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at Sinai

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The Joy of Finding the Hidden



CELEBRATIONS AT SINAI

PURIM

Megillah Reading

Friday, March 6

6:15PM

Spiel and Carnival

Sunday, March 8

10:30AM

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PASSOVER

Second Night Seder

at Manny's

Thursday, April 9

6PM

[RSVP](#)

Finding the afikoman was the best part of any Passover. But the search for it was always a close second. I remember once my father broke the middle matzah, he'd surreptitiously slide it over to my Grandpa Ralph... espying that sleight of hand was like catching a card up a magician's sleeve. From that moment on, I only had half of my attention on the Seder; the rest of me was paying attention to Grandpa Ralph every time he moved, twitched, or arose from the table. That was always the tricky part: no one else was allowed to leave, so I had to guess from his footsteps the route he took through the living room. Was he going up the half flight of stairs to the bedrooms, or down the other half flight of stairs towards the family room? I had to wait until after the meal to discover the answer. And if, in doing so, I also found the hidden afikoman before my sisters or cousins, even better!

Finding what's hidden drives many of us in so many ways. It's why we struggle over crossword puzzles in the morning, devour the Harry Potter books to learn their hidden secrets, and follow a good murder mystery movie all the way to the final scene. Discovering secrets—from learning the true importance of Citizen Kane's "rosebud" to finding the afikoman—is simply so satisfying!

Finding what's hidden is intentionally built into our Passover Seder as a way to keep children interested. (Never mind many, like me, might be paying less attention to

the text of the hagaddah and more to the machinations of the missing matzah.) But the hidden is built into our other spring holiday, Purim, as well. We know that Purim is our masquerade holiday, where children, rabbis and choir members are hidden in outrageous outfits. But the biblical Book of Esther also focuses on the theme of "the hidden": not only does Esther (whose Hebrew name is Hadassah) hide her Jewish identity when she marries King Ahasuerus, but her very Persian name of Esther (for their goddess, Astarte), actually means "hidden" in Hebrew! Add to these details the fact that the Book of Esther is the only one in the Bible in which God's name never appears, and there winds up being so much hidden inside of this story that it's like a mystery wrapped inside a riddle tucked into an enigma.

Discovering what is hidden links our spring holy days of Purim and Passover, both of which are not only filled with joy, but are meant to make us meditate on serious themes of our identity and our liberation. In keeping with this balance of thoughtful content and the joy of discovery, we decided that our Spring Bulletin would focus on "Hidden Things" at Sinai. While our congregation has no major mysteries to unravel, there is much about Sinai you might not have discovered. We are delighted to share them with you, even as we look forward to sharing Purim, Passover, and this upcoming Spring season with our whole Sinai family.



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Thursday, June 4, 6PM at Grant Park

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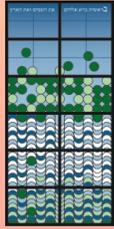
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- A tale of three cities: beauty, culture, continuity, and change
- Examine and mourn what was lost during the Holocaust
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Hidden Adventures in our Religious School



1 Did you know that this is how we teach Hebrew?



It might not look like your traditional Hebrew school, but that's because it's not! In our religious school program, we teach Hebrew starting with our youngest students in Junior Kindergarten through 7th grade. Our approach is called Hebrew Through Movement. Our students listen to the teacher's instruction in Hebrew, and then they do what the teacher instructs. For example, in the picture above, our students were learning Hebrew colors, left and right, and how to say hand and foot all through the game of Twister!

In addition to Hebrew Through Movement, we have a Hebrew Word of the Week for the entire school. The word of the week often relates to the season or time of year. For example, throughout the month of December, our Hebrew words of the week included "Shamash/Helper", "Ner/Candle" and "Nes/Miracle".

2 Sunday school isn't only on Sundays!

This year we launched a new alternative option to our 6/7th grade Sunday school. Our alternative program is a blend of Shabbat worship, learnings, online discussion boards and independent earned credits (including opportunities in social action, learning and Jewish rituals and experiences). We've learned a lot from this new program which will inform our planning for next year...stay tuned!

3 Whirlyball

In exploring additional opportunities for engagement and deepening our community with our 6/7th grade students, we had a fun afternoon at Whirlyball. Despite canceling school that morning due to heating issues in the building, our 6th and 7th graders showed up for a fun afternoon of bonding, eating pizza, and, of course, competition! We look forward to more social experiences with our middle school students!



4 Parents are part of the process

Sunday school isn't only for kids! Throughout the year, each grade has a family day where parents learn with one of the rabbis, get to know one another, and are then joined by their child(ren) for an engaging program.



In addition, BEFORE school starts, each grade is invited to pack lunches with their families to donate to those in need. Our families enjoy participating in social action together and the opportunity to spend time getting to know other families, as well.



