Learn more about our past year at Sinai in our Annual Report inside.
Make your books your companions; let your cases and shelves be your pleasuregrounds and orchards. Bask in their paradise, gather their fruit, pluck their roses, take their spices.

—Judah Ibn Tibbon, Tzavaah

Five years ago, I shared my 11th grade tale regarding “summer reading” and began what is now (for me at least!) the tradition of sharing my book recommendations in our summer bulletin.

We are known as “People of the Book”, and as many of us see the summer as a time to catch up—on the sandy shores of Lake Michigan or en route to some sunny destination—on the books that have been gathering dust on our shelves during the busy months of winter and spring, I wanted again to share some recommendations with you all about some wonderful potential additions to your reading list for the summer.

So without any further ado, here is my short list of good reads—both fiction and nonfiction—that just might fit perfectly into the bag you bring to beach of your choice here in Chicago, or on the airplane as you fly to some sunny destination.

**The Beginning of Politics: Power in the Biblical Book of Samuel**, Moshe Halbertal and Stephen Holmes—Amazingly, it is this insightful analysis of politics 3,000 years ago that has so much to teach us today. I was lucky enough to study with Moshe Halbertal this spring, and was shocked to find out that he began the research and writing of this book before the 2016 election. While *The Beginning of Politics* will certainly better acquaint the reader with the intrigues of the first two Kings of Israel—Saul and David—the reflections gained about our current age are even more important to learn.

**Good and Mad: the Revolutionary Power of Women’s Anger**, Rebecca Traister—This incredible book was recommended to me by a colleague, and I could not thank her enough for introducing me to Traister’s remarkable work. Part historical survey, part philosophical speculation, part case studies and part current events, *Good and Mad* explains the deep structural injustices of male supremacy, in many of their usually invisible guises. Traister lays a path forward for all of us to work together to create true gender equality, and is an especially important read for all male readers who want to understand the depths of the problem and see how best to be an ally.

**How a Poem Moves**, Adam Sol—OK, so even if the author was a roommate of mine at URJ Eisner camp decades ago, this is still an objectively beautiful book. Sol subjectively walks us through 25 beautiful, relatively recent [and predominantly Canadian] poems, in order to help us better appreciate the individual artistry of each poet as well as to move ourselves past any notion that “we can’t get poetry”. This is a great read for the ardent lover of poetry as well as the uninitiated; its brief chapters make for reading that can be easy, but that also rewards deeper attention. If you’ve ever wanted to wade deeper into poetry’s waters, Sol is the perfect field guide for your explorations.
The Hebrew Bible: A Translation with Commentary, Robert Alter—No, I don’t really expect anyone to read the entire Bible over the summer. However, Alter’s achievement in translating the entirety of our Bible into the most literary of English is worth rewarding; and it should be rewarding to us all to add an important Jewish collection to our bookshelves. As for the reading, I can suggest a few paths: bring the first volume (the Torah) with you to our weekly Saturday morning sessions; or read the books of Samuel and Kings as a companion to The Beginning of Politics. The companion-piece The Art of Bible Translation is also worthwhile. And, if that’s not enough, I’ll be teaching next year’s “Learning in the Loop” monthly Tuesday classes on the translation itself!

The War Before the War: Fugitive Slaves and the Struggle for America’s Soul from the Revolutionary War to the Civil War, Andrew Delbanco—This history of the internecine conflict over the American practice of keeping people as property is necessary not just for the erudite background it provides to the Civil War, but because the struggle over slavery reflects so many issues we continue to see in today’s politics: struggles between regional value systems, reliance on the Supreme Court to legislate morality (however poorly defined in the case of the 1800’s!), and the very real threat of a deeply divided nation. The very notion of how we impose laws on others, and the reciprocity with which they would like to impose laws upon us, is a fascinating, frightening and important discussion.

Moral Resistance and Spiritual Authority, Rabbi Jonah Pesner and some other guy—While I feel conflicted about recommending a book I co-edited, I’d feel worse if I didn’t suggest that this compilation of reflections on our Jewish commitments to Social Justice is an important book for this time. Starting with chapters on the deep reasons for our dedication to Tikkun Olam, progressing its way through deep textual analyses of our work on a broad range of issues from LGBTQ rights to the Environment, and ending with a guide on the tools we need to accomplish the work, Moral Resistance and Spiritual Authority gives us a road map to improve our world together. And, to make it easier, you can pick up a copy at the temple, and I’d be happy to sign it for you!

