

The Sinai Messenger

Temple Sinai

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January, 2025
February, 2025

Tevet/Sh'vat 5785
Sh'vat 5785



Worship Service Schedule

January 2025

Tevet/Sh'vat 5785

February 2025

Sh'vat 5785

Friday, January 3

Vayigash

Torah: Genesis 44:18 – 47:27

Friday, February 7

Beshalach

Torah: Exodus 13:17 – 17:16

Friday, January 10

6:00PM

Vayechi

Torah: Genesis 47:28 – 50:26

****Rabbi Sam Service****

Friday, February 14

Yitro

Torah: Exodus 18:1 – 20:23

Friday, January 17

Shemot

Torah: Exodus 1:1 – 6:1

Friday, February 21

Mishpatim

Torah: Exodus 21:1 – 24:18

****Rabbi Sam Service****

Friday, January 24

Va'era

Torah: Exodus 6:2 – 9:35

Friday, February 28

Terumah

Torah: Exodus 25:1 – 27:19

Friday, January 31

6:00PM

Bo

Torah: Exodus 10:1 – 13:16

****Rabbi Sam Service****

We will have in-person services
at the Temple on weeks that
Rabbi Sam is with us.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Please mark your calendars for our Annual Congregational Meeting, which will be on **Tuesday, March 11th**. A change was made due to Mardi Gras falling on the first Tuesday of March this year. More information will go out at the end of February.

Mi' she' bei' rach

Wishing a Refuah Sh'leimah, a complete and speedy recovery, to:

Bill Levy, Tony DiBartolo, Barbara DiBartolo, Millie Mylander, and Diane McCarthy

Happy Anniversary

January Anniversaries

3: Barbara & Tony DiBartolo
19: Carol & Charlie St. Dizier

Kroger Reward Program

If you have not already renewed your Kroger rewards card, please go to www.kroger.com/account/update log in, and renew your card with:

Organization Name:
Temple Sinai

Organization Number:
IE298

as the recipient of your rewards.

MAZEL TOV

Mazel Tov to Tevya Turner for being named Calcasieu Parish's Elementary Teacher of the Year for the 2024-2025 school year. Her family is so proud of her and wishes her good luck as she moves on to the state level competition!

MENORAH LIGHTING 2024

A huge thank you to the Chabad of Baton Rouge and Randy Fuerst for setting up our annual Menorah Lighting. The weather may have affected the attendance, but the event was enjoyed by all who attended.



Mayor Nic Hunter and his children join Rabbi Peretz in front of the menorah. The mayor lit the shamash.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January Birthdays

- 3 Joel Dondis
- 6 Sandy Desadier
- 6 Wendie Nordgren
- 8 Rabbi Sam Rheins
- 9 Benjamin Gall
- 16 Robert Levy
- 19 Howard Wasserman
- 21 David Holtzman
- 25 Hayes Michel
- 25 Jeff Hankin
- 27 Barbara DiBartolo
- 28 Calvin Billings
- 30 Charley Turner

February Birthdays

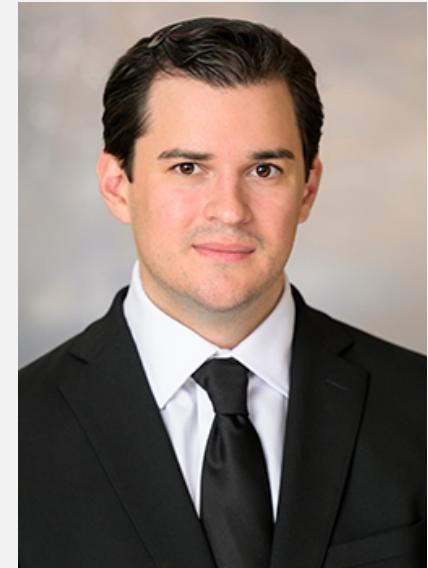
- 8 Bruce Katz
- 12 Jennifer Goldman Pollack
- 18 Shirley Riff Billings
- 22 Ron Desadier
- 23 Meyer J Schwartzberg
- 25 Mark Holtzman
- 26 Sarah Hodnett
- 27 Sallie Dondis

Message from the Rabbi:

Shalom,

Happy New Year 2025! Even though we celebrate a new calendar year, as Jews we know that the “real” New Year is filled with apples and honey, the sounding of the Shofar, and wishing one another *L’shanah Tovah*!

