

SOURCES FOR STUDY



"I haven't the foggiest notion, either, your highness. It's from that troublemaker Moses. He called it a 'parting' gift."

-Rabbi Sam Rotenberg, January 5, 2019

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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.

UNITY SHABBAT

January 11 & 12

FAMILY MINYAN

January 12 – 9:30 a.m.

STARS SHABBAT

January 12 – 10:00 a.m.

FAMILY MINYAN

January 19 – 9:30 a.m.

TORAH IN THE ROUND

January 26 – 9:30 a.m.

SHABBAT YELADIM

January 26 – 10:30 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

28 TEVET, 5779 | JANUARY 5, 2019



Va'era

Torah Reading Begins: *Exodus* 8 : 16-23 (P. 362)

Maftir: *Exodus* 9 : 33-35 (P. 367)

Haftarah: *Ezekiel* 28 : 25-29 : 21 (P. 369)

Sermon Title: *A Believer's Guide to God*

Guest Speaker: Ari Berman

Humanitarian Fellow, *IsraAID*

ZIEGLER SANCTUARY

Bar Mitzvah of JAKE FAHIMIAN

son of Nanaz and Shahram

Bat Mitzvah of JESSICA NAGHI

daughter of Pantea and David

8:45 a.m.

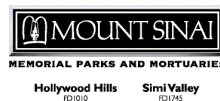
Kiddush in Ziegler Hall

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

TORAH @ THE TABLE

3rd floor Blumenthal Library, 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

To be finished in time for musaf and the sermon



TEMPLE EVENTS

Shabbat Afternoon Torah w/ Rabbi Rosenthal

Every Saturday Following Mincha

Join Ritual Director Rabbi Adam Rosenthal for an informal class on timely Jewish topics. We will meet at approximately 4:45 p.m. and will shift our focus week to week, with your questions guiding the discussion! Questions? E-mail arosenthal@sinaitemple.org.

Coffee & Commentary

Sunday, January 6, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.

A discussion of Bible topics, this week Dr. Ehrlich will begin at Psalms 82:1.

Unity Shabbat Weekend

Orden Family Friday Night Live:

Friday, January 11, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Feit Family Shabbat Live:

Saturday, January 12, 2019 at 8:45 a.m.

Join us for our annual Unity Shabbat celebration honoring the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. Featuring Rabbi David Wolpe, Craig Taubman, the clergy of Sinai Temple and multifaith leaders, this musical Shabbat weekend is not to be missed.

God is in the Crowd: Twenty-First-Century Judaism

Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Join us for a conversation between Rabbi David Wolpe and author Tal Keinan, with a book sale and signing to follow. RSVP at member.sinaitemple.org/events

Shabbat Shira with Nava Tehila

Saturday, January 19, 2019

Service 8:45 a.m. / Lunch 12:00 p.m.

Prayer leaders of Nava Tehila Jerusalem will help lead our Shabbat service, infusing music and spreading holiness and joy. After the service, join us for lunch and an additional performance. Lunch requires RSVP by January 16 at member.sinaitemple.org/events

Roadmap Jerusalem

Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Join us for a screening of the documentary *Roadmap Jerusalem*, followed by a Q&A and discussion with filmmaker Rabbi Nolan Lebovitz. *Roadmap Jerusalem* tracks the connection of Jerusalem to the Jewish people through biblical, archaeological and political history. RSVP at member.sinaitemple.org/events

TEMPLE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note that the January 8, 2019 Jason Greenblatt event has been canceled.

Voices of Torah Series

Rabbinic Views From Our Neighborhood

First Session: Saturday, January 12, 2019

at 12:00 p.m.

Join us for a new educational series featuring three different perspectives from three different rabbis. On January 12, learn about *The Plagues and the Exodus* from Rabbi Joel Nickerson of Temple Isaiah. All sessions include lunch and are for member only. RSVPs will be limited to 50 members per session. Registration will not be permitted at the door. You must RSVP by Friday, January 11 at member.sinaitemple.org/events

2019-2020 Board Nominations

Application Deadline is January 15, 2019

The Sinai Temple Nominating Committee will meet soon to propose a slate for the 2019-2020 Board of Directors. If you are interested in being considered, applications are available in the temple office. For more information and for questions, please contact Judy Begin at jbegin@sinaitemple.org or (310) 481-3222.

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 than ever. Register now at bit.ly/2RpL4uR

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.

Calling All Mensches!

Interested in being part of the Lamed Vavnik Society, composed of volunteers who do good deeds year-round? Contact Rabbi Guzik at nguzik@sinaitemple.org.

