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www.SinaiDenver.org/50th

Welcome to Temple Sinai’s 50th Year
We have a year ahead full of wonderful ways to celebrate, learn, reminisce and rejoice.

See page 6 for more info!
The Jewish calendar places the blessed Festival of Sukkot to immediately follow the hectic Holy Days. Sukkot, our Biblical Thanksgiving holiday is timed to coincide with the ancient harvest. Its significance was not lost on our American founders for they, too, saw the necessity of pausing to take stock and give thanks. Our American Thanksgiving is truly one of the most joyous and uplifting of all our national observances. Again, it gives us a chance to consider and express appreciation to all of those wonderful people who bring blessings to our lives.

On a personal level, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to the thousands of Sinai members who care so dearly about their faith, heritage and fellow Jews that they generously support this community and thereby ensure the well-being and the future of modern Judaism. Quite literally, without the membership, support and participation of our Temple Sinai members, none of us would be able to continue the work we do. We are a co-op of families, a cooperation of individuals who are dedicated to a sacred cause and to serving our collective of Jewish families. It is an absolute blessing and privilege to be a part of your lives.

I give thanks for the extraordinarily hard working and dedicated Temple Sinai staff headed by Amy Becker. These are professionals who go well beyond living up to the expectations of a “job.” They give of their spirit and passion, energy and expertise to serve our 1,100 families and hundreds of students. They create and respond, nurture and inspire, teach and console thousands of individuals, from those newly born to those in the golden age of their journey. They put in hours and energy well beyond what would be expected for the compensation they receive, and they do so because of their love of Judaism and this Sinai community. I am honored to serve along with them and to call them my friends and colleagues. Please take the time to let them know how much you appreciate their sacred devotion. They are (in alphabetical order):

Cindy Abramson, Communications Director
Debbie Burnette, Bookkeeper
Diana Kaplan, Administrative Assistant
Debbie Kohn, Preschool Director
Frances Pearson, Controller

We are a co-op of families, a cooperation of individuals who are dedicated to a sacred cause and to serving our collective of Jewish families.

Of course, it is a blessing, a delight, and an inspiration to serve the Sinai community in partnership with my colleagues Cantor Sheila Nesis and Rabbi Susan Rheins. We should all feel the tremendous good fortune that Sinai’s founder, Rabbi Ray Zwerin, is still an active and contributing Rabbi. His classes on Shabbat morning and now, for Sinai Sundays, continue to enrich us. We’ll pay tribute to him on Erev Shabbat, Friday, December 2.

I also give thanks to the army of volunteers, Temple Sinai members, who serve on our Board, who staff our committees, fill our choirs (adult, teen and youth!), initiate and run our many Social Action projects, and who rally to perform the tasks necessary to provide countless events and programs. The Hebrew word mitzvah conveys a sense of sacred responsibility. Our volunteers give of their time, energy, and enthusiasm as sacred acts of loving devotion to Jews and Judaism. Their spirit is the very heart of our ideals.

I pray you’ll compile your own list for giving thanks---and let each and everyone know how much you genuinely appreciate them.

Now, THAT’s a Thanksgiving!

From Rabbi Rick Rheins

A Time to Give Thanks

Bible, Beers & Brotherhood

Men Talking Torah with Rabbi Rheins
Wednesday, November 16
6:00 p.m. at Darcy’s Pub

Darcy’s Pub in the DTC (S. Ulster St. between Union and Bellevue) No RSVP Needed!
Pink Shabbat!
Friday, November 4 at 7:00 p.m.
Temple Sinai will once again proudly hold a special Pink Shabbat service. This moving and important Shabbat is an initiative of JEWISHcolorado and Sharsheret, a national not-for-profit organization supporting Jewish women and their families facing breast and ovarian cancer. The purpose is to raise awareness and provide resources to community members facing these cancers.

This year some Temple Sinai members will share their heroic message. We will recognize all those who have battled and are battling these cancers along with their loved ones. It is a moving service for all.

Note that many other congregations will be observing Pink Shabbat on November 11. Temple Sinai’s service is on November 4 in order to accommodate our Veterans Day program on November 11.

