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**BUILDING OUR FUTURE MATCHING GIFT**

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

To make a matching gift, please call the Temple office at 303.759.1827 or go online to: www.sinaidenver.org/matching.

Also, please note that some employers will also match donations made by their employees.
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### End of the Year Giving

A gift to 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 office at 303.759.1827.
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Temple Sinai is hosting a

**CHANUKAH POTLUCK**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7**  
6:00 P.M. SERVICE; 6:30 P.M. DINNER

Family Shabbat Service, followed by Dinner and Celebration  
Bring your own Chanukiah for our Community Lighting Ceremony and  
bring a dish to share!

- **Last Name: A-N Bring a MAIN DISH**  
- **O-Z Bring a SIDE DISH**

**Cost:** $5.00 per person  
We will supply the latkes, jelly donuts & challah!

To RSVP, go to www.sinaidenver.org/form/chanukahdinner

A bouncy house, GaGa Pit and song session led by Dan the Music Man  
will also be part of the celebration.
Rabbi Rick Rheins

We promote in [matters of] holiness but do not reduce

One of the great characteristics of the Talmud is that it respectfully records contradictory opinions. The Jewish ethic is to value different ideas and perspectives. Minority opinions are preserved and studied alongside those that were more widely accepted. Imagine how our modern society would benefit from such an open-minded approach!

The Talmud records over 300 disputes between the School of Hillel and the School of Shammai. Yes, it is true that the vast majority of the disputes were decided in favor of Hillel’s teaching. Still, even this illustrates the ethic of respect. It is written that the reason halakhah (“Jewish practice”) follows Hillel so often is because:

“They were kindly and modest, they studied their own rulings and those of Beit Shammai, and not only that, but they would also mention the teachings of Beit Shammai before theirs.” (Babylonian Talmud, Eruvin 13b)

It is rather obvious to all that our current political and social environment is suffering an acute shortage of “being kind and modest.” And we certainly are not witnesses to very many cases where one side takes the time to teach and extol the importance of their ideological opponents. Ah, wouldn’t that be a most welcome gift to society? Well, the time is right, with Chanukah beginning on December 2, a commitment by all to promote greater and more respectful dialogue is worth at least a few nights of presents.

One of the “disputes” between the schools of Hillel and Shammai involved how to light the chanukiyah. Beit Shammai taught that on the first day one kindles eight lights and thereafter gradually decreases. But Beit Hillel taught that on the first day one light is lit and thereafter one progressively increases. (BT Shabbat 21b)

Well, the nearly universal practice follows Hillel: we light one candle on the first night and then add candles for each new day. Some taught that Shammai’s opinion was to preserve the 8 day relationship of Sukkot to Chanukah. But Hillel’s reasoning was just a little bit more powerful: we add a candle each day because we promote in matters of holiness and do not reduce.

Being kind, modest, and respectful in our discussions and disputes adds to holiness. That is the Jewish way; that is the model that the School of Hillel gifted us. We listen intently not to pick up weaknesses in the other’s arguments. Rather, we listen intently in order to learn and expand our minds and perspective.

As we close out the very contentious year of 2018, let us give each other the gifts of greater respect and kindness. Let us engage not to defeat and humiliate, but in order to learn and grow. Let us enter into debate not to tear down and divide, but in order to explore new ideas that might be beneficial to all. Let us add and promote in matters of holiness and not reduce.

Chag Chanukah Sameiach,

Rick
Rabbi Rick Rheins
Pink Shabbat!
Friday, November 2 at 6:00pm

Temple Sinai will once again proudly hold a special Pink Shabbat service. This moving and important Shabbat is an initiative of Sharsheret, a national not-for-profit organization supporting Jewish women and their families facing breast cancer and ovarian cancer, and JEWISHcolorado. The purpose is to raise awareness and provide resources to community members facing these cancers.

Cantor Sheila Nesis will be our special speaker!

