

Sinai Temple Bulletin



Take Back Your Time: Rediscover Shabbat

For Your Consideration

Rabbi Mark Dov Shapiro

By the time you read these words, I will be back from Israel. I will have been there with over 120 other people from our Jewish community. We will have toured the country from top to bottom, and, on our first evening, we will have watched glorious fireworks over Tel Aviv celebrating Israel's 65th birthday.

It's not an understatement to say that we will have been part of Jewish history.

Of course, one could argue that each one of us every day makes at least a little bit of history. What we do affects those around us and those around them in both small and large ways. Our tradition values the power of a single person so much that the Mishnah even teaches, "He who saves a single life is as if he or she has saved the whole world."

You might say each of us matters infinitely.

That is why I have two invitations for you this month.

First, Sinai Temple needs you. As we approach a financial turning point in our history in June 2015, we need to know what you value about the congregation. We are organizing four opportunities for members to come together and reflect on the essence of the congregation. We need as many Sinai members as possible to share their thoughts as we plan. Turn to Page 3 of this bulletin and you'll find instructions for signing up to speak your mind.

Second, if history is being made in Israel, how about joining Marsha and me on a Sinai Temple trip next February. A trip itinerary is inserted in this bulletin. I'm planning an orientation session this Thursday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m. Be there or call me with your questions.

History happens every day. We can make it happen here in our synagogue. We can also go to Israel to be part of the story that unfolds in that historic homeland each and every day.

Saturday Mornings in May and June

Every Saturday Morning

Torah Study at 9:00 a.m.
Service at 10:30 a.m.

Mazel Tov to B'nai Mitzvah

May 11 – Jeffrey Mueller, son of Steve and Nancy

May 18 – Sol Markman, daughter of Eyal Markman and Sonin Kwon

May 25 – Jeremy Giroux, son of Shawn and Suzanne

June 1 – Henry Moskovitz, son of Andy and Heidi

Friday Evenings in May

May 3 at 6 p.m.

Kabbalat Shabbat Honoring our Teachers

We will honor our teachers and also honor students for participation in the Andy Berger Art Contest. Shabbat Dinner will follow. Contact the school for reservations.

May 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Take back your time. Refresh.

May 17 at 6 p.m.

Tot Shabbat for families with children under five years of age.

May 17 at 7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Make music; make happy. A true celebration of Shabbat.

May 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Happy Long Weekend and Shabbat Shalom.

May 31 at 7:30 p.m.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE

Honor our finest High School students. Terrific Tenth Graders on the bimah.

Friday Evenings in June

June 7 at 6 p.m.

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Snacks at 5:30 p.m. Blessings for those attending Jewish summer camp.

June 14 at 7:30 p.m.

INSTALLATION SERVICE

Honor incoming Temple leadership. Honors as well to members of the Legacy Society and the Sustaining Membership Program.

June 21 at 6 p.m.

Tot Shabbat for families with children under five years of age.

June 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Make music; make happy. A true celebration of Shabbat.

June 28 at 7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Look at the weekly Torah portion.

A Message from President Jeff Cossin

You will soon have in your hands via the U.S. Postal Service the 2013 Nominating Committee report. I am very optimistic that the 2013-2014 Executive Committee and Board of Directors will guide Sinai Temple successfully through the next two years. You will notice that Bruce Leshine and I will be continuing in our current roles as First Vice President and President, respectively. Bruce and I along with the Nominating Committee concluded that it would be in Sinai Temple's best interest to continue the current Senior lay leadership. This includes Laurie Weinberg who will move from Financial Secretary to Vice President and Alan Goldsmith who will continue as Treasurer. In addition, there will be four new officers to round out the Executive Committee. Steve Kessler, Buff Maniscalco, Jay Mustain, and Susanne Simon will add excitement, enthusiasm, maturity and new ideas. I hope that the Congregation will approve this slate on June 4, 2013.

I thank the outgoing Officers for their commitment and service. Pat Gootzit who, with her intellect and organizational skills, has kept our Leadership team in line and Bobi Steingart who challenged us with her keen analyses. The Board will not be the same without Belle Rita Novak and Michael Freedman who are leaving after six years. However I promise that all of these individuals will continue to be involved in our Community's future.

