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FROM FEAR TO HOPE

RABBI RICK RHEINS

Earlier this year, a local gallery had a special exhibition that featured the art of Todd Siler. Todd, a Temple Sinai member, is an internationally acclaimed artist whose works grace our lobby and adorn our Passover Haggadah. The exhibition was titled "Metaphorming Time." It challenged us to consider the flow of time and existence from past to present to future and back again.

Since some of his pieces are quite large, it is possible to view them from various angles and reach different impressions. Todd and I often discuss how a painting should be viewed. A painting may start with a peaceful scene, filled with light and life and then, as one moves left to right, the image grows darker and more ominous with evidence of destruction and then chaos and void. But as I like to point out to Todd, our sacred Hebrew texts are read right to left and, therefore, the impression would begin with chaos and void and then slowly proceed to light and creation, life and blessed coexistence. Of course, that is the story from the beginning of the Torah: *B'reisheet bara Elohim*, "In the beginning there was *tohu va'vohu*, void and chaos. And from the darkness, God created light and then life."

Todd, a gifted scientist (Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Studies in Psychology and Art from MIT), is one who fully embraces the validity of the different perspective: reading the work, reading the room, reading politics, reading life, from left to right and right to left. Chaos and void to creation fits in neatly with the scientific understanding that human life was made possible only through a star that imploded and then exploded as a supernova; creation through fusion of heavier elements that are the building blocks of our world such as Carbon and the other elements of the

periodic table. From destruction came life. And yet, we humans, clever as we are, have created doomsday bombs that could reverse and reduce all the life that we enjoy into nuclear rubble.

So, which is it? Right to left or left to right? Are we moving with anxiety closer to our destruction or are we still in the unfolding of life and hope? Both anxiety and hope are a part of our reality. They coexist. We are both optimists and pessimists. What's a Jewish pessimist? When somebody says, "Oy vey, things are so awful they couldn't get worse!" The optimist responds, "Oh yes they can!"

The challenge is, can we find a way to coexist with those who look at life through different lenses and who come up with different ideas and understandings? We can respectfully agree to disagree. And though it may be cliché, nevertheless, we must be willing to disagree without being disagreeable. Ultimately, though our thoughts and opinions may differ, what matters most is our actions. This is especially true when it comes to our personal relationships. Let us reconsider the arguments and disputes that have created divisions. Recall the harsh words spoken and heard. . . by us and by others. We let political passions and social disagreements push to the extremes, leaving good people and communities pulled apart. But this, too, is not the full story. The High Holy Days are a time for teshuvah, a return to our better selves. Judaism teaches that it is never too late to reach out with sincere apologies to repair the emotional breaches of fractured relationships. It is never too late to be generous with acts of forgiveness to rebuild trust.

The Yamim Nora'im, the Days of Awe between

Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur, are a time for us to both look backwards and ahead; to consider what was and what could have been and what can be. The past year certainly had its share of fear and anxiety. The American Jewish community has been bruised by antisemitism and abusive behavior. Israel has been under a constant attack by certain nations around the world and by a few politicians who call for the genocidal elimination of Israel, but that is only a partial view of the picture. It is necessary to keep in mind that the Jewish community is also experiencing a resurgence of energy, pride, and determination. Our synagogues have grown in membership and in attendance. We have had many Christian neighbors reach out to show their support. They have made it clear that we are not alone.

And though Israel is nearly exhausted from three years of fighting against Hamas, Hezbollah, and Iran, we have reached this moment in history when all three of Israel's primary enemies have been seriously weakened. Israel, the ancestral homeland of the Jewish people, is strong and proud.

In our personal lives, the past year has included times of both setbacks and success; of sadness and joy; of grief and celebration. The High Holy Days are a time to look at the fullness of life and our experiences and to discover the possibility of renewal and hope.

I believe that there are no problems and challenges that we cannot overcome. I cherish the blessings that God has shined on our ancestors and on us. And I believe that the future will unfold with blessings for us and the generations to come.

Susan, Joshua, Sam, and Jakob join me in wishing you and your loved ones God's blessings of good health and happiness in the sweet New Year 5787!

L'Shanah Tovah tekatayvu v't'chataymu,

Rick

Rabbi Rick Rheins

A RITUAL QUESTION?

When Rosh HaShanah falls on Shabbat, like it does this year, most Conservative and all Orthodox congregations won't sound the shofar, but Reform congregations will sound the shofar. **Why?**

There is an important Halakhic debate concerning the sounding of the shofar on Rosh HaShanah when it falls on Shabbat, like it does this year. Orthodox tradition is opposed to sounding the shofar on Shabbat, even if it is Rosh HaShanah. The reason for the prohibition is to promote the sanctity of Shabbat. Those who follow that tradition will hear the shofar on the second day of Rosh HaShanah.

Reform Judaism and Liberal Halakhah offer solid historical and theological principles for permitting the sounding of the shofar even when Rosh HaShanah falls on Shabbat. During the 1,000 years when the Temple in Jerusalem was the center of Jewish life, the calls of a shofar ushered in sacred times, even on Shabbat. When the Second Temple was destroyed (70 CE), some authorities believed that it should no longer be permissible to sound a shofar on Shabbat. But the leading Rabbinic authority of that era, Yochanan ben Zakkai, permitted sounding a shofar on Shabbat (Mishnah Rosh HaShanah 4.1). Yochanan ben Zakkai, one of the founders of post-Temple Judaism, was concerned that the Jewish people were in such tumult following the destruction of Jerusalem that extraordinary means should be employed to ensure survival.

It is especially problematic not to hear the powerful blasts from a shofar on Rosh HaShanah. After all, the Torah's very name for this most sacred day is Yom Teruah, "Day of sounding the shofar" (Num. 29:1; Leviticus 23:24). The ritual of the shofar and the profound emotional and spiritual impact of the haunting blasts from the ram's horn are the hallmarks of this day. Therefore, Reform Judaism, citing the precedent established by Yochanan ben Zakkai, maintains that sounding the shofar even when Rosh HaShanah falls on Shabbat is permissible. In keeping with this ancient teaching, we will sound the shofar at Temple Sinai this Rosh HaShanah on both the first and second days.



WHY ARE THESE SERVICES DIFFERENT THAN ALL OTHERS?

