

Saturday, October 26, 2024

24th of Tishrei, 5785



**Welcome to Shabbat Services at Sinai Temple! We're so glad to have you join our special community. Check the list of exciting events coming up soon!**

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## **This week's Torah portion is Bereshit**

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### **A Message from Mehrzad Roshan, Temple President:**

Simchat Torah is a time of immense joy and celebration, marking the completion of the Torah reading cycle and the beginning of a new one.

It is a time when we express our love for the Torah, dancing with the scrolls and showing our commitment to our faith and heritage.

Last year, on this holiday, one of the most devastating days in the history of Jewish people took place. The anniversary of October 7, the ongoing conflict in Israel, the loss of more than 1200 innocent people, and our anxious wait for the return of 101 hostages have cast a shadow on this joyful holiday.

But we know that the Jewish people have a long history of resilience. We have endured great tragedies and have proven our ability to continue on time and again.

This past Thursday, our community celebrated Simchat Torah in the streets. We danced, we sang, and we remembered that despite tragedies and challenges, Jews will stand strong, be present, and support one another. Let's pray and hope for better days ahead.



I am deeply grateful to all the professional staff and lay leaders who make the Shabbat services exceptional:

Executive director- Jessica Green, Ritual director-Jay Harwitt, Musical Director-Benjamin Fingerhut, Director of Media and Communication- Roy Regev, Audio Visual Tech-Christopher Princivali, Sharona Rachmani, Mansour Eslamboli, Michael Silberstein, Ebby Tabariai, Michael Nazarian, David Matloob, Faith Gershbock, Jacob Gershbock.

**Upcoming Events:**



## **Parasha Class with Sinai Temple Clergy - Next week with Cantor Feldman**

**Tuesday, October 29, 8:30-9:30 a.m., on Zoom**

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.

## **Miller Intro to Judaism with Rabbi Kornsgold**

**On Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. Registration open!**

The Miller Introduction to Judaism Program is the go-to course for anyone interested in building a foundation of Jewish knowledge, how-tos, and practices. The program is being offered through the Maas Center at American Jewish University. This is an in-person class taught at Sinai Temple.

## **Shabbat Lite Lunch with Avi Mayer**

**Saturday, November 2, 11:30 a.m. (immediately following services)**

**In Ziegler Hall. Lunch Included. Tickets: \$18/Adults and \$10/Kids**

Celebrate Shabbat in community and joy as we gather for a delightful lunch featuring guest speaker Avi Mayer. Known for his insightful perspectives and engaging storytelling, Avi Mayer will share reflections on Jewish identity and connection in today's world.

## **It Takes Two to Torah - Book Talk**

***An Orthodox Rabbi and a Reform Journalist Discuss and Debate Their Way through the Five Books of Moses***

**Wednesday, November 6, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Kohn Chapel at Sinai Temple**

Join us at Sinai Temple for an engaging discussion about the fascinating book 'It Takes Two to Torah' with authors Abigail Pogrebin and Rabbi Dov Lizner. Abigail, author of "My Jewish Year," and Dov, Rabbinic Head and President of YCT, an esteemed yeshiva in the Bronx, were recently interviewed on GMA. Their unlikely study partnership was chronicled in The Times of Israel. After the conversation, the book will be available for purchase and signed by the authors.

## **A Woman's Perspective Classes with Rabbi Kornsgold**

**Wednesday, November 13, 12:00-1:00 p.m.**

**Sisterhood Conference Room**

In this meeting we'll, focus on *Chapter 3: "The Other Side", A Bride for One Night: Talmud Tales*, by Ruth Calderon.

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**Scan the QR code to RSVP for these events and to learn about more events. For more information contact Amanda Harrison at [aharrison@sinaitemple.org](mailto:aharrison@sinaitemple.org) or 310-481-3246**

