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How Sinai Memorial Chapel Builds a Stronger Jewish Community

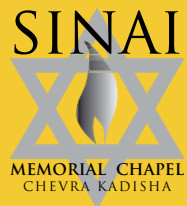


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Chevra Kadisha

Jewish Calendar for 5784
תשפ"ד 2023-2024



Seder at San Quentin State Prison. Photo by Vincent Obannon of San Quentin News.



L'shana Tovah and best wishes for a Happy New Year from the Board of Directors and Staff of SINAI MEMORIAL CHAPEL CHEVRA KADISHA. As appreciation for your support, enclosed is our 5784 Jewish calendar.

While Sinai's mission focuses on providing services to families upon the death of a loved one—honoring the deceased and supporting the survivors—we have always, since our inception, made special efforts to be an active participant in the broader life of the Jewish community in the Bay Area.

Through a range of efforts, some reflecting age-old traditions and others responding to emerging needs, Sinai shares our resources, knowledge, and experience—often in collaboration with other institutions—to build a stronger Jewish community.

This calendar highlights some of these activities, conveying our commitment to being good Jewish citizens both within and outside the walls of Sinai.

This calendar for the new year also reminds all of us to rededicate ourselves to new beginnings. Just as Rosh Hashanah and the sound of the *shofar* usher in the holiest time of the year, at SINAI we take this opportunity to rededicate ourselves to our holy work and to identify opportunities for *tikkun*, improvement, to better serve our entire Bay Area Jewish community.

In the past year, we provided advance planning, funeral and burial services, and bereavement and grief counseling services to over 1,000 individuals and families. A continuing hallmark of SINAI is our commitment to providing to the entire community—regardless of means—the same dignity and quality of funeral service.

Our members support the *tzedakah* and community-building activities of SINAI, one of the few community-owned, nonprofit Jewish funeral services nationwide. Your membership and donations help ensure that we never turn away any Jewish person because of means. Please consider becoming a member.

If you would like more information about the work of SINAI, our range of services, the importance of membership, or the opportunity to make a legacy gift, please visit our website, www.sinaichapel.org.

Again, I wish you a Happy New Year and thank you for your continuing support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Samuel J. Salkin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and a long, sweeping underline.

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RESPECTING JUDAISM'S SACRED OBJECTS

There is a tradition in Judaism to bury torahs, prayer books, and other sacred objects—collectively called *shaimos* in Yiddish—that are no longer usable and need to be discarded. Four times a year, Sinai Memorial Chapel performs these *genizah* burials—a *genizah* being a place where these objects are buried.

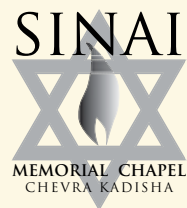
Sinai buries these sacred objects, including prayer books that are no longer needed when a congregation acquires new ones, with simple ceremonies at its Eternal Home and Gan Shalom cemeteries.

In addition to prayer books, Sinai has buried a Torah that was used for many years at San Francisco's Talmud Torah schools, which provided a religious education to The City's Jewish youth in the 1930s and '40s. The covered scroll was placed in a grave and, as with all Jewish burials, mourners filled in the grave with dirt. A tree was planted, and a memorial marker was placed at the site.

SEPTEMBER

2023

אלול תשפ"ג – תשרי תשפ"ד
ELUL 5783 – TISHREI 5784



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 15 Elul טו Light 7:21	2 16 Elul טז Ki Tavo Ends 8:18
3 17 Elul יז	4 18 Elul יח Labor Day	5 19 Elul יט	6 20 Elul כ	7 21 Elul כא	8 22 Elul כב Light 7:11	9 23 Elul כג Nitzavim / Vayeilech Ends 8:06
10 24 Elul כד	11 25 Elul כה	12 26 Elul כו	13 27 Elul כז	14 28 Elul כח	15 29 Elul כט Erev Rosh Hashanah Light 7:00	16 1 Tishrei א Rosh Hashanah Light after 7:55
17 2 Tishrei ב Rosh Hashanah Shofar is blown Ends 7:54	18 3 Tishrei ג Tzom Gedaliah Fast 5:32 -7:40	19 4 Tishrei ד	20 5 Tishrei ה	21 6 Tishrei ו	22 7 Tishrei ז Light 6:49	23 8 Tishrei ח Ha'azinu Shabbat Shuva Ends 7:44
24 9 Tishrei ט Erev Yom Kippur Kol Nidre Light, fast begins 6:46	25 10 Tishrei י Yom Kippur Yizkor Shofar is blown Ends 7:41	26 11 Tishrei יא	27 12 Tishrei יב	28 13 Tishrei יג	29 14 Tishrei יד Erev Sukkot Light 6:38	30 15 Tishrei טו Sukkot Light after 7:33

All times listed are for the 94115 zip code and adjusted for Daylight Savings Time.

PLANTING TREES IN ISRAEL Since the middle of the last century, Sinai Memorial Chapel has supported the planting of trees in Israel in memory of each person Sinai has served, with an estimated \$200,000 going to this effort so far.

The trees are planted by Jewish National Fund, which has planted more than 250,000 trees since its founding in 1901 (the same year Sinai opened). These trees help prevent fires, conserve the soil, combat desertification, and develop agricultural infrastructure. These kinds of programs have helped make Israel an environmental leader in the world.

