

SINAI SPOTLIGHT

September/October 2025
Elul 5785/Tishrei-Cheshvan 5786



L'Shanah Tovah

Wishing you a sweet
New Year!



TEMPLE SINAI
NEW ORLEANS

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FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

Together in the New Year

"HINEI MAH TOV U'MAH NAIM SHEVET ACHIM GAM YACHAD"

**"Behold how good and how pleasant it is
When we all come together" (Psalm 133:1)**



Rabbi Daniel M. Sherman

We often begin Shabbat Services, as well as Religious School on Sunday mornings, singing these words that come from Psalms. HINEI MAH TOV – how good it truly is to come together. And I especially enjoy when we come together to form a KEHILLAH KEDOSHAH, a holy community, right here at Temple.

I know I have felt that way throughout the month of August. I enjoy hosting Summer Union Shabbat Services in our beautiful sanctuary and chapel, and bringing people together in our House of Worship. I felt that way during our "Welcome Back Events" last month and at kickoff events at the beginning of the school year.

But more than any other time of year, I feel this at our High Holy Days. How good and how pleasant it is – how wonderful and amazing and special it truly is – when we come together, sit together, pray together, give thanks together, hope together, celebrate together, meet and greet together, and share together at the start of the New Year.

We Jews need each other. We need community. We need Temple Sinai. We need you. We need the strength that comes when we unite as a congregation and Temple family and community. At this sacred season, there is power and warmth that comes from being together: seeing each other, praying for each other, strengthening each other.

It is one of my favorite parts of Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur. I love seeing so many people uniting in our sanctuary and Temple building: greeting each other, meeting people, catching up, wishing each other L'shanah Tovah. Some have been doing this together here at Temple Sinai for many years, for many decades, for several generations. Others have joined us more recently or are experiencing Temple Sinai for their first time. Whatever the case, we are so happy and proud that you will be with us so that we may start the New Year 5786 together.

I believe this is even more important this year. We really need to come together right now and to feel the strength and love of community. With so many divisions in our communities, city, state, and country – it is good to find reasons to come together. With all that the Jewish people is facing – the steep rise in anti-semitism and hate and violence that affects us in many ways – we need to come together. It is important for us to come together in support of the people of Israel, even if we don't understand or agree with everything that is happening there. We will add our voices to the prayers for a better New Year for Israel, for the people of Gaza, and for the entire region.

It is hard to believe that we will soon mark the second anniversary of October 7, 2023. Hostages are still missing; families continue to mourn. We pray that all the hostages still alive and the bodies of those who have been killed will be returned home now. We hope that a path to peace will become real, that soldiers will be safe, and that those who are starving and in pain will receive the help they need.

As the New Year is almost here, I hope that you will take some time to prepare: review this past year and make plans for the new year. Hope. Pray. Seek and grant forgiveness. Be better. Be kind. Please know that you are an important part of our Temple Sinai congregation and community. Join us as we come together to strengthen one another and work to make this a good new year.

From all of us at Temple Sinai: from me and my family, Cantor Garfein, Rabbi Cohn, Cantor Colman, Jenn Daley, our leadership, our staff, and all the wonderful people who make up this blessed congregation – L'SHANAH TOVAH TIKATEIVU: may you be inscribed in the Book of Life for a good, healthy, and sweet New Year.



SHABBAT WORSHIP SERVICES

SEPTEMBER/ OCTOBER 2025

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Shabbat Evening Service
with Anniversary & Birthday Blessings | 6:15PM
Followed by an Oneg Shabbat

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Torah Portion: KI TEITZEI (Deut. 21:10-25:19)
Torah Study | 9:15AM

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Shabbat B'Shir Musical Service | 6:15PM
Followed by Shabbat Dinner

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Torah Portion: KI TAVO (Deut. 26:1-29:8)
Torah Study | 9:15AM

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

BIM BAM Kids Club Shabbat | 5:00PM
Shabbat Evening Service | 6:15PM
Last Shabbat of 5785

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Torah Portion: NITZAVIM (Deut. 29:9-30:20)
Torah Study | 9:15AM

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Shabbat Shuvah
Shabbat Evening Service | 6:15PM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Torah Portion: VAYEILECH (Deut. 31: 1-30)
Torah Study | 9:15AM
Shabbat Morning Service | 10:30AM



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

Shabbat Evening Service | 6:15PM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

Torah Portion: HA'AZINU (Deut. 32:1-52)
Torah Study | 9:15AM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

Shabbat Evening Service - Shabbat of Sukkot
with Anniversary & Birthday Blessings | 6:15PM
Followed by an Oneg Shabbat in the Sukkah

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

Torah Portion: Shabbat Chol HaMoeid Sukkot
Torah Study | 9:15AM
Shabbat Morning Service &
Bat Mitzvah of Emily Kullman | 10:30AM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

Shabbat Evening Service | 6:15PM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

Torah Portion: BEREISHEET (Gen. 1:1-6:8)
Torah Study | 9:15AM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

Shabbat B'Shir Musical Service | 6:15PM
Followed by Shabbat Dinner

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

Torah Portion: NOACH (Gen. 6:9-11:32)
Torah Study | 9:15AM
Shabbat Morning Service | 10:30AM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

Shabbat Evening Service | 6:15PM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Torah Portion: LECH LECHA (Gen. 12:1-17:27)
Torah Study | 9:15AM

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 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 services on Tuesday, September 23 and Yom Kippur services on Thursday, October 2, **as we do NOT have access to Loyola's West Road Garage on these dates.**

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

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

CHILDCARE – Childcare for all High Holy Day services is available upon request. Please call the Temple Office at 504-861-3693 or email your request to:

info@templesinaino.org

L'Shanah Tovah --
Wishing you a sweet
new year!

