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SINAI STANDS WITH ISRAEL

LETTERS FROM SINAI'S YOUNG ADULTS IN DEFENSE OF ISRAEL AND AGAINST ANTISEMITISM

Chancellor DiStefano, President Saliman, and others whom it may concern:

As a proud alumni of the University of Colorado Boulder, and even prouder Jew, I wanted to take some time to write to the leaders of my beloved alma mater and express my concerns with the statement that the department of ethnic studies published on the Israel-Hamas conflict.

Before I get into why everything they said is ignorant and misguided, I want to first express that I am indeed human and acknowledge the loss of life on both sides. This was an entirely preventable conflict and I know people directly impacted on both sides. I know members of the IDF who are currently on the front lines, and I have colleagues who have family members in Gaza whom they have lost. I am not blind to the suffering on both sides, and I acknowledge and am deeply saddened that every time the death toll rises, a human being with hopes and dreams was taken far too soon by an unnecessary war that was perpetrated by one side and one side alone.

Hamas' tactic of burrowing themselves deep into the population is a strategic one to sway sympathies to their sides when the inevitable retaliation leads to Palestinian loss of life. They hide underneath and behind their citizens that they are supposed to protect and provide for, while they firing rockets indiscriminately into Israel with the hopes of killing any Israeli citizen, regardless of who they are. Hamas is not Palestine. The war is not Palestine versus Israel, as it is often categorized, it is with Hamas. The Palestinian people deserve to live in a prosperous nation that they are proud of, and that contributes in a positive way to the global society. Hamas is denying the Palestinian people and the people of Gaza that right, NOT ISRAEL. Hamas' sheer lack of regard for human life is what we should be focused on, not the hate that is being perpetrated toward the state of Israel and Jews around the globe by your so-called educators.

As is often the case with this conflict, buzz words are conflated as truth when they are rooted in social media driven falsehoods. The statements provided by the ethnic studies department are no different. I will not claim to be an expert on the conflict and there are very few in the world who actually are. But what I will claim is that the use of terms such as genocide, apartheid, and ethnic cleansing by your academic departments are not only baseless and wrong, but they are lazy, dangerous, and pose a real life threat to the Jewish population on your campus. Allowing these kinds of statements that stoke the flame of anti-semitism on your campus and in the Boulder community at large, whether intentional or not, is abhorrent and you should be ashamed of yourselves. While I do understand and respect that these departments have a right to free speech, that free speech is directly affecting and endangering the lives of the students that you are entrusted to educate and keep safe, my younger brother included.

Genocide is a term that should be reserved for the intentional mass slaughter of a group of people with the intention of eradicating them off of the face of this earth. That is not the intention of the government of Israel. Never has been, never will be, and those that claim otherwise are misguided and attempting to provoke the less educated on the topic into taking a stance on an issue that they have less than a miniscule amount of understanding of. The idea that Israel is trying to "ethnically cleanse" the world of the Palestinian people is one that Hamas and its leaders want the world to buy in to, so that they can have the worlds backing while they attempt to commit a real genocide on the people of Israel and the Jewish people as a whole. Hamas states in their charter that they will free the land of Palestine of Jews and that their true goal is to eradicate the world of my people. While the loss of life on both sides is undeniably horrible, to make the claim that the deaths occurring in Gaza are ethnically motivated is an outright fallacy, and anyone who denies or refutes that Hamas' aim is not to cleanse the world of the Jewish people is either blind or stupid.

The claim that Israel is an apartheid state is yet another claim that is rooted in 10 second clips spliced together as click-bait. Cornell Law School defines apartheid as the implementation and maintenance of a system of legalized segregation in which one racial or ethnic group is deprived of political and civil rights. In Israel this could not be farther from the truth. People of all walks of life enjoy basic human rights and are encouraged to participate in the state's operation and governance through voting and even holding office. Israel's government is a melting pot of people of all races, ethnicities, and religious backgrounds and some of the highest positions in the land are held by Muslims and people of Palestinian descent. If that is what we now define as an apartheid state, then I would like to know what the new term is that we are supposed to use to refer to real apartheid states that currently exist in the world and have existed in the past.

While I do not expect the University to bring peace to the Middle East, I do expect the University to uphold their obligation to protect the student population from outside threats, as well as from the student population itself. Allowing statements of this nature to be published by any department, does exactly the opposite. The idea that the Chabad house on the hill needs to bring Boulder Police Department to reside over shabbat dinners, hurts every fiber of my being. It is a place where I have some of my fondest memories from college, and it is a place that I worry for each and every day. Rabbi Wilhelm is a dear friend of mine, and he will be officiating my wedding next August. I met my fiance at one of the countless shabbat dinners I attended there, and to think that now the students who attend these dinners, are fearful of being attacked by their fellow students while they enjoy dinner together is just outright disheartening.

If Palestine were to lay down their arms, there would be peace. If Israel were to lay down their arms, there would be no Israel. And while I will not claim to agree with everything that the Israeli government does (far from it), I will always defend Israel's right to exist and Israel's right to defend itself. This war is not about Jews versus Muslims, this conflict is about Jews defending themselves against terror groups that wish to see my people be completely annihilated.

Please do your part in protecting our community. Don't allow hate to be perpetrated by one side at the expense of one of the smallest groups on your campus. Don't enable the groups that are the cause for rising anti-semitism on your campus, in your city, and around the world. Don't ignore our voices, do your job, protect my brother, and protect his fellow Jewish classmates.

- *Geoffrey Mittler*

LETTERS FROM SINAI'S YOUNG ADULTS IN DEFENSE OF ISRAEL AND AGAINST ANTISEMITISM

Dear CU Ethnic Studies Department,

I was a student at CU Boulder from 2017-2021 and graduated Summa Cum Laude with a degree in International Affairs and a minor in French. I now live in Israel and research Israeli politics and diplomacy at a think tank in Jerusalem.

I was in my apartment on Saturday, October 7 which was the Jewish Sabbath and Simchat Torah, one of Judaism's most joyous holidays, when I was awakened by air raid sirens. For me, the subsequent hours, days, and now weeks have been hard but pale in comparison to the Israelis, both Jewish and non-Jewish, who were callously murdered in their homes. People of all ages were tortured, mutilated, kidnapped, raped, and forced to watch their family members die in front of their eyes. This was an UNPROVOKED attack by Hamas terrorists against civilians. Israel is not an ethno-state, a settler colonial state, a theocracy, or a dictatorship. It is a diverse, pluralistic, democratic country that serves as a safe home for all those who strive for peace and security.

I proudly say that I am a CU alumnus and used the education I received there to further my studies by earning a Master's in International Relations from King's College London. I owe a great part of my educational and professional development to my time at CU.

