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WE ARE ALL LETTERS IN THE SCROLL OF LIFE

RABBI RICK RHEINS

Not only is Judaism structurally different from the other monotheistic faiths. It is also different from the other great attempt to understand the human condition: philosophy, the invention of ancient Greece. The Greek idea is of truth as a system. The Jewish idea is of truth as story. The philosophical quest has at most times been the search for truth that is timeless and universal. For Judaism, this systematically omits the most important features of the human situation, time and perspective. Time is the medium through which we learn, in which we make the long, slow journey from violence to justice, oppression to freedom, hierarchy to equality. Perspective is the dimension through which we discover that there are points of view different from, and not reducible to, our own.

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks zl, A Letter in the Scroll, pp 98-9.

The late Rabbi Sacks has left us a considerable library of his brilliant thoughts. Nearly every volume is noteworthy but if you have time to read only one of his works, I highly recommend his book, A Letter in the Scroll. The theme of the book is an expansion of a metaphor from the Baal Shem Tov: The Jewish people join together to form the Torah and every Jew is a letter. A letter on its own has no meaning. But when it joins others, words are created. Each Jewish family is a word. And when our families join together, we form sentences. And when we join those sentences together, we create a story.

Ours is a dynamic story that evolves and grows through time. Ours is a story that includes your voice along with the voices of all who join our Jewish family. Ours is a story that is woven through thousands of years and countless cultures. Our story is Torah and the visions of prophets that transformed the world. Our story is built from Midrash and Mishnah to create Gemara and Talmud. Our story is told in layers of commentary added by every generation. Our story is found in the deep musings of great thinkers and scientists. Our story is found in the heartbreaking tales from the ghettos and during times of oppression in the diaspora that still found hope and smiles to brighten even the darkest of

ages. Our stories are also found in the whimsical and often cynical humor of modern Jews who continue our instinctual revulsion for the iconic “flavors of the day” and other postures and poses of hubris. Our stories are found in the plays and songs that have captured the imagination, lifted the heart and mind, and encouraged the noblest values of humankind. Ours are the stories that have inspired men and women to create businesses, invent products, lead political movements, and devote themselves to teaching children to begin writing new stories.

So it is, when we begin a new day, Jews traditionally recite a prayer for study:

**בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוְּנוּ לְעֶסֶק בְּדַבְרֵי תוֹרָה.**

Barukh Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melekh ha-olam, asher asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav, v'tzivanu la-asok b'divrei Torah.

Praised are You, Adonai, our God, Sovereign of the universe, who has sanctified us with mitzvot and has commanded us to engage with the words of Torah.

It is a prayer that invites us to engage and not merely learn and certainly not simply memorize. We are urged to add our letter of the scroll to whatever text we are reading and to whatever lesson we are studying. In this way, the text and the lessons include our voice and perspective.

God willing, our Jewish children and grandchildren, each one a letter in the scroll, will continue joining their letters and create new visions and new stories.

Yes, we are the people of the book. But even more significant is our role as letters in the sacred scroll that reflects time and perspective; ever fresh, ever dynamic.

B'vrakhah, With Blessings,

Rick

Rabbi Rick Rheins



TU BISHVAT: ROOTED, GROWING, AND REACHING OUTWARD

RABBI MICHAEL SHIELDS

Tu Bishvat, the New Year of the Trees, invites us to slow down and reflect on growth, especially the kind that happens quietly, patiently, and over time. In the middle of winter, when the ground still looks dormant, Jewish tradition insists that something important is already happening beneath the surface. Sap is rising. Roots are strengthening. The future is bright.

Our tradition reminds us that this is not just about trees. *“For the human being is like the tree of the field”* (Deuteronomy 20:19). Just as trees need deep roots and open space to grow, so do we. Tu Bishvat becomes a mirror, asking us: **How are we tending our roots? How are we growing our branches? And who are we growing alongside?**

The Torah itself is described as a tree: *“It is a tree of life to those who hold fast to it, and all who cling to it are blessed”* (Proverbs 3:18). Torah, community, and relationships are living systems, they thrive when they are nurtured, revisited, and shared. Growth in Jewish life doesn’t come from standing still; it comes from engagement, learning, and connection.

The sages understood this deeply. In **Pirkei Avot** we are taught: *“Make for yourself a teacher, acquire for yourself a friend”* (Avot 1:6). Growth is relational. We do not become our best selves alone. At **Temple Sinai**, Tu Bishvat calls us to strengthen friendships, to reach out to new faces, and to recommit to showing up for one another across generations. **There is a reason that Temple Sinai is growing.** It is growing because people are investing in one another, through learning, prayer, acts of kindness, and the simple but sacred choice to belong.

There is also a powerful story in the Talmud (Ta’anit 23a) about **Honi the Circle-Drawer**, who sees a man planting a carob tree. When Honi asks why, since the tree will not bear fruit for seventy years, the man replies, “Just as my ancestors planted for me, so I plant for those who will come

after me.” Tu Bishvat reminds us that Jewish community is an act of faith in the future. We invest today not only for ourselves, but for those who will one day sit in our seats, sing our songs, and call this community home.

Trees also teach us that strength is found in connection. Forests survive storms because their roots intertwine beneath the soil, sharing nutrients and holding one another steady. So too, our community grows stronger when we are linked, to each other, to the broader Jewish world, and to the enduring story of the People Israel. When we spread our branches wide, we create shade, shelter, and welcome for all who seek it.

This spirit of rootedness and reaching outward comes alive in moments when we gather in new and meaningful spaces, like the upcoming **Shabbat at DU** that Temple Sinai is sponsoring on **Friday, March 13**. We have a role to nurture our local college students, supporting them during this part of their journey in life. We meet them where they are, extending our branches, and reminding ourselves that Jewish life flourishes wherever we support prayer, music, and community. And as a value proposition, we hope that synagogues throughout the United States welcome and care for our Temple Sinai students who go to college around the corner from their shuls.