Veterans Day Shabbat Service
Honoring our Veterans, Police Officers, Fire Fighters and First Responders!
Friday, November 11 at 7:00 p.m.
Veterans Day is November 11 and once again, Temple Sinai will honor our many members who have served this country, defending our nation, defending our freedoms and protecting our lives. This year, we will call up for special recognition all those who are veterans of the United States Armed Forces, as well as those who are or who have served our community as police officers, fire fighters and first responders.

In anticipation of this wonderful Shabbat service, if you are among those who have served or are serving this nation in any of those capacities, please let us know by calling the Temple Sinai office. You deserve our heartfelt expressions of appreciation!

Healing Service
Thursday, November 17 at 11:00 a.m.
For our Healing Service, we gather together in the sacred space of the Abrahams Family Chapel for prayers, meditations and the warm embrace of friends to renew our sense of hope, strength and healing.

The Healing Service is for those who are struggling with their health, 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. Be sure to let them know that they are in all of our thoughts and prayers.

SHABBAT WITH RABBI ZWERIN
Friday, December 2 at 7:00 p.m.
Coinciding with Temple Sinai’s 50th anniversary, year we have the tremendous joy of celebrating the 80th birthday of Rabbi Raymond Zwerin, the man who founded Temple Sinai.

Highlights of this service will be the prayers and liturgy that we’ll use from the original Union Prayer Book and the later Gates of Prayer. Music from that era will lift our spirits and kindle the fond memories of yesteryear. Of course, we are all looking forward to hearing Rabbi Zwerin’s birthday message and inspiring thoughts.

49th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
with our friends at First Plymouth
Sunday, November 20 at 7:00 p.m.
at First Plymouth

Forty-nine 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 four 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 and musical 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 First Plymouth. 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.
Welcome New Members!

Rachel Krichevsky
Rebecca Krichevsky
Dorothy & Ira Speir, Allison (14), Julie (12)
Karen Hagler
Myron Goldstein
Esther Kirsch
Dana & Mark Schwartz
Cheryl Brodzinsky & Sean Fritz
Jennifer & Micah Goldberg, Jacob (5)
Janet Tamaren & Jeff Davidson
Beth & Nathaniel Hicks, Hunter (1)

LUNCH & LEARN
Thursdays, Noon to 1:00 p.m.
November 3, 10, 17
Note that we will not have L&L on Nov. 24
COME TO LEARN, DISCUSS, DEBATE, AND MEET FRIENDS
We’ll review ethical & moral issues in selected Jewish texts
• Discuss hot current topics
• Debate the important issues of the day
• Bring your Lunch! We will serve the Text and Topics!
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!

Does Your Child Turn 13 in 2018?

Don’t Worry! Some B’nei Mitzvah 2018 dates are still available!

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 50 students become Bar or Bat Mitzvah at Temple Sinai. The 2018 B’nei Mitzvah service schedule is filling up quickly! Still, we’ll always do our best to find room for your child!

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.

If you have a child who will turn 13 (or older) in 2018 and you do not yet have a reserved 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.

B’nei Mitzvah 2019 Dates
Selection Meeting
Sunday, November 6
at 11:00 a.m.

This meeting is for families with children who will turn 13 and become Bar/Bat Mitzvah in the year 2019. This is an essential meeting for the 2019 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.
As your President, let me again wish all of you and your families a very Happy New Year! May 5777 be filled with the sweetness of joy, good health, happiness and peace.

Thank you to the clergy, staff, choir and lay volunteers that made the High Holy Days so very meaningful. Your dedication, commitment, and sincere efforts are greatly appreciated.

We are thrilled with the support received for the food drive, children's clothes drive and the diaper and wipes collection. Your generous gift of giving is helping to improve many lives. We are truly blessed that this act of kindness and generosity - Tzedakah was our first Mitzvah of the New Year.

It gives me great pleasure to "Chai Light" the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees for 2016-17. This committee is engaged and understands the importance of his or her role as a leader of the Temple.

Wendy Vean, President Retired retail executive. I have two children, a daughter Stephanie (Avram) and Matthew (Mary) and one grandson, Harrison. I have been a member of Temple Sinai for 43 years. This is my second year serving as your proud President!

Susan Epstein, Past President Attorney/mediator for health care issues. She and her husband Joe have a daughter Samara and two grandsons, Justin and David. The Epstein's have been members for 36 years.