MEMORIAL BOOK & HIGH HOLY DAY SPONSORSHIPS



— 2025 | 5786

YOM KIPPUR MEMORIAL BOOK | DUE BY SEPTEMBER 5

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. **DEADLINE EXTENDED: DUE BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5.**

NAMES OF THE DEPARTED :

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HIGH HOLY DAY SPONSORSHIPS | DUE BY SEPTEMBER 15

The High Holy Days are a wonderful time for our Temple Sinai family. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity and support during this special time of year. Whether you choose to be a Patron or Underwriter, please know your gift helps us provide a beautiful High Holy Day season. Wishing you a happy and healthy new year! **DUE BY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bimah Flowers: \$360 | <input type="checkbox"/> Security Patron: \$180 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Choir/Music Patron: \$360 | <input type="checkbox"/> Security Underwriter: \$3,000 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> HHD Reception Patron: \$360 | <input type="checkbox"/> Livestream Patron: \$108 |

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

Sukkot and Simchat Torah



Let's Hang Out in the Sukkah!



Sun. Oct. 5 | 9:00AM Sukkah Build with Brotherhood

Mon. Oct. 6 | 5:30PM Picnic Dinner and Sukkot Service

Bring your own dinner; Drinks provided.

Tues. Oct. 7 | Temple Sinai office is closed

Thurs. Oct. 9 | 11:30AM Picnic Lunch with the Clergy

Bring your own lunch; Drinks provided.

Sun. Oct. 12 | 11:00AM Petting Zoo in the Sukkah

Sun. Oct. 12 | 12:00PM Sisterhood Potluck Lunch

*****The Sukkah is located on the Calhoun side of our building**

It's Simchat Torah!

Monday, Oct. 13 | 6:15PM

Join us as we celebrate Simchat Torah with a special Festival Evening Service. We will march with our Torah Scrolls around the Sanctuary, and then read the final verses of Deuteronomy and immediately begin again with the opening verses of Genesis.



Cantor's Corner

Dear Temple Sinai Family,

This is a *D'var Torah* I gave back at the beginning of August. I hope it resonates with each of you, as it discusses *teshuvah*, that is, forgiveness and return, alongside gratitude.

I, along with my family, just spent the better part of a week at our house at the Jersey Shore. I am sure you're thinking, how great to get out of the extreme summer heat of New Orleans and spend a few days near the Atlantic Ocean?! In theory, it does sound great, but this trip was out of necessity to prepare our Jersey house for new tenants. You see, as many of you already know, two years ago, we left NJ for New Orleans, and left a lot of "stuff" behind. So now that the tenants moved out, it was time to go back to Jersey and deal with the "stuff."

I am not going to lie, but it was not only physically challenging, but emotionally as well. You see, our Jersey house was my late husband's home since he was five years old. I have been going to that house since I was in my late 20s, and my children have been going there since birth. During COVID, our family moved into that home when Manhattan became a hotbed, and our apartment living felt confining. My then-new husband, Alexander, helped make the Jersey house livable by single-handedly cleaning out both the attic and basement of decades of stuff from my late father-in-law and his family. Our sweet, pink colored Cape Cod (much to my children's chagrin) was our haven during that challenging time.

In the first Torah portion of the Book of *Dvarim* (Deuteronomy), Moses opens his final address by revisiting forty years of Israel's journey—failures, fears, rebellions, and growth. He is, in effect, unpacking the past, opening old "boxes," so to speak, of memory and confronting what's been stored away.

Cleaning out physical things—boxes in a closet, papers in a drawer, clothes long unworn—can feel strikingly similar:

- We come across items that **remind us of mistakes**, or versions of ourselves we've outgrown. Items we don't even understand why they were kept!
- We also find **things we forgot**, good and bad—just like Moses recalls both sins and blessings.
- We **choose what to keep and what to release**. Not everything deserves to move forward with us.

Just like Moses is helping the Israelites prepare to **cross into the Promised Land**, cleaning out our belongings is a symbolic way of preparing to **step into a new stage of life**—freer, lighter, more intentional.



Cantor Rebecca Garfein

"Sometimes, teshuvah (return/repair) begins not only with prayer, but also with a trash bag."

Moses begins his final words to the Israelites not with new laws, but with a review of the past—the **mistakes, the detours, the unnecessary weight they've carried**. He names places they got stuck. He brings up old arguments. He reminds them of the times they refused to listen. Why bring all this up now?

Because, before they can enter the Land of Promise, they must take out the trash!

Literally and spiritually, **trash is what we no longer need, be it physical or metaphorical, but still hold on to—**resentments, guilt, fear, pride, old narratives about ourselves.

The Israelites couldn't carry those with them into the next chapter. Neither can we.

When we clean out a drawer or haul a heavy bag or piece of furniture to the curb, we're doing more than organizing. **We're acknowledging the past, thanking it for what it taught us, and letting it go.**

Sometimes, *teshuvah* (return/repair) begins not only with prayer, but also with a trash bag. **What's one "item" you've been carrying—emotionally, spiritually, or even physically—that you know it's time to throw out?**

Name it. Bless it.

Thank it. and finally...Let it go.

Kein yehi ratson, may it be G-d's will, but first may it be ours.

Alexander, Max, Jake, and the puppies join me in wishing you and yours a sweet, healthy New Year and *G'mar Tov*, literally "A Good Sealing."

Cantor Rebecca Garfein, D.M.



SILENT FILM ENSEMBLE SPECTACULAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 | 12:15PM
AT TEMPLE SINAI

Following the brunch honoring our Past Presidents, please join us to watch the film *East and West* accompanied by live original music composed and performed by world-renowned klezmer violinist Alicia Svigals and celebrated silent film pianist Donald Sosin.

The film, *EAST AND WEST* (84 min), is a 1923 Austrian comedy. Molly Picon, a feisty young New Yorker, goes to a family wedding in Europe and gets into all kinds of mischief, coaxing the Yeshiva boys to dance the Shimmy, and acting in a fake wedding to a nebbish Talmudic student, which turns out to have some serious consequences.