As we mark Tu Bishvat, may we be inspired to tend our roots with care, to invest in relationships with intention, and to keep building a community that is vibrant, welcoming, and resilient. May we continue to grow, deeper and wider, spreading our branches to embrace all who embrace us, and planting seeds of Jewish life that will bear fruit for generations yet to come.

Rabbi Shields

Rabbi Michael Shields



SECURITY UPDATE: WHAT OUR COMMUNITY SHOULD KNOW

LISA THORNER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

At Temple Sinai, the safety and well-being of our congregants, staff, and visitors remains our highest priority. In today's world, we understand how important it is to be thoughtful, prepared, and vigilant, and we take this responsibility very seriously. Every decision we make regarding security is guided by caution, care, and a deep commitment to protecting our community while preserving the warmth and openness of our sacred space.

An important part of this commitment is our newly formed Security Committee, led by Temple Sinai member, Jon Levison. The committee is composed of individuals with diverse professional backgrounds, selectively recruited to bring extensive military, law enforcement, security services, mental health and critical medical specialty expertise. Each member brings valuable experience and perspective, allowing us to approach security proactively, thoughtfully, and comprehensively.

The Security Committee will conduct regular walkthroughs of our campus to identify potential vulnerabilities and employ best practices to address them taking advantage of the Temple's robust security system equipment. A key focus of the committee is to support ongoing training and preparedness efforts for both staff and congregants, to ensure understanding of protocols and instilling confidence about how to respond in the event of an emergency. In addition, this group will work closely with our security company and law enforcement representatives in the community.

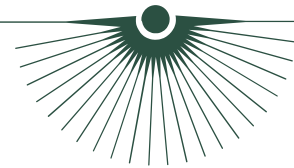
Temple Sinai has been recognized as a model for security within the broader Colorado Jewish community. According to the Secure Community Network (SCN), the official safety and security organization of the Jewish community in North America, Temple Sinai is considered one of the most secure Jewish institutions in Colorado. We meet regularly with SCN professionals to review our facilities, assess current conditions, and plan for both immediate and long-term security needs.

As we continue to enhance our security measures, we are committed to transparency, communication, and preparedness. We will keep our congregation informed and engaged as part of this ongoing effort. Together, we can ensure that Temple Sinai remains a safe, welcoming, and a vibrant home for worship, learning, and community.

With gratitude for your trust and partnership,

Lisa Thorner

Lisa Thorner



SAVE THE DATE

Temple Sinai's

ANNUAL EVENT

Join us to celebrate!

Sunday, June 7, 2026





TEMPLE SINAI WELCOMES RABBI JORDAN SHANER

Dear Sinai Families,

We are delighted to announce that Rabbi Jordan Shaner will be joining Temple Sinai on July 1, 2026, as our Director of Education. We are thrilled to welcome Rabbi Shaner and his family into our Temple Sinai community.

Rabbi Shaner will be returning to Denver with his wife, Kate, a violinist and music educator, and their four-year-old son, Meir. Rabbi Shaner is already familiar to many in our congregation. He grew up in Colorado and previously served as Interim Rabbi at Temple Sinai during the summer of 2017.

In his role at Temple Sinai, Rabbi Shaner will oversee all educational programming, including our Religious School. He will also help elevate educational offerings throughout the congregation by enhancing classes, expanding speaker opportunities, and overseeing our Artist and Scholar-in-Residence Program. We are excited to add his vision and passion for lifelong Jewish learning that will energize congregants of all ages.

For the past seven years, Rabbi Shaner has served as Associate Rabbi at Temple Sinai in Toronto, Canada, where he had a meaningful and creative presence on the bimah, worked closely with young families and young professionals, and organized and led adult education programming. Together with his wife, Kate, he created and developed a Family Time Shabbat program which established a beloved experience for young families in the community.

Rabbi Shaner has a deep passion for Judaism and education, both on and off the bimah. He is a dynamic leader and educator, known for his ability to connect meaningfully across generations.

During his rabbinical studies, Rabbi Shaner was part of the inaugural ARZA HUC-JIR Fellowship, which fostered an in-depth understanding of the American-Israeli relationship.

Please join us in offering a warm and enthusiastic welcome to the Shaner family as they join Temple Sinai.

Welcome!



TU BISHVAT: THE NEW YEAR OF THE TREES

RUTHIE LIPSHULCH

CANTORIAL SOLOIST

Tu Bishvat is a time to celebrate growth, renewal, and our relationship with the natural world. Trees remind us that growth often happens quietly, long before it shows on the surface. Beneath the soil, their roots share nutrients and strength; above ground, their branches provide shelter, balance, and life.

Here at Temple Sinai, we work together like the trees of a forest, offering our individual gifts and, together, creating an environment that is meaningful to everyone. On their own, each tree is strong and beautiful; together, they form a resilient, living ecosystem.

Music as a Path to Connection:

Music, like trees, can connect us in profound ways. Two of my favorite melodies that help us honor Tu Bishvat are:

🎵 [Ellen Allard – For Trees](#)

A song celebrating the life, hope, and beauty each tree brings to the world.

🎵 [Batya Levine – Tu Bishvat Niggun](#)

A wordless melody that invites us to breathe, listen, and be present. Its cyclical structure reflects the rhythms of trees and the seasons, and its communal accessibility allows many voices to join like a forest, each noticing and supporting the others, creating something stronger together.

Musical Shabbat: Growing Together Through Song

As your Cantorial Soloist, my goal is to create a participatory Musical Shabbat designed with you in mind, your voices, your presence, and the many ways you show up in prayer. By introducing new melodies alongside familiar ones, and returning to them over time, we build a shared musical language as a community. Repeated refrains, call-and-response melodies, and returning favorites are simple ways we learn and grow together.

Like a forest, Musical Shabbat thrives through the many voices of all ages. Some of the deepest growth happens beneath the surface through listening, showing up, and supporting one another. Together, we form a living ecosystem of prayer: rooted in tradition, reaching toward light, and nourished by our shared song. Musical Shabbat isn't just one service; it's about delighting in prayerful melodies and creating something lasting, together.

I invite you to join me at the next Sing Your Spirit or Musical Shabbat to share your voice and help build our growing musical culture. Your participation makes this ecosystem thrive.

