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OUR BLESSING IS IN OUR JEWISH TEXTLINE

RABBI RICK RHEINS

I have the pleasure of hosting various groups who want to learn more about Judaism and the Jewish people. Throughout the year, I will meet with adults from local churches and students from local colleges and high schools. I give them a tour of the synagogue, show them a Sefer Torah, and give them explanations of fundamental rituals, beliefs, and history. One of the primary questions they want me to address is, "What are Jews? Are you a religion? Are you a people or a culture? An ethnicity or a civilization?"

The quintessential Jewish answer is--- "yes and no!"

Jews are from every race. Most Jews in Israel would be labeled "people of color" by those who classify others according to pigmentation. And those who claim to be "culturally Jewish" because they eat lox and bagels would get strange looks from Jews who come from parts of the world where they favor different foods. (Try to convince a Sephardic Jew that gefilte fish is a must for the Passover table!). Jews are found in just about every nation and therefore speak dozens of languages.

So, what are we? Perhaps, the best answer is one offered by Israeli author and professor Amos Oz and his daughter, Fania Oz-Salzberger, a writer and professor at the University of Haifa. They suggest that for Jews, "ours is not a bloodline but a textline."

Indeed, regardless of the languages Jews speak, or the foods we eat, or the music we listened to, or the hue of our skin, what we share in common are our texts. Torah, the Hebrew Bible (TaNaKh), the Talmud, along with 2,000 years of commentary and Halakhah (Jewish law and practice) are found in every Jewish community around the world. And though a community's prayerbook (Siddur) may have variations from one branch of Judaism to the other, the vast majority of the prayers are the same and are arranged in the same order.

When others marvel that Jews have persevered and thrived for over 3,500 years, we instinctively know the reason why. Our blessing is our Jewish text line, not our bloodline. We study and we teach our children to study. One of the greatest thrills for a family is when a son or daughter is called up to

lead a Shabbat service, read Torah, and offer a learned teaching. What a thrill it is for the family and friends to witness a young person engage with our sacred texts and demonstrate wisdom, poise, and confidence.

As we note the very real challenges of antisemitism that plague our world, we need to take heart in the fact that our Jewish ancestors met and overcame far greater challenges. And they were able to do so because they had the wisdom and inspiration they found by living as Jews who actively engaged in Jewish life and learning.

Sarah Hurwitz, a former White House speechwriter, shared her moving story of rediscovering her Judaism as an adult. Her book, *As A Jew*, candidly recalls how she had all but abandoned Judaism. She felt emptiness spiritually. She felt intimidated by those who had harsh things to say about Jews, Judaism and Israel. But, she realized that she could not defend her people if she didn't take the time to learn more. So, she began to study. I found her message very compelling and maybe you will too. Most of all, I hope that you will each make some more time for regular Jewish study.

Temple Sinai offers several classes every week, many of them are also recorded. A person learns a great deal just coming to Shabbat services (on Fridays at 6:00 PM and on Shabbat morning at 9:00 AM). And there are dozens of good online classes available ---- many of them are free. The entire Hebrew Bible, the Talmud, and many Midrashim are available online with translations and commentaries at the fabulous website Sefaria. Sefaria is a nonprofit organization offering free access to texts, translations, and commentaries so that everyone can participate in the ongoing process of studying, interpreting, and creating Torah.

Of course, I will be absolutely delighted to speak with you and your loved ones to help you on your journey to engage more deeply in Jewish texts and wisdom.

B'vrakhah, With Blessings,

Rick

Rabbi Rick Rheins



THE LIGHT WE ARE NEEDED FOR

RABBI MICHAEL SHIELDS

Susan Rona, the Regional CEO of the ADL, will be our special guest speaker at the Erev Shabbat service on Friday, December 12.

What a powerful shift in perspective.

We live in a world that constantly reminds us of what we *lack*, what we need to acquire, achieve, or fix. Yet our tradition invites us to a deeper truth: that we each carry something essential the world *needs*. When we focus on being needed rather than needing, our hearts expand, our light strengthens, and we begin to see ourselves as partners in something sacred and enduring.

The Talmud teaches, *“For my sake the world was created”* (Sanhedrin 37a). This isn’t a statement of ego, but of purpose. It means that each of us has a unique mission, a spark no one else can bring. The universe, and our Temple Sinai community, are incomplete without the light each of us offers.

Chanukah, which means *dedication*, reminds us of this truth. The Maccabees didn’t wait for perfect circumstances or abundant oil, they kindled what they had. And somehow, that small flame refused to go out.

So too with us. Even when our worries, wants, or exhaustion threaten to drown us, the light within the one that says “you matter, you are needed” cannot be extinguished.

Here at Temple Sinai, I see that light in so many ways: in a child proudly bringing canned goods for Go-Go Groceries, in a parent volunteering at Religious School, in a congregant offering a word of comfort to someone in grief. Each act of kindness, each gesture of connection, is a flame that pushes back the darkness.

This Chanukah, may we rededicate ourselves not only to what we need, but to what we are *needed for*. Let your light shine in our community. Because truly, *we need you*.

Wishing you and your family a joyful and light-filled Chanukah.

Rabbi Shields

Rabbi Michael Shields

B’nei Mitzvah at Temple Sinai

Becoming B’nei Mitzvah marks one of the most sacred milestones in Jewish life, a time when our children step forward to embrace Jewish responsibility, identity, and joy. It is a journey of learning, growth, and connection, one that we are honored to share with each of our families.

We want to support you on your child’s B’nei Mitzvah journey. Rabbi Shields functions as our B’nei Mitzvah coordinator.

If your child is in 5th grade or older and you have not yet chosen a date, please contact the Temple office.

Visit our B’nei Mitzvah Hub for helpful information and resources:

[B’nei Mitzvah Hub](#)

Many families mark this simcha (happy occasion) by adding their child’s or grandchild’s name to our Temple Sinai Tree of Life, a lasting tribute to the joyful and meaningful events that shape our community.

[Dedicate a Leaf on the Tree of Life](#)



A SEASON OF GRATITUDE AND COMMUNITY

LISA THORNER

As we approach the end of the year, I want to once again extend my sincere gratitude for the generosity and support you continue to show Temple Sinai. Your commitment strengthens our community in so many meaningful ways, and we are truly thankful.

As you make decisions about your charitable giving during this season, I hope Temple Sinai remains among the organizations you choose to support. Our annual End-of-Year Appeal is vital as it bridges the gap between membership dues and the actual cost of sustaining the programs, dedicated staff, and spiritual experiences that make our congregation flourish.

This year, we are also energized by the progress of our Chai-Five campaign, which began during the High Holy Days. Thanks to the incredible kindness of our community, we have already raised nearly \$60,000. Every contribution, large or small, helps move us forward. With your help, we can keep this momentum going and reach the campaign's full potential.

Our goal is \$75,000, and we warmly invite you to take part. The campaign continues through December 31. Whether you are able to give the minimum \$18, a Chai-Five gift of \$90 (\$18 x 5), or another amount that feels right for you, your support brings us closer to realizing our shared vision.

