

Nasso: For Peace's Sake

There is a common misconception that God's name cannot be erased. In fact, "God" is neither a name nor is it sacrosanct; it is an English word identifying the One we call by a number of divine Hebrew names, none of which can be effaced.

But even this isn't quite true. God's divine name can be erased—and God demands that it must—in one case. As the *parsha* describes, a man overcome by "a fit of jealousy" who suspects his wife of infidelity is to bring her before the priest, who issues a curse in God's name on paper:

"The priest shall put these curses down in writing and rub it off into the water of bitterness, and make the woman drink the water of bitterness ..." (Numbers 5:23-4)

The ritual is disturbing, not least for the desecration of God's name. How could the holy priest be ordered to commit a literal *hillul ha-shem*? The answer, according to the Sages, is peace: "Great is peace, as the Holy One, blessed be He, said that the great name written in sanctity be erased in water in order to put peace between a man and his wife."

If peace is greater than God's name, how much the more so than ours. Yet how willing are we to erase our name for its sake? To forego being recognized, rewarded, or right for peace in the home, the community, the world? Only when we loosen our grip on *shem* (name) to make room in it for *lo* (for the other) can we have *shalom* (peace.)

May we find the will to make that room for each other—just as God does for us.

Shabbat Shalom.
Rabbi Moe Howard



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MISSION STATEMENT

Sinai Temple is dedicated to providing a welcoming and caring community for its members, devoted to Jewish learning and support for Israel and the Jewish people, and committed to improving ourselves and the world through a growing relationship with God from generation to generation. We are committed to the principles and values of Conservative Judaism and we welcome Jews of all backgrounds and affiliations to observe life cycle events, and pursue our mission through prayer, rituals, learning, music and the other gifts God has given us.

SHABBAT CHILDCARE

Ages Potty Trained - 5 Years Old

9:45 AM | Room 114

Ages 6 - 10 Years Old

9:45 AM | Youth Lounge

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 NASSO | נשא

Torah reading begins: Numbers 4:21 (page 791)

Maftir: Numbers 5:8-10 (page 795)

Haftarah: Judges 13:2-25

"Peace by Piece" - Sermon by Rabbi Moe Howard

SHABBAT SERVICE

in Ziegler Sanctuary at 9:00 a.m.

"Peace by Piece" - Sermon by Rabbi Moe Howard

Also available to watch on [YouTube](#)

TORAH AT THE TABLE

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

TORAH IN THE ROUND

in Kohn Chapel at 9:30 a.m.

The Bat Mitzvah of Sivan Josephine Zedek Gaslin

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

On Sunday, May 17, our community came together to celebrate the 120th anniversary of Sinai Temple, to pay tribute to Dr. Arnold and Gloria Lushing Gilberg as recipients of the Legacy Award, and to mark the conclusion of my presidency at the end of June 2026. It was a memorable event for all who attended.

I am deeply grateful for the generosity, participation, and spirit shown by our entire community in honoring this meaningful milestone together. It has been a privilege to serve, and I am inspired by the strength, unity, and commitment that continue to define our congregation.

May we continue to go from strength to strength.

TEMPLE EVENTS

Navigating Jewish Life on Campus in 2026

Saturday, June 6, 2026 | 12:00 PM

Enjoy a special Shabbat gathering with bagels and fruit, good company, and thoughtful conversation between Emeritus Rabbi David Wolpe, UCLA Chancellor Julio Frenk, and Associate of the Chancellor Dr. Felicia Marie Knaul as they share insights and reflections in a warm, welcoming setting. This is a meaningful way to continue the spirit of Shabbat together after services.

Dodger Game with Sinai Temple

Sunday, June 7, 2026 | 1:10 PM

Join us at Dodger Stadium for an exciting game as the Dodgers take on the Los Angeles Angels! Get ready for a day filled with fun, food, and of course, baseball! We will be seated in section 164LG in the shade!

This will take place at Dodger Stadium.

The Hidden Key to a Meaningful Life with Rabbi Nicole

Guzik & Chanel Halimi

Wednesday, June 10, 2026 | 7:00 PM

Join Co-Senior Rabbi Nicole Guzik and Chanel Halimi, LMFT, for an open and thoughtful conversation exploring "The Hidden Key to a Meaningful Life." Together, they'll reflect on why therapy matters and the powerful role it can play in helping us better understand ourselves.

Pink Shabbat

Saturday, June 13, 2026 | 10:00 AM

Join Sinai Temple STARS Religious School for Pink Shabbat as we come together to spread kindness, love, and support for those affected by breast and ovarian cancer. We will also celebrate our fearless Shinshinit, Lia, with a meaningful morning of community, connection, and pink spirit.

Learning with Rabbi David Wolpe

Tuesday, June 16, 2026 | 7:00 PM

Don't miss the final class in this inspiring series as we trace the wisdom, texts, and teachings that have guided Jewish life, from ancient foundations to medieval depth and modern relevance.

Calling All Young Voices!

Sinai Temple children **ages 8 to 11** have an exciting new opportunity to lead our congregation in prayer. Every Shabbat morning, students are invited to arrive early at **8:30 a.m.** to meet in Cantor Feldman's office and receive a solo for that day's service.

Whether it is singing *Romemu*, *Baruch Sheamar*, *Ashrei*, or *Yotzer Or*, just show up and the solo is yours! Family and friends can proudly watch in person or via our livestream. As an added bonus, participants will receive a special assortment of sweet treats.

No RSVP is needed. Step into your Jewish roots, enjoy some baked goods, and let your voice be heard in the Ziegler Sanctuary!

L'Shalom,

Cantor Marcus Feldman and Benjamin Fingerhut

Sisterhood Installation & Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

Join us for the Sisterhood Installation & Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast at Sinai Temple as we install President Estelle Marco and welcome the incoming Board of Directors. We will also take time to honor and celebrate our volunteers, followed by a festive breakfast together.

Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at 10:00 AM in Gold Hall
\$20 per person | Registration required

To RSVP, please visit <https://www.sinaitemple.org/community/sisterhood/>

Expand Your Mind with the Community Scholar Program

Learning doesn't stop. It evolves, deepens, and inspires. Sinai Temple is proud to partner with the Community Scholar Program (CSP), now in its 24th year, to bring members dynamic online learning with renowned scholars, authors, and thought leaders exploring Jewish history, culture, and ideas that resonate today. With engaging programs for late May, there is something for everyone to learn, connect, and be inspired.

Explore upcoming programs and register at www.sinaitemple.org/adult-education-classes-2025-26/

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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