Musically Yours,

Ruthie

Ruthie Lipshulch

NEW DATE AND TIME

Temple Sinai Presents:

Ruthie's Concert

Colors: Celebrate The Music In You

Join us for a special evening of uplifting music featuring Cantorial Soloist Ruthie Lipshulch and friends. Enjoy an inspiring mix of Pop, Standards, and Modern Classics.



Tickets:
\$20

SPONSORSHIP

\$125

INCLUDES RESERVED SEATING & NAME IN PROGRAM

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

5:00 PM | TEMPLE SINAI



RSVP HERE





B'TZELEM SHEM: EVERY NAME HAS MEANING
DEBBIE FOSTER
DIRECTOR OF ENGAGEMENT AND PROGRAMMING

In Judaism, names matter. Just as we are created B'tzelem Elohim - in the image of God - we honor one another by knowing and using each other's names. Wearing a name tag helps turn friendly faces into real connections, ensuring everyone feels seen, known, and welcomed. Whether you're brand new or have been part of our community for years, your name is an important part of who you are - and we're so glad you're here.

A few months ago, our exceptional Engagement Committee created a 'Welcome/Name Tag' table greeting congregants before Erev Shabbat services. Members wear blue name tags and visitors wear gold so we can greet one another by name. It has been very successful and it will continue to be in the lobby.

It is now time to create permanent name tags for our Temple community and we'd love to make one for you. Our permanent name tags are acrylic with a magnet attachment.

Please sign up so we can prepare your name tag and have it waiting for you at Temple.

On the [Name Tag Order Form](#), enter your first and last name. If you'd like, we can also add some information about you (i.e., a committee or auxiliary you are part of, when you joined the Temple, or something else that helps congregants get to know you).



Debbie





MONA SPITZ

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

I'm honored to introduce myself as Temple Sinai's Director of Development. My role is to partner with Rabbi Rheins and Rabbi Shields, the Board of Trustees, and staff to ensure that Temple Sinai has the resources it needs to thrive today and for generations to come.

To my fellow congregants, I welcome conversations about what inspires you, what brought you to Temple Sinai, and how you hope to be involved. Whether you are interested in learning more about how our programs are funded, exploring ways to honor a loved one, or thinking about long-term giving as an expression of Jewish values, I am here to help guide those conversations in partnership with our rabbis and Executive Director, Lisa Thorner.

Please say hello when you see me around the Temple or reach out anytime. I'm excited to work together to nurture a vibrant and secure future for our congregation.

Warmly,

Mona Spitz

Mona Spitz



RABBI BOBBIE ROSENBERG

TEACHER AND CURRICULUM SPECIALIST

February is Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month (JDAIM), a time to raise awareness, challenge stigma, and recommit to building Jewish communities where people of all abilities truly belong.

Disability touches every stage of life, often in ways we see and just as often in ways we do not. JDAIM reminds us that inclusion is not an extra, it is a core Jewish value rooted in B'tzelem Elohim, the belief that every person is created in the image of G-d.

This month invites us to listen, reflect, and take meaningful steps toward greater accessibility and inclusion. When we remove barriers and lead with empathy, we strengthen our whole community. May JDAIM inspire us to keep building a synagogue where everyone knows they belong. For February's JDAIM event click [here](#)!

Rabbi Bobbie has been a member of the Religious School for the past two years. He teaches 6,7 and 9th grades.

Sincerely, *Rabbi Bobbie Rosenberg*
Rabbi Bobbie Rosenberg



A JOYFUL STRETCH OF LEARNING AHEAD

As we move into the remainder of the Religious School year, I want to share how truly energized and grateful we are. Our students have been forming meaningful relationships with their peers, and we are seeing real gains in Hebrew decoding and Jewish knowledge across the grades. Thank you for partnering with us at home, those few moments spent reviewing letters and vowels a few times each week truly make a difference.

Over these next few months, Wendy Applebaum, our Religious School Assistant and Administrator, and I will be overseeing and guiding the curriculum even more closely. Our goal is to ensure that teachers continue to feel supported and that your children benefit from the thoughtful, engaging lessons of our ShalomLearning curriculum, always grounded in a warm, stable, and developmentally appropriate classroom environment. We deeply appreciate your partnership and trust.

There are also some wonderful school-wide and community-wide experiences ahead. Please be sure to save these dates:

- **Sunday, March 8** (11:30 AM): Purim Carnival (immediately following Religious School; Religious School will be dismissed at 11:30 AM). Sign up [here](#).
- **Sunday, May 3** (9:00 AM–1:00 PM): Celebrate Israel Festival. Religious School and Temple families will gather together to celebrate and support Israel and proudly represent Temple Sinai. More details coming soon.
- **Sunday, May 17** (9:00 AM–1:00 PM): Temple Sinai Mitzvah Day with Religious School. Families from across our congregation will come together to live out our Jewish values through a wide range of meaningful projects. Families will be able to choose the projects that speak most to them.

If you have any questions or would like to connect, please feel free to reach out to me directly at rabbishields@sinaidenver.org.

Rabbi Shields

Rabbi Michael Shields
Acting Director of Temple Sinai Religious School





NURTURING THE WHOLE CHILD: MIND, BODY, AND SPIRIT AT TEMPLE SINAI PRESCHOOL

SHEILA PURDIN

DIRECTOR OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

In Jewish tradition, we understand a human being as a whole—guf (body), lev (heart), and neshamah (spirit) woven together. When we nurture only one part, we miss the fullness of who a child can become. Practices like yoga, breath work, and mindfulness offer young children—and the adults who care for them—simple, powerful ways to support this sacred wholeness.

Very young children experience the world through their bodies before they can name their feelings or explain their needs. A child who wiggles, melts down, or withdraws is often communicating stress, fatigue, or overwhelm long before they have the language to say it. Mind-body practices give children tools to notice what is happening inside themselves and to respond with care. A deep breath, a stretch, or a quiet moment of stillness helps regulate the nervous system, bringing children from a state of “too much” back into balance.

