

The Sinai Messenger

Temple Sinai

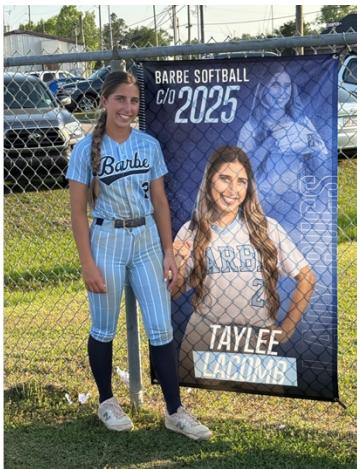
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May 2025
June 2025
Iyar/Sivan 5785
Sivan/Tammuz 5785



WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

May 2025	Iyar/Sivan 5785	June 2025	Sivan/Tammuz 5785
Friday, May 2, 2025 Tazria-Metzorah Torah: Lev. 12:1-15:33 Haftarah: 2 Kgs. 7:3-20	6PM	Friday, June 6, 2025 Naso Torah: Num. 4:21-7:89 Haftarah: Judg. 13:2-25	
Friday, May 9, 2025 Achrei Mot-Kedoshim Torah: Lev. 16:1-20:27 Haftarah: Amos 9:7-15		Friday, June 13, 2025 Beha'ilotcha Torah: Num. 8:1-12:16 Haftarah: Zech. 2:14-4:7	
Friday, May 16, 2025 Emor Torah: Lev. 21:1-24:23 Haftarah: Ezek. 44:15-31		Friday, June 20, 2025 Shelach Lekha Torah: Num. 13:1-15:41 Haftarah: Josh. 2:1-24	6PM
Friday, May 23, 2025 Behar-Behukotai Torah: Lev. 25:1-27:34 Haftarah: Jer. 16:19-17:14		Friday, June 27, 2025 Korach Torah: Num. 16:1-18:32 Haftarah: 1 Sam. 11:14-12:22	
Friday, May 30, 2025 Bamidbar Torah: Num. 1:1-4:20 Haftarah: Hos. 2:1-22	6PM	In-Person Services with Rabbi Sam Friday Evening: May 2, 2025 (6PM) May 30, 2025 (6PM) June 20, 2025 (6PM)	Saturday Morning: May 3, 2025 (10AM) May 31, 2025 (10AM) June 21, 2025 (10AM)



MAZEL TOV!

Mazel Tov to Taylee Lacomb on her May graduation from Barbe High School! Taylee is the daughter of Kayla & Josh Singer and the granddaughter of Sandy & Ron Desadier.

Mi'she'be'rach

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

Tony & Barbara DiBartolo

Gail Johnson

Karen Kleinman

Jennifer Sternberg



Temple Sinai has lost another valuable member. Diane McCarthy passed away on April 9th. She served as our Temple Secretary for many years, as well as our historian, organizer, decorator, and many other positions. Diane loved Temple Sinai and involved herself in any way possible. She will be missed. May her memory be for a blessing.

May Anniversaries:

- 1 Tevya & Matt Turner

June Anniversaries:

- 14 Susan & Bill Battestin
- 18 Judy & Bruce Katz
- 19 Lisa & Hector Garcia

Kroger Reward Program

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Message from the Rabbi

Shalom,

As Americans, we love a good countdown. Every New Year's Eve we count down as the ball drops in New York City atop One Times Square. At this time of year, probably every school-age kid is, with great anticipation, counting down the days until summer break. And now that I'm a Houstonian, I have a special appreciation for NASA's countdowns before launching rockets, satellites, or probes into outer space.

As Jews, we don't typically count down. Rather, we count up! Consider, for example, the days of the week. In Hebrew, Sunday is *Yom Rishon*, the 1st day; Monday is *Yom Sheini*, the 2nd day, etc. We count up, until we reach the highpoint of the week: Shabbat, the 7th day. We count the Hebrew months in a similar manner. Passover occurs in the 1st month; Rosh HaShanah, Yom Kippur, and Sukkot are in the 7th month. We also count up the days of Chanukah, lighting one candle on the first night and adding an additional candle on the successive nights as a symbol of our joy increasing.

And now, we are currently engaged in the greatest count up of the Jewish year: the counting of the Omer. Starting on the second night of Passover we count the days nightly for 7 weeks of 7 days, until on the 50th day we arrive at the Festival of Shavuot. On Shavuot we celebrate God giving the gift of Torah to the people Israel – *Z'man Matan Torah*. Yet the connection between Passover and Shavuot is more than a matter of counting days. We were not freed from Egypt to simply be a free people; we were freed from Egypt so that we could have the liberty to follow God's commandments. When we count the Omer, we count up with anticipation because we know that at the end of the 7-week period we will receive the gift of Torah.

