

Our Journey

Our Home

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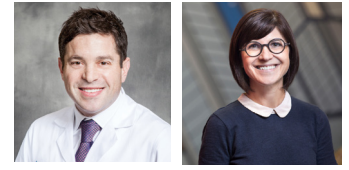
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WELCOME TO OUR MAGAZINE, "OUR JOURNEY OUR HOME"

At Temple Sinai, we strive to create meaningful experiences for everyone. We hope this year you'll participate in one of our many events, as well as opportunities to learn, worship and volunteer together. Join us for a Brotherhood or Women of Sinai event, learning program, or youth group event. Bring your family to a Tot Shabbat, join us for social gatherings, and worship with us for Shabbat. Visit our Temple Sinai calendar to see what's happening: templesinaiatlanta.org/calendar hope to see you soon!



Rededication and Light at Temple Sinai



As we celebrate Chanukah, we're reminded that this season is about more than candles and latkes. It's about light, renewal, and rededication, the same values guiding our work at Temple Sinai in the year ahead.

This year, we're taking a fresh look at how we sustain our community. A task force is reviewing our membership model to ensure that every household feels supported and valued, and that our financial foundation remains strong for generations to come.

We're also nurturing a stronger culture of philanthropy, one grounded in gratitude. That means celebrating generosity, expanding our endowment to secure Sinai's future, and preparing for exciting milestones ahead, including our Preschool's 40th anniversary celebration in 2026, and laying the groundwork for a 60th anniversary celebration.

Leadership development and membership engagement are another key focus. We're working to create new opportunities for emerging leaders to grow, and for ways to keep board members and committee chairs engaged after their service ends. At the same time, we're deepening connections across the congregation: through worship, learning, volunteerism, and programs that help every member find meaning and belonging.

We are also beginning a process of strategic visioning to imagine how Sinai can continue to grow, evolve, and support our community for decades to come.

Like the Maccabees, we rededicate ourselves to bringing light, purpose, and hope to Temple Sinai—together. We wish you and your loved ones a bright, joyful, and meaningful Chanukah.

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Chuck Fox, President of the Board of Trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emily Webb'.

Emily Webb, President-Elect

Home Grown Artists

By Beth Schafer

I have had the good fortune of making music my entire life. Since my very first time playing guitar on the bimah—accompanying my cantor in concert at age eleven—music has always intersected with my other great passion: Judaism. Music animates our liturgy and serves as the sacred language of Torah. It delivers poetry and reflects the many cultures that have influenced the Jewish people.

This year, Shir Sinai, our music committee, decided to do something different from bringing in an out-of-town artist-in-residence. Instead, they're

featuring artists from around Atlanta in a "Home-Grown Artist Series"—a year-long celebration of local musicians—to enliven our community.

I'm especially excited to be featured on February 28th, when I'll offer a full concert of original music, a few fun covers, and some multimedia pieces featuring never-before-heard compositions. I've assembled a ten-person ensemble, and I sincerely hope you'll mark your calendars and join us.

I also believe deeply that music has the power to heal—in one way or another. I have had the extraordinary blessing of two mothers: the one who raised me and the one who gave birth to me. Both have faced the cruelty of Alzheimer's disease—one before her passing five years ago, and the other still living with it today. To honor them, while the majority of the proceeds from the concert will go to the Sharon Fagin & Goldie Velinsky Morris Music Enrichment Fund, a portion will be donated to Alzheimer's research. I hope, in our lifetime, we can help bring an end to this devastating illness and always find ways for music to be used for good.



Beth Schafer In Concert 02.28.26

The Weber School | 7pm

Please join us for an evening of music with our Bunzl Family Cantorial Chair, Beth Schafer. Scan here for more information and to register.



The Ruby Gala

See you March 14, 2026 at Sinai's Annual Fundraising Bash



Samantha Ellis



Linda Bachmann

Whether for worship, friendship, fun, or learning, we all know there's no place like Sinai. And here's another reason to put Temple Sinai on your calendar: Save **Saturday evening, March 14, 2026** for **The Ruby Gala**, our annual Temple Sinai fundraising event. We'll celebrate both Temple Sinai, our home away from home, and the 40th anniversary of our outstanding Temple Sinai Preschool.

This year's Ruby Gala co-chairs are **Samantha Ellis** and **Linda Bachmann**. They both know, first-hand, what a special place the Temple Sinai Preschool is and has been for so many families. Samantha and Benji's kids, Lilly (9) and Claire (7), are TSPS alumni; Linda and Mark's granddaughter, Annie Gales (almost 3), is a current Sinai preschooler.

We hope you agree there's no place like Sinai! Be sure to click your heels, and join in the fun on March 14. We promise a snazzy ruby red evening, filled with fabulous food and drinks, friends, and festivities. See you there!

Want to help secure auction items or help to set up? Call or text Linda (404-725-7282) or Samantha (404) 295-2050. We'd love to hear from you!

