    Jean Guthery
Stanley & Susan Kerstein
Stephen & Sherry Weinstein
Donald Oberfeld
    Ron & Sara Epstein, Children and Grandchildren
Samuel Parris
    Louis & Andrea Rosenthal
    Gerald “Jerry” Schwartz
    Ronald & Sara Epstein

Ted Weinstein
    Stephen & Sherri Weinstein

Marilyn Tobin Memorial Flower Fund
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