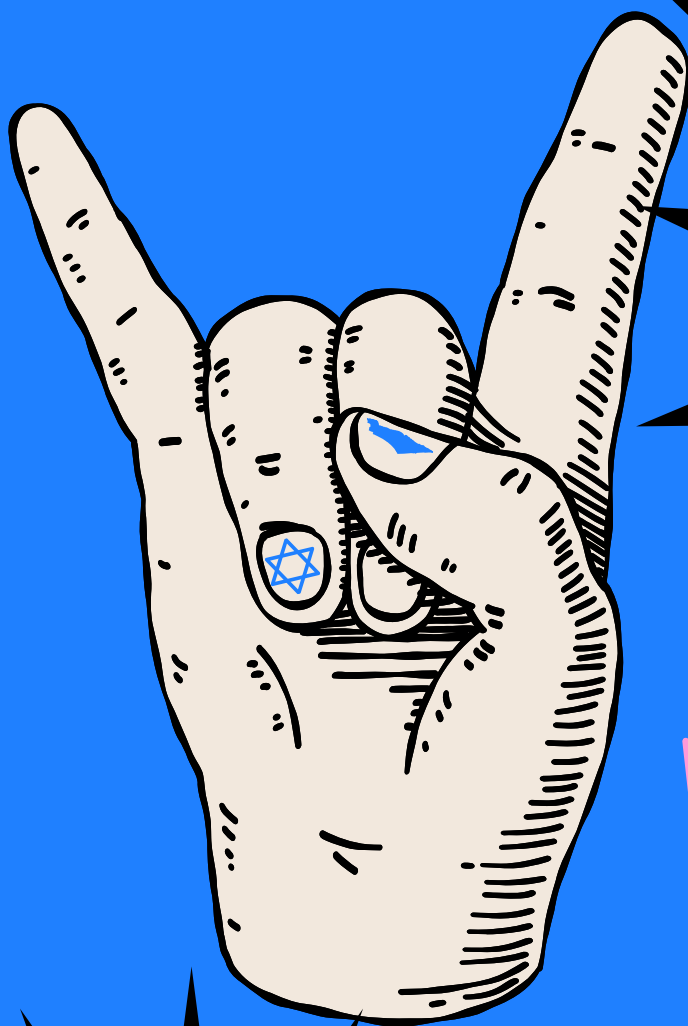


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AMERICA'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY: THE JEWISH EXPERIENCE

RABBI RICK RHEINS

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

On July 4, America will celebrate its Semiquincentennial (250th) anniversary. It is a milestone that deserves our attention. Yes, the American story is filled with both inspiring achievements as well events and experiences when we failed to live up to the promise of our ideals. Both successes and failures are a part of our American story. Indeed, vital to the strength of our American republic is the willingness (of most of us) to candidly review the “lowlights” of our history while acknowledging with great pride the extraordinary accomplishments that have elevated this nation as the world’s leader, a bastion of freedom and opportunity.

Over the coming months leading to July 4 (and for some time afterwards), I will devote some columns and classes to reflecting on the particular Jewish experience of the American story. For that, I will make frequent reference to the scholarship of the late, great Dr. Jacob Rader Marcus zl. Both Susan and I studied with Dr. Marcus when we were rabbinic students at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati. She was one of “Marcus’s Boys,” which means she wrote her rabbinic thesis with him. Obviously, the term “Marcus’s Boys” reflects a time before women were admitted as rabbinic students.

Susan was one of the first female rabbis to write a thesis with Marcus.

Marcus’s scholarship spanned over 60 years as he authored dozens of books and is credited as the founding father of the field of American Jewish history. He established the famed archives that bear his name: The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives. He lived to be 99 and would joke that, having lived so long, he experienced a great deal of that history firsthand. Indeed, he did.

As a great historian, Marcus favored assembling original source material along with brief descriptions and analysis. This avoids the conjecture and a predisposition toward an agenda that often plague a synthesizing narrative. Marcus wanted readers to examine the material themselves and reach their own conclusions.

For example, though we will celebrate American independence on July 4, the national declaration that “all men are created equal” did not guarantee fundamental rights for Jews in the 13 original states. The first state to emancipate Jews was New York in 1777.

Congress passed the “Northwest Ordinance” in 1787 that ensured that no one would be barred from holding public office due to their religion. However, this only assured Jews of rights in future states. As late as 1840, at least four of the original states still refused to grant full political rights to Jews. These included New Hampshire, Rhode Island, New Jersey, North Carolina and probably Connecticut (Marcus, *The Jew in the American World*, pp. 93-97). Even the declaration of New York only offered Jews implicit (not explicit) rights:

NY State: Article XXXVIII. And whereas we are required, the benevolent principles of rational liberty, not only to expel civil tyranny, but also to guard against that spiritual oppression and intolerance wherewith the bigotry and ambition of weak and wicked priests and princes have scourged mankind, this convention doth further, in the name and by the authority of the good people of this State, ordain, determine, and declare, that the free exercise and enjoyment of religious profession and worship, without discrimination or preference, shall forever hereafter be allowed, within this State, to all mankind: Provided, that the liberty of conscience, hereby granted, shall not be so construed as to excuse acts of licentiousness, or justify practices inconsistent with the peace or safety of this State. April 20, 1777.

As Marcus made clear, the rights we enjoy as Americans were not realized at the beginning of this nation's independence. Rather, it took years of tenacious work to ensure that Jews were given equal rights. We had to win those rights state by state... and it took a great deal of time and effort. And don't think that this is all "ancient" history. Many of you can still recall the time where certain neighborhoods had "covenants" that excluded Jewish families. It has taken generations to open the doors of certain colleges to Jewish students, top law firms to Jewish lawyers, hospitals to Jewish doctors, etc. Today, we shry gevalt about antisemitism. Well, that complaint is not new. And yet, we have never backed down. We have refused to let the antisemites deny us the right of enjoy the American dream. Likewise, Jews have always been at the forefront of fighting for the rights of other minorities. And, for the most part, we have been successful.

America today is far more tolerant and open. Yes, there still is prejudice, bigotry, racism, and homophobia in our country. And yes, there still is antisemitism. This only means that our struggle must go on to make sure that the American promise of liberty for all becomes a reality.

