

The Sinai Messenger

Temple Sinai

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March 2025
April 2025

Adar/Nisan 5785
Nisan/Iyar 5785



WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

March 2025

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Friday, March 7

Tetzveh Zachor

Torah: Ex. 27:20-30:10
Shabbat Zachor

Friday, March 14

Ki Tisa

Torah: Ex. 17:8-16
Purim
****Rabbi Sam Service****

Friday, March 21

Vayak'heil/Parah

Torah: Ex. 40:17-3
Haftarah: 1 Kings 7:51-8:21

Friday, March 22

Va-yikra

Torah: EX. 35:1-38:20
Shabbat Parah

Friday, March 28

Pekudei Hachodesh

Torah: Ex. 38:21-40:38
Shabbat HaChodesh
****Rabbi Sam Service****

Friday, April 4

Vayikra

Torah: Lev. 1:1-5:26

Friday, April 11

Tzav

Torah: Lev. 6:1-8:36
****Rabbi Sam Service****

Friday, April 18

Passover

Torah: Isa. 52:13-53:12
Pesach Shabbat

Friday, April 25

Shemini

Torah: Lev. 9:1-11:47

Rabbi Sam's Visits

March 14th- Purim
March 28th
April 11-12 (Passover April 12th)



Annual Congregational Meeting

**Tuesday, March 11, 2025
7:00PM in the Temple Social Hall**

**The Temple will be open for an Oneg
from 6:30 – 7:00PM.**

You must be a member of Temple Sinai and caught up on your Temple dues by March 1, 2025, to vote at the meeting.

PASSOVER: APRIL 12 – 20, 2025

We are in the planning stages of a Passover Seder. Details will be sent out as soon as possible. It will be held on first night, Saturday, April 12th.



March Anniversaries:

6 Sarah & Terry Hodnett
8 Mindy & Adel Barkat

Temple Birthdays

March Birthdays:

2 Barbara Maxey
3 Leslie Goldsmith Katz
4 Aaron Ginsburgh
9 Tevya Desadier Turner
16 Garrett O'Quain
20 Olivia Barkat
22 Marc Davidson
22 Karen Kleinman
25 Susan Strauss Battestin
29 Eli Kagan

April Birthdays:

1 Ross Raley
1 Anne Reinauer
3 Sadie Segall & Ann Kathryn Ginsburgh
13 Kayla Desadier Singer
22 Adam Raley
24 Scott Holtzman
24 Mary Amanda Reinauer
28 Cale Ferguson
30 Todd Holtzman

Message from the Rabbi:

Shalom,

We are fast approaching Purim and Passover. Both holidays celebrate the Jewish people's redemption from a foe who wished to destroy us. When we look at each of these holidays separately, we see that redemption came about in different ways.

Purim commemorates how Esther and Mordechai bravely saved the Jews from annihilation in Shushan Persia. What is curious is that God is never explicitly mentioned in Megillat Esther, the Scroll of Esther. Rather, God gave Esther and Mordechai the ability and the opportunity to save the Jews, which they successfully did.



Passover commemorates how God brought the Israelites out of Egypt. We might assume that Moses would play a starring role in the Pesach narrative, yet the traditional Haggadah hardly mentions him. Rather, the focus is on how God performed miracles and wonders to bring about the Israelites' redemption.

Purim and Passover demonstrate that redemption can come in different forms. As I am writing this, Israel is still at war with Hamas. Redemption is still a dream for many hostages. Yet day after day, we see their families, friends, and complete strangers in Israel and worldwide praying, advocating, and fighting for their release.

Redemption is not a passive process. Rather, it is an active one. Built into the observance of Purim and Passover are mitzvot that help us bring about redemption. On Purim, we are commanded to give gifts to the poor, invite strangers to our meals, and give tzedakah to those in need. On the nights of Passover seder, we traditionally open our doors, symbolically and literally, to the most vulnerable among us. Every bit of tzedakah, every kindness, and every mitzvah we perform has an immeasurable and potentially life-changing impact on our world.

Although we can't always assess how our gestures of kindness impact others, what matters is that we engage in such actions. We read in the Talmud, "Kol Yisrael arevim zeh bazez," all of Israel is responsible for one another. Through our acts of kindness at this time and

throughout the year, may we continue to do all we can to help bring about redemption, Bim'hay'rah B'ya'meinu, speedily in our day.

B'shalom,

Rabbi Sam

Mi' she' bei' rach

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

Jennifer Sternberg

Tony DiBartolo

Barbara DiBartolo

Millie Mylander

Diane McCarthy

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HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES



Our heartfelt condolences go out to Michael Schwartzberg and his family on the passing of Michael's father, Harvey Schwartzberg. Harvey passed on Saturday, March 1st in Baton Rouge. May his memory always be for a blessing.