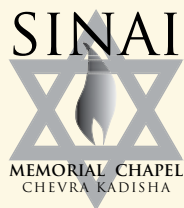
To learn more: jnf.org/our-work/forestry-green-innovations



OCTOBER

2023

תשרי - חשוון תשפ"ד
TISHREI - CHESHVAN 5784



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SUNDAY

1 16 Tishrei טז
2nd day of Sukkot

Ends
7:32

8 23 Tishrei כג
Simchat Torah

Ends
7:21

15 30 Tishrei ל
Rosh Chodesh

22 7 Cheshvan ז

29 14 Cheshvan יד

MONDAY

2 17 Tishrei יז
Chol Hamoed Sukkot

9 24 Tishrei כד
Columbus Day

16 1 Cheshvan א
Rosh Chodesh

23 8 Cheshvan ח

30 15 Cheshvan טו

TUESDAY

3 18 Tishrei יח
Chol Hamoed Sukkot

10 25 Tishrei כה

17 2 Cheshvan ב

24 9 Cheshvan ט

31 16 Cheshvan טז

WEDNESDAY

4 19 Tishrei יט
Chol Hamoed Sukkot

11 26 Tishrei כו

18 3 Cheshvan ג

25 10 Cheshvan י

THURSDAY

5 20 Tishrei כ
Chol Hamoed Sukkot

12 27 Tishrei כז

19 4 Cheshvan ד

26 11 Cheshvan יא

FRIDAY

6 21 Tishrei כא
Sukkot
Hoshanah
Rabah
Erev Shemini Atzeret

Light
6:27

13 28 Tishrei כח

Light
6:17

20 5 Cheshvan ה

Light
6:08

27 12 Cheshvan יב

Light
5:59

SATURDAY

7 22 Tishrei כב
Shemini Atzeret
Yizkor
Erev Simchat Torah

Light
after
7:23

14 29 Tishrei כט
Bereshit
Birkat Hachodesh

Ends
7:13

21 6 Cheshvan ו
Noach

Ends
7:04

28 13 Cheshvan יג
Lech Lecha

Ends
6:55

PROTECTING THE STATE'S OLDEST JEWISH CEMETERIES

Seven cemeteries in California's Gold Rush country in the Sierra foothills survive as evidence of vibrant Jewish communities in that area. Almost as soon as gold was discovered in 1848, Jews from all over the world came to California seeking economic, political, and social freedom. They became active members of the communities where they settled, forming businesses and taking part in civic life.

One of the first things they did was to establish Hebrew Benevolent Societies and *Chevra Kadishas* to honor and bury their dead in sacred ground according to Jewish tradition.

These traditions continued in San Francisco with the founding of Sinai Memorial Chapel Chevra Kadisha in 1901.

The cemeteries are overseen by the Commission for the Preservation of Pioneer Jewish Cemeteries and Landmarks in the West, whose work is supported by Sinai.

In its San Francisco facility, Sinai hosts a permanent exhibit of photographs of these cemeteries taken by San Francisco photographer Ira Nowinski.

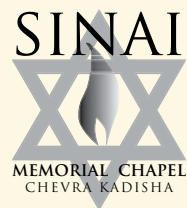
To learn more: pioneerjewishcemeteries.org



NOVEMBER

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חשון - כסלו תשפ"ד
CHESHVAN - KISLEV 5784



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			1 17 Cheshvan יז	2 18 Cheshvan יח	3 19 Cheshvan יט Light 5:51	4 20 Cheshvan כ Vayera Ends 6:48
5 21 Cheshvan כא Daylight Saving Time ends	6 22 Cheshvan כב	7 23 Cheshvan כג	8 24 Cheshvan כד	9 25 Cheshvan כה	10 26 Cheshvan כו Veterans Day observed Light 4:44	11 27 Cheshvan כז Chaye Sarah Birkat Hachodesh Ends 5:42
12 28 Cheshvan כח	13 29 Cheshvan כט	14 1 Kislev א Rosh Chodesh	15 2 Kislev ב	16 3 Kislev ג	17 4 Kislev ד Light 4:39	18 5 Kislev ה Toledot Ends 5:38
19 6 Kislev ו	20 7 Kislev ז	21 8 Kislev ח	22 9 Kislev ט	23 10 Kislev י Thanksgiving Day	24 11 Kislev יא Light 4:35	25 12 Kislev יב Vayetze Ends 5:35
26 13 Kislev יג	27 14 Kislev יד	28 15 Kislev טו	29 16 Kislev טז	30 17 Kislev יז		



LIGHTING SAN FRANCISCO'S GIANT MENORAH

San Francisco is noted for having the first public giant menorah outside of Israel—a phenomenon that now takes place around the world. The spirit behind this tradition is to make the celebration of Hannukah a public event, allowing “everyone to illuminate their soul with the light of Torah and...light up the entire public thoroughfare.”

Started by Chabad SF with the support of rock music promoter Bill Graham, the lighting takes place every year at San Francisco's Union Square. It attracts thousands of people, including Jews of all affiliations along with local officials and celebrities.

In 2022, Sinai became a sponsor of this event and had the honor of lighting the first candle on the first night of Hannukah.

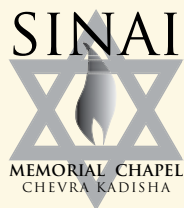
To learn more: billgrahammenorah.org

DECEMBER

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כסלו - טבת תשפ"ד

KISLEV - TEVET 5784



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					1 18 Kislev יח Light 4:33	2 19 Kislev יט Vayishlach Ends 5:34
3 20 Kislev כ	4 21 Kislev כא	5 22 Kislev כב	6 23 Kislev כג	7 24 Kislev כד Erev Chanukah Light 1st candle	8 25 Kislev כה Chanukah Light 2nd candle	9 26 Kislev כו Vayeshev Birkat Hachodesh Chanukah Light 3rd candle Ends 5:34
10 27 Kislev כז Chanukah Light 4th candle	11 28 Kislev כח Chanukah Light 5th candle	12 29 Kislev כט Chanukah Light 6th candle	13 1 Tevet א Chanukah Light 7th candle Rosh Chodesh	14 2 Tevet ב Chanukah Light 8th candle	15 3 Tevet ג Chanukah Light 4:34	16 4 Tevet ד Miketz Ends 5:35
17 5 Tevet ה	18 6 Tevet ו	19 7 Tevet ז	20 8 Tevet ח	21 9 Tevet ט	22 10 Tevet י Tzom Asarah Be'Tevet Fast 5:53 -5:25 Light 4:37	23 11 Tevet יא Vayigash Ends 5:39
24 12 Tevet יב	25 13 Tevet יג	26 14 Tevet יד	27 15 Tevet טו	28 16 Tevet טז	29 17 Tevet יז Light 4:41	30 18 Tevet יח Vayechi Ends 5:43
31 19 Tevet יט						



LENDING OUR TORAHS Over the years, Sinai has acquired four Torahs from synagogues that have closed or have acquired new ones. Sinai assures that they are maintained and lends these Torahs to Jewish organizations throughout the Bay Area who do not yet have their own. These include schools, camps, and programs where young people are preparing for their *bar* and *bat mitzvahs*.