The period of counting of the Omer is more than a daily numeration of days. For our biblical ancestors, it marked the passage of time between the early spring harvest and the barley harvest. For us, it is a time for growth and self-improvement, a reminder, as we count each day, to make each day count. One of the reasons the giving of Torah came 7 weeks after the Exodus was so that our ancestors had time to prepare themselves mentally, physically, and spiritually. Likewise, as we count the Omer, we also consider ways



to better ourselves. Each night, we should take time to reflect on the day past, then consider how to make the next day count even more.

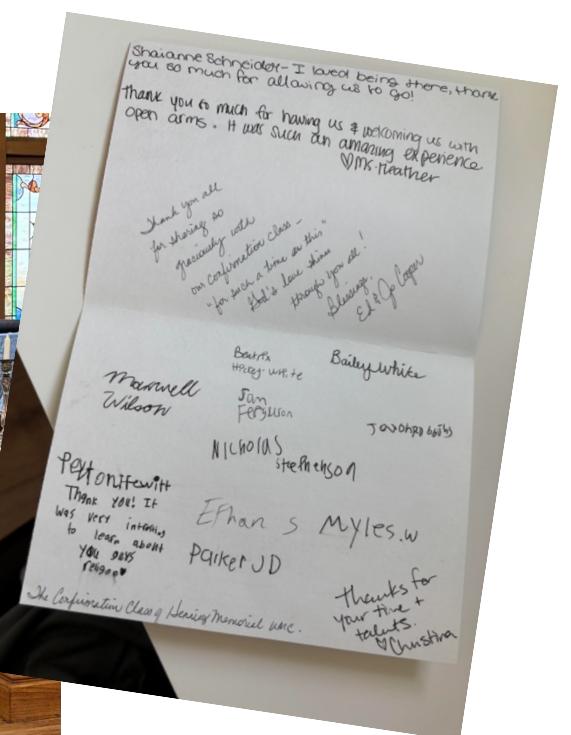
B'shalom,

Rabbi Sam

VISIT FROM HENNING METHODIST CHURCH IN SULPHUR, LA



We enjoyed having Rabbi Sam's brother, Jakob, with us from Israel.



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Temple Sinai Family and Friends,

I am pleased and honored to accept the position as President of the Board of Trustees for our congregation. I would like to take this time to announce the 2025-2026 Temple Board of Trustees:

Tevya Turner: President,

Michael Schwartzberg: Vice President,

Dexter Sternberg: Secretary,

Karen Kleinman: Past President,

Sandy Desadier: Temple Administrator

Charlene Blevins, Sarah Hodnett, Bill Levy, Barbara Maxey, Pat Seamons: Board Members, and Bruce Katz as our non-board member Treasurer.



While I have served on the board for many years as secretary, I am looking forward to this new role of serving you, the Congregation of Temple Sinai, as president. Like my predecessors, my mission is to make decisions that benefit our Temple family and the Lake Charles community, as well as working to bring our congregation into the 21st Century with advances in technology and practices that will help us grow as a congregation.

When you look up the word *legacy* in the dictionary, there are several definitions. The two that stick out the most to me are: “the long-lasting impact of particular events, actions, etc. that took place in the past, or of a person’s life” and “something transmitted by or received from an ancestor or predecessor or from the past.” For me, both of these definitions apply to my presidency. The first definition is the legacy that I hope to leave through my term as president, and the second definition is the legacy that has been built for me by my great-grandfather, grandfather, and mother through their terms as president of our congregation. My hope is that I will make them proud, as I am their living legacy. I also recognize that so many of you watched me grow up in the Temple and in many ways helped to raise me as my Temple family. I hope that I make all of y’all proud as well!

When I began thinking about my first President’s Message, I was afraid that I wouldn’t have enough to say. Boy was I wrong! So much has happened in the first month of my presidency that I actually find myself having to narrow down my thoughts to make this message “short and sweet”.

First, I am immensely thankful to my mom, Sandy Desadier, and Karen Kleinman for their hard work and dedication to our temple and congregation as co-presidents last year. This was not their first run as presidents; both of them having served lengthy terms years prior to teaming up last year. This position is one that we struggle to fill each year. I knew that my turn was coming, but I was not yet ready last year as I was finishing up my master's degree. I am so thankful to them for giving me one more year to prepare for this role, and for the wonderful job that they did serving us this past year!