**MAZAL TOV Cantor Garfein, on a beautiful performance with
the New Orleans Chamber Orchestra on August 24!**



From The Executive Director

L'Shanah Tovah!

How can it already be time for the High Holy Days? As I begin my 5th year at Temple Sinai, I am so excited about seeing everyone again during this season. It is always such a special time to watch our Sinai community come together -- the embraces of multi-generations of family, long-time friends, and even new friends -- observing the warm and welcoming atmosphere of our Temple Sinai family is something I truly enjoy.

During the High Holy Days, our greeters are not only there to check your RSVP for each service, but also to welcome you back home to Temple Sinai. Seeing that friendly face at each entrance is part of our commitment to inclusivity and belonging. By submitting your RSVP, you'll help us maintain our security protocols, as recommended by Secure Community Network. Thank you to Security Committee Chair Lee Bressler, for leading our volunteers through our usher/greeter SCN Security Trainings. Thank you to Tamie Bressler for coordinating our High Holy Day Ushers and Greeters, who play an essential role in the security process.

As we begin a new Jewish year, I am reminded of so many new accomplishments around Temple Sinai. In August, we launched our newly re-imagined Thursday's weekly email and bi-monthly Temple Bulletin. Thank you to Elisa Heisman of Red Pen Resources for her knowledge and creativity in helping us reshape Temple Sinai's forward-facing image. On Aug. 25, we launched our refreshed website, which is more intuitive and has a modern design. Check it out at the same url: templesinainola.com.



Jenn Daley

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Our FEMA waterproofing project is on track to conclude on October 1. Knowing our building is safe from water intrusion through the brick, thrills me to no end.

Continuing my personal commitment to increased connection and engagement, I am proud to announce the addition of another Sinai Small Group -- The Free Birds, targeting our ever-growing empty-nesters population. If you self-identify as an empty-nester, please join our first event, A Night in Paris, on Tuesday, October 21 at 6:30PM at the new French restaurant, Le Moyne Bistro, 746 Tchoupitoulas St. Please see inside this issue for more information about all our Sinai Small Groups!

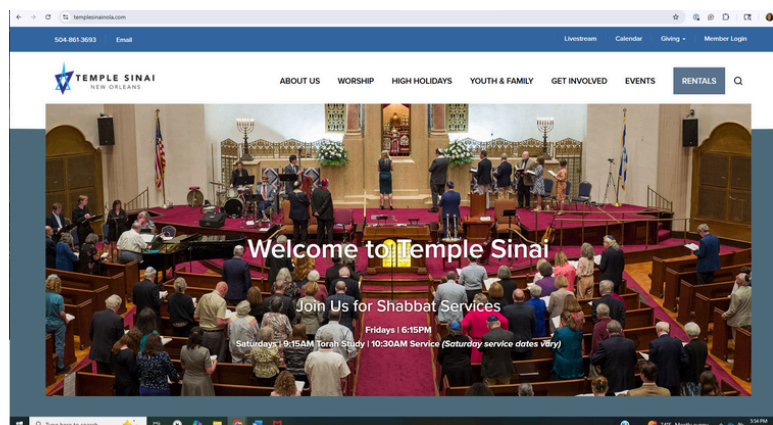
Wishing you a happy, healthy 5786 and a good sweet New Year.

B'Shalom,

Jenn Daley, Executive Director

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE AT TEMPLESINAINOLA.COM

**CHECK IT
OUT!**



From the President

Greetings, Temple Sinai!

As I write this, summer is officially over, school is back in session (thankfully!), and the High Holidays are just around the corner. Soon, we'll be gathering in our Sanctuary for the high point of our Jewish Calendar. This is an extraordinarily busy time for our Rabbi, Cantor, Executive Director, and all who work so hard to make the High Holidays possible. I cannot thank them enough for all their hard work to make this experience at Sinai both meaningful and memorable.

The Board, too, has been busy. In late August, we held our annual retreat here at Temple. We talked a lot about how to better serve our members, strengthen engagement across generations, and ensure Sinai is a welcoming place for all. One clear takeaway was the importance of being visible and approachable. During the High Holidays, as in years past, Board Members will be wearing name tags so you can easily find us. We're here because we care deeply about our community, and we want to hear from you. If you see a Board Member at services, programs, or around the building, please say hello. Your ideas and feedback make us better.

During our Board Retreat, we also set priorities for the coming year:

- Expanding learning and community programming.
- Refining communication so members know what's happening and how to get involved.
- Building partnerships with local organizations to strengthen our connections beyond Sinai.



Matt Glodowski

"Whether you grew up at Sinai or just joined, your involvement matters. Come to a program, join a committee, or bring a friend to a Shabbat service or special event. Every act of participation helps keep our congregation strong and connected."

These priorities depend on all of us. Whether you grew up at Sinai or just joined, your involvement matters. Come to a program, join a committee, or bring a friend to a Shabbat service or special event. Every act of participation helps keep our congregation strong and connected.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I want to thank you for all of your support and the trust you place in us to guide the synagogue forward. Serving in this role is both a responsibility and a privilege, and I am continually inspired by the dedication of my fellow Board Members and the generosity of our community.

I look forward to seeing you at services, on campus, and at all the wonderful programs we have planned.

Shanah Tovah,
Matt

Next Board Meeting Dates:

Tuesday, September 16 | 7:15PM

Tuesday, October 14 | 7:15PM



TEMPLE SINAI'S

Brunch

HONORING OUR

Past Presidents

FOLLOWED BY A SILENT FILM-ENSEMBLE SPECTACULAR,
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SUNDAY

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11AM - 1PM

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Catered by: Rommel's Catering

PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE

Eternal Light Society

Legacy Giving

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Legacy Giving at Temple Sinai

Your Values. Your Temple. Your Legacy.

I made the decision to add Temple Sinai as a beneficiary in my will, because I believe in the contributions we make to Jewish life in New Orleans. With so many worthy organizations here, I hope you will join me in adding Temple Sinai to your estate plan.