RABBI MICHAEL SHIELDS

The High Holy Days are different. The melodies change. The prayers become more expansive. The sanctuary fills with familiar faces we may not have seen in months. There is a sense that something extraordinary is happening. And yet, I sometimes wonder if the greatest difference isn't found in the prayer book or the music, but in how we imagine our role.

When I was serving as a rabbinic intern, a congregant once shared something with complete sincerity:

"Rabbi," she said, "I love the High Holy Days. It's like going to the theater. Everyone dresses up. We find our seats. We listen to beautiful music, admire the poetry of the prayers, and watch the choreography of the Torah service." She meant it as a compliment. But I remember thinking: *What if we've mistaken worship for a performance?* If the rabbis, soloist, choir, and Torah readers become the actors, then everyone else becomes the audience. The bimah becomes a stage. The Torah becomes a prop. The service becomes something we observe rather than something we inhabit.

But Jewish worship has never worked that way. The true audience has never been the congregation. The One before whom we stand is God. That is why one of the most important reminders in Jewish tradition appears in so many sanctuaries: **Da lifnei mi atah omed.** *"Know before Whom you stand."*

Those words are not directed only to the rabbi or the cantor. They are meant for every one of us. On Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur, no one is merely watching. Every voice matters. Every prayer matters. Every act of reflection matters. Each of us is called to bring our whole selves, our gratitude, our regrets, our hopes, our fears, our questions, into sacred conversation with God.

A colleague once joked:

"Football is a sport in which twenty-two physically fit people run around on a field while ninety thousand people who need exercise watch. High Holy Day services are a sport in which hundreds of people who aren't sure how to pray watch a few people who do."

It's funny because there's a sliver of truth in it, in that sometimes the congregation is a bit more hesitant about voicing their prayer. But that doesn't have to be the case. The clergy are not here to pray *instead* of you. We are here to pray *with* you and to help create the conditions where every person can find their own voice before God. Whether you know every Hebrew word or are opening a machzor for the first time, your presence and your participation matter.

One of my favorite Hasidic teachings says that the sound of the shofar is a cry too deep for words. Before we speak eloquently, before we know all the prayers, before we have all the answers, we simply show up with an open heart. That is enough. This year, I hope we experience the High Holy Days not as spectators but as participants, not as consumers of worship but as creators of sacred community.

The Yamim Nora'im invite us to rediscover not only our relationship with God, but also our responsibility to one another. The prayers we offer in the sanctuary should echo in the way we greet a stranger, forgive someone we love, repair a fractured relationship, or make room for someone sitting alone. Worship is never meant to end when the final shofar blast fades. It continues in the choices we make every day.

May these Days of Awe deepen our relationships, with God, with one another, and with our own best selves. May they inspire us not simply to attend services, but to enter them wholeheartedly. And may we carry their holiness into every ordinary day that follows.

Shanah Tovah U'Metukah,
Rabbi Shields

Rabbi Michael Shields



“TELL” OUR STORY

RABBI JORDAN SHANER

DIRECTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL LEARNING

In the Torah reading for Yom Kippur, we hear that Aaron, the high priest, would select two male goats— identical twins, exactly the same in appearance, without any marks or blemishes. On the Day of Atonement, he would draw lots— the ancient equivalent of picking the short straw— over each goat. One would be dedicated to the Eternal, the God of Israel— the other sent away to azazel, a place in the wilderness, literally, “where the goat goes away.” Both goats were equal, but each would meet a different fate. One, slaughtered and offered as the people’s sacrifice on the altar in the Temple; the other, sent away into the wilderness, never to return. In biblical Hebrew, the word for sacrifice is *Korban*, literally, “that which is brought close.” The root of the word is קרב; the same as in the word *k’rovim*, relatives, or *kerev*, our insides. The sacrificial goat is literally “brought close”— to the people, to the sanctuary, to God. The other goat, marked for *azazel*, does the opposite. The Torah teaches: *v’shileiach*— that goat is to be ‘sent away’— bearing the sins of Israel with it into the wilderness. In this image we find two possible paths in life: one of attachment, relationship, closeness; the other of ostracism, exile, wandering.

The second goat, the azazel goat, is also the basis for the English word “scapegoat”— invented by William Tyndale for his 1530 translation of the Catholic bible from Latin to English [remember, Christians accept the Torah as part of their scriptures, but base their teaching on its early Greek and Latin translations, the Septuagint and the Vulgate]. The latin translates *azazel* as “the goat which goes away,” and so, Tyndale called it the “(e)scape-goat.” Over time, the word “scapegoat” came to have a different meaning: not an ancient Israelite ritual of separation from sin, but a human behavior in which guilt and shame are shifted off of a family, community, or society onto something or someone else. Scapegoating, then, is a form of othering, of distancing— an attempt to avoid accountability. The scapegoat phenomenon is a lie people tell themselves about the source of their problems, so they never have to take responsibility for solving

them. Scapegoating is the basis of the bigotry that Jews have faced in every generation, including our own. How strange that in giving the world a biblical image of separation from transgression and clinging to goodness through truth (confession) and sacrifice (atonement), the non-Jewish translators of Torah furnished a word for its opposite— the process of libeling, of othering, and of passing the buck. Strange, but revealing: the story of the Jewish people has frequently been turned upside-down in the world.

This is why Jewish education is so important: if we can’t tell our own story, someone else will twist it for their own ends. That’s why I’m excited to announce that we will be partnering with the Tell Institute— a Jewish education nonprofit founded by author Dara Horn— to pilot their brand-new curriculum for seventh grade B’nei Mitzvah students. All our seventh grade students will be able to participate in this program over eight sessions in our Sunday Religious School program. The curriculum teaches students how to tell their own version of the Jewish story in a way that is clear and understandable. It is based on the idea that Jews are a civilization which stands for responsibility to a moral law above the law of any political leader; a commitment to pluralism and freedom over conformity; and a countercultural imperative to stand up against coercion. It teaches that antisemitism is a lie that people tell to gain power by making Jews into a scapegoat for societal problems. The goal of adopting this curriculum is that our students will be equipped not only to respond to anti-Jewish lies with their own story, but that they will be able to draw their allies closer in doing so. In this new year, may we all succeed in rejecting the path of the scapegoat and upholding the path of truth, responsibility, and goodness. G’mar Chatimah Tovah— may you and your family be sealed for blessing in the book of life.

