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## THRIVING TOGETHER IN THE NEW YEAR

It is finally here...2021! With the turning of the calendar, we can put the past year behind us and focus on a new year. Although most would probably just like to forget, 2020 will certainly be remembered as a challenging year to say the least. I hope that we are now finally able to see that light at the end of the tunnel and can return to our somewhat normal lives.

First, I want to thank all of you for your unconditional support over the past six weeks since being promoted to Executive Director. I am humbled by the quantity of emails, phone calls, and letters I have received. 2021 will be an exciting year as we begin a new chapter at Temple Sinai. Be assured that I AM HERE FOR YOU! This community is a second family to me, but most importantly, it is about the relationships we have created together.

As we enter 2021, Temple Sinai faces numerous opportunities and challenges over the days, weeks, and months ahead. My goal is to continue our efforts of building a stronger and more active community. The Temple has so

much to offer. I encourage everyone to get involved, and everyone begins with YOU! We have many programs to plan and school seats to fill in addition to the worship experiences, learning opportunities, lectures and life cycle events to prepare for each day. How will we do all of this? With YOUR help!

I have the good fortune of working with our committed staff that works harder than anyone can imagine. Together, along with our dedicated clergy, Board of Trustees and active lay leaders, we have so many engaging opportunities for everyone to share their time and talents. Anyone who wishes to get involved at Temple Sinai will have that opportunity. Please join us and receive the most of what our Temple has to offer.

I want to wish each one of you a happy and healthy 2021. I hope that we can all be together in person very soon!

*Lisa*



Rabbi  
Rick Rheins

# THE FACE OF THE DIVINE

The stories and teachings of the Baal Shem Tov (*Besht*, 1700-1760 Poland) continue to inspire us centuries after his passing. As we begin the New Year 2021, there is one of his lessons that I believe will help us recover from the oppressive pandemic that has plagued us. It is a lesson that contains the promise of transformation and renewal. Don't worry, this is not another New Year's pitch about changing our behavior and diet. Let's face it, with most of the gyms still closed (well, at least as of this writing, December 2020) and travel and outdoors activities still limited, who needs to endure a *haken a tcheinik* about getting more exercise? No, this lesson from the *Besht* teaches us that the first step to transforming the world and ourselves is not through our stomachs and muscles but through our eyes. He taught:

When talking with someone, a person should consider it as if talking to God. If one asks a favor from someone, ask it as a prayer --- of God! When listening to someone, consider the words you hear as if they were inspired by the Divine. In this way, we elevate our interactions with one another and avoid talking down or dismissively to another person. Since all souls are of the One God, whenever we speak with one another, we are speaking with God.

Imagine a world in which every time we speak to another person our speech is informed by

sensitive to the feelings and experiences of the other. It's not a revolutionary idea. Rather, in the cherished Jewish tradition of Reform Judaism, every morning we remind ourselves that we are reflections of God as we recite the blessing:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, שעשני בצלם אלהים

*Barukh Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melekh ha'olam, she'asani b'Tzelem Elohim.*

Praise to You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe,

Who made me in the image of God.

What does it mean to say, as it does in Genesis 1:27, that we are created *b'Tzelem Elohim* "in the image of God?" Certainly not that we look like God. Rather, as Rabbi Ovadiah Seforno (1470-1550 Italy) taught, the term refers to our spiritual essence. Now, that is a concept we can readily understand - - - in part. We can surely appreciate a person's spiritual essence . . . especially when we think about ourselves. We are perfectly comfortable speaking about our personal imagination, our intellect, and the running commentary of our conscious mind. We have no issue with the concept that our soul is connected to and is a reflection of the Eternal. The trick is to understand that each person we meet, each person with whom we speak and interact also is created *b'Tzelem Elohim*.

The act of seeing the Divine in others is what highlighted the reconciliation of our patriarch Jacob with his brother Esav. After years of estrangement he had a tearful reunion at which Jacob told his brother: ראיתי פניך כראת פני אלהים "when I see your face it is like seeing the face of God" (Genesis 33:10). Like so many other siblings, when they were growing up Jacob and Esav were at odds, always in competition, one trying to best the other. Likewise, our relationships with friends (and former friends), neighbors, and colleagues can become strained. Words said or unsaid, actions and gestures misunderstood erode even the strongest bonds.

For all that the pandemic has cost us, it has given us a greater appreciation of our relationships. We have learned to look closer into the faces of friends and family - - even when viewing them on a computer screen; or more accurately, even when seeing them in the tiniest of boxes of dozens of boxes on a computer screen. So we peer for a closer look and smile . . . in order to see. And what we see goes far beyond the initial appearance. What we see are the faces of those we miss. Seeing them lifts our hearts. We see the sacred in each other.

