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JOIN SINAI SOCIAL AND SISTERHOOD

LISA THORNER

I am so excited to announce the development of two new committees at Temple Sinai: Sinai Social and our new Sisterhood. These initiatives mark a pivotal goal in our journey towards fostering stronger connections and creating events for all demographics of our community.

Sinai Social is a group catered to those 50+ and is dedicated to providing an environment for social and cultural activities geared for members to interact, exchange and share experiences. The goal of Sinai Social is to nurture friendships common to the maturity of the group and enhance a more meaningful Jewish experience. The first program for Sinai Social is a brunch scheduled for Sunday, March 17 at 10:30 am at the Landmark. If you are interested in attending, please go to <https://sinaidenver.shulcloud.com/form/sinai-social-march-17.html> to sign up.

After a few years of hiatus, a group of women asked if we could relaunch a Sisterhood at Temple Sinai. Following an initial meeting and a survey that went out to the women of Temple Sinai, we are excited to announce a newly designed Sisterhood. Sisterhood is an organization of the women of our Temple who wish to band together in friendship and provides an arena for individuals to expand and grow in a Jewish atmosphere with the support of fellow Jewish women. Sisterhood needs the support of all the women of Temple Sinai. All women, whether grandmother, mother, daughter, sister, aunt or wife are welcome as members of Sisterhood. As we continue to gather information you have provided in the survey, we will launch our first event in April, so please stay tuned.

To kick off these new committees, we invite all interested members to join us for our inaugural meetings and events. Whether you have ideas to share, skills to offer, or simply a desire to get involved, your presence and participation are invaluable.

The establishment of Sinai Social and Sisterhood is a collective effort to build a stronger, more connected, and inclusive Temple community. I urge all of you to actively participate in the events so together every member feels valued, supported, and uplifted in their journey.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

L'Shalom,

Lisa

Lisa Thorner
Executive Director



temple sinai's 2024 annual event

april

07

6:00pm

This is our time to recognize our Temple Sinai comm**UNITY** for your bright engagement to help build a bright future for our future generations.

Let us come together on this special night as one comm**UNITY** and celebrate everything that Temple Sinai stands for - for our families, loved ones and our Jewish pride.

shine a light *on temple sinai*

dueling pianos

dinner and open bar

live auction

sponsorships

tickets: \$150

[sinaidenver.shulcloud.com/form/
annual-event-2024](https://sinaidenver.shulcloud.com/form/annual-event-2024)



Temple Sinai's 2024 Annual Event

Sunday, April 7 at 6:00 PM



Shine a Light on Temple Sinai!

\$540 Piano Man	\$1,000 Melody Maestros	\$1,800 Tempo Titans	\$3,600 Grand Piano
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Name listed in Event Journal, on website and in Temple Sinai's monthly bulletin * Signage at the event * Quarter-page ad in the Event Journal * Two (2) tickets to event 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Name listed in Event Journal, on website and in Temple Sinai's monthly bulletin * Signage at the event * Half-page ad in the Event Journal * Four (4) tickets to event 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Name listed in Event Journal, on website and in Temple Sinai's monthly bulletin * Signage at the event * Full-page ad in the Event Journal * Six (6) tickets to event * Recognition in all event promotional materials * Two (2) song requests 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Name listed in Event Journal, on website and in Temple Sinai's monthly bulletin * Signage at the event * Full-page ad in the Event Journal with priority placement * Eight (8) tickets to event and front table for all eight * Recognition in all event promotional materials * Name on Baby Grand Piano * Two (2) song requests

I am proud to be a sponsor at the following level:

(Please call Lisa Thorner at 303.759.1827 or lisa@sinaidenver.org with any questions)

Piano Man (\$540) Melody Maestros (\$1,000)
 Tempo Titans (\$1,800) Grand Piano (\$3,600)

Name:			
Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	
Phone/Cell:			
Email:			

Please charge my credit card in the amount of \$ _____

Card Number:	MasterCard	Visa
Cardholder Signature:	Exp. Date:	CCV No:



2024 ANNUAL EVENT - TRIBUTE JOURNAL Sunday, April 7 at Temple Sinai

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

Temple Sinai's Annual Event will be held on Sunday, April 7 at 6:00pm at Temple Sinai. We are excited to **Shine A Light on Temple Sinai**, honoring the bright engagement of our congregation who are all helping us to build a bright future for our rising generations. The funds raised from the event will be used to support our next capital improvement project, focused on modernizing our Temple office and meeting space with adaptable furniture and state-of-the-art technology, needed to conduct necessary congregational engagements, programs and our Sinai operations.

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 recognize and honor the work of Temple Sinai as well as to show your appreciation.

