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ON SUNDAY JANUARY 12 OUR TORAH SCROLLS WILL BE REPAIRED!

RABBI RICK RHEINS

Seventeen years ago, we commissioned the writing of a new Sefer Torah (Torah scroll). We selected Rabbi Moshe Druin, a renowned scribe (Sofer) to lead the project and together with one of Israel's top scribes, we brought a new Torah to be read and treasured by our Temple Sinai community.

On the day we celebrated our new Torah I shared the following message: "In some ways this ceremony feels like a culmination since we have been writing this Torah for a full year and planning for this process for a year before that. And in some ways this ceremony marks a new beginning. Not only will we soon begin to read from our new Torah during our Shabbat and holiday services, but with the funds that have been raised through dedications, we have strengthened Temple Sinai's strength and ongoing ability to continue to Celebrate Love of Torah. But this day is more than an end, and even more than a beginning. It is an opportunity for renewal of marriage vows. We as the people of Israel are wedded to God. The Torah is our ketubah, our marriage contract. What we have done with the creation of our new Torah is strengthen the relationship we built in the past and create a strong foundation for its continuation into the future. We are renewing our holy covenant once again."

Then we gathered and read:

Our God and God of our fathers, God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Aaron, Joshua, Samuel, David and Solomon, a heritage has come down to us.

Our God and God of our mothers, God of Sarah, Rebecca, Leah, Rachel, Bilhah, Zilpah, Deborah, Hannah and Ruth, a heritage has come down to us.

When knowledge was the secret lore of princes and priests, our sages opened their doors to all who sought understanding. A heritage of learning has come down to us out of the life of our people.

In a world where the weak were tormented by oppressors, our Torah taught us to love the poor

and the stranger. A heritage of justice has come down to us.

Where the sword was sovereign, we were commanded to seek peace and pursue it. All this now is ours. Ours the teaching, ours the task, to make the heritage live. For it is our life and the length of our days.

Our Sifrei Torah get a lot of use and in time they need to be examined and repaired. So, who better to call to lovingly repair our Torah scrolls than Rabbi Moshe Druin. He will be visiting Temple Sinai and on Sunday, January 12 and will lead inspiring lessons about the art of Torah writing and repair. All the Religious School classes will have sessions with Rabbi Druin. Of course, the families of the students will be welcomed and encouraged to join the presentations. In addition, there will be opportunities for every Temple Sinai family to meet with Rabbi Druin and to witness the examination of the Torahs.

This extraordinary experience has been made possible through the great generosity of Temple Sinai members Art and Sandy Reidel. They are helping all of us fulfill the mitzvah of *laasok b'divrei Torah*, "engaging in the words of Torah," on the deepest and most profound level!

Be sure to mark your calendars to be a part of our Torah repair sessions on Sunday, January 12!

B'vrakhah, With Blessings.

Rick

Rabbi Rick Rheins

REPAIRING OUR TORAHS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12
TEMPLE SINAI



The Sofer (Torah Scribe) Rabbi Moshe Druin will hold several teaching opportunities to welcome Temple Sinai members of all ages to engage with the sacred task of repairing our Torah scrolls. Mark your calendars to be at Temple Sinai on Sunday, January 12. This wonderful experience is made possible through the great generosity of Temple Sinai members Art and Sandy Reidel. They are helping all of us fulfill the mitzvah of laasok b'divrei Torah, "engaging in the words of Torah," on the deepest and most profound level!





LET IT SHINE...A PROMISE TO OUR CHILDREN A MESSAGE AS WE APPROACH THE HOLIDAY OF TU BISHVAT

RABBI MICHAEL SHIELDS

*The heavens declare God's glory,
and [God's] handiwork sky declares.*

*Day to day breathes utterance
and night to night pronounces knowledge...*

*For the sun [God] sent up a tent in them—
and he like a bridegroom from his canopy comes,
Exults like a warrior running his course.*

*From the ends of the heavens his going out
and his circuit to their ends,
and nothing can hide from his heat.*

(Psalm 19:1-7, Robert Alter, trans.)

