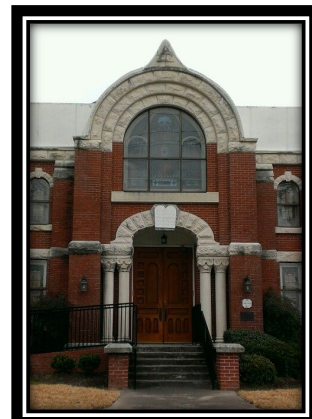


# Temple Sinai

713 Hodges St. Lake Charles, LA 70601  
<http://templesinai.info> / T: 337-439-2866

March 2021  
April 2021

Adar /Nisan 5781  
Nisan/Iyar 5781



## WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

### March 2021 Adar/Nisan 5781

#### **Friday, March 5, 2021**

6 PM online

Torah: Ki Tisa: Exodus 30:11-34:35

Haftarah: Ezekiel 36:22-36

*Shabbat Parah*

#### **Friday, March 12, 2021**

6 PM online

Torah: Vayak'heil-P'kudei: Exodus 35:1-40:38

Haftarah: Ezekiel 45:16-25

*HaChodesh*

#### **Friday, March 19, 2021**

6 PM online

Torah: Vayikra: Leviticus 1:1-5:26

Haftarah: Isaiah 43:21-44:23

#### **Friday, March 26, 2021**

6 PM online

Torah: Tzav: Leviticus 6:1-8:36

Haftarah: Malachi 3:4-24

*Shabbat HaGadol*

### April 2021 Nisan/Iyar 5781

#### **Friday, April 2, 2021**

6 PM online

*Yom Sh'vi-i shel Pesach*

Torah: Exodus 14:30-15:21

Haftarah: II Samuel 22:1-51

#### **Friday, April 9, 2021**

6 PM online

Torah: Sh'mini: Leviticus 9:1-11:47

Haftarah: Ezekiel 36:22-36

#### **Friday, April 16, 2021**

6 PM online

Torah: Tazria - M'tzora: Leviticus 12:1-15:33

Haftarah: II Kings 7:3-20

#### **Friday, April 23, 2021**

6 PM online

Torah: Acharei Mot - K'doshim: Lev. 16:1-20:27

Haftarah: Amos 9:7-15

#### **Friday, April 30, 2021**

6 PM online

Torah: Emor: Leviticus 21:1-24:23

Haftarah: Ezekiel 44:15-31

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## *LIVE STREAMED SERVICES*

Until further notice, the sanctuary will not be open for services for several reasons: 1) the renovation of the sanctuary ceiling, 2) the rise of COVID-19 numbers in our community again, and 3) the repairs being made following Hurricanes Laura and Delta. We will continue to stream services with Rabbi Barry, and we will keep everyone informed and updated as situations change.

You may watch past services and events on our YouTube Channel at [temple-sinai.tv](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPujK_V4hMqI5s5GXqOTQ) -OR-

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPujK\\_V4hMqI5s5GXqOTQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPujK_V4hMqI5s5GXqOTQ)

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## *Annual Congregational Meeting*

**Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021**  
**7:00PM on ZOOM Video Conferencing**

Join Zoom Meeting Using this Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87632005671?pwd=cFd1c05iRjk3ZDRWdHJOWDVLNVDZz09>

**Meeting ID:** 876 3200 5671

**Passcode:** 5zYNCy

You can go directly to the above link on the internet, or you can download the Zoom Application on your smartphone, tablet, or computer.

You must be a member of Temple Sinai and caught up on your Temple dues in order to attend the Congregational Meeting.



**Temple Sinai**  
**Lake Charles, LA**

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## *Welcome New Members!*

Temple Sinai would like to welcome our new members:

Deborah and Mitch  
Darbonne

Gail and Percy Johnson

We are so excited to have these two families join our Temple Sinai family.

