

# Temple Sinai

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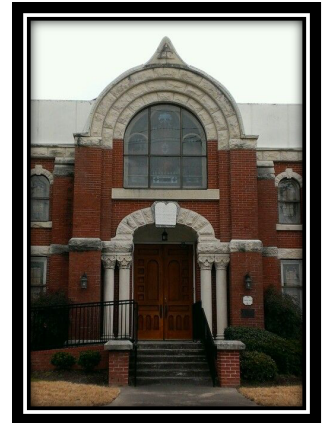
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January, 2026

February, 2026

Tevet/Sh'vat 5786

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## *Worship Service Schedule*

**January 2026**

**Tevet/Sh'vat 5786**

**February 2026**

**Sh'vat/Adar 5786**

**Friday, January 2 · Va-y'chi**

Torah: Genesis 49:33 – 50:13

Haftarah: 1 Kings 2:1 – 12

**Friday, January 9 · Sh'mot**

Torah: Exodus 3:1 – 22

Haftarah: Jeremiah 1:1 – 19

**Friday, January 16 · Va-eira**

6:00PM @ Temple Sinai

Torah: Exodus 6:29 – 7:18

Haftarah: Ezekiel 28:25 – 29:21

**Friday, January 23 · Bo**

Torah: Exodus 11:1 – 12:11

Haftarah: Isaiah 19:19 – 25

**Friday, January 30 · B'shallach**

Torah: Exodus 14:26 – 15:27

Haftarah: Judges 5:1 – 31

**Friday, February 6 · Yitro**

6:00PM @ Temple Sinai

Torah: Exodus 18:24 – 19:13

Haftarah: 2 Chronicles 19:4 – 11

**Friday, February 13 · Mishpatim**

Torah: Exodus 22:20 – 23:13

Haftarah: 2 Kings 12:1 – 17

**Friday, February 20 · T'rumah**

Torah: Exodus 25:23 – 40

Haftarah: Isaiah 49:1 – 13

**Friday, February 27 · T'tzavveh**

6:00PM @ Temple Sinai

Torah: Exodus 28:29 – 29:9

Haftarah: 1 Samuel 30:1 – 18

***Rabbi Sam's Lake Charles Visits:***

January 16-17

February 6-7

February 27-28 (Purim Celebration)



## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Please mark your calendars for our Annual Congregational Meeting, which will be on **Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**. More information will go out at the end of February.

## MAZEL TOV

Congratulations to Randy Fuerst and Susan Arnold on the birth of their newest grandchild. Jonathan and Claire Fuerst welcomed Elaine Aviv Fuerst on December 27, 2025, at 8lb, 11oz and 22" long.

Do you have good news to share? Do you need prayers for healing and recovery? We would love to celebrate with you or pray for you. Send your information to Sandy Desadier ([sdesadier@gmail.com](mailto:sdesadier@gmail.com)) or Tevya Turner ([tevyamil@gmail.com](mailto:tevyamil@gmail.com)) to share in the Mazel Tov and Mi' Shebeirach sections of our bulletin.

### NEW WEBSITE!

We have a new Temple Website! Check it out and let us know what you think!

<https://templesinailakecharles.com/>



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## Happy Anniversary

### January Anniversaries

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

### February Anniversaries

7: Carrie & Nathan Dondis

### Kroger Reward Program

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

Organization Name:

Temple Sinai

Organization Number:

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as the recipient of your rewards.

# MENORAH LIGHTING 2025

A huge thank you to the Chabad of Baton Rouge and Randy Fuerst for setting up our annual Menorah Lighting and to Karen Kleinman who helped arrange extra security for the event. Even after the tragic loss in Australia just days before, we had a great turnout. Mayor Simien read a declaration from his office, participants from the crowd placed roses into the menorah in memory of the individuals who were lost on Bondi Beach, and we heard the stories of 4 Israeli hostages who made it home.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### *January Birthdays*

- 6 Sandy Desadier
- 8 Rabbi Sam Rheins
- 19 Howard Wasserman
- 21 David Holtzman
- 25 Jeff Hankin
- 27 Barbara DiBartolo
- 28 Calvin Billings
- 30 Charley Turner

### *February Birthdays*

- 8 Bruce Katz
- 18 Shirley Riff Billings
- 22 Ron Desadier
- 23 Meyer J Schwartzberg
- 26 Sarah Hodnett

# Message from the Rabbi:

Once a week in Houston, I spend my evenings teaching at Kehillah High. Kehillah High is a supplemental religious school program where 8-12<sup>th</sup> graders from Houston's various synagogues come together and study. Some of the students attend Jewish private schools, others attend public schools with sizable Jewish student populations, and a few of the students are the only Jews in their grade or even in their entire school. Most have grown up in cities like Houston with robust Jewish communities and synagogues numbering more than 1,000 member families,

Recently, a number of 8-9<sup>th</sup> grade Kehillah High students participated in a winter-break fieldtrip focused on Southern Jewish life. On their way to New Orleans, they made a meaningful stop at our synagogue, Temple Sinai in Lake Charles. The goal was to learn what it is like to be Jewish in a community different than their own.

