

# Sinai Temple

## BULLETIN



## For Your Consideration

Rabbi Mark Dov Shapiro

Before the war in Iraq began, I spoke publicly several times. I feared our country was taking the wrong path. Since the invasion of Iraq, I've kept my opinions mostly to myself, although I did allude to the war during the holidays in 2003 and 2004. But now (as of November 1) the question of our presence in Iraq has arisen in a new setting that finally means our congregation and others need to confront Iraq directly.

What has happened is that several members of our national Reform movement, the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) have asked that the URJ take a position on the war in Iraq. Specifically, they are advocating that the URJ speak out against the war at its national biennial convention in mid-November.

By the time you read these words, the biennial convention will have passed and a resolution on Iraq may very well have been passed. Whatever is passed won't be binding on any of us. It will at best only represent the collective will of the 4,000 or so Reform Jews who will have been at the convention in Houston. As such, the resolution can hardly be expected to have a very great practical effect on American foreign policy.

Nevertheless, I am very much in favor of the URJ's taking a position on the war if only because our religious tradition demands that we Jews play a serious role in the world. Without being tacticians or diplomats, we can always understand moral rights and wrongs, and when we do, we need to become involved in responding responsibly.

Although I myself don't have a solution for the muddle we are in as a country, I do believe the war in Iraq is a tragedy, if not a travesty. We can't simply walk away; it certainly appears we also can't carry on as we have. Something is wrong. A resolution declaring that truth is the starting point I hope our Reform movement will affirm.

### SHOWCASE SHABBAT

**December 2 at 6 p.m.**

From yoga to discussion groups to prayer and dinner, an option for everyone to celebrate Shabbat.

### CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

**December 30 at 7 p.m.**

Candles, latkes provided by Brotherhood, choirs, and a games night like you've never seen!

### TOT SHABBAT

**December 16 at 6 p.m.**

Tot Shabbat for Little People

Who Can't Sit Still:

A Pre-School Service

## Saturday Services

### MAZAL TOV TO BNAI MITZVAH

Saturday services at 10:30 a.m.

### December 3 – Joshua Hurwitz

Son of Lori & Steven Hurwitz

### December 10 – Lucas Pers

Son of Judith Tapper & Irwin Pers

### December 17 – Rebecca Kimmel

Daughter of Wendy Grolnick & Jay Kimmel

## December Friday Evenings—The Times for Services CHANGE !!!

### SHOWCASE SHABBAT at 6:00 p.m.

**December 2**

Different options for different folks! Young, old, and in between.

Dinner reservations are a must.

### KABBALAT SHABBAT at 6:00 p.m.

**December 9**

Veggies and snacks at 5:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE at 8:00 p.m.

**December 16**

Music with a special style.

### FRIDAY NIGHT CLASSIC at 8:00 p.m.

**December 23**

Shabbat Shalom with Gates of Prayer.

### CHANUKAH CELEBRATION at 7:00 p.m.

**December 30**

Bring your Menorah with 7 candles

## **Sinai Temple Invites You to Join a Trip to Israel July 16 - 28, 2006**

Tour Includes:

Roundtrip airfare from New York to Tel Aviv  
2 nights at the Dan Panorama Hotel in Tel Aviv  
2 nights at the Kibbutz Nof Ginnosar Guest House in the Galilee

6 nights at the Inbal Hotel in Jerusalem  
Breakfast daily & five dinners  
Transfers, entrance fees, and portorage  
Roundtrip bus transportation from Springfield to airport

Adult participants on the trip are eligible for a \$1,000 travel grant from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation. (This will reduce the adult cost of the trip from \$3,249 to \$2,249.) Teenagers (starting at age 13) can receive a grant of 50% of the cost of our trip.

A daily itinerary with details on registration is available on the Sinai Website ([www.sinai-temple.org](http://www.sinai-temple.org)).

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I want to join Rabbi Mark Dov Shapiro and Sinai Temple on their tour to Israel!