Personally, I have been the luckiest guy over the past two years! Not only do I do sacred work for my patients during the day, but I can come home and continue to do sacred work for the Temple during the evening. I have cherished my time working with the current Exec Committee and the Board of Directors, all of our committees, and our Cantor and Rabbi. I have enjoyed listening to all of you. I need to thank everyone in our Sinai community for respecting my request two years ago: "Those of you who are my patients, please note that I now have a SECOND JOB, and those of you who are not my patients, please note that I have a DAY JOB"!

Lastly, you have been notified and you will continue to be notified of our "Listening Conversations" during the month of May. These conversations are critical to the Sinai 2015 Planning Group's deliberations. I urge you to sign up and contribute to the process.

As I continue as your president, I paraphrase the traditional Friday night Amidah, "Let us praise Adonai, Source of knowledge and light, from whom we draw wisdom and insight. My life will continue to have purpose and I will not drift."

A Message from Cantor Martin Levson

As I write this final bulletin article for 5773, I find myself looking ahead to what will seem like a very strange autumn. Because of the combined lunar-solar nature of our Jewish calendar, everything in the first part of 5774 will seem very early. Erev Rosh Hashana will be the Wednesday after Labor Day, and we will celebrate Sukkot in the middle of September. By the way, you CAN build a sukkah, and you SHOULD build a sukkah! (Directions are on the Sinai Temple website!) In a final bit of calendric absurdity, we will light the first candle for Chanukah on the evening before Thanksgiving Day! We will be eating turkey leftovers with our latkes! Don't worry, by the time we get to Purim, the "leap month" will have kicked in, and things will be at a more typical time according to the secular calendar. But for your Cantor this means the summer will be brief, and plans for the High Holidays need to begin now! So...

The High Holiday Choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, August 7. The choir will sing for the evening services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, so choir members can sit with family and friends during the other services on the holidays. As always, we would love to welcome some new singers. Singing in the High Holiday Choir is a great way of deepening your appreciation of the liturgy, and it's also a great way to make some new friends! No previous choral experience is required, and you don't have to be able to read music (although you will pick up a little bit), you just need the desire to sing and learn. I will provide a CD of your vocal parts to anyone in the choir who would like to have one, so you can practice the music at home or in the car. If you would like to sing with the choir this year, please let me know soon!

A big part of the High Holidays at Sinai Temple is our tradition of lay Torah readers. It is my intention to have all the Torah readers chosen, and for everyone to have their portions and CDs in hand by June 1st. This will give readers 3 months to practice! If you would be interested in chanting Torah for the High Holidays, please let me know soon!

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Look to the Future:



We need your ideas
about

Sinai Temple's Past, Present and Future

Listening, Conversations, and Learning

May/June 2013

Where is Sinai Temple Going? Four Opportunities to Speak Your Mind

- Thursday, May 9 at 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, May 18 at 9:00 a.m.
- Sunday, May 19 at 9:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, May 29 at 7:30 p.m.

As Sinai approaches major changes in 2015 and beyond, the Sinai 2015 Planning Group needs your participation and your input.

Where are we today? What makes Sinai important to us?

We're listening.

What do YOU want Sinai Temple to be when the year 2020 arrives?

Please share your thoughts and feelings at one of the above conversations.

RSVP to the office (736-3619) or through the website www.sinai-temple.org

Where is American Jewry Going? Keynote Speaker Rabbi David Wolfman

- Tuesday, June 4, Dinner at 6:30 p.m., Annual meeting to follow

As Sinai faces the challenges of a new future, Rabbi David Wolfman will paint a picture of the larger American Jewish scene: How is America's Jewish landscape changing?

Learn what the Jewish world may look like 5 and 10 years from now.

How do we respond to the changes that are coming?

Rabbi David S. Wolfman is an expert in organizational change and transition. He has been Director of the Reform movement's New England region. He has also been Director of the Commission on Rabbi-Congregational Relations. He is a grad of Harvard Law School's Program on Negotiation and has been involved in synagogue life throughout the USA.

