

PURIM by Oxana Zaika

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about the cover

"Purim" by Oxana Zaika. Watercolor and ink on paper, filling the Star of David with abstract expressionism and art deco.

Oxana Zaika, born 1969 in Russia, is an established painter living in France whose works have been featured in solo and group exhibitions internationally. She defines her current style inspired by the different traditions, crafts and myths of the world's cultures. Zaika primarily works in watercolor and India ink, creating detailed artworks of animals and people in fantastical settings with intricate patterns. Graduating from the Moscow College of Arts, she uses many different techniques like watercolor, oil painting or lace drawing in bright colors. Her works aim at evoking an optimistic and fantastic view of the world.

SPECIAL NOTES:

Though we are physically distancing ourselves for all our health and safety, we are continuing to find ways to socially and emotionally connect, grow and celebrate.

Please refer to pages 10-11 of this tablet along with visiting Temple Sinai's website and Facebook page.

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<https://templesinai-sarasota.org/>

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- * **If you hear of a congregant who is ill or in the hospital**
- * **If you have a death to report**
- * **If you have a Yahrzeit that you would like read or changed**

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articles, flyers and photographs

for the MARCH issue, are due no later than FEBRUARY 1ST.

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FROM YOUR CLERGY



There is an old Jewish tale about a teacher, his student and a bird. I have read this story many times and just as it is with the reading and re-reading of the same stories of the Torah every year, the stories don't change, but we do. Read the story with me and see if the lesson that has become clear to me resonates with you.

There once lived a mischievous young yeshiva student who lived at the yeshiva with the other students and the rabbis. He always thought that the rabbi was getting more respect than he deserved. He did not think the rabbi was really wise. So, one day he decided to test him.

Holding a bird in his hands behind his back, he asked, "Rabbi, they say you're wise, can you tell me whether the bird in my hand is dead or alive?" The boy thought if the rabbi said it was alive, he would wring its neck and kill it. If he said it was dead, he would let it fly. Either way he'd prove the rabbi was wrong. The rabbi smiled knowing what the boy was thinking and said, "The answer is in your hands"

Upon reading the story in recent months. I have come to understand that its moral has more nuance than I had originally thought. Yes, it is about life and how fragile it can be. And yes, it is also about how we all have some say in how we deal with the circumstances we find ourselves in. But, it was not until I started teaching my classes and my b'nai mitzvah students by way of distance learning, that I understood a deeper meaning of the story.

As I look into the faces of my students in their homes as they give their all to make our classes and lessons everything they can be, I understand why the rabbi in the story takes the time to impart the wisdom of the lesson. It was not so much the lesson itself that was important, but the rabbi's understanding of the patience needed to impart the lesson that is most paramount.

We have all had to look for patience more than ever during this difficult time. In Hebrew, the word for patience is *savlanute*. The challenges we are facing during the pandemic have forced us to dig deeper than ever to find *savlanute* for ourselves, our families, our friends, and the temple community. The beautiful part about searching for patience is that not only does it make us more compassionate with one and other, but it also leads, step by step, to the very things for which we have patiently been waiting.

With hard work the rabbi and I are now once again leading services from the sanctuary. This was a long time in coming, but we knew it would come with patience and you supplied that. This way of working breeds more movement in a positive direction. As an example, for those of you who don't yet know this, we are now beginning a program that allows a limited number of congregants to come to the synagogue to be part of the service in person. This will be a slow thoughtful process, but it will lead to bigger, safer and even more fulfilling experiences.

Just like the rabbi in the story who takes the time to model patience for his student, I am reminded of the words of the song **Ani Ma'amim (I Believe)** that I am asked to sing so often when we are experiencing trying times: "Even though god may tarry, I will wait for god". Modeling this kind of behavior is not a lack of action; it is a type of prayer. May we all continue to support each other as we pray in this manner.

L'Shalom.

Chazzan Cliff Abramson



CARING

LOOKING FOR A NEW CARING COMMITTEE CO-ORDINATOR

Please contact Elana Margulis, VP Membership
elanatemple@aol.com

ROSH CHODESH

Rosh Chodesh: Kislev and Tevet:

Led by Rabbi Kahn, approximately twenty-five women celebrated Rosh Chodesh together in November and December via Zoom. Each session began with the opening ritual of lighting a candle and saying a prayer for the new month. We welcomed our matriarchs and began to explore what each of us hoped to rededicate ourselves to in the next month. For Kislev, we were asked to reach into our hearts and connect with our dreams. Tevet, being the coldest darkest part of the year, made for an interesting exploration of our spiritual energetics, particularly anger. Breakout sessions enabled us to have more personal discussions with each other.

