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## ALSO JOIN US FOR:

### TOT SHABBAT

10:15 a.m. in Weinberg Gym.

### STARS SHABBAT

10 a.m. in Gold Hall.  
RSVP in advance.

### CHAI SOCIETY SHABBAT KIDDUSH LUNCH

11:30 a.m. in Lower Traub.  
RSVP in advance.

### 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

7 NISAN 5785 | 5 APRIL 2025



### PARASHAT VAYIKRA / וַיִּקְרָא SHABBAT HACHODESH

Torah Reading Begins: *Leviticus* 4:27 (P. 599)  
Maftir: *Leviticus* 5:24-26 (P. 605)  
Haftarah Begins: *Isaiah* 44:1 (P. 608)  
“The Missing Child:” Sermon by Rabbi Nicole Guzik

## SHABBAT SERVICE

in Ziegler Sanctuary at 9:00 a.m.

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

### The B'nai Mitzvah of Madison E. Ferey & Zachary Rastegar

## TORAH AT THE TABLE

in Blumenthal Library 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 Bar Mitzvah of Matai Goldsmith

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.



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## A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MEHRZAD ROSHAN

A few days ago, I returned to the Pacific Palisades village, where the devastating fire on January 7th had left nothing but destruction. Homes, schools, businesses, and places of worship lay in ruins, with hundreds of trucks clearing away the charred debris. Thousands of trees have been burned down. Block after block, the sight of destruction was overwhelming. As I passed by the local elementary school, now reduced to rubble, I saw a single word on the billboard in front: Hope.

I paused and asked myself- what truly gives us hope in times like these?

Later that afternoon, I received a poem written by Sabrina Amini, a fourth-grade student in our Religious School. Reading her words, I found my answer.

Our children and their future- this is what gives us hope.

Sabrina's poem is below:

*Dear God:*

*We thank you for the roofs above our heads, the food we eat, and the health of our bodies. Thank you for keeping us safe and happy even in dark times. Help us overcome the challenges we face when we feel we cannot. Bless us all with the strength to carry on and the ability to help others in their time of need. On this Shabbat, may we be grateful for all the blessings we have, and new doors will open soon.*

## TEMPLE EVENTS

**TODAY – Dr. Yizhar Hess, Vice Chairman of World Zionist Organization, will be speaking from the bimah.**

**Foundations: Window Into the Soul – An Intro to Jewish Meditation**  
Tuesday Mornings: April 8, 22, and 29 at 9:15 a.m.

Whether you're new to meditation or have an established practice, this class offers a supportive space to deepen self-awareness and cultivate meaningful connection to the world within and around us. Led by Danielle Berrin, an award-winning journalist and storyteller whose work explores the intersection of Jewish identity, politics, and culture.

**The Nazarian Fellowship**  
Students Invite You to Join Us for:  
**Charity March Madness Finals Viewing Party!**  
April 7 at 5:30 p.m. at Sinai Temple

Music, half court contests, and a raffle! Tickets include pizza.

**Foundations: Introduction to Jewish Holidays**  
On Mondays, April 7, 21, and 28 at 7:00 p.m.

This 3-session class explores the history, traditions, and significance of Jewish holidays, offering an in-depth understanding of its rituals and customs.

**Parsha Class with Sinai Temple Clergy**  
Every Tuesday on Zoom from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.  
Next Session: Tuesday, April 8 with Rabbi Kornsgold

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.

**Baking Biscotti with Paula Shoyer: Sweeten Your Seder!**  
Tuesday, April 8 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Come join us for a fun and delicious baking event with renowned pastry chef Paula Shoyer. Learn how to bake traditional biscotti with a modern twist, perfect for sweetening up your Passover Seder.

**A Woman's Perspective with Rabbi Kornsgold**  
Wednesday, April 9 from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.  
in the Sisterhood Conference Room

In this meeting we'll, focus on the chapter "**A Bride for One Night**" from the book, **A Bride for One Night: Talmud Tales**, by Ruth Calderon.

**Community Passover 2nd Night Seder**  
Sunday, April 13 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Join us for a family-friendly, interactive Passover Seder filled with stories and songs and delicious food catered by La Gondola!

- Members – Adult (ages 13+) \$150
- Members – Children (12 and under) \$60
- Non-Members – Adult (ages 13+) \$200
- Non- Members – Children (12 and under) \$85

For additional information please contact Judy Begin at (310) 481-3222 or [jbegin@sinaitemple.org](mailto:jbegin@sinaitemple.org).

**Atid 2nd Night Passover Seder**  
Sunday, April 13 at 6:00 p.m. in Gold Hall  
\$45 Members, \$55 Non-Members  
Limited Spots Available

Looking for a second night seder with other young adults in their 20s and 30s? Join Atid for a highly subsidized Passover Seder, led by our Atid Rabbi, Rabbi Kornsgold. We are looking forward to coming together as a community to break matzah over the lively retelling of our Exodus from Egypt. Join us for storytelling, great food, and even better company!

**This seder is underwritten by the generosity of Honorable Judges Susan L. Lopez Giss and Harvey Giss and Allison & Bennett Rosenthal.**

**Atid programming is for Jewish young professionals between the ages of 21-39.**

## MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

The Sinai Temple Mental Health Center & the Chai Society for Positive Aging  
Invite You to a Mental Health and Wellness Event:  
**Book Discussion and Lunch**  
Thursday, May 1 from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
\$10 Sinai Temple Members, \$15 Non-Members

You are invited to join us for a delicious lunch and

engaging conversation as we explore the Jewish immigrant experience of the early 20th century, the ways the past informs future generations, and the endless and magical possibilities of love in "*The Matchmaker's Gift*, by Lynda Cohen Loigman."

*The Sinai Temple Mental Health Center is generously underwritten by a generous grant from the Fredric D. Rosen and Nadine Schiff-Rosen Family Foundation.*

## SISTERHOOD

**Sisterhood Shabbat**  
Saturday, May 10 at 9:00 a.m. in Ziegler Sanctuary

Mothers, daughters, grandmothers, sisters and friends! Please join us for an uplifting Service filled with love and warmth, led by women in our community. Lunch to follow.

## DON'T MISS THESE UPCOMING EXCITING CHAI SOCIETY EVENTS

**Shabbat Kiddush Lunches**  
\$10 Sinai Temple Members, \$18 Non-Members

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. RSVP on the Sinai Temple website. Mark your calendars for the following dates:

**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!



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

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