

SINAI SPOTLIGHT

January/February 2026
Tevet – Adar 5786



MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMUNITY SHABBAT

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16 AT 6:15PM

FEATURING:
New Voices New Orleans
NO FEAR Ambassadors
.....and more!



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SHABBAT WORSHIP SERVICES JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2026

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

Shabbat Evening Service | 6:15PM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

Torah Portion: VAYECHI (Genesis 47:28–50:26)
There will be no Torah Study or Service this week

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

Torah Portion: SHEMOT (Exodus 1:1–6:1)
Torah Study | 9:15AM
Shabbat Morning Service | 10:30AM

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16

Shabbat B'Shir Musical Service | 6:15PM
Commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Followed by our Monthly Shabbat Dinner

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

Torah Portion: VA'EIRA (Exodus 6:2–9:35)
Torah Study | 9:15AM

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

Shabbat Evening Service | 6:15PM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

Torah Portion: BO (Exodus 10:1–13:16)
Torah Study | 9:15AM
Shabbat Morning Service | 10:30AM

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

Shabbat Evening Service | 6:15PM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

Torah Portion: BESHALACH (Exodus 13:17–17:16)
Torah Study | 9:15AM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Torah Portion: YITRO (Exodus 18:1–20:23)
Torah Study | 9:15AM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Shabbat Evening Service | 6:15PM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Torah Portion: MISHPATIM (Exodus 21:1–24:18)
Torah Study | 9:15AM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Shabbat Evening Service | 6:15PM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Torah Portion: T'RUMAH (Exodus 25:1–27:19)
Torah Study | 9:15AM
Shabbat Morning Service | 10:30AM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Shabbat B'Shir Musical Service | 6:15PM
Featuring Afro-Semitic Experience
Followed by our Monthly Shabbat Dinner

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Torah Portion: TETZAVEH (Exodus 27:20–30:10)
Torah Study | 9:15AM

FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

Strengthening Our Congregation & Community



Rabbi Daniel M. Sherman

I want to begin by wishing everyone a happy New Year: may 2026 be filled with happiness, health, peace, and blessing for all of us – our families, our congregation, our community, our city, our nation, our people, Israel, and the entire world.

As I begin writing this column, we are celebrating Chanukah. Our Festival of Lights, however, began with much darkness, as we were saddened by the tragic anti-semitic attack at Bondi Beach in Sydney, Australia. We mourn the loss of the 15 victims who were killed, and we pray for their families and for all who were injured in the attack. We pray that 2026 will see a decrease in anti-semitism and in all acts of violence and prejudice. May this new year be a better year.

We were also incredibly saddened by the news of the fire at the home of Amanda Loflin, our Religious School Administrator, and her family. Thankfully, Amanda, Michael, Rhodes, Keats, and Shaye were all uninjured – but they lost so much. The family is doing as well as they can, and they have secured a place to live and look forward to the kids beginning January back at school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who have reached out to the Loflins with support, sympathy, and love: please know how much it means to them and to me, as well. Todah Rabbah – thank you so very much.

There have been many special community events and interfaith activities recently – and we are looking forward to even more in 2026. I was honored to be invited by our friend, Father Buddy Noel, to attend the Mass of Welcome for the Most Reverend James Francis Checchio, the new Coadjutor Archbishop of New Orleans in November. We look forward to continuing the warm relationship between Temple Sinai and the Archdiocese. Cantor Garfein and I both enjoyed participating in our annual Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, held this year on November 20th at St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church. We have enjoyed getting to know our clergy colleagues up and down St. Charles Avenue and spending time with our fellow congregations.

In December, Rabbi Bauman and I were invited to participate in a special event in New Orleans: a Mayors' Summit against Anti-Semitism, hosted by Mayor LaToya Cantrell. It was a fascinating gathering of 200 mayors and officials from across the country. That same week I returned to St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church for an Interfaith Prayer Vigil Service for Our Immigrant Neighbors. It was a powerful service, as we were reminded of the teachings of our faiths to love our neighbors and to stand up for the stranger in our communities.

In January, I was honored to be asked to participate in and represent the Jewish Community at a Prayer Service for the First Anniversary of the Bourbon Street Attack on Sunday, January 4, 2026 at the Immaculate Conception Church. I was also invited to attend the inauguration of Mayor-Elect Helena Moreno on January 12 and am honored to be there.

Of course, we are all excited about and looking forward to our Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Shabbat on Friday, January 16, 2026. Cantor Garfein has been working very hard preparing a wonderful service for us and has invited even more groups to join us at Temple Sinai on this very special evening. I am grateful to Cantor Garfein for creating this important event and encourage everyone to join us for a memorable and moving Shabbat Service.

As we begin this New Year, I hope that you will resolve to remain active and to find new and additional ways to participate in the life of our congregation and community. We have much planned for 2026 at Temple Sinai, and we are grateful for your leadership, support, and participation.



Cantor Rebecca Garfein

Huge thanks to our Pop-up Children's Choir and our Religious School students for making our Chanukah B'Shir service so fantastic! I love the spirit you bring to Temple Sinai and am so grateful that you attended services and helped lead us in song and prayer. Our future looks so bright with these wonderful kiddos and their families!

On January 16, 2026, at 6:15PM at our Shabbat evening service, we will celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through special liturgy and amazing musical collaborations. I am delighted that our Pop-up Kids Choir and [New Voices New Orleans](#) children's choir, under the direction of Trey Pratt, will once again be joining us!

This year, we will also be joined by the [NO FEAR Ambassadors](#), under the direction of Tim "Sully" Sullivan. You may recall that our son, Jake Gellman, is a member of NO FEAR and that the band played after our congregational meeting last year. **New Orleans Foundation for Experiential Arts Renewal (NO FEAR)** is an arts education nonprofit dedicated to Experiential Arts and Learning, a communal and participatory approach to artmaking that serves to connect, reflect, and relate human experiences. The **NO FEAR Ambassadors** have been featured at French Quarter Fest and at venues around New Orleans. For more information, please go to their website: www.nofearnola.org.