As we begin the New Year 2021, we are all so very anxious for a fresh start. Like so many others, I have great hope that we will apply the lessons we've learned during the pandemic

and begin to address and correct the many injustices and social problems that have caused so much pain and suffering. We know that fixing society's ills will not come easily but we also know that the first steps to healing are the ones each of us make in our individual lives. And perhaps the most consequential step will be to look at each other and see the sacred.

Susan joins me in wishing you and your loved ones a safe, peaceful, healthy and prosperous 2021. As we pray for God's blessings, let us start by blessing each other.

*B'vrakhah,*

*Rick*

## ***Sick? Struggling? Want a call or a meeting?***

### **INFORM THE RABBIS!**

Adding to the agony and frustration of dealing with illness or struggling with a difficult time is the nagging thought that you are forgotten and that no one cares. Temple Sinai most certainly cares about every one of our members. Rabbi Rick Rheins and Rabbi Jordy Callman will call (and if possible, visit) any of our members and loved ones. In addition, we have a group of volunteers on our Caring Committee who will do their best to respond with cards, calls and offers of assistance.

So please call or write to our Rabbis and let them know that you'd like their help and attention. Confidential messages can be made directly to Rabbi Rick Rheins at his email: [rabrheins@sinaidenver.org](mailto:rabrheins@sinaidenver.org) and to Rabbi Jordy Callman at: [rabbicallman@sinaidenver.org](mailto:rabbicallman@sinaidenver.org)

## **HEALING SERVICES (ON ZOOM & FACEBOOK LIVE THURSDAY, JANUARY 21 AND THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25 AT 11:00 AM**

For our Healing Service, we gather together for prayers, meditations, music 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, those struggling with sadness and grief, and for caregivers who seek inspiration as they pray for the welfare of loved ones. All are welcome.

**If you are unable to attend the Zoom Healing 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.**



# Rabbi Jordy Callman

## “NOT ABOUT ME WITHOUT ME”

Before I came to Temple Sinai, a big part of my life was staffing immersive experiences, trips all around the world for Jewish young people, from high school aged through their mid twenties. After a long day of touring or doing service work or whatever it may have been, we'd often sit together and share the best and worst parts of our days. This is often called sharing your "highs and lows" or any number of other terms like "roses and thorns" or "ladybugs and spiders." Looking at nearly a year of pandemic life, there are certainly many lows but also highs. The lows are clear, but the highs perhaps less though - opportunities to try new things now available online, the push to slow down and see our time differently. At Temple Sinai, we have worked hard to find the ladybugs amidst the spiders, to focus on the roses instead of the thorns as we've found ways to connect under these new circumstances.

Just before the pandemic hit, we were beginning to ramp up our efforts to engage our young professionals, the 20s and 30s population, building a community for those in the post-college pre-family demographic. We've struggled to find ways to engage this group through our Zoom screens, but as we begin this new year, we are turning up the volume on our efforts. We are beginning with a few key programs with the intention to identify individuals in this demographic who are interested in engaging in Jewish life. There is a bit bit of a mantra for working with this age group - "not about me without me." The idea is that millennials want to be involved in the process of creating their own initiatives and to that end, our ultimate goal is to create a committee to guide our engagement efforts.

If you know people who may be interested in being part of this community of young Jewish professionals, please email me at [rabbicallman@sinaidenver.org](mailto:rabbicallman@sinaidenver.org)

As we begin to see some light at the end of this tunnel while reflecting on this past year, I continue to feel so grateful to be a part of this community and to have the opportunity to pray, learn and connect with all of you.

B'Shalom,

*Jordy*

### *Why do we Pray? With Rabbi Jordy Callman*

**DATES: JANUARY 7, 14, 21, 28; FEBRUARY 4 AT 7:00 PM**

Join Rabbi Callman for a five-session mini-course about prayer. Together we'll explore how our prayers came to and how they've evolved as we work to answer the big question at hand - why do we pray? Whether you have a prayer practice that you're comfortable with or you aren't sure how you feel about prayer, this course is open to all and no background experience or Hebrew knowledge necessary. Sign up at <https://www.sinaidenver.org/form/why-do-we-pray>

# Tune In Weekly To:

## PARASHAT HASHAVUAH, THIS WEEK IN TORAH EVERY TUESDAY AT 12:00 PM (ON ZOOM & FACEBOOK LIVE)

Join us every Tuesday at noon for a look at this week's Torah portion. We'll focus on a section of the text along with commentary from the Talmud, traditional perspectives, and contemporary scholars. Of course, the highlight of the class is the discussion that unfolds as we explore the Torah and share personal insights.

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 12:00 PM (ON ZOOM & FACEBOOK LIVE) WITH RABBI JORDY CALLMAN

Tune in every Wednesday at noon for a brief and profound insight shared by Rabbi Jordy Callman. Listen in as Rabbi Callman infuses ancient and modern wisdom, Jewish and secular music, deep and relatable concepts into a mid-week boost of inspiration.

