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CELEBRATING 60 YEARS

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THEIR THANKSGIVING PRAYER...AND OURS

RABBI RICK RHEINS

While the Book of Psalms is replete with sacred prayers and songs, in the Torah we find only a few passages where God instructs our ancestors to pray by using specific liturgy. So, when the Torah emphasizes a ritual and the exact wording of a ceremony, we instinctively look closer to take note of its inspired significance. One excellent example of a Torah prayer relates to an ancient Thanksgiving ritual and, therefore, is of timely interest to us as we prepare to celebrate our American Thanksgiving.

The passage, in Deuteronomy 26, describes a ritual that takes place when our ancestors harvested their land. They brought the first fruits of the harvest to the Temple and declared to the Kohanim, the Temple's religious leaders: "I acknowledge this day before Adonai Your God that I have entered the land that Adonai swore to our ancestors to give to us."

After presenting the offering, our ancestor then recalled the difficult and often harsh experiences of the earliest days of our people:
My father was a fugitive Aramean. He went down to Egypt with meager numbers and sojourned there; but there he became a great and very populous nation. The Egyptians dealt harshly with us and oppressed us; they imposed heavy labor upon us. We cried to Adonai, the God of our ancestors, and Adonai heard our plea and saw our plight, our misery, and our oppression. Adonai freed us from Egypt by a mighty hand, by an outstretched arm and awesome power, and by signs and portents. God brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. Wherefore I now bring the first fruits of the soil which You, O Adonai, have given me (Deut. 26:5-10).

That first Thanksgiving prayer is now a fixture in our Passover Haggadah. Note how the act of offering thanksgiving is central to the core values of Judaism. It reminds us never to take today's bounty for granted. It directs our attention to the fact that it was only because of God's grace and the goodness, heroism, and loving dedication of those who came before us that we are able to enjoy our harvest. It is all too easy to forget the hardships endured by our parents, grandparents and the generations before them. Who can fathom the deprivation they suffered? Who can fully appreciate how they found the faith and determination to persevere despite the oppressive antisemitism so prevalent in their day? Doors and opportunities shut. Offensive comments were made with the intention of hurting and intimidating Jews. We endured cruel mockery, threats, and abuse. We shudder to think that this brutal reality was all too evident just a few decades back. But our parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents survived because of their faith, intelligence, and willpower.

How sad it is that now, well into the 21st century, Jews are once again facing rising incidents of antisemitism. But like our ancestors, we will not succumb to the bullies and bigots. As we contemplate the accomplishments of our ancestors, we gain both appreciation and hope. As they offered thanks and kept their faith even during the darkest times, so too, will we. Those who came before us, were inspired by our eternal and sacred covenant with God that has supported us and helped us generate the energy and spirit to overcome every setback.

And just as our ancestors' strength of faith serves as a template for us, so too, let us realize that **we** are role models for our children and grandchildren. Today's challenges are opportunities for us to personally demonstrate our Jewish pride and wisdom. These are opportunities for us to help the younger generations discover the richness and blessings of Judaism. And these are the days during which we inspire others to express the timeless Jewish value of Ahavat Zion, a love of Zion, a love of Israel, and a love of the Jewish people. For all these blessings and more, we give thanks.

Finally, we must be aware that many families are struggling. Good, hardworking people have had to do without in order to survive. But let no family feel alone and without resources this Thanksgiving. Help can be found for our neediest families so that they, too, will feast with loved ones and rejoice in God's blessings. Please call me in confidence.

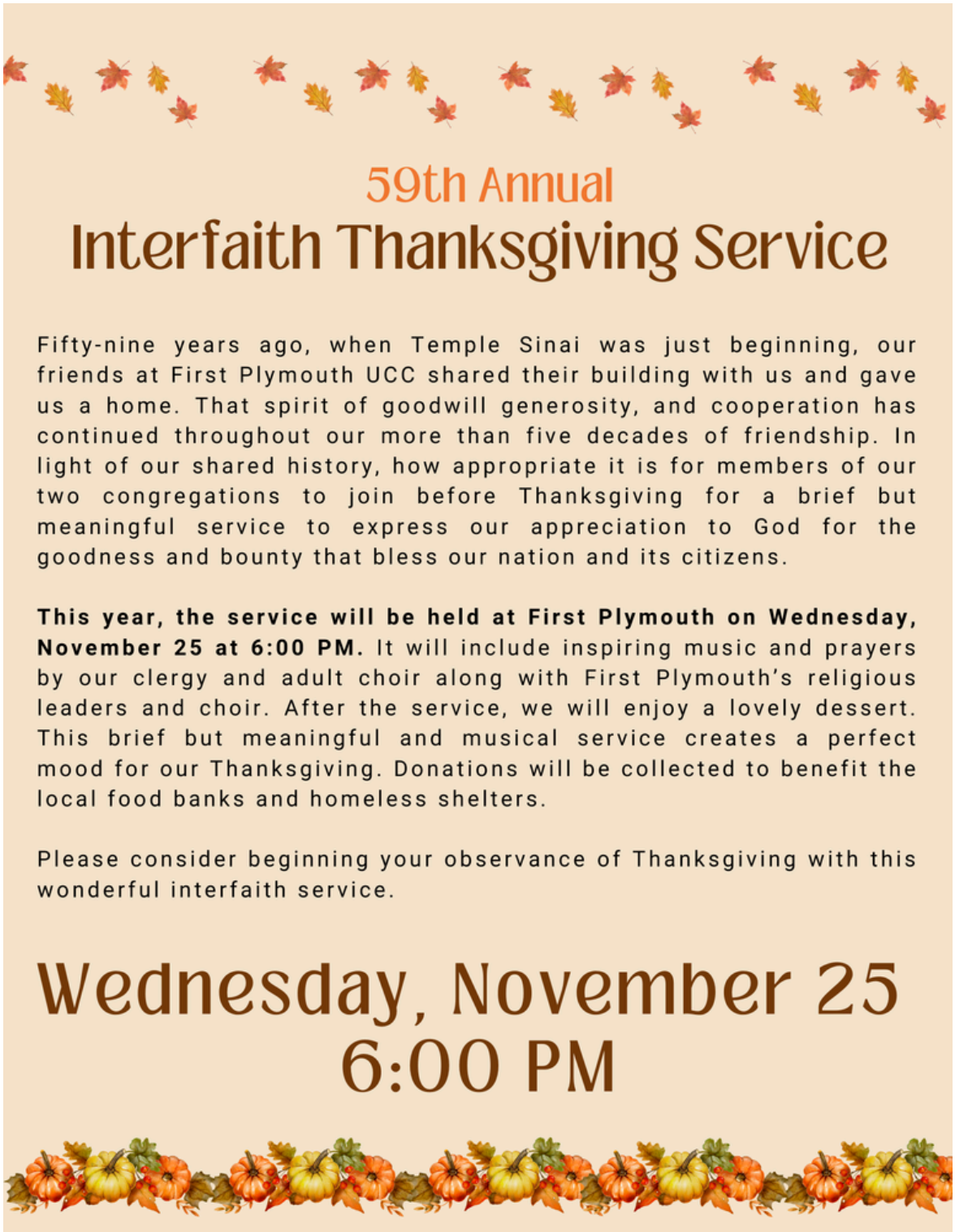
In good times and bad, we all have much for which to give thanks. So, before we prepare to carve our turkey

