

## SOURCES FOR STUDY



Bible scholar James Kugel describes the dilemma:

Since Jacob was their people's immediate founder, Jewish interpreters were naturally interested in celebrating his virtues—and in stressing the faults of his rival, Esau... Believing that the purpose of biblical narratives was to present readers with moral exemplars and role models (either positive or negative), interpreters naturally had a tendency to exaggerate the virtues and vices of the people involved. As a result, readers soon came to expect biblical figures to come with a clear label: "altogether righteous" or "completely wicked." (How to Read the Bible, 137)

But what if we don't bother trying to defend him? What if we accept that Jacob lied?

What we gain is a mirror...Reading the story literally and accepting Jacob's lie...frees us up to focus inward. Rather than project a holier-than-thou expectation onto Jacob, we can use Parashat Tol'dot as an invitation to scrutinize our own lies and sibling rivalries. -*Our Lying Patriarch* by Rabbi Abigail Treu

**Rabbi Nicole Guzik, November 10, 2018**

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## TO HONOR THE SANCTITY OF SHABBAT

- Any person coming up to the bimah must have their head & shoulders covered and dresses should be of modest length.
- We do not permit smoking, photography, writing, use of cell phones or other electronic equipment in the synagogue on Shabbat.
- Applause is not customary at any time.

Many members of our congregation have had allergic reactions to perfume or colognes. Please keep this in mind when attending services. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

## FOR SAFETY & SECURITY

All children not attending services with their parents must be in one of the supervised children's programs. Temple security will not allow children to congregate in the hallways and will escort them to an appropriate service or program.

## SINAI TEMPLE

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## ALSO JOIN US FOR...

### SHABBAT MORNINGS

Every Shabbat – 8:45 a.m.

### TORAH IN THE ROUND

November 17 – 9:30 a.m.

### SHABBAT YELADIM

November 24 – 10:30 a.m.

### TORAH IN THE ROUND

December 1 – 9:30 a.m.

### FEIT FAMILY SHABBAT LIVE

December 8 – 8:45 a.m.

### FAMILY MINYAN

December 8 – 9:30 a.m.

### STARS SHABBAT

December 8 – 10:00 a.m.

### MINCHA/SHABBAT SERVICE

Every Friday Night – 5:45 p.m.

### DAILY MINYAN

*Mornings* Sundays & national holidays – 8:30 a.m.

Monday-Friday – 7:30 a.m.

*Afternoons* Sunday-Friday – 5:45 p.m.

Saturdays- 4:15 p.m.



SINAI TEMPLE

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### Toldot

Torah Reading Begins: *Genesis 27* : 28-30 (P. 157)

Maftir: *Genesis 28* : 7-9 (P. 161)

Haftarah: Malichi 1 : 1-2:7 (P. 162)

Sermon Title: *Veteran's Day: A Word of Thanks and a Song of Peace*

## ZIEGLER SANCTUARY

8:45 a.m.

Kiddush in Ziegler Hall

*The rabbi begins teaching at 10:00 a.m. each Shabbat*

## FAMILY MINYAN

**Bat Mitzvah of  
KYLEE HAREL**

daughter of Galit and Ron

Kohn Chapel – 9:00 a.m.

Kiddush in Hall of Builders

## TORAH @ THE TABLE

3<sup>rd</sup> floor Blumenthal Library, 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

*To be finished in time for musaf and the sermon*



## TEMPLE EVENTS

### Coffee & Commentary

Sunday, November 11, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

A discussion of Bible topics, this week Dr. Ehrlich will begin at Psalms 44:1.

### Thursday Morning Torah & Alice and Nahum Lainer Learning & Lunch

Next Thursday Morning Torah: 11/15 at 8:15 a.m.

Next Lainer Learning & Lunch: 12/4 at 12:00 p.m.

Spend Thursday mornings with Rabbi Wolpe deepening your understanding of Judaism and our sacred text. Or, join him for lunch the first Tuesday of the month to discuss a variety of Jewish spiritual ideas. RSVP to rpolansky@sinaitemple.org or (310) 481-3228.

