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UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY | MARCH 1

9:00am Movie & Mimosas with Rabbi Callman
9:00am Religious School

WEDNESDAY | MARCH 4

1:15pm Kavod/Encore Movie
5:15pm Teen Music Group
6:00pm Religious School

THURSDAY | MARCH 5

12:00pm Lunch and Learn
7:00pm Introduction to Judaism

FRIDAY | MARCH 6

Preschool Closed - Family/Teacher Conferences
6:00pm Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY | MARCH 7

Shabbat T'tzaveh
8:00am PaRDeS
9:00am Shabbat Morning Minyan
10:30am Torah Study

SUNDAY | MARCH 8

9:00am Religious School
10:00am Purim Shpiel
10:45am Temple Sinai Israel Adventure 2020 Orientation
11:00am Purim Carnival

MONDAY | MARCH 9

Taanit Esther, Erev Purim
6:00pm Purim Service

TUESDAY | MARCH 10

Purim
12:30pm Drop in Mah Jong

WEDNESDAY | MARCH 11

Shusham Purim
5:15pm Teen Music Group
6:00pm Religious School
6:30pm Lifelong Jewish Learning

THURSDAY | MARCH 12

12:00pm Lunch and Learn
1:15pm Caring Committee Baking
6:00pm Sinai Song Circle
7:00pm Introduction to Judaism

FRIDAY | MARCH 13

9:30am Preschool Shabbat Sing
6:00pm Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY | MARCH 14

Shabbat Ki Tisa
9:00am Shabbat Morning Minyan
10:30am Torah Study

SUNDAY | MARCH 15

No Religious School
9:00am Jewish War Veterans
10:00am Knitting for Charity

MONDAY | MARCH 16

Preschool Closed - Spring Break
Temple Sinai Israel Adventure

TUESDAY | MARCH 17

Preschool Closed - Spring Break
Temple Sinai Israel Adventure

WEDNESDAY | MARCH 18

No Religious School
Preschool Closed - Spring Break
Temple Sinai Israel Adventure
10:00am Feed the Homeless

THURSDAY | MARCH 19

Preschool Closed - Spring Break
Temple Sinai Israel Adventure
12:00pm Lunch and Learn
6:30pm 9Health Fair Meeting
7:00pm Introduction to Judaism

FRIDAY | MARCH 20

Preschool Closed - Spring Break
Temple Sinai Israel Adventure
6:00pm Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY | MARCH 21

Shabbat Vayak'heil-P'kudei
Temple Sinai Israel Adventure
8:00am PaRDeS
9:00am Shabbat Morning Minyan
10:30am Torah Study

SUNDAY | MARCH 22

No Religious School
Temple Sinai Israel Adventure

MONDAY | MARCH 23

Temple Sinai Israel Adventure

TUESDAY | MARCH 24

Temple Sinai Israel Adventure

WEDNESDAY | MARCH 25

No Religious School
Temple Sinai Israel Adventure
11:00am Book Club
6:30pm Lifelong Jewish Learning

THURSDAY | MARCH 26

12:00pm Lunch & Learn
6:00pm Brotherhood, Bibles, and Beers at Darcy's Pub
7:00pm Introduction to Judaism

FRIDAY | MARCH 27

6:00pm Erev Shabbat Service with Artist-in-Residence, Jacob "Spike" Kraus and Birthday Blessings

SATURDAY | MARCH 28

Shabbat Vayikra
9:00am Shabbat Morning Minyan
10:30am Torah Study
7:30pm Artist-in-Residence Jacob "Spike" Kraus Concert

SUNDAY | MARCH 29

9:00am Passover Workshop
9:00am Religious School
11:15am Artist-in-Residence Jacob "Spike" Kraus Family Concert

Dates and Times are subject to change. For the most updated calendar, please visit sinaidenver.org/calendar

APRIL 2020 | NISAN/IYAR 5780

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY | APRIL 1

5:15pm Teen Music Group
6:00pm Religious School
6:30pm Lifelong Jewish Learning

THURSDAY | APRIL 2

12:00pm Lunch & Learn
7:00pm Introduction to Judaism

FRIDAY | APRIL 3

NFTY MV Spring Chavurah
6:00pm Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY | APRIL 4

Shabbat Tzav
NFTY MV Spring Chavurah
8:00am PaRDeS
9:00am Shabbat Morning Minyan
10:30am Torah Study
10:30am Andrew Melun
Bar Mitzvah Service
5:30pm Havdalah Program & Dinner

SUNDAY | APRIL 5

NFTY MV Spring Chavurah
9:00am On One Foot with
Rabbi Callman
9:00am Religious School
9:00am Jewish War Veterans
10:30am Women's Programming
Speaker Yana Vishnitsky

WEDNESDAY | APRIL 8

Erev Passover
No Religious School
Preschool and Office Close 12:30pm

THURSDAY | APRIL 9

Passover
Preschool and Office Closed
5:30pm Second Night Seder

FRIDAY | APRIL 10

Chol Hamoed Passover
6:00pm Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY | APRIL 11

Shabbat Chol Hamoed Passover
9:00am Shabbat Morning Minyan
10:30am Torah Study

SUNDAY | APRIL 12

Chol Hamoed Passover
No Religious School

MONDAY | APRIL 13

Chol Hamoed Passover

TUESDAY | APRIL 14

Chol Hamoed Passover
12:30pm Drop in Mah Jong
6:00pm 7th Day Pesach
Festival Service

WEDNESDAY | APRIL 15

Passover Yizkor
No Religious School
Preschool and Office Closed

THURSDAY | APRIL 16

11:00am Healing Service
6:00pm 9Health Fair Meeting

FRIDAY | APRIL 17

9:30am Preschool Shabbat Sing
6:00pm Erev Shabbat Service
6:00pm JYG/NFTY678 Shabbat

SATURDAY | APRIL 18

Shabbat Sh'mini
8:00am PaRDeS
9:00am Shabbat Morning Minyan
10:30am Torah Study
10:30am Emerie Muhtar
Bat Mitzvah Service
4:30pm Pierce Levy Bar Mitzvah
Minchah Service
6:00pm Parent's Night Out

SUNDAY | APRIL 19

9:00am Religious School
10:00am Knitting for Charity
10:30am Chavurot Brunch
12:00pm Meretz & Ruach

