

Ki Tetze: Live Long and Prosper

Within the four chapters of parshat Ki Tetze are found more commandments than in any other Torah portion (seventy-four, according to most counts). They span social and interpersonal, like the imperative to return a lost object and to bury one’s dead as soon as possible; ethical, including the duty to pay workers on time and to protect the marginalized; and ritual, such as the obligation to wear tzitzit and the prohibition against wearing shatnez (a mixture of linen and wool).

Yet two commandments stand out among the rest as the only two to come with a guarantee:

“If, along the road, you chance upon a bird’s nest ... do not take the mother together with her young. Let the mother go, and take only the young, in order that you may fare well and have a long life.” (Deuteronomy 22:6–7)

“You must have completely honest weights and completely honest measures, in order that you live long on the land that the LORD your God is giving you.” (Deuteronomy 25:15)

What might these two, quite different commandments have do with each other? In fact, their difference is precisely the point: the one calls us to be compassionate; the other demands we be just. That we are to uphold both of these oft-conflicting virtues—to reconcile the open heart of compassion with the strict hand of justice—is the challenge and the promise of our being a chosen people. If we choose to live up to it, we gain the eternity of a higher purpose, a greater belonging, and a better world.

Shabbat shalom.
- Rabbi Moe Howard



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9:45-11:45 a.m. *First come first serve!
Potty trained- 5 years old
The Parenting Center: Room 114
12 kids max

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.



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PARASHAT KI TEITZE| כי תצא

Torah reading begins: Deuteronomy 24:14 (page 1130)
Maftir: Deuteronomy 25:17-19 (page 1135)
Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1-10 (page 1138) | The Fifth Haftarah of Consolation
“We Will Never Forget:” Sermon by Rabbi Erez Sherman

SHABBAT SERVICE

in Ziegler Sanctuary at 9:00 a.m.
The Bat Mitzvah of Celine Neman
Also available to watch on [YouTube](#)

TORAH AT THE TABLE

in CC Library Classroom at 9:00 a.m.

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



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A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MEHRZAD ROSHAN

At Sinai Temple, membership is more than an affiliation — it is belonging to a sacred community rooted in tradition, connection, and purpose. As members, we are part of a multigenerational family that celebrates together, learns together, and lifts one another up in times of need.

Membership means showing up — not only for services and programs, but for one another. It means supporting our clergy, educators, and staff who inspire us daily. It means investing in the future of Jewish life through our schools, our youth, and our commitment to Conservative Judaism and to Israel.

Please join us in our sacred work. As we approach the High Holy Days, I invite you to reflect on what membership means to you. Let us continue building a community where everyone feels seen, heard, and valued.

Together, we are stronger.
Together, we are Sinai.

Together Again at Sinai Temple

As we look toward the beginning of a new year together at Sinai Temple, we want to take a moment to reach out to you. Our synagogue is more than just a building—it’s a community, a family, and a place where we celebrate, learn, and support one another through every stage of life.

We know that life can get busy, and sometimes membership falls to the side. But we would truly love to welcome you back. By renewing your membership, you’ll not only stay connected to meaningful traditions and services, but you’ll also help strengthen the very community that has always been at the heart of Sinai.

This coming year is filled with opportunities—holiday celebrations, adult learning, youth programs, volunteer projects, and so much more. Your presence makes a difference.

If you’d like to rejoin, you can renew online at sinaitemple.org or call our office at (310) 474-1518. And if you have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to reach out—we’d be happy to talk with you.

We miss you, and we hope to see you back soon.

Shabbat shalom,

Jamie Berman

Membership Vice President

TEMPLE EVENTS

Praying Writing Workshop
Sunday, September 9th, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Join Co-Senior Rabbi Nicole Guzik at Sinai Temple for a pre-High Holy Day Prayer Writing Workshop. Explore personal reflection and craft your own meaningful prayers for the season ahead.

From Tragedy to Hope: Building Bridges After 9/11
Thursday, September 11, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Join us at Sinai Temple for a conversation with Co-Senior Rabbi Erez Sherman and Sharaka, amplifying moderate Arab voices for peace and partnership in the Middle East.

Selichot: Featuring Art Will Set You Free with Tomer Peretz, Israeli Artist

Saturday, September 13, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Join us for an inspiring evening with Rabbi Gavriella Kornsgold in conversation with artist Tomer Peretz, featuring a powerful exhibition of works by survivors of October 7, followed by a moving Selichot service led by Cantor Marcus Feldman and Benjamin Fingerhut.

Weekly Parsha Class
Every Thursday at 8:30 a.m. starting Aug. 7th

Join us as Sinai Temple’s rotating clergy lead an in-depth exploration of the weekly Parsha. This class is offered exclusively online.

SISTERHOOD

Sisterhood New Members Event
Thursday, October 9, 2025, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Jacki & Jeff Karsh Terrace, Sinai Temple
Join Rabbi Nicole Guzik and Carolyn Hoffman, LCSW, for Building and Enhancing Satisfying Relationships: How to Give and Receive Feedback. Enjoy an evening of connection with fellow Sisterhood members, light dinner, and live music by Benjamin Wald.

COMMUNITY

Fiddler on the Roof in Yiddish
Saturday, September 13, 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 14, 3:00 & 7:00 p.m.

The Soraya
Experience the West Coast premiere of Fiddler on the Roof in Yiddish, a powerful concert production by the National Yiddish Theatre Folksbiene, directed by Joel Grey and starring Steven Skybell as Tevye. With English supertitles, this acclaimed production brings new depth, authenticity, and emotion to a beloved classic.

Please join Sisterhood next Shabbat for Torah Fund Pin Day at which donors to the Torah Fund Scholarship Campaign will be recognized.

WANT TO PLAN AN EVENT

Host your next event at Sinai Temple, where exquisite catering meets a stunning setting to create unforgettable experiences. Let our expert caterers transform your special occasion into a celebration filled with flavor, elegance, and impeccable service. For more information, please contact Judy Begin at jbegin@sinaitemple.org or 310-481-3222.

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