Rabbi Jordan Shaner

Rabbi Shaner



HIGH HOLY DAYS MESSAGE

LISA THORNER

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As we enter 5787, the High Holy Days invite us to pause, not simply to look back, but to think about where we are going and who we want to be in the year ahead. This is a season of reflection, renewal, and possibility. It is a time to appreciate the people who have shaped our lives, to acknowledge the moments that have challenged us, and to imagine what we can create together.

This year is particularly meaningful for Temple Sinai as we celebrate our 60th anniversary. Six decades of Temple Sinai represent so much more than a number. They represent generations of families who have celebrated, learned, prayed, mourned, grown, and found belonging within these walls. They represent the countless volunteers, clergy, staff, teachers, parents, and members who have given their time, energy, and hearts to make Temple Sinai the community it is today.

As I reflect on the past year, I am incredibly proud of the vibrancy and spirit of our congregation. We continue to evolve and grow while remaining grounded in the values that have guided Temple Sinai for 60 years. We are welcoming new families, creating new programs, investing in our campus, strengthening our schools, and finding new ways for people to connect with Judaism and with one another.

Temple Sinai is at its best when we show up for one another. It is in the person who walks through our doors for the first time and is greeted with a smile. It is in the volunteer who quietly gives countless hours without asking for recognition. It is in the parent watching their child discover something meaningful about Judaism. It is in the friend who reaches out during a difficult time.

As we celebrate 60 years, I also believe we have an opportunity to think boldly about the next 60. What do we want Temple Sinai to look like for the next generation? How can we continue to be a place where Judaism is meaningful, accessible, joyful, and relevant? How can we ensure that everyone who walks through our doors whether they have been here for 60 years or are visiting for the very first time feels that they belong?

I encourage each of you to find a place at Temple

Sinai that feels meaningful to you this year. Come to Shabbat. Join a class. Bring your children to Religious School. Get involved with Brotherhood, Sisterhood, Chavurah, or one of our many programs. Volunteer. Meet someone new. Invite a friend. Celebrate with us. And if you are not sure where you fit, please come talk to us. We will help you find your place.

Our congregation is strengthened every time someone chooses to participate, to contribute, or simply to be present. As we begin this New Year, I am filled with gratitude for our clergy, our staff, our lay leaders, our volunteers, our families, and every person who calls Temple Sinai home. I am grateful for the history we share, for the community we have built, and for the privilege of helping shape what comes next.

Finally, I want to express my deepest gratitude to our Board of Trustees, our dedicated committees, our clergy and staff, our volunteers, and each and every one of you who helps make Temple Sinai the special community it is. As we celebrate 60 years, we have so much to be proud of, the generations of families who have called Sinai home, the traditions we have carried forward, and the new ideas and possibilities that continue to shape our future.

Personally, it has been an incredible blessing to be part of the Temple Sinai community for more than 17 years. I am grateful every day for the relationships, friendships, memories, and experiences that have made this place so meaningful to me. Temple Sinai is not simply a building or an institution, it is the people who fill it with heart, purpose, and spirit. You are what makes this sacred community possible, and I am so grateful to be on this journey with you.

Wishing you and your family a happy, healthy, and sweet New Year.

Highlights from the past year:

- Welcomed 65 new households into our Temple Sinai family.
- Raised more than \$70,000 through the Chai 5 Campaign.
- Made significant investments in campus security.

- Expanded musical Shabbats and programming for all ages, including Twisted Shabbat, Sinai Social, Lifelong Jewish Learning, antisemitism programming, Mitzvah Day, holiday celebrations, and more.
- Continued to grow our Preschool and Religious School, providing meaningful Jewish and academic experiences for our children.
- Offered beautiful ritual services and abundant opportunities for Jewish learning and connection.
- Created a new Youth Lounge, providing a vibrant and welcoming space for our young people.

Looking ahead to the coming year:

- Celebrate Temple Sinai's 60th Anniversary throughout the year.
- Launch a new fundraising campaign at the High Holy Days.
- Complete our new picnic area with built-in grills.
- Install a new Memorial Board.
- Update the Sanctuary lighting to create a warmer and more welcoming worship space.

Lisa Thorner

Lisa Thorner

PLEASE REMEMBER:

Temple Sinai and our clergy will never ask for donations in the form of gift cards.

If you receive a suspicious message, **do not** reply, click any links, or make any purchases. Instead, contact the Temple office at 303-759-1827.

Please verify the sender's email address.

Official Temple Sinai staff and clergy emails will **ONLY** come from an @sinaidenver.org email address.

Wondering what you can do with old prayer books or other sacred texts? You can drop them off at the office of BMH-BJ Congregation at 560 S Monaco St Pkwy, Denver, CO 80224. You can reach BMH-BJ at (303) 388-4203. The books will be collected and taken to Mount Nebo or Rose Hill Cemetery for proper burial.





NEW MELODIES FOR 5787: SINGING OUR WAY INTO THE NEW YEAR

RUTHIE LIPSHULCH

CANTORIAL SOLOIST

As we welcome the Jewish year 5787, we are excited to introduce a new melody for V'shamru, a prayer that declares and celebrates Shabbat. This beautiful melody by Meir Finkelstein will be part of our Erev Rosh HaShanah worship on Friday, September 11, and I invite you to learn it with me through the short video.

**LEARN THE
NEW MELODY!**



This melody can be sung on any Shabbat, and this year it has an especially meaningful connection to our major holidays. Each of the three holidays below includes a Shabbat:



**Shabbat Erev Rosh
HaShanah
September 11, 2026**



**Shabbat Erev Sukkot
September 25, 2026**



**Shabbat Shemini
Atzeret
October 2, 2026**

The V'shamru melody we learn together for Erev Rosh HaShanah can continue to accompany us on these special Shabbats and on Shabbat throughout the year. Shabbat is something we can look forward to and return to again and again, a time to pause, breathe, and come together.



A NEW AMIDA MELODY

For the Amida - our standing call to prayer we will also have a new melody during every High Holy Days service. Stay tuned for a video with Rabbi Shields and me introducing it.



**Does your kiddo love singing our
prayers and learning through music?**
If you're interested in learning
more about the Sinai Songbirds
fill out this form:

[CLICK HERE](#)

Happy Singing! 🎵
Ruthie



JOIN ME AT THE RANCH!