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## *March Anniversaries:*

6 Sarah & Terry Hodnett  
8 Mindy & Adel Barkat

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## *April Anniversaries:*

9 Ruth & John Gerrard

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## *Kroger Reward Program*

[www.kroger.com/account/update](https://www.kroger.com/account/update)  
log in, and renew your card with:

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# Message from the Rabbi:

## The First Day

Today! Today is the *First Day of the Rest of our Life!!*

My late father Z"l would so often remind me with these words.

He'd love to declare to me most mornings that "today is the first day of the rest of my life." I confess that it has taken me a long time to really understand this proverb. How can it be that "today," THIS very day, is the FIRST day of the rest of my life?

Isn't each day a blessing, a gift from H"S ?

Certainly each and every day is our blessing. When we pray "Modeh Ahni" in the mornings we really do praise G-d for the precious gift of another day!

"Modeh/Modah ani l'fanecha ,  
Melech chai v'kayam,  
she-hechezarta bi nishmati b'chemlah,  
rabbah emunetecha."

"I offer thanks to You,  
ever-living Sovereign,  
that You have restored my soul to me in mercy;  
How great is Your trust."

(Mishkan T'filah, Central Conference of American Rabbis, page 24.)

These beautiful words of praise for G-d help me to be reminded of the miracle of yet one more day! And I seem always to remember my father's proverb at the same time. Today, THIS day, really is the first day of the rest of our lives. After all we have endured in the past several months - Pandemic, Hurricanes, Freeze - I hope we truly can accept the fact that "hayom" - today - IS the first day of the rest of our lives!

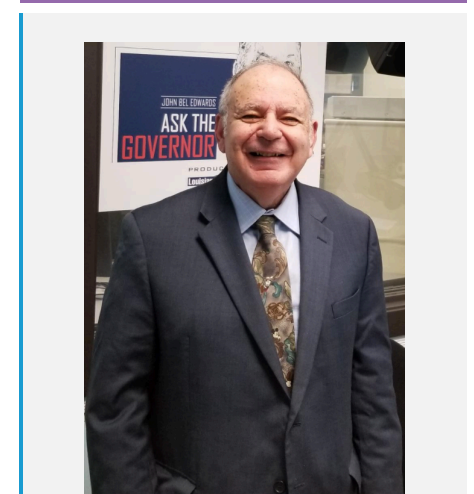
It's really true, and our challenge, I believe, is to make the best of each and every minute, every hour, of this day and every day.

By the way, in Hebrew we say: HA YOM. HA YOM in Hebrew literally = THE DAY. Somehow the Hebrew phrase "THE DAY" packs more punch than our English word "today." For today is **THE DAY!**

May we praise the Source of Life and Goodness for this day, and every day, because each and every day IS the first day of the rest of our lives!

With loving prayers for our continuing Strength, Stamina, Courage, Perseverance, Health and Healing,

*Rabbi Barry*



# INFORMATION NEEDED!!!

Please help us keep everyone in the loop! If you have a Mazel Tov, Mi'she'bei'rach, or any other news to share, please notify Sandy Desadier ([sdesadier@gmail.com](mailto:sdesadier@gmail.com)) so that we can include these in our bimonthly bulletin.

Also, if you have a change of address, phone number, etc., it would be most helpful if you would email Sandy so she can keep our directory current.

We know that with the various storms we've had, many of you have moved (some temporarily, some permanently). An updated directory will be in the making as soon as things settle from the storms and members are in their respective homes.

## CEMETERY UPDATE

The Temple Sinai-Hebrew Rest Cemetery is still recovering from damages after Hurricanes Laura & Delta. We lost several trees and there are still a few damaged headstones. Although families are responsible for repairing their own family gravesite, where there is no longer any family members that can be found, Temple Sinai will be discussing how to repair headstones that were damaged by the hurricanes.