I will visit the Sinai website to locate the registration form to be sent to Ayelet Tours, 19 Aviation Rd. Albany, NY 12205

(800) 237-1517 \* (518) 783-6001 \* FAX (518) 783-6003 \*

## **Tot Shabbat Friday, December 16 At 6 p.m.**

Is your child too young for a Family Service? Can your child just about manage 20 minutes? If so, we've got the service for you. On Friday, November 18, bring your pre-schooler to the Sanctuary. We'll pray together for around 20 minutes and conclude the evening with snacks for everyone.

## **Chicken Soup for the Jewish Mind: Torah Study Saturdays at 9 a.m.**

We are studying the Torah Portion of the week, proceeding through the Torah in order. Everyone at any level of knowledge is welcome. The group meets in the Oneg Shabbat Room from 9 to 10 a.m. Bagels and coffee are part of the deal!

## **President's Message**

Dear Sinai Members:

As always, there are lots of things happening at Sinai.

First, we've re-established a Membership and Retention Committee to help us understand better why people join (or don't join) Sinai; why some members leave Sinai; and what we can do to maintain and increase our membership. I'm very pleased that Jeff Cossin, who is virtually a lifelong Sinai member, has agreed to chair this committee. The committee's first meeting took place early in November.

By the time you read this, I will also have returned from the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) Biennial conference in Houston. Our movement's leader, Eric Yoffie, has already announced that the focus of this year's biennial will be an initiative to increase the rate of synagogue affiliation nationwide. This will be my first time at a biennial conference, and I am excited to be attending and representing Sinai. I'm sure that when I return I'll have lots of ideas and materials that will assist our congregation.

Third, as many of you already know, Rabbi Shapiro will soon be taking the remainder of his sabbatical. He will be leaving on December 19th, and returning to us around March 11, 2006 (in time for Purim, as the Purim Players would not be the same without him!). While we'll miss him, I'm sure you will join me in wishing Rabbi Shapiro well as he engages in some study and travel.

Steven Weiss

## **At Stake: Millions of Dollars for Reform Judaism in Israel and a Strong Voice for our Movement**

ARZA is leading the campaign to elect Reform delegates to the 2006 World Zionist Congress (WZC), often called "the Parliament of the Jewish people." Registration for the election runs through January 15, 2006. Information about voting for the Reform slate and the opportunity to register can be found at Sinai's website: [www.sinai-temple.org](http://www.sinai-temple.org). When you get to Sinai's home page, please follow the prompts so that you can easily register to vote for the World Zionist Congress.

## **Let's Get On Board!!**

Do you have any children's board games or puzzles that could be given away to needy children in the community. Bring your gifts to the Temple any time before Monday, December 19. We need your games and puzzles. Someone in the community will love them dearly!!!

**Showcase Shabbat!**

A New Way to Experience Friday Evening  
*Like a multi-screen theater,  
Sinai Temple presents a variety of settings  
to enrich our communal celebration of Shabbat.  
Options for adults, teenagers, and kids.*

**Friday, December 2, 2005**

- You choose from the following menu:
- A Service in the sanctuary
- A conversation about the dilemma when Chanukah and Xmas arrive on the same day this year!
- Yoga
- An open conversation on "Why I Don't Go to Services"
- Shabbat Dinner
- THE FIRST EVER LATKE-HAMANTASCHEN DEBATE
- Ice cream sundaes, home-made desserts, and coffee
- Dinner Reservations are required. You MUST call the Temple office immediately.**

**Domestic Violence:  
It Happens in our Homes**

Featuring Guest Speaker  
Carol Goodman Kaufman

Sunday, December 11  
9 a.m.

Brunch sponsored by Brotherhood

"In a congregation gathered for Shabbat services, worshippers may find it difficult to accept how many wives go home with their husbands to physical and emotional abuse." These are the opening words from Carol Goodman Kaufman's courageous new book on domestic violence among Jews. The book is called Sins of Omission: The Jewish Community's Reaction to Domestic Violence, What Needs to be Done.

