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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 p.m. (online only)
Sunday (and National Holidays,
when held in-person) 8:30 a.m.



SINAI TEMPLE

18 TEVET 5785 | 18 JANUARY 2025



SH'MOT / שמות

Torah Reading Begins: *Exodus* 4:18 (P. 335)
Maftir: *Exodus* 5:22-6:1 (P. 340)
Haftarah: *Isaiah* 27:6-13 (P. 343)
“Lessons from the Bat Mitzvah Mother During the Southern California Fires.” Sermon by Rabbi Nicole Guzik

SHABBAT SERVICE

in Ziegler Sanctuary at 9:00 a.m.

Also available to watch on [YouTube](#)

The Bat Mitzvah of Wynter Hakim

TORAH AT THE TABLE WITH DR. ALIZA LAVIE

in Lower Traub from 9:15 - 10:30 a.m.

TORAH IN THE ROUND

in Kohn Chapel at 9:30 a.m.

Also available to watch on [YouTube](#)

The Bat Mitzvah of Celia L. Singer

Consider Donating to the Sinai Temple Emergency Fund - Scan to Donate!

To donate, select “Southern CA Fires”
from the dropdown menu.



Find us on YouTube at www.youtube.com/@SinaiTemplePresents

A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MEHRZAD ROSHAN

January 7th marked the 15 months since Israeli hostages have been held in Gaza. This is a painful milestone that weighs heavily on our hearts. As we wait anxiously for their release, our thoughts are with them, and their families, and we pray for their safe return. Their suffering is unimaginable.

On January 7th, tragedy struck close to home as a devastating firestorm swept through Los Angeles County, destroying over 12,000 buildings and displacing thousands. Entire communities we loved and cherished have been wiped out. The scale of loss is enormous and the path to recovery will be long and difficult.

Amidst these hardships and destruction, Sinai Temple is rising to the occasion, offering help and extending resources to those impacted by the fire. Here are the ways we are stepping up to help:

Emergency Fund: Sinai Temple has established an emergency fund to assist members directly impacted by fires, help rebuild the Pasadena Jewish Center and Temple, and support the Kehillat Israel Community. For donations, scan QR code on the front page of this Shabbat Bulletin

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Sinai Temple Rock Wednesday
- Los Angeles Food Bank
- Canine Rescue Club
- LA Animal Services
- YMCA Centers

Let us unite in compassion, extend our hands to those in need, and rebuild together. Your support can bring light to the darkest moments. Visit our website to see how you can support those impacted by the wildfires.

TEMPLE EVENTS

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.

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.

Shabbat Club: Ages 35-55 Singles Shabbat Dinner
Friday, January 24 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in Barad Hall

If you're single and over 35, this event is perfect for you. Connect, mingle, and make new friends in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere!

Shabbat Guest Performer
Saturday, January 25

Cantor Gideon Zelermyer will be participating in Shabbat morning services. He will also be a featured performer alongside Cantor Marcus Feldman, Cantor Azi Schwartz, Cantor Orly Campbell and Bat Ella on 1/26 at the Wallis.

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 An-nenberg 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.

Two Sisters Book Discussion with Journalist Rosie Whitehouse
Tuesday, January 28 at 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. Online

Join Rabbi Kornsgold for a virtual event with journalist Rosie Whitehouse, as she shares the gripping true story of Jewish resistance in Nazi-occupied France. In honor of International Holocaust Remembrance Day, Rosie will explore key topics including Holocaust denial, historical distortion, and the lasting legacies of the Holocaust. Together, they will be offering a powerful conversation about bravery, betrayal, and the fight against antisemitism.

MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

Support Groups
Where Magic Happens!

Did you know? Participation in a support group for a specific life challenge not only provides comfort, but it can also restore hope, build resilience, and create a lasting sense of community. The Sinai Temple Mental Health Center offers these unique group experiences exclusively for our members: Bereavement, Caregivers for a loved one with Dementia, Israel and Antisemitism, Emotional Wellness and Jewish Spirituality, and the Chai Society Mental Health Book Discussion. We hope you will join us!

All groups are ongoing and require a private, individual consultation prior to joining with the Center's Director, Carolyn Hoffman, LCSW.

As Seen Through These Eyes
Tuesday, January 28 from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.
\$5/Members, \$10/Non-Members

In honor of International Holocaust Remembrance Day and the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, The Sinai Temple Mental Health Center invites you to a private screening of this extraordinary film about Holocaust survivors... After the film, join us to view the Los Angeles Opening of the art exhibit "Art Survives: Expressions of the Holocaust" featuring the artists in the film.

Book Discussion and Lunch - "The Spoon Stealer" by Lesley Crowe
Thursday, February 27 from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in Lower Traub

\$10/Sinai Temple members and \$15/non-members. We will read the book "The Spoon Stealer," which can be purchased on Amazon. Please read the book prior to attendance. We will have microphones to ensure we can hear each other!

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 or (310) 481-3209.

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
Postponed to Wednesday, February 12

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; limited spots are available. For more information, please contact Ruth Schmuclian at remsenruth@gmail.com.



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

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