

# SINAI SPOTLIGHT

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Cheshvan-Kislev 5786



# Happy Chanukah!

 TEMPLE SINAI  
NEW ORLEANS

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# SHABBAT WORSHIP SERVICES NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2025



## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

*Torah Portion: LECH LECHA (Gen. 12:1-17:27)*

Torah Study | 9:15AM

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Shabbat Evening Service with our Monthly

Anniversary & Birthday Blessings | 6:15PM

Followed by an Oneg Shabbat Reception

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

*Torah Portion: VAYEIRA (Genesis 18:1-22:24 )*

Torah Study | 9:15AM

Shabbat Morning Service | 10:30AM

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

BIM BAM Kids Club Shabbat | 5:00PM

Shabbat Evening Service | 6:15PM

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

*Torah Portion: CHAYEI SARAH (Genesis 23:1-25:18)*

Torah Study | 9:15AM

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Shabbat B'Shir Musical Service | 6:15PM

Followed by our Monthly Congregational Shabbat  
Dinner

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

*Torah Portion: TOLEDOT (Genesis 25:19-28:9)*

Torah Study | 9:15AM

Shabbat Morning Service | 10:30AM

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Shabbat Evening Service | 6:15PM

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

*Torah Portion: VAYEITZEI (Genesis 28:10-32:3)*

*There will be no Torah Study or Service this  
week.*

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

Shabbat Evening Service with our Monthly

Anniversary & Birthday Blessings | 6:15PM

Followed by an Oneg Shabbat Reception

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

*Torah Portion: VAYISHLACH (Genesis 32:4-36:43)*

Torah Study | 9:15AM

Shabbat Morning Service | 10:30AM

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

Shabbat Evening Service | 6:15PM

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

*Torah Portion: VAYEISHEV (Genesis 37:1-40:23)*

Torah Study | 9:15AM

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

Chanukah on the Avenue

Menorah Lighting Outside | 6:00PM

Chanukah B'Shir Musical Family Service | 6:15PM

Followed by a Congregational Chanukah Dinner

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

*Shabbat of Chanukah*

*Torah Portion: MIKEITZ (Genesis 41:1-44:17)*

Torah Study | 9:15AM

Shabbat Morning Service | 10:30AM

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

Shabbat Evening Service | 6:15PM

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

*Torah Portion: VAYIGASH (Genesis 44:18-47:27)*

There will be no Torah Study or Service this  
week.

# FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

## *Shehecheyanu!*

I am writing this message soon after we celebrated Simchat Torah. I want to share with you excerpts from the statement put out by the Reform Movement on Oct. 13, 2025, following the release of the Israeli hostages and the beginning of the cease-fire plan:

"After reciting prayers [for the release of the hostages] daily for more than 738 days, our brothers and sisters who were held in unimaginable conditions by Hamas are now free and have reunited with the loved ones who prayed and fought without ceasing for this day. We share the tears, joy, and profound relief felt by Jews in North America, in Israel, and around the world. With gratitude to all who labored and negotiated their freedom, for all who took to the streets day after day in Israel and around the world, we give thanks for this long-awaited redemption of captives, a supreme *mitzvah* in our tradition.

"We are grateful to President Trump and his administration [and to all the world leaders] for bringing together this complex plan to end the war, the first part of which we experienced today.... We are in awe of the hostage families who, morning, noon, and night, fought for the release of their loved ones and of the Israeli patriots who took to the streets demanding courageous action from their leaders...

"We pray that the innocent Palestinian civilians who have suffered mightily from Hamas' brutality and the crossfire of this deadly war will finally experience safety, consistent flow of vitally needed humanitarian aid, civilian leadership committed to finding a path to peace.

"The path to peace is still long and still to be traveled.... Healing the bodies and spirits of the former hostages, their families, the people of Israel, and the innocent Gazans caught in the conflict will take time, resources, and love. We hold in our hearts the memory of those who did not return, and we embrace the bereaved in their grief. Let this day strengthen our resolve to secure Israel's safety while advancing a future rooted in dignity, pluralism, and peace for all who live in the land..."

The reuniting of the hostages with their families in Israel marked a festive end to our Fall High Holy Day Season. It was wonderful beginning the New Year, observing Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur, and celebrating Sukkot and Simchat Torah with our Temple Sinai Family. I want to thank everyone who worked so hard to make this holy time of year extra special for our community. I especially want to thank Cantor Garfein, Jenn Daley, and our entire staff for all of their hard work; Dr. Marcus St. Julien



**Rabbi Daniel M. Sherman**

and the members of our choir, along with our Adult Choir for adding their voices and talents to the beautiful music of our services; Barry Spanier, our beloved *Baal Tekiah*; Temple President Matt Glodowski for his message and leadership, and all of the officers and Board of Trustees members; our ushers and greeters and security staff; all of our volunteers; our sponsors and donors; Sisterhood, for our beautiful Sweet New Year Reception; and Brotherhood, for setting up and taking down our Sukkah. I also want to thank everyone who contributed to our Annual High Holy Day Food Drive.

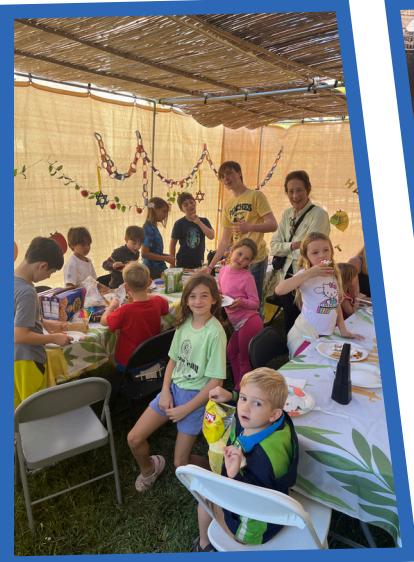
This year, it was wonderful once again to honor our Past Presidents at our services and at a special brunch on October 26 – thank you to all who have served and led our congregation for your commitment and ongoing support of Temple Sinai.

I am looking forward to celebrating Thanksgiving this month and Chanukah in December. Please see details inside for our Annual Interfaith Pre-Thanksgiving Service on Thursday, Nov. 20, and for all of our Chanukah festivities and information. I am also continuing our monthly "Introduction to Judaism Discussions" on Sunday afternoons. Topics this month include exploring Shabbat and navigating the winter holiday season. All are welcome to join us!

Our URJ Jacobs Camp already has 470 campers registered for this summer. If you are considering sending kids to Jacobs Camp this summer, please register them as soon as possible. Jacobs Camp is also launching a capital campaign to improve the physical camp – and they need our support.

Finally, I want to thank all those who have signed up to join our Sinai Eternal Light Society by making a Legacy Gift to Temple. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this opportunity, please let me know.

# A Look Back at the High Holy Days



# Cantor's Corner



We just concluded our celebration of Sukkot, the Jewish harvest festival, with the joyous celebration of Simchat Torah, and what a historic time it has been! We were finally able to take down our yellow ribbon on our bima for the hostages, as the 20 remaining living hostages were brought back home to their waiting families and friends. Sadly, we still await many of the bodies held by Hamas. And yet we still feel enormous gratitude for those who have come home. For the first time in two years, we can take a collective breath and feel more hopeful than ever that peace may yet come. With this enormous feeling of gratitude, it is very important that I take the time now to express my thanks to the people who made our High Holy Days here at Temple so beautiful this year.

