

**TEMPLE SINAI**

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# CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF COLORADO: THE CENTENNIAL STATE AND THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

## RABBI RICK RHEINS

As we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States, those of us blessed to live in Colorado will also celebrate our state's 150th anniversary. Colorado, the "Centennial State," was established as a state on August 1, 1876. Colorado became a territory in 1861 and it took five attempts before Congress agreed to accept it as a state. The hold up was, in part, a question of population. The standard for statehood was established at a minimum of 60,000 "free inhabitants." Because the Colorado territory was so rough and spread out, population estimates varied widely (from as few as 30,000 to as many as 100,000). In the end, Congress settled the dispute and made it the 38th state.

The first Jews came to Colorado as early trappers and traders but soon, along with many other Americans and new immigrants to America, began to call this home. The best book on the early Jews of Colorado is Allen duPont Breck's *The Centennial History of the Jews of Colorado 1859-1959*. I'm fortunate to have a copy and found the story of the growth of the Colorado Jewish community fascinating. Note that the 1885 state census counted fewer than 500 adult Jews, who were divided into about 200 "units" (i.e., families or individuals). Two-thirds of the Jews were foreign-born, with the majority coming from Germany (Russia was a distant second place of origin). The study showed that the vast majority of their children were born in the United States (and most of those were born in Colorado). So adults came here for a better life and immediately began to raise children.

By 1912, the Jewish population of Colorado had grown to around 13,000 with about one-half coming from another state. Throughout the first 90 years of Colorado, Jews were merely a tiny fraction of the state's population. From 1910-1954, the Colorado Jewish population doubled (from 8,113 to 17,500). But since the overall population of Colorado grew, the percentage of Jews dropped from 1.47% to 1.18%.

Today, there are approximately 117,000 Jews in Colorado (about 2% of the state population). Recent polls show that nearly 60% of the Jews of Colorado moved here from a different state or country. Naturally, one of the great attractions bringing people to our wonderful state is the weather and

healthier lifestyle. The crowded and polluted cities in the East "encourage" those who suffered from respiratory illnesses to move to Colorado. The financial pressures on the local Jewish community were tremendous but, in keeping with our Jewish spirit of charity and compassion, hospitals were established as early as 1889 to take care of the sick. National Jewish Hospital (now National Jewish Health) was founded in 1899 and treated poor patients free of charge, regardless of faith.

The most significant insights from Breck's study remain true nearly 70 years after it was written. Jews are but a small fraction of the state's population and most of us moved here from another state or country. And though we have been small in number, the contribution Jews have made to this state are tremendous. Colorado Jews are prominent in state politics, commerce, the arts, education, and health. (Consider that our Governor, Jared Polis, Attorney General, Phil Weiser, and Secretary of State Jena Griswold are all proudly Jewish, and Senator Michael Bennet's mother was a Holocaust survivor).

Perhaps, the success of the Jewish community of Colorado is that, despite our relatively small size, we are strong and determined to help one another. For example, our Denver synagogues and clergy work together in order to support the strength and well-being of the Jewish community. Our Introduction to Judaism course includes the participation of rabbis and cantors from Reform, Conservative, Modern Orthodox, and Reconstructionist congregations. This level of cooperation is almost unheard of in other parts of the country (and indeed, around the world). Our spirit of cooperation and partnership comes despite denominational and political differences. It derives from the fact that so many of us come from different places and we know how important it is to join hands and be there for each other.

So let us celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States and the 150th anniversary of Colorado, while acknowledging the extraordinary role Jews have played in the creation of our wonderful country and fabulous state! I believe that the best days of our nation and this state are yet to come. Let us continue to work together to make it happen!

*B'vrakhah, With Blessings,*

*Rick*

Rabbi Rick Rheins



# DISRUPTION: THE MOMENTS THAT BREAK US OPEN...AND BRING US TOGETHER

A Reflection from the CCAR Convention, March 2026

## RABBI MICHAEL SHIELDS

I am so grateful that I was able to study with rabbinical friends and colleagues during the recent Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) Convention, and the following is a reflection from an especially meaningful session with Dr. Leah Hochman about how moments of disruption, those experiences that unsettle, challenge, and even fracture can also become the very spaces where Judaism renews itself. As we approach Passover we remember a rupture - the story of a world upended and a people thrust from the familiar into the unknown.

The Torah commands sacrifice as a way to draw us close to God. And yet, the prophets come along and disrupt that system. *"Obedience is better than sacrifice,"* declares Samuel. Hosea echoes: *"I desire goodness, not sacrifice."* Isaiah goes even further, rejecting hollow ritual altogether. And then comes Micah, distilling it all into one of the most enduring lines in our tradition: *"What does God require of you? To do justice, to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God."* The prophets did not abolish tradition, they realigned it. They reminded us that the heart of Judaism is not performance, but purpose. We cannot simply tell the story, but we must live its values of justice, dignity, and compassion.