Larry Jacobson, Vice President Larry is an attorney and a real estate developer. He is the father to Chelsea and Jamie. He has been a member of our Temple for 23 years.

Gordan Post, Vice President He and his wife Bonnie are parents to Max and Zac. Gordan, CFP, is Sr. Portfolio Manager, CoBiz Private Client Advisors. His family has been members of Temple Sinai for 14 years.

Joshua Zucker, Vice President Josh is a Nurse Practitioner with Kaiser Permanente Complex Care Home Rounding, providing primary care to the frail elderly who cannot come to a clinic. He and his wife Shanah have three children, Rena, Ailiana and Micah. The Zucker's have been Temple Sinai members for 11 years.

Karen Kaplan, Secretary Karen served on the Littleton Board of Education, was elected to the Colorado Association of School Boards, and worked as an educational consultant. She and her husband Mike have three children: Alisa, Steve and Todd (Delia) and one grandson, Max. They have been members of Temple for 42 years.

Frank Urman, Treasurer Insurance, Employee Benefits for 38 years. Frank and his wife Evelinda have three children: Ilana, Max and Dani. All three children are in College-hats off to Frank and Evelinda! They have been Temple members for 31 years.

Our Executive Committee is engaged and understands the importance of his or her role as a leader of the Temple. They are a delight to work with as is our Board of Trustees. I plan on introducing the Board over the next several months.

I would like to wish the entire Temple Sinai family a wonderful, warm and peaceful Thanksgiving. It is not what we say about our blessings but how we use them!

L'Shalom,

Wendy

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In Memoriam

Scott Nadel, Brother of Peter (Sally) Nadel, Uncle of Jeffrey & Matthew Nadel

Olivia Torres, Mother of Mary (Steve) Gilbert

Patrick Chandler Zimmermann, Cousin of Debbie (Glen) Hostetler

Dr. Gary Milzer, Brother of Karen (Alan) Stein

Bernard Witkin, husband of Sharon Witkin, Father of Susan (Jon) Tandler and Andrea (David) Tenenbaum, Mitchell Witkin and RaeAnn (Rabbi Harry) Brechner; and Grandfather of Ari & Talia Tandler, Adar & Daveed Brechner and Madelyn & Lea Tenenbaum.
Kayla Susana Adler  
**November 5**  
Kayla is the daughter of Aron and Jessica Adler and the sister of Caden (12 weeks). She is a student at Excel Academy and her hobbies include gymnastics, cooking and baking, spending time with family and friends, snowboarding and loves animals, especially giraffes. For her Mitzvah Project, Kayla started her own organization called A Golden Wish and plans on choosing two or three organizations every year to collect donations. This year she has chosen Children’s Hospital. Check out agoldenwish.org for more information.

Alex, Mikayla and Liam Knott  
**November 5**  
Alex, Liam and Mikayla Knot are the children of Cherryl and Greg Knott. They are triplets born on 10/1/2003. They attend Campus Middle School. Alex enjoys sports and computer gaming. Liam enjoys sports, science and inventions. Mikayla enjoys softball and TV. All three like hanging out with friends! For their Mitzvah Project, they are giving time to help at two facilities of the Colorado Wolf and Wildlife Rescue and Denver Dumb Friends League. They are also collecting items from their wish lists. They want to bring attention to the needs of all animals and fulfill our duty to help them.

Rachel Eliana Skolnick  
**November 12**  
Rachel is the daughter of Sharon and Jeff Skolnick and has four older siblings Jordan, Eric, Laura and Stephanie. She is a Principles Honor Roll student (4.0) at Sagewood Middle School currently in 8th grade and enjoys skiing, playing basketball and participating in most other sports as well as being a 2nd degree black belt/instructor in TaeKwonDo. For Rachel’s Mitzvah Project she likes to help the Parker Task Force by collecting food and donations for less fortunate people.

Madeline Elaine Miller  
**November 12**  
Madeline is the daughter of Gregg and Denise Miller and the sister of Colette Vivial Miller (11). She is a student at Campus Middle School and enjoys Destination Imagination, acting, writing, skiing, reading, musical theater, rock climbing and hiking. For her Mitzvah Project, Madeline is volunteering for DMK Rehoming, a no kill dog shelter, by working at their kennel and helping out at adoption events.

