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Join us for dinner!
Friday, Nov. 8 after Shabbat@Six! Services

Our next Community Shabbat dinner will take place following Shabbat@Six! services on Friday, Nov. 8.
Please check our website and register online!

For a complete listing of upcoming events at Temple Sinai, go to our website: sinaibrookline.org.
**Announcements**

**Tzedek@Sinai**

Tzedek@Sinai is Temple Sinai’s social justice organizing initiative that enables members to come together and build Temple Sinai’s power to make an impact on issues we care about.

**Healthcare Reform Team**

We are busy working with Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO) on an Action with legislative leaders in the first half of November—WATCH FOR THE DATE! Also expect to see some in-district meetings, phone call campaigns, and at least one lobbying day. The new legislation that we are working on includes laws to: 1) reduce out-of-pocket costs for medications; 2) increase mental healthcare services available; and 3) limit out-of-network surprise bills. Contact Bonny Gilbert at 617-645-8907 or email tzedek@sinaibrookline.org for more information.

**Housing Team**

If you wonder why Brookline has so little affordable housing and want to help it become a more integrated and affordable community, please join the Housing Team on **Sunday, Nov. 10, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** to **LEARN** about the history of redlining and racial segregation in Brookline and Boston, ORGANIZE for more integrated affordable housing, and ACT on important issues for the Brookline November Town Meeting. The team will be joined by members of Temple Beth Zion and Temple Ohabei Shalom. Bagels and coffee will be served. Email Felice Mendell at felice.mendell@mail.mcgill.ca with questions or to RSVP.

**Criminal Justice Reform Team**

See p. 8 for information on an upcoming event.

**A Note from Rabbi Andy Vogel**

As your rabbi, I want to be present with you at significant moments in your life. Please contact me at times of joy as well as times of sadness, so I may 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 me, even if the funeral is out of town. Please contact me in the case of illness as well, so I may be helpful to you and your family.

Note as well that our Student Rabbi Talia Stein is also available for spiritual support for members in life cycle and life crisis moments, offering at many life cycle events, consultation on Jewish matters, in addition to her Jewish engagement work throughout the Temple community.

**How to Reach Rabbi Vogel or Student Rabbi Talia Stein**

By phone: Call the Temple Sinai office at 617-277-5888. Please leave a voicemail message if we are unavailable when you call. **By email:** Email us at RabbiVogel@SinaiBrookline.org or TaliaStein@SinaiBrookline.org. We check email regularly, but please call for more urgent matters. **To set up an appointment:** Please call or email either of us directly, or contact Paul Kelly, our administrative assistant, who schedules appointments for Rabbi Vogel. If you need to change an appointment, please call Paul Kelly in the Temple office. **In an emergency or a death in your family:** If outside regular office hours, please call Rabbi Vogel on his cell phone at 617-257-6848. (Email is less reliable in this instance.)

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**Temple Sinai’s Caring Model: Not a Committee, But a Congregation-Wide Network of Volunteers**

Every one of us may need help at some point, and it’s a core value of Temple Sinai and of Judaism that we are here for each other. Please step up and take part in Temple Sinai’s Caring Network. Email us at CaringNetwork@SinaiBrookline.org if we can contact you when a congregant needs help—that is, when facing an important life event such as the birth or adoption of a child, a death in the family, an illness, or an injury. Our mitzvot include making a phone call, delivering a meal or platter, attending a shiva, or helping out with driving or errands. Each month, two coordinators reach out to congregants by email and/or phone to request assistance on a congregant’s behalf. When a task doesn’t work for you, there’s no reply needed. You may do as much or as little as you like.

We’re led by Rabbi Andy Vogel and co-chairs Andrea Fein and Hildy Neumann. Confidentiality is always honored. The Caring Network’s goal is 100% member participation. Please consider adding your name to our growing Temple Sinai Caring Network! If each of us can carry out even one caring mitzvah per year, we’ll have built a wonderfully diverse and strong Caring Network. Monthly leadership/coordinator roles are also available.

Thank you to to October’s co-coordinators: Deborah and Michael Nam-Krane. November’s Co-Coordinators are:

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- Justeen Hyde
  justeen@gmail.com

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**Temple Sinai Calendar/Lu’ach**

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“Why Zionism”
with Temple Sinai members Amos Lassen and Eric Gordon

A three-session course on how major Jewish philosophers view Zionism both in action and in theory. We will look at Hannah Arendt, Walter Benjamin, Gershom Scholem, Noam Chomsky, and Martin Buber and examine how they saw Zionism as it was at the time. We will bring the course up to date to see if what they believed has been borne out. (No preparation or extra reading; just come and join the conversation.)