Are you interested in learning about “biblical babes” like Yocheved, Miriam, Shifrah, Puah, and Batya? Would you be like to be part of a group of women participating in a spiritual rediscovery of self each month? Then get your candle ready to light along with other female members of Temple Sinai one Friday each month. Please check the website for the specific dates and link information or email me at: mb545@comcast.net.

As with our closing ritual of relighting our candle and sharing our hopes and intentions for ourselves and the group, I wish each of you a year filled with happiness, good health and sisterhood.

Barbara Pollack

Rosh Chodesh:
*celebrating the new moon,
for women, by women,
honoring women.*

Rosh Chodesh Calendar 2021 *Fridays at 10:00-11:00a.m.*

FEBRUARY 12, 30 SH'VAT 5781

MARCH 12, 28 ADAR 5781

APRIL 9, 27 NISAN 5781

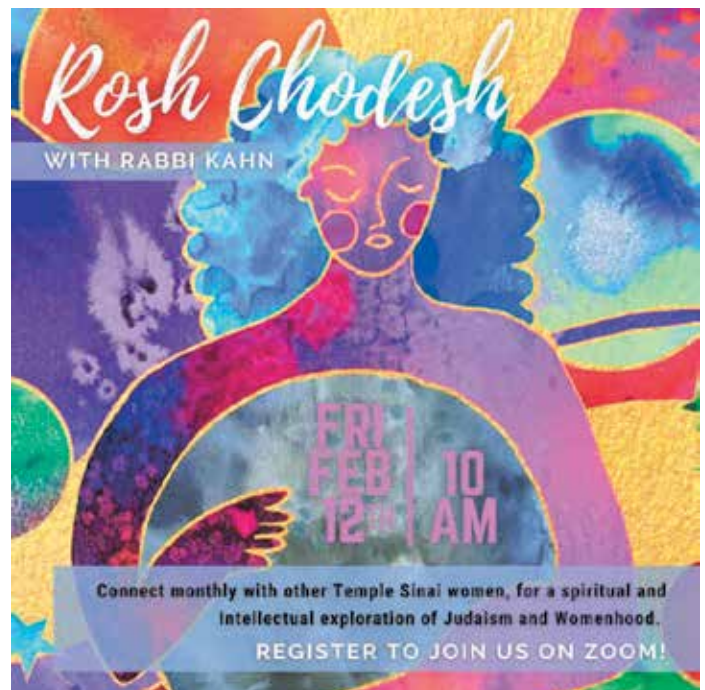
MAY 14, 3 SIVAN 5781

JUNE 11, 1 TAMMUZ 5781

JULY 9, 29 TAMMUZ 5781

AUGUST 13, 5 ELUL 5781

mark your calendar to save these dates!



SINAI MEN'S CLUB CLUB ...



In an online article from Reform Judaism dated December 30th by Rabbi Jordana Schuster Battis, there are *10 Jewish Quotes for the Lessons We Learned in 2020*. Her number one lesson is as follows:

Our fate is bound up in each other (BT Shevuot 39a)

In 2020, we learned the extent to which the fate of every single one of us is in each other's hands. We are woven together inextricably. We need each other. We depend on each other. We must be here for each other.

Such has been the goal of the Sinai Men's Club these past eleven months. In the absence of direct contact, we have sought to retain as much contact with one another as possible without overly straining our Zoom tolerance.

On Sunday, February 28th at 10:00 a.m. **The Sinai Men's Club Virtual Breakfast Presents: Newtown Alive.** Our guest Speaker will be Walter L. Gilbert, III - Newtown Historian.

NewtownAlive.org is funded by a grant through the Sarasota County Neighborhood's Department. The North County Community Organization submitted a proposal January 26, 2016 and won approval. The overall initiative is part of a plan developed by the City of Sarasota to preserve the history of the African American Community of Newtown, one of this town's oldest neighborhoods. The Newtown Conservation History District (NCHD) is an idea ten years in the making. Former Sarasota City Commissioner Fredd Atkins began discussions about the need to document Newtown's history in 2005. The seed of an idea began budding as Atkins witnessed the redevelopment and subsequent gentrification of Sarasota's first African American community of *Overtown*. Located near the heart of downtown, the African American Community was rebranded as the Rosemary District. Recognizable landmarks of its history disappeared.