and hand around plates piled high with mouth-watering food, let us pause and share a prayer. Let us thank God for life, health, and hope. Let us thank family for the love that inspires us to go beyond what we thought was our limit. Let us thank friends for the companionship that brings us laughter and support. Let us look around at the precious souls that are gathered at our table and marvel at the privilege of being together at this sacred moment. Let each give voice and share feelings of thanksgiving.

B'vrakhah, With Blessings,



Rabbi Rick Rheins





ISRAEL IN ACTION: ISRAEL MA'ASEH!

RABBI MICHAEL SHIELDS

Our relationship with Israel grows through the experiences we share, the people we meet, and the ways we show up for one another. With that spirit, we are launching Israel Ma'aseh!, Israel in Action, a Temple Sinai initiative to promote engagement, exploration, enjoyment of, and support for Israel. Temple Sinai board member, Mark Shulman, and I will be sparking this initiative and warmly invite all those interested to contact us.

One exciting way to put that connection into action is through volunteering. This December 21–29, we look forward to our inaugural Denver-area volunteer cohort traveling to Israel with Livnot U'Lehibanot. Participants will help communities rebuild while experiencing the country and connecting with its people. This is the beginning: We will explore additional volunteer and travel opportunities through a variety of organizations, helping our members find meaningful ways to participate.

Here at home, we are planning periodic Israel Coffee and Conversation gatherings to ask questions, share experiences, and learn together. We also look forward to an Israel Shabbat dinner, bringing our community together around the table for a celebration of our connection to Israel.

We will seek to deepen partnerships with JEWISHcolorado's Israeli emissary, explore connections with Israel's Reform congregations, and share speakers and opportunities throughout the Denver Jewish community.

My hope is that Israel Ma'aseh! will offer many doorways into a deeper relationship with Israel, through service, learning, friendship, culture, and shared joy. I invite you to help shape what comes next.

Interested in future volunteer trips or getting involved? Please reach out to me. Let's put our connection into action!

GROWING JEWISHLY: THE B'NEI MITZVAH JOURNEY AT TEMPLE SINAI

At Temple Sinai, becoming B'nei Mitzvah is a milestone for the whole family and a sacred moment in the life of our congregation. The preparation invites our young people to discover their voices, deepen their relationship with Judaism, and recognize that they have something meaningful to contribute to our community.

As a rabbi and educator, one of my core principles, and Sinai's, is to meet each student where they are, taking into account their learning style, needs, and personality. There is no single mold for a meaningful Jewish journey. Each student brings distinct strengths, questions, and challenges, and I believe our task is to help them grow through meaningful goals, encouragement, and appropriate challenges. We also want them to go out into the world as they edge closer to adulthood as confident, knowledgeable Jews.

That work begins with relationships; what excites or intrigues a student? What makes them nervous? How do they see the world? Those conversations help us connect the words of Torah and prayer to their lives. They also build the trust that allows students to ask questions, try something difficult, and take pride in their progress.

Learning to lead prayer, read Torah, and offer a teaching can cultivate confidence, perseverance, and a sense of belonging. My hope is that every student comes away knowing: "My questions belong here. My voice matters. I have a place in Jewish life."

As families look ahead to this milestone at Sinai, we welcome the opportunity to talk about your child and your hopes for the experience. It is a privilege to walk alongside our students and families as they make this journey their own, and begin the next chapter of their Jewish lives.

Rabbi Michael Shields



TEMPLE SINAI CELEBRATES 60 YEARS

LISA THORNER

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Sixty years ago, five families came together with a vision. Temple Sinai was founded in 1967, when these families embraced the idea of establishing a new Reform congregation as more families moved to the suburbs. What began as a small but determined group quickly grew, with 88 families becoming charter members by the end of the first year. Their vision laid the foundation for a congregation that would grow into a vibrant center of Jewish life and community. Today, that vision lives on in the hundreds of households, the children and students who fill its classrooms, the meaningful traditions that unite its members, and the countless relationships that make Temple Sinai such a special place.