I was appalled to read the statement you published, blindly blaming Israel for defending itself. One does not need to have a degree in anything to realize that your stance on arguably the most complex conflict in world history is sophomoric. Gaza was given by Israel to the Palestinians in 2005. Though it was a controversial decision by Israel which involved the physical removal of Jews from Gaza, it thus served as the first experiment for a truly independent Palestinian state. What has happened since? Before the war? Before the rockets? Before the blockade? Gazans had access to everything needed to succeed. They had independence, well-established infrastructure, and beachfront property on the Mediterranean Sea. Yet they chose Hamas, a fundamentalist Islamic terrorist group that proudly seeks the destruction of the world's only safe place for Jews, Israel.

As academics, I ask you: what possible positive outcome could have come from Hamas' attack on Israel? You can level any accusation on Israel that you want, and people do... but at the end of the day Israel, just like every country, has the responsibility to ensure the safety and security of its citizens. If Hamas shared that mission, they would not have massacred nearly 1500 people and kidnapped 230. How does this massacre help Palestinians? What righteous, moral lesson is this supposed to teach Israel? How does this move peace forward? How does torturing and murdering women and children in cold blood further the Palestinian dream of independence? You claim the moral high ground and look down on us that call out the evil that is Hamas, but in doing so you do yourselves, your students, and the University of Colorado a disservice.

You said that supporting Palestinians is a feminist issue. Yet in which society can women pursue any career they want, be politicians (including prime minister), and serve alongside men in combat roles in the army? Israel! Not even the US champions women's rights to the extent Israel does. Where in the Middle East can you find the LGBTQ+ beach right next to the religious beach? Israel! The best part, Israel isn't done yet; there are still protests to urge the government to make Israel an even more fair and equitable place for its citizens. And Gaza... good luck with having gender equality and sexual freedom in Gaza... or for that matter anywhere in the Middle East.

You have unapologetically chosen to stand on the side of those who glorify murder. To assess which side is good and which side is evil, please ask yourself which side chants for death and destruction around the world and which side has gathered, trying to comfort one another and petition world governments to help liberate our innocent brothers and sisters who were kidnapped from their homes. It is the hope of all that we stand on the right side of history. I recommend that you do so as well.

If you are interested in learning more about Israel, the conflict, or Judaism I would be happy to help educate you and your students.

- *Jakob Rheins*



SINAI STANDS WITH ISRAEL

TEMPLE SINAI'S LIGHT THE NIGHT

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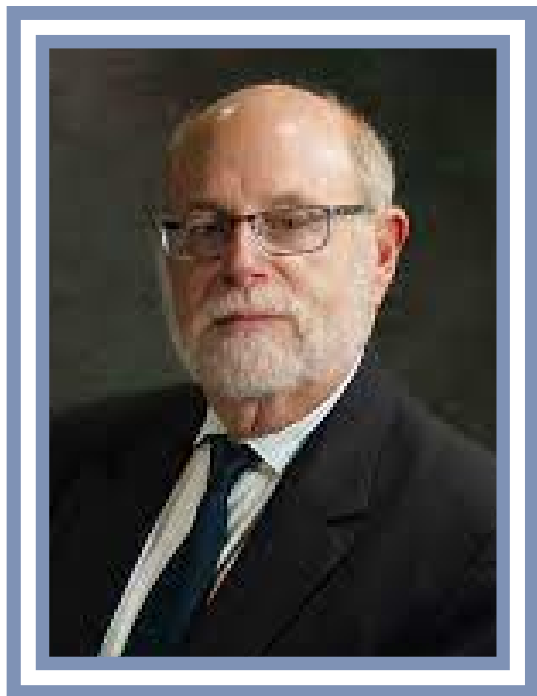
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Rabbi Richard Address

January 19-21, 2024



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ARTIST IN RESIDENCE, JOE BUCHANAN

WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 23-25, 2024

at Temple Sinai



Texas-born and southern-raised, Joe Buchanan makes country music that is steeped in Torah. Struggling with religion and his place in the world, a revelation from his wife about her Jewish identity changed everything. After joining the Tribe, Joe released his debut album, "Unbroken," which sparked nationwide tours, an original Shabbat service, a thriving online community, and a workshop about the choice to become Jewish. Gather up for good times with his latest release, "Back From Babylon" and get everything else on his website: www.joebuchananmusic.com.

Joe
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ADDRESSING THE TERROISTS' PROPOGANDA MACHINE

RABBI RICK RHEINS

One of the most disheartening experiences of the barbaric attack by Hamas, the Palestinian terrorist regime that is holding Gaza hostage, is that there seem to be so many supporters of Hamas in the United States. Yes, we fully expected that those nations that regularly condemn Israel for simply surviving would side with Hamas. And yes, it is to be expected that those who are Palestinian and their strong supporters would have no sympathy for Israelis. Of course, one would have hoped that at least some of them would have condemned Hamas for their monstrous acts of murder, torture, mutilation, and kidnapping. Instead, one has heard and read messages rife with moral equivalency that desperately try to excuse and justify Palestinian terrorism.

That Israel has many outspoken enemies is no secret. But it is both shocking and disconcerting when the major news organizations become eager purveyors of Hamas propaganda. Just a week and a half after the Hamas terrorists slaughtered 1,400 Israelis and kidnapped 200 others, a rocket that was fired from Gaza hit a hospital in Gaza. That Hamas and their sister organization, Islamic Jihad, have little concern for their own Palestinian people is well known. They regularly use their own people as "human shields." They regularly fire missiles from schools and hospitals. They regularly store ammunition and set up military headquarters in crowded neighborhoods. Their acts are both cowardly and cynical. Cowardly, because they know that Israelis will hesitate to respond to attacks when they emanate from areas where innocent civilians are at risk. Cynical, because Hamas knows that they will gain a propaganda victory whenever Israel responds and innocent civilians are harmed.

Complicit in Hamas's plans are the American and world media. Whatever propaganda the terrorists produce becomes ready fodder for the media grist mill. Photos, videos, and staged reports orchestrated by Hamas are eagerly conveyed by many of the major media outlets and news organizations. The most egregious and recent example occurred just 11 days after the Hamas attack against Israel. A missile, launched by either Hamas or Islamic Jihad misfired, and hit a hospital in Gaza. Innocents were killed. Not hesitating a beat, Hamas released propaganda that claimed 500 people were killed by an Israeli bomb. Not hesitating a beat, The New York Times (to which I have been a daily subscriber for over 30 years) repeated the Hamas propaganda. Not

missing a beat, CNN, MSNBC, and many other media outlets immediately issued "Breaking News" about the Israeli atrocity. Not missing a beat, Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib stated outright on X (Twitter) that Israel had murdered people at the hospital. Sometime later, The New York Times and other media outlets began to walk back their report. Sometime later, video evidence proved that the missile that exploded at the hospital in Gaza was fired by Palestinian terrorists. Sometime later--- well, as of this writing, we are still waiting for Congresswoman Tlaib to retract her statement falsely blaming Israel. Don't hold your breath.