We are also so pleased that this year, [Shades of Praise](#) and the [Praise Team from Progressive Baptist Church](#) will be joining our festivities as well, alongside our **Temple Sinai Adult Choir**, which made its debut at Yom Kippur this year. Our cup truly overflows!

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And of course, our Shabbat B'Shir New Orleans musicians will accompany all of us: Glenn Hartman, piano, from the Klezmer All-Stars; Ben Schenck, clarinet, from Panorama Band; Walter Harris, drums, from Preservation Hall; and Ben Fox, upright bass, along with gospel singers from [Joyful and the Spirit of New Orleans](#). We will celebrate and remember Dr. King's message with amazing worship music and songs!

And if this wasn't enough to fill our cups for the new year, in February, during Black History Month, we are pleased to welcome [The Afro-Semitic Experience](#) to our Shabbat B'Shir on Feb. 27, 2026.

Warren Byrd and David Chevan are the cofounders of **The Afro-Semitic Experience**, a band that blends African American and Jewish musical traditions into something soulful and joyful, while simultaneously genre-defying. Their partnership started with a simple idea: what happens when you bring together spirituals, gospel, and Jewish liturgical music and use a jazz lens to interpret and meld those traditions? The answer turned out to be a rich, improvisational sound that's full of heart and groove.

Great things are happening at Temple Sinai! Don't miss a minute!

B'Shalom,
Cantor Rebecca Garfein

From the President



Matt Glodowski

Greetings, Temple Sinai!

It was so great seeing so many of you at Chanukah on the Avenue. That evening is always a highlight for me, and this year was no exception. The warmth, joy, and time spent together were a beautiful reminder of what makes Temple Sinai feel like home. I am deeply grateful to our Rabbi, Cantor, and Jenn for the care and energy they put into making that night so special.

One of the things that makes this congregation so meaningful is that we show up for one another—not only in moments of celebration, but also in moments of hardship. Many of you are now aware that our Religious School Administrator, Amanda Loflin, and her family experienced a devastating loss when a fire struck their home. While Amanda, Michael, and the kids are thankfully safe, the fire destroyed their home and nearly all their belongings. Thank you to everyone who reached out with compassion, generosity, and support for Amanda and her family. That response reflects the very best of who we are.

As we round out the secular new year, our Board, Clergy, and Staff have been working thoughtfully and intentionally, and the energy and creativity they brought to this past Fall are already carrying us into a vibrant Spring. Cantor Garfein (as she always does) is pouring her heart into the upcoming Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Community Service on Friday, January 16 at 6:15pm. It will be a powerful and uplifting evening, and a meaningful way to come together

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in song, reflection, and shared values. Our Sinai Tzedek Committee has been working diligently to schedule a weekend of meaningful events that commemorate Dr. King’s life and work.

Looking ahead, there is truly something for everyone at Temple Sinai—from opportunities to learn and celebrate, to chances to connect more deeply with one another. I hope you’ll continue to join us, stay engaged, and reach out when something sparks your interest. Temple Sinai is strongest when we walk this path together.

I look forward to seeing you around Temple Sinai and sharing this season ahead.

B’shalom,
Matt Glodowski

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Next Board Meeting Dates:

Tues., Jan. 20 | 7:15PM

Tues., Feb. 24 | 7:15PM

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From The Executive Director

Dear Temple Sinai Family,

During the week of November 17–21 in Tucson, I had the opportunity to attend the 2025 National Association for Temple Administration Conference for synagogue Executive Directors and to participate in a two-day learning intensive from the Spertus Institute for Jewish Learning's Certificate of Executive Leadership program. The sessions were energizing, and I came home with ideas that I am excited to bring back into my work at Temple Sinai.

Three key learnings stood out for me. First, I gained practical skills and strategies for building effective, collaborative teams, including using our volunteers more effectively. Second, I learned best practices for fundraising that will help us strengthen relationships and support our mission more sustainably. And third, the sessions on how to utilize AI tools offered clear, approachable ways to increase our impact and work more efficiently.

Presenting at a workshop on the best practices for social media and digital marketing was just as meaningful as the connections I formed throughout the conference. During my session, it was wonderful to receive so much positive feedback on Temple Sinai's newly rebranded email templates and dynamic social media presence.



Jenn Daley

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Spending time with colleagues from across North America—and from several international communities—also gave me a broader perspective on how to approach volunteer engagement, fundraising, and provided a network I can continue to learn from. In the coming year, I am eager to implement new rental strategies and revenue-generating opportunities that will help us meet our budgetary goals.

I truly appreciate your ongoing support for my professional growth and am grateful for your constant encouragement.

L'Shalom,
Jenn



Sinai Youth



Amanda Loflin

Religious School &

Family Engagement Administrator

Chavurah@Sinai Religious School is so grateful for such a wonderful December of learning and celebrating Chanukah! From learning the prayers for the family Chanukah service to donut decorating, a glowstick dance party, and tons in between, it was an action-packed month for our students. Our kids worked very hard to learn their parts for the Chanukah Shabbat service on Friday, December 19. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend. It was a fantastic night!

On behalf of myself, Michael, and our kids, thank you for the overwhelming love and support we have felt from our Temple Sinai family during an incredibly tough time these past weeks after our house fire. When we stood watching our home burn, we felt like we'd lost everything, but the outpouring of kindness from friends, family, neighbors, and even complete strangers has reminded us what truly matters. The donations of clothing, furniture, gift cards, and financial help have been lifesaving during this impossible time. Every message, meal, hug, and generous gift have shown us that while we lost our house, we haven't lost our community. We're still processing everything, but knowing we're surrounded by such support gives us hope as we begin to rebuild. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for wrapping us in love when we needed it the most!

SAVE THE DATES!