In those early years, services and meetings were held at First Plymouth Church, beginning a special relationship that continues to this day. Six decades later, Temple Sinai and First Plymouth continue to come together annually for a Thanksgiving service, honoring a tradition rooted in friendship and community. This year's service will take place on Wednesday, November 25, at 6:00 PM at First Plymouth Church.

Today, Temple Sinai is a thriving congregation of approximately 900 households, serving families at every stage of life. Its Early Childhood Center welcomes 150 children each day, while its growing Religious School engages more than 230 students in Jewish learning, tradition and identity. Through meaningful worship, robust educational opportunities, engaging programs and a genuinely welcoming atmosphere, Temple Sinai continues to nurture Jewish life and foster connections that extend well beyond its walls.

As Temple Sinai looks back on six remarkable decades, the congregation will mark this milestone with a six-month celebration honoring its history and the traditions that bring generations together.

The celebration will begin on Friday, December 4, with a special Shabbat honoring Temple Sinai's founding rabbi, Rabbi Raymond Zwerin, as well as celebrating his 90th birthday. Rabbi Zwerin will deliver the sermon, followed by a congregational Shabbat dinner. This special evening will provide a wonderful opportunity for members past and present to gather, celebrate and reflect on the legacy of the rabbi whose leadership helped shape the congregation's earliest years. Please be on the lookout for invitation and registration information.

Be sure to visit the 60th Anniversary page in the Kesher for details about upcoming programs, events and celebrations throughout the year.

The 60th Anniversary festivities will culminate on Sunday, June 13, at Temple Sinai's Annual Gala, bringing the community together to celebrate its shared history and look ahead to the future. If you would like to get involved please let me know.

As Temple Sinai celebrates its past and honors all those who have contributed to its remarkable journey, it also looks forward with excitement and optimism. The 60th Anniversary is not only an opportunity to reflect on how far the congregation has come, but also to celebrate the possibilities ahead and the next generation who will carry its legacy forward.

Lisa Thorner

Lisa Thorner



Temple Sinai

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS

Celebrate Temple Sinai's 60TH ANNIVERSARY

Honoring Our Past, Celebrating Our Present, Building Our Future.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FRIDAY December 4, 2026	Rabbi Zwerin's 90th Birthday Celebration
SUNDAY January 24, 2027	Sinai Turns 60: Let's Rock with Rick Recht
SUNDAY May 16, 2027	Mitzvah Day: Sinai at 60
SUNDAY June 13, 2027	60th Anniversary Annual Event

LOOK FORWARD TO

Sinai Stories and History

Special Speakers

Congregationwide Art Installation

...and more!

If you'd like to help with planning any of our 60th Anniversary celebrations, please email Amanda Brooks at amanda@sinaidenver.org.

Temple Sinai
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You are invited to

RABBI ZWERIN'S 90TH!



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

Services & Rabbi Zwerin's sermon: 6:00 pm
Followed by Shabbat Birthday Dinner
We'll also light the first Chanukah candles together!

$36 per person
RSVP HERE

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RABBI ZWERIN'S LEGACY BOOK!



IN HONOR OF RABBI ZWERIN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY, WE ARE CREATING A LEGACY BOOK!

CLICK HERE TO SHARE YOUR MEMORIES, VIDEOS AND PHOTOS BY WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18.



THE HEALING POWER OF MUSIC: A JOURNEY THROUGH SONG

RUTHIE LIPSHULCH

CANTORIAL SOLOIST

As I reflect on this year's High Holy Days, I am reminded of the extraordinary power that music and prayer have to move us, heal us, and connect us to something greater than ourselves. We come from such a rich musical tradition, one in which melodies have been carried through generations, giving voice to the hopes, struggles, joys, and prayers of our ancestors.

My hope is that during this year's High Holy Days services, you experienced a moment when a familiar melody transported you to a cherished memory or reconnected you with a tradition from your past. Perhaps it brought comfort or allowed you to feel closer to those who came before us. Through music and prayer, we have an opportunity not only to honor our history but to feel ourselves as part of its continuing story. A prayer such as *Avinu Malkeinu* can feel almost like an operatic aria, carrying the emotional weight of generations. Its powerful, almost processional quality gives voice to our collective pain, longing, and plea for forgiveness.

The healing power of music is more than a metaphor. Research has shown that music can help reduce stress, support emotional regulation, and foster a sense of connection and well-being. When we listen to or participate in music, we engage not only our minds but also our bodies and emotions. A melody can help us release tension, give expression to grief, or experience joy when words alone may not be enough. In this way, music can become a therapeutic experience, creating space for us to feel what we need to feel without judgment or expectation. Healing does not always mean finding a solution or changing how we feel. Sometimes, it simply means allowing ourselves to be moved, understood, or comforted.

It is with this spirit that I invite you to join me on **Thursday, November 19, at 1:15 PM at Temple Sinai**, for a special musical program in partnership with **Kavod on the Road**. Through selections from opera, musical theatre, and beloved feel-good songs spanning different eras, we will explore the many emotions and experiences that shape the human journey across different time periods.

Perhaps something you hear will resonate with a part of your own story, whether it brings a smile, stirs an unexpected emotion, or offers a moment of reflection. What I find most beautiful is that while we gather to share the same music, each of us brings our own memories, perspectives, and experiences to what we hear. **The music may be shared, but the meaning we discover within it belongs uniquely to each of us.**

I look forward to sharing this musical journey with you.

