

# Tetzaveh: Remembering Redemption

If you've seen a Torah scroll, you know that we "dress" it in a beautiful mantle and sterling accoutrements. If you've read this week's parsha, you'll appreciate that these dressings mimic those of the High Priest, from his fringed tunic to his belled *rimmonim* ("pomegranates") to the jeweled plate borne across his chest:

"Aaron shall carry the names of the sons of Israel on the breast-piece of decision over his heart, when he enters the sanctuary, for remembrance (*zikaron*) before GOD at all times" (Exodus 28:29).

The breastpiece is a memory aid—not for God but for Aaron and, by virtue of his role, all of Israel. What is it to remind them of? The Torah exhorts "remember" (*zakhor*) on several occasions, the last of which we read today: "Remember this day, on which you went free from Egypt;" "remember what GOD did to Miriam," afflicting her for sowing dissension; "remember what Amalek did to you," attacking you at your most vulnerable.

For better or worse, the world today makes it hard to forget the evils of Amalek that resurface in all varieties of antisemitism. Yet the culture of polarization and vilification in news and social media makes it easy to lose sight of who our real enemies are. We must remember our shared history and our shared destiny, that we were and will be redeemed only ever together.

The breastpiece is also a reminder for us. We see it as the Torah is paraded around the sanctuary and recall a fourth "*zakhor*": "Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy." This remembrance—not of the past nor the promised future, but the present—is itself redemption here and now.

Shabbat Shalom.  
Rabbi Moe Howard



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## PURIM 2026

Purim is HERE at Sinai Temple, and we look forward to celebrating together ALL weekend long.

Join us for our Purim Carnival on Sunday, filled with rides, games, and festive fun for the whole family, and return on Monday for a full evening of Purim celebrations including family experiences, a traditional Megillah reading, and an adults-only party.

We cannot wait to share the joy of Purim with our entire community.

## MINCHA & KABBALAT SHABBAT

in Kohn Chapel  
Every Friday at 5:45 PM  
Also available to watch on [YouTube](#)

## DAILY MINYAN

in Kohn Chapel  
Monday-Friday at 7:30 a.m.  
Sunday morning at 8:30 am  
Sunday-Friday evenings at 5:45 pm  
Saturday evenings 9:00 p.m. (online only)  
Please consult the website for holiday locations and times.



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PARASHAT TETZAVEH | תצוה  
SHABBAT ZACHOR  
THE BAT MITZVAH OF PRISCILLA NEMAN  
Torah reading begins: Exodus 27:20 (page 503)  
Maftir: Deuteronomy 25:17-19 (page 1135)  
Haftarah for Shabbat Zachor: I Samuel 15:2-12 (page 1281)  
"Al and Your Soul" - Sermon by Rabbi Nicole Guzik

## SHABBAT SERVICE

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

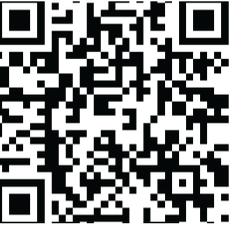
## TORAH AT THE TABLE

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

## FAMILY MINYAN

in Kohn Chapel at 9:30 a.m.  
The Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Younessi

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

What an incredible evening celebrating Sinai Akiba Academy!

Last Saturday, February 21, our community came together for a sold-out gala honoring Jessica and Brad Smiedt, recipients of the 2026 Leadership Award, and Jonah Platt, recipient of the 2026 Alumni Award.

It was a beautiful night filled with pride, gratitude, and heartfelt tributes.

The success of the gala is a testament to the strength and heart of our community. We are grateful to the Event Chairs, Stacey Jasper and Shaina Simhaee, Auction Chair Jenny Taban, the entire Gala Committee, Ayelet Rosen, Eszter Neuman, Janet Rosenblum, and Dr. Lauren Plant for bringing this special evening to life.

May you all go from strength to strength.