Parents also spent time studying Torah with their children on the B'nei Mitzvah Retreat.



5 If you put a table in the lobby with Coffee and Bagels...they will come!

Our religious school committee has worked hard to create intentional opportunities for engagement and community building within our religious school. We've had parent brunches after drop off, programming for adults on Sunday mornings, and, most recently, we put a table in the lobby with coffee and bagels...and look, they come! Each Sunday, parents are invited to stick around while their child(ren) are in Sunday school. It's a casual opportunity to get to know other parents and build community. Come say hi!



Hidden Programs at Sinai



*Sinai Forum:
Interfaith Series
11:30am Lunch
12:30pm Speaker*

*March 10
Pastor Nanette
Sawyer from Fourth
Presbyterian Church
RSVP*

*May 12
Father Tom Hurley
from Old St. Patrick's
Catholic Church*

*June 9
Shayda Safapour
from the Bahá'í Temple*

1 Sinai Forum: Interfaith Series

For years, on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, we have been lucky enough to partner with a number of neighborhood churches on an Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. And every spring, we host our interfaith friends for an Interfaith Passover Seder, as an observance of our Exodus from Egypt and a celebration of our collective journeys from slavery to freedom. These are both incredible examples of the partnership between our community and those around us. They are examples of the diversity of our city and the importance of outreach to people who are different than we are. Unfortunately, each of these events only occur once a year. Last year, we began discussing how we wanted to find more opportunities to engage with these communities and learn from this diverse group of clergy.

This past summer, we began the **Sinai Forum: Interfaith Series**. On the second Tuesday of every month, we have been hosting a clergy person or leader from the different communities with which we work. They have come to Sinai to speak about their experience, their communities, what makes us different and what draws us together. Each speaker has been different and incredibly powerful, in their own unique way.

Pastor Randall Blakey, from LaSalle Street Church, told us his own personal story of giving up on hate and embracing love. Dr. Omer Mozaffar, from Loyola University, detailed the beliefs and debunked the misconceptions around Islam. Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III, from Trinity UCC, taught us about the power and purpose of Black Theology. Reverend Wes Smedley, from St. Chrysostom's Episcopal Church, shared his own story of finding God. President and Bishop Calvin Monson, from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, explained the history of the LDS Church.

We invite you to come and learn with us from our neighbors. In the coming months we are going to hear from Pastor Nanette Sawyer from Fourth Presbyterian Church, Father Tom Hurley from Old St. Patrick's Catholic Church, and Shayda Safapour from the Bahá'í Temple.

2 Seeding Weekend

Almost two years ago, a group of dedicated volunteers began rethinking the work of our Environment Committee. The committee, part of our larger Social Action Committee, was looking for a new project. They were put in contact with Stone Temple Missionary Baptist Church in North Lawndale. Stone Temple is a historic church; the building was originally built as the First Romanian Congregation synagogue. As the neighborhood changed and the Jewish community moved, the building was purchased and became the home of Stone Temple in the 1950s. During the 1960s it was one of the centers of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s work in Chicago. Dr. King preached from their pulpit many times. Just a few years ago, it was dedicated as a Chicago Historic Landmark because of its connection with the African-American and Jewish communities.

Today, Stone Temple is a vibrant community church; however, its neighborhood of North Lawndale is not. In response to the lack of healthy food, safe gathering places, and community engagement, Pastor Reshorna Fitzpatrick and Stone Temple began to plan a community garden. Two years ago, we began talking about a partnership and working together to plan and build this garden.



Last spring was the first planting season. This year we are working to continue to grow the garden and the vision for the space.

Over Mitzvah Weekend, a dozen people from Sinai spent Saturday morning at the Church building new wooden planter boxes to be installed in the garden. On Sunday, we painted signs and decorations to adorn those planters and garden beds.

On March 13-15, we are hosting our first Seeding Weekend in cooperation with Stone Temple. On Friday night, Pastor Reshorna Fitzpatrick will speak at Sinai as part of our Shabbat Eve Service. She will talk about our partnership and the garden we are building together. On Saturday morning, we will bring a group to Stone Temple to paint and install the new garden planters in the outside beds. On Sunday, after Religious School, we will be planting seeds in pots, to grow inside before being transplanted into the outdoor garden later in the spring.

We would love for you to join us for all or part of Seeding Weekend. You can sign up online [here](#). If you want to learn more and get involved with the garden project, please reach out to [Susan Stone](#) or [me](#).



3 Introduction to Judaism

Every year, beginning in the fall, Rabbi Limmer and I teach an Introduction to Judaism course. Each Thursday evening, a diverse group of individuals come into the Social Hall to talk and learn together. We talk about the origins and practices of various holidays. We discuss the meaning and purpose of different lifecycle events. We delve deep on big topics such as God, Israel, and Anti-Semitism. Together we explore the breadth of Jewish life and practice.