From there, we moved to the more deeply personal disruption. Drawing on the haunting words of Primo Levi, we see that memory itself is a sacred obligation: *"Engrave them on your hearts... repeat them to your children."* At the Seder table we tell and retell, ensuring that memory lives on in us. The great philosopher, Martin Buber, reframes life as "encounter," moments of genuine presence between "I and You." No agenda or transaction stands in the way; just sacred encounter. Memory is not passive, it is a sacred act of transmission. Passover presents a beautiful bridge for that active memory.

Lastly, we explored what she termed, "roads not taken," focusing on the early Reform thinker Samuel Holdheim. His ideas were radical, even unsettling, arguing that religion must speak to the moral consciousness of its time and that conscience itself is a form of revelation. Inherited structures must sometimes yield to evolving ethical awareness. This is uncomfortable terrain. Because it raises a question we still wrestle with today: When do we preserve tradition, and when do we transform it? Passover itself models this tension, and we both tell the story, and reinterpret it through the lens of our own lived experience.

As I sat learning with colleagues, my heart and mind went to recent ruptures; October 7 and the plague of rising antisemitism. It is easy to feel only the loss and pain caused by rupture, and in the din miss the quieter voice of possibility. We must choose to hear that possibility.

The Israelites knew this well. Freedom in the wilderness was disorienting, uncertain, even frightening. Liberation was not the end of the story. The Israelites had to take the next step and chose responsibility and reimagining.

New hope emerged from this and other sessions over the course of the convention. It came from the truth that disruption is not the opposite of continuity, and in fact, disruption is often the engine of continuity. The prophets disrupted sacrifice to deepen faith. Survivors disrupted silence to preserve memory. Reformers disrupted norms to align Judaism with conscience. And Passover reminds us that even the journey from slavery to freedom begins with a break from what is familiar.

October 7 and the rise in antisemitism are not "good." They are painful ruptures. And yet, I feel strengthened and inspired by a renewed clarity of Jewish identity; This is my people, this is my story; along with a deepened sense of solidarity. Communities are drawing closer, memory feels more urgent, and there is a growing willingness to show up, speak out, and invest in Jewish life. Like Passover's call of "in every generation," this moment asks something of us.

The responsibility in this moment of rupture is to recommit to Jewish joy, deeper learning, stronger community, moral clarity and a lived sense of purpose. Our tradition is clear, disruption can shake us, but it also can sanctify us, and sometimes it is the very path to redemption.

*Rabbi Shields*

Rabbi Michael Shields



# ENSURING SAFETY, STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY

## LISA THORNER

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Temple Sinai Community,

Like so many of you, I have spent the past few weeks reflecting on the horrific event that took place at Temple Israel in Michigan. It is deeply unsettling and heartbreaking. Incidents like these remind us that what once felt distant can, in fact, feel very close to home.

Please know that the safety and well-being of our congregation remain our highest priority. We are taking every precaution possible to ensure that Temple Sinai continues to be both a secure and welcoming environment for all who enter our doors.

As you can expect, it has been a very busy few weeks as we have evaluated and strengthened our security measures. I want to extend a sincere thank you to Jon Levison and our Security Team for their ongoing guidance and partnership as we navigate these important efforts. We remain in close coordination with Secure Community Network (SCN), JEWISHcolorado, local law enforcement, and our security company to ensure we are taking every precautionary step.

I would like to share several key steps we are actively taking to enhance the safety and security of our Temple, Preschool, and Religious School community:

#### Security Enhancements

- Temple Sinai has purchased five large boulders, which have been strategically placed in front of the Temple and Preschool to enhance perimeter protection.
- Five bollards have been installed between the Temple and Preschool to further restrict unauthorized vehicle access.
- One of our cement benches has been relocated from the fountain area to a position in front of the Preschool to serve as an additional protective barrier. We are in the process of ordering additional cement benches that will be placed by the fountain.
- A new fence and gate have been installed along Jefferson, designed to match the existing wooden gate on Happy Canyon. This gate will function as an exit-only push gate, allowing exit from the inside while preventing entry.
- A fence will also be installed around the basketball court to secure that area.

- Two additional push gates will be installed along Hampden Avenue in the coming weeks.
- With Board approval, we will be installing a new video intercom system to ensure clear identification of all individuals entering the building.

#### Personnel and Training

- Two armed guards, in addition to guard Joe Sanders, will be present during Religious School for the remainder of the year.
- Two armed guards will be on-site during Friday night services.
- We have completed our Active Harmer Plan and will continue our comprehensive safety training for all staff members, including all teachers.
- We will extend additional training opportunities to our congregants so that our entire community is prepared and informed.