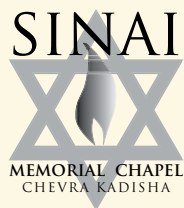
One family that Sinai served when a family member died decided to hold their daughter's *bat mitzvah* in one of Sinai's chapels, since they saw that as a way to reaffirm life in the same place where they had honored the death of a loved one. One of Sinai's Torahs was used during that service.



JANUARY

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טבת - שבט תשפ"ד
TEVET - SHEVAT 5784



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	1 20 Tevet כ New Year's Day	2 21 Tevet כא	3 22 Tevet כב	4 23 Tevet כג	5 24 Tevet כד Light 4:47	6 25 Tevet כה Shemot Birkat Hachodesh Ends 5:49
7 26 Tevet כו	8 27 Tevet כז	9 28 Tevet כח	10 29 Tevet כט	11 1 Shevat א Rosh Chodesh	12 2 Shevat ב Light 4:53	13 3 Shevat ג Va'era Ends 5:55
14 4 Shevat ד	15 5 Shevat ה Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	16 6 Shevat ו	17 7 Shevat ז	18 8 Shevat ח	19 9 Shevat ט Light 5:01	20 10 Shevat י Bo Ends 6:02
21 11 Shevat יא	22 12 Shevat יב	23 13 Shevat יג	24 14 Shevat יד	25 15 Shevat טו Tu Bi'Shevat*	26 16 Shevat טז Light 5:08	27 17 Shevat יז Beshalach Shabbat Shira International Holocaust Remembrance Day Ends 6:09
28 18 Shevat יח	29 19 Shevat יט	30 20 Shevat כ	31 21 Shevat כא			



Reflections on Jewish Death & Mourning

*Respect, Ritual
and Remembrance*

A COMPILATION OF ORIGINAL ESSAYS
EDITED BY SAMUEL J. SALKIN

TEACHING PEOPLE ABOUT JEWISH TRADITIONS Besides providing direct services related to death and grieving, Sinai has always had a commitment to educating people about Jewish traditions associated with these issues.

Historically, people learned about these customs by experiencing them directly, rather than being taught them formally. Since there are now fewer communal ways of learning about these traditions, Sinai produces publications that help people understand the Jewish approach to caring for and honoring the deceased and comforting the survivors.

"Reflections on Jewish Death and Mourning" is a compilation of essays by lay and religious thinkers writing from different perspectives on the specific practices related to death as well more general topics like ethics and values.

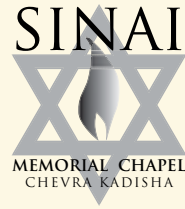
Another, called "A Guide for the Comforter," helps both Jews and non-Jews understand what to expect and how to behave at funerals, burials, and shiva and, in general, how they can support the bereaved.

