

Temple Sinai

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March, 2019
April, 2019

Adar I/Adar II 5779
Nissan 5779



WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

MARCH 2019 ADAR I/ADAR II 5779

March 1, 2019

NO SERVICES

TORAH: Vayak'heil: Ex. 35:1-38:20

HAFTARAH: II Kings 12:5-16

March 8, 2019

6 PM

TORAH: P'kudei: 38:21-40:38

HAFTARAH: I Kings 7:51-8:21

March 15, 2019

6 PM

TORAH: Vayikra: Lev. 1:1-5:26

HAFT: Esther 7:1-10; 8:15-17 or I Sam. 15:2-34

Zachor

March 22, 2019

6 PM

TORAH: Tzav: Lev. 6:1-8:36

HAFTARAH: Jer. 7:21-8:3; 9:22-23

March 29, 2019

6 PM

TORAH: Sh'mini: Lev. 9:1-11:47

HAFTARAH: Eze. 36:22-36

Parah

APRIL 2019 NISSAN 5779

April 5, 2019

6 PM

TORAH: Tazria: Lev. 12:1-13:59

HAFTARAH: Eze. 45:16-25 (and Isa. 66:1, 23)
(Rosh Chodesh) *HaChodesh*

April 12, 2019

6 PM

TORAH: M'tzora: Lev. 14:1-15:33

HAFTARAH: Mal. 3:4-24

HaGadol

April 19, 2019

6 PM

1st Night Seder at Reeve's Uptown

PASSOVER

TORAH: Ex. 12:37-42; 13:3-10

HAFTARAH: Isa. 43:1-15/ Song of Songs

April 26, 2019

6 PM

TORAH: Acharei Mot I: Lev. 16:1-17:16

HAFTARAH: Eze. 22:1-14

SERVICE LEADERS

March 1 – No Service
March 8 – Rabbi Weinstein
March 15 – Mike Schwartzberg
March 22 – Rabbi Weinstein
March 29 – Diane McCarthy

April 5 – Rabbi Weinstein
April 12 – George Bodin
April 19 – Passover Seder
April 26 – Sandy Desadier

Mi' shebeirach

Wishing continued health improvements to:

- Barbara Peck
- Jill Greenberg
- Jody Davidson
- Brenda Bachrack
- Bill Levy
- Reve Greenberg
- Shirley Riff Billings
- Barbara DiBartolo
- Tony DiBartolo
- Lisa Garcia

*If there is anyone else that you would like on this list, please let Sandy or George know!

Save the Date!

First night Passover Seder will be at Reve's Catering again. It will be on Friday evening, **April 19th**. Letters will be mailed out when plans are finalized.

March Anniversaries:

6 Sarah & Terry Hodnett
8 Mindy & Adel Barkat

April Anniversaries:

9 Ruth & John Gerrard

Kroger Reward Program

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www.kroger.com/account/update

log in, and renew your card with:

Organization Name:

Temple Sinai

Organization Number:

IE298

as the recipient of your Kroger rewards.

Message from the Rabbi:

Purim Proof: Hamantaschen Happiness!

With Purim upon us, I believe it's important to remember the origin of Purim's favorite food: HAMANTASCHEN! Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find a very complete description about Hamantaschen. I especially would draw your attention to the amazing way in which our ancestors developed an incredible sense of humor from within the story of Purim. As you will quickly see from the description of the background of the word Hamantaschen, it is very likely that these delicious, caloric, sweet Purim delicacies became a magnificent method of ridiculing the evil machinations of Haman in the Purim story!

Now, even in our 21st century, almost unbelievably, anti-Semitism appears to have returned here in our beloved America and in Europe as well as other lands. For the remainder of our lives we shall surely mourn the unspeakably sad perishing of those who died in Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh this past October 2018, Alayhem HaShalom, May They Rest in Peace. The annual report of the Anti-Defamation League details the alarming rise of anti-Semitic incidents in the past couple years.

And yet I trust that most would agree that Judaism is "Alive and Well" throughout the United States, Europe, and other nations, and especially in our beloved Israel. I hope you are following the remarkable publication about Southern Jewish Life on the Internet as well as in the printed magazine.

Throughout our own Southern Region, we have a truly overwhelming variety of most wonderful Jewish experiences of worship, study, and sociability in our synagogues and our Jewish community centers. Just a few weeks ago in Baton Rouge our annual Baton Rouge Jewish Film Festival celebrated its Bat Mitzvah with the wonderful attendance from the Jewish and larger community of the Baton Rouge region. We also hosted in Baton Rouge a very large two-day Southern District Hadassah regional board meeting. In fact, with the installation of Marla Kameny Of Baton Rouge as our newly elected Hadassah Southern Region President and Susan Smolinsky also Of Baton Rouge as Regional Board Member, we have demonstrated once again the Jewish vitality of our region! Jewish Children's Regional Service is presently extending its reach into Dallas, Texas, and its continuing absolutely marvelous support for Jewish children in so many different ways throughout our region. I certainly include our own beloved Temple Sinai with our continuing various activities

Rabbi Weinstein's Schedule:

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April 19, 2019

ranging from regular Shabbes - Festival - High Holy Day worship, social occasions, and wonderful acts of Tzedakah - Tikkun Olam for our larger Lake Charles community.