These measures reflect our unwavering commitment to protecting our community while preserving the warmth, openness, and sense of belonging that define Temple Sinai. Security and a welcoming environment are not opposing values; they are partners in ensuring that everyone who walks through our doors feels both safe and at home.

At the same time, our response must go beyond physical security. As a congregation, we must stand strong and united in the face of antisemitism. Acts of hate are meant to intimidate and divide, but we will not allow them to diminish who we are or how we show up for one another. We will continue to gather proudly as a Jewish community, rooted in resilience, faith, and connection.

We ask for your partnership in keeping our community safe. If you see something that feels concerning or out of place, please say something. Your awareness and willingness to speak up are critical in helping us protect one another.

We are grateful for your continued support, partnership, and trust as we carry out this important work together. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Wishing you and your loved one strength, comfort, and peace.

*Lisa Thorner*  
Lisa Thorner

Please Join Us At  
Temple Sinai's 2026

# Annual Event

***Hidden Lights of Sinai:  
Temple Sinai's Unsung Heroes***

**SUNDAY, JUNE 7 AT 5:30 PM**

***Featuring Hit and Run: Musical Improv  
Denver's longest-running improv comedy show!***

**Funds raised benefit Temple Sinai's  
Special Programming**

**Dinner | Cocktails | Auction  
Attire: Business casual**

**\$150 per person | \$75 first-time attendees and  
young professionals (40 and under)**

Complimentary on-site babysitting available

**SCAN TO RSVP**



## *Hidden Lights of Sinai*

### **Temple Sinai's Unsung Heroes:**

Hidden Lights of Sinai honors members whose impact is felt in many ways, often behind the scenes. From humble leaders and dedicated volunteers to committed congregants, these individuals help make our programs, services, and community possible.

**Shana Cohen**

**Gary and Nancy Eisenberg**

**Lisa Friedman**

**Barbara Glassman**

**Jean Guthery**

**Jerry and Natalie Lassow**

**Jon Levison**

**Janet Walker Snider**

**Terri Tilliss**

## *Young Leader of the Year:*

The Young Leader of the Year Award honors an outstanding Temple Sinai member age 40 or younger who demonstrates exceptional leadership, dedication, and commitment to our community.

**Amanda Brooks**



# Temple Sinai's 2026 Annual Event

Sunday, June 7 at 5:30 PM

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

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

### 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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Please charge my credit card in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_

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### If you prefer to send a check, please mail to:

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 Tribute Journal, 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.

### Tribute Journal Ideas

- 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



# TRIBUTE JOURNAL

## Size Options

Size of Advertisement	Pricing
Back cover (8" x 10 ½")	\$2,500
Inside cover (8" x 10 ½")	\$1,800
Full-page ad (8" x 10 ½")	\$500
One-half page ad (8" x 5¼")	\$250
One-quarter page ad (4" x 5¼")	\$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](mailto:kelsey@sinaidenver.org)).

Name:		Member: Yes No	
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**Please remit form to:**

2026 Tribute 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](mailto: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

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May 25, 2026

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PHONE: 303-759-1827; FAX: 303-759-2519



# FROM "COLORS" TO PASSOVER: MUSIC, MOOD, CONNECTION

## RUTHIE LIPSHULCH CANTORIAL SOLOIST

Thank you to everyone who supported the Concert "Colors." You made it special and meaningful. This year's lineup included a variety of genres of repertoire which was made possible by our musicians. Thank you to Dave Schlosberg for arranging some of the music which allowed us to enjoy a wonderful and innovative theatrical repertoire. Music uplifts us and expresses what we cannot say in words. It is a powerful tool to communicate and connect us to each other. Thank you to Lauren Mielziner who MC'd, the staff, and the Temple Sinai community as a whole. I look forward to our future concerts to come.

With Passover coming, we have the opportunity to gather with family and friends around a table to retell our stories and songs. Below are a few classics and one new one that the Songbirds Youth Choir will be singing at Twisted Shabbat services.

Yours in Song,  
*Ruthie*  
Ruthie Lipshulch



Check out  
some Passover  
short videos  
[here!](#)





# EVERYONE HAS A STORY WORTH TELLING

## DEBBIE FOSTER

### DIRECTOR OF ENGAGEMENT AND PROGRAMMING

# Storied Lives™



### An Intergenerational Storytelling Program

Temple Sinai recently launched Storied Lives™, a meaningful program that pairs Sinai Teens with Sinai Sages to share stories, build relationships, and create lasting memories. Through a series of visits and conversations, teens will listen to their sage’s life experiences and transform those stories into a creative final project such as a written narrative, short film, photography project, or other artistic expression.