SAVE THE DATE FOR
Temple Sinai's Annual Fundraiser

Ruby Gala

Honoring 40 years of the Temple Sinai Preschool

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026

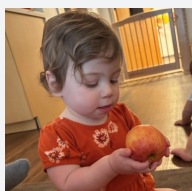
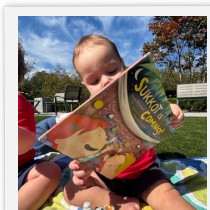
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Visit templesinaiatlanta.org/RubyGala
for up to date event details



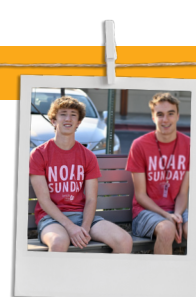


Temple Sinai Preschool: Look at Us Grow

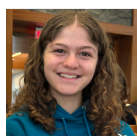
This fall the, Temple Sinai Preschool welcomed a new addition to our halls: a third full infant classroom! Our youngest learners have been busy experiencing new routines, connecting with our incredible infant team, and getting comfortable in the first steps of their educational journey. You might wonder what a "school" day looks like for our littlest learners: while

there is a focus on meeting all of their care, feeding, and emotional needs, they also spend their days engaging the senses by cooking with our school chef, moving and grooving in music classes with T'Kiya, creating art, and spending lots of time exploring our beautiful outdoor campus. We can't wait to see how much our little ones change this year!

Madrichim Highlight



Every week at Noar, our teens step into leadership as Madrichim, assisting in classrooms, mentoring younger students, and helping teachers bring innovative learning to life. Read more as two of our Madrichim share stories from their experience.



"To me, being a Madricha means helping young kids find their Jewish identities and learn about their religion. Judaism has always been a central part of my identity, largely in part due to the time I spent at Temple Sinai when I was growing up, and it is incredible to be able to help young kids discover who they are and how their religion fits into their identity just as I have.

I participate in the Madrichim program because, for me, it is an incredible opportunity to help young kids learn about and love Jewish tradition in a fun, exciting, and meaningful way. I loved growing up going to temple and going to Noar, and now getting to help other kids experience that same joy is such an amazing feeling. It almost feels more meaningful now, getting to learn about Judaism through the eyes of young kids and more fully appreciating experiences that my younger self may not have.

Through the Madrichim program, I've learned the limitations of what I can control and how to more easily go with the flow. I have learned how to multitask, how to be patient, and how to problem solve, all of which have helped me tremendously in other aspects of my life, whether that be at school, in athletics and extracurricular activities, or in life in general. I have also gained invaluable leadership skills.

One of my favorite memories from being a Madricha is sitting in tefilah, one of my most favorite activities from when I was in Noar, singing, dancing, and having fun with the sweetest little kids!

The Madrichim program has meant so much to me. It has influenced me in ways I can't even begin to imagine and it continues to be one of the most important things in my life!"

- Violet Webb, Grade 10



"Madrichim, to me, is a moment during our week when we can teach younger children what it means to be a Jewish person. We

can share what we believe and why our religion is so special in a short time. I love being a Madrich because I get to help show the importance of Judaism and the special things we all do as a community.

Through the Madrichim program, I've learned many essential skills, like being a role model, a leader, and more! Being a Madrich is special to me because it's a time to step away from the world's chaos and come together as a Jewish community to learn and grow. During the High Holy Days, one of my students recognized me as their Madrich, came up to me and explained how much they had learned from being in my classroom.

This was such a special moment for me because it meant I had an impact on someone and helped them better understand what they believe in!"

- Dylan Tanenbaum, Grade 10

Legacy Sinai



As we enter a new calendar year, we do so with a tremendous sense of pride in our community. Contemplating Sinai's bright and vibrant future, we also recognize that we stand on the shoulders of all who have helped to make our congregation the dynamic center of Jewish life we enjoy today through the investment of their personal resources. We are committed to ensuring that Temple Sinai remains spiritually, educationally and fiscally strong for future generations.

To make this happen; we are focused on the impact of legacy giving. We are grateful to all those in our congregational family who have provided for Temple Sinai in their estate and financial plans as part of the *Legacy Sinai* initiative. Through wills, retirement accounts, life insurance, and other means, members' planned gifts are now a vital part of our congregation's fiscal strength, allowing for growth in programs, staffing, and Jewish life far beyond what can be accomplished with dues and fundraisers alone. We sincerely hope you will join us in ensuring that Sinai continues to thrive beyond our lifetimes.

To learn more, please contact Shelly Dresdner at sdresdner@templesinai.org or visit our website by scanning the QR code.



Meet Our H.U.B. 78 Council

The H.U.B.78 Council focuses on developing, tangible leadership skills that teens can use in their lives. Each skill is rooted in a Jewish value and bridges Jewish learning with their real life experiences. Occurring once a month, middle schoolers get an opportunity to be more involved in the planning by helping to select programming and volunteer at the event.