Regardless, on both new years, it is customary to engage in *Cheshbon Hanefesh*, an accounting of one’s soul. We reflect on who we are and the people we want to be. We try to better ourselves and set resolutions for self-improvement. This is all well and good. But this year I think it is wise to also perform *Cheshbon HaTzibur*, an accounting of one’s community. The question is: how can we as a Jewish people be the best we can be?



For guidance, let us look to the Book of Exodus which we will soon be reading. One of the major motifs of Exodus is the formation of the Israelite nation. The book of Genesis tells the stories of families and family dynamics, specifically Abraham and Sarah and their descendants. But Exodus tells the story of how we became a nation, how God rescued us from Egypt, how Moses gave us God’s Torah which provided the legal framework for how we live our lives, and how to function as a community.

This new year, let us take the time to reflect on our Jewish community. What are our strengths? What are the things we can do better as a people? And what can we as individuals do to more strongly support *Am Yisrael*, the Jewish Nation, in the United States, in communities abroad, and in our ancestral homeland, *Eretz Yisrael*? I look forward to discussing this with you and hearing your thoughts.

May all of us have a happy, healthy, and sweet New Year 2025!

B’shalom,

Rabbi Sam

FROM THE PRESIDENTS' DESK

Happy 2025 to all! We hope everyone had a wonderful Hanukkah and if you attended our latke dinner on December 20th, then you had a fantastic treat. Many, many thanks to Judy and Bruce Katz for their culinary expertise! They never disappoint! Also, on December 26th, Chabad of Baton Rouge celebrated the second night of Hanukkah with us by inviting Nick Hunter, Mayor of the City of Lake Charles, and two of his children to light a 9-foot menorah on the steps of Historic City Hall. We wish to thank Rabbi Peretz Kazen and his wife Mushka of Chabad of Baton Rouge, and Randy Fuerst for uniting us to enjoy the Festival of Lights.

Early 2025 has a lot of activities for our Congregation. We start off the year by celebrating Rabbi Sam's 30th birthday, which is actually January 8th, but we will celebrate on Friday night, January 10th when Rabbi Sam joins us for Shabbat. Additionally, we'll have his mother, Rabbi Susan Rheins, as our guest that evening! And Katie Evans, one of our High Holy Day soloists, will begin singing with us on Shabbats when Rabbi Sam is here. What a way to start the new year!

And on Friday, January 31st, we'll host a Musical Shabbat with guest vocalist and musician David Scott from Congregation Beth Israel. We are in for a real treat including new music!

Our Congregational Meeting, per our bylaws, falls on the first Tuesday in March. This year the first Tuesday in March is Mardi Gras! Consequently, we have moved the meeting to March 11th. Please mark your calendar with all of the aforementioned events.

A big "thank you" to Tevya Turner, Charlene Blevins, and Bruce Katz for agreeing to serve on the Nominating Committee. This trio will be recruiting new Board Members and subsequently, future officers, so if you are interested in serving, please reach out to one of them. To qualify, one must be a member of Temple Sinai for a minimum of one year and be a member in good standing. It truly is an honor and a privilege to serve, so please say "yes" when contacted.

And we hope everyone has noticed that the raised cement piece that was a tripping hazard on the corner of our property by the sidewalk has been removed, thanks to Joel Davidson! The next move is a wider sidewalk for ease of access for canes, walkers, wheelchairs, and all in general.



So, as you can see, 2025 is looking to be a great new year for Temple Sinai. The only thing that could make it better is your participation and attendance. We are looking forward to seeing everyone.

Here's to a great 2025,

Karen and Sandy

Temple Sinai Co-Presidents

TEMPLE CHANUKAH CELEBRATION 2024

We enjoyed a wonderful pre-Chanukah celebration led by Rabbi Sam. Judy & Bruce Katz's latkes did not disappoint AGAIN!! Chris Blevins decorated the courtyard, and the tables looked fabulous with all the Shabbat Candles brought from everyone's homes. A huge thank you to all who helped with the clean-up; teamwork is the best work!!