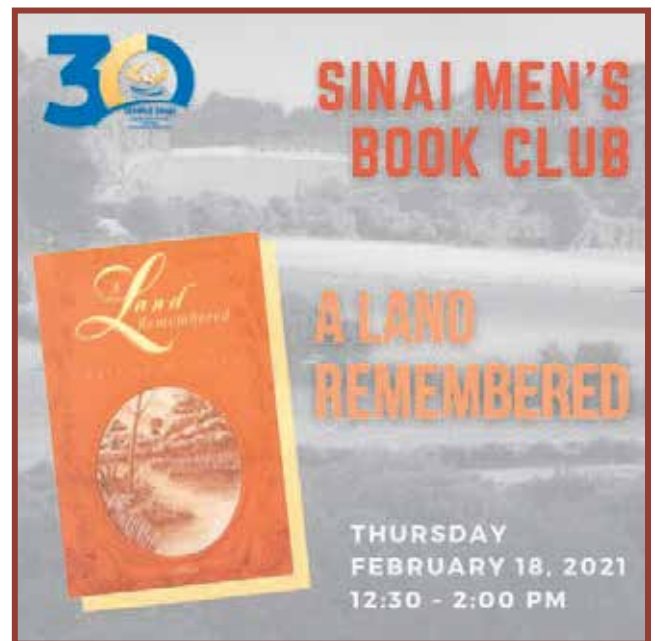
In addition to the scheduled breakfast on the 28th, on Monday, February 15th, we will have our virtual **Film Forum** with a discussion of *East Side Sushi*.

We are continuing to provide a monthly **schmooze**, a **book group** that meets on the third Thursday of the month at 12:00 noon. The Sinai Men's Club will continue to bring programs via Zoom to keep us entertained and enlightened. To know what is happening, check out the weekly emails from *Temple Sinai Virtual Connections*, *ShulCloud* or *SMC Emails*.

Let us all stay safe and well and be kind to one another.

L' Shalom,

Malcolm Roberts & Richard Brown, Co-Presidents



RITUAL



The calendar says February, so that means we are in the Hebrew month of Sh'vat leading into Adar. And that means, **PURIM!!** As I write this article, plans are underway for our Purim **Megilah** reading, **Schpiel** and pastry tasting. This will be a Zoom live service. Information will be available to register and to pick up your treats.



We hope you are enjoying our live streamed services from the sanctuary. A special thank you to Patty Glah who purchased all the greenery you see on our bimah. It really helped to give our bimah a warm feeling while we are not physically present. And speaking of Erev Shabbat services, we are developing plans for a gradual reopening of our sanctuary. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, current plans are for very limited in person service attendance of 32 members total. That includes the clergy and all service participants. You **MUST** register for your interest in attending the service by going onto our website and clicking on the registration tile using Sign Up Genius. If you need assistance, please call Tina in the office. Covid guidelines will be strictly adhered to including taking of temperatures before entering the building, mandatory wearing of masks and social distancing. Please understand that this will only be for selected services. Special services that involve religious school class participation, temple organizations and b'nai mitzvah, will not appear on the sign-up link. We wish we could have everyone who wants to attend, but unfortunately this is not safe or possible at this time.

And what an exciting month of services we have planned! February 5 will be our **Sinaiversary** Service where we will welcome new members. Our **Chavurot** will participate in the February 19 service. And the month ends with the **Bat Mitzvah** of Alix Leinweber on February 27.

We need you, our members, for Erev Shabbat honors. Please go onto our website and click on the link for *Sign Up Genius* for candles, kiddush, and motzi. If you aren't fluent in Hebrew, no problem. Chazzan will be there to assist you. Not sure how to sign up, feel free to contact Gillian Perlinski to assist you.

As more of us are able to get the COVID-19 vaccine, we pray that everyone stays healthy. We look forward to the day we can all gather in our sanctuary as an entire community for all the wonderful services and activities here at Temple Sinai.

Judy Swerdlow, VP Ritual

TEMPLE TELEPHONE TREE



Our **Telephone Tree** has been making outreach calls to members monthly since last April. These are calls to express our concern and support; they have clearly been welcomed and appreciated.

I wanted to give a BIG shout out of thanks to all the volunteers who have helped make these calls. There are over 40 members who take time from their own concerns to make this program so worthwhile. I couldn't do this without the gracious help of Elana Margolis, our VP of Membership, who has supported all of my efforts.

We are always looking for more callers - if you would like to help, please contact Carole Gorin at chgorin@gmail.com

Alexander, Cecile
Asarch, Lorraine
Bernstein, Kathy
Berry, Melissa
Brownrout, Sunny
Bryden-
Gruenberg, Barbara
Cahall, Betty
Chafin, Alan
Chalfin, Freda
Cleary, Claudia
Criden, Laurie
Criden, Mark
Elias, Rona
Ellin, Marge
Friedman, Coleen
Friedman, Margo
Gastman, Joanie
Gersman, Don
Gelber, Ilene
Glusman, Marv
Goodblatt, Judy
Goldheim, Dale
Goodheim, Maxine
Gordon, Maya - teen
Gordon, Leigh
Gorin, Carole
Greenspan, Rich
Handleman, Judy
Heisler, Jamie
Hendrickson, Kate
Intrator, Judy

