

SINAI SPOTLIGHT



August 2025
Av - Elul



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SHABBAT WORSHIP SERVICES

AUGUST 2025

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

Shabbat Evening Service
followed by Hawaiian-themed Oneg Reception

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

Torah Portion: DEVARIM (Deut. 1:1-3:22)
Torah Study & Shabbat Morning Service

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

Shabbat Evening Service, celebrating
Monthly Anniversary & Birthday Blessings
followed by Oneg Reception

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

Torah Portion: VA'ETCHANAN (Deut. 3:23-7:11)
Torah Study & Shabbat Morning Service

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

Bim Bam Magical Shabbat & Dinner at 5:00PM
Shabbat Evening Service
followed by BBQ-themed Oneg Reception

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

Torah Portion: ELKEV (Deut. 7:12-11:25)
Torah Study & Shabbat Morning Service

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

Shabbat B'Shir Musical Service
followed by Traditional Shabbat Dinner

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

Torah Portion: RE'EIH (Deut. 11:26-16:17)
Torah Study & Shabbat Morning Service

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

Final Summer Union Shabbat Service
20th Anniversary of Hurricane Katrina
followed by Oneg Reception

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

Torah Portion: SHOFETIM (Deut. 16:18-21:9)
Torah Study & Shabbat Morning Service

SUMMER UNION SERVICE TIMES

AUGUST 2025

Summer Union Shabbat Services
are hosted by Temple Sinai

FRIDAY EVENINGS

Shabbat Evening Service
at 6:15PM

SATURDAY MORNINGS

Torah Study
at 9:15AM

Shabbat Morning Service
at 10:30AM

In-person and online



FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

SUMMER PLANS



As I write this, the summer is more than half over. It is certainly going by quickly. I hope everyone is able to find some time to relax as well as ways to stay cool and dry.

One of my highlights so far has been my week at the URJ Henry S. Jacobs Camp in June. It was great to see camp in action. I love seeing all of our kids—campers, counselors-in-training, and staff—enjoying camp and having great experiences. I also loved watching Cantor Colman teaching radio and leading a number of activities. I look forward to hearing about everyone's favorite camp memories for this summer. Jacobs Camp is undertaking an ambitious capital campaign and has plans for some major improvements this coming year. I want to thank everyone who continues to support Jacobs Camp—please know how much it means to me and to all of us in our region.

On July 13, Temple Sinai was well-represented at the Together New Orleans (TNO) Citywide Delegates Assembly hosted by Dillard University. It was the kickoff for the "Future of Our City Campaign." Many issues were discussed, including: the rising cost of living, jobs, public works, neighborhood power plans, and more. Temple Sinai is a founding member of TNO, and we pledged our continued support. Our delegation included Captain Jenn Daley, our President Matt Glodowski, our Social Action/Tzedek Committee stalwarts Luz Molina & Shayna Skal, myself, and Harry Lowenburg, who also participated in the agenda and is a leader in TNO.

Another highlight has been our Summer Union Shabbat Services. I have enjoyed attending services in June at Congregation Gates of Prayer and in July at Touro Synagogue. Now we are excited to welcome everyone home to Temple Sinai this month. We have something special planned for each week, including celebrating summer anniversaries and birthdays on Friday, Aug. 8; a special Bim Bam Kids Club Shabbat on Aug. 15; and our musical *Shabbat B'Shir* and dinner on Aug. 22. We are also looking forward to coming together as a united community on Friday, Aug. 29 to mark the 20th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina.



Rabbi Daniel M. Sherman

"We hope it is a wonderful year of learning and growth for all of our students and their families."

An Oneg Shabbat reception will follow services in the sanctuary each week. We will also resume our Torah Study (9:15AM) and Shabbat Morning Services (10:30AM in the chapel) each Saturday morning. I hope you will plan on joining us for Shabbat throughout August.

Please mark your calendars for all of the special Welcome Back Events on the weekend of Aug. 22-24. Beginning with Shabbat, we will continue on Sunday with a special event for our Chavurah@Sinai students and families, followed by Brotherhood Bingo in the afternoon. It will be great to see everyone back at Temple.

With August comes the start of the school year. We hope it is a wonderful year of learning and growth for all of our students and their families. We also want to thank all of the teachers, administrators, assistants, staff, and volunteers for all that they do for the students in our community and city. We are excited about a wonderful year of Religious School with Chavurah@Sinai. Thanks to the generous grant we received from the Arthur Blank Family Foundation in Atlanta, we are able to offer Religious School to all of our Temple families tuition-free. We are looking forward to a great year. I want to thank Amanda Loflin, who has been working hard as our Religious School and Family Engagement Administrator—we are so happy to have Amanda back for a second year.

August 25th this year marks the beginning of the month of Elul on the Hebrew calendar. Elul is the last month of the year and is our preparation period before the upcoming High Holy Days. Rosh HaShanah begins on the evening of Monday, Sept. 22. Now is the time to start to get ready for the New Year. I hope you will find some time this month to reflect on 5785—both the good and the bad, accomplishments and mistakes—and to make some plans and set goals for 5786. We will look forward to welcoming the New Year altogether at Temple next month. Enjoy the end of summer! I look forward to seeing you soon!

Cantor's Corner

The summer is flying by, and before you know it, our children will be back in school and the High Holy Days will be upon us! However, before this happens, it is important to take the time for self-care and reflection on the months that have passed, and enjoy the gift of unstructured time right now. I have surely been doing that, and I hope you have as well.

