KESHER

OCTOBER 2017/TISHREI/CHESHVAN 5778

The Temple Sinai Connection

New Beginnings
5778
Monday, October 2  
Electronic Recycling Fundraiser  
7:00pm IST Meeting

Tuesday, October 3  
Electronic Recycling Fundraiser  
6:30pm Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 4  
Electronic Recycling Fundraiser  
10:00am NCJW Meeting  
6:00pm Erev Sukkot Service  
6:30pm Pizza in the Hut

Thursday, October 5  
Sukkot  
Office & Preschool Closed  
Electronic Recycling Fundraiser  
10:00am Sukkot Morning Service  
12:00pm Lunch & Learn in the Sukkah

Friday, October 6  
Electronic Recycling Fundraiser  
Fall Chavurah  
5:45pm Erev Shabbat Service  
Tot Shabbat  
Experience Shabbat Service  
6:30pm Spaghetti in the Sukkah

Saturday, October 7  
Fall Chavurah  
Electronic Recycling Fundraiser  
8:00am PaRDeS  
9:00am Shabbat Morning Minyan  
10:30am Torah Study  
10:30am Bar Mitzvah, Samuel Humphries

Sunday, October 8  
No Religious School  
Electronic Recycling Fundraiser  
Fall Chavurah  
9:00am Annual Oy Vey 5K

Monday, October 9  
Electronic Recycling Fundraiser

Tuesday, October 10  
Electronic Recycling Fundraiser  
5:30pm NFTY-MV Winter Chavurah Planning Meeting  
7:00pm Habitat Interfaith Alliance Meeting

Wednesday, October 11  
Electronic Recycling Fundraiser  
5:00pm TMG  
5:15pm Pizza in the Lounge  
6:00pm Religious School  
Erev Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah Service  
6:30pm Lifelong Jewish Learning  
7:00pm Erev Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah Celebration

Thursday, October 12  
Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah  
Electronic Recycling Fundraiser  
Office and Preschool Closed  
10:00am Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah Service with Yizkor  
6:30pm Board Meeting

Friday, October 13  
Electronic Recycling Fundraiser  
6:45pm Consecration Pictures  
7:00pm Erev Family Shabbat Service with Consecration

Saturday, October 14  
Electronic Recycling Fundraiser  
9:00am Shabbat Morning Minyan  
10:30am Torah Study  
5:00pm Bat Mitzvah, Cora Kronberg  
6:00pm Kid's Night Out

Sunday, October 15  
Electronic Recycling Fundraiser  
9:00am Religious School  
Jewish War Veterans Shred-A-Thon Fundraiser  
12:00pm Meretz & Ruach  
JYG Leadership Team Meeting  
1:30pm JYG - NFTY 678

Wednesday, October 18  
6:00pm Religious School  
Bible, Beers & Brotherhood

Thursday, October 19  
11:00am Healing Service  
11:30am BabiesNow! Meeting  
12:00pm Lunch & Learn  
7:15pm ITJ Program

Friday, October 20  
7:00pm Erev Shabbat/Pink Shabbat Service

Saturday, October 21  
8:00am PaRDeS  
9:00am Shabbat Morning Minyan  
10:30am Torah Study  
Bat Mitzvah, Audrey Yakubovich  
4:30pm Bar Mitzvah, Daniel Mankin

Sunday, October 22  
No Religious School - Fall Break  
9:00am Sinai Sunday with Rabbi Rick Rheins  
12:00pm Meretz & Ruach  
2:00pm JYG-NFTY 6th, 7th & 8th Grades

Tuesday, October 24  
7:00pm Refugee Response Meeting

Wednesday, October 25  
No Religious School - Fall Break  
11:00am Book Club  
6:30pm Lifelong Jewish Learning
OCTOBER CALENDAR CONTINUED

Thursday, October 26
12:00pm  Lunch & Learn with Israeli Emissary Osnat Fox
7:15pm    ITJ Program

Friday, October 27
7:00pm   Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, October 28
9:00am   Shabbat Morning Minyan
10:30am  Torah Study

Sunday, October 29
9:00am  Religious School
12:15pm  Rosh Chodesh

Sinai 55+ Social Connections Group
Our next Sinai 55+ Get Together:
Jax Fish House
650 S. Colorado Blvd - Denver
October 17, 6:30pm
If you are interested in joining our fabulous social group for dinner, please contact Gayle Glucksman at 303.908.0455

Thanksgiving Baskets
It’s that time of year again! Temple Sinai members are invited to participate in our annual Thanksgiving basket project. This year we hope to provide 40 baskets to the families of students from Aurora West College Preparatory Academy.

