Celebrating Jewish Disability Awareness Month 2019

If it’s February, it must be Jewish Disability Awareness Month!

This year, Temple Sinai’s Access Committee has chosen “Care-giving and Care-receiving” as the theme — a challenge many congregants will need to address at some stage in their lives.

Care-giving can be a good opportunity for a rewarding, educational and self-fulfilling job with flexible hours. There are also disadvantages: it can be exhausting and feel all-consuming. Many care-givers feel underpaid, overworked and overwhelmed.

Similarly, there are advantages and disadvantages to care-receiving. The biggest advantage, of course, is that it can be life-preserving, offering a person freedom to have time and energy to do things s/he really wants and/or needs to do, and bringing peace-of-mind to supportive family members. Care-receivers and care-givers can develop rich partnerships and long-lasting relationships with one another... On the other hand, care-receiving can be expensive. And for someone new to finding a care-giver, the experience can trigger one’s vulnerability and, at first, feel intrusive and burdensome when embarking on searching for an individual to assist meeting personal needs.

Several events will take place this month to create a platform that will address a variety of aspects involved with care-giving / care-receiving.

- **On Saturday, February 9th at 10:30am**, Neil Jacobson shares his thoughts on how that week’s Torah portion, Terumah, offers a way for us to view care-giving/care-receiving at the Shabbat Morning Minyan.

- **During the Shabbat Mizmor Shir! evening service on Friday, February 15th at 7:30pm**, Helen Smiler presents a provocative teaser followed by a panel moderated by Rabbi Ruth Adar at the Oneg, featuring Sara Klein, Luciana Perez, and Denise Sherer Jacobson sharing their personal experiences.

- **On Sunday, February 24th at 10:00am**, the Access Committee will host a Conversation at Temple Sinai for the community to continue the very meaningful and purposeful discussion. Join Rabbi Mates-Muchin and Neil Jacobson as they facilitate a Conversation around this significant and purposeful discussion. Share your experiences, hopes, fears, and questions with our community. RSVP to Neil Jacobson at Neil@Abilicorp.com.

The Access Committee is compiling a Care-Giving/Care-Receiving Resource Page with links to websites to find and fund attendants/care-givers. It will also have links to blogs and articles on both care-giving and care-receiving. If you have information that should be included, please email it to Neil@Abilicorp.com.
As we began our school year last August, our staff community opened our time together studying the relationship between the Jewish value of B’zelem Elohim, our Divine image, and the “The Image of the Child”. The image of the child is a particular philosophical approach to early childhood education. It is the belief that each child comes to us full of potential. Each child is a constructor of their own learning, not an empty vessel for us to fill. Each child is fully competent and capable. Each child comes to us with their own unique language, actually multiple languages, expressed through art, movement, stories, dramatic play and building. Consequently, it is our role as educators to honor, support and facilitate their expression of these modalities in relationship to one another. As I began a three-month sabbatical at the end of September, I wanted to further explore for myself, how other centers have defined this idea of the image of the child for their schools.

One school I visited writes, “At Boulder Journey School, we think that from the moment of birth, children are engaged in a search for a meaning of life, seeking to understand the world that surrounds them and the relationships that they form and develop with others in their world.” The Boulder Journey School is a well-known early childhood center and teaching school, where teachers are trained and mentored in the field. This schools believes that in order for children to understand their world, they engage with real, found objects rather than plastic toys. Their classrooms are beautiful, uncluttered spaces full of natural light, cozy areas, objects that spark curiosity and wonder. On a chilly day in October, they bundled up to go on a nature walk to bring back leaves and pinecones and other natural materials to touch and examine. Each child has his/her own shelf to display artwork. They see pictures of themselves creating and exploring and working with friends. Their words and ideas are recorded and displayed to show their ideas matter and have value, as if to say that we hear you, we care about your ideas, we are learning along with you.

