Vote on SinaiPromise at a Special Membership Meeting
Sunday, Jan. 23
11:30 a.m.

Please attend and vote at a special meeting of the Temple membership on Sunday, Jan. 23 about whether to implement SinaiPromise beginning in July 2022.

The goal of SinaiPromise is to align how we provide financial support for Temple Sinai with our community’s values. With SinaiPromise, Temple Sinai will provide information to members each year on the cost of sustaining our Temple and then ask members to make their own decision on the amount they will pledge for membership support. More information about SinaiPromise, including a list of “Frequently Asked Questions,” is available on our website.

We look forward to your participation either in person in the Weintraub Community Room or via Zoom. (See our website or Temple emails for Zoom link.)
**Be Part of Temple Sinai's Caring Network – It's a Mitzvah!**

Temple Sinai's Caring Network is made up of congregants who’ve agreed to be contacted when another member is facing an important life event—the birth or adoption of a child, a death in the family, or an illness or injury—and needs support. Our volunteers do a variety of tasks: they make phone calls, deliver meals, attend shivas, or help out with shopping or errands. Most tasks are one time only and volunteers can do as much or as little as they wish.

Our most frequent activity is providing a meal, and—although many committed members have signed up to help—given the frequency with which we provide meals (typically 2-4 times each month!), we sometimes have to scramble in order to meet the needs. If you haven’t done so already, please consider adding your name to our volunteer list. Our goal is 100% member participation. If you’re already on our list, please consider responding next time a request goes out. (While home-cooked meals are always appreciated, take-out is fine too, and reimbursement is available if needed.) We rely on our volunteers to care for our congregants and your actions are very much appreciated by the recipients.

The Caring Network coordinators are:

- **Mayara Felix**, **Joel Match**, and **Jane Silberberg** for those dealing with Grief & Mourning following a loss.
- **Wendy Weiser** for those experiencing issues related to Illness & Injury.
- **Andrea Fein** for families welcoming new children through birth or adoption.

Hildy Neumann chairs the Caring Network. Emily Case writes notes and cards on our behalf. Rabbi Andy Vogel and Rabbi Talia Stein direct our activities. Have questions? Ready to sign up? Email us at CaringNetwork@SinaiBrookline.org.

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**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 and life crisis 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 RabbaVogel@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.)

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**Temple Sinai**

**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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Tu Bi'Shevat Seder
Monday, Jan. 17
5:45 p.m. by Zoom

Tu Bi'Shevat is coming! Celebrate the Jewish New Year of Trees - a time of hope and renewal - with your Temple Sinai community. Our seder is an evening to discover Jewish perspectives on the environment and nature with singing, readings, activities and foods of the Land of Israel. Check your email for Zoom links and registration information.

Can We Talk About Israel?: A Book Conversation
with Author Daniel Sokatch, CEO of the New Israel Fund, Rabbi Andrew Vogel, and Rabbi Allison Berry
Tuesday, Jan. 11, 7:30 p.m. via Zoom
co-sponsored by Temple Sinai's Israel Committee & Temple Shalom of Newton

In Can We Talk About Israel? A Guide for the Curious, Confused, and Conflicted, the New Israel Fund CEO Daniel Sokatch meets the emotional landmines of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict head-on and answers seemingly off-the-table questions with nuanced perspective and understanding. Sokatch will be in conversation with Rabbi Andrew Vogel of Temple Sinai along with Rabbi Allison Berry of Temple Shalom of Newton. This is an online event only. Details and registration at tinyurl.com/sokatchbook

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YOUTH FUND
In memory of Scott Rosenthal by Irene and Abbe Cohen
No Religious School—Winter Break
Sunday, Dec. 26 – Sunday, Jan. 2

Tuesday classes in person for Grades 3-7
Jan. 4, 11, 18, & 25, 4:00-5:30 p.m.
(Virtual Tuesday option: 4:00-5:15 p.m.)

Sunday classes in person for Grades K-7
Jan. 9, 23, & 30, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Pronouns 101
Sunday, Jan. 9, 9:30-11:00 a.m.
In this session grounded in Jewish values, parents will focus on building shared vocabulary and awareness around LGBTQ identities, learn the importance of using language in ways that are affirming and avoid harmful assumptions, and practice using gendered and gender-neutral pronouns with confidence.

K’tonton for 3- and 4-year-olds
Sunday, Jan. 9, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (early dropoff at 9:30 a.m. and late pickup at 12:30 p.m. are available)
This interactive drop-off program for 3- and 4-year olds introduces children to Jewish holidays and practice through arts and crafts, song, stories, and games. K’tonton is taught by Karen Halfon, a teacher with over 20 years of experience.

No Religious School—Martin Luther King Day Weekend
Sunday, Jan. 16

Tot Shabbat
Saturday, Jan. 22, 9:30 a.m.
Tot Shabbat will take place in Temple Sinai’s sanctuary, followed by a Kiddush and playtime in Larkin Library with Batya Ellinoy, Temple Sinai’s rabbinic vocalist. Sing Shabbat songs, hear a story, learn prayers, and play together!

Journeys Family Education Program for Grades 2-7
Sunday, Jan. 23, 9:30-11:15 a.m.
For Grades 2-7 and their parents/guardians. For more details, see the Temple website. Parents should plan to stay from 9:30-11:15.
We are very sorry to inform you of the death of Donald Pasternak, brother of our member Richard Pasternak, who passed away on Nov. 15. He was residing in Delray Beach, FL, and was 77 years old. In addition to Richard, he is survived by two children, Stephanie Asch and Kevin Asch; another brother, David Asch; and his former wife, Nancy Carter. We offer Richard and his entire family our heartfelt condolences.

