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Temple Sinai

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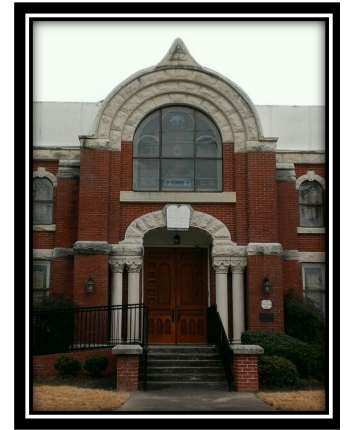
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December 2020

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Tevet 5781



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Message from the President:



To all Congregants and Friends of Temple Sinai of Lake Charles:

I hope this finds you well and, in the spirit of 2020, the best you can be! The Board and I want to know how you are doing? The most important task for all of us to do is take care of yourself and make sure everyone is safe and on the road to recovery. If you need to talk or ask any questions, please reach out to me or Rabbi Barry. We will do our best to help. There is support from many concerned generous organizations and individuals available for your needs. Sandy and Michael have been invaluable in documenting the donations, sending out thank you cards and working with me.

With that said, let me share with you some updates. The Temple Property did sustain significant damage from both Hurricanes. We lost all of the shingles over the religious wing along with the social hall and on the eastern side of the sanctuary. A tree fell on the kitchen area and caused some damage to the roof and ceiling. All this caused water infiltration, mainly into the library area. We also had some minor water on the Bema yet spared the ark. If not enough, the winds of both storms have shown some deferred maintenance with the mortar and bricks on our beautiful sanctuary. They will need to be re-pointed and tucked along with a sealer apply to the exterior. Lastly our landscaping has been totally destroyed and will require much work.

We hired a mitigation company immediately to stop any further damage and to remove all wet materials. At this time, we have the Temple secured and dry. I am working closely with the insurance company to determine the amount of money they will provide for us to begin the work required to reopen the Temple. Not an easy challenge as I know all of you can appreciate on a personal level. At this time, I can't say with any confidence when we will have all the repairs done. I promise to keep you updated and you may call me anytime to get an update.

Rabbi, Linda and Amy have been living in Baton Rouge and traveling to Lake Charles often to help support and also check on their recently purchased home. We have it secured and dry also. It will take some time to have it repaired and move in ready. This is a priority as we all want them to join our community as we need them here to support the rebuilding of our community. They will offer so much support and wisdom to our spiritual community of SWLA.

The Jewish cemetery sustained minor damage and with the continued leadership from Jody, we have someone truly watching over our many loved ones who lie at rest. We cherish and love each and every one of them. Jody's dedication to our cemetery is so deeply appreciated.

I am honored and humbled to be the President of Temple Sinai in 2020. Taking over from Randy has made my job so much easier. His wisdom along with the board's commitments to our needs is what our Jewish community always will require in the future. These events only reaffirm my dedication to our Temple and the entire Jewish community of our region. Our region, Southwest Louisiana, needs our faith and involvement. We will come out of this stronger and better. My daily work and involvement in our community reaffirms my beliefs that we will all be very proud of where

we call home. It will take time as this is not a sprint, it is a marathon, yet we will see a beautiful community arise again. I have no doubt!

Stay positive, stay focused on your needs and please communicate if you need to talk. We are a community, not individuals alone.

Shalom,

Joel Davidson, President

337-529-6710



Mi'she'bei'rach

Wishing a refuah shleimah, a complete and speedy recovery, to:

Jill Greenberg
Bachrack

Reve Greenberg
Shannon Boitnot

Brenda

Tony DiBartolo

If there is anyone who needs to be added to the mi'she'bei'rach list for prayers for continued health improvements, please let Sandy know.