SISTERHOOD

Unabashedly Progressive, Unquestionably Zionist

Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Join the Sinai Temple Israel Center and Sisterhood, as we activate our community in the fight for civil rights and against anti-Semitism. Amanda Berman, Founder and President of Zioness, will lead a conversation for the women of Sinai Temple about empowering Zionists with progressive views to stand proudly in social justice spaces as both Jews and Zionists. Open to female Sinai Temple and Sinai Temple Sisterhood members. Hosted at a private home in Beverly Hills; space is limited. RSVP required by Sunday, January 6 at member.sinaitemple.org/events

2019 Sisterhood Classes

Sisterhood offers classes for mind, body and soul. For men and women, join us for Balance Class (free), Chai Body Workout, Calligraphy, and Watercolors. A Woman's Perspective (Torah study) with Rabbi Guzik is offered to women only. For more information and to register, contact Rosa Berman Ruder at rbermanr@yahoo.com. To register for A Woman's Perspective, visit member.sinaitemple.org/events

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

Save the Date: Sisterhood Shabbaton

February 1 and 2, 2019

More information to come.

MEN'S CLUB

A History of the Jews of India: From Ancient Times to Today

Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Join us for a conversation with Ariela Wallace, former Jewish Service Corps Fellow, about the Jewish community in India. Representatives from Jewish National Fund will also make a brief presentation about Gaza border fires and how JNF is responding. Dinner is free for Men's Club members and \$10 for non-members. RSVP by Friday, January 4 at member.sinaitemple.org/events

B'NAI MITZVAH



JESSICA NAGHI

My name is Jessica Naghi and I have been attending Hawthorne Elementary School since third grade. I was born on November 1, 2005. My favorite subjects in school are math and history. I also enjoy spending time with friends & family, babysitting, swimming and playing soccer. I am thankful for my parents, family and friends and our family gatherings during Shabbat and holidays. For my Bat Mitzvah project, I am pledging to donate portions of my Bat Mitzvah gifts to Tiferet Shlomo Orphanage in Jerusalem, Israel. As I become a Bat Mitzvah, I look forward to taking my place in our community and hope to be able to follow the commandments of the Torah with all the rights and obligations of a Jewish adult and fulfillment of Mitzvot. I am also very proud to be able to attend Sinai Temple for my Jewish education and the friendships I have made and continue to make here. I would like to thank Rabbi Wolpe, Rabbi Sherman, Cantor Feldman, Ms. Rosenbaum, Mr. Cohen and Cantor Miller for their time and advice.

PLEASE JOIN US NEXT SATURDAY FOR:

The Bar Mitzvah of
ZACHARY KHODABASH
son of Stella and James

Visit the new cybermitzvah.org to explore B'nai Mitzvah resources, Shabbat/Holiday blessings and prayers, and more.

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A Conversation for the Women of Sinai Temple
**Unabashedly Progressive,
 Unquestionably Zionist**

*Empowering & Activating Our Community In The Fight
 For Civil Rights & Against Anti-Semitism*



with

Amanda Berman

Founder & President of Zioness

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Free of charge • Light refreshments

Open to Sinai Temple and/or Sinai Temple Sisterhood members

At a private home in Beverly Hills; space is limited

RSVP required by Sunday, January 6 at member.sinaitemple.org/events

For more information, please contact Rabbi Nicole Guzik at nguzik@sinaitemple.org or (310) 481-3234.



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Sinai Temple- Ziegler Hall

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RSVP by Friday, January 4 at

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SAVE THE DATE

MMK UNITY SHABBAT

We invite the city of Los Angeles to join us for a Shabbat celebration honoring the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. with Rabbi David Wolpe, Craig Taubman, the Clergy of Sinai Temple and multifaith leaders from throughout Southern California at Sinai Temple

Ted and Hedy Orden & Family
Friday Night Live
January 11 ~ 7:30 pm

The Feit Family
Shabbat Live
January 12 ~ 10:45 am

Visit www.picounionproject.org/unity to sign on as a community partner



SINAI TEMPLE

VOICES OF TORAH Rabbinic Views From Our Neighborhood

Join us for three different perspectives from three different rabbis, all located in our very own backyard!



The Plagues and the Exodus
Saturday, January 12 at 12:00 p.m.
Rabbi Joel Nickerson, Temple Isaiah



What's a Mitzvah? A Kabbalistic Perspective
Saturday, March 16 at 12:00 p.m.
Rabbi Dr. Tal Sessler, Sephardic Temple



Arguing For Heaven's Sake
Saturday, May 11 at 12:00 p.m.
Rabbi Aaron Lerner, UCLA Hillel & Dr. Rachel Lerner, AJU

\$18 per session or \$48 for the full series
RSVP at member.sinaitemple.org/events

All sessions include lunch. Registration will not be permitted at the door. RSVPs will be limited to 50 people per session. You MUST RSVP by noon the Friday before these sessions. This series is exclusively for Sinai Temple members.

Questions?

Contact (310) 481-3228 or rpolansky@sinaitemple.org

