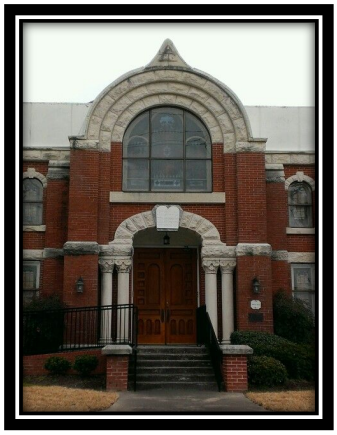
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REGULAR FRIDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 2019 ELUL 5779

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2019
6PM
TORAH: **Shof'tim:** Deut. 16:18 - 21:9
HAFTARAH: Isa. 51:12 - 52:12

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2019
6 PM
TORAH: **Ki Teitzei:** Deut. 21:10 - 25:19
HAFT: Isa. 54:1 - 10

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2019
6 PM *S'lichot Observed*
TORAH: **Ki Tavo:** Deut. 26:1 - 29:8
HAFTARAH: Isa. 60:1 - 22

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2019
6 PM
TORAH: **Nitzavim:** Deut. 29:9 - 30:20
HAFT: Isa. 61:10 - 63:9

OCTOBER 2019 TISHREI 5780

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2019
6 PM *Shabbat Shuvah*
TORAH: **Vayeilech:** Deut. 31:1 - 30
HAFTARAH: Hos. 14:2 - 10, Mic. 7:18 - 20, Joel 2:15 - 27

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2019
6 PM
TORAH: **Haazinu:** Deut. 32:1 - 52
HAFTARAH: II Sam. 22:1 - 51

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2019
6 PM *Sukkot, The Book of Ecclesiastes*
TORAH: **Chol HaMo-eid Sukkot:**
Ex. 33:12 - 34:26
HAFTARAH: Eze. 38.18 - 39:7 (39:16)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2019
6 PM *Simchat Torah Observed*
TORAH: **B'reishit:** Gen. 1:1 - 6:8
HAFTARAH: Isa. 42:5 - 43:10

****SEE PAGE 2 FOR THE HIGH HOLY DAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE****

2019 HIGH HOLY DAYS 5779/5780

Sunday, September 29: 8 pm
Erev Rosh HaShanah
Followed by Festive Oneg

Monday, September 30
Rosh HaShanah Day Service: 10 am

Memorial Service at Hebrew Rest Cemetery: 3 pm

Tashlich Service: 4 pm
Seawall near 911 Memorial on Civic Center grounds

Tuesday, October 8: 8 pm
Kol Nidre Service for Erev Yom Kippur

Wednesday, October 9
Yom Kippur Morning Service: 10 am

Yom Kippur Afternoon & Reflective Services: 4 pm

Yizkor and Neilah Services: 5pm

Break the Fast: 6 pm

October 18-19
Sukkot

October 25-26
Simchat Torah

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE LEADERS

September 6th – Rabbi Weinstein
September 13th – ISJL Rabbi Rozovsky
September 20th – George Bodin
September 27th – Diane McCarthy

October 4th – Charlie St. Dizier
October 11th – Sandy Desadier
October 18th – Rabbi Weinstein
October 25th – Rabbi Weinstein

Condolences...

Our heartfelt condolences go out to Karen & Harry Kleinman, David & Karen Rosenfeld and their children on the passing of Karen and David's mother, Morele Rosenfeld. Morele passed away on July 30th. May her memory be a blessing to all who were privileged to have known her.

mi'she'bei'rach

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

Jill Greenberg
Brenda Bachrack
Reve Greenberg
Shirley Riff Billings
Millie Mylander
Deb Barton
Linda Weinstein
Tony DiBartolo
Barbara DiBartolo
Lisa Garcia

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.
sdesadier@gmail.com

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Message from the Rabbi:

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When Elul Arrives

Elul.

The very name of this Hebrew month is filled with anticipation: a very real expectation for the High Holy Days, with the month of Tishri fast approaching.

When Tishri arrives, we will once again give thanks to God for our arriving at Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur!

Increasingly, with the passage of years, I find myself becoming ever more grateful for every Shabbes, Festival, and especially the Season of the High Holy Days.

Rabbi Weinstein's Schedule:

Friday, September 6, 2019
Sunday, September 29, 2019
Monday, September 30, 2019

Tuesday, October 8, 2019
Wednesday, October 9, 2019
Friday, October 18, 2019
Friday, October 25, 2019

I believe that when I was younger, I also certainly appreciated each of these special times in my life. Nonetheless, these days I am somehow even more thankful for each and every season of celebration, each and every Sabbath.