To learn more: sinaichapel.org/why-a-jewish-funeral.aspx

FEBRUARY

2024

שבט - אדר א' תשפ"ד
SHEVAT - ADAR I 5784



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SUNDAY

4 כה 25 Shevat

11 ב 2 Adar

18 ט 9 Adar

25 יז 16 Adar

MONDAY

5 כו 26 Shevat

12 ג 3 Adar

19 י 10 Adar
Presidents Day

26 יח 17 Adar

TUESDAY

6 כז 27 Shevat

13 ד 4 Adar

20 יא 11 Adar

27 יח 18 Adar

WEDNESDAY

7 כח 28 Shevat

14 ה 5 Adar

21 יב 12 Adar

28 יט 19 Adar

THURSDAY

1 כב 22 Shevat

8 כט 29 Shevat

15 ו 6 Adar

22 יג 13 Adar

29 כ 20 Adar

FRIDAY

2 כג 23 Shevat Light
5:16

9 ל 30 Shevat
Rosh Chodesh Light
5:24

16 ז 7 Adar Light
5:32

23 יד 14 Adar Light
5:39

SATURDAY

3 כד 24 Shevat
Yitro
Birkat Hachodesh Ends
6:16

10 א 1 Adar
Rosh Chodesh
Mishpatim Ends
6:23

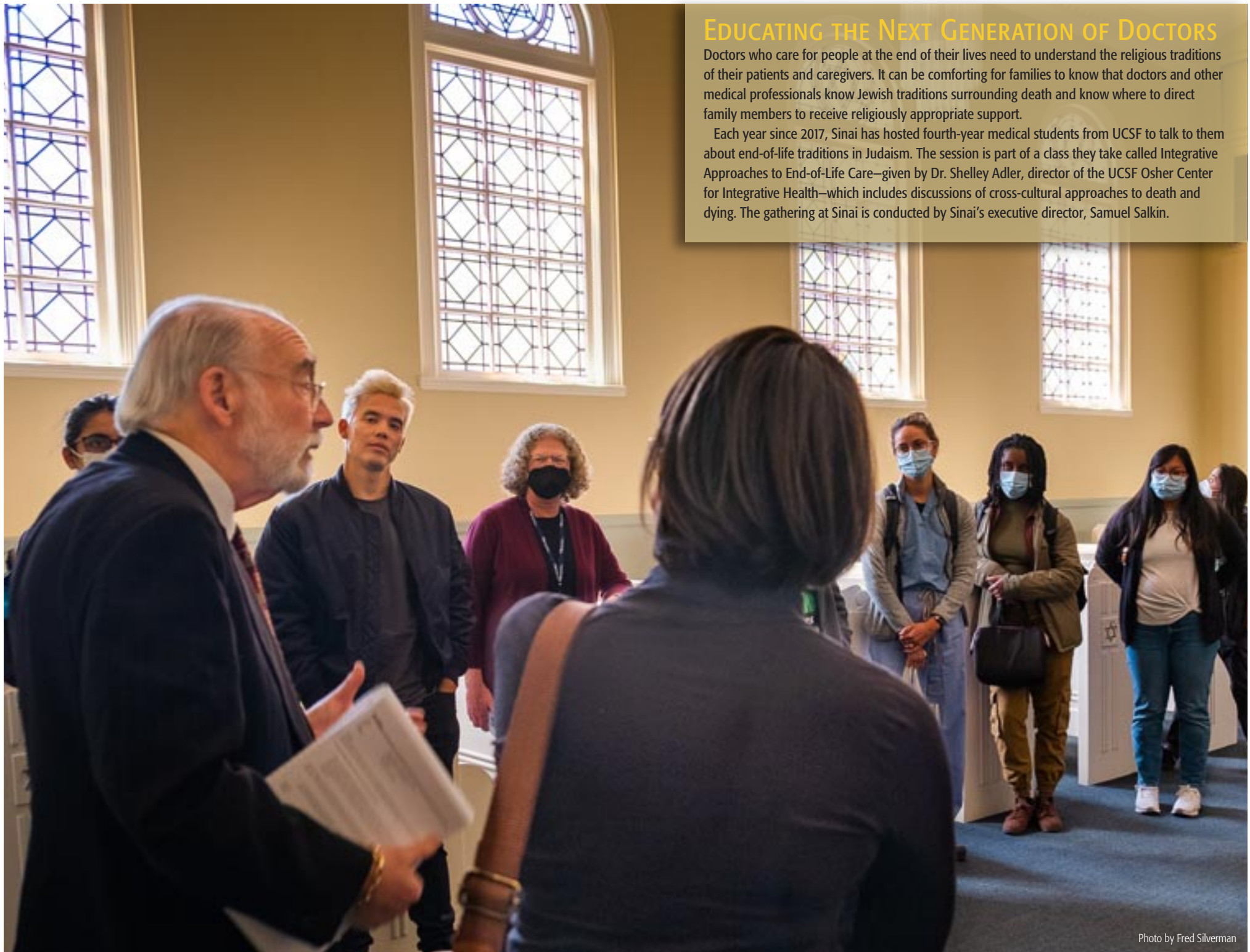
17 ח 8 Adar
Terumah Ends
6:30

24 טו 15 Adar
Tetzaveh Ends
6:37

EDUCATING THE NEXT GENERATION OF DOCTORS

Doctors who care for people at the end of their lives need to understand the religious traditions of their patients and caregivers. It can be comforting for families to know that doctors and other medical professionals know Jewish traditions surrounding death and know where to direct family members to receive religiously appropriate support.

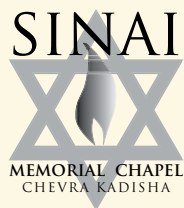
Each year since 2017, Sinai has hosted fourth-year medical students from UCSF to talk to them about end-of-life traditions in Judaism. The session is part of a class they take called Integrative Approaches to End-of-Life Care—given by Dr. Shelley Adler, director of the UCSF Osher Center for Integrative Health—which includes discussions of cross-cultural approaches to death and dying. The gathering at Sinai is conducted by Sinai's executive director, Samuel Salkin.



MARCH

2024

אדר א' - אדר ב' תשפ"ד
ADAR I - ADAR II 5784



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					1 21 Adar I כא Light 5:46	2 22 Adar I כב Ki Tissa Ends 6:44
3 23 Adar I כג	4 24 Adar I כד	5 25 Adar I כה	6 26 Adar I כו	7 27 Adar I כז	8 28 Adar I כח Light 5:53	9 29 Adar I כט Vayakhel Shabbat Shekalim Birkat Hachodesh Ends 6:51
10 30 Adar I ל Rosh Chodesh Daylight Saving Time begins	11 1 Adar II א Rosh Chodesh	12 2 Adar II ב	13 3 Adar II ג	14 4 Adar II ד	15 5 Adar II ה Light 7:00	16 6 Adar II ו Pekudei Ends 7:57
17 7 Adar II ז	18 8 Adar II ח	19 9 Adar II ט	20 10 Adar II י	21 11 Adar II יא Ta'anit Ester Fast 5:48 -7:50	22 12 Adar II יב Light 7:06	23 13 Adar II יג Vayikra Shabbat Zachor Erev Purim Ends 8:04
24 14 Adar II יד Purim	25 15 Adar II טו	26 16 Adar II טז	27 17 Adar II יז	28 18 Adar II יח	29 19 Adar II יט Light 7:13	30 20 Adar II כ Tzav Shabbat Parah Ends 8:11
31 21 Adar II כא						

All times listed are for the 94115 zip code and adjusted for Daylight Savings Time.



SHARING A SEDER AT SAN QUENTIN It is an age-old tradition in Judaism to ensure that everyone, regardless of their means, can take part in a Passover seder. This special Pesach *tzedakah*, originally intended to provide the poor with *matzah*, is known as *ma'ot chitim*, "wheat money."

The founders of the original Sinai Chevre Kadisha brought this tradition with them from Europe to America, and in its early days, people lined up around the block to receive bags filled with chickens, *matzah*, and wine. Sinai Memorial Chapel has honored this custom ever since by supporting local organizations that help people without resources celebrate this holiday.

A special expression of this is Sinai's sponsorship of an annual seder at San Quentin State Prison, overseen by Rabbi Paul Shleffar, a chaplain there. Sinai has supported this tradition since it began in 1990. Residents of the prison say this holiday has special meaning for them, given its theme of liberation from bondage.

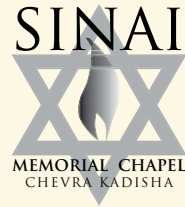
The event features traditional Passover foods, music, and time for reflection and prayer.

