

Ki Tavo: Comings and Goings

I have a mezuzah on my front door (purchased from our own Sisterhood gift shop, which is worth your visit) engraved with a verse from this parsha:

ברוך אתה בראך וברוך אתה בצאתך
Baruch ata b'voecha u'varuch ata b'tzetecha
"Blessed shall you be in your comings and blessed shall you be in your goings." (Deuteronomy 28:6)

It's a lovely sentiment—but it seems backwards. Shouldn't "goings" precede "comings"? After all, I see it first when I'm *going* out the door in the morning and last when I'm *coming* home in the evening.

I'm not the first to notice: Our sages were piqued by this inconsistency and resolved it in a number of ways. One understands "comings and goings" like we do as an idiom for activity in general. Another reads "coming" like the Torah does as a euphemism (for you-know-what) and "going" as "progeny," that ours should be like us (which might be a blessing or a curse). A third takes "coming" and "going" as one-time events, the bookends of life: that we exit this world as pure of heart as we enter it.

I will add a fourth to the mix. "Going" doesn't imply any particular direction; "coming" requires a destination. The order is not of chronology but priority: that we be oriented and not aimless, that we lead our lives with and for a purpose, that we come closer to ourselves, to others, and to God each time we step out our door.

And when the going gets tough, may the coming get us through.

Shabbat Shalom.
Rabbi Moe Howard

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PARASHAT KI TAVO | כי תבוא
THE BAR MITZVAH OF DANIEL FOULADIAN
Torah reading begins: Deuteronomy 26:1 (page 1140)
Maftir: Deuteronomy 27:7-10 (page 1145)
Haftarah: Isaiah 60:1-10 (page 1161)
(The Sixth Haftarah of Consolation)
"Jewish Leadership": Sermon by Rabbi Nicole Guzik

Los Angeles Premiere of *TOVAH* + Live Discussion with Tovah Feldshuh
*Join us **Wednesday, September 2 at 7:00 PM** for the Los Angeles Premiere of **Tovah**, a powerful documentary exploring the extraordinary life and legacy of actress and activist Tovah Feldshuh. Following the screening, enjoy a conversation with Tovah Feldshuh, director David Serero, and Co-Senior Rabbi Nicole Guzik. **Adam Brody, Tovah's on-screen son in Netflix's "Nobody Wants This," will also be in attendance.***

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.



Find us on YouTube at www.youtube.com/@SinaiTemplePresents



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.

MINCHA & KABBALAT SHABBAT
in Kohn Chapel
Every Friday at 5:45 PM
Also available to watch on YouTube

SHABBAT SERVICE
in Ziegler Sanctuary at 9:00 a.m.
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 Lev Sidkoff

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.

TEMPLE EVENTS

From Selichot to Tomorrow: The Future of Judaism
Saturday, September 5, 2026 | 8:15 PM
Gather with our community for an evening of prayer, music, reflection, and conversation about the future of Jewish life with rabbis, cantors, and musical leaders from across the Los Angeles Jewish community.

Sinai Speaks: High Holy Day Prep with Rabbi Moe and Remi Haik Weinberg
Wednesday, September 9, 2026 | 7:00 PM | Online

Join a powerful conversation about personal renewal with Rabbi Moe and teacher and author of *The Lost Wisdom of Rambam*, Remi Haik Weinberg. During this session, attendees will learn how to release habits that no longer serve us and set intentions for the year ahead. We will explore the connection between spiritual reset, mindset, and practical lifestyle shifts that support a fresh start.

Joy and Jerry^z! Monkarsh Family Erev Rosh Hashanah
Friday, September 11, 2026 | 7:00 PM

Welcome the New Year with our Joy and Jerry^z! Monkarsh Family Erev Rosh Hashanah service, featuring acclaimed Jewish musician Rick Recht. Join us as we gather to reflect, celebrate, pray, and Elevate: A New Year Rising. Open to everyone, no ticket needed.

Feit Family Live: Tashlich on the Beach
Tuesday, September 15, 2026 | 5:00 PM

Join us at the beach for a meaningful Tashlich experience featuring a musical service led by Sinai Temple clergy and our Music Director. Afterward, enjoy a pizza dinner with the community as we welcome the new year together. All ages are welcome, and families with kids of all ages are encouraged to join us! Location will be provided in future communications.

Order Your Lulav and Etrog Set for Sukkot

Reserve your lulav and etrog set today and prepare to welcome Sukkot, beginning Friday evening, September 25.

Early bird special for orders placed before 9/1/26: \$45.00 per set. \$50.00 thereafter. Order deadline: Tuesday, September 22. Visit [sinaitemple.org](https://www.sinaitemple.org) to place your order.

Questions? Call Jay: (310) 481-3201 or email jharwitt@sinaitemple.org.



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Sisterhood Torah Fund Scholarship Campaign

Please support the **Sisterhood Torah Fund Scholarship Campaign**. These scholarships make it possible for future clergy, educators, and Jewish lay leaders in the Conservative/Masorti movement to pursue their calling. Sinai Temple clergy received these scholarships when they were students.

Please join **Sisterhood for Torah Fund Pin Day: today, August 29**, as we recognize donors during Shabbat services.

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Contributions are tax-deductible pursuant to IRS regulations. Please forward your emailed receipt to Carole Kahn, Sisterhood Torah Fund VP: carole@carolekahnlaw.com.

Teen Rosh Hashanah Service with Rick Recht For Grades 7–12

Join us for an incredible teen-led Rosh Hashanah service with **Rick Recht** on **Saturday, September 12 at 10:30 AM in Kohn Chapel**. This meaningful and energetic service is hosted and created by teens, with Kiddush in the Youth Lounge following the service.

Interested in participating? Contact Atara Rush at arush@sinaitemple.org or Rabbi Moe Howard at mhoward@sinaitemple.org.

Club Z: Israel Education. Stronger Together For 10th Graders

Club Z partners with Sinai Temple to empower Jewish teens through engaging, relevant, and impactful education programs that build knowledge, confidence, and a deeper connection to Jewish identity and Israel. Programming includes Israel education, trivia nights, debate training, public speaking, and more.

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From Selichot on September 5 through Yom Kippur, find every service, venue, and leader clearly detailed in one place on our website.

Explore meaningful experiences for every age and stage, including services in **Ziegler Sanctuary** and **Barad Hall, Torah in the Round**, the **Traditional Family Minyan**, **Rosh Hashanah Learning**, **Dor Chadash/Shofar Blast**, and special programming for teens, families, and young adults.

Ready for your High Holy Days? Explore the full schedule, locations, and everything you need to find the experience that's right for you.

Please Visit: [sinaitemple.org/high-holy-days/](https://www.sinaitemple.org/high-holy-days/)

SINAI TEMPLE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Religious School Starts August 30!

We're excited to welcome our STARS families back for a new school year beginning **Sunday, August 30!** We look forward to seeing familiar faces, welcoming new families, and filling our classrooms with learning, laughter, and Jewish connection.

Here's to another wonderful year of growing, learning, and celebrating together!

SINAI AKIBA ACADEMY

Sinai Akiba Academy is back to school!

We're excited to welcome our students, families, faculty, and staff back for the new school year. The first day of school is **Monday, August 31**, and we can't wait to begin a wonderful year together!



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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.

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