MONDAY | APRIL 20

9:15am Preschool PTO Meeting
10:30am Yom HaShoah Service

TUESDAY | APRIL 21

Yom HaShoah

WEDNESDAY | APRIL 22

5:15pm Teen Music Group
6:00pm Religious School

THURSDAY | APRIL 23

12:00pm Lunch & Learn
6:00pm Brotherhood, Bibles, and
Beers at Darcy's Pub
6:30pm 9Health Fair Meeting
7:00pm Introduction to Judaism

FRIDAY | APRIL 24

Shabbat T'kumah
6:00pm Erev Shabbat Service with
Birthday Blessings

SATURDAY | APRIL 25

Shabbat Tazria-M'tzora
Shabbat T'kumah
9:00am Shabbat Morning Minyan
10:30am Torah Study

SUNDAY | APRIL 26

*No Religious School/No Hebrew
Program*
7:00am 9Health Fair

TUESDAY | APRIL 28

Yom HaZikaron

WEDNESDAY | APRIL 29

Yom HaAtzmaut
11:00am Book Club
5:15pm Teen Music Group
6:00pm Religious School

THURSDAY | APRIL 30

12:00pm Lunch & Learn
6:00pm Introduction to Judaism
6:00pm Sinai Song Circle

Call or Email Lauren Bubis at
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if you wish to change your
Keshet mailing preference.

RABBI RICK RHEINS

CLERGY

IT IS ALL IN THE TELLING



At the heart of the transition from winter to spring are two sacred holidays that, from a certain perspective, could not be more opposite. The holiday of Purim does not appear in the Torah and is therefore not considered as one of the 613 mitzvot. Rather, its origin is found in the Book of Esther. The celebration of Purim is one of over-the-top frivolity: dressing up in costumes, putting on silly plays, singing goofy songs, and making loud noises with graggers to draw out the name of the evil Haman.

Later in the spring, we celebrate Passover with its symbol-rich *seder* feast initiating a 7-day Festival ordained by the Torah. Passover/*Pesach* is perhaps the most universally observed and influential of all Jewish rituals. The formal observance of the *seder* and the careful avoidance of eating *chametz* (unleavened bread/grain products) contrast sharply with the carefree exuberance of Purim. And yet, both Purim and Passover have at their core the essential tradition of telling sacred and time-honored stories from our ancestral history. At Purim, we read *Megillat Esther* and remember the heroic tale of an orphaned Jewish girl, Esther, who courageously saved the Jewish people from the wrath of an anti-Semite. And at Passover, we read the *Haggadah* (literally, “the telling”), which recalls the miraculous acts that freed our Israelite ancestors from Egyptian slavery.

Both Purim and Passover model for us the importance of telling the tales and sharing the stories of our family history. Indeed, every family has a thrilling story of bravery, of

over-coming odds, of sacrifice, of picking up the pieces after a setback, heroic acts of will and a determination to do whatever was necessary in order to create a better life for the next generation. Consider the amazing chapters of your family’s personal journey. How did your family get to America? From where did they come? What were the circumstances of their life in the “old country?” When they came to America, where did they live? How did the earliest arrivals make a living? Consider the obstacles they faced: learning a new language, finding and keeping jobs, saving enough to move out of the poorest of neighborhoods, overcoming overt anti-Semitism and overcoming the institutionalized anti-Semitism that prevented Jewish families from living in certain neighborhoods, going to certain schools and finding employment at certain firms.

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At the heart of Judaism is knowing our ancestral history, distilling the lessons, discerning the wisdom, and telling the stories of our collective and personal experiences to our children---so they will be able to learn, grow, and build on what we have created.

That each of you has extraordinary

stories to tell and lessons to teach is something that has inspired me along every step of my nearly 31 years as a Rabbi (and another five years before that as a student Rabbi). I have been privileged to hear your stories when parents and grandparents share their precious messages to their sons and daughters, grandsons and granddaughters as they become Bar/Bat Mitzvah. I have been privileged to hear your stories as we gathered to prepare for a baby naming or a wedding. And I have been privileged to hear your stories as we gathered to tearfully recall the adventures and chapters of the lives of loved ones who have passed.

At the heart of Judaism is the telling. Every time we come together for services, we tell parts of our ancestral story. Every time we come together to observe the Holidays and Festivals, we tell parts of our ancestral story. And every time you open one of those old photo albums and take that old Kiddush cup or menorah or tallit from the display cabinet and allow the kids and grandkids to see, touch and hear--the blessed story of your family is told.

With spring breaking, we tell the stories of Purim and Passover. With the first blush of blossoming new life, we dust off the bookshelves and bring out the heirlooms and recall the tales of yore. Now is the time for the telling.

Chag Purim v'Chag Pesach Sameiach!

Rick

RABBI JORDY CALLMAN

CLERGY

YOU BELONG IN OUR SACRED SPACES

As a child, my family just short of lived at temple. I often sat at the adult learning table with my dad listening to the rhythm of Jewish discussion. We sat at Friday night services as a family every week, my brother and I always the first to get to the challah at the oneg. Being raised with Judaism at the forefront and with my congregational community's embrace had an immense impact on me as it does for many children.

“Children are always welcome in our sacred spaces; by making them feel at home, we help them to connect to Temple Sinai, to God, to their Judaism and to one another. The presence of children is a gift to our congregation and a reminder that not only are we growing, but that Judaism's future is in the room

As more and more research is being done on the impact of childhood Jewish experiences, we are seeing that Jewish children grow to be Jewishly engaged young adults, active on college campuses and continuing to make Jewish choices when they leave their parents homes.

In a study by Dr. Emily Teck, over 90% of young families surveyed felt that Shabbat experiences provide positive Jewish experiences for their families, encourage their family to participate in Jewish

life and help their family connect to Jewish community and ritual.

In a recent study done by the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) interviewing alumni of URJ Youth programming, 89% of those surveyed identified that “participation in Jewish activities makes me feel good about myself.”

Temple Sinai is committed to welcoming our families to Friday night Shabbat services; we are thinking about how we can meet the needs of our youngest congregants and the big people who love them! As a part of this effort, our Shabbat announcements (the handout at Friday night services) will now include the following language:

Children are always welcome in our sacred spaces; by making them feel at home, we help them to connect to Temple Sinai, to God, to their Judaism and to one another. The presence of children is a gift to our congregation and a reminder that not only are we growing, but that Judaism's future is in the room with us right now. How we treat our children today affects their behavior as Jews tomorrow – please welcome our youngest congregants and their families with a big smile and a “Shabbat Shalom”!