It is one thing for terrorist organizations to issue horrendous lies and propaganda to confuse the public. It is quite another thing for major news organizations to be willing shills of that propaganda and thereby falsely vilify an innocent victim, in this case, Israel. And if journalists are so easily fooled, what about the professors on college campuses, the "internet influencers", and other pontificators who embrace every criticism of Israel as gospel and are predisposed to promote any message, no matter how false, that attacks Jews and Israel?

Okay, we have real enemies. Now what? Well, please do not despair, give up, hide, and quit. Rather, support and join those who are taking on the propagandists of the terrorists. In this season of Thanksgiving, let us support and join in the efforts of AIPAC (American Israel Public Affairs Committee) for being the most influential lobbying organization building and strengthening bonds between the United States and Israel. Let us support Jewishcolorado for raising funds to help Israel, for bringing to Colorado our Israel representative, Nelly Ben Tal, for providing vital security expertise that protects synagogues and other Jewish organizations, and for underwriting IST and other programs that connect Jewish youth to Israel. Let us support Hillel, ADL, and StandWithUs for programs that educate and empower Jews in America and Israel. Let us support organizations like MEMRI (Middle East Media Research Institute) for translating articles from Arabic to English so journalists, scholars, and you can see exactly what leaders in the Middle East are actually saying to their own people (and not just what is fed to the American media). Let us support JNF (Jewish National Fund) for building the infrastructure in Israel that makes the desert bloom and educates Israeli Jews and Arabs to work cooperatively and peacefully.

Most importantly, we need to watch the news and read the newspapers with a critical eye. Do not be fooled by propagandists. Monitor the websites and platforms that your children and grandchildren visit. TikTok is especially prone to vicious lies and propaganda. X (Twitter), Instagram, and other outlets are also abused by antisemitic and anti-Israel hate groups. We may not be able to prevent the lies and propaganda foisted by antisemitic hate groups but at least we can be aware of it and alert our loved ones.

I pray that this latest conflict in Gaza was the last. I pray that one day soon, Jews in Israel and Muslims throughout the Middle East will decide to end all military confrontations and commit to living in peace and harmony. I pray that the media, college professors, and government officials will choose to no longer be partners in harmful propaganda by terrorists. And until those prayers come to fruition, we need to have everyone who cares for the Jewish people and Israel to be alert, active, and to be vigilant.

May God bless and protect you and our brothers and sisters in Israel.

B'vrakhah, With Blessings

Rick

Rabbi Rick Rheins



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SPECIAL MEETING: DECEMBER 3, 11:30am

B'nei Mitzvah
dates for **2026**



We will have a meeting and program on Sunday, December 3 at 11:30AM for parents with children who will turn 13 and become Bar/Bat Mitzvah in the year 2026.

The program will conclude with the distribution of the 2026 Dates Selection forms. Rabbi Rick Rheins will run the program at which we will distribute the new B'nei Mitzvah guidebook and answer your questions. This is an important opportunity to begin preparing for your family's upcoming B'nei Mitzvah experience. (This meeting does not require the attendance of the students).



MAR CHESHVAN

RABBI MICHAEL SHIELDS

We are in the midst of the Hebrew month of Cheshvan, sometimes called Mar Cheshvan. Cheshvan follows the month of Tishrei during which we celebrate many holidays (Rosh Hashanah, on the 1st, Yom Kippur on the 10th, Sukkot from the 15th-22nd, and Simchat Torah, on the 23rd). However, Cheshvan is a month that contains no Holy Days at all. Some say this is the reason that it is called, Mar Cheshvan, mar meaning 'bitter.'

In this season, even though we have just celebrated the New Year and prayed that the year to come will be a sweet one, we share many fears and doubts. In truth, we know that the State of Israel and the Jewish People will carry the scar of the October 7 pogrom terrorist attack forever. The bitterness and pain will reverberate for generations.

I spoke at High Holy Days of this notion of Collective Effervescence as a pathway to communal hope and joy. It is not so easy to point our spiritual compass towards joy when the pain of what happened on October 7 is so recent, and the tragic reality of what is to come in the essential war against Hamas looms on the horizon. So, what are we to do in the face of this reality?

Renewal and healing does not come in a deluge. It starts with a single drop of hope. In Aramaic, the word, mar, means "a drop of water." This name too makes a lot of a sense as in the agricultural cycle of Israel and the Ancient Near East. In the Promised Land, the time following the High Holy Days has always been of great trepidation; fear that those essential rains will not come. One waits for that first droplet to splash upon the ground.

So many tears have shattered the arid soil of Israel this past month, and countless more tears will follow. Funeral....Shiva. Funeral....Shiva. Funeral....Shiva. Funeral.....Shiva.....
.....a wedding. Perhaps, a drop of hope in a sea of mourning.

We too mourn. The pain, the anger, the sadness doesn't just go away. However, if we look around, the droplets of hope are there too. And we can gather those droplets together to form a rivulet that can begin to carry us away from despair.

In the Jewish tradition of Mussar, Savlanut-Patience might be defined as 'bearing our current reality a little bit longer.' Sometimes that's all we can do. The agonizing, bitter pain of this Cheshvan must not cloud our vision so much that we miss recognizing the rivulets of hope. We must seize that hope and not let it slip away. Just as the family in the article from the Forward turned back toward life and needed, and even were obligated to celebrate a wedding.

Israel and the IDF must respond and wage this war against Hamas for there to be peace and security for Israel. We must strengthen the Jewish People by maintaining unity and building strength here. Our community can and must be a well of sustenance for all in the community. I hope each member of Sinai will consider how they can be a drop of sweet water that will sustain and grow our vibrant Jewish community.

Michael

Rabbi Michael Shields



**A wedding during wartime
in Jerusalem - The Forward**

...NOTES FROM OUR CLERGY

B'nei Mitzvah in 2024 & 2025

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. If you have a child who will turn 13 (or older) in 2024 or 2025 and you do not yet have a reserved service date, please call Rabbi Rick Rheins or Rabbi Michael Shields and we'll answer all your questions and help you find a date that works for your family.

Or if you would like to stop in, date selection request forms are available in the Temple Sinai office. We can also mail one directly to you.

Know that our clergy work personally with each student and their family to help create a memorable celebration that will bring a lifetime of blessings.

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 Rheins and Rabbi Shields are always quick to make a call and/or visit to any of our members and their loved ones. We also have a group of volunteers on our Caring Committee who will do their best to respond with cards, calls and offers of assistance.

Please call or email our Rabbis and let them know that you'd like their help.