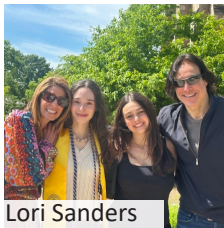
If your teen wants to get involved, contact Brandon Gabay, Temple Sinai's Youth and Teen Engagement Manager, at bgabay@templesinaiatlanta.org



Volunteer Spotlight: Keshet Chairs



Marilyn Arkin



Lori Sanders

"Keshet" means connection and the members of Keshet Committee at Temple Sinai connect with our congregants in times of need and in times of joy. The dedicated volunteers provide a variety of services including a meal of consolation after a death, sending cards during illnesses, and sending a special gift to families who have welcomed a new baby. Here, the chairs of the committee share a little bit about themselves and their volunteer work at Sinai.

Introduce yourselves. Tell us about your families and how long have you been members at Sinai.

Marilyn: I'm Marilyn Arkin, I have been a member of Temple Sinai for 30 years. I have two sons, Ross & Adam, and a spoiled dog named Cocopuff. I've been married to my incredible husband Jonathan Arkin for 23 years.

Lori: I'm Lori Sanders, my husband Mark and I have been members at Temple Sinai for 27 years. We have two daughters, Rose and Sophia, who went to Temple Sinai preschool and grew up at Sinai. We also have a slightly spoiled puppy named Bowie.

Why did you get involved in the Keshet Committee and what has it meant to you?

Marilyn: I have always strived to do one good deed every day, such as picking up trash during a walk, or checking in with a sick or grieving friend. Keshet is an easy way to get my daily mitzvah!

Lori: Marilyn introduced me to Keshet and asked me to co-chair the committee with her. It has been such a blessing in my life already! I have met so many wonderful members of our community and feel so fortunate to be able to help others during their time of need.

Why should members volunteer with the Keshet Committee?

Marilyn: Volunteering for Keshet gives you a way to positively impact other congregants and to make new connections within the Temple Sinai community.

Lori: Volunteering with Keshet is a small time commitment that has a huge impact! During a two week shift, you might make two or three calls and deliver a meal, but the families we reach out to will never forget the kindness and love they have received from our community.

Is there anything else you want to share about the committee or your experiences?

Marilyn: For years, I was nervous before a Keshet call ... "What do I say?"; "How can I provide comfort when I don't understand why bad things have to happen to good people?" but over the years, I've listened and learned from our clergy and lay leaders and now I get it. Keshet just needs to be there and show up for our congregants in need. It's simple and beautiful at the same time.

Lori: The first time I volunteered for Keshet and delivered a shiva meal, I was greeted by a grieving family with so much appreciation - I could tell it really filled them up in their time of need. I was hooked! Also, I cannot say enough about our Keshet team. We have the best volunteers who go above and beyond for our community. It's a wonderful group of people.

For more information, or to volunteer with the Keshet Committee, please reach out to keshet@templesinaiatlanta.org

Have you explored Temple Sinai's new website and member portal?

We're excited to share that our new site is live, providing tools that make it easier than ever to stay connected to our community!

Through the **Member Portal**, you can:

- Update your personal information and communication preferences
- View your yahrzeits
- Share your interests
- Access the **Member Directory**
- Upload a photo of yourself or your family to make our community even more personal

Be sure to visit our **new Temple Sinai calendar** where you can explore upcoming events by category and register directly online. There's truly something for everyone of every age, every stage, and every interest.

You'll find quick links right at the top of the website (templesinaiatlanta.org) for easy access to our streaming page, calendar, and member portal.



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Don't forget to check out our **FAQ page** for a step-by-step guide to accessing the portal. If you still need help, please email technology@templesinaiatlanta.org — we'll be happy to assist you!

Reflection: SHIELD and the Tzedek Justice Initiative

By Laura Zhiss



This past year, Temple Sinai launched its first Temple Sinai Justice Initiative. These congregational initiatives, which are approved

by Board vote and adopted by Temple Sinai, are related to repairing the world. These initiatives address the root cause(s) of inequality by advocating for policy change, feature sustained dialogue and engagement, and/or have implications beyond a single social action program. Laura Zhiss applied for her organization, SHIELD, and shares about her experience here.

When I first learned about Temple Sinai's Tzedek Justice Initiative, it felt almost meant to be. I had just started SHIELD (Supporting Honest Instruction & Equitable Learning for our Diaspora), a grassroots initiative led by parents, educators, and community advocates who believe every Jewish student deserves a classroom free from bias, distortion, and fear. We were knee-deep in our effort to fix problems in the Cobb County Schools'

social studies curriculum, and SHIELD needed a way to grow. I remember reading about this opportunity in Sinai's newsletter and thinking that this could be the bridge we need.

I applied because Sinai isn't just a congregation—it's a caring, hands-on community filled with people who know how to make things happen. I was looking for guidance, support, and partners to help SHIELD move from a few determined parents to something with real reach. After meeting with Rabbi Brad Levenberg last spring, we decided the best first step was to build a website. Thanks to Temple Sinai's generous support, we launched it before the school year began.

That website gave us a foundation and a springboard to reach more families, helping parents understand when and how bias can appear in the classroom. It showed me how much stronger we are when we work together.