Special Veterans Day Shabbat Service
Friday, November 9 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 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.
Fifty-one 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 together before Thanksgiving 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 First Plymouth on Sunday, November 18 at 7:00pm. It will include inspiring music and prayers by our clergy, along with First Plymouth’s religious leaders. 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.

Please consider beginning your observance of Thanksgiving with this wonderful interfaith service.

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**Temple Sinai Cares**

Are you struggling, sick or would you like a call or visit from one of the Rabbis? Temple Sinai cares about every one of our members. Rabbis Rick and Susan Rheins will be quick to make a call or visit to any of our members and/or loved ones. In addition, we have a group of volunteers on our Caring Committee who will do their best to respond with cards, calls and offers of assistance. So please call or write to our Rabbis and let them know that you’d like their help and attention.

Rabbi Rick Rheins: rabrheins@sinaidenver.org
Rabbi Susan Rheins: rabbisusan@sinaidenver.org

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**Healing Services**

November 15 and December 13 at 11:00am

For our Healing Service, we gather together for prayers, meditations, and the warm embrace of friends to renew our sense of hope, strength and healing. The service is for those who are struggling with their health.

The Healing Service is also for those struggling with sadness and grief and 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.
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 ourselves to the cause of religious liberty in our 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 haheim baz'man hazeh.

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

On the very first night we also add shehecheyanu:

Barukh atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melekh haolam, shehecheyanu v'k'iy'manu v'higanu 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.”
TEMPLE SINAI

JEWISH WOMEN, WISDOM AND WINE

Dinner and Discussion Group
Thursday, November 8
6:00 p.m.

A delightful evening for women (21+) to come together to
dine and discuss meaningful and timely Jewish topics.
Every other month we will focus on a different topic
that draws from our tradition and connects to our
lives and to the world.

No cost to attend; just pay for dinner.

Zane's Italian Bistro
8101 East Belleview Avenue

RSVP by Monday, November 5
Rabbi Susan Rheins at rabbisusan@sinaidenver.org or
303-759-1827.
I’m extremely excited to share with you that this coming April, Alex and I will welcome another child into our family, and Solomon will become a big brother. I spent my first trimester singing High Holy Days services. I’m feeling healthy, and very hungry! For all that is special, unique, new and exciting with a first pregnancy, it’s nice to rely on some knowledge the second time around: there is less fear about labor and the delivery. There is less anxiety about holding a baby and changing diapers. There will be nothing unexpected when facing sleepless nights and twenty-minute-stretches-of intense-baby-crying. Still, not everything has been seen and done when expecting a second child and, even more, there is a deep sense of responsibility and awareness about bringing life into the world. In some ways, I can’t imagine more tumultuous times in which to bring another child into the world: we live in a culture where we are constantly moving looking for professional opportunities, uprooting ourselves from family and close social networks. We are busy all the time, and tired all the time. There is divisiveness among us for way too many reasons. We grow more and more isolated... and yet, there is never a bad time for more life to be injected into our universe, more opportunities to love immensely and unconditionally, more opportunities to grow as parents and individuals as we learn from the uniqueness and diversity that each one of our children bring to our households and our entire family universe. This first vs. second pregnancy perspective also reminds me of the story of Creation in B’reshit. At a first glance, the story is rather simple: there is poetry, drama, magic, beauty and clarity. God seems to act like a parental figure, bringing order and structure into the total chaos, the tohu vavohu that was there. And, just like a loving parent, God is eager to create new life and overflow everything with holiness. However, classical commentators note that:

“...the primary motivation behind God’s work of Creation seems to have been not the formation of human life, but the construction of ethical discernment and the establishment of a sustainable system of justice.” (Rabbi David, Benjamin, “Seven Days, Many Voices. Insights Into The Biblical Story Of Creation”, NY: CCAR, 2017)

How do we know this? We can infer it from various clues. In the narrative of Creation, God’s name is Elohim, which refers to God as Judge. Another one is the fact that the first thing that occurs in the Creation is light. How can there be light before the sun, moon, and stars came into being? Clearly, this “light” doesn’t refer to its literal meaning, rather to the idea of clarity, insight and energy. This is what God first created, and thought it was good. So too, in this second round of parenthood that I’m about to face, I recognize the need for more light, for a more powerful sense of morality and justice in the world, as I’m about to inject it with more human sweetness, compassion, joy and giggles. As we all begin the New Year and embark in acts of Creation, let us be reminded that whatever we do, we will bring divinity only if we immerse ourselves in the work of justice.

