

Calling all 8th graders!

The logo for Sinai U, featuring the word "SINAI" in a large, black, serif font and the letter "U" in a red, sans-serif font, both set against a white rectangular background.

Come to our Open House to schmooze, learn more about our Sinai U options, and think about the year ahead.

August 30th, 7:30-8:30pm on Zoom: 8th grade Open House
(For parents and teens)

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Java Nagila Cafe: Temple Sinai's cafe is open every Sunday morning from 9:30-11:30am while religious school is in session. The cafe is staffed by our Sinai U Youth, who set up, serve coffee and snacks, handle the finances, and clean up. Teens are trained to be welcoming to all and to foster an atmosphere of engagement, compassion, and good, caffeinated fun!

Madrich Corps: Our Madrich Corps is opening to our 8th grade class this year. The Madrichim work as guides and support for our religious school students and teachers, and are an important part of our educational community. Madrichim work on an alternating schedule, coming in every other Sunday (9:30am-12:30pm) as well as Tuesdays (4:00pm-5:30pm). We offer orientation and a series of trainings to help our Madrichim become skilled and comfortable with our students.

Mosaic Circles of Action (New this year!): This is a monthly interfaith social justice group that connects our community to other religious youth with shared values. Students will come together to learn about a social justice issue that they choose, and then create a plan to address it. Through their participation in this diverse and interfaith group, students will learn critical skills like research, project management, advocacy and outreach.

Moving Traditions Kulam Group: This is our monthly all-gender youth group that invites teens to come together to ask big questions about where, why, and how they belong in their communities. As we emerge from the pandemic and the narrowing of our social spheres, we are joining together to build connections and share our struggles as we explore issues of identity, equity, and justice together. Kulam offers social and emotional support to teens by building connections and helping foster the understanding that they are deeply valued and cared for by this community.

The Tent: The Tent is an opportunity for older students to connect with a wider Jewish community through Temple's Sinai's work with Temple Israel. 8th graders are invited to join the Tent's OWL Program (Our Whole Lives), exploring their identities

through a social-emotional, values based curriculum. As part of their first year, students travel to New York City to explore the unique history of American Judaism. The Tent meets on Mondays from 5:45pm-8:30pm at Temple Israel of Boston.

Tikkun Olam Sundays: Once a month Temple Sinai teens volunteer at JF&CS Family Table, a food pantry in Waltham serving Jewish families in the greater Boston area. Teens help out by sorting food and packing bags for families in need. Students have the opportunity to do this mitzvah while doing community service in support of local Jews in need.

Any questions? Please reach out to Jen Zak at jenzak@sinaibrookline.org.

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