Storied Lives™ offers a powerful way to strengthen connections across generations, combat loneliness, and honor the stories that shape our community. By listening deeply and sharing experiences, participants help preserve the wisdom and history that connect us all. Sophie Gould, a recent CU graduate, contacted me this past fall with hopes to find a Denver synagogue to pilot Storied Lives™. After describing the program, I immediately said, “Yes! We would love to!”



Sinai is piloting Storied Lives™ this spring, and we hope to engage more teens and sages in years to come. This year, our Sinai Sages are Rabbi Ray Zwerin, Rikki Zwerin, Karen Susman, Vicky Baker and Dr. Jean Guthry. Our Sinai teens are Jonah Gewirtz, Hikari Weiner, Bradley Zwerin, and Amira Pozner. Join us for the Closing Ceremony on May 13 at 5:30 PM!

[Click Here: Membership Engagement Opportunities](#)

 *Debbie*



Temple Sinai’s Knitting and Crocheting for JOY group is always creating hats, scarves, and blankets for those in need. We need more yarn! If you have full or half skeins sitting in the back of the closet from some project you never completed or started, please drop them at the Temple office (we also might be able to finish your partially done projects). Thank you for this mitzvah!



## 72 Hours to Support Temple Sinai and Unlock Matching Funds

**MONA SPITZ**  
DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

Temple Sinai will once again participate in [Jewish Days of Giving](#), a 72-hour community fundraising event hosted by JEWISHcolorado in partnership with the Colorado Gives Foundation. Many thanks to those who supported Temple Sinai by participating in last year's Jewish Days of Giving!

For three days, May 18-20, 2026, our community will come together to support Jewish organizations across Colorado, and your participation matters. We invite you to make a gift of any amount to support Temple Sinai or other participating Jewish organizations that are meaningful to you.

At a time when support for Jewish institutions is more important than ever, Jewish Days of Giving is an opportunity to stand together in the spirit of tzedakah and strengthen our shared values and future.

To help maximize every gift, JEWISHcolorado is offering a Community Match. Online donations made during the campaign will be matched up to \$1,000 per participating organization, increasing the impact of every contribution.

Additional matching gifts from Temple Sinai congregants would help inspire even greater generosity across our community and would be most welcome.

Your gift during these 72 hours helps demonstrate the strength, unity, and resilience of Colorado's Jewish community. Together, we can ensure that Temple Sinai and other Jewish organizations continue to thrive and serve our community for generations to come.

If you have questions about this year's Jewish Days of Giving or are interested in providing a matching gift, please contact Mona Spitz at [mona@sinaidenver.org](mailto:mona@sinaidenver.org) or 303-759-1827.

Mark May 18-20 on your calendar and join us in making these 72 hours count.

*Mona Spitz*

Mona Spitz





## SEEING THE WHOLE CHILD: REFLECTING ON FAMILY/TEACHER CONFERENCES

# SHEILA PURDIN

## DIRECTOR OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Just a few weeks ago, our Preschool teachers had the pleasure of meeting with families for our spring family/teacher conferences. These gatherings are an important rhythm of our school year. Each fall and spring, they offer us a chance to pause, reflect together, and share the many ways children are growing, learning, and becoming themselves within our community.

In our classrooms we pay close attention to children's ideas, questions, and discoveries. Rather than focusing only on checklists of skills, our teachers document learning through what we call Learning Stories. A Learning Story captures a meaningful moment in a child's day: building a complex structure with blocks, comforting a friend, asking a thoughtful question during a story, or experimenting with materials at the art table. Through photos, observations, and reflection, teachers describe what they see children doing and what those moments tell us about how they think, learn, and connect with others.

During conferences, teachers share these Learning Stories with families. Together, we look at what they reveal about each child's strengths, interests, and emerging abilities. These conversations help us see the "whole child"—their curiosity, persistence, creativity, and relationships—not just the final product of their work.

This approach reflects many of our deeply held Jewish values, including *b'tzelem Elohim*, the belief that every person is created in the image of the Divine. At Temple Sinai Preschool, this reminds us that each child arrives with unique gifts and perspectives. Our role as educators is to notice and nurture those gifts with care and respect.

Another value that guides this work is *chinuch*, the Jewish commitment to education as a shared responsibility between school and family. Conferences are not simply a time for teachers to report on what children are doing in school. They are a chance for families and educators to learn from one another. Parents bring invaluable knowledge about their child's personality, interests and experiences at home, and when we share insights together, we create a fuller picture that helps us support each child's growth.

There is also a beautiful connection to the idea of *l'dor v'dor*, from generation to generation. In these conversations, we are not only talking about what children are learning today, we are helping build the foundation for their lifelong relationship with learning, community, and Jewish identity.

Perhaps most importantly, Learning Stories remind us that childhood is not a race toward the next milestone. It is a time filled with wonder, experimentation, friendship, and discovery. When we slow down to notice these moments, we honor the meaningful work children are doing every day.