Confidential messages can be made directly to:
Rabbi Rick Rheins, rabrheins@sinaidenver.org
Rabbi Michael Shields, rabbishields@sinaidenver.org

Interested in Becoming Jewish or Learning more about Judaism? Sign up for the next Introduction To Judaism course!

The Rocky Mountain Rabbis & Cantors (RMRC) offers a nationally renowned 28-week Introduction to Judaism (ITJ) course. This program is taught by Rabbis from the Reform, Conservative, Reconstructionist, and Modern Orthodox movements. ITJ is a cornerstone of the Denver Jewish community's conversion program. It is one of the few in the country in which Rabbis from all the respective movements participate.

There is a modest fee for the course, but some scholarships are available. If you are interested in the Introduction to Judaism course, please call either Rabbi Rick Rheins or Rabbi Michael Shields.

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

All services are open for in-person attendance and will be streamed live at sinaidenver.org/livestream or on our Facebook page at Facebook.com/SinaiDenver

WEEKLY

EREV SHABBAT SERVICE

FRIDAYS, 6:00 PM

Join us to welcome Shabbat every Friday evening. Temple Sinai's service is a rich mixture of Jewish tradition and modern egalitarian spirit which makes for an inviting and inclusive experience for those of every age and background. Our service is filled with wonderful music that includes both traditional and modern melodies. Thoughtful messages from the Rabbis enhance our services. We conclude every Erev Shabbat service with an *oneg* dessert and social time to renew friendships and meet new friends.

SHABBAT MORNING MINYAN

SATURDAYS, 9:00 AM

Every Shabbat morning we have a lovely service that encourages participation and ruach, a joyous spirit. In addition to the Rabbis, congregants are invited to help lead the service. Opportunities are available for members to read Torah, provide a short *drash* (message about the Torah portion) and help lead the prayers. If you are interested in leading a part of the service, contact Rabbi Rick Rheins or Rabbi Michael Shields. This service is a fabulous way to celebrate Shabbat and to meet wonderful new friends.

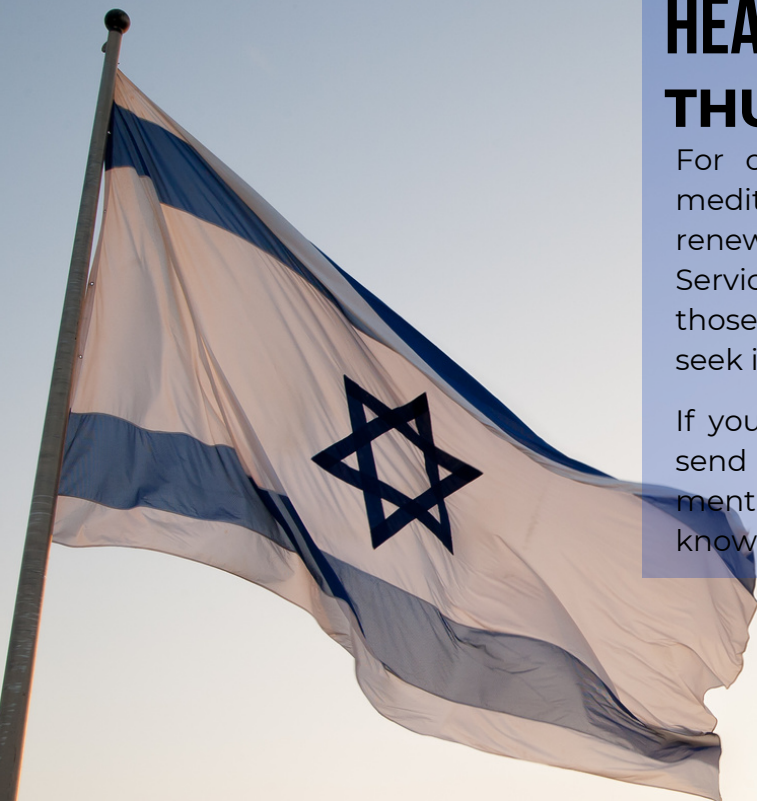
**SPECIAL EREV SHABBAT SERVICE HONORING
OUR JEWISH WAR VETERANS NOV. 10, 6:00 PM**

MONTHLY

HEALING SERVICE / VIRTUAL, AT 11:00AM THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

For our Healing Service, we gather virtually 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, for those struggling with sadness and grief, for caregivers who seek inspiration as they pray for the welfare of loved ones.

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. Please be sure to let them know that they are in all our thoughts and prayers.



CLASSES: NOVEMBER AND FALL 2023

BROTHERHOOD, BIBLE & BEER MEN TALKING TORAH WITH RABBI SHIELDS DARCY'S BISTRO AND PUB TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17 AT 6:00PM

Each month, Temple Sinai men get together for a little study, discussion, and camaraderie. It is a perfect opportunity to renew friendships and make new friends.

In October, the session will be led by Rabbi Michael Shields.

LUNCH AND LEARN COME LEARN, DISCUSS, DEBATE AND MEET FRIENDS November 9, 16, 30 AT NOON

(There will not be L&L on Nov. 23 in respect for Thanksgiving)

We'll review ethical and moral issues in selected Jewish texts, discuss hot current topics, and debate the important issues of the day. Bring your lunch and join in the discussion. It's a great way to learn as well as meet new friends!

Lunch and Learn will now be **IN-PERSON AT TEMPLE SINAI** with a **VIRTUAL OPTION!**

SHABBAT TORAH STUDY WITH RABBI ZWERIN AND RABBI KAYE SATURDAYS, 10:30AM (VIRTUAL) NOVEMBER 4, 11, 18, 25

Join Rabbi Zwerin and Rabbi Kaye on Shabbat mornings to explore the next few verses in the Torah, and examine the commentary surrounding the text. Regardless of previous knowledge, everyone is welcome to add to the weekly discussions or just to listen. The class began with Genesis 1 in 1986 and are now in our 38th year. We have reached the final few chapters of Deuteronomy. As this last book of the Torah comes to an end, so does the life of Moses - and, he has much yet to teach us all before he ascends his last mountain.

SINAI SUNDAYS FALL-WINTER 2023 EXPLORING THE TALMUD TRACTATE KETUBOT WITH RABBI RICK RHEINS

This year's Sinai Sundays class will continue to explore some of the most important passages and interesting stories in the Babylonian Talmud. Each week we will read and discuss selections from the Talmud. This semester we are studying Tractate Ketubot. It does not matter if you already have a familiarity with Talmudic text or are exploring it for the first time. Come and join us as we explore and discuss the great stories and passages of the Talmud!

The classes will be held virtually. Sundays. 10:00-11:00am.