With Elul's arrival on September 1, we enter into our Season of Introspection, our "Cheshbon HaNefesh." "Cheshbon HaNefesh" is a kind of personal "Inventory" of our words and our deeds in the past year. Elul bids us to carefully consider the manner in which we have been living, the ways in which we have related to those closest to us, to our family members and friends.

It seems to me that we can be so grateful for the insights about daily living which Judaism provides us. Our Jewish heritage brings to us a very astute understanding of human nature, of our strengths and our weaknesses. Elul soon arrives to help us prepare ourselves for the deeper self-examination on Yuntif. Then during the Ten Days of Repentance from Rosh Hashanah to Yom Kippur, we review all our shortcomings and ready ourselves to seek forgiveness on Yom Kippur.

This Season of the New Year is our annual reminder to give thanks to the Holy One for the gift of life, and for the very precious blessings that come to us from forgiveness.

Another way to regard these Holy Days is to call this Season the Time of Teshuvah. Teshuvah comes from the Hebrew root "To Return."

At Yuntif, Teshuvah is the word for "Return" in its deepest spiritual sense: Return to our Better Selves, Return to Forgiveness. Return to God.

I pray that these Holy Days will help bring each of us deepest spiritual meaning and the blessings of love and forgiveness throughout Yuntif.

Linda and I hope that all our beloved Temple Sinai will be blessed with a New Year of Health, Joy and Goodness in this New Year.

Rabbi Barry Weinstein

RABBI BARRY'S WORD OF THE MONTH: ZIKORON - MEMORY

The word ZIKORON, like almost every Hebrew word, is so very important in many Hebrew phrases and prayers.

As Edith Samuel has taught in her classic publication, Your Jewish Lexicon (Union of American Hebrew Congregations, New York, 1975), our Word of the Month is found throughout our Jewish literature and writings.

Many will recognize our word in the Shabbes Evening Kiddush: Zecher Li-tsiat Mitsrayim - Remembrance of the Exodus from Egypt.

The Shabbes IS a "reminder of the work of creation." (*Your Jewish* Lexicon, p. 36.)

The Fourth Commandment: Zachor et yom ha-Shabbat le-kadsho.
Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. (Exodus 20:8)

Here the word Zachor is from the very important root of Zikoron: Zayin/ Chaf/Resh. In Deuteronomy 5:15 we are commanded: Ve-zacharta ki eved hayita be-erets Mitsrayim - Remember that you were a slave in Egypt. As Edith Samuel reminds us, "To be a Jew means to remember always who and what we were — and are." (page 36)

When we speak words of respect for the deceased, we state: Zecher Tsadik Livracha - The memory of the righteous shall be for a blessing. These words are found in the Book of Proverbs, 10:7. Here again, the word Zecher is also from the root of Zikoron: Zayin/

Chaf/Resh. Often we find the abbreviation Zayin-Lamed following the name of a deceased loved one. These two letters: Zayin and Lamed represent "Zichrono Livracha" (for a male) "Zichronah Livracha" (for a female).

Soon we will participate once again in our Yizkor Service on the afternoon of Yom Kippur. The word Yizkor literally means "May He Remember." Yizkor has become the special name for the Memorial Service on Yom Kippur and on the festivals. During Yizkor on Yom Kippur it is our custom to lovingly recite the names of each congregant who passed away in the past year.

So very much of our Jewishness is intrinsically connected to the concept of Memory and Remembrance. Every year on the Yahrzeit, the Year Anniversary, of the passing of loved ones, we recite their names before we recite the Mourners Kaddish. On each Yahrzeit we light a 24-hour Yahrzeit Candle in our homes just as we kindle the light by their name in our temple. Certainly, each and every day after the passing of loved ones and friends, we remember them so vividly and lovingly. Still, with each Yahrzeit, their cherished memory helps us to sense that they are still with us, in their influence on our lives, on our words and our deeds.

Judaism and our Jewish Faith inspires us to study and understand the breadth and depth of Jewish History. We remember the destruction of both the Temples in Jerusalem on Tisha B'Av, the Ninth of Av, just as on every Yom HaShoah we remember those who perished in the Holocaust.

Whenever anti-semitism reappears, as is happening too often in our own time, we surely remember the years in which anti-semitism was so prevalent in our own land and in the world. And yet I believe, and I pray that from our Jewish Memory and our Jewish Remembrance, we shall be inspired to live with dedication and faith in Am Yisrael, our Jewish People, and in ourselves as Jews.

My prayer is that God will bless us always with the very precious Gifts of Sacred Remembrance, knowing that one day we too shall be remembered for blessing, from our own lives of dedication to the eternal values of Judaism.