These are but a few suggestions I make to you of books I consider to be worthy companions. If you choose to read any of them, I’d love to hear what you think about them. And, if you choose not to, I hope you tell me what wonderful books have crossed your path this summer. In either case, I do wish everyone a summer of relaxation, restoration, and reconnection with the things that are most important to us. I’m looking forward to having us all together for the High Holy Days once summer has faded into memory.
The Religious School year may be over, but the planning for the 2019-2020 has already begun. Reach out to Rabbi Greene to register today for next year.

Looking Back on our Year Together

It is hard to believe that our 2018-2019 Religious School year has come to an end. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this a fabulous school year.

As I reflect back on the year, I wanted to share a few highlights from the past few months:

Purim Celebration
On March 24 we celebrated Purim with our Queen-themed spiel, followed by a fun carnival filled with games and prizes. Our students came dressed in costume, marched in a parade, “boo-ed” Haman, and played endless carnival games.

All School Passover Program
On April 14th we had two school-wide Passover Programs. Our older students participated in a Chocolate Seder. All of the items on the seder plate were replaced with chocolate items. They dipped strawberries in chocolate sauce, instead of parsley in saltwater. The Charoset was made with marshmallows, chocolate cereal and pudding instead of apples, nuts and wine. And they drank four cups of Chocolate milk instead of four cups of juice. You can find the Chocolate Seder Haggadah on the URJ website.

That same day, our younger students participated in Passover Color Wars. Each student was assigned a team. As a team the students participated in a number of stations where they were awarded points based on participation and enthusiasm. They made up dances to Passover songs, learned the Four Questions, Carried Baby Moses across the Sea, and made their own Charoset in a Top Chef competition.

We ended the day with a closing ceremony, and fun Passover Trivia for the whole school!

Tzedakah Fair
Our final day of school was filled with great energy, and our 7th grade students synthesized their justice curriculum with a tzedakah fair for the entire school. They chose a handful of organizations, made posters and ballot boxes. As each class came through the fair, they presented their charity. Every student had an opportunity to vote for where the school’s tzedakah money would be donated this year. The results were as follows: Lurie Children’s Hospital, The Period Project, and The Greater Chicago Food Depository.

Yom HaShoah
The Sunday before Yom HaShoah, our 6-8th grade students had the opportunity to hear from our Sinai member, and Holocaust survivor Olga Weiss. Along with their parents, they listened to Olga’s story, asked her questions, and engaged in deep reflection. All families had an opportunity to visit the new art exhibit in the Social Hall, dedicated to the Hidden Children of the Shoah. If you have not had a chance to see the photos and read the stories, I highly encourage you to stop by.

The Religious School year may be over, but the planning for the 2019-2020 has already begun. We are excited to launch an alternative learning program for our 6th and 7th grade students, deepen our madrichim program to include leadership development, and begin to create a youth group for our 6-8th grade students.

Our 2018-2019 school year would not have been so successful without the support and commitment of our families, the dedication and passion from our teachers, and the guidance and vision of our religious school committee -- thank you all for a fantastic school year.
A Year in Interfaith Activities

Thanksgiving Service
Each year, the Tuesday evening before Thanksgiving, Sinai joins with our friends and neighbors at other local houses of worship to celebrate the season of Thanksgiving and share in our collective gratitude. This is an incredible opportunity for a wide variety of neighborhood institutions to join together to celebrate our common heritage. In the words President Abraham Lincoln wrote for Thanksgiving 1863, and which were shared as part of the service, “The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies.” And together we are able to give thanks. Each year this service is an incredible opportunity to join together and celebrate our blessings of thanksgiving.

Israel Dinner and Dialogue
Two years ago Pastor Nanette Sawyer from Fourth Presbyterian Church approached Sinai about engaging in meaningful dialogue around Israel, the land, the people, opportunities for peace and politics. Israel can be a difficult topic to discuss and engage with, because of its complexities, the emotions involved, and the historic connections of Jews, Muslims, and Christians. It is an especially volatile issue in the Presbyterian Church, where some churches are engaged in the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement. Instead of building up walls between our communities, Pastor Sawyer and I wanted to help build bridges of dialogue. This past winter, together with Fourth Presbyterian Church we organized a series of Dinners and Dialogues. We built relationships, shared our own personal stories, discussed diverse understandings of Israel, learned about other’s experiences, and looked into the future. It was an incredibly meaningful opportunity to learn and grow together, building bridges of dialogue and communication.