We are grateful to all the families who joined us for conferences this season. Your partnership helps us continue the sacred work of nurturing children who are curious, confident, and deeply connected to 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



\*limited space available

## 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! The last few weeks have been fantastic for our youth groups! Meretz and Ruach competed in a Chopped Cooking Challenge in February and had a sweet Chocolate Seder to welcome in Passover. Junior Youth Group had their own Cooking Challenge, competing with homemade cupcakes and savory hand pies. Temple Sinai Youth Group cracked codes and solved puzzles at an escape room and had a great time together!

Our youth groups also pulled together to volunteer for the Purim Carnival, and brought the best energy to the day! Teens ran carnival games, sold prizes, and captured pictures. Our teens are incredible and we cannot thank them enough for their time and effort!

### Upcoming Events:

- **Meretz and Ruach Maccabi Games Field Day with Hero Sports: Sunday, April 26, 12:00-1:30 PM**

Get ready for a high-energy day of fun at our Maccabi Games Field Day with Hero Sports! Sign up to compete in an exciting mix of relay races, obstacle courses, and other fun field day games. Come show off your skills and make some awesome memories with friends.

### TSYG and JYG:

- Follow us on Instagram! All of our TSYG and JYG programs will be posted, so follow to stay up-to-date! @templesinaiyouthgroup
- Teens- Want to stay in the loop? Join our group chat for updates, reminders, and all things TSYG! Chat is for 9th-12th graders

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/lmUhOOR1AK6GfAo6HRNy8C>

**MERETZ AND RUACH PRESENTS**

## MACCABI GAMES WITH HERO SPORTS

Get ready for a high-energy day of fun at our Maccabi Games Field Day with Hero Sports! Sign up to compete in an exciting mix of relay races, obstacle courses, and other fun field day games. Come show off your skills and make some awesome memories with friends.

\$10 per person. Pizza lunch will be provided.

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

**SUNDAY, APRIL 26**  
**12:00-1:30PM**

**RSVP**

# Tween CAMPFIRE Shabbat

**APR 10** **5:30 PM**

## MUSIC | FOOD | CONNECTION

Join us for Campfire Shabbat, a cozy, come-as-you-are evening with full camp vibes (wear your camp swag or tie-dye!). 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, s'mores for dessert, friendship bracelets and of course, an epic game of GAGA.

**RSVP HERE**

# 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 and 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.

# JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

All services are open for in-person attendance and will be streamed live at [sinaidenver.org/livestream](http://sinaidenver.org/livestream) or on our Facebook page at [Facebook.com/SinaiDenver](https://www.facebook.com/SinaiDenver)

## WEEKLY

### EREV SHABBAT SERVICE

FRIDAYS, 6:00 PM

Join us to welcome Shabbat every Friday evening. Temple Sinai's service is a rich mixture of Jewish tradition and modern egalitarian spirit which makes for an inviting and inclusive experience for those of every age and background. Our service is filled with wonderful music that includes both traditional and modern melodies. Thoughtful messages from the rabbis enhance our services. We conclude every Erev Shabbat service with an *oneg* dessert and social time to renew friendships and meet new friends.

### SHABBAT MORNING MINYAN

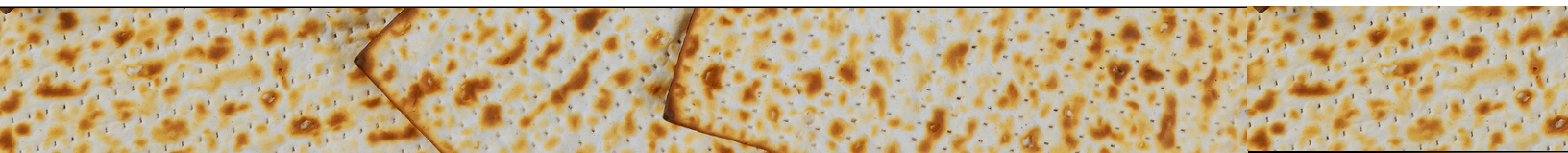
SATURDAYS, 9:00 AM

Every Shabbat morning we have a lovely service that encourages participation and *ruach*, a joyous spirit. In addition to the rabbis, congregants are invited to help lead the service. Opportunities are available for members to read Torah, provide a short *drash* (message about the Torah portion) and help lead the prayers. If you are interested in leading a part of the service, contact Rabbi Rick Rheins or Rabbi Michael Shields. This service is a fabulous way to celebrate Shabbat and to meet wonderful new friends.

### TEMPLE SINAI GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

SUNDAY, April 12 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, APRIL 16

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.





