

Temple Sinai

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November, 2019
December, 2019

Cheshvan/Kislev 5780
Kislev/Tevet 5780



WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

November 2019 Cheshvan/Kislev 5780

November 1 6:00 PM

TORAH: Noach: Gen. 6:9-11:32
HAFTARAH: Isa. 54:1-55:5

November 8 6:00 PM

(Memorial Service)

TORAH: Lech L'cha: Gen. 12:1-17:27
HAFTARAH: Isa. 40:27-41:16

November 15 6:00 PM

TORAH: Vayeira: Gen. 18:1-22:24
HAFTARAH: II Kings 4:1-37

November 22 6:00PM

TORAH: Chayei Sarah: Gen. 23:1-25:18
HAFTARAH: I Kings 1:1-31

November 29 6:00 PM

TORAH: Tol'dot: Gen. 25:19-28:9
HAFTARAH: Malachi 1:1-2:7

December 2019 Kislev/Tevet 5780

December 6 6:00 PM

TORAH: Vayetzei: Gen. 28:10-32:3
HAFTARAH: Hosea 12:13-14:10

December 13 6:00 PM

TORAH: Vayishlach: Gen. 32:4-36:43
HAFTARAH: Hosea 11:7-12:12

December 20 6:00 PM

(Chanukah)

TORAH: Vayeishev: Gen. 37:1-40:23
HAFTARAH: Amos 2:6-3:8

December 27 6:00 PM

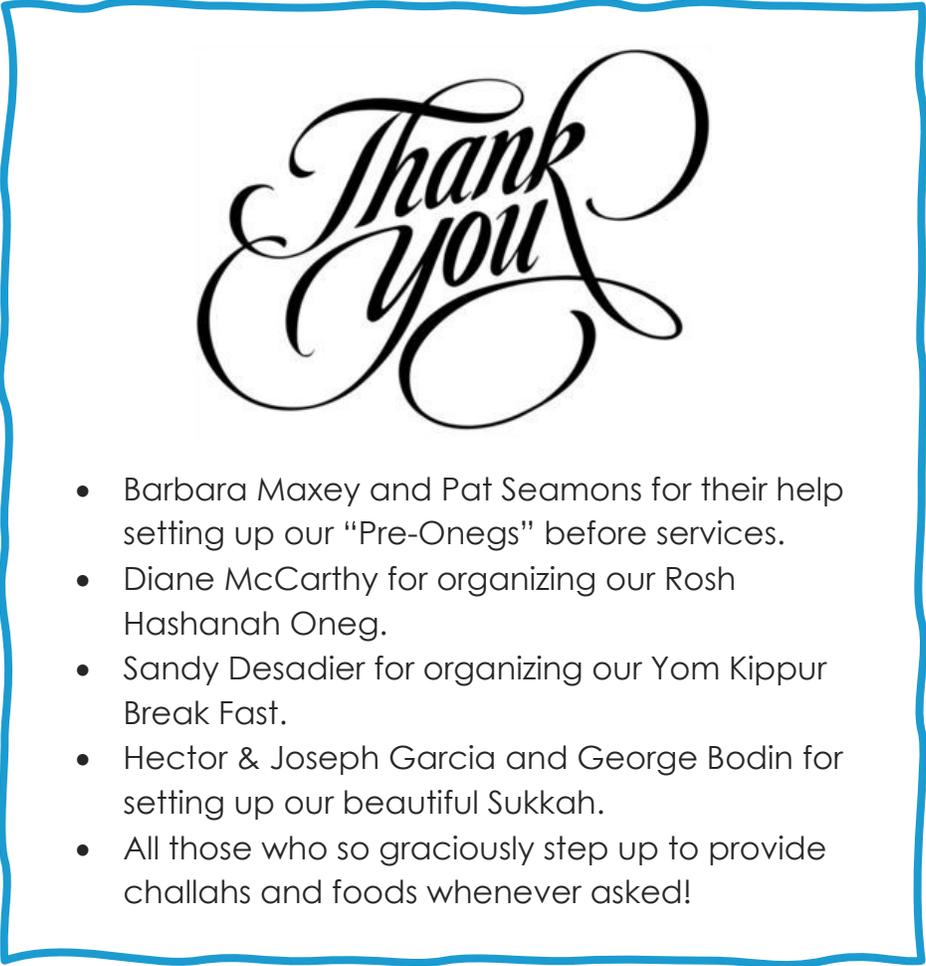
Hanukkah/Machar Chodesh or
Rosh Chodesh

TORAH: Mikeitz: Gen. 41:1-44:17
HAFTARAH: Zech. 4:1-7; I Sam. 20:18, 42
or Isa. 66:1,23