Marcus summarized the American Jewish situation with these poignant words:

The leitmotif of Jewish history in this country is the constant attempt, the determination, to create and further a distinct community with its synagogues, its schools, its charities. It is as simple as that. In Jewry, where there is no community there is no history. (United States Jewry, 1776-1985, Volume 1, p. 16).

As we continue to review the 250 years of American independence, let us take ample time to grow in appreciation the extraordinary story of the American Jewish experience. It is a story that we are continuing to write.

B'vrakhah, With Blessings,
Rick

Rabbi Rick Rheins





RABBI MICHAEL SHIELDS

This year, Colorado marks its 150th anniversary of statehood, admitted to the Union on August 1, 1876, earning the nickname the “Centennial State.” But Jewish life in Colorado began even earlier, woven into the story of miners, merchants, healers, and builders who helped shape the American West. As we celebrate this milestone, we also celebrate more than 150 years of Jewish courage, creativity, and community in the Rockies, including the sacred story of our own congregation, Temple Sinai.

In the mid-19th century, Jewish immigrants followed the same call that brought thousands westward: opportunity. They arrived during the Gold Rush era, opening general stores, supplying mining towns, and helping to build civic institutions in places like Leadville, Central City, and, of course, Denver. Synagogue life here in Denver was established in 1874, two years before Colorado achieved statehood. This reminds us that Jewish life was not an afterthought in Colorado’s development; it was present at the beginning.

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Colorado became known as a haven for those suffering from tuberculosis. The dry mountain climate offered hope, and many Jewish patients traveled west seeking healing.

From this chapter of struggle emerged extraordinary compassion and institution-building. National Jewish Health became a world-renowned medical center dedicated to treating patients regardless of their ability to pay. This uniquely Jewish commitment to *tzedakah* and *rachamim* left a lasting imprint not only on Denver, but on global medicine.

What began as refuge became renaissance. Patients who came for healing often stayed, contributing to the growth of vibrant Jewish neighborhoods, businesses, and institutions.

As Denver expanded southward in the mid-20th century, Jewish families began building homes in new neighborhoods. With growth came a familiar

and sacred need: a congregation rooted in tradition and responsive to modern life.

Temple Sinai was established to meet that moment. Our founding families envisioned a Reform congregation that would be warm, welcoming, intellectually vibrant, and deeply committed to Jewish learning and worship. They planted Sinai not simply as a building, but as a covenantal community.

Like the early Jewish pioneers of Colorado, Sinai’s founders were builders. They built classrooms. They built a sanctuary. They built a religious school. They built committees and choirs and youth groups. They built relationships. And they built for the long term.

Through decades of rabbinic leadership by Rabbi Ray Zwerin, and Rabbi Rick Rheins, volunteer dedication, and lay vision, Temple Sinai became not only a synagogue, but a spiritual home, nurturing generations. Jewish history in Colorado mirrors the broader American Jewish story: immigration and adaptation, struggle and success, rootedness and renewal. Temple Sinai stands squarely in that story.

Every Shabbat service. Every Religious School class. Every Purim Shpiel, Twisted Shabbat, Confirmation retreat, Campfire Shabbat, and act of quiet kindness. These are not small moments. They are threads in a 150-year tapestry of Jewish life in the Rockies.

Colorado’s story is one of mountains and possibility. The Jewish story in Colorado, and Sinai’s story, is one of covenant and community. For me personally, it is an extraordinary honor to serve as a rabbi of Temple Sinai at this moment in Colorado’s history. I feel deeply grateful to join the rich and unfolding story of Jewish Denver and Jewish Colorado.

May we continue to build, to heal, to learn, to sing, and to gather, so that future generations will look back and say: They strengthened Jewish life in Colorado. And they did it together.

Rabbi Shields

Rabbi Michael Shields



HIDDEN LIGHTS OF SINAI: HONORING THOSE WHO SHINE QUIETLY

LISA THORNER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

At Temple Sinai, our strength has always come from our congregants, the individuals who show up, step in, and give of themselves not for recognition, but because they care deeply about our community. This year, we are proud to introduce a new and meaningful tradition: **Hidden Lights of Sinai**. At this year's Annual Event which will take place on Sunday, June 7, Temple Sinai will be honoring our Unsung Heroes, The Hidden Lights of Sinai.

The Hidden Lights of Sinai are members whose impact is felt in many ways, often behind the scenes. They are the committee chairs who lead with humility, the volunteers who consistently give their time year after year, and the dedicated congregants who help make our programs, services, and events possible. These individuals' contributions help sustain the foundation of Temple Sinai.

This year, we have chosen individuals whose impact on Temple Sinai is truly invaluable. Each of these dedicated members generously gives their time to help strengthen and sustain our community while serving in key leadership roles. This may include serving on the Board of Trustees, guiding important initiatives as committee chairs, or contributing through active participation on multiple committees. Through their leadership, vision, and willingness to step forward whenever needed, they help ensure that Temple Sinai continues to thrive today and for generations to come.

In addition, we will recognize a Young Leader of the Year at the Annual Event. This annual award will recognize an outstanding member of the congregation who is 40 years of age or younger who has demonstrated exceptional leadership, dedication, and commitment to the Temple Sinai community. This individual serves as a role model among their peers through active involvement and volunteerism.

At this year's Annual Event, every member of Temple Sinai will have the opportunity to participate in this new tradition by nominating their own Hidden Light. Congregants may honor a family member, friend or fellow member of the congregation who has made a difference in their lives or in our community. Those

submitting acknowledgements will have the opportunity to place a special recognition in our Event Journal or Annual Event slideshow, sharing a personal message of gratitude and recognition. This meaningful tribute allows everyone in our community to help shine a light on someone who deserves to be celebrated.