We have so many wonderful things to look forward to this new "season" at Temple! I am thrilled to announce that I am forming an adult volunteer choir to sing for the Yom Kippur afternoon service. We do a wonderful healing service that afternoon, and I am excited to have congregant participation alongside our professional singers.

Rehearsals will take place on the following Tuesday evenings, and we are most blessed that Dr. Meg Frazier, Director of Choral Activities (amongst other things) at Loyola University and Artistic Director and Conductor of the NOVA Chorale, will accompany us on piano and assist me in preparing our adult choir. Please plan to attend the following rehearsals: August 26, September 2, 9, 16, and 30 from 6:00-7:15PM here at Temple Sinai. Yom Kippur is Oct. 2 this year. No prior experience is necessary, just a desire to sing and participate in our beautiful services! Please contact me to sign up or for more information: cantorgarfein@templesinaino.org.

Speaking of music, join us at Temple Sinai on Sunday, August 24, from 2:00-3:30PM when I will be performing with the New Orleans Chamber Orchestra. On the program will be premieres of new pieces by Jerry Sieg and Malcolm Parson; the centerpiece of the concert is the premiere of the orchestral version of "Perhaps a Butterfly" by Eliot Bailen. This is a song cycle I commissioned from the composer in 2010 in memory of my maternal great-grandmother, Settchen Levi Feist, who was taken from Berlin to Theresienstadt concentration camp and ultimately murdered at Auschwitz. Featured in the song cycle are four poems written by children who were at Theresienstadt. I am excited to bring this beautiful and moving work to our New Orleans community. Tickets will be available at the door and on their website:

<https://www.nolachamberorch.com/>.

Also on the program are pieces by Elgar, Bartók, Handel, and Glück. Phillip Larroque and Maxim Samarov will take turns conducting the New Orleans Chamber Orchestra. This orchestra is committed to enriching our musical community by presenting concerts of the highest quality featuring the area's finest musicians in works of local interest, including those of New Orleans composers.



Cantor Rebecca Garfein

"We have so many wonderful things to look forward to this new season at Temple!"

And the music continues at Shabbat services! This month of August, Temple Sinai hosts our community for Shabbat, and I would like to highlight a couple of special services. Bim Bam Kids Magical Shabbat will be on Friday, August 15. George the Magician will perform his magic at 5:00PM, and then I will lead our youngest kiddos, along with their families, in Shabbat songs and blessings from 5:30-6:00PM. Our Shabbat B'Shir service continues on August 22, featuring the wonderful Harry Mayrone, piano; Ben Schenk, clarinet; and Walter Harris, drums. If you would like to help underwrite this service, please contact Jenn Daley, our Executive Director, at jenndaley@templesinaino.org.

On August 29, Harry Mayrone returns and will help us commemorate the 20th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. I did not live in New Orleans 20 years ago, but my former congregation formed a Hurricane Katrina Committee, and we raised funds to send to the New Orleans Jewish community. At the time, I organized a NYC Cantors' Cabaret to raise funds for this community. Even 20 years ago, New Orleans was on my mind!



Wishing you an amazing August, and I pray that the summer has been restful and invigorating. Alexander, Max, Jake, and the puppies join me in these good wishes!

From The Executive Director

Welcome Home!

I have been eagerly anticipating and excited to say those words to my Temple Sinai family, as we host Summer Union Shabbat this month. I can't believe how quickly the summer has flown by, and here we are again—ready for a new year of exciting events at Temple Sinai!

We have been very busy at Temple during June and July, preparing for your return. Our Hurricane Ida/FEMA waterproofing project has been underway and is scheduled for completion in September. We have completed the first step of a full pressure—washing of the Sanctuary brick—it's never looked so clean and bright! The brick's mortar is now undergoing tuckpointing—the process of removing the old mortar and replacing it with new mortar. The final step is applying the waterproofing solution. A big thank you to Cliff Kern and Tyler Guidroz from House & Property for their guidance as we undergo this important process in mitigating our hurricane damage.

Our front lobby gates for the St. Charles Ave. and Palmer St. entrances are now fully operational and automated. This project completes our 2022 FEMA Non-profit Security Grant. Upon arrival at Temple Sinai, please announce yourself using the new call box, and our staff will buzz the gates open for you. No need to touch anything or pull the door open. We are grateful this layer of security has been added to our approved security plan. Thank you to Security Committee Chair Lee Bressler for his continued support and leadership. Want to join our Security Committee? Their next meeting is Tuesday, August 5. Email me at jdaley@templesinaino.org and we'll get you the details!



Jenn Daley

"Welcome home to Temple Sinai!"

Sinai Small Groups has been an important project for me over the past two years. We want Temple Sinai to be a place where there is something for everyone. To date, Temple Sinai Small Groups include: Sinai Young Pros (young professionals aged 25-39), SAGE (Seniors, Activities, Groups, Excursions), Sinai Bereavement Support Group, LGBTQ+ Group, and now introducing the Free Birds (or empty-nesters)! Please reach out if you have a great idea for one of these groups or if you would like to be on the email list. Our Small Groups are yet another way for you to connect with your fellow Temple members.

Lastly, I am beyond grateful for the grant we received from the Atlanta-based Arthur Blank Family Foundation. The grant award has two parts: first, to be able to offer tuition-free Religious School this year for our children, and second, to help with our ongoing Hurricane Ida Sanctuary repairs. Todah rabah, thank you to the Blank Foundation for their commitment to improving our community.