Cantor Sheila Nesis
Temple Sinai Presents...

**Artist in Residence, Billy Jonas!**

November 30 - December 2

**Schedule of Events**

**Erev Shabbat Service**
Friday, November 30 at 6:00 p.m.
Join us for a musical Friday evening with Billy. Free to the public!

**Havdalah and Concert**
Saturday, December 1 at 7:30 p.m.
An evening of percussion, homemade and recycled instruments, guitar and African drums. Don't miss Billy at this unique one man show!

$18 Adults; $10 children (ages 13-17).
Purchase your tickets online! $25 at the door.

**Family Concert**
Sunday, December 2 at 11:30 a.m.
An interactive morning of singing and dancing for our families!

Religious School and Preschool registered students are FREE of charge.

$10 adults; $5 for kids not registered in our schools.
Purchase your tickets online! $15 at the door.

Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

**Sponsorship Opportunities**

- **Gold, $1,000:** Access to all performances for 10 people, Saturday evening pre-concert reception, reserved seating; name in program; CD.
- **Silver, $500:** Access to all performances for 6 people, Saturday evening pre-concert reception, reserved seating; name in program.
- **Bronze, $250:** Access to all performances for 4 people, Saturday evening pre-concert reception, name in program.

**Purchase Tickets by November 26:** [www.sinaidenuer.org/form/artistinresidence](http://www.sinaidenuer.org/form/artistinresidence)
Introducing ChaiNote!
ChaiNote’s first performance will be during Friday evening service and Chanukah celebration, December 7th at 6:00pm!

ChaiNote!
Calling all young musicians!

We want YOU to be a part of our brand new music program, ChaiNote! During our Sunday Religious School program, ChaiNote will be one of the electives that 3rd through 5th grade students can choose to take. From 11:30am-12:00pm on Sundays, we will be singing fun and new Jewish music and performing and sharing our voices in various services and events throughout the year!

This music program will bring students opportunities to shine their brightest and enrich their musicality, while participating in engaging rehearsals.

If you have additional questions, please contact Dan Yolles, Music and Engagement Coordinator at dan@sinaidenver.org or Cantor Sheila Nesis at cantornesis@sinaidenver.org.
Interested in Becoming Jewish or Learning more about Judaism?  
Sign up for the next Introduction to Judaism (ITJ) course!

The Rocky Mountain Rabbinical Council offers a nationally renowned 28-week Introduction to Judaism (ITJ) course. Temple Sinai and Temple Emanuel rotate as the hosts of these classes (which are held on Thursday evenings). The winter session begins on February 7 and will be hosted by Temple Emanuel.

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

There is a modest fee for the course, but some scholarships are available. If you are interested in taking the class, please contact Betsy Epel, the Director of the ITJ program, at 720.941.2655 or rmrcitj@gmail.com.

COATS FOR COLORADO

This is a great time of the year to weed out unwanted outerwear from your closets. In conjunction with Dependable Cleaners, the Temple Sinai Social Action Group will conduct an outerwear drive November 1 - November 30. You can donate gently used and new coats, jackets, etc. and drop them off either in the foyer of the Temple or in the Preschool building. There will be labelled bins in both locations.

This is a wonderful way to help those in need.

For additional information, contact Sandy Korn at sandra.korn@ucdenver.edu or Barb Lettes at let.hiker@gmail.com.
Religious School

Thanksgiving is a uniquely American family holiday. It is also a holiday that can be easily incorporated into Jewish family life. Most American families get together for the traditional turkey dinner because it is nice for everybody, even those who live far away, to return home at least once a year. The story of the pilgrims and their plentiful harvest that was followed by a feast with the Indians is part of American folklore, but it is not recalled at the dinner table the way we recall the story of Exodus at the Passover Seder.