3 Sundays: Nov. 24 at 9:30 a.m.; Dec. 8 & 15 at 11:00 a.m. in the Charles Street Room

Amos Lassen moved to Brookline in 2012 after having spent 7 years in Arkansas when Hurricane Katrina changed his plans for a two-year visiting professorship in New Orleans. He lived in Israel for many years. Amos has taught at the Hebrew University, the University of New Orleans and the University of Central Arkansas. He grew up in the Young Judaea movement in New Orleans.

Eric Gordon is a researcher and designer focusing on technology and the future of civic engagement. He is a professor of Civic Media at Emerson College, and the executive director of the Engagement Lab.

Cinema@Sinai: Hannah Arendt (English)

A look at the life of philosopher and political theorist Hannah Arendt, who reported for The New Yorker on the war crimes trial of the Nazi Adolf Eichmann. (2012)

Saturday, Nov. 16, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday Morning Study Group
with Rabbi Andy Vogel

This lively and friendly class studies a wide variety of topics, rotating to a new field of study every six weeks or so. Thursday Study includes discussions, museum trips, films and text study. In 2019-20, topics may include current events in Israeli politics, literature and culture, further explorations in the Bible, and topics in American Jewish history. Join us each Thursday, or feel free to drop in just once! All are welcome.

Thursdays (no class on Thanksgiving)
10:00-11:30 a.m. in Weintraub Family Community Room

Shabbat Morning Torah Study
with Rabbi Andy Vogel

Twice a month on Shabbat mornings, Temple Sinai members gather to discuss the ideas presented by the week’s Torah portion. We begin with a light breakfast and a bit of 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. Come just once to try it out.

2nd & 4th Saturday mornings of each month
9:00-10:20 a.m. in Weintraub Family Community Room

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Looking ahead to December...

“Jews in the Civil War”
with Temple Sinai member Karen Keely

In the mid-19th century, Jews were a small minority in the United States, with under 200,000 in the entire country. And yet they played a distinct role in the American Civil War, on both sides of that bloody conflict. In this two-part course, we will examine Jews as abolitionists and as slave-owners, as leaders and as ordinary citizens, as Yankees and as Rebels. In particular, we’ll explore the ways in which the sectional divide intersected with Jewish cohesiveness as a religious and ethnic minority.

2 Sundays, Dec. 8 & 15, 9:30-10:50 a.m.

Dr. Karen A. Keely teaches English at Dana Hall School in Wellesley. She has a doctorate in English from the University of California, Los Angeles, and specializes in American literature and culture.

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The Israel Committee presents an evening with
“Breaking the Silence”:
American-raised former Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) soldiers speak about their experiences in the West Bank

Sunday, Nov. 17
7:00 p.m. at Temple Sinai

Co-sponsored by the New Israel Fund, J Street Boston, and Temple Beth Zion

Breaking the Silence is an organization of veteran soldiers who have served in the Israeli military since the start of the Second Intifada and have taken it upon themselves to share with the Israeli public the reality of everyday life in the West Bank. They endeavor to stimulate public debate about the price paid for a reality in which young Israeli soldiers face a civilian population on a daily basis and are engaged in the control of that population’s everyday life, and their work aims to bring an end to Israeli military control of the West Bank.

Temple Sinai co-sponsors this event with an understanding of the diversity of views around the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and a goal to educate our community on the multiplicity of perspectives on that conflict; hosting this group should not be confused with endorsing any of their positions.

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Daylight Savings - Saturday, Nov. 2
It’s Daylight Savings time! Remember to turn your clocks back on Saturday night or your child will be one hour early for Religious School.

Grade K1 Family Program
Sunday, Nov. 3, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Grade K1 families will take part in a learning program with Student Rabbi Talia Stein, beginning with schmoozing at Java Nagila Café. After the program, the students will return to class with their teachers.

Rosh Hodesh
Sunday, Nov. 3, 12:00-1:30 p.m.
The Rosh Hodesh group led by Leah Carnow will have their second meeting of the year. Location to be announced. Lunch will be served.

Facing History and Ourselves Sinai U
Sundays, Nov. 3 & 24, 12:30-2:30 p.m.
Our learning program pairs Sinai teens with Holocaust survivors. The fall sessions will take place on Nov. 3 and 24 and Dec. 15. Led by Rachael Cerrotti.