This class is for anyone who wants to learn more about Judaism; it is always incredibly diverse, in age and background. There are members of the class who are longtime Sinai members who are hoping to learn more about a religion they have been practicing for years. There are people who are looking to get closer to a religion they have drifted away from. People

married to Jews, seeking to understand. People who are not Jewish, searching for meaning.

Most years, the class is 20 or 30 students. This year, however, we have over 90 students. There are many different reasons for the remarkable growth in enrollment this year. In some ways it is a challenge to create meaningful discussion and personal relationships in a group this large. In other ways it is an incredible blessing to have so many different people interested in learning together each week. As the class wraps up in the coming weeks, we are looking forward to continuing to build on this success in the coming years.

4 Sinai Action Team

As part of our deep commitment to Social Action, Social Justice, and Advocacy at Chicago Sinai, this past fall we formed the Sinai Advocacy Team. Our goal was to amplify our communal voice and continue our positive impact on social issues that align with our Jewish values. We hope to give more Sinai members an opportunity to get involved and support Sinai's Social Action, Social Justice and Advocacy work.

Since we formed this group in the fall, we have been able to share important opportunities to affect change around issues we care about. These issues include Refugee and Immigrant Rights, Criminal Justice Reform, Reducing Gun Violence, Protecting our Environment and increasing Mental Health Access. We plan to use this network to continue sharing opportunities to get involved on these important issues in the coming months and years.

We have had almost 100 members of Sinai who have already joined this team. We are constantly looking for more people to get involved. If you are interested in learning more or being a part of the Sinai Advocacy Team, [sign up online](#).

BE INFORMED. Join Chicago Sinai's Advocacy Team.

[Sign Up](#)

As part of our deep commitment to Social Action, Social Justice, and Advocacy join with us as we stay informed and act on important social justice issues to make our world more just for all.

Hidden Notes



SAVE THE DATE
Spring Choral
Friday, May 15
6:15PM

In keeping with the theme of this spring's newsletter, here are some "hidden notes" from the music department that I'd like share with you. I hope you find them interesting!

1 Our organ features some incredible sounds which are so powerful that I use them sparingly and with discretion. Two of my favorites are the "shofar," meant to mimic the timbre of the ram's horn, and the "untersatz," which features bass and sub-bass frequencies that can shake the entire Temple and rattle our kishkes. (*Think earthquake!*) It would be my pleasure to demonstrate these sounds – and others – for you!

2 I wear special "organ shoes" when playing the organ. They resemble black dress shoes, but have soft leather bottoms in order to help the feet navigate playing the large keys on the "pedal board". The soft leather bottoms provide just the right balance of "grip" and "slide."

3 In our library archives, we have two rare music books dating from the mid-1800s: a first edition of *Schir Zion* by Cantor Salomon Sulzer, published in Vienna, which is arguably one of the most important volumes in all of Jewish music history, and an original copy of Sinai's own 1861 hymnal, published

during the tenure of Sinai's first Rabbi, Bernhard Felsenthal. This compact little hymnal features about 34 song texts in German.

4 Music notation, like English, is read from left to right. Consequently, most (perhaps over 90%) of published vocal / choir sheet music in Hebrew does not use actual Hebrew, but rather Hebrew transliteration. This is for two reasons: transliteration is more accessible to most singers; but perhaps more importantly, Hebrew transliteration, like music, is read from left to right. Vocal / choir music that uses actual Hebrew is very challenging to read because the Hebrew syllables are printed under the music in reverse order, and they must be read "backward" while reading the music notation "forward." If that's hard to conceptualize, I understand! Ask me sometime and I will be happy to show you examples of this. Pretty amazing.

5 And speaking of things still hidden... Stay tuned for an announcement about the theme of our **Annual Spring Choral Program**. The date and time will be **Friday, May 15 at 6:15PM**. Due to circumstances still pending with music publishers, the theme of our program, as of this writing, is still hidden – even from me!



At Shabbat Services on January 17 we hosted the 50-voice "Sinai Ensemble" of the Chicago Community Chorus, under the energetic direction of founder and artistic director, Dr. Keith Hampton. And two of our youth singers Stella and Hannah Spector got a chance to solo with the group. They were a big hit! This special service was a part of our annual celebration of the social justice and civil rights legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Hidden Ways to Make a Difference

Jan Kaufman

Effective board governance depends on the strategic and collective accomplishments of individuals committed to advancing an organization's mission and long-term welfare. Talented people are brought together to apply their knowledge and experience to the major challenges and forward-looking priorities facing the institution, and in Sinai's case, the Congregation. The Board of Trustees relies on committees outside the formal Trustee structure to bring new ideas forward, help champion and implement the major goals of the organization's mission and strategic plan, and support the need to develop future aspiring leaders for years to come.