This is only the beginning. SHIELD exists to help support families as we work toward classrooms where Jewish and Israeli history are taught accurately and without bias—because when our curriculum is

honest and free from bias, it shapes a safer, more understanding future for every child.

Do you have an idea for a justice initiative? Our Temple Sinai Tzedek Committee has updated its method for selecting congregational initiatives that Temple Sinai adopts related to repairing the world. The new process relies upon member involvement. Any Sinai member can propose a **Temple Sinai Justice Initiative** by filling out and submitting an application that will include the scope of the proposal, the Jewish values aligned with the initiative and ideas for implementation. Want to participate in our second round? Applications are now open! To learn more and apply, scan this QR code or visit this website (tinyurl.com/TSJI2).



Volunteers Needed

Temple Sinai offers many volunteer opportunities throughout the year. These groups are looking for immediate help to provide essential services to our community! Scan the QR code for more information.



- **Backpack Buddies:** Every Other Wednesday at 10 am
- **Community Assistance Center:** Ongoing food pantry opportunities
- **Family Promise:** Host week
- **Volunteer Core:** Sign up to be notified when Sinai staff or members need help with upcoming projects and programs
- **USO:** Volunteer to help welcome those in the armed forces at the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta airport





Israel Is for Us

By Anna Roberto

Baruch Hashem, the living hostages are home from Gaza. But the Israel I experienced this summer, was living a very different reality. It takes only setting foot in Israel to see the scars that October 7th has left on the land and the people. The welcome ramp at Ben Gurion was lined with posters with hostages faces. This is a country of people torn apart by mourning that refuses to lose sight of joy and hope.

We saw more of Eretz Yisrael in seven days than I thought was possible. Through sheer will and determination of Rabbi Tracy Kaplowitz of Steven Wise Free Synagogue, and very little sleep, we spent time in Tel Aviv, the Western Negev (aka the Gaza Envelope), Jerusalem, the Dead Sea, the Golan, and Akko.

I am grateful that, through our exploration, we were blessed not only to see so much but also to hear so many personal stories. There is a deep and varied history of those who live in Israel. We heard the story of an incredible woman whose parents immigrated from Iraq. She now lives near Gaza with the constant threat of Hamas bombs (she calls the shrapnel her presents from Hamas), and she lost a dear friend on October 7th who died protecting their community. We visited the Holocaust Memorial and Museum, telling a story I've

studied my whole life but now reframed as a stark reminder of the value of a safe space. We heard the story of one of the first Jews to make Aliyah from Ethiopia, whose community sacrificed deeply for the opportunity to live freely and retain their heritage. We broke bread with Palestinians who live in Jerusalem and the West Bank. We communally struggled with the cost of security for everyone's ability to live with dignity. We heard the stories from teachers of Ukrainian refugee students finding solace and yet struggling with feeling at home in Israel. We heard these stories, and many, many more, of Israel's diversity, its triumphs, and its struggles.

Today's stories are largely filled with grief: lost friends, soldiers who will never come home, international colleagues who refuse to adequately recognize the horrors of terrorism, a music festival rampaged, the struggle to see the path toward peace, and the deep physical and emotional scars of fighting a war for two years. But Israel is complicated, the word used most frequently on the trip, and wrapped in this pain is the hope and joy of disabled students welcoming Shabbat through song, a father donating engagement rings to soldiers in memory of his son, glasses clinking and laughter echoing in a food hall on a Thursday night, because to be Jewish is to find joy in community, even amidst turmoil and challenges.

On our very last night as a group together in Israel, we stayed at a hotel on a kibbutz

in the Golan on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. The only other people staying there, it seemed, were reservist soldiers returning home from tours of duty. This was a stop of respite to be together before returning home to their day-to-day lives and jobs. In what felt like an incredible parallel to having cried and mourned so deeply at the beginning of the trip at the Nova Festival memorial, these soldiers threw a wild party full of deep joy filled with laughter, singing, and dancing (and of course plenty of Arak). We were invited to join. A small group of soldiers came over to us ask who we were and why we were there- "Taglit?" [how Israelis refer to birthright trips]. They were stunned by a group of Americans who were 'brave' enough to come to Israel during war times. But this shock was also filled with curiosity. "Isn't it scary to be Jewish in America right now?" one asked. A soldier who has been fighting in a war asked US if it's scary to live our lives right now. "Yes, sometimes," we all acknowledged. "You know, we're fighting for you, too," he replied.

As we danced and laughed with these soldiers late into the evening, probably too late for our early departure the next morning, it struck me deeply: Israel is for me. It's a safe place to be my whole, Jewish self. And it's for you, too. God willing, because of the struggle, and determination, and hope, and joy of Am Yisrael, it will continue to be for us whenever we need it. Today is a beautiful day to be a Zionist.