If you have not yet made a year-end contribution, we encourage you to do so. You may direct your gift to areas that inspire you or support areas of emphasis for the Chai-5 campaign, including updates to the Youth Lounge, improvements to our building and sacred spaces, technology upgrades, expanded intergenerational programming, or additional training and development for our teachers.

Here are a few meaningful reasons to consider giving before the year concludes:

Maximizing Your Impact

A year-end gift not only supports the community you care about but may also provide tax benefits.

Helping Us Reach Our Annual Goals

Your contribution ensures we can continue offering strong, sustainable programs for all ages.

Addressing Immediate Needs

Unexpected challenges arise throughout the year. Your support gives Temple Sinai the ability to respond swiftly and effectively where help is needed most.

Honoring What We've Achieved Together

Reflecting on this past year fills us with appreciation. Everything we have accomplished has been made possible by your involvement, and we are grateful to be in this sacred partnership with you.

Thank you for your continued generosity and kindness. May this Chanukah and the coming New Year bring you light, joy, and peace.

Lisa Thorner

Lisa Thorner



I wanted to share some pictures of your Chai-5 dollars at work:

Phase Two of our outdoor space is nearing completion.



We have begun the construction of our updated Youth Lounge which will now serve as a community space for all members of the community to utilize.

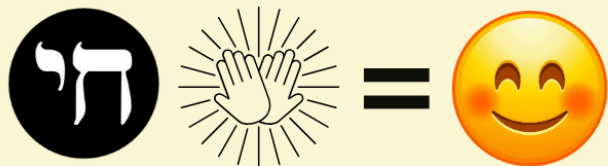


CHAI-5! TO CHANUKAH

The Chai-5 CAMPAIGN

Donating to Chai-5 strengthens your partnership with Temple Sinai

Temple Sinai is excited to announce The Chai-5 Campaign which supports selected areas of emphasis within our Sinai community. Chai-5 helps assure we can maintain existing programming and invest in new innovative ways to bring us together. From now until Chanukah, we hope you will invest at least Chai (\$18) X 5 = \$90 (Chai-5). You can choose to allocate your units of Chai as you wish.



THE CHAI-5 ADVANTAGE

DONATIONS GIVE YOU A VOICE

Programs and events can be expensive to produce. Chai-5 gives you a say and brings us TOGETHER.

GIVING AT SINAI IS SIMPLE

Dues, donations, program costs, and Chai-5 participation represents your investment and commitment to Temple Sinai.

YOU CHOOSE THE AREAS THAT INSPIRE YOU

You can commit your Chai-5 donation to specific areas or give to the overall campaign.

We hope everyone will make an investment of chai (\$18) x 5 = \$90! or whatever is right for you.

HERE IS WHERE YOUR DOLLARS CAN GO:

BUILDING BEAUTIFICATION:

Major physical upgrades and renovations of Temple's property and facilities.

- Upgrade Zwerin Sanctuary walls with sound tiles.
- Landscaping.
- Interactive donor and Yahrzeit wall.
- Update kitchen with a new stove.
- Appel Family Youth Lounge and Lobby updates.

UPDATED YOUTH LOUNGE AND COMMUNITY SPACE:

Updated Youth and Community Space to create a dynamic, flexible and welcoming environment that meets the needs of all generations.

- A dedicated, welcoming space that encourages kids of all ages to spend more time at Temple.
- Technology stations for digital and creative learning.
- Coffee station that creates a shared working area for adults.
- Dedicated family area to include PJ Library, toys, and games for younger children.

TECHNOLOGY ENHANCEMENTS:

Connecting everyone to Sinai and creating a more accessible experience.

- Sound system improvements.
- Video screens in Study and Abrahams Family Chapel.
- Enhance ADA compliant technology.
- Updated computers for Religious School students.

INTERGENERATIONAL PROGRAMMING:

Building community, deepening relationships and passing Jewish values across generations.

- Increased programming that brings together all ages.
- Shabbatons, retreats and family-friendly dinners.
- Adopt a grandparent or family: Chesed Buddies pairs older members with younger families.

TEACHER TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT - Continuous process of equipping Preschool and Religious School teachers with the knowledge, skills, tools and support needed to improve their effectiveness in the classroom.

- Continuing education stipends.
- Conferences, workshops and professional trainers.





RUTHIE LIPSHULCH

CANTORIAL SOLOIST

Music, Light and Community: Upcoming Musical Events at Temple Sinai

Special Chanukah Dinner and Sinai Songbirds Performance Friday, December 19 • 5:45 PM

Enjoy a delicious meal and hear the Sinai Songbirds sing about the miracle of Chanukah - shining their light bright! Sign up [here](#).



Sing Your Spirit: Singing as a Spiritual Practice Led by Cantorial Soloist Ruthie Lipshulch

Come learn, sing, and connect as we explore singing as a spiritual practice. We'll light the third candle of Chanukah together and share our communal light through song. Sign up [here](#).

Upcoming Dates:

Tuesday, December 16 • 6:00 PM

Wednesday, January 14 • 6:00 PM



Erev Shabbat Shirah Service Friday, January 30 • 6:00 PM

A special Shabbat service featuring the Sinai Songbirds Youth Choir and the Adult Choir.



Shabbat Shirah: Shine Your Light Bright! Saturday, January 31 • 7:00 PM

A special evening of great music with Cantorial Soloist Ruthie Lipshulch and friends featuring pop, standards, and modern classics. Stay tuned for more information!

Musically Yours,

Ruthie

Ruthie Lipshulch



SYNAGOGUE & HOME: THE HOLY PARTNERSHIP

DEBBIE FOSTER

DIRECTOR OF ENGAGEMENT AND PROGRAMMING

The Seigels are a beautiful example of the holy partnership between a synagogue and its families.

For 18 years I taught in Jewish preschools and day schools. I've always loved kids, but I fell in love with teaching and connecting with families. Building relationships with parents and children is still the work that fills my soul. I met Emily Siegel and her parents, Tamara and Adam, in August 2023 when she entered my Pre-K classroom, The Rainbow Room. Tamara volunteered as room parent, and our shidduch began. Living in Highlands Ranch, it mattered to them to find a Jewish preschool and a Temple community that felt like home.

A few weeks ago, Tamara sent me a photo of her daughter, Emily, checking out groceries for their "Go-Go Groceries" bag. It wasn't the first picture of their family living Jewishly; I have photos of Emily using the Shabbat Box she made in Pre-K, graduating in our sanctuary, making challah with her mom at Mishpachat Sinai, and celebrating at last year's Sinai South Chanukah party. Tamara co-chairs Sinai South and is responsible for all those awesome balloons too!

Tamara was just installed on to the Temple Sinai Board and we are beyond blessed that she will share her wisdom and talents with our entire congregation.

