

## Annual letter from the President

Dear Congregants and Friends of Temple Sinai,

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

It is because of your support as volunteers, donors, educators, singers, and many other roles, that Temple Sinai has continued to grow and increase programming since the height of the pandemic. Our programming includes:

- a thriving school, under the direction of Educational Director Aimee Loiter
- a growing number of life cycle events; B'nai Mitzvahs, baby namings, weddings, conversions, etc.
- Saturday morning torah study, continuing education classes, and more
- Special events (e.g., Beatles Rock Shabbat, Momentum MOMs Israel Trip, upcoming Rabbi-led Israel trip, Stop H8 Antisemitism campaign, upcoming Joe Buchanan residency, etc.).

And this is just a snippet of what we have been able to offer because of congregants like you. It is wonderful to be a part of such a STRONG and CARING community!

However, our work is never done. Temple Sinai relies heavily on its Annual Appeal to offset dues, fund our programming offerings, and enable us to offer membership to everyone who wishes to be a member, regardless of their ability to pay. This year our goal for the Annual Appeal is **\$60,000**.

I would also like to thank everyone who participated in the Strategic Planning process. We heard from more than 120 congregants about what they like about Temple Sinai and what they feel the priorities going forward should be. The Board is working on implementing the strategic plan and, as part of this, is in the planning stages of a fundraising effort to support our growing congregation and aging building to enable us to continue offering such a rich array of programming relevant to the needs of our increasingly diverse community . . . stay tuned for more information about these exciting plans!

My High Holy address was about Tzedakah and Volunteering. As a house of worship, we rely on both to bring programming and education to the Jewish community.

### **We have made giving easy:**

- Write a check (w/memo "TS Annual Appeal"), or
- [PayPal](#)
- Log into [ShulCloud](#) to donate online to Annual Appeal 5784, or
- Call our office (802-862-5125) and speak with Stacie to donate via credit card ACH.

Your gifts help us to offer new and continuing Education, Jewish programs, teachings, and events. Most importantly, your gifts will allow us to continue to capitalize on the wonderful positive energy and goodwill we have been generating.

### **Chai Society**

We value every gift. A few congregants can make significantly larger gifts to Temple Sinai. We all appreciate and enjoy the community enhancements that these larger gifts provide. A Chai Society gift is

any gift to Temple Sinai of \$1800 or more in a given calendar year. This is cumulative. **If you have already made donations this year, they count toward that \$1800 gift.** If you want to know how much you have given so far contact Stacie, and she will let you know how much you still need to give to join the Chai Society this year.

**Volunteering is also easy:**

The Temple relies on volunteers to serve on committees, on the Temple Board, for special events (i.e., ushering, bringing food to an Oneg, helping with staffing events, and so much more.

Did you know that we have more than a dozen committees for you to be involved with? If you would like to help, please [let us know!](#) A list of most of the committees can be found here:

[https://www.templesinaivt.org/committees.](https://www.templesinaivt.org/committees)

It was once said that ‘Many hands make light work’ and it is so true! I hope you can find some time in your schedule to help – and in the process, you will get to know more congregants and feel more connected to the temple!

**Conclusion:**

**All contributions – whether of time, expertise, or financial assistance– are valued and encouraged. Regardless of the amount of time you have to contribute (18 minutes or 18 hours? 1 idea or 1 committee?), or the amount of financial assistance you have to contribute (\$18, \$180, or \$1,800), all amounts are appreciated.**

L’Shana Tova – with all best wishes for a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year!

Shalom,

Adam Winter, President 23-24  
Temple Sinai