B'nei Mitzvah: December-October



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Daughter of Betsy & Andy Alpert



Ryan Berke

Son of Daniel & Shelley Berke



Joshua Blass

Son of Kristina Blass & Mitchell Blass



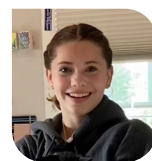
Scarlett Bodner

Daughter of Jennifer & Steven Bodner



Hyatt Brandenburg

Son of Amanda & Mark Brandenburg



Luna Carr

Child of Kathryn & Christopher Carr



Sara Claire and Maya Laddin

Daughters of Ellen & Darryl Laddin



Sadie Cohen

Daughter of Rebecca & Brian Cohen



Brynn Davis

Daughter of Stacey & Darren Davis



Noah Dosik

Son of Amy & Peter Dosik



Hannah Dresdner

Daughter of Shelly Dresdner & Andrew Dresdner



Cooper Dubinsky

Son of Robyn & Joel Dubinsky



Eli Fay

Son of Lisa & Alex Fay



Harper Glenn

Daughter of Tova & Brad Glenn



Isabella Glenn

Daughter of Kimberly & Marc Glenn



Lydia Gordon

Daughter of Katie & Jonathan Gordon



Lily Henrich

Daughter of Lisa & Adam Henrich



Aiden Kass

Son of Sarah & Lawrence Kass



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Daughter of Alissa Schor & Daniel Kedme



Larry Levy

Son of Jamie & Brian Levy



Gavin Korel

Son of Inna Eidelman & Paul Korel



Max Kuniansky

Son of Lindsey & Michael Kuniansky



Harris Lee

Son of Meredith & David Lee



Lyla Libby

Daughter of Leigh Anne & Jeff Libby



Biddy Mautner

Son of Becky & Ken Mautner



Drew Medintz

Son of Ali & Barry Medintz



Max Mendes

Son of Alison Greenberg & Elliott Mendes



Lila Morris

Daughter of Kira & Peter Morris



Eva Nelson

Daughter of Stephanie & Mitchell Nelson



Willow Paul

Daughter of Deborah Coons & Richard Paul



Jack Peretz

Son of Julie & Jeffrey Peretz



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Son of Rabbi Elana & Craig Perry



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Lucas Piha

Son of Gillian & David Piha



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Daughter of Melanie & Matt Preis



Layla Price

Daughter of Lauren & Darren Price

B'nei Mitzvah: December - October



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Transitions: December 2024 - October 2025

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- **Andy Bauman, Beth Brown, Sari Earl, Robby Fineman, Mark Frank, Stacey Geer, Leslie Isenberg, Ken Reichel and Pam Rosenthal** for being elected/re-elected as board trustees
- **Ellen Arnovitz and Lynne Halpern** for being elected as lifetime trustees

Lisa Aman on being selected for the 2026 class of Leadership Atlanta.

Don Aronin on the marriage of his daughter, Carly Aronin, to Eric Rosenfeld.

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Temme Barkin-Leeds on her upcoming mini-retrospective exhibition Bearing Witness at Ger Art Gallery opening on September 18th.

Candy Berman on being named a "Community Matriarch" by the Atlanta Jewish Foundation.

Candy Berman and Jennifer Bodner on being selected by the Atlanta Business Chronicle as 2025 Women of Influence.

Candy and Steve Berman for being honored as Volunteer Fundraisers of the Year at this year's National Philanthropy Day celebration hosted by the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

Ruth Allard and David Bernstein on the birth of their son, Miles Wallace Bernstein. Mazel to grandparents, **Caryn and Jason Bernstein**, as well.

Leah and Ted Blum on the birth of their granddaughter, Daniela Aria Blum.

Carol and Morty Blumberg on the birth of their grandson, Mikey Hart Gotlieb.

Renay Blumenthal for being appointed to the Jewish HomeLife Board of Directors. **Jennifer Bodner and Michelle Simon** on their installation to the Board of Directors of the MJCCA.

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Valerie Cohn on being honored by Beyond Celiac, a national 501c3 that advocates for people with celiac disease.

Jerry Cooper on receiving the Legendary Design Excellence Award from the Georgia Tech College of Design.

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Carolyn and Steve Dinberg on the marriage of their daughter, Danielle Dinberg, who married Zayne Rice.

Nate Dubovsky on becoming the Georgia State Champion, 400m Run; advancing to the national competition.

Cooper Dubinsky, son of **Robyn and Joel Dubinsky**, for receiving the 6th Grade Impact Ready Award at The Mount Vernon School.

Ron Eichel on the birth of his great-granddaughters, Sadie Mae and Lexie Jane Eichel.

Dana Elrod, Jason Grisct and Julie Taube on their acceptance into Leadership Perimeter Class of 2025-2026.

Claudia Forman and Stephen Rogut on the birth of their granddaughter, Violet Brighton Portman.

Tyler Friedfeld and Jose Furman on the birth of their son, Jacob Zirin Furman.

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Eileen Friedman and **Darcy Oxman** on the passing of their step-father, Angelo Beninati.

Sarina and **Neil Freedland** on the marriage of their son, Robert Freedland, to Miranda Siegel.

Leslie Vogelmann and **Louis Friedman** on the birth of their granddaughter, Margot June Friedman.

Marc Gary for being inducted into the JTS Society Fellows, their highest honor given to lay leaders.

