

The Sinai Messenger

Temple Sinai

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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, August 1 Devarim Torah: Deuteronomy 1:1 – 3:22 Haftarah: Isaiah 1:1 – 27 *Rabbi Sam Service
Friday, July 11	Balak Torah: Numbers 22:2 – 25:9 Haftarah: Micah 5:6 – 6:8 *Rabbi Sam Service	6PM	Friday, August 8 Va'etchanan Torah: Deuteronomy 3:23 – 7:11 Haftarah: Isaiah 40:1 – 26 <i>Shabbat Nachamu</i>
Friday, July 18	Pinchas Torah: Numbers 25:10 – 30:1 Haftarah: Jeremiah 1:1 – 2:3		Friday, August 15 Ekev Torah: Deuteronomy 7:12 – 11:25 Haftarah: Isaiah 49:14 – 51:3
Friday, July 25	Matot – Masei Torah: Numbers 30:2 – 36:13 Haftarah: Jeremiah 2:4 – 28		Friday, August 22 Re'eh Torah: Deuteronomy 11:26 – 16:17 Haftarah: 1 Samuel 20:18 – 42 <i>Shabbat Machar Chodesh</i>
Rabbi Sam's Schedule:			Friday, August 29 Shofetim Torah: Deuteronomy 16:18 – 21:9 Haftarah: Isaiah 51:12 – 52:12 *Rabbi Sam Service
July 11-12 August 1-2 August 29-30			6PM

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.



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Mi'she'hei'rach

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

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

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

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 2nd for a fun Musical Shabbat. Then we had special guests Rabbi Adrienne Scott and her husband, David Scott, lead services on June 20th. 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 11th 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 2nd. 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 from 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. Tisha 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 LaComb



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 Tanel (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)	



Zichronam Livracha

May their memories be a blessing**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



Zichronam Livracha

May their memories be a blessing**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



Zichronam Livracha

May their memories be a blessing**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.



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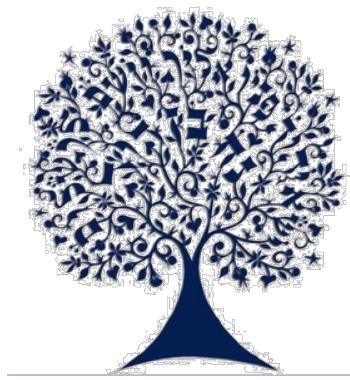
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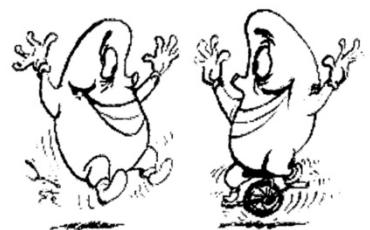
From: Barbara & Tony DiBartolo

In Memory of: Si Davidson



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.