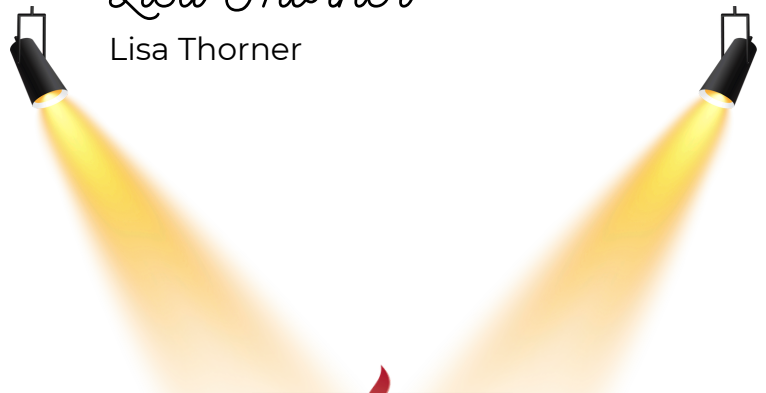
Hidden Lights of Sinai will become an annual tradition, ensuring that each year we pause to recognize and celebrate those whose dedication might otherwise go unseen. Honorees will be nominated by staff and board members, and each will be recognized at a special Shabbat service moving forward. Their stories will be shared, their impact celebrated, and their names will become part of Temple Sinai's ongoing legacy.

This event is not only about recognition, but about gratitude. It is about shining a light on those who have been a light to others. We look forward to celebrating our first class of Hidden Lights of Sinai and to establishing a lasting tradition of honoring the quiet heroes who help our community shine brighter every day.

Together, we are stronger because of our Hidden Lights.

Lisa Thorner

Lisa Thorner





SAVE THE DATE

Temple Sinai's

ANNUAL EVENT

Hidden Lights of Sinai:
Temple Sinai's Unsung Heroes

Sunday Evening | June 7, 2026 | 5:30pm

Questions: Contact Mona Spitz at
Mona@sinaidenver.org





Temple Sinai's 2026 Annual Event

Sunday, June 7 at 5:30 PM

Hidden Lights of Sinai: Temple Sinai's Unsung Heroes Sponsorship Information

\$500 Guiding Light Sponsor	\$1,000 Spark Sponsor	\$2,000 Shining Star Sponsor	\$5,000 Eternal Light Sponsor
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Name listed in Event Journal, on website and in Temple Sinai's monthly bulletin * Signage at the event * Quarter-page ad in the Event Journal * Two (2) tickets to event 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Name listed in Event Journal, on website and in Temple Sinai's monthly bulletin * Signage at the event * Half-page ad in the Event Journal * Four (4) tickets to event 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Name listed in Event Journal, on website and in Temple Sinai's monthly bulletin * Signage at the event * Full-page ad in the Event Journal * Six (6) tickets to event * Recognition in all event promotional materials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Name listed in Event Journal, on website and in Temple Sinai's monthly bulletin * Signage at the event * Full-page ad in the Event Journal with priority placement * Eight (8) tickets to event and front table for all eight * Recognition in all event promotional materials * Reserved seating at event

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

____ Guiding Light (\$500)

____ Spark (\$1,000)

____ Shining Star (\$2,000)

____ Eternal Light (\$5,000)

(Please contact Mona Spitz at 303-759-1827 or mona@sinaidenver.org with any questions)

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Temple Sinai
3509 S. Glencoe St.
Denver, CO 80237



2026 ANNUAL EVENT: TRIBUTE JOURNAL

Honor Your Unsung Heroes: Hidden Lights of Sinai

Sunday, June 7 at Temple Sinai

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

Temple Sinai's Annual Event will take place on Sunday, June 7, at 5:30 PM at Temple Sinai. Join us as we come together to raise vital funds for Temple Sinai programming and activities. We look forward to celebrating with you!

At this year's Annual Event, every member of Temple Sinai will have the opportunity to participate in a new tradition by nominating their own Hidden Lights. Congregants may honor a family member, friend or fellow member of the congregation who has made a difference in their lives or in our community. Those submitting acknowledgements will have the opportunity to place a special recognition in our Event Journal or Annual Event slideshow, sharing a personal message of gratitude and recognition. This meaningful tribute allows everyone in our community to help shine a light on people who deserve to be celebrated.

Event Journal Tribute

- Share a special memory from Temple Sinai's history
- Acknowledge or thank someone special in your life – Your Unsung Hero
- Include a picture or greeting to your children or grandchildren
- Honor a family event or memory that took place at Temple Sinai (i.e., birth of a child/grandchild, B'nei Mitzvah, wedding, etc.)
- Congratulate friends or family for any special occasion

Business Advertising

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

Slideshow Tribute

- If you purchase a ¼ page ad or larger in the Event Journal, we will add your tribute to the slideshow that will be displayed at the Annual Event.

TRIBUTE JOURNAL

Size Options

Size of Advertisement	Pricing
Back cover (8" x 10 ½"), also included in event slideshow	\$2,500
Inside cover (8" x 10 ½"), also included in event slideshow	\$1,800
Full-Page ad (8" x 10 ½"), also included in event slideshow	\$500
One-Half Page ad (8" x 5¼"), also included in event slideshow	\$250
One-Quarter Page ad (4" x 5¼"), also included in event slideshow	\$175
One Business Card sized ad (3 ¾" x 3¼")	\$100
One personal two-line greeting \$50	\$50
Use same advertisement as last year	(varied based on ad)

Please send your text, photos or artwork (if applicable) by May 26, 2026.

We are happy to format your text and send you a proof! (Please submit artwork in a PDF format to kelsey@sinaidenver.org)

Name:		Member: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
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2026 Event Journal
 Jessica Wolf
 Temple Sinai
 3509 South Glencoe Street
 Denver, CO 80237

Contact Us:

Jessica Wolf, Operations Manager, Temple Sinai
 (303) 759-1827
jessica@sinaidenver.org

Deadline: May 26, 2026



Silent Auction Form

June 7, 2026

at Temple Sinai

We would greatly appreciate any contribution to our silent auction. Popular items include gift cards, sporting or theater tickets, spa packages, themed baskets, and golf experiences. Your generosity helps make our event a success! Even the smallest donation helps.

