

SOURCES FOR STUDY



The last three plagues befall Egypt before the people of Israel leave their slavery. The ninth plague, darkness, is described in today's sedra in these words: No man saw his brother, neither did anyone rise from his place (10:23).

With this description an event in history becomes current and contemporary. The plague of darkness becomes part of the timeless history of man, symbolic of analogous afflictions that admit no immunity. Simple physical darkness of the night becomes a malady of the individual, of the soul.

There is no blindness like the selfishness that blots other men from one's vision—the darkness that prevents one man from seeing his brother. This is the plague directed outwardly.

-Rabbi Zalman I. Posner,
Reflections on the Sedra

-Rabbi Nicole Guzik, January 12, 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.

FAMILY MINYAN

January 19 – 9:30 a.m.

TORAH IN THE ROUND

January 26 – 9:30 a.m.

SLICE SHABBAT

January 26 – 10:00 a.m.

SHABBAT YELADIM

January 26 – 10:30 a.m.

SHIR SHABBAT

February 2 – 8:45 a.m.

FAMILY MINYAN

February 9 – 9:30 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

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Torah Reading Begins: *Exodus* 12 : 29-32 (P. 387)

Maftir: *Exodus* 13 : 14-16 (P. 393)

Haftarah: *Jeremiah* 46 : 13-28 (P. 395)

Sermon Title: *The Plague of Darkness*

ZIEGLER SANCTUARY: UNITY SHABBAT

Bar Mitzvah of ZACHARY KHODABASH

son of Stella and James

8:45 a.m.

Kiddush in Ziegler Hall

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

FAMILY MINYAN

Kohn Chapel – 9:30 a.m.

Kiddush in Upper Traub

STARS SHABBAT

Gold Hall- 10:00 a.m.

Kiddush in Rickles Gym

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 13, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.

A discussion of Bible topics, this week Harvey Ganz will begin at Psalms 88:1.

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

LA Jewish Community Sing

Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 8:00 p.m.

Free community event for all ages. Sing, socialize and schmooze. Open to the entire LA Jewish community. No experience necessary. Kosher refreshments provided. Program led by Dr. Michelle Green Willner, accompanied by musical friends. Register 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

2019-2020 Board Nominations

Application Deadline is January 15, 2019

The 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, contact Judy Begin at jbegin@sinaitemple.org or (310) 481-3222.

Making Israel's Desert Bloom

Help Sinai Temple and JNF plant a forest of trees in the Negev! How to order:

1. Visit www.jnf.org/trees & use promo code: 792233.
2. Call 1-800-542-8733 & use promo code: 792233.
3. Write a check payable to JNF & mail it to Sinai Temple. For more information, contact Nora Rakow at Norarakow@sbcglobal.net.

Hebrew Conversation Hour

Saturday, January 26, 2019 at 12:15 p.m.

Join us for an hour of Hebrew conversation and vocabulary, led by Sinai Temple Shin Shin, Hadar Karasik. This class is ideal for those with some Hebrew knowledge. Lunch provided by the Sinai Temple Israel Center. Held directly following Shabbat services. RSVP by January 24 at member.sinaitemple.org/events

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 Sinai Akiba Academy School trip will be led by Rabbi Nicole Guzik and is open to the entire Sinai community. Visit sinaitemple.org/motl for more information.

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

Save the Date: Sisterhood Shabbaton

February 1 and 2, 2019

A Shabbat experience, led by the women of Sinai Temple. More information to come.

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 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

Sisterhood Catering

Sisterhood Catering offers delicious kosher dairy Kiddush luncheons for every occasion. They serve parties of all sizes, from intimate gatherings to large affairs, and have a wide variety of menu options available for every budget. To book your next event, contact Jina Rezvanpour, Sisterhood Catering Chair, at (310) 991-2509 or visit sinaitemple.org/plan-an-event/sisterhood-catering/

MEN'S CLUB

Is Tikkun Olam Actually Good for the Jews?

Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Join Sinai Temple Men's Club for a timely and enlightening discussion between Rabbi David Wolpe, Rabbi Sharon Brous (IKAR) and Jonathan Neumann, author of the book *To Heal the World?: How the Jewish Left Corrupts Judaism and Endangers Israel*. Dinner provided for Men's Club members and \$10 (at the door) for non-members. Register online at member.sinaitemple.org/events

Save the Date: Burning Bush Gala

Sunday, April 7, 2019

This year's Burning Bush Gala will honor Sharona & Daniel Nazarian and Julie & Michael Silberstein. Event proceeds will benefit Emergency Volunteers Project, established to save and protect the people and the land of Israel, and Sinai Temple. More information coming soon.

B'NAI MITZVAH



ZACHARY KHODABASH

My name is Zachary Khodabash and I attend Hawthorne Middle School. I was born on January 13, 2006. My favorite subjects to study at school are Science and Math. My favorite hobby is playing soccer. I am currently on the Extra Team in AYSO. I am thankful for my family and friends for their support. As my mitzvah project, I donated food to an organization focused on helping people in need called People Assisting The Homeless (PATH). I am proud of the Jewish education I've received at Sinai Temple and would like to thank Mr. Cohen for helping me prepare for my Bar Mitzvah. I am looking forward to becoming a Bar Mitzvah because it is an important milestone in my life.

PLEASE JOIN US SATURDAY 1/26 FOR:

The Bar Mitzvah of BENJAMIN MUSER

son of Kira and Gennady

The Bat Mitzvah of BLAIR OZUR

daughter of Stacey and Jason

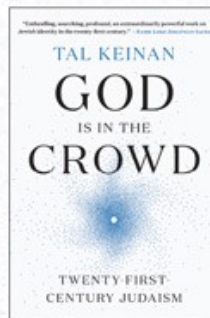
Visit the new cybermitzvah.org to explore B'nai Mitzvah resources, Shabbat/Holiday blessings and prayers, and more.

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God Is In The Crowd: Twenty-First-Century Judaism

A Conversation Between
Rabbi David Wolpe & Author Tal Keinan



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

Sinai Temple Members: Free
Non-Members: \$25

Followed by book sale and signing

Register at member.sinaitemple.org/events

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



**Sinai Temple Men's Club is Proud to Announce Its
2019 Burning Bush Gala Honorees**

**Sharona & Daniel Nazarian
and
Julie & Michael Silberstein**

Join Us As We Honor Them

Sunday, April 7 at 5:30 p.m.

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the land of Israel, and Sinai Temple.**

More information and registration to come.





Shabbat Shira with Nava Tehila



Saturday, January 19, 2019
Ziegler Sanctuary

Service begins at 8:45 a.m.
Shabbat Shira at 10:45 a.m.
Lunch & Concert at 12:00 p.m.

Join the prayer leaders of Nava Tehila Jerusalem, as they invite us into the landscape of holiness and joy. Through psalms and prayers, we will allow the music of Shabbat to fill our hearts and uplift our souls.

*Service is free and open to the public.
Pre-registration and payment required for lunch, which includes performance and discussion with Nava Tehila.*

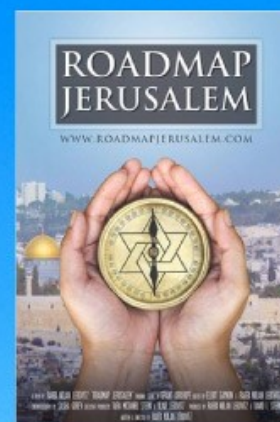
Sinai Temple Members: \$18 Non-Members: \$25
Register by Wednesday, January 16 at
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Roadmap Jerusalem

Tracking the connection of Jerusalem to the Jewish people through biblical, archaeological & political history



Film screening followed by
Q & A with filmmaker
Rabbi Nolan Lebovitz
and **Rabbi Erez Sherman**

Tuesday, January 22 at 7:30pm

Free for Sinai Temple members; \$18 for non-members

Register at: member.sinaitemple.org/events

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