For an hour, Sandy, Tevya, and I met with the students in the sanctuary, an experience made even more special when everyone agreed that the space is absolutely beautiful. The students asked insightful questions.

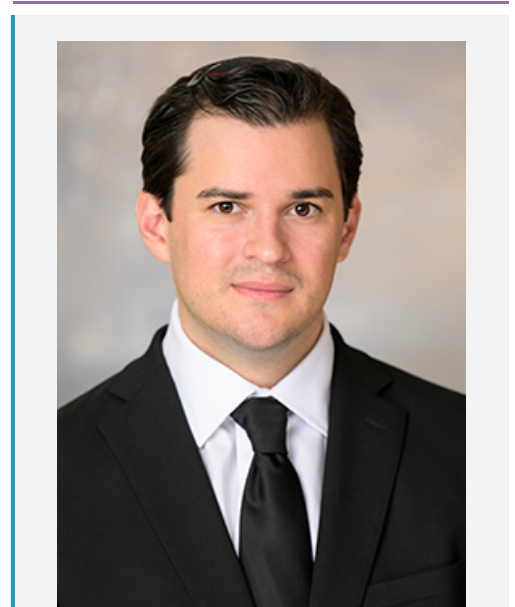
Their curiosity reflected both genuine interest and a growing awareness of Jewish diversity beyond what they know at home.

It would have been easy for the group to bypass Lake Charles on their way to New Orleans. Visiting our congregation required extra time in a packed schedule. And yet, it was an essential stop on their journey to better understanding Southern Jewish history, life, and community. While I wasn't privy to their conversations on the bus afterwards, I am certain that one takeaway was this observation: while each of us is shaped by our own Jewish experiences, when we gather with other Jews, no matter the size of the community or its geographic location, it always feels like home.

Today, Jews live throughout the world. We speak many different languages and maintain unique traditions unique to the places we call home. There is tremendous diversity within the Jewish people, and yet we have more in common than not. We pray to the same God. We are connected to the same sacred texts. We share an ancient/modern homeland in *Eretz Yisrael*, the Land of Israel. And as we begin once again to read the Book of Exodus, we are reminded that the story of our people begins with a journey - from slavery to freedom, from restriction to possibility.

As we enter 2026, let us remember that to be part of the Jewish people is a blessing and a responsibility. May we continue to care for one another, strengthen our shared bonds, and always help one another feel at home.

## Rabbi Sam





# FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

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Shalom, and happy 2026 to all! I hope everyone had a wonderful Hanukkah and if you attended our latke dinner on December 12<sup>th</sup>, then you had a fantastic treat. Many, many thanks to Judy and Bruce Katz for their culinary expertise as well as to Sandy Desadier for organizing and leading the clean-up crew, and to those who provided desserts! Also, on December 16<sup>th</sup>, Chabad of Baton Rouge celebrated Hanukkah with us by lighting 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. We wrapped December up with a wonderful visit from Kehillah High students, as described in Rabbi Sam's message.



As we stand at the threshold of a new year, I want to take a moment to not only reflect on the blessings we have shared in our community but also to express my heartfelt wishes for the year ahead. The arrival of 2026 brings a fresh opportunity to embrace the warmth of fellowship and the strength of our friendships within our small but vibrant congregation.

As the winter chill settles around us (eventually, we hope!), let us remember the warmth that comes not only from the Chanukah lights so recently lit, but also from our connections with one another. Our community is a source of comfort, support, and joy. It is through our shared experiences—whether in prayer, shared meals, or simple conversations—that we create an atmosphere of acceptance and love. Let us continue to extend our hands to welcome newcomers and strengthen our ties with one another. As we gather together to welcome this New Year, I encourage each of you to reflect on the importance of friendship and community in our lives. Let us celebrate the joy of being together, support one another through challenges, and uplift each other with kindness. Our bonds nourish our spirits and remind us that we are all part of something greater than ourselves.

May this New Year bring you and your loved ones renewal, joy, and the warmth of friendship. Wishing you a year filled with peace, happiness, and abundant blessings.