In fact, I believe that when we read the Megillah for our Purim celebration very soon, and we clang on our Groggers and other noisemakers, we will not only drown out the name "Haman," we will additionally give proof of the vitality of our congregation and the wonderful continuing strength and survival of Jewish life throughout America as in the world over. I believe that part of the magic and mystery of Jewish survival is optimism.

We believe in the goodness of all people and the potential for goodness even in those whose hearts seem turned toward evil. As Jewish people we accept and fully support the imperative of the mitzvah of Tikkun Olam: The Ongoing Ceaseless Need to Conquer Evil In All Its Forms. We believe that through acts of goodness and compassion we can help transform our society and make our world better.

The story of Purim is our annual reminder of the bravery of Queen Esther and the remarkable survival of the Jews of Shushan thousands of years ago. I fully realize that the story may not be based on historical reality. And yet its theme of hatred of Jewish people continues to reappear throughout the centuries and even now.

This is why we must eat Hamantaschen and enjoy them very, very much again this year! We must eat and enjoy them and exercise a little more the next day because in consuming the Hamantaschen we are proving that the continuing miracle of Jewish survival is here to stay and will be true for centuries and centuries to come.

I hope you are planning to join us for our Annual Purim Celebration very soon and will join me in consuming the symbolic ears of Haman!

Happy, Happy Purim!!

Rabbi Barry



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...

Last words from the Prez...

Two years goes by fast. As I write this, the annual meeting will be happening very shortly—three new trustees will come aboard, and I'll move into the past president position. Time and tide wait for no one.

As I look back, I fondly remember our events like our Shabbatons, Purim, Passover, our family dinner nights, the High Holidays, Sukkot, our Tu B'shevat seders, all our Festivals and our recent Shabbat of Solidarity; they happened under my leadership, so these have special meaning to me. And the facility improvements that continued during my time also have to be mentioned because they give evidence of the continuity that is so important in this kind of leadership. The role gave me a privilege that I had not known before; it increased my sensibilities and broadened my outlook. It's been a true learning experience—in some cases strengths got stronger; weaknesses became known; opportunities were revealed (some were taken and some were not); and challenges became real case studies for me, exploring parts of my psyche that had had little or no daylight before. More than just adding to my curriculum vitae, I got to know many more of our congregants and friends of our Temple—a lasting circle of friends I hope.

I appreciate all of you for allowing me the chance to grow, to learn, and to experience yet another part of Jewish life. Todah rabbah! Many thanks!

L'chaim! L'shalom!

George (Adin Moshe)

A warm, heart-felt thank you to Temple Sinai and the Board of Directors for the beautiful Havdalah set I received last night in appreciation for my years in service as president of Temple Sinai. Thank you for trusting me with this role, for supporting me during my term, and for the beautiful gift. ~George

Temple Birthdays

March Birthdays:

2	Barbara Maxey
3	Leslie Goldsmith Katz
4	Aaron Ginsburgh
6	Suzette Gall
9	Tevya Desadier O'Quain
9	George Bodin
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
4	Michael Goldman
13	Kayla Desadier Lacombe
18	Josh Green
22	Adam Raley
24	Scott Holtzman
24	Mary Amanda Reinauer
28	Cale Ferguson
30	Faye Barnhart
30	Todd Holtzman

RABBI'S WORD OF THE MONTH: HAMANTASCHEN!!

BY DANIELLE FEINBERG | MARCH 1, 2016

What Are Hamantaschen?

The triangular pastries associated with the holiday of Purim.

Leave it to the Jews to have a cookie inspired by cultural annihilation! Hamantaschen are the triangular pastries associated with the holiday of Purim, when Jews read from the Book of Esther, the Megillah, and celebrate the triumph of good (Esther) over evil (Haman, who planned to destroy the Jewish people).

This Yiddish word is pronounced huh-min-tah-shun, and while technically the plural form of hamantasch, the word hamantaschen can refer to either one cookie or many. To shape hamantaschen, circles are cut from thinly rolled dough and the sides are folded in around a dollop of filling. The cookie can be crumbly (if made with oil), or softer (when made with butter or cream cheese); and filled with almost anything: fruit, cheese, chocolate, Nutella. Did I mention Nutella? Or even savory ingredients. Traditionally, poppy seed, or mohn, was used, which some say represent Haman's bribe to King Ahasuerus or Esther's meals while in the king's palace.