## SPRING 2026

6:30 PM  
TEMPLE SINAI

APRIL 22 | APRIL 29 | MAY 13 | MAY 27

### MOVIE NIGHT WITH SINAI BROTHERHOOD: NUMBER 24

APR.  
22

A special screening of Number 24, the powerful story of Norwegian resistance hero Gunnar Sønsteby and the underground movement that fought the Nazi occupation during World War II. Sønsteby's daughter, Cecilie Sønsteby Kingsolver, will join us to share personal reflections and answer questions about her father's life and legacy. **FOR THIS EVENT ONLY, PLEASE RSVP [HERE!](#)**

### DR. JOSHUA FURMAN: JEWS IN THE CIVIL WAR

APR.  
29

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.

### RABBI SUSAN MILLER RHEINS: TRAVELS IN CUBA

MAY  
13

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.

### PAUL TOSH: THE JEWISH SCOTSMAN

MAY  
27

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.

### LUNCH AND LEARN

COME LEARN, DISCUSS, DEBATE  
AND MEET FRIENDS

THURSDAYS

APRIL 16, 23, 30 (NO CLASS ON APRIL 2 OR APRIL 9)  
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!*

## ...NOTES FROM OUR CLERGY

### **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.

# WE'RE LOOKING FOR NEW FACES!

## JOIN TEMPLE SINAI'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**TERM: 2026 - 2027**

### ABOUT OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**DUE APRIL 17**

We consider ourselves a "working board" in that each of our Board meetings are held with purpose and intention. Each Board meeting's agenda is designed to facilitate meaningful dialogue around strategic initiatives and pertinent topics of the synagogue. Our Board of Trustees strives to foster positive and growing relationships with one another, as well as with our congregation at large. Each Trustee has the opportunity to bring their passions and voice to the table and exemplify their beliefs through various synagogue and community engagements. Terms are 2 years; fiscal year is July 1-June 30.



### TERM EXPECTATIONS

- Attend Board meetings.
- Attend 2-3 special meetings a year.
- Attend Annual Board Meeting each June.
- Chair or co-chair a working committee or special project.
- Work collaboratively to define and accomplish tangible goals.
- Act as a mentor to develop future Jewish leaders of Temple Sinai.
- Attend Shabbat services as requested to represent the Board.
- Attend our Annual Event in June, Temple Sinai's largest fundraising event.

### AREAS OF STRATEGIC PLANNING

In alignment with Temple Sinai's Mission, Vision and Values we have a set of Strategic Priorities that we remain focused on. These five areas of work all have respective, measurable goals which help our clergy and staff define their work to meet each congregant where they are in their Jewish Journey. The five Strategic Priorities are Membership/Engagement, Financial, Operations, Education and Worship. Our Board of Trustees is expected to collaborate on opportunities within these areas, with a growth mindset.

### FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION

- Be a regular member in good standing.
- Endowment/Sinai Circle: a meaningful gift in the form of either a planned gift or cash contribution. Other small donations: gifts, contributions, youth group, etc.



**APPLY TO BE A PART OF SOMETHING SPECIAL!**

**[DOWNLOAD THE APPLICATION HERE.](#)**

For questions, please email **Rebecca Hea-Wilson** ([rhea@denverchildrenshome.org](mailto:rhea@denverchildrenshome.org)), Chair of the Nominating Committee or **Marshall Tobin** ([marshalltobin42@gmail.com](mailto:marshalltobin42@gmail.com))