And to the parents of our young children:

- God put the wiggle in children! Please don't feel like you have to suppress it during services.

- If your family needs to step out and take a break, please feel free to do so but please also come back!

The doors to our sacred spaces are revolving and not a one-way exit.

- Think about sitting towards the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what is happening on the bimah – it can be harder for them to focus when all they can see is the backs of others' heads.

- Quietly explain our rituals and sing/clap when appropriate – your children will learn by copying you! If your little ones (or you!) have questions that you can't answer, please feel comfortable coming to one of the rabbis as a family to seek out answers.

If there's something we can do to help your family feel more welcome at Temple Sinai and especially at Shabbat, please let us know! We want to hear from you and be here for you.

B'Shalom

Jordy



CANTORIAL SOLOIST - DAN YOLLES

MUSIC

Sinai Song Circle: Beginning in April, I will be bringing a new program to our community that invites communal singing, offers the opportunity to learn about music's strong involvement in our traditions and spirituality, and cultivates healing and connectedness through *nigunim* (wordless melody chants) and spiritual/liturgical music. We will begin each session singing a couple *nigunim* then explore various influential texts that speak of music within our stories and traditions. We will then learn melodies based off of these texts that we study and wrap up with opening the floor for others to share any song or melody that inspires them. The Sinai Song Circle will meet once a month and is open to all people regardless of musical background who are interested

in discovering or deepening their relationship with Jewish music, or who are simply looking for healing through communal song. "The meaning of a *nigun* is awakening, to awaken a sublime concept, of triumph or being laid low, and to awaken the essence of humanity and its deep significance that cannot be revealed save by other means." (Moses Yehiel Elimelekh of Levertov (b 1895, Poland) Ma'amar Nigun, p. 3) Let us sing, let us awaken together.

Sinai Song Circle Dates: March 12th, April 30th, May 14th, June 11th, July 16th, and August 13th, from 6pm to 7pm in the Abrahams Family Chapel

Shabbat Shirah:

Even though Colorado was hit with quite

the snowstorm on Shabbat Shirah, we had an amazing service lead by a small but powerful combined choir! It was amazing to hear the Youth Choir, TMG and Adult Choir's hard work pay off so beautifully. Also experiencing Rabbi Susan sing out the Shirat HaYam from parashat B'shalach and seeing the unique way it is written in the Torah is one of my highlights of the year. I would like to thank all of the choir members, Adult Choir Director Linda Leonard, and all those who came to bring in Shabbat that evening!



ARTIST SPOTLIGHT - YOEL SYKES AND NAVA TEHILA



This issue's artist spotlight highlights the talented Yoel Sykes and his amazing group Nava Tehila. Originally from Jerusalem, Yoel Sykes s t u d i e d

music at the Center for Eastern Music in Jerusalem and flamenco guitar in Seville, Spain. He is a main prayer leader and composer in Nava Tehila, and travels to many Jewish communities around the world to lead musical prayer services, concerts and workshops.

Hebrew for "beautiful praise", Nava Tehila was founded in a Jerusalem living room on Shabbat Shirah 2005 and has become one of the world's most innovative and welcoming

Jewish musical prayer communities. Founded by Rabbi Ruth Gan Kagan, the group grew out of an independent liberal Jerusalem community that experiments with new ideas for enlivening prayer and Jewish ritual. Nava Tehila's musical leaders generate new prayer modalities, compose compelling prayer music, and train Jewish leaders, including rabbis, cantors and students, in the art of musical and innovative prayer leading. Nava Tehila has released three incredible albums that feature songs like their 'Ose Shalom' sung in our community, 'Halleluyah' and 'Zamru'.

Yoel Sykes is now living in Colorado, further exploring his Jewish roots as an Aleph Rabbinical student, learning and developing the tools and inspiration he can bring into his work as a leader in the Jewish community. "Seeing how meaningful musical prayer and new melodies can be for others and for

the wider Jewish community in enlivening our prayer life, opening hearts and bridging between our roots of spiritual tradition and culture - to an authentic experience in our times, where people can come as they are," is what inspires him to create music. "My dream as a musician is to use my musicality in service of community and of creating space for healing connection, peace and joy to be present in our world. I dream further to create spiritual music that can serve not only the Jewish community but the universal one as well."

Learn more about Yoel Sykes, Nava Tehila and their music at www.navatehila.org and via streaming services like YouTube and Spotify.

SERVICES

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Add Your Voice and Spiritual Joy! Attend the Shabbat Morning Minyan (9:00-10:00am)

Every Shabbat morning (9:00-10:30am), Temple Sinai offers a unique and very spiritual service. It is led by a combination of our members and our clergy and provides an inclusive forum of traditional liturgy together with contemporary and personal meditations. On any given week, different congregants will read Torah, help lead the service, offer words of commentary and wisdom, and share challenging perspectives from the Haftarah portion. There's upbeat music, warmth and inspiration as all participate in the celebration of Shabbat.

Please consider making this a part of your Shabbat observance. If you'd like to prepare a Torah reading or lead parts of the service, just contact the Rabbis. We'd love to help you add your voice and spiritual expression to our Shabbat service!

Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Memorial Service Temple Sinai, Sunday, April 19 at 10:30am

This year we will honor the memory of the victims of the Shoah, the Holocaust, at a unique service and program on Sunday, April 19, at 10:30am. We will share prayers, meditations, and presentations that recall both the tragedy of the Holocaust, pay tribute to the survivors, and hear the testimony of a survivor. At this year's service, Holocaust survivors will speak and many of our Religious School students will participate. Survivors of the Holocaust and their families will be invited up to light one of our memorial candles.

To help each of us to express a memorial to the victims and to shine a light against the

darkness of evil, Temple Sinai Brotherhood is providing special Holocaust Yahrzeit candles for Temple Sinai families.

Our act of remembering is important because the number of Holocaust survivors is diminishing with each passing day. As we lose this precious link, those who deny or minimize the Holocaust gain strength. Sadly, too many have little or no knowledge about the Holocaust. They are ripe for the revisionist history.

The cost of the candles has been underwritten by generous members and businesses so that every contribution you

Healing Service: Thursday, April 16 at 11:00am

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.

