

Temple Sinai  
of Palm Beach County

A reform congregation...founded in 1978.

# The Tablet

HIGH HOLY DAYS 5781



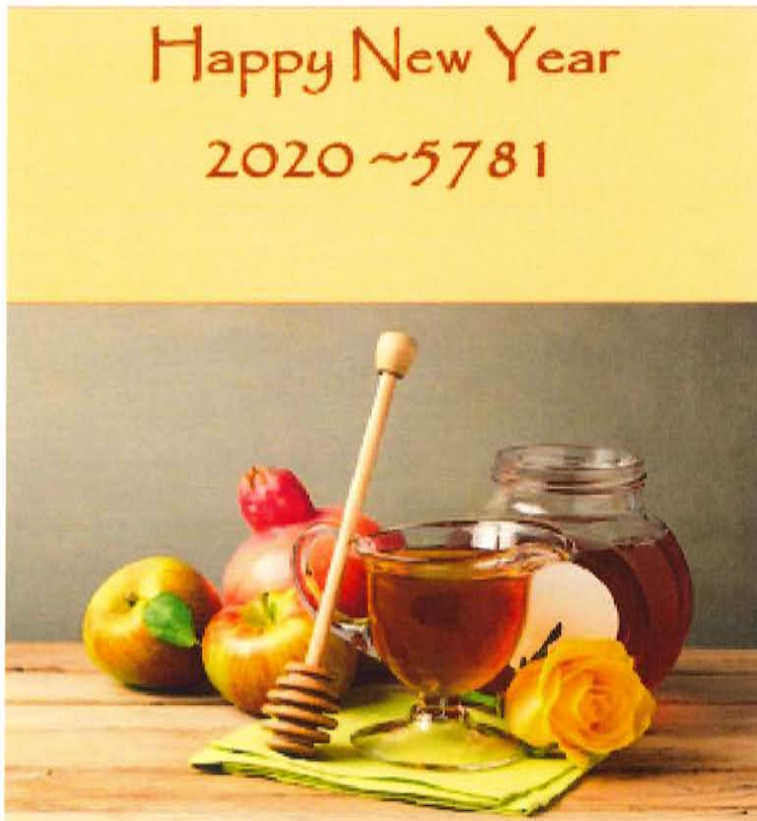
*L'shana Tova! May this year be filled with health, happiness and sweet moments for you and your family.*

wishing our  
family & friends *Happy  
New Year!*  
*L'shanah Tovah*

The Adams family  
Roz Alster  
Myrna & Barry Axelrod  
Susan Benenson & Eileen Fallas  
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Howard Kohn & family  
Bill Lazarus  
Gloria Levin  
Harriet Meyer & family  
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Happy New Year  
2020 ~5781





## rabbi's corner



*Rabbi Aviva Bass*

**T**his year's High Holy Day experience will be different than those we have experienced in previous years. However, this does not mean that they will be any less meaningful or beautiful. Cantor Jake and I have been working diligently to provide an experience that will approximate much of what you have come to expect of a Temple Sinai High Holy Day worship experience, yet in a safe, virtual setting.

When we get closer to Erev Rosh Hashanah, you will receive a YouTube link for each of our services. You will access these much as you have accessed the Friday night services during our time of physical distancing. They will also be accessed via our Temple Sinai YouTube channel. If you are subscribed, you will be able to click on these directly in the YouTube site. These can be viewed either at the time those links "go live," or any time thereafter. However, these are not opportunities for live chatting with other congregants or with me.

To provide a live worship experience, as well as for member interaction, my family and I will be hosting a Rosh Hashanah seder.

### **What is a Rosh Hashanah seder?**

The word "seder" means "order." Similar to a Pesach seder, a Rosh Hashanah seder includes four cups of wine or grape juice, and prayers around particular symbolic food items.

### **What do I need to prepare to join this seder?**

As for other holidays, you will need Holiday/Shabbat candles, wine or grape juice for kiddush, a kiddush cup (wine glass is fine), and challah. Traditionally, the challah for Rosh Hashanah is round to symbolize the circle of the year beginning again.

In addition, if you would like to be a full participant in the seder experience, please have on hand the following fruits or foods: sliced apple and honey, dates, a pomegranate, string beans, a pumpkin or gourd, spinach leaves, leeks or scallions, and a head of lettuce. Also include a new fruit that you have not yet eaten this season.

If you are unable to secure these foods, please feel free to join us anyway. I will have

these symbolic foods at my table where you can see them and say the blessings over them.

Any blessings we will say will be provided on screen, so you do not need a Haggadah or prayer book.