# UPCOMING EVENTS

APR  
**1**  
6:00 PM  
*First Night of Passover  
Congregational Seder*

APR  
**5**  
12:00 PM  
*Sinai Songbirds Youth  
Choir Rehearsal*

APR  
**10**  
5:30 PM  
*Tween Campfire Shabbat*

APR  
**17-19**  
*Confirmation Retreat*

APR  
**24**  
11:00 AM  
*Rhythm 'N' Ruach with  
Debbie Foster*

APR  
**25**  
9:30 AM  
*Twisted Tot Shabbat*

APR  
**26**  
12:00 PM  
*Meretz and Ruach:  
Maccabi Games with Hero  
Sports*



# APRIL 2026

## ADULT PROGRAMMING

**Festival Service**  
Wednesday, April 1 at 5:30 PM

**First Night of Passover  
Congregational Seder**  
Wednesday, April 1 at 6:00 PM

**First Day of Passover Service**  
Thursday, April 2 at 10:00 AM

**Pardes Meditation Group**  
Saturday, April 4 at 8:00 AM

**The Last Yiddish Speaker**  
Sunday, April 5 at 2:00 PM (offsite)

**Sinai Sisterhood Mah Jongg Drop-In**  
Wednesday, April 8 at 1:00 PM

**Last Evening of Passover Service**  
Wednesday, April 8 at 6:00 PM

**Passover Yizkor Service**  
Thursday, April 9 at 10:00 AM

**Passover Yizkor Brunch**  
Thursday, April 9 at 12:00 PM

**Diaspora Dinners: A Taste of Persia**  
Saturday, April 11 at 6:00 PM

**Grief Support Group**  
Sunday, April 12 at 11:00 AM

**Brotherhood Shooting Club**  
Tuesday, April 14 at 11:00 AM

**45th Annual Governor's Holocaust  
Remembrance Program**  
Wednesday, April 15 at 5:30 PM  
(offsite)

**Pardes Meditation Group**  
Saturday, April 18 at 8:00 AM

**Sinai Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh Meeting**  
Sunday, April 19 at 1:00 PM

**Sinai Sisterhood Mah Jongg Drop-In**  
Wednesday, April 22 at 1:00 PM

**Temple Sinai Brotherhood & Lifelong  
Jewish Learning Present:  
Movie Night: Number 24**  
Wednesday, April 22 at 6:30 PM

**Understanding Antisemitism  
Through a Psychological Lens**  
Thursday, April 23 at 6:30 PM

**Temple Sinai Book Group Meeting**  
Wednesday, April 29 at 11:00 AM

**Lifelong Jewish Learning:  
Jews in the Civil War**  
Wednesday, April 29 at 6:30 PM

**Mah Jongg Tournament**  
Thursday, April 30 at 9:15 AM

## MONTHLY PROGRAMS

**Knitting and Crocheting for JOY at  
Temple Sinai**  
Wednesday, April 15 at 1:00 PM

**Brotherhood Breakfast at  
Morning Story DTC**  
Thursday, April 16 at 9:00 AM

**Brotherhood, Bible, & Beers at  
Darcy's Bistro**  
Tuesday, April 28 at 6:00 PM

## 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 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 BROTHERHOOD AND  
 LIFELONG JEWISH LEARNING PRESENT:

**MOVIE NIGHT:  
 NUMBER 24**




WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22 | 6:30 PM

We welcome the congregation and friends to join us for a special screening of Number 24, the powerful story of Norwegian resistance hero Gunnar Sønsteby and the underground movement that fought the Nazi occupation during World War II.

**SPECIAL GUEST Q&A**

Sønsteby's daughter, Cécilie Sønsteby Kingsolver, will join us to share personal reflections and answer questions about her father's life and legacy.

**RSVP HERE**

**UNDERSTANDING ANTISEMITISM  
 THROUGH A PSYCHOLOGICAL LENS:**  
*An Evening of Research, Insight &  
 Community Dialogue*



Concerned psychologists established the **Psychology of Antisemitism Fund** at the American Psychological Foundation to support rigorous research into the psychological roots of antisemitism.

Last year's grant recipient and a member of the grant committee will be in Denver to share research insights and community implications.

**RSVP HERE**  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 23**  
**6:30-8:00 PM**




**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 April 24, and May 29**



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





  
**TEMPLE SINAI AND TEMPLE EMANUEL**
  
**MOVIE Night**

**FEATURED FILM:** **COMING FULL CIRCLE: THE 80-YEAR SEARCH FOR HOLOCAUST RESCUERS**

Tuesday, May 5 | 7:00pm @ Temple Sinai

This powerful documentary tells the story of siblings Zilla and Eric Cahn who were rescued as children from the Gurs internment camp in France during WWII and hidden by the French Resistance during the war. Decades later, they embark on a journey to find those who saved them, uncovering a story of survival, gratitude, and reunion.



Zilla and Eric Cahn both settled in Denver after the war, where Zilla later married Temple Sinai founding member Abe Wagner. Temple Emanuel shares a powerful connection as well, with a Haggadah created at Gurs that survived the Holocaust and is still used at their Passover Seder today.



**THIS EVENT IS FREE BUT RSVPS ARE REQUIRED**

PLEASE JOIN ADL MOUNTAIN STATES

# 45th ANNUAL GOVERNOR'S HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE PROGRAM

This event brings together people of all faiths to honor Holocaust survivors, remember those who perished, educate the community, and translate those lessons into contemporary action.

**Wednesday, April 15, 2026**  
**5:30-7:15 p.m. MT**

**NEW THIS YEAR**  
 GOVERNOR JARED POLISTO PRESENT  
 THE INAUGURAL AWARD FOR  
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## 2026 Yom HaZikaron Registration

April 20th 2026, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm MDT

**Celebrate Israel 2026**  
**May 3, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**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.**



# EYLON LEVY

Thursday, May 28 | 7:00 PM

*How to Speak  
About Israel  
with Confidence*

Join us for an engaging and timely conversation with one of Israel's leading voices. Eylon Levy is the co-founder of the Israeli Citizen Spokespersons' Office and host of the State of a Nation podcast. He also served as an official Israeli Government Spokesman during the October 7 war with Hamas. Don't miss this opportunity to hear firsthand insights on Israel, media, and global public discourse.