## (VIRTUAL) LUNCH & LEARN THURSDAY AT 12:00 PM TO 1:00 PM

Tune in to learn, discuss, discover, and meet friends! We'll review ethical & moral issues in selected Jewish texts, discuss hot current topics, discover nuggets of wisdom and the joy of comradery. Make your own lunch, we will serve the Text and Topics! Newcomers quickly and easily fit right in! It's a great way to learn and meet new friends - and it's all FREE!

## SONG CIRCLE WITH DAN YOLLES EVERY THURSDAY AT 4:00 PM (ON ZOOM & FACEBOOK LIVE)

Join Dan Yolles as he leads us in an interactive session of Jewish music and song. Dan uses the healing and uplifting power of music to bring warmth, connection, and joy into the afternoon hours at the end of our weeks. All are welcome to participate, sing, play along, or listen in Dan's weekly Song Circle.

# Purim Celebrations with Temple Sinai!

Tune in via Zoom on Thursday evening, February 25 at 5:30pm for our Traditional Purim Service with an extra spin! We will incorporate traditional Megillah reading with a Purim shpiel feel as we tell the story of Purim in a traditional and creative way.

Following our traditional service and Megillah reading, tune in for a special Purim comedy show (headliner to be announced in the weeks to come).

Our Virtual Purim Carnival and Family Celebration will take place on Sunday morning, February 28 with fun activities and music appropriate for our Preschool and Religious School children, families and those who love them.

## Hamantaschen Happenings:

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15 AT 6:30 PM

As we approach Purim, it is once again time to eat those deliciously familiar triangular cookies! This year, we are celebrating with hamantaschen in two parts. First, join Rabbi Jordy Callman for a baking class on February 15 where we'll learn how to make hamantaschen. In the weeks after, we encourage you to make your own hamantaschen and submit photos to Rabbi Callman for The Great Temple Sinai Hamantaschen Bake Off. All photos need to be submitted to Rabbi Callman by February 28 at which point, they will be posted on Facebook and the voting will begin! The photo with the most likes on Facebook will win the grand prize gift card! If you have any questions, please email Rabbi Callman at [rabbicallman@sinaidenver.org](mailto:rabbicallman@sinaidenver.org).



# The New Passover Haggadah is Available

INCLUDES ILLUSTRATIONS FROM  
ACCLAIMED ARTIST TODD SILER

Over the past five years, Temple Sinai has used *The New Haggadah, Celebrating Freedom* that was written by Rabbis Rick and Susan Rheins. The new text and the phenomenal artwork by Temple Sinai member Todd Siler, an internationally acclaimed artist, was so popular that many have wanted to acquire copies for their own families and friends. After refining the text, layout and printing, we are proud to announce that copies of *The New Haggadah* are now available for purchase.

For those who want to know "mah nishtanah --- what's different about this Haggadah?"

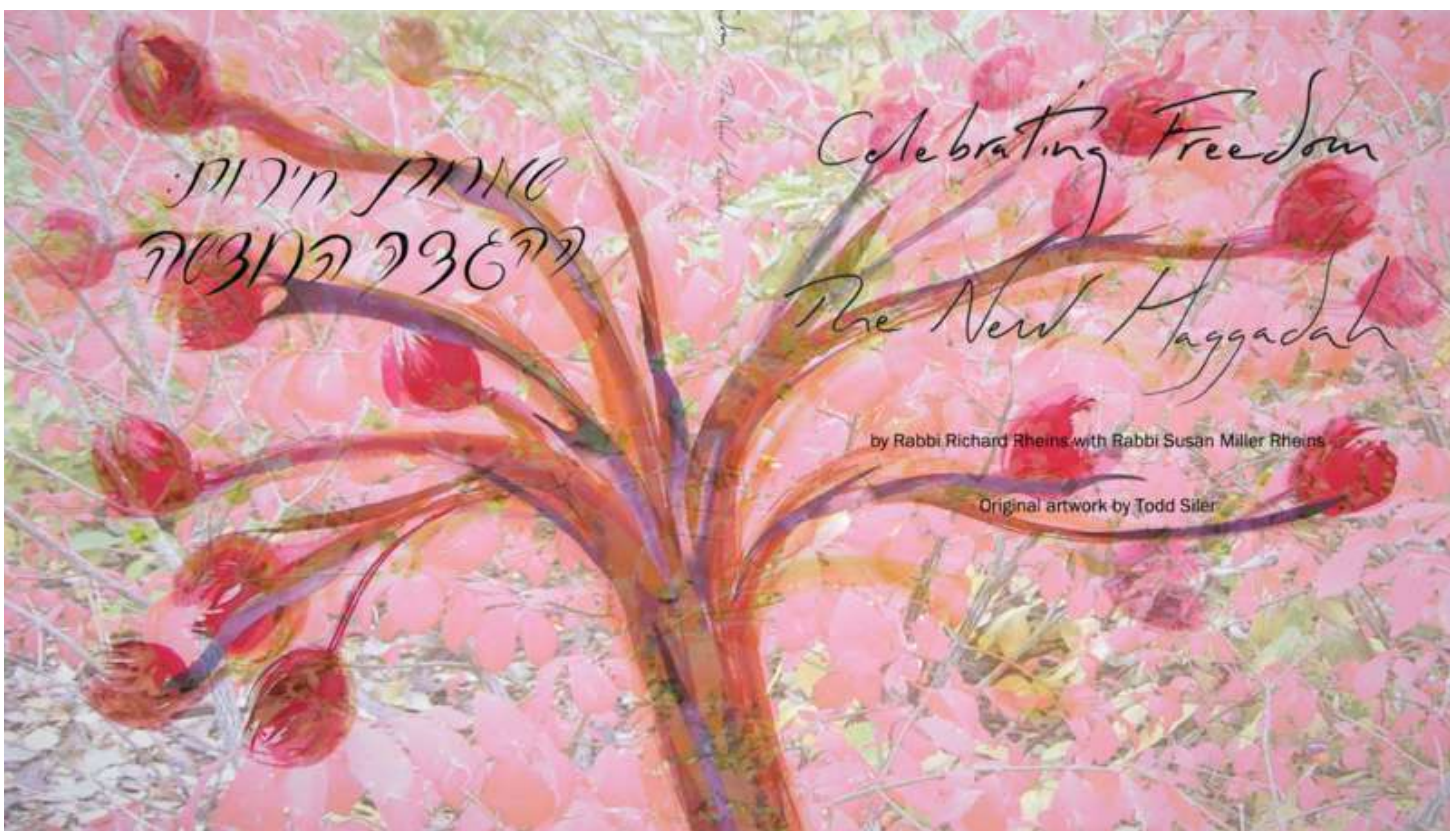
Know that *The New Haggadah* is designed for modern families. Traditional liturgy predominates, but greater emphasis has been given to the original story in the Torah.