A contribution of $36 pays for a deluxe basket that includes a frozen turkey, canned yams, stuffing mix, cranberries, carrots, potatoes, onions, green beans, pumpkin pie, and more!

Please contact Linda Stein, lindajstein@comcast.net, for more information.

Save the Date
November 3, 7:00pm
Campfire Shabbat

IMPORTANT KESHER NEWS
Beginning January 1, 2018, if you have not notified the Temple office that you would prefer to receive the Kesher in the mail, you will only receive it electronically.

Call or email Brandy Conner at 303.759.1827 or brandy@sinaidenver.org with your mailing preference.

The Holocaust by Bullets

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October 16  December 10

L O C A T I O N
Temple Sinai
3509 S Glencoe St, Denver, CO 80237; (303) 759-1827

Make all your appointments at: www.sinaidenver.org
Internationally Acclaimed Holocaust Exhibit at Temple Sinai
Holocaust by Bullets
October 16 - December 10, 2017

In keeping with Temple Sinai’s legacy as being a leader in Jewish education, we are proud to be the exclusive host of the acclaimed Holocaust By Bullets exhibit. This important educational experience highlights the work of Yahad in Unum (www.yahadinunum.org). High Schools and Universities, Church groups and Synagogues, and educational organizations from around the region will come to Temple Sinai to see this groundbreaking exhibit.

Many of you are well aware of Yahad in Unum because you came to hear its founder, Father Patrick Desbois, at his previous visit to Temple Sinai. Others have seen his profile on 60 Minutes. Go to the below link to view his profile: cbsnews.com/news/hidden-holocaust-60-minutes

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

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

Yahad has also begun to harness its considerable forensic skills to document more current crimes against humanity, such as the ISIS assault on the Yazidis of Iraq. While outside groups will need to register for the Holocaust By Bullets exhibit, it conveniently will be open to Temple Sinai members whenever you are here.

We all owe Sinai member Sam Jonas and Religious School teacher Todd Hennessy a great debt of gratitude for their tireless efforts to bring this exhibit to Temple Sinai and to organize Father Desbois’s address at Sinai on Sunday, November 5 at 5:30pm. Sponsorship opportunities are still available and the proceeds will help YIU continue their research. To help, please contact Sam Jonas at sam@5604llc.com.

To register to see the exhibit please sign-up at: http://www.sinaidenver.org/holocaustbybullets

To sign up to be a volunteer docent, please contact Todd Hennessy at tphennessey@hotmail.com or 720-210-4374

B’vakha,
Rabbi Rick Rheins

SAVE THE DATE
Scholar in Residence, January 5-7, 2018

Dr. Mark Washofsky is the Solomon B. Freehof Professor of Jewish Law at Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati. He specializes in the literature of Jewish law (halakhah) and the application of legal theory to the understanding of the Jewish legal process. His publications deal with such subjects as the history of the halakhah, the nature of rabbinical decision making, and issues of medical ethics in Jewish law. From 1996-2017 he served as chair of the Responsa Committee of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, which issues advisory opinions on questions of Jewish practice. He is the author of Jewish Living: A Guide to Contemporary Reform Practice and of Reform Responsa for the Twenty-First Century, the latest printed collection of Reform Responsa. For additional information, contact Lisa Thorner at lisa@sinaidenver.org or 303.759.1827.
SUKKOT

Wednesday, October 4, 6:00pm - Sukkot Festival Service followed by Pizza in the Hut (approximately 6:30pm)

Thursday, October 5, 10:00am - Sukkot Festival Service followed by Lunch & Learn in the Sukkah

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SHEMINI ATZERET - SIMCHAT TORAH

Wednesday, October 11 at 6:00pm with a service and 7:00pm with our joyous Torah celebration!
(and continues the next morning with)
Thursday, October 12 at 10:00am with Yizkor and Shemini Atzeret

On Shemini Atzeret-Simchat Torah we celebrate the conclusion of Sukkot and yearly cycle of Torah readings. It is a chance to dance with the Torah scrolls, sing uplifting songs, and rejoice in the heritage of learning and teaching that is the hallmark of our faith. The celebration of Shemini Atzeret-Simchat Torah begins on Wednesday, October 11 at 6:00pm in the Abrahams Family Chapel with a Festival service and traditional Torah reading from the concluding passage of Deuteronomy and the opening chapter of Genesis.

