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## ALSO JOIN US FOR:

### SHABBAT DAYCARE DROP-OFF

In Upper Traub  
9:45 - 11:45 a.m.  
For 5-year-olds and up; Drop-off  
Potty training required  
12 children maximum  
First come, first served  
No food allowed  
Please pick up on time

### MINCHA & KABBALAT SHABBAT

in Kohn Chapel  
Every Friday at 5:45  
*Also available to watch on YouTube*

### DAILY MINYAN

in Kohn Chapel  
Monday-Friday at 7:30 a.m.  
and 5:45 p.m. (in person)  
Saturday 9:00 a.m. (online only)  
Sunday (and National Holidays,  
when held in-person) 8:30 a.m.



SINAI TEMPLE

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### VAY'CHI / וַיְחִי

Torah Reading Begins: Genesis 49:27 (P. 305)  
7th Aliyah: Genesis 50:21-26 (P. 309) - Chizki  
Maftir: Genesis 50: 23-26 (P. 310)  
Haftarah: I Kings 1:1-12 (P. 313)  
"A Tree Grows in Beverly Hills:" Sermon by Rabbi David Wolpe

## SHABBAT SERVICE

in Ziegler Sanctuary at 9:00 a.m.

*Also available to watch on YouTube*

### The Bat Mitzvah of Anna I. Sherman

Honor or remember someone special with a meaningful gift to Sinai Temple. Scan the QR code to make a contribution in their name and create a lasting tribute.



## A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MEHRZAD ROSHAN

Our prayers are with all those who have been affected by the recent fires in Los Angeles.

In these difficult times, we understand how fragile our lives are.

Let us pray for those in harm's way, for the safety of our first responders, and for the healing and recovery of all who are impacted.

May we all find comfort and resilience in each other and our community.

Please don't hesitate to contact our clergy in the days and weeks ahead so we, as a sacred community, can be there for you.

We are available, along with Carolyn Hoffman, the Director of Sinai Temple Mental Health Center, to offer spiritual and emotional support. Carolyn can be reached directly at [choffman@sinaitemple.org](mailto:choffman@sinaitemple.org) or (310) 383-3922.

Shabbat Shalom.

## TEMPLE EVENTS

### Apply Now for the Sinai Temple Board of Directors SINAI TEMPLE'S BOARD WANTS YOU!

If you want to create more lifelong friendships and participate in decision-making, we strongly encourage applications for Sinai Temple's Board of Directors. The submission deadline is **Wednesday, January 15**. More information and a copy of the application available at: [www.sinaitemple.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Board-of-Directors-Application-2024\\_KH\\_New.pdf](http://www.sinaitemple.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Board-of-Directors-Application-2024_KH_New.pdf). **Any questions?** Contact Judy Begin at (310) 481-3222 or [jbegin@sinaitemple.org](mailto:jbegin@sinaitemple.org).

### A Woman's Perspective Classes with Rabbi Kornsgold Wednesday, January 15 at 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in the Sisterhood Conference Room

In this meeting, we'll focus on the chapter "Beloved Rabbi" from *A Bride for One Night: Talmud Tales*, by Ruth Calderon. Scan the QR code to RSVP.

### Flesh Family Unity Shabbat Friday, January 17 at 7:00 p.m. at Sinai Temple

Service followed by Shabbat dinner. Adult/\$25, Children/\$18. RSVP to reserve your spots at the dinner! Musical service featuring Duvid Swirsky and a full band and guest speaker Pastor George B. Thompson. Dinner will take place after the service. *RSVP at [www.sinaitemple.org/calendar](http://www.sinaitemple.org/calendar)*

### Sinai Temple at Faithful Central Bible Church Sunday, January 19. Arrive by 9:00 a.m., Services start promptly at 9:30 a.m.

Join Rabbis Guzik and Sherman as Sinai Temple is hosted by Dr. John Paul Foster, Senior Pastor of Faithful Central Bible Church (400 W Florence Ave., Inglewood, CA 90301). Scan the QR code to RSVP.

