

SINAI SPOTLIGHT

November/December 2025
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!



Rabbi Daniel M. Sherman

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

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



Cantor Rebecca Garfein

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 rehearsal:

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

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

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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

Next Board Meeting Dates:

Tues., Nov. 18 | 7:15PM

No December Board Meeting

Eternal Light Society

Legacy Giving

Eternal Light Society

Legacy Giving at Temple Sinai

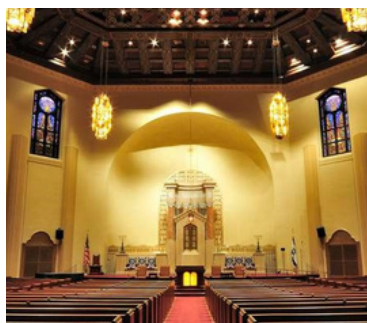
Your Values. Your Temple. Your Legacy.

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

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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 Cine-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

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 Golding 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)

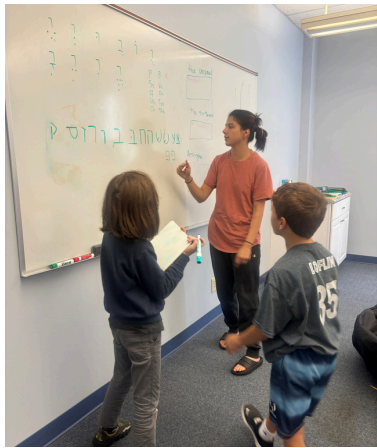
Tues. Nov. 11 | 6:00PM - 8:00PM (Uptown JCC)

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



You Are Invited!

Annual Uptown Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Thursday, Nov. 20 | 6PM

St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church

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:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ
לְהַדְלִיק 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.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאֲבוֹתֵינוּ
וְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזֶמַן 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.

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

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַחַיִּינוּ וְקִיָּמָנוּ וְהַגִּיעָנוּ
לְזֶמַן 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

מַעֲוֹז צוֹר יְשׁוּעָתִי לִדְ נָאָה לְשִׁבָּה.

Mah-oz tzur ye-shu-a-ti, le-chah nah-eh le-sha-bei-ach,
תִּכּוֹן בֵּית תְּפִלָּתִי וְשָׁם תּוֹדָה נִזְבָּח.

ti-kon beit te-fi-lah-ti, ve-sham to-dah ne-za-bei-ach.
לֵעֵת תִּכּוֹן מַטְבֵּחַ מִצָּר הַמְּנִיבָה.

Le-eit tah-chin mat-bei-ach, mi-tzar ha-me-na-bei-ach.
אֶז אֶגְמֹר בְּשִׁיר מִזְמוֹר חַנּוּכַת הַמִּזְבֵּחַ.

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)

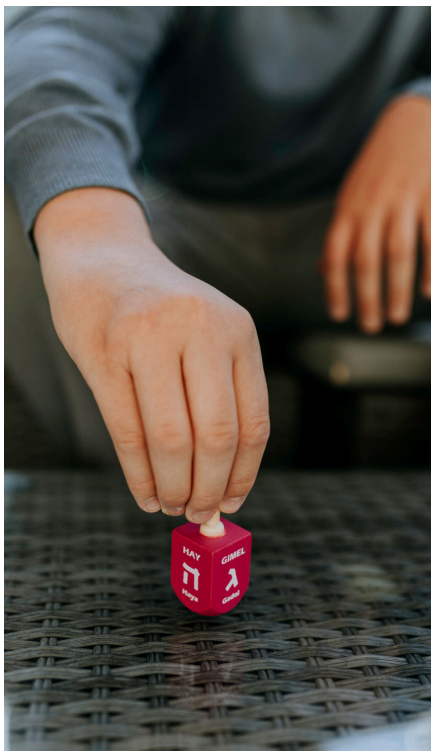
Children of the Maccabees,
Whether free or fettered,
Wake the echoes of the songs
Where you may be scattered.
Yours the message cheering,
That the time is nearing:
Which will see all go free,
Tyrants disappearing.