Yours in Song,
Ruthie Lipshulch





SINAI STORIES: MORE THAN WE KNEADED

DEBBIE FOSTER

DIRECTOR OF ENGAGEMENT AND PROGRAMMING

This year's Pink & Teal Challah Bake brought together longtime friends, many new Temple Sinai congregants, and two grandmothers with their granddaughters. And yes, even two men! Everyone chose their own hot pink aprons with playful Yiddish sayings like "Bubbe," "Mamele," "Balabusta," "Nosh," "Shmutzy," and "Bubelah!"

While the challah dough was rising, we learned about breast and ovarian cancer awareness, genetic testing, and available resources.

For Beth Gold and her friends, the evening has become an annual tradition celebrating her daughter-in-law, Pamela, a three-year cancer survivor:
"We have a close knit group of friends who support each other through the good and the bad. We have chosen to celebrate our daughter-in-law, Pamela Gold (three-year survivor), at the pink and teal challah bake every year. We are so blessed to have Pamela and close friends in our lives."

When Barb and Amy Finke arrived, they felt a sense of joy when they saw the 'Balabusta' aprons. Because that was a special name for Barb's mom.

Amy and Barb shared their experiences:
"Thank you so much for such a fun and meaningful evening! I loved getting to spend the evening with my mom, run into old friends, and learn so much. The information shared, especially about genetic testing, was so helpful and timely. And the challah was delicious! We had such a great time, and next year, we're going full pink! Thank you for putting together such a special event!" Barb said: *"The one speaker about getting genetic testing for breast cancers was very interesting and convincing. I signed up for my kit today."*

If you missed this year's bake, be sure to join us next October—you'll enjoy an evening filled with pink, friendship, and freshly baked challah while learning important information about women's health!

To learn more about the FREE AND EASY genetic testing for Jews living in Colorado visit www.BRCA-jewish.org. For cancer support and connection, visit sharsheret.org.

Debbie







WHY GIVE TO THE CHAI-5 ANNUAL APPEAL?

MONA SPITZ

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

You've probably been hearing and reading about Temple's Sinai's Chai-5 Annual Appeal taking place now through Chanukah. I want to use part of my Kesher article to explain why Temple Sinai asks congregants to consider gifts over and above their membership dues.

When new members join, we provide them with a suggested dues scale based on gross household income. This scale serves as a guideline rather than a requirement. Some households choose to contribute more than the suggested amount, while others contribute less.

We recognize that every household's circumstances are different, and we are committed to working with each family to find a comfortable and appropriate level of support. Our goal is to make membership accessible to all who wish to be part of Temple Sinai.

Please note that it costs our Temple a minimum of $2,000 per year, per household to operate and provide essential services to our congregation.

With congregants paying their self-determined fair share, annual dues do not cover our operating costs. Charitable donations help close the gap. This is why we ask congregants who are able, to consider giving additional support over and above their dues.

We know that in this challenging economic environment, many congregants are not able to give more. No member should ever feel pressured to give and there are many ways to support the Temple that doesn't include making a donation. You can volunteer, attend a worship service or participate in a program, just to name a few.

About Chai-5...

Now through our celebration of Chanukah, congregants have the opportunity to support Temple Sinai's fourth CHAI-5 Annual Appeal. **Participation is our goal!** We've identified five priorities which you can read about here. You decide where you want to direct your gift and how much you want to give. We're also grateful to an anonymous donor who has offered a generous match of $20,000.

If you choose to participate in the Chai-5 appeal at any level, your participation sends a powerful message: **our Temple matters, our community matters, and the future of Jewish life matters.**

I extend a heartfelt thank you to our congregants, clergy and staff who have already contributed to Chai-5. If you haven't had a chance to give, but wish to, you can **DONATE HERE**. By combining our gifts together as a community, Temple Sinai will continue to thrive!

With Gratitude,

Mona

Mona Spitz

CHAI- 5

FIVE PRIORITIES. 60 YEARS STRONG.

DONATING IS EASY!
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Temple Sinai

CHAI- 5

FIVE PRIORITIES. 60 YEARS STRONG.

Your gift helps strengthen the programs, experiences and spaces that make our community thrive. From now through Chanukah, give to Chai-5 and choose how to direct your support among five areas that make a meaningful impact at Sinai.

Celebrate Temple Sinai's 60th with

CHAI- 5

Programs and events can be very expensive to produce. Chai-5 gives you a voice and brings us together.

Giving at Sinai is Simple
Dues, donations, program fees and Chai-5 participation reflect your investment and commitment to Temple Sinai.

You Choose the Areas that Inspire you!
You can direct your Chai-5 donation to specific areas or give to the overall appeal.

We invite everyone to make an investment of Chai ($18)x5=$90 or whatever increment of Chai that is right for you.

1 **BUILDING BELONGING**
Cultural arts, intergenerational experiences and Judaic programs that bring our community together.

2 **CONNECTING THROUGH TECHNOLOGY**
High-quality media technology that connects our community through worship, learning and special events.

3 **TRANSFORMATIVE TEEN EXPERIENCES**
Youth travel and leadership opportunities that develop confident, connected Jewish teens.

4 **ENHANCING SACRED & COMMUNAL SPACES**
Sanctuary improvements, social hall updates and welcoming spaces where our community can gather and connect.

5 **INVESTING IN YOUNG ADULTS**
Engaging young adults in meaningful Jewish learning and strengthening their connection to Judaism and each other.