### Torah at the Table with Dr. Aliza Lavie Saturday, January 18 from 9:15 – 10:30 a.m. via Zoom (from home or in person at Sinai Temple)

Come join us at Sinai Temple or from home with Dr. Lavie, joining us on Zoom from Israel. Dr. Lavie will focus on "Miriam the Prophetess: The First to Unite the Nation – A Study in Leadership." Dr. Lavie is a former Member of the Israeli Knesset, public figure,

social entrepreneur, writer and lecturer. She is the author of five books, including *A Jewish Women's Prayer Book* which won the 2008 National Jewish Book Award. Her latest book is "Iconic Jewish Women: Fifty-Nine Inspiring, Courageous, Revolutionary Role Models for Young Girls." More information about her at: [www.alizalavie.com/en/](http://www.alizalavie.com/en/)

### American Universities and the Threat of Foreign Influence in the Post-10/7 World: Rabbi Wolpe in Conversation with Journalist and Author Roya Hakakian Tuesday, January 21 at 7:00 p.m.

How did a senior Iranian diplomat who had previously whitewashed the regime's horrific crimes become a tenured faculty member at a storied American college? How do Iran and some Arab states wield their influence upon our universities and fund the campus unrests since 10/7? And what does such influence mean for Jewish life and the future of democracy in America. Renowned journalist and author Roya Hakakian will address these and other questions in an interview by Sinai Temple's Rabbi David Wolpe. The tireless efforts of the mother of a victim of the Islamic Republic will also be recognized. Scan the QR code to RSVP.

### Rock Wednesday! Wednesday, January 22 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Come join us as we pack care packages for wounded soldiers and displaced families. These care packages will be delivered the following week by Rabbi Avi Taff and fellow dads on their trip to Israel! Scan the QR code to RSVP.

### Feit Family Live Havdalah & Hilarity Saturday, January 25 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

\$15/Adults and \$5/Children. Featuring Israeli Stand-Up Comedian Erik Angel from Speaking Falafel and a movie night for kids. Light nosh and drinks included. Scan the QR code to RSVP.

### A Concert to Help Heal a Nation Sunday, January 26 at 7:00 p.m. at the Wallis Anenberg Center for Performing Arts

This extraordinary event, produced and sponsored by Mt. Sinai Memorial Parks, will feature world-renowned cantors Azi Schwartz, Gideon Zelermyer, and our own Cantor Marcus Feldman and Cantor Orly Campbell all under the music direction of Benjamin Fingerhut! Get

tickets at [www.tickets.thewallis.org/20419/20420](http://www.tickets.thewallis.org/20419/20420).

## MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

For more information or to schedule an individual, confidential consultation for any mental health related matter, please contact Carolyn Hoffman, LCSW, directly at [choffman@sinaitemple.org](mailto:choffman@sinaitemple.org) or (310) 383-3922.

### As Seen Through These Eyes The Sinai Temple Mental Health Center Invites You to a Private Screening

Tuesday, January 28 from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

\$5/Members, \$10/Non-Members

They fought Hitler with the only weapons they had: charcoal, pencil stubs, shreds of paper and memories etched in their minds. Join us as we share this extraordinary film about Holocaust survivors who use art to process and heal, followed by a conversation with the film's director, Hilary Helstein. Scan the QR code to RSVP. *The Sinai Temple Mental Health Center is generously underwritten by the Fredric D. Rosen and Nadine Schiff-Rosen Family Foundation.*

## SISTERHOOD

### An Exclusive Evening with Chef Nicole Dayani Thursday, January 16 at 6:30 p.m. in Elikann and Barad Hall

Join us for a night of culinary excellence with renowned Chef Nicole Dayani, entrepreneur and visionary behind Nicole's Kitchen LA, featured on FOX5, Spectrum News 1, Beverly Hills Weekly, and more! RSVP now at [www.member.sinaitemple.org/events](http://www.member.sinaitemple.org/events); limited spots are available. For more information, please contact Ruth Schmuclian at [remsenruth@gmail.com](mailto:remsenruth@gmail.com).



Scan the QR code to RSVP and to learn about more events.

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