### **When will this seder occur?**

The seder will begin on Erev Rosh Hashanah, Friday, September 18, 2020 at 5:30 pm. It will include time for us to schmooze both in the larger group as well as in smaller groups. We will finish by 6:30, when everyone will be able to eat dinner with their own families before the virtual Erev Rosh Hashanah service begins on YouTube at 8 pm.

### **How will we access the Erev RH seder?**

As this will be an interactive event, you will receive a zoom link by email that you will click on to gain access to the seder at 5:30 pm.

*May this New Year of 5781  
be a sweet one for our  
community and for the world*

*L'shanah Tovah U'metukah,*

*Rabbi Aviva*

### **Contact:**

**Rabbi Aviva Bass**

Call 561-276-6161,  
ext. 118 or email,  
[rabbi@templesinaipbc.org](mailto:rabbi@templesinaipbc.org)  
with any questions  
or suggestions.



## OUR ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES ARE GRACIOUSLY SPONSORED BY THE FOLLOWING:



*Betti & Eric Adams in Honor of Their Family*

*Laurie & David Cotton in Honor of Their Family*

*Lynne, Brad & Kyle Dunton*

*Elaine Farber & Marty Gerber in Honor of the Health & Safety of  
Their Families*

*Harvey Feingold in Gratitude for His Wonderful Family & Friends*

*Judy & Dick Herman in Honor of Their Children & Grandchildren*

*Josephine Koch*

*Howard Kohn in Honor of Jasiah Alex Kohn*

*Sandy Lehner in Honor of Her Family*

*Michele & Eugene Levy in Honor of Their Family*

*Marcia London & Jacob Crespy in Honor of Their Families*

*Steve Saposnik in Memory of Ellen Sandra Rothenberg Saposnik and  
Nora Resnick Saposnik*

*Shelley Teitelbaum & Family in Memory of Marty Teitelbaum and  
Elaine & Samuel Winer*

*Marsha A. Weber in Honor of the Weber Family and Blessings for  
Temple Sinai*

*Lynne Weinstein in Honor of Our Clergy & the Members of  
Temple Sinai*

*Sam Wineman & Ruth Seidel in Honor of Their families*



## "a musical message from Jake"



*Cantorial Soloist  
Jake Harris*



Over the last six months, this catastrophe has had a negative impact on us and most everyone we know. I have been so engrossed along with Rabbi Aviva, over the last few months in creating a High Holy Day experience that is unique to the times in which we find ourselves in. Although the uncertainty remains, the preparations for the services this year have challenged me and enlightened me in ways that otherwise would not have been possible.

Having to record the sacred music of our High Holidays without the live feedback of the congregation began as a challenge. As the takes rolled on,

I began to reframe my focus. I thought about the feelings I felt last year when it was my first time with you all for the High Holy Days. I was so amazed to look out and see the walls of the sanctuary pushed aside for those who wanted to come be a part of the experience. I tried to remember the energy in the room when the first notes of the Organ sounded during Erev Rosh Hashanah. With all of these thoughts close to my heart, I laid down the tracks and shot the clips.

This year, it will most certainly be a different experience. It was a much different experience for me as in preparing. Despite this, the melodies that return during this

sacred time of the year signify our return to our obligations as Jews and refocus our intentions. The sound of the High Holy Days will be brought to your homes this year and we hope that this accessibility enables you to engage with the liturgy in a way that is different from all other years. Next year, hopefully we'll all be back together again, praying, rejoicing, and eating together in our wonderful space. I look forward to the day as much as I am looking forward to bringing you these High Holy Days @ Home.

*L'Shanah Tovah,*

*Jake*

### Contact Info:

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## OUR YOM KIPPUR SERVICES ARE GRACIOUSLY SPONSORED BY THE FOLLOWING:



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*Marcus Corwin & Family*  
*Andi & Seth Dinsky in Memory of Their Parents*  
*Lynne, Brad & Kyle Dunton*  
*Harvey Feingold in Memory of Marty Teitelbaum and My*  
*Brother-in-Law, SFC Bernard Schatz*  
*Sherry Friedman in Honor of Her Family*  
*Joan & Stan Rieger in Honor of Their Family*  
*Steve Saposnik in Memory of Ellen Sandra Rothenberg Saposnik and*  
*Nora Resnick Saposnik*  
*Sandy & Bob Silver in Honor of Their Family*  
*Doreen Solkoff & Family in Honor of Rabbi Aviva Bass,*  
*Cantorial Soloist Jake Harris and in Memory of Jerome Ira Solkoff*  
*Judy & David Stern in Honor of Their Children & Grandchildren*  
*Helene & Sidney Wartel*  
*Marsha A. Weber in Memory of Her Family & Friends*  
*Lynne Weinstein in Memory of Arnie Weinstein*  
*Sue Wexler in Memory of Walter Wexler, Helen Wachsberger and*  
*Eileen Tobasco*  
*Sam Wineman & Ruth Seidel in Honor of Their Families*  
*Elaine & Steve Young in Honor of Their Family*