For a perspective from inside the prison: tinyurl.com/mta4rnbx

APRIL

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אדר ב - ניסן תשפ"ד
ADAR II - NISSAN 5784

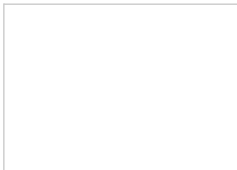


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SUNDAY



7 כח 28 Adar II

14 ו 6 Nissan

21 יג 13 Nissan
Bedikat Chametz

28 כ 20 Nissan
Chol Hamoed
Pesach
Count Omer 6 tonight

MONDAY

1 כב 22 Adar II

8 כט 29 Adar II

15 ז 7 Nissan

22 יד 14 Nissan
Ta'anit Bechorot
Erev Pesach
1st Seder

29 כא 21 Nissan
7th day of Pesach
Count Omer 7
tonight

TUESDAY

2 כג 23 Adar II

9 א 1 Nissan
Rosh Chodesh

16 ח 8 Nissan

23 ט 15 Nissan
1st day of Pesach
2nd Seder
Count Omer 1 tonight

30 כב 22 Nissan
8th day of Pesach
Yizkor
Count Omer 8 tonight

WEDNESDAY

3 כד 24 Adar II

10 ב 2 Nissan

17 ט 9 Nissan

24 טז 16 Nissan
2nd day of Pesach
Count Omer 2 tonight

31 כג 23 Nissan
9th day of Pesach
Count Omer 9 tonight

THURSDAY

4 כה 25 Adar II

11 ג 3 Nissan

18 י 10 Nissan
Yom HaAliyah

25 יז 17 Nissan
Chol Hamoed Pesach
Count Omer 3 tonight

22 כד 24 Nissan
10th day of Pesach
Count Omer 10 tonight

FRIDAY

5 כו 26 Adar II Light
7:19

12 ד 4 Nissan Light
7:25

19 יא 11 Nissan Light
7:32

26 יח 18 Nissan
Chol Hamoed
Pesach
Count Omer 4 tonight

23 ה 21 Nissan
11th day of Pesach
Count Omer 11 tonight

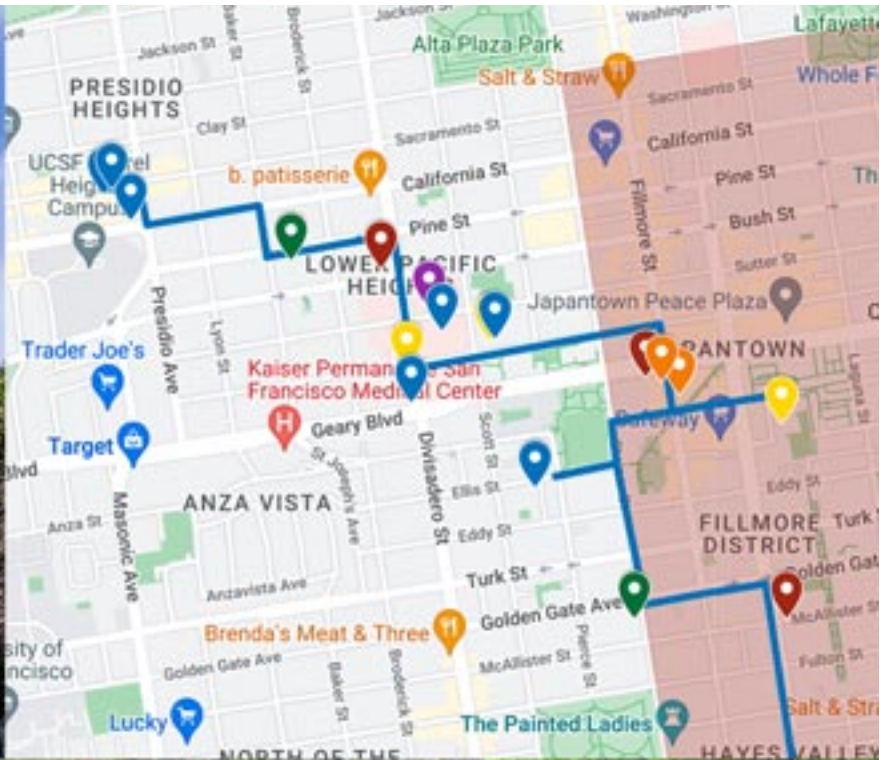
SATURDAY

6 כז 27 Adar II Ends
8:18
Shemini
Shabbat Hachodesh
Birkat Hachodesh

13 ה 5 Nissan Ends
8:25
Tazriya

20 יב 12 Nissan Ends
8:32
Metzora
Shabbat Hagadol

27 יט 19 Nissan Ends
8:39
Chol Hamoed
Pesach
Count Omer 5 tonight



WALKING THROUGH THE BAY AREA'S JEWISH HISTORY

Jews have made tremendous contributions to the social, political, and cultural landscapes of the Greater Bay Area.

To help local residents and visitors understand and appreciate first-hand the "Jewish experience" in San Francisco and surrounding areas, Sinai prepared a map showing over 400 places that relate to Jewish life, along with separate maps of walking tours and one driving tour of different parts of the region. Each map highlights buildings designed by Jews, places named for Jews, Jewish institutions, and former Jewish residences. One map provides a driving route to visit the Pioneer Jewish Cemeteries in Gold Rush Country.

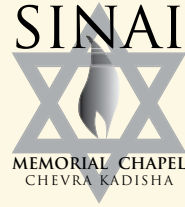
From the home that Rube Goldberg designed and lived in on Gough Street to the site of the former Congregation Beth Israel on Geary Street, these maps tell a compelling story of Jewish life in the Bay Area.

