

Temple Sinai Brotherhood Update September, 2025

Recent Brotherhood Meeting

On September 17 we had our regular, recurring monthly meeting, where all Brotherhood members are invited to participate in planning upcoming events, schmoozing, noshing and catching up with each other.

I announced that Farrell had updated the Temple's website to show all of our Brotherhood's meeting dates and events for fiscal 2026. Navigating to the Brotherhood's page is easy, just type the word Brotherhood in the search section of the website.

We talked about the recently concluded September 7 Back to Shul BBQ, which due to rain, required us to perform our cooking magic under the front door portico. This was not a problem, but merely necessitated a strong-legged set of volunteers to constantly deliver food inside the Temple to the Social Hall. A big thank you to all those that participated and experienced the camaraderie of being short order cooks and servers. More than 200 people were fed and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. By getting an early start on the cooking, we were able to stay ahead of the initial surge of hungry students and their parents.

Recently Concluded Events

On Sunday, September 21, Yogi's Big Catch Challenge was held at Yogi Berra Stadium on the grounds of Montclair State University where the Guinness World Record for the Largest Game of Catch in celebration of Yogi Berra's 100th birthday was broken by approximately 200 pairs of people. The event was sold out, and more than 2,300 people were there playing catch simultaneously, with several Temple Sinai members among the large throng. I was there with my son, but first I had to find my baseball glove, wipe off all the dust, and limber up in preparation for my first baseball catch since ... well, I can't remember. Several retired major league baseball players were there including Ron Guidry, Willie Randolph, Lee Mazzilli and Rick Cerone. Bob Costas was there serving as emcee and the Yankees' organist was blasting out tunes when music wasn't being piped in. My son and I had a blast, as did everyone else.

Upcoming Events

At 3:00 PM on Friday, October 3, at 3:00 PM, Brotherhood members will be assisting in the set-up of the Succah. Please feel free to help out if you are available.

On Wednesday, October 15 at 6:30 PM, Brotherhood will have its annual Steak in the Succah event. This has historically been one of our most popular events with more than 40 people attending. It's a great way to meet other members of our Temple, mix with old friends, and enjoy a great steak dinner. The cost of the dinner for those paying in advance is \$40 for Brotherhood members and \$45 for nonmembers. For those paying at the door, the cost is \$50.

To make reservations, please contact Michael Kane at mk4459@aol.com. Payments can be made on the Temple website or by contacting Farrell.

On Sunday, October 26, at 9:30 AM, Brotherhood will be sponsoring a five-mile hike through the South Mountain Reservation. The rain date is Sunday, November 2, same time, same place. This is one of the events that was recommended by a group of younger Brotherhood members and we are excited to offer it. Please contact Michael Kane (see above) if you are planning to attend.

Member News

For 32 years, Jeff Kaufman has been a devoted member of our temple community, bringing his passion for *Tikkun Olam*—repairing the world—into the lives of countless individuals. Jeff's calling is helping people discover the career path where they can truly thrive. He guides them in soul-searching to clarify their goals, then equips them with the skills to pursue those aspirations. From networking and expanding personal connections to researching opportunities, interviewing, and following up, Jeff has walked alongside more than 50 people each year in their career journeys. His efforts have supported not only temple members, but also their children and grandchildren, making his impact truly generational.

Jeff has developed these skills during his 44 year career with PwC. He “retired” as a Partner 14 years ago but they asked him to stay on and consult for another 14 years. They did send Jeff to more than 30 countries to train teams during his “retirement”.

Jeff often remarks that his work is strengthened by the very fabric of our temple community—a network of support, connection, and care that he both contributes to and benefits from. Now, Jeff is embarking on a special project of his own: co-authoring a book with his son about mentorship. Their goal is to share concrete strategies and practical insights on how mentees can get the most out of mentoring relationships, extending his reach even further.

Final Thoughts

Your membership and ongoing participation in Brotherhood is critically important. If you have not as yet done so, please register for membership. Here is the link to the Brotherhood Dues form. You can find this on the bottom of the Brotherhood page.

<https://www.templestinainj.org/form/BrotherhoodMembershipDues>

You can also register by mailing your \$36 check payable to Temple Sinai Brotherhood to either Farrell Borine at Temple Sinai, or Bill Barish at 7 Glenview Drive, West Orange, NJ 07052. However, if this is either your first or second year as a member of Temple Sinai, there is no charge for your membership. Membership entitles you to discounts at all Brotherhood events where there is a charge.

If you've enjoyed any of our events or our monthly mailings, but have not joined Brotherhood yet (first and second year Temple members are automatically members), please do so. For

those who have not paid their dues, or are not first or second year members of the Temple, this will be the last monthly update that you'll be receiving.

I look forward to seeing you at future meetings, events and programs.

Warm regards,

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