Event Journal advertising ideas:

Tribute

- Pay tribute to this year's honorees
- Share a special memory from Temple Sinai's history
- Acknowledge or thank someone special in your life
- Place a picture or greeting to your children or grandchildren
- Honor a family event or memory that took place at Temple Sinai (i.e., birth of a child/grandchild, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, wedding)
- Congratulate friends or family for any special occasion

Business Advertising

- Showcase your business or the company you work for by placing an advertisement

TRIBUTE JOURNAL Size options

Size of Advertisement	Pricing
Back cover (8" x 10 ½")	\$2,500
Inside cover (8" x 10 ½")	\$1,800
Full Page ad (8" x 10 ½")	\$540
One Half Page ad (8" x 5½")	\$250
One Quarter Page ad (4" x 5½")	\$175
One Business Card sized ad (3 ¾" x 3¾")	\$100
One personal two-line greeting \$50	\$50
Use same advertisement as last year	(varied based on ad)

Please send your text, photos or artwork (if applicable) by March 15, 2024.

We are happy to format your text and send you a proof! (Please submit artwork in a PDF format on the website: sinaidenver.org/what-we-do/annual-event or email to kelsey@sinaidenver.org)

Name:		Member: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Company:			
Address:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Phone / Cell:			
Credit Card Number:		Expiration Date:	CCV:
Card Holder Signature: <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> Mastercard			

Check Date:	Check Number:	Check Amount:
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Please remit to:
 2024 Event Journal
 Lauren Bubis/Temple Sinai
 3509 South Glencoe Street
 Denver, CO 80237
Deadline: March 15, 2024

Contact us:
 Lisa Thorner, Executive Director, Temple Sinai
 (303) 759-1827 or lisa@sinaidenver.org

LET'S GIVE A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!



Teri Adony
Daniel & Michaela Barotz, Joseph, Benjamin, and Levin
Kirk & Suzy Bergendahl, Avery and Charlotte
Steven & Julie Charton
Max Delahanty & Arielle Gumer, Havi
Jordan & Nicki Ehrlich, Chase
Jason & Alyssa Eisenberg, Aiden
Kenny Fischer & Victoria Brunner, Ariana & Nephra
Elizabeth Fried
Robert & Jeanette Gurolnick, Michael & Caleb
Adam Kamlet & Rayna Trietsch, Embry
Michael & Ellie Kaplan
Eric & Lauren Lesnoy, Liam and Aria
Jim Levitt & Shirley Mansfield-Levitt
James & Randi Libbon, Lilah and Sasha
Bonnie Lyons
Joe Ortiz & Cindy Yabrove
Joe & Casey Richman, Penelope
Catherine Sawyer
Jules & Andrea Strachman
David & Joan Tinkelman
Jim Yabrove & Marilyn Bailey
Larry & Judith Zepelin
George & Natalie Zletchenko, Alana





NOT A LAUGHING MATTER RABBI RICK RHEINS

Purim has a well-earned reputation as the fun and even frivolous holiday. It falls on the 14th of the month of Adar, the month regarding which the Talmud instructs us: *Misheshenikhnas Adar marbim b'simchah, When Adar enters, we should increase our joy (Taanit 29a)*. Purim is a time for wearing costumes, putting on silly shpiels, and hosting carnivals to thrill children and the young at heart. But at the core of Purim there is a serious story that is no laughing matter.

On Purim we read the Scroll of Esther which recounts the time when the Jewish community of Persia was threatened with annihilation. A villainous man named Haman was the leading minister in Persia and he plotted to organize mobs who would attack, rob, and kill Jews. Haman's plans were only thwarted because of the heroic actions of Mordechai and his cousin Esther. Mordechai stood up to Haman, and when Esther was miraculously selected as the new Queen, she interceded with King Achashveirosh to stop Haman and save the Jewish people.

The Biblical story preserves the sense of insecurity and vulnerability that Jews have often felt living in the Diaspora. Outside of Israel, Jews are a minority, and our history is filled with stories of antisemites who oppressed and brutalized our people. Purim is a Diaspora story which has a theme that we can all recognize.

It wasn't too long ago that for American Jews, the Purim story seemed to reflect the anxiety of the old world. Yes, there were antisemites in the United States, but they seemed to be confined to small, fringe groups. We felt protected, safe, and blessed. For the most part, we still are. And yet, we now are aware that the plague of antisemitism has festered and grown in this country. The perpetrators of hatred against Jews are no longer hiding in the shadows. Rather, we see brazen expressions of antisemitism by some government officials, by professors and administrators on college campuses, by students and student groups on campuses, by mobs that take over city council meetings, block the streets, and harass Jews when we gather for our programs and celebrations. In reaction, synagogues and the Jewish community have had to invest millions of dollars in added security, fences, gates, cameras, and armed guards.