Thank you for your donation to Temple Sinai's Annual Event. Please complete and submit this form, along with the item(s) you are donating and any photographs, marketing materials, certificates, etc. to the address below or online at:

<https://sinaidenver.shulcloud.com/form/2026-auction-form>

NEW ITEMS ONLY

Please send materials to:

Temple Sinai
 Attn: Jessica Wolf
 3509 South Glencoe Street
 Denver, CO 80237

Donor Information

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**Please submit this form by
 May 25, 2026**

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THE MONTH ADAR IS HERE! INCREASE YOUR JOY THROUGH MUSIC, CELEBRATION, AND COMMUNITY

RUTHIE LIPSHULCH CANTORIAL SOLOIST

Here are two joyful musical experiences not to miss:

Sunday, March 15, 2026 Colors: Celebrate The Music In You!

- Open to all
- An inspirational evening of pop standards and modern classics
- Led by Cantorial Soloist Ruthie Lipshulch and friends
- Vocals **Beth Nielsen** and Seth Okegley
- Piano Beth Nielsen
- Drum Mark Levy
- Violin Olasuyi Ige
- Bass Guitar Doron Levary
- And ... a Surprise Guest:)

Musical Shabbat: What are Musical Shabbats?

Musical Shabbats are joyful, interactive, and prayerful experiences that invite the whole community to sing, connect, and celebrate together. Join Rabbi Rheins, Rabbi Shields, and Cantorial Soloist Ruthie Lipshulch and friends; these spirited services blend uplifting melodies, heartfelt prayer, and moments of reflection, creating a warm and welcoming space where music becomes a pathway to spirituality, unity, and joy.

Singing together in communal song has been shown to elevate mood, reduce stress, and strengthen bonds between people. The experience is enriched by live musical accompaniment, including piano, drum, and violin, whose vibrant sounds help carry the prayers and uplift the congregation. Whether you love to sing along or simply soak in the vibrations of sound, Musical Shabbat is sure to lift your spirits and inspire a sense of connection.

What is Your Favorite Musical Shabbat Prayer? Not sure? Here is a list that has been introduced so far. Come hear the prayers and listen for below! Lyrics songsheet provided for the week before.

- Min Hametzar
- D'ror Yikrah
- L'chu. N'ran'nah
- Mi Chamocha
- Let There Be Love- Hashkiveinu
- Mikolot Mayim Rabim
- Yoman V'lailah

Musically Yours,
Ruthie
Ruthie Lipshulch

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 &
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SUNDAY, MARCH 15
5:00 PM | TEMPLE SINAI

RSVP HERE



CELEBRATE PURIM WITH US AT TEMPLE SINAI!

DEBBIE FOSTER

DIRECTOR OF ENGAGEMENT AND PROGRAMMING



Debbie



JOIN OUR TEMPLE'S LEGACY SOCIETY, CREATE A GIFT THAT LIVES ON

MONA SPITZ DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

Every day, Temple Sinai touches hundreds of lives through worship, study, social action and community engagement. Our goal is to continue that role for future generations. To help ensure our vitality and enduring mission, many in our congregation have made a "planned gift" to Temple Sinai.

A planned gift is a current commitment to make a future donation through your estate plan. Planned gifts can be made through a variety of arrangements such as bequests, life insurance, stock, real estate or retirement plans. In addition to performing the mitzvah of giving, there are positive tax benefits for these types of gifts. To learn more about the tax implications of a planned gift, you should seek out the guidance of an estate attorney and/or wealth advisor.

Our Temple's legacy society, the Sinai Circle, recognizes those who have chosen to sustain Temple Sinai beyond their lifetime through a planned gift. Temple Sinai also recognizes members on our **Sinai Circle Wall**, a lasting tribute within our building. By joining the Sinai Circle, you become part of a dedicated group ensuring that our traditions, values, programs and community remain strong for the next generation and beyond. If you've already included Temple Sinai in your estate plan, we thank you and encourage you to let us know so that we can honor you as a Sinai Circle member.

To show our appreciation to Sinai Circle members, we are hosting a dinner and Havdalah service on Saturday, March 28 at 6:00 PM. For more information about this event, or if you have questions about making a planned gift to Temple Sinai, please email or call [Mona Spitz](#) / 303-759-1827.

Together, we can create a gift that lives on.

Mona Spitz

Mona Spitz



SINAI CIRCLE





SACRED SPARKS: HOW LOOSE PARTS PLAY NURTURES CREATIVITY, LEARNING, AND JEWISH VALUES

SHEILA PURDIN

DIRECTOR OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Loose parts play may look simple on the surface, baskets of shells, fabric, blocks, wood pieces, stones, and buttons, but in early childhood, these open-ended materials hold extraordinary power. When children are given objects that can become anything, they step into the role of creator, problem-solver, collaborator, and storyteller. A pinecone becomes a baby, a bridge, or a magic potion ingredient. A piece of fabric transforms into a tent, a cape, or a river. This is not “just play.” It is deep learning.

Loose parts naturally support skills that matter far beyond preschool: critical thinking, flexibility, language development, and social negotiation. Because there is no single “right” way to use the materials, children learn to generate ideas, test them, revise, and try again. This process mirrors the Jewish value of *b'tzelem Elohim*, the belief that each person is created with divine creativity and uniqueness. When we honor children’s ideas, we honor the spark of creativity within them.

Revisiting experiences is also central. Children return to the same materials again and again, each time with new questions and growing abilities. What was once a simple tower becomes a complex city. This repetition reflects the Jewish rhythm of learning through return—much like revisiting Torah year after year and discovering new meaning each time. Depth comes from coming back.

Teachers play an essential role through scaffolding, thoughtful support that extends children’s thinking without taking over. A well-timed question (“I wonder how you could make it taller?”), the addition of a new material, or helping children reflect on their plan allows learning to stretch just beyond what they could do alone.

Through loose parts play, a foundational framework at Temple Sinai Preschool, children build more than structures. They build confidence, resilience, relationships, and a sense that their ideas matter, all foundations for lifelong learning and for becoming thoughtful, creative members of their community.

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!

I've been in my role as Youth Engagement Director for a few months and I feel so grateful for the warm welcome and support from this amazing community. It has been a true joy to deepen relationships with the children of Temple Sinai, build on our youth programming for kindergarten through 12th grade, and see our initiatives grow and evolve. The energy, connection, and enthusiasm from our students and families has made this time incredibly meaningful, and I'm so thankful to be part of it all!