Campbell Keimig  
**November 19**  
Campbell is the daughter of Elizabeth & Howard Keimig and has two adult sisters living in Denmark. She is a student at Laredo Middle School and enjoys competitive cheer and is on two teams at United Elite Cheer. She plays violin and sings in the school choir called “Street Singers.” For her Mitzvah Project, Campbell is supporting No Kid Hungry which works to make sure all children in the United States have access to nutritious meals.
Open rehearsals are final rehearsals conducted by the Colorado Symphony Orchestra Conductor. With the dynamic presence of Canadian conductor and Denver perennial favorite Peter Oundjian at the helm, soloist and Colorado Symphony Principal Cellist Silver Ainomäe offers a tour de force that is Dmitri Shostakovich’s Cello Concerto No. The powerhouse piece offers Ainomäe a perfect platform for big and brash virtuosic strokes.

The concert concludes with Béla Bartók’s Concerto for Orchestra, the five movement piece known as the Hungarian composer’s most accessible—and most popular work. The shimmering opening clashes with the fiery finale, make for a truly awe-inspiring performance.

Please RSVP by November 11 to Lisa Thorner at 303-759-1827 or lisa@sinaidenver.org.

Denver Performing Arts Complex
1000 14th Street, #15, Denver, CO 80202
Cost: $7.00 per person. We will plan to carpool.

NEW YORK NEW YEAR’S EVE
CHANUKAH BASH
Save-the-Date!! December 31 at 6:30 p.m.
Join us for a fun evening to celebrate Chanukah and the New Year New York Style. We will celebrate the last night of Chanukah and the New Year. We will have food, entertainment and many other activities to celebrate. Watch for more information.

FROM ARGENTINA, WITH LOVE
Saturday, February 11 at 7:00 p.m.
Join us for a very special concert with Argentinian Cantors Diego Rubinsztein and Ines Kapus. Their beautiful harmonies and Latin rhythms are not to be missed! Cabaret-style evening with wine and desserts.

Once Upon a Time...
TEMPLE SINAI’S 2017 ANNUAL EVENT AND 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
Saturday, April 29
It will be a truly magical evening as we celebrate Temple Sinai’s first 50 years. We are proud and excited to be honoring Temple Sinai’s First Families:

RABBI RAYMOND & RIKKI ZWERIN,
HOWARD & DONNA LUTZ,
CHUCK SHOM AND ABE WAGNER

We would love to have your help as we prepare for an evening unlike anything we have had before. Contact Lisa Thorner at lisa@sinaidenver.org or 303-759-1827.
Adult Education Opportunities

Sinai Sundays
Sinai Sundays begin in November!

You Be the Judge! Jewish Law and Rabbinic Decision Making: A Participation in the Art of Responsa - Rabbi Rick Rheins

The heart of modern Judaism is found in the embrace of hard questions and our process of gathering different explanations and perspectives to guide us toward wise and just actions. The questions are called she’elot. The attempts to find suitable responses to those questions are called teshuvot. Accordingly, the popular term for this process is responsa. The accepted responses form the basis of halakhah, "Jewish law and practice."

Rabbinic literature is dominated by she’elot u’teshuvot as every community throughout every generation has sought to better understand how best to live our lives in accordance to the sacred values and principles of Judaism. Each branch of Judaism, Orthodox, Reform and Conservative, has its own extensive library of responsa. Unfortunately, this rich treasure of questions, challenges, perspectives and responses is deemed by many to be too intimidating to explore. Thankfully, new publications are now available to make this essential Jewish experience available and accessible to all! Most significantly, the Reform Movement’s Responsa Committee has published two new volumes of its deliberations.

For over 25 years Rabbi Rick Rheins has been either a voting member or a corresponding member of the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) Responsa Committee. He is also the Vice President of the Freehof Institute of Progressive Halakhah. In this year’s Sinai Sundays class, he will guide the class through selected responsa using the CCAR: Reform Responsa for the 21st Century.

The class will be designed so that each participant will be given the background information to actively engage in wrestling with the issues and questions. In this class, you will be like one of the Rabbis who help form the appropriate responses!

The class fee includes a copy of Volume One of Reform Responsa for the 21st Century.