Friday, Jan. 9 | 5:00PM

Bim Bam Kids Shabbat

Sunday, Jan. 11 | 10:00AM

Lox & Tots Playgroup

Sunday, Jan. 18 | 11:00AM

MLK, Jr. Commemoration Lagniappe Day

Sunday, Feb. 1 | 11:00AM

Lagniappe Day - Tu B'Shevat

Sunday, Mar. 1 | 11:00AM

Lagniappe Day - Purim Party





Bim Bam Kids Shabbat Commemorating MLK, Jr.

Fri. Jan. 9 | 5:00PM-6:00PM

Learn about the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by singing and story time with Cantor Garfein, a meaningful craft, and a kid-friendly dinner to follow. Siblings welcome!

Lox & Tots Playgroup at Sinai

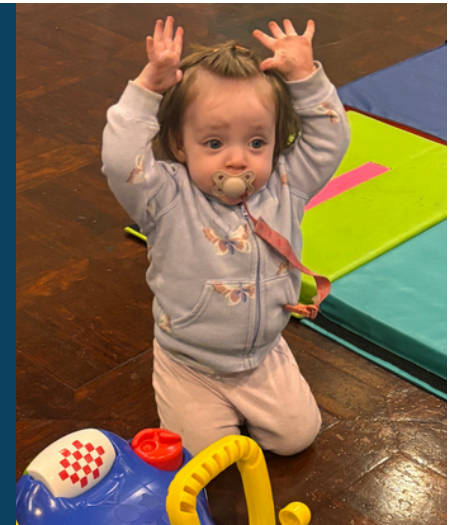
(Ages 2 years and younger)

Sun. January 11 | 10:00AM

Sun. March 1 | 10:00AM

Open to the community

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. Siblings welcome!



Financial assistance for Jacobs Camp is available from Temple Sinai. Contact Jenn Daley at jdaley@templesinaino.org

[SIGN UP FOR CAMP](#)

Temple Sinai Sisterhood Campership

Jacobs Camp scholarships are available through Temple Sinai Sisterhood. To learn more, contact Sisterhood Co-President, Ellen Cohen.

[LEARN MORE](#)



Apply Now for JEF Summer Camp Grants Goldring Jewish Summer Camp Experience

Funded by the Goldring Family Foundation, this program offers grants of up to \$1,500 for first-time campers in grades 1-9 attending nonprofit Jewish sleepaway camps. Applicants must live in Louisiana, Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi, and the Florida Panhandle.

[LEARN MORE](#)

Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Shabbat



Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Shabbat

Fri. Jan. 16, 2026 | 6:15PM

Dinner will follow the service

New Voices New Orleans

(under the direction of
Trey Pratt)



NO FEAR Ambassadors Band

(under the direction of
Tim "Sully" Sullivan)



Shabbat B'Shir Musicians

(under the direction
of Cantor Rebecca Garfein)



Also Featuring:

Shades of Praise Gospel Choir
Joyful & Spirit of New Orleans Choir
Progressive Baptist Church Praise Team
Sinai Adult & Youth Choirs

With Remarks By:

Aaron Bloch, Director
Jewish Multicultural & Governmental Affairs
Rev. Dr. Johmyrin Johnson
The Progressive Baptist Church

Sponsored by:



[RSVP FOR DINNER](#)

Additional Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Events



Sat. Jan. 17 | 1:00pm

Where Do We Go From Here?

A Day of Community-Building and Adult Education
Panel discussion on Black-Jewish relations with community leaders

Community Book Center, 2523 Bayou Rd, New Orleans, 70119

REGISTER



A V O D A H
Sparkling Jewish Leaders, Igniting Social Change

Sun. Jan. 18 | 10:30AM - 1:00pm

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service

Avodah New Orleans - Partners in Justice: Mitzvah Day Edition

In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and the profound legacy the Jewish community has of working collaboratively for tikkun olam, Temple Sinai is proudly partnering with Avodah New Orleans to participate in this year's Partners in Justice: Mitzvah Day. During this day of service, come roll up your sleeves and support non-profit partner organizations serving some of the most vulnerable members of the New Orleans community.

REGISTER

Mon. Jan. 19 | 8:00AM

Martin Luther King, Jr. March

A.L. Davis Park - 2600 LaSalle St.



Join the Jewish community for a meaningful day celebrating unity
at the official City of New Orleans' MLK Jr. Day March.

We will begin at A.L. Davis Park. The march proceeds through Central City, ending at the MLK statue at S. Claiborne and MLK Boulevard. All are welcome to participate and bring signs celebrating Dr. King's legacy.

Sisterhood News

Dear Women of Temple Sinai,

There is nothing like the smell of frying latkes to welcome the Chanukah season! Sisterhood members gathered on Sunday, December 7, to stock the Temple with homemade latkes for our Religious School's Chanukah celebration, and the event was the perfect start to the season's festivities. Thank you to the wonderful Sisterhood members who mixed, shaped, and fried hundreds of latkes! Thank you to Jenn Daley and Tamie Bressler for spearheading our wonderful morning.

January and February bring great things to Temple Sinai. Sisterhood members are invited to participate in Shabbat services honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by volunteering to greet or usher at services and/or by baking desserts for the dinner following our community-wide commemoration. Please contact me if you'd like to help out.

On Sunday, January 25, following Chavurah@Sinai Religious School, Sisterhood is hosting a Mardi Gras headpiece-making workshop led by member Nancy Sternberg. This is an intergenerational event, welcoming parents, grandparents, and even students—our future Sisterhood members—to attend this fun event. A light lunch will be served.

On Friday, January 23, at 6:15PM, Gates of Prayer Sisterhood has invited our members to attend their Sisterhood Shabbat service. It has been lovely to see the partnership between Temple Sinai and Gates of Prayer sisterhoods throughout the years and I hope you will attend.

Temple Sinai Sisterhood Co-Presidents



Ellen Heller Cohen



Amy Gainsburgh-Haspel

Temple Sinai's Sisterhood events are open to all women of Temple Sinai, and if you are not yet a member of our Sisterhood, I encourage you to join to support all of the wonderful work and camaraderie of our group. All are welcome!