Visit to Mt Pisgah MBC
Sinai has a great history on the south side of Chicago. Only one of our previous 5 buildings is still standing and it is now home to an African-American baptist church. The building which was Sinai’s home from 1912 - 1944 has been home to Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church since 1961. In February, a group of congregants and I were the beneficiaries of that warmth and hospitality of Pastor Ernest Ledbetter III, as we were welcomed to join them for Sunday morning worship. We joined with the congregation as they sang and prayed together. After the service ended, we were treated to a tour of the building, connecting to our shared history.

Interfaith Seder
Each year, the Interfaith Seder is among the highlights of our community interfaith programming, this year was no exception. We filled the Social Hall with clergy and leaders from churches and mosques around Chicago. Together we retold the story of the Israelites journey from slavery to freedom and connected with each of our communities struggles to find freedom in our modern world. It was a great evening full of traditional rituals and modern storytelling.

Sinai Forum Interfaith Series
This year, we are starting a program called, the Sinai Forum Interfaith Series. Each year, we have opportunities to hear from diverse clergy, through the Interfaith Seder, Thanksgiving Service, and other programs, however, we do not have the chance to learn from them at length about their history and issues that challenge their faith today. Beginning this summer we are bringing in many of the Interfaith Clergy, some whom you might know and some new faces as well, to share their personal stories, their faith, the history and challenges that face them in the modern world. More information about these programs will be coming soon.

Exciting New Social Action Opportunity!
Stone Temple Church Community Garden
We have recently begun a partnership with Stone Temple Baptist Church in Lawndale to build a community space and garden. This is an exciting new opportunity to get involved in an underserved community and work with a unique community. The project will be:

- Growing organic food for the local community
- Promoting interfaith understanding as we partner together
- Creating a community gathering space
- Developing adult and youth activities

There are many ways to get involved in this new opportunity. If you want to learn more or get involved please email Rabbi Zinn.

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Spring has brought an abundance of activities in Sinai Preschool!

From Purim to Passover to Parent-Teacher Conferences to Tot Shabbat to our End of the Year Celebration to Preschool and Camp Registration, there is never a dull moment.

Our children loved learning about the Purim story as well as dressing up and parading through the offices of Sinai, and of course eating delicious hamantaschen!

Learning about and celebrating Passover has been an emphasis in our classrooms during the weeks leading up to our classroom seders. All of our activities were developed to be age appropriate for each classroom. The children learned some fun songs that help tell the story of Passover and a favorite traditional song—Dayenu. As I walked through the classrooms I heard joyful singing as well and saw some incredible dramatic play. There were many conversations that included “Let My People Go” and “No, No, No. I will not let them go.” We celebrated with 2 mini family seders, each one reflecting what the children had learned in their classes. The children loved singing the songs with their families, tasting the delicious foods (with the exception of the bitter herb) and munching on macaroons for the “festive meal.”

I am always a little bit sad at our last Tot Shabbat of the year and at our end of the year celebration, but it has provided me with an opportunity to reflect on all that we have learned (children and educators, alike) and all of the relationships that have been deepened at Sinai Preschool. It has been an incredible year of discovery and growth and I could not be more proud of the work that our educators and children have accomplished. The journey will continue with Summer Camp 2019 and Preschool 2019-2020. We have limited spaces available, please contact the preschool office (312-867-7010) for more information.
Our 18th Annual Spring Choral Program, *Love Makes the Song Immortal*, paid homage to perhaps the greatest of all 19th-Century German Jewish liturgical composers, Louis Lewandowski (1821-1894). On Friday evening, May 17th, a combined group of 11 Volunteer and 16 Professional choristers explored a wide range of Lewandowski’s groundbreaking synagogue oeuvre, including well-known selections such as his majestic setting of *Psalm 150* and his glorious *German K’dushoh*, as well as lesser-known gems such as his stirring arrangement of *Kol Nidre* for violin solo, beautifully performed by Kathleen Brauer of Lyric Opera Orchestra. Those in attendance were enlightened by the scholarly commentary delivered by our special guest, Dr. Ralph Selig, who is an international authority and lecturer on German Chazzanut and 19th-Century music for the synagogue, especially choral and organ music. We were also privileged to welcome back Thomas Weisflog of Rockefeller Memorial Chapel, to provide the organ accompaniment for most of the evening’s selections.