Jennifer Gerson, who was honored as part of a team of journalists who won the 2024 National Murrow Award for breaking news coverage on the transition between President Biden and Vice President Harris as the Democrats' nominee for President.

Alexa and **Mike Gevin** on the birth of their daughter, Ava Mae Gevin. Mazel tov to grandparents, Samantha and Jack Levine, as well.

Cindy and **Howard Gibbs** on the marriage of their son, Rabbi Philip Gibbs, to Ashley Charach.

Susie Greenberg on her installation as co-president of NCJW Atlanta Section. Mazel tov to **Camille Lefkowitz** who was installed on the board, as well.

Jo Anne Grunbaum on the marriage of her daughter, Jennifer Grunbaum to Joey McCain. Mazel tov to Jennifer's sister, **Shelly Dresdner**, as well.

David Goldberg for being named a finalist for the Atlanta Business Chronicle's CEO of the Year.

Mimi Gould on the birth of her great grandson, Andrew James.

JoJo Harrell, on the birth of her son, Toby Gray Harrell via surrogate. Mazel tov as well to the surrogate and fellow TSPS teacher, **Ashley Kennedy**.

Jeff Hopkins on being elected as the President of The Board of Trustees of The Davis Academy.

Michelle Horesh on the birth of her grandson, Joseph Noam Horesh. Mazel tov to great-grandmother, **Yvonne Horesh**, as well.

Allan Hytowitz on the publishing of his case report, "Induced Dyslexia," in the *Journal of Ophthalmology Research*.

Lincoln Murray Jacobs, Epstein School third grade student and son of **Stephanie** and **Paul Jacobs** for receiving his black belt from Karate Atlanta. Mazel Tov to grandparents, **Laura** and **Larry Weiner**, as well.

Amy and **Geoffrey Jacoby** on the birth of their son, John Nathan Jacoby.

Shelby and **Andrew Jagor** on the birth of their daughter, Margot Reese Jagor.

Jeffrey Kramer on publishing his first book: *Defending the Middle; Why the Messy, Unclear, Ill-defined Gray Area is the Key to Our Success in a Diverse World*.

Ralph Kurland on receiving the award of Salesperson of the Year for 2025 at Subaru of Kennesaw for the 7th time.

Steve Labovitz on receiving the 25th Annual Justice Robert Benham Award for Community Service.

Sheri and **Steve Labovitz** on being named honorary chairs of the Atlanta Jewish Film Festival.

Beth Lasher on the birth of her grandson, Hudson Dylan Lasher.

Madeleine Lawson and **Stan Sater** on the birth of their son, Abraham Lawrence Sater. Mazel Tov to grandparents, **Madeline** and **Sy Sater**, as well.

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Ryan Lieberman on the publication of his first book, *Three and Me: A Frontier Survival Story*.

Matthew Frank, son of Rebecca Seidel and Gary Frank,
Hayden Printz, son of Rachel and Adam Printz,

Avery Schwartz, daughter of **Lauren** and **Eric Schwartz**,
and **Eva Wolff**, daughter of **Stacy** and **Jeff Wolff**, for each being selected as a recipient of the 2025 Jewish Atlanta Merit Scholarship (JAMS)

Nori and **David Levine** on the birth of their granddaughter, Lyla Victoria Levine.

Lindsay and **Jordan Lewis** on the birth of their daughter, Kyla Goldie. Mazel tov to big sister, **Shayna Lewis**, as well.

Rita and **Bill Loventhal** who were honored with the Hadassah Myrtle Wreath Award for Philanthropy.

Lindsey Markwood on earning her Verified Travel Advisor (VTA) status with the American Society of Travel Advisors.

Mel Marsh on receiving the 2025 International Impact Book Award for Religion, Faith-Based Writing for his book, *Leaving Bacon Behind*.

Cathy Mendel and **Alan Rothenberg** on the birth of their grandson, Emerson Greenhalgh.

Donna Maslia and **Matthew Morton** on the marriage of their son, Scott Chimberoff, to Stephanie Dubroff.

Judy and **Jonathan Minnen** on the birth of their granddaughters, Robin Eleanor and Ivy Annabelle Sloan.

Halley and **Paul Morochnik** on the marriage of their son, Zach Morochnik, to Adrianna Vera.

Melanie Nelkin on assuming the role of Chair of the Board of Governors for the American Jewish Committee.

Laura Sierra Otalvara and **Kyle Schaffer** on their marriage. Mazel Tov to his parents, **Barbie** and **Kevin Schaffer**, as well.

Sandra Palay on the birth of her great-grandson, Carter Lyons Sutherland.

Susan and **Steve Pepper** and **Bonnie Pepper** on the marriage of their daughter, Suzi Pepper, to Michael Berg. Mazel to Suzi's brother, **Kenny Pepper**, as well.

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Lynn and **Lewis Redd** on the birth of their grandson, Hughes Joshua Redd.

Sharon and **Mike Rose** on the marriage of their daughter, Claire Neal, to Bradley Deuce Bohannon.

