

# The Sinai Messenger

## Temple Sinai

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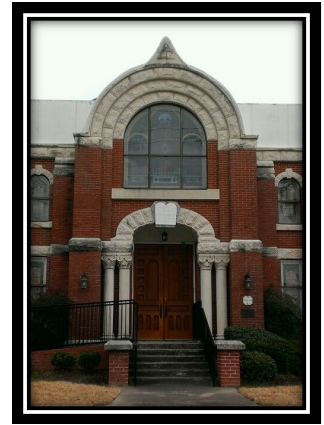
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July 2025

August 2025

Tammuz/Av 5785

Av/Elul 5785



## WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

**July 2025**

**Tammuz/Av 5785**

**August 2025**

**Av/Elul 5785**

**Friday, July 4**

**Chukat**

Torah: Numbers 19:1 – 22:1

Haftarah: Judges 11:1 – 33

**Friday, July 11**

**Balak**

Torah: Numbers 22:2 – 25:9

Haftarah: Micah 5:6 – 6:8

**\*Rabbi Sam Service**

**Friday, July 18**

**Pinchas**

Torah: Numbers 25:10 – 30:1

Haftarah: Jeremiah 1:1 – 2:3

**Friday, July 25**

**Matot – Masei**

Torah: Numbers 30:2 – 36:13

Haftarah: Jeremiah 2:4 – 28

**Friday, August 1**

**Devarim**

Torah: Deuteronomy 1:1 – 3:22

Haftarah: Isaiah 1:1 – 27

**\*Rabbi Sam Service**

**Friday, August 8**

**Va'etchanan**

Torah: Deuteronomy 3:23 – 7:11

Haftarah: Isaiah 40:1 – 26

*Shabbat Nachamu*

**Friday, August 15**

**Ekev**

Torah: Deuteronomy 7:12 – 11:25

Haftarah: Isaiah 49:14 – 51:3

**Friday, August 22**

**Re'eh**

Torah: Deuteronomy 11:26 – 16:17

Haftarah: 1 Samuel 20:18 – 42

*Shabbat Machar Chodesh*

**Friday, August 29**

**Shofetim**

Torah: Deuteronomy 16:18 – 21:9

Haftarah: Isaiah 51:12 – 52:12

**\*Rabbi Sam Service**

### **Rabbi Sam's Schedule:**

July 11-12

August 1-2

August 29-30

## *Mazel Tov!*

to Randy Fuerst and Susan Arnold on the birth of another granddaughter. Rachel Fuerst gave birth to Mira Eden Shah on June 15, 2025. Proud parents are Rachel Fuerst and Pulin Shah.



## *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:

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as the recipient of your rewards.

## *Mi'she'bei'rach*

Wishing a refuah shleimah, a complete and speedy recovery, to:

- Dexter Sternberg
- Tony DiBartolo
- Joel Davidson
- Charlene Blevins

# FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

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Happy Summer everyone! Since the last bulletin, we've had several musical treats at Temple Sinai, courtesy of our partnership with Congregation Beth Israel in Houston. First, we enjoyed Mike Mason's visit with Rabbi Sam on May 2<sup>nd</sup> for a fun Musical Shabbat. Then we had special guests Rabbi Adrienne Scott and her husband, David Scott, lead services on June 20<sup>th</sup>. We had a wonderful turn out and great feedback from both services, and it is exciting to see how our partnership with CBI has flourished and grown.



Rabbi Sam will return on Friday, July 11<sup>th</sup> for a regular Shabbat evening service, followed by Saturday morning Torah service and Torah study immediately following. If you haven't experienced a Torah service and study with Rabbi Sam, you are missing out! I encourage everyone to join us during this next visit!

I would also like to take this time to give a huge shout out and thank you to Sandy Desadier and Judy and Bruce Katz, for organizing and setting up the family night dinners and Onegs that we have all enjoyed. Thank you to everyone who has helped out by bringing desserts and side dishes and everyone who has stayed to help clean up after. It does become difficult when the same people are doing everything, so I'd like to offer the opportunity to anyone who would like to host a family night dinner or Oneg after services. If there is a date on the calendar that you would like to host, please let myself or Sandy Desadier know. Of course, everyone is welcome to continue enjoying the fellowship without hosting if hosting is not your thing. Please take into consideration that we are no longer asking the congregation to bring dishes, so the minimal fee for dinners helps to recoup the cost that our hosts are spending in providing these fantastic meals and Onegs for us.