RSVP for June 4 dinner to the office (736-3619) or the website www.sinai-temple.org

Adult Opportunities

We're all Dying: What Happens Next?

Conversations about Judaism's attitude and practices at the End of Life

Wednesdays, May 1, 8, 15, 22

7:30 to 9 p.m. with Rabbi Shapiro

What happens after we die? How do we respond as death approaches? How does Judaism respond to the end of life? How do non-Jews and Christians fit into the Sinai Temple picture?

Four conversations on these great questions and more. Please register by contacting the Temple office. rblanchettegage@sinai-temple.org

Shavuot Services

Tuesday, May 14 at 7 p.m.

We are meeting and worshiping with Temple Beth El at Temple Beth El. See Page Five.

Wednesday, May 15 at 10:30 a.m.

Celebrating the Giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai PLUS a Yizkor Service. We will worship in the Oneg Shabbat Room with luncheon to follow.

Monthly Morning Service

Wednesdays, May 1 and June 5 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. Those who need to leave for the rest of the day are free no later than 8:15 a.m.

Torah Study –

We Feed You Weekly with the Weekly Torah Portion
Every Saturday morning at 9 a.m.

The best free breakfast in the Pioneer Valley coupled with a taste of Torah. Led by Rabbi Shapiro with a smile and good humor.

Saturday Morning Services

Every Saturday morning at 10:30 a.m.

A regular weekly Shabbat morning service. Even when there isn't a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, we meet at 10:30 a.m. complete with the Yahrzeit list.

Please note – Although Torah Study continues every Saturday at 9 a.m. in July and August, Saturday morning services will not take place in the summer. We will return to morning services on September 7.

Summer Services

Every Friday in July and August

Please join us throughout the summer for services that are brief, spirited, and full of joy. Services begin at 7:30 p.m.

Moses, Mozart, and Mahler

Shabbat at Tanglewood (For Real...In Lenox)

Saturday, August 17

Starting at 9:30 a.m.

You're invited to a morning at Tanglewood. Rabbi Shapiro will lead an informal Torah Study session on the grounds of Tanglewood leading up to the rehearsal at 10:30 a.m.

We'll meet at the Gift Shop next to the Main Gate and Box Office.

Buy tickets that morning: \$10 lawn, \$20 back half of shed and front sides, \$30 front half.

If you would like to be part of a carpool, call Carol Tivoli (567-1544) by Monday, August 12 or e-mail...cbtivoli12@gmail.com. Carpools will leave the Sinai parking lot at 8:15 a.m. Everyone else arrive at Tanglewood by 9:15 a.m. so that Torah Study begins at 9:30 a.m.

The concert that morning features Mozart's Violin Concerto No. 5 and Mahler's Symphony No. 4.

Have You Got an Idea?

Have You Got a Suggestion?

As the programming year draws to a close, June becomes our most important month for planning next year's happenings at Sinai. Almost every one of our committees will be meeting to think about next year.

So...If you have an idea or a suggestion...Please call the office, Temple President, or the Rabbi and let us know.

Better still...Come to the Ritual Committee meeting on June 5 or the Adult Education meeting on June 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Each committee would love to hear from you.

Casseroles?

Dear Friends – Every Fall Sinai Temple cooks dinner on several occasions for the soup kitchen called Loaves and Fishes. We have a standard casserole with a fixed recipe that is easy to make and freeze ahead of time. If you've got one hour to make one casserole next Fall, could you please let us know now? We can give you exact dates and the recipe when September arrives, but, meanwhile, it would be great to know that YOU can help. Thank you.

Bobi Steingart 567-6327
drblood50@comcast.net

Mitzvah Day.....Sunday, May 5

The Fifth Annual Bike Ride for Tzedakah

YOU CHOOSE:

32 MILES (Departing at 8:30 a.m.) OR

12 MILES (Departing at 10 a.m.)

A donation of \$25 (payable on May 5) will be used to underwrite building at Gray House & refurbishing at Springfield's Washington St. School. Register for the long ride at 8 a.m.; register for the short ride at 9:30 a.m.

Food and sociability back at Sinai around 11 a.m.