Whether it be for Shabbat services, a social function, or High Holy Days, please know I am always here for you. Welcome home to Temple Sinai!

B'Shalom,
Jenn Daley, Executive Director

STAFF UPDATE

This summer, Temple Sinai hired Elisa Heisman of Red Pen Resources, a marketing/communications firm that specializes in uplifting nonprofit organizations. She will work on the weekly emails, our bulletin, and other projects. Elisa is a seasoned marketing professional with expertise in the Jewish community. We are excited to have her join our team!

From the President

Building Our Legacy Together



Matt Glodowski

Greetings, Temple Sinai!

As many of you know, during this May's annual meeting, I accepted the nomination for President of the Board of Trustees of our historic congregation. Joined by my wife, Jeri Ann, and seven-year-old daughter, Rose, I'm excited to work with our clergy, Jenn, and our Board as we plan, build, and execute our vision for this upcoming year here at Sinai. While I know that there will be many opportunities to get to know one another, I thought that in my first message, I would share a few reflections from a recent road trip.

This past April, Jeri Ann and I took a drive up to West Feliciana Parish, in the small town of St. Francisville. Tucked into the rolling hills (yes, hills) just northwest of Baton Rouge, it's a part of Louisiana that feels wholly unfamiliar to us living here at sea level — think more Hudson Valley than Hessmer Ave. While St. Francisville is best known for its antebellum history and Neo-Classical architecture, what surprised me most was discovering a significant Jewish history that continues to this day.

It began in the late 19th century, when German Jewish immigrants, like many others, arrived seeking a new start. They were drawn to St. Francisville by the promise of opportunity and reinvention in the years following the Civil War. Once they arrived, they quickly established themselves as professionals and civic leaders, helping to shape the town's character—its economy, institutions, and culture. They built community meeting places, a synagogue, and a cemetery, all of which still stand today. While little of the Jewish population remains, absorbed mainly by Baton Rouge and Lafayette, the imprint of their legacy endures in the fond stories that historians tell and the many historical markers along the main thoroughfare that commemorate this community's impressive contributions to civic and communal life.

As I stood before one of those markers, reading names and stories I hadn't heard before, I reflected on the way that Jewish life, when cultivated with commitment and intention, has always found a way to take root and thrive, even in places we don't expect. Those early families of St. Francisville didn't just settle; through their commitments, they built a thriving community that continues to affect future generations. As I think about what I want to work on over the next two years as our Temple President, I find myself reflecting deeply about this idea of legacy — and how we create permanence for future generations by contributing in earnest to this one.

"I find myself reflecting deeply on the idea of legacy — and how we create permanence for future generations by contributing earnestly to this one."

For me, service to my city, the legal profession, my community, and this congregation are my outward expressions of that commitment. As President, I will continue to join with you during services, meetings, special events, and the many other ways we at Sinai continue to engage with one another. As I do so, I invite everyone to join me in finding your own meaningful way to connect with our congregation.

I also think about how I can contribute to the continued growth at Sinai. It's no secret that our congregation, like many in American Judaism, is experiencing the many trends in affiliation and participation that have affected so many of our sister organizations. Yet, as the parent of a young daughter who attends Sunday school and looks forward to continuing her Jewish education at Sinai, I can assure you that there is no greater priority than ensuring that her experience — and the experience of her many contemporaries — is as meaningful to her as it was for many of you. One way to do this is through the Eternal Light Society, our congregation's legacy giving platform that helps ensure Temple Sinai's future for generations to come. My family and I are proud to have made this commitment, and I invite each of you to find your own ways to contribute.

As your clergy and leadership begin preparing for an exciting year ahead, I'm reminded again of how fortunate and privileged I am to be part of this amazing congregation. I again want to thank our clergy, Board, and most importantly, our congregation, for the opportunity to serve.

Enjoy the rest of the summer, and I look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Introducing Our New Legacy Giving Initiative at Temple Sinai

Your Values. Your Temple. Your Legacy.

Temple Sinai is more than just a building—it's where your Jewish journey unfolds. It's where you celebrate, learn, mourn, and belong.

The Eternal Light Society is for those making a legacy gift from their will or estate to Temple Sinai, ensuring that future generations will have a place to gather, to grow, and to keep the flame of Jewish life burning brightly here.

Remember, legacy giving isn't just philanthropy; it's an opportunity to light the way for the next generation.



"I have always been connected to Temple Sinai. My legacy gift will help ensure that in the future, others will experience all the wonderful moments Temple Sinai has provided me throughout the years."

-Sandy Levy, Past President

Learn More



What is Legacy Giving?

A legacy gift is a meaningful way to convey your values to future generations by making a provision in your will or estate plans to remember Temple Sinai. Because every family's situation is unique, there is no minimum pledge to participate. Every legacy gift, regardless of the amount, is greatly valued and will be treated with care. All legacy gifts will qualify the individual donor for membership in the Eternal Light Society.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need to give you money now and can I change my mind?

This is your gift and your opportunity to 'light the way' for future generations of Temple Sinai. We are asking you to commit to giving a particular amount as part of your will or estate plans. You can change your mind at any time. Please consult an estate planning attorney for further guidance.

How will Temple Sinai use the funds?

Legacy gifts will be used to extend the support you have provided Temple Sinai during your lifetime and guarantee that your commitment will continue to be a light for the future. The funds will be used to secure the future of Temple Sinai and are directed towards the Endowment. However, you may designate your gift for a special purpose.