There are months of preparation leading up to the High Holy Day services, and everyone is “on deck” to ensure they are as wonderful as possible. Our incredible staff, led by our wonderful Executive Director, Jenn Daley, spent so much time readying the facilities, making sure the Yizkor memorial books and honors are ready. Huge gratitude to Jenn and her small, but mighty, team—Rachel, Katie, Amanda, and Thaddeus — for all the effort and love poured into making these holy days run smoothly! And, of course, I want to express my gratitude to our Rabbi, Rabbi Sherman, for all of his support and his wonderful sermons these past holy days. Our new president, Matt Gladowski, made an amazing and moving debut with his words on Erev Rosh Hashana, and it was wonderful seeing so many Board Members up on the bima, especially during the Rosh Hashana Torah reading!

The “Merry Music Makers” of the High Holy Days spend hours with me preparing the music for our Days of Awe. When I first arrived in 2023, many new liturgical musical pieces were added to the mix, including duets with Betsy and Allison, our sopranos from the professional choir, as well as new arrangements that required coordination between the organ, piano, cantor, and choir. This year, the music was further refined and rehearsed, and for some selections, we used new arrangements of our melodies. This year, I also made my recordings of the High Holy Day congregational melodies available. They now live on the Temple’s new website, so if you did not know they were there, you can start practicing now for next year!

This year marked the inauguration of our Temple Sinai Volunteer Choir that sang on Yom Kippur afternoon, and I could not have been prouder of them and their beautiful contribution to that

most holy day. Stay tuned —we hope to bring the choir back for more special events throughout the year. We also welcome new members to join us!

Thank you to our professional nine-voiced choir, Dr. Marcus St. Julien, our organist, and, as an added bonus, Dr. Meg Frazier, who again stepped out from singing alto in the “choir pit,” to accompany us on many pieces on the piano. Meg also helped me to prepare the adult volunteer choir, and I am most grateful. We also thank our *Baal Tekiya*, the wonderful Barry Spanier; David Rosen, cellist, who played the *Bruch Kol Nidre* movingly; and Jane Gabka, oboeist, who played stunningly during our Yom Kippur *Yizkor* service.

I am also most grateful to all the children who showed up to sing in our Pop-Up choir at our family services and to their parents/caregivers, who made sure they were there to participate. It was exciting to see more children than ever before, and it makes me extremely happy seeing our Temple family grow!

I am also so thrilled that my younger son, Jake Gellman, chose to chant once again his Bar Mitzvah Torah Portion, which also happens to occur on Yom Kippur morning, and that recent Bar Mitzvah, Isaac Rothman, chanted a selection of his Bar Mitzvah portion from *Kedoshim*, which is the portion we chant on Yom Kippur afternoon! *Kol HaKavod*, gentlemen!

We have so much to be proud of at Temple Sinai! Chanukah will be here before we know it, and we will celebrate with our Pop-Up Children’s Choir and our incredible New Orleans musicians for Chanukah B’Shir and Chanukah on the Avenue on Friday night, December 19. All are welcome, from the very young to the young at heart!

From our home to yours, Alexander, Max, Jake, and our “puppies,” Apollo and Xena, wish you a warm Thanksgiving with your family/family of choice and a light-filled, joyous celebration of Chanukah!

# Martin Luther King, Jr. Shabbat



## Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Shabbat

**Fri. Jan. 16, 2026 | 6:15pm**

Dinner will follow the service

Sponsored by:



### 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)*



**RSVP FOR DINNER**



### Sing with the Adult Choir for the MLK, Jr. Commemorative Shabbat Service

If you enjoy singing and want to join the adult choir, join Cantor Garfein with Dr. Meg Frazier on the following Tuesday evenings for rehearsals:

**Nov. 11, 18, Dec. 2, 9, Jan. 6, 13 from 6:00PM - 7:00PM**  
*(No experience necessary)*

For more information, please contact  
[cantorgarfein@templesinaino.org](mailto:cantorgarfein@templesinaino.org)

# From the President

Greetings, Temple Sinai!

Over the past few weeks, I've been thinking a lot about this year's High Holidays – and how grateful I am to have shared those moments of prayer and reflection with you and your families. The High Holidays aren't just a few dates on the calendar; they're the culmination of months of planning, preparation, and collaboration by so many who care deeply about this congregation.

What stood out most to me this year wasn't just the services themselves, but the feeling in the room – the sense of community, connection, and care. That experience was a powerful reminder that being together matters. Whether it's a service, an event, or a quick coffee before Religious School pickup – showing up is what keeps this community strong and connected. You don't need a title or a committee role to make a difference here. Just being present changes the tone of our shared space.

That same spirit of showing up – of being fully present for one another – is something our clergy embody every single day. A heartfelt thank you to Rabbi Daniel Sherman and Cantor Rebecca Garfein for setting the perfect tone this season through their warmth, music, spirit, and imagination. Their ability to blend tradition and meaning in ways that feel both timeless and relevant is rare, and I'm grateful for the care and creativity they bring to everything they do.

Behind the scenes, that same dedication carried through our entire leadership team. I want to thank Executive Director Jenn Daley, whose steady hand and attention to detail keep everything running smoothly, and our staff and volunteers, who managed everything from sound checks to security with quiet professionalism.



**Matt Glodowski**

*"Whether it's a service, an event, or a quick coffee before Religious School pickup – showing up is what keeps this community strong and connected."*

They made it all look easy – and it isn't. What we experienced together was a reflection of their hard work, heart, and partnership.

As we move from the intensity of the holidays into the rhythm of the new year, I hope we hold onto that same energy and connection. The Fall calendar is full of events – from Shabbat services, to adult learning, and social action projects, to luncheons and celebrations – each an opportunity to show up, to learn, and to engage. I hope each of us finds a way to stay connected – to show up, lend a hand, or simply say hello. Those moments, as small as they may seem, are what sustain us. Thank you for all that you do to make Temple Sinai vibrant, welcoming, and strong. It's a privilege to be part of this community and to share in the work of building it together.

B'shalom,  
Matt Glodowski

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## Next Board Meeting Dates:

Tues., Nov. 18 | 7:15PM

No December Board Meeting

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# Eternal Light Society

## Legacy Giving

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## Legacy Giving at Temple Sinai

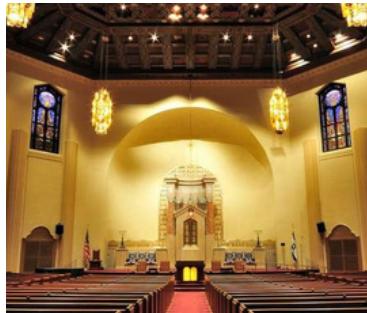
### Your Values. Your Temple. Your Legacy.

Creating your Jewish legacy ensures that you will be remembered and that your passion and values will continue when you are no longer here. It also serves as an example to your loved ones that you believe it is important to support the Jewish community.