The Healing Service is for those struggling with sadness and grief.

The Healing Service is for care givers who seek inspiration as they pray for the welfare of loved ones. All are welcome.

If you are unable to attend the service, just send us the name(s) of the loved ones you would like mentioned during our prayers. And be sure to let them know that they are in all of our thoughts and prayers.

make to the candle project will go 100% to the Temple Sinai Israel Study Tour (IST) fund. Through IST, thousands of students have visited Auschwitz and Israel in order to learn more deeply about the tragedy of the Holocaust and the ultimate victory of the Jewish people with the birth of modern Israel. Temple Sinai currently contributes at least \$1,000 to each student to help reduce the cost of IST for our participating families. Your generous contribution will enable us to continue to offer these scholarships

Be sure to pick up your Yom HaShoah Holocaust Yahrzeit Candles Provided by Temple Sinai Brotherhood

HOLIDAYS

SERVICES

PURIM



SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 10:00AM
TEMPLE SINAI'S ANNUAL PURIM SHPIEL

WEAR YOUR BEST PURIM COSTUMES
AND JOIN US AS WE TELL THE STORY OF
PURIM TO YOUR FAVORITE TUNES FROM
THE WIZARD OF OZ

2020 Purim Carnival

SUNDAY, MARCH 8 | 11:00AM - 1:30PM

Face Painting, Carnival Food
Hamantaschen, Games, Prizes
and more!

Volunteers Wanted!

Help us run games, redeem prizes, sell food
and more!

Contact Melissa Oxenhandler
melissao@sinaidenver.org or
Dan Yolles, danesinaidenver.org
to volunteer!



Purim Celebrations at Temple Sinai

Sunday, March 8: 10:00am - *Purim Shpiel* | 11:00am - 2:00pm - *Purim Carnival*

Monday, March 9: 6:00-7:00pm - *Traditional Purim Service*

We need Purim Carnival volunteers! Sign up online at bit.ly/sinai-purim

PASSOVER

Passover 2020 Schedule

Tuesday evening, April 7:

Search for chametz: ritual removal of
all leavened products from our homes

Wednesday morning, April 8:

Final removal of chametz

Wednesday, April 8:

First night Passover Seder (at home)

Thursday, April 9 at 10:00am:

1st day Passover service

Thursday, April 9 at 5:30pm:

2nd night Temple Sinai Passover
Seder

Friday, April 10 at 6:00pm:

Shabbat Passover service

Saturday, April 11 at 10:00am:

Shabbat morning Passover service

Tuesday, April 14 at 6:00pm:

7th day Passover service

Wednesday, April 15 at 10:00am:

Last Day of Passover service with
Yizkor-Memorial prayers. This service
will conclude with a special Matzah
Brei brunch, free for all those who
have registered. To register for the
free brunch go to our Temple Sinai
website: [www.sinaidenver.org/form/
passover-brunch.html](http://www.sinaidenver.org/form/passover-brunch.html)

Getting Ready for Passover?

Passover Refresher Course

Sunday, March 29, 10:30am

Rabbi Rick and Rabbi Susan Rheins
will offer a fun and hands-on seminar
that will help make this year's Passover
seder and experience your best one
ever! This free course includes:

- Tips for running a Passover seder
- A quick review of the history and
significance of Passover
- Rehearse the basic prayers and
blessings
- Practice favorite Passover songs
- Some of our favorite recipes

**No Passover Seder To Attend?
Call Us!
If You Have Room For Others
Call Us!**

The **First night Passover Seder is on Wednesday, April 8.** If you can welcome a few others to your Seder, please call Temple Sinai Program Director Lisa Thorner (303-759-1827). In the past, several wonderful families have hosted other Temple Sinai members, out-of-town students, and other guests in their homes for Passover. You'll be fulfilling a blessed *mitzvah* and making some very grateful people very happy.

Our Temple Sinai Passover Seder will be on Thursday evening, April 9 at 5:30 PM. Call now for reservations! Our Sinai community Seder is a joyous, friendly, and meaningful experience. Through the generous gift from a Sinai family, the Seder is heavily subsidized to keep the costs at a minimum: \$45 for adults and \$35 for children.

Requests by families for additional cost reductions will be handled confidentially and respectfully.

What is the Yizkor Service?

Yizkor is a memorial service that is held four times a year: on the last day of Passover, Shavuot, Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah and on Yom Kippur. It is a sacred time during which we lovingly remember and honor our family and friends who have died. It is also a time of healing as we reflect on the ongoing legacy of those who nurtured us.

In the Midrash Tanchuma (edited c. 5th century) we already find a reference to the custom of honoring the memory of those who died by pledging charity on their behalf. The tradition of reciting Yizkor prayers at the time of the Festivals was well established by the time of the Middle-ages.

The Yizkor prayers contain many beautiful and meaningful prayers and meditations. A central part of Yizkor is the prayer that begins, "Yizkor Elohim (May God remember)," which expresses the Jewish belief that the souls of our

deceased loved ones are bound in the "Bond of Eternal Life." These prayers are especially poignant for those who have suffered the loss of parents, grandparents and children.

Participation in a Yizkor service is a time-honored way to keep alive the memory of those who blessed our lives. At our Temple Sinai Yizkor services, we will read the names of our loved ones who died during the past 12 months. In addition, we will read and honor the memories of those that have died in past years. A list for you to add additional names will be provided at the time of the Yizkor services.

The Passover Yizkor Service is Wednesday, April 15 at 10:00am.

TEMPLE SINAI

PASSOVER CONGREGATIONAL SEDER 5780

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2020 | 5:30PM

Please RSVP by April 3, 2020 to Lisa Thorner, Program Director
(303) 759-1827 or lisa@sinaidenver.org
You may also RSVP on the Temple website at
<https://www.sinaidenver.org/form/2nd-night-seder.html>

\$45.00 PER ADULT | \$30.00 PER CHILD

Subsidies available for those in financial need and will be handled confidentially



ANNUAL EVENT

PROGRAMS

Our Annual Event is a community-building event that brings together Temple Sinai members, staff and community supporters. In addition to the amazing hors d'oeuvres, we will have a silent and live auction, an open bar and entertainment. Finally, there will be many opportunities for sponsorship and/or to pay tribute to our honorees in our Event Journal.

We are pleased to announce that the Annual Event will take place on **Saturday, May 9, 2020** at Temple Sinai. This is our one major fundraising event for Temple Sinai during the year.