We have learned several important lessons from Mordechai, Esther, and the story of Purim. We need to continue to invest in security. We will organize appropriate responses to those individuals and groups that threaten us.

We will fortify our friendships with mainstream leaders, both Democrats and Republicans, who stand up in support of Jews and for the well-being of Israel. We have learned that the best protection for Jews and the Jewish community in America is to strengthen our synagogues and major Jewish organizations.

As you know, Temple Sinai has been a leader in confronting antisemitism and in building better relations with government leaders and our neighbors. Like Mordechai who stood up to Haman, we will continue to stand proud, strong, and never back down to antisemites. And like Esther who rallied support from the King, we will redouble our efforts to reinforce friendships with community leaders.

In early March, I will be in Washington D.C. for the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) Congressional Summit to meet with members of the House of Representatives and Senate. We will meet with this nation's leaders and express our grave concern about the growing problems of antisemitism and anti-Zionism in the United States. We also will express our appreciation to those who have stood with us in these troubling times. These face-to-face meetings are crucial for building support for the Jewish community and Israel. While AIPAC is the most effective lobbying organization that advocates for a strong US-Israel relationship, we should also acknowledge the importance of the StandWithUs, the ADL (Anti-Defamation League), Hillel, and other organizations that are working tirelessly against antisemitism and helping Jews deal with modern day Hamans. Now is the time to go beyond wringing our hands in worry and fear. Now is the time to stand up against bullies. Join me in supporting AIPAC, StandWithUs, the ADL, Hillel, and Temple Sinai!

Yes, let's celebrate on Purim. We have much for which to rejoice. At the same time, let us realize that each one of us can rise heroically to the occasion just like Mordechai and Esther.

B'vrakhah, With Blessings,

Rick

Rabbi Rick Rheins



MIRACLES

RABBI MICHAEL SHIELDS

As we approach Purim and Passover, but especially Passover, the question of miracles comes up. So, do I believe in miracles?

The Bible contains accounts of God's miracles. Does God still do miracles? What do they look like today?

The early Rabbis (200-600 CE) affirmed the truth of the miracles in the Bible, yet still had trouble accepting miracles that violated the laws of nature. They resolved this tension by explaining that the miracles were in fact natural events engineered by God. For example, God planned the earthquake that would bring down the walls of Jericho.

Some Jewish thinkers (Saadiah Gaon and Maimonides) posited that descriptions of miracles were not meant to be taken literally.

They were instead meant to reflect a prophetic experience of dream or vision. We can view miracles in the Bible in a metaphorical or allegorical manner

On a practical level, I personally believe that we bring about miraculous events through our partnership with others and our sense of holiness (God) in our lives as we perform sacred acts of Tikkun Olam (repairing the world). Miracles require that we do our part. "Pray as if everything depends on God but then act as if everything depends on you."

Michael

Rabbi Michael Shields

TWISTED SHABBAT

join the fun with Rabbi Shields!

Friday, April 5

@ Temple Sinai



PASSOVER 5784



Temple Sinai's
**CONGREGATIONAL
SEDER**
APRIL 22 (DETAILS TO FOLLOW)

ON A MUSICAL NOTE...

RUTHIE LIPSHULCH

CANTORIAL SOLOIST

Increase what brings you Joy this month of Adar.

How can you bring in more light, be a light and encourage light in others .

Musically yours,

Ruthie

Ruthie Lipshulch



Click to play video.

Composer: Elana Jagoda, Piano: David Schlossenberg



RUTHIE@SINAIDENVER.ORG

...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

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](https://www.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 SERVICE

EREV MUSICAL SHABBAT SERVICE

FRIDAY, MARCH 15 AT 6:00 PM

Our musical Shabbat will feature musical accompaniment to our Cantorial Soloist, Ruthie Lipshulch. Join in on new melodies to our regular prayers and feel the spirit of Judaism through music.



MONTHLY

HEALING SERVICE / VIRTUAL, AT 11:00AM THURSDAY, MARCH 14

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.



MARCH CLASSES

BROTHERHOOD, BIBLE & BEER MEN TALKING TORAH WITH THE RABBIS DARCY'S BISTRO AND PUB TUESDAY, MARCH 5 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. Rabbi Rheins and Rabbi Shields will alternate the leading of these fun, conversational outings!