The schools I visited are places of investigation and inquiry. Their teachers are encouraged to ask deep questions about their work, to give children ample time to dive into a unit of learning. I visited Jewish early childhood centers that weave Jewish values and education into this framework, whether exploring light and darkness during Hanukkah or the cycle of a tree’s life at Tu B’Shevat.

It is such a gift to give children a space to creatively engage with their world. To have professionals who are there to create an environment where their ideas can grow and be nourished. I firmly believe, that as adults, we too deserve and need time to creatively engage with the world. Our lives are so complex and overprogrammed, where is our space to wrestle with ideas? Where can we express our own search for meaning? As a final piece to my sabbatical, I took some time to immerse myself in a space to creatively engage with both Jewish tradition and art making. I took part in a five-day art and text study immersive experience with the Jewish Studio Project — a local Jewish organization that offers the study of Jewish tradition in an open studio space to creatively engage with both Jewish tradition and art making. I took part in a five-day art and text study immersive experience with the Jewish Studio Project — a local Jewish organization that offers the study of Jewish tradition in an open studio space to encourage creative expression of the texts studied. Here, I could create without judgment, I could turn things over and over and watch them unfold in color. B’zelem Elohim - We are created to create – is displayed on a bright, large banner at their studio. They, too, have a foundational belief that we all have the capacity and potential for creative exploration. And that this creative exploration brings us closer to ourselves and one another.

As I step back into work, I look forward to continuing this investigation of how we offer a growth mindset for both children and adults to actively and creatively engage with the world. To offer spaces that invoke joy, awe, and curiosity through a Jewish lens. To offer this journey of exploration and creation to our preschool community. I am deeply grateful to the Temple Sinai community for this time. We are created to create.

- Ellen Lefkowitz, Preschool Director
First Friday Shabbat in the Round
Friday, February 1, 6:30pm, Albers Chapel
This month join Rabbi Regev, Cantor Keys, song leader Isaac Zones, and the First Friday Players to welcome Shabbat with a new song-filled worship service celebrating the richness of Kabbalat Shabbat and the spirit of community. This month, stay for our Community Dinner and share a Shabbat meal. RSVP at oaklandsinai.org.

Call for Musicians!
Beginning on Friday, March 1 at 5:30pm in the Albers Chapel, we invite members of the congregation who are proficient in an instrument (excluding piano) to join the First Friday in Round Shabbat Players for a jam session to learn a few of the melodies used during the service which follows at 6:30pm. Please bring your instrument and join us at 5:30pm. We will provide the music. Please come at 5:30pm if you plan to play with the band during the service.

Erev Shabbat Service with 5th Grade Religious School and Junior Choir Leading followed by Israeli Dancing
Friday, February 8, 5:30pm Dinner, 6:30pm Service, Sanctuary
Join us as we welcome the Shabbat with candle-lighting, song and prayer. Friday evening services often include teaching sessions, sermons, guest speakers, or special musical services. RSVP for the Family Dinner at 5:30pm at oaklandsinai.org.

Services are followed by an Oneg Shabbat where members and guests can mingle informally and enjoy the Shabbat spirit together.

Monthly Shabbat Morning Minyan
Saturday, February 9, 10:30am, Albers Chapel
The Shabbat Minyan service is filled with spirit, music, and community. These services are held on the second Shabbat morning of each month and are lay led by a member of the Minyan Committee, along with wide participation throughout the service by congregants. Stay for a potluck Kiddush lunch immediately following services.

Erev Shabbat — Mizmor Shir! Service and Disabilities Awareness Shabbat
Friday, February 15, 7:30pm Mizmor Shir!, Sanctuary
A musical Shabbat service featuring Cantor Keys and the Mizmor Shir! musicians which include: piano, guitar, bass, flute, saxophone, clarinet, percussion and harmonica. This service features congregational melodies and eclectic, contemporary music which compliment the creative service booklet compiled specifically for this service.

Sababa Shabbat Saturday Morning Service with Torah Celebration
Saturday, February 23, 9:15am, Albers Chapel
Sababa Shabbat is our monthly family Shabbat celebration for children ages 0 – 8 and their families. Our kid-focused service is followed by hands-on family Torah exploration plus time to play and schmooze.