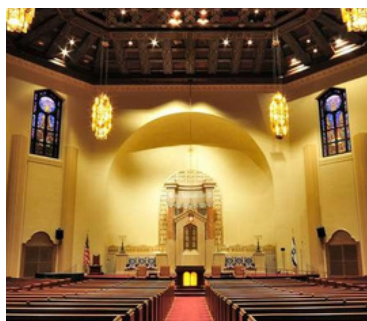
The High Holy Days are the perfect time of year to reflect on your Jewish life and how you want to pay it forward. If you are someone who has been putting off your planned giving arrangements for “someday,” think about taking the next step and light the way for the next generation.



“With so many worthy organizations here, I hope you will join me in adding Temple Sinai to your estate plan.”

-Josh Danzig
Past President & Legacy Giving Chair

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.



Amanda Loflin

*Religious School &
Family Engagement Administrator*

We are excited to announce that Chavurah@Sinai is beginning another joyful year filled with learning, friendship, and Jewish growth. Very soon, our classrooms will be buzzing with energy as students dive into new opportunities, reconnect with beloved traditions, and embrace a few exciting changes along the way.

WHAT'S NEW

New Faces on Our Team – This year, we are delighted to welcome several new teachers, along with our returning faculty and dedicated *madrachim* (teen assistants). Their creativity, enthusiasm, and commitment are already bringing a fresh spirit to our school community.

ISJL Curriculum – We are introducing the Institute of Southern Jewish Life curriculum, which brings high-quality Jewish learning while giving teachers the freedom to make each lesson engaging and personal.

KICKING OFF THE YEAR

We started with our Back-to-School Splash on August 24 – complete with a 19-foot waterslide, foam machine, and plenty of bagels from our friends at Bayou Bagels. It was a wonderful chance for families to reconnect and for our children to return to their Jewish home at Temple Sinai.

“Very soon, our classrooms will be buzzing with energy as students dive into new opportunities, reconnect with beloved traditions, and embrace a few exciting changes along the way.”

Our first day of Religious School is Sunday, September 7, beginning at 9:00AM with *T’filah* (prayer service). Each week, parents will also be invited to gather in the lobby at 10:45AM for Parent Connection with bagels – strengthening adult friendships while our kids strengthen theirs.

We are proud that Temple Sinai’s Religious School is tuition-free this year (thanks to a generous grant from the Arthur Blank Family Foundation), ensuring that every family has access to Jewish learning. If you know of a family who might want to join our community, please encourage them to reach out.

With gratitude and excitement,

Amanda Beyer Loflin
Religious School Administrator

SAVE THE DATES!

Sunday, September 7 | 9:00AM-11:00AM
First Day of Religious School

Sunday, September 21 | 11:30AM-1:00PM (Lagniappe Day)
Bowling at Fulton Alley, 600 Fulton Street

Sunday, October 12 | 11:00AM-12:00PM (Lagniappe Day)
Petting Zoo in the Sukkah at Temple Sinai



Welcome Back Splash Party on 8/24!



Touro & Sinai Temple Youth Group

We are so excited to start another year of programs, events, and activities for TASTY—our high school youth group! Last year was a wonderful year with increased activity and participation by our 9-12th grade students. We look forward to building on that success and helping TASTY grow in 2025-26 by offering fun, meaningful, and relevant opportunities for our Jewish high schoolers.

We want to welcome our new TASTY Advisor, Aaron Rothko! Aaron has been part of the Touro Synagogue and JCC education teams, as well as head song leader at the URJ Jacobs Camp for the past two summers. We are incredibly lucky to have him join the TASTY leadership team and help make our time together more awesome than ever!

TASTY kicked off the New Year with a Welcome Back Pool Party in August. Stay tuned for upcoming events. And please mark your calendars for this year's regional events:

- NFTY-Southern Fall Conclave in Pensacola, FL on Oct. 24-26, 2025
- NFTY-Southern Spring Kallah at URJ Jacobs Camp, Feb. 27-Mar. 1, 2026

Be sure to follow TASTY, NFTY, and NFTY–Southern on Instagram!

- TASTY: @JewishTeens504
- NFTY: @OfficialNFTY
- NFTY-SO: @NFTYSouthern



Sisterhood News

Dear Women of Temple Sinai,

Our Sisterhood opening tea was a huge success! We had a wonderful turnout, great conversations, and yummy snacks. A huge thank you to Bonnie Aronson for hosting us this year!

We have lots in store in the coming months, including our Rosh Hashanah Evening Sweet New Year Reception on Monday, September 22, following the service. Once again, this reception will feature the spectacular baked goods of our amazing Sisterhood members.

Please be on the lookout for information about Sisterhood in the Sukkah on Sunday, October 12, at 12:00PM, our annual gathering to celebrate Sukkot. This will be a potluck luncheon, and I know it will be a lovely celebration.

Our Sisterhood is a vibrant one, filled with friendship, support, and connection. If you are not yet a member, [please join us!](#)

Ellen Cohen
Sisterhood Co-President



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

"Our Sisterhood is a vibrant one, filled with friendship, support and connection."

[Join Sisterhood](#)



Sisterhood in the Sukkah

Sunday, October 12 | 12:00PM

Join us for a potluck luncheon in the Sukkah. Meet new friends and catch up with others. [RSVP](#) for lunch is appreciated.



Our Sisterhood Tea was a Huge Success!



Brotherhood News

Hello Temple Sinai Brotherhood,

We had a great welcome back weekend on August 24! Bingo was a smashing hit, beating last year's fundraising levels. Most of our amazing prizes were donated by *Where Y'at* magazine, and we enjoyed food from the famous Central City BBQ. Thank you to those who attended and sponsored the event, and we look forward to seeing you again next year, possibly again in the Spring for another bingo event.