To learn more: sinaichapel.org/maps-of-jewish-san-francisco.aspx

MAY

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SUNDAY

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THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

5 כז Nissan
Count Omer 13 tonight

6 כח Nissan
Yom HaShoah*
Count Omer 14 tonight

7 כט Nissan
Count Omer 15 tonight

8 ל Nissan
Rosh Chodesh
Count Omer 16 tonight

9 א Iyar
Rosh Chodesh
Count Omer 17 tonight

10 ב Iyar
Count Omer 18 tonight

11 ג Iyar
Kedoshim
Count Omer 19 tonight

12 ד Iyar
Count Omer 20 tonight
Mother's Day

13 ה Iyar
Yom Hazikaron*
Count Omer 21 tonight

14 ו Iyar
Yom Ha'atzmaut*
Count Omer 22 tonight

15 ז Iyar
Count Omer 23 tonight

16 ח Iyar
Count Omer 24 tonight

17 ט Iyar
Count Omer 25 tonight

18 י Iyar
Emor
Count Omer 26 tonight

19 יא Iyar
Count Omer 27 tonight

20 יב Iyar
Count Omer 28 tonight

21 יג Iyar
Count Omer 29 tonight

22 יד Iyar
Pesach Sheini
Count Omer 30 tonight

23 טו Iyar
Count Omer 31 tonight

24 טז Iyar
Count Omer 32 tonight

25 יז Iyar
Behar
Count Omer 33 tonight

26 יח Iyar
Lag Ba'Omer*
Count Omer 34 tonight

27 יט Iyar
Count Omer 35 tonight
Memorial Day

28 כ Iyar
Count Omer 36 tonight

29 כא Iyar
Count Omer 37 tonight

30 כב Iyar
Count Omer 38 tonight

31 כג Iyar
Count Omer 39 tonight

Bay Area Heroines

FIFTEEN REMARKABLE JEWISH WOMEN



The Life and Legacy of Bay Area Jew

A STORY IN POSTCARDS



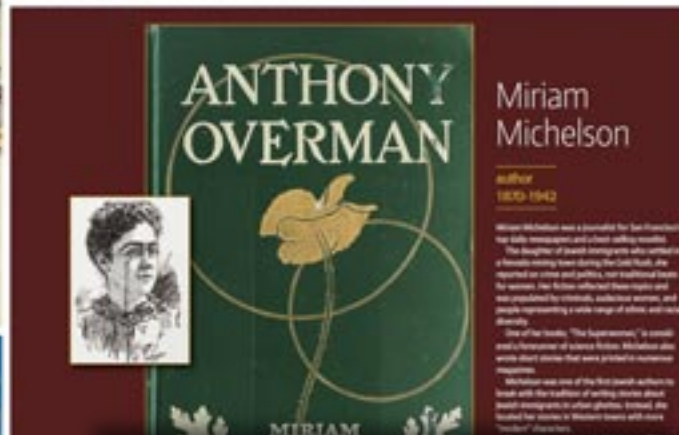
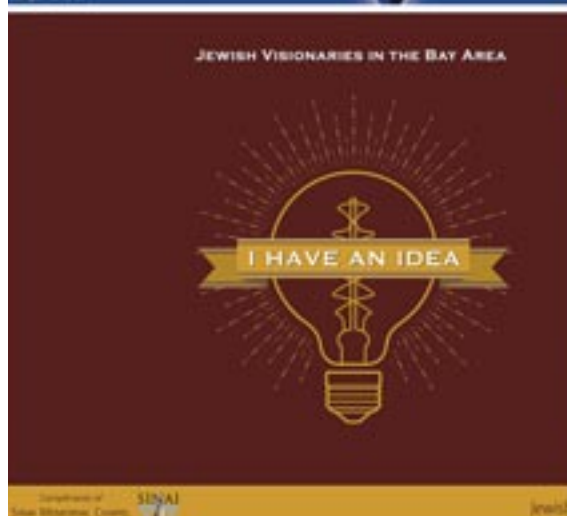
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JEWISH CALENDAR FOR 5777
FALL 2016-2017

JEWISH CEMETERIES OF THE CALIFORNIA GOLD RUSH

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TELLING STORIES THROUGH CALENDARS

Sinai has a tradition of providing unique Jewish calendars to the Bay Area with the goal of celebrating various aspects of Jewish life in the region.

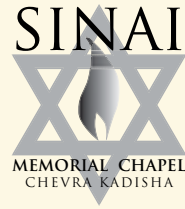
These calendars have highlighted extraordinary Jewish women going back to the 1800s, artists creating in a wide range of media, entrepreneurs and visionaries impacting everything from medicine to agriculture, the history of Jewish life in the Bay Area from 1900 to the present, evolving and innovative expressions of Judaism, how Jewish life was depicted in popular postcards, and the Pioneer Jewish Cemeteries in Gold Country.

Collectively, these calendars provide a convenient way to keep track of Jewish time and holidays and to put a spotlight on the diverse and powerful ways that Jews have made an impact where we live.

JUNE

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IYAR – SIVAN 5784



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SUNDAY

2 25 Iyar כה
Count Omer 41 tonight

9 3 Sivan ג
Count Omer 48 tonight

16 10 Sivan י
Father's Day

23 17 Sivan יז

30 24 Sivan כד

MONDAY

3 26 Iyar כו
Count Omer 42 tonight

10 4 Sivan ד
Count Omer 49 tonight

17 11 Sivan יא

24 18 Sivan יח

TUESDAY

4 27 Iyar כז
Count Omer 43 tonight

11 5 Sivan ה
Erev Shavuot Light 8:14

18 12 Sivan יב

25 19 Sivan יט

WEDNESDAY

5 28 Iyar כח
Yom Yerushalayim*
Count Omer 44 tonight

12 6 Sivan ו
1st day of Shavuot Light after 9:20

19 13 Sivan ז
Juneteenth

26 20 Sivan כ

THURSDAY

6 29 Iyar כט
Count Omer 45 tonight

13 7 Sivan ז
2nd day of Shavuot Yizkor Ends 9:20

20 14 Sivan ח

27 21 Sivan כא

FRIDAY

7 1 Sivan א
Rosh Chodesh Light 8:12
Count Omer 46 tonight

14 8 Sivan ח
Light 8:15

21 15 Sivan טו
Light 8:17

28 22 Sivan כב
Light 8:18

SATURDAY

1 24 Iyar כד
Behoukotai Ends 9:13
Birkat Hachodesh
Count Omer 40 tonight

8 2 Sivan ב
Bemidbar Ends 9:18
Count Omer 47 tonight

15 9 Sivan ט
Nasso Ends 9:21

22 16 Sivan טז
Beha'alotecha Ends 9:23

29 23 Sivan כג
Shelach
Birkat Hachodesh Ends 9:23



OFFERING GREEN BURIALS

While the idea of “green burials” may seem new, it is a tradition that goes back thousands of years in Jewish history—reflecting the idea that upon death, we return to the earth and the dust from which we were created. Caskets are plain wood without metal parts.

