

SOURCES FOR STUDY



It was taught in the *baraita*: On Passover Isaac was born. The Gemara asks: From where do we derive this? As it is written that the angel who informed Sarah that she would bear a son told Abraham: "At the appointed time [*mo'ed*] I will return to you, at this season, and Sarah shall have a son" (Genesis 18:14). This is understood to mean: At the time of the next Festival [*mo'ed*]. When did the angel say this? If we say that it was on Passover and he said to him that Sarah would have a son on *Shavuot*, can a woman give birth after only fifty days? Rather, say that it was *Shavuot* and he said that she would give birth on the Festival that occurs in the month of Tishrei, i.e., *Sukkot*. But still, can she give birth after only five months? Rather, you must say that it was *Sukkot*, and he spoke about the Festival that occurs in the month of Nisan, i.e., Passover.

-Masekhet Rosh Hashana

-Rabbi Nicole Guzik

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- 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.

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ALSO JOIN US FOR...

SHABBAT MORNINGS

Every Shabbat – 9:00 a.m.

FAMILY MINYAN

November 23– 9:30 a.m.

SLICE SHABBAT

November 23– 10:00 a.m.

SHABBAT YELADIM

November 23– 10:30 a.m.

FEIT FAMILY SHABBAT LIVE

December 14– 11:00 a.m.

FAMILY MINYAN

December 14– 9:30 a.m.

STARS SHABBAT

December 14– 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

18 CHESHVAN, 5780 | NOVEMBER 16, 2019



VaYera

Torah Reading Begins: *Genesis* 18:1-5 (P. 99)

Maftir: *Genesis* 18:31-33 (P. 104)

Haftarah: *2 Kings* 4:1-37 (P. 123)

Sermon Title: *Changing Your Credit Rating*

ZIEGLER SANCTUARY

Bar Mitzvah of

CHARLES DANESHGAR

son of Shirley & Kourosh

Bar Mitzvah of

ALLEN DELIJANI

son of Caroline & Fred

9:30 a.m.

Kiddush in Ziegler Hall

FAMILY MINYAN

Kohn Chapel 9:30 a.m.

Kiddush in Hall of Builders

TORAH @ THE TABLE

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



TEMPLE EVENTS

Coffee & Commentary

Sunday, November 17, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.

A discussion of Bible topics, Dr. Ehrlich will begin at Ecclesiastes 4:1.

SLICE Shabbat

Saturday, November 23, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

2nd-6th graders and their families are invited to join us for this monthly, student led service with ice cream cake to follow! SLICE Shabbat is led by pre-teens and teens in our Student Leadership in Congregational Engagement program.

Left to the Mercy of a Rude Stream

Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at 7:15 p.m.

Join Sinai Temple's Family Minyan community for a discussion with author Stanley A. Goldman. Stanley's new book, *Left to the Mercy of a Rude Stream: The Bargain That Broke Adolf Hitler and Saved My Mother*, intertwines personal memoir with a historical context, as he tells the tale of how his mother was rescued from the Ravensbruck women's death camp. Graciously hosted at the home of Laurie Levenson & Douglas Mirell. Light (dairy) dinner and dessert provided. Free to attend, but space is limited. RSVP at member.sinaitemple.org/events

Los Angeles Jewish Community Sing

Monday, November 18, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Learn the midrashic sources, personal stories and histories behind oldies but goodies and contemporary Jewish/Israeli folk songs. Program led by Dr. Michelle Green Willner, accompanied by Cantor Marcus Feldman and musical friends Chris Haller, Jeffrey Silverman and Scott Breadman. Free and open to the entire Jewish community. RSVP at member.sinaitemple.org/events

Grandparents' Shabbat

Saturday, November 30, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.

Join us for Grandparents' Shabbat, when we will honor the relationship between grandparents and grandchildren.

A Spoonful of Hesed

Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Join Social Action Committee and Sisterhood as we make meals for those in need. Adults and kids 10+ are welcome to join. RSVP to nguzik@sinaitemple.org or (310) 481-3234

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanksgiving Minyan Times

Please note that minyan times for Thanksgiving and the Friday after will be slightly altered. On Thursday, November 28, minyan will be held at 8:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. On Friday, November 29, minyan times will be 8:30 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.

Holocasut Survivor's Brunch

Sunday, December 15, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.

It is our honor and privilege to invite all Los Angeles based Holocaust Survivors and our Sinai Temple teen community for a complimentary brunch and program. Together we will celebrate memories, enjoy live music, and honor survivors' legacies by sharing their stories and Neshamas with the next generation of teen leaders. If you or a survivor you know is unable to drive, please let us know and we will arrange for transportation to the event. If you know of any survivors residing in the Los Angeles area who should be on our invite list please contact teencenter@sinaitemple.org or call (310) 481-3232.

AIPAC Policy Conference

March 1-3, 2020

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. For more information about the Sinai Temple first timers discount, contact Rachel Polansky at rpolansky@sinaitemple.org. Register at policyconference.org

Stay Informed

Do you want to stay up-to-date with Sinai Temple member lifecycle events? Our "lifecycle" e-mails notify members of births, engagements, marriages and passings, as close to event dates as possible. However, in order to receive these emails, you must subscribe. To be added to this list, please contact Emily Shefer at eshefer@sinaitemple.org or (310) 481-3202.

SISTERHOOD

2019 Sisterhood Classes

Watercolor Painting, Calligraphy, Balance. All levels welcomed. Questions or looking to register? Contact Rosa Berman Ruder at rbermanr@yahoo.com.

Mah Jongg Nights

Beginning Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Sisterhood members are invited to play Mah Jongg with friends. All levels welcomed. Register at member.sinaitemple.org/events

Sisterhood Hanukkah Party

Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 11:30 a.m.