To register, contact Geoff Berman – Geoffrey.Berman@morganstanleysmithbarney.com

OR Howard Dickstein...haland@comcast.net

Blood Drive: You Can Save a Life

From 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Baystate Health will be at Sinai requesting that adults give blood.

Anyone 17 years or older in good health, weighing a minimum of 110 pounds, can donate blood every 56 days.

To register, contact Jane Engelman...mejane300@aol.com

Why Choose Judaism:

A Shavuot Panel Conversation about Conversion to Judaism

with members of Sinai Temple and Temple Beth El

PLUS Rabbi Katz and Rabbi Shapiro

AND Cantor Elise Barber and Cantor Martin Levson

Tuesday, May 14 at 7 p.m.

At Temple Beth El

Please join us as Sinai Temple and Temple Beth El welcome the holiday of Shavuot. The evening will begin with a panel conversation about conversion. Sinai members, Pat Gootzit and Buff Maniscalco, will join two members of Beth El in dialogue about conversion.

After the conversation and learning, we will turn to the prayers and themes of Shavuot followed by a delicious Oneg in honor of the holiday.

Announcing a Sinai Temple Trip to Israel

February 5 to 14, 2014 with Rabbi Shapiro

It's happening! A trip for those who have been to Israel before and now want to return for something "out of the ordinary."

To learn more...to ask questions...to get started...mark your calendar for the

ORIENTATION SESSION on THURSDAY, MAY 16 at 7:30 p.m.

or speak to the Rabbi today.

Message from Heather Sullivan,
Director of Education

Shalom!

I recently sat in the congregation here at Sinai for the community Yom Hashoah service. It was quite a moving experience not only because of the purpose of the evening itself but also because of the attendees. It is so powerful when an entire community comes together with a single intention in mind. Rabbi Katz and Rabbi Davis read together, Shir Fun performed with their usual brilliance and also innocence, candles were lit, Yiddish was read and the whole time I just keep thinking, "we're all in this together". We may have slight differences but we are one. I feel the same way about our school. I think it's become increasingly apparent to me as the year has gone by that all Religious School families are certainly not the same. We all have different priorities, varying degrees of our Jewish practices at home, multiple reasons for deciding to come to Sinai. However, we all have one thing in common- our desire to raise our children with a Jewish education. This year Rabbi Shapiro, Cantor Levson and I have done our best to ensure that the students at Sinai are getting the best Jewish education we can offer. We are all in this together with a single intention- giving these children a Jewish education. There might be varying feelings about the extent of that education, but our intention is the same nonetheless.

It's hard to believe that the school year is drawing to close. How grateful I feel to have worked this year with a group of such dedicated and caring teachers, madrichim and volunteers. I hope you will consider joining the Religious School Committee, Rabbi Shapiro and me, as we say "thank you" to our staff at the annual "Teacher Appreciation Night" on May 3 at 6:00. There will be a Shabbat Service, followed by a dinner. Call the Temple office for more details.

I'm pleased to share some exciting news for next year. Based on the changing needs of our school population, the Tuesday Hebrew program will be offered for two sessions, rather than just one, in hopes of better accommodating our Religious School families. The first session will run at 3:15-4:45 and the second session will run at 5:30-7:00. We are always looking for volunteers with our Hebrew program, and next year will be no exception. Please let me know if you are interested in helping out on a Tuesday afternoons/evenings. We'd love to have you!

Happy Graduation!

Mazal Tov to the following Sinai teenagers who have grown up at Sinai and are now graduating High School. Remember, we can stay in touch with our young people via our ALUMNI program. When next year's addresses are confirmed, please let the Temple office know. Packages and reminders from home will follow!

Sebastian Brunell, Talya Chait, Madalyn Cohen, Rebecca Cohen-Lindfors, Matthew Cooper, Daniel Ehrlich, Jenna Friedberg, Eric Gibson, Jennifer Hurwitz, Ethan Kadis, Zachary Kalman, Benjamin Leavitt, Rebecca Locke, Eric Pers, Hannah Skiest, Logan Skole, April Solon

PLEASE JOIN US FOR
CONFIRMATION 2013/5773
FRIDAY, MAY 31 AT 7:30 P.M.
AT SINAI TEMPLE

WE WOULD LOVE TO SHARE OUR LEARNING WITH YOU!