## co-presidents

Lynne Weinstein 276-6161 x116

Betti Adams x122

Email: [President@templesinaipbc.org](mailto:President@templesinaipbc.org)

Shalom Friends,

We often wonder at how, with the building closed for gathering and people doing their best to stay healthy, there is so much good work done by our caring volunteers. They are shining lights! Let us be clear, there are MANY volunteers working on important programs for the Temple during this time, but in the spirit of acts of loving kindness and social justice we are focusing on specific programs at this time. Here are some examples:

The Ruth & Norman Rales Jacobson Food Pantry gave us 10 stand-up boxes to fill for their High Holy Days Food Drive. In this year of isolation, we wondered, if people would drive to Temple just to donate food. The Social Action Committee organized a drive-by Food Drive. To make it a safe experience, 9 volunteers stood in the heat on various days to collect bags of food. We filled more than 10 boxes with YOUR generosity.

And that was certainly not all! Members, **Norma and Marvin Ravikoff**, wanted this year's Food Drive to be extraordinary. They support organizations serving those in need and donated 6 FULL SUV'S of non-perishable food (see photo on next page.) It does our hearts good to know how much more will be on the shelves of the Jacobson Food Pantry through the efforts of Temple Sinai.

In addition to the Ravikoffs, many volunteers assisted: **Larry Okun, Marcy Anshen, Sima Greenblat, Elaine Young, Debbie Santaromita, Stacey Stephens Connors, Helene Wartel, Arnold Glass, Jay Sweet, Jane Brown, Allan Perry, Eric and Dianne Shangold, Lynne, Brad and Kyle Dunton, Doreen Solkoff, Steve Freed, Chris Pittaluga, Bob Shumaker and Eric Adams**, who worked with Marvin to coordinate. Special thanks to our Temple Administrator, Mark Sickles and custodian, Jean for shlepping help.

Another example of community volunteerism are **Andrea and Joe Goldberg**, who are early advocates of the "Reclaim Our Vote" campaign (organized by the non-partisan Center for Common Ground of Virginia). The campaign promotes voter empowerment and mobilization among voters in states experiencing high degrees of voter suppression. This project is endorsed by the Religious Action Center (RAC), the social justice arm of the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ). With their guidance, the strong team of volunteers including dozens of Temple members have been responsible for writing and mailing 10,000 + postcards! The postcard writing is now complete, but Andrea welcomes volunteers for other voter empowerment projects. She can be reached at (217)-778-0049. Thank you, **Andrea and Joe** and the team for your time, energy and generous contribution to make this happen.

Perfect examples of loving kindness are the "Shalom Callers" who are in phone contact with every household of our congregation. If you hear a friendly voice leaving you a message, we hope you are calling them back! Their intention is for you to know that every member counts at Temple Sinai and we want to know how you're doing. When the time is right for safe gatherings, there will be new connections made as you meet "the voice on the phone." We are grateful to the "voices": **Judy Herman, Lori Weiss-Woeltjen, Sherry Friedman, Doreen Solkoff, Fran Sachs, Janet Thaler, Pearl Vogel, Andi Dinsky, Fran LaFortezza, Elisa Eisenman, Leslie Eichen, Judy Shumaker, Sandy Lehner, Larry Okun, Sue Wexler, Judy Stern and Elaine Young**.

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We are inspired by the extra involvement and participation in our congregation. When people are asked to support an organization, it is important to tell them why. The “why” at Temple Sinai goes beyond our religious practices and education. We are a caring community that loves knowing there will be more local families nourished by our contributions and that enjoys advocating for social justice. Most of all, we are determined to maintain connections with each other. We hope you take this time to reflect on the value of Temple Sinai in your life.

We are filled with gratitude for the financial gifts that have sustained our congregation during the past six months. Now more than ever, a successful High Holy Day Appeal is essential. We realize that only some can fulfill a generous pledge, but we believe that all can give something.

We enter 5781 with hearts filled with hope that our Temple Sinai Family will gather in safety in the New Year.

***L'Shanah Tovah Umetukah from our homes to yours.***

*Lynne Weinstein & Betti Adams*



Norma & Marvin Ravikoff display 3,500 extra food items which they donated to boost Temple Sinai's High Holy Day Food Drive for the Jacobson Food Pantry at Rales Jewish Family Services.