Temple Sinai
Lake Charles, LA

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Temple Sinai

Organization Number:

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Please be sure to notify Rabbi Barry when illness comes to you or a family member. Rabbi Barry, however, is restricted from hospital visitations during COVID 19. As much as

Rabbi Barry's Word(s) of the Month:

TSURIS and GLITCH

Tikkun.

A most powerful Hebrew word! Tikkun occurs in several contexts in Hebrew usage.

Most familiar: Tikkun Olam - The "Repair" of our World - A Central Jewish Value: Repair of the evils of society: Hunger, Homelessness, Violence, Racism, Prejudice, Pandemic, War, Superstition, Idolatry. Also, a "Tikkun" is the special book used to prepare to publicly read from the Torah Scroll. A "Tikkun" has two columns of print: One column has the Hebrew text of the Torah with full vowels and punctuation. The other column has only the Hebrew letters of the Torah, minus vowels and punctuation; exactly the way the actual Torah Scroll is printed. To practice for public reading of the Torah Scroll, the Tikkun is invaluable! Tikkun Temple Sinai seems to perfectly illustrate the Challenge AND the Opportunity for our beloved Temple Sinai today. The Challenge: To Repair and Rebuild our Temple, our damaged homes, our lives. The Opportunity: To Return to our Better-Than-Ever Rebuilt, Repaired Temple and our Restored Homes!

Deep within my heart I also believe that our own lives will be the better. We shall always know that with our own congregational grit, determination, patience, equilibrium and perseverance, we shall have prevailed over the challenges of the storms of Laura and Delta. All this while simultaneously coping as best we can. In the same breath, I offer continuing deep deep prayers for our members and families struggling with illness during these challenging days. May Healing and Recovery come Fully and Quickly for each and every one of our members who are ill. May family caregivers be strengthened from our loving prayers and outreach to each of them. And, as individuals and families, we shall become the stronger and the more resilient knowing that through our love and devotion we have succeeded in maintaining "Shalom Ba'it" - Peace within our homes. Even more, we now have the once in a lifetime opportunity to envision a cooperative endeavor uniting our synagogues and communities in southwest Louisiana and eastern Texas! I am so proud of our Temple Board for establishing a special committee to study this most special, promising cooperative vision.

With the ongoing renewal of our temple and our homes, all of us have demonstrated our devotion and our dedication to our congregation and to each other. Recognizing continuing difficulties of connecting by phone or internet, I believe we each sense our shared loving concerns for one another as a synagogue community.

Yes, we are in the midst of Tikkun Temple Sinai. May our courage be strengthened, our patience supported, and our hopes and prayers be fruitful with the enduring loving help of G-D and our deep relationships as the loving congregation of Temple Sinai.

Cha'zak Cha'zak V'nit'cha'zayk - From Strength to Strength!

The online Urban Dictionary calls Tsuris "a Yiddish phrase for worries, stress or hassle."

As for Glitch:

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"...Dictionaries have thus far given only a partial view of how glitch developed. The Oxford English Dictionary, in its second edition of 1989, unsatisfyingly says that its etymology is "unknown." The OED also suggests that the word's original meaning was "a surge of current or a spurious electrical signal," later extended in "astronaut's slang" to mean "a hitch or snag; a malfunction."

This reconstruction of the word's semantic history seems to be entirely based on a 1962 quote (the earliest given by the OED and other dictionaries) from John Glenn, in his contribution to [Into Orbit](#), a book jointly written by the original seven astronauts of Project Mercury. Glenn wrote:

"Another term we adopted to describe some of our problems was "glitch." Literally, a glitch is a spike or change in voltage in an electrical circuit which takes place when the circuit suddenly has a new load put on it. You have probably noticed a dimming of lights in your home when you turn a switch or start the dryer or the television set. Normally, these changes in voltage are protected by fuses. A glitch, however, is such a minute change in voltage that no fuse could protect against it."

[From The Hidden History of "Glitch" by Ben Zimmer \(11/04/2013\)](#)

I believe that in terms of "severity" Tsuris is much worse than Glitch!