The poet depicts the sun, emerging at dawn from a “celestial pavilion” (Alter) and “racing across the sky to the west...” This poetic tribute to the majesty and power of the universe and the Creator reminds us of the sustaining forces available to us in the good world we inhabit.

With great nachas (pride and joy), we celebrate the commitment of our shul to renewable energy in the form of solar panels across our expansive roof surface.

This solar panel installation will help reduce air pollution and will reduce our carbon footprint. In addition, our Sinai family will realize significant savings in energy costs for years to come.

As we approach Tu B'Shevat, the New Year of the Trees, we reflect on the goodness and sustenance the world provides us. We must awaken to our responsibility to live in harmony with the natural world, and to use our God-given intelligence and skill to harness the power of the natural world in ways that do not degrade nor destroy it. The Torah teaches humans are placed in the world “to till it and to tend it” (Genesis 2:15). Our generation has the duty to do our part to repair the world, reverse the devastating effects of global warming. I have come to know Sinai as a synagogue that teaches righteous ways of living in deed as well as in word.

The solar panel project is one way in which we love out our values and our moral imperative to be caretakers of the earth. When our children come to Temple Sinai they will see with their own eyes our commitment to insure they will enjoy a clean and healthy world. Let us continue our individual and communal efforts to heal and repair the world and honor the gifts bestowed upon us by our Blessed Creator, l'dor vador, for generations to come.

Rabbi Shields

Rabbi Michael Shields

Pre-Planning for Alternative High Holy Day Morning Services

Rabbi Shields is hoping to pull together a small group to explore how we might continue to shape the alternative Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur morning experiences, helping our members and honored guests discover meaning in the beautiful prayers and themes of the High Holy Days.

- Interested in helping shape the Alternative Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Services?
- Want to read Torah on the High Holy Days but need 6+ months to practice?
- Want to take part in the services in some way?

Email Rabbi Shields at rabbishields@sinaidenver.org if you are interested.



ON A MUSICAL NOTE . . .

RUTHIE LIPSHULCH CANTORIAL SOLOIST



Come Celebrate Shabbat Shira: The Sabbath of Song!

*Join us for two memorable evenings of music,
community, and celebration.*

Friday, February 7 at 6:00 PM:

Kick off Shabbat with a joyful, musical evening! Rabbi Susan Rheins will chant the Song of the Sea, a special melody that brings to life the moment when the Israelites crossed the Red Sea and sang Mi Chamocho—a song of praise for God's miracles. This moment of pure joy and gratitude will be beautifully expressed with the help of the Sinai Songbirds and the Adult Choir as we lift our voices in song together to welcome Shabbat.

Saturday, February 8 at 7:00 PM:

Don't miss a beautiful concert of Jewish music and more featuring me, and Eitan Kantor, Musical Director at HEA, and other musical guests. This special evening will bring together a unique blend of musical styles, celebrating the powerful theme of lifting each other up. We will highlight how music and prayer come together to inspire - voices blending in harmony for a memorable experience. Join me for a celebration of community, connection, and the universal language of music. It's an evening you won't want to miss! All are welcome!

Your Cantorial Soloist,

Ruthie

Ruthie Lipshulch



WELCOME TO: JENIFER ENGEL YOUTH COORDINATOR

Hi, I'm Jenifer Engel! I'm thrilled to be starting as the new Youth Coordinator here at Temple Sinai. I became a Bat Mitzvah and was confirmed at Temple Sinai. It feels amazing to come full circle and continue my journey with this community. I'm passionate about building connections, planning fun and meaningful experiences, and creating a space where everyone feels welcome. Questions? Email me at: jenifer@sinaidenver.org

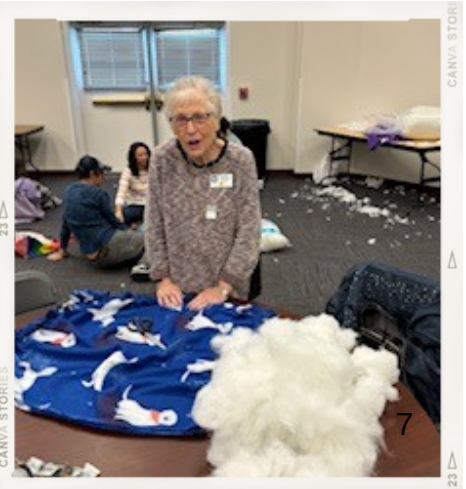


MITZVAH DAY SUCCESS

DEBBIE FOSTER

DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMMING AND ENGAGEMENT

Mitzvah Day was a monumental Success!!
Thank you for coming together and spreading Mitzvot across our community.





