

# Temple Sinai of Roslyn Calendar of Upcoming Events February to April 2012



## Friday, February 3

Join Rabbi Benjamin David at **11:00 am** when the Temple Sinai Book Club will meet to discuss **Children and Fire** by Ursula Hegi. Re-discover the pleasures of reading and the added delight of "sounding off", by sharing your feelings, pro and con, about what you have read. Do consider joining us. You'll have a really good time!

## Saturday, February 4

Temple Sinai welcomes children with developmental needs and their parents to a wonderful **Shabbat Celebration** at **10:00 am** to learn about **Purim**. Temple Sinai is looking to provide a unique, ongoing, experience for children not currently engaged in a program of Jewish learning. Intended for families with children ages five to twelve with special needs, but not limited to: children who are autistic or on the spectrum (PDD), or those with developmental delays. The program will be staffed by certified special education teachers and will be uniquely designed to best meet the individual needs of each child and his/her parent, who attends. No synagogue affiliation necessary. All are welcome. Free. Advance registration required by January 30, please call 621-8016 to register or for more information. Future programs are scheduled for March 17 and April 28. *This program is in honor of Florence Friedman.*

## Thursday, February 9

At **7:30 pm**, The Adult Education Committee presents **Dr. Hussein Rashid**, Department of Religion at Hofstra University speaking on **Islamophobia and Anti-Semitism: Two Sides of the Same Coin**. He will review historic roots of hatred against the world's ethnic groups, and outline his desire as a devout Muslim to promote harmony between religions. "As a Muslim, I believe it is an act of faith to battle anti-Semitism where I may find it. Jews are people of the book, our divinely recognized brothers in faith. I must battle Islamophobia not only for the sake of the Muslim community, but for the sake of the Jewish community as well, and for the sake of those who hate, before that hatred marks their souls forever," he said. Free. All are welcome.

## Tuesday, February 14 (Monthly)

Join **Rabbi Michael White** at **10:00 am** or **8:00 pm** for **A Pathway for Jewish Identity and Spirituality: the Book of Exodus in the Torah**. The Book of Exodus tells the story of creation of the Jewish people. It contains sparks of enlightenment that can help all of us grow on our own pathways as modern Jews. All are welcome.

## Sunday, February 26

Join **Brotherhood** at **11:00 am** for an afternoon at the **Yogi Berra Museum & Learning Center**. Yogi Berra's values, extraordinary accomplishments and lifelong commitment to the education of young people are the inspiration and foundation of the Museum. Since its opening in 1998, the Museum has become a hugely popular destination for fans and educators alike, and is recognized as the NYC Metropolitan area's premier sports education center. It's an engaging walk through the history of baseball, the Yankees and Yogi's remarkable career. Located on the campus of Montclair State University, 8 Yogi Berra Drive, Little Falls, NJ, the Museum is open Sundays 12:00 Noon–5:00 pm. Admission is: Adults \$6, Under 18 \$4. Everyone is invited. We will meet at Temple Sinai at 11:00 am and arrange carpools. Please RSVP to Andy Kraus, [adkraus@verizon.net](mailto:adkraus@verizon.net), or the Temple Office.

## Tuesday, February 28

**Temple Sinai Florida Luncheon**. All are welcome to join Rabbi Michael White, President David Schwartz and Executive Director Ethel Liebeskind at **12:00 Noon** at Fleming's Bistro, Boca Raton, Florida. Temple Sinai members (present and past), their families, and friends are invited and encouraged to attend. Cost: \$30 per person includes choice of Chicken, Fish or Pasta and Dessert. Call Phyllis in the Temple office (516-621-6800) for reservations.

## **Tuesday, February 28**

**-Sinai Stitches- Calling all knitters and crocheters!!!** *Do you love to work with your hands? Are you looking for a reason to pick up those needles?* Join us at **7:30 pm** in the Temple library where we join together and create beautiful handmade treasures for those in need. Future dates are March 20, April 24, May 22 and June 12. Contact Michelle Golden - [msgolden@optonline.net](mailto:mgolden@optonline.net) or (516) 650-6690 for more information.

## **Friday, March 2**

Join **Rabbi Benjamin David** for **Monthly Friday Morning Talmud** at Temple Sinai of Roslyn from **11:00 am to 12:00 Noon** to study the timeless and engaging words of our tradition. Talmudic stories on the theme of Shabbat will be read. Learn about the holy day of Shabbat and how the Talmud itself operates. Discussions will be light, informal and entertaining, to be sure. All are welcome.