DEBBIE FOSTER

DIRECTOR OF ENGAGEMENT AND PROGRAMMING

RUACH AT THE RANCH

with Rick Recht

A SPECIAL SINAI SHABBAT EXPERIENCE
AT JCC RANCH CAMP



Join Temple Sinai for a joyful morning in the mountains as we come together during the sacred days between Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur.

Experience music, prayer, nature, camp activities, community, and song with Rick Recht, our rabbis and the Sinai staff.

**SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 19**

9:45 AM

JCC RANCH CAMP

OUR MORNING AT THE RANCH

9:45 AM Arrive, Gather & Welcome

10:15 AM Musical Intergenerational Shabbat Service

Sing, celebrate, and welcome Shabbat with Rick Recht and our rabbis.

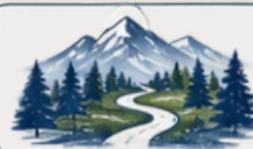
11:00 AM Choose Your Shabbat Adventure →

12:15 PM Celebratory Shabbat Lunch & Song Session

We'll gather back together for lunch, community, and plenty of music.



OR



**GUIDED SHABBAT
NATURE WALK**

**CAMP FUN FOR
YOUNG FAMILIES**

Designed especially for families with children approximately ages 0-6, with arts & crafts and games.

Join Rick and Eliza Recht for a meaningful walk through the Ranch Camp landscape. The trail, scenery, pauses, and movement will help us deepen our experience of this special Shabbat between Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur.

COST:

MEMBERS: \$54 PER FAMILY HOUSEHOLD OR \$18 PER INDIVIDUAL
NON-MEMBERS: \$72 PER FAMILY HOUSEHOLD OR \$36 PER INDIVIDUAL

**SCAN TO
REGISTER!**



Debbie



HIGH FIVE FOR CHAI 5!

MONA SPITZ

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

As we enter the High Holy Days, it is a natural time to reflect on the values that guide us and the organizations we want to sustain through our philanthropy. For many of us, Temple Sinai is an important part of that commitment, a place where we build community, celebrate Jewish life, support one another, and create a meaningful future together.

Cash gifts are always welcome, but there are also many thoughtful and potentially tax-advantaged ways to support Temple Sinai through non-cash gifts. Gifts of appreciated securities, retirement assets, and other assets can be powerful ways to make a meaningful contribution while potentially offering financial benefits to you as well.

In addition to your own financial advisor, please consider me as a resource. I would be delighted to have a confidential conversation with you about the opportunities available and help you explore a gift that aligns with your philanthropic goals.

Thank you for making Temple Sinai a priority in your philanthropy. Your generosity helps ensure that our community continues to thrive, not only today, but for generations to come.

Gift of Appreciated Securities

Securities and mutual funds that have increased in value and been held for more than one year can be used to make a gift to Temple Sinai. Making a gift of this type offers you the chance to support the Temple while realizing important benefits for yourself. When you donate appreciated securities or mutual funds in support of our mission, you can reduce or even eliminate federal capital gains taxes on the transfer. You may also be entitled to a federal income tax charitable deduction based on the fair market value of the securities at the time of the transfer. When you donate securities to Temple Sinai, you receive the same income tax savings that you would if you wrote a check, but with the added benefit of eliminating capital gains taxes on the transfer, which can be as high as 20%.

Gift from Your Donor Advised Fund

A Donor Advised Fund (DAF), which is like a charitable savings account, gives you the flexibility to recommend how much and how often money is granted to Temple Sinai and other qualified charities. You can recommend a grant or recurring grants now to make an immediate impact or use your fund as a tool for future charitable gifts.

Gift of Your IRA Distribution

IRA owners age 70½ or over when the distribution is

made can give a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from their IRA distribution. Those aged 73 and above are required to take a minimum distribution from their IRA retirement accounts. Donating from your IRA distribution to Temple Sinai as a qualified charitable organization may reduce your taxable income while also supporting the Temple Sinai community. You can give any amount (up to a maximum of \$111,000) this year from your IRA directly to a qualified charity such as Temple Sinai without having to pay income taxes on the money. Gifts of any value \$111,000 or less are eligible for this benefit and you can feel good knowing that you are making a difference at the Temple. Since the gift doesn't count as income, it can reduce your annual income level. This may help lower your Medicare premiums and decrease the amount of Social Security that is subject to tax.

Gift of Real Estate

Another type of gift you can give to Temple Sinai is real estate, such as a personal residence, vacation home, farm, commercial property or undeveloped land. When you give appreciated property you have held longer than one year, you qualify for a federal income tax charitable deduction and you may minimize or eliminate capital gains tax. And you no longer have to deal with that property's maintenance costs, property taxes or insurance. Another benefit is that you don't have to hassle with selling the real estate. You can deed the property directly to Temple Sinai or ask your attorney to add a few sentences in your will or trust agreement.

Planned Gift

Including Temple Sinai in your estate plans will help ensure the Temple's future and can benefit you in many ways. Your values and hopes for the future will be reflected in the distribution of your estate. You control your assets during your lifetime and the distribution of your assets after your lifetime. With guidance from your estate attorney, the taxes owed by your estate can be minimized while you maximize the assets you leave to family and loved ones. You also can choose to be part of the Temple's recognition society, Sinai Circle. Planned gifts include: a bequest in your will; a gift of retirement plan assets such as an IRA, 401(k) or 403(b); or a gift of life insurance.

I wish you and your loved ones a happy and healthy New Year, filled with peace, good health and many blessings.

Mona
Mona Spitz



BRYNN TULLY

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT DIRECTOR/ FAMILY PROGRAMMING ASSISTANT

Hello Temple Sinai! I'm so excited to share our Meretz and Ruach fall programming. Our first three events are set in the calendar and are going to be a lot of fun! Starting October 4, get ready for a shockingly fun experience! [Mad Science: "It's Electric"](#) lights up learning with hands-on experiments that explore electricity. On November 1, learn circus skills like juggling and hula hooping during [Cirque de Ruach](#). On December 6, Meretz and Ruach will [celebrate Chanukah together](#) with lots of treats and games with our giant dreidel!

New this year is our [Meretz and Ruach Membership](#). This brand new membership offers the entire year of Meretz and Ruach programming in one convenient package at a discounted rate to help families save money and plan ahead for the school year. With membership, each event is \$10. Families can always still purchase Meretz and Ruach tickets for individual events for \$12 each. Meretz and Ruach events will take place after Religious School on the first Sunday of the month from 12:00-1:30 PM, and are open to all kindergarten-5th graders.