Executive Committee & Board of Trustees

Meet Our New President Matt Glodowski



A native of Long Island, New York, Matt moved to New Orleans to attend Tulane University in August of 2000 and later earned his law degree from Loyola University New Orleans College of Law. Along with his wife, Jeri Ann, and their daughter, Rose, a proud student in Temple Sinai's Sunday school, Matt is grateful to call New Orleans home and to be part of a congregation that plays such a meaningful role in his family's life.

Matt brings a deep commitment to service to his leadership role, having served for thirteen years in the United States federal government across two federal agencies in various leadership roles. He later founded his own consulting firm, advising healthcare providers who work to expand access to essential medications and care for underserved communities. Matt continues to serve as an Assistant Bar Examiner for the Louisiana Supreme Court and is a former Chair of a Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board Hearing Committee.

In his spare time, Matt enjoys swimming, running, and playing tennis. He looks forward to working closely with the clergy, Board, staff, and congregants to support Temple Sinai's mission and ensure its continued strength as a vibrant center of Jewish life in New Orleans.

MAZAL TOV!

Executive Committee (2025-2027)

President – Matt Glodowski
Executive Vice President – Keith Kornman
1st Vice President – Luz Molina
2nd Vice President – Jennifer Nierman
Treasurer – Sharon Kirkpatrick
Secretary – Tamie Bressler
Sisterhood Co-presidents – Ellen Heller Cohen and
Amy Gainsburgh-Haspel
Brotherhood President – Zachary Russell

Board of Trustees (2025-2027)

Jodi Aamodt	Audrey Hess-Miranda
Jacob Bitoun	Stephanie Kaston
Elizabeth Brodt	David Loeb
Martin Covert	Jimmy Meyer
Gia DiLeo	Garrett Moore
Catherine Frank	Ariane Rung
Vern Gransden	Shayna Skal
Kurt Guerin	Eugene Terk



SAVE-THE-DATE

TEMPLE SINAI'S

Brunch

HONORING OUR

Past Presidents

FOLLOWED BY A SILENT FILM-ENSEMBLE SPECTACULAR,
FEATURING WORLD RENOWNED MUSICIANS
DONALD SOSIN AND ALICIA SVIGALS

OCTOBER

SUNDAY

26

11AM - 1PM

2025



SCAN FOR
TICKETS

6227 ST. CHARLES AVE.

Catered by: Rommel's Catering

BIG NEWS: Tuition-Free Religious School at Temple Sinai!

Thanks to a generous grant from the Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation, Temple Sinai's Chavurah@Sinai Religious School will be tuition-free for the 2025–2026 school year!

This grant allows us to remove potential financial barriers and open our doors even wider to families seeking joyful, meaningful Jewish learning. We believe every child deserves to grow up with a strong connection to Jewish community, values, and tradition — and this gift helps make that possible.

While tuition is covered this year, we hope families who are able, will consider making a **DONATION** to help support all of our family education opportunities and monthly *lagniappe* programming — those special extras that make our school so vibrant. From holiday celebrations and family Shabbat experiences to guest educators and hands-on enrichment, your support helps us go above and beyond.

Please help us grow this special community by sharing this news with friends, family, and neighbors who might be interested in joining us. Together, we can build a welcoming, thriving space for Jewish learning and connection.

Membership at Temple Sinai is still required to participate, but we're committed to making it accessible and flexible to meet the needs of every family.

Thank you for being part of the Temple Sinai family — we're so excited for the year ahead and can't wait to grow together.

-Amanda



Amanda Loflin

*Religious School &
Family Engagement Administrator*

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and can't wait to grow together."***

SAVE THE DATE:

Friday, August 15 | 5:00PM - 6:00PM

Bim Bam Kids 'Magical' Shabbat & Dinner

5:00PM: George the Magician

5:30PM: Shabbat songs with Cantor Garfein

6:00PM: Child-friendly dinner

Sunday, September 7 | 9:00AM - 11:00AM

First day of Chavurah@Sinai Religious School

Sunday, September 14 | 10:00AM

Lox-n-Tots Playgroup (ages 3yrs and younger)

Welcome Back to Temple Sinai Kids Celebration

Sun., Aug 24 | 10:00AM - 12:00PM at Temple Sinai

Join us for some fun water activities, including multiple splash pads, slides, and a foam party. Face painting and so much more. Bagel brunch from Bayou Bagels. Wear your swimsuit and bring a towel!

Sponsored by Chavurah@Sinai Religious School, Bim Bam Kids Club (ages 3-5), and Lox & Tots Playgroup (ages 3 and younger)





Chavurah@Sinai Religious School

Thanks to a generous grant from the Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation, our Religious School offers tuition-free Jewish education for all students from Pre-K through Confirmation.

What We Offer:

- Religious School meets Sundays from 9:00AM to 11:00AM, with special monthly "lagniappe" programming. These are extra events that bring our community together through holiday celebrations, family Shabbat experiences, guest educators, and hands-on enrichment.
- An engaging curriculum that builds a strong foundation in Jewish values, tradition, and culture tailored for children from ages 4 through their teen years, preparing them for Confirmation.
- A warm, welcoming environment where every child feels seen, valued, and connected to our vibrant Jewish community.
- A special space for children to make friends, bond with other Jewish families, and grow together in community.
- Hebrew School meets Sundays after Religious School from 11:00AM to 12:00PM for focused language learning to support reading and prayer skills.
- **Parent Connection** is on Sundays from 10:30AM to 11:00AM. Relax, grab a bagel, and connect with other parents.