LUNCH AND LEARN COME LEARN, DISCUSS, DEBATE AND MEET FRIENDS MARCH 7, 14, 21, 28 AT NOON

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) MARCH 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

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 WINTER 2024 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.**

MARCH 3, 17

EXPLORING THE HEBREW BIBLE THE FIRST BOOK OF KINGS WITH RABBI RICK RHEINS TUESDAYS AT NOON MARCH 5, 19

In January we will read the First Book of Kings. This text from the Hebrew Bible contains the concluding stories of King David and the life and experiences of King Solomon. The stories are a foundational part of Western Civilization for their spiritual, historical, and literary importance. 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
ACCOMPANYING MATERIALS
WILL BE SENT VIA EMAIL
PRIOR TO EACH SESSION.**



PURIM TRADITIONS (FROM THE URJ WEBSITE):

In the Book of Esther, we read that Purim is a time for "feasting and merrymaking," as well as for "sending gifts to one another and presents to the poor" (Esther 9:22). In addition to reading the Megillah (Book of Esther), celebrants dress in costumes, have festive parties, perform Purim shpiels, send baskets of food (mishloach manot) to friends, and give gifts to the poor (matanot l'evyonim).

COSTUMES

As part of the carnival-like atmosphere of Purim, many children and adults wear costumes. Some attribute this tradition to the fact that Esther initially "masked" her Jewish identity. Now a vibrant and widely practiced custom, some choose to dress as characters from the Purim story, while others select Jewish heroes from throughout history.

In Israel, the celebrations are especially extravagant and exciting. People of all ages take to the streets, rejoicing with parades, parties, costumes and carnivals. The parade through the streets of Tel Aviv is known to be especially wild. At the Kotel (the Western Wall) volunteers for Women of the Wall read Megillat Esther in the women's section.

HAMANTASCHEN

Hamantaschen (Yiddish for Haman's pockets) are three-cornered pastries filled with poppy seeds (mohn in Yiddish), fruit preserves, chocolate, or other ingredients that are traditionally eaten on Purim. In Israel during the weeks leading up to Purim, the aroma of freshly baked hamantaschen can be smelled on every block. Their triangular shape is thought to be reminiscent of Haman's hat or ears.

IN THE SYNAGOGUE

The Megillah (scroll) most often refers to Megillat Esther (The Scroll of Esther) which also is known as the "Book of Esther."

Traditionally, the Book of Esther is read at both evening and morning services on Purim—both in North America and in Israel. A number of customs are associated with the reading. Haman, the enemy of the Jews in this story, is associated with all those who have tried to destroy the Jewish people throughout history. Therefore, we make loud noises—verbally or with noisemakers—at every mention of Haman's name in order to drown it out. Derived from the Polish word meaning "rattle," a grogger is the noisemaker used to drown out the name of Haman during the reading of the Megillah. Beginning in the 13th century, Jews throughout Europe sounded the grogger as a part of their Purim celebrations.

A Purim spiel is a humorous skit presented on Purim. Most parody the story of the Book of Esther, but it also is common for participants to take the opportunity to poke some gentle fun at themselves and their idiosyncrasies.



MISHLOACH MANOT

TEMPLE SINAI'S 2024 PURIM BASKET FUNDRAISER

Send a Purim basket of sweet goodies to family and loved ones at Temple Sinai, and partake in the mitzvah of giving.

click to
send a
basket!

AT HOME

Mishloach manot are gifts of food that friends (and prospective new friends!) exchange on Purim. Often presented in baskets, most mishloach manot include hamantaschen, the traditional three-sided pastry eaten on Purim, but may also include a wide variety of foods and treats. These gifts are frequently referred to by their Yiddish name, shalachmanos.

Jewish families make mishloach manot baskets at home and distribute them to friends. Many families also make hamantaschen to include in these baskets and to enjoy at home. Check out these creative ideas for making your own.

Matanot l'evyonim (gifts to the poor) are gifts given at this season to those in need so that they, too, can celebrate Purim with a special meal. Many families have committed to participating in this important social justice aspect of the holiday.

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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, were 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.

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, contact the Temple Sinai office or visit our website www.sinaidenver.org

Purim Celebration at Temple Sinai

SATURDAY, MARCH 23:

6:00pm: Purim Service

6:45pm: Purim Shpiel with Rabbi Zwerin, Rabbi Rheins, Rabbi Michael Shields, Ruthie Lipshulch, and others!

7:15pm: Wine, Cheese & Hamentashen Reception

**CLICK TO RSVP FOR
PURIM RECEPTION**

SUNDAY, MARCH 24:

9:15am: Religious School drop-off, students attend their grade respective assemblies

10:00am: Purim Service & reading of Megillat Esther (open to all)

11:15am: Purim Shpiel Part II - Religious School Students attend, parents are also invited and then can take their kids directly to the carnival. Or, they can pick them up at noon for the carnival.