Ms. Kaufman will be our honored guest on December 11. Her book is based on research done in the Massachusetts Jewish community as well as across the country.

Thank you to Brotherhood and to the Springfield chapter of Hadassah for sponsoring this important and potentially life-saving event.

THE SINAI TEMPLE COOKBOOK  
is a great gift idea for Chanukah.  
Buy one at Temple today.

**1931 – 2005  
Sinai Temple is 75 Years Old!**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO AN OPENING CELEBRATION**

**Sunday, January 8, 2006  
9:00 to 10:30 a.m.**

**SPRINGFIELD THEN & NOW:  
HOW THE COMMUNITY AND HOW WE HAVE  
CHANGED**

Featured Guest & Speaker  
Cantor Morton Shames

This coming January 8 we will begin our celebration of Sinai's Anniversary with a look back at where we have been. Our storyteller and master of memory will be Morton Shames who has been the Cantor at Temple Beth El since 1955. The Cantor will "remember" with us the way Springfield looked when he arrived and how our community has come to be what it is today.

Brunch will be served by Brotherhood.

Be sure to arrive early for this "first" anniversary event.

**First Thursdays:  
Lunch and Learn  
Thursday, December 1  
12:00 – 1:15 p.m.**

Bring your lunch to the Oneg Shabbat room for a discussion of contemporary Jewish concern with Rabbi Shapiro. Future discussions are April 6, May 4, and June 1.

**Monthly Morning Service  
Wednesday, December 7  
at 7:30 a.m.**

A chance to start your day with a different focus. We meet on the bimah for a service of 20 minutes. Breakfast follows. The feeling of togetherness is wonderful. The spirit is unique. Those who need to leave for the rest of the day are free no later than 8:15 a.m.

Future "morning minyan" services will take place on Wednesdays, January 4, February 1, March 1, April 5, May 3, and June 7.

## Chanukah Party with DJ – Marx Rolling Dance Revue: Wednesday, December 28 7 to 9 p.m.

Just for kids. Open to all students in Grades 5 & 6 plus Grades 7 & 8. Pizza. Latkes. Learn the latest games. Bring your Jewish friends and get a prize for each one of them. This event is made possible by the Religious School Special Projects Fund.

## Chanukah Service: Friday, December 30 Starting EARLY at 7 p.m.

It's the sixth night of Chanukah. Bring your chanukiah (menorah) and candles. There will be a service with candle lighting for everyone. Songs. Latkes. And games for Chanukah designed by the Rabbi and Cantor. Guaranteed laughter and good times.

## Chanukah Tzedakah: Ner Shel Tzedakah

The latkes are wonderful. The candles look beautiful. Chanukah is a joyous time of the year for us Jews. THIS YEAR our Social Action Committee suggests something NEW. On the sixth night of Chanukah, December 30, we encourage families to donate the value of the gifts they would ordinarily exchange (or the gifts themselves) to local or national organizations assisting the poor. Let this be an evening for NER SHEL T'ZEDAKAH - THE LIGHT OF T'ZEDAKAH.

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## Blessings for Chanukah

ברוך אתה, יי אלהינו, מלך העולם,  
אשר קדשנו במצותיו וצונו להדליק נר של חנוכה

**Blessed are You, Adonai our God, who has sanctified us with commandments and commanded us to light the Chanukah candles.**

Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech ha-olam asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik neir shel Chanukah.

ברוך אתה, יי אלהינו, מלך העולם,  
שעשה נסים לאבותינו בימים ההם בזמן הזה.

**Blessed are You, Adonai our God, who performed great wonders for our ancestors in those days at this season.**

Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech ha-olam, sheh-ah-sah nee-seem la-vo-tay-nu ba-ya-meem ha-haim baz-man ha-zeh.

ברוך אתה, יי אלהינו,  
מלך העולם, שהחיינו וקימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה.

**Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, who has kept us alive, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this moment.**

Ba-ruch a-ta A-do-Nai e-lo-hei-nu me-lech ha-o-lam, she-he-che-ya-nu ve-ki-ye-ma-nu ve-hi-gi-a-nu laz-man ha-zeh.