We're also looking forward to welcoming our middle school and high school students back this fall! Both youth groups will have a great lineup of engaging programs and activities. Stay tuned for more details after the High Holy Days. I look forward to seeing you all at the start of the school year, and I hope everyone has a wonderful rest of the summer!

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



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High Holy Days 5787/2026

A HOME FOR YOUR JEWISH JOURNEY

HIGH HOLY DAYS SCHEDULE

Richard S. Rheins, Senior Rabbi
Michael Shields, Associate Rabbi
Raymond Zwerin, Rabbi Emeritus
Rabbi Jordan Shaner, Director of
Congregational Learning
Lisa Thorner, Executive Director
Rob Eber, President

Selichot

Saturday, September 5

7:00-7:45 PM: High Holy Days Music with our Choir
7:55-8:15 PM: Refreshments
8:15-9:00 PM: Service

Cemetery Memorial Services

Sunday, September 6

10:30 AM: Mt. Nebo (Rabbi Rheins)
11:30 AM: Fairmount (Rabbi Shields)
11:45 AM: Rose Hill (Rabbi Rheins)

Erev Rosh HaShanah

Friday, September 11

7:30 PM: Erev Rosh HaShanah Service

Rosh HaShanah 1st Day

Saturday, September 12

8:30-8:50 AM: Rosh HaShanah Rhythm N Ruach (0-6)
9:00-11:40 AM*: Machaneh (Camp) Rosh HaShanah:
A High Holy Days Youth Experience (Grades K-5)
9:00-11:40 AM*: Preschool (0-5) Babysitting
9:00-11:30 AM: Traditional Service
10:00-11:45 AM: Kavanah (Alternative) Service
11:45 AM-12:45 PM: Intergenerational Family Service
*Check in from 8:45-9:00 AM

Rosh HaShanah 2nd Day

Sunday, September 13

10:00 AM: Traditional Service
4:00 PM: Tashlich - Rosamond Park

Shabbat Shuvah

Saturday, September 19

9:45 AM: Ruach at the Ranch
At JCC Ranch Camp with Rick Recht

Erev Yom Kippur - Kol Nidre

Sunday, September 20

7:30 PM: Kol Nidre Traditional Service

Yom Kippur

Monday, September 21

8:30-8:50 AM: Yom Kippur Jammin' With Jonah
and the Whale (Ages 0-6)
9:00-11:40 AM*: Machaneh (Camp) Yom Kippur:
A High Holy Days Youth Experience (Grades K-5)
9:00-11:40 AM*: Preschool (0-5) Babysitting
9:00-11:30 AM: Traditional Service
10:00-11:45 AM: Kavanah (Alternative) Service
11:45 AM-12:45 PM: Intergenerational Family Service
2:00-3:15 PM: Discussion
3:30 PM: Afternoon Service
5:15 PM: Yizkor Service
6:00 PM: Neilah Service
*Check in from 8:45-9:00 AM

Erev Sukkot

Friday, September 25

6:00 PM: Erev Shabbat Sukkot Service
7:00 PM: Supper in the Sukkah

Sukkot

Saturday, September 26

10:00 AM: Sukkot Service
4:30 PM: Open Mic Night in the Sukkah + Pizza

Erev Shemini Atzeret

Friday, October 2

6:00 PM: Shabbat with Shemini Atzeret

Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah

Saturday, October 3

10:00 AM: Torah Service & Yizkor
5:00 PM: Simchat Torah Spaghetti Dinner
6:00 PM: Simchat Torah Festival Service

Sunday, October 4

9:30 AM: Religious School Simchat Torah



High Holy Days 2026 / 5787



★ ROSH HASHANAH ★

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- 8:30 AM ROSH HASHANAH RHYTHM N RUACH (AGES 0-6)
- 9:00 AM* PRESCHOOL (0-5) BABYSITTING
- 9:00 AM* MACHANEH (CAMP) ROSH HASHANAH: A HIGH HOLY DAYS YOUTH EXPERIENCE (GRADES K-5)
- 11:45 AM INTERGENERATIONAL ROSH HASHANAH SERVICE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- 4:00 PM TASHLICH (ROSAMOND PARK)

* CHECK IN FROM 8:45-9:00 AM



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- 9:45 AM RUACH AT THE RANCH AT JCC RANCH CAMP WITH RICK RECHT

★ YOM KIPPUR ★

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- 8:30 AM* YOM KIPPUR JAMMIN' WITH JONAH AND THE WHALE (AGES 0-6)
- 9:00 AM* PRESCHOOL (0-5) BABYSITTING
- 9:00 AM MACHANEH (CAMP) YOM KIPPUR: A HIGH HOLY DAYS YOUTH EXPERIENCE (GRADES K-5)
- 11:45 AM INTERGENERATIONAL YOM KIPPUR SERVICE

* CHECK IN FROM 8:45-9:00 AM



★ SUKKOT & SIMCHAT TORAH ★

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- 3-6 PM DONUTS AND DECORATE THE SUKKAH

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- 7:00 PM SUPPER IN THE SUKKAH

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- 4:30 PM OPEN MIC NIGHT AND PIZZA IN THE HUT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

- 5:00 PM SIMCHAT TORAH + CONSECRATION SPAGHETTI DINNER

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

- 12:00 PM MERETZ AND RUACH MAD SCIENCE "IT'S ELECTRIC"



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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.

SELICHOT PROGRAM AND SERVICE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 AT 7:00 PM

The New Year holds such promise and potential. Each of us has the opportunity to start fresh and bring the best of our values and character to shine. The High Holy Days have proven over the past 3,500 years to be extraordinarily important to help us reflect, repent, learn, and grow. The Selichot program and service (traditionally held on the Saturday evening that is at least 3 days before Rosh HaShanah) help us to prepare ourselves emotionally, intellectually, and spiritually for a transformative experience during the High Holy Days. Selichot falls on Saturday evening, September 5. This year, our program will feature Temple Sinai's fabulous Adult Choir under the guidance of its new Choir Director, Ellen Moeller! The Adult Choir will present some new songs and melodies that enrich our High Holy Days.

After the program, we will join together for a very meaningful Selichot service which concludes with the sounding of the shofar and the dressing of our Torah scrolls in their High Holy Days white covers. The Selichot programs and service are open to all and free to all. Please invite your friends to join us!