Some of the Medieval passages have been pared away in order to focus on the essential message in the Torah of freedom, courage and hope.

Since Moses is central to the Torah's Passover story, his presence is also felt in this Haggadah. In addition, the women who played heroic roles, Miriam, Shifrah and Puah, are also highlighted in *The New Haggadah*.

The creations of the great artist Todd Siler adorn the pages of this *The New Haggadah*. They complement the text with captivating images that promote personal introspection and summon group dialogue in the retelling of our story of the Israelites' exodus from Egypt. (Check out more on Todd on his website: [www.toddsilerart.com/bio.html](http://www.toddsilerart.com/bio.html) )

To purchase copies of *The New Haggadah*, go to our Sinai website: [www.sinaidenver.org/the-new-hagaddah.html](http://www.sinaidenver.org/the-new-hagaddah.html)





# Dan Yolles

CANTORIAL SOLOIST

## VIRTUAL ARTIST - IN - RESIDENCE WEEKEND WITH JACOB "SPIKE" KRAUS

We are so excited to have the amazing Jacob "Spike" Kraus join us on February 20 and 21 to sing with us once again as we start gearing up for the spring time! We were lucky to have him at our 5-8 fest earlier this year and just had to have him again! He will be performing a concert Saturday night, then will share a Religious School program with us Sunday morning the 21st. More information to come and be sure to check out his music available on all streaming platforms as well as from his website.

Spike is a 29 year old singer/songwriter, educator, innovator, and product of the URJ Camping Movement through and through. Based in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Spike currently serves as the Artist in Residence at Temple Israel of West Bloomfield. His music has been included in the cantorial curriculum of H.U.C. - J.I.R., is featured by Jewish Rock Radio and PJ Library. As the host of 'Jewish Holiday Remix' on Jewish Rock Radio, Spike brings his passion to life: finding creative ways to breathe new life into ancient texts. Throughout the year he tours the country singing with communities and using Jewish music as a tool to educate and engage the next generation of Jews.

We are so excited to have him with us again!



# Preschool



*Sheila Purdin*

DIRECTOR OF EARLY  
CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

In this crazy time Temple Sinai Preschool and our Leadership Team have put special emphasis on building and maintaining the home to school connection, finding creative ways to share what is happening within our building with those who are not allowed into the building, and shining a light on Jewish learning.

One of the strategies we use in early childhood to measure where a child is developmentally is self-portraits. Self-portraits help us measure not just a child's writing and motor abilities but also demonstrate markers of how a child sees themselves in the world. This year, we asked families to create a portrait of their child to display alongside their child's portrait. It gave us a beautiful opportunity to connect what children are doing in the building with an activity at home. The results were incredible. We received portraits drawn by parents, siblings, and other loved ones that were so characteristic of each family and child. We displayed them in the entrance areas of the building and our students spent days and days looking at the portraits.