Thus, may all the challenges of our Hurricanes Laura and Delta together with Covid 19 Pandemic be no more than Glitches in our lives than long lasting Tsuris, "Eem Yirtzeh H"S" in Yiddish "B'Ezrat H"S" in Hebrew, BOTH meaning "With The Help of G-D"

With loving prayers and blessings,

Rabbi Barry Weinstein



Temple Birthdays:

September

- 5 David Reinauer
- 10 Gregory Michel
- 10 Sam Steirman
- 11 Rabbi Barry Weinstein
- 13 Jonathan Fuerst
- 14 William Levy
- 16 Emily Bachrack Makuch
- 16 Madyson O'Quain
- 18 Joel Davidson
- 18 Nathan Dondis
- 21 Leah Fuerst Raley
- 21 Tim Blevins
- 22 Diane McCarthy
- 22 Kai Reinauer
- 27 Brian Goldman

October

- 4 Carol St. Dizier
- 4 Wendy Parsons Yates
- 4 Hector Garcia
- 7 Chloe Yates
- 14 Steven Ley
- 15 Tootsie Helman Fournet
- 19 Simone Levy
- 20 Jennifer Wygoda Israel
- 24 Anna Silverstein
- 26 Rebekah Goldman Magg
- 29 Robert Landry
- 29 Anita Fields-Gold

November

- 4 Dawn Holtzman
- 7 Nancy Riff Ferguson
- 9 Harry Kleinman
- 14 Mark Wygoda
- 16 Michael Reinauer
- 19 Joel Steirman

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
- 27 Jim Kaough
- 28 Drew Davidson



September/October/November & December Anniversaries

September 8	Anita Fields & Maurice Gold
October 1	Lisa & Josh Green
October 7	Hydee & Ryan Kagan
October 13	Pattie & Marc Davidson
October 25	Mary Katherine & Aaron Ginsburgh
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

Temple Yahrzeits:

(Week Ending)

September 4, 2020

Florence W. Goldsmith (1)
Donald Seamons (1)
Sarah Lindenberg (3)

September 11, 2020

Abraham Goldman (5)
Ceil Milstein (5)
Morris C. Kleiman (7)
Samuel Hudson (8)
Adam Cormier, Sr. (9)
Roger Seamons (9)
Bessie Katz (10)
Lillian Bachrack (10)
Alma Little (11)
Isadore Horn (11)

September 18, 2020

Dora Madson (12)
Dotty Sander (13)
Ezrael Kushner (14)
Sam Goldsmith (14)
Stanley Rosen (15)
Harry Chozen (16)
David Job Toerner (17)
Sol Katz (18)

September 25, 2020

Abe Gold (20)
Frank Gordon (20)
Jack Sandler (21)
Ethel Berwin (22)
Dera Bates (24)
Dan Wise (25)

October 2, 2020

Sylvia Rich Kay (26)
John F. Wiegman (27)
Lewis Rosenfeld (27)
Edward Hoffman (28)
Carrie Frank (30)
Henry Austin (30)
Joe Davidson (30)
Ruth Reinauer Hoffman (30)
Alfred Levine (1)

Temple Yahrzeits:

(Week Ending)

October 9, 2020

Tyler Riff Ferguson (4)
Albert Gordon (5)
Marx M. Levy (7)
Rebecca Kleiman (8)
Goldie Goldsmith Ruskin (8)
Florence Fuerst (9)

October 16, 2020

Frank Harry Kleinman (10)
Joseph Szell (11)
Tena Davidson (11)
Sol Riff (12)
Abraham Donn (13)
Lyllian Weill (12)
Cecil alexander Berman (13)
Ann Jeanette Cohen (13)
Ples McManus (13)
Bernard G. Winner (14)