LUCY LEAVITT, DAUGHTER OF ROBERT LEAVITT AND DONNA FISHER
ELIZABETH METSCH, DAUGHTER OF ADAM AND JENNIFER METSCH
MADELEINE NEIMAN, DAUGHTER OF MICHAEL AND JACQUELINE NEIMAN
ERICA TORFF, DAUGHTER OF MITCH AND DEIDRA TORFF

From Generation to Generation

Kitty and Jay Berger

Kitty, Jay, and Sinai Temple are intertwined. It has been that way for all the years of our marriage – now 58 years and counting.

Rabbi Herman Snyder married us, and within a week after our honeymoon, we signed on as members. Kitty worked on at least two cookbooks and the education committee. She sang in the choir and she served on two rabbinical search committees.

Jay worked his way through various offices arriving at first Vice President and served as a Board member for three decades. Jay founded the Sinai Temple library and served as its chair for many years.

Whenever we come to Sinai we have to stop at Confirmation pictures of our Scott, Cynthia, and Joseph along with their classmates. Every corner, wall, office, classroom, along with the sanctuary contain myriad memories, of our life in Sinai Temple. All of this confirmed our decision to say yes to Legacy.



If you would like to explore joining Kitty and Jay in the Sinai Legacy Society, your first step is to discuss opportunities with Rabbi Shapiro or members of the planned giving committee. Please give the office a call at 413-736-3619. There is no obligation in this conversation, and, of course, a gift of any size is welcome.

Sinai Temple's

Legacy Society

Our Turn to Create Sinai's Future

in Partnership with –

Create a Jewish Legacy of Western Massachusetts

Spread the News

Do you know Sinai Temple's membership incentives? What follows are the incentives developed over the last few years.

Young Adult 18 – 30

Complimentary

Ages 31 – 35

Reduced rates to make it easy to belong

Those who belong to another local synagogue!

Associate Membership reduced dues

Those who live out of town!

An "out of town" membership is available

Plus Try-A-Synagogue Offers Reduced Rates For People Joining Any Local Synagogue.

Please reach out. Let your unaffiliated family, friends, and neighbors know about the wonderful world of Sinai. Share the benefits of belonging to our community.

And if you refer someone to Sinai who becomes a member at any level, we will most certainly want to thank you.

Thanks to the Hospitality Circle

Over the last year a broad and diverse group of congregants have volunteered their kitchen talents for an occasional cooking or baking assignment. A salad or a dessert. Once or maybe twice in the year. It has been a tasty and delicious experience. Thank you to these members of our "hospitality circle." If you would like to help out on a very occasional basis, let the office know. rblanchettegag@sinai-temple.org

Judy Aronson, Nancy Aronson, Salena Blake, Jodi Burstein, Adele Citron, Bernie Cohen, Claire Cohen-Stelzer, Ilene Conklin, Sheri DelGallo, Robin Fein-Krevolin, Shelly Fisher, Ellen Follett, Bonnie Gibson, Dianna Goldberg, Lori Goodman, Nancy Goldsmith, Marlene Gordon, Janice Greenberg, Peggy Grodd, Leslie Hager, Amy Halperin, Melissa Johnson, Linda Kay, Steve Kessler, Margie Klein, Julie Landesman, Zel Lavin, Liz Leshine, Deborah & Lisa Levheim, Debbie Levin, Matthew Levy, Jodie Maniscalco, Buff Maniscalco, Leslie Maple, Vivian Miller, Trina Moskal, Jackie Neiman, Robyn Newhouse, Belle Rita Novak, Kathy Roberts, Rachel Sampson, Helene Segool, Sarah Shtrax, Bonnie Thomas, Carol Tivoli, Laurie Weinberg, Candy Weiner, Leslie Wetstone, Joanne Zolotor.

