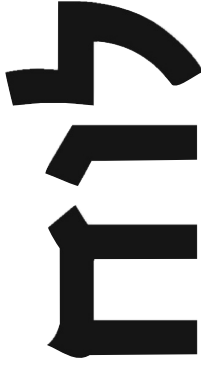




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February in the Sanctuary

Friday, Feb. 2	7:30 PM	Erev Shabbat Service, with Guest Speaker Ross Lilley : "Inclusion Matters" (see p. 8)
Saturday, Feb. 3	9:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Community Minyan
Friday, Feb. 9	6:00 PM	Shabbat@Six! Service, followed by Shabbat Dinner
Saturday, Feb. 10	10:30 AM	Shabbat Morning Service, including the Bar Mitzvah of Lucas dela Paz
Friday, Feb. 16	7:30 PM	Erev Shabbat Service
Friday, Feb. 23	6:00 PM	Shabbat@Six! Service
Saturday, Feb. 24	9:00 AM	Shabbat Mishpacha Service
Wednesday, Feb. 28	5:45 PM	Purim Service, including Megillah Reading (see p. 2)

Join us for Shabbat Dinner

Friday, Feb. 9, following Shabbat@Six! services

We invite all to join us for our monthly Community Shabbat dinner. As always, we will welcome Shabbat together with singing, good friends, and, of course, a delicious catered meal. Register and pay for the dinner through the Temple website. Financial assistance is always available.



Temple Sinai's 9th Annual Poetry Festival

Sunday, Feb. 4
2:00-4:00 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon
of poetry!



Temple Sinai's Ninth Annual Jewish Poetry Festival will feature poet **Barbara Helfgott Hyett**.

Barbara has published five collections of poetry, most recently *Rift*, which won the Boston Foundation's Fellowship for Excellence in the Arts. Her poems have appeared widely in journals and magazines. She is a professor of English and also serves as the Director of PoemWorks, the Workshop for Publishing Poets.

The Poetry Festival will take place in Ehrenfried Hall. Readers are asked to bring one original poem on themes of family, community, or Jewish life. An open mic will follow. Temple member **Dr. Larry Lowenthal** will serve as master of ceremonies. We invite all to join us for this special afternoon.

Coordinated by *Deborah Leinziger, Judith Steinbergh, and Jennifer Barber.*

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Megillah Reading and Purim Celebration

Wednesday, Feb. 28
5:45 p.m. in the sanctuary
Crafts for children, costume parade,
songs from our Sinai Players,
hamentashen, and more!



Tzedek@Sinai

Tzedek@Sinai provides the leadership for the congregation to accomplish Temple Sinai's social justice work. There are five working teams: Criminal Justice Reform, Economic Justice, Immigration Justice, Climate Change, and Healthcare Reform. For more information or to get involved, contact tzedek@sinaibrookline.org.

The Tzedek@Sinai **Criminal Justice Team** is hosting the next **Tzedek Sunda** at 2:00 p.m. on **Sunday, Feb. 25** in Ehrenfried Hall. There will be a showing of the film *Milwaukee 53206*, a poignant portrayal of the lives of two parolees and a woman whose husband is in prison. The film portrays how demeaning the criminal justice system is in the U.S. A discussion will follow. All are welcome. We hope you will find this film engaging and thought-provoking.

i n o u r l i v e s

We offer our wishes of *mazel tov* to our Associate Rabbi Shoshana Friedman and Yotam Schachter on the birth of a baby boy, Abraham Zerachia Dov Schachter, on Dec. 30. We offer Rabbi Shoshana, Yotam, and their entire family *mazel tov*!

An exhibit of art by Temple Sinai member Betty Canick was on display at the Beacon Gallery in Boston's South End. The show of paintings--primarily mixed media--was at the gallery until the end of December. *Mazel tov*!

A Note from Rabbi Andy Vogel and Rabbi Shoshana Friedman

As your rabbis, we want to be present with you at significant moments in your life. Please contact us at times of joy as well as times of sadness. We want to offer support, express sympathy, celebrate with you, and otherwise be present for you in your lives. **IN THE CASE OF A DEATH IN YOUR FAMILY**, please notify one of us, even if the funeral is out of town. Please contact us in the case of illness as well, so we may be helpful to you and your family.