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Doug and **Robyn Ross** on the birth of their granddaughter, Ella Rebecca Ross.

Dana and **Matt Rotenstreich** on the birth of their son, Ryan Joseph Rotenstreich. Mazel Tov to grandparents, Julie and Jeff Rotenstreich, and big sister Hallie Rotenstreich, as well as aunt, **Abby Lubel**.

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Dayna Royal and **Suzy Wilner** for being elected to continue on the board of JF&CS.

Ari Royal, son of **Julie** and **Asher Royal**, for his team winning the JCC Maccabi gold medal 17U baseball game.

Dana and **Alec Rubin** on the birth of their son, **Leo Maddox Rubin**. Mazel tov as well to grandparents, **Sheri** and **Ron Weiner**.

Parker Salinas on her graduation from the Jewish Federation's Changemakers Fellowship.

Madeline and **Si Sater** on the birth of their grandson, **Bennett Hayes Olague**.

Beth Schafer and **Rebecca Woods** on the marriage of their daughter, **Hannah Schafer**, to **Matthew Reese**.

Beth Schafer for her piece "V'shamru" being published in the next *Transcontinental Music Publication's Shabbat Anthology*.

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Michelle and **Gary Simon** on the marriage of their son, **Aaron Simon**, to **Maddy Lippman**.

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Susan and **Jay Smith** on the birth of their granddaughter, **Daphne Jay Hall**.

Myron Smith on winning a silver medal for the 75-79 years old Lightweight category in the US Indoor Rowing Championships and a silver medal for the 70+ years old age group at the Atlanta Erg Sprints.

Jordan Smith, son of **Jason** and **Alison Smith**, on winning Basketball MVP, Soccer MVP, the Leadership Award in Baseball, and Epstein's Athlete of the Year.

Gabby and **Mark Spatt** on the publication of their new children's book, *Bubbe & Bams: a heartwarming celebration of love, family, and the timeless game that connects generations*.

Marlee and **Charlie Sprott** on the birth of their son, **Alvin Jack Sprott**. Mazel tov to grandparents, **Halli** and **Mike Jones** as well.

Nan Street and **Jim Ellner** on their marriage.

Betsy and **Scott St Lifer** on the birth of their daughter, **Sophie Aliza St Lifer**. Mazel Tov as well to grandparents, **Heidi** and **Paul Lipman**, and great-grandparents, **Brenda** and **Mark Rappaport**.

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Nora and **Wayne Taylor** on the birth of their grandson, **Jack Clement Hemy**.

Joelle and **David Wasserman** on the birth of their baby boy. Mazel tov to grandparents, **Susan** and **Earl Wasserman**, as well.

Donna Weinstock on the marriage of her daughter, **Nicole Weinstock**, to **Jon Fink**. Mazel tov to Nicole's brother, **Shaun Weinstock**, as well.

Mallory and **Sammy Weitz** on the birth of their twin sons, **Miller Jack** and **Cooper Lee Weitz**.

Suzy Wilner on her installation to the board of Hadassah Greater Atlanta, and the renaming of JF&CS' clinical department to **Bunzl-Wilner Clinical Services**.

Allison and **Mark Zisholtz** on their marriage. Mazel tov to Allison's parents, **Joanne** and **Dorn Swerdlin**, as well.

To members of Sinai's Fine Arts Committee on another successful "Spotlight on Talent Art Show & Sale."

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Sari Alifeld on the passing of her father, **Bernie Shapiro**. Condolences to grandchildren **Chase** and **Sy Alifeld**, as well.

Nikki Aronin on the passing of her mother, **Harriett "Terry" Rosin**. Condolences to grandchildren, **Matthew** and **Emily Aronin**, as well.

Linda Bartling on the passing of her mother, **Leonore "Lola" Braunsberg Eldodt Farber**.

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Sybil Bernath on the passing of her husband, **Stanley Bernath**.

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Cobi Cohen on the passing of her grandmother, **Shirley Leids**.

Seth Cohen on the passing of his aunt, **Laura Appel**.

Lonnie Cooper on the passing of his mother, **Anne Cooper**.

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Maria Deitch on the passing of her father, **Mauricio Forero**.

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Rita Denson on the passing of her husband, Miles Denson. Condolences to sister, **Susan Newman**, as well.

Debbie Dermer on the passing of her mother, Joan Eddelman.

Sydney Drooker on the passing of her father, Andrew Drooker.

Gail Dryburgh on the passing of her mother, Lee Altman. Condolences to granddaughter, **Ashley Dryburgh**, as well.

Harold Enoch on the passing of his father, Jay Enoch.

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Marla Falls on the passing of her mother, Isabelle Seiken. Condolences as well to grandchildren **Shelby** and **Andrew Falls**.

Larry Faskowitz on the passing of his mother, Evelyn Faskowitz-Montague.

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Barbara Saul Fleming on the passing of her father, Milton Saul. Condolences to grandchildren, **Jennifer Bodner**, **Joseph Saul** and **Betsy Babbit**, as well.

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Sybil Ginsburg on the passing of her husband, Larry Ginsburg.