Recently, our school spent two full days learning alongside Missy Brown, founder of Deep Play for Kids, exploring how yoga, breathing exercises, and mindfulness can be woven into daily classroom life. Missy guided our educators through practical, playful tools designed specifically for young children, while also grounding us in the strong and growing body of research showing how closely the mind and body are connected. We experienced firsthand how movement, breath, and awareness can shift energy, calm stress, and restore focus—for teachers and student alike.

Research shows that even brief mindfulness and movement practices can improve attention, emotional regulation, and social skills in young children. When a child learns to pause, breathe, and notice how their body feels, they are also learning self-awareness and empathy—core building blocks of lifelong emotional health. In Jewish terms, we are helping them develop da'at, the ability to know themselves and others with clarity and compassion.

Yoga and mindful movement are especially powerful in early childhood because they meet children where they are: in motion, imagination, and play. Poses

become animals, trees, or Shabbat candles. Breathing becomes blowing bubbles or smelling flowers. Stillness becomes listening for a soft bell. These playful experiences strengthen muscles, coordination, and balance while also building focus and resilience.

The benefits extend just as deeply to the educators who guide them. Teaching young children is sacred work—and it is also demanding. Through our training with Deep Play for Kids, teachers gained simple, effective tools to reset in the middle of a busy day, notice their own stress before it spills over, and respond to children with greater patience and presence. A regulated adult nervous system supports a regulated classroom.

Jewish wisdom teaches us shmirat haguf—the obligation to care for our bodies—and menuchah, the restorative rest that allows us to return to ourselves. By weaving yoga, mindfulness, and breath into our school culture, we are living these values in tangible ways—nurturing the whole child, and the whole educator, every day.

Sheila
Sheila Purdin





SUMMER CAMP 2026



SESSION 1: JUNE 1-JULY 2
(CLOSED JUNE 19 & JULY 3)

SESSION 2: JULY 6-31

REGISTRATION OPENS FEB 10



SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION TIERS

Tier 1: TEMPLE MEMBERS WHO ARE CURRENTLY ENROLLED
Feb 10- Feb 15

TIER 2: CURRENTLY ENROLLED NON-MEMBERS & TEMPLE MEMBERS NOT CURRENTLY ENROLLED
Feb 16-21

TIER 3: GENERAL COMMUNITY
Feb 22-27

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

Hello Temple Sinai!

Over the past few months, it has been such a joy settling into my role as Youth Engagement Director. I've loved jumping right into youth programming for kindergarten through 12th grade and getting to know our incredible community. These first few months have been full of energy, connection, and growth, and I'm so grateful to be here!

Our Meretz and Ruach (K-5th grade) and Junior Youth Group (6th-8th grade) had incredible Chanukah parties to kick off the holiday. We decorated cookies, ate latkes, and played with the giant dreidel! Temple Sinai Youth Group (9th-12th grade) took part in an epic latke cookoff, whipping up latkes inspired by flavors and recipes from around the world! In January, Meretz and Ruach got up close and personal with incredible reptiles, learning all about these fascinating creatures - and even had the chance to hold snakes!

Upcoming Events:

- [Meretz and Ruach Chopped Challenge- February 22, 12:00-1:30](#)

Join your friends after Religious School for lunch, snacks and a fast-paced cooking challenge where kids will team up, get creative, and put their skills to the test!

Like all Meretz and Ruach events, this program is designed for children grades K-5.

- [Meretz and Ruach Chocolate Seder - March 22, 12:00-1:30](#)

A sweet twist on tradition! Join us for a Chocolate Passover Seder filled with delicious treats, meaningful moments, and plenty of fun as we experience the story of Passover in a totally unique way.

Getting to know the amazing children in our community has been so wonderful, and I can't wait to keep creating programs that bring even more fun and Jewish joy to our Temple Sinai family.

Respectfully,

Brynn

Meretz and Ruach Presents

CHOPPED CHALLENGE

Sunday, February 22 | 12:00-1:30 pm | Grades K-5 | \$10 Per Person

RSVP

Meretz & Ruach Youth Group logo

RSVP

MERETZ & RUACH

chocolate seder

Sunday, March 22 | 12:00-1:30 PM | \$10

Join Meretz & Ruach to celebrate Passover with our annual chocolate seder!

Meretz & Ruach Youth Group logo

Temple Sinai logo

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

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.

TEMPLE SINAI GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22 AT 11:00 AM

Temple Sinai's Grief Support Group resumes on Sunday, February 22, at 11:00 AM with Dr. Ana Dodson. 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. These sessions are free for Temple Sinai members. New members who are interested in learning more and/or joining should contact [Dr. Ana Dodson](#).

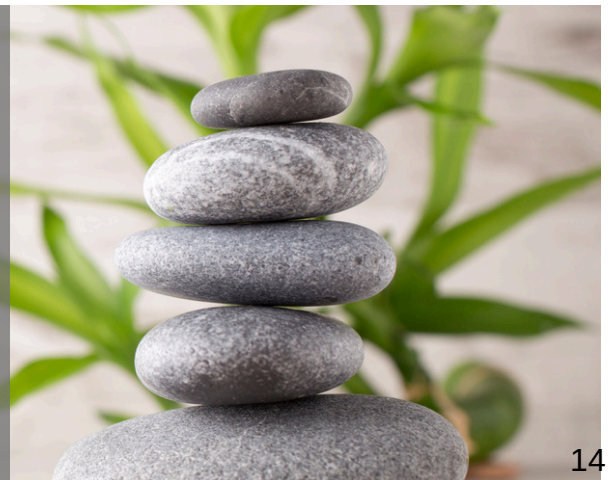


MONTHLY

HEALING SERVICE/VIRTUAL AT 11:00 AM THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

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

LIFELONG JEWISH LEARNING

WEDNESDAYS

FEBRUARY 25

MARCH 11, 25

6:30-8:00 PM

Another exciting semester of Lifelong Jewish Learning is coming up! All programs are free and (unless otherwise noted) are 6:30 to 8:00 PM at Temple Sinai. Be sure to mark your calendars for February 25, March 11, March 25, April 15 and April 29, with a lighthearted bonus program on May 13 that will be announced at a later date.