The cookie itself is also highly symbolic; the most common interpretation is that they resemble the three-cornered hat worn by Haman. In Hebrew the cookies are called "ozney Haman" which means "Haman's ears" and refers to the custom of cutting off a criminal's ears before his execution. Mmm, yum, cookies! A third idea suggests that each corner of a hamantaschen represents one of the "fathers" of Judaism—Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—whose "power" weakened

Temple Yearzeits:

(Week Ending)

March 1, 2019

Elias Berwin (Feb. 23)
William Wilson McGhee (23)
Rose Goldstein Greenberg (24)
Francis Austin (26)
Marguerite Whiting (27)

March 8, 2019

James S. Greenberg (Mar. 2)
Ethel Faye Barnhart (6)
Helen Marx Zander (6)
Mrs. Simon Goldsmith (7)
Wolf Hoffman (7)
Bettie E. Hoffman (7)
Jake Kushner (7)

March 15, 2019

Pauline Oshen Beilin (9)
Harold Greenberg (9)
Fred Hart (9)
Elaine Judith Bresler Weiss (9)
Ann Batsell (10)
Mary Callsen (10)
Julius Frank (10)
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)

March 22, 2019

Louis Avner (17)
Louis Thibodeaux (17)
Jim Billings (21)
Rose Stander (21)
James Brown (22)
Katherine Eucharist Toerner (22)

Haman and gave strength to Esther to save the Jews (incidentally, tash in Hebrew means “weaken”). One more thought is that because the German word tasche means “pouch” or “pocket,” the cookies could signify Haman's pockets and the money he offered to the king for permission to kill the Jews.

Worth noting, however, is that mohn-filled triangle-shaped cookies existed in Europe since the Middle Ages (and German MohnTaschen, or “poppy pockets” appeared soon after), so it is possible that Ashkenazi Jews adapted the story of Purim to popular cookies already in existence, whose name conveniently sounded like Haman (mohn). In addition to making, eating and gifting these three-sided treats, Purim is also a time to wear costumes, dance, and drink booze which may or may not remind you of parties you attended in college. Just don't try to make any hamantaschen in the heat of merriment, as it's already a challenge to keep those corners together and not end up with a tray of jam volcanoes.

(Full Article here: <https://www.myjewishlearning.com/the-nosher/what-are-hamantaschen/>)

Simchas and Mi' shebeirachs...

Please let Sandy Desadier know of any simchas or mi'shebeirachs by bulletin deadlines. We want to be able to celebrate simchas with you as well as send healing prayers to those in need.

You can send by text or phone: 337-540-9993 or email: templesinailc@gmail.com or sdesadier@gmail.com.

Temple Jahrzeits:

(Week Ending)

March 29, 2019

Ralph Rubin (24)
Joseph Schwartz (24)
Lena Bressler (26)
Gabriel Paymar (26)
Benjamin Stopnik (27)
Billy Holman (28)
Sterling Little (28)
Kate Ordinsky (28)
Edwin D. Steyerman (28)
Joseph Camalo, Jr. (29)
Sarah Deutscher (29)
Leopold Kaufman (29)

April 5, 2019

Lena D. DiBartolo (31)
Henry Weiss (31)
Ellen Kaufman (Apr. 1)
James Landry (1)
Robert Levite (1)
Rose Horn (3)
Lucille Greenwood Levy (3)
Elaine Kushner (5)

April 12, 2019

Jolene David (6)
Mayer Greenwood (6)
Dr. Richard Harris (6)
Charles A. Levy, Jr. (7)
Ruth Buncher (7)
Charles A. Levy, Jr. (7)
Julie Kaufman Marx (9)
Celia Greenberg (11)
Myrtle Altman (12)
Herman Fleckman (12)
Arlene Mitchell (12)

Temple Contributions

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Lake Charles, LA 70605

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(Week Ending)

April 19, 2019

Gus Weill (13)
Hannah Hoffman (14)
Valerie Whiting (14)
Dolly Slaven (15)
Elaine Levy Dafour (16)
Maurice Frank (17)
Viola Coplen (19)

April 26, 2019

Annie Hutkin (20)
Meyer Payman (20)
Eda Green (21)
Maureen Bates (22)
Melvin H. Gold (22)
Benjamin Goldsmith (22)

May 3, 2019

Bella Sandler (Apr. 27)
Herschel Lowenthal (28)
Asaline Strauss (29)
Rabbie Jerome Mark (30)
Juliette Scott Onuf (30)

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In Memory of: Faye Barnhart

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For a Speedy Recovery: Shirley Billings

From: Sam Schoolsky
For a Speedy Recovery: Shirley Billings

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From: Mindy & Adel Barkat
Inscription: Liam, Hudson, Olivia Barkat
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From: Judy & Bruce Katz
Inscription: In Honor of Dawn Courville
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From: Davidson, Desadier, Katz, & Ruby Families
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From: Charlotte & Jim Kaough

Camp Fund:

From: Barbara & Tony DiBartolo
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From: Charlene & Tim Blevins (x2)

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