At 7:00pm we will have our annual exuberant celebration with songs and dancing. We’ll also unroll a Torah scroll so that it extends from one end of the Zwerin Sanctuary to the other in order that we all will be enveloped in the wisdom of Torah.

Shemini Atzeret-Simchat Torah services continue the next morning, Thursday, October 12 at 10:00am, during which we will observe Yizkor in memory of our deceased loved ones.
Join Us For Family Shabbat Dinner in the Sukkah!

Friday, October 6, 5:45pm - Shabbat Experience & Tot Shabbat Service followed by Family Shabbat Dinner, 6:30pm

Join us on Friday, October 6 for a Family Shabbat Dinner

Spaghetti in the Sukkah

5:45 p.m.
Shabbat Service

6:30 p.m.
Dinner

$6/Children Ages 3-9
$12/Person Ages 10-up

Questions? lisa@sinaidenver.org OR 303-759-1827

Please RSVP By Monday, October 2 by paying online at www.sinaidenver.org/sukkotdinner
Pink Shabbat
Friday, October 20, 7:00pm

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.

This year’s service will feature renowned Colorado author and inspirational speaker Polly Letofsky, who traveled across 4 continents, 22 countries, and over 14,000 miles – by foot – to become the first woman to walk around the world in order to raise awareness about breast cancer. If you would like to read about Polly’s empowering journey, pick up her book, 3MPH: The Adventure of One Woman's Walk Around the World. During the service, we also will recognize all those who have battled and are battling breast cancer or ovarian cancer and recognize their loved ones. It is a moving service for all.

Thursdays, Noon to 1:00pm
October 5, 19, 26
Come to learn, discuss, debate and meet new friends!
We'll review ethical and moral issues in selected Jewish texts
Discuss hot current topics
Debate the important issues of the day
Bring your lunch! We'll serve the Text & Topics!
Note that October 5 will be under the Sukkah!
There will be no Lunch & Learn on October 12 due to Yizkor
On October 26, JEWISHcolorado Shlichah (Israel Emissary) Osnat Fox will lead!

Bible, Beers & Brotherhood

Men Talking Torah with Rabbi Rheins

October 18, 6:00pm at Darcy’s Pub
(in the Denver Tech Center)
No RSVP Needed!
B'nei Mitzvah

B'nei Mitzvah Orientation and Q&A Session
Sunday, November 12
9:00-10:00am
We are offering a general Orientation and Q&A for those families who have a child who will turn 13 in the next year or two. We’ll review the typical timeline for preparation and answer questions about tutoring, rehearsals, onegs, room rentals and much more. Rabbi Rick & Rabbi Susan Rheins and Cantor Nesis will lead the session.

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.

And following the Orientation Q&A, there will be the Dates Selection meeting for 2020 families!

Jewish Interest Free Loans
Jewish Interest Free Loans (JIFLCO) was founded in 2000 and has helped over 400 households find economic relief. To qualify for a JIFLCO loan, you must be Jewish, be a Colorado resident for at least six months and have an income or a plan for repaying the loan. For more details, please call Loretta Cawelti at 303.369.5714.

B'nei Mitzvah 2020 Dates Selection Meeting
Sunday, November 12
10:00-11:00am
We will have a meeting for families with children who will turn 13 and become Bar/Bat Mitzvah in the year 2020. This is an essential meeting for the 2020 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.

* Both meetings will be held in the Zwerin Sanctuary

Jewish War Veterans
Sunday, October 15,
9:00am
Our Guest Speaker will be Sue Parker Gerson, Associate Regional Director of The Anti-Defamation League. She will discuss the rise of anti-Semitic incidents in the Mountain States Region, how ADL evaluates/responds to such incidents, and what everyone can do to address bias and hate. Please join us for our delicious breakfast followed by this important conversation.