November 6, 20; December 4, 11; January 8, 22, 29; February 12, 26; March 5
9:00-10:20 a.m.

Learn the Hebrew Aleph-Bet and Hebrew Prayer Skills - Rabbi Susan Rheins

This class will be a three-week intensive “Learn the Hebrew Aleph-Bet,” followed by a 3-week “Hebrew Prayer Skills” course. We will be using the book Learn the Hebrew Aleph-Bet by Paul M. Yedwab with Howard I. Bogot. In addition, each student will need to own a copy of Mishkan T’fillah.

November 13; December 11; January 8, 22, 29; February 12; (March 5 - make-up)
10:30-11:30 a.m.

Samuel I: Israel’s Kingdom Begins - Rabbi Raymond Zwerin

Samuel I is the third book of history, following Joshua and Judges in Tanach. It is presented as two books, but in truth is one continuous narrative with Samuel II. This first book is especially interesting because it depicts the beginning of the monarchy. Saul, the first king of a fractious people, is chosen out of spite by Samuel the prophet-king maker. Saul sits upon an uneasy throne. A young David enters the picture and Saul, feeling increasingly threatened attempts to kill him.

Here are wandering bands of prophets on hallucinogenic drugs, a giant felled by a smooth stone, best friends conspiring against a king, daring escape scenes worthy of Hollywood, awesome battles, political deceit, outrageous adultery, "dirty dancing," a conjuring witch, and a whole lot more. Concerning love, hate, power, and politics the book of Samuel shows us how very little things have changed in 3000 years.

November 13, 20; December 4, 11; January 8, 22, 29
10:30-11:50 a.m.

Conversational Hebrew and Beginning Hebrew - Nevet Montgomery

Call for more information.

$72.00 per class. For more information, contact Lisa Thorner at 303-759-1827 or lisa@sinaidenver.org, or sign up on-line at www.sinaidenver.org/sinaisundays.
Lifelong Jewish Learning kicked off its fall semester on October 19. All programs are held from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. and are free and open to the public.

November 2 - Stories on Stage - The King of Norway by Amos Oz and Elvis, Axl and Me by Janice Eidus
Join us for a return engagement by our favorite storytellers, performing two short stories by Jewish authors. A lively discussion of the stories will follow.

November 16 – (Co-Sponsored by Mental Wellness Matters) – Speaker Andrew Romanoff, Former Speaker of the Colorado House and President/CEO of Mental Health Colorado Discusses Mental Health: A Fight We Can Win
Every year more than one million Coloradans experience a mental health or substance use disorder. How do we make our state a leader in treating and preventing these illnesses? Join Romanoff, as he leads a discussion on the benefits of early intervention and the price of inaction. Mental Health Colorado is the state’s leading advocate for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of mental health and substance use disorders.

November 30 – Visiting Speaker Daniella Ponter From Zimbabwe Will Discuss the History and Contribution of Jews in Africa
Daniella Ponter, a resident of Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe will discuss the current state of affairs for the Jews and African society, including the economy, politics, freedom of speech, to name a few. Ponter’s grandfather was the first Jewish mayor of Salisbury in Rhodesia, before it became Zimbabwe. Ponter’s family owns one of the top safari/tour companies. She will discuss new and exciting African Jewish Heritage Tours of the area for those who are interested.

December 14 – “Deli Man” Documentary Film at Temple Sinai
Erik Greenberg Anjou’s documentary Deli Man profiles third-generation delicatessen man Ziggy Gruber, the owner and proprietor of the top-rated Kenny & Ziggy’s in Houston. The filmmakers explore how the traditional foods he serves, such as blintzes and corned-beef sandwiches, help keep Jewish heritage alive and well. The film will be shown at the Temple from 6:15-8:00 p.m. (Note the earlier start time)

Reservations are limited. Must RSVP to Lisa Thorner at lisa@sinaidenver.org or 303-759-1827.

In keeping with the movie, the Bagel Deli will provide boxed dinners for a nominal fee. The optional dinner will be provided at 5:30 p.m. Look for additional information.