HONOREES: ELAINE AND MAX APPEL

Max Appel was born in Denver in 1932 and grew up on the city's West Side. In 1950, he graduated from North High School and went on to serve in the United States Navy. Max received a Bachelor's degree in Sociology and Journalism from the University of Colorado Denver.

Max and Elaine met through a friend while studying at the University of Colorado in 1956 and got married soon after. Max then attended Boston University's graduate school of public relations and communications.

After college, Max was hired by United Jewish Appeal. He traveled throughout the Midwest fundraising on their behalf. During the 1980s, Appel was a professional fundraiser for various organizations and charities. He led fundraising efforts for organizations like the National Jewish Hospital, Jewish Hospital of St. Louis, St. Jude Children's Hospital, National Asthma Center and the AMC Cancer Center, as well as several environmentally focused organizations.

Elaine grew up in Pueblo, graduating from Centennial High School and then attended the University of Colorado. After marrying

Max, Elaine continued her education in Boulder and later attended Arapahoe Community College in Littleton, where she studied accounting.

For more than 20 years, Elaine worked in the income tax preparation business, managing offices for H&R Block and Sears Tax Service. The accounting expertise she gained served her well when she and Max created Appel Mountain Inc., which later became Orange Glo International, Inc.

Orange Glo International was co-founded in 1986. From early on, Max and Elaine worked closely as a team. Max mixed and sold natural cleaning products and Elaine managed all other operations, including filling and labeling bottles, processing orders, accounting and handling shipping. All four of Max and Elaine's children (David, Amy, Joel, and Linda) eventually went on to work at Orange Glo.

In 2003, Max and Elaine Appel were recognized by Fast Company Fast 50. By this time, Orange Glo had grown into a \$330-million company that offered more than 20 cleaning products used by consumers in

15 countries, including OxiClean. In 2006, Church & Dwight acquired Orange Glo International for \$325 million, giving them the OxiClean and Orange Glo lines of household cleaners.

Today, Max and Elaine Appel are leveraging their significant experience in the cleaning products industry to create a new all-in-one natural household cleaner, Powerizer. They spend time traveling the world and enjoying time with their four children, eight grandchildren and one great grandchild.



ENTERTAINMENT

This year's entertainer will be Eric Anderson, a Mentalist and Illusionist out of Atlanta, GA. Known as The Magician with a Message, Eric has appeared on NBC, FOX, CBS and CNN Television Programs.

"After experiencing a failed Adoption I was placed in California's Child Welfare System and I lived in numerous

foster homes and group homes until I was eighteen.

During this time, I was going through some serious personal challenges, however I was able to focus on something else while I was was living in foster care

When I was five years someone taught me a simple magic trick. Shortly after that when I was placed in foster care, The Art of Magic gave me something

positive to focus on while I was being moved from home to home. Magic SAVED my life!

I was able to stay out of trouble because I would sit around and practice the art of magic for hours on end."



TRIBUTE JOURNAL

Now is your opportunity to send special thanks to our honorees or make a tribute to our Temple!

The Tribute Journal is a showcase of the businesses, families and individuals who help to ensure the future of our congregation. This is a wonderful way to honor Max and Elaine and to show your appreciation to Temple Sinai. pay tribute to our amazing honorees. Share precious memories, make an acknowledgment to those you love or admire, place a picture or greeting to your children or grandchildren, honor a family event, congratulate friends or family for a special occasion or advertise your business!

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TEMPLE SINAI ANNUAL EVENT

Honoring Max & Elaine Appel

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2020
6:00 PM | TEMPLE SINAI



Entertainment by Eric Anderson

The Magician with a Message

\$125 Tickets

50/50 Raffle, Prizes, Live & Silent Auctions

www.sinaidenver.org/annual-event

AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

We would love your help making this year's silent auction the best event.

We are in need of restaurant gift cards, sporting tickets, mountain condos, spa treatments, and anything else you deem fun and exciting.

If you have an item you would like to donate, please fill out and send in the Auction form on the previous page, or contact Lisa Thorner at lisa@sinaidenver.org

RAFFLE TICKETS

Raffle tickets are now available for purchase. Tickets are \$10 for one ticket or 12 for \$100.

The first place winner receives half the money raised. Last year's winner won nearly \$1,600.

Second prize is a \$540 Amazon gift card.

Third prize is a Fitbit Versa 2.

To purchase tickets, contact Lisa Thorner at lisa@sinaidenver.org or **303-759-1827** or stop by the Temple Sinai Office at any time. We will also be selling tickets at many upcoming events.

THANK YOU

Thank you to this year's Annual Event Chair, Kathy Zeiger!



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LIFELONG JEWISH LEARNING

Temple Sinai's Lifelong Jewish Learning sessions are varied, spanning the gamut from the religious to the secular, but always featuring a Jewish aspect. **The Wednesday Night Lectures are held from 6:30-8:00pm.** They are free and open to the public. Refreshments are served. Lifelong Jewish Learning is now going to offer dinner prior to each program. The dinner choice will be announced a couple weeks prior to each program and will require an RSVP to LisaThorner at lisa@sinaidenver.org or 303-759-1827.

March 11 The Jews of Russia

Dr. Boris Draznin will present The Jews of Russia: A Brief History. Dr. Draznin, who is an endocrinologist at UHealth is also a graduate of the Vilnius Institute of Experimental Medicine, Vilnius, Lithuania (1973) and the Minsk State Medical Institution, USSR (1968).

March 25 Dr. Jeanne Abrams and A Legacy of Healing: Jewish Leadership in Colorado's Health Care

The current exhibit at the History of Colorado Center (through April 19, 2020) that was curated by Dr. Jeanne Abrams from the University of Denver Libraries' Beck Archives, tells the story of the Jewish community's role in the forefront of Colorado's health care, from tuberculosis to caring for the orphans and the elderly. Abrams will showcase the exhibit and give us a look at her decision-making choices.

April 1 Dinner and a Movie *Heading Home: The Tale of Team Israel*

In 2008, the documentary Holyland Hardball chronicled Israel's attempt to field a baseball team. By 2017, much, and yet, little has changed as Team Israel finally qualifies for the World Baseball Classic. After years of defeat, can Team Israel rally on the international stage?