Shabbat@Six!
Fridays, Nov. 8 & 22, 6:00 p.m.
Join us for our twice-monthly “Shabbat @ Six!” service. The service will last one hour, and a “nosh” will be served beforehand. The Nov. 8 service will feature a band and will be followed by a congregational Shabbat dinner.

Grade 2 Singing at Shabbat Services
Friday, Nov. 8, 6:00 p.m.
Grade 2 stars will sing two songs at this Shabbat@Six! service. Join us for the community Shabbat dinner that follows, but please remember to register. Kids eat for free.

Tot Shabbat
Saturday, Nov. 9, 9:00-9:45 a.m.
Come to our Saturday morning Shabbat for families with children ages 0–7. These monthly celebrations, led by Leah Carnow, include singing, a Shabbat story, light Kiddush, and challah!

No Religious School - Sunday, Nov. 10
Due to Veteran’s Day Weekend, there will be no Religious School.

Grade 5 Class Shabbat
Friday, Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m.
Grade 5 students will share with the congregation their impressions about Vayera, the week’s Torah portion.

Sinai U Teens Volunteer at Family Table
Sunday, Nov. 17, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Students in Grades 8 and up will volunteer at the food pantry in Waltham. We will meet at Temple Sinai, and take a bus. Earn community service credit!

B’Yachad Family Havdalah
Sunday, Nov. 17, 9:30-10:00 a.m.
Families are invited to a havdalah gathering in the sanctuary, led by our rabbis and music teacher Yoni Battat. There will be joyous singing and candle-lighting.

Grade K1 Visits the Clayroom
Sunday, Nov. 17
Right after Havdalah, our K1 class will walk to the Clayroom to paint Shabbat candlesticks. Chaperones are needed! Fee is $10.00.

K’tonton Program for 3- & 4-Year-Olds
Sunday, Nov. 17, 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. Bring a friend!

SCRAPPY Youth Group for Grades 3-5
Sunday, Nov. 17, 12:30-2:30 p.m.
Come to our kick-off SCRAPPY event. We will enjoy pizza and a movie, and play getting-to-know-you games! Led by teacher Rachel Small. Fee is $5.00.

Shevet
Sunday, Nov. 17 & Wednesday, Nov. 20
Our Shevet group led by Eric Greene will have two sessions this month: Grade 8 will meet on Nov. 17, and students in Grade 9 and up will meet on Nov. 20.

Grade 3 Family Program
Sunday, Nov. 24, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Grade 3 families will take part in a learning program with Rabbi Vogel, beginning with schmoozing at Java Nagila Café. After the program, the students will return to class with their teachers.

Madrich Training Corps
Sunday, Nov. 24, 9:45-10:45 a.m.
Grade 8 students who are interested in being part of our Madrich Training Corps will have their next learning session with Sam Blumberg in Java Nagila Café.

Mitzvah Day Task Force Meeting
Sunday, Nov. 24
Be part of our Mitzvah Day Task Force, and help plan this year’s event, which will take place on Sunday, March 29. Mitzvah Day is a terrific program devoted to community service. We need you! Meeting time TBD.

Tade Sullivan
Bar Mitzvah
Nov. 9, 2019
Tade Sullivan, son of Tim and Jennifer Sullivan, will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, Nov. 9. Tade is a 9th grader at Brookline High School.
RABBI'S G'MILUT CHASADIM DISCRETIONARY FUND
In honor of Ruth Geller by Laurie and Jeffrey Lasky
In memory of Joseph Cutler by Ina Cutler
In memory of Reni Kaye by Jim Kaye and Kim Rubin
In memory of Richard Kaye by Jim Kaye and Kim Rubin
In memory of Khava Rosa Schiller by Nelli Dorman
In memory of Lillian Sandler by Lilly Platt

GENERAL FUND
In memory of Samuel Homer by Gertrude Homer
In memory of Fred Brand by Hilda and Peter Neumann
In memory of Frances Angoff Krause by Norman Krause
In memory of Max Krause by Norman Krause
In memory of Sylvia Marks by Larry Marks
In memory of Lillian Sandler by Zippy Ostroy
In memory of Lillian Kallman by Zippy Ostroy
In memory of Kim Trimble by Zippy Ostroy
In memory of Grace Norman by Ruthe L'Esperance
In memory of Deborah Torf Golden by Judith Freedman Caplan
In memory of Mae Homer by Gertrude Homer
In memory of Sarah Rabinowitz by Gertrude Homer
In memory of Sarah Rabinowitz by Judith Fabricant and Charles Homer
In memory of Morris Kroin by Robert Kroin
In memory of Larry Kroin by Robert Kroin
In memory of Lillian Sandler by Toby Axelrod and Larry Marks