## from your library



*Helene Wartel*

*A house without books is like  
a room without windows.*

### "Between Book Ends"

#### LIBRARY UPDATE:

Although the Library is closed until further notice, the TEMPLE SINAI BOOK CLUB is Alive & Well!

The next meeting on "Zoom" will be on Thursday, October 15th at 11:00am. All are welcome to join.

Our next selection is ***"American Pastoral"*** by Philip Roth.

Please come up with suggestions for future readings.

Zoom invitations will be sent out the week prior to our meeting. If you are not already on our list, please call email me at [Sjwhtw@comcast.net](mailto:Sjwhtw@comcast.net), and I will send you an invitation.

If you need a particular book from the library, please call me and I arrange to get it to you.

For those of you who do not know how to use Zoom, please contact Eric Adams at: [Emadamsfl@gmail.com](mailto:Emadamsfl@gmail.com).

I look forward to seeing you all on Zoom.

Also, if you have books (Judaica and other) to donate to the Temple, I will be happy to pick them up if they are bagged or boxed and in your garage or outside your home. Just call me at 561 381-4872.

All of us on the Library Staff miss seeing you and wish you a Shana Tova and good health in the New Year 5781!

Helene Wartel ~ 561-381-4872  
[sjwhtw@comcast.net](mailto:sjwhtw@comcast.net)

#### Library Hours

As a member of Temple Sinai the Library is open to you and your children. Monday-Thursday 10-1pm. Friday after Shabbat services. Closed Saturdays.

#### Contact us:

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\*Temporarily closed due to Covid-19.



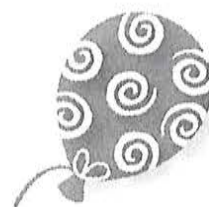


# the birthday!

## MEMBER LIST

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### Happy Birthday & Best Wishes!



#### September

Ms. Andrea Lambert..... Sept 1  
 Mrs. Ellen Hattenbach.... Sept 3  
 Mr. Albert Rosenblum..... Sept 3  
 Mrs. Harriet Stein ..... Sept 3  
 Mr. Eric Shangold ..... Sept 4  
 Mrs. Laurie Cotton..... Sept 5  
 Robert Farrell..... Sept 6  
 Mrs. Lynne Dunton ..... Sept 8  
 Mrs. Nancy Bernstein ..... Sept 9  
 Mr. Andrew Montague.... Sept 9  
 Mr. Neil Broadman ..... Sept 10  
 Ms. Alison Grasso ..... Sept 10  
 Corbyn Bogdanowicz ..... Sept 12  
 Mr. Larry Okun ..... Sept 12  
 Mr. Steven Stein ..... Sept 13  
 Mrs. Betti Adams..... Sept 14  
 Mrs. Rebecca Lippmann.. Sept 14  
 Ms. Jennifer Bogdanowicz Sept 15  
 Mrs. Alice Drovandi ..... Sept 16  
 Mrs. Dana Levy ..... Sept 16  
 Mr. Milton Steren..... Sept 16  
 Mr. Daniel Blumberg ..... Sept 18  
 Mr. Stephen Carter..... Sept 18  
 Emily Stephens ..... Sept 19  
 Mr. David Woeltjen ..... Sept 19  
 Mr. Paul Goldram ..... Sept 20  
 Mrs. Florence Karmel..... Sept 20

#### September/October

Mrs. Josephine Koch..... Sept 20  
 Mrs. Laurie Finn..... Sept 21  
 Mr. Melvin Grebler ..... Sept 21  
 Ms. Helene Wartel ..... Sept 22  
 Mr. Brandon Berkenfeld.. Sept 27  
 Mr. Jared Lubitz..... Sept 27  
 Ms. Judith Sharlin..... Sept 27  
 Mr. Reuben Fried ..... Sept 28  
 Olivia Izenwasser ..... Sept 28  
 Jacob Solkoff..... Sept 30  
 Mr. Brian Halpern ..... Oct 2  
 Mr. Howard Kesselman... Oct 2  
 Mrs. Patricia Gable ..... Oct 3  
 Mr. Steve Nacht..... Oct 3  
 Mr. David Weintraub ..... Oct 3  
 Mr. Alan Zack..... Oct 6  
 Ms. Phyllis Zemsky ..... Oct 6  
 Mr. David Stern..... Oct 8  
 Mrs. Mary Sher ..... Oct 9  
 Ms. Estelle Morganstein .. Oct 10  
 Mrs. Mandi Santone..... Oct 11  
 Ms. Frances Smith ..... Oct 11  
 Mr. Jeffrey Katz ..... Oct 12  
 Mrs. Arlene Robert..... Oct 12  
 Ms. Lori Weiss-Woeltjen .. Oct 12  
 Mrs. Andrea Dinsky..... Oct 13  
 Mrs. Ellen Gust ..... Oct 15