I would also like to thank Joel Davidson, for all of the work he did during his term as president to help our Temple recover from Hurricanes Laura and Delta, and the work that he continued to do last year as Immediate Past President and Acting Treasurer to finish the restoration of our beautiful synagogue and serve our congregation through multiple roles and responsibilities.

Next, our Passover Seder was wonderful! The turnout was small but that lent itself to a cozy, intimate seder that was a lot of fun and allowed us to practice for hosting future seders in our social hall. A HUGE thank you goes out to Sandy Desadier and Judy Katz, for organizing and pulling off this event, to Randy Fuerst who connected us with the caterers, Derrick and Paul, who did a fabulous job meeting all of our needs, and to everyone who cooked and provided food for our seder. Last, but certainly not least, thank you to Rabbi Sam for making this year's seder so much fun and so meaningful. I am hopeful that we will have a larger turnout next year!

Next, I would like to encourage everyone to take advantage of the gift that we have in Rabbi Sam. If you have not been to one of his services yet, you are definitely missing out! Please make note of not only his Friday night services, but also the Saturday morning services and Torah studies that are scheduled on his weekends with us. Rabbi Sam's passion and humor truly add something special to his services and Torah studies!

Lastly, we have a special Musical Shabbat coming up on Friday, May 2nd, with musical guest Mike Mason joining Rabbi Sam on the pulpit. Mark your calendars now because this is a treat that you won't want to miss!



May Birthdays:

- 4 Dawana Holtzman
- 6 Alexandra Battestin Foster
- 8 Randy Fuerst
- 11 Lee Schwalben
- 15 Linda Riff Parker
- 16 Elizabeth Dondis
- 16 Lee Garcia
- 19 Ellen Michel Raley
- 20 Benjamin Katz
- 20 Richmond Reinauer
- 22 Heidi Hankin Walker
- 24 Craig Ferguson
- 26 Bailey Ferguson

June Birthdays:

- 4 Robby Reinauer
- 5 Taylee Lacomb
- 8 Sarah Katz
- 10 William Battestin
- 16 Stanley Levy, Jr.
- 21 Matt Turner
- 25 Matthew Goldsmith
- 29 Percy Johnson

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you need anything. I am looking forward to a wonderful term of serving our congregational family and friends.

With love,

Tevya Turner

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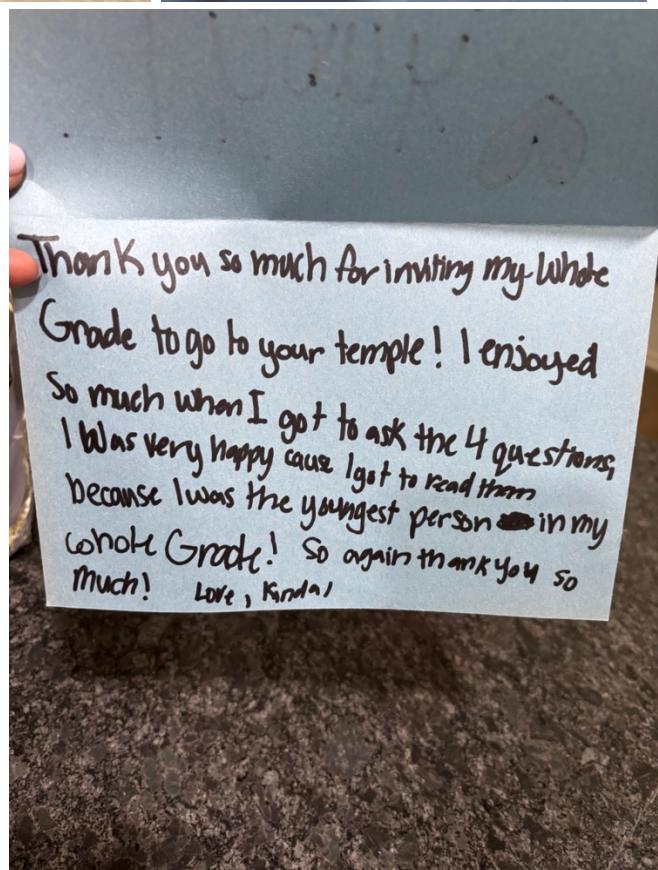
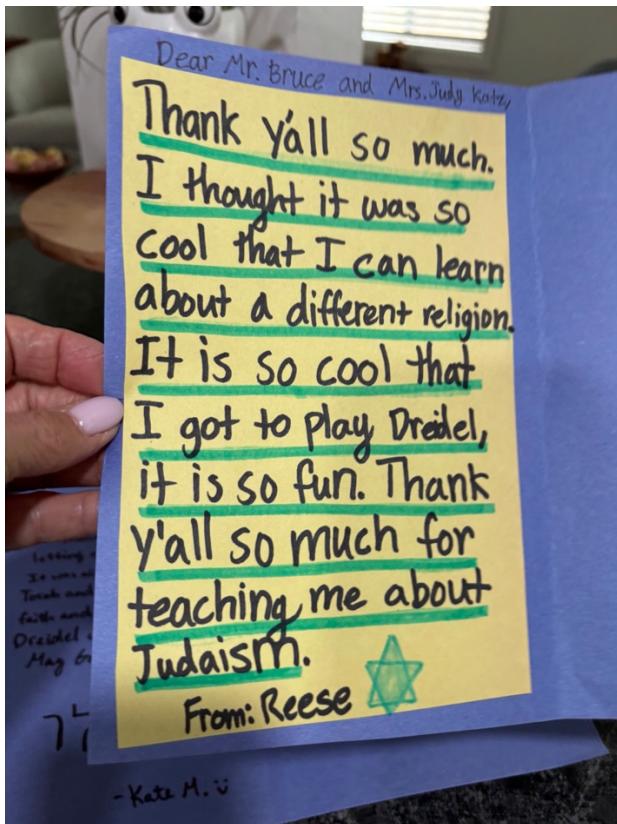
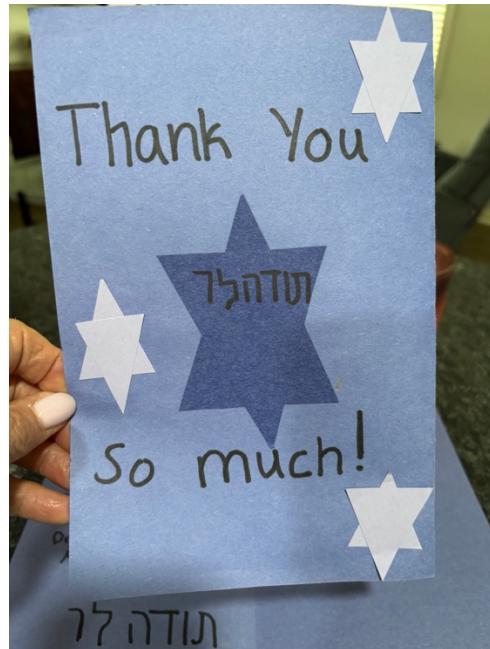
PASSOVER AT TEMPLE SINAI