Schedule of Services
Friday, February 1, 6:30pm
First Friday Shabbat in the Round
Albers Chapel

Saturday, February 2, 10:30am
Shabbat Morning Service with the Bat Mitzvah of Eva Fostovsky-Geckeler
Sanctuary

Friday, February 8, 6:30pm
Erev Shabbat Family Service led by 5th grade religious school class and the Junior Choir
Sanctuary

Saturday, February 9, 10:30am
Shabbat Morning Service with the Bar Mitzvah of Leor Kaufman-Cohen
Sanctuary

Friday, February 15, 7:30pm
Erev Shabbat Family Service led by 5th grade religious school class and the Junior Choir
Sanctuary

Friday, February 22, 7:30pm
Erev Shabbat Service led by Women of Temple Sinai
Albers Chapel

Saturday, February 23
9:15am Sababa Shabbat for children ages 0-8 and their families, Albers Chapel
10:30am Shabbat Morning Service with the Bat Mitzvah of Lily Brody-Kaplan
Sanctuary

RENEWAL OF VOWS SHABBAT SERVICE
Thank you to those who attended the Friday night Shabbat service “Renewal Of Vows” on December 21, especially those couples who chose to renew their vows with us under the chuppah. And thank you to our wedding couple for reciting their wedding vows in the presence of our community.

Thank you to the Temple Sinai Adult choir and the Mizmor Shir! musicians for their beautiful music.

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In January, a very special cohort of six teens from Temple Sinai participated in the Religious Action Center’s social action program, *L’Taken*, in Washington DC. They spent four busy days learning about how the reform movement applies Jewish perspectives to mobilize around important issues. After some in-depth learning, they had the opportunity to make their voices heard when they traveled to Capitol Hill and met with members of Congress.

**February Youth Events**

**SITY JR SUPERBOWL PARTY**  
Sunday, February 3, 3:30pm

**NFTY CONVENTION IN DALLAS**  
9-12 GRADES  
February 15 – 18

**Coming in March**

**NFTY SPRING CONCLAVE**

**NFTY 8TH GRADE EXPERIENCE AT TEMPLE SINAI**

**PURIM SHUL-IN FOR TEENS**

For details and registration on all events, please go to oaklandsinai.org/Youth-Groups-Programs or email Michele@oaklandsinai.org

**NEW TO TEMPLE SINAI!**

Welcome to our new Educational Department Administrative Assistant, Janet Snyder

**SITY ICE SKATING**  
JANUARY 6

**PRESCHOOL TU B’SHVAT EXPLORATION, JANUARY 11**
Mussar for Modern Life — Adult Education Class with Marla Kolman
Tuesdays, 7:30 – 8:45pm, Winter Session began January 15 (8 sessions)
Spring Session begins March 19 (8 sessions);
8 Week Session $160, ALL 16 Sessions $280
Drop In: $25 per class, room 314
We invite beginning and continuing students to join us in this meaningful Mussar (ethical spiritual practice) class. Contact Marla Kolman Antebi at marlainpeace@yahoo.com to register.

Temple Sinai Jewish Book Club
Sunday, February 3, 9:30am, Albers Chapel
As we mark the occasion of Jewish Book Month, we are excited to launch The Temple Sinai Jewish Book Club. Led by Rabbi Mates-Muchin and Rabbi Regev, the Jewish Book Club will meet bi-monthly over the next two years as we dip our toes into the vast sea of Jewish books and the insights they offer into two-thousand years of our history.

Our February session will focus on the Middle Ages with The Itinerary of Benjamin of Tudela by Benjamin Tudela.