- \$15 for members
- \$25 for non-members
- Students are free (ages 10-25 with valid student ID)

**PRE-REGISTRATION  
IS REQUIRED.  
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# Stronger Together: Temple Sinai Expands Efforts to Combat Antisemitism

## We are Seeking New Members

The Temple Sinai Action Against Antisemitism Committee is among the most active at Sinai. We are reorganizing and are welcoming new members. **Will you step up and help us provide programming and information to the Sinai community and help fight antisemitism?** Please contact our chairman, [Thomas Phillips](#) if you are interested.

## Leadership Change

Terri Tilliss, founder and long-standing chairperson of the Action Against Antisemitism Committee, has stepped down. Thomas Phillips is the new chair. Terri remains on the committee, serving as secretary.

## A Question For You

With EVERYONE doing their part to combat antisemitism, we can make a difference. No matter how large or small your efforts, please let us know what you are doing to combat antisemitism and if our committee can help. This information will help us learn about, coordinate, and support your efforts. Please respond to the survey [here](#).

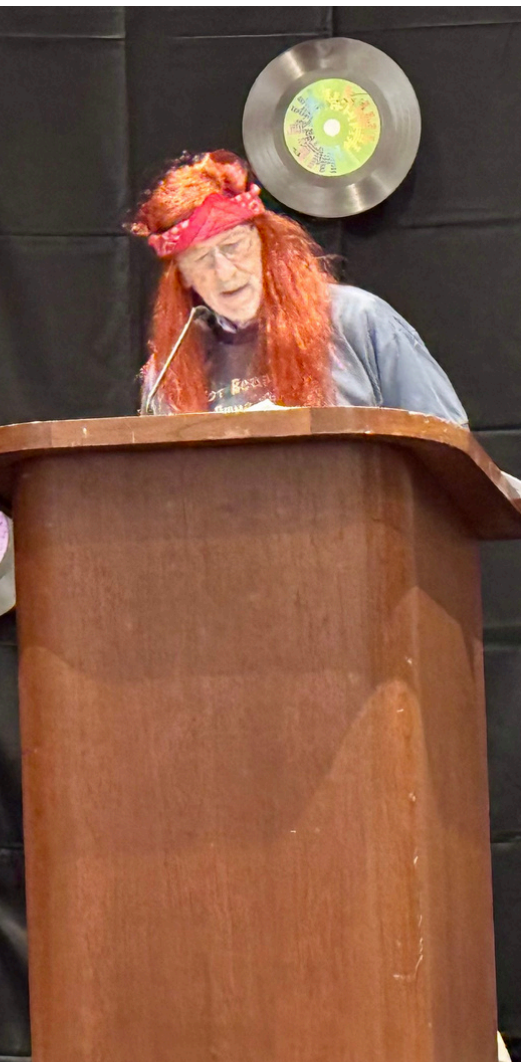
## Activities

The Action Against Antisemitism Committee continues to improve the congregation's relationship with other Colorado organizations fighting antisemitism. At its March 5 meeting, the committee held discussions with two influential groups: Colorado Jewish Action Alliance (COJAA) [Home | COJAA](#) and the [Jewish Community Relations Council \(JCRC\)](#). Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) - JEWISHcolorado. COJAA was formerly known as Stop Antisemitism Colorado.

Mindy Miller and Stephanie Clark, co-founders and co-chairs of Colorado Jewish Action Alliance (COJAA), gave a briefing on their organization. Founded in the wake of October 7, COJAA's legal structure, different than most of the other Jewish organizations with which we cooperate, allows it to serve as a political advocacy organization. They "mobilize voters, support candidates who stand with our community, and engage directly in the policy and political process."

Brandon Rattiner is Senior Director of JCRC, which is part of Jewish Colorado. Brandon gave an overview of JCRC, which is comprised of 45 member organizations (including Temple Sinai) and 15 at-large members representing diverse parts of our community. The organization "advocates, educates, mobilize[s] actions, and builds relationships to ensure that the Jewish community and our neighbors can thrive." Temple Sinai's Action Against Antisemitism Committee is working on future programming which may involve both JCRC and COJAA.

**When We Speak Together, We Are Heard**



# B'NEI MITZVAH



**MADYSEN BREHM: APRIL 25, 2026**

## WELCOME TO TEMPLE SINAI'S NEWEST MEMBERS

**Richard Politzer**  
**Jillian Rosansky and Cole Boychuck**



## IN MEMORIAM

**Allen Freedberg**, father of Brad (Lisa) Freedberg, grandfather of Maia, Gabriel, and Aviva Freedberg

**Marianne (Merry) Kane**, friend of Natalie and Jerry Lassow

**Asher Mozes**, father of Aaron (Shelly) Mozes, grandfather of Judah and Eliana Mozes



*Zikhronam 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 once again 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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