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## ALSO JOIN US FOR:

### SHABBAT DAYCARE DROP-OFF

Upper Traub; 9:45 - 11:45 a.m.  
Drop-off  
For potty trained to 5 years old.  
First come, first served. No food  
allowed. Please pick up on time.

### NEW! SHABBAT LOUNGE FOR 3RD-5TH GRADERS

Youth Lounge and Rickles Gym  
9:45 - 11:45 a.m.  
Join us for games, basketball,  
handball and fun!

### 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

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### PARASHAT KI TISSA / כִּי תִסָּא SHUSHAN PURIM

Torah Reading Begins: *Exodus* 33:12 (P. 538)  
Maftir: *Exodus* 34:33-35 (P. 546)  
Haftarah: *I Kings* 18:30-39 (P. 550)  
"Which Purim Did You Celebrate?:" Sermon by  
Rabbi Erez Sherman

## SHABBAT SERVICE

in Ziegler Sanctuary at 9:00 a.m.

*Also available to watch on [YouTube](#)*

### The Bat Mitzvah of Ella Ghalili

## TORAH AT THE TABLE

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 Emmanuelle R. Waldman

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A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MEHRZAD ROSHAN

Please join us on Tuesday, March 18 at 6:30 pm for an engaging and insightful discussion with **Rabbi David Wolpe and Roya Hakakian** on the critical topic of the threat of foreign influence on American universities in the aftermath of October 7.

How did a senior Iranian diplomat, who had 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 money and influence over our colleges and universities? What does such influence mean for Jewish life and the future of democracy in America? Has anything really changed since last year’s campus riots? Renowned journalist and author Roya Hakakian will address these questions in an interview by Sinai Temple’s Rabbi David Wolpe. The tireless efforts of the sister of one of the Islamic Republic’s victims will also be recognized.

**Roya Hakakian’s** impressive body of work explores themes of exile, political persecution, and the resilience of individuals against authoritarianism. Her bestselling memoir, *Journey from the Land of No*, has earned multiple accolades, including Best Book of the Year by Publishers Weekly. As a fellow at prestigious institutions and a board member of Refugees International, her insights will shed light on these critical issues.

TEMPLE EVENTS

**Adult B’nai Mitzvah Class**  
Tuesdays from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Thru May 27

A weekly class with Rabbi Kornsgold for members only. Be called up to the Torah as a B’nai Mitzvah!

**Bites of Tradition: A Jewish-Mexican Culinary Journey**  
Wednesday, March 19 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in Kohn Chapel and Hall of Builders

Join us for a delectable journey that brings together the best of Jewish and Mexican cuisines! Explore the unique fusion of flavors, spices, and the stories behind these incredible dishes with *Sabor Judío: The Jewish Mexican Cookbook* co-author, Margaret Boyle.

**The Case for Dual Loyalty with Rabbi Nolan Lebovitz**  
Thursday, March 20 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in Kohn Chapel

Come join Rabbis Guzik and Sherman for an enlightening discussion with Rabbi Nolan Lebovitz on the topic of dual loyalty. This in-person event will delve into the complexities of balancing multiple loyalties in today’s world.

**Shabbat Club: 35+ Singles Shabbat Dinner**  
Friday, March 21 from 7:00 – 9:00pm

Come join us for a delightful evening at Sinai Temple! 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!

**Ghosts of a Holy War: Shabbat Lunch with Yarden Schwartz**  
Saturday, March 22 at 11:30 a.m. (immediately following services)  
A delicious Shabbat lunch will be served.

Yarden Schwartz will be sharing insights from her book *Ghosts of a Holy War: The 1929 Massacre in Palestine That Ignited the Arab-Israeli Conflict*. Yarden is an award-winning journalist and Emmy-nominated producer who was based in Israel for a decade until 2023. Her reporting has appeared in the New York Times, *New York Review of Books*, *the Wall Street Journal*, *The Economist*, *TIME*, *National Geographic*, *Foreign Policy*,

and *Foreign Affairs*, among other publications. Yarden previously worked at *NBC News*, including stints at *the Today show*, *Nightly News with Brian Williams*, and MSNBC’s *Andrea Mitchell Reports*.

**Unlocking Parenthood: Fertility Options & the Power of Genetic Testing**  
Thursday, March 27 from 7:00 – 9:00pm

Join us at Sinai Temple at 7:00 p.m. in Kohn Chapel for an insightful event where we will explore various fertility options and the significance of genetic testing in the journey to parenthood. Learn from our informed panel featuring: Natalie Richeimer, MSGC, CGG: Certified Genetic Counselor, jscreen Education and Outreach Manager; Dr. Sahar Wertheimer, MD: Fertility Specialist, HRC Fertility Beverly Hills; Dr. Justin Houman, MD: Urologist, Tower Urology; Gila Block, Executive Director of Yesh Tikva.

TORAH AT THE TABLE

Would you be thrilled to find an “aha!” moment from a Torah verse? Join a group of dedicated adults who engage in in-depth study and conversation about the Torah portion of the week every Shabbat morning, in person at Sinai or on zoom from 9:15 to 10:30 a.m. The session ends in time for the Musaf service and the Rabbi’s sermon. The group is lay-led, and no prior knowledge of Hebrew is necessary. Sessions are held in either Lower Traub or the Blumenthal Library.

SISTERHOOD

**Please join us for Sisterhood’s Annual Torah Fund Luncheon!**  
Honoring Shan Farahi and Cici Hallegua  
Tuesday, March 25 at 11:30 a.m. in Barad Hall

\$50 per ticket / Please register online at member.sinaitemple.org/events. Advance registration required by Tuesday, March 18, 2025.

DON’T MISS THESE UPCOMING EXCITING CHAI SOCIETY EVENTS

Shabbat Kiddush Lunches

Immediately following services (approx. 11:45 a.m.). We are excited about the upcoming Shabbat Lunches, where we will gather for delicious meals and meaningful conversations.

**COST:** \$10 Sinai Temple members and \$18 for non-members.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the following dates:

**Saturday, April 5:** We are inviting Tot Shabbat families to join us for services and lunch. We encourage you to bring your grandchildren and great-grandchildren to share in the joy of Shabbat together. Whether or not you have young children, this event is for everyone—there will be discussions for adults and children, making it a truly inclusive and welcoming experience for all.

**Saturday, May 17:** Celebrate Generational Shabbat with us! We invite you to bring your family and friends for a memorable Shabbat service followed by a delightful kiddush lunch. This lunch is open to Chai Society members and their extended families—so invite loved ones to join the celebration.

**Saturday, June 7:** A special summer treat is in store; details will be announced soon! RSVP on the Sinai Temple website.

Lunch and a Movie  
Sunday, March 23 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Join us for an unforgettable afternoon of cinema and delicious food! Treat yourself to a special screening of **Farewell Mr. Hoffman**, a captivating film filled with rich storytelling and gripping performances. Enjoy a delightful lunch where you can discuss the film’s twists and turns with fellow movie lovers. It is the perfect way to escape and indulge in a day of entertainment and great conversation. **COST:** \$10 for Sinai Temple Members, \$18 for non-members.



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

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