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! In February, they competed in a Chopped Cooking Challenge and came up with some amazing kitchen creations!

Upcoming Events:

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

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.

- **Temple Sinai Youth Group (TSYG):**

Teens - Want to stay in the loop? Join our group chat [here](#) for updates, reminders, and all things TSYG! Chat is for 9th-12th graders.

- **Be Part of the Fun!**

We're gearing up for our upcoming Purim Carnival on March 8 and need your help to make it a success! We're looking for teen and adult volunteers to lend a hand with games, set up, and more. It's a great way to earn service hours, give back, and be part of the fun day for our whole congregation!

[Sign up here:](#) Purim Carnival Volunteer Sign-Up

Respectfully,

Brynn



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, March 22 AT 11:00 AM

Temple Sinai's Grief Support Group meets 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](#).



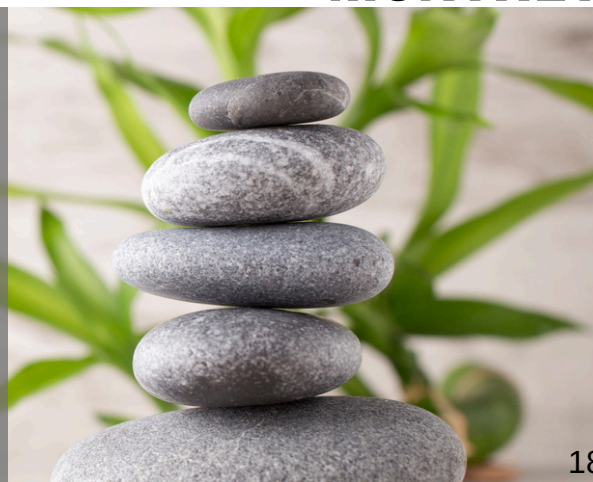
MONTHLY

HEALING SERVICE/VIRTUAL AT 11:00 AM

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

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

LUNCH AND LEARN

COME LEARN, DISCUSS, DEBATE
AND MEET FRIENDS

THURSDAYS
MARCH 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, MARCH 8
AT 8:30 AM

Join the Jewish War Veterans for their monthly meeting on Sunday, March 8, at Temple Sinai. A complimentary breakfast begins at 8:30 AM, followed by the meeting.

Our speaker will be our own David Solomon. David is a USAFA graduate, a United Airlines Captain, and a line training manager at United for their 737 aircraft.

SINAI SNAPSHOTS





Winter/Spring 2026

MARCH 11 | MARCH 19 | MARCH 25 | APRIL 15 |
APRIL 29 | MAY 13 | MAY 27

6:30 PM
TEMPLE SINAI

MAR.
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VITALIY KATSENELSON: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND HOW IT WILL AFFECT YOU

Vitaliy Katsenelson, CEO of Investment Management Associates, Inc., author of three books, *Soul in the Game*, *The Little Book of Sideways Markets* and *Active Value Investing*, and essayist, will do a question and answer program on artificial intelligence and give us his perspective on the ins and outs of Artificial Intelligence.

MAR.
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AMIR KAUFMAN: ISRAELI CURRENT EVENTS

Struggling to keep up with what's happening in Israel? Amir Kaufman, noted lecturer, Israeli, former IDF, and Hebrew Educational Alliance board member, will do a deep dive on current events in Israel.

MAR.
25

SHELLY SHEM TOV: AN EVENT WITH LLJL AND JNF

Shelly Shem Tov is an Israeli mother whose son, Omer, was held hostage by Hamas for 505 days after being abducted from the Nova Music Festival on October 7, 2023. Throughout that time, she became a leading voice for the return of all hostages, co-founding the Hostages and Missing Families Forum and sharing her story of faith, resilience, and determination around the world. Her advocacy became a symbol of hope until Omer's eventual release.

APR.
15

MIRI KORNFELD: HOW TO ENGAGE WITH OTHERS ON DIFFICULT TOPICS

Currently serving as the StandWithUs Colorado Director and International Speakers Bureau Director, Miri will talk about how to engage with people on difficult topics and give us a brief update on antisemitism in the metro Denver area and Colorado and how today's events are different from more historical cases in the U.S.

APR.
29

DR. JOSHUA FURMAN: JEWS IN THE CIVIL WAR

Joshua Furman is the Jeanne Abrams Endowed Director of the Rocky Mountain Jewish Historical Society at DU will do a change-of-pace program on the little-known topic of the role of Jews in the Civil War. Learn what many of our ancestors did at a time when most were just struggling to get to America and/or find a foothold in this country.

MAY
13

RABBI SUSAN MILLER RHEINS: TRAVELS IN CUBA

Embark on a journey across Cuba with Rabbi Susan Miller Rheins, who has been to Cuba seven times in the last six years. In addition to meeting the people and exploring the sites, learn how Cuba is changing and how these changes affect the Jewish communities. Please note: This program is in person only.

MAY
27

PAUL TOSH: THE JEWISH SCOTSMAN

Paul Tosh, known as "The Jewish Scotsman" is a dramatic performative artist, who is bringing his popular east coast show from the east to the west. He'll perform well-known popular songs along with his own interpretative pieces at the piano. Join us for a night to have fun, sing along, and relish your favorite songs.

[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 and
Rabbi Michael Shields

**B'NEI MITZVAH DATES ARE
AVAILABLE IN 2027 & 2028**

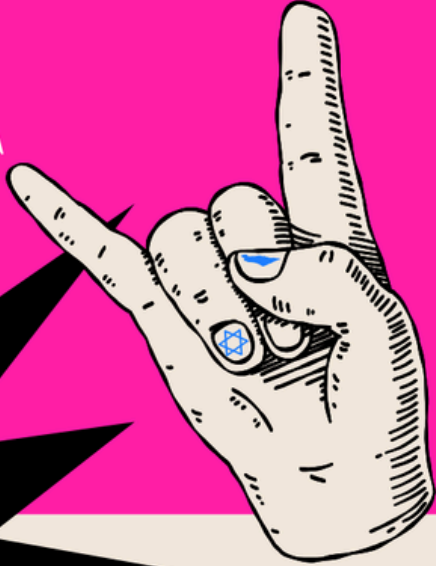
Know that it is never too late to have our children experience the life-affirming joy and pride of accomplishment by leading a service as a Bar or Bat Mitzvah. If you have a child who will turn 13 (or older) in 2027 or 2028 and you do not yet have a reserved date for a service, please call Rabbi Rick 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.