Jacobs, Annie
Katz, Dottie
Katz, Howie
Kittner, Hattie
Klein-Strauss, Robin
Kopel, Clara
Krasow, Elly
Kravitz, Sandy
Labiner, Anna -teen
Lasky, Phyllis
Linick, Deborah
Maliot, Susan
Malkin, Ing-Marie
Margolis, Elana
Mata, Skye
McDorman, Vivian
Nash, Cindy
Orshrin, Donna
Peretz, Gloria
Perlinski, Gillian
Perlinski, Pearl
Pollack, Barbara
Raiken, Etta
Rosen, Marc
Roucher, Nancy
Russek, Sara
Sofman, Randi
Stern, Kathy
Teen Group and Deb
Bryan
Trachtenberg, Joanne
Turon, Charley
Weiss, Dave
Wolfson, Jim

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



I stopped dead in my tracks. I was riveted. I watched the slow procession of motorcycle after motorcycle go down the street. Huge American flags were flying behind many. Leather covered men and women atop the machines were attired in the typical garb, but looking more aware of their surroundings than usual as they passed by much more slowly than usual. Long hair. Beards. I looked for flags that represent hate groups. There were none. I couldn't move from my spot on the sidewalk. There must have been 30 or 40 bikes driving in a long, slow line - followed by several older pickup trucks sprouting huge American flags from the rear. My anxiety rose. Where were they going? What would they "do"? What was their message? Should I call the police? The media? Of course, I did nothing, but feel anxious.

It was the day after five people died during the riotous breach at the Capital in DC. I am not a historian. I do not possess the perspective of one, so I struggle to put the riots in some context, in some frame of reference to which I can relate. The image of the man in the Camp Auschwitz sweatshirt sends me into a downward spiral of anger, hate and horror. The unspeakable things I imagine doing to this man frighten me.



In many ways, I am an optimist ... or perhaps more accurately, a pragmatist. Weird as this may sound, my viewpoint is not only partly innate, but also stems from reading and studying the Torah. Our story, as recorded in our Torah, speaks of the human condition of thousands of years ago. Kindness and brutality, love and hate, honesty and deceit, freedom and slavery, good and evil are all evident during those ancient times. And now? Yes, some things have changed. We have modern "conveniences" - machines that drive or fly us all over the world, communications that connect us instantly and weapons that can destroy millions in a flash. But as human beings, have we changed, evolved from the days of which the Bible speaks? I think not.

As Jews, we teach *Tikkun Olam* – to repair the world with acts of kindness, to pursue social justice. We pray for peace – for us, for Israel, for the world. We teach our children charity by putting money in the *Tzedakah* Box. We affirm the value of each human life, equals among each other, as we are all created in the image of God. *And so, we must foster these core Jewish values, because the struggle to*

overcome the darker side of humankind must never abate.

Today I find solace in the words of Alden Solovy and I share them with you in the hopes that you too will find comfort in them.

God of mystery,
Thank You for the gift of this day,
For the one ending,
And the one about to begin.
Help me to see the moments and the hours,
Those already past and those to come,
As blessings, as teachers.
Guide me to service for Your name's sake.
Grant me comfort and rest
So that I enter the new day
With a sense of joy, hope, and peace.
Then, God of old,
I will become a source of love,
A beacon of wonder, awe, and grace.

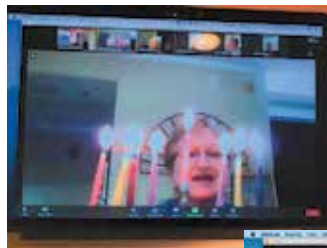
L'shalom,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ellyn Bender". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and personal.

Ellyn Bender, President

The Sinai Solos

The Sinai Solos have been sharing a Happy Hour monthly via Zoom. Chanukah was special, with Delores Lustig leading us in the blessings as we lit our candles. We ended our Happy Hour with a couple of holiday songs with Cecile Alexander and Delores carrying the rest of us. It was a lovely experience.



WOMEN OF SINAI



"Fight for the things that you care about but do it in a way that will lead others to join you."

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

On February 4, 2021, we will welcome our own **Laura Freedman**, Director of Early Childhood Education at Temple Sinai. The Gan is a vital part of our Temple Sinai community and we look forward to understanding its role. The link for the Zoom meeting will be available from the calendar on the website templesinai-sarasota.org. Clicking on the event name on the calendar is the easiest method for joining our Zoom meetings.