Another big project that I am working on at the cemetery is to create a **walking path** from the shell road into the Temple Sinai section. This would serve several purposes. One, is when it's wet and muddy out there, you would be able to walk into the cemetery without getting your shoes covered in mud! Secondly, it would also make the cemetery more **Wheelchair Accessible** and would create a smoother & safer

## Temple Birthdays

### March Birthdays:

- 2 Barbara Maxey
- 3 Leslie Goldsmith Katz
- 4 Aaron Ginsburgh
- 6 Suzette Gall
- 9 Tevya Desadier
- 9 George Bodin
- 14 Charlotte Kaough
- 16 Garrett O'Quain
- 22 Marc Davidson
- 22 Karen Kleinman
- 25 Susan Strauss Battestin
- 26 Katherine Makuch

### April Birthdays:

- 1 Ross Raley
- 1 Anne Reinauer
- 3 Sam Schoolsky
- 3 Sadie Segall & Ann Kathryn Ginsburgh
- 4 Michael Goldman
- 13 Kayla Desadier Singer
- 18 Josh Green
- 22 Adam Raley
- 24 Scott Holtzman
- 24 Mary Amanda Reinauer
- 28 Cale Ferguson
- 30 Todd Holtzman

surface for the elderly to walk on. Currently, it very difficult for folks to have access into the cemetery safely if they have any difficulty walking.

How would we pay for a walking path? The Cemetery Fund! Currently, the Cemetery Fund has very little money in it, but in the last couple years the Temple Sinai Board approved that money from the sales of new cemetery plots & cremation niches will go into the Cemetery Fund. So if anyone has been thinking about purchasing a plot or cremation niche, now is a good time! Besides giving you some peace of mind knowing that you have a place reserved for when the time comes, the Cemetery Fund could definitely use the money! (We also welcome donations!) Also, prices are still **very reasonable** for cemetery plots/cremation niches at \$750. each for Temple Sinai's members, & \$950. each for Jewish non-members.

Just a reminder, we cannot plant anything at the cemetery. Also, the rows in between the graves are considered cemetery property and cannot be blocked. Always check with me **before** adding anything at the cemetery and/or to your family member's gravesite.

Thank you so much, and please call me if you have any questions, and/or want to purchase a pre-arranged burial cemetery plot or niche. 100% of your money goes into the Cemetery Fund!

Jody Davidson  
Temple Sinai Cemetery Chairman  
(337) 794-1141



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## MAZEL TOV!

Congratulations to Maddy O'Quain on being accepted as a member of Jacobs Camp's 2021 Summer Staff! As a camper from the age of 6, Maddy is so excited to be joining the staff as a camp counselor to help younger campers have the same life-changing summers that she had at Jacobs Camp.

#campfriendsarethebestfriends





# RABBI BARRY'S WORD OF THE MONTH: GAM ZEH YA'AVOR

*Gam zeh ya'avor* - this too shall pass.

This most perceptive Hebrew phrase might just be the phrase that can give us all more strength and optimism to conquer the many challenges we face.

I do believe that with time the overwhelming impacts of Pandemic will wane. As more and more of us become vaccinated and adhere to masking, social distancing and serious hand washing, always with Help from G-d, this ravaging plague will diminish.

As spring will surely soon arrive, we shall continue rebuilding and restoring our homes, offices, and our most precious temple.

To aid us in this process, this four-word Hebrew proverb can help!

From my personal perspective, I vividly remember more than a few very severe blizzards during our twelve (12!) Omaha winters!

I also can still hear in my audio memory the roaring sound of our Omaha Tornado on Tuesday, May 6, 1975 in the afternoon. As the wind tore through our temple, and our students and my senior rabbi Z"L and I were huddled in our subbasement Youth Room, the storm crashed as if it were a diesel train engine!

The blizzards passed, we eventually recovered and restored our beautiful temple after a year passed.

In just the same way "Gam zeh ya'avor" surely can be applied to our overwhelming challenges of the past several months.

And always, I hasten to add, "B'ezrat Ha Shem, With the Help of G-d."

*Rabbi Barry*

*Mi' she' bei' rach*

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

Maurice Gold  
Mid Ray Clark  
Paul Boitnot

# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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March 2020

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

I hope this finds you warming up and with no further damage from the terribly frigid temperatures that we have had in the South. As all things pass, this too will pass, and we will see a beautiful Spring coming our way.