Heading Home chronicles, the ups and downs, struggles and hopes, as Team Israel faces its toughest challenge. The darling of Jewish film festivals last year the feel-good documentary celebrates the coming of age of Israeli baseball with a line-up including Jewish American Major League players, Ike Davis, Ryan Lavanway, Josh Zeid and others battling for pride of place on the Israeli team.

As usual, we'll take you out to the ballgame with grilled hot dogs and hamburgers, chips and a drink for \$7.00. The popcorn is on us.

CHAVURAH BRUNCH SUNDAY, APRIL 19 AT 10:30AM

Are you looking to connect with other Temple Sinai members and families like you? Whether you are a new member or have been a member for ages, joining a Chavurah can be a transformational experience. Socially and meaningfully connecting with community members with similar interests or living close together is a key element of living a holistically healthy Jewish life. Find out more and meet new people at the Chavurot Brunch! For more information, contact Lisa Thorner at lisa@sinaidenver.org or 303-759-1827.

HAVDALAH CRAFTS AND DINNER SATURDAY, APRIL 4 AT 5:30PM

Enjoy an evening experiencing Havdalah through the senses of sound, sight, smell, and taste! Craft your own Havdalah set by making beeswax Havdalah candles and decorating spice bags. Partake in a delicious community dinner with friends, family and loved ones. This event is a great way for those of all ages to engage in the multisensory joy that is Havdalah. Register online at: www.sinaidenver.org/form/havdalah-2020

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MOVIE AND MIMOSAS - LIVE AND BECOME SUNDAY, MARCH 1 AT 9:00AM

Join Rabbi Jordy Callman for a morning movie and brief discussion. We'll watch Live and Become, an Israeli film that chronicles the life of a young Ethiopian boy who is brought to Israel during the transports in the early 1990s. The movie explores Jewish identity in a deep and thoughtful way. Sign up to bring breakfast dish to share and we'll provide mimosas and coffee!

ENCORE AND KAVOD ON THE ROAD *ESTHER AND THE KING* WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

On Wednesday, March 4, Temple Sinai and Kavod on the Road will co-sponsor the showing of Esther and the King. The classic Purim story follows King Ahasuerus (Richard Egan), as he is for a new queen. Simon (Rik Battaglia), an ally of the king, is set to marry Esther (Joan Collins) but she is taken away as a possible mate for Ahasuerus. Simon is initially furious, but soon discovers that all Jewish people are threatened by the machinations of the villainous official, Haman (Sergio Fantoni). If Esther can make it to the throne without Haman's intervening, the Jews will have royal protection. Popcorn and light refreshments will be served. RSVP by March 2 to Gabriel at [720-382-7842](tel:720-382-7842), GSanders@KavodSeniorLife.org or KavodSeniorLife.org/signup.

DROP IN MAH JONGG TUESDAY, MARCH 10 AND APRIL 14 12:30PM

Temple Sinai is hosting drop-in Mah Jongg the second Tuesday of each month. All levels are welcome. Questions, contact Nancy Eisenberg at neisenberg@gmail.com or [561-866-3104](tel:561-866-3104)

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION or questions about any of our fundraisers or programs, please contact Lisa Thorner at [303-759-1827](tel:303-759-1827) or lisa@sinaidenver.org

ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND WITH JACOB "SPIKE" KRAUS MARCH 27-29, 2020

In late March, we will bring Jacob "Spike" Kraus to Temple Sinai as our Artist-in-Residence. Jacob serves as the Artist in Residence of Temple Israel in West Bloomfield, MI. He has been song leading for over a decade at synagogues, day schools, and summer camps.

Erev Shabbat Service *Friday, March 27 at 6:00PM*

Join us for a musical Friday evening service led by our clergy team and visiting Artist-in-Residence, Jacob "Spike" Kraus.

Havdalah & Concert: Spirituality of Secular Music *Saturday, March 28 at 7:30PM*

Spirituality of Secular Music is about finding Judaism in the world around us, specifically in the music we hear everyday.

Family Concert *Sunday, March 29 at 11:15AM*

An interactive morning of singing and dancing for our young families! At the concert, Spike will bring the students up on stage to perform with him.

SPONSORSHIPS FOR ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE

Gold Sponsors: \$500

Access to all performances for eight people, Saturday evening pre-concert reception, reserved seating, name in program.

Silver Sponsors: \$250

Access to all performances for six people, Saturday evening pre-concert reception, reserved seating, name in program.

Bronze Sponsors: \$180

Access to all performances for four people, Saturday evening pre-concert reception, name in program.

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WOMEN'S PROGRAMMING BRUNCH AND LECTURE WITH YANA VISHNITSKY, FORMER PRESIDENT AND CEO OF JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE SUNDAY, APRIL 5 AT 10:30AM

Join us for lunch and a lecture with Yana Vihnitsky. This is the story of a remarkable woman who has lived two very distinct lives. The first was in Soviet Russia, where she was persecuted as a Jew and lived on the fringe of society with only limited opportunities. Through sheer determination, she learned English and became a patent attorney and mechanical engineer. But she wanted more for herself and her young son and knew that she had to flee her native land to get it.

Her second life came when she emigrated to the United States in 1978 to start anew. She arrived with her son in her arms and \$150 in her purse. She gave up her career, her family, and her very identity for the opportunity of a better life. It's an opportunity she embraced with her entire being. She pursued an education and became an accomplished psychotherapist and went on to become the president and CEO of Jewish Family Service of Colorado—the very agency that resettled her as a refugee.

We will serve brunch and you will have the opportunity to purchase Yana's book: *Yana! : A Story of Courage, Resilience, Survival, and Success*. No cost to attend. Please RSVP to Lisa Thorner at lisa@sinaidenver.org.

9 HEALTH FAIR SAVE THE DATE! SUNDAY, APRIL 26 AT 7:00AM

We are looking for volunteers to make this year's Fair bigger and even better. Last year, we served over 600 people in the community. To volunteer, please register at www.9healthvolunteer.org. Please contact Terri Tilliss at Terri.Tilliss@ucdenver.edu or Lisa Thorner at lisa@sinaidenver.org or 303-759-1827 for additional information.



THE NEW PASSOVER HAGGADAH IS AVAILABLE Includes illustrations from acclaimed artist Todd Siler

You shall tell your child on that day saying, 'It is because of this that Adonai did for me, when I left Egypt.'