Report to Membership:

Like every other organization, the situation revolving around Covid-19 has affected the fund-raising component of the Women of Sinai. However, the **Simchagram Program** remained a constant. Last year we raised \$4034 from 104 participants. This year we raised \$4630 from 108 participants. We cannot thank you enough. The "most friends award" is presented to everyone's favorite, **Elana Margolis**, with a close second to **Doris Benice**, and we had a third place tie between **Paula Spitalny** and **Patty Schreiber**.

At the February meeting, before the presentation of our speaker, we will be voting on the slate of officers for 2021-2022. We are excited to welcome some new board members and want to express appreciation for the many members who have agreed to stay on the board. We also wish to recognize those who have served on the board and will now take a well-earned break, **Jane Glusman and Judy Feldman**:



Jane has been a tremendous asset in keeping our membership roles in order, and we thank her. Judy Feldman has served as Sunshine Chair for many years and will now assume a new role.



New board members will include **Donna Orlove, Pam Paschall, Lisa Pollack, Lisa Naiburg, Judy Intrator, Judy Handleman, Gillian Perlinski, Joan Goodis and Harriet Heisler**. We welcome you all. Finally, I want to personally thank **Greta Roberts** who stepped up to handle the nominating committee as chair. It is a tough job and she excelled at it. Thank you, Greta.

Peggy Miller, WOS President

Women of Sinai Board of Directors 2021-2022

Elected Officers:

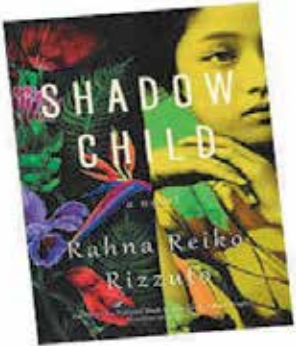
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VP Special Events	Judy Handleman
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VP Programming	Suzanne Weinstein & Judy Feldman
VP Gift Shop	Barbara Bryden & Gillian Perlinski

Appointed Board Members:

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Simchagrams	Peggy Miller
Mitzvah Cards	Cecile Alexander
Sunshine Cards	Donna Orlove
Book Club	Dobbie Linick
Reservations	Marilyn Blankman
Internal Comm.	Joan Goodis

Submitted by Greta Roberts, Nominating Committee Chair

WOMEN OF SINAI
BOOK CLUB



SHADOW CHILD

**THURSDAY
FEB 18, 2021
2:00 - 3:30 PM**

Dr. Christopher Wilson Delights The Women of Sinai with an Educational Presentation About Sarasota Architecture

by Gail Glickman

The Women of Sinai were enthralled with a fascinating presentation of architectural design in the Sarasota area given by Dr. Christopher S. Wilson at the January 7th Zoom meeting. Dr. Wilson teaches architecture and design history at Ringling

College of Art and Design. He has been a board member of the Sarasota Architectural Foundation since 2012 and currently serves as board chair. Dr. Wilson earned a bachelor's degree in architecture from Temple University, a Master of Arts degree from The Architectural Association, London, England, and a Ph.D. from Middle East Technical University in Ankara, Turkey. Dr. Wilson worked as an architect in Philadelphia, Berlin, and London, and is registered with the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA). Before the pandemic he was asked to be a visiting scholar at Cambridge, but Covid-19 prevented this. He hopes to go in the near future.

Dr. Wilson revealed some astonishing information about Sarasota architecture with wonderful photos of buildings that were based on a regional variation of modern architecture adapted to Florida climate. There was a close relationship between the inside and outside of homes with glass enclosures and overhead shading structures to protect from the rain.



Suzanne Weinstein, moderator, introduced Dr. Wilson and thanked him for joining our Zoom meeting with an educational and interesting presentation.



Our Legacy endowment donors enjoyed a unique Havdalah experience. Packages with all the supplies needed to do the ritual were mailed to our donors in advance. Forty-six people attended the

Zoom event and heard words of appreciation and inspiration from



Rabbi Kahn and the beautiful sounds of Chazzan's voice leading us in the blessings



and songs. The participants were all muted which was probably a good thing!

The Life and Legacy initiative of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation formally ends for the Sarasota-Manatee area on March 31. You can be remembered forever at Temple Sinai with a gift in your will, trust, retirement account or life insurance policy. More info is on our website or contact Laurie Lachowitz or Mark Criden, Co-Chairs.



