

## What Happens at the Annual Congregation Meeting?

It's time for our annual congregation meeting when the members of Temple Sinai are invited to gather in the synagogue during the months of May or June. This year our meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>** at 3:00 p.m. At the meeting, the Board reports on the financial condition of our synagogue, provides a review of the year just ending and information about the year ahead, and other matters of interest to our community. The nominees for the Board of Trustees for the upcoming fiscal year are presented to the membership for a vote of approval. Each membership unit in good financial standing is permitted one vote although everyone is invited to attend and participate in the meeting and join in the conversation.

The Board of Trustees consists of the immediate past president and eleven elected positions: six officers and five members-at-large. Representatives are appointed to serve from the Men's Club and Sisterhood and the Rabbi serves as an ex-officio member of the Board, bringing the total number to fifteen.

This year our congregation has the opportunity to vote on each individual position on the slate. **Read the CANDIDATE BIOS below** and discover more about each of the nominees.

Below you will find the Agenda and Slate of Nominees for the annual congregation meeting. Temple Sinai members may submit additional items for the agenda to the President no later than May 25, 2017 in accordance with the provisions in our by-laws. If no other items or nominations are received, the below agenda and slate are final.

I look forward to seeing and talking with you soon!

*Marilyn*

## AGENDA

Call to Order

D'var Torah – *Rabbi Bair*

President's Address – *Marilyn Rappaport*

Volunteer Appreciation – *Marilyn Rappaport*

Election of Members of the Board of Trustees

Presentation of Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018

Financial Planning – *John Louie*

Congregation Member Comments

Adjourn

## SLATE OF NOMINEES 2017.2018

### Officers (two year term)

President

*John Louie*

First Vice President – Strategic Planning Chair

*Howard Holden*

Second Vice President – Membership Chair

*Mary Allstead*

Financial Officer

*Lynda Goldman*

Treasurer

*Pam Sloan or JaNon Barber*

Secretary

*Steven Weidman*

### Members-at-Large (one year term)

*Yani Dickens*

*Jay Goldberg*

*Michael Gorden*

*Evan Klass*

*Beth Slamowitz*

## OFFICERS

**John Louie** (*President*) grew up in Southern California, where his parents had been Israeli folk dancing since 1962. He started Israeli dancing 32 years ago while working on his PhD at Caltech's Seismo Lab. Recruited to Nevada in 1992, he teaches geophysics at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels, doing research in energy exploration and earthquake hazards. The family began attending Sinai services in 1999, with both Anna and Ben becoming Bnei Mitzvah at Sinai. First joining the Sinai Board in 2001 as Secretary, John subsequently converted with Rabbi Soifer.

**Howard Holden** (*1<sup>st</sup> VP*) and Susan joined Temple Sinai in 2011, finding in the Temple community a source of friendship, belonging, and Jewish identity. They both volunteer with the temple in various capacities including helping out with the Refugee Cosponsor program. He served on the Interim and Permanent Rabbi Search Committee in 2012-13, and has been the Financial Officer since 2013. He completed the Leadership Development Institute course presented at Sinai by Dr. Lynda Goldman last year.

**Mary Allstead** (*2<sup>nd</sup> VP*) has lived in Reno, NV since she was 4 years old and received her degree in psychology from UNLV. She has two boys, Jesse who attends Reno High School and Will, who is at UNR. Mary has been a member of Temple Sinai for the past four years and has served on the board for the past two years as a member-at-large, as well as serving as the Familyhood Committee Chair. She has a passion for the youth programs at Temple Sinai, especially our youth group, SuNNY. Mary is the co-owner of Mix Bakeshop, which she began in 2009.

**Lynda Goldman** (*Financial Officer*) was born and raised in Miami Beach, Florida and moved to Reno with her husband Michael 3 years ago. She served on the Temple Sinai Board and various committees, and co-facilitated the Temple Sinai Leadership Institute class. Lynda earned her undergraduate and masters degrees at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and her doctoral degree at George Washington University. Her area of practice is Leadership and Organizational Development and Strategic and Operational Human Resources. She is currently a consultant serving UNRMed and other corporate boards.