As we prepare to celebrate Chanukah, we hope you will reflect on the holiday's traditions and the triumph of the Maccabees over those who sought to destroy us. By leaving a legacy gift through Temple Sinai's Eternal Light Society, you will help to ensure that those traditions and values and the institutions that bring them to light remain vibrant for future generations.



[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.

# From The Executive Director

Gratitude. Even though it is somewhat cliché in November, I must admit I am filled with gratitude and thankfulness. Grateful to the clergy team of Rabbi Sherman and Cantor Garfein, who gave us beautiful, meaningful High Holy Day services that filled my soul. Grateful to work with this community, who have become more than a job and more like a family. Grateful to achieve two new personal goals that I set for myself on July 1 (see below!)

While preparing for the High Holy Days takes some time and organization, I look forward to it. It means we're about to all be together as one big Temple Sinai family. But I cannot do this alone. I am appreciative of our Ushers and Greeters, who not only volunteer for our HHD services with their warm, welcoming faces, but also volunteer to attend pre-HHD security training. Thank you to Security Committee Chair Lee Bressler, who guided our community as we worked with New Orleans Secure Community Network Director Jimmy Stewart and our own Security Director Joe Williamson to provide a safe and secure environment during the High Holy Days and all year long. And a special thank you to Tamie Bressler for handling our Usher/Greeter scheduling!

Thank you to Temple Sinai Sisterhood, led by Co-presidents Ellen Heller Cohen and Amy Haspel, for organizing and baking our yummy treats for the 'Sweet New Year Reception' on Rosh Hashanah evening. I am also filled with gratitude for our decorating team led by Elizabeth Brodt, who made the Goldring Pavilion sparkle and shine with lush greenery, not only during the High Holy Days, but also during our brunch honoring our Past Presidents on October 26.

Another Temple Sinai tradition that I have come to love is our Rosh Hashanah Day and Yom Kippur Break-the-Fast receptions from Rommel's Catering. These fantastic receptions would not be possible without our sponsors – BIG thank yous for our Rosh Hashanah luncheon to the Ferber Family of Houma, Supporting Foundation of the Jewish Endowment Foundation of Louisiana, and Break-the-Fast sponsor, Rob & Pamela Steeg, in memory of Past President Moise Steeg, Jr. We couldn't make it happen without you and are honored for your continued support.

From Livestream to Music to Bimah Flower Patrons, please know how grateful we are for your support, which enables us to deliver such beautiful services during the High Holy Days with multi-access options of in-person and online. Rounding out our HHD season was a fun-filled week of Sukkot. Thank you to Temple Sinai Brotherhood, led by



**Jenn Daley**

*"It doesn't have to be Thanksgiving for me to say I am beyond grateful for our staff, clergy, lay leadership, and congregants who make up our lovely Temple Sinai family."*

President Zachary Russell, for continuing to help with getting our sukkah ready for our festivities.

On October 26, we had a fantastic day together honoring our Past Presidents and watching a Silent Film Concert with world-renowned musicians Alicia Svigals and Donald Sosin.

We are honored by your support of this Fall event, which is critical to Temple Sinai's financial stability.

We might be a small staff, but we are mighty. Temple Sinai does not run without the commitment and dedication of Office/Finance Administrator Rachel Chamness, Religious School & Social Media Administrator Amanda Loflin, and Administrative Assistant Katie Dunn. We care, we all pitch in, and I'm always proud of what we accomplish together.

Lastly, I am excited to share two professional accomplishments. I will be a workshop presenter on Social Media and Communications at the National Association for Temple Administration (NATA) Conference in Tucson on November 20. Additionally, after a two-month application and interview process, I have been accepted to NATA's inaugural cohort of 25 Executive Directors to receive my Certificate of Executive Leadership from the Spertus Institute, with a concentration on philanthropy/fundraising/development. On July 1, I set a personal goal to expand my professional management skills, and I am excited to share this first accomplishment!

*It doesn't have to be Thanksgiving for me to say I am beyond grateful for our staff, clergy, lay leadership, and congregants who make up our lovely Temple Sinai family. I look forward to seeing everyone again at Chanukah on the Avenue on Dec. 19 or if not sooner!*

L'shalom,  
Jenn

## Sinai Youth

We're settling into a great rhythm this fall. Students are engaged, classrooms are lively, and it's been wonderful to see friendships growing as we learn and celebrate together. Looking ahead, our next Lagniappe on November 16 will be a morning of mitzvot and community care – a chance for our students to help others and make a difference. Then in December, we'll add some sparkle and fun as we celebrate Chanukah together with glow sticks, donut decorating, and dancing.

We also hope to see families with young children at **Lox & Tots Playgroup**, a relaxed morning for connection, play, and bagels. Upcoming dates: November 9 and December 14. Ages 3 years and under – siblings welcome!



**Amanda Loflin**

*Religious School &  
Family Engagement Administrator*

### SAVE THE DATES!

**Sunday, November 9** | 10:00AM  
Lox n Tots Playgroup

**Friday, November 14** | 5:00PM  
Bim Bam Kids - Thankful Shabbat

**Sunday, November 16** | 11:00AM - 12:00PM  
Mitzvah Day

**Sunday, November 30** | No School

**Sunday, December 14** | 11:00am  
Chanukah Party

**Friday, December 19** | 6:15pm  
Chanukah Family Service

**Sunday, December 21 and 28** | Winter Break

## Glowsticks & Gelt Kids Chanukah Party

**Sun. Dec. 14 | 11:00AM**

**Come for the glowsticks and gelt -  
Stay for the latkes and dreidel!**

**Perfect for Lox & Tots,  
Bim Bam Kids Club,  
Chavurah@Sinai Students & Families**

**Sponsored by:  
Temple Sinai Sisterhood & Brotherhood**





**SIGN UP TODAY!**

## L'Taken Social Justice Seminar March 13-16, 2026 Washington, DC

Attention 10th & 11th Graders:

We are excited to once again be part of the L'Taken Social Justice Seminar in Washington, D.C. this school year—one of the best high school experiences for so many of our Temple Sinai teens who have participated in the past!



Financial assistance for Jacobs Camp is available from Temple Sinai. Contact Jenn Daley at [jdaley@templesinaino.org](mailto: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**

## B'nai Tzedek Philanthropy Program

Empower Your Teen to Make a Difference

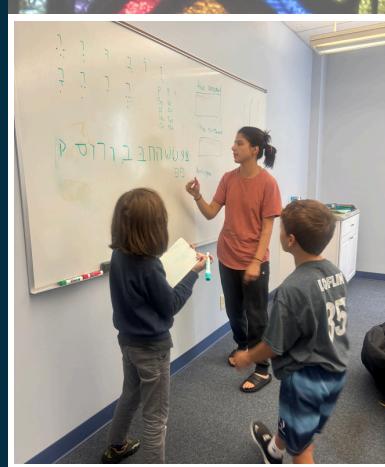
Thurs. Nov. 6 | 6:00PM - 8:00PM (Metairie JCC)  
Tues. Nov. 11 | 6:00PM - 8:00PM (Uptown JCC)

This two-hour program will help participants learn philanthropic concepts while connecting with their Jewish identities and the community. The program will be offered twice this fall.