11:00am: Purim Carnival will be open for Preschool-aged children

12:00pm: Purim Carnival BEGINS! (RS students and families)

**CLICK TO BUY PURIM
CARNIVAL TICKETS**

MISHLOACH MANOT

[CLICK HERE TO SEND A PURIM BASKET!](#)



Chag Purim Sameach!

THE MITZVAH OF GIVING

The mitzvah of giving Mishloach Manot – the giving of gifts of food or drink to family, friends and others on Purim, derives from the Book of Esther. It is meant to ensure that everyone has enough food for the Purim feast held later in the day, and to increase love and friendship among Jews and their neighbors.

Why send Purim baskets to Temple Sinai friends and family? Share your Purim wishes for a sweet holiday, it's a mitzvah.

Our Mishloach Manot will include delicious hamantashen, goodies, and small bottles of wine and juice.

HOW IT WORKS:



To participate, there is a \$25 participation cost which includes the ability to have your name on the basket cards of (5) congregants.



To have your name on the basket cards of additional congregants, there is a \$5 cost/congregant.



To have your name on the basket cards for everyone in the congregation, the total cost is \$180.

HOW CAN I RECIPROCATE TO THOSE THAT SEND ME PURIM WISHES?

- 1. You are not at all required to reciprocate. You can simply check the first option under "send to" and only send to your specific recipients.** **COST:** \$25 for (5) basket cards + \$5/each for every additional basket card. Your cost is capped at the number of names you select on the form
- 2. You can check the second option under "send to" and only have your wishes reciprocated to anyone who specifically chooses you.** This *excludes* sending wishes to those who have sent you wishes via sending to the full congregation. **COST:** In addition to your \$25 participation fee for (5) basket cards + \$5/each for every additional basket card, you will also be automatically charged \$5 per reciprocated basket card at the end of the campaign. Your total cost will not exceed \$180.
- 3. You can check the third option under "send to" and reciprocate wishes to anyone who specifically chooses you AS WELL AS anyone who chooses you via sending to the full congregation.** **COST:** In addition to your \$25 participation fee for (5) basket cards + \$5/each for every additional basket card, you will also be automatically charged \$5 per reciprocated basket card at the end of the campaign. Your total cost will not exceed \$180.
- 4. You can check the fourth option under "send to" and send wishes to the entire congregation by having your name included on all Sinai members' basket cards.** **COST:** a flat total of \$180. This includes the \$25 participation fee.



SHEILA PURDIN DIRECTOR, EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION



Temple Sinai Preschool joined forces with the Religious School for an 80's themed fundraiser that was so rad! Huge thanks to our co-chairs, Rachel Baum and Kirsten Chod and the many preschool committee members who made the event possible. We are thrilled to have raised over \$10,000 for our Educators Fund which supports high-quality professional development opportunities for the preschool and religious school staff. Investing in the growth of our educators increases the quality of our schools, builds the professionalism of our organizations, and supports our ongoing recruitment and retention efforts. The event also served to build community, strengthening the bonds between families and their connection to Temple Sinai. And check out the costumes!

Warmly,

Sheila

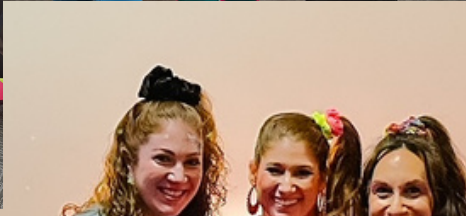


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Register [here](#).



A few photos from our 80's fundraiser event!





HOW AN UBER DRIVER CAN DEMONSTRATE THE WISDOM OF THE FAMOUS JEWISH APHORISM: “WHO IS WISE? THE ONE WHO LEARNS FROM EVERY PERSON. (PIRKEI AVOT)”

DONI KAYE

This month, I wanted to share a memory from a retreat some years ago which for me encapsulates how we can bring Jewish wisdom into our daily living. One of the major goals of Jewish learning ought to be to fill our daily living toolkit with ways to saturate our day to day lives with inspiration. An optimistic lens from our sages on how we can view the seemingly mundane can certainly help us fill our lives with more joy and purpose, even in unexpected ways and places.

During a retreat which involved Intense periods of learning, discussion, and simulated group facilitation with colleagues, mentors, and learned pluralistic rabbis alternated with more relaxed opportunities to enjoy each others' company and form meaningful friendships and community. This experience concretized understanding of how experiential teaching techniques, Jewish values and wisdom, and the modern world intersect.

