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NOTE: All services conducted by video only. Unless otherwise noted, participate in Shabbat and Holiday services LIVE at www.SinaiBrookline.org/videoservice

12th Annual Jewish Poetry Festival

Sunday, Feb. 7
2:00 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon of poetry and community!

Our guest this year is noted poet, novelist and activist Marge Piercy. Her work includes Woman on the Edge of Time; He, She and It, (winner of the 1993 Arthur C. Clarke Award) and the best-seller Gone to Soldiers. Because of the virtual format, this year’s festival will not feature an open mic. The Poetry Festival has become an important gathering for Jewish poets from throughout Massachusetts and New England. Plan to join us by Zoom!

Coming soon... PURIM!

Join us on Thursday, Feb. 25, 6:30-8:00 p.m., for our Erev Purim festivities!

There will be many other activities for Purim, too, including Adult Study, Tzedakah, Mishloach Manot, and Religious School fun.

See the inside flyer for more information.

For a complete listing of upcoming events at Temple Sinai, go to our website: www.sinaibrookline.org.
New Member Welcome Shabbat
Friday, Feb. 12, 6:00 p.m.

Our weekly 6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat service on Feb. 12, led by Rabbi Andy Vogel and Rabbi Talia Stein, has been designated as our New Member Welcome Shabbat, where we honor and welcome members who have joined our community in recent months. The entire Temple Sinai community is invited! Check Temple Sinai’s website for the Zoom link.

Member Directories Now Available

Many thanks to Rose Mandelbaum for her work in creating this frequently-requested directory once again this year. Members of Temple Sinai can also log into their ShulCloud accounts throughout the year to find updated member information. If you don’t yet have a ShulCloud account, it is easy to create one. Contact Linda Katz at executivedirector@sinaibrookline.org, and she will send you a link and help you set it up.

A Note from Rabbi Andy Vogel

This is a time of deep concern for all of us, and a time for us at Temple Sinai to “double down” on being a caring community. We are here for you, as always. Please contact me for any reason, at times of joy as well as times of sadness, so I may offer support, express sympathy, join with you in prayer, celebrate with you, and otherwise be present for you in your life. If you become sick because of coronavirus, or if you are in self-quarantine, please let me know. 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 any kind of illness as well, so I may be helpful to you and your family.

Note as well that Assistant Rabbi Talia Stein is also available for spiritual support for members in life cycle moments, officiation at many life cycle events, and consultation on Jewish matters, in addition to her Jewish engagement work throughout the temple community. And, as always, our Caring Network volunteers are available to support you in a variety of ways—let us know how we may be helpful to you.

How to Reach Rabbi Vogel or Rabbi 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 RabbiStein@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.)

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
Julie Johnson johnsonsmizik@gmail.com
Illness & Injury: Wendy Weiser weiserwendy@gmail.com
New Child: Andrea Fein andreafein29@gmail.com

These coordinators reach out to volunteers by email and/or phone to request assistance on a congregant’s behalf. 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.

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

Please add your name to our list of volunteers by emailing CaringNetwork@SinaiBrookline.org. Our goal is 100% member participation. We hope that you will join us!

CAREER IN JUDAISM

Temple Sinai honors individual journeys of Judaism, joyfully embraces and connecting our members in community. We are enriched by engaging in lifelong study of Torah, seeking holiness through meaningful worship, and bringing justice, healing and caring to our world. We each aspire to deepen communication, broaden commitments, and gain inspiration bound only by the limits of our dreams.
**Every Week at Temple Sinai!**

Please join us for these groups which meet on the same day and time each week. No registration required! Come occasionally or come each time—all are welcome. Zoom links for each class are available on Temple Sinai’s website.

- **Sundays, 9:30 a.m. – Daf Shevui Study Group:** Join this group which gathers for an hour on Sunday mornings to discuss a page of Talmud each week.

- **Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m. – Friendly Faces Conversation:** Connect with other Temple Sinai members for a drop-in conversation, to see each other on Zoom, and have open and supportive conversations. Temple volunteers open the Zoom room each week to hold the center of the conversation.

- **Thursdays, 10:15 a.m. – Thursday Morning Study Group:** A lively and friendly class led by Rabbi Vogel, offering an opportunity to explore a variety of topics throughout the year

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We express our condolences to our part-time custodian Ron Luce and his wife Luann on the death of their daughter Nicole Morris, age 37. Nicole passed away on Dec. 10 after a long battle with cancer.

We offer our congratulations to Sadie Statman, daughter of Amy Ansell and Jim Statman, who was named one of the Schwarzman Scholars in Global Affairs. Sadie won a position in this prestigious program to pursue a Master’s degree at Tsinghua University in Beijing in Global Affairs with a core curriculum focused on three pillars: leadership, China, and global affairs. She will begin the program in Fall 2021. Mazel tov, Sadie!

We are very sorry to inform you of the death of Zackariah (Zak) Korf, beloved grandson of our member Lynn Shyevitch, who passed away on Dec. 14, in Jackson Hole, WY. He was 24 years old. We express our deep condolences to Lynn, her daughter Daphna, Zak’s mother, and to their entire family. Zak was a loving grandson, son, and brother, who, despite whatever pain he was experiencing, always demonstrated his love for his family and friends. Lynn expressed her gratitude that Zak had lived with her in Brookline over the past year and a half. May his memory be for a blessing. We offer our heartfelt sympathies to Lynn and her family, and pray that they may find comfort in this difficult time.
Temple Sinai Religious School
ON ZOOM!