Chicago Sinai has a hidden treasure of committees who are comprised of dedicated professionals and talented members who have one goal – how can I make a difference in my own Jewish communal life and the lives of those I meet at services, at adult education classes and events, in preschool and religious school and beyond? Committees exist to address a wealth of congregational priorities including, social justice, art, finance, security, religious school, preschool, building operations, board governance, and programming and engagement.

One such committee I think you should know about is the Gala Committee. The Gala is designed to fundraise an additional \$100,000 to supplement revenue received from member dues and other contributions – dues alone do not cover the Temple's operating costs.

This year a group of dedicated and inter-generational congregants came together to plan the 2020 Gala. By now, you have all received the electronic **2020 Gala – SAVE The Date! Please mark your calendars for May 9, 2020** – because this is going to be a “not to be missed” event that includes:

- A new auction app that will allow early and remote bidding
- Auction items created by Sinai Preschool and Religious School children, committee members, and staff – and
- A room filled with both old and new friends.



My heartfelt thanks to Jacki Torshen Drimmer for her leadership, guidance and commitment to the success of this year's Gala by "Leavening Connections" as Sinai builds sustainability as a House of Prayer for All People. Sponsorships, auction items, joining the committee - these are just a few of the ways that you can get in on the ground floor of a truly incredible evening! Please let me know how you'd like to help!



SAVE THE DATE
2020 Sinai Gala
Saturday, May 9
6PM
at Sofitel Chicago
Magnificent Mile



From our Sinai 2019 Gala at Newberry Library.

What's Hidden at Sinai Preschool?



We hope to see you at our Tot Shabbat program and preschool and parent-tot programs.

UPCOMING
Sinai Soiree
Preschool
Fundraiser
March 11
6PM at
Quartino Ristorante
RSVP

TOT SHABBAT
March 13: RSVP
May 8



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Aside from an occasional game of Hide and Seek, or trying to solve the mystery of "where are your mittens" Sinai Preschool is not hidden from view. Even though our classrooms are just off of the Sinai lobby, there may be things you do not know about us. In many ways we are an open book that you have not read...yet.

Did you know Sinai Preschool serves a diverse group of children and families from birth to age 5?

Did you know Sinai Preschool is proud to be accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children?

Did you know All of our preschool classes celebrate Shabbat and holidays and at least once a month they go to the sanctuary with the Rabbis? And they get to sit on the bima? It doesn't get better than that!

Did you know If you stop by on a Friday morning you will be greeted with the lovely smell of baking bread and that each child makes a small challah every week to take home (but they often get eaten on the way home?)

Did you know Not only are the teachers highly trained and educated, we provide additional professional development and support their learning?

Did you know All of our teachers are members of the Early Childhood Educators of Reform Judaism and our director is first vice president of the board of ECE-RJ?

Did you know Our parents and grandparents stay connected to Sinai Preschool and see what their children/grandchildren do each through a photo sharing app?

Did you know The children love to come into the preschool office to play with the magnetic letters and get a hug or high five from Jessica, our administrative assistant?

Did you know That many of our families go on to enroll in Sinai Religious School and participate in Sinai committees, events and activities?

Did you know We have a new video about our program. You can see it by going to chicagosinai.org/preschoolvideo.

Did you know You could help Sinai Preschool grow by sharing the video with your friends and neighbors?

Did you know We love to have visitors at Sinai Preschool, especially when they are a guest reader? If you would like to visit, learn more about Sinai Preschool or be at guest reader, give Fern a call 312-867-7010!



What's Hidden about Our New Members?

Rebecca Frazin

Quarterly we publish the names of Sinai's new members to welcome them to our Sinai family. You may also see them around the building, but have you gotten a chance to get to know them yet? In this article, you can read the stories of some of our new members. Next time you see them, or any one you don't recognize around Sinai, be sure to stop them, say hello, and learn a little bit more about them! Look out for more snapshots from other new members in future Bulletins!



Susan Evans, Michael, Jake and Madeline Boxerman

Mike is originally from St. Louis but has lived here for nearly 30 years. Susie grew up in Hyde Park and attended Sunday School at Sinai Temple when it was located there. Jake (15) is involved with robotics, model UN and newspaper at school and Madeline (9) is in the school choir and enjoys reading, drawing and spending time with friends. They try to get out of town a few times every year and always try for a fun summer trip. This year they are headed to France to see cousins who ended up there after WWII. Susie, her mom, grandma, and siblings were all confirmed at Sinai. The Evans/Boxerman family really enjoy the family services on Friday nights, the MLK celebration service, volunteering on mitzvah weekend and the Hanukkah party. Madeline has also enjoyed attending Religious School school. They are especially looking forward to Madeline becoming bat mitzvah (2023!) and Susie would love to read Torah at Sinai some day too!