As we are currently in the process of putting together another exciting musical year, one major and continuing goal of the music department is to build-up and develop the Volunteer Choir (colloquially known as the V-Choir). In order to preserve, develop, and grow our special and distinctive musical tradition at Chicago Sinai, it is critically important that as many congregants as possible, of all generations, sing with the V-Choir to claim not only Sinai’s music heritage as their own, but to claim the experience of making the music as their own. To hearken back to the inspirational title of our Spring Choral Program, it truly is love that makes our song immortal!

Opportunities for singing in the V-Choir occur throughout the year, most notably during the High Holy Days, Chanukah, Purim, Spring Choral Program, and other events to be determined. An invitation to join the Volunteer Choir is warmly extended to anyone who is willing to commit to the usually-modest rehearsal schedule in the weeks prior to each event, and to anyone who can sing “on key”. Some previous choral singing experience is ideal but not required. So perhaps if you have not sung in a choir since high school or college, you might like to “Sing unto God a new song!” as the Psalmist writes, and raise your voice with others whose hearts are also full of music!

Please contact Scott at 312-867-7000 or skumer@chicagosinai.org if you have any interest in joining the Volunteer Choir. We will begin rehearsing for the High Holy Days sometime in late August or early September. While all voice parts are welcomed, we are in special need of sopranos and tenors. We would be happy to place prospective new singers in contact with current singers if you would like to know more about their experiences of being part of the Volunteer Choir.

Wishing you a beautiful and music-filled summer!

1 This is a translation of Louis Lewandowski’s epitaph, Liebe macht das Lied unsterblich!
Oh, The People You Will Meet

In the last bulletin, I shared with you my personal and professional story and my future vision for Chicago Sinai. This quarter, I’d like to share with you what I have learned so far.

On February 1st I walked into Sinai not really knowing anyone. I saw smiling faces and was embraced by so many of my colleagues with warm and welcoming words and open invitations to feel free to ask any questions or seek any needed help. I sat down and got to work. But that’s not the end of the story.

As time has passed, I have had the opportunity to laugh, to debate, to learn, to question, to advise and counsel, and to listen. On a daily basis, Sinai’s halls are filled with the talents of a remarkable staff that so many of you have known for years and decades; some of you, like me, have perhaps only known for a brief period of time. Each brings their expertise to their job and each contributes to the whole of what makes our Temple more than a building – a structure – an address – and a House of Worship. We are a community that is filled with unimaginable dedication to achieving the very best in each of us. We don’t always get it right. But we all start from the same place of wanting your experience while you are with us to meet your expectations, while you allow us, at times, to fail and also to find compromise when we may see things through different lenses.

Each Sinai employee is unique and I wanted to share some fun insights that I have learned about them:

Harold and Dan are bike riders extraordinaire. Wind, Rain, Snow and Ice – you will see them peddling away on their journey to and from Sinai.

Jill has loved the Grateful Dead since college and swimming is her passion.

Arturo and Lulu are Sinai’s professional chefs who love raisin toast each and every morning. They always have an extra piece to share.

Dawn collects cookbooks, loves cats and has yet to find a problem she can’t google for an answer. The challenge is on.

Fern cans her own fruits and vegetables. Who knew?

Scott has been a “train nut” since childhood. This summer he is excited to see the Union Pacific’s “Big Boy” steam locomotive #4014 that is once again operational.

Rebecca should never sing only in the shower because she has a voice that all should hear.

Rabbis Limmer and Zinn are often in conversation about batting ERAs and home runs, debating who is better – the Yankees or the Red Sox.

Rabbi Greene was crowned first place champion of Sinai’s 2018 Kugel cook-off contest. Ask nicely and she may share her recipe.

Elke has an exercise machine under desk! Just take a peek.

DeeDee’s favorite color is pink and she also has a secret candy drawer. Finders keepers!

Jessica is obsessed with sushi. Recommendations are available any time.