Sitting in the Presence – The Practice of Shmirah
Sunday, February 10, 9:30am, Albers Chapel
Shmirah refers to the Jewish practice, both current and ancient, of symbolically “guarding” a person’s body after death, until it is buried or cremated. What’s involved in shmirah and why do we do this ritual for our loved ones? Who can provide shmirah? This workshop will present historical background and general information on shmirah, followed by stories and an experiential activity. Led by Michelle Siegel and Zoë Francesca.

Chinese and Jewish with Rabbi Mates-Muchin
Wednesday, February 13, 7:30pm, Albers Chapel
Do you know that our very own Rabbi Mates-Muchin is the first Chinese American Rabbi?
This time of year her father is fond of reminding her family of how lucky they are to be Chinese and Jewish. “Three New Year celebrations mean three chances for a fresh start!”
Come hear Rabbi Mates-Muchin talk about her family history and how racial diversity fits into the future of American Judaism. Does being Chinese change the nature of being Jewish? Is Chinese New Year affected by her Jewishness?

We all have unique experiences that have led us to our connection to Judaism. How have your experiences shaped your Judaism? How will we continue to fit into the future? We each provide a special link to the future.
Bring your friends! All are welcome! Light refreshments provided. Sponsored by Women of Temple Sinai (WTS).

Making Sense of Israeli Politics: 2019 Election in Israel with Prof. Reuven Hazan
Presented in partnership with American Friends of the Hebrew University
Wednesday, February 20, 7:00pm, Albers Chapel
Professor Hazan, former Chair of the Department of Political Science at Hebrew University will share his unique insights and perspective about the upcoming snap election in Israel scheduled for April.
Sponsored by Temple Sinai Israel Education Committee.

Community Lunch Programs
Our new year of Community and Learning Lunches at Temple Sinai is well underway. Join our Lunch and Learn on the 2nd Tuesday, or Lunch and Culture on the 4th Tuesday. Catered lunches are open to all congregants and their guests. $5 suggested donation for lunch.

Lunch and Learn
Tuesday, February 12, 12:00pm, Albers Chapel
Israelite and other Ancient Near Eastern Law Codes with Rabbi Mates-Muchin. RSVP at oaklandsinai.org

Lunch and Culture
Tuesday, February 26, 12:00pm – 1:30pm, Albers Chapel
The Way of Man: A Film about Martin Buber with Rabbi Mates-Muchin

Coming in March
Poetry Reading
Wednesday, March 6, 7:00pm, Albers Chapel
One of Temple Sinai’s Fine Arts Committee on Culture and Community’s semi-annual free poetry readings. Readings will be by, among others, congregants Mark Taksa and Valerie Sopher.

Special Update on Religious Freedom and the Upcoming Israeli Elections with Rabbi Uri Regev, President of Hiddush
Tuesday, March 12, 7:00pm, Albers Chapel
The Mysteries of the Taharah Liturgy
Tuesday, March 12, 7:00pm, Third Floor Classroom
As a Chevrah Kadisha team prepares a body for burial, we recite a complex liturgy. How do various participants—especially, the deceased, the team, and the Holy One—interact through this recitation? Who else is “in the room”? Chevrah Kadisha co-chair Dan Fendel will help us unravel the mysteries. (No Hebrew required.)
Brotherhood Softball Starting a New Season
Are you interested in joining the Temple Sinai softball team and getting more involved in the community? Whether you are a new or longstanding Sinai member, Brotherhood softballs gives you the opportunity to build relationships with men in our Temple community and continue our 30-plus-year tradition. It is just so much fun to play softball together. In addition, there are multiple father-son players on our teams.

Our season runs April through July on Sunday mornings in Walnut Creek. For more information, contact team manager, Mark Drexler, at mark49sales@comcast.net or (510) 332-9013.

WTS Creative Shabbat Service
Friday, February 22, 7:30pm, Albers Chapel
“...Moses went in before the Lord to speak with Him...and when he came out...the Israelites would see how radiant the skin of Moses’ face was.” - Ki Tisa

Are you yearning for a break from the week’s grind? Do you want to settle into a restful, contemplative space? Can you imagine your spirit soaring with music and voices blended together? Come to Shabbat services, Friday, February 22 and join the Women of Temple Sinai in a creative, soulful service of “Moments of Transformation”. Prayers are written and songs are sung to bring us closer to peace, to the realization of who we are and of who we want to become.