February 25: *iMordecai*, a fun, enjoyable romp with Judd Hirsch. Snacks and drinks will be served.

March 25: Shelly Shem Tov: *Mother of Returned Israeli Hostage, Omer*

April 15: Miri Kornfeld: *How to Engage with Others on Difficult Topics*

April 29: Dr. Joshua Furman: *Jews in the Civil War*

May 13: TBD



**RSVP
HERE**



LUNCH AND LEARN

COME LEARN, DISCUSS, DEBATE
AND MEET FRIENDS

THURSDAYS

FEBRUARY 5, 12, 19, 26

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 MEETING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

AT 9:00 AM

Join the Jewish War Veterans for their monthly meeting on Sunday, February 8, at Temple Sinai. A complimentary breakfast begins at 9:00 AM, followed by the meeting at 10:00 AM.

Guest speaker Professor Kevin France, Associate Chair of Graduate Studies and Associate Professor in Astrophysical and Planetary Sciences at the University of Colorado Boulder will join us. His research focuses on exoplanets, their host stars, and ultraviolet astrophysics. He is also Principal Investigator on multiple NASA missions, including the ESACPE Small Explorer concept and the CUTE small satellite mission.

**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:

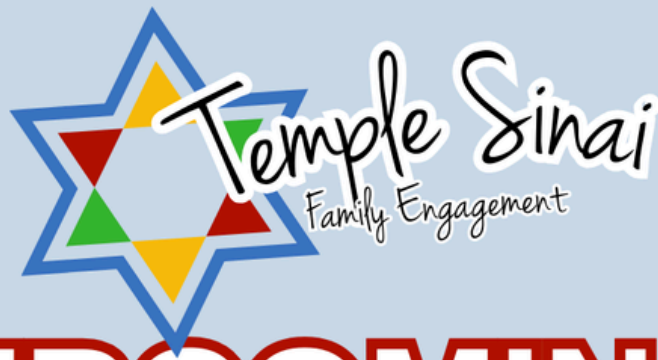
[Rabbi Rick Rheins](#) and
[Rabbi Michael Shields](#)

**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.

**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 303-759-1827.



UPCOMING EVENTS

FEB
1
12:00 PM
*Sinai Songbirds Youth
Choir Rehearsal*

FEB
6
5:30 PM
Campfire Shabbat

FEB
7
9:00 AM
*B'nei Mitzvah Shabbat
Preparation Session*

FEB
14
9:30 AM
Twisted Tot Shabbat

FEB
22
11:30 AM
*Sinai Songbirds Youth
Choir Rehearsal (during
Religious School)*

FEB
22
12:00 PM
*Meretz and Ruach:
Chopped Challenge*



FEBRUARY 2026

adult programming

Preparing For Our Last Chapters
Tuesday, February 3 at 6:00 PM

Joe Lieberman: Centered
at Mizel Arts and Culture Center
Wednesday, February 4 at 6:30 PM

Pardes Meditation Group
Saturday, February 7 at 8:00 AM

Jewish War Veterans Meeting
Sunday, February 8 at 9:00 AM

Sinai Walkers at Dawson Butte
Ranch Open Space
Monday, February 9 at 9:30 AM

Brotherhood Shooting Club
Tuesday, February 10 at 11:00 AM

Sinai Sisterhood Mah Jongg Drop-In
Wednesday, February 11 at 1:00 PM

Sing Your Spirit: A Kavanah Circle
Wednesday, February 11 at 6:00 PM

Preparing For Our Last Chapters
Tuesday, February 17 at 6:00 PM

Fiction Book Club
Wednesday, February 18 at 6:15 PM

Pardes Meditation Group
Saturday, February 21 at 8:00 AM

Temple Sinai Book Group
Wednesday, February 25 at 11:00 AM

Sinai Sisterhood Mah Jongg Drop-In
Wednesday, February 25 at 1:00 PM

Lifelong Jewish Learning: iMordecai
Wednesday, February 25 at 6:30 PM

Brotherhood Movie Night
Wednesday, February 25 (Time TBD)

monthly programs

Brotherhood, Bible, & Beers at
Darcy's Bistro
Tuesday, February 3 at 6:00 PM

Knitting and Crocheting for JOY at
Temple Sinai
Wednesday, February 18 at 1:00 PM

Brotherhood Breakfast at
Morning Story DTC
Thursday, February 19 at 9:00 AM

weekly programs

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



PURIM SCHEDULE

2026



How-To Hamantaschen

Sunday, March 1 at 3:00 PM

Purim Service

Monday, March 2 at 5:15 PM

Purim Shpiel: Shul of Rock

Monday, March 2 at 6:00 PM

Battles of the Costumes, Groggers and Hamantaschen.

Dress as your favorite rockstar

Prizes for winners!

Purim Worship & Reading of the Megillat Esther

Tuesday, March 3 at 10:00 AM

Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 8 at 11:30 AM

[SIGN UP HERE](#)





PURIM 2026



HOW-TO HAMANTASCHEN WITH Debbie & Lisa



SUNDAY, MARCH 1
3:00 PM

Interactive, intergenerational cooking class to learn how to make hamantaschen for Purim! We will prepare dough and make cookies to take home!
Kids who attend must be at least 4 years old and with a caregiver.



**RSVP
HERE**



PURIM SHPIEL 2026

MONDAY, MARCH 2 @ 6:00PM

SHUL OF ROCK



PREPARE FOR OUR SHUL OF ROCK BATTLES

BATTLE OF THE GROGGERS

Enter your grogger into our first annual Grogger Contest. Prizes for the loudest, silliest, and most creative grogger!

BATTLE OF THE COSTUMES

Dress as your favorite musician for our Purim Shul of Rock contest. Rockstars, pop icons, and musical legends all welcome! Prizes for best adults, kids and most original!

BATTLE OF THE HAMANTASCHEN

Join us after the Shpiel for a fun hamantaschen bakeoff! Bakers of all ages compete for best adult, best kid, and most original. To enter, bring at least 2 dozen hamantaschen. Scan QR code to enter into the battle. Sign up required.