Next up for Brotherhood is the Sukkah Build on Sunday, October 5 at 9:00AM, which will once again involve a delicious breakfast, fun activity, and will be streamlined through our new and improved instruction manual. We are also excited to begin planning a clergy lunch for later this Fall.

I look forward to seeing you at Temple for the High Holy Days and all of the wonderful programming that's happening this month.

Warmly,

Zachary Russell
Brotherhood President
zacharyleerussell@gmail.com



Zachary Russell
Temple Sinai Brotherhood President

"I look forward to seeing you at Temple for the High Holy Days."

Join Brotherhood!



Brotherhood Sukkah Build

Sunday, October 5 | 9:00AM



Do a mitzvah and come help us build a Sukkah. Bagels will be served as we build Temple Sinai's sukkah for all of our members to enjoy!

We had a great time at the BBQ & Bingo Brotherhood event!



Sinai Small Groups

LGBTQ Chavurah

Film Screening of SABBATH QUEEN

Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2025 | 7:00PM

at Zeitgeist Theatre & Lounge

Special Q&As will follow the screening with director Sandi DuBowski and Professor Golan Moskowitz, Tulane University.

BUY TICKETS TODAY



Sinai Bereavement and Loss Support Group

Sun. Sept. 21 | 9:30AM

Sun. Oct. 19 | 9:30AM

All meetings will be led by a licensed clinical social worker. Meeting topics may include: family and friend relationships, changing values and beliefs, spirituality, and how to create a healthy, functional life after the death of a loved one.

SIGN-UP TODAY



NEW GROUP!

Free Birds (Empty-Nesters)

A Night in Paris

Tuesday, Oct. 21 | 6:30PM

Le Moyne Bistro, 746 Tchoupitoulas St.

The Free Birds is a group for our ever-growing empty-nester members. If you are an empty-nester, please join us for dinner. *Attendees are responsible for their own meals.*

RSVP TODAY!



WANT TO START YOUR OWN SMALL GROUP?

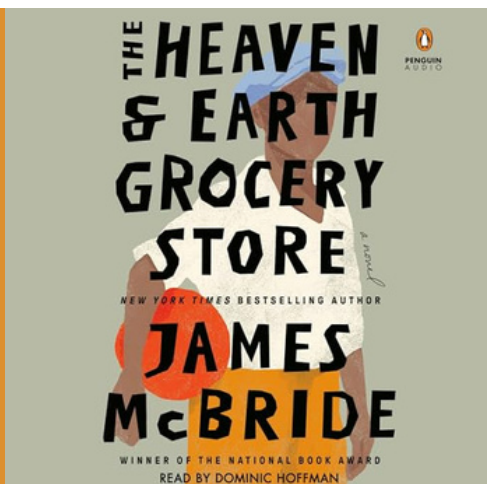
CONTACT JENN DALEY AT [JDALEY@TEMPLESINAINO.ORG](mailto:jdaley@templesinaino.org)

Programs and Events

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](#)



Shabbat B'Shir Musical Service and Dinner

Fri. Sept. 12 | 6:15PM
Fri. Oct. 24 | 6:15PM

Join us for a joyous Shabbat featuring local musicians and a themed Shabbat dinner.

[RSVP for Dinner](#)



Sinai Tzedek - High Holy Day Food Drive

Non-perishable food collection

To fulfill the mitzvah of feeding the hungry, we are collecting unopened, non-perishable food for the Broadmoor Food Pantry during the High Holy Days and through October. We appreciate any canned foods, dried goods, pantry staples, and cereal boxes for families in need. **Our collection bin is in the Temple lobby.**

The rising cost of food, housing, and utilities, coupled with high unemployment and low-wage jobs have increased the need for emergency food assistance.

Or consider a direct donation to the Social Justice Fund,
which will be forwarded to :

[Gladewaves](#) & [Mazon](#) | A Jewish Response to Hunger

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Programs and Events



Bim Bam Kids Shabbat
High Holy Day Edition

Learn about the High Holy Days with crafts, songs with Cantor Garfein, and a kid-friendly dinner to follow.

Fri. Sept. 19
5:00PM-6:00PM

Lox & Tots Playgroup at Sinai

(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 DATES

Sun. Sept. 14 | 10:00AM

Sun. Oct. 12 | 10:00AM

Open to the community



Upcoming Events

TASTY Shabbat Sukkot Celebration
Fri. October 10 | 6:00PM at Touro

Come for services and stay for dinner, time in the sukkah, and hanging out!

NFTY-SO Fall Conclave
October 24-26 (Pensacola, FL)
Registration Now Open!

TASTY's 2nd Annual Friendsgiving
Sun. November 16

Introduction to Judaism with Rabbi Sherman

Please join Rabbi Sherman for a once-a-month Sunday afternoon discussion about Judaism today. We will examine basic modern Judaism, including traditions and practices, values, holidays, life cycle, and more. Our discussions are for everyone: those who grew up Jewish, those who are part of a Jewish family, those who are curious about Judaism or considering conversion, and those who just want to continue or begin their Jewish education. We will meet in the Steeg Library.

Dates and topics:

Sunday, Sept. 14, 1:00-2:30PM | Preparing for the High Holy Days

Sunday, Oct. 12, 1:00-2:30PM | The Jewish Calendar

Sunday, Nov. 16, 1:00-2:30PM | Shabbat: What, When, How, and Why?

Sunday, Dec. 14, 1:00-2:30PM | Navigating the Winter Holiday Season

ADDITIONAL ADULT ED OPPORTUNITIES: If you have topics to discuss for future classes, please let Rabbi Sherman know at rabbisherman@templesinaino.org or call the Office at 504-861-3693.