MENTAL WELLNESS MATTERS

Going To Extremes: A Discussion About Children and Bipolar Disorder
December 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Is This You?
- Your everyday life seems different and much more difficult than that of your friends with children the same age.
- You own shelves full of parenting books about techniques that were ineffective for your child.
- Your child’s problem behaviors may be similar to those of other children, but they are more intense, last longer, and are harder or impossible to control.
- You feel like your family life is out of control. Your child’s moods and behaviors dictate family activities and determine the atmosphere of your home.
- Intellectually you know you are a good parent, but you are beginning to feel like a failure.
- Your child’s behavior is at its worst when he’s with you.
- Your child is fine all day at school, but the minute she sees you, he/she falls apart.
- You’re nervous about sending your child to friends’ homes because his behavior is so unpredictable.

Join us for an informative and interactive conversation with Cindy Singer and Sheryl Gurrentz, authors of the award-winning book, If Your Child Is Bipolar.
Making Your Donations
A Reflection of What’s Important To You

Whether you are making a donation in honor of a simchah or in memory of a loved one, the opportunity to add even more meaning to your donation is enhanced with the ability to choose where you would like the funds to be used.

Temple Sinai has funds, called Special Purpose Funds, that have been established over the years either by the Temple or by members or donors. Choosing a fund to direct your donation to lets you reflect your own charitable interests or support programs that resonate with you.

Since the Temple has many Special Purpose Funds, we are highlighting one or two each month and sharing how they are used.

Alan Farber Memorial Camp Scholarship Fund

This fund is brand new and was established by Lori and John Spanbauer in September. The funds are used to help kids attend Jewish summer camp. Families must show a need and will be able to apply for the funds and awards will be granted up to 80% of a two-week session of camp.

DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

Rabbi Richard Rheins
Rabbi Susan Rheins
Rabbi Raymond Zwerin
Cantor Sheila Nesis

The Rabbinic and Cantor’s Discretionary Funds are used to help needy Temple Sinai families and members in respectful confidence. They also help to support important Jewish causes and to fund special Sinai events and programs. Know that your precious act of tzedakah to the clergy Discretionary funds brings help to the lives of others and strengthens the Jewish community.

Donations can be made on our website at anytime. If you have questions about any of our funds, please contact Amy Becker at amy@sinaidenver.org or 303-759-1827.

Todah Rabbah!

to Mike Korn for helping with the shred-a-thon.
to Ben Eber for showing the Preschool kids the shofar and blowing the shofar in our classrooms.
to Milt Brandwein for coming to read with our Pre-K classrooms.
to Nancy Marino for donating the beautiful mums for our gardens and helping the children plant them.
to the Oy Vey 5K Committee: Jennifer Feingold, Chair, David Frieder, Stephanie Gaswirth, Marnie Kamensky, Sandy Korn and Jenna Smith. We would also like to thank the many volunteers that helped set up and those who worked the day of the event.
to the awesome team who helped set up chairs and the stage for the High Holy Days:
Clint Burnette, Jack Cohen, Ralph Powell, Jeff Becker, Corey Becker, Chelsea Becker and Ted Meyer
to our fabulous security and ushering teams led by Jeff Weinberg and Josh Zucker
to Ralph Powell and Shirley Beer Powell for delivering the break the fast sweets and the sisterhood for providing the sweets
to Ray Smith for organizing our greeters for the High Holy Days
to Wendy Vean for delivering the High Holy Day announcements.

Mazal Tov!

to our Director of Religious School Education Michelle Schwartz, MARE, RJE on her new official title, RJE (Reform Jewish Educator)!
Prechool News
Debbie Kohn
Preschool Director

Temple Sinai Preschool Proud! Check out these great pictures of our Preschool Children and Staff wearing their Sinai Swag!

From Michelle Schwartz, MARE
Director of Religious School Education

This year in Religious School, we have decided to focus on three main concepts. We are working with all of our students on comparing and contrasting the concepts of Mitzvot (commandments), Tikkun Olam (repairing the world) and Tzedakah (justice). We have already begun exploring these themes with our students by collecting Tzedakah in class each time we meet, and learning about the Mitzvot connected to the holidays we have been celebrating.

In order to help us in teaching about Tikkun Olam, we have started a new tradition in conjunction with the Preschool. In each classroom, we have placed a tree on the wall that is their Tikkun Olam tree. During class, both in Preschool and Religious School, we invite the students to share something they have done in the last week to assist in repairing the world. The leaves are hung on the tree and read for each class to see all the amazing things our students do to make our world a better place. To repair something means to fix it or to make it work just a little bit better. We fix the world so that all people can be a little bit happier, a little bit more friendly and have a little bit easier time being part of the world.