Hold the date: upcoming meetings 11/12 and 12/10. For more information call Ruth at 303-955-6974.
Interested in Conversion to Judaism?  
Interested in an excellent refresher on Judaism?  
Sign up for the next Introduction to Judaism course!  
This Fall hosted by Temple Sinai

Whether you or a loved one is interested in becoming Jewish or simply would like an excellent review of Judaism and Jewish culture, we have a perfect class for you! 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 Thursdays from 7:15pm - 9:00pm). Temple Sinai will be the host for the Fall and Winter classes.

This 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 these exceptional 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 either Rabbi Rick or Rabbi Susan Rheins at Temple Sinai. You can also contact Betsy Epel, the Director of the ITJ program, at 303-324-9830 or rmrciti@gmail.com.

Healing Service  
Thursday, October 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 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. And please let the loved ones know that they will be mentioned during our prayers.

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 and their immediate loved ones.

Plots can be purchased for $1,300 per plot and can be paid in full at the time of purchase or paid out over a year's time with a $100 deposit and $60 finance fee per plot. If you are interested in purchasing burial plots in the Temple Sinai section at Mt. Nebo Memorial Park, please contact Jody Meyer at 303.759.1827 or jody@sinaidenver.org.

In Memoriam

Zikhrnam Livrakh,  
may they be remembered for a blessing

Richard I. Reitkopp, Father of Caroline (Peter) Landgraff  
Judy Urman, Mother of Frank (Evelinda) Urman and Ruth (Bob) Leland,  
Grandmother of Ilana, Danielle and Max Urman  
Steven Fishbein, Husband of Goldie Fishbein  
Fred Kaehler, Father of Brian (Karen) Kaehler  
Deloris Messina, Aunt of Sherry (Bruce) Dewald  
Jerry Ward, Uncle of Dr. Leslie (Richard) Isaacs and Dr. Michael (Rachel) Anger  
Helene Rae Rabb, Mother of Paula (Dennis) King

October 25, 2017 at 11:00am

Book: Beneath a Scarlet Sky by Mark T. Sullivan  
Facilitator: Selma Sladek
**SINAI CIRCLE**

*Every Adult Should Have an Estate Plan. Please remember Temple Sinai.*

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

How, then, do we assure that our commitment to Temple Sinai, to Reform Judaism, and to each other -- will continue past tomorrow? How can we assure our children, and their descendants, that their Temple will have the financial strength to endure? Consider this: In our country, most non-profit institutions, if they can, build endowments. In fact, a large portion of U.S. Reform temples, of any significant size, have created and nurture their endowments. This is accomplished by ongoing programs -- relatively low-key, low-pressure -- encouraging congregants, their relatives, and other interested parties to “remember” their endowment in their estate plans.

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

The celebration of the High Holy Days with the children this last month has been filled with excitement and sweetness. Our Preschool year is now in full swing and the children have settled into routines filled with laughter, love, and learning. Our halls, classrooms and bulletin boards are filled with pictures, drawings, and paintings that tell and demonstrate experiences the children and their teachers have each day as they learn together in a loving atmosphere. In our little community, the children are learning to express themselves, collaborate with peers, and investigate their surroundings as they move about their day.
A trip to warm your soul!

Join Cantor Sheila Nesis in Argentina for a Jewish Heritage Trip!

APRIL 10-17, 2018
7 NIGHTS at the 4-star, Recoleta Grand Hotel in Buenos Aires

Explore all that Buenos Aires has to offer by visiting the Civic Center, Opera House (Teatro Colon), Boca Juniors Stadium, while also experiencing the country's rich Jewish culture at the AMIA and Israeli Embassy, as well as a tour of the capture of Adolph Eichmann in Argentina, and much more!

Highlights include: Shabbat Services, tango show and dinner, and an Argentinian cooking class!

Land package per person in double occupancy, based on 25 passengers: $3100

Exciting extended packages to explore Patagonia and Iguazu Falls available.

For more information, contact Cantor Sheila Nesis cantornesis@sinaidenver.org
Temple Sinai Refugee Response
October 24, 7:00pm
(In the Study)

A group of concerned Temple Sinai members has come together to respond to recent developments in our national policy regarding refugees.