Tuesday classes for Grades 3-7
Tuesdays, Feb. 2, 9, & 23

Grad 6 Family Pre-B’ni
Mitzvah Workshops
Tuesdays, Feb. 2 & 9, 4:45-5:45 p.m.

Grad 6 D’var Torah at Erev Shabbat Service
Friday, Feb. 5, 6:00 p.m.

Tot Shabbat
Saturday, Feb. 6, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday classes for Grades K-7
Sundays, Feb. 7 & 28

K’tonton for 3- and 4-year-olds
Sunday, Feb. 7, 10:00 a.m.

Grade 5 Family Program
Sunday, Feb. 7, 11:30 a.m.

Grade 2/3 Family Shabbat
Candlelighting with Rabbi Stein
Friday, Feb. 12, 5:30 p.m.

No Religious School—Winter Break
Sunday, Feb. 14 - Sunday, Feb. 21

K-7 Families: ‘Yachad Family Havdalah, Purim Style’
Sunday, Feb. 28, 9:00 a.m.

K-7 Purim Pandemonium
Sunday, Feb. 28 during regularly scheduled classes

Stay tuned for more details and your Zoom links!

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Poems from the Prayer Book: An Exploration
with Temple Sinai member Jenny Barber

Poems challenge us, delight us, and startle us into new thoughts. In this class, we will look closely at contemporary poems from the main prayer book we use at Temple Sinai, Miqkan T’filah: A Reform Siddur. As we read and discuss poems by Langston Hughes, Delmore Schwartz, Denise Levertov, Nelly Sachs, Yehuda Amichai, and Abraham Joshua Heschel, we will explore the ways that poetry simultaneously fulfills and subverts our expectations and we will deepen our understanding of poetic technique. Poems will be emailed to participants in advance of the class.

2 Sundays: Feb. 21 & 28, 9:30-10:50 a.m.
Temple Sinai member Jenny Barber taught literature and creative writing at Suffolk University from 2004 to 2018. She has also taught at Wellesley College, Bradford College, the Harvard Extension School, and the Brookline Adult and Community Education Program. She is the founding editor of the literary journal Salamander, and her most recent collection of poems is Works on Paper (The Word Works, 2016).

Building Bridges: Temple Sinai and Reform Judaism in 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, is led live from Israel by Rabbi Golan-Ben Chorin of Haifa. The program began in Oct. 2020 and continued with multiple small group discussions focusing on various aspects of Reform Judaism in Israel. This session, “Sephardic Music in Israeli Reform Liturgy,” will include live performances and plenty of time for questions and answers. To register or for more information, please email Amos Lassen at alassenamos@yahoo.com.

Group discussion #4: Sunday, Feb. 21, 3:00 p.m.

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. All are welcome!

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

Thursday Morning Study
with Rabbi Andy Vogel

Join us each Thursday for a lively and friendly class. Topics may include current events in Israeli politics, literature and culture, and topics in American Jewish history.

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

Mindful Practice Series

These monthly groups are open to both beginners and to long-time meditation practitioners. Come to one class or come to all!

• Mindfulness and Jewish Values with Temple Sinai member Neil Motenko: We’ll explore mindfulness and its relationship to Jewish meditation, prayer, and the cultivation of Jewish values.

Next sessions: Sundays, Feb. 7 & Mar. 7, 9:30 a.m.

• Supporting Mindful Practice: facilitated by Temple Sinai member Alex Borns-Weil: We 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.

Next sessions: Saturday, Feb. 20 & Mar. 20, 9:30 a.m.

Looking ahead to March...

A Man of Clay: The Jewish Folklore Tradition of the Golem
with Temple Sinai member Karen Kady

There are many wonderful Jewish European stories of the Golem, a humanoid figure created out of clay for the protection of a local Jewish community. In some variations, the Golem is a Jew, while in others he is more of a Shabbos goy. In most versions, the Golem protects Jews against antisemitic persecutors, but sometimes the rabbi loses control of the Golem, who then becomes a danger to the Jewish community. In this two-part class, we will read together several short renditions of Golem tradition.

2 Sundays: Mar. 7 & 14, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Erwin Schulhoff: The Profiling of an Artist - Target, Prisoner, and Ultimately a Victim of the Holocaust
with Temple Sinai member Mark Ludwig

Erwin Schulhoff was one of the most versatile, dynamic, and gifted of European composers and performers, and a virtuoso pianist; his repertoire included classical, jazz, and even the extraordinarily difficult works for quarter-tone piano. His music, politics, and ethnicity made him one of the great artistic targets of Nazi tyranny. Schulhoff is a study in the grave consequences of “political profiling” in support of a regime’s agenda of cleansing and genocide.

Sunday, Mar. 14, 9:30-10:50 a.m.
Purim Begins
Thursday evening, Feb. 25

Purim is a joyous and sometimes raucous holiday that affirms and celebrates Jewish survival and continuity throughout history. It is an unusual holiday in several ways. First, Esther is the only biblical book in which God is not mentioned. Second, Purim, like Hanukkah, is viewed as a minor festival according to Jewish custom, but has been elevated to a major holiday as a result of the Jewish historical experience. See flyer inside for information on Temple Sinai’s Purim celebration!