Lastly, I ask everyone to keep the state of Israel and our nation in your prayers during this turbulent time. We pray for the safety of those on the ground and for sound decision making from those leading. I leave you with this verse from Psalms; a prayer for peace and safety: "I will lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety." (Psalms 4:8)

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to me if I can be of any assistance or if you have any questions or concerns. Also, if you have items that you would like added to the bulletin, please let myself or Sandy Desadier know.

Shalom,

*Terya Turner*

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# Message from Rabbi Sam:

Shalom Temple Sinai,

Summer is a wonderful, albeit hot and humid, time of the year. School is out and often we have less obligations. In America, summer is a time where we can all hopefully find a bit of time to unwind and relax.

However, in the Hebrew calendar summer is not so relaxed. It is arguably the hardest part of the Jewish year. Or at least emotionally it is. This is because during the summer we observe Tisha B'Av the Ninth of Av. This year erev Tisha B'Av is on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Tisha B'Av is the saddest day of the Jewish year. On Tisha B'Av we commemorate the destruction of the First Temple, the Second Temple, the expulsion for Spain in 1492, and various other Jewish tragedies throughout the ages. During the day we read the book of Lamentations and fast from sundown to sundown. Leading up to Tisha it is traditional to lessen our joy in preparation of the day. So, what can we learn from all this sadness?

Tradition teaches that the First Temple was destroyed because we the Jewish people were guilty of the sin of *sinat chinam* baseless hatred. Because of infighting within the Jewish community, we left ourselves vulnerable to hostile outside forces. Tish B'Av is a yearly reminder of the importance of Jewish unity and of the value of civil discourse. This does not mean that we must all agree on everything. It means that when we have disagreements and debate ideas, we need to be civil, we must not vilify one another, and we need to avoid the sin of *sinat chinam* baseless hatred.

The lesson is this. This summer let us each take the time to do the opposite of *sinat chinam* baseless hatred. Let us find opportunities to build bridges and reduce animosity wherever we find it. Be it in our families, synagogue, Lake Charles, America, or wider Jewish community.

May we all have a safe and good summer. And let us each take the time to strengthen our interpersonal and communal bonds.

-Rabbi Rheins

*Rabbi Sam Rheins*



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## July Birthdays:

2 Adel Barkat  
2 Judy Davidson Katz  
2 Jody Davidson  
4 Scott Michel  
9 Barry Holtzman  
13 Lisa Garcia  
17 Dexter Sternberg  
18 Elizabeth Battestin  
20 Josh Singer  
21 Rachel Fuerst  
22 Kathy Steirman  
25 Joseph Garcia  
26 Todd Riff  
27 Mindy Desadier Barkat  
29 Chris Blevins

## August Birthdays:

3 Joseph Davidson  
4 Terry Hodnett  
6 Patrick Steirman  
7 Kim Davidson Ruby  
15 Jill Susan Greenberg  
17 Stanley Levy III  
19 Oliver Davidson  
19 David Katz  
19 Scott Levy  
19 Stephen Michel  
21 Gavin Starling  
23 Aidan Starling  
25 Jennifer Sternberg  
27 Benjamin Holtzman  
29 Ryan Kagan  
29 Skylar Lcomb

# Happy Anniversary

## July Anniversaries

11 Leslie & David Katz  
20 Karen & Harry Kleinman  
28 Anne & David Reinauer

## August Anniversaries

12 Simone & Stan Levy  
23 Sandy & Ron Desadier  
30 Rabbi & Linda Weinstein  
31 Kayla & Josh Singer

Mike Mason's Musical Shabbat.



Rabbi Adrienne & David Scott's Shabbat Service







Zichronam Livracha  
May their memories be a blessing



## July 4, 2025

Allen Kristal (June 28)

Husband of Edith Kristal

Morris Tankel (28)

Ethel Horn (28)

Ben Rosen (28)

George Kamm (28)

Edward M. Strauss (29)

William Coleman, Jr. (30)

Brother of Anne Reinauer

Benjamin Reinauer (July 1)

Uncle of David Reinauer

Lily Kushner (2)

Mother of Bill Kushner

Ida Schwartzberg (2)

Grandmother of Michael Schwartzberg

Dot Edelstein (3)

Esther Levy (3)

Grandmother of Lilly Ray Levy

Meyer Schwartzberg (3)

Grandfather of Michael Schwartzberg

Charles S. Petrova (4)

Father of Beverly Hickman

## July 11, 2025

Grethe Anderson (5)

