

RABBI RICK RHEINS

CLERGY

Eshet Chayil, A Woman of Valor: Rabbi Susan Miller Rheins



It is traditional for a husband to share words from Proverbs 31 in honor of his wife every Shabbat:

A woman of valor, who can find? She is more precious than fine pearls.

Her husband trusts in her, and so he lacks nothing;

She does him good, never harm, all the days of her life.

She perceives that her labor is rewarding; her candle burns on into the night.

She reaches out to those in need, and extends her hands to the poor.

She is clothed in strength and dignity, and she faces the future cheerfully.

She speaks with wisdom; the law of kindness is on her lips.

Her children rise up and bless her; her husband sings her praises.

Many daughters have done valiantly, but you excel them all.

When sharing those words for my beloved Susan, I have to add a few more exalted qualities. Indeed, Rabbi Susan Miller Rheins is an Eshet Chayil, a

woman of valor. And she is also a teacher of Torah, a lover of Zion, a tireless community leader, a sensitive and sympathetic friend and a compassionate counselor. She is the first on staff to step in when someone needs help, from covering for a class or rehearsal, to editing an article or bulletin, to making sure that the Abrahams Chapel and Zwerin Sanctuary are set up appropriately for the services. She makes dozens and dozens of phone calls each week to personally connect to people when they have an upcoming yearzeit.

For the past four years, Rabbi Susan Miller Rheins has served Temple Sinai with the skills honed over 31 years of rabbinic practice. She stepped in to help us when we were in need and shared her inspiring love of Torah and Judaism. Her contribution played a significant factor in helping Temple Sinai successfully complete our building campaign and pay off our mortgage.

Her impact has been felt by every part of our Sinai community. Susan was the guiding hand in helping to reimagine our Preschool curriculum through her work on the Rose Community Foundation-Union for Reform Judaism ECE initiative. She has been a B'nei Mitzvah tutor, a

Religious School teacher, and a strong helping hand for our Youth Groups. She is a gifted teacher of adults for our Sinai Sundays and Lunch and Learn classes. Her Women's Torah study groups

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have been among the best programs in the Denver community and her Women, Wine & Wisdom classes are consistently packed to over flowing. Oh, and anyone who has been to Israel with Susan knows that the glow of joy on her face transforms the experience from a tour to a sacred, fun and memorable celebration.

I feel so privileged to have been able to partner with Susan at Temple Sinai for the past four years. Her tenure with us concludes at the end of June. No, she is not retiring. Rabbis don't retire. We just teach and help our people in different ways. Susan

will be finding new and exciting ways to continue teaching Torah, nurturing the Jewish people, supporting Israel, and lifting our spirits.

As I read the words of Eshet Chayil, a woman of valor, I know that these words are an accurate reflection of my Rabbi. Susan will always be my Rabbi.

And everyone of them words
rang true\And glowed like
burnin' coal\Pourin' off of every
page\Like it was written in my
soul\From me to you.
(Bob Dylan)

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