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Checks payable to Temple Sinai: 3509 South Glencoe Street Denver, CO 80237 or donate online using the QR code above



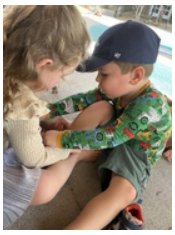
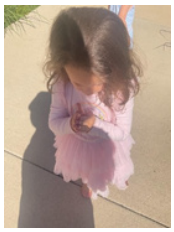
OUR VALUES, BROUGHT TO LIFE

SHEILA PURDIN

SENIOR DIRECTOR OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

At Temple Sinai Preschool, our values come alive in everyday moments: an educator listening closely, children celebrating Shabbat, or a friend offering comfort. This summer, our Preschool Leadership Team completed updated values statements through reflection, conversation, and thoughtful consideration of educator feedback. Now we are making those values visible through photographs and stories from school:

Kavod: Dignity & Respect begins with our belief that children are competent and capable. We see it when a child takes on a physical challenge and when an educator gets close, listens, and offers support. Giving children time to try, taking their ideas seriously, and honoring each person's uniqueness communicate something powerful: You matter, and we believe in you.

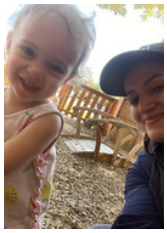
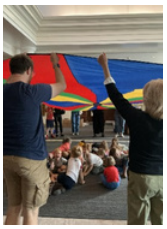
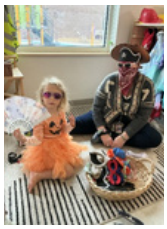




Kehilah: Community comes alive as children sing and dance together in the sukkah, gather for Shabbat, and share familiar rituals. These experiences build relationships and a sense of belonging. We are a Jewish school for all children, families, and educators, and we want everyone to feel welcomed into our sacred community.





Ahava: Love Shared smiles, playful moments, and nurturing relationships help children feel deeply loved and connect families and educators to one another.

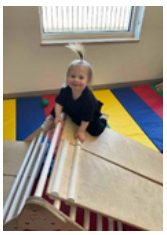




Torah: Learning unfolds through wonder, curiosity, and play. A pretend phone call, an investigation with water, or an exploration of a hollow log can open possibilities for language, problem solving, and discovery. Jewish values are woven throughout these experiences, helping children construct meaning about themselves, others, and the world.





Shalom: Physical & Psychological Safety means creating the conditions in which children can learn and grow. Our photographs show cozy places to rest, spaces to retreat with a friend, and opportunities to explore movement. We work to create an environment where children, families, and educators feel safe, welcomed, and supported, with room for both adventure and a quiet pause.


These values often live together in a single moment. A child trying something new may experience respect, love, learning, and safety all at once. As our leadership team continues its work on our mission and vision, these everyday experiences will keep us grounded in what matters most: How people feel, learn, and connect in our school.

Sheila

Sheila Purdin



BRYNN TULLY

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT DIRECTOR/ FAMILY PROGRAMMING ASSISTANT

Hello Temple Sinai! We have so many wonderful programs coming up this fall for our three youth groups and I'm so thrilled to see everyone! We have so many ways for your children to get involved from kindergarten through 12th grade, including new leadership opportunities! Teen Leadership Board is back! We are so excited to relaunch our TSYG student board! This is an opportunity for teens to help shape youth group programming throughout the year and learn new leadership skills. If you have a teen who may be interested in participating, please have them take this quick survey to learn more! We can't wait to hear from you! I look forward to seeing you all this fall!

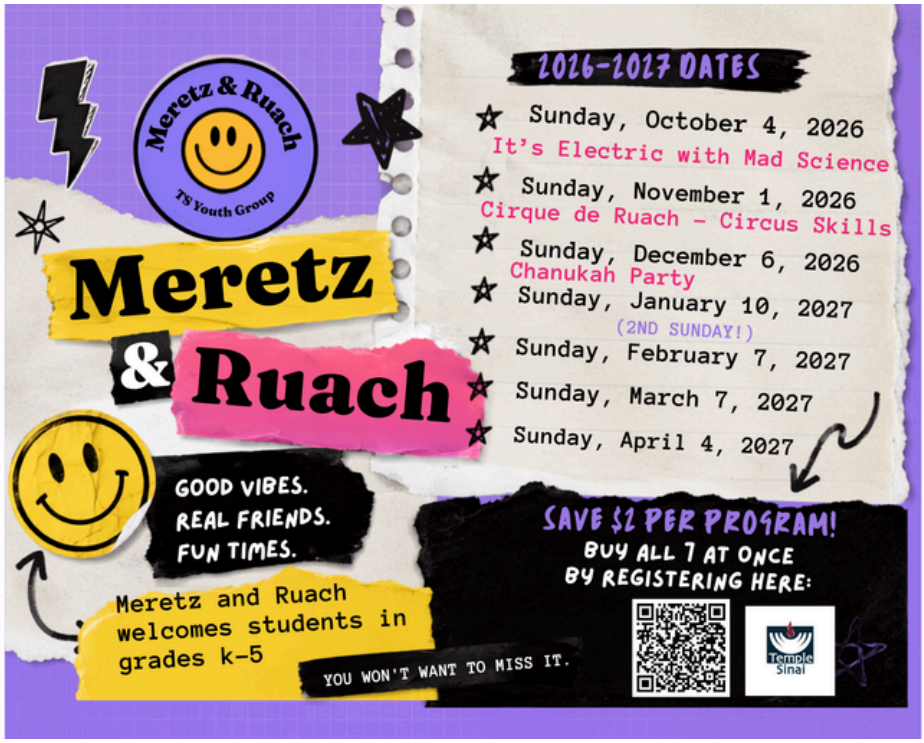
Teens -
Want to stay in the loop? Join our group chat for updates, reminders, and all things TSYG!
Chat is for 9th-12th graders



Coming Up Next:
December 8
6:00-8:00 PM
JYG Chanukah Party

December 10
6:00-8:00 PM
TSYG Chanukah Party







Follow us on Instagram!
All programs will be posted to stay up to date
@templesinaiyouthgroup

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

All services are open for in-person attendance and will be streamed live at sinaidenver.org/livestream or on our Facebook page at Facebook.com/SinaiDenver

WEEKLY

EREV SHABBAT SERVICE

FRIDAYS, 6:00 PM

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

SHABBAT MORNING MINYAN

SATURDAYS, 9:00 AM

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

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

Temple Sinai's Grief Support Group will renew this fall with Ana Dodson. These sessions are free for Temple Sinai members. RSVP is required. The process of grief differs from person to person. We are proud to offer an opportunity for our members to share and learn. Together we will find strength and support. New members who are interested in learning more and/or joining should contact Dr. Ana Dodson.