## **Wednesday, March 7**

**Get Ready to Celebrate a GLEE Purim.** At **5:00 pm** come dressed in your best “Glee” costume for the Temple Sinai Purim Carnival. Games, dinner concession, prizes and raffles until 7:00 pm. Admission is \$10 per child. Raffle tickets \$5 each/3 for \$10. Wear costumes to get extra prize tickets. At **7:00 pm** Join us for a fun filled GLEE Purim, full of great music, great costumes and participation by the Temple Sinai players, choirs, and high school students. Megillah reading, Purim Shpiel\* and costume parade. Bring pasta in a box to use as a “grogger”. Your “groggers” will be donated to a food pantry after Purim. (\*Our Purim Shpiel is dedicated to the memory of Andrew Moissoff.)

## **Friday, March 9**

Join the Women of the **Rosh Chodesh Women's Group** for Shabbat worship and dinner with Cantor Gabi, Service at **6:30 pm**, dinner to follow. Together, as women, we will usher in Shabbat at services and then celebrate together with a festive dinner. While we dine, Cantor Gabi will walk you through the Shabbat home rituals. We will study the *Parashat Hashavua* (weekly Torah portion), and learn some Shabbat songs and their meaning. Come and share in the joy of Shabbat with the fabulous women of Temple Sinai! Cost \$20 per person. See February Scribe for reservation form. All women are welcome.

## **Tuesday, March 13 (Monthly)**

Join **Rabbi Michael White** at **10:00 am** or **8:00 pm** for **A Pathway for Jewish Identity and Spirituality: the Book of Exodus in the Torah.** The Book of Exodus tells the story of creation of the Jewish people. It contains sparks of enlightenment that can help all of us grow on our own pathways as modern Jews. All are welcome.

## **Wednesday, March 14**

Join **Friend of a Friend/Chaverot**, hands and generations to celebrate and Intergenerational Women's Seder at **7:00 pm**. The Seder will be led by Cantor Gabi Arad, Ethel Liebeskind, Lauren Resnikoff, Doreen Cohen and Alison Schulman. All women of Temple Sinai are invited as well as girls 4<sup>th</sup> grade and up. See February Scribe for reservation form. Cost is \$54 per person.

## **Friday, March 16**

Join us at **7:45 pm** Shabbat Services to welcome **Dan Nichols**, one of the most beloved and influential Jewish contemporary musicians in North America. Dan has the unique ability to connect with Jewish youth in a meaningful and inspirational way. Through his energy, his enthusiasm and his music, Dan electrifies and enriches each Jewish community he visits. Free.

## **Saturday, March 17**

Temple Sinai welcomes children with developmental needs and their parents to a wonderful **Shabbat Celebration** at **10:00 am** to learn about **Passover**. Temple Sinai is looking to provide a unique, ongoing, experience for children not currently engaged in a program of Jewish learning. Intended for families with children ages five to twelve with special needs, but not limited to: children who are autistic or on the spectrum (PDD), or those with developmental delays. The program will be staffed by certified special education teachers and will be uniquely designed to best meet the individual needs of each child and his/her parent, who attends. No synagogue affiliation necessary. All are welcome. Free. Advance registration required by March 12, please call 621-8016 to register or for more information. Future program scheduled for April 28. *This program is in honor of Florence Friedman.*

### **Sunday, March 18**

To prepare for the annual holiday of Matzoh and Manischewitz, of charoset and chicken, join the Adult Education Committee at **9:30 am**, for *Not Your Grandfather's Seder* a unique morning of learning and joyful celebration of Jewish heritage with renowned scholar and modern Haggadah author **Noam Zion** of the Shalom Hartman Institute in Israel speaking on *101 Ideas for a More Participatory Seder*. While adult congregants are learning with Zion, children will take part in a special program that the Temple's religious school is planning.