Interestingly, a profound learning experience emerged from an Uber ride, where a driver became a teacher, and illuminated teachings from the week. The morning of my flight back home, I decided to wake up early once more to enjoy one of my daily practices of awe and wonder by saying a few of our Jewish traditional expressions of gratitude and then trail running in the surrounding mountain landscape. In a form of worship, I absorbed the cactus and rock studded slopes and overlooks of Sun Valley while feeling the different surfaces below my feet, and the comforting familiar fine-tuned rhythm of my joyous morning spiritual and then physical exertions.

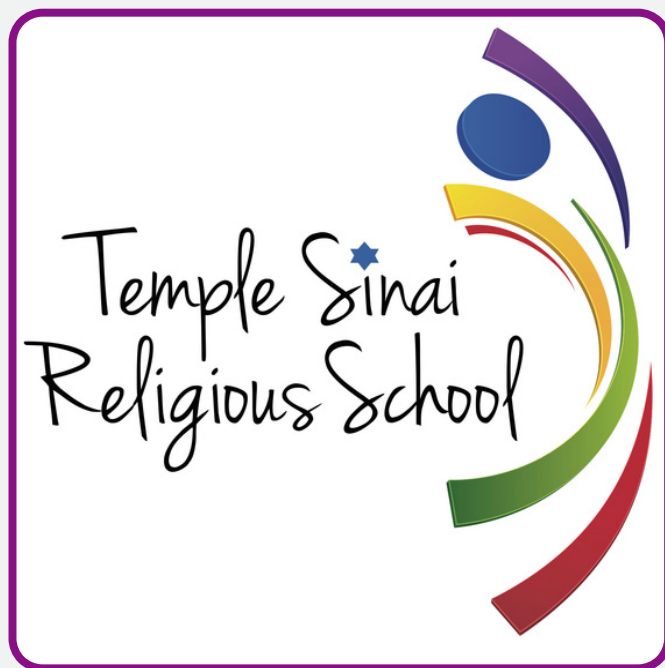
Checking my watch while lost in wonder, I dialed up an Uber from a local pharmacy to race me back to the motel and airport. Once I jumped into the car, I knew I was in the midst of a wise person. She greeted me with authenticity and charm. In the ten minute ride that followed, I learned her life story, and her mine. She shared with me how her faith made her strong, how she came to terms with her husband's premature passing, and how

blessed she feels to have children and a livelihood. After disclosing certain aspects of my own life, she encouraged me to focus on supportive friendships and other relationships, and practicing kindness and empathy. She wished me safe travels, and after thanking her for her service, I was on my way.

These real life stories confer life with meaning. Each person can be a teacher of sorts when we open ourselves to listening and relating. Let us open our awareness to the life-affirming lessons that surround us from the many sources they stem from.

L'Shalom,

Doni Kaye, Director of Education



YOUTH AND FAMILY PROGRAMMING AND EVENTS

meretz & ruach '24

SUNDAYS FOLLOWING RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
12:00 - 1:30PM AT TEMPLE SINAI

MAR
24 Purim Carnival

MAR
31 Krav Maga

APR
28 Chocolate Seder

Save the dates! Meretz & Ruach is for Grades K-6 and offers a fun time for kiddos to connect with Judaism in social, interactive ways. Cost is \$10/child and includes lunch.



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LED BY RABBI SHIELDS
FOR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PARENTS AT SINAI
9:45AM COFFEE
10:00 - 11:00AM SESSION

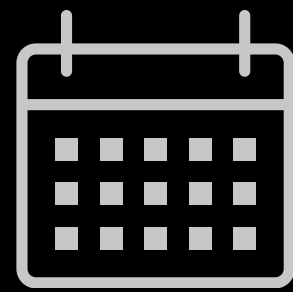
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3 Conversations & Learning

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7 Conversations & Learning



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STAY CONNECTED - MARCH AT A GLANCE



worship

Friday 3/1 Erev Shabbat
Saturday 3/2 Shabbat Morning Minyan
Friday 3/8 Erev Shabbat
Saturday 3/9 Shabbat Morning Minyan
Friday 3/15 Erev Shabbat
Saturday 3/16 Shabbat Morning Minyan
Friday 3/22 Erev Shabbat
Saturday 3/23 Shabbat Morning Minyan
Friday 3/30 Erev Shabbat
Saturday 3/31 Shabbat Morning Minyan

monthly programs

Brotherhood, Bible and Beer
Darcy's Pub & Bistro
Tuesday, 3/6 at 6:00PM

Jewish War Veterans
Monthly Meeting
Sunday, 3/10 at 9:00AM

Brotherhood Monthly Breakfast
Morning Story
Thursday, 3/14 at 9:00AM

Knitting and Crocheting for JOY
Temple Sinai
Wednesday, 3/20 at 1:00PM

special services

..... Healing Service
Thursday 3/14 MUSICAL SHABBAT
Friday 3/16 Erev Shabbat with
Youth Choir
Friday 3/22 Purim Service
Saturday 3/23 Purim Service &
Reading of Megillat
Sunday 3/24 Esther

classes

Torah Study: Saturdays at 10:30AM
(virtual)