## Chanukah Questions and Answers

How do we observe Chanukah today?

Chanukah is almost entirely a time for celebration, although it can be more than that. This year, for example, how about dedicating one Chanukah night to tzedakah? Give your gift(s) to Sinai's own Isaiah Fund for the Hungry, which helps feed the hungry in our community or choose a charity of your own liking.

**How do we prepare the candles when Chanukah arrives?**

Place the candles in the chanukiah (Chanukah menorah) from right to left.

**How many candles are used?**

On the first night of Chanukah one light is kindled. On the following night, two lights and so on until on the eighth night, eight lights are kindled. This does not, of course, include the shammas which is the candle used every night to light the other candles of the day.

**Where does the chanukiah go?**

If possible the chanukiah should go near or at a window. In this way passersby can see the burning candles, which means according to Jewish tradition, that we have helped in the process of Pirsum Ha-nais—the Publicizing of the Chanukah Miracle and Story.

**How do we light the candles?**

Just after nightfall, say the blessings. The first two are said every night. The third is only said on the first night. After the blessings light the candles by going from left to right so that the additional light of each night is kindled first.

**Do we do anything different on Shabbat (Friday evening, December 30)?**

Yes. On that night we light the chanukiah first and after that Shabbat candles. For a really good time, don't do your candles at home. Bring yourself and your candles to Temple for a service, good food, and fun.

## Club Gimel-Dalet

Sinai Temple's  
Socia/recreational Program for 3rd and 4th  
Graders

Next Session  
Sunday, December 11  
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Please remember to call Karen Mernoff at  
736-3619 ext 13



## BAGELS AND BLOCKS

A Program for 3 and 4 year olds and their  
Parents too!

Sunday December 18th  
9:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Let's explore Chanukah together!

Please call Karen Mernoff at 736-3619 ext 13  
to let her know if you can attend.  
There is no charge for this program.  
Open to Sinai members and non-members

Do you have any furniture or household  
items  
that you do not need anymore?

Sinai Temple will be having a  
Huge Fundraiser in 2006 featuring all types  
of Furniture and Household Items

Look for details in future Temple Bulletins.



## Just a Few Words from Karen Mernoff

It's hard to believe that it is already December. Please look through this Bulletin to see all the exciting programs scheduled for this month. There are opportunities for all ages.

While my mind is on planning these new programs, I can't help but think about some past programs that we have had and the many people who have made them so successful. Believe it or not, I would like to think about the High Holidays again. This year, I had the opportunity to coordinate the babysitting and childrens' programs. This was a new experience for me so I took a deep breath and began to plan. The response to the flyers that I sent out was overwhelming. I was so pleased to see so many members taking advantage of the childrens' programs. During Yom Kippur, we had close to 75 children upstairs playing and learning together.

I could not have organized this without the support of so many members. At this time, I would like to thank each and every one of them who helped to make the High Holidays so special for the children.

Thank you to our adult volunteers - Diane Frank, Lisa Goldman and Stacey Osowski who supervised the babysitting programs. This was no easy feat but they did have plenty of help due to the teen-age assistants whose energy abounded. Thank you to Allyson Mackler, Jill Mackler, Sarah Chaet, Julia Brenker, Josh Fisher, Rebecca Kimmel, Cydney Weiner, Danielle Dickstein (who also helped with the Grade 3-6 program) and Samantha Dahl.

Thank you to Norma Garde who led the Grade 1 and 2 programs. She provided these students with a wonderful learning experience. Also, thank you to her teen volunteers, Samantha Garde and Rebekah Ehrlich.

Also, thank you to Dawn Tamarkin who did a fabulous job of coordinating and leading a special service/ program for Grades 3-6 on Yom Kippur. Thank you to David Rinaldi and Michele Nash, two of Dawn's friends, who volunteered to help out and last but certainly not least, thank you to our teen assistants, Brian Mernoff, Celia Gibson and Sarah Greenberg who provided even more support.