RealArt DeRidder Group Exhibition

OPENING RECEPTION:
JANUARY 10, 5:30PM-7:30PM



**HISTORIC
CITY HALL**
Arts & Cultural Center

1ST FLOOR GALLERY
HISTORIC CITY HALL
1001 Ryan Street



Zichronam Livracha

May their memories be a blessing**January 3, 2025**

Minnie Pearl Levy (1)
 Roy Prater (1)
 Jacob Winner (1)
 Isaac Reinauer (2)
 Vergie Comeaux (3)
 Kenneth Hartman (3)

Mother of Bill Levy
 Brother of Hilda Landry
 Grandfather of Harry Kleinman
 Great Grandfather of David Reinauer
 Grandmother of Rebecca Cowie
 Father of Ted Hartman

January 10, 2025

Rebecca Reinauer (4)
 Esther Goldman (5)
 Rose Hebert (5)
 Sarah Rebecca Wolf Klaus (5)
 Cora Gulou Mylander (5)
 David Mitchell Goldman (6)
 Bertha Greenwood Runte (6)
 Dora Thibodeaux (7)
 Irving Bachrack (8)
 Marlene Levite (9)
 Adele H. Greenberg (10)

Great Grandmother of David Reinauer
 Mother of Michael Goldman
 Mother of Barbara DiBartolo
 Grandmother of Millie Mylander
 Father of Matthew, Sam, & Jonathan Goldman
 Mother of Pat Seamons
 Father of Harold Bachrack
 Mother of Bev Buncher
 Stepmother of Beverly Lowenthal

January 17, 2025

Theo Frank (13)
 Sonya (Toni) Harris (14)
 Robert Levite (14)
 Florence Eisen Rosenthal (14)
 Cindy Primeaux (14)
 Ruth Buncher (15)
 Ray C. Fredrick (15)
 Beck Rikess (16)
 Robert Stopnik (16)

Aunt of Davidson Siblings
 Father of Beverly Buncher
 Sister-in-Law of Pat Seamons
 Mother of Alan Buncher
 Father of Hector Garcia
 Gr. Aunt of Davidson/Greenberg Siblings
 Gr. Uncle of Davidson Siblings



Zichronam Livracha

May their memories be a blessing**January 24, 2025**

G. B. Walker (18)	Father of Brenda Goldman
Ethyl Landau Jacobs (19)	Grandmother of Michael Schwartzberg
Louis Reinauer (19)	Great Uncle of David Reinauer
Marie Gold (20)	Wife of Maurice Gold
Bernard Loftin (20)	Father of John Loftin
Irma Hoffman Smith (20)	
Lucia Amara (21)	
Paul Naumann Hay (21)	Husband of Bev Hickman
Deborah Levy (21)	Sister of Stan Levy, Jr.
Henry Packman (21)	
Eugene Earl Toerner (21)	Uncle of Barbara Peck
Sidney Hoffman (22)	
Fannie Sorkow (22)	Aunt of Eli Sorkow
Blanche Michel (23)	Mother of Ellen Raley
Julia Gross (24)	Aunt of Robert Landry
Nanette Hess (24)	Aunt of Claire Sorkow

January 31, 2025

Marjorie Hebert (25)	Aunt of Barbara DiBartolo
Joey Stoner (25)	Stepfather of Barbara Peck
Lena Messer (26)	Aunt of Michael Goldman
Leon Gordon (27)	
Robert F. Michel (27)	Father of Ellen Raley
Sanford Gold (28)	Father of Leslie Loftin
Jack Labovitch (28)	Father of Paul Labovitch
Lucy Manoff (29)	Sister-in-Law of Bill Kushner
Leha Bohn Gordon (30)	Mother-in-Law of Beverly Lowenthal
Michael Helman (30)	Brother of Tootsie Fournet
Samuel Milstein (30)	Grandfather of Corene Davidson
Marx Weill (30)	



Zichronam Livracha

May their memories be a blessing**January 31, 2025, continued...**

Fannie Hart (31)
Freda Marcus (31)
Isidora Reinauer (31)

Mother of Brenda Bachrack
Grandmother of David Reinauer

February 7, 2025

Rose Margulis (2)
Irving S. Stein (2)
Coleman Greenwood (4)
Hinda Stopnik (4)
Harry Bressler (5)
Irving Sorkow (5)
Ann Luce (6)
Mrs. Julius Goldsmith (7)
Clara Spector (7)

Great Aunt of Jill Greenberg
Father of Sherman Stein

Great Grandmother of Davidson Siblings
Father of Elaine Weiss
Uncle of Eli Sorkow
Aunt of Robert Landry
Great Aunt of Leslie Katz

February 16, 2024

Robert Kennelly (8)
Lou Katz (9)
Jacob Gorin (10)
Arthur Weiss (11)
Florence "Titter" Wise (11)
Sid Atlas (12)
Joseph Fry (12)
Alfred William Mayer (12)
David Reims (13)
Cecile Mandelbaum (14)
Murray Seidenberg (14)