Alicia volunteers for an animal shelter in her spare time and lovingly, and patiently, creates this Bulletin for all to enjoy.

As you can see, we are a talented and really fun staff! I have learned, as Dr Seuss would say (with a little liberty from this author).

“Today is [our] day. [We’re] off to Great Places! [We’re] off and away!”

— Dr. Seuss, Oh, The Places You’ll Go!
75+
Young Adults celebrated Shabbat with our 3 Rabbis throughout the year

5,973
times Sinai’s services were viewed online around the country

100+
50s and Beyond members celebrated Shabbat dinners together

191
hours of adult education classes were taught

300
toddler toes tapped along to music at 5 Tot Shabbats

15,534
words were delivered by the Rabbis during their High Holy Day sermons
$1369
in Tzedakah collected by
216 students, 30 madrichim,
16 teachers

150+
helped settle a refugee family by donating household goods,
taking the families on outings, introducing them to American practices, and tutoring them in English

275
volunteers at
12 different projects helped those in need throughout Chicago in one weekend

16
Volunteer and Professional Choristers presented a delightful Yiddish Sermon-in-Song in honor of Kristallnacht, and

30
Musicians presented a Spring Choral Program entitled, "Love Makes the Song Immortal," featuring songs by the seminal Reform composer, Louis Lewandowski (1821-1894).

300
people attended Sinai’s Gubernatorial and Chicago Mayoral forums
204 people danced the night away at our Annual Gala

7400+ photos were taken of children singing, jumping, laughing, painting, reading, exploring, climbing and digging.

50 women from ages 27 - 85 spent 43 hours together in Itasca at the Annual Women's Retreat

12 meetings with 6 congregants who took a deep dive with Keshet into how we can be more welcoming to our LGBTQ+ community

21 volunteers repaired hurricane destroyed homes in North Carolina

40+ sites were visited in 10 days during our Sinai trip Israel
What an incredible year it has been! Together we have welcomed and shared, learned and repaired, celebrated, and comforted, all the while opening our doors wide to share the joys of Judaism in our community and in our modern world. Our Annual Report will give you a great sense of Sinai “by the numbers”, conveying the vibrancy and impact of our congregation.

Despite our fun new format, we Jews are hesitant about enumerating our accolades, transposing into digits what in fact were experiences of great depth and meaning. Our Prophet Hosea warned us against the counting of people: there is no way any human being, created in the Divine Image, could ever be reduced to a mere number!

And so, we encourage you to look beyond the statistics as you read our Annual Report. Perhaps you are one of Sinai’s newest members, and you know how profoundly your life has changed this year as you have immersed yourself in your new community and its opportunities. Maybe you come to one of our many weekly study sessions, and find your life enriched by regular encounter with our tradition. You may recall that Shabbat on which you came to observe yahrzeit and were warmed—at a moment of memory—by the power of our congregation. Perhaps you are enriched by the smiling faces of our young people—whether those we greet warmly here within Sinai’s walls, or those we encounter volunteering at Ronald McDonald House, on Mitzvah Weekend, or with Blessings in a Backpack—and you can feel how great is our power to change the world, one person at a time.

Most important, we hope that this snapshot of last year will inspire you to move ever more closely to the center of our picture here at Chicago Sinai Congregation.
Chicago Sinai is Going Digital and Green!

We’re happy to announce that Chicago Sinai has moved to a new state-of-the-art membership management system: ShulCloud. ShulCloud offers an enormous list of features that will help connect you with Sinai and your community. Our new portal allows you to manage your own account, sign up for events (coming soon), view the calendar (coming soon), make donations, see a directory of our members (only when logged in), and so much more. All of these changes will also allow us to assist you more efficiently. In the coming weeks you will receive an email from us with easy instructions on how to login to your ShulCloud profile. Should you have any questions, once you receive it, please don’t hesitate to call us anytime!

We will also change the way to distribute this bulletin – we are excited to announce we are going green! This means, starting with your November bulletin, you will be emailed a copy of your bulletin. If you want to receive the bulletin in your USPS mailbox, and not just digitally, you must OPT IN, by calling our office at 312-867-7000 or emailing Rebecca (rfrazin@chicagosinai.org). Digital distribution is not only green, but also economical and will save Sinai dollars!