The Seigel family lives Jewish values together, strengthening their Jewish identity as a family. Emily and her parents learn side by side, modeling lifelong learning. Their family forms connections and deepens their place in synagogue life. Home and shul reinforce each other; holidays and mitzvot become shared, meaningful memories.





SHEILA PURDIN

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION



Seasons of Change

As the days grow shorter and the air turns crisp, fall gently reminds us that change is both natural and necessary. The leaves shift colors, the rhythm of our days adjusts, and our community prepares for new beginnings, both in the Jewish calendar and in our preschool classrooms.

For young children, this season of change is rich with opportunities for learning through play. They notice the small details: a golden leaf crunching underfoot, a gust of wind swirling through the playground, the soft light of afternoon that seems to come a bit earlier each day. Through play, children process the transitions happening around them. They might build a leaf pile to jump in, line up acorns in careful patterns, or gather "soups" of twigs and sand in the sensory table. These playful explorations are their way of making sense of a shifting world of finding continuity and joy in the midst of transformation.

In Jewish life, too, fall is a season of reflection and renewal. After the High Holy Days and Sukkot, we move forward grounded by tradition and community, ready to grow into what comes next. Our children mirror this beautifully. Each day in our classrooms, they practice the art of adapting learning to separate from caregivers with trust, to welcome new friends, to try something for the first time. Transition, for them, is not something to fear; it is something to explore with wonder.

As we watch our youngest learners engage with the changing world around them, we are reminded that growth is rarely still. Like the trees preparing for winter, we too can take comfort in the cycles of letting go and beginning again. This season invites us all, children and adults alike-to find beauty in transition, curiosity in change, and connection in the unfolding rhythm of our community.

Sheila
Sheila Purdin





Preschool Registration 2026-2027



- TIER 1: TEMPLE MEMBERS WHO ARE CURRENTLY ENROLLED - JANUARY 8-13
- TIER 2: CURRENTLY ENROLLED NON-MEMBERS & TEMPLE MEMBERS NOT CURRENTLY ENROLLED - JANUARY 14-19
- TIER 3: GENERAL COMMUNITY - OPENS JANUARY 20

Any registrations received after the priority registration 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.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION 2026-2027



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.



Limited Spots Available

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



BRYNN TULLY

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT DIRECTOR/ FAMILY PROGRAMMING ASSISTANT

I am so excited to introduce myself as the new Youth Engagement Director! It's been such a joy jumping right into youth programming for kindergarten through 12th grade.

In my first month here, **Meretz and Ruach** (our K-5th grade youth group) learned about The Science of Sound in October and created beautiful Hamsa Dove paintings in November. The **Temple Sinai Youth Group** (9th-12th grade) had an incredible night out seeing the opening of Wicked: For Good! Seeing the enthusiasm and joy from our youth has been so inspiring!

We're keeping the momentum going with several exciting upcoming events:

Meretz and Ruach Chanukah Party: December 14, 12:00 PM-1:30 PM

Join us for a joyful, kid-friendly Chanukah celebration filled with hands-on fun and festive activities! Kids will rotate through several stations, including dreidel decorating, Maccabee Training Camp, cookie decorating, and exciting spins with the giant dreidel. We'll also enjoy delicious latkes to add to the holiday spirit. It's the perfect midday party to celebrate Chanukah with creativity, games, treats, and lots of energy, great for kids who love to move, make, and play!

Junior Youth Group Chanukah Party: December 16, 6:00 PM-8:00 PM

Our Junior Youth Group is celebrating Chanukah with a cozy, festive evening in the Youth Lounge! Kids will enjoy a fun night featuring a holiday dinner, delicious latkes, cookie decorating, a Chanukah craft or activity, and exciting rounds with the giant dreidel. We'll wrap up the evening by relaxing together, lighting the menorah, and sharing the warmth and spirit of the holiday. This is a perfect chance for kids to unwind, connect with friends, and celebrate Chanukah in a meaningful and upbeat way.

TSYG and Teen Academy Chanukah Party: December 17, 6:00 PM-8:00 PM

Temple Sinai Youth Group takes on Teen Academy for an incredible Chanukah Party, with donuts, dinner, and a latke cook off! There is no additional cost to join the party!

Meretz and Ruach January Event: January 11, 12:00 PM-1:30 PM

Event information to be announced soon!

I am looking forward to connecting with all the children and teens in our community, and am so excited to bring new engaging programs for all ages!

Meretz & Ruach Presents

Chanukah Party
Pizza Lunch will be served

Sunday, December 14 | 12:00-1:30 pm | \$10 Per Child | Sign Up Here | Grades K-5

JYG Presents

Chanukah Party
Dinner will be served

Tuesday, December 16 | 6:00-8:00 pm | \$10 Per Child | Sign Up Here | Grades 6-8

Respectfully,

Brynn



THE RITUALS AND TRADITIONS OF CHANUKAH

The First Night of Chanukah is Sunday, December 14!

Chanukah means “dedication.” About 168 BCE, Antiochus Epiphanes, the Greek ruler of Asia Minor, sought to impose Greek culture and idolatry upon Jews and all the other peoples he ruled. Though some Jews bent to his will and assimilated fully, most of our Jewish ancestors, led by the Maccabees, resisted the plan and revolted against Antiochus. The war lasted some three years and is considered history's first struggle for religious freedom. Despite overwhelming odds, the Judeans were successful and joyously engaged in the rededication (Chanukah) of their Temple on the 25th of Kislev in 165 BCE.

The miracle of the Maccabees' victory is commemorated annually by Jews for eight days --- kindling candles, singing songs, exchanging gifts, offering prayers of thanksgiving, and rededicating ourselves to the cause of religious liberty. Chanukah originally was developed to parallel the eight-day Festival of Sukkot (which was the traditional time for dedicating the Temple). Over time, the eight days of Chanukah were linked by a Rabbinic midrash to a miracle of sacred oil.

Candles are added to the chanukiyah from right to left but are kindled from left to right. The newest candle is lit first. (On the Shabbat of Chanukah, kindle the Chanukah lights first and then the Shabbat candles.)

First light the shamash, “the helper candle.” Then use the shamash to light the other candles of the chanukiyah.



THE CHANUKAH BLESSINGS

The First Night of Chanukah is Sunday, December 14!

As we light the candles we sing:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

Barukh atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melekh ha'olam, asher kideshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu lehadlik ner shel Chanukah.

“Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who hallows us with mitzvot, commanding us to kindle the Chanukah lights.”

Then we say:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזִמְנֵי הַזֶּה.

Barukh atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melekh ha'olam, she'asah nisim la'avoteinu v'imoteinu bayamim haheim baz'man hazeh.

“Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old at this season.”

On the very first night we also add shehecheyanu:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁחַיָּנוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזִמְנֵי הַזֶּה.

Barukh atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melekh ha'olam, shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higianu laz'man hazeh.

“Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.”

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.