Interested in joining us for Religious School?

If you are a new family, please scan the QR code to join our C@S Family! Students who attended last year are already enrolled.

For more info: ReligiousSchool@templesinaino.org



**SCAN TO
REGISTER**

Sisterhood News

Dear Women of Temple Sinai,

We are thrilled to be your Sisterhood co-presidents for the 2025-2027 term. There are lots of plans in the works, from our traditional welcome tea at Bonnie Aronson's home, to a Temple Sinai Mah Jong tournament, Chanukah programming, Sisterhood Shabbat, Mardi Gras crafts projects for the whole family, and SO MUCH MORE! Our Attic Sale will return next summer, better than ever, so please begin collecting items. We will send out more information about specifics soon.

Please consider joining Sisterhood [HERE](#). We hope to offer our programs fee-free, so please support our Sisterhood community by choosing the membership category that best fits your budget!

Save the date for our opening tea: Sunday, August 17, 2025, 3:30PM-5:30PM. Register [HERE](#). We are excited to see our treasured Sisterhood friends and to make new ones!

-Ellen and Amy



**Ellen Heller Cohen
and Amy Gainsburgh Haspel**
Temple Sinai Sisterhood Co-presidents

***"We are excited to see our
treasured Sisterhood friends and
to make new ones"***



Sisterhood Tea

Sun. Aug 17 | 3:30PM - 5:30PM
at the home of Bonnie Aronson

We are excited to see our treasured Sisterhood friends and to welcome new ones!

[Sign Up Today!](#)



Brotherhood News

Summer is here, and while we're enjoying a slower pace of life right now, there's a lot to look forward to as Temple Sinai gets back in session! As part of the Welcome Back Weekend, Brotherhood is organizing its annual barbecue bingo event. This event is family-friendly and we will have awesome prizes.

Our aim within Brotherhood is to help Temple Sinai in multiple capacities and also to create fun, memorable experiences for those who participate. Our recent wine tasting was a real treat, "touring" through different regions, enjoying different types of wine, and finding a perfect pairing with five cheeses from St. James Cheese Company. When we built the sukkah last fall, we brought in great food and specialty coffee from a new, local bakery that was New York Times critically acclaimed.

Brotherhood's involvement includes financial sponsorship for Temple Sinai's big events, such as supporting the Gala, the Diamond Jubilee, and Chanukah activities. We hope you'll consider joining Brotherhood if you haven't already, and we're committed to making your membership worthwhile.

If you're interested in any specific events, would like to see us plan something that we haven't done before, or if you'd like to give feedback, please reach out to me. Be on the lookout for an email about our next meeting in the Fall. If we haven't met before, let's get together for a one-on-one coffee — it's a joy to meet new people, especially those in our Temple Sinai community.

- Zachary
zacharyleerussell@gmail.com



Zachary Russell
Temple Sinai Brotherhood President

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Join Brotherhood!

BBQ & Bingo Night

Sun., Aug 24 | 4:30PM - 6:30PM at Temple Sinai

Let's kick off the season with a BBQ feast, Bingo, and Temple friends.

Cost: Adults | \$30

12yrs & under | \$12

Single Bingo card \$2 or 3 cards for \$5



[Sign up & Pay online](#)

News and Events

Lunch with Rabbi Sherman

Let's catch up and talk about our summer adventures over a delicious meal.

Wed., Aug. 13
11:30AM-12:30PM
at Martin's on Baronne

No RSVPs necessary.
Attendees are responsible
for their own meals.

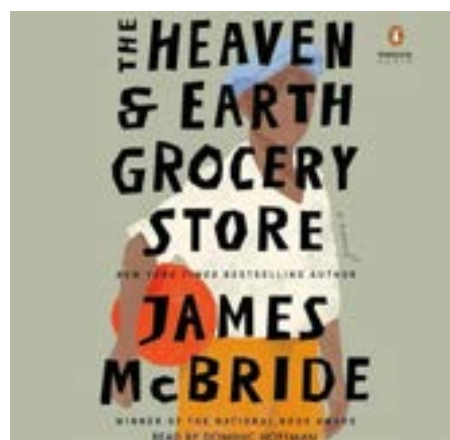


Sinai Shabbat Book Club

Sat., Sept. 6 | 10:30AM - 12:00PM
at Octavia Books, 513 Octavia St.

We will discuss the book, *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. Temple Sinai congregants will receive a 10% discount on the purchase of this book, compliments of our member Tom Lowenburg. Coffee and bagel brunch provided.

[RSVP](#)



Lox & Tots Playgroup

(Ages 3 years and younger)

Join us for a joyful, low-key way for little ones and their grown-ups to connect with Jewish life and each other. We meet once a month in a welcoming space to play, relax, and build community.

Save the date for our first meeting!
Sunday, Sept. 14 at 10:00AM
Open to the community



School Supply Collection Drive

Sinai Tzedek is collecting school supplies for the students at Clover (formerly Kingsley House). Please bring new backpacks, pencils, crayons, markers, paper, glue, scissors, and other supplies to Temple throughout the month of August.



News and Events

Join the new High Holy Day Adult Choir!