For the past year, a lot of work has been done to make sure this an easy transition. I want to send my sincerest thanks to Carol Miller, Howard Tanzman, and Alicia Allison who have gone above and beyond in ensuring we understand the ins and outs of this new system and set us up for success!

Chicago Help Initiative Art Program

It is hard not to use superlatives when describing the Art Program, our guests, their energy, talent and creativity. We often have new artists joining us as they hear about the program. Our problem is finding storage space for all the beautiful work being created.

In April, the CHI Art Program had an exhibit at Loyola Law School, as part of a program with Lt. Governor Juliana Stratton. Several of our artists attended. Having their art work shown and appreciated as well as being recognized by the audience provided our artists with rarely felt self worth and confidence.

We meet every Wednesday at Catholic Charities (721 North LaSalle Street) between 1:30 and 3:30 PM. We would love to have you volunteer. No artistic talents required just come and mingle and chat with our guests.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- In August we will have an art show at Loyola Law School, for an extended period.
- After Supper Visions is a photo exhibition from our CHI artists June 7 - 9 at Catholic Charities. You can purchase these wonderful photographs with the proceeds going to the photographers.
- CHI will be the official Charity for the Chicago MAG MILE RACE on September 7.

For information or questions, please contact Dale daleginsburg@gmail.com or Helene heleneparis1@gmail.com.

RefugeeOne and Immigrants Social Action Program Update

The Chicago Sinai RefugeeOne and Immigrant Social Action Program continues to help refugees and immigrants become independent, self-supporting members of Chicago…and you can join us to make a difference.

Through our partnership with RefugeeOne, we co-sponsored our second refugee family, the Ekofos from the Democratic Republic of the Congo this past year. Alain and Debora welcomed a new baby boy, Messi Kanganyo on April 4th. The growing family of 6 then moved to the Waukegan area where apartments are more affordable.

Want to be a part of co-sponsoring our third family? Helping on a collection drive? Tutoring? A one-time effort or an ongoing commitment? Alone or with your family?

Contact Barbara Cohen barbaragloriasinai@gmail.com for more information or to get on our mailing list.
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In honor of our daughter, Samantha Elizabeth, on her baby naming
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In loving memory of Ann Stuart Lucas, on her birthday
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  In honor of Natalie Rovner on her Bat Mitzvah

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  In loving memory of Ted Century
Brett Gordon and Amanda Adeleye
  In honor of the bris and naming of our son, Graham Adeleye Gordon
Merry Beth, Michael, Matthew, Sara, and Daniel Kowalczyk
  In memory of Jim Kowalczyk and in appreciation of Rabbi Limmer’s support
Kathleen Marks
  In memory of James Kowalczyk
Heather and Gordon Rosen
  In honor of the namings of Davie Belle and Ruby Shae and in appreciation of Rabbi Limmer
Gail Shiner
  In memory of my husband Allen Shiner
Gerald and Penny Swarzman
  In appreciation of Rabbi Limmer
The Witkin Family
  In appreciation of Rabbi Limmer and his support

Rabbi Greene
Eric and Jennifer Fried
  In honor of Gabriel’s naming ceremony
Howard and Ellen Gossage
  In appreciation of Rabbi Greene
Merry Beth, Michael, Matthew, Sara, and Daniel Kowalczyk
  In memory of Jim Kowalczyk and in appreciation of Rabbi Greene’s support
Mark Rosenbaum and Mary-Ann Wilson
  In memory of Howard Satin
Melissa and Jeremy Wolf
  In appreciation of Blainey’s naming

Rabbi Zinn
Melanie and Jonathan Yermack
  In honor of the naming of Sophie Yermack
The Rovner Family
  In honor of Natalie Rovner on her Bat Mitzvah

Mazal Tov

B’NEI MITZVAH
Sebastian Perlman, child of Steven and Monica Perlman

MARRIAGE
Rachel and Adam Orlansky
Sarah Wallach and Jeremy Gorsky
Kari Friedman and Mitchell Rotenberg
Jeremy von Halle and Sam Blumenthal

A Caring Community
Chicago Sinai Congregation strives to be a Caring Community, we would like to know about joyful or difficult lifecycle events you are experiencing. If you are praying for yourself or someone you care about as they deal with physical, emotional, or spiritual difficulties, or if you wish to celebrate a joyful event, we want to offer support. We invite you to speak with a Rabbi.