We have the model of storytelling with which generations of Jews have taught and renewed our values and commitments. We can apply that model to the Thanksgiving meal. At Thanksgiving we can recall the story of how our families came to America and settled in Colorado. Most of our children don’t know their family stories – and I’m sure there are many wonderful stories to share. Let Thanksgiving be the opportunity to share those stories.

Thanksgiving day is an opportunity for a living Haggadah (“telling” - the book used at Passover), an opportunity to take stock of the country and give thanks for its blessings and for the opportunity here to work for and create change.

Hands-on Judaism:

1. **Bake a Challah for Thanksgiving dinner.** Try one with a Thanksgiving theme, such as cornmeal or cranberries. Say the motzi (the blessing over bread) before eating.

2. **Create a Family History in America.** Ask parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles to share information about how your family came to America, where they lived, the work they did – and how you ended up living in Denver, Colorado.

3. **Answer questions:** Allow each person an opportunity to respond to questions such as these: What are we personally thankful for? What are we thankful for as American Jews? What do we wish to contribute to this country? What do we believe are the highest ideals and best values of the United States? Have we, as a nation, lived up to those ideals and values in the past year?

In a society that’s always on the move, perhaps the real gift of Thanksgiving is the opportunity to spend time together as a family. As your family gives thanks, you are provided the opportunity to spend time with those that you love, time to share activities, share books and share memories.

Ron Leff, RJE
Director of Education
Youth Engagement
Temple Sinai Youth Groups

Meretz & Ruach
November 4
December 9

JYG
December 9

TSYG
December 15

Pizza in the Lounge
November 7
December 12
5:15pm - 6:00pm

THE GREAT CHALLAH BAKE
SUNDAY NOV 4
2:30-5
$18

CONGREGATION HAR HASHEM IN BOULDER
Lunch and transportation from Denver sponsored by Temple Sinai and Temple Emanuel

REGISTER AT MISSOURIVALLEY.NETY.ORG

Sinai Connections
Winter Break Lunch
December 27 at 12:00pm
Details to come!

Bowl-a-thon
November 3 at 7:00pm
Preschool

This is the time of year many of us meditate on our many blessings and look for ways we can help those who are less fortunate. In Jewish school settings that often translates to mitzvah projects. As adults there are a plethora of meaningful ways to share our bounty and give back to the larger community. For very young children it takes a little more thought to put meaning into a mitzvah project.

Very young children construct knowledge of the world around them using their experiences as building blocks. They make sense of things by incorporating the new into what they already know. If we consider preschool aged children, they are very familiar with meal times, bedtimes, playtimes, and looking up at the world. They know basic emotions: happy, sad, angry, and scared. And they are learning empathy, truth, beautiful in the purest form.

Mitzvah projects for young children, to be meaningful, must be relevant to how they see the world, how they make sense of the world, and what is developmentally appropriate for their emotional maturity. Drives, while very meaningful for adults and beneficial to the community, have very little meaning for small children. Materials are typically purchased by adults and disappear in the same fashion. Little ones have little to no participation in the process and the action or purpose make little sense in the scheme of their world.

That drive can become incredibly meaningful if the children have a role in the collection, preparation, and distribution. Imagine a little one walking through the supermarket selecting favorite healthy foods to share. Children feel important when they get to choose, and selecting food makes sense in their world. Imagine that same little one preparing a yummy soup or filling bags with shampoo, bubble bath, and toothpaste. Young children love cooking, they see the adults in their world doing it all the time and doing the things adults do is very special. They also understand hair washing, baths, and teeth brushing; it is part of their everyday experience. Can you picture how special it is for young children to create drawings and handwritten notes to deliver with their donations? Their emerging empathy skills blossom when they personally do something that will make another person feel good, like drawing pictures and writing notes.

As we get ready for our first Temple Sinai Preschool mitzvah project, the teachers, families, and I are collaborating on ways to ensure our children are learning not only what a mitzvah is, but how meaningful it is to their lives. We will choose carefully, knowing that our little ones have a lifetime of giving back. This first lesson will help them understand how good it feels.

