



TEMPLE SINAI

Buffalo's Reconstructionist Synagogue

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Temple Sinai is a synagogue of progressive Jewish values, both respecting our heritage and reinterpreting it. We are a diverse and inclusive community, committed to building a spiritual home through worship, education, and social justice.

Reconstructionist Judaism at a glance...

Reconstructionists define Judaism as more than a religion. For us it is a civilization encompassing history, literature, art and music, land and language. Our religious tradition is the reflection of our ancestors' search for meaning, purpose and value. In our own search, we are egalitarian, participatory, and open to varying viewpoints. Through our shared past and through our communal experience of worship, study, and celebration, we affirm our sense of belonging.

We are respectful of traditional Jewish practice but also open to new interpretations and forms of religious expression; tradition has "a vote but not a veto." Our diverse views of God share an emphasis on godliness rather than on the supernatural. We value that power in the universe, which infuses all of creation with a sense of transcendence and impels us to improve the world and ourselves.

We believe we are involved in the evolution of Judaism right now, and are responsible for shaping the spiritual and cultural legacy we will leave to future generations. *Perhaps you are a Reconstructionist and don't know it.*



Established in 1954 as one of the four founding congregations in the Reconstructionist movement, Temple Sinai remains a warm and vibrant place to worship and celebrate the many joys of Jewish life. Every week brings an uplifting Shabbat experience that combines time honored melodies with new musical experience, inspiring D'Var Torah sermons to



nourish the soul and delicious onegs to nourish the body. The first Friday of each month features a special *Yachad* Shabbat that begins with a delicious pot-luck dinner at 6:00pm (and a Tot Shabbat for kids under 5) followed by family service. Saturday Shacharit begin at 10:00am (10:30 for B'nei Mitzvot) with Beit Midrash Torah study following services. Rabbi Alex Lazarus-Klein and our committed congregants observe and celebrate holy days throughout the Jewish year. Come join us!

To learn more about Reconstructionist Judaism, visit the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation website at www.jrf.org



We are a Warm and Caring Community...

A 200 family synagogue: large enough to offer a complete range of activities and services, small enough to know each other on a first name basis.

We are an Inclusive and Egalitarian Congregation...

We welcome single members and families, including intermarried couples, single parent families, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered people and unconventionally committed individuals. All are welcome to fully participate in the religious and social life of the temple, and have the opportunity to act as leaders.

We love Children...

Monthly family services, Tot Shabbats for children under 5, individualized bar/bat mitzvah training; active P.T.A., junior and senior high youth groups, and innovative curriculum are all evidence of our commitment to children.

We love to Sing...

Our worship is spirited and participatory, with varied musical accompaniment, combining traditional and creative prayer.

We Love to Learn...

Every Shabbat morning we gather for a wonderful in-depth Torah study called the "beit midrash." We have special adult education programs presented by our Rabbi, congregants, and guest speakers.

We Love to Teach...

Our commitment to innovative and exciting Jewish education is evident in our classrooms, and is exemplified by our pioneering cultural arts curriculum. Our primary grade program is open to all prospective members.

We'd love to tell you more...

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