Our guest speaker will be Paul Stein, former Director of Refugee Services for the State of Colorado, current interim Executive Director of the Colorado African Organization, and national expert on refugee issues. Paul will discuss ways that our community can get involved with helping current and future refugees living in the Denver Metro area. There will be a wide variety of opportunities presented that hopefully can work for members of all ages. Please join us in getting informed and involved! For more information contact:

Linda Stein: lindajstein@comcast.net
Ken Stern: khstern@comcast.net

In 2014 researches from San Francisco State University discovered that people who spent money on experiences rather than material items were happier and felt the money was better spent. Purchasing material objects fades quickly, but the joy and memories of experiences, from epic adventures to minute encounters, can last a lifetime.

Most people equate large purchases with large amounts of happiness. The thrill of a new pair of shoes or fancy car will soon fade and with the money you spent you could dine out a couple times a week for years in the company of friends and family. Those less intense, but still enjoyable evenings out in the company of loved ones will provide a much longer lasting and more fulfilling happiness than the temporary thrill of a large purchase. Couple this with the Stanford University research that revealed people who have more frequent social interactions live longer, healthier lives and experience less stress, depression and feelings of isolation. So, next time you are thinking about buying a new pair of designer jeans or surround sound system, know that your future happiness is right in front of you— in nature, with friends and most importantly, at Temple Sinai. Happiness can be found at our Campfire Shabbat on November 3 where we will transport you and your children into the wilderness for a Shabbat experience like you have never had before. And perhaps when your children are older, they will reminisce about their happiest moments...with you...at Temple Sinai...singing next to a campfire under the stars in our sky.
You and your family are cordially invited to a Family Shabbat Service like you have never experienced before...

Be prepared to be transported into the wilderness as we share Shabbat around a campfire.

Friday November 3, 2017 at 7pm
Temple Sinai, East Social Hall
Wear your whites and bring a blanket.
OFFICE HOURS:
Two Wednesdays a month, the Youth Lounge will be open from 4:00-6:00pm!
Come hang out, snack, work on homework or just chat with me!
**Fall Semester Dates:** 10/11, 10/18, 11/15, 11/29, 12/13, 12/20

Meretz (K-2nd Grade) & Ruach (3rd-5th Grade)
**Upcoming Programs**
Hawk Quest!
Sunday, October 15
HawkQuest is bringing their birds to us for an interactive, educational experience!

JYG (6th-8th Grade)
**Upcoming Programs**
JYG with NFTY-678 Fall Fest!
Sunday, October 15
Join us and other 6th, 7th, and 8th graders for a fun fall inspired event with pumpkin decorating! We will also have the opportunity to experience the unique Holocaust exhibit housed at Temple Sinai!

TSYG (9th-12th Grade)
**Upcoming Programs**
TSYG @ the Corn Maze!
Saturday, October 14
Join TSYG for a fun fall themed evening at the Corn Maze!

Regional Events
**NFTY-MV Winter Chavurah**
January 12-15
Temple Sinai is so excited to be hosting our 2nd regional event in two years! 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-12th graders, who want a say in in the weekend plans, to join us for the first planning meeting on **October 10th @ 5:30pm**

Winter Chavurah Planning Meetings:
Tuesday, October 10 @ 5:30pm
Thursday, November 9 @ 6:00pm
Wednesday, November 29 @ 5:00pm
Thursday, December 14 @ 6:00pm
Tuesday, December 19 @ 5:30pm
Sunday, January 7 @ 3:30pm
Wednesday, January 10 @ 5:00pm

PARENT VOLUNTEERS
Want to get involved in our Youth Group community? Want to help out with programs or behind the scenes work? Contact Julia Teitell at julia@sinaidenver.org or 303.759.1827

PIZZA IN THE LOUNGE
4th-12th graders, come hang out, eat dinner, catch up with friends and play in the Youth Lounge from 5:15pm - 6:00pm. The cost is only $5! Buy a Pizza Punch Card at sinaidenver.org/pizza and get one night **FREE**!
**Fall Semester Dates:**
10/11, 11/15, 12/13

Leadership Opportunities!
If your teen is interested in taking a leadership role in the Fall/Spring, please send Julia an email with your child’s name/grade!