Around the Community



112th ANNUAL MEETING

THURS, SEP 4, 2025 | 7PM



FUTURE OF OUR CITY

CITYWIDE CONVOCATION

with Candidates for Mayor and City Council

Thursday, September 18 at 6:30PM

Xavier University

[LEARN MORE](#)

TOGETHER
NEW ORLEANS



COMMEMORATING OCTOBER 7th

A Conversation with Award-Winning
Israeli Journalist Lee Yaron

Moderated by Dr. Ilana Horwitz

SAT, OCT 4 | 7:45 PM
UPTOWN - RSVP FOR LOCATION

sponsored by

Feil Family Foundation,
Stan & Ellen Kessler, Rob & Pamela Steeg
and Mike Suder & Jennifer Baab



TICKETS:

Early Bird (Before Sept 20): \$15 Student: \$5
GENERAL ADMISSION: \$18 Chai Society: \$10

INCLUDES COMPLIMENTARY BOOK & SIGNING

jewishnola.org/leeyaron



Center Celebration Make it Pop!

A tribute to Jewish pop
stars of the 70's and 80's

Save the Date!

Saturday, Nov. 8, 2025

Slip on your dancing shoes and prepare for
an unforgettable evening filled with music,
nostalgia, and community spirit.

Join us for our signature fundraising event
in support of the JCC. Funds raised during
this celebration are essential for sustaining
the JCC's diverse programs and events.

[LEARN MORE!](#)

September Birthdays & Anniversaries

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 | Miriam Solomon | 16 | Cecile Covert Jan Seltzer |
| 2 | Jane Lowentritt | | |
| 5 | Naomi Kornman Michael Neustadter Janet Spanier | 17 | Mollye Hardin Shira Sintes Robert Steeg Joanna Webb |
| 7 | Jay Aronson Lee Vorisek | 20 | Anne Kahn |
| 8 | Mitch Frank Jennifer Ramo Kyle Spiritus | 21 | Mitch Klein |
| 9 | Peter Aamodt Casey Burka Miles Jacobs Dr. Kathryn Nathan Dr. Joy Osofsky | 22 | Silas Eames Anne-Marie Karp Stephen Loeb |
| 10 | Michael Bodo Dr. Aden Burka | 23 | Dr. Don Gaver |
| 11 | Byron Elsas Dr. Marc Fisher Jeri Ann Glodowski Dr. Carlos Kronberger | 24 | Celeste Burka Rabbi Edward Paul Cohn Koti Sangisetty |
| 12 | Brice Johnson | 25 | Isabelle Brickman Bess Holton Ashley Kirschman Mary Loeb |
| 13 | Barbara Hyman Kathryn Rosenblum | 26 | Heidi Friedler William Hess Dr. Howard Reitman |
| 15 | Lee Bressler Steven Seebol | 27 | Betsy Kaston Lisa Wurtzel |
| | | 28 | Susan Hess William Rippner |
| | | 29 | Cantor Rebecca Garfein Ezra Terk |

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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| 1 | Janet Hart Wilson and Scott Wilson Gillian and Charles Marks Dr. Joy and Dr. Howard Osofsky Marjorie and Gene Simon |
| 2 | Marie and Claude Schlesinger Amy and Mark Stein |
| 3 | Helen and Andrew Polmer |
| 4 | Luanne and Dr. Keith Liederman |
| 5 | Maria and Gregory Guth Janel Shields-Billiot and Joseph Billiot |
| 9 | Jennifer and Jack C. Benjamin, Jr. |
| 10 | Avra and Michael O'Dwyer |
| 16 | Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bradshaw |
| 25 | Augusta and Dr. Ben Jacobs Tatiana and Daniel Tuman |
| 30 | Sarah and Joshua Hess |

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

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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|---|---|
| 1 I. William Sizeler | 16 Logan Babin, Jr. Arthur Bitoun Patricia Corkren |
| 2 Dr. Ben Jacobs Evelyn Katz Karen Katz Michael O'Dwyer John Roos | 17 Stanley Cohn Louis Fishman Sally Fuerst Zachary Russell |
| 3 Dr. Robert Kessler | 19 Jessica Sintes |
| 4 Walda Besthoff | 20 Margot Yuspeh |
| 5 Joseph Friend Dr. Owen Grossman Traci Roane | 21 Elijah Hess Elizabeth Murov |
| 6 Jonathan Nierman | 22 Meryl Rosenbloom |
| 7 Darryl Berger Frank Hart Diane Puschett | 23 Philip Katz William Mimeles Karen Reitman Carl Rosenblum |
| 8 Nathan Patron | 24 Kim Daves Edward Holub |
| 9 Guy Brenner Rhonda Chernekoff Marjorie Polly | 25 Wilfred Kullman, Jr. Dr. Richard Levine |
| 10 Diane Gordon Gordon Linge | 26 Katherine Buckman Michael Siegel Dr. Rodney Steiner |
| 11 Pamela Steeg | 27 Edward Karp Aaron Levy Jane Sizeler Lauren Wakeman |
| 13 Lynda Friedmann | 28 Jameson Sintes |
| 14 Annie Cohen Vern Gransden | 29 Edna Scheinuk |
| 15 Henry Bernstein Ellen Cleary Shannon Entrekin Robert French Joyce Hiller | 31 Tessa Anderson Ivonne Kullman Dr. Laura Niditch Richard Rosenfeld |

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Darlene Bewley and Ralph Habbaz
- 5 Dr. Ariane and Kevin Rung
- 8 Devie and Dr. A.J. Friedman
- 9 Lauren and Scott Neustadter
- 13 Miriam and Aaron Solomon
- 15 Bridget and Robert Bories
- 21 Valerie Coffin and Mitch Klein
Lynne and Wilfred Kullman, Jr.
- 22 Terri and Jeff Haffner
- 23 Jennifer and Jonathan Nierman
- 24 Shannon and Dillon Entrekin
Janie and Dr. Louis Glade
- 25 Briann and Melvin Shear
Lauren and Devin Wakeman
- 26 Meghan and Jacob Bitoun
Ashley and Michael Kirschman
- 27 Rachel and Nathan Africk