DONI KAYE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION



We are so grateful for the dedication of our teachers and families to Jewish education for younger generations at Temple Sinai.

This semester, through activities and peer connections, our students have explored Jewish texts, traditions, concepts and values. They have gained an appreciation for the Hebrew language in the context of Jewish prayer and Israel.

Please note:

Spring Semester of Religious School begins on Sunday, January 5, 2025.

Below, you will find just a few of the myriad highlights from the last couple months of Religious School.

Wishing you a joyous Chanukah - חנוכה, and an inspiring start to the secular year.

L'Shalom,

Doni



Religious School Task Force Bake Sale!



Pre-K Chanukah activities with Ms. Hilary!



7th Grade leads morning prayer with Rabbi Rheins and Rabbi Shields.



Havdalah, our conclusion to Shabbat, at Sinai Shines.



Activity table at Sinai Shines.



Rabbi Bobbie and Ruthie Lipshulch collaborate on younger student morning prayer.



Our Israeli Emissary, Ori Moryosef, teaches basic Israeli geography.



Rabbi Shields rehearses Sinai Shines songs with older students during morning prayer.



Temple Sinai Youth Group goes to Urban Air!



Jewish War Veterans visit 7th grade before Veterans Day.



Fun with Hebrew with Mr. Nathan in 2nd grade!



8th Grade participates in Rabbi Bobbie's Kosher Master Chef Competition



SHEILA PURDIN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION



PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION 2025-2026



- TIER 1: TEMPLE MEMBERS WHO ARE CURRENTLY ENROLLED
- JANUARY 9-14
- TIER 2: CURRENTLY ENROLLED NON-MEMBERS & TEMPLE MEMBERS NOT CURRENTLY ENROLLED - JANUARY 15-20
- TIER 3: GENERAL COMMUNITY - OPENS JANUARY 21

Registrations received after the priority period will be accepted in the order they are received. When all spaces have been filled new applicants will be placed on a wait list.



Nonrefundable and nontransferable registration fee and tuition deposit due at registration .



SUMMER CAMP 2025

REGISTRATION OPENS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH

SPACE IS LIMITED.

PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO MEMBERS, CURRENTLY ENROLLED STUDENTS
AND STUDENTS REGISTERED FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR.

SESSION 1:

MAY 27-JUNE 27

CLOSED JUNE 2 & 19

SESSION 2:

JUNE 30-JULY 25

CLOSED 4TH OF JULY



ROBIN'S WORLD PLAYGROUND

What Is Robin's World?

It's the name of the preschool playground located between the school building and the main Temple building.

Who Is Robin, and How Did the Playground Get its Name?

The playground is named in memory of Robin Ann Zwerin, the daughter of Rabbi Ray and Rikki Zwerin and the older sister of Ron and Dina. She died of a brain tumor at 19 years of age, and yet during her few years was an active, energetic, dynamic young woman. She was an excellent student who participated in school plays, went to Israel on the IST Program, and had many close friends who made her home their hang-out. They chatted, giggled, double dated, socialized, make cakes for their favorite teacher's birthdays and cupcakes for school bake sales. She graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1984.

On January 1st of that year, our congregation moved into the Ralph S. Pitts Elementary School, following the resolution of the lawsuit against all who were involved in the building of our failed Dartmouth Street facility. Robin and sister Dina were among the first to check out our new facility. Robin's comment was brief and telling, "Dina, we need to turn this public school building into a Jewish school building." And so they did. An outstanding artist, Robin bought cans of paint in various colors, divided the border edge under the ceiling of the extremely long entry hallway into 27 sections, and painted a letter of the Hebrew alphabet in the center of each section (22 letters plus five final letters). Surrounding each letter, she painted holiday symbols and imaginative decorations. All this while Dina cut and pasted onto white boards holiday and history materials for each of the 20 classroom bulletin boards.