SCHEDULE: MUSIC PROGRAM: 7:00-7:45 PM | REFRESHMENTS: 7:55 - 8:15 PM | SERVICE: 8:15 - 9:00 PM

MONTHLY

HEALING SERVICE/VIRTUAL AT 11:00 AM THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

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

ARGUMENTS FOR THE SAKE OF HEAVEN BY THE LATE RABBI LORD JONATHAN SACKS WITH RABBI RHEINS TUESDAYS AT NOON (VIRTUAL) SEPTEMBER 1, 8, 29

Our new weekly text study will focus on the important book ARGUMENTS for the SAKE of HEAVEN by Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks zl. His books are always thought provoking, and this one is especially timely as it explores the growing rift between Orthodoxy and Reform, particularly in America. It also reviews the parallel conflict between ultra-religious and secular groups in Israel.

For each class, we will read a section of the book and take time to discuss and share our thoughts. Over the years, these text classes have given us opportunities both to learn and to create wonderful friendships. A PDF of each week's text will be sent out with the Zoom link.

Even if you missed the first several sessions, you'll easily fit in and be able to participate in the discussions!

SINAI SUNDAYS RETURN! SUNDAYS OCTOBER 18 AND 25 NOVEMBER 15 AND 22 DECEMBER 6 AND 20 JANUARY 24 AND 31 FEBRUARY 21 AND 28

9:45-10:35 AM: Beginning Hebrew for Adults
10:45- 11:40 AM: Foundations of Judaism
Additional courses will be announced!

Hebrew School isn't just for kids, Torah study is for grownups too! Sinai Sundays return this fall with classes led by Rabbi Rick Rheins and Rabbi Michael Shields on Sunday mornings. Always wanted to read Hebrew? We have **Beginning Hebrew for Adults** for you! Need an introduction or a refresher to Judaism? We'll explore Jewish thought and practice and discuss the meaning of prayers at **Foundations of Judaism**. Sinai Sundays is where it's happening! You can sign up for one or both sessions. **Additional courses will be announced in the weeks to come.** Save the dates!

Click on the buttons below to sign up!

BEGINNING
HEBREW

\$50 for members
\$100 for non-members

FOUNDATIONS
OF JUDAISM

\$50 for members
\$100 for non-members

LUNCH AND LEARN COME LEARN, DISCUSS, DEBATE AND MEET FRIENDS THURSDAYS SEPTEMBER 3, 10, 17, 24 *OCTOBER 1 (ANNIVERSARY SESSION) AT NOON

Review ethical and moral issues in selected Jewish texts with Rabbi Rheins or Rabbi Shields. 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!



Twenty-two years ago, we started the Lunch & Learn program during the festival of Sukkot. So, weather permitting, we will gather with Rabbi Rheins under Temple Sinai's new sukkah, enjoy a delicious lunch graciously sponsored by Linda and Jan Dorfman, and study together.

We'll fulfill the mitzvot of eating under the *sukkah*, raising the *lulav* and *etrog*, and reading passages from the Book of Kohelet.

What a lovely way to celebrate Sukkot! *Chag Sameach!*

[SIGN UP FOR THIS
SPECIAL CLASS HERE](#)





Fall/Winter 2026

SEPTEMBER 30 | OCTOBER 21 | NOVEMBER 4 |
NOVEMBER 18 | DECEMBER 2

6:30 PM
TEMPLE SINAI

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A CONVERSATION WITH JEREMY JACOBS IN THE SUKKAH

Jeremy Jacobs, founder of *Stories of Antisemitism*, will share effective ways to counter antisemitism in our everyday lives. Additionally, he will share the history and impact of the organization he started with his wife and give on-ramps for our community to engage with their work. Jacobs is the president of *Stories of Antisemitism*, a Christian organization dedicated to fighting anti-Jewish bigotry. Cosponsored by the Action Against Antisemitism Committee.

OCT.
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RACHEL LESTER: WHY IS ISRAEL LOSING THE PUBLIC RELATIONS WAR AND HOW CAN WE HELP?

Temple Sinai is sponsoring Los Angeles-born author Rachel Lester, who made Aliyah in 2017, planning to spend two years in Israel. After October 7, Lester, who had already served four years as a video editor of the IDF Spokesperson's unit, volunteered before she was called up the next day to disseminate information from the digital frontlines. Her memoir, *Digital Warrior: Inside Israel's Battle for the Narrative after October 7*, describes the high stakes of the aftermath and "how a democracy defends itself when the truth is the first casualty of war."

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JUDY WINNICK, OUR FAVORITE PERFORMER REPRISSES THE ROLE OF MIEP GIES

In keeping with last summer's presentation at Temple Sinai by Gillian Perry, founder of the United Kingdom's *Anne Frank Trust*, Judy Winnick will reprise her performance of Miep Gies (1909-2010). Interestingly, Winnick and Perry are scheduled to meet in England to share their invaluable research and knowledge. Winnick will transform into Gies, who was instrumental in helping the Frank family survive and later discovered the famous diary. After the performance, Winnick will answer questions as Gies and then as herself. Winnick last performed the character for us in 2024. This is a great program to bring along your middle schoolers and high schoolers to see one of the unsung heroes of the Holocaust come to life.

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A MODERN-DAY NOAH'S ARK

Uri Shanas, Israeli professor (and father of congregant Neta Shanas) and founder of *This is My Earth* (TIME) has created a successful model for saving endangered habitats. So far, his organization, using a \$1 and one vote approach, has helped protect 13 biodiversity hotspots in four continents. He will talk about the plants, animals and people along with stories that intertwine them and how we can get on board this extraordinary journey to save the planet.

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MOVIE NIGHT: LESS THAN KOSHER

Less Than Kosher is a 2023 Canadian comedy-musical-drama about Viv, who at 30, finds herself back living at home, after her pop music career fails to take off. When the "self-proclaimed" bad Jew takes a job as a cantor at her family's synagogue, the real adventures begin.