As you can see, many people pulled together to make the high holidays a special experience for our youngsters. (I apologize if I omitted anyone.)

I also would like to take this time to thank another very special October volunteer, Matthew Slitzky. Matthew volunteered to demonstrate his expertise at "speed stacking" a new sport introduced during our Club Alef-Bet and Club Gimel-Dalet programs. He

served as a role model for the youngsters who were encouraged to try this new activity. THANK YOU MATTHEW!

## Club Hey-Vav

Club Hey-Vav, our social program for Fifth and Sixth Graders continues to be a success. On Saturday, Nov. 5th, TWENTY Fifth and Sixth Graders participated in a night of pasta. The kids made pasta dinner for themselves and prepared meals which were delivered to Prospect House in Springfield. Robin Cossin did a wonderful job of coordinating and leading the program. Jeff Cossin joined in to lead the Havdallah Service.

We understand that 5th and 6th graders' schedules are quite hectic so we are doing our best to vary days and times of programs in order to make them available to everyone.

This program is made possible due to a gift from Irving and William Horowitz in memory of Marcelle Horowitz. Watch your mail for details about the next Club Hey-Vav session.

## Bagels and Blocks – Looking Back

In September and October, pre-schoolers and their parents enjoyed two Sunday mornings of learning and fun as they explored Jewish holidays through crafts, music, books and games. Of course, there was quite literally bagels and blocks available for all to enjoy too. (Be sure to check out the temple's website for more pictures taken during the last session)

Bagels and Blocks takes place on several Sundays throughout the year and gives young families the wonderful opportunity to learn and socialize together. The program is led by Bobi Steingart who has a Master's Degree in Education from Boston College. For 18 years, she has worked with the two, three and four year olds as well as with the Parent/Toddler classes at the JCC. She was also honored with the Grinspoon Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Bagels and Blocks is open to Sinai members and non-members. Please join us as we explore Chanukah together during our next session on December 18th. To register, please call Karen Mernoff at 736-3619 ext.13.

## Brunch Introduces Sinai Cookbook

Women of Sinai and the Sinai Temple Cookbook Committee proudly launched *A Taste of Sinai* on Sunday, November 6, 2005 at a wonderful brunch. *A Taste of Sinai*, the congregation's third generation cookbook, is a compilation of 130 recipes offered by congregants, friends, and relatives of Sinai members. The new cookbook contains some recipes from the preceding cookbooks to establish continuity from generation to generation, but it also features a young, contemporary feel reflecting the new ways that men and women approach cooking and eating. The brunch featured numerous items from the cookbook, and was highlighted by a fabulous cooking demonstration by Joseph Rescia, the owner and chef of A Touch of Garlic Restaurant in Springfield.

The *Taste of Sinai* project was supported by a generous gift from the family of Lenore Cohn, a long-

time Sinai member who passed away in March, 2005. The cookbook is dedicated to the memory of Lenore, "whose amazing gift for cooking and baking matched her generous love and devotion to her family and her community." Numerous members of Lenore's family attended the brunch, including her husband, Irving, and her daughter, Beth Gamel. Lenore's famous Rugelach recipe is included in the cookbook and was featured at the brunch, lovingly baked by long-time friend Bredine Pennington.

Well over 100 people attended this warm and very enjoyable event at Sinai Temple, kicking off the cookbook fund-raiser in a most successful way. *Taste of Sinai* cookbooks are available for sale at a cost of \$12 each, and are available in the Sinai Temple office and the Sinai Temple gift shop. All proceeds from the cookbook will go directly to Sinai Temple.

### The *new Sinai Temple Cookbook* is available for sale

The cookbook is dedicated to Lenore Cohn, a member of Sinai who loved cooking and baking.



The price of the cookbook is \$12.00



**Stop into the temple office or gift shop to purchase a copy. It makes a perfect gift!**

All proceeds from the sale of the cookbooks will be used to support Sinai Temple



Irving Cohn and family at the Brunch launching our new cookbook. The cookbook was underwritten by and dedicated to the late Lenore Cohn.