WTS Theater Event
Sunday, March 3, 2:00pm, Live Oak Theater, Berkeley
Regina Evans, our Opening Tea speaker who spoke to us about human trafficking in Oakland, will be performing in “Passage” at the Live Oak Theater, 1301 Shattuck, Berkeley.

Join the WTS as we enjoy theater together. “Passage” explores the issues of human trafficking through the story of “the skin” of past-day slavery using poetry, prose, dance, spirituals and first-hand words of ancestor slaves.

Please send a check made out to Susan Edelman, 2688 Carisbrook Drive, Oakland, CA, 94611 ASAP so tickets can be ordered before they sell out. Tickets are $22 each.

Ongoing WTS Activities

WTS DAY TIME BOOK GROUP
Join us every third Wednesday at 1:00pm at Temple Sinai, room 310. The next books to discuss are:
February 20, 2019 — “Waking Lions” by Ayelet Gundar-Goshen
March 20, 2019 — “The Plot Against America” by Philip Roth

Let’s meet! Make an appointment today.

Contact:
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WTS Gift Shop
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Songs of Irving Berlin and Cole Porter — A Sing-Along Concert
Saturday, February 2, 2019, 7:00pm, Sanctuary

Recommended donation: $15.00 (under 30 or over 80: $10)

Proceeds used to bring similar programs to retirement communities throughout the Bay Area

Another community building event brought to you by Temple Sinai’s Fine Arts Committee on Culture and Community

Questions: Phil Rubin (510) 547-8080 or phil@legalmaster.com
People of the Book Literacy Project

As we start another new year — 2019 — we continue our mission of helping kids learn to love reading.

In addition to providing tutoring at two of our partner schools (Sankofa Academy and Greenleaf K-8), we put great books into the hands of children in underserved schools. Two examples below, in photos:

“Wow, I put out 100+ books today for our students and it was a veritable book frenzy! The kids were so excited to be getting new books just before winter break.”

- Librarian, Reach Academy

Montera Middle School students enjoying new library books from their Books Kids Want to Read grant, a partnership of People of the Book Literacy Project and FOPSL (Friends of the Oakland Public School Libraries).

Your donations of both books and funds transform the lives of students who otherwise might not discover the joy of reading. And thank you also to Redwood Day School for their donation of $1430 to spend on Book Fair books, as well as over 100 book donations.

Upcoming events: February 1 school-wide book giveaway at Think College Now; February 5 author Annie Barrows visits Bella Vista School! Thank you for making these events possible!

Social Action

Many Thanks to Adopt a Family Donors

The Adopt a Family program (AAF) at Greenleaf Elementary School in Oakland was once again a great success thanks to more than 75 generous donors who brought cheer to over 145 students, nearly a third of the school population.

AAF started 14 years ago when the Literacy Project recognized that many families at one of its partner schools did not have the financial resources to provide holiday gifts for their children. AAF has increased in size and reputation; donors from our congregation are now joined by many friends.

Rodolfo Perez, Outreach Coordinator at Greenleaf, does a tremendous job of selecting families in need, matching them with donors, obtaining the gift lists and forwarding them to donors, receiving the gifts from donors, and distributing them to the families. It is a nearly all-consuming job in November and December. He is limited to 65 families because it requires such a personal touch. In addition to wishlist donations, many other donors supplied gift cards and stuffed animals. Some of the gift cards will be used throughout the year for urgent needs. A big thank you to all who contributed, including Susan Rancer, who has been instrumental in collecting a very generous amount of funds and gift cards. AAF truly touches many children and their parents. We deeply appreciate all participants.

Joyful faces at Greenleaf School thanks to AAF!
What Will Your Legacy Be?

