

Calling all high schoolers!

The logo for Sinai U, featuring the word "SINAI" in a large, black, serif font, followed by a red "U" in a similar serif font. The logo is centered on a white rectangular background.

Welcome to a new year of Sinai U!

We have many opportunities for education and involvement this year, from working at our Java Nagila cafe to connecting for community service.

Java Nagila Cafe: Temple Sinai's cafe is open every Sunday morning from 9:30-11:00am 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 gearing up for a new 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. Educational experiences include travel opportunities for different ages. The 9th graders travel to Washington D.C. for a special seminar. 10th graders travel to Alabama to learn about civil rights history. 11th and 12th graders have the opportunity to travel to Israel for 10 days. 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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