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ALSO JOIN US FOR:

SHABBAT DAYCARE DROP-OFF

Upper Traub; 9:45 - 11:45 a.m.
For 5-year-olds and up; Drop-off
Potty training to 5 years old.
First come, first served. No food
allowed. Please pick up on time.

MINCHA & KABBALAT SHABBAT

in Kohn Chapel
Every Friday at 5:45
*Also available to watch on
[YouTube](#)*

DAILY MINYAN

in Kohn Chapel
**Monday-Friday at 7:30 a.m.
and 5:45 p.m. (in person)**
Saturday 9:00 p.m. (online only)
**Sunday (and National Holidays,
when held in-person) 8:30 a.m.**



SINAI TEMPLE

17 SH'VAT 5785 | 15 FEBRUARY 2025



YITRO / יתרו

Torah Reading Begins: *Exodus* 18:1 (P. 432)
Maftir: *Exodus* 20:19-23 (P. 449)
Haftarah: *Isaiah* 6:1-13 (P. 452)
"Do We Believe?:" Sermon by Rabbi Erez Sherman

SHABBAT SERVICE

in Ziegler Sanctuary at 9:00 a.m.

Also available to watch on [YouTube](#)

The Bar Mitzvah of Jonah G. Tishbi

TORAH AT THE TABLE

in Blumenthal Library from 9:15 - 10:30 a.m.

TORAH IN THE ROUND

in Kohn Chapel at 9:30 a.m.

Also available to watch on [YouTube](#)

The Bar Mitzvah of Eli Afshani

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A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MEHRZAD ROSHAN

This past week marked Tu BiShvat, The New Year of the Trees.

It is a time to celebrate growth, renewal, and deep-rooted connections. How fitting then that last Shabbat, we celebrated my granddaughter’s Bat Mitzvah at Sinai Temple. It was a blessing, and a beautiful milestone that reflected the strength and continuity of my family’s journey.

For the past 40 years, my family has been deeply rooted in the Sinai Temple community ever since my husband Mansoor, of blessed memory, and I immigrated to the United States in February 1979, amid the Islamic revolution.

Together, we planted the seeds of faith, tradition, and belonging. Seeing that our tree is growing stronger, with many new branches, brings me great joy. Now, as our third generation prospers, I am reminded of the beauty of planting for the future and the blessings of a thriving, connected community.

Just as trees flourish with deep roots and strong branches, so does Sinai Temple flourish as an interconnected community where each member contributes to its growth, strength, and future.

Just as a tree requires care and dedication to thrive, so does our sacred community. Together, we are stronger, ensuring a legacy for generations to come.

TEMPLE EVENTS

Parsha Class with Sinai Temple Clergy
Every Tuesday on Zoom 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
Next week, February 18 with Rabbi Gavriella Kornsgold

During this one-hour session, our Rabbis and Cantor will dive deeply into the Parsha, offering a contemporary lesson that one can apply in their everyday life.

A Woman’s Perspective With Rabbi Kornsgold
Wednesday, February 19 from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in the Sisterhood Conference Room

In this meeting we’ll, focus on the chapter “Libertina” from *A Bride for One Night: Talmud Tales*, by Ruth Calderon.

Ethics at the Center with Rabbi Elliot Dorff
Wednesday, February 19 at 7:00 p.m. in Kohn Chapel

Join Rabbi Gavriella Kornsgold for a thought-provoking conversation with Rabbi Elliot Dorff about his latest book, *Ethics at the Center: Jewish Theory and Practice for Living a Moral Life*. Don’t miss this opportunity to engage with Rabbi Dorff and explore the ethical issues at the heart of our community.

Dor Chadash Dinner and Tot Shabbat
Saturday, February 22 at 5:15 p.m. in Gold Hall

Join us for a Tot Shabbat Havdalah service. Dinner, art projects, songs and music with the Tot Shabbat Band! Followed by a Community Havdalah Service in Ziegler Hall

Feit Family Live Havdalah and Hilarity
Saturday, February 22 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

\$15/Adults \$5/Children. Light Nosh and Drinks Included. **Featuring:**

- Beverly Live: Comedy from Your Favorite Jewish Mother
- Guy Branum from the Talk show, “The Game Show”
- Movie Night for Kids

Rock Wednesday
February 26 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Join us as we pack hygiene kits for Veteran Affairs

of Greater Los Angeles. Veteran Affairs (VA) offers medical assistance, educational opportunities, and rehabilitation services to military veterans, as well as compensation for disabilities or death related to military service. It offers home loan guarantees, pensions, burials, and health support through nursing homes, clinics, and medical centers.

Next-Gen Zionism: Bold Conversations for a Changing World
Thursday, February 27 in Barad Hall

- Pre-Cocktail Reception: 6:30pm
- Conversation: 7:00 – 8:30pm
- \$25 per person

A ticket provides you with access to the pre-reception and a copy of *Young Zionist Voices: A New Generation Speaks Out*.

Kulam Dinner
Friday, February 28 at 7:00 p.m. - Service with Friday Night Live; 8:00 p.m. - Shabbat Dinner

Are you a Jew by Choice looking for your people at Sinai Temple? Look no further! Wherever you are on your Jewish journey, we welcome you to be part of KULAM— our newest community for present and future Jews by Choice to socialize, celebrate, learn, and grow. Meet new friends, experience new rituals, and appreciate the blessing of being together. (Partners and children are welcome!)

Adult B’nai Mitzvah Class
Starting March 11 thru May 27
Tuesdays, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

A weekly class with Rabbi Kornsgold, for members only. Be called up to the Torah as a B’nai Mitzvah!

MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

For more information or to schedule an individual, confidential consultation for any mental health-related matter, please contact Carolyn Hoffman, LCSW, directly at choffman@sinaitemple.org or (310) 481-3209.

Support Groups
Where Magic Happens!

Did you know? Participation in a support group for a specific life challenge not only provides comfort, but it can also restore hope, build resilience, and create a

lasting sense of community. The Sinai Temple Mental Health Center offers these unique group experiences exclusively for our members: Bereavement, Caregivers for a loved one with Dementia, Israel and Antisemitism, Emotional Wellness and Jewish Spirituality, and the Chai Society Mental Health Book Discussion. We hope you will join us!

All groups are ongoing and require a private, individual consultation prior to joining with the Center’s Director, Carolyn Hoffman, LCSW.

Book Discussion and Lunch - “The Spoon Stealer” by Lesley Crewe
Thursday, February 27 from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in Lower Traub

\$10/Sinai Temple members and \$15/non-members. We will read the book *The Spoon Stealer*, which can be purchased on Amazon. Please read the book prior to attendance. We will have microphones to ensure we can hear each other!

The Sinai Temple Mental Health Center is generously underwritten by the Fredric D. Rosen and Nadine Schiff-Rosen Family Foundation.

SISTERHOOD

Save the Date for Sisterhood’s annual Torah Fund Luncheon!
Tuesday, March 25 in Barad Hall

Honoring with the Ha’yay Olam Award: Shan Farahi and Cici Hallegua. Visit our website or scan the QR code. For more info visit: www.sinaitemple.org/sisterhoodtorahfund/



Scan the QR code to RSVP and to learn about more events.

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