May Their Memories Be For A Blessing

August 31-September 6

Stephen Allen Brill
Milton Fingerman
Audrey Stern Hess
Lillian Teller Opotowsky
Josie K. Greenberg
Mollie S. Solomon
Carolyn Steinberg Yuspeh
Leopold Blum
Leon Davis
Frances Thalheimer Friedler
Bernard Jeskin
Philip Charles Schreier
Stanley Pulitzer
Dr. Robert B. Haspel
Esther Saer Lang
Gertrude Fine Reichman
Eve Wasserman
Jerome L. Goldman
Judge Morey L. Sear
Mina L. Weil
Albert A. Klein
Emma Lemann Levy
Florence M. Reinach

September 7-September 13

Ethel Leopold Hyman
Phyllis Smith Cohen
Adele Dreyfus Botnick
Archie B. Kiefer
James O'Neil
Dorothy Freeman Kossover
Henryetta Kahn Levy
Arthur Scheinuk
Susan Cohen Adler
Gertrude "Goldie" Davis
I. Alan Kronenberg
Rebecca Cohen Spiro
Dr. Ronald Gary Victor
Sarah Levy Bloch
Samuel Latter
Rose Spice Plantowsky
Selma Abrams
James Matthew Davis
Joseph I. Giarrusso, Jr.
Jac Jalenak
Aubrey A. Weiland
Margaret Danzig
Monte M. Lemann
Fannye Estes Stone
Mena W. Wormser
Marvin "Mike" Gellman

September 14-September 20

Bertha Rosenthal Jalenak
Frances M. Rittenberg
Leon Lazar Schwartz
Lee Phillips Shlenker
Benjamin Washastrom
Edna Geach Cole
Aaron A. Lazarus
Mamie Robbins Levitan
Karl E. Loeb
Leonard Glade
Muriel K. Rabinowitz
Alexander Carmel
Jacob D. Dresner
Larry Skal
Ferd B. Stern
Mark Steven Greenberg
Eleanor B. Kohlmeyer
Abraham Albert
Arthur Leo Bear
Charles H. Botnick
William Bernard Braun
Max Plantowsky
Ike D. Scharff
Monte Shalett
Leona Preis Teller
Doris Beer Weiss
Lena Weiss
Charles A. Levy, Sr.
Moise Lichtentag

September 21-September 27

Nadine Levy
Charles Robert Miller
Ella Rich
A.L. Schlesinger, Jr.
Leon Barnett
Ida Weis Friend
Sidney Herold Lazard, Jr.
Eva Levy Meyers
Edith Rosenwald Stern
Joel Martin Cook
Henry Gutmann
Mathilde Loeb
Dr. William Abraham Lurie
Dorys Seelig
Israel Slobotzky
Blanche L. Brown
William B. Burkenroad, Jr.
Fred A. Gottesman

Joseph Herzfeld
Rosemary Gerson Levy
Joseph Lob
Sharon Gail Sachs Weiner
Gary William Fortmayer
Julian R. Hiller
Carrie Levy Lob
Frederick Eckstein
Norman J. Kauffmann
Byron L. Levy
Hannah Aronson Meyer
Betty Flaks Michaels
Carol Rittenberg Rosenberg
Donald Siegel

September 28-October 4

David Covert
James Patrick Daley
Nicole Samuel Lewis
Berenice Kronengold Simon
Rosa Rubel Wolf
Garth Samuel Petal
William L. Springer
Stacey Binder
Joseph O. Grant
Carol Bauman Levy
Irwin W. Rosenthal
Selma Harris Cahn
Bella Stern Fredrick
Dr. John A. Haas
Clara Schuster Levy
Charles A. Snyder
Jake Levy
Dr. Monte F. Meyer
Richard Schornstein, Jr.
Fannie E.W. Brickman
Muriel Wilson Epstein
Johanna D. Hanau
Harry Latter
Julius Schuster

October 5-October 11

A.I. Botnick
Leone Maas Goldsmith
Sidney Victor Opotowsky
Madeline Scheinuk
Ethel May Gutmann Stern
Ben Goldstein
Herman S. Kohlmeyer
Marvin Lewis Rich

Denise Sternberg Sterne
Robert Wolf
Carolyn K. Godchaux
Juan Reyes Castro Gonzalez
Beulah Kern
Lucille Dumas Louviere
Simon U. Rosenthal
Morris Steinberg
Leona Berry Sbisla Collins
Julia Levy Schuster
Herbert Stern
Alex Watsky
Simon Baar
Donna Weisler Baus
Rabbi Julian B. Feibelman
Shepard M. Latter
Jack Rich
Ida Schwabacher
Rogenia Hyman Hiller
Richard Benjamin Kaufmann
Elsie Wald Scheinuk
Solis Seiferth, Sr.

October 12-October 18

David Caron
Rietta K. Levy
Albert Levy
Rose Baginsky Love
Bella Levy Sternberg
Augustine Israel Bloch
Frances Moss Levy
Claire Strauss Meyer
Patricia Uhlmann Rich
Morris Block
Dr. Isidore Cohn, Jr.
Julius Lehman
Harry Arthur Okun
Bertha Scooler
Ilene Thompson
Leah Levy Ury
Fannie Tillman Lucas
Bertha Levy Siegel
Sarah Aronson
Arthur M. Rothschild
Abraham Sherman
Marianne Winter Miller Cohn
Sam Corenswet, Jr.
Julius E. Isaacson, M.D.
Harriet Stern Rosenthal
Isaac D. Scharff
Florence Strug Kerner

May Their Memories Be For A Blessing

October 19-October 25

Levi H. Aronson
Shirley Latter Kaufmann
William Stein, Jr.
Leona Bersadsky
S. Gene Fendler
Leigh Barton Muller
Daniel L. Scharff
Henry Jacobs
Fred Kahn, II
Samuel Karlin, M.D.
Harold Smith
Nona Horowitz
Beverley Marcuse Levy
Mariann Copland Prince
Vera Levy Barton
Alexander Hanau
Pam Frank Lenoir
M.L. Opotowsky
James Joseph Pickholtz
Gail H. Victor
Sarah Blum Babin
Stanford M. Beer, Jr.
Amalia L. Blum
Mae Webman Goldberg
Jules Jacob Lazarus
Leah Rosen Miller
Albert J. Newman
Ethel G. Shroder