MAZEL TOV



Mazel tov to Sandy & Ron Desadier on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Eli Kagan. Eli is the son of Hydee & Ryan Kagan and also the grandson of Sharon & Arnie Kagan of Houston, TX.



Mazel Tov to Hydee Kagan, daughter of Sandy and Ron Desadier, on being featured in Voyage Houston on February 11, 2025. From Voyage Houston: "I take a lot of pride in my work, and it genuinely brings me joy to stand back and look at what I have created. Knowing that I am bringing joy to my clients through my work is just the icing in the cake."

Read the full article here: <https://voyagehouston.com/interview/conversations-with-hydee-kagan/>



Mazel Tov to Chelsea Davidson, daughter-in-law of Jan & Joel Davidson on her conversion to the Jewish faith.

FROM THE PRESIDENTS' DESK

March 3, 2025

As we write to our beloved congregation for the last time as co-presidents, it is a little bittersweet. We have had such a milestone and exciting year: beloved Rabbi Barry's retirement and celebration, the dedication of the library in his honor, the welcoming of Rabbi Sam, who has quickly become a "member of our family", and the incredible relationship with Congregation Beth Israel. We had the opportunity to celebrate Rabbi Sam's 30th birthday and welcome a very special guest, his mother, Rabbi Susan Rheins who lovingly blessed her son! We also welcomed vocalist Katie Evans to our Shabbat services which has allowed us to enjoy new music and fill the sanctuary with song again and all the while, enjoying our gorgeous, refurbished and remodeled Temple. We also have enjoyed more Friday night Shabbat dinners together.

Two very warm and welcoming experiences were had by a few of us as we attended services in Houston at Congregation Beth Israel. It is apparent that the relationship between the two congregations is welcomed by both congregations.

On the horizon we have our annual Congregational Meeting on March 11th, our Purim service on March 14th and our Passover Seder on April 12th, and a soon-to-be-announced book burial.

We are not going very far (you cannot get rid of us that easily!). Sandy will only have one role, that of Temple Administrator and Karen will take the seat of Immediate Past President on the Board. We'll still be in the thick of things!

We thank you for the honor of once again serving our Temple Sinai as your presidents.

Karen and Sandy

Temple Sinai Co-Presidents





Zichronam Livracha
May their memories be a blessing

March 7, 2025

Bernard Sternberg (Mar. 1)
James S. Greenberg (2)
Ethel Faye Barnhart (6)
Helen Marx Zander (6)
Mrs. Simon Goldsmith (7)
Bettie E. Hoffman (7)
Wolf Hoffman (7)
Jake Kushner (7)

Grandfather of Dexter Sternberg
Grandfather of Jill Greenberg
Aunt of Barbara Peck
Sister of Adolph Marx
Great-grandmother of Leslie Katz
Uncle of Bill Kushner

March 14, 2025

Carrie Klaus Armentor (8)
Pauline Oshen Beilin (9)
Harold Greenberg (9)
Fred Hart (9)
Elaine Judith Bresler Weiss (9)
Ann Batsell (10)
Mary Callsen (10)
Julius Frank (10)
Abner Horn (13)
Brandala Rachel Johnson (13)
Lynne Holtzman (14)
Manny Sachs (14)
Charles Houston Wells (14)

Grandmother of Gail Johnson
Grandmother of Robert Landry
Cousin of Tootsie Fournet
Friend of DiBartolos
Mother of Todd & Barry Holtzman
Father of Charlene Blevins

March 21, 2025

Gertrude Atlas (15)
Ella Bachrack (15)
Max Edelstein (15)
Bessie Kaufman Mayer (15)
Gladys Triche (15)
Mary Warshaw (15)

Aunt of Corene Davidson
Mother-in-Law of Brenda Bachrack
Father of Francis Rogers
Cousin of Barbara Peck



Zichronam Livracha
May their memories be a blessing

March 21, 2025, cont.