PURIM SCHEDULE

2026



How-To Hamantaschen

Sunday, March 1 at 3:00 PM

Purim Service

Monday, March 2 at 5:15 PM

Purim Shpiel and Party: 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 SHPIEL & PARTY 2026

MONDAY, MARCH 2 @ 6:00PM

SHUL OF ROCK



PREPARE FOR OUR SHUL OF ROCK BATTLES

Grab your backstage pass to the rockin' Purim Shpiel and Party!

Experience the Purim story through a sing-along soundtrack featuring **Taylor Swift, The Beatles, Billy Joel, and more.** Enjoy **tons of food, drinks, and temporary tattoos** as we celebrate Purim, rockstar style!

Join the battle of the bands (and bakers!) as we crown winners for:

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. This battle requires an [RSVP](#).

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!

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.

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

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PASSOVER AT TEMPLE SINAI

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PASSOVER CONGREGATIONAL SEDER 5786

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2026 | 6:00PM

Please RSVP by March 18, 2026

(303) 759-1827

OR

<https://sinaidenver.shulcloud.com/form/PS>

MEMBERS: \$54.00 PER ADULT | \$36.00 PER CHILD

NON-MEMBERS: \$65.00 PER ADULT | \$40.00 PER CHILD

Subsidies available for those in financial need and
will be handled confidentially



This year, the first night of Passover is Wednesday, April 1. We begin with a First Night Festival Service from 5:30-6:00 PM in the Abrahams Family Chapel. Then we will gather in the social hall for our congregational First Night Passover Seder at 6:00 PM.

Our Temple Sinai community Seder is always a joyous, friendly, and meaningful experience. It is interactive, inclusive, and engaging. It will be led by Rabbis Rick and Susan Rheins, together with Rabbi Michael Shields and Cantorial Soloist, Ruthie Lipshulch. And of course, it will include a delicious catered meal featuring many of your traditional favorites!

PASSOVER AT TEMPLE SINAI

8th and Final Day of Passover Yizkor-Memorial Service featuring the Temple Sinai Adult Choir

Thursday, April 9 at 10:00 AM

The conclusion of Passover is observed with a sacred service which includes Yizkor and the inspiring music from our Adult Choir. Yizkor is a memorial service during which we lovingly remember and honor our family and friends who have died. It is also a time of healing as we reflect on the ongoing legacy of those who nurtured us.

Participation in a Yizkor service is a time-honored way to keep alive the memory of those who blessed our lives. At our Temple Sinai Yizkor services, we will read the names of our loved ones who died over the past 12 months. In addition, we will read and honor the memories of those that have died in past years. A list will be available for the Yizkor service for you to add any additional names. This service will conclude with a free special Lox & Matzah brunch at 12:00 PM!

The New Passover Haggadah is Available

includes illustrations from acclaimed artist Todd Siler

For many years, Temple Sinai has used *The New Haggadah, Celebrating Freedom* that was written by Rabbis Rick and Susan Rheins. The new text and the phenomenal artwork by Temple Sinai member Todd Siler, an internationally acclaimed artist, were so popular that many have wanted to acquire copies for their own families and friends. After refining the text, layout and printing, we are proud to announce that copies of *The New Haggadah* are now available for purchase.

For those who want to know “mah nishtanah---what’s different about this Haggadah?”

Know that *The New Haggadah* is designed for modern families. Traditional liturgy predominates, but greater emphasis has been given to the original story in the Torah. Some of the Medieval passages have been pared away in order to focus on the essential message in the Torah of freedom, courage and hope.

The creations of the great artist Todd Siler adorn the pages of this *The New Haggadah*. They complement the text with captivating images that promote personal introspection and summon group dialogue in the retelling of our story of the Israelites’ exodus from Egypt.

Check out more on Todd on his [website](#). To purchase copies of *The New Haggadah*, contact the Temple Sinai office at 303-759-1827.

PASSOVER AT TEMPLE SINAI

Preparing Our Homes For Pesach: Bedikat Chametz Removing Leavened Food From Our Homes

When our ancestors escaped from Egypt, they did not have time to allow their dough to rise. Matzah, unleavened bread, became a symbol of freedom and an essential part of the Passover experience. Removing all leavened products from our homes is a time-honored ritual. By cleaning our homes from leaven (chametz) we signal that we are ready for Passover. It is akin to saying: "Just as my ancestors went without chametz, we, too, will not possess chametz. As they ate matzah, so will we eat matzah. As our ancestors experienced redemption, by reading the Haggadah and holding a Seder, their story is our story!"

Here is the ritual for removing the leavened products: Before searching for and gathering all the chametz, we say the following blessing which declares our intention to fulfill the mitzvah from the Torah.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו במצותיו, וצונו על בעור
חמץ

Barukh Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melekh ha:olam, asher kideshanu b'mitzvotav, v'tzivanu al bee'ur chametz.

Blessed are You, Eternal our God, Sovereign of the universe, who has sanctified us with Your commandments and commanded us concerning the removal of leaven. Next, gather all the leavened products, e.g., bread, cookies, pasta, flour, beer and liquor, etc.* Then, either destroy the leaven products by burning, throwing them out, or hiding them as non-possession, and say:

כל חמירא וחמיצה דאכא ברשותי דלא חמתה ודלא בערתה ודלא
ידענא לה לבטל ולהוי הפקר כעפרא דארעא

Any kind of leaven in my possession which has escaped my notice, and which I have not removed, shall be regarded as nonexistent or as mere dust of the earth.

This year the search and removal of chametz from our homes is done on Tuesday, March 31.