We will meet on the below dates:
Sunday, October 15 @ 12:00 – 1:30pm
Sunday, November 5 @ 12:00 – 1:30pm
Sunday, January 28 @ 12:00- 1:30pm
Wednesday, February 21 @ 5:00 – 6:00pm
Sunday, March 11@ 12:00 – 1:30pm
Wednesday, April 25 @ 5:00 – 6:00pm

NFTY-MV WINTER CHAVURAH
**Host Families Needed! January 12-15, 2018**
Temple Sinai will be hosting Winter Chavurah. We need host families for our out-of-town guests (three or more teens on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday night). HOST FAMILIES WILL:

- Provide a place for youth to sleep - it’s as easy as some floor space! Please don’t limit the number of kids you can host by the number of beds in your home. Teens will bring sleeping bags and pillows. We ask that adult supervision is present while participants are in your home.
- Provide 3 meals - Breakfast Saturday and Sunday and dinner on Sunday.
- Transport to and from the event for the weekend (drivers must be over 21 and seatbelts are required for all participants)

If you are interested, please contact Julia Teitell at Julia@sinaidenver.org or 303-759-8127
FUNDRAISERS

Entertainment Books
Temple Sinai is selling the 2018 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 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.

Brick Project
It is never too late to remember a loved one or to celebrate a graduation, confirmation, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, a special birthday, or any other milestone. The events that we experience individually are meant to be shared with our Sinai community. Brick by Brick is an ever-evolving commemoration of the special moments and people that shape and influence our lives. If you would like to purchase a brick, please go to http://www.sinaidenver.org/brick-by-brick.html or call the Temple Sinai to obtain a form. This is a continuous project that will take place until the outside area is filled.

Electronic Recycling Fundraiser
October 2 - October 15
Once again, Temple Sinai will host an electronics recycling event to benefit both the environment and Temple Sinai. Drop off your old electronics in the Temple's Main Office or Preschool Office along with your suggested donation of $18.00 and we will take care of the recycling from there! Here is a list of items we can recycle:
Desktops and laptops * LCD monitors * CRT monitors (*$20 per monitor) * LED monitors * Computer peripherals * Copiers * Computer accessories * Computer mice * Keyboards * Printers (*$8 per printer) * Digital cameras * Cell phones * Game consoles * NO TV'S!

Shred-a-Thon Fundraiser
October 15, 9:00am - 12:15pm
Along with our electronic recycling fundraiser, we are once again offering a shredding event. We hope that you can join us for this exciting community-wide event. We are asking for a suggested donation of $18.00.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oy Vey 5K
Sunday, October 8
DeKoevend Park in Littleton

Schedule
9:00am Check-In
9:30am 1K Family Walk/Run
10:00am 5K Race
10:45am Post Race Celebration

Cost
Adults $25
Kids 13-18 $15
Kids 6-12 $10

Pre-Registration
Day of Race
$30
$20
$15

Registration includes a t-shirt. Kids 5 and under are free and can purchase a t-shirt for $5.00. In lieu of Religious School classes, we hope your family will join us. Please meet us at the park. To register, go to SinaiDenver.org/OyVey5k.
ENCORE EVENTS

Balesteri Vineyards
Wednesday, October 18, Transportation will leave the Temple at 11:00am
The group will have lunch, followed by wine tasting and tour of the winery. The cost is $20.00 per person; includes lunch, wine tasting and tour.

Stanley Market Tour
Friday, November 3, 11:00am
Denver is changing day by day. With new neighborhoods, restaurants, and theaters, there are many places to explore. The former Stanley Aviation building is now Stanley Marketplace. Explore this great new place where 50+ Colorado owned businesses are under one roof. We will carpool, have lunch at Rosenberg’s Bagels & Deli, and explore to our.

LIFELONG JEWISH LEARNING

Skip another night of couch-time and join us on for an exciting slate of programs for the fall/winter semester. The programs will be Wednesday evenings, 10/11, 10/25, 11/8, 11/29 and 12/13, 6:30pm - 8:00pm. All programs are free and open to the public.

Date To Be Determined – Welcome back everyone’s favorite actress, Judy Winnick, as she brings to life, Alice Herz-Sommer, a musician who was vital to keeping hope alive at the Terezin Concentration Camp. A reception sponsored by Carol Ungar and Judy Schwartz will follow.