Coby, Rafi, Micah Derringer and Ariel Yellin Derringer

Coby was raised in the Chicagoland area and Ariel hails from Boston. They have lived in Chicago for the past 23 years and have raised their sons Rafi (20) and Micah (18) here in the city. They have spent a lot of time in Israel, where many members of their extended family live. There's nothing better than a Sunday evening dinner around a four-top playing a game of Euchre! Coby is a member of the Union for Reform Judaism's Board of Trustees and Rafi and Micah have spent numerous summers at URJ camps. They have dear friends at Sinai and decided to become members when they moved to the neighborhood after learning more about Sinai's tradition of social justice and tikkun olam, and getting to know Rabbi Limmer. They would love to explore the possibility of integrating a chavurah-style Shabbat experience within the broader roster of Sinai's Shabbat programming in addition to getting involved in the study groups that currently exist.



Interested in helping to welcome new members or know anyone who would like to know more about Sinai?

[Email](mailto:rebecca@chicagosinai.org) or call me at 312-867-7015.



Jeff Miller and Marissa Brattain

Marissa is from Minneapolis and Jeff is from Dallas. They met at Indiana University, and are getting married by Rabbi Zinn this August. They enjoy traveling, cooking, trying new restaurants with friends, and cheering for the Hoosiers and Dallas sports teams. Sinai stuck out to them for two big reasons: the short distance from where they live and its strong interfaith community. Having not grown up Jewish, Marissa immediately felt at home at Sinai. They are currently enrolled in the Intro to Judaism class taught by Rabbi Limmer and Rabbi Zinn. They would also love to meet young, Jewish couples and start building a network of Jewish friends here in Chicago.



David and Bonnie Goodman

Bonnie was born and raised in Columbus, Ohio. David was a southsider, raised in Olympia Fields, but always a Cub fan. Bonnie and David raised their two children in Evanston and moved back to the city in 2016. They enjoy long walks through Lincoln Park and the Zoo, with an occasional detour to Dairy Queen. Bonnie and David try to take time away from work to travel, which has become slightly easier now that their children are grown. Bonnie and David joined Sinai because they were looking for community and opportunities to engage socially, having recently moved to the city. Bonnie and David have found Sinai members to be welcoming and genuine, which is special and needed in today's climate. They enjoy the Rabbis' sermons and always walk away with a meaningful message that spurs good conversation. The short walk from their home to synagogue sealed the deal.



Sam, Eileen, Juliana and Ari Rainey

The Rainey's currently live in East Lakeview. Sam grew up in the suburbs of St. Louis, MO. Eileen was born in Puerto Rico and grew up in the western suburbs of Chicago. Juliana (age 8) loves to dance ballet and tap. She also recently joined the Girl Scouts. She is obsessed with her baby brother, Ari (age 2). Ari loves all things lions and also enjoys watching movies. Both kids enjoy spending as much time as they can with their grandparents – Gammy, Papa and Bella. Their parents, Eddie and Adrienne Rainey, are members of Sinai. Juliana attended pre-school at Sinai and loved it. Juliana is also really enjoying Religious School and looks forward to it every weekend. The Rainey's are hoping to develop new friendships and get involved with community service opportunities.



Jordan and Becky Pritikin

Becky grew up in Evanston; Jordan is originally from Hyde Park and then lived in Skokie. They have two children, Jacob (age 25) and Eden (age 22). Becky and Jordan enjoy international travel, theater and the visual arts, trying new restaurants and different cuisines. Jordan became bar mitzvah at Sinai Congregation in Hyde Park. They moved downtown after the kids left home and began attending services at Sinai several years ago. They have enjoyed the High Holy Day services and really enjoyed getting to know Rabbi Limmer. They are hoping to become more active members of the Sinai community and participate in some of the adult programs.



Poushali Bhattacharjee, Aaron and Navya Kirkpatrick

Aaron grew up in Skokie and Poushali grew up in Houston, TX. They met in Boston while they were both doing an Internal Medicine residency and moved to Chicago in 2014. They love family time with their daughter, Navya (almost 3). They joined Sinai because they are an interfaith family and were looking for a place that was accepting of interfaith families. They truly have enjoyed every aspect of Sinai. Their first introduction to Sinai was Tot Shabbat and after that they were hooked. They are hoping to grow their Jewish community and learn how best to pass on Jewish traditions to their growing family.



Justin, Kristen and Jack Ishbia

Justin is originally from Birmingham, Michigan and Kristen is from the northwest suburbs of Chicago. They've been living downtown for 15 years and now call the Gold Coast home. They were married in 2017 and had their first baby, Jack, in 2019. They joined Sinai to find a sense of community; also the child programming was important. They have enjoyed meeting new people and attending Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. Their almost 1 year old loves the shofar he received!

