

Temple Sinai

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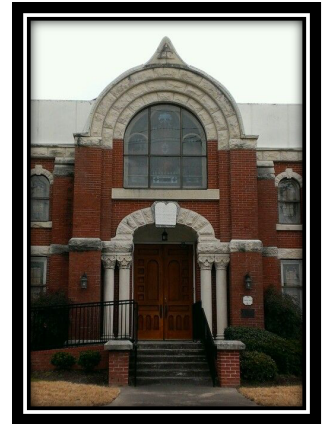
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May 2026

June 2026

Iyyar/Sivan 5786

Sivan/Tammuz 5786



WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

May 2026

Iyyar/Sivan 5786

June 2026

Sivan/Tammuz 5786

Friday, May 1, 2026

Emor

Torah: Leviticus 22:26 – 23:16
Haftarah: Jeremiah 17:19 – 27

Friday, May 8, 2026

B'har – B'chukkotai

Torah: Leviticus 25:19 – 38 / 26:30 – 46
Haftarah: Jeremiah 16:19 – 17:14

Friday, May 15, 2026

B'midbar

Torah: Numbers 1:44 – 54
Haftarah: 1 Samuel 20:18 – 42

Friday, May 22, 2026

Naso

6PM @ Temple Sinai
Torah: Numbers 6:1 – 21
Haftarah: Judges 13:2 – 25

Friday, May 29, 2026

B'ha'a lot'cha

Torah: Numbers 11:1 – 18
Haftarah: 2 Kings 2:1 – 15

Friday, June 5, 2026

Sh'lach L'cha

Torah: Numbers 14:1 – 19
Haftarah: Zechariah 8:3 – 23

Friday, June 12, 2026

Korach

6PM @ Temple Sinai

Torah: Numbers 17:6 – 26
Haftarah: Jeremiah 31:27 – 40

Friday, June 19, 2026

Chukat

Torah: Numbers 20:1 – 21
Haftarah: 1 Kings 11:1 – 13

Friday, June 26, 2026

Balak

Torah: Numbers 23:1 – 23
Haftarah: Micah 5:6 – 6:8

In-Person Services

Friday Evening:

May 22, 2026 (6PM)
June 12, 2026 (6PM)

Saturday Morning:

May 23, 2026 (10AM)
June 13, 2026 (10AM)

MAZEL TOV!

Mazel Tov to Jennifer and Dexter Sternberg (and Kathy Wellmann) on the birth of their first grandchild, a beautiful little girl. Sybil Elaine Sternberg was born on March 25, 2026, to Rodger and Lindsey Sternberg of Texas.



May Anniversaries:

- 1 Tevya & Matt Turner

June Anniversaries:

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

On April 24th, Temple Sinai, along with David Scott, welcomed the confirmation class from Henning Methodist in Sulphur. Pastor Jo Cooper brought 4 students, whom after meeting with David for a question and answer, stayed to bring in the Sabbath with us.



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Message from the Rabbi

Shalom,

We are currently in the period of counting the Omer. Starting on the second night of Passover, we are commanded to count the days leading up to Shavuot. This sacred counting connects us not only to time, but to purpose, guiding us toward a moment of spiritual and historical significance. We read in Leviticus 23:15-16:

And from the day on which you bring the sheaf of elevation offering -the day after the Sabbath -you shall count off seven weeks. They must be complete: you must count until the day after the seventh week - fifty days; then you shall bring an offering of new grain to God.

On the 50th day, we celebrate the Festival of Shavuot which commemorates Matan Torah, the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai.

This journey through the weeks of the Omer culminates in a powerful collective memory. On Shavuot, we recall the Sinai experience, when we stood at the foot of The Mountain and accepted God's Torah. Even though we were not physically there, it is traditionally understood that every Jewish soul that ever was or will be, including those who choose to be Jewish, was also present for Matan Torah, the giving of Torah.

That moment at Sinai was not merely an experience, but an everlasting. By accepting Torah, our ancestors pledged themselves and all future generations to follow God's commandments, solidifying the brit, the covenant for all time.