Weekly Virtual Programming:

Mondays:

Gan Havdallah, Mondays at 9:30 a.m. - On The Gan's Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/TheGanatTempleSinai/>

Gan Story Time, Weekdays at 11:00 a.m. - On The Gan's Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/TheGanatTempleSinai/>

Storytime with Amelia from our Madrichim Team! Monday, May 4th, at 3 p.m.
information available by emailing Bethany Leinweber at
bleinweber@templesinai-sarasota.org

Tuesdays:

Gan Story Time, Weekdays at 11:00 a.m. - On The Gan's Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/TheGanatTempleSinai/>

Intro to Singing, for Health and Musicality, Tuesdays at 12:00 p.m. - On Zoom:
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5137009566>

Clergy Coffee Talk, Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. On Facebook Live:
<https://www.facebook.com/templesinai-sarasota/>

Crafting with Geveret Bethany and Anna, Tuesday, May 5th at 2:30 p.m.:
information available by emailing Bethany Leinweber at
bleinweber@templesinai-sarasota.org

Wednesdays:

Gan Story Time, Weekdays at 11:00 p.m.- On The Gan's Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/TheGanatTempleSinai/>

Intro to Cantillation, Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m. - On Zoom:
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/862286753>

Torah Study, Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m.- On Zoom:
<https://zoom.us/j/606538802>

Hebrew Classes, Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. - On Zoom: Hebrew School Zoom
meeting information available by emailing Bethany Leinweber at
bleinweber@templesinai-sarasota.org

Weekly Virtual Programming Continued:

Thursdays:

Gan Story Time, Weekdays at 11:00 AM - On The Gan's Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/TheGanatTempleSinai/>

Jewish Music History Class, Thursdays at 10:00 AM - On Zoom:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/300163105>

Fridays:

Gan Shabbat, on Fridays at 12:30 p.m. - On The Gan's Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/TheGanatTempleSinai/>

Family Kabbalat Shabbat, on Fridays at 4:45 p.m. - Facebook Live on Rabbi

Kahn's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/samantha.o.kahn>

Virtual Welcome Reception, on Fridays at 5:15 p.m. - On Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/672757469>

Erev Shabbat Service, on Fridays at 6:00 p.m. - Will be streamed on Temple

Sinai's YouTube page: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCF_1UivHftirxY70xuMSwJA)

UCF_1UivHftirxY70xuMSwJA and possibly also on Temple Sinai's Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/templesinaisarasota>

Saturdays:

Shabbat Morning Service, Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. - On Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/322550036>

Havdallah, Saturdays at 7:00 PM - Streamed LIVE on Temple Sinai's Facebook

page: <https://www.facebook.com/templesinaisarasota>

Sundays:

Religious School, On Zoom: information available by emailing Bethany Leinweber at bleinweber@temple Sinai-sarasota.org.

Keshet and T'filah Time for all ages, 10:00 - 10:45 a.m.

Grades K/1/2 from 11:00 - 11:45 a.m.

Grades 3/4 from 12:00 - 12:45 p.m.

Grade 5 from 1:00 - 1:45 p.m.

Grades 6/7 from 2:00 - 2:45 p.m.

Grade 8 from 11:00 AM - 12:00 p.m.

ANNUAL APPEAL



You did it!

We have received a tremendous donation of \$20,000 from the Green Family Foundation, and, with other gifts we collected this week, along with pledges that are scheduled for payment, our Annual Appeal Campaign has totaled more than \$176,000, 10% more than the budgeted goal of \$160,000! Hats off to all our donors, and to our hard-working campaign cabinet and their efforts in building Temple Sinai's bridge to a better year!

Laurie & Mark Criden, Chairs



THE GAN



Laura Freedman
Director of Early Childhood Education

The Gan at Temple Sinai
Growing Minds, Strengthening Bodies, Nurturing Souls

CALENDAR

February 6 Family Movie Night
February 15 No school – Presidents Day
February 26 Purim Parade

Happy and healthy New Year!

Laura

Chanukah 2020



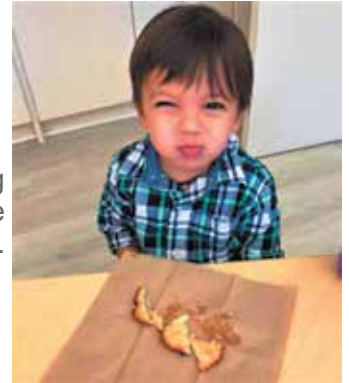
Geveret Laura geared up for Hanukkah!




Tot Shabbat & Chanukah in a Bag on ZOOM



Ben Silverstein working on spinning the dreidel he made by himself.



Ezra Pallegar tasting the potato latke he made at school.

 WOMEN OF SINAI LUNCHEON

LAURA FREEDMAN
DIRECTOR OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
THE GAN AT TEMPLE SINAI

THURSDAY, FEB 4 | 1:00 PM

MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

The work of **Temple Sinai's Membership Committee** is crucial to the creation of a meaningful temple community.

While every member is, by nature, involved in membership, the committee is the primary group that focuses on *attracting, recruiting, welcoming, integrating, engaging, and retaining members* to help them find a lifelong place for themselves within our temple family.