#### October

Ms. Karen Greene..... Oct 18  
 Mrs. Marilyn Carter..... Oct 19  
 Miss Janet Weinthal ..... Oct 19  
 Lily Glickstein ..... Oct 20  
 Mrs. Susan Kramer..... Oct 20  
 Ava Shumrak ..... Oct 20  
 Ms. Diane Johnson ..... Oct 21  
 Ms. Sandra Lehner ..... Oct 23  
 Mrs. Donna Lopater ..... Oct 24  
 Mrs. Shelley Himmelrich. Oct 27  
 Mrs. Darlene Rebak ..... Oct 28  
 Mrs. Beverly Mattia- ..... Oct 31  
 Wolowitz





## Mishebeirach Member List Healing Prayer

May the One who blessed our ancestors, Sarah and Abraham,  
Rebecca and Isaac, Leah, Rachel and Jacob bless:

<i>Dr. Hal Bass</i>	<i>Vicki Kushner</i>	<i>Joyce B. Simon</i>
<i>Susan Buck</i>	<i>Steve Nacht</i>	<i>Lynn Streim</i>
<i>Marilyn Cohen</i>	<i>Charlotte Raphaelson</i>	<i>Zena Wagner</i>
<i>Ed Greenblat</i>	<i>Debbie Santaromita</i>	<i>Alana Weinstein</i>
<i>Aline Greif</i>	<i>Rosie Sapadin</i>	<i>Colbi Weinstein</i>
<i>Bruce Heller</i>	<i>Carole Schoenberg</i>	<i>Warren Weiss</i>
<i>James Hernan</i>	<i>Paul Schoenberg</i>	<i>Dr. Jerry Wilck</i>
<i>Chris Hucker</i>	<i>Bob Silver</i>	
<i>Olivia Izenwasser</i>	<i>Sandy Silver</i>	
<i>Wilma "Billie" Kahn</i>	<i>Jerome D. Simon</i>	

...along with all of the ill among us. Grant insight to those who bring healing, courage and faith to those who are sick, love and strength to us and to all who love them. God, let your spirit rest upon all who are ill and comfort them. May they and we soon know a time of complete healing, a healing of the body and a healing of the spirit and let us say: Amen.



filled with love,  
**joy & HAPPINESS**  
Happy Anniversary!

<i>Pearl &amp; Mark Vogel</i>	<i>September 1</i>
<i>Susan Benenson &amp; Eileen Fallas</i>	<i>September 7</i>
<i>Andrea Lambert &amp; Jerry Schneider</i>	<i>September 9</i>
<i>Francine &amp; Andrew Montague</i>	<i>September 9</i>
<i>Karen &amp; Michael Baron</i>	<i>September 10</i>
<i>Laurie &amp; Michael Finn</i>	<i>September 12</i>
<i>Arlene &amp; Lawrence Straus</i>	<i>September 16</i>
<i>Stacy &amp; Daniel Turner</i>	<i>October 3</i>
<i>Lauren &amp; Brian Eisenberg</i>	<i>October 9</i>
<i>Francine &amp; Gerard Lafortezza</i>	<i>October 11</i>
<i>Billie &amp; Edwun Kahn</i>	<i>October 21</i>
<i>Sheila &amp; Robert Geller</i>	<i>October 24</i>
<i>Laurie &amp; David Cotton</i>	<i>October 26</i>



may the  
**torah**  
BLESS, GUIDE

and Inspire You Everyday

Mazel Tov on the occasion  
of your Bar/Bat Mitzvah!

*To the family of Lily Eisenberg in honor of her  
Bat Mitzvah on September 12, 2020.*

### Temple Sinai (Virtual) Religious School 2020~2021 /5780~81

Weekly Sunday Morning Instruction  
For grades 4th - Confirmation

B'nei Mitzvah Training and Youth Groups  
Join Us!

Contact: David Cotton, EVP  
Relschool@templesinaipbc.org

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## SAVE ON TAXES?

You can **avoid taxes and save money** by having a distribution from your Individual Retirement Account (**IRA**) sent directly to Temple Sinai. The donation can be used to pay dues, towards a temple project or as a general donation (this can be used by the Temple as needed). The funds must be sent as a Qualified Charitable Distribution (**QCD**). **Contact us** about your plans, then ask your IRA trustee or custodian how to proceed.

You can **avoid capital gains** taxes on appreciated shares of stock that you own by donating the shares to Temple Sinai. As above, the money can be used for any temple bill, project or as a general donation.