Rabbi Barry

Please join us for services and a family night supper on Friday, Sept 13th at 6:00pm. Rabbi Aaron Rosovsky will be with us again this year.

Sisterhood will provide chicken with congregants contributing sides and desserts. Please let Sandy know by *Wednesday, Sept 11th* if you will be attending and what you will bring. RSVPs are very important so that we can ensure that we will have enough food. RSVP: sdesadier@gmail.com or 337-540-9993



RABBI AARON ROZOVSKY,

Director of Rabbinical Services

Rabbi Aaron Rozovsky was ordained in 2018 at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, the seminary of the Reform movement. Prior to beginning his rabbinical studies, he also completed a Master's degree in International Studies with a concentration in Latin America at Central Connecticut State University, and a Bachelor's degree in History with a Spanish minor at Providence College in Rhode Island.

"This is my dream job," Rozovsky says of his new role with the ISJL. "To serve small Jewish communities throughout the South who have added so much to the American fabric and our understanding of what it means to be Jewish is the opportunity of a lifetime."

The experience he brings to the position is relevant and extensive. As a student rabbi, he served in an array of positions, primarily in small communities: teaching at Kulanu Cincinnati Reform Jewish High School, working at the Center for Holocaust and Humanity Education, advising students at the Hillel at Miami University of Ohio, and holding student pulpits at United Hebrew Congregation in Terra Haute, IN, and Temple B'nai Israel of Petoskey, MI.

Rozovsky also has a special commitment to this nation's armed forces. He has served as a military chaplain in multiple settings, and as a fellow at the Jewish War Veterans of America (JWV) Cincinnati-Dayton chapter, Cincinnati, OH; and he has worked for twelve years with the Rhode Island Army National Guard. He also spent a year as a Liaison Officer for the US Army-Israel Defense Forces, in Jerusalem.

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MAZEL TOV!



Mazel Tov to Beth and Trey Jones on the birth of their daughter, Riley Elizabeth Jones. Riley was born August 15, 2019, at 12:24pm, weighing 5lb 7oz and 18inches long. Riley is the granddaughter of Ellen and Scott Raley.

Mazel Tov to Sam Schoolsky on his son, Captain Owen M. Schoolsky's accomplishment in the United States Navy. Owen is taking over the command of the major naval base in Texas.



Lee Garcia will be in Anduze, France from August 22nd - September 26th working on filming and sound production for an upcoming movie entitled, "Ma Belle, My Beauty". Lee says the story follows a married couple who moved from New Orleans to Anduze, France. They are visited by an old friend and things become complicated. The film is expected to be released in 2020. An awesome opportunity has arisen that will allow Lee to spend some time meeting with descendants of his Great -Great Grandmother, Georgette Barret's, French family. Lee is the son of Hector and Lisa Garcia and the grandson of Tony and Barbara DiBartolo.

Temple Birthdays:

September

5 David Reinauer
8 Earl Barton
10 Gregory Michel
10 Sam Steirman
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
27 John Loftin

October

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

125th Anniversary of The Lake Charles Hebrew Benevolent Association

By 1984, there were enough Jewish families in town to start looking to the future and the start of a Jewish congregation.

Since the Jewish "Faith" does not require "building" for worship but does require purchase of land for a "Jewish" Cemetery, it often indicates the establishment of a Jewish Community.

On September 15, 1894, the Charter was filed. Signatures on the document were: Leopold Kaufman, Solomon Bloch, Julius Frank, Samuel Kaufman, Solomon Mark, Nathan Solomon, Isaac Reinauer, David Reims, Louis Hirsch, Louis Crager, R. Rosenthal, Michael Hirsch, W.H. Wolfson, Joe Rothchilds, Mosie Mach, and Achelle Yendie.

Lake Charles Lodge No 165 F.AM decided to sell to the Jewish Society a portion of their lot on Hodges Street to erect a Synagogue- 12 October 1895.

The land for "Hebrew Rest" was purchased on 18 February 1899 from Solomon Bloch (approx. 3 acres)

A display is in the Temple Social Hall and will be up until the middle of September.

Submitted by: Diane J McCarthy

NEW CEMETERY SIGN!

Temple Sinai Congregation

Jewish Section of Graceland Cemetery

Established by the Lake Charles Hebrew Benevolent Association in 1894.

From all over the world, Jewish immigrants found their way to Southwest Louisiana, where they settled & raised families. They came here with their dreams, enthusiasm, love for education, family, & creativity. The Jews of Southwest Louisiana have played an integral part in the development of Lake Charles & surrounding communities. In this cemetery are many of those early pioneers, as well as, more recent friends & family who have blessed us with their lives.