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE LEADERS

November 1st – George Bodin
November 8th – Rabbi Barry (Memorial Service)
November 15th – Maria Mezey
November 22nd – Rabbi Barry
November 29th – Charlie St. Dizier

December 6th – Rabbi Barry
December 13th – Diane McCarthy
December 20th – Rabbi Barry (Chanukah)
December 27th – Dan Boitnot



*Thank
You*

- Barbara Maxey and Pat Seamons for their help setting up our “Pre-Onegs” before services.
- Diane McCarthy for organizing our Rosh Hashanah Oneg.
- Sandy Desadier for organizing our Yom Kippur Break Fast.
- Hector & Joseph Garcia and George Bodin for setting up our beautiful Sukkah.
- All those who so graciously step up to provide challahs and foods whenever asked!

Announcements

- The Temple Directory will be updated shortly! Please check your listing in the current directory, and let Sandy know if any changes are necessary.
- Our Interfaith Memorial Service that was postponed from July 12th will be hosted by Temple Sinai on Friday, November 8th at 6:00pm. An Oneg will follow services. If you are able to provide food for the Oneg, please contact Sandy to see what is needed.
- Please don't forget about our beautiful courtyard when making donations to honor or memorialize loved ones or events. Pavers are \$100 each. Inscriptions can be up to 3 lines with no more than 14 characters per line. (Forms are available at Temple or ask Sandy or George.)

Message from the Rabbi:

Sukkot in Our Patio

Sukkot.

This Autumn Festival has always been a favorite for me. Its occurrence just 5 days after Yom Kippur has to be the source of great elation for those of us as pulpit rabbis!

The High Holy Days are filled with challenging details for most of us serving congregations. Thanks to wonderful help which loving volunteers of our temple provide, I have the luxury of knowing that the majority of these are fulfilled most superbly!

Charlie St Dizier always devotes very careful attention to being sure that all of our Pulpit Honors are covered in advance. Diane McCarthy works so diligently to be sure that our Festive Oneg is always so beautiful following our Rosh Hashanah Evening Service. Our Break the Fast after the conclusion of Yom Kippur was again this year most enjoyable, thanks to the most gracious help of Sandy Desadier.



Our Sukkah was completely renovated this year. We thank Hector and Joseph Garcia and George Bodin for their most excellent help in providing us with a most beautiful Sukkah!

If you were with us for our Sukkot - Shabbes evening and morning services, you will long remember the beautiful sunset for our evening worship and the startling bright sunshine of our morning service. Several of our members enjoyed a Sukkah Supper in our Sukkah Friday evening! Throughout this newsletter you will see photos of our evening worship in our splendid Patio.

The Festival of Sukkot reminds us to give thanks for the bountiful autumn harvest. Sukkot is a most meaningful remembrance of the forty years our ancestors wandered in the desert after Sinai. I believe that together with the fall harvest and the memory of our wandering for decades in the desert, Sukkot also brings to mind the innumerable blessings that we in our temple enjoy from day to day, year to year. In reality, our temple is our congregational "Sukkah!"

Rabbi Weinstein's Schedule:

November 8, 2019
November 22, 2019
December 6, 2019
December 20, 2018

Our beautiful Sanctuary provides us Shelter in so many ways, just as the Sukkot of the Israelites wandering in the desert so long ago gave them needed Shelter.

In our Sanctuary we find spiritual refuge, safety and I believe a most blessed sense of peace from all the cares and concerns that are with us most days. When I enter our Sanctuary, whether for worship, or to set the Torah Scroll, or simply to sit alone for a few moments of meditation, reflection, and prayer, I experience the most precious sense of Shelter, Safety and Security in every way.

And, our Sanctuary, together with all of our temple facility, truly is the Sukkah for the continuation of our precious Jewish Community of Lake Charles.

Spanning more than 115 years since the cornerstone of our temple was set, our congregation has served as the proud beacon of Judaism for our city and the surrounding area through many generations. We can all be so very thankful to those upon whose shoulders we stand, those who through the generations gave so very much of their energy, resources, and time for the continuing success of our congregation.



On Shabbes evening we pray the Hashkiveinu:
“Grant, O God, that we lie down in peace,
and raise us up, our Guardian, to life renewed.
Spread over us the shelter of Your peace...”

The Hebrew for “Spread over us the shelter of Your peace” - “Ufros alienu **sukat** sh'lomecha.” (“Sukat” = Shelter of)

The prayer concludes:

“For You, God, watch over us and deliver us.
For You, God, are gracious and merciful.
Guard our going and coming, to life and to peace,
evermore.