REMAINING FALL-WINTER 2023 DATES:

November 5
December 3, 24

EXPLORING THE HEBREW BIBLE THE SECOND BOOK OF SAMUEL WITH RABBI RICK RHEINS TUESDAYS AT NOON NOVEMBER 7, 14

In November we will continue reading and discussing the Second Book of Samuel. These passages of the Hebrew Bible contain the stories of King David and King Solomon. For each session, Rabbi Rick Rheins will provide a PDF text as well as selections from classic commentaries. Of course, we will also engage in a lively discussion! Join us **VIRTUALLY** at noon!

**ZOOM LINKS AND
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PRIOR TO EACH SESSION.**



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Your Voice in Israel

Given the painful war in Israel and worsening antisemitic climate in Denver, and across the world, Jewish National Fund USA, invites our Temple Sinai Congregation to attend our **Global Conference for Israel at the Colorado Convention Center from Nov. 30th - Dec. 3rd**. Stand in Solidarity with Jews and Zionists across the country!

As a token of solidarity, and thanks to a generous benefactor, every person that now wants to attend JNF's Global Conference for Israel can do so at a highly subsidized Unity for Israel rate of **\$50 for a 3-day conference pass**. Shabbat Dinner can be purchased for an additional \$180.

PLEASE JOIN US!

Thurs, Nov.30th

Opening Ceremony- Gov. Jared Polis, U.N. Amb. Gilad Erdan & Special in Uniform Band

Friday, Dec. 1st

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Saturday, Dec. 2nd

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Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Rick Rheins

Thursday,
November 9



Special Guest Speaker

Steve Finesilver, Author, Teacher, Coach

Steve Finesilver's inspiring leadership has resulted in numerous teaching awards and endorsements. He has created pathways never before available to students in underserved communities. Working with local government officials, he started Denver Youth Initiative as well as likely the longest-running youth-employment program in the nation, Jobs by George. His highly acclaimed book *Hard Knocks & Dirty Socks* addresses the problems and issues of Denver Public Schools as well as the inspiring stories of its students. As we grapple with the challenges of our students in our public school system, Steve's 43 years of experience and expertise as a teacher and coach will provide us with insight and wisdom.

at Temple Sinai, in-person and on zoom



ON A MUSICAL NOTE . . .

RUTHIE LIPSHULCH CANTORIAL SOLOIST



Dear Temple Sinai Family,

Hopefully, you have enjoyed last month's continuation of Musical Shabbat, and that you and your loved ones will be attending the Family Concert on November 11th! From my point of view, music can be a great healer and a source of healing as it can engage the mind, and body and uplift the spirit.

During these challenging times may we tap into the power of music and its healing properties for a source of comfort.

Here are a few of my favorite melodies that may hopefully be a source of peace for you:

1. **Mi Shebeirach - Debbie Friedman**
2. **Hallelujah - Lenard Cohen**
3. **Bridge over Troubled Water - Josh Groban**
4. **Let There Be Love - Hashkiveinu - Noah Aronson**
5. **Blessed Love - Chava Mirel**

My chosen calling as a singer in the synagogue is a sacred trust. Because of your trust each Shabbat and Yom Tov, I can share the gift of music with you. What an honor.

Your Cantorial Soloist,

Ruthie

Ruthie Lipshulch

CALLING ALL K-5 MUSICAL SONGBIRDS!

Rehearsals will be scheduled on Sundays immediately following Religious School. **Rehearsal dates will be announced soon.**

YOUTH CHOIR PERFORMANCES:

DECEMBER 8, 2023

APRIL 26, 2024

MAY 17, 2024

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Temple Sinai's Family **Concert**

featuring Ruthie Lipshulch

JOIN US FOR A SPECTACLE PERFORMANCE BY CANTORIAL SOLOIST,
RUTHIE LIPSHULCH, ACCOMPANIED BY TENOR, NATHAN SNYDER.

RUTHIE AND NATHAN WILL BRING TO YOUR FAMILIES A
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TIMELINE OF EVENTS:

3:45 - 4:15PM - VIP SING-A-LONG AND TREATS RECEPTION

4:30 - 5:00PM - ACT 1, PERFORMANCE

5:00 - 5:25PM - INTERMISSION WITH LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

5:30 - 6:00PM - ACT 2, PERFORMANCE

SUGGESTED DONATIONS:

ADULTS: \$36

CHILDREN: \$18

FAMILY PACKAGE: \$200

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

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November 7, 2023***

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Red Robin

RESTAURANT DAY & NIGHT



SHEILA PURDIN

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION



When bad things happen in the world it is a struggle for educators and families to navigate their feelings while simultaneously caring for young children. Very young children do not, and should not, know exactly what all the bad things are but they are very aware that something feels wrong. They can sense the fear and anxiety, sadness and anger in the adults who love them. This is the situation we have been dealing with at Temple Sinai Preschool since the horrific attack on Israel by the terrorist group Hamas on October 7. Adults are feeling angry, scared, and helpless.

Our school leadership, including our PTO co-chairs, really wanted to help. We thought about what we could do within the school that would allow us to show support, include families and educators, and involve children in a developmentally appropriate way.

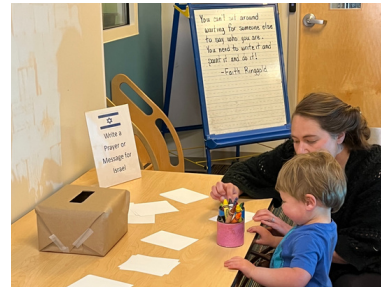
We decided to bring a piece of Israel into our school by projecting an image of the Western Wall onto the wall in our hallway with an invitation to write a prayer or message to Israel. The children led us from there. They asked us what it was, we told them about the wall and temple. They asked us if God could read their messages, we told them God would understand even their drawings. They asked who Israel was, we told them it was a special place where people speak Hebrew and lots of Jewish friends live there. They asked if they could write more than one message. We told them to write as many as their heart needed.

Families joined in the effort with their children and in less than 24 hours we have a box filled with prayers and messages, written by children and adults, who felt just a tiny bit better for having written them. We found a way to mourn and act alongside our children and while we are still mourning, it was good.

Warmly,
Sheila



Write a
Prayer or
Message for
Israel



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S A V E T H E D A T E

**SINAI'S PRESCHOOL
ANNUAL FUNDRAISER**

2.10.2024 | 06:00 PM

PRESCHOOL TRUNK-OR-TREAT FUNDRAISER OCT. 29





DONI KAYE

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

“NISIM B’CHOL YOM” - EVERYDAY MIRACLES A RESPONSE FROM OUR LITURGY TO AID US AT ALL TIMES

How can we enumerate and appreciate everyday miracles when our world is torn asunder? Why should we acknowledge the good when goodness seems to be absent?

Without going into theology, a few thoughts...

Seemingly, we are so very far from our shared vision for peace - our people have again become victims of senseless violence and hatred, and our sense of security and insulation from those who choose to be our enemies has been quashed. The Jewish people are not strangers to these circumstances. Our history and memory spans such a huge and diverse range of times and places, and has been shaped by such a huge range of events, that we have responses to the regular and irregular moments in our lives alike. We are rightly rattled, we are shaken, and we are spurred to action.