**Many Ashkenazi families do not eat corn, rice, and legumes during Passover. Technically, these are not chametz and need not be removed. Whether you eat corn, rice and legumes during Passover should be based on your family's custom.*

Passover Ritual

"If it is a mitzvah to remove chametz (leavened products) from our homes before Passover, then what exactly is chametz?"

Chametz is food made from leavened grain. In the Torah it is written: "Seven days you shall eat matzah; on the very first day you shall remove leaven from your houses..." (Exodus 12:15). The rabbis specified five grains which can become chametz: wheat, barley, spelt, rye, and oats. Products from these grains cannot be eaten during Pesach unless the flour produced from them is mixed with water and cooked within an 18-minute period.

Many rabbinic authorities in Eastern Europe (Ashkenazi) added to the list of restricted food stuffs. They forbade rice and legumes (these are called kitniyot and include beans, peas, lentils, and corn). Sephardic authorities, prohibit only the five specified grains, thus Sephardic Jews are allowed to eat legumes and rice during Passover. Conservative and Reform rabbinic authorities encourage each family to establish its own custom concerning the eating of rice and legumes. However, Jews of all denominations strictly avoid eating leavened products from the five grains.

On the days before Pesach, the house is thoroughly cleaned and chametz is gathered. The final "search" for chametz should be conducted the evening before Passover. On the morning of Passover, the last remaining pile of chametz is destroyed. The prayers to be recited are found at the front of most Passover Haggadot. The essential declaration is as follows:

Any chametz which is in my possession which I did or did not see, which I did or did not remove, shall be nullified and become ownerless, like the dust of the earth."

"But if grain products are forbidden, how can we eat matzah seeing that it is made from grain?"

Of course, matzah is made from grain. However, the wheat and flour for matzah is not given a chance to rise. Thus, it is essential that the grain used for making Passover matzah be kept perfectly dry. Once the flour for matzah has been mixed with water it must be put in the oven and baked within 18 minutes. After the baking, matzah can then be ground into meal and soaked in liquid for as long as you want.

"Why is peanut oil permitted while peanuts are not?"

Peanut oil is considered Kosher for Passover because it isn't absolutely certain that peanuts are forbidden. Halakhic authorities maintain that peanuts are not kitniyot (see above) and that Ashkenazic Jews abstain from them simply on the basis of minhag (i.e. "custom"). So while peanuts are off-limits for Ashkenazic Jews, peanut derivatives are permitted. There are differences of opinion concerning peanut butter. Some consider it like peanuts, others say it is more like oil. As my teacher Dr. Mark Washofsky says: "Spread it on matzah and you take your chances... in more ways than one!"



UPCOMING EVENTS

MAR
1
3:00 PM
*How to Hamantaschen with
Lisa and Debbie*

MAR
8
11:30 AM
Purim Carnival

MAR
22
11:30 AM
*Meretz and Ruach:
Chocolate Seder*

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

MAR
27
11:00 AM
*Rhythm 'N' Ruach with
Debbie Foster*

MAR
27
5:30 PM
Twisted Shabbat

MAR
29
3:00 PM
*Sinai South: Taste of
Passover*



MARCH 2026

ADULT PROGRAMMING

Sinai Sisterhood Purim Bag Packing
Sunday, March 1 at 11:00 AM

Purim Service, Shpiel and Party
Monday, March 2 at 5:15 PM

Morning of Purim Worship and Reading
of the Megillat Esther
Tuesday, March 3 at 10:00 AM

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

Jewish War Veterans Meeting
Sunday, March 8 at 8:30 AM

Sinai Sisterhood Ladies Breakfast
Sunday, March 8 at 9:15 AM

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

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

Lifelong Jewish Learning: Artificial
Intelligence and How It Will Affect You
Wednesday, March 11 at 6:30 PM

Ruthie's Concert: Colors: Celebrate
The Music In You
Sunday, March 15 at 5:00 PM

Fiction Book Club Meeting
Wednesday, March 18 at 6:15 PM

Lifelong Jewish Learning:
Israeli Current Events
Thursday, March 19 at 6:30 PM

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

Brotherhood Movie Night
Tuesday, March 24 (Time TBD)

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

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

Lifelong Jewish Learning with JNF
and Guest Speaker Shelly Shem Tov
Wednesday, March 25 at 6:30 PM

Sinai Sisterhood Jewelry Making
Sunday, March 29 at 12:00 PM

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Brotherhood, Bible, & Beers at
Darcy's Bistro
Tuesday, March 10 at 6:00 PM

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

Brotherhood Breakfast at
Morning Story DTC
Thursday, March 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



Temple Sinai & UCHealth 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



Sinai Sisterhood

INVITES YOU TO AN AFTERNOON OF

Jewelry Making

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

12:00-2:00 PM

Spend an inspiring afternoon crafting elegant earrings with chains and charms, and perhaps even a coordinating beaded necklace. Whether you're new to jewelry-making or already love to design, this workshop is designed to be simple, stylish, and fun.

All supplies are included.

Questions: Contact [Beth Gold](#)

Cost \$10/Per Person



[RSVP HERE](#)



Temple Sinai presents

DIASPORA DINNERS

A new series exploring Jewish food
and culture around the world

A Taste of Persia

SATURDAY | APRIL | 11 | 6:00 PM

A catered dinner and wine pairing.
Special guest and speakers on Persian Jewry,
Simone Shenassa and Paulette Yousefzadeh.

Limited seats available. RSVP TODAY!

Adult only event.

Onsite babysitting for a fee.

RSVP HERE





TEMPLE SINAI'S MITZVAH DAY

TURNING JEWISH VALUES INTO ACTION

MAY 17, 2026 9:00 AM

Whether you can volunteer your time or support the day through a donation, there's a place for everyone to participate.

Your generosity helps cover the supplies that make each project possible, from hands-on service to acts of kindness that ripple far beyond our walls.



JOIN US IN MAKING
MITZVAH DAY A
POWERFUL EXPRESSION
OF WHO WE ARE AND
HELP US BRING THESE
MITZVOT TO LIFE.