For Chanukah we again wanted to connect home and school, offer some education to families around the light of Chanukah, and create a display that families could see as they drop-off and pick-up their children curbside. For this project we sent home a sheet of Shrinky Dink, an explanation, and instructions to decorate their piece in a way that represents their family. Volunteer families strung them together and the result was an installation like piece that visually represents each family that makes up our community.

While this time has presented unique challenges, Temple Sinai Preschool remains committed to elevating this community, bringing children and families together and reminding everyone that we are all connected.

Warmly,

*Sheila*





*Ron Leff*

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

# LET'S CELEBRATE PURIM

**P**urim is the time on the Jewish calendar to play with identities. We wear masks (we're used to that now) and costumes and raucously celebrate the story of Esther and Mordechai, where everyone becomes their opposite. It is a wonderful tale of a Queen who, by overcoming her fear of rejection, or punishment, saves the Jewish people with the help of her cousin Mordechai, a tale that mixes humor and solemnity, danger, and drunkenness.

**W**hile Purim is a holiday of pure fun, more serious themes underlie all the celebration. Themes of having courage in the face of potential annihilation and changing one's identity are some of the more serious ideas underlying a holiday that is perfectly made for the imagination of children. The holiday reminds us that whoever we think we are, we can change, especially in the service of a higher purpose, like helping other people.

**W**e begin our celebration of Purim on Thursday evening, February 25, with a Virtual Megillah reading and continue on Sunday, February 28, with a Family Purim celebration. Our virtual celebration will be different but we'll use all that we've learned to provide the opportunity to celebrate Purim as a community.

## MISHLOACH MANOT:

Mishloach manot are gifts of food that friends (and prospective new friends!) exchange on Purim. We are instructed in the scroll of Esther (9:19) to send gifts to one another. We look forward to bringing the tradition of Michloach Manot to our congregation. Watch for more information.

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL UPDATE

**T**he Religious School moved to a Virtual program in November after changes to health and safety guidelines. We will continue Virtually as we monitor local guidelines set out by the Tri-County Health Department before returning to any form of in-person programming. Our Virtual programming continues to be very successful. Our teachers are wonderful and do their best to engage our students in a virtual space.

# B'nei Mitzvah



## ETHAN REUBEN BOIVIN – FEBRUARY 6, 2021

Ethan is the son of Dina and Darren Boivin and the brother of Noah. He attends Sky Vista Middle School and enjoys reading, singing, listening to all types of music, and playing with his friends.



## NOAH ASHER BOIVIN – FEBRUARY 6, 2021

Noah is the son of Dina and Darren Boivin and the brother of Ethan. He attends Eagle Crest High School and enjoys playing guitar, building with Legos, and hanging out with friends.

For their Mitzvah Project, Noah and Ethan have chosen to support the Mile High United Way. This organization provides funding, programming, and support to help prevent poverty. Due to the pandemic, homelessness and poverty is more prevalent and they wanted to give to an organization that not only helps to defend against it but also one that reminds me of all the blessings they have in my life.

## DATES ARE AVAILABLE FOR B'NEI MITZVAH 2021, 2022 & 2023

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 50 students become Bar or Bat Mitzvah at Temple Sinai. If you have a child who will turn 13 (or older) in 2021, 2022, or 2023 and you do not yet have a reserved date for a service, please call Rabbi Rick Rheins or Rabbi Jordy Callman and we'll answer 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.

STAY CONNECTED WITH:

# Classes

## ***Sinai Sundays 2021***

STORIES FROM THE TALMUD WITH RABBI RICK RHEINS

SUNDAYS FROM 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (VIA ZOOM)

This year's Sinai Sundays class will focus on some of the most important stories in the Babylonian Talmud known as Aggadot. The Aggadot are classic and beloved narrative passages in the Talmud that have taught, entertained, and challenged generations. Each week, we will read and discuss different stories along with selections of traditional commentary. It does not matter if you already have a familiarity with Talmudic text or are exploring it for the first time. Everyone will find this class an exciting and inspiring experience.

*We will not be charging for this year's sessions, but donations are welcome to the Osi & Selma Sladek Cultural / Music Fund fund to help off-set future classes.*

### SCHEDULE OF CLASSES (SUBJECT TO CHANGE):

JANUARY 10 & 24

FEBRUARY 7 & 21

MARCH 7 & 21

(VIA ZOOM)

## ***Brotherhood, Bible & Beers***

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21 AT 6:00 PM | THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18 AT 6:00 PM

Each month we get together for another session of BB&B. We have timely and interesting topics that provide food for thought and prompt lively discussion. Whether this will be your first BB&B or you are a regular, make yourself a nice dinner, pour a refreshing beverage and let's virtually meet, schmooze, learn, laugh, renew friendships and make new friends. No reservations are required!