**Contact us** and we will give you instructions on what to tell your broker. After the shares are transferred to our account, we will sell them and credit your account for the net proceeds (after the fees and expenses are paid). If you have stock that you don't want to sell because of the taxes, this is a win/win for both you and Temple Sinai.

You should realize savings even if you don't itemize. *If you do, it shouldn't count as income AND you should be able to take the deduction.* As with any financial matter, you should consult your own financial representative or tax advisor to see if these techniques will benefit you.

David Stern & Marsha Weber,  
Co-Treasurers

Mark Sickles, Temple Administrator x200

## a toast welcoming OUR RETURNING MEMBERS



New members are introduced into our Temple Sinai family at special 'new member' shabbats, where they will have the opportunity to get to know each other and learn more about their new fellow congregants.

**CHARLES PLOTKIN**



## Temple Sinai's Living Tributes & MEMORIALS 2020

- ☐ Food Pantries (\$40)
- ☐ Library Shelf (\$50)
- ☐ Shabbat Torah Study Sponsor (\$18)
- ☐ L'dor V'dor Tile (\$300)
- ☐ Tree of Life Leaves (\$99)
- ☐ Erev Shabbat Service Sponsor (\$54)
- ☐ Joy of Torah Tile 3x5 (\$99)

## Sponsor a Temple Bima Basket/Food Pantries Donation



Show someone that you care by sponsoring! It is a meaningful way to honor or remember someone special in your life on a significant occasion. Sponsoring a Bima Food Basket/Food Pantries benefits a hungry family and can be done with a donation of only \$40. Your dedication will be included on the donation pages (for the Shabbat you choose), and an acknowledgment tribute card is also sent through the mail. Call 561-276-6161, ext. 123





## Kaddish Prayer Member Condolences

Your Temple Sinai family sends its most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

"May God console you among the other mourners of Zion and Jerusalem (*Ha Makom Y'nachem Etzchem B'toch Avalei Tzion V'yerushalayim*).

*Temple Sinai sends its heartfelt condolences to our dear friend and member, Marcia London on the loss of her daughter-in-law, Tanya London z"l. Mourners include Tonya's husband, Brian and to all of their family.*

*Temple Sinai sends its heartfelt condolences to our dear friend and member, Jacqueline Kutner and family on the loss of her beloved mother, Etta Kutner z"l.*

### **DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES CAN BE MADE TO TEMPLE SINAI.**

(To make a donation, please contact the Temple office or go online at [templesinaipbc.org](http://templesinaipbc.org))



## Condolence Notices

When our congregants experience a loss in their immediate family (spouse, sibling, parent, child) we want to send out a condolence notice via email, notifying the rest of the congregation in a timely manner. Rabbi Aviva also wants to make sure to add them to the list of recent deaths (within the past 30 days) that is read on Shabbat. ***This depends entirely on the surviving family providing the following information to our office staff at 561-276-6161 Ext. 100 or to Rabbi Aviva at (954) 330-4434.***

- Name and date of the deceased (before or after sundown)
- Time and place of the funeral or memorial service
- Time and address of the Shiva following the funeral or memorial service
- Information on where to make a donation in memory of the deceased

**Let your Temple Family be there for your sorrows as well as your Simchas.**







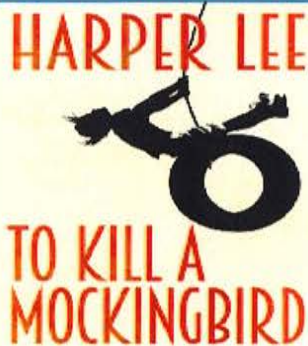
# Zooming Sundays at Sinai

PRESENTS

**The Banned and the Burned: Books in America**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2020 3:00 PM ON ZOOM**

**A Virtual Presentation by Dr. Margery Marcus\***



Please email [AdultEd@TempleSinaiPBC.org](mailto:AdultEd@TempleSinaiPBC.org); with your full name and preferred email address so we may send you the Zoom Invitation for the "Banned Books" VIRTUAL program on Sunday, October 11, 2020.

We will also keep you informed of future programs and events at Temple Sinai.

**We offer this presentation for your enrichment and enjoyment at no charge, but we would most appreciate a donation in any amount if you find value in it.**

**Please go to [TempleSinaiPBC.org/donate](https://TempleSinaiPBC.org/donate) or mail a check to:  
Temple Sinai, 2475 W. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach, FL 33445  
to support the Jerome Ira Solkoff Adult Education Memorial Fund.**

Questions? Email [AdultEd@TempleSinaiPBC.org](mailto:AdultEd@TempleSinaiPBC.org).