Over the past six 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: <http://www.toddsilerart.com/bio.html>)

To purchase copies of The New Haggadah, go to: <http://www.sinaidenver.org/form/hagaddah>

STAY CONNECTED

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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 be quick to make a call or visit to 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 our Rabbis at: rabrheins@sinaidenver.org, rabbicallman@sinaidenver.org

TEMPLE SINAI AT MT. NEBO MEMORIAL PARK

Temple Sinai has a section of burial plots withing Mt. Nebo Memorial Park (located at 13th Avenue, just west of Peoria) that are available for purchase by Temple Sinai members and their immediate loved ones. Plots can be purchased for \$1,500 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 Lauren Bubis at **303-759-1827** or lauren@sinaidenver.org.

BIBLE, BEERS & BROTHERHOOD MEN TALKING TORAH WITH RABBI RHEINS

Thursday, March 26 at 6:00pm
Tuesday, April 21 at 6:00pm

At Darcy's Bistro & Pub, 4955 S. Ulter Street (DTC) Denver. Each month around 20 men of all ages gather to study Torah with Rabbi Rick Rheins and engage in a lively discussion. The Torah talk expands to include both classic commentaries and candid consideration of modern concerns. There is no cost to join us; each pays only for what he eats and drinks. And yes, several of us drink water, soda or tea instead of beer and wine!

JEWISH WAR VETERANS SUNDAY, MARCH 15 AT 9:00AM SUNDAY, APRIL 5 AT 9:00AM

March: Join Rabbi Sandra Cohen in examining the role that the Jewish community can play in welcoming those with mental illness -- and their families -- into our lives, our synagogues, our organizations. Mental illness is more pervasive than we may realize, because stigma prevents many from talking about our own experiences. Rabbi Cohen will teach us how basic Jewish mitzvot/commandments can help us reach out to those in pain and create caring communities for all of us. Partners and friends welcome.

April: DNA testing and family history TV programs like *Who Do You Think You Are* fuel the surging popularity of genealogy as a hobby for all ages. Join us for "A Taste of Jewish Genealogy: Introducing the Jewish Genealogy Society of Colorado" to be inspired why you too might catch the bug to chart a family tree or document family stories. Facilitated by Ellen Kowitz, a past president of the JGSCO and an active volunteer on JewishGen.org projects, you'll walk away with next steps on how to get started! Partners and friends welcome. For more information, please call Ruth (303)-955-6974.

LUNCH & LEARN THURSDAYS, 12:00-1:00pm MARCH 5, 12, 19, 26 APRIL 2, 16, 23, 30 (We will not have class on April 9, 1st Day of Passover)

Come to learn, discuss, debate, and meet friends. We'll review ethical & moral issues in selected Jewish texts, discuss hot current topics, and 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 - and it's all FREE!

JEWISH INTEREST FREE LOANS If you are in need of financial help

If you are Jewish, live in Colorado, and need financial assistance we can hopefully make a difference in your life. In 1998 the Jewish Interest Free Loan of Colorado became the newest of over 50 such organizations. We are pleased to serve the needs of our people state-wide. For additional information please contact JIFLCO at **303-759-1827** or leave a message at **303-369-5714**

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

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Purim is the most festive of Jewish holidays, a time of prizes, noisemakers, costumes and treats. The Festival of Purim commemorates a major victory over oppression and is recounted in the Megillah, or scroll, of the story of Esther. Purim takes place on the 14th and 15th days of Adar, the 12th month of the Jewish calendar. This year (2020) Purim begins at sundown on Monday, March 9.

The story of Purim teaches many different lessons: Standing up for one's rights; remaining committed to the Jewish people; Supporting the

community; saving lives; celebrating our deliverance and caring for the needy.

If your family hasn't joined us to celebrate Purim in the past – this is the year! It's such a wonderful, kid-friendly holiday with costumes, singing, making noise – and celebrating!! The fun begins on Sunday morning with special programming in the Religious School and a Purim Shpiel at 10:00 a.m. This is followed by the TSYG Purim Carnival! See page 10 for more information on our Purim celebrations!

For more information on Purim and ideas on how to enhance your celebration, please see the Jewish Home page on our website www.SinaiDenver.org/JewishHome.

Happy Purim!!

Ron Leff, RJE
Director of Education



Shaloch Manot for Purim

Shaloch Manot (sending gifts) is a simple mitzvah. It is just a matter of giving a gift of two or more kinds of food to the small circle of people you feel are important in your family's life. What to put inside? Just about anything—fruit, one or more baked goods (such as *hamantaschen*), a few hard candies, coins and small bottles of wine or grape juice.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PURIM CELEBRATION

We're having a Family Day in celebration of Purim! Join us on Sunday, March 8, 9:00 a.m. for Learning Stations in the Learning Center followed by the Purim Shpiel in the Zwerin Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. We have fun activities planned for all – and the Wizard of Shushan Purim Shpiel promises to be great! Be sure to join us!

FAMILY CONCERT

We're so excited to welcome Jacob "Spike" Kraus to Temple Sinai as our Artist-in-Residence the weekend of March 27-29. There will be a Family Concert for Religious School families on Sunday, March 29. All students will participate at 11:15 a.m. – parents are invited to join us. Spike will be teaching songs to the Religious School classes so they can participate in the concert!

Temple Sinai Religious School

PURIM CELEBRATION

9:00 - 10:00 AM SHUSHAN STREET FAIR
Enjoy arts & crafts projects, *mishloach manot*, and games in Religious School class rooms.

10:00 - 11:00 AM PURIM SHPIEL
Watch *The Wizard of Shushan*.

11:00 AM - 1:30 PM PURIM CARNIVAL
Have fun with face painting, food, games, prizes, and more!

Parents, grandparents, and children are all welcome to spend the day and celebrate with us!

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2020
AT TEMPLE SINAI**

PRESCHOOL

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Temple Sinai Preschool fosters a sense of connectedness among all members of the school and synagogue community.

Keeping this mission in mind, we have engaged every member of our preschool community including our Leadership Team, staff, PTO and children this winter season.

Our Chanukah video series, featuring Rabbi Jordy, Rabbi Rheins, Temple Sinai children and staff, highlighting songs, games and traditions was a big hit. Each video received over two hundred views on social media.

Our holiday mitzvah project benefiting Safehouse Denver yielded over

180 gifts for local families in need and each gift was wrapped with love by the children attending our preschool—using wrapping paper they made themselves.