The Shabbat Service held on Friday, November 9 recognized all legacy gift households in the Congregation. At that service, legacy giving chair Geoff Piller offered this appreciation of congregants who have committed to making a legacy gift to Temple Sinai.

Chairing Temple Sinai’s “Create a Jewish Legacy” program since it got started a few years ago has forced me to think — a lot — about how to convey why making a legacy commitment is fundamentally different from other types of gifts congregants make. What I have concluded is that committing to make a legacy gift is the most effective and direct way possible for one generation to say to another,

I am making you a gift of this synagogue: it is an essential institution that must be sustained. Here is something that will help you keep it vital and alive until it is your generation’s turn to pass it along to the next generation.

Of course, without having any formal legacy giving program in place, generations of Temple Sinai congregants have been doing exactly that: sustaining this congregation and gifting it to the next generation for almost 150 years. Talking about “legacy” in the context of a congregation that has survived so long makes you think about what these prior generations accomplished and why they were so driven to do so. When Temple Sinai’s founders started this congregation in 1875,

- California had been a state for only 25 years;
- The Civil War ended and Lincoln was assassinated only 10 years before, and federal troops still occupied the states of the former Confederacy;
- Native Americans still held control over vast parts of the west and George Armstrong Custer had not yet had his last stand; and
- Reform Judaism — that essential key to reconciling Judaism to life in the modern world for Jews who had only been fully emancipated in Western Europe a single generation before Temple Sinai was founded — had barely been invented by a group of forward thinking German rabbis and scholars and imported to America.

And Temple Sinai’s founders and the generations that followed kept this synagogue going, passing it l’dor va dor, though enormous challenges — all of which we continue struggle with today:

- The challenge of convincing Jews newly liberated from the control of the shtetle and the governance of their rabbis why Judaism remains vitally relevant and convincing them that assimilating out of Judaism altogether would be a profound and personal loss;
- The challenge of whether it is possible to both embrace Zionism and maintain a vibrant Jewish life in the diaspora — a challenge this congregation initially answered unambiguously in 1913 by building its sanctuary facing — not east toward Jerusalem — but north, toward… Emeryville; and
- The challenge that, God knows, this synagogue’s founders hoped would be a relic of history by now: the enduring ignorance that fuels hatred of Jews because we are Jews.

So generations of Temple Sinai congregants have sustained this amazing institution facing and overcoming these longstanding challenges alongside new ones, like:

- The estrangement of many congregants from Israel (and an Israeli government that appears to be far more interested in engaging with American Evangelical Christians than with the majority of American Jews);
- How to reconcile the security demands of a proudly urban synagogue yet remain a welcoming place for all; and
- Every day — addressing for its congregants the eternal question “why be Jewish?” in the face of all the distractions and demands of 21st Century life.

I don’t know what Temple Sinai will be like 100, 50, or even 20 years from now. But, what I do know is that it will be central to Jewish life in the East Bay. One reason Sinai will be so vital in the future is in no small part because of the congregants in the second decade of the 21st Century who had the foresight to make a commitment that will insure the survival of Temple Sinai for future generations. On behalf of those future Temple Sinai congregants, we thank you, legacy donors.

- Geoff Piller, Legacy Giving Chair

Temple Sinai is a member of Create a Jewish Legacy, a partnership of East Bay agencies, synagogues, and day schools dedicated to securing the Jewish Future through legacy giving. Create a Jewish Legacy is sponsored by The Jewish Federation of the East Bay, The Jewish Community Foundation, and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation. To make a legacy gift to Temple Sinai contact Legacy Committee chair Geoff Piller at gpiller@beesontayer.com
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in memory of Lois Arnold
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Wendy Simon
in memory of Robert Rosenberg
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Arthur and Meredith Stanton
in memory of Lois Arnold
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Yesod
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in memory of Inge Rosen
Birthdays