October 25 – What could be a more timely topic than climate change? Rabbi Zwerin and congregant Steve Tick are pleased to introduce one of the foremost climatologist in the world, Dr. Kevin Trenberth. Whether you’re a climate change believer or denier, you won’t want to miss his talk on Climate Change and How the Prospect of Water Issues Will Shape Our Future. Dr. Trenberth is a Distinguished Senior Scientist in the Climate Analysis Section at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder.

November 8 - A very special musical performance by cellist Dr. Ethan Lazarus performing with Carl Algermissen on piano. The duo specializes in the music of Astor Piazzolla, who revolutionized traditional tango into a new style termed nuevo tango, incorporating elements from jazz and classical music. Cantor Sheila Nesis will join them in their performance. A reception will follow. Please RSVP for the event to Lisa Thorsen at the Temple (303) 759-1827.

SINAI SUNDAY (5778) CLASSES

Course 101: Progressive Halakhah, Part II: Jewish Responses to Difficult Issues with Rabbi Rick Rheins
Time: 9:00am - 10:25am    Class Dates: 10/22, 11/5, 11/19, 12/3, 12/17,12/24, 12/31, 1/7, 1/21, 1/28, 2/4
The heart of modern Judaism is found in our candid approach to life’s hard questions. The process of gathering different reasons and perspectives and giving each respectful consideration helps to guide us toward wise and just actions. The accepted responses form the basis of halakhah, “Jewish law and practice.” In this class, participants will review many important ethical and ritual issues facing modern Jews and Judaism. Join us as we wrestle with society’s most vexing issues! The fee includes a copy of Volume Two of Reform Responsa for the 21st Century.

Course 201: Prayerbook Hebrew 1 with Cantor Sheila Nesis
Time: 9:15am - 10:15am    Class Dates: 10/22, 10/29, 11/5, 11/19, 12/3, 12/17
In this “back to basics” class, we will work our way through the Hebrew alphabet, building your Hebrew skills and helping you navigate some of the central pieces of liturgy in our Prayer Book. This class is highly recommended for people interested in Adult B’nei Mitzvah, but in need of the basic Hebrew skills. The textbook is included in the class fee. In addition, the purchase of our Prayer Book, ”Mishkan T’filah,” is recommended.

Course: 301: Prayerbook Hebrew 2 with Rabbi Susan Rheins
Time: 9:00am - 9:45am    Class Dates: 1/14, 1/21, 1/28, 2/4, 2/11, 2/25
In this course, students will hone their Hebrew reading fluency and focus on the vocabulary and meaning of Shabbat evening prayers. This course is required for those enrolled in the Adult B’nai Mitzvah class, it's open to all who are interested in sharpening their Hebrew skills and appreciate of Jewish liturgy. Book: Mishkan T’filah (additional cost)
SINAI SUNDAY (5778) CLASSES CONTINUED

Course 401: Sundays with Samuel II with Rabbi Raymond E. Zwerin  
Time: 10:30am - 12:00pm   Class Dates: 11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 12/3, 12/10, 12/17, 12/24, 12/31 (if necessary)
The book is filled with intrigue, battles against foreign and domestic enemies, challenges over the throne, a prophet who speaks truth to power, vengeance, and more. Ta u'Sh'ma - Come and learn.

Course 501: Modern Israeli Hebrew with Never Montgomery  
Time: 10:45 - 12:00pm, Cost is $36.00   Class Dates: 10/22, 10/29, 11/5, 11/19, 12/3, 12/17, 12/31, 1/7, 1/21, 1/28, 2/4
Learn how to speak to one another with fun idiomatic phrases used in Israel today.

Course 601: Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class with Rabbi Rick Rheins, Rabbi Susan Rheins and Cantor Sheila Nesis  
Class Dates: To Be Determined   Course Fee: $360.00 (Scholarships are available)
If you've never had a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, now is the time! Those who need to learn Hebrew will begin classes in the fall with Sinai Sundays Course 201. Then in January, they will join those who already have basic Hebrew skills by taking Sinai Sundays Course 301. Adults displaying strong Hebrew skills will be exempt and their fees adjusted accordingly.

Classes begin in November. Contact Lisa Thorner at 303-759-1827 or lisa@sinaidenver.org to reserve your spot.