B'shalom,

*Tevya*

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Kehillah High Visit



Zichronam Livracha  
May their memories be a blessing



## January 2, 2026

Minnie Pearl Levy (1)  
Roy Prater (1)  
Jacob Winner (1)  
Isaac Reinauer (2)

Mother of Bill Levy  
Brother of Hilda Landry  
Grandfather of Harry Kleinman  
Great Grandfather of David Reinauer

## January 9, 2026

Vergie Comeaux (3)  
Kenneth Hartman (3)  
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)  
Sharon Allured (7)  
Dora Thibodeaux (7)  
Irving Bachrack (8)  
Marlene Levite (9)

Grandmother of Rebecca Cowie  
Father of Ted Hartman  
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

## January 16, 2026

Adele H. Greenberg (10)  
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)

Stepmother of Beverly Lowenthal  
  
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



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## January 23, 2026

G. B. Walker (18)  
Ethyl Landau Jacobs (19)  
Louis Reinauer (19)  
Marie Gold (20)  
Bernard Loffin (20)  
Irma Hoffman Smith (20)  
Lucia Amara (21)  
Paul Naumann Hay (21)  
Deborah Levy (21)  
Henry Packman (21)  
Eugene Earl Toerner (21)  
Sidney Hoffman (22)  
Fannie Sorkow (22)  
Blanche Michel (23)

Father of Brenda Goldman  
Grandmother of Michael Schwartzberg  
Great Uncle of David Reinauer  
Wife of Maurice Gold  
Father of John Loffin

Husband of Bev Hickman  
Sister of Stan Levy, Jr.

Uncle of Barbara Peck

Aunt of Eli Sorkow  
Mother of Ellen Raley

## January 30, 2026

Julia Gross (24)  
Nanette Hess (24)  
Marjorie Hebert (25)  
Joey Stoner (25)  
Lena Messer (26)  
Leon Gordon (27)  
Robert F. Michel (27)  
Sanford Gold (28)  
Jack Labovitch (28)  
Lucy Manoff (29)  
Leha Bohn Gordon (30)  
Michael Helman (30)  
Samuel Milstein (30)  
Marx Weill (30)

Aunt of Robert Landry  
Aunt of Claire Sorkow  
Aunt of Barbara DiBartolo  
Stepfather of Barbara Peck  
Aunt of Michael Goldman

Father of Ellen Raley  
Father of Leslie Loffin  
Father of Paul Labovitch  
Sister-in-Law of Bill Kushner  
Mother-in-Law of Beverly Lowenthal  
Brother of Tootsie Fournet  
Grandfather of Corene Davidson



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## February 6, 2026

Fannie Hart (Jan. 31)

Freda Marcus (31)

Isidora Reinauer (31)

Dan Glitz (Feb. 2)

Rose Margulis (2)

Irving S. Stein (2)

Coleman Greenwood (4)

Hinda Stopnik (4)

Harry Bressler (5)

Irving Sorkow (5)

Ann Luce (6)

Mother of Brenda Bachrack

Grandmother of David Reinauer

Father of Preble Glitz Landry

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

## February 13, 2026

Mrs. Julius Goldsmith (7)

Clara Spector (7)

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)

Great Aunt of Leslie Katz

Son of Paul Labovitch

Uncle of David & Bruce Katz

Father of Irving Gorin

Mother of Carol St. Dizier

Cousin of Corene Davidson

## February 20, 2026

Cecile Mandelbaum (14)

Murray Seidenberg (14)

Mary Gilbert (15)

Francine Messer (15)

Great Grandmother of Todd Holtzman

Husband of Edith Seidenberg

Sister of Rose Stander





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## February 20, 2026, 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)

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 27, 2026

Jacob Ecker (21)  
Stuart Greenberg (22)  
Elias Berwin (23)  
Albert Fraenkel (23)  
William Wilson McGhee (23)  
Rose G. Greenberg (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](mailto:sdesadier@gmail.com).

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## **Temple Contributions**

### **Funds:**

#### **Sisterhood:**

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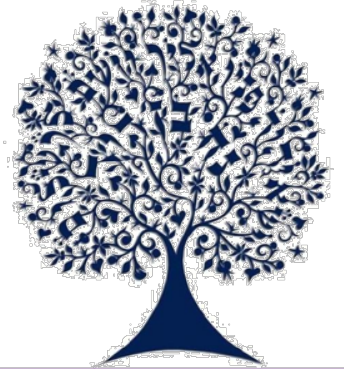
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Lake Charles, LA 70601



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In Memory of: Bill Levy

From: Karen & Harry Kleinman  
In Memory of: Bill Levy

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In Memory of: Bill Levy

From: Charlene Seamons  
In Memory of: Bill Levy

From: Barbara & Tony DiBartolo  
In Memory of: Bill Levy (A Good Man)

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

## **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:**

From: Norma Levy  
In Memory of: Bill Levy

From: Barbara & Tony DiBartolo  
In Honor of: Rabbi Sam Rheins

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From: Tevya & Matt Turner  
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