[RSVP HERE](#)



...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:

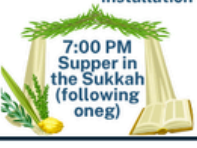
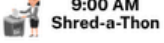
Rabbi Rick Rheins and
Rabbi Michael Shields

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.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30  9:00 AM First Day of Religious School  12:00 PM Temple Sinai's Annual Picnic	31	1  12:00 PM Arguments for the Sake of Heaven (virtual)  6:00 PM Brotherhood, Bible & Beers at Darcy's	2 4:30 PM Religious School Midweek Program  6:00 PM Teen Academy and Confirmation 6:30 PM SCN Congregational Security Training 	3  12:00 PM	4  6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service	5 NITZAVIM-VAYEILECH 8:00 AM Pardes Meditation 9:00 AM Shabbat Minyan  7:00 PM High Holy Days Music with Choir 8:00 PM SELICHOT SERVICE 
6  9:00 AM Jewish War Veterans Meeting CEMETERY MEMORIAL SERVICES 10:30 AM Mt. Nebo 11:30 AM Fairmount 11:45 AM Rose Hill	7 LABOR DAY	8  11:00 AM Brotherhood Marksman Club  11:30 AM Lunch With My Sisters	9	10  12:00 PM	11 EREV ROSH HASHANAH  7:30 PM Erev Rosh HaShanah Service	12 ROSH HASHANAH  Scan Below for Rosh HaShanah Schedule
13 ROSH HASHANAH TASHLICH  10:00 AM Traditional Rosh HaShanah Service  4:00 PM Tashlich at Rosamond Park	14 FAST OF GEDALIA  6:00 PM Brotherhood Broncos Watch Party	15	16 1:00 PM Knitting and Crocheting for JOY 	17 9:00 AM Brotherhood Breakfast at Morning Story   12:00 PM	18  6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service	19 HAAZINU 8:00 AM Pardes Meditation 9:00 AM Shabbat Minyan   9:45 AM Ruach at the Ranch
20 KOL NIDRE  7:30 PM Kol Nidre Service	21 YOM KIPPUR  Scan Below for Yom Kippur Schedule	22	23 3:00 - 6:00 PM Donuts and Decorate the Sukkah 	24  12:00 PM	25 EREV SUKKOT  6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Sukkot Service and Board Installation  7:00 PM Supper in the Sukkah (following oneg)	26 SUKKOT  10:00 AM Sukkot Service  4:30 PM Open Mic Night and Pizza in the Hut
27 CHOL HAMO-EID SUKKOT  9:00 AM Religious School  9:00 AM Shred-a-Thon  11:00 AM Grief Support Group  5:00 PM The Middle Group: Sukkah Sunday	28 CHOL HAMO-EID SUKKOT  ELECTRONICS RECYCLING FUNDRAISER 9/27-10/11	29 CHOL HAMO-EID SUKKOT	30 CHOL HAMO-EID SUKKOT  11:00 AM Book Group  4:30 PM Religious School Midweek Program  6:00 PM Teen Academy and Confirmation  6:30 PM Lifelong Jewish Learning in the Sukkah	1 CHOL HAMO-EID SUKKOT  in the Sukkah 12:00 PM	2 HOSHANA RABBAH  6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service with Shemini Atzeret	3 SIMCHAT TORAH AND SH'MINI ATZERET 8:00 AM Pardes Meditation 10:00 AM Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah Service and Yizkor  5:00 PM Simchat Torah Spaghetti Dinner  6:00 PM Simchat Torah Service and Consecration



CONGREGATIONAL SECURITY TRAINING

WITH SECURE COMMUNITY NETWORK

Come learn about the safety measures in place at Temple Sinai and best practices for responding to potential threats.

Kevin Farrington, Regional Security Advisor for Colorado's Secure Community Network (SCN), will educate congregants on how to prepare for and respond to the unlikely event of a threat.

**Wednesday, September 2
6:30 PM at Temple Sinai**



CLICK TO REGISTER



JEWISH WAR VETERANS

**MONTHLY MEETING
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
9:00 AM
TEMPLE SINAI**

Join the Jewish War Veterans for their first meeting of the fall season on Sunday, September 6, at 9:00 AM. The featured speaker will be COL Dave Murphy, USAF (Ret.). A graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy Class of 1990, Dave served as a fighter pilot during his distinguished Air Force career. He also earned a Ph.D. in Leadership Philosophy and brings a unique perspective of leadership, service, and personal development.

A complimentary breakfast will be available at no cost!

Temple Sinai's Annual
SHRED-A-THON

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
9:00 AM-12:00 PM
AT TEMPLE SINAI**

**MINIMUM \$20
DONATION REQUIRED**

TEMPLE SINAI ELECTRONICS RECYCLING FUNDRAISER

September 27 – October 11

Items can be dropped off in the Temple Sinai foyer.

Here is a list of items we can recycle:

- Desktops and laptops
- LCD monitors
- CRT monitors
- LED monitors
- Computer peripherals
- Computer accessories
- Computer mice
- Keyboards
- Copiers
- Printers
- Digital cameras
- Cellphones
- Game consoles



NO TVs

Minimum \$20 donation required



Donuts & Decorate the Sukkah

Wednesday, September 23 3:00-6:00 PM

Join us at the Temple as we gather to decorate our community sukkah! We will bring the donuts, you bring your creativity! This hands-on tradition is a joyful way to celebrate Sukkot together—hanging colorful decorations, adding natural greenery, and filling the sukkah with warmth and creativity.

RSVP HERE




Supper IN THE SUKKAH

Good food. Great company. Under the stars.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 | FOLLOWING ONEG | IN THE SUKKAH AT TEMPLE SINAI

Members: \$18 Adults | Kids: \$11 (0-2 Free)
Non-Members: \$21 Adults | Kids: \$14 (0-2 Free)

RSVP HERE



OPEN MIC NIGHT AND PIZZA in the HUT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 4:30 PM

ALL ARE WELCOME UNDER THE STARS IN OUR SUKKAH!

MEMBERS: \$10/ADULT \$7/KID | NON-MEMBERS: \$15/ADULT \$12/KID
(0-2 YEARS OLD/FREE)

RSVP HERE




SPAGHETTI DINNER, SIMCHAT TORAH SERVICE, AND CONSECRATION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 5:00 PM TEMPLE SINAI

RSVP HERE





The Jews of Cuba
Presented by
Rabbi Susan Miller Rheins

Wednesday, September 2
12:00 - 1:00 PM

Denver • Address provided upon RSVP
Your \$10 registration fee supports
Hadassah's Pediatric Emergency Room at Mount Scopus
You are welcome to bring your own dairy/parve lunch.