Marlene Gordon, Pamela Kalman, Shelly Fisher, and Harriet Flier prepare for the November 6 Brunch that launched the new SINAI TEMPLE COOKBOOK.

## Brotherhood

Coming soon to a Sinai Temple near you! Breakfast is served! Sunday, December 11 2005 at 9:00AM will be our first breakfast of the season. There will be great speaker that has been generously provided by Hadassah. Carol Goodman Kaufman, the regional president of Hadassah will speak on domestic violence in the Jewish community. She is the author of "Sins of Omission." This will be a very well attended event, so I suggest that you plan to be there early. Of course, there will be breakfast, and Brotherhood members will be admitted free. If you haven't paid your Brotherhood dues for the year yet, you can do so at the door. Considering that Hadassah is providing the speaker for this event, Hadassah members will be admitted for free as well. All others will be charged the usual \$5.00.

Our membership drive is well under way. By now everyone should have received their letters requesting that you pay your Brotherhood dues. As of this writing, less than 15% of you have sent in your dues. What are you waiting for? Remember, this year you will get a membership card that will also give you discounts at local shops, such as 10% off at Shoenique. Hey, guys, if you don't want to make the woman in your life happy with that, they also sell men's shoes.

Upcoming in January is another breakfast. This will be the kick-off event for the year-long 75th anniversary celebration of Sinai Temple. There will be a very special speaker, and it is sure to be a great and informative time for all.

I would like to thank Jeff and Joanne Lipton for so generously letting us use their facilities again this year for our annual Purim activity. I believe that this may have been the nicest Purim Picnic so far. This year, as sundown approached we all took a hayride to the top of the mountain, where the view was spectacular. There we held Havdalah services. This was truly a memorable experience.

Happy Chanukah, everyone.

Dan Cohn  
dcohn@sinaibrotherhood.org

## Tons of Food

Congratulations to everyone at Sinai. During Yom Kippur, we managed to fill the Food Van with no fewer than 4,065 pounds of food. The food was directed to the Open Pantry within days.

## The Cantor's Corner Cantor Emily Sleeper Mekler

Please join us on December 10th, 2005 from 4:30-6:30 for the second of the Havdalah Arts Series events which is the Enchanted Circle Theater from Holyoke, MA. The theater troupe will be presenting 2 short plays and relating them to Jewish themes and values. I hope you were able to attend the Afro-Semitic Experience in November, which was the first of the two events in the series. Please mark your calendar for December 10th. It is open to ALL ages!

Special thanks to the Havdalah Arts Series committee members who were very thorough with the necessary details to make this series run so smoothly. They were Merle Zamansky-Coen (who also designed and produced the creative flyers and posters to advertise the series), Tina deMeza, and Jennifer Metsch. Thank you, too, to Sheila Shear for her assistance with the November program and to all the helpers and greeters for each event, whose names will be acknowledged in the January bulletin.

In December our Sinai Adult and Junior Choirs will be traveling to Ruth's House and the Jewish Nursing Home for our annual Chanukah program. It is an event that not only the residents enjoy, but the members of each choir always eagerly anticipate! If you would like to attend either performance please contact me for the date and timing.

## Sinai Temple's Mission Statement Committee gives away Raffle Prizes

Over the last 8 weeks the Mission Statement Committee has conducted a number of focus groups. Our goal was to hear from 180 congregants - and we succeeded! Congregants from every side of our demographic profile attended the focus groups and shared their ideas about Sinai's present and future. Our next step involves collating all the results from the focus groups so that we can begin to write the mission statement. We hope to have the first draft of our mission statement ready for either December or January. It will be shared with all focus group participants plus the congregation. Watch the Bulletin as well as the website.

On Sunday, November 6, as promised, a drawing for two prizes was held. All those who attended a focus group were eligible. Lori Browne won two tickets to the Springfield Symphony Orchestra. Dave Roberts won a gift certificate to Max's Tavern.





