



## Israel Center Pillars

The Sinai Temple Israel Center seeks to forge an ever stronger link between Los Angeles Jewry and Israel by providing programs and resources with an emphasis on education, culture, advocacy, and travel. The Israel Center aspires to enhance Israel's image and standing in our community and across the United States. Below is a summary of the five Israel Center pillars.

### **Advocacy**

Each year, Sinai Temple takes the largest synagogue delegation in the country to the AIPAC Policy Conference, including young adults and teens. AIPAC delegates and Sinai community members meet throughout the year to learn how to be the strongest advocates possible. The Sinai Temple Teen Center hosts an annual Israel Advocacy Day where students learn to lobby and discuss Israel related topics with local politicians and officials. In addition, each year approximately twenty teens apply to become David and Angella Nazarian Youth Leadership Fellows, who advocate for the land of Israel and the Jewish community of Los Angeles.

### **Education**

Sinai Temple regularly hosts speakers and programs from and about Israel. This includes topics of science, technology, politics, art and more. Quarterly, *Israel Hayom* emails are sent to those who express interest in current news pertaining to Israel and world Jewry. Israel themed adult education courses and series are also held throughout the year. Sinai Temple's Chai School offers Israel education courses, including sessions about the BDS movement on college campuses, and how to speak about the complex Israeli/Palestinian conflict.

### **Culture**

Sinai Temple embraces Israeli culture, hosting events such as Israeli dancing and Shabbat dinners with Israeli food and music. The Israel Center also hosts community concerts and performances, featuring Israeli artists like David Broza.

### **Travel**

Sinai Temple actively engages and encourages community members of all ages to travel to Israel. Sinai Akiba Academy hosts an annual 8th grade Israel trip. Men's Club has hosted trip to Israel and Azerbaijan with Rabbi Wolpe, creating a uniquely Sinai Temple-Israel experience. The David and Angella Nazarian Youth Leadership Fellowship program hosts a subsidized trip to Israel for an impressive group of teen leaders.