October B'nei Mitzvah

Samuel Humphries  
October 7, 2017
Samuel is the son of Brad & Lisa Humphries and the brother of Sarah (19) and Benjamin (17). He attends Falcon Creek Middle School and enjoys baseball, track, basketball, playing the trumpet and video games. For his Mitzvah project, Samuel is raising funds for CureSearch, a national non-profit whose mission is to end childhood cancer through funding and breaking down barriers, as well as providing resources and education for families.

Dylan Hora  
October 14, 2017
Dylan is the son of Tom & Melanie Hora and brother of Zach (9) and Hailey (9). He attends North Star Academy and enjoys playing the trumpet and video games and spending time with his friends and family.

Cora Kronberg  
October 14, 2017
Cora is the daughter of Aaron & Allie Kronberg and sister of Edith (11), Abe (9), and Blanche (7). She is a student at West Middle School and enjoys dancing, being on the swim team, going to camp, and being with friends.

Audrey Yakubovich  
October 21, 2017
Audrey Yakubovich is the daughter of Alex Yakubovich and Andye Wolff and the sister of Addison (11). She is a student at North Star Academy and enjoys traveling, cooking, baking, playing with her dog, listening to music, drawing, painting and inventing.

Daniel Mankin  
October 21, 2017
Daniel is the son of Galit Mankin. He is a student at Campus Middle School and enjoys playing the clarinet and exploring new technology innovations. For his Mitzvah project, Daniel has collected and donated 350 lbs of rice and 40 lbs of diapers to Jewish Family Service.
A Letter to the Congregation from Marshall Tobin

I am writing this article in order to let congregants know what it is like to be the President of this wonderful Congregation. Whoever takes the job has a good idea of what to expect, because the process allows that to happen. Please understand I am using this format to explain what can occur during any presidential term. This will vary as the wants, needs, & concerns of the Congregation vary. Those changes are what create the dynamic environment that is Temple Sinai.

I know each President takes on the job as an honor and great love for Temple Sinai. Each realizes the task is time consuming with great responsibilities. It is not just shaking hands, having your picture taken, & periodically addressing the Congregation.

I always tell people when I was President, it was during the Clinton administration. Most people had jobs, so finances were not a super concern. Rabbi Zwerin was no where near retiring, we had an associate Rabbi in place, as well as a cantorial soloist. We had a superb Executive Director, with great people heading up the Religious School and Preschool. The office staff was running smoothly.

However, no Presidency ever goes perfectly. The Pitts elementary school needed remodeling to meet our needs. The Board came up with a plan after much discussion that originated during Mel Klein’s administration. Input also came from clergy & staff, which lead to having the office remodeled & the creation of a youth lounge.

We developed a budget and then put the project out for bids. We interviewed both construction companies and architectural firms. After making our choices things should have gone smoothly. WRONG. The construction company we chose came in at almost twice the budgetary amount allotted. It made no sense financially, so I called off the project. This led to the architectural firm threatening to sue us for their plans.

I went to their office with then Vice President, Steve Weinstein, because he is an attorney. After arguing that our budget was out of line with the plans, a solution was finally reached. We let the original construction company go and brought in Lee Mendel, a congregant who owns a construction company. He worked with the architect, modified the plans, and ultimately the project was finished.

During the construction, I attended nineteen meetings per month for Temple Sinai: Board meetings, committee nights, meetings with the Executive Director and also with the Rabbi, as well as remodeling committee. There were also regional meetings with the URJ {Union for Reform Judaism] that occurred quarterly and the Biennial.

Through all of this I was also changing the focus of my business. I was recently married. We had four children in college and two of our daughters were about to get married. To add to the picture, Temple Sinai was changing the Assistant Rabbi. That necessitated interviews in Cincinnati and New York with follow up evaluations and an ultimate selection. Not an easy task. During all of these events, I was blessed with great Boards, wonderful Staff, great Clergy, a wonderful and understanding wife and children, as well as great employees in my business.

Although these happenings were unique to my Presidency, each Board & President has issues that define them. When it all gets said and done, all of these people donate their time and energy because they love Temple Sinai. Looking back through the great times and turmoil, I loved every minute of my Presidency. Thank you Temple Sinai for bestowing the honor of being your President.

Marshall Tobin

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