VISIT FROM QUEEN OF HEAVEN CHURCH IN LAKE CHARLES, LA

Thank you to Judy and Bruce Katz for hosting Queen of Heaven's Confirmation Class.



Musical *Shabbat*

FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2025

6:00PM Temple Sinai Sanctuary

Featuring: Rabbi Sam Rheins and special guest, Mike Mason



Shabbat dinner (Mexican style) will be served following services in the Social Hall. There will be veggie and chicken dishes with sides and desserts.

\$10/Person

RSVP Deadline: Wednesday, April 30th

sdesadier@gmail.com or text (337) 540-9993



Zichronam Livracha

May their memories be a blessing**May 2, 2025**

Bella Sandler (Apr. 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)
Henry Avner (2)
Martha Levy (2)

Grandmother of Susan Battestin
Former Rabbi of Temple Sinai
Aunt of Robert Landry

Uncle of Millie Mylander
Father of Dan Prater
Husband of Leona Avner
Mother of Stan Levy, Jr.

May 9, 2025

Morris Guttman (3)
Elizabeth Helman (3)
Solomon Paymar (3)
George Cohen (4)
Shirley Reinauer Cohn (4)
E.J. "Buddy" Gillespie (4)
Sol B. Klaus (4)
Daniel Louis Kleinman (4)
Doris "Sis" Bowsky Armentor (5)
Shannon Cox (5)
Harriet Fink (5)
Bessie Heller (5)
Bill Barnhart (6)
Meyer Love (7)
Lois Cowen (8)
Joyce R. Strauss (8)
Benjamin Schoolsky (9)

Husband of Irene Gutman
Mother of Tootsie Helman Fournet
Grandfather of Corene Davidson
Husband of Princess Cohen
Mother of David Reinauer
Friend of Deborah Darbonne
Great Uncle of Leslie Katz

Mother of Gail Johnson
Friend of Beth Zilbert
Sister of Ethel Love
Sister-in-Law of Tena Davidson
Uncle of Barbara Peck
Husband of Ethel Love
Mother of Cherie Cowen Landry



Zichronam Livracha
May their memories be a blessing



May 16, 2025

William Holtzman (10)

David Lehman (10)

Roland Bodin (11)