**Register your teen for this free program!**



# Chavurah@Sinai Religious School



# Sisterhood/Brotherhood News

Dear Women of Temple Sinai,

On October 12, Sisterhood held a lovely potluck lunch in the Sukkah, enjoyed by all. Thank you, Sharon Kirkpatrick, for taking the lead on this happy occasion. Save the date for our next get together on January 25, where we will be making Mardi Gras headpieces!

Also, please mark your calendar for the return of the **Attic Sale** on Sunday, August 9, 2026. **We are currently collecting:** dishes, pots, pans, cooking utensils, purses, jewelry, home decor, lamps, non-upholstered furniture, china, glassware, cutlery, art, small kitchen appliances in working order, and silver or silver-plated if polished. **No thank you:** clothes, shoes, books, records, CD's, cassette tapes, toys, upholstered furniture, electronics, TV's, luggage, baby equipment, or medical devices.

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

Ellen Heller Cohen  
Amy Gainsburgh-Haspel  
Sisterhood Co-Presidents



**Ellen Heller Cohen  
and Amy Gainsburgh-Haspel**

Temple Sinai Sisterhood Co-Presidents

[Join Sisterhood](#)

Dear Temple Sinai Friends,

Thank you so much to all the Brotherhood members who helped build the Sukkah and then take it down after the holiday. We appreciate your handyman skills and your willingness to perform the mitzvah of putting up the Sukkah so our fellow congregants could enjoy spending time together.



**Zachary Russell**  
Temple Sinai Brotherhood President

[Join Brotherhood](#)

# Thanksgiving Interfaith Service & Sinai Tzedek



Join us the week before Thanksgiving as we come together with our neighbor congregations in a spirit of gratitude and fellowship. This is a wonderful opportunity to prepare for the upcoming holiday and to give thanks for all of the blessings in our lives.

Participating congregations include: Temple Sinai, Rayne Memorial United Methodist Church, St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church, St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church, St. George's Episcopal Church, Touro Synagogue, and Trinity Episcopal Church.



## Sinai Tzedek Collection Drive *November/December*

We are partnering with the Broadmoor Improvement Association and the Broadmoor Food Pantry to collect baby/adult diapers and menstrual products.

Bring your donations to our lobby!

# Chanukah at Temple Sinai



## CHANUKAH ON THE AVENUE

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19**

Outdoor Menorah Lighting  
6:00PM

Chanukah B'Shir Musical  
Family Service  
6:15PM

*followed by a brisket and latke dinner*

**RSVP FOR DINNER**

*Sponsored by Temple Sinai Brotherhood and Sisterhood*

## Latkes & Vodkas

Tues. Dec. 16 | 6:00PM

Join us for a latke bar with all the fixings (sour cream, lox, salsa, guacamole, hummus, apple sauce, and pomegranate seeds).

Plus...a vodka martini bar with traditional, chocolate, cosmos, and apple martinis. Chanukah mocktails, too! Vodka tasting and judging, and a raffle with fun prizes! Glitter bar from Elektra Cosmetics.

**Ugly Chanukah sweaters are encouraged!**

**RSVP**

*Sponsored by Temple Sinai Brotherhood and Sisterhood*



## Celebrate Chanukah with the New Orleans Pelicans

Thurs. Dec. 18 | 7:00PM  
(Happy Hour at 6:00PM)



Enjoy a Chanukah happy hour, then join the Temple Sinai group to light the menorah on the court and get our picture taken after the game.

\$20 per ticket

PICK UP YOUR COMPLIMENTARY  
TEMPLE SINAI CHANUKAH SHIRT  
TO WEAR TO THE GAME!

[BUY TICKETS](#)

[ORDER YOUR T-SHIRT](#)

### Visit the Temple Sinai Chanukah Shop

Grab your gelt, candles, dreidels, menorahs, and more for all of your Chanukah celebrations!

*Open Monday - Friday  
9:00AM-4:00PM*



## Kindling the lights of Chanukah

The Chanukah lights mark each day of the holiday and are reminders of the menorah that burned in the ancient Temple.

To begin, you need two candles: one for the Shamash ("server") and one in the far-right position. Add one candle each night, so that eight candles (plus the Shamash) are burning on the eighth night. Light the candles from left to right, always starting with the newest candle. The first two blessings are recited each night:

**ברוך אתה ייְ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אָשֶׁר קִדְשָׁנוּ בְמִצְוֹתָיו וְצָוָנוּוּ  
לְפָדֵלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.**

*Ba-ruch a-tah Adonai, Eh-lo-hei-nu meh-lech ha-o-lam, a-sher kid-de-shah-nu  
be-mitz-vo-tav, ve-tzi-vah-nu le-had-lik neir shel Cha-nuk-kah.*

We praise You, Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe, who hallows us with Mitzvot and commands us to kindle the lights of Chanukah.

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**ברוך אתה ייְ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שָׁעַשָּׂה נִסִּים לְאָבוֹתֵינוּ  
וְאָמוֹתֵינוּ בִּינְמִים הָהִם בָּזְמָן הַזֶּה.**

*Ba-ruch a-tah Adonai, Eh-lo-hei-nu meh-lech ha-o-lam, sheh-ah-sah ni-sim  
la-a-vo-tei-nu ve-i-mo-tei-nu bah-ya-mim ha-heim baz-ze-man ha-zeh.*

We praise You, Eternal our God, Ruler of the Universe, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old at this season.

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**\*On the first night only, add this blessing:**

**ברוך אתה ייְ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שְׁהַחִינוּ וּקְיִמְנוּ וְהַגִּיעֵנּוּ  
לְזָמָן הַזֶּה.**

*Ba-ruch a-tah Adonai, Eh-lo-hei-nu meh-lech ha-o-lam, sheh-heh-cheh-yah-nu  
ve-ki-ye-mah-nu ve-hi-gi-ah-nu la-ze-man ha-zeh.*

We praise You, Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.

## Rock of Ages – Maoz Tzur

מַעֲזֹז צָרָר יְשׁוּעָתִי לְךָ נָאָה לְשִׁבָּה.

*Mah-oz tzur ye-shu-a-ti, le-chah nah-eh le-sha-bei-ach,  
תָּפּוֹן בֵּית תִּפְלָתִי וְשֵׁם תּוֹרָה נָזְבָּה.*

*ti-kon beit te-fi-lah-ti, ve-sham to-dah ne-za-bei-ach.  
לְעֵת תִּקְיָן מִטְבָּח מִצָּר הַמְנַבֵּחַ,*

*Le-eit tah-chin mat-bei-ach, mi-tzar ha-me-na-bei-ach.  
אֵז אָגָמֶר בְּשִׁיר מִזְמָר חֲנַכְתָּה מִזְבֵּחַ.*

*Az eg-mor, be-shir miz-mor, cha-nu-kat ha-miz-bei-ach.*

Rock of Ages, let our song  
Praise Your saving power;  
You, amid the raging foes  
Were our sheltering tower.  
Furious, they assailed us,  
But Your arm availed us.  
And Your word broke their sword,  
When our own strength failed us. (2x)

Children of the Maccabees,  
Whether free or fettered,  
Wake the echoes of the songs  
Where you may be scattered.  
Yours the message cheering,  
That the time is nearing;  
Which will see all go free,  
Tyrants disappearing.