### A Woman's Perspective w/ Rabbi Guzik Begins Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 12:00 p.m.

Join Rabbi Nicole Guzik and women of all ages for an intimate Torah study session over lunch. We will analyze the sacred text, along with commentaries, and explore how it applies to the modern lives of women. Register at member.sinaitemple.org/events

### Community Shabbat Service & Dinner Friday, November 30, 2018

5:45 p.m. Service; 7:00 p.m. Dinner

The Membership and Music Committees present, Music of the Classical European & American Songbook. Join us for a musical Shabbat service with Cantor Marcus Feldman, Organist Aryell Cohen & the Los Angeles Zimriyah Chorale. RSVP is required for dinner at member.sinaitemple.org/events

### Dor Chadash Hanukkah Party Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

Join us for an exciting and festive Hanukkah party, featuring a live DJ, dinner, dreidel games, art projects, balloon and bubble artists and a photo booth! Come ready to bid on silent auction prizes! RSVP at member.sinaitemple.org/events

### Hanukkah In Song Sunday, December 9, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

Get in the holiday spirit and enjoy musical selections by Cantor Marcus Feldman, Cantorial Intern David Childs, Organist/Choir Director Aryell Cohen, the Sinai Temple Youth Choir and the Jewish Community Children's Choir, followed by a Hanukkah sing-a-long for all! More info coming soon.

## TEMPLE ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Faithsgiving Turkey Drive

Pico Union Project is hosting its Faithsgiving Community Fest on November 20, at which turkeys will be given away. Sinai Temple is collecting money for turkeys for families in need! Sinai Temple will have a face painting booth at the Fest and we need volunteer painters (no prior experience required)! To sign-up, please contact nguzik@sinaitemple.org. Donations can be delivered to Ellen Pierson in the temple office or made online at member.sinaitemple.org/events

### Shabbat Child Care & Bim Bam Shabbat Every Shabbat, 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (child care) Second Sat. of the month at 9:30 a.m. (Bim Bam)

Young children can hang out in The Elaine & Gerald Wolpe Parenting Center on Shabbat mornings. Unaccompanied children must be potty-trained. We also invite families with young children to Bim Bam Shabbat, a thirty minute celebration held the second Saturday of the month, also in the Parenting Center. The next Bim Bam Shabbat is December 8.

### Annual Appeal Payments

Thank you to everyone who generously pledged on Yom Kippur for this year's Annual Appeal. Pledges can be paid at member.sinaitemple.org/payment. Be sure to login! You can also mail a check or call (310) 481-3202 to process a credit card. Interested in making a new gift to the Appeal? Call (310) 481-3256 or visit member.sinaitemple.org/annualappeal

### Calling All Mensches!

Interested in being part of the Lamed Vavnik Society, a group of volunteers willing to lend a hand when mitzvah projects arise? Contact Rabbi Guzik at nguzik@sinaitemple.org.

### AIPAC Policy Conference 2019

March 24-March 26, 2019

The AIPAC Policy Conference in Washington, D.C. provides an inspirational platform, upon which people of differing opinions find common ground in their passion for Israel. We expect the Sinai delegation to be bigger and better than ever. Register now for the discounted early-bird rate at bit.ly/2RpL4uR

### Saturday Afternoon Minyan Time Change

Please note that the time for Saturday Afternoon Minyan has changed to 4:15 p.m.

## SISTERHOOD

### Sisterhood Hanukkah Party

Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at 11:30 a.m.

Sisterhood is having a Hanukkah Party! Brunch, including latkes (of course!) will be served. Spirited entertainment provided by Aryell Cohen and the musicians of Sinai, featuring Rabbi Erez Sherman, Rabbi Sam Rotenberg, Cantor Marcus Feldman, Cantorial Intern David Childs... and special guest, Howard Lesner! Register for the party at member.sinaitemple.org/events

### March of the Living Mission

April 29-May 6, 2019

Sisterhood is honored to present powerful March of the Living group trips, which expose travelers to impactful remnants of the Holocaust. The 2019 Lainer School trip will be led by Rabbi Nicole Guzik and is open to the entire Sinai community. Visit sinaitemple.org/motl for more information and to register.

### Torah Fund Campaign

Sisterhood's annual Torah Fund campaign is underway. Support the education of Conservative rabbis and cantors, including our very own Sinai Temple clergy, by visiting member.sinaitemple.org/torahfund

## MEN'S CLUB

### December Men's Club Meeting

Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Save the date! Join us for a presentation by Ariella Wallace, former Jewish Service Corps Fellow (in India), about the Jewish community in India. More information and registration to come.

## LAINER SCHOOL

### Holiday Boutique

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The Parent Association invites you to the annual Alice and Nahum Lainer School Holiday Boutique, featuring home goods, gifts, accessories, costume and fine jewelry, adult and kids designer clothing, Judaica items and more. 20% of all sales go directly to the Lainer School Parent Association to support school functions.