## TEMPLE EVENTS

### Purim Carnival - TOMORROW!

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Step into a world of high-energy fun at Sinai Temple's Purim Carnival with festive games and family-friendly activities.

### Purim Festivities

THIS Monday, March 2, 2026 | 5:00 PM

Celebrate Purim at Sinai Temple with programs for all ages throughout the evening, including family celebrations, a traditional Megillah reading, and an adults-only Purim party. Events are designed for young families, older children, adults, and the entire community.

### A Jewish Path to Parenthood: Building Family with Intention

THIS Wednesday, March 4, 2026 | 7:00 PM | Online Only

Join Co-Senior Rabbi Nicole Guzik and Dr. Ellen Goldstein for an honest and thoughtful fireside conversation for single women in their 30s and 40s. Together, they will explore the emotional, spiritual, and medical considerations of building a family in a supportive and open space.

### Chai Society Mental Health Book Discussion & Lunch

Thursday, March 12, 2026 | 10:30am – 12:30pm  
You are invited to join us for a delicious lunch and engaging conversation as we discuss the novel *Twice* by Mitch Albom. What would happen if we had the magical ability to get a second chance at everything in our lives...except who we love?

### Zev Yaroslavsky in Conversation with Rabbi Wolpe

Saturday, March 14, 2026 | Immediately following services

Enjoy a special Shabbat gathering as Zev Yaroslavsky joins Rabbi David Wolpe in conversation, sharing insights from decades of public service and reflecting on the intersection of politics and Jewish life.

### Book Signing and Conversation with Dr. Arnie Gilberg

Author of *The Myth of Aging*

Sunday, March 22, 2026 | 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Join Sinai Temple for a book signing and conversation with Dr. Arnie Gilberg, author of *The Myth of Aging*, in discussion with Rabbi Wolpe. Enjoy brunch and an engaging exploration of health, longevity, and living well.

## February is Jewish Disabilities Awareness and Inclusion Month!

There are many ways to learn more about inclusion and disabilities at Sinai Temple.

Ask Rabbi Guzik about Beit Bracha, our mainstreamed program for children with special needs and learning disabilities in our Sinai Temple Religious School. Thank you to JFEDLA and Looking Beyond, Next Gen for your support.

We also partner with ADI Negev (<https://adi-il.org/adi-negev/>), Beit Issie Shapiro (<https://beitissie.org.il/en/>), and Etta (<https://etta.org/>) to name just a few of the important organizations that are doing fantastic work in the world of disabilities.

At Sinai Temple, disabilities aren't something we discuss only in February. Feel free to speak with Rabbi Guzik to learn more.

## Rosh Hodesh Nisan with Sinai Temple Sisterhood

Join Sinai Temple Sisterhood on **Thursday, March 19, 2026, from 6:00–8:00 PM** in West Hollywood as we celebrate the month of Nisan.

Hosted by Nora Rakow, the evening will feature guest speaker Angela Maddahi, who will explore the connection between Nowruz and Passover. Dinner is included, and the cost to attend is \$20 per person.

RSVP to Jennifer Malvin at [songworks@gmail.com](mailto:songworks@gmail.com)

This event is for women only.

## Torah Fund Luncheon- Tuesday, March 24

Please Join Sinai Temple Sisterhood for a Torah Fund Luncheon honoring Jay Harwitt and Sharona Rachmani with the Ha'Yay Olam Award.

To register online, please scan the QR code. Advance registration is required by Tuesday, March 17 – NOON!



To make a Torah Fund donation in honor of Jay and Sharona, please scan the QR code.



## 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](mailto:jbegin@sinaitemple.org) or 310-481-3222.

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Honor a simcha or yahrzeit by sponsoring an oneg! Your sponsorship will be featured in the Shabbat bulletin and announced from the bimah on Shabbat.

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## SAVE THE DATE

Join us on May 17 for the annual Sinai Temple Gala, a festive dinner and dance honoring President Mehrzad Roshan.



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

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