Contact Elana Margolis at
elanatemple@aol.com (941) 966-0252



Membership Directory Update

Please inform the temple office if there is any correction or change in your address, telephone numbers or email address, so that updates may be published in next month's TABLET.

Address change:

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30 member spotlight for 30th year
10:30 a.m.
with time for questions after each presentation

February 8th: *Barbara Gruenberg* showing how to make Halvah

February 19th: *Marvin Rosen* presenting a brief history of the temple with focus on building our present building

February 28th: *Claudia Cleary* on resetting to better eating habits

Members need to register for the session to get the Zoom link

Please join with us as we wish **Happy Anniversary** to our fellow congregants who are celebrating their special day in **February**:

February 6
Kitty and Hanford Gross

February 19
Lauren and Brian Hersh
Kimberly and Jeffery Saltz

February 22
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February 24
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February 15 Howard Katz Lance Cassell	75 years 55 years
February 16 Ronald Cooper	75 years
February 19 David Lieberman	80 years
February 22 Susan Maliot	75 years
February 25 Martin T. Udelson	85 years

Please wish these fellow congregants
a very **Happy Birthday** as they
celebrate their special
February day.

February 1 Mark Spector	February 15 Brian Hersh Dan Ramaty Edgar Weinsberg
February 3 Scott Elias Cindy Nash	February 16 Doris Kanter Margery Shurberg
February 4 Lauren Pearl	February 17 Audrey Quale
February 5 Nancy Bossov Veronica Feliciano	February 19 Thomas Green Adam Levin Suzanne Weinstein
February 6 Hanford Gross Ruth Shafer Toby Weiss	February 20 Bernice Niss
February 7 Fred Gorin	February 21 Irene Hyman Nathan Merwitz
February 8 Rhoda Friedman	February 23 Elliot Livstone Sheila Namiot
February 10 Lisa Greenberg	February 24 Harriet Rosen
February 11 Paul Blankman Julie Bess Jelinek Phyllis Swerdlow	February 25 Lawrence Ehrlich James Payton
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CHAVUROT

Chavurah Essen Fressing



During the past eleven months, we have met regularly via Zoom to share Jewish and secular holidays. We have discussed current affairs and shared news about the pandemic. Some of us have seen each other in small groups and shared information about “safe” places to dine/visit. The men have formed a bi-monthly film discussion group and select films from a wide variety of genres. Several of the women regularly “attend” temple classes and book discussions, play Mah Jongg online, and participate in virtual activities offered by local and national organizations. We all look forward to receiving the COVID-19 vaccine(s) whenever they might be available for us. We especially await the time when we can travel to see our families, return to a “live” temple service and meet with our Chavurah friends in person.

Submitted by Sara Benesch

Chavurah Netanya



So despite COVID-19 19, Chavurah Netanya members have been getting together as much as we can. Several of us play Mah Jongg virtually, on a weekly basis. It has been fun, but we miss the snacks! We also have been meeting for “Breakfast at the Beach”, socially distancing and wearing masks when not eating or enjoying the wonderful water of the gulf. During these encounters, we try to solve the problems of the world - HA!! Fortunately, we have all remained Covid free; however some of our family members and friends have not been as fortunate and have had the virus. The children of

several members are working hard on the front lines taking care of patients, and we have them in our prayers. No, we are all in the ‘trying to get the vaccine’ game, constantly texting one another when another clinic opens up. So far, limited luck for our members on that front.

That’s it for now.

Suzanne Weinstein

Chavurah Tovah



We began our January 3rd Zoom meeting with the now familiar COVID-19 greeting of “how ya’ doing?”, and started our meeting by discussing the distribution problem related to the vaccine and how one member of our chavurah was able to receive his vaccination because of geography. We civilly talked about the Georgia runoff election and shared information on what venues around town we felt safe supporting.

Looking forward to safer times, we chose February 27th for a live, in person Havdalah service with a picnic dinner at a mutually agreed upon destination. We always enjoy our getting together no matter how it we do it.

Jack Shapiro

Purpose of the Chavurot Program

The purpose of the Temple Sinai Chavurot program is to be a social group that celebrates a Jewish lifestyle in Sarasota and provides a warm and comfortable environment for Temple Sinai members to meet new friends.

We are always in the process of forming and reorganizing our individual Chavurot to meet the needs of our members.

If you are interested in joining, or know of members interested in joining a Chavurah, please have them email us at TempleSinaichavurah@gmail.com.

YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

SAFETY – Grades 9 – 12

JOOSY – Grades 6 – 8

Kesher – Grades 3 – 5

Kesher means a knot, connection, link.

Please visit our webpage at <http://www.temple Sinai-sarasota.org/youthgroup.php> for more information about SAFETY, JOOSY and Kesher.