Robin began to have symptoms of her tumor at age 17. Three surgeries, radiation, and chemotherapy were palliative. The illness was progressive. But there was one special place that energized and engaged her creative spirit, and

that was our Temple Sinai preschool. She was a welcome addition to the staff for three summers, volunteering every day to teach painting to each child, class by class. The children adored her and she them. They painted together and laughed together as she showed them how to use just the right amount of water on their brushes, how to mix colors, and with the older children how to paint their names.

By the middle of the summer in 1984, she could no longer use her right hand, and so she began painting with her left. "See kids, it doesn't matter which hand you paint with. You can have a good time painting with either hand." Obviously, she taught the children more than just how to paint.

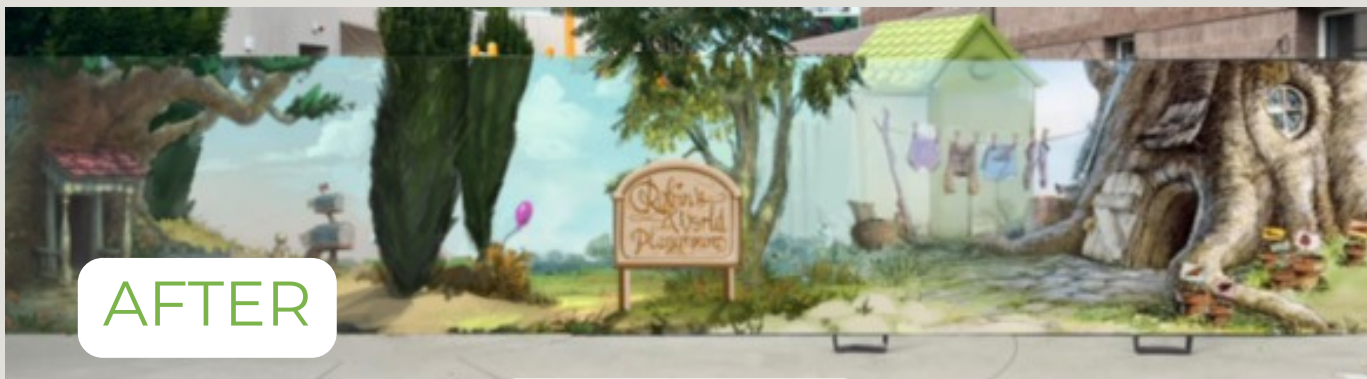
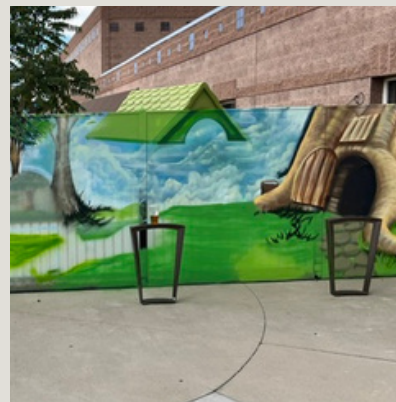
She attended one day of college, but clearly, her illness would not be stayed. And so it was that she passed away at home in the early hours of a November morning, surrounded by her loving family.

Contributions flooded into the Temple in her memory. When asked what we might build in her memory, the family suggested that we create either an arts center or a playground depending on what the teachers need the most. A playground was the immediate choice, and we were easily able to buy all the structures and equipment needed to create an interesting play area for the children outside of the old school building. That first Robin's World space was used for over 25 years. When that building was demolished, our new school building needed a new playground. Forty years later, her name and memory are still reflected lovingly in our newest version of Robin's World. These were among her last words: ***"I love teaching here. Every day at the Temple Sinai preschool renews my energy and deepens my commitment to our children and to their Jewish education."*** Robin Ann Zwerin Ronit Hannah bat HaRav Reuven v'Rifka 1965-1984 Zichronah Livrachah - may her memory always be a blessing.