Warmly,

Sheila Purdin
Director of Early Childhood Education
B’nei Mitzvah

Eva Bochner - November 3, 2018
Eva is the daughter of Eric & Melinda Bochner and sister of Aliza (14) and Mariel (9). She attends D’Evelyn Junior/Senior High School and enjoys playing the cello, sports, cooking, gardening and reading.
For her Mitzvah Project, Eva supported the Prism Project. The Prism Project is a performing arts program for children with Autism and other disabilities.

Patrick Andrew Kaplan - November 10, 2018
Patrick is the son of Scott & Denise Kaplan and brother of Ethan (9). Patrick attends Euclid Middle School and enjoys playing the tuba, video games, baseball, basketball, football, soccer, golf, and swimming. He is also very active in the Boy Scouts.
For his Mitzvah Project, Patrick volunteered and raised money for many organizations. Through the Stink Bug Project with the Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children, he helped organize a fun activity at a holiday party for kids who were inpatients during the holiday. He also baked dog biscuits that he sold to Veterinarian offices and worked with his sixth grade Temple Sinai Religious School class to hold a carnival last spring. All the proceeds from the carnival funded the training and placement of companion dogs for children with serious medical conditions.

Lily Ann Sheldon - November 10, 2018
Lily is the daughter of Dan & Cady Sheldon and sister of Jack (14). She attends West Middle School and enjoys playing lacrosse, tennis, skiing and art.
For her Mitzvah Project, Lily joined the National Charity League which is a non-profit organization comprised of mothers and daughters committed to community service to local charities, leadership development, and cultural experiences. Lily has volunteered throughout the Denver community with the American Heart Association, Holly Creek Assisted Living, Judi’s House, and Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Piper Bernstein - November 17, 2018
Piper is the son of Josh & Katie Bernstein and the brother of Reese (11) and Sawyer (5). He attends West Middle School and enjoys playing football, soccer, snowboarding, skiing and Fortnite.
Emma DeBoer - November 17, 2018

Emma is the daughter of Joshua & Jennifer DeBoer and sister of Andrew (15). She attends Sky View Academy and enjoys cheerleading, baking, crafting, skiing, writing and taking care of animals.

For her Mitzvah, Project, Emma raised money from bake sales and lemonade stands, collected food, towels, blankets and cleaning supplies to benefit the Denver Dumb Friends League. She chose to raise money for the Denver Dumb Friends League because of their shared compassion and desire to help animals.

Joshua Lefkowitz - December 8, 2018

Joshua is the son of Jason & Erika Lefkowitz. He attends Euclid Middle School and enjoys playing baseball, basketball, Brain Bowl, NJHS and video games.

For his Mitzvah, Project, Joshua collected video games for Childs Play Charity and baseballs for the Jewish War Veterans.

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Does Your Child Turn 13 in 2019 or 2020?

Dates are still available for B’nei Mitzvah in 2019 and 2020

Know that it is never too late to have our children experience the life-affirming joy and pride of accomplishment by leading a service as a Bar or Bat Mitzvah. Each year around 60 students become Bar or Bat Mitzvah at Temple Sinai. If you have a child who will turn 13 (or older) in 2019 or 2020 and you have not yet reserved a date for a service, please call Rabbi Rick or Rabbi Susan Rheins and we’ll answer all your questions and help you find a date that works for your family.

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

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

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Bar/Bat Mitzvah SPECIAL MEETING

We are assigning B’nei Mitzvah dates for 2021

Sunday, December 16 at 11:00am

We will have a meeting on December 16 at 11:00am for parents whose children will turn 13 and become Bar/Bat Mitzvah in the year 2021. This is an essential parents’ meeting for the 2021 B’nei Mitzvah families as we will begin the process of determining the specific dates of each child’s service. Selection forms will be handed out at this meeting. We will also review the B’nei Mitzvah process including tutors, rehearsals, roles of participation for loved ones, and ways to make this simchah a truly meaningful and blessed experience for your family.
ENCORE
Dazzle Lunch and Jazz - November 16 at 11:00am, Leave Temple at 10:30am
Encore members will look to start their weekend early with lunch, accompanied by live jazz music at Dazzle! Members will enjoy an afternoon of smooth jazz, food and friends from 11:30am - 1:30pm. It’s FREE - the only cost is the food. To RSVP or to carpool, contact Lisa Thorner at 303.759.1827 or lisa@sinaidenver.org.