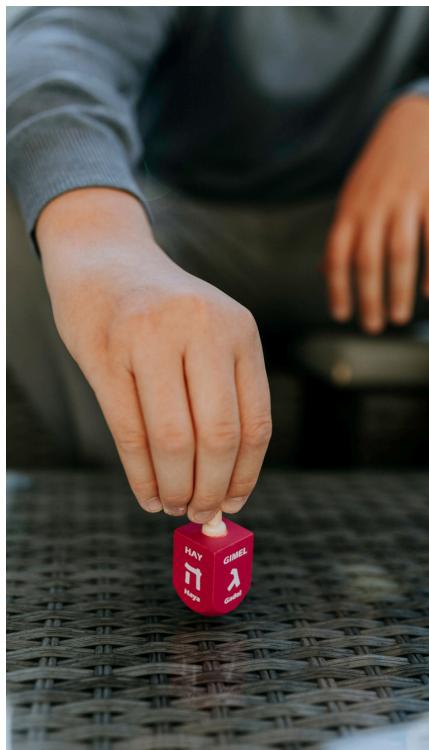
### I Have A Little Dreidel

I have a little dreidel,  
I made it out of clay;  
And when it's dry & ready  
Then dreidel I shall play!  
O dreidel, dreidel, dreidel  
I made it out of clay,  
O dreidel, dreidel, dreidel,  
Now dreidel I shall play!



It has a lovely body,  
With leg so short & thin;  
And when it gets all tired  
It drops & then I win!  
O dreidel, dreidel, dreidel,  
With leg so short & thin,  
O dreidel, dreidel, dreidel,  
It drops & then I win!

My dreidel's always playful,  
It loves to dance & spin.  
A happy game of dreidel:  
Come play, now let's begin!  
O dreidel, dreidel, dreidel,  
It loves to dance & spin,  
O dreidel, dreidel, dreidel,  
Come play, now let's begin!



### THE GAME OF DREIDEL

The spinning game of dreidel has been popular for centuries. The dreidel ("top") has four sides; each side is imprinted with a Hebrew letter. The letters on the dreidel stand for: "NEIS GADOL HAYAH SHAM - A Great Miracle Happened there."

Begin the game by giving all players an equal number of pieces (coins, candies, etc.). Each player must "ante up" any time the pot is empty. Players take turns spinning the dreidel until it lands on:

NUN: "None" – get nothing GIMMEL: "Get" – take the entire pot  
HEY: "Half" – take half of the pot SHIN: "Share" – put one in the pot

The player with the most pieces at the end of the game wins.

GOOD LUCK!

# Latkes are traditionally eaten on Chanukah

**We eat latkes as a symbol of the legend of the jar of oil that lasted for eight days. There are all kinds of latkes. Here is a delicious apple latke recipe to try!**



## INGREDIENTS

**2 eggs**  
**3 tablespoons sugar**  
**1 teaspoon salt**  
**1 teaspoon cinnamon**  
**1/3 cup water**  
**3 cups chopped cooking apples**  
**3/4 cup sifted all-purpose flour**  
**1 teaspoon grated lemon peel**  
**Oil for frying**

## TOPPING:

**1 teaspoon cinnamon**  
**1/2 cup sugar**

## DIRECTIONS

- Beat eggs until foamy. Add sugar, salt, cinnamon, and water, and mix until well blended.
- Add apples, flour, and lemon peel and mix well.
- Heat enough oil in the bottom of the pan to cover. For each latke, drop about 1/4 cup of batter into hot oil. Flatten slightly and fry on each side until golden brown. Add oil as needed.
- Drain on paper towels.
- Combine sugar and cinnamon topping and sprinkle over hot latkes.

More delicious holiday recipes can be found  
at [ReformJudaism.org](http://ReformJudaism.org)

# ADULT EDUCATION



## INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM

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 to each discussion or choose the topics that interest you the most. Please contact Rabbi Sherman for more information.

## Upcoming Dates and Topics

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

**Sunday, Nov. 16**

**Shabbat: What, When, How, & Why**

**Sunday, Dec. 14**

**Navigating the Winter Holiday Season: Chanukah, Christmas, & more**

**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**

*If you have a topic for a future Adult Education class, please let Rabbi Sherman know. Email him at [rabbisherman@templesinaino.org](mailto:rabbisherman@templesinaino.org)*

# Programs and Events

## Lunch with the Clergy at Martin's on Baronne

Rabbi Sherman - Wed. Nov. 5 | 11:30 am  
Cantor Garfein - Wed. Dec. 3 | 11:30 am



## Club Shabbat

**Fri. Nov. 7 | 5:00PM at 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)**



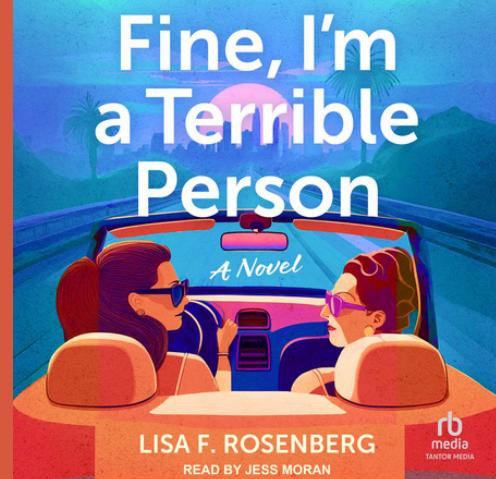
## Sinai Shabbat Book Club

**Sat., Nov. 15 | 10:30AM at Octavia Books  
513 Octavia St.**

We will discuss the book, *Fine, I'm a Terrible Person*, by Lisa Rosenberg. Congregants will receive a 10% discount on this book, compliments of our member Tom Lowenburg.

Coffee and bagel brunch provided.

[RSVP](#)



## Shabbat B'Shir Musical Service & Dinner

**Fri. Nov. 21 | 6:15PM  
Fri. Dec. 19 | 6:15PM**

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

*November Menu: Pasta Bar, Green Salad, Dessert  
(Gluten-free pasta available)*

**[RSVP FOR DINNER](#)**



# Programs and Events

## Lox & Tots Playgroup at Sinai

(Ages 2 years and younger)

**Sun. Nov. 9 | 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!



## Bim Bam Kids Club *Thankful Shabbat*

**Fri. Nov. 14 | 5:00PM-6:00PM**

Learn about giving thanks with crafts, songs with Cantor Garfein, and a kid-friendly dinner to follow. Siblings welcome!



## Mitzvah Day for Kids

**Sun. Nov. 16 | 11:00AM**

Help us do a mitzvah and create basic hygiene kits for the unhoused of Greater New Orleans. We will also be making soup kits for people with food insecurity and cards for residents of local assisted living facilities.