Mural designed and painted by Temple Sinai Member, Zach Howard



Robin's World



Thank you, Zach!

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

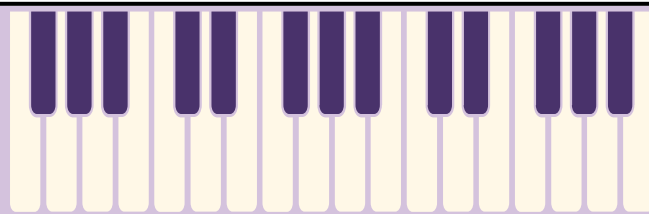
SATURDAYS, 9:00 AM

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 SHABBAT SHIRAH

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7 AT 6:00 PM

Kick off Shabbat with a joyful, musical evening! Rabbi Susan Rheins will chant the Song of the Sea, a special melody that brings to life the moment when the Israelites crossed the Red Sea and sang *Mi Chamocha*—a song of praise for God's miracles. This moment of pure joy and gratitude will be beautifully expressed with the help of the Sinai Songbirds and the Adult Choir, as we lift our voices in song together to welcome Shabbat.



MONTHLY

HEALING SERVICE / VIRTUAL AT 11:00 AM

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9 AND FEBRUARY 6

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.



JANUARY/FEBRUARY

BROTHERHOOD, BIBLE & BEER MEN TALKING TORAH WITH THE RABBIS

DARCY'S BISTRO AND PUB

Tuesday, January 7 at 6:00 PM

Tuesday, February 4 at 6:00 PM

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!
4955 South Ulster St. Denver, CO 80237

LUNCH AND LEARN COME LEARN, DISCUSS, DEBATE AND MEET FRIENDS

Thursday, January 9, 16, 23, 30

Thursday, February 6, 13, 20, 27

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! New comers quickly and easily fit right in!

Lunch and Learn is now IN-PERSON AT TEMPLE SINAI with a VIRTUAL OPTION!

EXPLORING THE HEBREW BIBLE THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH WITH RABBI RICK RHEINS

TUESDAYS AT NOON

January 7, 14, 21

Beginning in December we will start reading the Book of Ezra and then continue through the Book of Nehemiah. For each session, Rabbi Rick Rheins will provide a PDF text, as well as selections from classic commentaries. Ezra and Nehemiah tell the inspiring story of the return of the Jewish people from exile to the Land of Israel and the building of the Second Temple. Each of these Books of the Bible includes passages that have shaped Judaism and the Jewish people, and have been tremendously influential to the development of Western Civilization. As we read, we will also engage in a lively discussion! Join us VIRTUALLY at noon!

Temple Sinai, Hillel Engagement

Founded in 1923 at the University of Illinois, Hillel is the world's largest Jewish college campus organization, serving more than 140,000 students at 850 colleges. Hillel's promise is to "empower every Jewish student along their Jewish journey". Since its beginnings in the early 1950's Hillel of Colorado provides students a place to learn, socialize, celebrate and hone their Jewish identity. Hillel of Colorado, in their words, seeks to "inspire every Jewish student to make a commitment to Jewish life, learning and Israel." The University of Denver, Auraria Campus and Colorado State University comprise Hillel of Colorado. CU Boulder Hillel is also home to a chapter of Hillel International.

Rabbi Shields is leading an exciting Temple Sinai initiative to outreach to Hillel Colorado and most directly to our closest Hillel Chapters at DU and Auraria. Our goal is to foster closer relations and interactions with the Jewish students of these campuses and our vibrant Temple Sinai community. "When our students go off to college, whether near or far from home, we would hope a congregation would reach out to them, nurture them, protect them."

Want to be part of this important and enriching experience?