October 23, 2020

Simon Wise (18)
Sol Spector (18)
Rae Packman (19)
Carolyn Bess (Betsy) Ecker (20)
Florence Pearl Kushner (20)
Abraham Green (22)
David Helman (22)
Irene B. Winner (22)
Marvin Greenberg (22)
Jennie Greenberg (23)

October 30, 2020

Ken Lewitter (25)
Rose Unger (26)
Bertha Stoner (27)
Henry Jacobs (27)
Harry Marcus (30)

November 6, 2020

Ruth Lewitter (31)
Frederick Berther (1)
Charles Kushner (1)
Arthur K. Strauss (1)
Max Fleckman (2)
Sumner Stopnik (3)
Robert Schoolsky (5)
Reica Paymar Krinsky (6)

Temple Yahrzeits:

(Week Ending)

November 13, 2020

Harry Eisen (7)
Fern Myrick (7)
Elaine Broussard Bodin (8)
Dorothy Gold (8)
Sally Erdmann (9)
Henry H. Kaufman (11)
William John Kelly (13)

November 20, 2020

Sarah Davidson (14)
Sam Kushner (14)
Abe Ordinsky (14)
Selma Liebman (16)
Solomon Davidson (17)
Sam Katz (17)
Al Cohn (18)
Jean Horn (18)
Harry Horn (18)
Max Deutscher (19)
Hannah Kushner (19)
Mina Donn Rosenberg (19)
David B. Greenberg (20)

September 27, 2020

Eugene Balengero (21)
Rae Wygoda (21)
Sarah Lowenthal (27)

December 4, 2020

Yvetta Eisen (28)
Mathilde Marx (28)
Kate Raley (28)
Kenneth Strauss (30)
Helen Sopkin Lowenthal (1)
Jules Reinauer (2)

December 11, 2020

Seymore Zilbert (6)
Edwin Frank (8)
Max Klaus (8)
Sheldon Rosenthal (8)
Jack Gordon (9)
Manuel N. Kleiman (10)
Norman Makuch (10)
Ethel Estelle Toerner Prater (10)

Temple Yahrzeits:

(Week Ending)

December 18, 2020

Herman Adler (12)
Maurice Kushner (12)
Simon Weil (12)
Josephine Frank (13)
Billie Schoolsky (14)
Leon Gordon (15)
Shirley Bonin (17)
David Dondis (17)
Lillian Epstein (17)
Anna Holtzman (18)
Gladys Kushner (18)

December 25, 2020

Maurice Kleinman (19)
Thomas Desadier (19)
Simon Marx (20)
Michael Kassner (22)
Maxine Landsman (23)



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Funds:

Sisterhood:

Decorating Fund
General Fund
Meal of Consolation

Temple:

Adult Education Fund
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General Fund
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Temple Sinai

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In Memory: Roger Seamons

From: Sandy & Ronnie Desadier

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From: Charlene & Tim Blevins

From: Pat Seamons

From: Barbara Maxey

From: Charlene & Tim Blevins

From: Barbara & Tony DiBartolo

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From: Leane & Ed Greer

In Memory: Our Loved Ones

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In Memory: Our Loved Ones

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In Memory: Our Loved Ones

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In Memory: Our Loved Ones

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Weil
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Inscription: Beloved Rabbi Ken D Roseman
Our Moreh 243

From: Barbara Maxey

TOL Fund:

From: Simone & Stan Levy, Jr

In Memory: Marty & Stan Levy, Sr
and Ray & Simon

In Appreciation of the following for assisting either our congregants or Temple from the devastation from Hurricanes Laura & Delta:

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Also many thanks to Anna & Nadav Herman, Aaron Posner, & Rabbi Lexi for their help and support, as well as the Nechama organization for their physical labor in assisting with clean up.

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:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו במצותיו,
וצונו להדליק נר של חנוכה.

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.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, שעשה נסים לאבותינו
ואמותינו בימים ההם בזמן הזה.

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:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, שהחינו וקיימנו
והגיענו לזמן הזה.

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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