To reach Rabbi Vogel: Call me at the office at 617-277-5888 x2, or email me at RabbiVogel@SinaiBrookline.org. **In an emergency or a death in your family:** Please call me on my cell phone at (617) 257-6848 in the case of a death or other emergency. **To set an appointment:** You may call me directly, or call Nancy Hogan in the Temple office to schedule an appointment with me. If you need to change an appointment, please call Nancy.

To reach Rabbi Shoshana: Please note that Rabbi Shoshana Friedman is currently on maternity leave during Spring 2018. She will be available for pastoral needs and other temple-related business when she returns from her leave.

Temple Sinai Book Group II

The Temple Sinai Book Group II will meet for a potluck dinner on **Tuesday, Feb. 6** at 7:00 p.m. We'll discuss *The New Worlds of Isabela Calderon* by Judith White. For the location or if you have other questions, please contact **Malcolm Russell-Einhorn** at 617-352-4007 or at m.russell-einhorn@umb.edu.

Caring Committee

The Caring Committee offers support to those facing stressful life transitions such as the birth or adoption of a child, a death in the family, an illness, a move to a new home, or an injury. Thanks to our numerous volunteers, we can provide:

- food deliveries (meals, *shiva* platters, fruit)
- transportation to the Temple
- hospital and home visits
- prescription pick-ups
- check-in phone calls

Please don't hesitate to call on us in times of need. The February co-coordinators are

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Marcia Hulley

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The Caring Committee needs volunteers! If you would like to help, or if you have ideas or questions about the Caring Committee, please contact co-chair **Andrea Fein** at 203-858-5328.

Many thanks to January's Caring Committee co-chairs, Ellen Blinder and Stephanie Erber, and to the Temple members who in many ways showed the caring that makes Temple Sinai such a special place.

Temple Sinai לוח CALENDAR LU'ACH

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The deadline for material to be included in the Sinai Calendar/Lu'ach is the 1st of the previous month. (news@sinaibrookline.org) For advertising rates and information please call the Executive Director, Linda Katz.

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Grade 5 Family Program

Sunday, Feb. 4, 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Grade 5 families will participate in a Torah study program in Ehrenfried Hall, led by Rabbi Vogel. Afterwards the students will return to class with their teachers.

SCRAPPY Youth Group Activity for Grades 3-5

Sunday, Feb. 4, 12:30-2:30 p.m.
SCRAPPY will enjoy a pizza lunch, make hamantashen in the kitchen, and assemble Purim gift bags for seniors. Pick-up will be at 2:30 p.m. Fee is \$5.00.

No Sinai U--Sunday, Feb. 4

It's Super Bowl Sunday! No Sinai U.

Shabbat@Six!

Fridays, Feb. 9 & 23, 6:00 p.m.
Each service will begin with a pre-service "nosh." The service on Feb. 9 will feature a lively band and will be followed by a congregational Shabbat dinner.

Shabbat Mishpacha

Saturday, Feb. 24, 9:00-9:45 a.m.
Come to our cozy Saturday morning Shabbat for families with children ages 0-7. This celebration, led by cantorial student Jennifer Boyle, includes singing, a Shabbat story,

light Kiddush, and challah! Free and open to the community.

Tikkun Olam Sunday

Sunday, Feb. 11
Sinai U is volunteering at Family Table in Waltham! Please arrive at Temple Sinai by 8:30 a.m., and bring a snack. We will return in time for 12:30 p.m. pick-up. It's a mitzvah!

Sheirut Sunday Family Volunteering

Sunday, Feb. 11
Families are needed to volunteer at the Family Table food pantry in Waltham--parents will be asked to make food deliveries. Participating children will be excused from religious school that morning. Contact Guy Berreby at berrebyg@gmail.com .