On Friday January 8<sup>th</sup>, Temple Sinai had a visit from two wonderful people from South Windsor, CT, Rabbi Jeff and Mindy Glickman. They spent the month of January driving around the country in an RV. They met people in many congregations and Temple Sinai of Lake Charles was on their agenda. I woke to them sleeping in my driveway on Shabbat morning. We shared homemade challah made by Sandy Desadier and discussed the dynamics of small congregations and their future existence. They also were able to see our beautiful Synagogue and enjoy some Southern hospitality. You can find out more about who they are at [Tour To The Wonderful](#), and read more about the journey in a recent [Reform Judaism Blog post](#). It was absolutely a privilege to be your President and to have the opportunity to meet this wonderful couple.

An update on the repair of Temple Sinai. The Temple Board voted to hire legal counsel to help resolve the issues we have with our insurance carrier. At this time, we are in a waiting mode to determine the next phase. My hope is once this moves a bit further, we will then continue making critical repairs and start rebuilding while we determine the magnitude of the damage. I am always available if you have any questions or want more information.

Rabbi, Linda and Amy's home is still being worked on now and they will be able to move in by the end of February. The date continues to move yet the goal is the same. We want them in Lake Charles and a part of our community. I know they are excited along with all of us.

In the last Presidents message, we announced the creation of the "dedicated fund" for **Tzedakah**, thereby making a *tikkun olam* difference! I am pleased to announce that we have had donations coming in and you know that this fund will help others in need. Please consider giving to the **Tikkun Olam Fund** or any other fund supporting Temple Sinai.

The annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 1, 2021 at 6:00pm. It will be held virtually, and details will be forthcoming. Please reach out to any of the Board Members if there is something you want to have discussed. We are at a time that is

unprecedented with our Community and our Temple. Your involvement and your understanding is very important. We will be presenting our 2021-2022 Budget along with nominations of new Board Members to replace those that have reached their current term limit. I encourage all our members to be current with their dues and participate in this very important annual meeting. If you are having any issues with your ability to fulfil your commitment, please reach out to any of our Board Members or the Rabbi to see if we can help.

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



## Temple Jahrzeits:

(Week Ending)

### March 5, 2021

James S. Greenberg (Mar. 2)

### March 12, 2021

Ethel Faye Barnhart (6)  
Helen Marx Zander (6)  
Mrs. Simon Goldsmith (7)  
Wolf Hoffman (7)  
Bettie E. Hoffman (7)  
Jake Kushner (7)  
Carrye Klaus Armentor (8)  
Pauline Oshen Beilin (9)  
Harold Greenberg (9)  
Fred Hart (9)  
Elaine Judith Bresler Weiss (9)  
Ann Batsell (10)  
Mary Callsen (10)  
Julius Frank (10)

### March 19, 2021

Abner Horn (13)  
Lynne Holtzman (14)  
Manny Sachs (14)  
Gertrude Atlas (15)  
Ella Bachrack (15)  
Max Edelstein (15)  
Bessie Kaufman Mayer (15)  
Gladys Triche (15)  
Mary Warshaw (15)  
Louis Avner (17)  
Louis Thibodeaux (17)

### March 26, 2021

Sam Schoolskey (21)  
Jim Billings (21)  
Rose Stander (21)  
James Brown (22)  
Katherine Eucharist Toerner (22)  
Ralph Rubin (24)  
Joseph Schwartz (24)  
Lena Bressler (26)  
Gabriel Paymar (26)





## Temple Yahrzeits:

(Week Ending)

### **April 2, 2021**

Benjamin Stopnik (Mar. 27)  
Billy Holman (28)  
Sterling Little (28)  
Kate Ordinsky (28)  
Edwin D. Steyermaier (28)  
Joseph Camalo, Jr. (29)  
Sarah Deutscher (29)  
Leopold Kaufman (29)  
Lena D. DiBartolo (31)  
Henry Weiss (31)  
Ellen Kaufman (Apr. 1)  
James Landry (1)  
Robert Levite (1)