Ellen Cohen, Co-President
ellen_cohen1963@yahoo.com



Mardi Gras Headpiece-Making Workshop

Sun. Jan. 25 | 11:00AM

Learn how to make and take home a floral headpiece, just in time for Mardi Gras! The workshop will include all materials, tools, and guidance. Light lunch will be served.

REGISTER



INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM

We are continuing our *Introduction to Judaism* course in 2026. 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. Come for each discussion or choose the topics that interest you the most.

Upcoming Dates and Topics

1:00PM to 2:30PM in the Steeg Library
on the following dates:

Sunday, Jan. 11

Creating a Jewish Home

Sunday, Feb. 1

Introduction to Jewish Worship
& Services

Sunday, Mar. 8

Modern Movements in Judaism Today &
What Does it Mean to be a Reform Jew

Sunday, Mar. 29

Preparing for Passover

[REGISTER](#)

Limmud returns to New Orleans on Sunday, March 8, 2026!

Save the date for Limmud's FESTIVAL OF JEWISH IDEAS, bringing together the New Orleans Jewish community for a day of study, conversation, and exploration.

[REGISTER](#)

LIMMUD
NEW ORLEANS



March 8, 2026
Uptown JCC

A Look Back at Chanukah



Programs and Events



SAGE Midday Mingle

(Seniors for Activities,
Groups, & Excursions)

Wed. Jan 14 | 11:30AM

Martin's on Baronne



Shabbat B'Shir Musical Service & Dinner

Join us for a joyous musical Shabbat featuring local musicians from Panorama Band and The Klezmer All-Stars, followed by dinner.

Fri. Jan. 16 | 6:15PM (MLK, Jr. Community Shabbat)

Menu: roast chicken, potatoes, green beans, green salad, roll, and dessert.

RSVP FOR JANUARY DINNER

Fri. Feb. 27 | 6:15PM

Menu: Chili and Baked Potato bar with ALL the toppings

RSVP FOR FEBRUARY DINNER

Sinai Bereavement and Loss Support Group

Sun. Jan. 18 | 9:30AM

Sun. Feb. 22 | 9:30AM

All meetings will be held in the Steeg Library and 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



Free Birds (Empty-Nesters)

Wed. Jan. 21 | 6:30PM

More Details to Come!

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.



Programs and Events



Tu B'Shevat Parsley Planting

Sun. Feb. 1 | 10:00AM

In honor of the upcoming Tu B'Shevat and Passover holidays, help us create garden beds to plant parsley that we'll use for our congregational Seder. Breakfast will be served. No gardening experience necessary!

Lunch with Rabbi Sherman at Martin's on Baronne

Thurs. Feb. 5 | 11:30AM

3827 Baronne St, New Orleans

Participants are responsible for purchasing their own meals.



Club Shabbat

Fri. Feb. 20 | 5:00PM

The Garden District Hotel, 1525 Prytania St.

Join Cantor Garfein for an abbreviated Shabbat service on the outside patio of the hotel. First drink is on us!

Sponsored by: Sinai Young Professionals (ages 21-40)

Shabbat Book Club

Sat. Feb. 28 | 10:30AM at Octavia Books

513 Octavia St.

We will discuss the book, *The Postcard* by Anne Berest.

This book is among the most acclaimed and beloved French novels of recent years. It is at once a gripping investigation into family trauma, a poignant tale of mothers and daughters, and a vivid portrait of twentieth-century Parisian intellectual and artistic life.

Congregants will receive a 10% discount on this book, compliments of our member Tom Lowenburg. Coffee and bagels provided.

[RSVP](#)



Programs and Events

In Honor of Black History Month,
Temple Sinai is proudly hosting

THE AFRO-SEMITIC EXPERIENCE

featuring Warren Byrd
and David Chevan

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

SHABBAT B'SHIR MUSICAL SERVICE | 6:15PM

Followed by our Monthly Congregational Shabbat Dinner

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The answer turned out to be a rich, improvisational sound that's full of heart and groove. Warren's piano playing is steeped in gospel and jazz, with a ferociously intellectual and lyrical touch that lifts the music skyward. David's bass lines ground everything with warmth and depth, and his arrangements give the band room to explore and connect.

RSVP FOR FEBRUARY SHABBAT DINNER

Save the Date

PURIM

Mon. March 2 | 6:15PM
at Temple Sinai



Come dressed as Queen Esther, Mordechai, the evil Haman or even your favorite Mardi Gras costume! Let's masquerade, hear the Megillah, shake our groggers, and eat some Hamentashen!



Drag BINGO

Wed. March 4 | 6:00PM

Hosted by the fabulous New Orleans
drag entertainer Gia GiaVanni

Cost: \$10

Includes pizza, beer, wine, and (1) bingo card.
Additional bingo cards available for \$5/board

Pizza at 6:00PM

Bingo at 6:30PM

[Register](#)

Save the Date



PASSOVER 5786

2ND NIGHT CONGREGATIONAL PASSOVER SEDER

Thurs. April 2 | 6:00PM
at Temple Sinai
with Rommel's Catering

Cost:

\$50 | Member \$75 | Guest
\$18 | Children 12-years and older & College students
Complimentary | Children 11-years and younger

*Financial assistance upon request.
Contact Executive Director Jenn Daley

REGISTER



TEMPLE SINAI *with*
NEW ORLEANS

JP NOLA
— JEWISH PRIDE NEW ORLEANS —

Mon. April 6 | 6:00PM

at Temple Sinai
with Rommel's Catering

Cost: \$20

*Financial assistance upon request.
Contact Executive Director Jenn Daley at
jdaley@templesinaino.org.

REGISTER

**LGBTQ+
SEDER**

Annual Gala 2026

Save the Date!