B'Yachad Family Havdalah

Sunday, Feb. 11, 9:30-10:00 a.m.
Families will come together for a Havdalah gathering in the sanctuary, led by Rabbi Vogel and music teacher Ari Sussman. There will be joyous singing and candle lighting.

K'tonton Program for 3- and 4-Year-Olds

Sunday, Feb. 11, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Three- and four-year-olds will delight in Karen Halfon's monthly

holiday program. Early drop-off and late pick-up are available. Free and open to the community. The topic? Purim. Bring a friend!

Parent Town Meeting

Sunday, Feb. 11, 10:00 a.m.
The Education & Youth Committee is sponsoring a Parent Town Meeting. We'd love to hear how things are going for you and your child at religious school this year. Your feedback is welcome!

Sinai U Sunday Night Program

Sunday, Feb. 11, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Our Sinai U program continues for students in Grades 7 and 8, beginning with a community dinner at 5:30 p.m. and led by Rose Levenson.

No Religious School - Winter Break

Sunday, Feb. 18-Sunday, Feb. 25
Religious school classes will resume on Tuesday, Feb. 27.

Purim Family Megillah Reading

Wednesday, Feb. 28, 5:45 p.m.
Our Purim festivities begin at 5:45 p.m. with Purim craft-making for children. Come hear the Megillah, take part in a costume parade, and eat delicious hamantashen!

adult learning

Cinema@Sinai: For Your Consideration (USA)

Three actors learn that their respective performances in the film "Home for Purim," a drama set in the mid-1940s American South, are generating award-season buzz. Here is a film that will keep you laughing.
Saturday, Feb. 24, 7:30 p.m.



singing, and then study the text in English. You need not have any prior study of the Torah or Hebrew knowledge, simply an interest in considering the Torah portion as it relates to our contemporary experiences or those of Jews in previous generations before us.

2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month, 9:00-10:20 a.m., in our classroom building

Havurah Groups for Shabbat and Study

Forming a Havurah ("friendship group") to celebrate Shabbat and Jewish holidays or to study together once every 6-8 weeks builds community and develops deeper relationships within a Jewish context. Temple Sinai supports members who wish to develop additional Havurot. Currently, these Havurot are meeting within our community:

- Young Adults Havurah
- Jamaica Plain/Roslindale Families Havurah
- Families with Young Children

Thursday Morning Study Group

with Rabbi Andy Vogel
This informal class studies a wide variety of topics with lively discussions, museum trips, films, and text study. Join us each Thursday, or feel free to drop in just once!
Every Thursday, 10:00-11:30 a.m., in Ehrenfried Hall

Shabbat Morning Torah Study

with Rabbi Andy Vogel
Join us to discuss the ideas presented by the week's Torah portion. We begin with a light breakfast, coffee and a bit of

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Bar Mitzvah

Lucas dela Paz
Bar Mitzvah
Feb. 10, 2018



Lucas is a 7th grader at the Devotion School in Brookline. He enjoys playing the guitar and doing archery. He is an avid engineer and a connoisseur of remote control vehicles, which he remodels to his liking. He is looking forward to getting an electric guitar.

Looking ahead to March...

“Sibling Rivalry: Family Ties in Genesis and Midrash”

with Rabbi Emeritus Frank Waldorf

Sibling rivalry has been with humanity since the beginning: Abel and Cain, Ishmael and Isaac, Esau and Jacob, Joseph and his brothers, Aaron and Moses, and the offspring of David and Solomon. Through passages in the Tanach and Midrash, we will analyze family dynamics as they play out in the 21st century.

3 Sundays, Mar. 4, 11, & 25, 11:00 a.m.-12:20 p.m.



Passover Workshop: “The Omer, A Time to Reflect and Act”

with Rabbi Chेरina Eisenberg

Learn how to count the Omer and discover how this ancient practice can be added to your daily routine to de-stress, activate your creativity, and find new hope and inspiration in your life.

2 Sundays, Mar. 25 & Apr. 8, 9:30-10:50 a.m.



Israel Film Series: *The Bubble*

The Bubble follows a group of young friends in Tel Aviv and as such, the film is a love song to the city. It explores the claim that people in Tel Aviv are isolated from the rest of the country. We see the young people’s lives in Tel Aviv through the eyes of gays and straights, Jews and Arabs, men and women.