Cantor Levson

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And speaking of chanting Torah, this past fall I taught a Torah chanting class, and I am very proud of my four graduates! A few people have since mentioned that they would be interested in such a class if I were to offer it again this coming fall. So, if there is sufficient interest, YOU can learn to chant Torah! The class would meet weekly over a period of about 10 weeks, and yes, there will be “homework” assigned! (That’s the only way you can learn to do this!) The class would culminate with the graduates chanting some verses of Torah during a Shabbat service. If you can already “decode” Hebrew (reading letters and vowels, but not necessarily with any comprehension), and would like to learn the sacred art of chanting Torah, please let me know that you would be interested! If I get enough of a response this year, I will offer the class again this autumn.

Finally, I am happy to announce that if all goes according to plan (famous last words...) the Levson family will no longer be “wandering (renting) Jews,” but will, God-willing, be proud homeowners right here in Longmeadow by the beginning of June. While we realize that there is much uncertainty in the coming years, the Levson family looks forward to making this significant commitment to the Sinai Temple and the Springfield Jewish community. It has been five wonderful years here at Sinai, and we look forward hopefully to many more!

“Ivdu et Hashem B’simcha!

Serve the Holy One with JOY!” (Psalm 100:2)

Message from Philip Lesser President, Men of Sinai

Spring has finally arrived with summer just around the corner! We enjoyed a delicious dinner and a wonderful night to honor the Snyder Award recipient Beth Chafetz and hope that you all had the opportunity to join in the celebration. We are not done yet. We have our Annual Movie Night coming up on May 18th with dinner before the movie, and then off to see “Iron Man 3.” The last day of Sunday School is May 19th and, of course, it will end with a BBQ sponsored by the Men of Sinai. Come to pick up your child and bring your appetite! We also are planning a trip out to see a baseball game this summer.

It has been a memorable year with many speakers, breakfasts, and fun events like Hockey and Havdallah, archery, dinners, and events with other synagogue groups. All events this year were very well received and we are planning to do more again next year! All events are open to everyone and are designed to bring families and our entire community together. Come and enjoy!

Giving Blood on Sunday, May 5

(see Mitzvah Day, page 5)

Baystate Health thanked us for our first morning of blood donations with these words:

“34 people came to your blood drive!! We were able to collect 23 units of blood!!!

Each unit of blood was processed into a unit of red cells and a unit of plasma.

Your generosity helped save 46 lives in our community!!!

Your blood donations were used to treat open heart surgical patients, trauma patients in the emergency room, both adult and pediatric cancer patients at our D’Amour Center for Cancer Care, and a newborn baby who required several blood transfusions to survive.

There is no substitute for human blood. Without your generosity, we would not have been able to provide these patients with this life-saving gift.”

Upcoming Events at Jewish Geriatric Services Tuesday May 7, 2013

Martha Hayward “The Conversation Project”

A presentation of JGS Institute

Community Event - 2:00

Location – Hy and Roz Gloth Auditorium, JNH

Annual Meeting – 5:15 Cocktails and Hors d’oeuvres and 6:15 Meeting

Location – Hy and Roz Gloth Auditorium, JNH

Format: Cocktail Reception with Hors d’oeuvres

Monday, May 20th 33rd Annual Kinsler Classic,

Twin Hills Country Club, Longmeadow, MA

June 6th, JGS 2nd Annual Medical Symposium 12:30-6:30

All day presentations and resources on issues affecting elders and their families. On the JGS Campus. Please contact Virginia Webb for more information about any of these events 413 567-3949 x1615

Judaica Gift Shop Corner

May 12th is Mothers’ Day and we will have special displays of lovely and appropriate gifts, 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Starting in June, we won’t have “regular” hours, but we will be available for all your needs. Just call and we’ll be there.

Thais Fischel, 786-9577

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

as the
Western MA State of Israel Bonds
pays tribute to leaders in our community
at a
Cocktail Buffet.
Sinai Temple's 2013 honorees are
Marc and Susan Goldman
Wednesday, June 12
5:30 P.M.
at *Chez Josef in Agawam*

For reservations & information,
call the Israel Bonds office at 800-916-1918

**Watch the Mail; Listen to your Phone
The Sustaining Membership Program**

If you are among those congregants who pay full dues in your category, watch your mail and answer your telephone in early May. Members of the Sustaining Membership Committee will be contacting you to ask that you become a Sustaining Member of Sinai.