TEMPLE SINAI'S

POPART
Gala

SUNDAY, APRIL 12 | 5:00PM

JAMNOLA®

JOY ART MUSIC NEW ORLEANS

5:00PM | Gala Festivities

6:30PM | Patron Party

Gala Chairs

Lindsey & Zachary Russell

Event Host Emcee

Mark Romig

TICKETS

Around the Community

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Save the Date!

FAMILY FUN FEST 2026

feb. 1 | 11:30am-1:30pm | 3747 w esplanade ave.

happy birthday to the trees: a tu b'shevat celebration
activities-crafts-bouncing-food-friends-fun ...and so much more!



**NCJW Greater New Orleans
Hannah G. Solomon Award & Luncheon**
Honoring Temple Sinai Congregant, Leslie Jacobs

MON. FEB. 2 | 11:30AM

Audubon Tea Room, 6500 Magazine St.

[TICKETS & MORE INFO](#)

ADLOYADAH PURIM CARNIVAL

SUN. MARCH 1 | 11:30AM - 2:30PM

Uptown JCC

The JCC celebrates Purim with a carnival called Adloyadah. Adloyadah celebrates Jewish survival and is similar to celebrations held in Israel. Open to the entire community, the JCC is transformed into a carnival complete with rides, music, Israeli food, hamantashen (special Purim treats), and New Orleans snowballs. Wear a costume, eat some delicious food, enjoy the music and have a blast! Open to the Community.



January Birthdays & Anniversaries

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 | Tatiana Tuman
Sasha Weill | 21 | Max Klein |
| 2 | Robert Morris, IV
Judy Simkin | 22 | Kathy Kornman |
| 3 | Maureen Fanberg
Elizabeth Pejic
Jeremy Tuman | 23 | Joseph Billiot
Rachel Moring
Ellis Murov |
| 5 | Kendra Glazer | 24 | Sarah Cahn
Martin Covert
Deborah Fallis
Stephen Sontheimer |
| 6 | Alfred Abramson | 25 | Jill Dupre
Michael Perlstein
Sue Warshauer-Hall |
| 7 | Karen Pinsky | 26 | Nathan Africk
Philip Frank, Jr.
Jeffrey Hardin
Alexander Hatzidiakos
Dr. Cedric Walker |
| 8 | Faith Weiss | 27 | Dr. Marc Bernstein
Thomas Hess
Terry Kronberger |
| 9 | Parrish Abramson
Elizabeth Brodt
Frank Friedler | 28 | Lawrence Kornman
Dr. Charles Simonson |
| 10 | Ethan Kadish
Cathie Weinstein | 29 | Billy Barker
Jack Benjamin, Jr.
Maline Levy-Berenger |
| 11 | Alan Franco | 31 | Georgia Bell
Joshua Mayer
Max Merlin
Eli Solomon
Lynda Warshauer |
| 12 | James Fried
Harvey Herstein | | |
| 13 | John Delamatre | | |
| 14 | Joan Feibelman
Sheila Gold
Melissa Marshall | | |
| 15 | Judge (ret) Robin Giarrusso | | |
| 17 | Mary Daughtrey
Keith Katz
Daniel Tuman | | |
| 18 | Carin Entrekin | | |
| 19 | Danielle Rosenfeld | | |
| 20 | Aria Rickoll | | |

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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| 3 | Leslie and Scott Jacobs |
| 5 | Peter M. Wolf and Alex Davidson |
| 7 | Kristen and Alex Kessler |
| 17 | Andrea and Robert Morris, III |
| 22 | Mary and Lawrence Kornman
Nan and Robert MacMaster
Danielle and Wesley Rosenfeld |
| 27 | Sarah and Cory Cahn |
| 31 | Pamela and Jack Lyles |



**MAZAL
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Congratulations to **Hermie Kohlmeyer, Jr.** on receiving the Newman Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumnus Award. This award is the highest honor Isidore Newman School bestows upon its alumni and recognizes individuals. As the great grandson of founder/financier Isidore Newman, Hermie is connected to the school's 122-year history.

Congratulations to **Leslie Jacobs** on receiving the NCJW New Orleans section Hannah G. Solomon Award, which will be celebrated with a luncheon on Monday, February 2.

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

February Birthdays & Anniversaries

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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|----|--|----|---|
| 1 | Anne Babin
Dr. Max Krochmal
Arthur Pulitzer
Lynne Stern
Barrett Wakeman | 18 | Max Cohen
John Haspel |
| 2 | William Braun
Betty Moore
Avery Spiritus | 19 | Jennifer Brickman
Susan Roskind
Alex Spiritus |
| 4 | Zachary Goldring
Marian Moore
Judah Nierman
Aimee Siegel | 20 | Matthew Finger
Mollie Fried
Jane Steiner |
| 7 | Abigail Barker
Violet Hudleston
Tamara Jacobson
Riley Neustadter
Ronald Pincus | 21 | Melanie Bronfin |
| 9 | Jean Brickman | 22 | Cantor Joel Colman
Giselli Danzig |
| 10 | Benny Winters | 23 | Briann Shear
Mary Stern |
| 11 | Robyn Nowak
Zollie Richburg | 24 | David Kunian
Evan Rothman |
| 12 | Robin Goldsmith | 26 | Patricia Barnett
Susan Simon |
| 13 | Lynne Kullman | 27 | Betty Glazer
Pinsley Glazer
Janet Wilson |
| 15 | Linda Baum
Kim O'Donnell | 28 | Mildred Denegre
Ann Elsas
Marcia Gersovitz |
| 16 | John Kornman
Carol Lise Rosen
Dr. Marc Weiss | | |
| 17 | Eric Nowak
Avra O'Dwyer | | |

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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|----|---|
| 3 | Hope and James Meyer |
| 8 | Jeri Ann and Matthew Glodowski |
| 14 | Donna and Dr. Peter Horowitz |
| 16 | Lee Adler and Robert Marks |
| 18 | Tammy and Garrett Moore |
| 21 | Tamie and Lee Bressler
Rachel Chamness and Silas Eames |