Rehearsals will take place every Tuesday at 6:00PM at Temple Sinai from Aug. 26 through Sept. 30

Contact Cantor Garfein at cantorgarfein@templesinaino.org

Bim Bam Kids Club Magical Shabbat

Magic tricks and balloon animals with George the Magician, and Shabbat songs with Cantor Garfein

Fri., Aug. 15 at 5:00PM



Shabbat B'Shir

Fri., Aug. 22 at 6:00PM

Join us for a musical Shabbat featuring the wonderful Harry Mayrone, piano; Ben Schenk, clarinet; and Walter Harris, drums.

Traditional Shabbat Dinner

Following the service, join us for dinner with roast chicken, potatoes, broccoli, green salad, and dessert.

[RSVP for Dinner](#)

49th Annual Southern Jewish Historical Society Conference

October 17-19, 2025

Join us for a dynamic and thought-provoking exploration of southern Jewish life and culture. Temple Sinai and Touro Synagogue will serve as the conference venues and welcome attendees to their congregations.

[Register for the conference today!](#)

(Deadline is September 15)



High Holy Days 2025 | Service Schedule

SELICHOT

Saturday, September 13

7:30PM Dessert Reception

8:00PM Havdalah followed by our Selichot Service

EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Monday, September 22

7:30PM Rosh HaShanah Evening Service followed by our Sweet New Year Reception.

ROSH HASHANAH

Tuesday, September 23

10:00AM Rosh HaShanah Morning Service

Following service is our Luncheon Reception, catered by Rommel. Sponsored by:
Ferber Family of Houma Foundation

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

2:30PM Family Service

3:30PM *Tashlich* (Meet at the Sanctuary steps - we will walk to Audubon Park together.)

EREV YOM KIPPUR

Wednesday, October 1

7:30PM Yom Kippur Evening Kol Nidre Service

YOM KIPPUR

Thursday, October 2

10:00AM Yom Kippur Morning Service

12:30PM Study Session & Discussion in the Library

2:00PM Family Service

3:00PM Afternoon Service

4:15PM Yizkor/Memorial Service

5:00PM Neilah/Concluding Service

Following service is the Moise S. Steeg Break-the-Fast, catered by Rommel.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

HIGH HOLY DAY Information

SECURITY – As a recommended by our partner, Secure Community Network, **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL SERVICES AND RECEPTIONS.** (Link below)

Please arrive a little early to accommodate our check-in process. All persons/bags are subject to search, upon request.

RSVP



PARKING – We highly encourage you to carpool or ride share for Rosh HaShanah service on Tuesday, September 23 and Yom Kippur service on Thursday, October 2, as we do **NOT** have access to Loyola's West Road Garage on these dates.

For all other services, you may use the West Road parking garage and the unmarked spaces of the horseshoe driveway there.

Temple's Palmer St. driveway is reserved for members with disabilities.

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L'Shana Tovah --
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new year!

MEMORIAL BOOK & HIGH HOLY DAY SPONSORSHIPS



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YOM KIPPUR MEMORIAL BOOK | DUE BY AUGUST 29

Temple Sinai lovingly prepares our annual Memorial Book, which is distributed during the Memorial/Yizkor service on Yom Kippur. If you participated in last year's Memorial Book, the names of your beloved departed family and friends will remain the same in this year's book, unless notated below. Upon request, the Memorial Book can be mailed to you. May their memories be for a blessing.

As a guide, our suggested donation is \$20 per name. Larger gifts prompted by your own generosity are greatly appreciated. DUE BY FRIDAY, AUGUST 29.

NAMES OF THE DEPARTED :

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THANK YOU FOR BEING AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE TEMPLE SINAI FAMILY!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!

1	Tamie Bressler Simon Weill	16	Mike Cahn, III
2	Elijah Powers Robert Rothman	17	Jeffrey Goldring
3	Bruce Katz Michael Pitts	18	Philip Brickman
4	Lali Sangisetty		Bob Brickman
5	Julian Abrams Maria Guth Michael Stern	19	Nancy Stewart Steven Thorpe
6	Betty Heller Garrett Moore Dr. Ariane Rung	20	Emily Kullman
7	Robin Delamatre Aaron Solomon	21	Dr. Ronald Rabin
8	Dr. Louis Glade Ross Jacobson Dr. Edward Levy, Jr. Florence Schornstein	22	Sarah Hess
9	Walter Smith Ann Thompson	23	Simon Brickman
10	Max Moses Marie Wolf	24	Evan Jacobs
11	Cory Cahn Jamie Grue		Mason Jacobs
12	Eddy Rosen Zachary Simoneaux	25	Sheila Johnson Elizabeth Sangisetty Barth Weinberg
13	Catherine Kahn		Harper Africk
14	Ella Barker Walton Goldring Elaine Schlesinger	26	Dr. Marc Behar Joanne Fried
15	Holly Friedman Miles Katzen Ari Moore Karen Shachat		Jodi Aamodt
		27	Jennifer Daley David Fried, III
		28	Hank Fanberg Nancy Sternberg
		29	Josephine Hess
		30	Jolene Fehler Dr. Cliff Kern
		31	Matt Greenbaum W. Howard Moses Jules Weiss

Happy Anniversary!

1	Robyn and Dr. Robert Kessler
2	Carla and Louis Fishman
6	Robin and John Delamatre
8	Gia DiLeo-Emerson and Dr. Noah Emerson
12	Caroline and Bob Brickman
21	Jennifer Ramo and Dr. David Kutz
22	Katie and Carl Rosenblum
29	Lisa and Evan Jacobs Janie and William Rippner
30	Anne and Morris Kahn Leann and Ted Moses
31	Avery and Jay Corenswet



Congratulations and thank you for being part of our Temple Sinai family!