Today, as more people want to be more environmentally sensitive, there is a renewed interest in making burials as “green” as possible. To honor these desires, Sinai has created a “green burial” section of its Eternal Home Cemetery in Colma called *Gan Adamah* (Earth Garden). Burials there use biodegradable caskets and shrouds with no concrete vaults or liners placed in the interment space. Markers are simple engraved, unfinished stones.

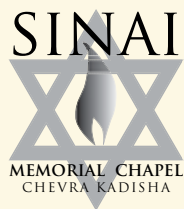
This space honors the Jewish traditions of caring for the earth and respecting the deceased.

To learn more: sinaichapel.org/GreenBurial.aspx

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	1 כה 25 Sivan	2 כו 26 Sivan	3 כז 27 Sivan	4 כח 28 Sivan Independence Day	5 כט 29 Sivan	6 ל 30 Sivan Korach Rosh Chodesh
7 א 1 Tamuz Rosh Chodesh	8 ב 2 Tamuz	9 ג 3 Tamuz	10 ד 4 Tamuz	11 ה 5 Tamuz	12 ו 6 Tamuz	13 ז 7 Tamuz Chukat
14 ח 8 Tamuz	15 ט 9 Tamuz	16 י 10 Tamuz	17 יא 11 Tamuz	18 יב 12 Tamuz	19 יג 13 Tamuz	20 יד 14 Tamuz Balak
21 טו 15 Tamuz	22 טז 16 Tamuz	23 יז 17 Tamuz Tzom Shiva Assar Be'Tamuz	24 יח 18 Tamuz	25 יט 19 Tamuz	26 כ 20 Tamuz	27 כא 21 Tamuz Pinechas
28 כב 22 Tamuz	29 כג 23 Tamuz	30 כד 24 Tamuz	31 כה 25 Tamuz			

CREATING A SPACE TO MOURN PREGNANCY-RELATED LOSSES

In 2022, Sinai dedicated a garden adjacent to its Eternal Home Cemetery that is the first of its kind in the country—a sacred space where people can mourn and reflect on losses related to pregnancy: miscarriages, stillbirths, and the death of an infant.

Called The Memory Garden, it fills a gap in Jewish traditions surrounding these losses, since for many years, given their frequency, they were rarely acknowledged in Jewish rituals.

The Memory Garden is a quiet, contemplative space, filled with native California trees, flowers, and plants. A circle of redwood trees surrounds a private space for meditation or ceremonies, and a circle of water contains stones that can be rearranged by visitors, reflecting the tradition of placing a stone upon leaving a Jewish gravesite.

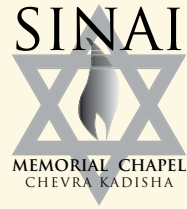
To learn more: thememorygarden.org



AUGUST

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TAMUZ - AV 5784

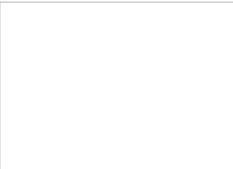


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SUNDAY



4 כט 29 Tamuz

11 ז 7 Av

18 יד 14 Av

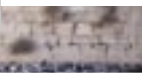
25 כא 21 Av

MONDAY



5 א 1 Av
Rosh Chodesh

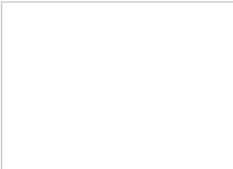
12 ח 8 Av
Erev Tisha Be'Av



19 טו 15 Av
Tu Be'Av

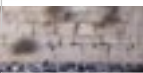
26 כב 22 Av

TUESDAY



6 ב 2 Av

13 ט 9 Av
Tisha Be'Av



20 טז 16 Av

27 כג 23 Av

WEDNESDAY



7 ג 3 Av

14 י 10 Av

21 יז 17 Av

28 כד 24 Av

THURSDAY

1 כו 26 Tamuz

8 ד 4 Av

15 יא 11 Av

22 יח 18 Av

29 כה 25 Av

FRIDAY

2 כז 27 Tamuz Light 7:59

9 ה 5 Av Light 7:51

16 יב 12 Av Light 7:42

23 יט 19 Av Light 7:33

30 כז 26 Av Light 7:23

SATURDAY

3 כח 28 Tamuz
Matot / Massei
Birkat Hachodesh Ends 8:59

10 ו 6 Av
Devarim
Shabbat Chazon Ends 8:50

17 יג 13 Av
Vaetchanan
Shabbat Nachamu Ends 8:40

24 כ 20 Av
Ekev Ends 8:30

31 כז 27 Av
Re'eh
Birkat Hachodesh Ends 8:19

INSPIRING PEOPLE THROUGH ART

When people come through the doors of Sinai's San Francisco facility, it is usually to make funeral arrangements or attend a funeral.

However, Sinai also sees these visits as an opportunity to bring beauty and solace into people's lives by displaying art on its walls. It hosts a permanent exhibit of photographs by San Francisco photographer Ira Nowinski of the Pioneer Jewish Cemeteries in Gold Country.

And it hosted an exhibit of oil paintings by Bay Area artist Karen Benioff Friedman depicting *tahara*, the ritual preparation of the body for burial. Friedman is a member of a *chevra kadisha* and was moved by her own experiences to create these works.

Samuel Salkin, Sinai's executive director, said of these paintings, "She knows about the work in a deep way and is also a very talented artist. She knows how to express the spiritual side of it, the unseen."