Son of Paul Labovitch
Uncle of David & Bruce Katz
Father of Irving Gorin

Mother of Carol St. Dizier
Cousin of Corene Davidson

Great Grandmother of Todd Holtzman
Husband of Edith Seidenberg

February 21, 2025

Mary Gilbert (15)
Francine Messer (15)

Sister of Rose Stander



Zichronam Livracha

May their memories be a blessing**February 21, 2025, continued...**

Maurice Gold (16)

Julius Goldsmith (16)

Angus Jennings (16)

Gay Gold (17)

Louis Kushner (17)

Mary Jane Lobel (17)

Mary Altman (18)

Harry Goldman (18)

Jennie Helman (18)

Ethel Love (18)

Jacob Sukiennik (19)

Muriel Fuerst (20)

Alorene Greenwood (20)

Jacob Ecker (21)

Father of Debra Gold Foreman

Great Uncle of Leslie Katz

Grandfather of Brenda Goldman

Stepmother of Linda Castoriano

Father of Claire Sorkow

Millie Mylander's Rabbinic Roommate

Grandmother of Tootsie Fournet

Uncle of Michael Goldman

Grandmother of Tootsie Fournet

Father of Nathan Sukiennik

Grandmother of Randy Fuerst

Aunt of Dan Wise

February 28, 2025

Stuart Greenberg (22)

Elias Berwin (23)

Albert Fraenkel (23)

William Wilson McGhee (23)

Rose G. Greenberg (Feb. 24)

Francis Austin (26)

Frances Raley (26)

Walter J. Armentor, Jr. (27)

Marguerite Whiting (27)

Father of Jill Greenberg

Father of Val Whiting

Dear Friend of Rabbi Barry Weinstein

Grandmother of Todd Holtzman

Mother of Scott Raley

Father of Gail Armentor

Mother of Gene Whiting

As always, if you have any corrections or additions that need to be made to our Yahrzeit list,
 please send this information to Sandy at sdesadier@gmail.com.

Temple Contributions

Funds:

Sisterhood:

Decorating Fund
General Fund
Meal of Consolation

Send Checks to:

Ellen Raley
5920 Camelia Way
Lake Charles, LA 70605

Temple:

Building Fund
Cemetery Fund
Courtyard Fund
Ecker/DiBartolo Fund for Adult Education
General Fund
Music Fund
Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
Tikkun Olam Fund
Tree of Life Fund
Youth Fund

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Address: _____

City, State: _____ Zip: _____

Fund Designation: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Celebration of: _____

Other: _____

(Please print, clip, and submit this form with your contribution to avoid any confusion during the acknowledging process.)

CONTRIBUTIONS

Tree of Life Fund:

From: Helane Rosen & Nathan Sukiennik
In Memory of: Corene Davidson

From: Judy & Bruce Katz
In Memory of: Corene Davidson

From: Sandy & Ron Desadier
In Memory of: Corene Davidson

From: Lindsay Schultz
In Honor of: Rabbi Barry Weinstein. We
are so grateful you were able to
officiate our wedding!

From: Carrie & Nathan Dondis
In Memory of: Corene Davidson

Tikkun Olam Fund:

From: Nancy Peroux

Courtyard Fund:

From: Norma & Bill Levy
In Memory of: Corene Davidson

From: Mr. & Mrs. Jack Berro
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In Memory of: Corene Davidson

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In Memory of: Corene Davidson

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In Memory of: Corene Davidson

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In Memory of: Corene Davidson

Fundraising/Memorial Plaque:

From: The Davidson Family
In Memory of: Corene Davidson

Cemetery Fund:

From: Barbara & Tony DiBartolo
In Memory of: Corene Davidson

From: Barbara & Tony DiBartolo
In Honor of: Linda Weinstein's Birthday

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From: Charlene & Tim Blevins

General Fund:

From: Pat Seamons
In Honor of: Tevya Turner for Elementary
Teacher of the Year; Calcasieu Parish

From: Gwen Rosenthal
In Memory of: Corene Davidson

From: Karen & Harry Kleinman
In Memory of: Maurice Kleinman

From: Pat Seamons
In Honor of: Tony DiBartolo for Healing &
Recovery

Choir Fund:

From: Nancy & Michael Schwartzberg
In Memory of: Corene Davidson

From: Randy Fuerst

Library Fund:

From: Charlene & Tim Blevins