Want to know more? Please contact Rabbi Shields at rabbishields@sinaidenver.org

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

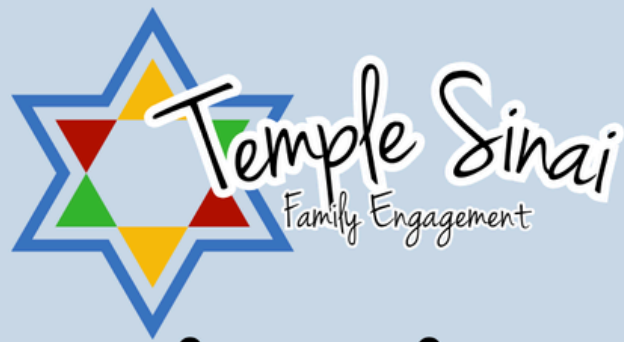
Interested in becoming Jewish or learning more about Judaism? Sign up for the next Introduction To Judaism course!

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.

B'nei Mitzvah Dates are available in 2026 & 2027

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 2026 or 2027 and you do not yet have a reserved date for a service, 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. Date selection request forms are available in the Temple Sinai office and can be mailed 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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

JAN
10
5:30 PM
Twisted Shabbat

JAN
12
Torah Sofer Comes to Sinai

JAN
24
12:00-1:15
Teens and Tweens Twisted Shabbat

FEB
1
ALL DAY
Temple Sinai Youth Group Shul-In



FEB
2
12:00 - 1:30 PM
Meretz and Ruach

FEB
8
10:00 AM
*Tu B'Shevat Shabbat
Rhythm and Ruach with Ms.
Debbie*

FEB
9
3:30 PM
Sinai South Tu B'Shevat

FEB
28
5:30 PM
Twisted Shabbat



**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER
SCAN QR CODE !**



adult programming

Pardes Meditation Group
Saturday, January 18 at 8:00 AM

Sinai Sisterhood Breakfast
Wednesday, January 8 at 9:00 AM

Fiction Book Club Meeting
Wednesday, January 8 at 6:15 PM

Pardes Meditation Group
Saturday, January 18 at 8:00 AM

Jewish War Veterans Meeting
Sunday, January 19 at 9:00 AM

Sinai Social Presents: Comedy Night with
Plumflower

Saturday, January 25 at 7:00 PM

Sinai Sisterhood Challah Baking
Demonstration

Sunday, January 26 at 9:00 AM

Temple Sinai Book Club Meeting
Wednesday, January 29 at 11:00 AM

Shabbat Shirah
Saturday, February 7 at 7:00 PM

Shabbat Shirah
Saturday, February 7 at 7:00 PM

Pardes Meditation Group
Saturday, February 15 at 8:00 AM

Jewish War Veterans Meeting
Sunday, February 23 at 9:00 AM

Temple Sinai Book Club Meeting
Wednesday, February 26 at 11:00 AM

monthly

Brotherhood, Bible and Beers
Darcy's Pub & Bistro

Tuesday, January 7 at 6:00 PM

Tuesday, February 4 at 6:00 PM

Knitting and Crocheting for JOY
Temple Sinai

Wednesday, January 15 at 1:00 PM

Wednesday, February 15 at 1:00 PM

weekly

Zwerin/Kaye Avot Study
Saturdays at 10:30 AM (virtual)

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

Sinai Sundays: Fundamentals of Judaism
10:00 AM, 1/5, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9

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

worship

Erev Shabbat: Fridays at 6:00 PM

Shabbat Service with Youth Choir
Friday, February 7 at 6:00 PM

Shabbat Morning Minyan: Saturdays at 9:00 AM

Musical Shabbat: Friday, January 17 at 6:00 PM

Shabbat Shirah
Saturday, February 10 at 7:00 PM



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TICKETS
\$18

TEMPLE SINAI PRESENTS

SHABBAT

SHORAH

2025
FEB 8

JOIN US FOR A UNIQUE MUSICAL EVENING FEATURING THE CANTORIAL SOLOISTS OF TEMPLE SINAI AND HEBREW EDUCATIONAL ALLIANCE, RUTHIE LIPSHULCH AND EITAN CANTOR. EXPERIENCE AN ENCHANTING NIGHT OF MUSIC WITH TWO OF DENVER'S FINEST MUSICAL TALENTS FROM THE SYNAGOGUE COMMUNITY. A DELIGHTFUL DESSERT RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW THE PERFORMANCE.