Register at events.hadassah.org/Inlrabbisrheins

Join us on a virtual journey across Cuba with Rabbi Susan Miller Rheins, who has been to Cuba seven times since 2019. In addition to meeting the people and exploring the sites, learn how Cuba is changing and how these changes affect the Jewish communities. **Zoom and/or recording will not be available.**

Meet Rabbi Susan Miller Rheins

Rabbi Susan Miller Rheins, a Life Member of Hadassah, has more than 38 years of practical experience as a synagogue rabbi, Jewish educator, and college chaplain. Susan enjoys leading Jewish heritage tours in Israel, Central and Eastern Europe, Cuba, and Morocco. She is married to Rabbi Rick Rheins, Senior Rabbi of Temple Sinai, Denver. They have 3 adult sons.

Questions? Please contact Maureen at HadassahDenver303@gmail.com.

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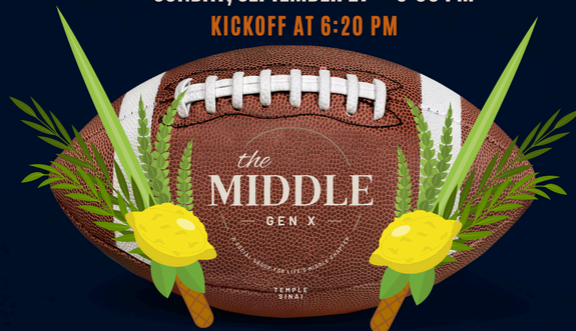
Temple Sinai's Knitting and Crocheting for JOY group is always creating hats, scarves, and blankets for those in need. We need more yarn! If you have full or half skeins sitting in the back of the closet from some project you never completed or started, please drop them at the Temple office (we also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

Thank you for this mitzvah!

THE MIDDLE GROUP
FOR GEN XERS

SUKKAH SUNDAY: BURGERS, BEER & BRONCOS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 • 5:00 PM
KICKOFF AT 6:20 PM



Break in our new grills, eat in the Sukkah,
then head to the new Youth Lounge to watch
the Broncos vs. the Rams.

\$10 MEMBERS **\$15 NON-MEMBERS**
Dinner and booze included

RSVP HERE:



Looking to get involved?
Find more ways here!



Jewish Summer Camp

If you're interested in helping Rabbi Shields encourage camp attendance, we invite you to be part of an energetic and heart-centered group dedicated to helping more of our children experience the magic of Jewish summer camp. Rooted in our values of Kehillah (community) and Torah (learning), this group will work to build awareness, share the transformative impact of camp, and create joyful, creative opportunities to raise funds for our Camp Scholarship Fund. From fun, community-driven events to meaningful storytelling about camp experiences, this effort will help ensure that every Temple Sinai child who wants to go to Jewish camp has the opportunity to do so. Because camp is more than a summer, it's where friendships are formed, Jewish identity comes alive, and lifelong connections begin.
Email Rabbi Shields [here](mailto:rabbi@temple-sinai.org).





WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Hezy & Maya Shalev, Ido, Alma, and Amit
Benjamin & Dana Katz, Howard and Louis
David Greenberg & Jane Figueiredo, Evie and Iris
Dan & Lauren Engelsberg, Mara

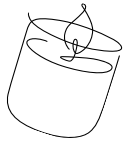
IN MEMORIAM

Ely Margolin Fishkin, husband of the late Barbara Fishkin, father of Michael Fishkin and Stephanie (Fishkin) Kiley

Bella Kasner, aunt of Susan (Jan) Hammerman

Leah Ann Hauser, mother of Daniel (Michelle Barnard-Hauser) Hauser and Laura Megan Elisabeth Hauser, grandmother of Abigail Mackenzie Hauser

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 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.

 **LEARN MORE AND APPLY AT:**
[SINAIDENVER.ORG/WHAT-WE-DO/SCHOLARSHIPS](https://sinaidenver.org/what-we-do/scholarships)

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APPEL FAMILY YOUTH EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Phyllis Levine Paper
Janet Paper Fisher

ILENE SHIROFF MEMORIAL FUND IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Herbert H. Vean
Wendy Vean

JULIUS & HELEN RING IST FUND IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Joseph Defez, Alfred Simson, and
Laurena Van De Polder
Jean Guthery
Robyn Friedman
Bev Rouleau
Rose Rosenfeld
Edward & Debby Rosenfeld

IN HONOR OF:

Steve Katz & Judy Aronson and
Neal & Rosann Spevack for
sponsoring Gillian Perry's talk on
Anne Frank
Jean Guthery

MARILYN TOBIN MEMORIAL FLOWER FUND

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Claire Felsenburg
Jerome & Dorothy Gotlieb
Dolores Tobin, Lottie Tobin, and
Irv Zwick
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OSI & SELMA SLADEK CULTURAL ARTS / MUSIC FUND

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

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Richard & Elaine Ricklin
Ernest and Hilde Berdach
Evelyn Shafer

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Beatrice Botkin
Stephen Botkin

RABBI RICHARD RHEINS DISCRETIONARY FUND

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

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Robert Braverman, Morris Breggin,
and David Pitzele
Jody & Janie Braverman

Tillie Brownstein
Norm & Sunny Brownstein
Robyn Friedman
Bennie & Joan Bub
Paul & Lori Feld
Michael & Traci Sidon
Noreen Stillman
Rich & Mary Weinstock
Celeste Gorden
Eli & Linda Osatinski
Dana & Pamela Wakefield
Gail Kahn
Barbara Glassman
Melvin "Sonny" Joseph Klein and
Rosa "Rosie" Strange Klein
Brad & Nancy Weiman
Peter Knezevich
Brian & Karen Kaehler
Don Kortz and Pearle Rae Levey
Ken & Barbara Laff
Danny Levitt
Brian Cook & Sharon Mushkin
Evan Klein & Ellen Davidson
Klein
Isaac Mintz
Don & Mimi Krakowski
Alex and Marguerite Rosey
Vicky Baker
Floradahl "Toots" Sacks
Neal & Roseann Spevack
Dr. Phillip Wolf
Bennie & Joan Bub

IN HONOR OF:

Susan Friedman's Special Birthday
Patti Rittenberg
Leah Rose Landman's Hebrew
Naming Ceremony
The Landman Family
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