November Services

Friday, Nov. 6
6:00 PM
Erev Shabbat Service

by video only

Saturday, Nov. 7
9:30 AM
Shabbat Morning Minyan

by video only

Friday, Nov. 13
6:00 PM
Erev Shabbat Service: Scholar-in-Residence Shabbat

by video only

Saturday, Nov. 14
9:30 AM
Tot Shabbat

by video only

Friday, Nov. 20
6:00 PM
Erev Shabbat Service

by video only

Friday, Nov. 27
6:00 PM
Erev Shabbat Service

by video only

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

NOTE: All services conducted by video only. Unless otherwise noted, participate in Shabbat and Holiday services LIVE at www.SinaiBrookline.org/videoservice.
Building Bridges: Temple Sinai and Israel (co-sponsored by the Israel Committee)
with Rabbi Golan Ben-Chorin of Haifa

This initiative, hosted by the Israel Education and Action Committee and co-sponsored by the Adult Learning, Inclusion, Music, Prayer, and Ritual, and Rainbow Committees, will be led live from Israel by Rabbi Golan-Ben Chorin. This series began in October with an introduction about Reform Judaism in Israel and a special session on Sukkot. Several small group meetings (maximum of 15 people per group) will be held throughout the fall dealing with specialized topics, including social justice in Israel, prayer, ritual, Israel's political system, LGBT and inclusion, and a topic called “In the Kishkes”–everything you want to know about Israel but have not dared to ask. The smaller sessions will be by early registration. Email Amos Lassen at allassenamos@yahoo.com to register.

Group discussion #2: Sunday, Nov. 1, 3:00 p.m.
Group discussion #3: Wednesday, Nov. 11, 3:00 p.m.
Group discussion #4: Sunday, Dec. 13, 3:00 p.m.

Rabbi Golan Ben-Chorin is the founding rabbi and spiritual leader of Rosh Pina Reform Congregation in Haifa, where it was established in 2011. The congregation has pioneered inclusive, egalitarian Judaism and reaches out to a spectrum of identities ranging from unaffiliated secular Israelis to traditional Jews. Rabbi Ben-Chorin was born in Philadelphia and made aliya with his family as an infant.

Caring at Temple Sinai: Not a Committee but a Network of Volunteers

Temple Sinai is a Kehillah Shel Hesed, a caring community of loving-kindness. Please join Temple Sinai’s Caring Network of members who’ve agreed to be contacted when a congregant facing an important life event--the birth or adoption of a child, a death in the family, or an illness or injury–needs help. Our mitzvot include making a phone call, delivering a meal or platter, attending a shiva, or helping out with shopping or errands.

The Caring Network’s activities are managed by coordinators dedicated to particular types of requests:

Grief & Mourning: Mel Stoler
melstoler@gmail.com

Illness & Injury: Wendy Weiser
weiserwendy@gmail.com

New Child: Andrea Fein
andreafein29@gmail.com

Additionally, Emily Case writes notes and cards on behalf of the Caring Network. We are led by Rabbi Andy Vogel and chaired by Hildy Neumann (hildyneumann@gmail.com).

The coordinators reach out to volunteers by email and/or phone to request assistance on a congregant’s behalf. Please add your name to our list of volunteers at CaringNetwork@SinaiBrookline.org. Our goal is 100% member participation. When a request for help goes out, if the task doesn’t work for you, no reply is needed. As part of our network of volunteers, you can do as much or as little as you like.

This year, the Caring Network will present two programs designed to help Temple Sinai members feel more comfortable in supporting one another in times of need. The first program, How to Show Others You Care: Supporting Those Who Are Grieving, will be Sunday, Nov. 22, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Please plan to join us!
NOTE: Until further notice, all Adult Learning sessions will take place online via Zoom videoconferencing technology. Links will be available in the Sinai Update or on the Temple website.

Shabbat Morning Torah Study
with Rabbi Andy Vogel
Join us to discuss the ideas presented by the week’s Torah portion. 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. All are welcome for this friendly exchange of Jewish ideas!

2nd & 4th Saturday mornings of each month, 9:00 a.m.

Thursday Morning Study
with Rabbi Andy Vogel and Rabbi Talia Stein
Join us each Thursday for a lively and friendly class with Rabbi Vogel and Rabbi Talia Stein. We study a wide variety of topics, rotating to a new field of study about every six weeks or so. In 2020–2021, 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!

Every Thursday, 10:15-11:45 a.m., except Thanksgiving

Mindful Practice Series
Two series of meditation classes will take place throughout the year on weekends. Both groups are open to both beginners and to long-time meditation practitioners. Come to one class or come to all!

• Mindfulness and Jewish Values: Monthly sessions with Temple Sinai member Neil Motenko will explore mindfulness and its relationship to Jewish meditation, prayer, and the cultivation of Jewish values. Mindfulness practice can enhance well-being and our ability to meet life’s challenges, and enable us to live through truth, kindness, and wise discernment.

Next classes: Sundays, Nov. 1 & Dec. 6, 9:30 a.m.

• Supporting Mindful Practice: Monthly sessions facilitated by Temple Sinai member Alex Borns-Weil will focus on developing mindful practice, sharing experiences, exploring questions, and discussing how mindfulness practices can help us live our Jewish values and develop as human beings. Each session includes time to meditate together.

First class: Saturday, Nov. 21, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Zionism Reconsidered: The Early Years
with Temple Sinai member Amos Lassen
We will look at the philosophical approaches to the Zionist movement through three of the major proponents: Theodore Herzl, Ze’ev Jabotinsky, and Achad Ha’am (Asher Ginsburg). We will cover cultural Zionism as seen in two greats of Hebrew literature (in English), Rachel Bluwstein and Chaim Nachman Bialik.