Guest Speaker at Erev Shabbat Friday, Dec. 12

Susan Rona is the ADL Mountain States Regional Director, bringing extensive expertise in community engagement, nonprofit management, fundraising, and program development. A New Jersey native, she moved to Colorado in 2006 with her husband, Jeff and two children. Susan previously led transformative work at the Boulder JCC, playing a crucial role in funding and developing their new campus. As Principal of Susan Rona & Associates, LLC, she provided strategic consulting to nonprofits and served as a philanthropic advisor. Her community involvement has included serving on the Jewish Life Committee at Rose Community Foundation, volunteering as a mediator with the Boulder County Sheriff's Office and serving on the CU Boulder Hillel board. Susan holds degrees from the University of Wisconsin, Madison and Washington University in St. Louis School of Law.

Temple Sinai's Grief Support Group

Temple Sinai's Grief Support Group will renew this fall with our new counselor, Ana Dodson. These sessions are free for Temple Sinai members. RSVP [here](#) (required). The process of grief differs from person to person. We are proud to offer an opportunity for our members to share and learn. Together we will find strength and support.

Sunday, December 14 at 11:00 AM

Please contact Rabbi Rheins at Temple Sinai if you have any questions.

MONTHLY

HEALING SERVICE/VIRTUAL AT 11:00 AM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11 AND THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

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. All are welcome.

ADULT EDUCATION

**EXPLORING ANCIENT JEWISH LITERATURE:
APOCRYPHA WITH RABBI RHEINS**
TUESDAYS AT NOON / VIRTUAL
DECEMBER 2, 9, 23, 30
JANUARY 6, 20, 27 (ON ZOOM)

Join Rabbi Rick Rheins as we explore ancient Jewish texts. We are currently reading the Apocrypha literature. "Apocrypha" means "hidden things" and these stories did not make the final canon of the Hebrew Bible. We are currently reading and discussing THE WISDOM OF BEN SIRACH. Ben Sirach was written between 195-180 BCE (about 2,200 years ago). The text is filled with proverbs that provide a fascinating and often inspiring examination of the thoughts and attitudes of our ancestors. Though the Apocrypha literature was not included in the canon of our sacred texts, The Wisdom of Ben Sirach was an enormously influential book and was frequently cited in Rabbinic literature. A PDF of each week's text will be sent out with the Zoom hyperlink.

LUNCH AND LEARN
COME LEARN, DISCUSS, DEBATE
AND MEET FRIENDS
THURSDAYS
DECEMBER 4, 11, 18
JANUARY 8, 15, 22, 29
AT NOON

Review ethical and moral issues in selected Jewish texts. Discuss the important issues of the day. Bring your lunch! We will serve the text and topics!

**NEWCOMERS QUICKLY AND EASILY
FIT RIGHT IN!**
*It's a great way to learn and
meet new friends!*



JEWISH WAR VETERANS

The Denver unit of the Jewish War Veterans of the USA meets at Temple Sinai one Sunday morning each month at 9:00 AM. They provide excellent no cost breakfast, guest speakers, camaraderie, and social interaction. Come check them out! For more information call, text or email Don Price at donpriceusna73@gmail.com or (443) 995-9055. All are welcome.

The next meeting is on Sunday, December 7 featuring Brett Minzer, former Marine, President, ITI Services; speaking on internet safety/scams.

Sunday, January 4, 2026 will feature Commander Chuck Ridgeway, a retired U.S. Navy surface warfare and reserve Africa foreign area officer. After leaving active duty, he worked for 10 years as a NATO international civilian at the NATO Joint Analysis and Lessons Learned Centre in Portugal while also serving as a Navy reserve officer with Naval Forces Africa.

LIFELONG JEWISH LEARNING MOVIE NIGHT
6:30-8:00 PM
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

Please join us for a free showing of iMordecai, our final Lifelong Jewish Learning evening program this semester. Snacks and drinks will be provided!



RSVP
HERE



Sick? Struggling? Want a call or a meeting? Inform the Rabbis!

Adding to the agony and frustration of dealing with illness or struggling with a difficult time is the nagging thought that you are forgotten and that no one cares. Temple Sinai most certainly cares about every one of our members. Rabbi Rick Rheins and Rabbi Michael Shields will be quick to respond when any of our members and loved ones are struggling. In addition, Temple Sinai has a wonderful group of volunteers on our Caring Community who help to provide assistance. Please call or write to our rabbis and let them know that you'd like their help and attention.

Confidential messages can be made directly to:

Rabbi Rick Rheins, 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 and Cantors 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 at Temple Sinai.

B'nei Mitzvah Dates are available in 2027 & 2028

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 2027 or 2028 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.

ADULT B'NEI MITZVAH CLASS!

If you are interested in becoming an Adult Bar or Bat Mitzvah, please contact [Rabbi Rheins](#) or [Rabbi Shields](#). Depending on enrollment, we will begin with a Hebrew refresher course on selected Shabbat mornings this winter. We will then offer classes that review Jewish liturgy and ritual observances. Once the class participants feel ready, we will choose a date for our service and begin preparing to read from a *Sefer Torah*.

This meaningful experience is inspiring for the participants, their loved ones, and the entire community. The exact dates of the classes and service will be determined by those who have expressed interest. So let us know if you want to be a part of this year's class!

DECEMBER 2025

adult programming

Sinai Walkers at Cherry Creek State Park
Monday, December 1 at 9:30 AM

Lifelong Jewish Learning Movie Night
Wednesday, December 3 at 6:30 PM

Pardes Meditation Group
Saturday, December 6 at 8:00 AM

Jewish War Veterans Meeting
Sunday, December 7 at 9:00 AM

Golda Meir House Tour and Brunch
Sunday, December 7 at 10:00 AM

Brotherhood Shooting Club
Tuesday, December 9 at 11:00 AM

Fiction Book Club
Tuesday, December 9 at 6:15 PM

Sinai Sisterhood Mah Jongg Drop-In
Wednesday, December 10 at 1:00 PM

New Member Shabbat and Brunch
Saturday, December 13 at 9:00 AM

Sinai Social Bowling
Saturday, December 13 at 5:00 PM

Grief Support Group
Sunday, December 14 at 11:00 AM

Sing your Spirit: A Kavanah Circle
Tuesday, December 16 at 6:00 PM

Pardes Meditation Group
Saturday, December 20 at 8:00 AM

monthly programs

Brotherhood, Bible, & Beers at Darcy's Bistro

Tuesday, December 2 at 6:00 PM

Knitting and Crocheting for JOY at Temple Sinai

Wednesday, December 17 at 1:00 PM

Brotherhood Breakfast at Morning Story DTC

Thursday, December 18 at 9:00 AM

weekly programs

Exploring Ancient Jewish Literature: Apocrypha with Rabbi Rheins
Tuesdays at 12:00 PM (virtual)