DOORS OPEN 7:00 PM

SPONSORSHIP: \$118

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

Sinai Social Presents
COMEDY NIGHT
at Temple Sinai



Special Performance:

PLUMFLOWER

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25
DOORS OPEN AT 7 PM

Tickets: \$24 Per Person
Dessert, Coffee, Wine and Beer

If you need a ride, contact Susan Levine
sulevine64@gmail.com

**JEWISH WAR
VETERANS**

MONTHLY MEETING
Sunday, January 19
9:00AM
TEMPLE SINAI

The speaker will be Dr. Robert Williscroft: author, adventurer, polar explorer, deep sea diver, nuclear submariner and scientist.

January 19 speaker is Rabbi Benjamin Brackman talking about Jews in the military. He's the Executive Director of the Chabad of NW Metro.

Sunday, February 23, we have a special Valentines Day weekend presentation. A dramatic reading by Liz and Sid Fox from Liz's book, We Are Going To Be Lucky: A World War II Love Story In Letters. We hope to have our Vets invite their spouses or significant others.

B'NEI MITZVAH/WELCOME

Nathan Nieder - 1/25/25



Nathan is the son of Brian and Robyn Nieder and the brother to Brayden. He attends school at Williamsburg Academy of Colorado. He enjoys watching sports; playing basketball, baseball, flag football; playing Fortnite and other games on his PS4. For his Mitzvah Project, Nathan participates as a Unified Partner with the Special Olympics. Unified Basketball Partners assist kids who struggle with mental and physical challenges to the extent that they are unable to play basketball without assistance. As part of his project, Nathan helps kids in practice and playing in games, by getting rebounds, passing the ball, and encouraging them to shoot. For the last two years, he has enjoyed spreading his love of the game, sharing his knowledge, and helping to teach others what he considers the greatest game on Earth.

Charlotte Leah Toole - 1/18/25

Charlotte is the daughter of Deborah and Sean Toole and sister to Jacob and Joshua. She attends Ranch View Middle School. She enjoys basketball, gymnastics, skiing, and hanging out with her friends. Charlotte will spend a day volunteering at a basketball camp through the Special Olympics of Colorado.



A warm welcome to Temple Sinai's newest members:

Scott Brill, Chloe, Jack, and Joshua
Danny & Emily Cohen, Micah and Sammy
Brent & Alyssa Erickson, Mackenzie and Samantha
Bryan & Jan Ferguson
Lawrence Grylack
Stacy Irisawa, Emi
Jordan & Jenny Kinsky, Maya
Jerry & Joan Kirshenbaum
Zachary Lane & Erin Joyce, Jack and Henry
Erin Leibowitz, Eliana
Zack & Hannah Mann
Adam & Emily Melnick, Seth and Rose
Kevin & Hannah O'Connor, Ari
Josh & Sarah Ruderman, Jason, Gavin, and Dante
Alex & Sara Rothberg, Rudolph, Nina, and Jacob
Dmitry Rozendorf & Svetlana Shtutman, Rashell, Milana, and Yael

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!**

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*Zikhranam Livrakhak, may they be
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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:

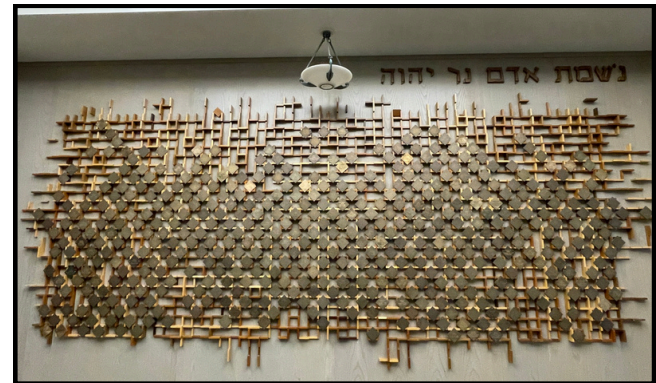
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Brick by Brick is an ever-evolving commemoration of the special moments and people that shape and influence our lives. Bricks can be purchased online at <http://www.sinaidenver.org/brick-by-brick.html>. The display of bricks is located in front of 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: \$350.



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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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