Saturday, Mar. 10, 7:30 p.m.

COHON MEMORIAL LECTURE

“70 Years After Independence: Israel and American Jewry at a Crossroads”

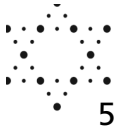
with Dr. Ted Sasson, Director of Programs, The Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Foundation; Professor of Jewish Studies, Middlebury College; Professor of Sociology, Brandeis University

Trained as a sociologist, **Dr. Ted Sasson** has written widely in the fields of diaspora studies, heritage tourism, Israeli politics, American Jewish opinion, demography, and criminology. He has studied the effects of the Birthright-Israel trip on the attitudes of young American Jews toward Israel and Judaism and is the author, most recently, of *The New American Zionism* (2014).

Friday, Mar. 16, 7:30 p.m., at Erev Shabbat Services

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Louise J. Anes	Marylln Klein Fine	Leon H. Kaplan	Ruth Goodman Oser	Ann Silverman Sheingold
Lillian Angoff	Norman Friedman	Morris Kaplowitz	William J. Oser	Aaron Sibley
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Audrey Cutler	Rouben Hardoon	Samuel Lourie	David Rifkin	Joyce Tolkoff
Martin Davis	Sue Mensh Hecht	Richard MacNish	Sarah Rifkin	George Vodian
Josefino dela Paz	Le Roy Homer	Seymour Mazer	Raymond M. Ross	Leo Weinberg
Esther Salmon Dort	Dora Sherr Isenbaum	Geraldine McCarthy	Sally Rotman	Ethel Blanck Weinstein
Hershel Druker	Minnie Jacobson	Celia Anna Meister	Marvin Rumpfer	Pauline Sherman
Joseph Edinburg	Jules Janson	Gary L. Meyers	Stella Scholnick	Weintraub
Joseph Ellin	Charles Jolles	Mark Moore	Henri Schwartzberg	Rose Goldstein Weiss
Arthur Elliott	Bernard M. Kahn	Abraham Myerov	Lillian Kates Seaman	Bertha Elfman Wolk
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**“Inclusion Matters”
with Guest Speaker Ross Lilley
Erev Shabbat Services
Friday, Feb. 2, 7:30 p.m.**



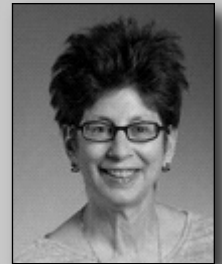
Ross Lilley, Executive Director of Access Sport America, will speak at Erev Shabbat services. Access Sport America sponsors programs which inspire higher function and fitness for children and adults of all disabilities through high-challenge sports and training. Ross has been adapting and teaching high-challenge sports since 1983. An ordained minister, his primary interest has been in creating places and activities to overcome disparity and discrimination, especially for people living with disabilities. Ross adapts sports and creates/develops equipment to accommodate all disabilities. He has twice received the Boston Celtics’ “Heroes Among Us” Award, the Massachusetts Governor’s Committee on Physical Fitness and Sports’ Neighborhood Superstar Award, and numerous other awards.

Sponsored in part by the Ruderman Synagogue Inclusion Project of CJP.



Save the Date!

**RAINBOW SHABBAT
Friday, Mar. 2, 7:30 p.m.
Guest Speaker
Amy Hoffman**



Amy Hoffman will read from and discuss her memoir, *Lies About My Family*. She has also written *An Army of Ex-Lovers: My Life at the Gay Community News*, about Boston’s lesbian and gay movement during the late 1970s, and *Hospital Time*, about taking care of friends with AIDS in the late 1980s and early 1990s. Amy is editor-in-chief of *Women’s Review of Books* and a faculty member in the Solstice MFA Program at Pine Manor College. She has been an editor at *Gay Community News*, South End Press, and the *Unitarian Universalist World* magazine. She served as development director for the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities and the Women’s Lunch Place, a daytime shelter for homeless women.