However, that enduring covenant is not sustained automatically. Even though our ancestors accepted the Torah for all time, we know it is up to reaffirm each day our commitment to Torah. It is up to us to see the world through a Jewish lens. This idea is reinforced through the prayer we say before we study Torah.

ברוך אתה יהוה אלהינו מלך העולם אשר קדשנו במצותיו וצונו לעסוק בדברי תורה

Barukh Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melekh HaOlam asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu la'asok b'divrei Torah.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, Who has commanded us with the mitzvot to busy ourselves with Torah.

The blessing for Torah study teaches that we do not need to wait for a formal Torah study session to learn Torah. Rather, everyday throughout our lives we need to be asking ourselves: "Am I living up to Torah values? Am I approaching my current situation in a Jewish way?"



In this way, Shavuot is both a commemoration and an invitation. On the Festival, we celebrate Matan Torah, the giving of the Torah. But everyday of our lives, we have the opportunity to embrace Torah and to live life through a Jewish lens.

I look forward to celebrating Shavuot with you, not at Mount Sinai, but at Temple Sinai in Lake Charles.

B'shalom,

Rabbi Sam

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Temple Sinai Family and Friends,

I would like to take this time to announce the 2026-2027 Temple Board of Trustees:

Tevya Turner: President,

Michael Schwartzberg: Vice President,

Dexter Sternberg: Secretary,

Bruce Katz: Treasurer,

Karen Kleinman: Past President,

Sandy Desadier: Temple Administrator

Susan Battestin, Charlene Blevins, Sarah Hodnett, & Ellen Raley: Board Members



We are looking forward to serving Temple Sinai and our Jewish community this year!

In April, we held our first 100% Temple Sinai “catered” Passover Seder! A HUGE thank you to Judy and Bruce Katz, Sandy Desadier, and Karen Kleinman for organizing, cooking, and pulling off this event. Thank you to everyone who helped out by cooking charoset and matzoh balls, and boiling eggs for our seder plates. Last, but certainly not least, thank you to Rabbi Sam for making our seder so much fun and so meaningful. It was a small, intimate, cozy seder at home in our social hall, and I know I speak for all who attended when I say that it all came together beautifully, and we look forward to next year!

As we look ahead to the arrival of Shavuot, we find ourselves at a meaningful intersection of reflection and renewal. Shavuot calls us to remember the giving of the Torah—a moment that binds us together in shared purpose, responsibility, and identity. It reminds us that Judaism is not only something we inherit, but something we continue to receive and shape in our own lives.

This year, however, we approach the holiday carrying heavier hearts. The broader climate of political unrest and the rise in antisemitic incidents—some uncomfortably close to home—have left many in our community feeling unsettled, even afraid. In moments like these, our tradition offers both grounding and guidance. The story of Sinai is not one of ease, but of a people standing together in uncertainty, choosing covenant and community despite the unknown. We, too, are called to stand together—to support one another, to remain vigilant, and to affirm our values with clarity and courage.

Please know that the safety of our congregants and our synagogue weighs on the minds of the Board of Trustees. We will continue to have security through the LCPD during for our Friday night services and Onegs/dinners, and we are currently in the process of also arranging for security for our Saturday morning services and Torah studies.

In our small but resilient congregation, every gathering, every act of kindness, and every shared moment of prayer becomes an expression of strength and solidarity. We are not alone, and we do not face these times alone.

May this Shavuot bring us not only reflection, but reassurance. May the coming weeks of summer offer pockets of peace and restoration. And may we continue to draw strength from one another as we move forward together—with hope, with courage, and with deep care for our community.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you need anything.