## Movie Day at the Museum

**SAGE (Senior for Activities, Groups, & Excursions)**

**Wed. Nov. 19 | 11:00AM**

The National WWII Museum (arrive at 10:45AM)

We will view the newly remastered film  
"Beyond All Boundaries"

**PURCHASE TICKETS**

# Around the Community



## Center Celebration: Make it Pop!

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

**Sat. Nov. 8 | 7:00PM**

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!\*\*](#)

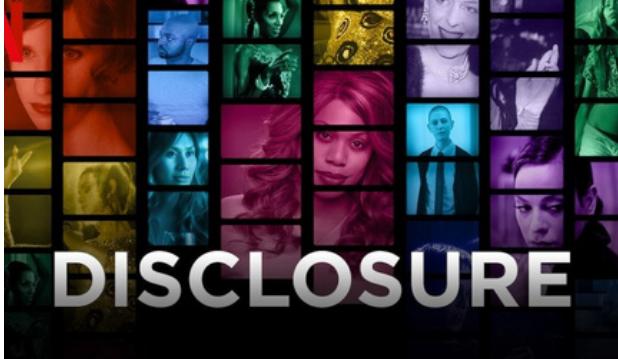


## Jacobs Camp Capital Campaign Launch

**Sun. Nov. 16 | 12:00PM**

Join your Jacobs Camp friends for the Capital Campaign Launch Celebration in person at the Uptown JCC and be part of this exciting new chapter!

[\*\*RSVP\*\*](#)

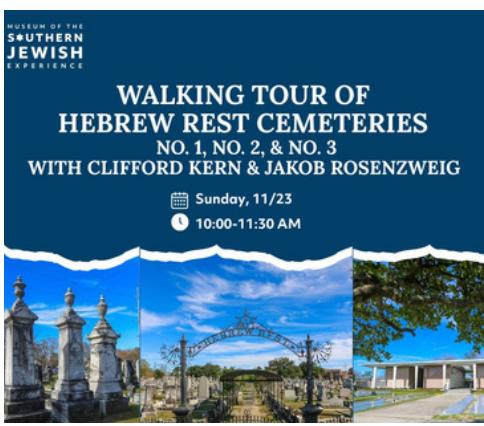


## Disclosure: Trans Lives on Screen

**Tues. Nov. 18 | 6:15PM at Uptown JCC**

Join JPNOLA (Jewish Pride NOLA), NCJW (National Council of Jewish Women - Greater New Orleans), and Forum for Equality for this special screening of the documentary, "Disclosure," followed by a Q&A with prominent local trans and LGBTQ+ rights activists.

[\*\*REGISTER TODAY\*\*](#)



## Free Walking Tour of Hebrew Rest Cemeteries

**Sun. Nov. 23 | 10:00AM**

Join our very own Cliff Kern and walk through three centuries of Jewish life in New Orleans, learning about the development of Hebrew Rest Cemeteries No. 1, 2, and 3, and the lives of those buried there: 18th and 19th century immigrants, residents of the Jewish Home for Widows and Orphans, victims of the 1867 Yellow Fever Epidemic, and many others who make up this city's past.

[\*\*REGISTER TODAY!\*\*](#)

# November Birthdays & Anniversaries

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Michael Chernekoff A. Sherwood Platt	15	Isaiah Bitoun Dr. William Pinsky
2	Bob Bradshaw Judith Lafitte Allison Nowak	16	Jennifer Abrams Robin Goldblum
3	Benjamin Patron Eloisa Patron	17	Suzanne Rose Wesley Rosenfeld
4	Isabelle Merlin Amy Stein	18	Jennifer Nierman
5	Clare Benjamin Terrell Daughtrey Lawlene Kaplan	19	Marilyn Brown Robert Stern
6	Michael Moffitt	20	Stephen Brodt
7	Arvilla Kern Brenda Moffitt	21	Violet O'Neil
8	Lynn Smith	22	Charles Marks Mark Wallfisch
10	Amy Gainsburgh-Haspel Brenda Schneider	23	Kevin Rung
11	Albert Bear Arnold Kirschman	24	Marie Schlesinger Dr. Lauren Sharett
12	Catherine Frank Laurie Friefield Clint Simoneaux	25	Lee Schlesinger
13	Benjamin Karp Dr. Julius Levy Karoline Schleh-Gerowin	26	Dr. Paul Finger
14	Josephine Abrams Chance Cahn Linda Mintz Verdie Richburg Christopher Roos Andra Thorpe	27	Jackson Mendler
		28	Jed Vorhoff
		29	Darren Aschaffenburg Ben Bell Sam Bell Ravi Sangisetty
		30	Caroline Sontheimer

## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

1	Patricia Corkren and Dr. Peter Webb
5	Jennifer and Philip Brickman
8	Cecile and Martin Covert
9	Camille and Eugene Terk
13	Dr. Patty Kissinger and Michael Perlstein
14	Lois and Blake Jones
15	Anne and Ronald Pincus
19	Erica Diamond and Jacob Kornman Cathie and Alan Weinstein
22	Ruth and Philip Katz
24	Susan and William Hess Susan and Dr. Mark Kappelman Andra and Steven Thorpe
25	Valerie and Lee Schlesinger
28	Eddy and William Rosen Lynn and Gerald Wasserman

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

# December Birthdays & Anniversaries

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Grace Friedman Judith Gainsburgh	16	Sean Gerowin
2	Elizabeth Kahn	17	Dr. Daniel Bronfin Jeff Haffner Amanda Loflin
3	Marie Cahn	18	Dr. Paul Friedlander
4	Barbara Greenberg Rae Nierman	19	Penny Autenreith
5	Kathryn Alpha Doris Baron	20	Valerie Coffin Sylvie Kahn Felice Stern
6	Kathy Bernstein Benjamin DiCristina Shaye Loflin Peter Wolf	21	Joshua Danzig Patricia Graver Carolyn Levy
7	Dr. Noah Emerson Jim O'Donnell Alana Seelig	22	Lisa Karlin
9	Dr. Neil Baum Henry Hall Patricia Joyce	23	Deborah Fisher
10	Rosalie Box	24	Kurt Guerin Rebecca Roos
11	Helen Sperling	26	Lauren Neustadter Lubov Shlyubsky
12	Benjamin Aamodt Dr. Keith Liederman Janna Sherman	28	Susan Kappelman
13	Donna Levy Petra Rauchwerk	29	Georgia Evans Ethan Kullman
14	Sophie Burka Jacob Kornman	30	Ajay Sangisetty
15	Karol Aschaffenburg	31	JJ Jensen Kornman

## DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

2	Sandra and Arthur Pulitzer
6	Marie and James Cahn
12	Renee and Charles Levy, III
15	Virginia and Myron Tuman
17	Verdie and Zollie Richburg Jeanne and Stuart Smolkin
18	Kelley and Aaron Levy
21	Karoline Schleh-Gerowin and Sean Gerowin
22	Rhea and Dr. Charles Simonson
26	Bonnie and Jay Aronson Letty and Richard Rosenfeld
27	Joan and Julian Feibelman, Jr. Gail and Harvey Lewis Lynda and Irving Warshauer Dr. Ellie and Dr. Howard Wetsman
28	Rebecca and Christopher Roos Morgan and Rabbi Daniel Sherman
31	Jennifer and Ken Daley Katherine Muslow and Peter Koeppel

