

# Temple Sinai

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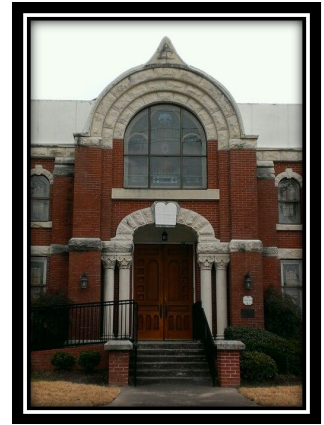
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March 2025

April 2025

Adar/Nisan 5785

Nisan/Iyar 5785



## WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

**March 2025**

**Adar/Nisan 5785**

**April 2025**

**Nisan/Iyar 5785**

**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 14<sup>th</sup>- Purim

March 28<sup>th</sup>

April 11-12 (Passover April 12<sup>th</sup>)



## 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 12<sup>th</sup>.



### 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

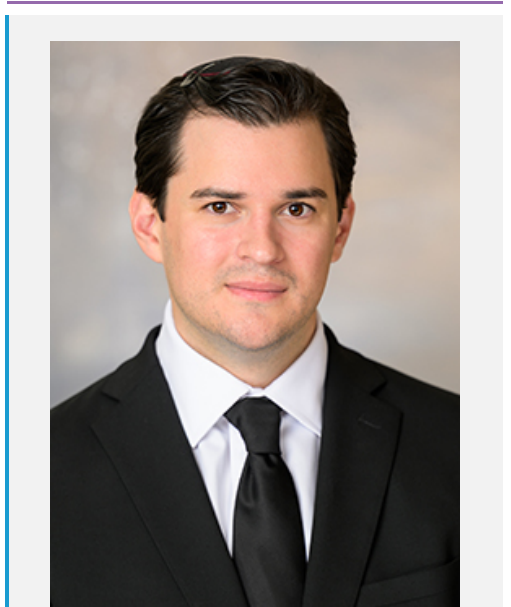
#### April Birthdays:

- 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

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 bazeh," 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Hyde & Ryan Kagan and also the grandson of Sharon & Arnie Kagan of Houston, TX.



Mazel Tov to Hyde 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

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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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup>, our Purim service on March 14<sup>th</sup> and our Passover Seder on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 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



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## 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. Steyerma (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 Steyerma

## 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





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## 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



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## April 25, 2025, con't.

Betty Parsons Heitsch (20)

Annie Hutkin (20)

Meyer Paymar (20)

Henry Hudson Weinstein (20)

Tyler Dilyard (20)

Eda Green (21)

Maureen Bates (22)

Elaine Levy Dafour (22)

Melvin H. Gold (22)

Benjamin Goldsmith (22)

Uncle of Corene Davidson

Father of Rabbi Barry Weinstein

Grandson of Norma Levy

Sister-in-Law of Eula Kleinman Green

Mother of Anita Fields-Gold

Grandfather of Leslie Goldsmith Katz

## May 2, 2025

Rose Katz (April 26)

Bella Sandler (27)

Herschel Lowenthal (28)

Adeline Loeb Strauss (29)

Rabbi Jerome Mark (30)

Juliette Scott Onuf (30)

Randy Ryan (30)

Edward Hewitt Clapham (May 1)

William Prater (1)

Martha Levy (2)

Henry Avner (2)

Mother of Bruce and David Katz

Grandmother of Susan Battestin

Former Rabbi of Temple Sinai

Aunt of Robert Landry

Uncle of Millie Mylander

Father of Dan Prater

Mother of Stan Levy, Jr

Husband of Leona Avner

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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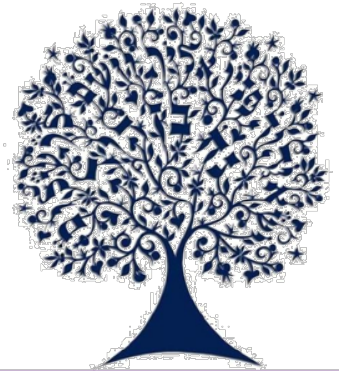
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In Honor of: Rabbi Sam's 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday

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From: Randy Fuerst

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From: Charlene & Tim Blevins

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From: Charlene Seamons

In Honor of: Rabbi Sam's 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday

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