## B'NAI MITZVAH



### KYLEE HAREL

My name is Kylee Harel and I attend Alice and Nahum Lainer School. I was born on October 5, 2005. I am the youngest of three siblings. My favorite subjects in school are English and Science. I enjoy singing and performing. I am incredibly grateful for my friends and loving family. For my mitzvah projects, I am working with SOVA, LA Family Housing, and the Lone Soldier Center. I am proud of the Jewish education I've received at Lainer since the age of two and would like to thank Rabbi Sherman, Cantor Feldman, Cantor Peicott, and Cantor Keith Miller for helping me throughout my Bat Mitzvah journey. I would also like to thank my family, friends, teachers at Lainer, and the community for their amazing and continuous support.

## PLEASE JOIN US NEXT SATURDAY FOR:

### The Bar Mitzvah of ETHAN SHAHAM

Son of Catreen & Faramarz

### The Bat Mitzvah of JOLINE SOLEIMANY

Daughter of Sara & Arash

Have feedback on the updated design of our Shabbat Bulletin? Let us know at rlevy@sinaitemple.org or (310) 481-3256.

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## Learn at Sinai 2018-2019 Adult Education & Programming

### Thursday Morning Torah

Spend an hour every Thursday morning with **Rabbi David Wolpe** deepening your understanding of Judaism and our sacred text.  
*Thursdays, 8:15 - 9:15 a.m., beginning November 8, 2018*  
Free for all

### Alice and Nahum Lainer Learning & Lunch

Led by **Rabbi David Wolpe**, these talks will begin with the Bible and trace a variety of Jewish, spiritual ideas and movements, focusing on "Great Jewish Debates." Ideal for members 55+. Lunch provided.  
*First Tuesday of the month, 12:00-1:30 p.m., beginning November 6, 2018*  
*January session will be held 1/8/19*  
Free for Sinai Temple members; \$25 for non-members

### A Woman's Perspective

Join **Rabbi Nicole Guzik** and women of all ages for an intimate Torah study session over lunch. We will analyze the sacred text, along with historical and contemporary commentaries, and explore how it applies to the modern lives of women.  
*Select Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m.*  
*November 13, 2018 and January 15, March 12, & May 14, 2019*  
*Exclusively for Sinai Temple members; \$18 per class or \$65 for all*

**RSVPs are appreciated. To register, please contact Rachel Polansky at 310-481-3228 or [rpolansky@sinaitemple.org](mailto:rpolansky@sinaitemple.org)**

Tuesday, November 27, 2018  
11:30 am  
Sinai Temple Gold Hall



Sisterhood is having a  
**Hanukkah Party!**



**Brunch**, including **latkes** (of course!) will be served.

Spirited entertainment provided by **Aryell Cohen** and The Musicians of Sinai, featuring **Rabbi Erez Sherman, Rabbi Sam Rotenberg, Cantor Marcus Feldman, Cantorial Intern David Childs...**and special guest, **Howard Lesner!!**

Sisterhood members: \$15 • Not yet Sisterhood members: \$18

**Advance Reservations Appreciated:**

RSVP online at [member.sinaitemple.org/events](http://member.sinaitemple.org/events) or mail your check to:  
Sinai Temple Sisterhood, 10400 Wilshire Blvd., L.A., CA 90024

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of Conservative Jewish women



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# Music

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& the Los Angeles Zimriyah Chorale, led by Dr. Nick Strimple



Cantor Marcus Feldman



Dr. Nick Strimple



Organist Aryell Cohen

**Friday, November 30, 2018**

Service: 5:45 p.m.

Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

Sinai Temple Members \$45    Non-Members \$60  
Member Children (under age 12) \$27    Non-Member Children \$36

*Service is free to attend. RSVP is required for dinner.*

**Dinner reservations deadline is Monday, November 26, 2018.**

**Absolutely no reservations accepted after that date.**

**Register at [member.sinaitemple.org/events](http://member.sinaitemple.org/events)**

Questions? Contact Rachel Polansky at [rpolansky@sinaitemple.org](mailto:rpolansky@sinaitemple.org) or (310) 481-3228



## Hanukkah Party 2018

**SHINE BRIGHT LIKE A MENORAH!**

**Wednesday, December 5, 2018**  
**5:00pm - 7:00pm**

Adults: \$18 per person

Kids (ages 2 and up): FREE with a NEW & UNWRAPPED TOY  
(Without toy, kids \$5)

Join us for an exciting and festive Hanukkah party, featuring a live DJ, **dinner**, **dreidel games**, **art projects**, balloon and bubble artists and **family photo booth!**

Come ready to bid on silent auction prizes featuring a **Rock Zen Roll Yoga party**, **Magic Castle passes**, **private Sephora makeup experience**, and more!



**Register online at [member.sinaitemple.org/events](http://member.sinaitemple.org/events)**



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