Shalom,

Sinai's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee has been working hard for almost two years to make this celebratory event a very special happening. We are providing you with the schedule now in hopes that you will participate in these great events. You will notice that there is something for all ages. So, mark your calendars and plan to be with us to make our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year an exciting and memorable one.

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| January 8    | Kickoff Breakfast and Brunch                                                                          |
| March 28-30  | Torah Scribe Project                                                                                  |
| April 28     | Scholar in Residence Weekend                                                                          |
| May 7        | Sinai "Swim-a-thon"                                                                                   |
| June 6       | 75 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting                                                                       |
| June 16      | Installation Service                                                                                  |
| July         | Israel Trip                                                                                           |
| September 17 | Launching 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Religious School Project                                       |
| September 23 | Rosh Hashanah - Launch of Special Tzedakah Program - Launch of Congregational Hebrew Learning Program |
| November 4   | Saturday Evening Diamond Anniversary Gala                                                             |
| November 17  | Musical Event                                                                                         |
| December 17  | Second Night of Chanukah with the culmination of all our programs and plans                           |

You noticed collages of pictures portraying different happenings during various decades that were displayed in the lobby during the High Holidays. If you have any pictures that you feel you'd like to share, please bring them to the Temple office. The legacy of memories is wonderful to see. Through them, we can all relive just how important the Temple has been to us.

This celebration is all about you since you are the backbone of Sinai. You help make Sinai happen so reach out and continue to be involved.

Our best wishes,

Judy Cohen and Liz Leshine  
Co-chairpersons



Sinai's Choir in the 1980s



## Caring Community News

by Pam Kalman

The Caring Community had a very busy month of October. We held our biannual senior luncheon. The group started out by participating in the mission statement. When they finished, they had a delicious lunch. After lunch, there was a special treat; beautiful music provided by Boris Kogan and his wife Sofya Shainskaya. The room looked great, the food was fabulous and the music was outstanding. A wonderful time was had by everyone that attended. I would like to thank all the Caring Community members who worked so hard on the event.

If you would like to get involved, please call 565-2278 or email [Kalmanfamily@comcast.net](mailto:Kalmanfamily@comcast.net).

# Donations

## Thank you for your contributions

*Please note: The donations listed below are as of November 2. Donations received after this date will appear in the January bulletin*

### **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

- In memory of Gilbert Haberman from Bobbie & Sid Ziff
- In honor of Beatrice Hano's birthday from Phyllis & Sy Shotland
- In memory of the yahrzeit of Bernard Brassler from Ruth Brassler
- In appreciation for caring from Linda Solomon
- In memory of Peggy Scheer from Pat & Mike Scheer
- In memory of Bertram Weinstein from Ruth & Julie Brenner
- In appreciation from Jace Sadowsky
- In memory of Mrs. Ruth Pevzner from Sid & Bobbie Ziff
- Wishing Alan Gorfin a speedy recovery from Alan & Lesley Brown
- In memory of Sally Schwartz from Karen Mendelsohn, Hampton & Sumner Lewis

### **Cantor's Discretionary Fund**

- Thank you for a wonderful night of music from Salena & Ernest Blake
- In appreciation for caring from Linda Solomon
- In memory of Lillian C. Snyder from Theo, Mike, & Heidi Glickman, Sid Snyder
- With thanks and appreciation from Diane & Richard Friedman
- In memory of Morris Snyder from Sid Snyder
- In memory of the yahrzeit of Sarah Hallett from Dorine & Jack Finerman
- In honor of the engagement of Samantha Jill Smith to Shawn B. Schragger from Candee & Roy Stillerman
- In appreciation from Jace Sadowsky
- In memory of Keen James from Robert & Betty Kadis

### **Religious School Special Projects Fund**

- In honor of Phyllis Shotland's special birthday from Bea & Frank Hano
- In memory of Gil Haberman from Ann Filler, Bea & Frank Hano
- In memory of Clair Zakalik from Ruth & Julie Brenner
- In honor of Jace Sadowsky becoming a Bar Mitzvah Ron & Benna Sadowsky
- In honor of my becoming a Bar Mitzvah from Joshua Fisher