LIFELONG JEWISH LEARNING
When the KKK was Active in Colorado - November 7
If you’ve seen the movie BlacKkKlansman, you know that the KKK has a long history in CO. Patty Limerick and her research assistant Nicole Bowley will present the history of the KKK and its role in Colorado Politics. Limerick is the Faculty Director and Chair of the Board of the Center of the American West at the University of Colorado, where she is also a history professor.

Reform Judaism in Israel - November 28
From conversion to the Kotel to marriage laws, Judaism in Israel is changing as tensions grow between Progressive, Reform and Orthodoxy in the legal and legislative arenas. Where will this lead? Osnat Fox, our Israeli community Emissary from JEWISHcolorado, will look at this contentious issue.

Dinner and a Movie - December 12
Bombshell: The Hedy Lamarr Story
The Movie: Hedy Lamarr, the child of Austrian Jews, became a famous movie star known for her gorgeous looks. Most people don’t realize that she also was a scientific genius and invented technology for World War II submarines that is still used today. This is a poignant portrait of the once famous beauty throughout her life.
The Dinner: We will grill hot dogs and have popcorn. Cost is $5.00 for dinner.

PROGRAMS
Bible, Beers & Brotherhood
Next Meeting: November 7 and December 6 at 6:00pm at Darcy’s Pub - 4955 South Ulster Street
Lunch & Learn - Noon to 1:00pm
November 1, 8, 15, 29
December 6, 13, 20, 27
COME LEARN, DISCUSS AND MEET FRIENDS!
• We’ll review ethical/moral issues in Jewish texts
• Discuss hot current topics
• Debate the important issues of the day
• Bring your lunch! We will serve the text and topics!

Knitting for Charity
November 18 and December 9 at 10:00am
To donate yarn, contact Suzan Markman at 303.770.4014.

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

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

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

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

How can I purchase my card?
These cards are sold any time at Temple Sinai. Please contact Lisa Thorner at 303.759.1827 or lisa@sinaidenver.org to purchase your card. Each card is $25. Remember to get a card for your friends, neighbors, co-workers and extended family members too!

What can I use the card for?
The card can be used for any purchases (with the exception of lottery tickets, gift cards, etc) including gas purchased at any King Soopers or City Market Fuel Centers.

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

To purchase your car wash certificate, contact Lisa Thorner at or lisa@sinaidenver.org or 303.759.1827.
Sinai Sunday Classes
In the third session of Exploring Reform Responsa, we will look at the most recent moral, ethical and ritual issues that are confronting modern Jews. Most of these responsa have not yet been published. Therefore, we will use photocopies instead of a bound text. Again, newcomers will fit in easily because each issue will be new. Our format will continue to permit all to read and explore the text and independently in order to enhance our subsequent discussions. Class dates: November 18, December 2, 16, 23, 30, January 6, 27 and February 17. To register go to www.sinaidenver.org/form/sinaisundays18-19.

Jewish War Veterans
November 11 at 9:00am
Jamie Sarche will be speaking on “The Gift of your Presence”. We don’t know what to say or do in the face of death, illness, divorce. People who say things like, “you’re young, you’ll remarry” or “don’t worry, you will have other children” are really trying to help. They want to make things better for the bereaved person. We are not taught how to walk alongside someone who is grieving, so we try to put away the pain. However by trying to rescue a grieving person from their very difficult feelings, we often cause them to feel isolated, alone and unable to share.

We hope that you will be able to join us for breakfast ($8) and our wonderful speaker. For more information, please call Ruth at 303.955.6974.