With love,

Tevya Turner

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May Birthdays:

- 6 Alexandra Battestin Foster
- 8 Randy Fuerst
- 11 Lee Schwalben
- 15 Linda Riff Parker
- 16 Lee Garcia
- 19 Ellen Michel Raley
- 20 Benjamin Katz
- 20 Richmond Reinauer
- 22 Heidi Hankin Walker

June Birthdays:

- 4 Robby Reinauer
- 5 Taylee Lcomb
- 8 Sarah Katz
- 10 William Battestin
- 16 Mary Katherine Ginsburgh
- 16 Stanley Levy, Jr.
- 21 Matt Turner
- 29 Percy Johnson



Zichronam Livracha May their memories be a blessing



May 1, 2026

Edward Hewitt Clapham (1)
William Prater (1)
Henry Avner (2)
Martha Levy (2)
Morris Guttman (3)
Elizabeth Helman (3)
Solomon Paymar (3)
George Cohen (4)
Shirley Reinaur 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)

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

May 8, 2026

Lois Cowen (8)
Joyce R. Strauss (8)
Benjamin Schoolskey (9)
David Greenberg (10)
William Holtzman (10)
David Lehman (10)
Roland Bodin (11)
Ruth Chozen (12)
Rosalind Kaufman (14)
Arthur Landsman (14)
Rita Donn Raphael (14)

Mother of Cherie Cowen Landry

Father of Millie Mylander's BFF
Father of George Bodin

Grandfather of Leslie Katz
Aunt of Bill Kushner



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May 15, 2026

David Dwight Barnhart (15)
Tommy McManus (15)
Helen Wise (15)
Sarah Levin (17)
Anna Gorin (18)
Isaac T. Hart (18)
Hermann Wygoda (18)
Henry Milstein (20)
Esther Painter (20)
Beatrice Smith (20)

Cousin of Barbara Peck
Father of Barbara Peck
Grandmother of Carol St. Dizier
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

May 22, 2026

Edith Kristal (22)
Jeannette Fry (23)
Udith Milford (23)
Clyde Arabie (26)
Augusta Fish (26)
Charles Fredrick Mylander (28)
John Robert Toerner (28)

Mother of Rochelle Miesel

Cousin of Carol St. Dizier
Brother of Pat Seamons

Grandfather of Millie Mylander
Uncle of Parbara Peck

May 29, 2026

Renee Cope (29)
Adolph Marx (29)
Shirley Goldsmith (30)
Jane Kleinman (June 1)
Jessie Winner (1)
Leanora M. Hoffman (2)
Robert James Hebert (3)

Grandfather of Susan Battestin
Mother of Leslie Katz
Mother of Harry Kleinman
Grandmother of Harry Kleinman

Brother of Barbara DiBartolo



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June 5, 2026

Nellie Edelstein (5)

Isadore K. Bowsky (6)

Bernard (B.A.) DiBartolo (6)

Rosa Hart (7)

Gertrude Lowenthal (7)

Joseph Liebman (9)

Reva Roseman (9)

Marie Berkowitz Schoolsby (9)

Ray Weill Weil (9)

Estelle Frank Craft (10)

Gertrude Adler (11)

Grandfather of Gail Johnson

Brother of Tony DiBartolo

Aunt of Paul Hart Miller

Grandmother of Bruce & David Katz

Mother of Simone Levy

Mother of Rhoda Gorin

June 12, 2026

Simon Davidson (12)

Sandra Stein (12)

Manuel Lowenthal (13)

Beatrice Zakroff (13)

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)

Father of Davidson Siblings

Niece of Barbara Maxey

Father of Joe Lowenthal

Mother of Betsy Doucet

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

June 19, 2026

Joel Adler (20)

J. Leo Gross (21)

Abraham Lindenberg (21)

Pauline Kaufman (22)

Solomon Reinaur (22)

Forest W. Crigler (23)

Alexander Helman (25)

Brother of Rhoda Gorin

Grandfather of David Reinauer

Brother of Jennifer Sternberg

Father of Tootsie Helman Fournet



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June 26, 2026

John Blevins (26)
Marie Ferguson (26)
Ethel Horn (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)

Father of Tim Blevins
Mother of Craig Ferguson

Husband of Edith Kristal

Brother of Anne Reinauer
Uncle of David Reinauer
Mother of Bill Kushner
Grandmother of Michael Schwartzberg

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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