It's an understatement to say that we are in the midst of a very trying time for the Jewish people, for the modern State of Israel, and for international peace efforts as a whole. Our vision for a collaborative and beneficent humankind, and a unified and strong Jewish people, seems faded more than ever into the backdrop. In our media and information saturated world, we all attempt to piece together at least a rough picture of the trauma which has unfolded to our people. Being inundated with perceptual information compels us to perform this often cumbersome task, of discerning the truth and gaining clarity; however, critically, our world which is buzzing with news and information so frequently fails to provide the a viable framework for processing, making meaning, and informing thoughtful action and approach to events which are beyond us. We are left with a complex narrative, and a pit within us. We debate reports and numbers, place blame, and talk politics before we ever feel the real impact of what we hear.

This information overflow reaction seems largely a defensive mechanism which allows us to process innumerable forms of local and global events on a daily basis, but it inhibits us from coming in touch with the all-important human aspects of what we hear. Even when people we are profoundly connected to fall victim to atrocities beyond imagination, the net effect of how we are conditioned to processing events which seem far off might dampen our emotional state, and leave us feeling empty, hollow, and even close to apathy.

So overwhelmed are we in this era of interconnectedness, so saturated are we with all manner of accounts of human suffering, that our minds may well be prone to short circuiting when the unthinkable happens to our extended global family. The question becomes: do we have tools for fighting apathy, for raising our levels of gratitude, and for perspective taking when we attempt to stay connected to the suffering of those close to us? Judaism has the answer. Our regular liturgy is built to have an immediate and cumulative impact on our psyche's such that when the unthinkable should happen, we have tools for processing, and taking appropriate action.

As an example of how Judaism helps us develop the character for whatever may be on the horizon, I wanted to take a look at just one line of the “Nisim B'chol Yom,” The Everyday Miracles, which help us explicitly acknowledge that which we often take for granted — those myriad gifts of life which are so often present but that we so often fail to acknowledge.

Praise to you, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, who has given the mind the ability to distinguish day from night.

Page 36, Mishkan Tefillah, Inspired By Psalm 146:7-8

This simple line, when repeated and couched in contexts, turns into a layered reminder of what it means to be human. We are reminded that we should not take our perceptual senses for granted. This thought compels us to be grateful for consciousness, the ability to observe, identify, interpret, and apply patterns in nature. Not only this, we read between the lines to see that this is also an acknowledgement that the entire universe works seemingly automatically, without our labors. Without human interference, the entire globe transitions through its regular lunar and solar cycles. This is also a nod to all the natural processes - the circulation and lifecycle of stars and planets, the cycle of seasons, the sustenance for ecosystems and plants, geological processes involved in regulating the biosphere, the interactions within and existence of the animal kingdom, and all else that happens without human dominion.

When we think in these small and large terms about what it means to discern, what it means to play a role through our actions. Humans are a different sort of force of nature — we are agents and interpreters of patterns, and what we do really does affect, often in ways unknown to us, the automatic processes at work. This thinking reminds us of the smallness and vastness of our lives in respect to all Creation - it gets us thinking about the specialness and distinctiveness of human life, the supreme goodness of human kindness and compassion, and the supreme evil of human cruelty and abuse of Creation. These thoughts below the surface and below awareness when we recite our liturgy heighten our ability to process routine events. We humanize what's going on, the weight of it, the implications of it, the associated feelings and perceptions.

One line of Jewish liturgy surfaces this insanely layered wisdom for appreciating our human condition and our world. It connects us and readies us for what's to come, which we can never know. When we take in Jewish liturgy, we do our best to balance the time we live in, keeping at the back of our minds what we are struggling with, personally, locally, and globally, and we put at the front of our minds the timeless words which our ancestors also used to process. We observe the subsequent insight, often embodied in physiology and cognitions which are challenging to retrieve, as we re-enter the rhythm of the day-to-day. Liturgy and prayer holds the potential to help us transform. As our attention lies with our people, their suffering, their recovery, their renewal during and after devastation, let us draw from our wealth of wisdom to hone our ability to relate, to support, to be grounded, to be present, to be fully humane and human.

**L'Shalom,
Doni**



ABOUT HEBREW LEARNING ON SUNDAY:

Students will be learning Hebrew on Sundays during their Religious School class time through an adapted Torah Aura curriculum. The Hebrew portion will be 45 minutes of class time led by our teachers in a way which engages different types of learning styles (auditory, kinesthetic, visual, tactile, verbal, etc). The Torah Aura curriculum is designed to engage students in meaningful Hebrew learning informed by Jewish liturgy and themes.

PURPOSE OF HEBREW AFTER HOURS (GRADES 4-7):

We are again offering Hebrew After Hours for your children. For those families who are looking for additional time for their children to develop Hebrew skills, we are offering times outside of Religious School hours for structured and engaging study with our staff. Students are welcome to attend the weekly session that works best for their schedule.

**SIGN UP TODAY FOR
HEBREW AFTER
HOURS**

YOUTH & FAMILY PROGRAMS

TWISTED SHABBAT
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

5:30 - Jr. Congregation
5:50 - Challah braiding
6:15 - Dinner & Shabbat activities
7:10 - Oneg and Challah presentation

Register Now

Temple Sinai's Family

Concert
featuring **Ruthie Lipshulch**

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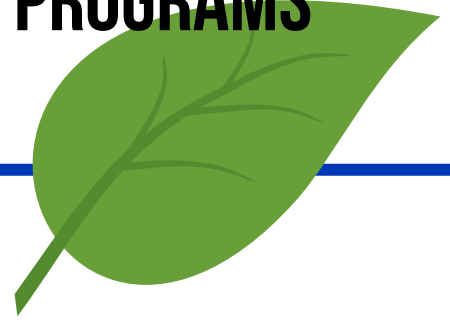
**Saturday,
November 11**

Meretz & Ruach
Sunday, November 12
featuring
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Plant. Learn. Grow. With your friends!