Welcome!



Harold (Harry) Basant | November 8, 2019
child of Andrew and Alka Kaufman
grandchild of Jan and Bob Kaufman



Nora Claire | November 25, 2019
child of Jaime and Tom Brennan
grandchild of Bruce and Leslie Boruszak



Isabel Rae | January 7, 2020
child of Camille and Joe Seigle
grandchild of Harry Seigle



Grayson Meyer | January 12, 2020
child of Alyssa and David Jaffee
sibling of JJ Jaffee



Sloan Ada | January 15, 2020
child of Stephanie and David Silverstein
sibling of Jaxson Silverstein



Jude Parker | January 20, 2020
child of Anita and Stephanie Cohen
sibling of Riley Cohen



Josefina Lyndon | January 21, 2020
child of Jesse Welch and Adriana Ramirez
sibling of Rafael Alejandro Welch
grandchild of Debbi & Joe Welch



Joseph Sid | Born on January 31, 2020
child of Adam and Rachel Orlandsky

Recent B'nei Mitzvah



Miles Daly | November 16, 2019
child of Dan Daly and Randi Whitman



Ava Burns | November 23, 2019
child of Thomas and Karen Burns



Nelson Mitchell | December 7, 2019
child of Randy Mitchell and Lisa Gregg



Raquel Tepper | January 11, 2020
child of Daniel and Christine Tepper



Ben Birnbaum | January 25, 2020
child of Peter and Juliet Birnbaum



Carina Bilton | February 1, 2020
child of Aaron and Amy Bilton



Eli Terman | February 8, 2020
child of Eric Terman and Mari Philipsborn



Aaron Black | February 15, 2020
child of Adam and Stephanie Black



Eleanor Schulson | February 29, 2020
child of Gregory Shulson and Shawn Michael Schulson

Newlyweds



Gail Bilenko and Andrew Gordon
November 24, 2019



Arthur Susman and Carole Stone
November 28, 2019



Stephanie Brooke Cohen and Daniel Thalheimer
November 30, 2019
daughter of Michele Tuvel



Andy Sternberg and Jenna Friedman
December 21, 2019



Isabel Kellman and Tom Laser
December 31, 2019



IN MEMORIAM

Our congregation extends its heartfelt condolences to the family of

Cecile L. Birndorf

wife of the late Beryl Birndorf
mother of Randi (the late Richard) Young
and Robert (Stacey) Birndorf
grandmother of Jeffrey (Beth) Young,
Michael Young, Elizabeth Young and
Stephanie Birndorf
great-grandmother of Rachel and
Sarah Young

Theresa "Terry" Bricker

wife of the late Joseph A. Bricker
mother of Leah Bricker, Sarah (Thomas)
Putrim, Joseph (Gretchen) Bricker
grandmother of Sophie, Olivia and Joseph
Putrim, Kemper, Clarice and Mimi Bricker
sister of the late Dr. Edward Berman,
the late Alice and Dr. Bertram Roth
sister in law of Ruth Berman

Florrie Brown Siegel

wife of the late Albert Brown and the
late Mandel Siegel (and his caring
children Morton Siegel & Sue Shames)
mother of Vicki (Tom) Horwich and the
late Martin Brown
grandmother of Jamie (David) Thompson,
Douglas Horwich and Dustin Brown
great grandmother of Lyla Thompson and
Zoe Thompson

R. Parke Collins

husband of Janice Collins
father of Juliet (Peter) Birnbaum
grandfather of Madeline "Mimi", Ben and
Lucy Birnbaum

Marlene Gelfond

wife of the late Jack Gelfond
mother of Danny (Marla) Gelfond and
Holly Gelfond (Haruo) Mizutani
grandmother of Jaclyn and Allison Gelfond
and Lindsay Rabin
sister of Maxine Schultz Levenbrook

Albert Lewis Gordon

husband of the late Carol Gordon
father of Bobbi, (Steven), Sandi (Wayne)
grandfather of Sara and David
brother of Ernie (Marcia) and Roy (Gail)

Adele Joseph

wife of the late Victor Joseph
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brother-in-law of Patricia (Alan) Rubin
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father of Kathleen (James) Hirsman, Brian
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Burson, and Frances (Michael Mitrani)
grandfather of Clara, Jacob, Andrew, and
Leah Roche, Maxwell, Melissa, and
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wife of the late Benjamin Rosenberg
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aunt of nine nieces and nephews

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wife of Dr. Allan Weinstein
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grandmother of Avery, Devan, Jason
and Sam

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husband of Judy Whellan
father of Michael (Margaret Menicucci)
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and Rebecca (Philip) Susser
grandfather of Alexis, Cara, Hannah, Jane,
Nathan, Julia, Allison, and Leo
brother of Donald (Tanya) Whellan

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.