Special Veterans Day Shabbat Service
Friday, November 13 at 6:00 PM *including Kristallnacht observance*

Temple Sinai will honor and call up for special recognition all those who are veterans of the United States Armed Forces. If you are among those who have served or are serving in this nation's Armed Forces, you deserve our heartfelt expressions of appreciation! This year's Veterans Day Shabbat is made even more poignant because it falls during the same week as the anniversary of Kristallnacht, The Night of Broken Glass, Nov. 9-10, 1938. On that night, thousands of Jews were removed to concentration camps, synagogues were burned, and Jewish homes and businesses were destroyed. The Nazi nightmare was only defeated due to the extraordinary bravery of the men and women who served in the American Armed Forces and our allies. Please come to honor our Veterans and remember the freedoms they won for us.



MONTHLY

HEALING SERVICE/VIRTUAL AT 11:00 AM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

For our Healing Service, we gather virtually for prayers, meditations, music, and the warm embrace of friends to renew our sense of hope, strength, and healing. The Healing Service is for those who are struggling with their health, for those struggling with sadness and grief, for caregivers who seek inspiration as they pray for the welfare of loved ones.

If you are unable to attend the Zoom Healing Service, just send us the name(s) of the loved ones you would like mentioned during our prayers. Please be sure to let them know that they are in all our thoughts and prayers. All are welcome.

ADULT EDUCATION

NEW TUESDAY CLASS WITH RABBI RHEINS: JEWISH WISDOM (VIRTUAL)

TUESDAYS
NOVEMBER 17 & 24
12:00 PM

For our new weekly Tuesday Text class we will read selections from Rabbi Joseph Telushkin's magnificent anthology *Jewish Wisdom*. For each class, we will read a section of the book and take time to discuss and share our thoughts. This is a fabulous opportunity to engage in excellent conversations, make new friends, and be enriched by *Jewish Wisdom!*
Participants are encouraged to purchase their own copy of Telushkin's *Jewish Wisdom,* but a PDF of each week's text will also be sent out with the Zoom hyperlink. I hope that you will join me for this exciting new class!

RISE & LEARN: SHABBAT MORNING TORAH WITH RABBI SHIELDS

SELECT SATURDAYS
NOVEMBER 14 & 28
8:00-8:45 AM

IN PERSON in the Youth Lounge

Start your Shabbat with a little Torah and a fresh perspective. Join Rabbi Michael Shields for a welcoming, interactive exploration of *Parashat HaShavua,* the weekly Torah portion. Together, we'll ask questions, consider different interpretations, and discover how ancient wisdom speaks to our lives today. Bring your curiosity, your questions, and your favorite morning beverage. All backgrounds and levels of Torah knowledge are welcome, no preparation needed.

SMALL SANCTUARIES: INSIGHTS IN THE SIDDUR WITH RABBI JORDAN SHANER (VIRTUAL)

TUESDAYS
NOVEMBER 3 & 10
12:00 PM

The language of the siddur, the Jewish prayerbook, has been called mikdash me'at, a "small sanctuary." Like the Jerusalem Temple of ancient times, it is the shared site of our people's religious ritual and worship; but also, it contains in brevity and miniature the foundations of Jewish faith, values, and belonging. In this class, we will uncover the themes, ideas, and history of Jewish prayer, and search for spiritual inspiration together!

LUNCH AND LEARN
COME LEARN, DISCUSS, DEBATE AND MEET FRIENDS
THURSDAYS
NOVEMBER 5, 12 & 19
12:00 PM

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!



SINAI SUNDAYS

Return!

Beginning Hebrew for Adults
9:45-10:35 AM

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!

RSVP Beg Heb

Foundations of Judaism

10:45-11:40 AM

RSVP Foundations

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.

Stay tuned for more exciting courses that will be added in the coming weeks!

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CELEBRATING 60 YEARS

DATES:

- October 18
- ~~October 25~~ canceled
- November 15
- November 22
- December 6
- December 20

COST:

- $50 for members

***Please note, in order to participate in an Adult B'nei Mitzvah, you must be a member of Temple Sinai**

LIFELONG Jewish LEARNING

Fall/Winter 2026

NOVEMBER 4 | NOVEMBER 18 | DECEMBER 2

6:30 PM
TEMPLE SINAI

NOV. 4

JUDY WINNICK, OUR FAVORITE PERFORMER REPRISES 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.

NOV. 18

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.

DEC. 2

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

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...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. Temple Sinai is hosting the ITJ classes this year.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.

B'nei Mitzvah Dates Selection Meeting for 2029

If your child becomes 13 years old or older in 2029, it is time to find a date for a Bar/Bat Mitzvah! On Sunday, November 15, 2026 at 11:00 AM, we will hand out a list of potential B'nei Mitzvah service dates and discuss details that you will need to know as you begin this exciting journey. At this meeting, each family will receive a Bar/Bat Mitzvah Date Request Form that asks you to list three potential dates. Families are urged to return the Date Request Form by December 30, 2026. At that time, we will do our best to accommodate every family and reserve for you one of your top three choices. We truly look forward to working with you to help your children have a most memorable and meaningful experience. As they become B'nei Mitzvah, their achievement is a simchah, a joy for the entire community. Please feel free to contact either Rabbi Rheins or Rabbi Shields if you have any questions or concerns. We are pleased to begin to help you plan and prepare for your family's blessed simchah!