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

# May Their Memories Be For A Blessing

## 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 Blum  
 Mark Murov  
 Ida Sarah Sherman  
 Dr. Sol Baer Stern  
 Hannah Levy Bodenheimer  
 Alan H. Rosenbloom  
 William U. Rosenthal

## November 2-November 8

Michael Lance Alden  
 Martha Levy Buckman  
 Josiah Alfred Kierr  
 Judge Henry L. Lazarus  
 Pauline M. Loeb  
 J. Freyhan Odenheimer  
 Benjamin Pulitzer  
 Stanley S. Chigoy  
 Nathan Halpern  
 Terry Marvin Krieger  
 Elizabeth Heller McMillion  
 Charles Schwartz, Jr.  
 Dianne Horowitz Shnaider  
 James Altman  
 Dr. Harry Greenberg  
 Freda Haddad  
 Alex M. Lissso  
 Isidor Rich  
 Eleanor Kahn  
 Lillian C. Albert  
 Alfred Hiller  
 Samuel Schudmak, III  
 Norma Jean Chamness  
 Louis Fry  
 Dr. Julius E. Isaacson, Jr.  
 Alfa Wirth Jacobson  
 Joseph Lazarus  
 Fannie Latter Opotowsky  
 Michael C. Abraham, Sr.  
 Harris Hyman, Jr.  
 Marie L. Marks

## November 9-November 15

Nathalie Haas Hirsch  
 Sadye Rich Jacobs  
 Hattie Sina Baar  
 Theophile Bloch  
 Julius Cohen  
 Rebecca Kiefer Newman  
 M.E. Ed Polson  
 Frances Gita Birke  
 Stanford Kahn Blum, Jr.  
 Ada Cohen  
 Opal Alice Goodman  
 Sydney H. Grabenheimer  
 Henry Kronengold  
 A. Robert Rittenberg  
 Walter Pokorny Adler  
 Gerard Slegt  
 Juanita Bohn  
 I.B. Mondshine  
 Ruth Rosenthal  
 Dr. Jonas W. Rosenthal  
 Mathilda C. Salmon  
 Dr. Ben Freedman  
 Arnold Levy  
 Jacques P. Marks  
 Rosa Pokorny Adler  
 Jacob "Jac" Bloom

## November 16-November 22

Charlotte Gottesman  
 Amelia R. Gutmann  
 Henry Levy  
 Henry Lazar Rosenfeld  
 Leon H. Scherck  
 Hannah Bloom Stern  
 Fannie Mayer Wolf  
 Lucile G. Bernstein  
 Annette Braun  
 Max Braun  
 Frank Friedler, Sr.  
 Helene G. Godchaux  
 Dr. Harry B. Greenberg  
 Clorette Braun Lowy  
 Dr. Max Rosenberg  
 Richard Schornstein  
 Miriam Pailet Katz  
 Nathan Ralph Levin  
 Florence Runkel Roth  
 Joseph M. Shroder  
 Sylvia Stern  
 Dr. Samuel Sternberg  
 Samuel Sternberg  
 Sidney E. Blumenthal  
 Esther Otto Latter  
 Benjamin F. Lengsfield  
 Samuel Sidney Meyers  
 Rebecca Opotowsky  
 Lynn Prouty  
 Louis Turansky

## Babette Grinsfelder Esselman

Benjamin Brooks Fendler  
 Harold Fisher  
 Arthur Roy Seelig  
 Ruth Wampold Steiner  
 Leon Achkinsy  
 Sol M. Bressler  
 Leo Fellman  
 Anna Shushan Latter  
 Bettie Cahn Alcus Levy  
 Julian L. Steinberg  
 Dr. Gerald Berenson  
 Sandra Cahn  
 Herman Levy  
 Solomon Opotowsky  
 Fannie Rosenberg Rittenberg  
 Maurice Mayer Stern

## Sylvia Weill Marcuse Ray Handelman Maslansky

Doris Hyams  
 Dr. Hymen Leon Cohen  
 Paula Adler Lazarus  
 David Ury  
 Gerta Weiss  
 Dr. Ted Bloch  
 Lois Greif Canfield  
 Lynette Fried  
 Joseph J. Klein  
 Max M. Solomon  
 Yvonne Yuspeh Strug  
 Fannie Kahn Weiland  
 Miriam Kahn  
 Mary Dee Latter  
 Philip Levy  
 Celia Kahn Meyer  
 Ike Meyer  
 Rudolf Wolf  
 Pauline Abraham  
 Olivia Kupperman

## November 23-November 29

Dr. Milton Bronner Cole  
 Dorothy Chamberlain Johnson

Clara Marx Schwarz  
 Rene Braun  
 Pauline H. Cohen Gross  
 Sophie D. Jacobson  
 Janice Cashman Stern  
 Judith Alden  
 Albin C. Fisher, Jr.  
 Jack Hudson  
 Hans G. Kuttner  
 Meyer L. Navra  
 Jac Henry Sperling  
 Lee Herman Gamsu  
 Luba B. Glade  
 Norman Mopsik  
 Isaac S. Heller  
 Sadie Burkenroad  
 Josephine S. Lehmann  
 Benjamin Joseph Stern  
 Dr. Noah Leon Hart  
 Daniel H. Raphael

Hannah Kahn "Sis" Lowentritt  
 Joan Barlow Von Kurnatowski

## December 7-December 13

Bella W. Mendelsohn  
 Dora Gainsburgh Stern  
 Sigmund Warshauer  
 Alice Burkenroad Hanaw  
 Maurice Handelman  
 Emily Kahn  
 Miriam Freedman Bailkin  
 Evelyn Levy Burkenroad  
 Rachel Daughtrey  
 Janice Levy Heymann  
 Jacob Nachman Lehman  
 Simon Levy, Jr.  
 Bettie Hausmann Kron  
 Dr. Carl Hirsch Rabin  
 Milton Pokorny Adler  
 Bessie Rosenblum Barton

Fanny B. Braun  
 Fanne P. Cook  
 Clare S. Weinberg  
 Laura Hoffmann Katz  
 Allan Katz  
 Mary Louise Stern Prince  
 Phyllis Beekman Scharff  
 Abraham L. Steiner  
 Ethel Aronson Eakin  
 Lillie O. Hart  
 Louis Max Ochs  
 Jules "Poppy" Sobel  
 Robert Weinstein

## November 30-December 6

Sylvia Kossack Burnstein  
 Hazel E. Kollitz  
 Sophie Matz  
 Morris M. Meyer  
 Julius Spizer  
 Jennie Solomon Strug  
 Louis Zelman  
 Samuel Zemurray  
 Fanny Schwartz Abraham  
 Simon Abraham  
 Lucille Abraham Aron  
 Henry Friedler  
 Emilie Kahn Gruenberg  
 Therese Abraham Kahn  
 Emile Kahn  
 Ferdinand Levy