Tot Shabbat

Our music filled service will be in our Chapel by one of our Rabbis and is ideal for children under the ages of 5 years. We look forward to seeing you at our next Tot Shabbat on **March 13** and **May 8** at 5:30PM. [RSVP](#) for March 13.



Second Night Seder at Manny's

Thursday, April 9, 6PM

Join us for our annual second night Passover Seder at Manny's. Be sure to sign up as this event always fills up! [RSVP Now](#)
Adults: \$85 | Kids 5-12: \$36 | Kids 4 and under: Free



UPCOMING

Shabbat Eve Services

Every Friday evening throughout the year, Shabbat Eve Services are held at 6:15PM with Kiddush and Oneg immediately following services.

Watch Services Live

Our Shabbat services are streaming [online](#).

Shabbat Morning Prayer and Torah Study

Every Saturday, 9:30AM

Rain or shine—holiday, Holy Day, or weekly Shabbat—members gather in the library to learn the many lessons of the weekly Torah portion.

Purim Megillah Reading

Friday, March 6, 6:15PM

Purim Spiel & Carnival: That's Why They Call It A Spiel: Lion King Edition. Based on the Music of Elton John

Sunday, March 8 | [Buy Passes](#)

10:30AM Spiel and Costume Parade

11:30AM Carnival

Tot Shabbat

Friday, March 13, May 8, 5:30PM

[RSVP](#)

Interfaith Passover Seder

Tuesday, March 31, 6PM

Volunteer to help welcome and host our friends from a variety of religious institutions from across the city in a joyful, warm and meaningful Passover Seder. We are looking for volunteers to sit with our interfaith partners, talk with them about the holiday of Passover, the Passover Seder and Judaism. Most importantly we are hoping that we can create a welcoming atmosphere for our guests. To volunteer or learn more email [Rabbi Zinn](#).

Shavuot and Confirmation

Sunday, May 17, 10AM

UPCOMING

Sinai Forum: Lunch Series

Thursdays, 11:30AM lunch

12:30PM speaker

March 26: TBD

April 23: Peter Bensinger, Jr., Lawyer
at Bartlit-Beck LLP

May 28: Greg Carlin, CEO &
Co-Founder of Rush Street Gaming

Sinai Forum: Interfaith Series

Tuesdays, 11:30AM lunch

12:30PM speaker

March 10: Associate Pastor Nanette
Sawyer, Fourth Presbyterian Church
[RSVP](#)

May 12: Fr. Tom Hurley, Old St.
Patrick's Church

Film Review

First Thursday of the month, 6PM

Sinai Book Club

Second Tuesday of the month, 2PM

50S AND BEYOND

Shabbat Dinner

May 15, 7PM

Holocaust Museum Tour of
Notorious RBG: The Life and
Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg
Monday, May 18, 11AM

Young Adult Dinners

Fridays, 6pm | March 20, May 29

Preschool Soiree

Wednesday, March 11, 6PM
at Quartino Ristorante | [RSVP](#)

Gala: *Leavening Our Connections*

Saturday, May 9, 6PM

at Sofitel Chicago Magnificent Mile

ART AT SINAI

Guest Artist: **Achim Mitrache:**

"In God's light we see the light"
(Psalm 36:9)

Opening: Sunday, March 29, 10AM

[Learn More.](#)

Achim Mitrache is a painter, sculptor and installation artist. All of his works are defined by the interplay of light and dark in the context of religious iconography.

A LOOK BACK

Annual Women's Retreat

This year 33 women spent the weekend together learning, laughing and, of course, eating. We worked together to develop our own rituals and helped pack gift bags for refugee women which they will receive on International Women's Day.



UPCOMING

Sinai Bake-off: Challah

Friday, March 27, 5:30PM

[Sign up](#) to participate.

Think you make the best challah? Have your challah judged by some of Chicago's toughest food critics. Drop your challah off, enjoy Shabbat services and enjoy some delicious challahs!



Last year's Passover Dessert Bake-off Winners

Seeding Weekend with Stone Temple Church

Friday, March 13 - Sunday, March 15

[Learn more and sign up.](#)

Join in our partnership with the historic Stone Temple Church in North Lawndale, as we move a step closer to planting a beautiful and abundant garden.

On **Friday, March 13** during Shabbat Eve Services, Pastor Reshorna Fitzpatrick will speak on the partnership between our communities and the impact this garden is having in her community.

On **Saturday, March 14**, from 10AM-3PM, we will go to Stone Temple Church to paint and assemble the bases for planter boxes we built as part of Mitzvah Weekend.