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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL: ABOUT OUR UPCOMING YOUTH AND TEEN PROGRAMS FOR THE 2023 - 2024 SCHOOL YEAR



YOUTH GROUP PROGRAM: MERETZ & RUACH

Youth programs will be held immediately after Religious School approximately one Sunday a month (from 12:00 - 1:30PM) and will be focused on social engagement while staying rooted in Jewish values. Sessions will be activity-based, led by both Temple Sinai Staff as well as community partners. There is a nominal fee, registration will be required and lunch is served. Meretz Programs are for grades K-3 and Ruach Programs are for grades 4-6. **CHECK YOUR EMAIL FOR REGISTRATION DETAILS.**

OCTOBER 8 / NOVEMBER 12 / DECEMBER 10 / JANUARY 21 / FEBRUARY 25 / MARCH 24 / APRIL 21



TEEN ACADEMY: 8TH & 9TH GRADES

Unleash your teen's voice with Sinai Teen Academy's innovative, year-long program: The Teen Academy Podcast! Anchored in Jewish values, our 8th and 9th graders will explore the question of "What is Tikkun Olam?" through the exciting lens of podcasting. They'll dive deeply into critical topics of their choosing—like antisemitism, human impact on the environment, online bullying and housing insecurity—utilizing their own research, interviews and personal insights to craft powerful, student-led podcast episodes. **CHECK YOUR EMAIL FOR CLASS DETAILS & CALENDAR.**



CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2024/5784, 10TH GRADE

Confirmation at Sinai is all about finding Jewish relevancy and deepening your connection to Judaism. Through study and reflection within the context of a trusting community we can shape our Jewish souls. Participants will help guide the ongoing conversations and learning - led by Associate Rabbi, Michael Shields. An additional component of our Confirmation experience is with Aaron Mendelsberg, artist and educator, bringing Judaism to life through interactive art sessions. **CONFIRMATION SERVICE WILL BE HELD ON EREV SHABBAT, 5/10/2024. CHECK YOUR EMAIL FOR MORE DETAILS.**

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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL YOUTH

Holden Jordan-Dill November 4, 2023

Holden is the son of Kelly and the brother of Blake and Paisley. He attends Goddard Middle School and enjoys playing baseball, soccer, and video games, racing, hanging out with friends, and studying history. For his Mitzvah Project, Holden will be donating part of his gifts to Magen David Adom Israel and the FIDF.



BAR
MITZVAH

BAR
MITZVAH



Camden Mondrow November 18, 2023

Camden is the son of Noal and Jamie and the brother of Micah. He attends Cherry Creek High School and enjoys Legos, construction, and listening to music. Camden is 17 and has a developmental disability and autism. He has worked extra hard on everything from reading to behavior regulation to tying his shoes to getting ready for his Bar Mitzvah. Things that are easy for others are difficult for him, but he is persistent and a hard worker. Camden's advice for dealing with frustration: "Pretend you forgot it (the frustration) at home."

Intermountain Jewish News Offer

Get free copies at Sinai November 11-12

IJN is offering a 25% discount to Sinai members off their initial one or two-year subscription. Members interested in subscribing may do so at [this link](#), entering the code SINAI25.

As we find ourselves in the wake of the worst massacre of Jews since the Holocaust, and as we face an onslaught of pro-Hamas protests on various campuses and on social media, finding a good source of news about Jews and the Jewish community is more vital than ever. In Denver and Boulder, students are facing an unthinkable rise in antisemitism - from both students and certain teachers. We need to strengthen our awareness of what is going on and what resources are available to us.

One of the most important sources of news for the Colorado Jewish community is the objective information provided by the award-winning weekly newspaper, the Intermountain Jewish News (IJN).

In an effort to bring this essential weekly paper to more Jewish families, IJN is offering to Temple Sinai members a free issue of their paper which we will distribute at services on November 10 and 11. In addition, IJN is offering a generous 25% discount to Temple Sinai members off their initial one or two-year subscription. Members interested in subscribing may do so at [this link](#), entering the code SINAI25. Alternatively, you may contact Shana Goldberg at shana@ijn.com or 303-861-2234.

We thank the IJN staff for their tireless efforts and for making this generous offer to our Temple Sinai community.

STAY CONNECTED - UPCOMING PROGRAMS: NOVEMBER



**BROTHERHOOD
BREAKFAST**

NOVEMBER 9 / 9:00AM

THE EARLY BIRD RESTAURANT
(LANDMARK PLAZA)

**JEWISH WAR
VETERANS**

MONTHLY MEETING
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12
9:00 AM

TEMPLE SINAI

*Parenting
Conversations:*

**A Series
for
Mindful
Parenting**

With
Jody Altman
Stacks

**November 13
9:15 AM**

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**BROTHERHOOD
BIBLE AND BEERS
DARCY'S PUB
NOVEMBER 14 at 6:00PM**

**TEMPLE SINAI
GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

Tuesday, November 14
6:30PM
at Temple Sinai
Email: mail@sinaidenver.org for details

**KNITTING AND
CROCHETING FOR JOY**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15
1:00 PM
AT TEMPLE SINAI

QUESTIONS? CONTACT JANE ROBBINS: JANEROBBINS.CPA@GMAIL.COM

Lifelong Jewish Learning

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15
6:30PM AT TEMPLE SINAI

**Immigration from
a First-Hand
Point of View**

with Roberta and
Mel Klein

Lifelong Jewish Learning

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28
6:30PM AT TEMPLE SINAI

**The Bible's Role in
Jewish Tradition**

with
Dr. Frederick
Greenspahn

**LEARN MORE AND REGISTER. VISIT US ONLINE:
sinaidenver.org/what-we-do/upcoming-events**

WHAT'S COMING UP

BROTHERHOOD SPORTS TALK

FEATURING GUEST SPEAKER

JIM SACCOMANO



Sunday, November 12

9:30 AM / TEMPLE SINAI, SOCIAL HALL



Sharing Insights on Greatest Moments of the NFL and the Denver Broncos Including Three Super Bowl Victories and the Acquisition of Both John Elway and Peyton Manning

- Broncos VP, Historian and Television Host
- “Voice and Memory” of the Bronco’s for 36 seasons
- Winner of “Pete Rozelle Award” and “Football Hall of Fame Award of Excellence”

Christmas in the Park

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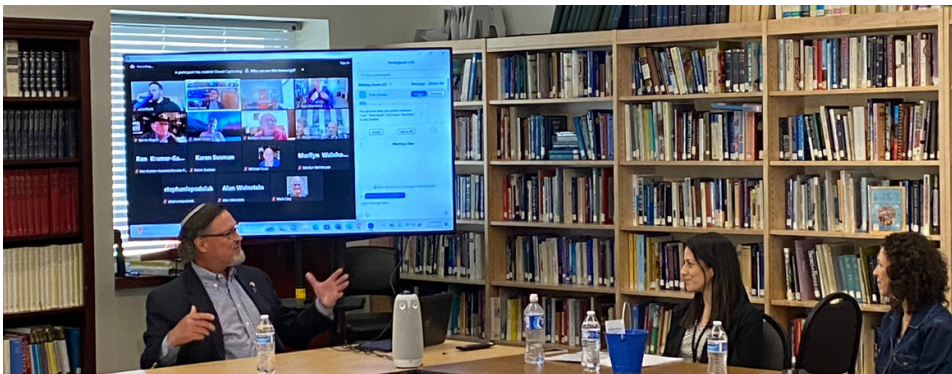
PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS!