Louis Avner (17)
 Louis Thibodeaux (17)
 Jim Billings (21)
 Sam Schoolsky (21)
 Rose Stander (21)

Father of Henry Avner
 Father of Pat Seamons
 Father of Calvin Billings
 Mother of Jerry Stander

March 28, 2025

James Brown (22)
 Katherine Eucharist Toerner (22)
 Ralph Rubin (24)
 Lena Bressler (26)
 Gabriel Paymar (26)
 Benjamin Stopnik (27)
 Edward Geoffrey Clapham (28)
 Billy Holman (28)
 Sterling Little (28)
 Kate Ordinsky (28)
 Edwin D. Steyerman (28)

Father of Deborah Brown
 Grandmother of Barbara Peck
 Mother of Elaine Weiss
 Uncle of Corene Davidson
 Great-Grandfather of Davidson Siblings
 Cousin of Millie Mylander
 Brother-in-Law of Pat Seamons
 Father of Nancy Schwartzberg
 Mother-in-Law of Eli Sorkow
 Father of Regina Steyerman

April 4, 2025

Joseph Camalo, Jr. (29)
 Sarah Deutscher (29)
 Bernard Sternberg (29)
 Leopold Kaufman (29)
 Lena D. DiBartolo (Mar. 31)
 Henry Weiss (31)
 Reve Milstein Greenberg (April 1)
 Ellen Kaufman (1)
 James Landry (1)
 Robert Levite (1)
 Judy Wasserman (1)

Brother of Katherine Lipsy
 Mother-in-Law of Bill Kushner
 Grandfather of Dexter Sternberg
 Mother of Tony DiBartolo
 Mother of Jill Greenberg
 Husband of Hilda Landry, Father of Robert Landry
 Father of Beverly Buncher
 Wife of Howard Wasserman



Zichronam Livracha

May their memories be a blessing**April 4, 2025, cont.**

Gertrude Rose Clapham (2)
 Rose Horn (3)
 Lucille Greenwood Levy (3)
 Edward Raymond Clapham (4)

Grandmother of Millie Mylander
 Aunt of Titter Wise
 Grandfather of Millie Mylander

April 11, 2025

Elaine Kushner (5)
 Jolene David (6)
 Mayer Greenwood (6)
 Dr. Richard Harris (6)
 Wilton Charles Mylander (6)
 Ruth Buncher (7)
 Charles A. Levy, Jr. (8)
 Julie Kaufman Marx (9)
 Celia Greenberg (11)

Aunt of Bill Kushner
 Mother of Jan Davidson
 Grandmother of Titter Wise
 Uncle of Davidson Siblings
 Father of Millie Mylander
 Father of Alan Buncher
 Uncle of Stanley Levy, Jr.
 Mother of Susan Battestin
 Aunt of Sheldon Rosenthal

April 18, 2025

Myrtle Altman (12)
 Herman Fleckman (12)
 Julie Marx (12)
 Arlene Mitchell (12)
 Hannah Hoffman (14)
 Valerie Whiting (14)
 Dolly Slaven (15)
 Gus Weill (15)
 Maurice Frank (17)
 Robert Goldsmith (17)

Aunt of Tootsie Fournet
 Uncle of Tootsie Fournet
 Grandmother of Susan Battestin
 Mother of Kathy Steirman

Cousin of Davidson Siblings
 Uncle of Simone Levy

Father of Leslie Goldsmith Katz

April 25, 2025

Viola Coplen (19)
 Renee Wallace (19)

Aunt of Titter Wise
 Mother of Lee Wallace



Zichronam Livracha
May their memories be a blessing

April 25, 2025, con't.

Betty Parsons Heitsch (20)	
Annie Hutkin (20)	Uncle of Corene Davidson
Meyer Paymar (20)	Father of Rabbi Barry Weinstein
Henry Hudson Weinstein (20)	Grandson of Norma Levy
Tyler Dilyard (20)	Sister-in-Law of Eula Kleinman Green
Eda Green (21)	Mother of Anita Fields-Gold
Maureen Bates (22)	
Elaine Levy Dafour (22)	Grandfather of Leslie Goldsmith Katz
Melvin H. Gold (22)	
Benjamin Goldsmith (22)	

May 2, 2025

Rose Katz (April 26)	Mother of Bruce and David Katz
Bella Sandler (27)	
Herschel Lowenthal (28)	Grandmother of Susan Battestin
Adeline Loeb Strauss (29)	Former Rabbi of Temple Sinai
Rabbi Jerome Mark (30)	Aunt of Robert Landry
Juliette Scott Onuf (30)	
Randy Ryan (30)	Uncle of Millie Mylander
Edward Hewitt Clapham (May 1)	Father of Dan Prater
William Prater (1)	Mother of Stan Levy, Jr
Martha Levy (2)	Husband of Leona Avner
Henry Avner (2)	

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.



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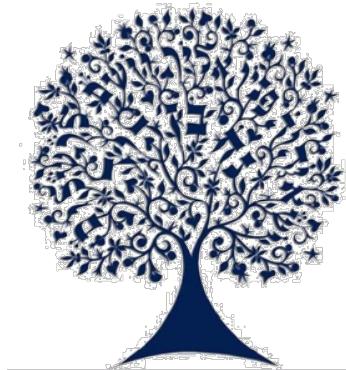
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