We reimagined our Special Person’s Day around Tu B’Shvat and invited everyone special to the children. The children spent weeks preparing collaborative tree-themed art with our Art Specialist Shelly Mozes in the Windows of the World Art Studio. This art was used to decorate the Haag Family Community Room (MPR). Together with the over two hundred special guests in attendance, we planted parsley, participated in a Tu B’Shvat Seder, made bird feeders, and enjoyed an immersive classroom

experience.

We are excited to continue creating these connections within our community. Let us know if you would like to join in the upcoming fun as we celebrate Purim, Passover, and Shabbat.

Sheila Purdin
Director of Early Childhood Education



2020-2021 Preschool Registration
Now Open at www.sinaidenver.org/preschool



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THE IDA & MAX FOGEL WINDOWS OF THE WORLD ART STUDIO

Temple Sinai's Ida & Max Fogel Windows of the World Art Studio creates an environment for each student to find their own way, cultivate their creativity, and imagine new realities. Inspired by Ida and Max Fogel's shared vision of quality education, the Windows of the World Art Studio opens new doors of exploration and development for students of all ages.

The new Art Studio was introduced in 2019 and marked the completion of the first phase of converting our existing Youth and Adult library space within our Learning Center into a multi-faceted learning environment. In this space, our Temple Sinai Preschool students enjoy the benefits of exploring the world through art. The second phase, a mixed-use children's library, technology lab and maker space will begin at the completion of phase one.

To contribute to the matching fund and to help make the second phase of this project a reality, please consider contributing to the Ida & Max Fogel Windows of the World Fund. <https://www.sinaidenver.org/payment.php>



B'NEI MITZVAH

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ANDREW MELUN - APRIL 4TH, 2020

Andrew is the son of Marne and Michael Melun, and the brother of Joel (16). He attends Campus Middle School and enjoys airplanes, drones, and lego robotics, and is involved in Boy Scouts, Destination Imagination, wrestling, and basketball.

For his Mitzvah Project, Andrew will be collecting items for the Weinberg Food Pantry.

PIERCE LEVY - APRIL 18, 2020

Pierce is the son of Todd Levy and Julie Elkins, and the brother of Analise (16). He attends Campus Middle School and enjoys hockey, baseball, basketball, lacrosse, football, snowboarding, mountain biking, and drums.

For his Mitzvah Project, Pierce will be collecting sporting goods and donating them to underprivileged kids.



DATES ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR B'NEI MITZVAH IN 2020 AND 2021

It is never too late to have our children experience the life-affirming joy and pride of accomplishment by leading a service as a Bar or Bat Mitzvah. Each year around 60 students become Bar or Bat Mitzvah at Temple Sinai. If you have a child who will turn 13 (or older) in 2020 or 2021 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 your questions and help you find a date. Date selection request forms also are available in the Temple Sinai office. Our clergy work personally with each student and their family to help create a memorable celebration that will bring a lifetime of blessings.

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MERETZ
KINDERGARTEN - 2ND GRADE
MARCH 8, 11:00AM-1:30PM
APRIL 19, 12-1:30PM

RUACH
3RD - 5TH GRADE
MARCH 8, 11:00AM-1:30PM
APRIL 19, 12-1:30PM

March 8: Purim Carnival

Spend the afternoon at the Temple Sinai Purim Carnival! Face Painting, Carnival Food, Hamantaschen, Games, Prizes and more!

April 19: Challah Baking with Rabbi Jordy

Join us for our final Meretz & Ruach event of the school year - a fun afternoon of baking with Rabbi Jordy!

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP (JYG)
6TH-8TH GRADE
MARCH 8, 11:00AM-1:30PM
APRIL 17

March 8: Purim Carnival

Spend the afternoon at the Temple Sinai Purim Carnival! Face Painting, Carnival Food, Hamantaschen, Games, Prizes and more!

April 17: JYG678 Campfire Shabbat

Join middle schoolers from all over the Denver, Boulder area for a Campfire Shabbat at Temple Sinai. We'll bring in Shabbat together under the stars and enjoy some s'mores by the fire!

For more information and event registration links, check out our website at: www.sinaidenver.org/youthgroup or contact Melissa Oxenhandler at 303-759-1827 or melissao@sinaidenver.org

PARENTS NIGHT OUT
SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 6:00-9:00PM

Drop off your kiddos and enjoy a parents night out! The TSYG teens will treat the kids to a night of movies, games, and fun.



TEMPLE SINAI YOUTH GROUP (TSYG)
8TH-12TH GRADE

March 10: Lounge Night

Come hang out with all your TSYG friends for lounge night! A fun night of games, food, and friends.

NFTY MISSOURI VALLEY
SPRING CHAVURAH
APRIL 3-5 IN OVERLAND PARK, KS

Come join teens from around the NFTY Missouri Valley Region for a weekend of incredible programs, Shabbat, dancing, singing and lots of fun! Spring Chavurah is one of NFTY-MV's largest and most eventful weekend of the year, as we work together to elect next year's Regional Board and say goodbye to the MV senior class. Join us for the last regional event of the school year by registering for this fun-filled weekend!

For more information and to register, go to missourivalley.nfty.org/get-involved/events

SINAI CIRCLE: DO THE SHOEMAKER'S KIDS HAVE SHOES?

ARTICLES

Lawyers chat among themselves about many topics, such as: “Say, Joe, is your own estate plan up-to-date?” Often, the embarrassed response is: “Thanks for the reminder. I just haven’t got around to it.” The cliché is that the shoemaker’s kids don’t have shoes.

Biting wit abounds: “You can’t take it with you.” Or: “Nobody gets out of here alive.” Everyone should be able to focus, even briefly, on the fact that life-spans are random.

Our Temple Sinai endowment committee, too often, hears: “I really have so little to dispose of, so ‘estate planning’

has no meaning for me now.” Or: “Look, my spouse and I do have wills. But to engage an attorney to make changes [e.g., adding a provision for Temple Sinai] means more expense. We’re too busy to focus on any changes now. We’ll take care of it later.”

What does Temple Sinai mean to you? Why are you a member here? It shouldn’t matter whether your Temple Sinai connection is our pre-school; or is the logical venue for your child’s bar/bat mitzvah; or is your opportunity to “be Jewish” only on the High Holidays. What every Temple member should consider – sooner than later – is that each of

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