Antisemitism program with Tina Malka, Hillel



Lunch & Learn with Shlichah, Nelly Ben-Tal



BOOST YOUR CONNECTIONS THROUGH SCHOLARSHIPS AND JEWISH OPPORTUNITIES!

WHETHER IT'S FOR SUMMER CAMP, STUDIES, A LIFECYCLE EVENT OR TRAVEL, THERE ARE SO MANY WAYS THAT YOU CAN BE AWARDED AN EXTRA BOOST OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO FULFILL YOUR PERSONAL OR FAMILY'S GOALS.

TEMPLE SINAI IS FORTUNATE TO HAVE FAMILIES AND RESOURCES WHO HAVE DESIGNATED MONETARY FUNDS FOR THAT EXTRA "BOOST." THESE FUNDS WERE ESTABLISHED FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS BUT THEY ALL HAVE THE SAME COMMON PURPOSE - **TO HELP JEWISH HOUSEHOLDS KEEP THEIR JEWISH SPIRIT ALIVE!**

THESE SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES ARE TO BE USED; IT FILLS THE HEARTS AND SOULS FOR EVERYONE WHEN SCHOLARSHIPS AND OPPORTUNITIES ARE AWARDED. EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST AND MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR JEWISH JOURNEY!

THE JEFFREY O. ROSENBERG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Jeffrey O. Rosenberg Memorial Scholarship for Jewish Studies was created by his family to honor his memory and to sustain his passion for Jewish scholarship and culture. Each year this scholarship will support:

- 1) Textbooks and course materials for Temple Sinai members enrolled in higher education Jewish study courses and rabbinic studies. Distributes up to \$500 each year to one or multiple students. The applicant should write a letter describing their Jewish studies course(s) and the course materials they would like covered.
- 2) B'nei Mitzvah tutoring for families: Provides a student with \$500 each for B'nei Mitzvah tutoring.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN, CO SECTION

For congregants who identify as a woman and are hoping to further their education after high school or might be an older returning student later in life, the NCJW, Colorado Section will be awarding a number of scholarships to Jewish women in need of assistance with their tuition to college or technical school attendance this fall 2023. Application and information can be found at www.NCJWColorado.org/programs.

StandWithUS KENNETH LEVENTHAL HIGH SCHOOL INTERNSHIP

This is a year-long, college accredited program for student leaders in 11th and 12th grade who want to proactively and positively impact their local schools and communities. Leventhal interns learn about Israel, how to effectively combat antisemitism, and cultivate leadership skills through personalized mentorship. They bring education to their peers through interactive and creative initiatives and programs. Leventhal interns travel to Los Angeles for two leadership conferences throughout the school year.

ONE HAPPY CAMPER SCHOLARSHIP

Artists and athletes, actors and activists, adventure seekers and analytical thinkers... There is a Jewish camp for everyone.

Are you looking for an overnight camp or specialty experience for your children? With more than 155 camps and specialty experiences to choose from, you can make this upcoming summer a perfect adventure for your first-time camper!

And... Did you know that first-time campers may be eligible for a One Happy Camper Grant? Campers attending 12-19 days receive \$700 and those attending 19+ days receive \$1,000.

Questions? Please reach out to Heather Flowers, OHC Professional at [JEWISHcolorado](mailto:hflowers@JEWISHcolorado.org), at hflowers@JEWISHcolorado.org for further details.



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PAY TRIBUTE TO YOUR LOVED ONES

It is never too late to remember a loved one or to celebrate a graduation, confirmation, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, a special birthday or any other milestone. The events that we experience individually are meant to be shared with our Sinai community. Here are several ways in which to do so:

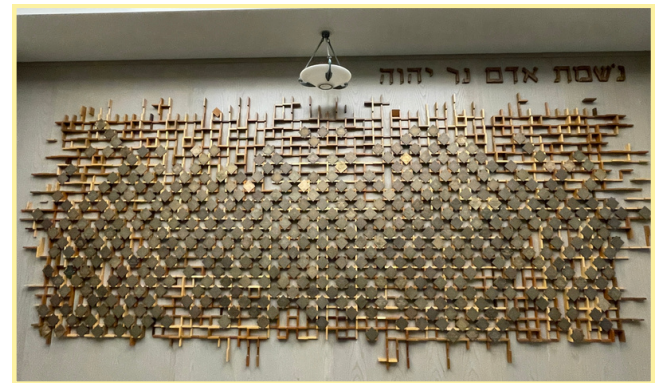
BRICK-BY-BRICK PROJECT

Brick by Brick is an ever-evolving commemoration of the special moments and people that shape and influence our lives. Bricks can be purchased online at <http://www.sinaidenver.org/brick-by-brick.html>. The display of bricks is located in front of Temple Sinai's entrance. Cost: \$125 (4x8 Brick) and \$250 for (8x8 Brick).



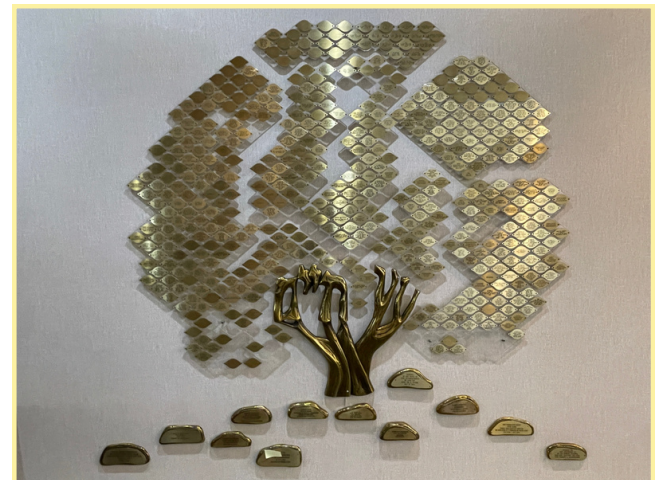
WALL OF REMEMBRANCE

The Wall of Remembrance, located outside the Zwerin Sanctuary, is a way to memorialize the passing of a loved one. Name plates are inscribed with the name of the departed along with the English and Hebrew date of death. Cost: \$300.



TREE OF LIFE

The Tree of Life sculpture was created by the renowned synagogue artist Sanford Werfel. The branches of the tree form the Hebrew words "Etz Chaim." The stones at the roots of the Tree are symbolic of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. The golden leaves and stones may be inscribed to highlight or commemorate joyous occasions, including births, weddings, anniversaries, graduations or to honor family, parents or friends. Cost: \$175 to inscribe a leaf and \$1,000 to inscribe a stone.



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- **Nanette Eckstein**, mother of Rich (Wendy) and Steven (Dick), grandmother of Alex and Jared (Phoebe), and great-grandmother of Daniel, Claudia and Simon, wife of the late Sanford
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