The Blessing of Becoming a Bar or Bat Mitzvah



At Temple Sinai, twenty to thirty students become B'nei Mitzvah each year. From a superficial view, that's a lot of parties and celebrations. But the vast majority of families who have a Bar/Bat Mitzvah experience at Sinai know that the parties are but the sweet icing on the cake of the real purpose, meaning, and significance of this most extraordinary of Jewish lifecycle events.

In Reform Judaism, boys and girls become Bar/Bat Mitzvah at thirteen or older. It is a perfect time - a time when kids become teenagers and are ready to demonstrate their increased sense of responsibility as well as their growing intellectual and spiritual strengths. In turn, the students are elevated by their family and the community to a new and important status. Their identity and self-esteem are boosted by an outpouring of love and encouragement as they celebrate their Jewish faith and heritage. They are entrusted with the Torah scroll and given the honored opportunity to lead, teach, and inspire their family, friends and community. Loved ones are welcomed to the bimah to participate in the service and, at a particularly moving moment, the parents offer their special loving message to their child. Consider that for a moment. At what other time in our lives are we able to gather our loved ones and dearest friends to a life-affirming event that features the significant effort and achievement of our children, a chance to have our children lead and teach, a time for loved ones to be honored, and a time for parents to express the core values of faith, ethics, and love? Indeed, there is but one such event in our lifetimes: the time of becoming a Bar or Bat Mitzvah.

Every Jewish teenager should have the uplifting and joyous experience of taking their place in the 3,500 year line of our Jewish family. Every Jewish teenager should feel the pride of accomplishment and of the loving support from their family and the community. Every Jewish teenager should be blessed with the experience of becoming a Bar or Bat Mitzvah!

All of this takes time, energy, and dedication. But our students, your children, are worth it! **B'nei Mitzvah date selection for the class of 2029 will take place on Sunday, November 15 at 11:00 AM.** And on Shabbat morning, December 12, we'll have an B'nei Mitzvah orientation and program at which the students will receive their Torah booklets and begin the process of selecting their Torah verses!

If you have not signed up your children yet, NOW is the time! And if you know of unaffiliated families with children who are coming near to the age of B'nei Mitzvah, please reach out to them, invite them to Sinai and help them be a part of this most wonderful and blessed experience.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 9:00 AM Religious School 12:00 PM Meretz and Ruach: Cirque de Ruach	**2** 11:30 AM Lunch With My Sisters	**3** 12:00 PM Small Sanctuaries with Rabbi Shaner 12:30 PM Weekly Canasta Meetup 6:00 PM Brotherhood, Bible & Beers at Darcy's	**4** 4:30 PM Midweek Religious School Program 6:00 PM Teen Academy 6:30 PM Lifelong Jewish Learning with Judy Winnick	**5** LUNCH & LEARN 12:00 PM	**6** 5:30 PM Campfire Shabbat 6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service	**7** CHAYEI SARAH 8:00 AM Pardes Meditation 9:00 AM Shabbat Minyan MAZEL TOV 10:30 AM Sam Berman B'nei Mitzvah 10:30 AM Mishnah Avot with Rabbi Zwerin 6:00 PM JYG After Hours
8 9:00 AM Religious School 9:00 AM Jewish War Veterans Meeting	**9**	**10** 11:00 AM Brotherhood Marksman Club 12:00 PM Small Sanctuaries with Rabbi Shaner 12:30 PM Weekly Canasta Meetup 6:15 PM Fiction Book Club	**11** 4:30 PM Midweek Religious School Program 6:00 PM Teen Academy and Confirmation	**12** LUNCH & LEARN 12:00 PM	**13** 6:00 PM Erev Veterans Day Shabbat Service	**14** TOL'DOT 9:00 AM Shabbat Minyan 10:30 AM Mishnah Avot with Rabbi Zwerin MAZEL TOV 10:30 AM Harper Magrin Bat Mitzvah 7:15PM Diaspora Dinners
15 9:00 AM Religious School SINAI SUNDAYS 9:45 AM Beginning Hebrew 10:45 AM Foundations of Judaism 11:00 AM B'nei Mitzvah Date Selection Meeting 2029	**16** 12:30 PM Monday Mahj	**17** 12:00 PM Jewish Wisdom with Rabbi Rheins 12:30 PM Weekly Canasta Meetup	**18** 10:30 AM Sisterhood Hike 11:00 AM Book Group 1:00 PM Knitting and Crocheting for JOY 4:30 PM Midweek Religious School Program 6:00 PM Teen Academy and Confirmation 6:30 PM Lifelong Jewish Learning	**19** 9:00 AM Brotherhood Breakfast at Morning Story 11:00 AM Healing Service LUNCH & LEARN 12:00 PM 1:15 PM Kavod on the Road Broadway to Bimah	**20** 6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service	**21** VAYEITZEI 8:00 AM Pardes Meditation 9:00 AM Shabbat Minyan 10:30 AM Mishnah Avot with Rabbi Zwerin
22 9:00 AM Religious School SINAI SUNDAYS 9:45 AM Beginning Hebrew 10:45 AM Foundations of Judaism 11:00 AM Grief Support Group	**23**	**24** 12:00 PM Jewish Wisdom with Rabbi Rheins 12:30 PM Weekly Canasta Meetup	**25** 6:00 PM 59th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at First Plymouth Church	**26** happy thanksgiving TEMPLE SINAI OFFICE CLOSED	**27** 6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service	**28** VAYISHLACH 9:00 AM Shabbat Minyan 10:30 AM Mishnah Avot with Rabbi Zwerin
29	**30**					

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Please Note:

If you are interested in hosting an Oneg Shabbat in honor of an wedding anniversary, birthday, B'nei Mitzvah or other special event, please contact Jessica Wolf at jessica@sinaidenver.org.