Blessed are You, Adonai, Guardian of Israel,
whose *shelter of peace* is spread over us, over all
Your people Israel, and over Jerusalem.”
(Mishkan T'filah, p. 160)

In its deepest spiritual sense, our special word Sukkah is the Reflection in our lives every day of God's innumerable blessings in our lives. May we always be grateful for all the blessings that are ours thanks to our beloved Temple Sinai.

And each time we enter our Sanctuary, may we realize that we truly have entered once again our congregational Sukkah from Generation to Generation.

Rabbi Barry Weinstein

RABBI BARRY'S WORD OF THE MONTH: CHESED

CHESED

It's only possible to "define" this most beautiful Hebrew word with several words in English!

For example, Chesed is:

Kindness

Love

Goodness

Benevolence

Affections

Loving-kindness

"On the foundations of chesed, the Rabbis built the concept of *gemilut chasadim*, literally 'the bestowal of loving-kindness,' or 'acts, deeds of loving-kindness.' These are personal acts of human sympathy, performed totally unselfishly, wholly out of goodness, and without ulterior motive."

"In practicing *gemilut chasadim*, we neither seek nor expect thanks or reciprocation."

Examples of *gemilut chasadim*:

Honoring parents

Making peace

Visiting the sick

Burying the dead

Comforting mourners

Acts of general helpfulness

All of these always carried out "in a spirit of good will and good cheer!"
(Your Jewish Lexicon, Edith Samuel, UAHC, 1982)

Edith Samuel also teaches:

"The Rabbis regarded acts of loving-kindness as among those things 'which have no fixed measure'—that is, there is no ceiling to *gemilut chasadim*. Nor is there any ceiling on the number or variety of sympathetic actions human beings can extend to one another. Loving-kindness can be bestowed by anyone, young or old, rich or poor."

When we donate food for Abraham's Tent, we are carrying out *gemilut chasadim*. When we reach out to family, friends, temple members who are ill, we are responding to the Jewish Value of Chesed in its deepest sense. When we do Tzedakah, helping those less fortunate, we are acting from our own impulse of Chesed.

I hope that this little but potent Hebrew word will become part of your own Jewish Lexicon, part of your daily way of living.

May God bless us all with the everlasting motivation to have lives characterized always by Chesed!



MAZEL TOV

*Ellen & Scott Raley and Randy Fuerst on the birth of their new grandson, Iles Howard Raley.
Iles was born on Tuesday, September 10th, to Leah & Adam Raley.



*Jan & Joel Davidson on the birth of their new granddaughter, Adaline Claire Cook.
Adaline was born on Tuesday, October 22nd to Gina and Jeremy Cook.



November & December Anniversaries

November 12	Suzette & Joseph Gall
December 5	Kathy & Joel Steirman
December 5	Brenda & Michael Goldman
December 12	Paige & Jody Davidson
December 24	Charlene & Tim Blevins
December 31	Shirley & Calvin Billings
December 31	Maria & Greg Mezey

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

- Barbara Peck
- Captain Marissa Liebman & Matthew Sturgis
- Charlotte & Jim Kaogh

We know that our new members will be an asset to our Temple and our Jewish Community.

Temple Birthdays

November:

4	Dawn Holtzman
7	Nancy Riff Ferguson
9	Harry Kleinman
10	Breland Thorn
14	Mark Wygoda
16	Michael Reinauer
19	Joel Steirman
30	Maria Haro Mezey

December:

4	Tony DiBartolo
9	Linda Weinstein
13	Hydee Desadier Kagan
13	Charlene Blevins
14	Pattie Davidson
15	David Michel
16	Jonathan Bachrack
17	Michael Schwartzberg
19	Hallie Rose Ginsburgh
22	Pat Seamons
23	Leslie Loftin
27	Jim Kaough
28	Drew Davidson

Temple Contributions

Funds:

Sisterhood:

Decorating Fund
General Fund
Meal of Consolation

Send Checks to:

Ellen Raley
4270 Indigo Place
Lake Charles, LA 70605

Temple:

Youth Fund
Cemetery Fund
Courtyard Fund
Building Fund
General Fund
Music Fund
Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
Tree of Life Fund

Temple Sinai
713 Hodges St.
Lake Charles, LA 70601

Contributors

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____ Zip: _____

(Please print, clip and submit this form with your contribution to avoid any confusion during the acknowledging process.)