Grandmother of Dexter Sternberg

Julie Ann Marx Strauss (5)

Mother of Susan Battestin

Rabbi Leo R. Wolkow (5)

Maurice Muller (7)

Uncle of David Reinauer

Patricia Brown (8)

Mother of Deborah Brown

Henry Greenwood (8)

Susanna Amara (9)

Kayleen Feldman (11)

Cousin of Corene Davidson & Reve Greenberg

Samuel Lipsey (11)

## July 18, 2025

Pearl Muller (13)

Aunt of David Reinauer

Mamie Burnett (14)

Grandmother of Brenda Goldman

Donald Benjamin Levy (14)

Grandfather of Stan Levy, Jr.

Harold Goldberg (15)

Brother-in-Law of Gay Gold

Lillie Frank Abercrombie (16)



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### July 18, 2025, continued

Walter J. Armentor, Sr. (16)  
Max Altman (17)  
Freda Fannie Paymar (17)  
Stanley Levy, Sr. (18)

Grandfather of Gail Johnson  
Grandfather of Tootsie Fournet  
Aunt of Corene Davidson & Reve Greenberg  
Father of Stan Levy, Jr.

### July 25, 2025

Barbara Deborah Levy (20)  
Joseph Raley (22)  
M. Gerald Edelstein (23)  
Fannie Goldberg (23)  
Morris Helman (23)  
Sydney David Kay (23)  
Barry M. Kleinman (23)  
Abe L. Kushner (23)  
Julie Reims (23)  
Simon Goldsmith (24)  
Elias Raas Kaufman (24)  
Bonnye Godchaux Levy (24)

Aunt of Stan Levy, Jr.  
Father of Scott Raley

Mother-in-Law of Gay Gold  
Grandfather of Tootsie Fournet  
Grandfather of Karen Kleinman  
Nephew of Maurice Kleinman  
Uncle of Bill Kushner

Mother of Lottie Riff

### August 1, 2025

Ruth Nelson Chozen (July 27)  
Carolyn Hodnett (27)  
Michael Gold (28)  
Eddie Rikess (28)  
Florian Levy (29)  
Jennie Moss (29)  
Joseph Paymar (30)  
Morele Kay Rosenfeld (30)  
Minnie Sternberg (30)  
Raymond Holtzman (31)  
Bernard Levy (31)  
Samuel Sternberg (31)

Wife of Harry Chozen  
Mother of Terry Hodnett  
Son of Maurice Gold  
Cousin of Corene Davidson and Reve Greenberg  
Father of Bill Levy  
Sister of Ruth Klaus  
Uncle of Corene Davidson & Reve Greenberg  
Mother of Karen Kleinman

Father of Todd Holtzman  
Father of Lilly Ray Levy  
Father of Dexter Sternberg



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### August 8, 2025

William Hickman (Aug. 2)  
 Sarah Holtzman (2)  
 Irving Gorin (3)  
 Albert Prater (4)  
 Hana Sukiennik (4)  
 Jack Rosenthal (6)  
 Louis Samuel Brewer (7)  
 Thelma Seamons (8)

Husband of Bev Hickman  
 Great Grandmother of Todd Holtzman  
 Husband of Rhoda Gorin  
 Friend of Tony & Barbara DiBartolo  
 Mother of Nathan Sukiennik  
 Father of Sheldon Rosenthal  
 Organist for Temple Sinai  
 Mother-in-Law of Pat Seamons

### August 15, 2025

Louis Lipsey (9)  
 Kate Milstein (9)  
 Sara Gordon (11)  
 Mike Hutkin (12)  
 Vera Levy (12)  
 Bernard Loftin (12)  
 Alice Fiellse Farrar (14)  
 John Runte (14)  
 Earl Eugene Toerner (14)

Father of Sam Lipsey  
 Grandmother of Corene Davidson & Reve Greenberg  
 Mother of Shirley Billings  
  
 Grandmother of Stan Levy, Jr.  
 Father of John Loftin  
  
 Grandfather of Carol St. Dizier  
 Grandfather of Barbara Peck

### August 22, 2025

Stanford Wallace (16)  
 Samuel Beilin (18)  
 Grace Marie DiBartolo (19)  
 Grace McCown (21)  
 Hattie T. Berther (22)

Father of Lee Wallace  
 Grandfather of Robert Landry  
 Sister-in-Law of Tony DiBartolo  
 Sister of Pat Seamons  
 Great Aunt of Barbara Peck