Amos Lassen moved to Brookline in 2012 after 7 years in Arkansas. 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 Judaeas movement in New Orleans.

Final 2 Sundays: Nov. 1 & Nov. 8, 9:30-10:50 a.m.

Loneliness: The Other Pandemic
with Hadassah Margolis
What does it mean to be lonely, especially during COVID-19? Recognize the signs of isolation, understand its effects on our well-being, and learn how to manage it better. This is the first of a series of events that are part of Temple Sinai’s ongoing mental health initiative.

Hadassah Margolis is a clinical social worker and the Lead Therapist at McLean’s Spirituality and Mental Health Department. She is also a staff clinician at the Brandeis Counseling Center.

NOTE rescheduled date: Sunday, Dec. 6, 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Israel Education and Action Committee invites you to the 1st of 3 Virtual Tours of Israel
Sunday, Nov. 8, 2:00-3:30 p.m.
with Uri Feinberg
We will journey, live from Israel, in “the footsteps of the Zionists,” from the beginnings of the State to where Israel is today. We will “fly” together to Israel to visit the tombs of Theodor Herzl, the grave of poetess Rachel, the home of Israel’s Poet Laureate Chaim Nachman Bialik, the Sea of Galilee, Kibbutzim Degania and Kinneret, and the town of Zichron Ya’akov. You do not have to leave home to go on the tour and you can even wear your pajamas.

Uri Feinberg has worked in Jewish education since 1995 and has been a licensed Tour Educator since 2000. Uri has guided teen trips in Israel, taught Jewish history at semester programs in Israel, and led tours for synagogue, adult, and family groups. He is driven by a desire to share the power of the Land of Israel with others by uncovering layers of history and finding inspiration in the sites he visits and the people with whom he visits.
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Rabbi Andy Vogel was interviewed by WBZ radio about this year’s celebration of the High Holy Days and how they differed from the past.

We offer our condolences to Rabbi Talia Stein on the death of her grandfather, Herbert Brenner, who passed away peacefully on Sept. 5 at his home in Florida after a long illness. He was 96 years old. Rabbi Stein said that her grandfather “was a regular shul-goer and loved celebrating Jewish holidays, and he loved all his grandchildren very much. He served in Italy in the Army in World War II. He had been blind for decades, and was nonetheless very determined to live a full life.”

We are sorry to inform you of the death of Lillian Sokolow, mother of Temple Sinai member Rena Sokolow, who passed away on Sept. 9 at her home in Lakewood, NJ, after suffering a bad fall. She was 87 years old. We offer our condolences to Rena, her husband John Anderson, their children Grace and Louis, and their entire family.

We are very sorry to inform you of the death of our longtime member Sandra Noymer, who passed away on Sept. 28. She was 89 years old. We offer our condolences to Sandy’s family, including her children, Ruth, James, Karen, and Michael, and their entire families. A beautiful obituary can be read at www.brezniakfuneraldirectors.com/obituary-archive/sandra-poley-noymer/ .
Religious School

Temple Sinai Religious School ON ZOOM!

Sunday classes for K-7
Sundays, Nov. 1, 8, 15, & 22

Tuesday classes for 3-7
Tuesdays, Nov. 3, 10, 17, & 24

Grade 2/3 Family Program
Sunday, Nov. 1, 9:00 a.m.

Grades 4-5 Families: Candle-lighting at Shabbat services
Friday, Nov. 6, 6:00 p.m. for Grade 4, 6:30 p.m. for Grade 5

K’tonton for 3- and 4-year-olds
Sunday, Nov. 8, 10:00 a.m.

Grade 4 Family Program
Sunday, Nov. 8, 10:15 a.m.

Tot Shabbat
Saturday, Nov. 14, 9:30 a.m.

K-7 Families: B’Yachad Family Havdalah
Sunday, Nov. 22, 9:00 a.m.

K-6 Virtual Tour of Israel
Sunday, Nov. 22, 9:30 a.m. for K-3, 10:30 a.m. for 4-6

No Religious School--Thanksgiving Weekend
Sunday, Nov. 29

Watch for your Zoom links in your email!

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How to Show Others You Care: Supporting Those Who are Grieving
with Marjie Sokoll, Jewish Family & Children’s Service

Do you want to support fellow congregants and others who have experienced a loss but hesitate because you aren’t sure what to do and how to do it? This program, co-presented by Marjie Sokoll, Jewish Family & Children’s Service, and the Temple Sinai Caring Network, will help attendees become more comfortable with actively caring for those in our lives who are grieving. Participants will learn about shiva and other Jewish traditions for end of life, understand how Temple Sinai supports those who are mourning and get advice on how to express sympathy in a phone call or note. RSVP to Julie Johnson at johnsonsmizik@gmail.com.

Sunday, Nov. 22, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Marjorie Sokoll is the founder and director of the JF&C S Center for Jewish Healing and speaks widely on Jewish healing, end-of-life, and bereavement.

Lessons for Living: Readings from Aggada
with Rabbi Emeritus Frank Waldorf

In English, we will read and discuss passages of aggada, non-legal texts from the Talmud that reveal the humanity of our sages. The selections are taken from The Book of Legends, selected by Hayim Nachman Bialik and Yehoshua Hana Ravnitsky around 1910 and translated into English around 1990 by Rabbi William Braude of Providence. Rabbi Frank Waldorf served Temple Sinai for over 30 years as our spiritual leader from 1974, and became our Rabbi Emeritus in 2004.

3 Sundays: Dec. 6, 13, & 20, 9:30-10:50 a.m.