May Their Memories Be For A Blessing

July 27-August 2

Julia Schwabacher Levy
William Revel Smolkin
Blanche Loeb Weil
Bluma D. Weinstein
Robert F. Cahn
Sara Latter Cohen
Joanne Elkin Kinney
Henry Grabenheimer
Mel Jacobson
Fannie Kranz Kronengold
William M. Levy
Bernice Lurie Sheen
Grace D. Hudson
Mildred L. Krieger
Milton Lorning
Jeanne Godchaux Newman
Sally Solomon
Samuel S. Victor
Mildred Friedman Hart
Sadie W. Herzfeld
Judge S. Sandford Levy
Emile Weil
Jacques Gordon
Max Paillet, M.D.
Dr. Arthur Irving Weil
Stanford M. Beer
Jacob Cohen
Betina Dreifus Forchheimer
Fleurette L. Koltun
Beatrice T. London
Louis J. Kohlmeyer
Charlene Kahn Sikorsky
Sunny Robert Solomon

August 3-August 9

Norman A. Aronson
Isidore Forchheimer
Bertha O. Mondshine
Burton L. Raphael
Lou Schwartz
Mark Jay Zucker, Ph.D.
Nat Barrett
Janice Trum Barton
Hettye Joffrion Kingsmill
Charlie Kornman
Sophie Bodenheimer Levy
Herman Meltzer
Daisy Scherck Son
Florence Lazarus Levy Adler
Margaret Hausman Buring
Ludwig Eisemann

Norman Mayer
Robert I. Reisfeld
A. Charles Rosenberg
Bessie Blum Antis
Leo Levy Hirsch
Lawrence Joseph Israel
Donald B. Levy
Sam A. Marks
William K. Mayer
Minnie Lang Victor
Joel G. Myers
David Schwerd
Emil Weiss
Saul Barton
Leo Ferber
Shirley Haspel

August 10-August 16

Harold S. Mayer
Lloyd Burton Silverman
Maurice M. Ampolsk
Leah Aronson
Betty Rae Bronson
Judy Daley
William Haspel
Dr. Alvin H. Lassen
Miriam Flora Levy
Vera Sasso Levy
Mimi Segall Lucas
Carolyn S. Samuels
Tillie Schwartz Lob
Albert Mintz
Marion Botnick Rosen
Joseph Sternberg
Jacob Terk
Benjamin Brill, Jr.
Simon Gumbel
Dr. David Hyman
Irving Kerstein
Dr. Joseph M. Nadell
Israel Ira Shachat
Beulah Marcuse Wolbrette
Alan V. Bories
Bertha Weiss Davis
Joseph Dresner
Mrs. N. Finkelstein
Hugh B. Kohlmeyer
Retta Lengsfeld
Clarice Arbetter Meer
David B. Fried, Jr.
Dr. Edward D. Frohlich
Karl Kern
Jake Krauss
Marc Levy
Nora Navra

August 17-August 23

Elizabeth Katz Jellin
Leo Levy Lamson
Jules Puschett
Aline Rouff Steinberg
Josephine Mayer Stern
Max Weil
Dr. Ellen Ruth Chapman
Renette Corenswet
Miriam Simon Gregory
Alice Mayer Katz
Sara Matile Schwarz
Roland Von Kurnatowski
Mr. N. Finkelstein
Lillian Schwartz Hirsch
Rosemary Herold Lazard
Helen Chaja Levkowitz
Heather M. Pereira
Helen Levy Schwabacher
Dora Sina
Ellen Bograd Greenberg
Eugene H. Gutmann
Jeannette Roos Haas
Bernard S. Jacobs
Raymond H. Kierr
Samuel Meyer
Moise Simon Steeg, Jr.
Rita F. Stern
Reine Cahn
Nathan Greenberg
Yvonne Guerin
Joseph Lassen
Eugenie D. Oppenheim
Melville Oppenheimer
Cleone Goldsmith Barnett
Paul L. Godchaux
Melanie W. Goldsmith
Albert I. Krauss
Harry W. Lengsfeld
Dr. Julius Lazard Levy
Albert Levy
Rebecca G. Levy
Max Nathan, Jr.
Sara R. Pick
Leon Solis Cahn
Paul deBlanc
Harvey Hirsch Posner

August 24-August 30

Morris Aronson
Isidore Marks
Edgar B. Stern

Fannie Walker
Charlotte Frisch Walker, M.D.
Alus Samuel Zeve
Arthur Glucksman
Hampton Percy Joffrion
Harry Hyman
Henry Albert Mayer
Howard Prince
William Sear
Richard Buckman
Harry B. Caplan, M.D.
Rosetta Weil Dreyfous
Sara Phillips Frank
Gay Barton Liss
Augusta Rosenthal
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Pamela Beth Goldman Block
Beverly Albert Lazarus
Edward K. Wassman
Jacob Aron
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Meyer Koltun
Sigmund L. Loeb
May G. Rosenfeld
Julia Levy Samuel
Bertha Levy Weill
Leopold Loeb Levy
Clemencia Levy Marks
Coralie Block Reisfeld

August 31-September 6

Stephen Allen Brill
Milton Fingerman
Audrey Stern Hess
Lillian Opatowsky
Josie K. Greenberg
Mollie S. Solomon
Carolyn Yuspeh
Leopold Blum
Leon Davis
Frances Thalheimer Friedler
Bernard Jeskin
Philip Charles Schreier
Stanley Pulitzer
Dr. Robert B. Haspel
Esther Saer Lang
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Tzedakah /Donations