CAMPFIRE Shabbat



NOV 06

5:30 PM

MUSIC | FOOD | CONNECTION

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

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DIASPORA DINNERS

Temple Sinai Presents:

Taste of Bukhara

Saturday, November 14
7:15 PM
at L'Chaim Restaurant

909 S. Oneida St. Suite 1B,
Denver, CO 80224

Temple Sinai

Sinai South Chanukah Party

SHABBAT AFTERNOON
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5
3:00-5:00 PM

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

The Lone Tree Hub
8827 Lone Tree Pkwy, Lone Tree, CO 80124

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CHANUKAH SHABBAT AND DINNER

Friday, December 11



Bring your Menorah and candles from Home!
Let's Light up the Night!

5:45 PM: Shabbat service perfect for all ages
6:20 PM: Chanukah candle lighting followed by Sinai Songbirds Choir, and singing
6:30 PM: Dinner
7:00 PM: Ventriloquist storyteller & magician, Mark Hellerstein, for the kids
Time for adults to connect and schmooze

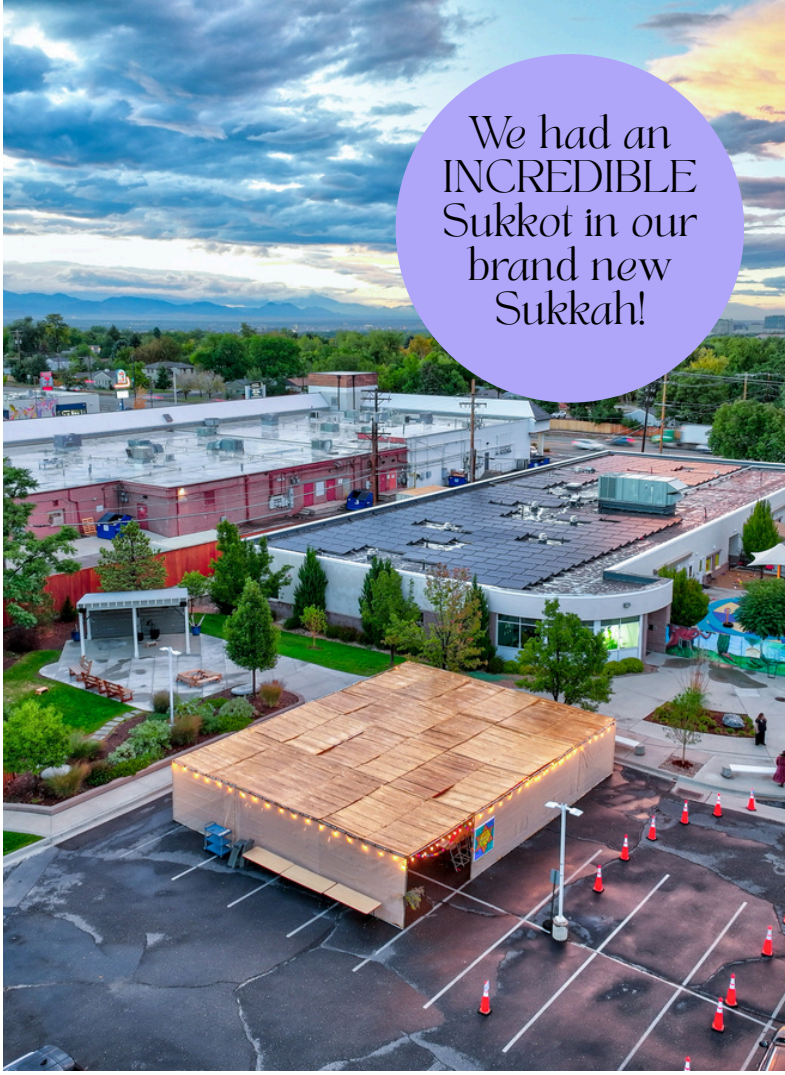
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We had an INCREDIBLE Sukkot in our brand new Sukkah!



Sinai Snapshots







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Ancile Malden
Nicole Rosenberg Simpson, Tyler, Patrick, Theo
Glenn Wallis and Maureen Benjamin

B'NEI MITZVAH



HARPER MAGRIN: NOVEMBER 14, 2026

SAM BERMAN: NOVEMBER 11, 2026



Sam is the child of Keith and Jayne Berman and the sibling of Max. They attend Campus Middle School. Their hobbies include indoor rock climbing, coding, reading, and math. Inspired by Rebecca's act of kindness in Chayei Sarah, their Mitzvah Project centers on performing random acts of kindness within their school community. They focus on doing at least three acts a day. Just as Rebecca went out of her way to help others, they hope to strengthen their school community through thoughtful actions that show care, respect, and compassion for everyone.

IN MEMORIUM

Monique Hea, mother-in-law of Rebecca Hea-Wilson (Allan Wilson), grandmother of Samantha Hea Marks (Elliot Marks), and Brandon Hea, great-grandmother of Simon Marks
Samuel Howard, Jr., husband of Dorothy Howard, father of Christopher Preston Howard (Brenda), Lisa Howard, and Kalika Howard White, stepfather of Craig (Briana) Fogle and Lachanda Fogle
Ann Katz Kullman, sister of Steve Katz (Judy Aronson)
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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.

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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.

Looking to get involved?
Find more ways here!

engagement committee

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.



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