2026 PURIM CARNIVAL

GAMES | FOOD | FUN

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

11:00 AM: Open to families with preschool-aged kids

11:30 AM: Open to Everyone



BUY YOUR WRISTBANDS
AND TICKETS HERE



HAMANTASCHEN FOR SALE!



BUY YOUR
HAMANTASCHEN HERE



PURIM TRADITIONS (FROM THE URJ WEBSITE)

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

COSTUMES

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

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

HAMANTASCHEN

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

IN THE SYNAGOGUE

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

Traditionally, the Book of Esther is read at both evening and morning services on Purim—both in North America and in Israel. A number of customs are associated with the reading.

Haman, the enemy of the Jews in this story, is associated with all those who have tried to destroy the Jewish people throughout history. Therefore, we make

loud noises—verbally or with noisemakers—at every mention of Haman's name in order to drown it out. Derived from the Polish word meaning "rattle," a grogger is the noisemaker used to drown out the name of Haman during the reading of the Megillah. Beginning in the 13th century, Jews throughout Europe sounded the grogger as a part of their Purim celebrations.

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

AT HOME

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

Jewish families make mishloach manot baskets at home and distribute them to friends. Many families also make hamantaschen to include in these baskets and to enjoy at home.

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YOU ASKED, WE LISTENED!

How to Win Hearts and Minds:
*Effective Communication Strategies for
Combating Antisemitism with Susan Rona*

Sunday FEBRUARY 1, 2026
9:30AM @ Temple Sinai



An impactful and important morning to learn and practice data-driven communication strategies developed by the ADL Center for Antisemitism Research (CAR) to strengthen our voice and make a real impact in combating antisemitism. CAR is leading critical work to identify what truly works in combatting hate.

Susan Rona is the ADL Mountain States Regional Director

ENJOY COFFEE, BAGELS, FRUIT AND PASTRIES STARTING AT 9AM

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Preparing For Our Last Chapters

With Ptarmigan Emery RN, BA, BSN, MBA, MSN, CHPN,
Jamie Sarche, Feldman Mortuary, Sarah Leah Golombek, Elder
Law Attorney and Rabbi Rheins AT TEMPLE SINAI

6:00PM

Tuesday, February 3:

*Planning Before Crisis / Bringing Clarity to the
Middle Chapters of Aging.*

Tuesday, February 17:

*When the What-If Becomes Real: Medical, Legal, and
Spiritual Perspectives*

Ptarmigan is a hospice admissions nurse and end-of-life consultant with 15 years of experience guiding families through life's hardest decisions. A lifelong member of Temple Sinai, she brings a legacy of leadership inspired by her mother, the Temple's first female President. She'll be joined by Rabbi Rheins, Attorney Sarah Golombek, and Feldman Director of Preplanning Jamie Sarche, offering a grounded and practical 2-part program. All are welcome to attend one or both sessions.



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ENCORE PRESENTATION
FEBRUARY 4, 2026 @ 6:30 PM
MIZEL ARTS AND CULTURE CENTER

*An important message on civility,
bipartisanship and the sanctity of our democracy*



PANEL DISCUSSION
FOLLOWING FILM
MODERATED BY
DANNY FOSTER

Temple Sinai has secured 50 tickets for this event for our members. Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis.



METAPHORMING TIME: A SELECTION OF ARTWORKS BY TODD SILER



February 5

10:00 AM

WE'LL ENJOY A FREE, GUIDED TOUR OF METAPHORMING TIME, A THOUGHT-PROVOKING EXHIBITION BY ARTIST TODD SILER THAT EXPLORES CREATIVITY, TIME, AND THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE. NO COST AND NO LIMIT ON ATTENDEES—BRING A FRIEND AND COME BE INSPIRED WITH US AT THE MADDEN GALLERY AT THE MUSEUM OF OUTDOOR ARTS IN GREENWOOD VILLAGE.

CAMPFIRE Shabbat

FEB 06 **5:30 PM**

MUSIC | FOOD | CONNECTION

Join us for Campfire Shabbat, a cozy, come-as-you-are evening with full camp vibes (pajamas welcome!). Sing, pray, and connect around our indoor campfire with Rabbi Michael Shields and Youth Director, Brynn Tully. The evening will feature joyful music, warm community, a hotdog and hamburger cookout and s'mores for dessert.

[RSVP HERE](#)

Twisted TOT Shabbat

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14
9:30 AM

Twisted Tot Shabbat gathers families for a joyful, meaningful, and yummy Shabbat morning. We will sing, pray, make challahs, play and connect with friends. Kiddush with bagels, shmears, & fruit!

[CLICK TO REGISTER](#)

Temple Sinai & UHealth present:

STEPPING ON BUILDING CONFIDENCE & PREVENTING FALLS

Tuesdays from 1:00-3:00 PM
March 10, 17, 24 & 31 + April 7, 14 & 21
Class is free and can accommodate up to 15 people

What is Stepping On?
Stepping On is a program that has been researched and proven to reduce falls in older people. It consists of a workshop that meets for two hours a week for seven weeks. Workshops are led by a health professional and a peer leader—someone who, just like you, is concerned about falls. In addition, local guest experts provide information on exercise, vision, safety and medications.

Topics include:

- Simple and fun balance and strength training.
- The role vision plays in keeping your balance.
- How medications can contribute to falls.
- Ways to keep from falling when out.
- What to look for in safe footwear.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Jewish Family Service
JEWISH DISABILITIES ADVOCATES

JEWISH DISABILITY AWARENESS, ACCEPTANCE, AND INCLUSION MONTH (JDAIM)

JDAIM Community Learning Evening

With Rabbis Gabi Cohn, Darby Leigh, and Bobbie Rosenberg

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5
5:30-7:00 P.M. ON ZOOM

ASL and closed captioning provided.

Rabbi Gabi Cohn

Rabbi Darby Leigh

Rabbi Bobbie Rosenberg

Join JFS Jewish Disabilities Advocates and our wonderful rabbinical panel for a community conversation on expanding access and deepening engagement in Jewish life. Together we can cultivate a culture of belonging and strengthen the fabric of Jewish communal life.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Questions? Contact Erica Baruch at ebaruch@jewishfamilyservice.org or 303.880.6644.