Other artworks, many donated to Sinai, are on display at its San Francisco facility.

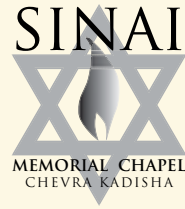
To learn more: tinyurl.com/4zr5jfk4



SEPTEMBER

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SUNDAY

1 כח 28 Av

8 ה Elul 5

15 יב Elul 12

22 יט Elul 19

29 כו Elul 26

MONDAY

2 כט 29 Av
Labor Day

9 ו Elul 6

16 יג Elul 13

23 כ Elul 20

30 כז Elul 27

TUESDAY

3 ל 30 Av
Rosh Chodesh

10 ז Elul 7

17 ד Elul 14

24 כא Elul 21

WEDNESDAY

4 א 1 Elul
Rosh Chodesh

11 ח Elul 8

18 טו Elul 15

25 כב Elul 22

THURSDAY

5 ב 2 Elul

12 ט Elul 9

19 טז Elul 16

26 כג Elul 23

FRIDAY

6 ג 3 Elul
Light 7:12

13 י 10 Elul
Light 7:02

20 יז Elul 17
Light 6:51

27 כד Elul 24
Light 6:40

SATURDAY

7 ד 4 Elul
Shofetim
Ends 8:08

14 יא 11 Elul
Ki Teitze
Ends 7:57

21 יח 18 Elul
Ki Tavo
Ends 7:46

28 כה 25 Elul
Nitzavim /
Vayeilech
Ends 7:35



CANDLE LIGHTING BLESSING FOR SHABBAT

ברוך אתה השם אלקינו מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו במצותיו, וצונו להדליק נר של שבת.

Baruch A-tah Ad-nai E-lokeinu Me-lech Ha-olam A-sheer Ki-de-sha-nu Be-mitz-vo-tav
Vi-tzi-va-nu Le-had-lik Ner Shel Shabbat.

Blessed are You, Lord, our G-d, King of the Universe, Who has sanctified us with
His commandments and commanded us to light the candles of Shabbat.

CANDLE LIGHTING BLESSINGS FOR HOLIDAYS

ברוך אתה השם אלקינו מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו במצותיו, וצונו
להדליק נר של (שבת ושל) יום טוב.

Baruch A-tah Ad-nai E-lokeinu Me-lech Ha-olam A-sheer Ki-de-sha-nu Be-mitz-vo-tav
Vi-tzi-va-nu Le-had-lik Ner Shel (Shabbat V-shel) Yom Tov.

Blessed are You, Lord, our G-d, King of the Universe, Who has sanctified us with
His commandments and commanded us to light the candles of (Shabbat and of) the holiday.

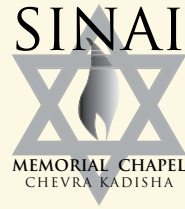
*ברוך אתה השם אלקינו מלך העולם, שהחינו וקיימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה.

*Ba-ruch A-tah Ad-nai E-lokeinu Me-lech Ha-olam She-he-che-ya-nu
Vi-kee-yi-ma-nu Vi-hi-gee-ah-nu Laz-man Ha-zeh.

*Blessed are You, Lord, our G-d, King of the Universe, Who has kept us alive and
sustained us and let us reach this time.

*Recited by Ashkenazim. Most Sephardim recite Shehecheyanu over Kiddush instead of over candles.

Mourner's Kaddish and Yahrzeit Candle Lighting Prayer



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Mourner's Kaddish

This prayer is said by mourners at the burial, during the shiva and shanah mourning periods, at the unveiling, and when observing Yahrzeit and Yizkor.

Glorified and sanctified be G-d's great name throughout the world
which He has created according to His will.

May He establish His kingdom in your lifetime and during your days,
and within the life of the entire House of Israel, speedily and soon; and say, Amen.

May His great name be blessed forever and to all eternity.

Blessed and praised, glorified and exalted, extolled and honored,
adored and lauded be the name of the Holy One, blessed be He,
beyond all the blessings and hymns, praises and consolations that are ever spoken in the world;
and say, Amen.

May there be abundant peace from heaven, and life, for us and for all Israel;
and say, Amen.

He who creates peace in His celestial heights, may He create peace for us and for all Israel;
and say, Amen.

יִתְגַּדַּל וְיִתְקַדַּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא.

בְּעֻלְמָא דִּי בְּרָא כְּרַעוּתָהּ וְיִמְלִיךְ מַלְכוּתָהּ בְּחַיֵּינוּ וּבְיוֹמֵינוּ וּבְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל
בְּעֻלְמָא וּבְזִמְנֵי קָרִיב, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן:

יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעֻלָּם וּלְעֻלְמֵי עָלְמַיָּא

יִתְבָּרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח וְיִתְפָּאֵר וְיִתְרוֹמֵם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא וְיִתְהַדָּר וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלָּל
שְׁמֵהּ דְּקֻדְשָׁא. בְּרִיךְ הוּא.

וְשִׁירָתָא תְּשַׁבַּחְתָּא וְנִחְמָתָא דְּאִמְרֵינוּ בְּעֻלְמָא.
לְעֻלָּא מִן כָּל בְּרַכְתָּא וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן:

יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמַיָּא וְחַיִּים עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל.
וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן:

עוֹשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרְמֵיוּ הוּא יַעֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן:

Yahrzeit Candle Lighting Prayer

The human soul is a light from God. May it be your will that the soul of (insert name)
enjoy eternal life, along with the souls of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca,
Rachel, and Leah, and the rest of the righteous that are in Gan Eden. Amen.

*Neir Adonai Nishmat Adam. Yehi Ratzon Milfanecha, Adonai Eloheinu Veilohi Avoteinu,
Shetehei Nishmat (insert name) Tzerurah betzeror hachayim, im nishmot Avraham
Yitzhak ve'Ya'akov, Sarah Rivkah, Rachel VeLeah. Tehi Menutchatah kavod, Selah.*