2/1  Burt Yarkin
2/1  Robert Hallman
2/3  Adrienne Shupin Herman
2/3  Pamela Sawyer
2/4  Diana Levy
2/6  Janet Weinstein
2/7  Burt Boltuch
2/9  Gilbert Holtzman
2/9  Steven Oppenheimer
2/10 Emily Rosenthal
2/10 Jennifer Kabatchnik
2/11 Rita Zwerdling
2/11 Robert Feldman
2/13 Mark Snyder
2/17 Bart Schenone
2/18 Carol Sideman
2/20 Elaine Binger
2/21 Michael Kent
2/21 Ruth Long
2/22 Lynn Greenberg
2/23 Annette Segal
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2/25 David Wagman
2/25 Mark Berenberg
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2/26 Lawrence Noveshen
2/27 Gordon Fox

Birthdays and anniversaries are listed in multiples of 5 as well as birthdays age 80 and over. Mazel Tov!

Welcome New Members!
Alexis Weiss and Mark Johnson
David and Nina Eisenberg
Gabe and Diana Drucker
Ethan and Michelle Weiss
Ruth Greenwald
Sofia and Matthew Geoghegan
Mariel and Benjamin Goldenstein
Allison Henkel and Mel Porter
Lisa Goodman and Maurice Wolin
Emily and Edward Hill
Kari and Jaime Dorenbaum
Jessica Pearlman Fields and Joshua Fields
The Bosin Family
Annamarie Simmons (rejoined)
Brian Linde and Jodie Ruland (rejoined)

Mazel Tov! Bruchim Habaim – Welcome to the world!

Drew Raymond Epstein
was born on November 10, 2018
Proud Parents:
Evan and Katelyn Epstein
Proud Grandparents:
George and Janet Epstein

Moisés Rimon Zones Santana
was born on November 14, 2018
Proud Parents:
Isaac Zones and Vivian Santana

Joshua Selkirk Sinai
was born on December 16, 2018
Proud parents:
Nancy and Jim Sinai

B’Nei Mitzvah

Eva Fostovsky-Geckeler
Daughter of Hilary Foster and Christian Geckeler
Saturday, February 2

Eleanore Friedman
Daughter of Jennifer and Abe Friedman
Saturday, February 9

Leor Kaufman-Cohen
Son of Nancy and Eric Kaufman-Cohen
Saturday, February 16

Lily Brody-Kaplan
Daughter of Sarah and Robyn Brody-Kaplan
Saturday, February 23

Thank you to the Fostovsky-Geckeler, Friedman, Kaufman-Cohen and Brody-Kaplan families for sponsoring Onegs this month.

Wedding Anniversaries
67  Mike and Susan Levy 2/10
60  Norm and Carole Robinow 2/1
50  Charlie and Lanie Linker 2/2
40  Richard Burge and Shelley Gordon 2/24
35  Gordon Fox and Lynne Belmont 2/19
15  Kurt Fleischer and Nagisa Yamamoto 2/11
10  Robert Berger and Lori Kaplan 2/15

REMEmBRANCES
We mourn the loss of:

Raidelle Newman
Member of Temple Sinai Community

Avigdor Bar-Din
Husband of Marion Bar-Din
Father of Rona Bar-Din

Shepard Bennett
Father of Ricki Bennett

Sam Cohen
Uncle of Rachel Richman

Sonia Baron Saag
Mother of Linda Baker

May their memory be a blessing.
### Calendar

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1**
- 6:30pm First Friday Shabbat in the Round
- 7:30pm Community Shabbat Dinner

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2**
- 9:00am Torah Study
- 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service with Bat Mitzvah of Eva Fostovsky-Geckeler
- 7:00pm An Unlikely Friendship: The Songs Of Irving Berlin And Cole Porter Sing-Along Concert

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3**
- 9:30am Jewish Book Club
- 3:30pm SiTY Junior Super Bowl Party

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5**
- 7:30am Tuesday Morning Minyan
- 7:30pm Mussar for Modern Life — Adult Education Class with Marla Kolman

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6**
- 12:15pm Al-Anon Meeting