Save the Date
Have a moment? Come do a Mitzvah...
December 16 at 12:15pm
Introducing Mitzvah Moments
We recognize that in today’s world we’re often rushing from one activity to the next; but having a busy schedule doesn’t mean we can’t do our part (and teach our children) to make the world a better place. Come join us one Sunday a month following religious school to participate in quick, easy and hands on social action projects.
Because sometimes, the smallest moments in life can have the most lasting effects.
For additional information, contact Lisa Thorner at lisa@sinaidenver.org or Jennifer Abrams at jrlabrams@gmail.com.

Donations Needed!!

Jewish War Veterans Post 344 is looking for NEW or USED baseballs! The baseballs will be decorated and sent overseas in support of our troops. Please drop off donations at Temple Sinai and note that this is an ongoing project.

Brick Project
Pave the way for Temple Sinai’s future by purchasing a commemorative engraved brick for the front entrance of our synagogue. Your engraved brick(s) will provide an opportunity to commemorate life’s simchas, acknowledge a special event, celebrate milestones or inscribe a family name. These legacy bricks are proudly displayed outside the front entrance of the main Temple building for you to enjoy for years to come. All members of our community are encouraged to participate in this special project that will not only build a more beautiful entrance to the temple, but also make a permanent mark by investing in the future of Temple Sinai.

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

For additional information, contact Lisa Thorner at lisa@sinaidenver.org or 303.759.1827.
Temple Sinai at Mt. Nebo Memorial Park

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

For details, contact Lauren Bubis at 303.759.1827 or lauren@sinaidenver.org.

Sinai Circle
“No Free Lunch”

“There is no such thing as a free lunch” is a popular adage communicating the idea that it is impossible to get something for nothing. The “free lunch” in the saying originally referred to the nineteenth-century practice in American bars of offering a “free lunch” in order to entice drinking customers.

It’s sometimes assumed that our Temple doesn’t have customary operating expenses or the need for capital-fund reserves. The litany goes like this: “After all, it’s a ‘religious institution,’ not-for-profit. Furthermore, many members volunteer their time-and-talents for our Temple.” To add to this sometimes-subconscious assumption, “Don’t we already have a magnificent physical grouping of sanctuaries, schools, and offices?”

It may be uncomfortable for some members to be disabused of these notions. The Temple has similar categories of operating expenses and capital needs as a typical for-profit business. Only titles and classifications of our personnel and functions may differ from those in the parallel for-profit world. We have no stockholders, as such, but our Temple must answer to its members. There can be no “free lunch” for a Temple Sinai member.

And this practicality, dear friends, is why our Temple Sinai conducts its ongoing endowment program. By pledging to provide for Temple Sinai, now, but deferring actual payment until later, we reaffirm our own mode of Reform Jewish observance, continuity, and perpetuity. We Temple Sinai members have opted for permanent physical structures for the many services our Temple provides. Our endowment can provide a supplemental source of revenue for programming, maintenance, expansion, and emergencies. Please banish any thoughts of a “free lunch.” Join our many Sinai Circle members who have already committed to the permanence of our Temple.

Steve Susman, Chair, Temple Sinai Endowment Committee (Sinai Circle)

Temple Sinai at Mt. Nebo Memorial Park

Evelyn Heller,
Mother of Elaine (Joel) Goldstein

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Brother of Renee (David Eisner) Johnson

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Mother of Marty Meltzer

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Mother of Sharon (Jim) Newman, Grandmother of Jason and Victoria Shenitzer

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Mother of Kelly (Mindy) Greene
Christmas in the Park

Help over 1,000 homeless individuals this winter!

We are collecting NEW hats, gloves, and scarves, including hand knit items.

Please drop off the items at the Temple Sinai office

Tuesday, December 25
9:30 a.m. at Lincoln Park

Volunteers needed! If you are able to help, please contact Susan Levine at sulevine64@gmail.com. Please note that it could be cold, wet, and snowy. Heavy lifting is also involved.

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