In Memoriam

We record with sorrow the death of our Members
Charles P. Schwartz, Jr., Husband of Susan Schwartz
Gertrude Kraemer Witkin
Howard Satin
Kenneth Marks, Husband of Nancy Marks

Condolences to the Family and Friends of
Allen Weintraub, Father of Sarah (Jason Diamond) Weintraub
Burton R. Mannis, Father of Mike Mannis
Dr. Theodore Howard Century, Father of Jeanne Century (Michael Weisman)
Lila Estelle Weisman, Mother of Michael (Jeanne Century) Weisman
Louis Munao, Son in Law of Jill Graham
Roger Ayers, Father of Dustin (Jamie) Ayers
Stewart Zobian, Brother in Law of Judy Feldman

In Our Lives

Congratulations to Sinai’s 2019 Confirmation Class

Nina Burik
Charlie Cohen
Julian Cohen
Ava Eggener
Amanda O’Donnell
Misha Patent
Sofia Presser
Brady Rivkin
Zachary Rosenthal
Logan Speck
Zachary Wexler
We are pleased to recognize **Midge Perlman Shafton** who has completed her term as Vice President.

We are pleased to recognize **Philip Auerbach, Jessica Diamond, David Garfield, David Ginsburg, Ashley Jonas, Grant Peters, Jill Peters, Jeremy Wolf, and Barrie Yacher** who are leaving the Board and thank them for their devoted service to the Congregation.

**The Nominating Committee:**
Bruce Miller, Chair, John Daniels, Liz Darke, Ashley Jonas, Ben Meisner, Andrea Moonsammy, Marvin Pollack, Ellen Schor and Bruce Stern

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**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Proposed Slate of Candidates for 2019-2020**

In accordance with the by-laws, the Nominating Committee has submitted to the Secretary the following recommended slate of candidates for selection as the Officers and Trustees at the Annual Meeting of Chicago Sinai Congregation to be held on June 7, 2019.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Officers to be elected to a one-year term ending June, 2020.

- Susan Lucas: **President**
- Alison Tothy: **First Vice President**
- Ted Naron: **Vice President**
- Ben Meisner: **Vice President**
- Adrienne Rainey: **Vice President**
- Sarah Samuels Taylor: **Secretary**
- Howard Tanzman: **Treasurer**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Trustees to be elected to a one-year term ending June, 2020.

- Howard Gossage
- Andrea Lieberman
- Barb Markoff
- Penny Pollack
- Betty Signer
- Reid Schar

Trustees to be elected to a two-year term ending June, 2021.

- Josh Silverman
- Christine Tepper
- Julie Tornow
- Rachel Tingley
- Jason Tothy
- Youth Representative

Trustees to be elected to a three-year term ending June, 2022.

- Marc Berman
- Neil Kulick
- Karen Purze

Trustees not up for Election

Officers to be elected to a two-year term ending June, 2020.

- Elaine Abramson
- Rachel Dvorken
- Lauren Niimi-Mitzenmacher
- Larry Schor

Trustees to be elected to a three-year term ending June, 2020.

- Liz Darke
- Norman Hirsch
- Steven Meyers

Trustees who terms are interrupted by services as an officer

- Susan Lucas
- Howard Tanzman
- Ben Meisner
- Sarah Samuels Taylor
- Ted Naron
- Alison Tothy
- Adrienne Rainey

**Life Trustees**
Kate T. Kestnbaum

**Past Presidents**

- Donna Barrows
- Peter B. Bensinger Jr.
- Henry Freund
- Alec Harris
- Michael Mannis
- Bruce Miller
- Victoria Woolner Samuels
- Mark Segal
- Bruce Stern
- Errol Stone
- Jack D. Tovin

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*Note:* The list of trustees and officers is subject to change and is based on the information available at the time of publication. The full list can be found in the annual meeting materials.
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**August 2019**

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Tot Shabbat on the Beach

Friday, August 23, 5PM

Join Rabbi Limmer, Rabbi Greene, and Rabbi Zinn for a 30-minute music-filled Shabbat service at Oak Street Beach on the beautiful Shores of Lake Michigan. All families with young children are welcome. Food and drink provided. Look for the Chicago Sinai banner!

RSVP to the temple office: 312.867.7000.