### **Tuesday, March 20**

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### **Thursday, March 22**

Join the Adult Education Committee and Adult Activity Club at **7:30 pm** as they welcome **Joey Novick** for *Let There Be Laughter! Jewish Humor in America*. From Fiddler on the Roof and the humorous stories of Sholom Aleichem to Seinfeld producer Larry David and Curb Your Enthusiasm, Jewish humor is entertaining, inspired and outright funny! Joey Novick gives a crisp and amusing history of Jewish Humor in America and gets lots of laughs in the process! Joey talks about all the great Jewish humorists, and sources of humor - Woody Allen, Jerry Seinfeld, Lenny Bruce, Jules Feiffer, The Talmud, Mel Brooks, Carl Reiner, The Marx Brothers, the Borscht Belt - just to name a few! All are welcome. Free.

### **Tuesday, March 27**

Join us at **7:00 pm** for **Adult Bat Mitzvah Continuing Studies with Rabbi David and Cantor Arad**. We will explore and discuss Torah, holidays, Jewish values, and current events, as we look through the lens of our tradition. This course is for anyone who has a foundation and wishes to continue their Jewish studies. Please note that each session will be an independent topic. For further information please email [dcohen@mysinai.org](mailto:dcohen@mysinai.org) or call Doreen Cohen at 621-8016.

### **Wednesday, March 28**

Join Brotherhood and Rabbi White at **7:30 pm** for **Scotch and Sacred Text**, the third of this season's popular and meaningful evenings with Rabbi White. Our host for the evening will be announced. We know that you will find the discussion and camaraderie most worthwhile. Scotch (and non-alcoholic drinks) and snacks to be served. All men (*over age 21 please*) are welcome. Questions and RSVP's, contact Andy Kraus, Brotherhood President (516-318-4325 / [adkraus@verizon.net](mailto:adkraus@verizon.net)).

### **Friday, March 30**

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### **Tuesday, April 10 (Monthly)**

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### **Monday, April 16 (Session 1 of 2)**

Join **Cantor Gabi Arad** at **7:30 pm** for **Roots and Wings: How to Become a More Centered Jew**. We will explore different ways to center ourselves as Jews. Through text study, meditation, music, sharing and self-reflection you will walk away with tools to center yourself every day. Walk away feeling rooted in your Jewish identity, while at the same time ready to spread your wings and be open to new experiences.

### **Monday, April 23 (Session 2 of 2)**

Join **Cantor Gabi Arad** at **7:30 pm** for **Roots and Wings: How to Become a More Centered Jew**. We will explore different ways to center ourselves as Jews. Through text study, meditation, music, sharing and self-reflection you will walk away with tools to center yourself every day. Walk away feeling rooted in your Jewish identity, while at the same time ready to spread your wings and be open to new experiences.

### **Tuesday, April 24**

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### **Tuesday, April 24**

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### **Thursday, April 26**

Join the Adult Education Committee at **7:30 pm** as they welcome **Rabbi Jonah Pesner** speaking on **Judaism and Universal Healthcare**. Rabbi Pesner is the founding Director of the Just Congregations initiative of the Union for Reform Judaism. Most recently, as a leader of the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization, Rabbi Pesner was the chair of its effort in the Massachusetts "Affordable Care Today!" coalition that successfully secured health care for more than half a million uninsured residents. As a congregational rabbi at Temple Israel in Boston, he developed the Fain Award winning "Ohel Tzedek / Tent of Justice" social action initiative. Engaging hundreds of members, Temple Israel joined other congregations and organizations in successful campaigns for health care access, affordable housing, public education, gay and lesbian rights, nursing care workers rights, and living wage. He was the Meyer W. Nathans Scholar at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion where he was ordained in 1997.

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### **Friday, April 27**

Join the Israel Committee and Friend of a Friend/Chaverot at **7:45 pm Shabbat Services** as they welcome **Rabbi Danny Allen**, Executive Director, Association of Reform Zionists of America (ARZA) speaking on *One Heart, Two Homes: America, Israel and Us*. ARZA strengthens and enriches the Jewish identity of Reform Jews in the United States by ensuring that a connection with Eretz Yisrael is a fundamental part of that identity. ARZA develops support for and strengthens the Reform movement in Israel and promotes advocacy for a Jewish, pluralistic, just and democratic society in the State of Israel. The organization works in partnership with the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) and the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism (IMPJ), and their affiliates. ARZA represents United States Reform Jews in national and international Zionist organizations.

**If you are a guest visiting our website and would like more information about Temple Sinai of Roslyn, please call Ethel Liebeskind at 516-621-6800.**