What is a Sustaining Member?

A Sustaining Member is someone who chooses to offer Sinai an extra amount of fund beyond dues. During the current fiscal year, over 90 Sinai households became Sustaining Members and contributed over \$67,000 to our budget.

By doing this, the Sustaining Members helped reduce the need to raise the fees for Temple members who cannot afford full dues. By assuming a kind of "fair share," the Sustaining Members also allowed Sinai to continue to offer a full and varied menu of programs.

Thank you to those who have become Sustaining Members. Thank you now – in advance – to those of you who may choose to join the program for next year.

The levels of involvement are below. Each level assumes a member paying his/her dues and then adding on to those dues the following amounts.

- Leader \$3,000
- Pillar..... \$2,500
- Chai Friend \$1,800
- Friend..... \$1,500
- Benefactor \$1,000
- Chai Sponsor..... \$720
- Sponsor \$500
- Chai Supporter..... \$360
- Supporter..... \$250

If you have questions or want to join the program, please call Armand Souliere, SMP Chair at 567-7446 or the Temple office at 736-3619.

Shalom,
Armand Souliere, Sustaining Member Chair

Scroll of Life



The Scroll of Life is a work of art in the Oneg Shabbat Room. It was created by Presentations Gallery of New York. The Isaiah quote at the bottom of the Scroll was taken from the Yom Kippur Haftarah as an expression of hope.

The Scroll has space on it so that Sinai members can commemorate either joyous events or memorialize loved ones. Each contribution of a plaque on the Scroll will be used to enrich the life and strength of Sinai. The cost of each plaque is \$200. The inscription may be 3-4 lines with a maximum of 27 spaces per line.

Make donations through Sinai ONLINE!!!
www.sinai-temple.org
You learn about someone's success or someone's sadness. You want to make a contribution but it's so much trouble to write a check.
Now you can skip the check and the snail mail.
Go to Sinai's website www.sinai-temple.org and make the donation to any one of our funds ONLINE.

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The Memory of the Righteous is a Blessing

All of us at Sinai Temple extend condolences as we remember the following. Their memories are precious to their relatives, their friends and to each of us who form the community of Sinai Temple.

We remember those who have passed away from February 11 - present:

- Irving Horowitz, father of Bill Horowitz.
- Sidney Snyder, brother of Thelma Snyder-Mather.
- Sara Goodman, grandmother of Seth Goodman, Noah Goodman and Lori Novak.
- Our congregant Naomi Retchin.
- Barbara Shepherd, mother of Susan Shepherd.
- Daniel Mark Fisher, brother of Donna Fisher.
- Ruth Shatil, Jack and Robin Henrie.
- Hortense Siegel, mother of Nan Weisenberg.
- Our congregant, Rose Webber.
- Gloria Cohen, wife of Stanford Cohen

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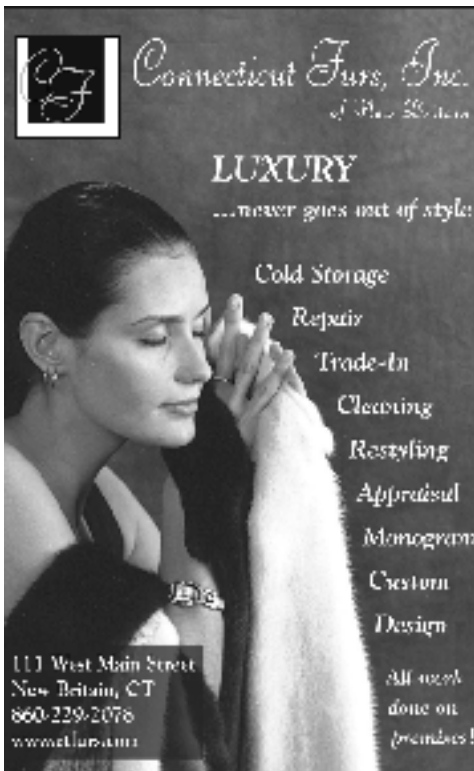


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