## ***Elevate Meditation & Nigun Circle with Dan Yolles***

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13 AT 7:30 PM | WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17 AT 7:30 PM

Join Dan Yolles as he offers a virtual meditation and nigun circle! This experience is for those seeking to participate in guided meditation, elevate their kavanah and personal strength, and dig deeper into the practice of chanting nigunim. We hope you can join Dan for this wonderful chance to connect with yourself, the community and the Divine through meditation and nigunim.

# STAY CONNECTED WITH: *Classes*

## *Pulling Back the Curtain:* HEBREW EXPLAINED WITH YONI BUCKMAN

CLASSES BEGIN ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 22 AT 12:00 PM VIA ZOOM AND CONTINUE WEEKLY.

**H**as your Hebrew gotten a little rusty? Have you struggled with Hebrew because something just isn't clicking? Don't worry! This new Hebrew series is just for you.

**W**hether you are a beginner or a pro at reading and understanding Hebrew, this series will offer you something new: insight into how the Hebrew language works, and why it makes more sense than we often think.

### WHAT CAN THIS SERIES PROMISE YOU?

- A clear understanding of Hebrew's development over time, its fundamental rules, and why Hebrew functions as it does. We're going to bring the Hebrew language to life for you!
- Tools to better engage in Temple Sinai's many classes and worship services, which often benefit from basic Hebrew knowledge and some deeper concepts.

- Fun and exciting ways to intimately connect with the Hebrew language so that it jumps off the page the next time you encounter it.

### WHAT CAN'T THIS SERIES PROMISE YOU?

- Fluency. Hebrew speaking takes consistent and sustained practice, and often people with whom to regularly converse and connect. For the purposes of this series, we are going to focus on the achievable goals of deepening your understanding of the Hebrew language and sparking joy in learning Hebrew's hidden gems.
- Retroactive healing. If you've been confounded by Hebrew teachers in the past, we can't promise to heal those wounds. But we can help you turn the page toward a healthier and happier relationship with Hebrew!

**S**o join us on Fridays at noon as Yoni Buckman takes you behind the curtains of the Hebrew language to explore its hidden beauty!



Pulling Back the Curtain:  
*Hebrew Explained*

# STAY CONNECTED WITH: *Programs*

## *Chailands Ranch Chavurah virtual book club:*

### FIRST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Hey Temple Sinai! The Temple Sinai Highlands Ranch Chavurah has a book club! It is a great place to chat about books that you are reading and get recommendations for what to read next.

**WHAT WE ARE READING AS A GROUP:** *The House of the Spirits* by Isabel Allende

**WHEN IS THE DISCUSSION?** First Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM on Zoom.

**WHO LEADS THE DISCUSSION?** We rotate, the person who picks the book leads the discussion.

Next month's book club get together is on January 5 at 7:00 PM

What if I like books and I want to talk about them? Then contact Jennifer Meyers to let her know that you are interested at [Jenn.meyers05@gmail.com](mailto:Jenn.meyers05@gmail.com)

## *Women's Shabbaton:*

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

Join us Saturday, January 9 for our first (hopefully annual!) Women's Shabbaton. All on Zoom this year, we will come together for praying, learning and schmoozing! This program will be free and open to all. If you have daughters, sisters or any women you're close to in other cities, please invite them to join us so that we can all share in the experience together. Check your email for a full schedule and registration link.

Temple Sinai is putting together a goodie bag of things to enhance your Shabbaton experience from home. Please pick up your bag at Sinai on Thursday January 7 or Friday January 8 from 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM. Bags will be outside in front of the building for a no contact pick up. If you cannot pick up your bag at either of those times, please contact Lauren Bubis at [lauren@sinaidenver.org](mailto:lauren@sinaidenver.org)

**10:30 PM - 11:30 PM: WOMEN OF THE WALL: WHAT'S THE ISSUE?**

**11:30 PM - 12:00 PM: T'FILATEINU: OUR PRAYERS**

**12 PM - 12:15 PM: BREAK**

**12:15 PM - 1:00 PM: WOMEN'S TORAH STUDY**

**1:00 PM - 1:30 PM: SINAI SUGAR SCRUB**

## *Trivia Night:*

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 10 AT 6:00 PM

What has six letters and means "a really good time?" Trivia!

Join Temple Sinai once again for a family-friendly trivia competition complete with prizes for the top winning teams! Cost is \$10 per family. <https://www.sinaidenver.org/form/trivia-night-1.10.21>



# STAY CONNECTED WITH: *Programs*

## *Chavurot Virtual Happy Hour:*

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 24 AT 5:00 PM**

As our physical separation remains, we continue to be as committed as ever to connecting with one another! Join us for a Virtual Chavurah Happy Hour on Sunday, January 24 at 5:00 PM to reconnect with friends and meet new members of the Sinai family. We have many Chavurot (small groups) under our Sinai umbrella who come together for programming and socializing. We encourage you to hop on Zoom with your favorite appetizer, a drink and ideas about what you might like to get out of a Chavurah (i.e. share recipes, watch and discuss movies, read and discuss books, new to town, try new crafts, etc.). During the happy hour, we'll group you into breakout rooms to connect with others looking for similar interests. If you have any questions, contact Shana Cohen at [shanalines@gmail.com](mailto:shanalines@gmail.com) or Lisa Thorner at [lisa@sinaidenver.org](mailto:lisa@sinaidenver.org).