Sinai Snapshots





Temple Sinai Hosts Parent Advocacy Training with ADL and Local School Leaders

Temple Sinai recently hosted a two-part parent advocacy training focused on addressing antisemitism in schools and supporting Jewish students. The first session opened with **Scott Melton**, Director of Education and Advocacy for **ADL Mountain States**, who shared advocacy strategies and research from ADL's Center for Antisemitism Research. Parents learned ADL's three pillars of effective advocacy, **Incident, Impact, and Response**, a clear framework for raising concerns and seeking solutions.

The following session, parents gathered with senior leadership from **Cherry Creek Public Schools** and **Aurora Public Schools** for an open conversation about partnership, communication, and student safety. We were honored to welcome **Chris Smith**, Superintendent of Cherry Creek Public Schools; **Mike Giles**, Superintendent of Aurora Public Schools; **Dr. Remy Rummel**, Director of Equity, Culture and Community for Cherry Creek; and **Joe Glover**, Executive Director of High School Education. Their presence on a Sunday morning reflected a strong commitment to listening to families and working collaboratively.

District leaders explained how incidents are addressed at the school and district levels, emphasized starting with school administrators, and outlined escalation steps when issues persist. Parents were also introduced to key reporting tools, including [ADL.org/report](https://www.adl.org/report) and [Safe2Tell.org](https://www.safe2tell.org).

Special thanks to Temple Sinai's Action Against Antisemitism Committee, Rabbi Shields, Rabbi Rheins and to Debbie Foster, for their leadership and dedication to strengthening partnerships between our community and local schools.

The results of the congregational questionnaire included strong support for additional programs that would teach how to respond to antisemitic confrontations. **On February 1 at 9:30 AM**, Susan Rona, Regional Director for Mountain States, ADL will present a training session titled "How to Win Hearts and Minds: Guidelines for Communication Strategies for Combatting Antisemitism." The training, at Temple Sinai, will last between ninety minutes and an hour.

Other News:

On December 9, the Action Against Antisemitism Committee presented the results of the congregational questionnaire on antisemitism to the Temple Sinai Board of Trustees. The Board showed great interest in the results, and some discussion on future programming took place.

Future Events:

The final Roots session, titled: "Antisemitism-Past, Present, Future" will take place at HEA on February 3 at 6:30 PM. The presenter will be Jeremy Jacobs.

When We Speak Together, We Are Heard

Chai-5! For the 2025 High Holy Days to Chanukah Campaign...

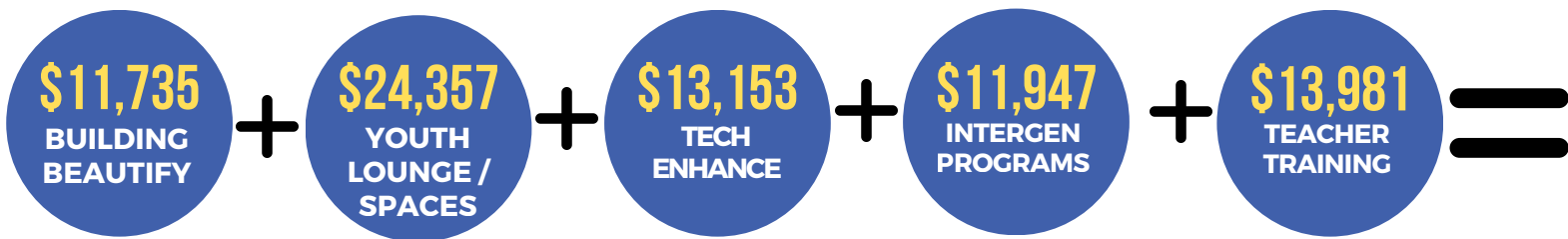


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EACH OF THE CHAI UNITS DONATED WILL ADD UP TO A YEAR FULL OF EVENTS, PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL GATHERINGS TO BRING US CLOSER TO ONE ANOTHER IN A WAY THAT IS MOST MEANINGFUL TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US. [HERE ARE THE RESULTS...](#)



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 Rachel and Michael Anger
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 Andy and Rachel Baum
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 Jayne and Keith Berman
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 The Susan Berman Family
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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

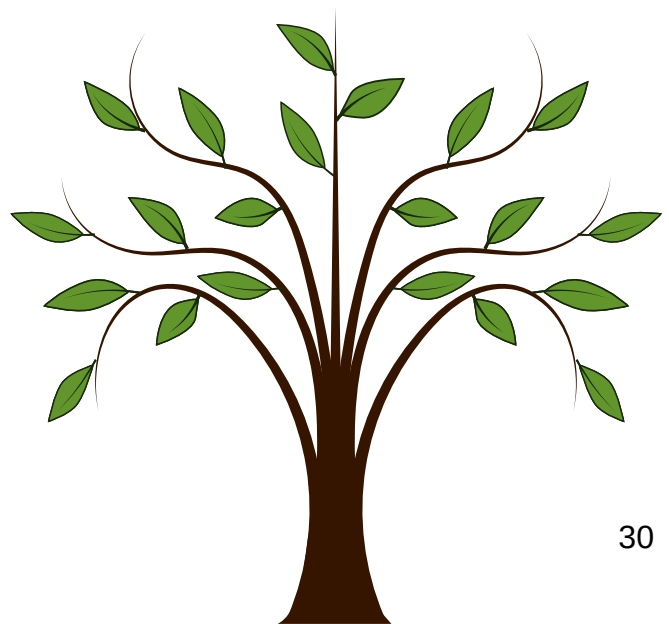
The Jeffrey O. Rosenberg Memorial Scholarship for Jewish Studies was created by his family to honor his memory and to sustain his passion for Jewish scholarship and culture. Each year this scholarship will support:

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.



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✉ LISA THORNER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: [LISA@SINAIDENVER.ORG](mailto:lisa@sinaidenver.org)



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 *Tikkun Olam, Chesed, and Talmud Torah*

Let's *Bee* in touch...