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

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

worship

Erev Shabbat: Fridays at 6:00 PM

Shabbat Morning Minyan: Saturdays at 9:00 AM



JANUARY 2026

adult programming

Pardes Meditation Group
Saturday, January 3 at 8:00 AM

Jewish War Veterans Meeting
Sunday, January 4 at 9:00 AM

Action Against Antisemitism:
Israel Lecture Series
Tuesday, January 6 at 6:30 PM

Brotherhood Shooting Club
Tuesday, January 13 at 11:00 AM

Sinai Sisterhood Mah Jongg Drop-In
Wednesday, January 14 at 1:00 PM

Sing Your Spirit: A Kavanah Circle
Wednesday, January 14 at 6:00 PM

Pardes Meditation Group
Saturday, January 17 at 8:00 AM

Action Against Antisemitism:
Israel Lecture Series
Tuesday, January 20 at 6:30 PM

Sinai Sisterhood Mah Jongg Drop-In
Wednesday, January 28 at 1:00 PM

Brotherhood Movie Night
Wednesday, January 28 (Time TBD)

monthly programs

Brotherhood, Bible, & Beers at
Darcy's Bistro
Tuesday, January 6 at 6:00 PM

Knitting and Crocheting for JOY at
Temple Sinai
Wednesday, January 21 at 1:00 PM

Brotherhood Breakfast at
Morning Story DTC
Thursday, January 15 at 9:00 AM

weekly programs

Exploring Ancient Jewish
Literature: Apocrypha with
Rabbi Rheins
Tuesdays at 12:00 PM (virtual)

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

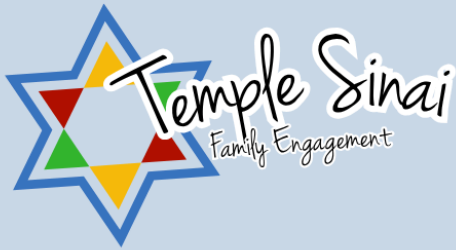
Zwerin/Kaye Avot Study
Saturdays at 10:30 AM (virtual)

worship

Erev Shabbat: Fridays at 6:00 PM

Shabbat Morning Minyan: Saturdays at 9:00 AM





UPCOMING EVENTS

DEC
12

5:15 PM

Twisted Tween Shabbat

DEC
13

9:00 AM

*New Member
Shabbat and Brunch*

DEC
14

12:00 PM

*Meretz and Ruach
Chanukah Party*

DEC
14

3:00 PM

*Sinai South
Chanukah Party*



DEC
16

6:00 PM

JYG Chanukah Party

DEC
17

6:00 PM

TSYG Chanukah Party

DEC
19

6:00 PM

Chanukah Dinner

JAN
25

12:00 PM

Meretz and Ruach



TEMPLE SINAI

Chanukah Dinner

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19



**Family Shabbat service, followed by
dinner and a magic show for the kids!
Bring your own Chanukiah & candles for
our Community Lighting Ceremony.**

5:45PM



Golda Meir house tour

Sunday, December 7th

10:00 AM: Golda Meir House Tour followed by brunch!

\$18: Temple Sinai members

\$25: Non-members

There is a max of 20 participants so please sign up soon!

1146 9th Street, Denver, CO 80204



[RSVP HERE](#)

eat. bowl. connect.

JOIN SINAI SOCIAL FOR
A FABULOUS EVENING OF
BOWLING, FRIENDS,
PIZZA, FRIES AND
UNLIMITED DRINKS!



RSVP

SAT. DECEMBER 13

5:00-6:30PM

\$24 PERSON

BOWLERO CHERRY CREEK

6767 LEETSDALE DRIVE

DENVER 80224



Sinai Social

Twisted TWEEN Shabbat

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12
5:30PM

Twisted Tween Shabbat gathers families of 5th-8th Graders
for a meaningful, fun and yummy Shabbat evening.
Younger/older siblings welcome.

5:30-6:00: Jr. Congregation

6:00-6:15: Challah braiding

6:15-7:00: Dinner and Shabbat activities

7:00: Join together in Oneg

\$10/PERSON.
PLEASE REGISTER BY THURSDAY DEC. 11TH



CLICK TO
REGISTER



Sinai South Chanukah Party

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14
3:00-5:00PM

This intergenerational party
will include: music, latkes,
donuts, games, crafts, dreidels,
gelt, friends, community,
laughter and lighting the 1st
Chanukah candle together.

Southridge Recreation Center
4800 McArthur Ranch Rd, Highlands Ranch, CO 80130

RSVP
Here



Knitting and Crocheting for JOY: A Year of Giving Warmth



The Temple Sinai **Knitting and Crocheting for JOY** group has spent the year creating hats, scarves and blankets. We've made 78 hats, 30 scarves and 5 lap/baby blankets for a total of 113 items. They are being donated to various organizations in town including the Temple Sinai Caring Community, Jewish Family Service, Urban Peak, Christmas in the Park, and Clothes for Kids.

New members are always welcome! We typically meet the third Wednesday of every month in the Youth Lounge at 1:00 PM.

Our next meetings are: December 17 and January 21.

Questions? Contact Jane Robbins at janerobbins.cpa@gmail.com.

SHARED ROOTS

2025 CLASS SCHEDULE

All classes begin at 6:30 PM (MST)

Tuesday, December 16

The Pre-WWII Era & The Creation of Modern Israel

Justin Friedman

HEA: 3600 S. Ivanhoe St. 80237

Tuesday, January 6

Israeli-Arab Conflict, Abraham Accords, Jewish-Christian Relations

Amir Kaufman

Temple Sinai: 3509 S. Glencoe St. 80237

Tuesday, January 20

The Israeli Government: What Is There To Criticize?

Amir Kaufman

Temple Sinai: 3509 S. Glencoe St. 80237

Tuesday, February 3

Modern Jewish Relations

Chris Oliveira M.Div

TBD



Have you ever wondered what to do if you encounter a protestor or something unexpected happens at a public event?

Join the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) and Secure Community Network (SCN) for a hands-on training that will give you the skills, confidence, and awareness to safely navigate these difficult situations.

This session will introduce practical strategies for recognizing early signs of conflict, understanding the dynamics of escalation, and choosing effective and appropriate responses as a bystander. Whether you're new to bystander intervention or looking to strengthen your conflict-management toolkit, this training provides accessible, empowering tools to help build a safer and more compassionate community. No prior experience is necessary.

Representing 45 member organizations, the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) brings Jewish Coloradans together to advance our shared values and policy priorities. We advocate, educate, mobilize action, and build relationships to ensure that the Jewish community and our neighbors can thrive.

Secure Community Network (SCN) is the official safety and security organization for the Jewish community in North America.

For information or questions: Liz Lebeaux Vantine, llebeauxvantine@JEWISHcolorado.org

GO-GO GROCERIES

OUR COMMUNITY IN ACTION

Go-Go Groceries, created right here at Temple Sinai, is our newest ongoing initiative supporting the JFS Food Pantry. Inspired by Temple Sinai members Lisa Friedman and Cheryl Abrams, this project invites families to fill grocery bags with essential pantry items for neighbors experiencing food insecurity.