We are very sorry to inform you of the death of Kenneth Asch, brother of our member Richard Asch, who passed away on Nov. 17 at her home at Maplewood Assisted Living in Weston, MA. She was 99 years old. We offer our condolences to Bea’s children, Jordan Trachtenberg of Los Angeles, Larry Trachtenberg of Ossining, NY, and Mark Trachtenberg of Newton, MA, and their entire families. Bea was a loving grandmother to five grandchildren, and was the great-grandmother of four. May Bea’s memory be for a blessing.

We offer Deena, her husband Michael, their children Mireille and Jonathan, and grandchildren Luke and Caleb, and their entire family our heartfelt condolences. May June Zeiner’s memory be for a blessing.

We are very sorry to inform you of the death of June Zeiner, younger sister of our member Deena Blau, and aunt of our members Mireille Blau and Jonathan Blau, who passed away on Nov. 13 in California. Deena said that her sister had been receiving hospice care, and she died peacefully. We offer Deena, her husband Michael, their children Mireille and Jonathan, and grandchildren Luke and Caleb, and their entire family our heartfelt condolences. May June Zeiner’s memory be for a blessing.

Congratulations to Temple Sinai member Isaac Heffess, son of Alex Heffess and Rebecca Weinstock, who kicked the winning goal for the Brookline High School boys soccer team and brought the State Championship to Brookline in the final minute of the game on Nov. 20, with a 2-1 victory.

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NOTE: Unless otherwise noted, Adult Learning sessions will take place online via Zoom videoconferencing technology. See class descriptions for more information.

Building Bridges
with Rabbi Golan Ben-Chorin of Haifa, coordinated by Amos Lassen

This highly successful series is led live from Israel. This year's topic is “When Jews are the Majority: A Look at Minorities in Israel.” We will look at Ethiopian and other African Jewish communities in Israel, Jews from Arab lands, Sephardic Jewry, and others.

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

Sundays, Jan. 9, Feb. 6, Mar. 27, & Apr. 24, 9:30-10:50 a.m.

Supporting Mindful Practice

This group focuses on developing mindfulness 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.

Saturdays, Jan. 15 & Mar. 19, 9:30 a.m.

L'Dor v'Dor: Exploring (and Preserving) Your Family's Jewish Story
with Rob and Pam Cooper

What is your family's story? What are characters and events you want to make sure will not be lost to history? We'll talk about the wide range of options you have available to preserve those stories. How can you get to know them and use them effectively?

Rob Cooper has been a writer, producer, videographer, and editor for major market television, historical documentaries, and educational and corporate communications for over three decades. He has developed the technical and aesthetic capabilities to deliver stories with elegance and integrity. Pam Paelli Cooper knows the power stories have to inform and sustain, and the research and interviewing skills to treat stories with the nuance and context that will make them come to life. Pam is an experienced family therapist, oral historian, and a Guided Autobiography instructor.

Sundays, Jan. 16 & 23, 9:30-10:50 a.m.

Shabbat Morning Torah Study
with Rabbi Andy Vogel

Join us to discuss the ideas presented by the week’s Torah portion. Zoom link published a few days before each meeting.

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 with Rabbi Vogel. Call or email the Temple office to be added to the distribution list for information about the session and the Zoom link.

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

Looking ahead to February...

Mindfulness and Jewish Values
with Neil Motenko

This class explores mindfulness and its relationship to Jewish meditation, prayer, and the cultivation of Jewish values. Mindfulness practice can enhance well-being, improve our ability to meet life's challenges, and enable us to live through truth, kindness, and discernment.

Sundays, Feb. 6 & Apr. 3, 11:10 a.m.-12:10 p.m.

13th Annual Jewish Poetry Festival

Join us for an afternoon of poetry and community, featuring guest poet Ellen Bass. This event has become an important gathering for Jewish poets from throughout Massachusetts and New England. See insert for further information.

Sunday, Feb. 6, 2:00 p.m.

Virtual Tours of Israel
with Uri Feinberg (program coordinated by Amos Lassen)

Our guide Uri Feinberg will take us on three fascinating journeys around the State of Israel, focusing on topics, history, individuals, and locations of particular interest.

2 remaining Sundays: Feb. 20, & Apr. 3, 2:00 p.m.

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Laura Sheldon
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Walter Welkstein
William N. Wheeler
David Whipple
David Winitzer
Florence Cohen Wolfe
Evelyn Wolkoff
Sylvia Yaschik
Murray David Zellner
Frank Zwick
ANNUAL COHON LECTURE

Rabbi Benay Lappe
Sunday, Jan. 30
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Rabbi Benay Lappe is an award-winning educator specializing in the application of queer theory to Talmud study. She founded SVARA, a traditionally radical yeshiva dedicated to providing serious Talmud study as a spiritual practice to all who want to learn, in an environment that recognizes as crucial the insights of transgender, intersex, queer, lesbian, bisexual, and gay Jews. Rabbi Lappe, a compelling speaker, will discuss the topic, “How Will the Jewish Community Navigate Inevitable Change?”

Rabbi Lappe has served on the faculties of several universities and currently is the Senior Fellow at the Institute for the Next Jewish Future in Chicago.

Please join us, by Zoom only, on Jan. 30.