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
 $\frac{1}{3}$ cup water
3 cups chopped cooking apples
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sifted all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
Oil for frying

TOPPING:

1 teaspoon cinnamon
 $\frac{1}{2}$ 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 $\frac{1}{4}$ 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 ReformJudiasm.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.*

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)

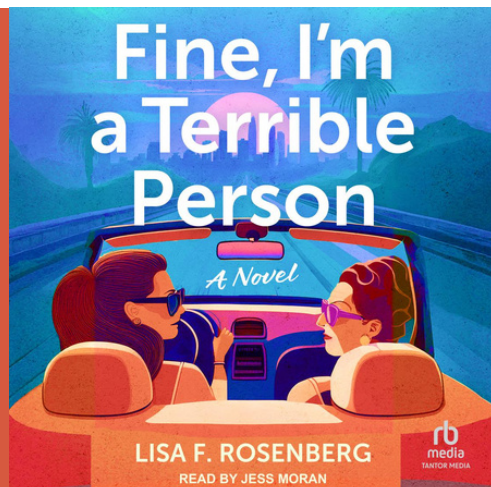


Sinai Shabbat Book Club

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

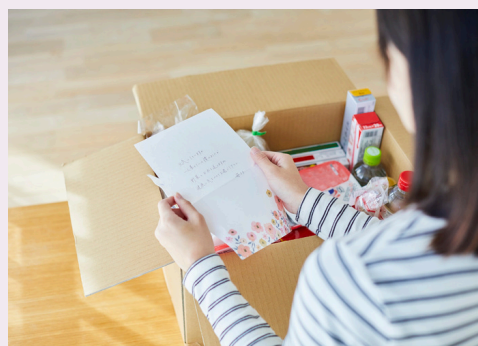
Learn about giving thanks with crafts, songs with Cantor Garfein, and a kid-friendly dinner to follow. Siblings welcome!



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

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| 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

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| 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 |

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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. Lisso
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 Opatowsky
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 Lazard 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 Paillet 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. Lengsfeld
Samuel Sidney Meyers
Rebecca Opatowsky
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 Opatowsky
Fannie Rosenberg Rittenberg
Maurice Mayer Stern

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

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

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
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
Fannye 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

May Their Memories Be For A Blessing (cont.)

December 14-December 20

Henry D. Kallins
Alvin P. Lichtentag
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 Coronna 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 Elaine Becker
Leonard David Stone
Evelyn Weill
Fred L. Chamness
Bernard Himan Hirsberg
Alphonse Hirsch
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

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 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

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

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 Corenswet, Jr.

Avery and Jay Corenswet

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 Schwartz

Thompson

Judy Schwartz

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

Supporting Foundation of the

Jewish Endowment Foundation of

Louisiana

Haspel Garden Fund

Amy Gainsburgh-Haspel and John Haspel

High Holy Day Bimah Flowers

In Memory of Leonore and Walter H.

Kessler, Trudy and Philip Brinen, and

Jenny Brinen

Robyn and Dr. Robert Kessler

In Memory of Sarah Weinstein Osofsky,

Max Osofsky, Marion Doniger Davidson,

and Harry Eliot Doniger

Dr. Joy and Dr. Howard Osofsky

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

Amy Gainsburgh-Haspel and John Haspel

Lary P. Hesdorffer

Arvilla and Cliff Kern

Jane and Henry Lowentritt

Phyllis and Irving Shnaider

High Holy Days

Anonymous

Keith and Evie Katz

Judge (ret) Max Tobias, Jr.

Childcare

The Danzigs

Caroline, David, and Kira Davis

Margaret B. Epstein

Livestream

Anonymous

Joan and Julian Feibelman, Jr.

In Memory of our Parents

Ellie and Howard Wetsman

Music

Keith and Evie Katz

In Memory of Past President and

Longtime Friend of Temple Sinai,

Moise S. Steeg, Jr.

Pamela and Rob Steeg and Family

Rosh HaShanah "Sweet New Year"

Reception

Joan and Julian Feibelman, Jr.

The Temple Sinai Sisterhood

In Memory of Herbert Barton

Barbara Greenberg

Rosh HaShanah Luncheon

In Memory of Dora Ferber

The Ferber Family of Houma

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Security

Joan and Julian Feibelman, Jr.

Rachel Perkoff

Carol Schudmak

Jane and William Sizeler

Pamela and Robert Steeg

In Memory of Dr. Ben Fendler, Rae

Fendler Lilienthal, Gene Fendler, and

Benjamin Fendler

Lynny Fendler Steiner

The Moise S. Steeg Break-the-Fast

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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
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