# May Their Memories Be For A Blessing (cont.)

## December 14-December 20

Henry D. Kallins  
Alvin P. Lichtenstag  
Charles Oppenheim  
Mollye Plotka Smolkin  
Helen Winter Ball  
Dr. Meyer Kaplan  
Arthur A. Katten  
Harriet Beer Levy  
Dr. Henry Threefoot  
Mark Albert Moore  
S. Walter Stern  
Aubrey Bernard Fisher  
Helen Levy Levy  
Charles Michel Love  
Samuel Corona Gainsburgh  
Shirley S. Jeskin  
Carol Steiner Rubenstein  
Viola Kaufman Beer  
Regina G. Fry  
Eve Hirsch  
Judy Bressler  
Dorothy G. Schlesinger  
Delia Levy Stern  
Moses Louis Teks  
Dr. Eric Van Young

## December 21-27

Augusta K. Ferber  
Sara Loeb Gamsu  
Myer Lemann  
Philip W. Taxman  
Sadie K. Wright  
Harry Davis  
Aaron Levy  
Gary Niditch  
Samuel A. Steeg  
Charles Wetsman  
Rachel M. Baginsky  
Sarah Freyhan  
Michael Meyer  
Josef Sternberg  
Eva B. Feibelman  
Samuel Gamsu  
Estelle Goldberg  
Theone Hausmann Klein  
Jane Levy Lucas  
Jane Haspel Warshauer  
Ann Burka  
Henrietta Z. Levin  
Fanny Arinofsky Raphael  
Melba Law Steeg  
S. Stewart Farnet, Sr.  
JoAnn Flom Greenberg  
Max Neumaier  
Amelia Levy Weiss  
Amelia Levy Weiss  
Isidore Alaynick

Mervin S. Block  
Charles W. Frank, Jr.  
Frances G. Goldring  
Hannah Bloch Hausmann  
Ronald F. Katz  
Perry Mexic  
Dr. Irving Louis Rosen

## December 28-January 3

Rebecca Aronson  
Dr. Stanley Cohen  
Sophie Wright Kerstein  
Morris H. Levy  
Beth Bloch Rosenthal  
Joseph Greenberg  
Kobi Alaine Becker  
Leonard David Stone  
Evelyn Weill  
Fred L. Chamness  
Bernard Himan Hirsberg  
Alphonse Hirsch  
Mervyn 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

## A Message from

### Hebrew Rest Cemetery Association:

Hebrew Rest to Honor Jewish Veterans:  
November 9, 2025

Each of the past few years, members of the Hebrew Rest Board of Commissioners have honored veterans interred in our cemeteries by placing American flags at their graves in observance of Veterans Day. Our list of veterans has been derived primarily from plaques at Temple Sinai and Touro Synagogue that honor members who fought in World War II. We also do our best to honor any veterans who served in our armed forces at any time, whether in a time of war or peace.

If anyone knows of a family member or friend who served but whose name may not be on the plaque at either congregation, please send their information to Hebrew Rest at [hrcanola@gmail.com](mailto:hrcanola@gmail.com) or through the contact form on HebrewRest.org.

As in the past, we welcome community members to join us on **Sunday, November 9**, to place flags on our loved ones' graves. Please let us know if you plan to join us by writing to the email listed above or simply by meeting at the gate near the mausoleum in the 2100 block of Pelopidas Street at 10:00AM on that date. Security will be provided.

Sincerely,  
Hebrew Rest Cemetery Association, Inc.  
(504) 615-7207  
[hrcanola@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:chkern@bellsouth.net)



# Tzedakah /Donations

## Annual Giving

Robyn and Dr. Robert Kessler

## Bimah Fund

### *In Honor of Michael Bodo's Birthday*

Janice Meer and Michael Bodo

### *In Honor of Emily Kullman Becoming A Bat Mitzvah*

Lynne and Wilfred Kullman, Jr.

### *In Memory of Ivan Binder*

Lisa Dayan

### *In Memory of Sarah Levy Bloch, Dr.*

### *Ronald Gary Victor, and Gail H. Victor*

Harold Victor and Sally Victor Siegel

### *In Memory of William Bernard Braun*

Michael and Brenda Moffitt and Billy

Braun

### *In Memory of Richard "Dick" Buckman*

Kathy Buckman, Ellen Buckman, Shep

and Michele Buckman, and Brian

Buckman and Cathy Kolcun

### *In Memory of Sam Corensweat, Jr.*

Avery and Jay Corensweat

### *In Memory of Margaret Danzig*

Josh and Giselli Danzig

### *In Memory of Marvin "Mike" Gellman*

Cantor Rebecca Garfein, Max, Jake and Alexander

### *In Memory of Lillian Teller Opotowsky and Sidney Victor Opotowsky*

Leann and Ted Moses

### *In Memory of Audrey Stern Hess and Edgar B. Stern*

Susan and William Hess

### *In Memory of Ilene Gayle Schwartzer Thompson*

Judy Schwartzer

### *In Memory of Carolyn Steinberg Yuspeh*

Jodi Yuspeh, Mindi Yuspeh, and Staci and Doug Ferber

## Cantor's Music Fund

### *In Honor of Cantor Garfein and our High Holy Day Services*

Vivian Garfein and Mike Abram

## Emeritus Fund

### *In Memory of Dora Ferber*

The Ferber Family of Houma

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## Oneg Shabbat

### **In Honor of our Community Observance of the 20th Anniversary of Hurricane Katrina**

The Jewish Federation of Greater  
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### **In Honor of Emily Kullman Becoming A Bat Mitzvah**

Ivonne and Billy Kullman

### **In Memory of Olivia Keel and Karin Audrey Veltrop**

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### **In Memory of Our Parents of Blessed Memory**

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### **In Honor of Matt Glodowski's Term As President**

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## Underwriting Memorial Plaques

### **In Memory of Lee E. Sear**

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## Youth Programming

Amy Gainsburgh-Haspel and John Haspel

# Mazal Tov



**EMILY KULLMAN** became a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, October 11. Emily is the daughter of Billy and Ivonne Kullman and the sister of Ethan. Emily is a seventh-grade student at Isidore Newman School, where she is a member of the honor roll. Emily is in the choir as well as playing tennis and volleyball for Newman. She enjoys art, singing, cake decorating, and spending time with her friends. She enjoys traveling with her family and enjoying new cuisines.



Mazal Tov to Michael Neustadter on becoming a Bar Mitzvah on October 11. Michael is the son of Lauren and Scott Neustadter, grandson of Sandy Levy, and nephew of Jonathan and Adele Levy.

Mazal Tov to Karen and Bruce Katz on the wedding of their son Riley and new daughter-in-law Kayleigh.



## Congratulations to Temple Sinai's Executive Director Jenn Daley

Jenn received the following certifications and accolades.  
We are so proud of her and her accomplishments!

- She was certified by the Department of Homeland Security in Suspicious Activity and Bomb Detection on September 10th.
- She was accepted to the inaugural class of the Spertus Institute Certificate in Executive Leadership. She is one of 25 people nationwide chosen for this program.
- She will be a workshop presenter at the National Association of Temple Administrators Conference (NATA) in Tucson, AZ, on November 20. Her topic is social media and synagogue digital communication.



**Congratulations to  
Julia and Tyler  
Guidroz (parents)  
and Jodie and Paul  
Friedman  
(grandparents)  
on the birth of  
Milo Barrett Guidroz**



**Congratulations to  
Betty Moore  
who was honored with the  
Woman of Valor Award  
by Hadassah New Orleans**



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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.