B'NEI MITZVAH

ELLIOTT RUBIN - FEBRUARY 7, 2026

Elliott is the son of Eryn and Danny Rubin and the brother of Silas. He attends West Middle School. His hobbies include music production and listening to rap, hip-hop, and EDM. He also enjoys playing and watching basketball, soccer, and football, in addition to video games and playing with his dog, Luna. In the spirit of Elliott's Torah portion, which centers on the Ten Commandments, Elliott has been putting the idea of being a good person into action. He's looked for practical ways to help others, shoveling snow, blowing and raking leaves, clearing gutters, and walking dogs for neighbors. For Elliott, this wasn't about checking a box; it was about giving back to the community we live in and truly being a good neighbor.

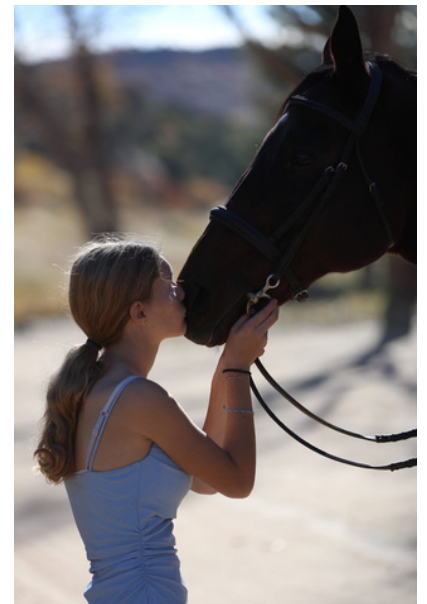


LYOR GREENFIELD - FEBRUARY 21, 2026

Lyor is the son of Jason Greenfield and Paulette Yousefzadeh Greenfield, and the brother of Shai and Adira. His hobbies include STEM activities, piano, swimming and martial arts. For his Mitzvah Project, Lyor chose to dedicate his time and energy to meaningful volunteer work with the Ellis David Greene Post #344 of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States.

HANNAH HINES - FEBRUARY 28, 2026

Hannah is the daughter of Beth and Chris Hines, and the sister of Zach and Caleb. Her hobbies include horseback riding, traveling and spending time with friends and family. She loves all animals. For her Mitzvah Project, Hannah donates old and used horseback riding equipment to young riders and barns in need. She also is a mentor and camp counselor to young riders, and helps rescued horses who need rehabilitation.



ALISTAIR MARSHALL BAR MITZVAH, FEBRUARY 28, 2026

Loretta Cawelti, mother of Kalen (Peter Coster) Landow, Bill (Kate) Landow, Loren (Michelle) Landow, and Jennifer (Hank Audet) Cawelti, sister of Patricia (Don) Coleman and Karen (Dwight) Cook, grandmother of Jack (Isobel) Cawelti, Grace Cawelti, Megan Lewis, Tyler Lewis, Taylor Landow, Morgan Landow, Isaac (Moose) Landow and Veronica Landow, great-grandmother of Sonny Cawelti, in-law of Gene Landow and Betty Landow

Janet Frank, wife of Don Frank, mother of David and Daniel (Kathy), grandmother of Daigo, Keito, Sarah and Joshua

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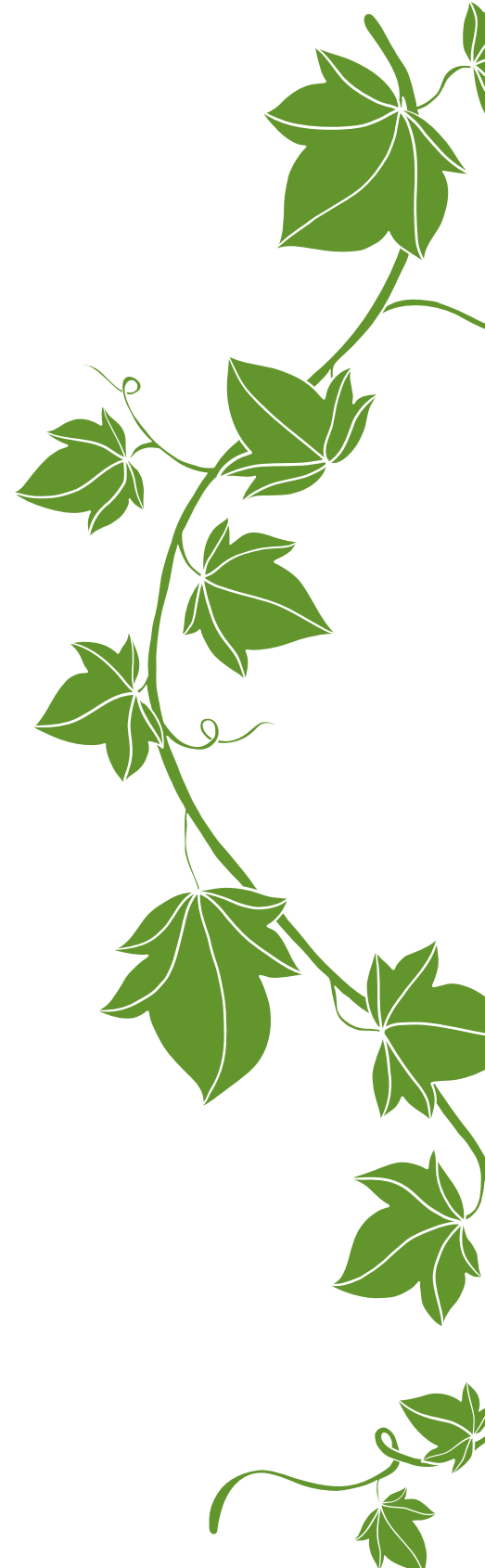
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We hold monthly meetings, the second Sunday of each month from 9:30 am to noon that includes time to enjoy breakfast followed by informative speakers and/or media presentations on current topics of interest and veteran affairs. Contact Don Price, donpriceusna73@gmail.com.



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.

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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.



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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.

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