Thanks to the leadership of Director of Engagement and Programming, Debbie Foster, and the support of Rabbi Michael Shields, our halls are now lined with rows of colorfully labeled bags, each one packed with care and compassion. Our kids aren't just learning about tikkun olam, they are living it. JFS will pick up the bags once a month!

Melanie Wiseman, our third grade Religious School teacher and Board member, is so inspired by the project that she wants to expand Go-Go Groceries on a monthly basis! It will be exciting to grow throughout Temple Sinai and the wider Denver Jewish community. When we show up together, we make a real and measurable impact.

Join Us!

Help us continue this sacred effort:

Pick up a bag and grocery list at Temple Sinai or print the list below

Each bag is more than a meal; it's a lesson in empathy, responsibility, and sacred community. Kol ha-kavod to every family who has contributed. Let's keep this going and continue building a world where no one goes hungry.

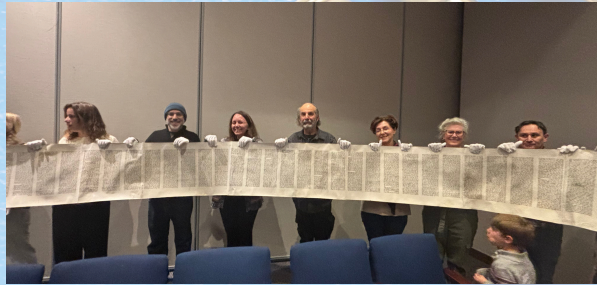
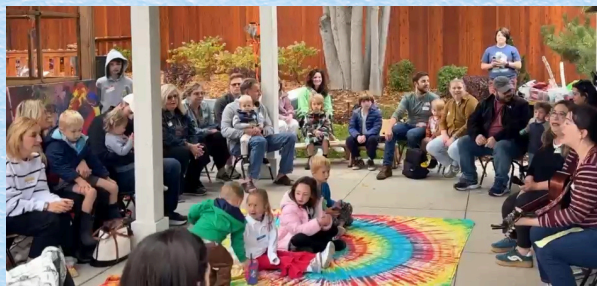
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JOIN US!

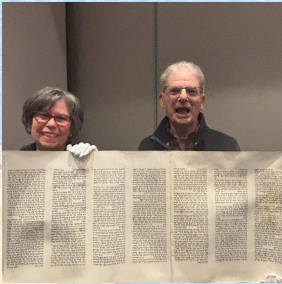
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SINAI SNAPSHOTS



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Congregational Survey Results are in!

Temple Sinai received 175 responses to our recent survey on experiences with antisemitism with strong participation across ages, especially 40–60.

Key Findings

- Children experience antisemitism primarily at school. Nearly a quarter of responding families reported incidents, most involving teasing, slurs, stereotyping, or symbols like swastikas.
- Members want more tools to respond. 60% want training on how to address antisemitism; strong support for interfaith initiatives and advocacy.
- Religious School request: Families want age-appropriate education on how to respond, not scare—skills, language, and support for real-life situations.
- Safety concerns remain. While a majority feel generally safe at services, many expressed interest in enhanced security, particularly at events beyond Sinai.
- Coping and support: Most seek support through family, community, and education; a notable number sought mental health support.

Community Action Opportunities

- Improve communication about existing programs.
- Create workshops for both adults and teens on responding to antisemitism.
- Build stronger relationships with ADL, JCRC, and partner synagogues.
- Explore ways Sinai can help families report incidents and advocate in schools.
- Interest in volunteering - Nearly half of respondents are willing to help, especially in interfaith dialogue, educational programs, and committee work

Plans in Place

- We introduced 'Standing Up Speaking Out' an ADL facilitated workshop for parents on how to respond to antisemitism in schools. Sessions: November 16 and December 12.
- ADL is implementing a three-part program for our children in 6-8th grade in January.
- We continue our relationship with the interfaith community and are hosting two upcoming lectures in their Shared Roots series.
- Email Terri Tilliss to get involved: terri.tilliss@incidentalsconsulting.com.

When We Speak Together, We Are Heard

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.

ALLAN AND HELENA STRIKER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Temple Sinai is honored to offer a new scholarship, the Allan and Helena Striker Scholarship Fund. This is a needs-based scholarship generously funded for the purpose of supporting academically strong young men completing their senior year of high school and attending college the following year. The scholarship amount is \$2,500.



- i** LEARN MORE AND APPLY AT: SINAIDENVER.ORG/WHAT-WE-DO/SCHOLARSHIPS
- e** LISA THORNER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: LISA@SINAIDENVER.ORG

WELCOME TO TEMPLE SINAI'S NEWEST MEMBERS



Becky & Erik Grubb, Micah & Reese
Devan & Josh Kaplan, Xander & Austin
Tammy Kluiber
Niza Knoll
Peggy Lane
Vera Fridman & Andrew Linshaw, Alexandra & Michael
Margarite & Jonathan Loew
Ashley Marks, Tyler & Stevie
Janice & Gerald Meltzer
Linda & Eli Osatinski
Elizabeth Stern
Lauren Tutzauer & Jason Turlletsky, Maci



Alan Bee Farber Memorial Camp Fund

FROM FIRST CAMP TO LIFELONG JEWISH CONNECTION

This fund was created by the Farber/Spanbauer family in memory of our beloved brother and son, Alan Bee Farber. Growing up, our family didn't have much in the way of money, but our parents were determined to give us a life rich in experiences, values, and community. One of the most cherished parts of that life was Jewish summer camp. Through scholarships, Alan and Lori were able to attend sleepaway camp, where they learned and lived Jewish values – Tikkun Olam: Repairing the World, Chesed: Lovingkindness, and Talmud Torah: Lifelong Learning – while building deep friendships and enjoying the beauty of the great outdoors.

Alan passed away in 1987 at the age of 30. In his honor, we established this fund to “pay it forward” – to help children who might not otherwise have the means to attend Jewish camp, so they too can experience the magic we knew so well.

2026 Camp Season Scholarship

- Applications will open early Fall 2025
- Scholarships are for children who otherwise would not be able to afford Jewish sleep away camp.
- Funds are awarded to first time campers *only*.
- All scholarships are need based and in alignment with the *Alan Bee* core values of *Tikkum Olam, Chesed, and Talmud Torah*

Let's Bee in touch...



B'NEI MITZVAH

SONYA AND EVAN SOLOMON - JANUARY 3, 2026

Sonya and Evan Solomon are the daughter and son of Gary Solomon. Both attend Monarch High School in Louisville. Sonya is a Junior and is active in Broadcast Journalism as a producer for the student television station. In addition, she rock climbs competitively. Evan is a Freshman and is an avid hockey player for Boulder Hockey Club. Sonya and Evan both enjoy hanging out with friends and family, and skiing in their spare time.



SAOIRSE DWYER - JANUARY 10, 2026

Saoirse is the daughter of Denika and Cayel Dwyer and is the sister of Tadhg and Ciernan. When she's not outdoors riding her bike, shooting hoops, skateboarding, running track, or competing in the high jump, she can be found spending time with her beloved pets. Over the years, she has volunteered in many ways, but she especially loves supporting animals – most recently by visiting cats at the Max Fund Animal Shelter.