Enjoy latkes, entertainment and more at this year's Sisterhood Hanukkah Party. Register by Tuesday, December 3 at member.sinaitemple.org/events

MEN'S CLUB

The Battle of My Life

Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Join Men's Club in partnership with Sisterhood and Israel Center for a powerful multimedia presentation featuring music and remarks by IDF veteran, Nir Rubin. This program is brought to Sinai temple by Peace of Mind: The Israel Psychotrauma Center, an organization dedicated to helping IDF veterans recover from the stresses of military service. Free to attend and open to the public. RSVP at member.sinaitemple.org/events

Save the Date:

Men's Club Burning Bush Gala

Sunday, March 15, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Join the Men's Club as they honor Aryell Cohen and Farideh & Farshad Rafii. Event proceeds will benefit Sinai Temple and Friends of Ethiopian Jews – Tech Career Project. More information and registration coming soon.

SINAI AKIBA ACADEMY

Holiday Boutique

Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.

The Sinai Akiba Academy Parent Association is holding its annual Holiday Boutique! Join us to shop for a wide array of home goods, gifts, accessories, costume and fine jewelry, adult and kids' designer clothing, Judaica, and so much more. 20% of all sales directly support school functions via the Parent Association.

B'NAI MITZVAH



CHARLES DANESHGAR

My name is Charles Benjamin Daneshgar. I attend Beverly Vista School. I was born on October 24, 2006. I am the second of four children. My favorite subjects in school are math and science. Some of my hobbies are playing soccer, basketball, and playing the piano. I volunteer on the AYSO VIP team and played soccer with kids who have disabilities. I have truly enjoyed the education I received at Sinai Temple. I would like to thank my parents, Shirley and Kourosh Daneshgar, Mr. Cohen, Contor Miller, Mrs. Kassin, and Ms. Grant for their time and dedication. Becoming a Bar Mitzvah is very special to me. I look forward to passing our traditions onto my children.

ALLEN DELIJANI

My name is Allen Delijani. I am a seventh grader at Sinai Akiba Academy, I have two wonderful and loving parents, Caroline and Fred Delijani. I am fortunate to have grown up within the most supportive Jewish community, at Sinai. I am honored to have my Bar Mitzvah in the same place that nurtured me and helped me to grow into the person I am now. My favorite subjects in school are science, English, and robotics. I enjoy walking my dog, Ginger, and bike riding on the beach. I would like to thank Rabbi Sherman, and Mr. Cohen for preparing me for my Bar Mitzvah. I chose Larger Than Life to be my Bar Mitzvah project, and I will be donating to nurture and heal children with cancer in Israel. I am doing this because I feel that every child should have the gift of life. I am looking forward to my Bar Mitzvah because I think that it's a great honor to be able to wear the tallit, and to be able to participate in a Minyan and to read from the Torah.

PLEASE JOIN US NEXT SATURDAY FOR:

The Bat Mitzvah of Leah Esagoff

daughter of Mojgan & Abbey

The Bat Mitzvah of Leah Terani

daughter of Dalia & Arash

The Bar Mitzvah of Liam Brooks

son of Nicole & Brad

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THE BATTLE OF MY LIFE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2019

6:30 P.M.
RECEPTION WITH HORS D'OEUVRE

7:00 P.M.
PROGRAM

SINAI TEMPLE- ZIEGLER HALL



Join Men's Club, Israel Center and Sisterhood for a powerful multimedia presentation featuring music and remarks by IDF veteran, Nir Rubin. This program is brought to Sinai Temple by *Peace of Mind: The Israel Psychotrauma Center*, an organization dedicated to helping IDF veterans recover from the stresses of military service.

RSVP for access to underground parking.
Register at member.sinaitemple.org/events
Free and open to the public

Tuesday, December 10, 2019
11:30 am
Sinai Temple Gold Hall



Sisterhood is having a Hanukkah Party!



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

Spirited entertainment included!

Advance Reservations and Payment Required

no later than Tuesday, December 3, 2019

Sisterhood members: \$20 • Not yet Sisterhood members: \$25

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

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Left to the Mercy of a Rude Stream

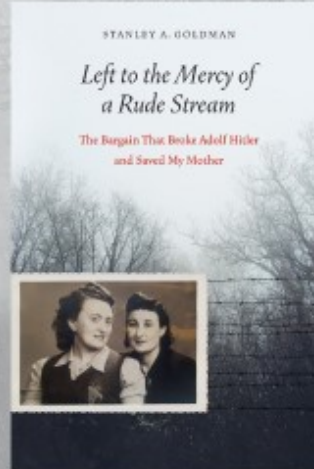
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Learn more about his story.



Light (dairy) dinner and dessert provided
Free to attend, but space is limited

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Questions? Contact Rachel Polansky at (310) 581-3228 or rpolansky@sinaitemple.org



What is the story?

What is the message?

Every Song Tells a Story at the Los Angeles Jewish Community Sing!

What is the moral?

What is the essence?

Thursday, December 5, 2019
Tuesday, February 25, 2020
Wednesday, March 25, 2020
Wednesday, May 13, 2020
8:00-9:30 p.m.
Ziegler Hall, Sinai Temple

Learn the midrashic sources, the personal stories, and the histories behind oldies but goodies and contemporary Jewish/Israeli folksongs. Join us. Let's create a new story together.

Program led by
Dr. Michelle Green Willner



Accompanied by
musical friends:



Chris Haller
Bass Guitar



Jeffrey Silverman
Piano



Scott Breadman
Drums



Cantor Marcus
Feldman

Free - Open to the Entire Jewish Community
Light Kosher Refreshments Served

Please register at member.sinaitemple.org/events

Questions? Contact Michelle at michellegreenwillner@yahoo.com