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Congratulations to **Maddie, Daniel, Simon, and Sasha Weill** on the birth of Penelope Weill

Congratulations to **Amy Gainsburgh-Haspel and John Haspel** on the birth of their granddaughter Lily Alexandra Haspel

Congratulations to **Emily and Jared Shurman** on the birth of their son Jack Edward Shurman

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of our Temple Sinai family!**

May Their Memories Be For A Blessing

December 28-January 3

Rebecca Aronson
 Dr. Stanley Cohen
 Sophie Wright Kerstein
 Morris H. Levy
 Beth Bloch Rosenthal
 Joseph Greenberg
 Kobi Alaine Becker
 Madalyn Moore Nelson
 Leonard David Stone
 Evelyn Weill
 Fred L. Chamness
 Bernard Himan Hirsberg
 Alphonse Hirsch
 Dr. Melvyn Kossover
 Rosa Levy Levy
 Margot Levy
 Audrey Horowitz Seltzer
 Joseph Hugo Epstein, Jr.
 Amelia Greenwald
 Emilie Jones Gutheim
 Retta Fisher Loeb
 Shirley Malkove
 Abraham Solomon
 Kenneth Thompson, III
 Gladys Levy Bernstein
 Leo M. Mervis
 Myra Lois Mersky Soboloff
 Joan Tuchman
 Milton Berke
 Mary Felicia Holub
 Emma Annette Weinberger
 August K. Worms

January 4-January 10

Jeffrey Barnett Ampolsk
 Saralyn Plantowsky Bronfin
 Bessie Clark Davis
 Henry Graeber
 Soevah Sachs Jacobs
 Lazar Max Murov
 Moise Schornstein, Jr.
 Bertha Rosenthal Stern
 Miriam Fendig Field
 Solomon "Sol" Shnaider
 Bessye Lieber Stern
 Max Antis
 Herman M. Baginsky
 Rabbi Allen Isaac Freehling
 Cora Steeg Goldberg
 Jonas Hiller
 Flora Okun Hirsberg
 Walter C. Preston
 Jacob Rabinowitz
 Aaron Steeg
 Mollie Steinberg
 Lisa Brener
 Leonard B. Levy
 Claire D. Sternberg Preston

Faye Barton Sherman
 William T. Shore
 Barbara Glazer Weinstein
 Samuel Zemurray, Jr.
 Helen Dalrymple Dresner
 Emanuel Meyer
 Lee Sear
 Rachael G. Benjamin
 Fannie Durman Bograd
 Beatrice Davis
 Werner Friedmann
 Naum Khaimsky
 Ruby K. Levy
 Lara Suzanne Deutsch
 M. Waldo Mayer
 Roman Urbach
 William Wolf Weiss

January 11-January 17

Stanley M. Bressler
 Mrs. S. Herbert Hirsch
 Ellen Spear Jandorf
 Jane Blumenthal Steiner
 Margaret Veta
 Edith S. Weil
 Edith Levy Brenner
 Bessye F. Holberg
 Raphael Rosenberg Jiedel
 Elsie Landauer Kullman
 Manfred Sternberg, Sr.
 Stephen Goldring
 Ellis Mintz
 Dr. Herbert Bernard Rothschild
 Everett Francis Rubenstein
 Joseph Taussig
 Moise Alaynick
 David Baar
 Joan S. Berenson
 Joseph M. Greenberg
 Mary Newstadt Hyman
 Rose Lazard Israel
 Freida Levine
 Sara Alcus Schornstein
 Rodney Davis, Jr.
 Adrian Stephen Kornman
 Bernard J. Kullman, II
 Arthur G. Rosenbaum
 Stanford H. Rosenthal
 Pauline Schwerd
 Samuel Harold Singer
 Warren Stern
 Essie Forcheimer Strauss
 Sandra R. Weinstein
 Louise Wolbrette Wolf
 Sol Zelman
 Dorlene L. Alaynick
 Ray Kahn
 Gus B. Levy
 Rosalie Meyer Loeb

Shirley Malkove
 David R. Miller
 Marion Bergson Steeg
 Juliet Wolf Adler
 Meyer Sutton
 Robert Louis Yuspeh, Sr.

January 18-January 24

Sadie Schwartz Kern
 Isabella H. Moutte
 Theo Berkson
 Myron Burnstein
 Amalia Isaac Emsheimer
 Ethel Landau Jacobs
 Peggy Jacobs
 Lena Sternfels Meyer
 Bessie Blitz Rabinowitz
 David H. Seelig
 Emile Weil
 Helen Wolff
 Robert Louis Yuspeh, Jr.
 Henry B. Elsas
 Richard Godchaux Hirsch
 Herman Sina
 Herbert Barton
 Fay Botnick
 Ida Orkin Gamsu
 Rose Mintz Goldstein
 Bruce George Levy
 Sarah W. Marcuse
 Hattye Weil Meyer
 Dotty Gold Nathan
 Ariel B. Newman, Jr.
 Paula Shapiro
 Lillian Shiff Stein
 Nettie Brown Chaplin
 Sara Kahn
 Ethel Segal Mansfield
 Bernard Tuchman
 Lynne Weinberger Goldman
 Delphine Aron Hirsch
 Ida Rittenberg Kohlmeyer
 Betty Zelman

January 25-January 31

Joseph Dinkelspiel
 Jack London
 Irving B. Cohen
 Sandra Peilen Heller
 Sara Blum Klein
 Dr. Edmund F. Walker
 Mathias Levy
 Harold Rubin
 Dr. Melvin D. Steiner
 Clarice G. Weinstein
 Eva Forcheimer
 Rachel Wassman Gelfius
 Therese R. Hausmann
 Joseph Albert Miller
 Theresa B. Montague