2020 Capital Campaign

Leslie and Scott Jacobs

2025 Spring Gala

Betty B. Moore

Bimah Fund

In Honor of his Birthday

Donald Levy

In Honor of Isaac Rothman becoming a Bar Mitzvah

Ron and Marianne Fehler, Marsha and the late Larry Rothman, and Evan, Jolene, and Robert Rothman

In Memory of Lucile Jacoby Blum

Margaret Blum Epstein

In Memory of Ronald Danzig

Giselli and Josh Danzig

In Memory of Rodney Fry Davis

Kathleen Zucker

In Memory of Warren Gustave Moses, Claire Hyman Moses, and Sara Dinkelspiel Moses

Leann and Ted Moses

In Memory of Dorothy Wetsman

Dr. Ellie and Dr. Howard Wetsman

In Memory of Hermina F. Zeve

Judith A. Gainsburgh and John Haspel and Amy Gainsburgh-Haspel

On the Occasion of Their 25th Anniversary and in Memory of the 34th Yahrzeit of Robert Alan Reed

Vern Gransden and Richard Martin

Cantor's Music Fund

In Appreciation for Helping Lauren Prepare for her Bat Mitzvah

Lisa Moses

Community School Tuition

The Jewish Federation of Greater New Orleans

Confirmation

Bimah Flowers

In Honor of this Year's Confirmands

Mitch and Catherine Frank and Irving and Phyllis Shnaider
Cantor Rebecca Garfein and Alexander Hatzidiakos

Give NOLA Day

Anonymous

Bonnie and Jay Aronson

Cecile and Martin Covert

Jennifer and Ken Daley

Devie and Dr. A.J. Friedman

Elder Gwin

John Haspel and Amy

Gainsburgh-Haspel

Andrea and Jeffrey Huseman

Amanda Loflin

Tammy Nguyen and Garrett

Moore

Gerard Ramos

The Rothman Family

Judith R. Schwartzter

Ronald Slipman

Amy and Mark Stein

Lisa and Gary Zoller

In Honor of Helen Polmer

Andrew Polmer

In Memory of Hilbert Loeb

Mr. and Mrs. David Loeb

High Holy Days

Music

In Memory of Dorlene Alaynick

The Dorlene Alaynick Designated Fund

In Memory of Allen Marks

The Allen Marks Designated Fund

Oneg Shabbat

In Honor of Their Anniversary and In Memory of Nettie H. Kern and Clifford H. Kern, Jr.

Cliff and Arvilla Kern

In Honor of the May Birthdays, and the Lives and Memories of My Family: Chris Schneidau, Albert Schwartzter, Donna Schwartzter, and Ilene Thompson

Judith R. Schwartzter

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In Appreciation for Helping Lauren Prepare for her Bat Mitzvah

Lisa Moses

In Appreciation of Rabbi Sherman and in Memory of Johnny Mintz

Linda Mintz and Family

In Appreciation of Rabbinic Services

Jordan Denton

Social Justice Fund

In Honor of Bonnie Aronson's Special Birthday

Judge (ret) Robin M.

Giarrusso

John Haspel and Amy

Gainsburgh-Haspel

In Honor of the

Confirmation Class of 5785

John Haspel and Amy

Gainsburgh-Haspel

In Memory of Mildred

Lubritz Covert

Cecile and Martin Covert

In Memory of Lily Agular Schlesinger

Lynn Skelding

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Temple Fund

Leslie and Scott Jacobs
Judith Lafitte and Thomas Lowenburg
The Anne Lowenburg Designated Fund
Julie Grant Meyer
The Estate of Ruth S. Rosenthal
Judge (ret.) Max N. Tobias, Jr.
In Appreciation of Temple Sinai's Beautiful Shabbat B'Shir Service
Andrea and Kevin Merlin
In Honor of Bonnie Aronson's Special Birthday
Suzanne and Ted Baer
Margot and Larry Yuspeh

In Honor of Susan Hess, NCJW Harold Salmon Sr. Award Recipient
Ellen and Stephen Manshel
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Murray Pitts and Harry Blumenthal
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Faina Lushtak Khalimsky
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In Memory of Johnny Mintz
Caroline and Bob Brickman
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Elizabeth and Ellis Murov and Carol Lise Rosen
In Memory of G. John Veta
Sherry V. Snyder

Underwriting

B'nai Mitzvah Gifts
Brotherhood and Sisterhood
LGBTQ Passover Seder
Anonymous
Passover Seder
Sue and Harold Singer

MAZAL TOV

Bill Goldring on receiving the Newman Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumnus Award

Amy Gainsburgh-Haspel on being honored at the JCRS Jewish Roots Gala
Susan Hess on receiving the NCJW New Orleans Harold Salmon, Sr. Award
Amanda Loflin & Jennifer Nierman on being in the 2025-2026 cohort of the NCJW Way program
Janine Rice and Bryant Clark on their recent wedding
Rabbi Ed and Andrea Cohn and family on Sydney Kesselheim becoming a Bat Mitzvah this past June

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While its predecessors date back as far as 1827, the Association was formed as a non-profit organization in 1959. The Association owns and operates Dispersed of Judah Cemetery at 4937 Canal Street and Hebrew Rest 1, 2, and 3 at Pelopidas and Elysian Fields. For more information, contact Cliff Kern at **chkern@bellsouth.net**