### **April 9, 2021**

Rose Horn (3)  
Lucille Greenwood Levy (3)  
Elaine Kushner (5)  
Jolene David (6)  
Mayer Greenwood (6)  
Dr. Richard Harris (6)  
Ruth Buncher (7)  
Charles A. Levy, Jr. (7)  
Julie Kaufman Marx (9)

### **April 16, 2021**

Celia Greenberg (11)  
Myrtle Altman (12)  
Herman Fleckman (12)  
Arlene Mitchell (12)  
Gus Weill (13)  
Hannah Hoffman (14)  
Valerie Whiting (14)  
Dolly Slaven (15)  
Elaine Levy Dafour (16)

### **April 23, 2021**

Maurice Frank (17)  
Robert Goldsmith (17)  
Viola Coplen (19)  
Annie Hutkin (20)

**LimmudFest is a celebration of Jewish life and learning in all its forms. Join us from 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. CDT on Sunday, March 14, 2021.**

LimmudFest NOLA 2021 will be held virtually on Sunday, March 14, with opening ceremonies at 11:30 a.m. CDT and sessions running from 12 - 4:30 p.m. CDT. We are turning the spotlight this year on the uniqueness of Jewish life, tradition, and expression in New Orleans, greater Louisiana, and throughout the Gulf South.

Our slate of presenters this year spans the gamut of Jewish knowledge from New Orleans favorites like George Dansker and Rabbi Deborah Silver to national names like Hadar Cohen and Venessa Harper (@lechlechallah) to international scholar Rabbi Dr. Raphael Zarum. Our sessions are being intentionally designed to break out of your computer screen and get you connected (safely) to our wonderful southern Jewish community through discussion, creation, and movement. Whether your passion is studying Jewish text, cooking Jewish food, experiencing and creating Jewish art, or considering Jewish ethics and responsibility, you will find something here in this compacted, virtual LimmudFest.

In addition to the four hours of learning you will get on March 14; your ticket purchase gains you access to ALL 20+ hours of video recordings after the event.

[https://www.eventbrite.com/e/limmudfest-2021-tickets-132431298579?mc\\_cid=5a097b38ca&mc\\_eid=70d940cd36](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/limmudfest-2021-tickets-132431298579?mc_cid=5a097b38ca&mc_eid=70d940cd36)

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## Temple Contributions

### **Funds:**

#### **Sisterhood:**

Decorating Fund  
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#### **Send Checks to:**

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Building Fund  
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## *Temple Yahrzeits:*

(Week Ending)

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#### **April 23, 2021, Cont.**

Meyer Paymar (20)  
Henry Hudson Weinstein (20)  
Eda Green (21)  
Maureen Bates (22)  
Melvin H. Gold (22)  
Benjamin Goldsmith (22)

#### **April 30, 2021**

Rose Katz (26)  
Bella Sandler (Apr. 27)  
Herschel Lowenthal (28)  
Adeline Loeb Strauss (29)  
Rabbi Jerome Mark (30)  
Randy Ryan (30)  
Juliette Scott Onuf (30)

# *We are grateful for these contributions:*

## **Hurricane Relief Fund:**

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From: Millie Mylander, Earl Darton,  
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In Honor of: Rabbi Barry Weinstein for  
Deborah B. Darbonne's Wedding

From: Dr. Harriet Green

From: Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Dreyfus

From: Daniel Marse

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## **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:**

From: Jewish Federation of Greater New Orleans

From: Barbara & Tony DiBartolo  
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From: Tim & Charlene Blevins

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## **Tikkun Olam Fund:**

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From: Barbara Maxey

From: Lillie Ray Levy

From: Joel & Jan Davidson  
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From: Pat Seamons

## **Building Fund:**

From: Barbara Maxey

From: Norma & Bill Levy

From: Lillie Ray Levy

From: George Bodin

From: Pat Seamons

From: Tim & Charlene Blevins

## **General Fund:**

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