Anna Soboloff
 Moise S. Steeg, Sr.
 Irma Hirsch Ackerman
 Ruby Shayn Blumenthal
 Jean Frank
 Marvin L. Goldman
 Alice M. Weiss
 Frank Mayer Bestoff
 Gabe Hausmann
 Lloyd Max Lowy
 Hannah Lowy Neumann
 John H. Norman
 Hannah Betty Prins Blumenthal Stich

February 1-February 7

Irving Goldstein
 Babette "Babs" Isaacson
 Eva Simon Welsch
 Emily Hart Rosen
 Charlotte McArthur Kornman
 Jules Wolbrette
 Jack Alden
 Jay Morton Jalenak
 Rose Newman Mopsik
 Moise S. Cahn
 Gertrude Scherck Levy
 Julia A. Sasso
 Joseph D. Weiner
 Norma Gohd
 Moysh Haddad
 Charles H. Levy
 Helen Urbach
 Honore Fox
 Charles W. Frank, Sr.
 Charles Kahn
 Leo Weil
 Jerry Zachary
 Elise Mayer Besthoff
 Marilyn Weiss Davis
 Dr. Leopold Leonard Levy
 Paul Rosenmeyer
 Ethel R. Sternberg
 Louis A. Weil

February 8-14

Ronald Anthony Berenger
 Sydney J. Besthoff
 Albin Charles Fisher, Sr.
 Hannah Block Hirsch
 Hilbert Sampson Loeb
 Hermance Dreyfus Meyer
 Leo Miller, Jr.
 Leo Miller, Sr.
 Jan Corenswet
 Carli Fried
 Howard L. Leventhal
 Leopold Loeb
 Janet Selig Wolf Zadek
 Muriel S. Ostrow

May Their Memories Be For A Blessing (cont.)

Velma D. Prins
Edwina Hirsch Reisfeld
Penny Brown
Melanie Pulitzer Feldman
Mary Roos Haas
Leslie Young Kastl
Jesse S. Rosenfeld, Sr.
Arthur Weiss
Theresa Abraham
Edward Max Heller
Thomas B. Lemann
Samuel Marcuse
Joseph Matz
Dr. Irving A. Fosberg
Stephen Gersovitz
Bernard H. Goldsmith
Ralph Katz
Dianne Lynn Levy
Anne Lowenburg
Virginia Rush Threefoot
Samuel Wolf
Janet Jacobs Aschaffenburg
Dr. Philip Beekman
William B. Burkenroad
Rudolph J. Cohn
Abraham B. Feibelman
Betty Pearlman Fosberg
Max H. Hart
Henrietta B. Rosenthal
Hans W. Schlesinger
Paul Schreier

February 15-21

Mayer Leon Dresner
Jake Henry Gutmann
Myrtle Blum
Louis E. Cohen
I. Jay Krieger
Celestine M. Lazarus
Milton Eli Pick
Harold Simon Weil
Hyman Weinstein
Albert Jacob Wolf
William Haspel, Jr.
Joseph Shields
Emma L. Sperling
Matilda Diefenthal Wolff
Nettie Pulitzer Carmel
J. M. Fried, Jr.
Benjamin Goodwin Katz
Ezekiel E. Moore, Jr.
Lillian Erlich Alaynick
Martha Blackman
Isadore Zadek
Florence Lohrman Braun
Carrie Abraham Lemann
Julius Weill
J. Benjamin Weiner
Anne Kurtz Elster
Yevgenia Khaimsky

Miriam Straus Levy
Arthur Weiss
Dora Finger Yuspeh

February 22-28

David Chapman
Abraham J. Jacobson
Nancy Alcus Marshall
Samuel Reisfeld
Linda Silverman Buczek
Sol Cohen
Mayer Lawrence Cohn
Beulah G. Drapekin
Ida Finkelstein Greenberg
Ann Zivitz Kientz
Rebecca Russell
Bernard N. Samuel
Tess Levy Schornstein
Justin Wormser
Thomas B. Cobb
Edward A. Hayem
Ethel Lichtentag
Charles F. Dufour, Sr.
Fred Feran
Carolyn Blum Klein
Patrick E. Senac
Clara Weil Steeg
Sydney Besthoff, III
Isabel Weil Kohlmeyer
Shirley Levy
Rose Pollock Litwin
Marshall Byron Oreck
Claretta Mayer Rosenberg
Gabe Scooler
Coleman E. Adler
Reuben A. Cohen
Leo Levy Lowentritt
Beatrice Levy Marcuse
Sally Marx
Lillian Niditch
Harry Spiro, Sr.
Richard Morris Adler
Joan Opotowsky Caplan
David Regenstein



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

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

Tzedakah /Donations

Annual Giving

Sue Levy Barton
Cathy and Dr. Andy Burka
Avery and Jay Corenswet
Cecile and Martin Covert
Milly and George Denegre
John Haspel and Amy Gainsburgh-Haspel
The Robert B. and Shirley K. Haspel
Endowment Foundation
Robyn and Dr. Robert Kessler
Louise and John Simon
Jane and William Sizeler
In Memory of Eli J. Murov
Luz Molina
In Memory of Sandra Weinstein
Janice and Steven Jager

Bimah Flower Fund

In Honor of their Anniversary
Camille and Eugene Terk
In Honor of Doris Baron's 80th Birthday
Dr. John Baron
In Honor of Josh Danzig's Birthday
The Danzig Family
**In Memory of Ann S. Corenswet,
Jan Corenswet, John Corenswet,
Sam Corenswet, Jr., and Avery Bassich**
Avery and Jay Corenswet
In Memory of Judy and Stanley Bressler
Tamie and Lee Bressler
In Memory of Ronald Katz and Allan Katz
Saundra K. Levy and Family
In Memory of Sophie Matz
Elisabeth Schwerd
In Memory of Eli J. Murov
Luz Molina
In Memory of Mark Murov
Rita Murov
In Memory of Madalyn Moore Nelson
Marian Moore
In Memory of Lynn Steinberg Prouty
Ken and Jenn Daley
Edward and Randee Lefkow
In Memory of Irving Louis Rosen, MD
Carol Lise Rosen and Her Children
In Memory of Samuel A. Steeg
Judy Simkin and the Steeg Family
In Memory of Jules "Poppy" Sobel
The Sobel, Elsas, and Feran Family
In Memory of Yvonne Yuspeh Strug
Susan Strug Kottwitz