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7**
- 7:30pm WTS & Friends Bridge Night

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8**
- 7:30pm Erev Shabbat Service with 5th grade religious school and junior choir leading with Israeli dancing following

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9**
- 9:00am Torah Study
- 10:30am Shabbat Morning Minyan with presentation by Neil Jacobson
- 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service with Bat Mitzvah of Eleanore Friedman

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10**
- 9:30am Chevrah Kadisha Presentation: Sitting in the Presence – The Practice of Shmirah

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12**
- 7:30am Tuesday Morning Minyan
- 12:00pm Lunch & Learn
- 7:30pm Mussar for Modern Life — Adult Education Class with Marla Kolman

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13**
- 12:15pm Al-Anon Meeting
- 6:00pm Committee Dinner
- 6:15pm WTS Board Meeting
- 6:30pm Education Committee Meeting
- 6:30pm Social Action Committee
- 6:30pm Teen leadership meeting
- 6:30pm Sinai Green Meeting
- 7:30pm Rabbi Mates Muchin presents “Chinese and Jewish”?

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14**
- 7:30pm Rabbinic Board Meeting

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15**
- Preschool Closed for Jewish ECE Conference
- NFTY Convention in Dallas 9-12 Grade (2/15 – 2/18)
- 7:30pm Erev Shabbat Mizmor Shir! Service with Disability Awareness Shabbat, Sanctuary

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16**
- 9:00am Torah Study
- 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service with Bar Mitzvah of Leor Kaufman-Cohen

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17**
- No Religious School
- No Junior Choir

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18**
- Office and Preschool Closed for President’s Day

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19**
- No SiTY
- No Adult Choir
- 7:30am Tuesday Morning Minyan
- 7:30pm WTS & Friends Bridge Night

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20**
- No Religious School
- 12:15pm Al-Anon Meeting
- 1:00pm WTS Book Group Meeting
- 7:00pm Temple Board Meeting
- 7:00pm Making Sense of Israeli Politics: 2019 Election in Israel with Professor Reuven Hazan

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22**
- 7:30pm Erev Shabbat Service led by WTS

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23**
- 9:00am Torah Study
- 9:15am Sababa Shabbat
- 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service with the Bat Mitzvah of Lily Brody-Kaplan

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24**
- 10:00am Community Conversation on Disability and Care-Giving
- 11:30am Junior Choir

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26**
- 7:30am Tuesday Morning Minyan
- 12:00pm Lunch & Culture
- 7:30pm Mussar for Modern Life — Adult Education Class with Marla Kolman

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27**
- 12:15pm Al-Anon Meeting
- 7:30pm Israel Education Committee Meeting

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**Preschool Fundraiser**—Saturday, April 6, Rose’s Taproom, Oakland

The Temple Sinai David Pregerson Preschool Scholarship Fundraiser is on April 6, 2019. The event helps support scholarships for 20% of TSDPP families. We will feature a silent auction at the event and hope to solicit wonderful auction items from the larger Sinai community this year. Popular items in years past include restaurant gift certificates, family photography sessions, museum memberships, and vacation rentals. Should you have an item to donate, please contact Jill Saper (jillsaper@gmail.com). All donations are tax deductible. Thank you for your help in making Jewish education accessible for more families.
COMING IN MARCH

Psalms of Ascent and Lament

JOIN THE CHOIRS OF
Temple Sinai in Oakland and
St. Mark’s Episcopal Church in Berkeley
as we explore the power of the Psalm texts.

Featuring Cantor Ilene Keys
George Anton Emblov, Choir Director
Mizmor Shir! Musicians

Friday, March 15, 2019, 7:30pm
Temple Sinai
Corner of Webster and
28th Streets in downtown Oakland

For more information
contact Cantor Keys
haznkeys@hotmail.com

Open to the public

Temple Sinai
presents
Harriet Potterspiel

SHOWTIMES
Wednesday, March 20th, 6:15pm
Sunday, March 24th, 10:30am
in the Sanctuary