On **Sunday, March 15** at 12:15PM at Sinai after Religious School, we will plant seeds in small pots to grow indoors before being transplanted in the outdoor garden later this spring.



Building planters on Mitzvah Weekend.



Planting at Stone Temple Church last Summer.

RefugeeOne

With the continued support of Chicago Sinai Congregation, we co-sponsored our third refugee family who arrived in November. The Abo Jabal family of five is doing very well. Balqis, Omar, and their three children have demonstrated an adventurous spirit as they adjust to life in Chicago.

Thanks to our Sinai community, Omar just received a used bicycle to do errands. While his English is still very basic, Omar has begun to look for a job. Please contact us with ideas for entry level employment opportunities in Skokie or a CTA commute from there. Our congregation also donated 30+ calendars, created booklets for refugee children, and decorated and filled cosmetic gift bags for refugee women. To learn more about how you can help our refugee family, email [Barbara](#).



Sinai members welcoming our Refugee family.



Our Refugee and Sinai families celebrating Thanksgiving.



Deborah Awwad Whitehead Art Opening at Sinai

Chicago Help Initiative Art Program

The Chicago Help Initiative continues to thrive and grow. In January we held an opening of an art exhibit at Sinai featuring the incredible photographs from Urban photographer Deborah Awwad Whitehead, a participant in the Art with a Heart program. Studies show that creativity in the arts can change one's sense of both the world around us and our place in it. To volunteer, email [Dale](#) or [Helene](#).

UPCOMING

Sunday Supper

3rd Sunday Every Month, 2-6PM at Fourth Presbyterian Church

Help feed the hungry by preparing and serving dinner.

Chicago Help Initiative Art Program

Every Wednesday, 2-4PM

at Catholic Charities at 721 N. LaSalle St.

Lincoln Park Community Services

Saturdays, 6PM

March 7, May 16 | [Sign Up](#)

Prepare and serve dinner at Lincoln Park Community Services, a local homeless shelter.

Social Action Opportunities for Your Entire Family

April 18, 12PM at Lincoln Park

Community Services | [Sign Up](#)

Rebuilding Day

April 25

Assist a homeowner with needed repairs, painting and minor landscaping. Email [Jill Peters](#) for more information.

BE INFORMED. Join Chicago Sinai's Advocacy Team.

[Sign Up](#)

As part of our deep commitment to Social Action, Social Justice, and Advocacy join with us as we stay informed and act on important social justice issues to make our world more just for all.

To learn more about the opportunities above, email [Rabbi Zinn](#).



UPCOMING

Introduction to Judaism

Thursdays, 6PM

Third Module: March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2

Learning in the Loop

The Hebrew Bible: A Translation with Commentary for our 21st Century

Third Tuesday of the month, 12PM

at Sidley Austin LLP, One South Dearborn

March 17, April 21, May 19

Bring your own lunch, we will provide the drinks. RSVP to [Emily](#).

Wednesdays with Rabbi Limmer

Texts and Textures

Wednesdays

11AM in the Chapel

Thursdays with

Rabbi Zinn: *Q&A: Ancient Responses*

to Modern Questions

Thursdays

11AM in the Chapel

Sunday Speaker Series

Sundays, 10:30AM

Professor Kenneth Seeskin:

March 15, 22, 29

Author Timothy Boyce: *The Secret WWII Concentration Camp Diary of Odd Nansen*: April 26

Help Bring our Progressive Values to Israel: Vote "Reform" Now for the World Zionist Congress Elections

Every five years, we American Reform Jews can take a stand for our inclusive and democratic values to be reflected in the State of Israel. RIGHT NOW, you have the opportunity to vote in the 38th World Zionist Congress elections to determine "the parliament of the Jewish people" that will determine the allocation of millions of dollars in Israel. Because so many Reform Jews voted in the previous election, over \$20 million dollars of funding has been directed to groups that promote tolerance, inclusion and religious diversity. Each and every vote from our congregation is crucial to combat the discrimination the Reform Movement faces in Israel, and to have a significant influence on important issues like religious freedom, equality, and many more.

Vote from now until March 11 [online](#).



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World Zionist Congress Election
January 21 - March 11, 2020

VOTE FROM YOUR PHONE IN SECONDS

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FOLLOW THESE STEPS TO GET TO THE VOTING WEBSITE:

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Scan & Vote

For step-by-step instructions on how to vote, visit [ARZA.org/Election](#)



Consider a gift to Sinai by donating [online](#).

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In memory of David and Mollie Goodman

Thank You to Our Most Recent Members Who Just Joined Sinai

Sandra Arnold
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Elizabeth Mosk and Matthew Brocks
Wayne Passoff

Thank You to Everyone Who Volunteered during Mitzvah Weekend

See more pictures from this weekend on [Facebook](#).





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A Different Night

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