Deb Bryan, Youth Group Advisor

dbryan@sinaisrq.org.

MITZVAH PROJECT "Holiday Bags" for Assisted Living Facility/ Nursing Home Heroes

On December 13, the SAFETY Board put together "Holiday Bags" for people who work at both Aravilla and The Fountains at Lake Pointe Woods (specifically, Assisted Living at The Inn), and then personally delivered them. SAFETY Board members worked with our religious school students to create holiday cards that expressed their love and appreciation for the work these people do with the elderly in our community.

SAFETY Board President, Maxwell Fletcher, wrote the following about the Mitzvah Project:

Completing our "Holiday Bags" activity was a great way to spread holiday cheer to our essential health care workers across Sarasota who have been doing so much over the past year. The involvement of both the SAFETY Youth Group and the Religious School helped these gift bags become meaningful for the workers who received them. I am overjoyed that we were able to do this Mitzvah Project, and the SAFETY Board and Youth Group will continue to serve and help our community in 2021.



Preparing the "Holiday Bags"



Delivering the bags



Lucy displaying some of the cards

Appreciation



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Bethany Leinweber, Director of Youth Education, Outreach and Engagement

Looking Ahead: February Calendar of Events and School Openings/Closing

February 3, 4	MID-WEEK HEBREW/ONLINE TUTORING 5:00-6:00 P.M.
February 7	10:00 A.M.. – 12 NOON IN PERSON SCHOOL – K-7 1:00 – 3:00 P.M. - ONLINE - K-7 12 NOON – 2:00 P.M. – IN PERSON MOVING TRADITIONS
February 10, 11	MID-WEEK HEBREW/ONLINE TUTORING 5:00-6:00 P.M.
February 14	NO SCHOOL – IN PERSON OR ONLINE PRESIDENTS' WEEKEND
February 17, 18	MID-WEEK HEBREW/ONLINE TUTORING 5:00 -6:00 P.M.
February 21	10:00 A.M.– 12 NOON – OUTDOOR INTERACTIVE PURIM MAZE AND MORE AT TEMPLE SINAI NO ONLINE OR IN PERSON SCHOOL 3:00 PM –4:00 PM – ONLINE MOVING TRADITIONS
February 24, 25	NO MID-WEEK HEBREW OR ONLINE TUTORING
February 25	5:30-6:30 P.M. PURIM WINE/PASTRY PAIRING WITH SCHPIEL AND MEGILLAH READING
February 28	10:00 A.M. – 12 NOON IN PERSON SCHOOL – K-7 1:00 – 3:00 P.M. ONLINE - K-7

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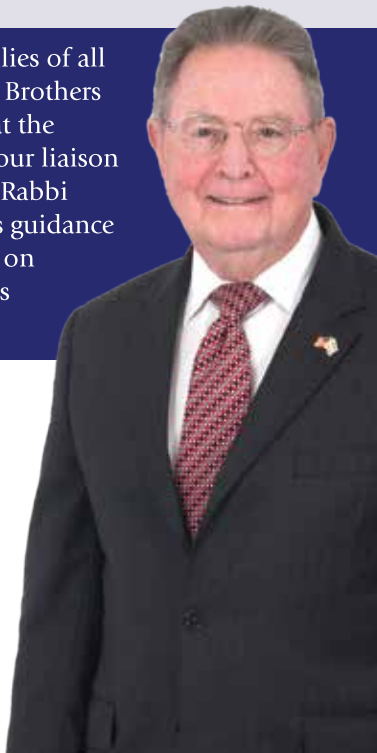
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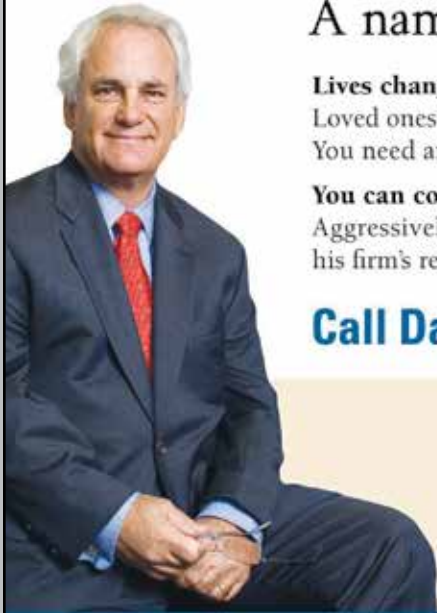
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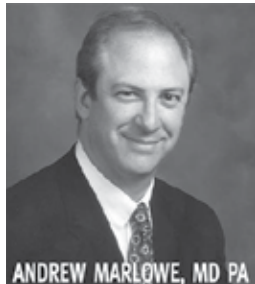
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