MAKENZIE NARCISI - JANUARY 10, 2026

Makenzie is the daughter of Rachael and Scott Narcisi and is the sister of Eliana. She attends school at Falcon Creek Middle School. Makenzie is a member of the National Junior Honor Society and currently serves as her house president. She is the Stage Manager for her school theater productions and is actively involved in gymnastics. At home, she is a devoted “dog sister” to Banjo, the family’s 1-year-old Bichon. Makenzie also enjoys baking in her free time. For her Mitzvah Project, Makenzie is raising funds to support the Christmas in the Park initiative. Christmas in the Park is a coordinated community event that distributes winter clothing and goods to individuals experiencing homelessness and limited resources. The event and distribution of goods take place in Civic Center Park on Christmas morning. Makenzie and her family have participated in this event for the past several years, and it has become a deeply meaningful tradition for them.



LIAM PESECKIS BAR MITZVAH, JANUARY 24, 2026

IN MEMORIUM

Harriet Sylvia Feld, wife of the late Jerry Feld, mother of Jodie Feld-Levin, Paul (Lori) Feld, Linda (Tom) Dunlop, and the late Jeff Feld, grandmother of Lindsey Levin, Megan (Nick) Cicero, Benjamin (Morgan) Feld, Michaela (Patrick) Devero, Zachary (Ashley) Dunasta, and Jessica (Hunter) Knapp, sister of Dena (the late Frank) Schneider

Harvey Stein, husband of Phyllis, father of Ellen (Luther), Suzi (Greg), and Jeff (Chrissy), grandfather of Lena, Micaela, and Benny

Stanley Jay Ullman, husband of Paula Ullman, father of Brad Ullman (Xiu Cai) and Dani (Jason) Wynn, Kevin (Sarah) Oberndorf, and Kelly (Cyrus) Mehta, grandfather of Emma Wynn, Sam Wynn, Reilly Ullman, Catherine Ye, Ava Oberndorf, Luke Oberndorf, Junip Mehta, and Remy Mehta

Phyllis Wenig, wife of Eden Wenig, mother of Mattew (Courtney), Steven (Alexandra), grandmother of Noah, Samuel, Gabe, and Abigail, step-grandmother of Jamison and Roxanne, sister of Diane, Andrew, Alan and Larry

Zikhranam Livrakhal, may they be remembered for a blessing.



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). Beginning January 1, 2026 the cost of a 4x8 brick will increase to \$150 and the cost of a 8x8 brick will increase to \$275.



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. Beginning January 1, 2026 the price of an inscribed leaf will increase to \$200.



ALAN FARBER MEMORIAL CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

IN HONOR OF:

Jodi Cohen-Bucci becoming a Bat Mitzvah

John & Lori Spanbauer
Mark Shaner's birthday
Frank & Evelinda Urman
Lori Spanbauer
Wendy Vean

ARNOLD L. GREENBERG MEMORIAL FUND FOR INTERFAITH DIALOGUE

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Arnold Greenberg
Kenneth Greenberg & Anna Menza

CANTORIAL SOLOIST RUTHIE LIPSHULCH DISCRETIONARY FUND

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Philip Cohen
Michael Bucci & Jodi Cohen-Bucci

ILENE SHIROFF MEMORIAL FUND

IN HONOR OF:

Eileen Naiman and Blair Trautwein
Wendy Vean

JEFFREY O. ROSENBERG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR JEWISH STUDIES

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Robin Becker
Lee & Sharon Keene

JEWISH EDUCATION FUND

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Steve Cramer
Kathi Cramer
Joseph Eisenberg and Frieda Wright
Alan & Anita Eisenberg
Harvey Stein
Jan & Linda Dorfman
Roberta Stonehill
Michele Cruz

DONORS:

Jean Guthery
Gary & Stefanie Neumann

JULIUS & HELEN RING IST FUND

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Marsha Alpert
Stephen & Sherri Weinstein
Alan Eber
Melvyn & Roberta Klein
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Jean Guthery
Miriam Hoffman and Steven Shaner
Mark & Hanna Shaner

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Eileen Lash
Pearle Rae Levey
Jean Guthery
Stephen & Sherri Weinstein
Harvey Milzer and Isaac Milzer
Eugene & Lela Kay
Sam Parris
Louis & Andrea Rosenthal
Yetta Siegelbaum
Beatrice Botkin
Harvey Stein
Jean Guthery
Melvyn & Roberta Klein

MARILYN TOBIN MEMORIAL FLOWER FUND

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Jackie Cooper, Alan Eber, Harvey Stein, and Robbie Steinberg's sister
Marshall & Carol Tobin

IN HONOR OF:

Jon and Susan Tandler
Marshall & Carol Tobin

DONORS:

Jerome & Dorothy Gotlieb
Jean Guthery

OSI & SELMA SLADEK CULTURAL ARTS / MUSIC FUND

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Judge Art Bleecher
Mary Bleecher
Fred Sladek
Oscar & Selma Sladek

IN HONOR OF:

Temple Sinai Staff and Musicians
Geoffrey Wodell

DONORS:

Dan Sladek & Chris Taaffe
Wendy Vean

PRAYER BOOK FUND

DONORS:

Jody & Janie Braverman

PRESCHOOL UNDERWRITING FUND

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Sharon Birnbaum
Martin & Ellen Fliegelman

IN HONOR OF:

Jason and Karen Dorfman
Jan & Linda Dorfman

RABBI MICHAEL SHIELDS DISCRETIONARY FUND

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Aaron Rashti
Robert & Margaret Rashti
Geraldine Shapiro
The Eber/Shapiro Family

IN HONOR OF:

Hebrew naming of Evy and Ollie
Taylor Cormier & Danielle Barmann

DONORS:

Laurel Mobley
Paul & Terry Goldfarb

RABBI RICHARD RHEINS DISCRETIONARY FUND

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Marsha Alpert
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Shelley Stein
Steve Berkowitz and Sidney Stillman
Noreen Stillman
Clara Berry
Randall & Lisa Shafer
Berne and Cherry Berson
Jeffry Berson
Sharon Birnbaum
Marshall & Helene Abrahams
Jacob Braverman
Jody & Janie Braverman
Peter Cohen
Arnold & Joanne Luterman
Philip (Pinchas Yosef) aka "Figgs" Cohen

Michael Bucci & Jodi Cohen-Bucci

Steve Cramer
Kathi Cramer
Arthur Diamond
Ruth Diamond
Alan & Linda Weinstein
Amy Glass and Rose Zeidman
Bart & Barbara Valls
Abe & Marian Goldhirsch and Milton & Betty Rich
Daniel & Susan Rich
Marian Goldhirsch
Ted Alpert
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Karen Kaplan
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Sheila Silverman
Stanley Ullman
Fred & Lois Margolin
The Ullman Family
Ingeborg Waller
Alicia Smith
Arnold Weil
Ken & Barbara Laff