Ruth Chozen (12)

Rosalind Kaufman (14)

Arthur Landsman (14)

Rita Donn Raphael (14)

David Dwight Barnhart (15)

Tommy McManus (15)

Helen Wise (15)

Father of Millie Mylander's BFF

Father of George Bodin

Grandfather of Leslie Katz

Aunt of Bill Kushner

Cousin of Barbara Peck

Father of Barbara Peck

Grandmother of Carol St. Dizier

May 23, 2025

Sarah Levin (17)

Anna Gorin (18)

Isaac T. Hart (18)

Hermann Wygoda (18)

Henry Milstein (20)

Esther Painter (20)

Beatrice Smith (20)

Edith Kristal (22)

Jeannette Fry (23)

Udith Milford (23)

Mother of Barbara Maxey

Mother of Irving Gorin

Grandfather of Paul Hart Miller

Father of Mark Wygoda

Grandfather of Davidson Siblings

Mother of Leona Avner

Sister of Pat Seamons

Mother of Rochelle Miesel

Cousin of Carol St. Dizier

May 30, 2025

Clyde Arabie (26)

Brother of Pat Seamons

Augusta Fish (26)

Grandfather of Millie Mylander

Charles Fredrick Mylander (28)

Uncle of Parbara Peck

John Robert Toerner (28)

Grandfather of Susan Battestin

Renee Cope (29)

Mother of Leslie Katz

Adolph Marx (29)



Zichronam Livracha

May their memories be a blessing**June 6, 2025**

Jane Kleinman (1)
 Jessie Winner (1)
 Leanora M. Hoffman (2)
 Robert James Hebert (3)
 Nellie Edelstein (5)
 Isadore K. Bowsky (6)
 Bernard (B.A.) DiBartolo (6)

Mother of Harry Kleinman
 Grandmother of Harry Kleinman
 Brother of Barbara DiBartolo
 Grandfather of Gail Johnson
 Brother of Tony DiBartolo

June 13, 2025

Rosa Hart (7)
 Gertrude Lowenthal (7)
 Joseph Liebman (9)
 Reva Roseman (9)
 Marie Berkowitz Schoolsky (9)
 Ray Weill Weil (9)
 Estelle Frank Craft (10)
 Gertrude Adler (11)
 Simon Davidson (12)
 Sandra Stein (12)
 Manuel Lowenthal (13)
 Beatrice Zakroff (13)

Aunt of Paul Hart Miller
 Grandmother of Bruce & David Katz
 Mother of Simone Levy
 Mother of Rhoda Gorin
 Father of Davidson Siblings
 Niece of Barbara Maxey
 Father of Joe Lowenthal
 Mother of Betsy Doucet

June 20, 2025

Estelle Stopnik (14)
 Hyman Roseman (15)
 Alex Fish (16)
 Edward Eliyahu Weinstein (16)
 Elsie Anderson Sternberg (16)
 Julia Greenberg Rosenthal (17)
 Cathy Greenberg Milgrom (18)
 Joel Adler (20)

Great-Aunt of Davidson Siblings
 Grandfather of Bruce & David Katz
 Brother of Rabbi Barry Weinstein
 Mother of Dexter Sternberg
 Mother of Sheldon Rosenthal
 Cousin of Davidson Siblings
 Brother of Rhoda Gorin



Zichronam Livracha
May their memories be a blessing

**June 27, 2025**

J. Leo Gross (21)
 Abraham Lindenberg (21)
 Pauline Kaufman (22)
 Solomon Reinaur (22)
 Forest W. Crigler
 Alexander Helman (25)
 John Blevins (26)
 Marie Ferguson (26)

Grandfather of David Reinauer
 Brother of Jennifer Sternberg
 Father of Tootsie Helman Fournet
 Father of Tim Blevins
 Mother of Craig Ferguson

July 4, 2025

Ethel Horn (June 28)
 George Kamm (28)
 Allen Kristal (28)
 Ben Rosen (28)
 Morris Tankel (28)
 Edward M. Strauss (29)
 William Coleman, Jr. (30)
 Benjamin Reinauer (July 1)
 Lily Kushner (2)
 Ida Schwartzberg (2)
 Dot Edelstein (3)
 Esther Levy (3)
 Meyer Schwartzberg (3)
 Charles S. Petrova (4)

Husband of Edith Kristal

Brother of Anne Reinauer
 Uncle of David Reinauer
 Mother of Bill Kushner
 Grandmother of Michael Schwartzberg
 Grandmother of Lilly Ray Levy
 Grandfather of Michael Schwartzberg
 Father of Beverly Hickman

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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