It is the job of everyone to do what they can to make sure no one is sad, lonely or treated badly. It is up to all of us to give everyone a chance to be loved, to have friends and family, to have a place to play, to pray and to be safe. That’s how we do our job of Tikkun Olam—repairing the world. We hope you will continue to help your family add leaves to our trees each week.
Youth Group News
Julia Teitell
Director of Youth Engagement

**TSYG (9th-12th Grade)**
**TSYG’s 28th Annual Bowl-A-Thon**
**Saturday, November 19-20**
It’s that time of year again! Join us for our annual fundraiser for Camp Rainbow. Camp Rainbow is a camp from kids with cancer and other blood related diseases in St Louis and has been our mitzvah project for over 20 years!

**Regional Events**
**Western Fall Chavurah**
**November 11-13**
Join us for the first Missouri Valley Chavurah of the year in Overland Park, Kansas!

**JYG (6th-8th Grade)**
**Bowling with JYG**
**Saturday, November 19**
Join JYG for a fun afternoon of bowling!

**Leadership Opportunities!**
**Wednesday, November 2**
5:00 pm-6:00 pm
We will be starting a JYG Leadership Committee! If your teen is interested in taking a leadership role (planning events, getting people involved, learning new leadership skills, etc.) in the Fall or Spring, please send Julia an email with your child’s name and grade!

**Ruach (3rd-5th Grade)**
**Exploring Space**
**Sunday, November 20**
Our kiddos will be going on a hands-on and minds-on adventure through the solar system!

**Meretz (K-2nd Grade)**
**Exploring Space**
**Sunday, November 20**
Our kiddos will be going on a hands-on and minds-on adventure through the solar system!

**PIZZA IN THE LOUNGE**
4th-12th graders, come hang out, eat dinner, catch up with friends and play in the Youth Lounge from 5:15-6:00 p.m. The cost is only $5! Buy a Pizza Punch Card at www.sinaidenver.org/pizza and get one night FREE!
Fall Semester Dates: : 11/09, 12/14

**Tal Deutsch**
Hey, I’m Tal your new JEWISHcolorado Shinshin at Sinai! I’m 18. I live in Israel in Midreshet Ben Gurion. I just graduated from the Environmental High school at Ramat HaNegev (Colorado’s partnership region in Israel). I have two lovely younger brothers and one younger sister, whom I love very much. I love nature and hiking. I enjoy music and used to sing in a Jazz band called “Jazzert.” I also love baking — so, if you’re making a special dessert, don’t forget to invite me! I love art and am happy when painting, drawing, and knitting. I loved being active in my school and was very involved in various programs. I was also involved in my youth movement and was a volunteer counselor.

In Hebrew, Shinshin is the abbreviated way to say “service year.” Teens that graduated from high school are able to choose to volunteer an extra year before the army to give back to the community. In the Shinshin program run by the Jewish Agency, 110 teen emissaries came to North America for a one-year volunteering period. We are placed all around the world.

I chose to postpone my army service for a year and take this year to focus on giving to my country without any distractions. I want to give people a real face to see when they think about Israel. I want to give them the perspective of Israel as home, because Israel is my home in every sense. I also believe that the connection between me and you, the people on the other side of the world, is amazing. Our connection and peoplehood and the fact that it’s built on history and culture is incredible. I wish to be part of this connection.

While I’m here, I will be living with host families (let me know if you’re interested in hosting one of us). I will be working at DJDS, HEA, Temple Emanuel, Jewish Student Connection Clubs, NFTY, BBYO, and, of course, with you at Temple Sinai! I will be running Israel engagement and education programs and joining teen activities as an Israeli participant to get to know as many teens and kids as possible. Already, I’ve received a very warm welcome and I am hoping to build connections with the people of Colorado as much as possible.
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Alan Farber Memorial Camp Scholarship Fund
In Honor of
John Spanbauer Marci Roper

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Our Mah Jongg Group - Happy New Year! Stephen & Susan Briss Foley
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Andrea Jacobs Gary & Lin Sunshine
Marriage of Matt Ball to Giselle Rahn Gary & Lin Sunshine
Birth of Oscar Gray Kelly Gary & Lin Sunshine
Birth of Hugh & Marcia Miles’ first grandchild, Samuel Harrison Levin Gary & Lin Sunshine
Andrea Jacobs receiving three first-place writing awards from the American Jewish Press Dr. Jean Guthery

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In Honor of
Lisa Guthery Hoffman receiving her MSW from Smith College

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In Honor of
Rosalyn Leva’s dedication and perseverance!