DONATE | VOLUNTEER SIGN UP:





Spring Events

Purim Shpiel and Party

Monday, March 2 @ 6:00 PM

Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 8 @ 11:00 AM for Preschool-aged kids

11:30 AM for general public

Meretz & Ruach: Chocolate Seder

Sunday, March 22 @ 12:00 PM

Rhythm 'N' Ruach with Debbie Foster

Friday, March 27, April 24, and May 29 @ 11:00 AM

Twisted Shabbat with Sinai Songbirds

Friday, March 27 @ 5:30 PM

Friday, May 15 @ 5:30 PM

Sinai South: Taste of Passover

Sunday, March 29 @ 3:00 PM

Tween Campfire Shabbat

Friday, April 10 @ 5:30 PM

Twisted Tot Shabbat

Saturday, April 25 and May 30 @ 9:30 AM

Israel Shuk

Sunday, April 26 @ 11:45 AM

Meretz & Ruach

Sunday April 26 @ 12:00 PM



**Learn more and RSVP
to programs here**





Rhythm 'N' Ruach with Debbie Foster



Temple Sinai is proud to offer Rhythm 'N' Ruach classes for Babies and Toddlers (0-3) and their caregivers. Rhythm 'N' Ruach is an interactive experience through music, movement and Joyful Judaism. Light Nosh and playtime to follow.

11:00am @ Temple Sinai

Fridays March 27, April 24, and May 29



Members: Free
Non Members: \$10 per class (includes child and adult)

Twisted Shabbat

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

5:30PM

Twisted Shabbat gathers families for a joyful, meaningful, and yummy Shabbat evening. Older siblings can be our Challah Helpers too!

5:30-5:50: Jr. Congregation

5:50-6:15: Challah making

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

7:00: Join together in Oneg



[CLICK TO REGISTER](#)



Sinai PJ Library
SOUTH

Invite you to:
A Taste of Passover
Sunday, March 29
3-5pm at Southridge Rec Center



Join other families for a Joyful Jewish afternoon exploring Passover through food, activities, drama, songs, a make-your-own Charoset "Sundae" bar and lots of frogs! This event is great for families and also adults without kids who can participate in a Passover Culinary Experience.

\$10/Individual or \$18/Household





B'NEI MITZVAH

PAISLEY JORDAN-DILL - MARCH 7, 2026

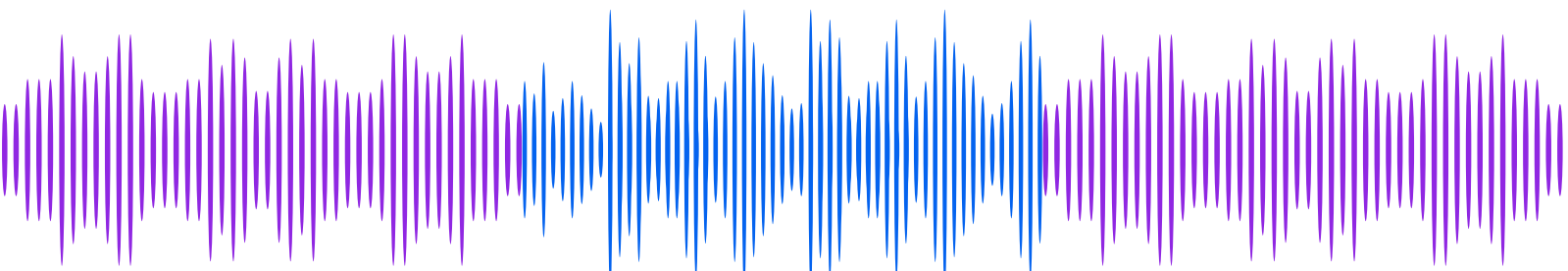
Paisley is the daughter of Kelly Jordan-Dill and the sister of Blake and Holden. She attends school at Goddard Middle School. Her hobbies include gymnastics, theater, and traveling. For her Mitzvah Project, Paisley is taking a portion of her gifts and buying toys, coloring supplies, stuffed animals, and more to donate to the Children's Hospital. She has spent many days there and knows the comfort those things bring to kids in the hospital.



DARREN BELL BAR MITZVAH, MARCH 14, 2026

WELCOME TO TEMPLE SINAI'S NEWEST MEMBERS

Amanda & Josh Axman, Mason and Maeve
Emily Diamond & Brett Schlesinger, Mila
Tara Schoenwald & Derrick Lamm, Jordan and Sloan
Alie & Jordan Troy, Emma



IN MEMORIUM

Ellie Koondel, sister of Barbara (Gary) Hoffman

Sharon Schatzberg, mother of Kyle (Lenny) Jonas, grandmother of Lainey Tick (Sam Fallon)

Dorothy Steinsapir, mother of Gail (Edward) Schultz



Zikhranam Livrakhah, may they be remembered for a blessing.

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!

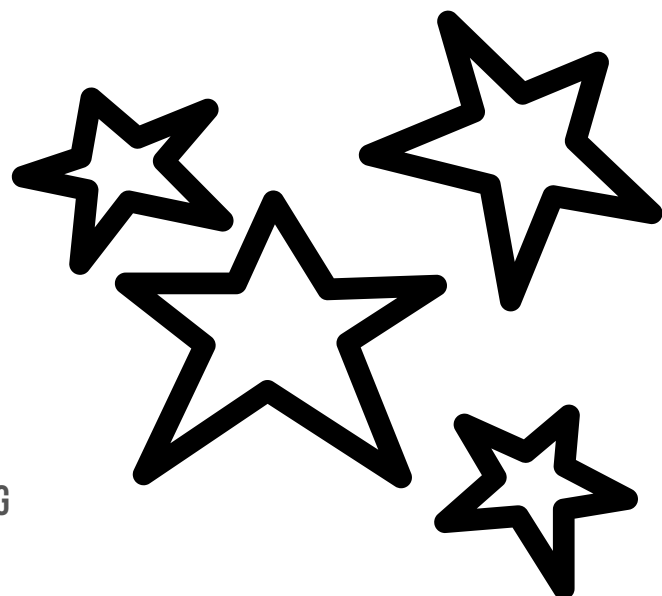
ALLAN AND HELENA STRIKER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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.

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.



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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 phyl0735@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.



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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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