### August 29, 2025

Giles Cowen (23)  
 Lillie Ray Levy (23)  
 Bernice Goldberg (24)  
 Selma Abelman (25)  
 Edith Scott (25)

Husband of Lois Cowen  
  
 Brother of Sam Lipsey  
 Mother of Henry Abelman





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### August 29, 2025, continued

Della Simona Montondon (26)  
Sylvia D. Kushner (27)  
Harold Bachrack (29)  
Sarah Benjamin (29)  
Jennie Shavzin (29)  
Andrew Kenneth Strauss (29)

Friend of Tony & Barbara DiBartolo  
Mother of Tony Kushner  
Husband of Brenda Bachrack  
Friend of Tony & Barbara DiBartolo  
Mother of Ida Tankel  
Brother of Susan Battestin

### September 5, 2025

Jackie Jaffe Smith (Aug. 31)  
Louis Holtzman (31)  
Florence Goldsmith (Sept. 1)  
Donald Seamons (1)  
Sarah Lindenberg (3)  
Samuel Levy (4)  
Brian Willbur (4)  
Abraham Goldman (5)  
Alton Hodnett (5)  
Ceil Milstein (5)

Mother-in-Law of Anna Silverstein  
Grandfather of Todd Holtzman  
Grandmother of Leslie Katz  
Father-in-Law of Pat Seamons

Father of Michael Goldman  
Father of Terry Hodnett  
Mother of Corene Davidson & Reve Greenberg

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



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## **Temple Contributions**

### **Funds:**

#### **Sisterhood:**

Decorating Fund  
General Fund  
Meal of Consolation

#### **Temple:**

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Cemetery Fund  
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General Fund  
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Tikkun Olam Fund  
Tree of Life Fund  
Youth Fund

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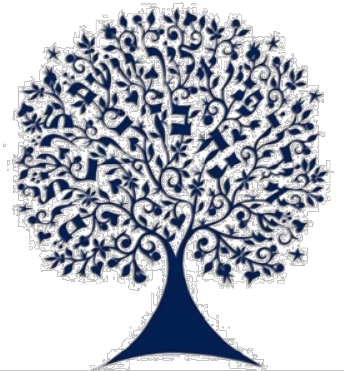
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# CONTRIBUTIONS

## General Fund

From: Charlene & Tim Blevins  
In Memory of: Diane McCarthy

From: Pat Seamons  
In Memory of: Diane McCarthy

## Tree of Life Fund

From: Mary Fournet  
In Memory of: Diane McCarthy & Millie Mylander

## Tikkun Olam Fund

From: Barbara & Tony DiBartolo  
In Memory of: Diane McCarthy

## Choir Fund

From: Mary Fournet  
For a Speedy Recovery for: Karen Kleinman

## Cemetery Fund

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

This is a dear  
friend of  
May Gray.



## IN NEED OF A KIDNEY...

At the moment, my family and I are desperately looking for a generous soul who may consider donating one kidney to in fact save a life!



Come on buddy, keep cycling, we are trying to find someone to help you!

One of our family members is down to the last bit of kidney function and is in sincere need of a living donor. Because as humans, our bodies are created with two kidneys we are truly blessed in the ability to "gift" a suffering individual with one. Nature has given us this innate ability "to save" and it is priceless.

### DID YOU KNOW...

Our bodies are created in utero designed on the premise of bilateral symmetry? This means that ideally on our exterior, humans and most land bound animals are the same on both sides. We have 2 ears, 2 eyes, 2 arms and 2 legs. Internally the trend continues and most humans are ideally blessed with 2 lungs and 2 kidneys.

The interesting twist here however.... Is that prehistorically, man only had one kidney at birth

and lived a perfectly normal existence on the solitary existence of this one kidney.

While Kidneys perform one of the bodies most essential functions, the cleaning and maintenance of our blood, there is no scientific evidence to date pointing to our need as humans for more than one!!!! **One functioning kidney is however VITAL for sustained life.**

### OUR PLEA

If either you or someone you know is interested in performing this life-saving and altruistic deed of donating a kidney it would so greatly be appreciated by our family.

Barnes-Jewish Hospital (BJC) has one of the largest and most respected kidney transplant centers in our area. They perform hundreds of transplants annually. Again, if either you or someone you know is interested our family would be happy to put you in touch with the transplant team and of course cover all expenses related to this ultimate "gift".

**PLEASE REACH OUT AT 314-359-0051 IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.**  
We thank you so so much for your time and attention.