Bible Class: Tuesdays at 12:00PM
(virtual)

Lunch & Learn: Thursdays at 12:00PM
(in-person and virtual)

Sinai Sundays: Sundays at 10:00AM
(virtual)
March 17

[visit us @ sinaidenver.org/calendar](https://sinaidenver.org/calendar)

...MAKE SPECIAL CONNECTIONS



HAMENTASHEN BAKING Sunday, March 17

Rosh Chodesh women will meet at the temple on Sunday, March 17, at 11:00am to bake hamantaschen for Purim. All temple women are welcome to come.

Contact Janet Snider jws76033@gmail.com for more information.



JOIN US FOR OUR BRUNCH KICK OFF EVENT!

SUNDAY, MARCH 17
10:30AM
AT THE LANDMARK

REGISTER NOW



A GROUP FOR
THOSE OVER 50



BROTHERHOOD



WHAT'S ON THE HORIZON ...

The **Monthly Brotherhood Breakfast** is coming up Thursday March 14th at 9:00am at Morning Story Restaurant in the King Soopers Plaza at Yosemite and Belleview, 4930 S Yosemite St, Ste D1C, Greenwood Village CO 80111. No reservation required here either. Just a hankering to catch up with the gang over a great breakfast and hot coffee.

The **Temple Sinai Purim Carnival is Sunday March 24th**. The Temple Staff has asked for Brotherhood support for this fun event. We are asking for volunteers to help out during two shifts: 10:30am - 12:30pm and 12:30pm - 2:30pm. Please reply to the Brotherhood Board with your preference. And it's ok to enjoy both. This is such an amazing event to help out at and enjoy watching the young children run around and have a great time. What a fun way to give back to the Temple community and help make it a memorable day for the children! Your support will ensure the success of this event.

We are in the process of planning a **Bowling Night out**, another **Dinner and Movie night out** (based upon great feedback from the last one) and a **Rockies Game in May**. STAY TUNED, AND STAY CONNECTED TO BROTHERHOOD!



ADULT EDUCATION

It's time to kickoff another semester of **Lifelong Jewish Learning**. Temple Sinai's Lifelong Jewish Learning sessions are varied, spanning the gamut from the religious to secular, but always featuring a Jewish aspect. All programs (unless otherwise noted) are 6:30PM to 8:00PM at Temple Sinai and they are free of charge. Mark your calendars for the below programs and dates. Check your email for upcoming registration information!

March 13: The Laws from the Torah that Were Adopted Into U.S. Law

Speaker: Stephen Tick

In this session you will learn about the incredible number of laws from the Torah that were adopted into U.S. law and shaped who and what we are as a society. The talk will be given by Stephen Tick, who is a retired senior member of Sherman & Howard, LLC, the oldest law firm in Denver. An introduction will be provided by Rabbi Zwerin, who has helped Stephen with this project over the twenty plus years it has taken to research and write about this important subject. Despite what some might think, the Torah is not an ancient document without relevance to who and what we are today. From the earliest law codes adopted in the colonies, our history has been to use the Torah as a guide. In fact, so much of our society is based on the Torah that by the time this presentation is over, you will see the Ten Commandments and the Torah in an entirely new light.

March 27: How History and Genetics define Jewish Diversity and Identity - Are We All Cousins?

Speaker: Boris Draznin

Can DNA studies determine if you're a Jew? How is that possible? This program will answer these questions and more as Dr. Boris Draznin talks about his new book, "How History and Genetics define Jewish Diversity and Identity: Are We All Cousins?" In this enlightening presentation, he'll explore "Who is a Jew?" by looking at Jewish genetics, history, diversity and identity. Boris Draznin, MD, Ph.D. is a renowned endocrinologist and Director of the Adult Diabetes Program at University of Colorado. He has written numerous medical articles and over 40 books.

April 10: "Crypto" is more than a currency: The Journey Of Hidden Jews From 1492 Spain to The Southwest (Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Texas)

Speakers: Vicky Baker and Karen Susman

Discover what happened when Spain's Queen Isabella told the Jews, "Get out, convert or die!" Last May, Temple Sinai members Vicky Baker and Karen Susman took a journey down I-25 to Pueblo, Trinidad, Albuquerque and Las Vegas, New Mexico to uncover what happened to the Jews of 1492, how they hid their faith, and how they rediscovered their Jewish heritage in modern New Mexico. Vicky and Karen share their research, interviews, and study with experts.