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In Memory of
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Danny Cramer

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In Memory of
Ben Reiff
Samuel Pariss
Louis & Lilian Goldman

We Care Social Action Fund
In Memory of
Marcia Montgomery
I. Bernard Munishor

Thank You
Chavurah Shalom
Beatrice Botkin
Phyllis Goodman
Dr. Starr & Meryl Leva

Join Rabbi Rick & Susan Rheins & Temple Sinai on an adventure to Israel June 13 - 25, 2017

Almost Sold Out — Register Today!

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From Rabbi Susan...
This Year in Jerusalem!
Join Rick, me and other Temple Sinai members as we explore sacred places that glow with inspiring spirituality, as we uncover historic sites where our ancestors lived, and as we encounter vibrant communities that demonstrate the miracle of the modern ingathering of Jews from all over the world. Enjoy the sights, sounds, tastes and views of the Land of Israel. Enrich your connection to God, Torah and the people of the State of Israel!

Please contact me at rabbisusan@sinaidenver.org if you have any questions about the 2017 Temple Sinai Israel Adventure. Rick and I will consider it a great honor to explore and enjoy Israel together with you.

Rabbi Susan Rheins

Explore the many faces that make up Multicultural Israel: Immerse in Israeli Culture - Art, Food & Wine Engage with the communities of Israel

Register online at: www.ayelet.com/RheinsJune2017.aspx
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**November 2016**

**Shading Indicates High Holy Day Service**

**ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?**

**BRONCOS food truck tailgate**

- Denver Broncos vs Oakland Raiders

**FOOD • FUN • GAMES**

BYOB & LAWN CHAIR - BRING YOUR OWN BEVERAGE - BOTTLED WATER PROVIDED

**Adults 13+ years $18** (includes 3 food truck tickets)

**Kids 6-12 years $12** (includes 2 food truck tickets)

**Kids 3-5 years $6** (includes 1 food truck ticket)

Ex: 1 ticket = 3 street tacos, 1 slice pizza or 1 hamburger, etc.

**RSVP BY NOVEMBER 1**

**WWW.SINAIDENVER.ORG/TAILGATE**

**HELP US MAKE THE WORLD’S BEST BIRTHDAY CARD FOR RABBI ZWERIN!**

For Rabbi Zwerin’s 80th, we want to show him just how many people are sending him birthday wishes. We will be putting together all of the messages into a special keepsake. Send us your name(s) and a short message to be included. There is no charge to submit your message, but we will be accepting donations to put towards a large brick in honor of Rabbi Zwerin as part of our Brick-by-Brick Project.

To submit your message, go to sinaidenver.org/rabbisbirthday.

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**Current Fundraising Opportunities**

**Entertainment Books**
Temple Sinai is selling the 2017 Entertainment Books for $30.00. Get thousands of money-saving coupons around the greater Denver area! It is the most convenient way to get 2-for-1 and up to 50% off discounts and coupons. Save locally and when traveling. Over 75,000 coupons are available nationwide. Get exclusive savings for the things you love – restaurants, movie tickets, golf, zoos, skiing, shopping, travel & more. To order a book, contact Lisa Thorner at lisa@sinaidenver.org.

**Waterway Carwash**
Temple Sinai is pairing with Waterway Carwash. 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 Carwash in Colorado and never expires. Contact the main office at (303) 759-1827 or lisa@sinaidenver.org to purchase your car wash certificate or for additional information.

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

Temple Sinai has installed the second phase of bricks outside our main door. This is a continuous project that will take place until the outside area is filled. If you would like to purchase a brick, go to sinaidenver.org/brick-by-brick, or call the Temple Office to obtain a form. We would like to order our next shipment by the end of November.