## *Challah Baking Class with Rabbi Jordy Callman*

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 29**

By popular demand, we're making challah! Join Rabbi Jordy on January 29 for a two part challah class over Zoom. From 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM we'll make our dough and set it up to rest. Come back from 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM to stuff and braid our challah!

We're offering three different variations for stuffing our challah strands - scallion pancake, apple cinnamon and butter. You can also opt to make a plain challah if you prefer. All variation ingredients are included on the full ingredient list. Our challah dough will make two medium-sized loaves so you can choose two flavors if you're feeling adventurous!

### **INGREDIENTS:**

- Yeast •Sugar •Flour (bread flour is preferable but all purpose will be fine!)
- Oil (vegetable or canola) •Eggs •Salt

#### **SCALLION PANCAKE VARIATION:**

- 1 Bundle scallions
- Sesame oil
- Sesame seeds (optional)

#### **APPLE CINNAMON VARIATION:**

- 1-2 Apples
- Cinnamon
- Honey or brown sugar
- Cardamom (optional)

#### **BUTTER VARIATION:**

- You guessed it! BUTTER!

## *Bingo Night:*

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28 AT 6:00 P.M.**

Temple Sinai will once again host a virtual Bingo Night on Sunday, February 28. The cost is \$10 per family and will include three bingo cards. We will play as many games as possible for an hour. There will be prizes for each winner. You can register at [www.sinaidenver.org/form/bingo-2.28.21](http://www.sinaidenver.org/form/bingo-2.28.21)

# STAY CONNECTED WITH: *Lifelong Jewish Learning*

## EXPERIENCES AS AN INTERVIEWER FOR THE SHOAH FOUNDATION

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 6:30 PM**

Louis Schmidt, from Philadelphia, PA, will give us an insider's look at the rigorous training required to become an interviewer for Steven Spielberg's Shoah Foundation. He will also share his profound personal experiences talking with the Holocaust survivors. Schmidt was a senior producer of NFL Films for 33 years and a three-time Emmy winner. After retirement, he began speaking publicly about his experiences. This will be an enlightening evening as Schmidt kicks off his talk with a short video on the founding of the Shoah Foundation.

## 60 PAINTINGS FROM THE BIBLE, IRREVERENT, SERIOUS, AND VISUALLY STUNNING

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 6:30 PM**

Abby Schwartz is an art historian and the director of the Skirball Museum on the campus of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, OH. Schwartz will give us a virtual look at the museum's latest exhibit on Archie Rand, a living artist and Jewish scholar. Rand's paintings bring a unique blend of comic book style and loosely painted imagery rendered in vivid tones to familiar stories from the Hebrew Bible.

## THE BOOK OF JOB THROUGH ART: A TIMELY TOPIC FOR TURBULENT TIMES

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 6:30 PM**

Whether you're an art lover, or merely interested in the Book of Job, Abby Schwartz returns to Lifelong Jewish Learning in a presentation that will give you a new perspective on how the Book of Job has inspired artists through the ages. Schwartz will introduce us to works of the 9th century to illustrations by English poet, painter, and printmaker William Blake to modern-day works, including paintings of Archie Rand and others from the Skirball Museum's collection.

## A CURRENT UNDERSTANDING OF JEWISH GENETIC DISEASES

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 6:30 PM**

Join us as Dr. Shawn McCandless discusses genetics and the diseases that particularly target Jewish people, with the latest information on prevention when possible.

Dr. McCandless is Professor of Pediatrics and Section Head of Genetics and Metabolism at University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus and Children's Hospital Colorado.

## ON BEING TRANSGENDER: LOCAL COMMUNITY MEMBERS DISCUSS THEIR JOURNEYS

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 6:30 PM**

Joshua Raphael Daugherty, an M.A. in Social Work, and Rabbi Bobbie Rosenberg will discuss what it means to be transgender males in today's Jewish society. Sable Schultz, who identifies as a transgender female and is the Manager of Transgender Services for The Center on Colfax, the LGBTQ Colorado Organization, will talk about the services available at the organization.

# STAY CONNECTED BY: *Volunteering*

## [CARING COMMITTEE]

The Caring Committee and other Temple volunteers have been busy making lasagnas and delivering them to those in need. The donation of lasagnas and monetary contributions are so appreciated! If you know of a Temple member who might be going through a difficult time and might like a lasagna, please contact Lisa Thorner at [lisa@sinaidenver.org](mailto:lisa@sinaidenver.org).

