

Ha'azinu: Spreading Our Wings

The parsha we read on this Shabbat morning is the last of our annual Torah-reading cycle. In it, Moses leaves the Israelites—and us—with a poem reprising in expressive imagery the themes of the book of Deuteronomy. One particular line stands out for its vivid metaphor:

Like an eagle who rouses his nestlings, gliding down to his young, so did [God] spread His wings and take [Israel], bear him along on His pinions. (Deuteronomy 32:11)

The image of God as an eagle protecting its young, His people, is not new. We read in the book of Exodus that God bore us “on eagles’ wings” out of Egypt. Yet, as the eminent Torah teacher Nechama Leibowitz explains, the two metaphors are not identical: there, God shelters His vulnerable people in its infancy; here, God teaches His children how to fly.

As we take leave of the Yamim Nora'im, the Days of Awe, a second aspect to this metaphor stands out. An eagle is called nesher, says the commentator Rashi, because it sheds (nosher) its feathers completely each year. So too, we are given the opportunity to start anew each year, to recommit ourselves to our highest ideals. We take ten days to relearn how to fly, so that we can spread our wings and carry ourselves into z'man simhateinu, the festival of Sukkot, with the joy of spiritual renewal.

Shabbat shalom.

- Rabbi Moe Howard



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PARASHAT HA'AZINU | האזינו
Torah reading begins: Deuteronomy 32:1 (page 1185)
Maftir: Deuteronomy 32:48-52 (page 1194)
Haftarah: 2 Samuel 22: 1-10 (page 1197)
“October 7th -We Will Always Remember:” Sermon by Rabbi Erez Sherman

SHABBAT SERVICE

in Ziegler Sanctuary at 9:00 a.m.
The Bar Mitzvah of Issac Rashti

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

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A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MEHRZAD ROSHAN

Thank you to each one of you for your support and for being an essential part of our Sinai Temple family.

We have just come through the sacred days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, moments that reflected the strength, warmth, and spirit of our Sinai Temple community.

As we enter this Shabbat, I warmly invite you to support our Annual Appeal. Every contribution you make is deeply valued and has a direct impact on the life of our synagogue, our programs, and our community.

Together, we can ensure that Sinai Temple continues to thrive, inspire, and grow for generations to come.

Wishing you and your loved ones a sweet New Year and a Shabbat Shalom. May you all be inscribed in the Book of Life.

With love and affection



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

A Single Ember

By *Jennifer Malvin*

One member,
A single ember,
Yearns to spend its light,
Making the world a bit more bright,
Welding together what needs repair,
Illuminating words of prayer,
Warming grief’s cold embrace,
And revealing hidden acts of grace.

A beacon for Kiddush, Kaddish, and community,
Am Yisrael Chai, simchas, and unity,
You are, each and every one, a single Ner Yachid,
But, together, we become a Ner Tamid.

TEMPLE EVENTS

Feit Family Live: Shabbat Dinner in the Sukkah Friday, October 10 · 6:30 - 8:30pm PDT

Join us for a special evening of community and delicious food at Sinai Temple. Shabbat services with Sinai Temple clergy at 5:45 PM in Kohn Chapel. Engaging entertainment for children. The opportunity to fulfill the mitzvah of eating in the Sukkah.

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.

Siddur Project

Share your personal prayers, art, or music for a new Sinai Temple Siddur created by and for our community. Submit your original works to inspire others and enrich our collective prayer experience. Submissions are sent to siddurproject@sinaitemple.org.

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.

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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