Temple Yearzeits:

(Week Ending)

November 1, 2019

Frederick Berther (1)
Charles Kushner (1)
Arthur K. Strauss (1)

November 8, 2019

Max Fleckman (2)
Sumner Stopnik (3)
Robert Schoolsky (5)
Reica Paymar Krinsky (6)
Harry Eisen (7)
Fern Myrick (7)
Elaine Broussard Bodin (8)
Dorothy Gold (8)

November 15, 2019

Sally Erdmann (9)
Henry H. Kaufman (11)
William John Kelly (13)
Sarah Davidson (14)
Sam Kushner (14)
Abe Ordinsky (14)

November 22, 2019

Selman Liebman (16)
Solomon Davidson (17)
Sam Katz (17)
Al Cohn (18)
Jean Horn (18)
Harry Horn (18)
Rae Labovitch (18)
Max Deutscher (19)
Hannah Kushner (19)
Miina Donn Rosenberg (19)
David B. Greenberg (20)
Eugene Balengero (21)
Rae Wygoda (21)

November 29, 2019

Sarah Lowenthal (27)
Yvetta Eisen (28)
Mathilde Marx (28)
Kate Raley (28)

We are grateful for these contributions:

Temple Yahrzeits:

(Week Ending)

General Fund:

From: Charlene & Tim Blevins

From: Rabbi & Linda Weinstein
For: High Holy Day Appeal

From: Sandy Desadier
For: High Holy Day Honors

From: Judy & Bruce Katz
For: High Holy Day Honors

From: Barbara Maxey
For: High Holy Day Honors

From: Maurice & Anita Fields Gold
For: High Holy Day Honors

From: Charlene (Pat) Seamons
For: High Holy Day Honors

From: Ann & David Reinauer
For: High Holy Day Honors

From: Karen & Harry Kleinman
For: High Holy Day Honors

From: Charlene & Tim Blevins
For: High Holy Day Honors

Tree of Life Fund:

From: Barbara & Tony DiBartolo
In Memory of: Roger Seamons

December 6, 2019

Kenneth Strauss (Nov 30)
Helen Stopkin Lowenthal (1)
Jules Reinauer (2)
Seymore Zilbert (6)

December 13, 2019

Edwin Frank (8)
Max Klaus (8)
Sheldon Rosenthal (8)
Jack Gordon (9)
Manuel N. Kleinman (10)
Norman Makuck (10)
Ethel Estelle Toerner Prater (10)
Herman Adler (12)
Maurince Kushner (12)
Simon Weil (12)
Josephine Frank (13)

December 20, 2019

Billie Schoolsky (14)
Leon Gordon (15)
Shirley Bonin (17)
David Dondis (17)
Lillian Epstein (17)
Anna Holtzman (18)
Gladys Kushner (18)
Thomas Desadier (19)
Maurice Kleinman (19)
Simon Marx (20)

December 27, 2019

Michael Kassner (22)
Maxine Landsman (23)
Sanford Gold (26)

January 3, 2020

Ida Gollis Lipsey (Dec 29)
Lottie Riff (Dec 29)

We are grateful for these contributions:

Youth Fund:

From: Barbara & Tony DiBartolo
In Honor of: Ronnie Desadier's
Speedy Recovery

From: Maria & Greg Mezey

From: Sandy & Ronnie Desadier
In Honor of: Tony DiBartolo's
Speedy Recovery

Building Fund:

From: Anna Silverstein

From: Barbara Maxey

From: Susan & Bill Battestin

From: Elizabeth Doucet &
Robert Goldman

From: Michele Martin

From: Charlene & Tim Blevins

Courtyard Fund:

From: Charlene & Tim Blevins

Music Fund:

From: Barbara & Tony DiBartolo
In Honor of: Anita Fields Gold's
Speedy Recovery

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:

From: Charlene & Tim Blevins

Courtyard Pavers:

From: Leslie Greer
Always With Us: Maurine Horn Lewis

From: Leslie Greer
Always With Us: Ethel H and Abner Horn

From: Victor Miesel
In Memory of: Rochelle Kristal Miesel

Hanukkah Blessings

Candles are added to the *hanukkiyah* (menorah) from right to left but are kindled from left to right. The newest candle is lit first. On the Shabbat of Hanukkah, kindle the Hanukkah lights first and then the Shabbat candles.

Light the *shamash* (the helper candle) first, using it to kindle the rest of the Hanukkah lights. As you do, say or sing:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו,
וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tsivanu l'hadlik ner shel Hanukkah.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who hallows us with mitzvot, commanding us to kindle the Hanukkah lights.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ
וְאֲמוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזִמְנֵי הַזֶּה.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, she-asah nisim laavoteinu v'imoteinu bayamim hahaeim baz'man hazeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old at this season.

For first night only:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַחַיָּנוּ וְקִיָּמָנוּ
וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לַזִּמְנֵי הַזֶּה.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higiyanu laz'man hazeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who has kept us alive, sustained us, and brought us to this season.

Hanerot Halalu

We kindle these lights because of the wondrous deliverance You performed for our ancestors. During these eight days of Hanukkah, these lights are sacred; we are not to use them but only to behold them, so that their glow may rouse us to give thanks for Your wondrous acts of deliverance.

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