October 26-November 1

Renee Samuel Bear
J.N. Moses Kierr
Beatrice Levy Neumaier
Jack Sitkoff
Miriam Cornman Ampolsk
Miriam Shapiro Aronson
Robert L. Kohlmann
Eugene Albert Aschaffenburg
Ann Bograd Kiefer
Rabbi Murray Blackman
Irving Carr
Moses Frishman
Gilbert Hellman
Ella Shlenker Hess
David Jacobson
Sigmund Mendelsohn
Rebecca Sina
Fannette Sommer Blum
Mark Murov
Ida Sarah Sherman
Dr. Sol Baer Stern
Hannah Levy Bodenheimer
Alan H. Rosenbloom
William U. Rosenthal



A Benefit of Your Temple Sinai Membership

A benefit of your Temple Sinai membership is the ability to buy interment rights at the "member-rate" for you, your immediate family, and their families.

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

A Message from Hebrew Rest Cemetery Association:

Since 1881, Temple Sinai and Touro Synagogue have cooperated to meet the burial needs of congregants and others in the New Orleans Jewish community. The two synagogues own Hebrew Rest Cemetery Association, which operates the three Hebrew Rest Cemeteries in Gentilly and Dispersed of Judah Cemetery on Canal Street.

The cemeteries are sacred places of remembrance, honoring our loved ones and preserving our community's history. To fulfill our mission to care for these cemeteries in perpetuity, we need your support.

Many of you and your families have purchased perpetual care for the grounds of individual burial spaces. Beyond our perpetual care obligations, we must maintain and repair all of the property, including lawns, shrubbery, sidewalks, and fences. We also have many graves of indigents and persons who were buried before perpetual care was offered. We are fortunate to have land for expansion, which requires investment to develop.

Please consider making a gift to sustain this meaningful legacy. Your kindness helps us honor the past and safeguard the future. Gifts may be made by check to us at 6227 St. Charles Ave., NOLA 70118 or at our website at www.HebrewRest.org.

The cemeteries are open for visitation every day except Saturday from 8:30AM until approximately 5:00 PM. Security is provided at Hebrew Rest from 10:00AM until 2:00PM every Sunday. The cemeteries are closed on major Jewish holidays.

Sincerely,
Hebrew Rest Cemetery Association, Inc.
(504) 615-7207
hrcanola@gmail.com

Tzedakah /Donations

Bimah Fund

In Honor of Summer Union Shabbat

The Emerson Family

In Memory of Florence Lazarus Levy Adler

Donald I. Levy

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Ronnie Brenner and All Those Who Love Him

In Memory of Judy Daley and Lloyd Silverman

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In Memory of Cheryl Hall and Lynda Ellen Shreve

Elyn Selu

In Memory of Clarice Arbetter Meer

Janice Meer and Michael Bodo

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In Memory of Dr. Mark Jay Zucker

Kathleen Zucker

Haspel Garden Fund

Amy and John Haspel

High Holy Day Bimah Flowers

In Loving Memory of their Parents, Dotty Gold Nathan and Max Nathan, Jr.

Nancy, Kathryn, Marcy, and Courtney Nathan

In Memory of Florence Lazarus Levy Adler, Dr. Leopold Leonard Levy, and Dr. Hartwig Moss Adler

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High Holy Days

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The Danzigs

In Memory of Mark Gilbert Murov

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In Memory of Allen Marks

The Allen Marks Designated Fund

Security

Sue Levy Barton

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Nancy, Kathryn, Marcy and Courtney Nathan

In Memory of Florence Lazarus Levy Adler, Dr. Leopold Leonard Levy, and Dr. Hartwig Moss Adler

Donald I. Levy

Oneg Shabbat

In Memory of Our Parents of Blessed Memory

Vern Gransden and Richard Martin

In Memory of Our Parents and Grandparents

Amy and John Haspel

In Welcoming Everyone Back to Temple Sinai

Jeri Ann and Matthew Glodowski

Security

Helena D. Nathan

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Renee and Rusty Levy

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G. Walter Loewenbaum

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In Memory of Simon Shlenker, Jr. and Simon Shlenker, III

The Shlenker Family Foundation

In Memory of Janice Silver

Dale Aronson

Jennifer and Jack C. Benjamin, Jr.

Lynne R. Stern

MAZAL TOV

- Jason Gaines on receiving the Gay Man of the Year Award at the 35th Annual Gay Appreciation Awards Gala, presented at the Marigny Opera House on Saturday, August 16, 2025.
- John Haspel and Amy Gainsburgh-Haspel on the birth of their granddaughter, Ava; daughter of Hillary and Ryan Hustana.



Thank you to our sister congregations,
Touro Synagogue and Gates of Prayer,
for celebrating Summer Union Shabbat
with us in August.

It's been a pleasure to host you!

—From your friends at Temple Sinai

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Did you know a benefit of membership is getting to rent space at a reduced-price at Temple Sinai for your special events and simchas? Not only is our auditorium a wonderful space for b'nai mitzvah parties, but also for wedding receptions, milestone birthdays, special anniversaries, receptions following a memorial service, baby namings, krewe balls, and more.



Make your event special by using the caterer of your choice in our commercial kitchen. For more information, contact Executive Director **Jenn Daley.**

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Mission Statement

Temple Sinai of New Orleans is a warm and welcoming Reform Jewish congregation founded in 1870. We are an inclusive and diverse community engaging our members through worship, building connections from generation to generation, providing opportunities for Jewish learning, and serving our greater community. Temple Sinai is where tradition meets the modern Jewish world.