Emeritus Fund

Walda Besthoff
Sarah and Cory Cahn
John Haspel and Amy Gainsburgh-Haspel
Carol Lise Rosen
Aimee and Michael Siegel

In Honor of Sue Rose's 101st Birthday
Kathy Buckman & Family, Patty Barnett & Family
In Memory of Dora Ferber
The Ferber Family of Houma
Supporting Foundation of the Jewish
Endowment Foundation of Louisiana

High Holy Days Food Drive

Anonymous
Bonnie and Jay Aronson
Harry Blumenthal and Murray Pitts
Sarah and Cory Cahn
Janine Newman Durabb
Judith A. Gainsburgh
John Haspel and Amy Gainsburgh-Haspel
Lary P. Hesdorffer
Arvilla and Cliff Kern
Jane and Henry Lowentritt
Phyllis and Irving Shnaider
Joanna Sternberg

Honoring Our Past Presidents Brunch

In Honor of Mark Heller and Ellen Heller Cohen
Betty Heller

William Taylor Barry III
Gia DiLeo-Emerson and Dr. Noah Emerson
Vern Gransden and Richard Martin
Kurt Guerin
Dr. Audrey Hess-Miranda and Hugo Miranda
Stephanie Kaston and RJ Gutierrez
Sharon Kirkpatrick
Nancy Kittay Litwin

Martin Luther King, Jr. Shabbat

Supreme Toyota and Scion of Hammond
In Memory of our Parents
John Haspel and Amy Gainsburgh-Haspel

Oneg Shabbat

**In Celebrating the 6th Anniversary of
Ellen Lowenburg's Liver Transplant -
Her "Liver-ation"**
Harry Lowenburg
In Memory of Stacey Binder
Lisa Dayan
In Memory of Doris Hyams
Judith Schwartzer
In Memory of Mary Dee Latter
Suzanne Rose Latter, Kathy Buckman
& Family, and Patty Barnett and Family
In Memory of Mark Murov
Rita Murov
In Memory of Josef Sternberg
Joanna Sternberg
In Memory of Dr. Henry Threefoot
Audrey Threefoot

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In Memory of Lt. Col. Frank Robert Newman
Janine Newman Durabb
In Memory of Dr. Irving Louis Rosen
Beth and Ellis Murov and Carol Lise Rosen

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Avery and Jay Corenswet
Diane and Alan Franco
**In Honor of Healthy Recoveries for
Teddy LeBlanc and Carolyn Barrois**
Cecile and Martin Covert
In Memory of Erma Cohen
Judge (ret) Robin Giarrusso
In Memory of Shirley Steeg
Cecile and Martin Covert

Temple Fund

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William Goldring
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Saundra K. Levy
**In Honor of Rose Schulman and in
Memory of David & Bernhard Schulman**
Michael Schulman & Nathan "Bam" Schulman
In Memory of Walter Pokorny Adler
Bonnie and Jay Aronson
In Memory of Bernard & Leone Goldsmith
Robin and James Goldsmith
In Memory of Henry L. Rosenfeld
Marilyn and Perry Brown
In Memory of Harrel Zivitz
Irma Freibaum
Sandra Gandler
Mark Kronenberg, Micki Bronston,
and their Families
Bernard "Bubba" Pollock

Temple Sinai Foundation

Avery and Jay Corenswet
Phyllis and Irving Shnaider
In Memory of Harrel Zivitz
Sabina Altman

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Sandy Levy

My Love for Temple Sinai is Forever *Legacy Giving at Temple Sinai*

Your Values. Your Temple. Your Legacy.

Growing up in New Orleans in an Orthodox Jewish home, I learned early the importance of faith and tradition. My family's commitment to Judaism shaped my childhood; yet as I matured, I felt the limitations that Orthodox Judaism placed on women, and I yearned for a different kind of spiritual home.

In 1970, I joined Temple Sinai, where my husband's family had been members for several generations. There, I discovered Reform Judaism, and it transformed my life. Temple Sinai became more than just a place of worship—it became my religious and spiritual home. The values of equality, social justice, and meaningful engagement that Sinai embodied resonated deeply with who I was and whom I wanted to be.

My commitment to Temple Sinai deepened over the years. I was honored to serve as president from 2005 to 2007, a period that tested our congregation in ways we never imagined. We had launched an ambitious renovation campaign when Hurricane Katrina devastated our city. We made the decision to move forward with the \$3M we had raised, scaling our vision to match our resources and completing a remarkable renovation within our budget. That experience taught me the power of resilience and the strength of our community when we work together toward a common purpose.

While I give annually as generously as I can, I have also made a legacy commitment to Temple Sinai—sustaining the organizations we care about requires planning beyond our lifetimes. This reality feels especially urgent now. In this time of rising antisemitism and political upheaval, supporting our temple and our Jewish community is not just important—it is critical. Temple Sinai's 156-year history of social leadership and commitment to our values must continue. We have been a force for good in New Orleans and beyond, and that legacy deserves to endure.

My love for Temple Sinai and what it stands for is forever. The question is not whether our temple matters, but whether we will do what is necessary to secure its future. Making a legacy commitment is how we ensure that future generations will have the spiritual home that has meant so much to us. I am doing my part by including Temple Sinai in my plans, and I hope others will join me in this sacred responsibility. While some may be able to give great amounts of money, others may give a small amount. Any legacy gift is important.

Wishing you a happy and healthy New Year.

Always,
Sandy Levy



Frequently Asked Questions

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.

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.

[Learn More](#)



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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.