**\*Margery Marcus, Ed.D.**, is an award-winning English teacher, retired from Broward County Public Schools after a long and successful career, both as a district-level administrator and as a teacher. She is currently focusing on lecturing to adult audiences on fascinating topics.





### **NEW Tablet feature:**

### **"The 4 Questions" Members Meeting Members**

**This Issue Featuring . . .**



**ABE FRIEDMAN**

- \* Member since 2004
- \* 99 years young!
- \* Imported from Brooklyn, NY
- \* Resides in Coral Springs
- \* Father/grandfather  
and great-grandfather
- \* Retired from printing business

### **MAY 2020 NEWS ARTICLE ON ABE:**

**\*<https://www.tapinto.net/towns/parkland/articles/98-year-old-unable-to-attend-meetings-meetings-came-to-him>**



**Question #1:** Besides spending time with your Temple Sinai family, what other activity do you most enjoy participating in, whether watching or doing?

**I most enjoy the time I spend volunteering with the Coral Springs City Commission's Senior Involvement Group Advisory Committee. In fact, I was recently honored for my years of community service.**

**Question #2:** If you could travel anywhere in the universe all expenses paid, and the laws of physics do not apply (so you can time travel) where would you go?

**New York and Las Vegas, for family visits, are my favorite destinations.**

**Question #3:** What is your favorite television show or movie, whether current or "of all time"?

**I am regular viewer of Morning Joe, weekdays on MSNBC.**

**Question #4:** What makes Temple Sinai different than other places you have worshipped?

**It's just a friendly, lovable place. In pre-COVID times, I enjoyed spending time socializing with fellow members. Since the pandemic began, I appreciate the many phone calls checking on my well-being.**



## **THE CONSUMMATE CONSUMER**

### ***HOW TO SELECT AN ATTORNEY OR CPA***

**BY: JOSEPH GREIF, JD, CPA**

What do an attorney and a Rabbi have in common? Ask 5 of either of them a question and you'll get 10 opinions. So, here's my opinion on selecting an attorney or CPA by using important selection criteria.

1. Years of Full Time Experience: Seek a very experienced attorney, with at least 10 full time years of experience. They have often done the exact job you need dozens of times. Would you rather be the 100<sup>th</sup> client with that need or the 5<sup>th</sup>?
2. Percentage of Professional Work in Your Needed Specialty Area: Many professionals spend all their time in one or two areas of work. Others are more general and spend maybe 10% of their time in ten different areas. Would you rather have a CPA with 10 years' experience during which 90% of his work was the exact type you need, or a CPA with 3 years' experience during which 90% of his work was a different type? Find someone who has spent at least 75% of his time during the past 10 years in your specialty area of need.
3. Right Sized Firm: If you are an individual seeking personal legal or accounting advice, which professional would be the "right sized" firm for you:
  - a) A sole practitioner or one with 1 or 2 partners?
  - b) A practitioner in a firm with 50 other professionals?
  - c) A practitioner in a world-wide firm with 120 offices in 80 countries?

The same question applies if you are the CEO of a local, South Florida business with headquarters here plus 3 other locations in South Florida and 80 employees and you want legal/accounting advice for your company. The question is the same but your answers should differ. Limit your search to firms big enough to do a good job, but small enough so that you are one of the firm's most important clients.

4. Who Does Your Work: What if your selection meets the first three criteria but the attorney who does your work just graduated, or has much less experience than the attorney you selected? Ask this question before selecting—Will your attorney/CPA do 100% of your work or 10% or some other small portion? Seek out a "WYSIWYG" attorney/CPA. "Who you see is who you get."
5. Scope of Work: Let's say you want an answer to one question from a lawyer and a one-page letter explaining his answer. Instead, what if his "office policy" is to:

- a) Interview you for 2-4 hours to gather background.
- b) Ask you to complete a multi-page questionnaire explaining your situation and what legal work you had performed previously.
- c) Obtain from you a copy of your previous legal documents (whether or not you consider them relevant to your immediate question.)
- d) Then provide you with a multi-page summary of his legal research and conclusions with a list of concerns about future changes? That would be a good time to seek a different lawyer, one who accommodates your needs instead of the other way around. That is why you must confirm the scope of work before you make your selection.



6. Red Flags: If a CPA's web site looks very polished and contains pages, but does not address the above criteria, that is a red flag! If an attorney on the phone "answers" your questions "politically correct" but without simple, direct, and brief facts, that is another red flag. If a staff person in the CPA's office says the CPA is tied up for several days and then says that he (the staff person) will answer your questions, that is a red flag. If you cannot talk to the professional before you hire him, will you ever be able to talk to that person? Remember the above: "Who Does Your Work?"