## GLAUCOMA AWARENESS MONTH

January is Glaucoma Awareness Month. Many of us have postponed certain appointments and procedures over the last few months to avoid going out. There are times when it is important to be seen when experiencing symptoms that are unusual. Below is some information from the Mayo Clinic.

Glaucoma is a group of eye conditions that damage the optic nerve, the health of which is vital for good vision. This damage is often caused by an abnormally high pressure in your eye. Glaucoma is one of the leading causes of blindness for people over the age of 60. It can occur at any age but

is more common in older adults. Many forms of glaucoma have no warning signs. The effect is so gradual that you may not notice a change in vision until the condition is at an advanced stage. Because vision loss due to glaucoma can't be recovered, it's important to have regular eye exams that include measurements of your eye pressure so a diagnosis can be made in its early stages and treated appropriately. If glaucoma is recognized early, vision loss can be slowed or prevented. If you have the condition, you'll generally need treatment for the rest of your life. For more information go to [www.mayoclinic.org](http://www.mayoclinic.org).

## [SINAI TZEDEK]

Introducing Sinai Tzedek - the new social action arm of Temple Sinai chaired by board member Kathy Zeiger. In December, we had our first committee meeting and we are so inspired by the potential of this group.

We are currently working to determine our first focus issue that we will take on as we seek to do meaningful and effective service in our community. If you would like to be a part of the committee or offer your feedback about particular social justice issues that are important to you, please contact Rabbi Callman at [rabbicallman@sinaidenver.org](mailto:rabbicallman@sinaidenver.org)

STAY CONNECTED WITH THE:

# Jewish War Veterans

## JEWISH WAR VETERANS JANUARY MEETING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17 AT 9:00 AM | HELD VIRTUALLY OVER ZOOM

Please join us for our next Jewish War Veterans Zoom meeting on Sunday, January 17 at 9:00 AM with Dr. Herzl Melmed entitled "What do the new peace accords (Abraham Accords) between Israel and the Gulf States mean for Israel & the Middle East?"

Learn about the issues that provide the foundation for these agreements and what happens now to the Palestinian Arabs and their conflict with Israel. Understand why previous peace attempts were doomed to failure and what it will take to make this one succeed. The Abraham Accord represents a tectonic event for the Middle East: the signing of a peace treaty between Israel, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Bahrain. While the United States facilitated the agreement, neither nation would have acted without Saudi encouragement. This lecture will explore these complex relationships and why the countries involved believe they, and the region, have much to gain from these agreements.

Born in South Africa, Herzl Melmed grew up in Rhodesia (Zimbabwe). As Head Student at the University of Cape Town in South Africa he was an activist who fought Apartheid. He later lived in Israel during the Six-Day and the Yom Kippur Wars. Since immigrating to Colorado in 1976, he has been active in the local community speaking and teaching about the Middle East conflicts. He chairs Action Israel, a grassroots organization of Christian and Jewish supporters of Israel and has chaired a Middle East study group for 30 years and a Jewish-Muslim dialogue in Denver for two years. Dr. Melmed is a retired medical doctor who practiced as an Obstetrician & Gynecologist in South Africa, Zimbabwe, United Kingdom, Israel and Colorado.



## JEWISH WAR VETERANS FEBRUARY MEETING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14 AT 9:00 AM | HELD VIRTUALLY OVER ZOOM

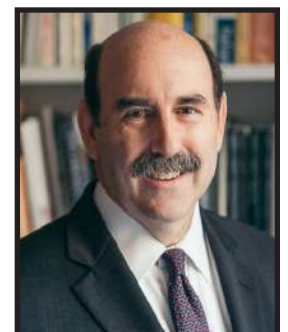
Jewish War Veterans Zoom meeting Sunday, February 14 at 9:00 AM. Our speaker will be Steve Cohen and the title of his presentation will be "Be Careful Who You Go Drinking With."

After a 35-year career as a best-selling author, publisher at Time and Scholastic, and CEO of three internet start-ups, Steve went to law school at age 58 and is now a trial lawyer and founding partner at Pollock Cohen LLP. He was awarded the American Bar Association's Outstanding Services Award for the Military Pro Bono Project.

Formerly, Steve was the creator and executive producer of Time Magazine's Man of the Year television documentaries; creator and publisher of the Time College Achievement Awards; and winner of two Clio Awards. He co-chaired Hillary Clinton's White House Task Force on early childhood literacy,

and for ten years was a member of the Board of Directors of the United States Naval Institute

Steve is the author of seven books - including three best-sellers - and more than 250 articles and editorials. He is only the second person to have Op-Ed articles in The New York Times and Wall Street Journal on the same day. He is currently working on two new books: *What I Wish I Knew Then* and *Be Careful Who You Go Drinking With*. Steve attended the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis (where he routinely beat up on Don Price, your Post Senior Vice Commander, in their freshman boxing class) and graduated from Brown University and New York Law School, cum laude.



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