IN HONOR OF:

Aliyah at Shabbat Services
Stephen Katz & Judy Aronson
Steve and April Block for a
successful Chavurah retreat
Fred & Lois Margolin
Rabbi Rick Rheins
Chris, Beth, Zach, Caleb, and
Hannah Hines
Mark & Deedee Shulman
Temple Sinai Clergy and Staff
Rabbi Jeffrey & Rhonda Kaye

DONORS:

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RABBI ZWERIN DISCRETIONARY FUND

IN HONOR OF:

Diane Stahl and Steve Reinhardt's
marriage
Mark & Sandi Randall

DONOR:

Jeri Gertz

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Robin Becker
Lee & Sharon Keene

ROBIN'S WORLD PLAYGROUND FUND

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

David Ledden and Irving & Marian
Nogg
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SECURITY FUND

DONOR:

Anonymous

TEACHER EDUCATION FUND IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Michelle Linson
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DONOR:

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Jacob Joseph Shulman
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Alan Eber
Anonymous
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Barnie Galperin, and Goldie & Ursha
Goldberg
Amy Galperin
Hoyt Hawkins
Joel & Diane Buckberg
Edmond James "Jim" Judd
Nancy Crawford
Terry Kirschner
Sherrie Kirschner
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Brotherhood brings members together to create, grow and strengthen friendships within the larger Temple Sinai community through social, Temple and community service activities. Contact Jon Levison, brotherhood@sinaidenver.org.



Join us for a morning of stimulating discussion with interesting people of diverse backgrounds. All books selected have a Jewish theme or a Jewish author. Meetings are held the 4th Wednesday of each month 11:00 am-12:30 pm. Contact Donna Zucker, donnadzucker@gmail.com.



CARING COMMUNITY
TEMPLE SINAI

This group works together to reach out to our congregants with new member welcome, new baby, get well and condolence baskets. They reach out in many other ways via cards and calls. Contact Nancy Eisenberg, neisenberg314@gmail.com.



KNITTING AND CROCHETING
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Join us on the third Wednesday of each month. The items you design and handcraft will be donated to different organizations. Contact Jane Robbins, janerobbins.cpa@gmail.com.



Dedicated to building relationships, the Engagement Committee creates opportunities for belonging, connection, and meaningful participation. Contact Phyllis Nalick at phy10735@gmail.com or Debbie Foster debbie@sinaidenver.org.

Sinai Sisterhood

Join our dynamic community of women of all ages and stages of life who gather for social and meaningful programs and events. Contact Janet Snider, jws76033@gmail.com.



"Volunteers on Demand" are congregants interested in helping with various Sinai programs. Contact Debbie Foster, Director of Engagement and Programming, debbie@sinaidenver.org.



We hold monthly meetings, the second Sunday of each month from 9:30 am to noon that includes time to enjoy breakfast followed by informative speakers and/or media presentations on current topics of interest and veteran affairs. Contact Don Price, donpriceusna73@gmail.com.



Our Sinai Tzedek committee engages in a number of Social Action projects including Mitzvah Day, Habitat for Humanity, Meals for Metro Caring and Christmas in the Park. Contact Debbie Foster, Director of Engagement and Programming, debbie@sinaidenver.org.



Social events for our members in the 50+ demographic. Contact Debbie Foster at debbie@sinaidenver.org.

ACTION AGAINST ANTISEMITISM

Join our committee to help us host, educate and bring the community together as we all stand up to Anti-Semitism and live one of our core Jewish values, Tikkun Olam. Contact Terri Tilliss, terri.tilliss@incidentalsconsulting.com.



LLJL Sessions are varied, spanning the gamut from the religious to the secular, but always featuring a Jewish aspect. The Wednesday night lectures are held from 6:30 pm-8:00 pm. Contact Marty Meitus, martymeitus@gmail.com.



Our lay-led meditation group meets on the first and third Saturdays of the month at 8:00 am for 50 minutes of contemplative practice. All levels are welcome.



Being in a Chavurah, (Hebrew for friend group), is a wonderful way to connect with other congregants from Temple Sinai. If you would like to join an existing Chavurah or form a new group, we have options. Contact Shana Cohen, shana@sinaidenver.org.



If you are a lover of music join Temple Sinai's Adult Choir. We sing at High Holy Days services and Musical Shabbatot throughout the year. Contact Choir Director Matthew Eschliman, matthew.eschliman@gmail.com.

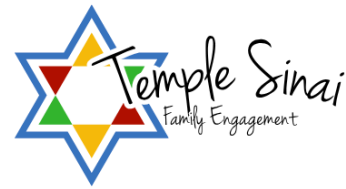
Families



A place where each child is encouraged to learn and grow in a developmentally appropriate, nurturing and loving environment. Contact our Director of Early Childhood Education, Sheila Purdin at sheila@sinaidenver.org. If you would like to be involved as a parent, contact pto@sinaidenver.org.



Our Religious School instills in our students and their families a love of Judaism, the Jewish people, and Israel and seeks to provide the tools for each person's spiritual journey through the lens of Reform Judaism. Contact our Director of Education, Doni Kaye at doni@sinaidenver.org. If you would like to be involved as a parent, contact kathymzeiger26@gmail.com.



We are a synagogue for the entire family and offer fun and meaningful programming for children and adults to connect with one another including our monthly Twisted Shabbat experience. Contact Debbie Foster, Director of Engagement and Programming, debbie@sinaidenver.org.



Sinai South is Temple Sinai of Denver's engagement initiative for those living in the South Suburbs of Denver (Highlands Ranch, Castle Rock, etc.). Contact Debbie Foster, Director of Engagement and Programming, debbie@sinaidenver.org.



Youth Choir is a time for the Songbirds to share their voice at Shabbat services once a month. Contact Cantorial Soloist, Ruthie Lipshulch, ruthie@sinaidenver.org.

Temple Sinai Youth Groups



Our monthly afternoon programs for K-5th foster strong peer connections and fun experiences at Temple immediately following Religious School. Contact Brynn Tully, Youth Engagement Director/Family Programming Assistant, brynn@sinaidenver.org.



Junior Youth Group is the ultimate destination for middle-schoolers seeking fun and community. Contact Brynn Tully, Youth Engagement Director/Family Programming Assistant, brynn@sinaidenver.org.



Led by teens, TSYG offers inclusivity, support, and fun, empowering teens to shape their Jewish community. All high schoolers are welcome at our monthly events. Contact Brynn Tully, Youth Engagement Director/Family Programming Assistant, brynn@sinaidenver.org.

Classes with our Rabbis



Sinai Sundays, Exploring the Hebrew Bible Tuesdays via zoom, Torah Study Saturdays 10:30 via zoom, and many others throughout the year including an Adult B'nei Mitzvah program.



Thursday from 12:00 PM-1:00 PM for a conversation about texts, tradition, and current events that impact Jews, Israel and the world.



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