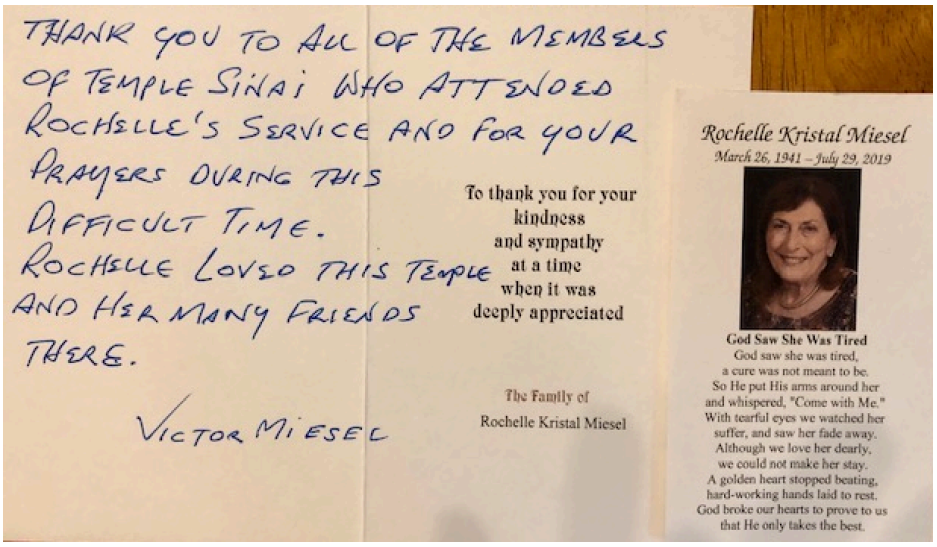
In Judaism, serving God is a celebration of life & community.
Our heritage is built upon loving acts of kindness, study, and remembering our past.

The Jewish tradition of placing a stone on a grave goes back to biblical times, when a pile of stones would be erected over a grave, and/or to mark a place of significant importance. Today, Jews place a pebble on a grave as a symbolic act to indicate that someone has come by to visit and that the deceased has not been forgotten.

May you & your loved ones be blessed with Peace ~ Shalom ~ God's most Precious Gift, Now & Forever. Amen.

שלום

In memory of Simon "Si" Davidson, a native of Lake Charles & son of Joseph & Tena Davidson, who dedicated his life to his family, Temple Sinai, & the Lake Charles Community.





September & October 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

Temple Yahrzeits:

(Week Ending)

September 6, 2019
Florence W. Goldsmith (Sept. 1)
Donald Seamons (1)
Sarah Lindenberg (3)
Abraham Goldman (5)
Ceil Milstein (5)

September 13, 2019
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)
Dora Madson (12)
Dotty Sander (13)

September 20, 2019
Ezrael Kushner (14)
Sam Goldsmith(14)
Stanley Rosen (15)
Harry Chozen (16)
David Job Toerner (17)
Sol Katz (18)
Abe Gold (20)
Frank Gordon (20)

September 27, 2019
Jack Sandler (21)
Ethel Berwin (22)
Dera Bates (24)
Dan Wise (25)
Sylvia Rich Kay (26)
John F. Wiegman (27)
Lewis Rosenfeld (27)

October 4, 2019
Edward Hoffman (28)
Carrie Frank (30)
Henry Austin (30)
Joe Davidson (30)

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Sisterhood:
Decorating Fund
General Fund
Meal of Consolation

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Tree of Life Fund

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Temple Yahrzeits:

(Week Ending)

October 4, 2019
Ruth Reinaur Hoffman (30)
Alfred Levin (Oct. 1)
Tyler Riff Ferguson (4)

October 11, 2019
Albert Gordon (5)
Marx M. Levy (7)
Goldie Goldsmith Ruskin (8)
Rebecca Kleiman (8)
Florence Fuerst (9)
Frank Harry Kleinman (10)
Joseph Szell (11)
Tena Davidson (11)

October 18, 2019
Lyllian Weill (12)
Sol Riff (12)
Abraham Donn (13)
Ann Jeanette Cohen (13)
Cecil Alexander Berman (13)
Ples McManus (13)
Bernard G. Winner (14)
Simon Wise (18)
Sol Spector (18)

October 25, 2019
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)
Ken Lewitter (25)

November 1, 2019
Rose Unger (26)
Bertha Stoner (27)
Henry Jacobs (27)
Harry Marcus (30)
Ruth Lewitter (31)

We are grateful for these contributions:

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:

From: Charlene & Tim Blevins

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In Memory of: Morele Rosenfeld

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In Memory of: George Cohen & Marc Becker
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