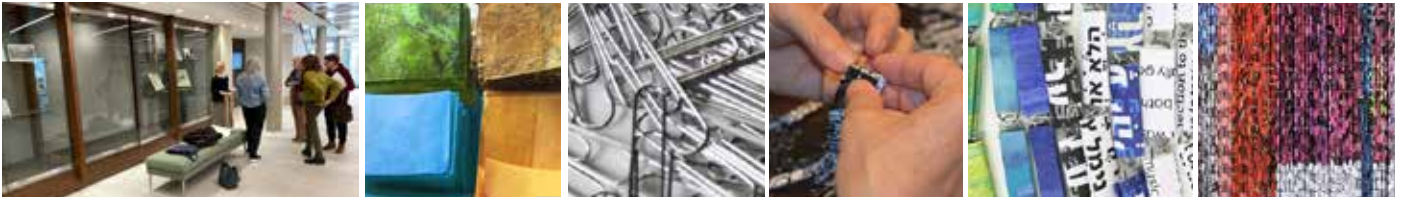


Words of Our Hearts: A community art installation



Temple Sinai has commissioned a communal art installation – “Words of Our Hearts.” It will be built on the memories and experiences of our Temple Sinai community. With your responses and shared handiwork, the artists will use paper and other materials to create a three-dimensional work of art that weaves together the unique, beautiful, and diverse stories of our Temple Sinai family.

You are invited to contribute the words of *your* heart.

Participate as local artists Francie Hester and Lisa Hill create a hanging sculpture with the thoughts of Temple members as its foundation. The installation is intended to fulfill the commandment of *hiddur mitzvah*: the beautification or enhancement of religious ritual. It will be in the display case on the lower-level hallway of our new addition.

All members of the Temple community, from every generation, are invited to contribute the words of your hearts—your Temple Sinai memories, experiences and connections. Your words will be printed and cut into small pieces of paper, which congregants will fold, wrap around thousands of paperclips, and link into long, colorful strands. These strands will become

the foundation of the installation, built on the words that embrace the history and shared experiences of the Sinai community.

The linked paperclips will symbolize the inter-connectedness of our community. They are also a poignant reminder of the paperclips Norwegians used during WWII as a symbol of resistance to the Nazis.

While you may not be able to identify your contribution in the completed work, it will become part of the Temple’s communal memories and hopes, just as prayers that are placed into the Western Wall exist without being seen. They will be forever in the heart of this piece and in the heart of our community.

Contributions will include:

- Responses to the online form (scan QR code).
- Sinai Stories – Share the story of your connection to Temple Sinai and the larger Jewish community.
- *Pitchu Li Sha'arei Tzedek* (words at entry to Temple’s new addition) in Hebrew and in English, “Open for me the gates of righteousness.”
- Quotes from the *d’var Torah* writings of B’nei Mitzvah and Confirmation students.
- Musical notes from favorite liturgical music.
- Sections of the Torah that are in the Holocaust scroll fragment in our archival collection.

Submit your thoughts on the online form. Scan code.



[Link to online form.](#)

See examples of artists’ work:

www.franciehester.com/installations



www.templestinaidc.org