**Pam Sloan** (*Treasurer*) has been a Reno resident and an active member of Temple Sinai for over 30 years, with experience on a variety of committees as well as on the Board of Trustees. As the Treasurer this year, Pam has developed an excellent working knowledge of Rakefet (Temple Sinai Software) and fully understands and has produced Temple Sinai's monthly financial reports in a comprehensive and understandable format. She retired from Lodging & Gaming Systems (LGS) as a Project Manager having an extensive working knowledge of computers, programming, and accounting systems. Pam is an active Reno community volunteer as well, having served as both President and Treasurer of Soroptimist International of Reno, as a Girl Scout Leader, and as a member of the State Attorney General's Task Force to help victims of Human Trafficking in Nevada.

**JaNon Barber** (*Treasurer*) was born and raised in Reno and attended UNR and later cosmetology school in San Francisco where she studied Esthiology and Massage Therapy. She is the co-owner of Tangerine Aveda Salon Spa, a high-end wellness salon and spa. During her childhood she was a member of Temple Emanuel, had her Bat Mitzvah there, and was very active in SNUSY youth group. In 2014, JaNon, her husband Joel, and their children became members of Temple Sinai, enjoying the young, family-driven congregation. Their twins, Ethan and Sydney, studied and had their Bar/Bat Mitzvahs at Temple Sinai and still enjoy an active life with the NFTY youth at the temple.

**Steve Weidman** (Secretary) became a member of Temple Sinai in the summer of 2014. He has done volunteer work with Temple Sinai since becoming a member, as the chairperson of the Social Action Committee, and as a member of the Jewish Practice Committee. He is secretary of Temple Sinai's Men's Club and served as the representative of the club to the Board of Trustees. Since last Fall Steve has helped mentor the Syrian refuge family, the Zarours, who are cosponsored by Temple Sinai.

## MEMBERS – AT –LARGE

**Yani Dickens** attended Temple Sinai religious school, had his Bar Mitzvah at Temple Sinai, and his family has been involved with Temple Sinai for several years going back to his grandparents Ruth and Louis Dickens, who were founding members. More recently, he facilitated focus groups to help hire the current Rabbi, participated as team leader and facilitator of a Chavurah group with his spouse Jessica. He currently serves the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) as the Counseling Services Assistant Director, Director of Training, and was the most recent Interim Director. He would be interested in helping the Board with budgeting and financial strategies and finding ways to effectively increase membership.

**Jay Goldberg**, and his wife Amy, moved to Reno in January 2016. He works as the Vice President, Internal Audit at Employers Holdings Inc., a workers' compensation insurance company. He has served on several Temple Boards, both in Houston and New Jersey, as a member-at-large and as both Vice President and Secretary and Judaism has always been an important part of his life. He has over 25 years of business experience including starting and leading the internal audit function at various companies, both public and private, for over 15 years. He holds a Master of Business Administration from Bentley University McCallum Graduate School of Business and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Brandeis University.

**Michael Gorden** has been an active Member of Temple Sinai for about 3 yrs now. He has two children in Sinai School (Nathan and Shalom) and one in Torah for Tots (Sasha). He has been happily married to his wife Jennifer for over 11 years now. He is just now completing his first year on the board as a member-at-large and looks forward to another year in this position. Michael is a Social Worker in the community and spends lots of time working with families.

**Evan Klass**, and his wife Suzy, moved to Reno in 2008 and have been Temple Sinai members ever since. He serves on the inter-congregational Hebrew Cemetery Committee. He is an endocrinologist and Senior Associate Dean of the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine. He is also the Governor of the Nevada Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the largest medical specialty organization in the US (>140,000 members). His nuclear family includes three grown children, Elliott, Nate and Sarah - all of whom live on the east coast.

**Beth Slamowitz** moved to Reno with her husband Adam and their two sons, Russell and Matthew, in 2013. Shortly thereafter they became members of Temple Sinai. Adam served on the Temple board the last two years as a member-at-large, and Beth has been active in Sinai School and the Familyhood committee. She is passionate about Jewish youth programs, and their continuity at Temple Sinai. Beth is a Pharmacist by trade, and works with the State of Nevada Medicaid program.