Paul Greenberg on the passing of his father, Norman Greenberg.

Alexander Gokhman on the passing of his father, Matvey Gokhman.

Mindy Godwin on the passing of her husband, Rodney Godwin. Condolences as well to children, **Jack** and **Spencer Godwin**.

Lynn Goldman on the passing of her mother, Margie Holland. Condolences to grandchildren, **Isaac** and **Caroline Goldman**, as well.

Jill Goldstein on the passing of her mother, Sandra Goodman. Condolences to grandchildren, **Ben** and **Carly Goldstein**, as well.

Judy Goldstein on the passing of her brother-in-law, Jay Goldberg.

Michael Haberman on the passing of his sister, Bryna Gilgor.

Lauren Harris on the passing of her father Daniel Singer. Condolences to grandchildren, **Alex** and **Aaron Harris**, as well.

Ellen Herold on the passing of her mother, Bernice Bickwit.

Charlotte Horwitz on the passing of her twin sister, Harriett Muldawer.

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Melvin Marsh on the passing of his mother, Laura Marsh.

Dorothy Menaker on the passing of her mother, Edith Granat. Condolences to grandson, **Ethan Menaker**, as well.

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Stella Minevich on the passing of her mother, Dina Gianturco.

David Padrutt on the passing of his wife, Wendy Padrutt.

Jill Paris on the passing of her mother, Francine Letowsky Segal.

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Susan Rothman on the passing of her husband, Howard Rothman. Condolences as well to son **Michael Rothman** and to grandchildren **Lexi** and **Reid Rothman**.

Jared Safran on the passing of his father, Kenneth Jay Safran. Condolences to grandchildren, **Alexander Safran** and **Maya Mahoney**, as well.

Brian Satisky on the passing of his mother, Lyn Satisky. Condolences to grandchildren, **Aly** and **Jay Satisky**, as well.

Hal Schneider on the passing of his mother, Barbara Schneider. Condolences to granddaughters, **Evelyn** and **Adeline Schneider**, as well.

Jeffrey Schwartz on the passing of his mother, Joan Feldman Schwartz. Condolences as well to grandchildren, **Darby Citrano**, **Ryan Schwartz**, and **Janie Schwartz**, and to great-grandson, **Cameron Citrano**.

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Cliff Steele on the passing of his mother, Anne Steele. Condolences to granddaughter, **Halley Morochnik**, and great-grandchildren, **Rachel** and **Zack Morochnik**, as well.

Cliff Steele on the passing of his wife, Jane Steele. Condolences to daughter, **Halley Morochnik**, and grandchildren **Rachel** and **Zack Morochnik**, as well.

Cathey Steinberg on the passing of her husband, Irv Levine.

Robert Steinberg on the passing of his wife, Sharon Steinberg.

Jordan Suresky on the passing of his sister, Alexandra Rose Suresky.

Robyn Tanenbaum on the passing of her aunt, Shirley Wender.

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Loren West on the passing of her brother, Jeffrey Kalish.

Marilyn Westbrooks on the passing of her husband, Jerry Westbrooks.

Lawrence Wolfson on the passing of his mother, Freda Wolfson.

Merrill Wynne on the passing of his brother, Larry Emanuel Wynne. Condolences to nieces, Michelle Levey and Stacie Schiff as well.

The family and friends of **Frank Butterfield**.

All family and friends of **Barbara Katinsky**.

The family and friends of **Shirley Michalove**.

The family of **Marjorie Dubb Rosing**.

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SINAI'S WALLS SHARE THEIR SACRED SECRETS



What is that emotional tug – that stirring in our hearts – we so often feel when we walk around Temple Sinai?

That was the question emerging from a conversation between Rabbi Segal and Berylann Strada in 2021 as Covid briefly subsided and congregants started returning to the building. Rabbi Segal assembled a small group to meander through the building, and it was quickly apparent that specific places and objects evoked strong feelings and spiritual connections.

An idea was born: to create a self-guided tour highlighting those meaningful objects and spaces.

Time passed, and the idea resurfaced in 2023, when Michelle Young, then Vice President of Spiritual Life, connected

with Berylann. “If These Walls Could Talk” quickly took shape. Michelle and Berylann invited clergy and a group of congregants to help compile a list of spots. An accompanying brochure was envisioned which would include a keyed map of the facility. Much like visiting a museum, visitors would stop at sites identified by QR codes, scan the codes, and read and/or listen to a brief description of each site or item.

In Fall 2024, Sinai’s 2024-25 Atidaynu class came on board to develop the content, with Diana Silverman at the helm. Under Diana’s leadership, Atidaynu members provided research, delving into the history for each site. Descriptions were written, photos were taken, and the Sinai staff created brochures, music, and signage. Personal reflections from selected congregants were also included.

Diana shared these thoughts as the project was finally launched: “I have received so much from Temple Sinai over the years; this was an opportunity to leave a valuable legacy to our synagogue.”

For Berylann, it was a hands-on moment: “The day we put up the QR codes, I knew we had finally crossed the finish line; it was a dream come true.”