7. Always Compare and Have a Plan B: You should search for TWO lawyers or CPAs who meet your criteria. Then, prepare a chart or table to compare their status under your criteria. Put the comparison away for a day or two and review it again. Then, make your choice. This increases your chance of making a good choice. Also, it gives you an immediate Plan B if the first choice "disappears" or is not available when you call back. Otherwise, you have no fallback and are likely to do something you will regret.

8. A Word About Fees: If you pay too little, you may get too little. If you pay too much, you may just.....pay too much.....but are much more likely to get what you need. Would you rather get a "bargain" fee but not get the work result you need, or get the work you need but also get the feeling you "overpaid?" There's no magic way to know that the attorney's or CPA's fee is "just right." That's one benefit of comparing two or more professionals. Evaluate the fee alongside the other criteria.

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An attorney and CPA enter a bar and go up to buy a drink. They discover the bartender is also a Rabbi. They put down Israeli shekels to pay for the drinks. But, the bartender/Rabbi says: "Sorry men, but only American dollars are accepted here. Otherwise, you don't have a prayer!"

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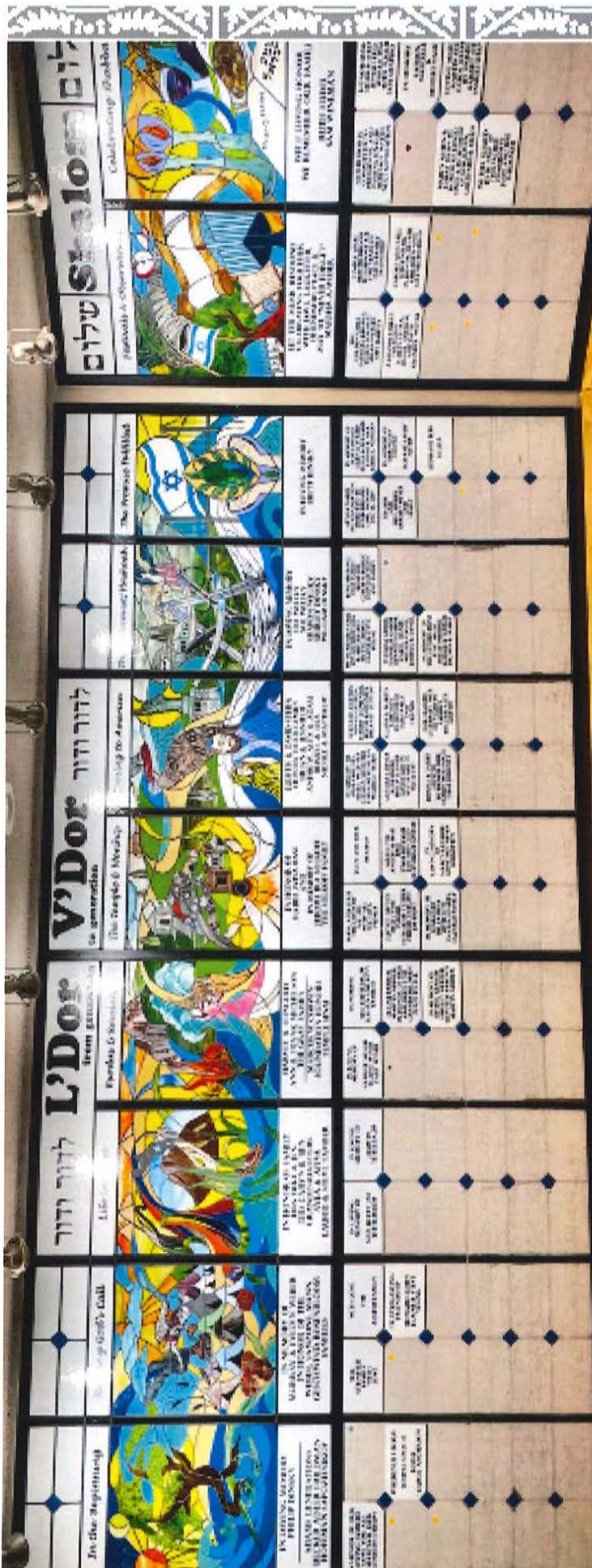
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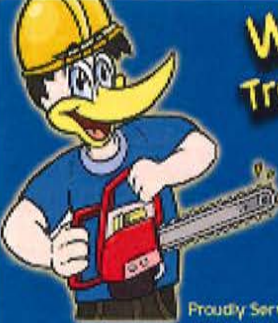
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To use Zoom, you need to have a smartphone or a tablet or computer that has a video camera, speaker and microphone. Please note, first time users will download the free Zoom app. Running Zoom without the app is also possible. Without a camera or microphone, you can still just listen through your speakers.

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