April 24: Dinner and a Movie: Jews of the Wild West

Back in the days when the Wild West was The Wild West, Jewish immigrants travelled west for the same reasons as everyone else: In search of a new life. In this documentary – told through entertaining on-camera interviews, archival footage, and photographs, Denverite and award-winning filmmaker Amanda Kinsey brings to life the Jewish Americans (many of them familiar names to those who live here) who contributed in taming our part of the country.

LIFELONG JEWISH LEARNING

2nd SEMESTER 2024

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Celebrate the life and legacy of

Estelle Nadel z”l

Child Holocaust Survivor

Temple Sinai Adult Choir Member

Sunday, March 17, 2024

2:30 p.m.

Temple Sinai, Zwerin Sanctuary

A musical celebration with:

Temple Sinai Adult Choir, Leah Hamilton, Director
Temple Sinai Cantorial Soloist, Ruthie Lipshulch
Colorado Hebrew Chorale, Carol Kozak Ward, Director
Soloist, Osi Sladek, Fellow Holocaust Survivor

Family and friends will share stories, memories, insights and inspiration from Estelle’s incredible life’s story, “The Girl Who Sang”.

“I’m not going to be here forever. Someday there will no longer be any Holocaust survivors still living. We will be gone. I want you, the young people, the next generation, to carry our stories on and someday tell your own children that, yes, you knew a Holocaust survivor. She was real. It really happened.”

---Estelle Nadel

Please join us and share in this special event to help honor Estelle’s memory and her wonderful legacy.

Copies of her book will be available for purchase. 100% of the proceeds will be donated to the Holocaust Memorial Museum.



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:

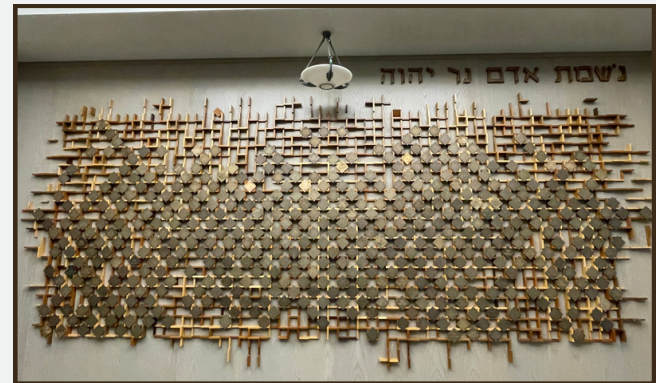
BRICK-BY-BRICK PROJECT

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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Ilene Shiroff Memorial Fund: For the planting and maintenance of the flower garden.

Jeffrey O. Rosenberg Memorial Scholarship Fund: To provide textbooks and other course materials for Temple Sinai members enrolled in higher education Jewish study courses and rabbinic studies and to provide B'nei mitzvah tutoring for families in need.

Jewish Education Fund: To provide opportunities for children to go to Israel on a program and to subsidize scholars for discussion groups on Israel and other Jewish matters. The fund also helps bring in guest speakers, affords scholars-in-residence and hosts programs at little to no cost to the congregation.

Julius & Helen Ring Israel Teen Scholarship Fund: To underwrite a portion of the community Israel Study Tour (IST) and to provide funds for our youth traveling to Israel on recognized programs.

Marilyn Tobin Memorial Flower Fund: To provide pulpit flowers for worship services.

Osi and Selma Sladek Cultural Arts/Music Fund: To support cultural and musical events at Temple Sinai.

Prayer Book Fund: For Shabbat and High Holy Days prayerbooks.

Preschool Underwriting Fund: To support preschool operations.

Rabbi Richard Rheins Discretionary Fund: To provide unbudgeted items and programs which the Rabbi designates for the Temple, to help the needy in our midst, and/or to support various local and Jewish charities.

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Rabbi Zwerin Discretionary Fund: To perpetuate the future of Temple Sinai and to honor the contributions of Rabbi Zwerin.

Religious School Fund: To provide scholarship funds for our teachers to attend educational conferences, workshops and courses which will enhance Religious School. Also to provide scholarships for children in Religious School.

Robin's World Playground Fund: To provide upkeep and expansion of the playground and outdoor learning spaces.

Teacher Education Fund: To help subsidize workshops or conventions for teachers in both Religious School and Preschool.

We Care/Social Action Fund: Works to reach out to our congregants in their moments of need and celebration. This fund also supports all of Temple Sinai's Social Action and Social Justice programs and allows us to make a significant difference in our community.

Women's Programming Initiative: The mission of Women at Temple Sinai is to support women in our congregation. The programs provide social, educational and fun experiences.

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