TZEDEK@SINA SOCIAL ACTION FUND
In memory of Agnes Curland by Toby Axelrod and Larry Marks
In honor of Isaac Toffel’s Bar Mitzvah by Tammy Kallman
In memory of Gertrude Fine by Janet Fine and Larry Hardoon
In memory of Marcelle Hardoon by Janet Fine and Larry Hardoon
In memory of Lillian Sandler by Tammy Kallman
In memory of Lillian Kallman by Toby Axelrod and Larry Marks
In memory of the marriage of Aaron Homer and Lena Sawin by Toby Axelrod and Larry Marks

CARING NETWORK FUND
In memory of Lucille Bowles by Flora Parisky
In memory of Silvia Richman by Andrea Richman and Michael Shulman
In memory of Ethel Mensh by Carolyn Colton

ADULT LEARNING FUND
In honor of Barbara Adelberg by Flora Parisky

THURER SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE FUND
In memory of Donald Parisky by Flora Parisky

RABBI BERYL D. COHN MEMORIAL FUND
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In appreciation of Robin Orwant by Toby Axelrod and Larry Marks
In appreciation of Student Rabbi Talia Stein by Toby Axelrod and Larry Marks

RABBI FRANK AND BETH WALDORF SCHOOL FUND
In memory of Herman Jacobson by Ken Jacobson
In appreciation of Leah Carnow by Toby Axelrod and Larry Marks

YOUTH FUND
In memory of Abe Rosenthal by Irene and Abbe Cohen

acknowledgments

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In the community...

LimmudFest Celebrates Their 10th Anniversary of Great Jewish Learning and the Arts
LimmudFest 2019 takes place this year at Congregation Kehillah Israel in Brookline on Sunday, Nov. 17 from 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m., featuring more than 80 presentations, panels, music, storytelling, and lots more. For more info or to register, visit www.limmudboston.org.

Sponsor an Oneg or a Pre-Service Nosh!
Do you have a special anniversary or birthday coming up? Is there someone in your life you would like to honor? Consider sponsoring a celebratory oneg or pre-service nosh on a Friday night. If you can be a sponsor or just want to learn more, please contact Oneg Coordinator Kathy Arnstein at assistant@sinaibrookline.org. She can provide you with instructions and answer any questions you might have.

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Children In Prison?! Juvenile Justice in Massachusetts and Palestine and What You Can Do To Help

Monday, Nov. 11, 6:30-9:00 pm.

The Tzedek@Sinai Criminal Justice Team is hosting this presentation on Monday, Nov. 11 in Ehrenfried Hall. Speakers are Joshua Dohan, Director of the Youth Advocacy Division of the Massachusetts public defenders’ office, Sana Fadel, Deputy Director for Citizens for Juvenile Justice (CfJJ), and special guest Basel Abu Zayda of the Strategic Planning Department for the Ministry of Social Development in the West Bank. Learn what is going on, what is going wrong, what is going right, and what you can do to help.

Snacks and beverages will be provided. For information or to RSVP, email tzedek@sinaibrookline.org or call Michael Nam-Krane at 617-699-4121.

Mindfulness and Jewish Values

with Temple Sinai member Neil Motenko

Mindfulness, an increasingly prominent topic in popular discourse, has deep roots in ancient civilization—and in Judaism. Mindfulness and the practice of meditation can enhance well-being and our ability to meet life’s challenges with clarity, wisdom, and equanimity. Building on content from previous years as well as covering new ground, this 4-session program will explore mindfulness and its relationship to Jewish meditation, prayer, and the cultivation of Jewish values and middot (character traits) on how to live life through truth, kindness, and compassion. (No preparation or extra reading; just come and join the conversation).

4 Sundays: Nov. 3, 10, 17, & 24, 11:10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Neil Motenko is a mindfulness instructor, qualified by the Center for Mindfulness (CFM) at the University of Massachusetts Medical School as an Instructor in Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) and mindfulness-based programs. He graduated from the CFM’s intensive teacher training programs and has attended silent retreats at the Insight Meditation Society. Retired from law practice, he offers mindfulness-based programs, guided meditations, at our Temple and to seniors, hospice patients, and other interested individuals and groups.