### **The Caring Community Fund**

- Thank you to Nancy Posnick from Salena & Ernest Blake
- In memory of Bertram Weinstein from Selma Van West

### **Abraham & Edna Simons Camp Scholarship Fund**

- In memory of Dr. Herb Tauberg from Judy and Mike Cohen
- In memory of Gil Haberman from Judy and Mike Cohen
- In memory of Dr. Robert Firestone from Judy and Mike Cohen
- In memory of George Katz from Patti Goldstein
- In memory of Gil Haberman from Patti Goldstein
- In memory of the mother of Vicki Kiss from Judy & Mike Cohen

### **Prayer Book Fund**

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- In memory of Gil Haberman from Kitty & Jay Berger
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- In honor of Mica Baevsky becoming a Bat Mitzvah from Linda & Art Solomon

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- In memory of Bernard Bloom from Belle Rita Novak
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- Wishing Alan Gorfin a speedy recovery from David & Carol Roberts

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- In memory of Herman Steinberg, Rebecca Steinberg, Leon Solomon, Sophie Solomon, Alex Weiner, and Harry Leventyn from Linda & Art Solomon

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- In honor of Roberta Steingart, we are so proud of her! From her in-laws, Lotte & Murray Steingart

## Donations

### Trees Planted in Israel

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- In honor of Jake and Lauren Webber becoming B'nai Mitzvah from Stu & Nan Weisenberg

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- In memory of Susan Broh from Pete & Karen Broh
- In honor of the B'nai Mitzvah of Jacob and Lauren Webber from Morton & Dorothy Katz

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- In appreciation of the beautiful services we attended with our daughter, Susan Awad and her family, from Marlene & Mark Yesley
- In memory of Norton Keller from Pearl & Irving Cowen
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### Temple Library Fund

- In memory of Nancy Retchin's mother from Lesly, Charles, Lindsay, & Brett Reiter
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- In memory of Gilbert Haberman from Claire Cohen-Stelzer
- In honor of the B'nai Mitzvah of Jacob and Lauren Webber from Claire Cohen-Stelzer

## Mazal Tov to...

Judy and Mike Cohen, grandparents, and Edna Simons, great-grandmother, on the birth of Jacob Alexander Cohen born to their children, Dan & Dawn Cohen.

Our valiant Temple members who have been working with such love and care to settle our Somalian family. The entire group was recently honored at the annual meeting of Jewish Family Service. Those involved include: Jennell Sorrell, Helene Segool; Robin Cossin; Ronnie Leavitt, Ronnie; Sandy Suib-Dutcher; Nancy Posnick; Bobi Steingart; Linda Kay; Elaine Weiner; Elaine Nathan; Bonnie Thomas; Bonnie Brown; and Belle-Rita Novak

## NEW CHOIR MEMBERS AND NEW REHEARSAL ACCOMPANIST

We are delighted to announce that our Adult Choir has 2 new members and a new rehearsal accompanist. We are please to welcome our Sinai members Sharon Cordeiro and Carol Tivoli to our soprano section and our new rehearsal accompanist, Robyn New-house. Each is a delightful addition to our rehearsals. Sharon and Carol have been real troopers learning their parts and Robyn is ready when we need her to play a note or a part on the piano. Each one has blended in beautifully not only musically, but they laugh and share readily in our light-hearted moments, too!

PLEASE NOTE: We still have openings in the Bass and Tenor sections of the choir. Call Cantor Mekler at the temple at 736-3619, ext. 14 and come join us. We rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

## A New Piano for Cantor's Office

Thank you to the family of Sidney Snyder who donated a baby grand piano in memory of Lillian Charter Snyder to Sinai Temple for Cantor Mekler's office. The piano belonged to Sidney who was a professional musician and now resides at Ruth's House. We are very grateful to Sidney and his family for their thoughtfulness in donating this meaning-ful and special gift.

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