

# Sinai Temple

## BULLETIN



*Celebrating Israel @ 60*

## Happy Birthday, Israel! You're 60 Years Old

Friday, May 9 • 7:00 PM

**FEATURING**  
A Gala Birthday Service  
An Intergenerational Chorus & Band

### JOIN US FOR...

The awarding of prizes to the winners of our Israel Writing Contest,  
The presentation of gift books on Israel to local libraries,  
Balloons and music

### PLUS...

## SIXTY CAKES FOR SIXTY YEARS OF ISRAEL

### IT'S A CONTEST!

Sign up to bake a cake with the theme of Israel.  
There will be categories for the tastiest, most  
attractive, most humorous, and most historic cakes.  
You can't lose! Call the office to sign up today!



## A Message from Cantor Emily Sleeper Mekler

What a fabulous first-ever Sinai Temple Women's Weekend we shared last month!! For me, it was an experience that I had been envisioning for awhile for Sinai Temple women to share and it could not have been better! With the collaboration of an energetic, creative, hard-working committee we compiled our own Haggadah; organized a delightful potluck beautifully appointed seder meal; studied with one of the foremost Jewish scholars of our day, Professor Judith Plaskow; who introduced *The Torah: A Women's Commentary*, created and published by the Women of Reform Judaism, and shared a meaningful and uplifting experience visiting Mayyim Hayyim, the pluralistic mikveh in Newton, MA ([www.mayyimhayyim.org](http://www.mayyimhayyim.org)).

The members of the committee, each of whom brought their enthusiastic ideas and thoroughly implemented their roles to make the weekend a success were as follows (in alphabetical order): Denise Choquette, Roberta Hillenberg-Gang, Susan Goldman, Leah Gottlieb, Elaine Nathan, Robyn Newhouse, Ellen Smith, Laurie Weinberg and "yours truly". Those on the Women's Haggadah Committee who helped to search, discuss and decide on Haggadah-worthy material, type, collate and compile it were Susan Goldman, Robyn Newhouse, Laurie Weinberg and "yours truly". Special thanks to Leah and Gerald Gottlieb for sponsoring Prof. Plaskow's visit and the brunch for women-only Shabbat morning, and to Robyn Newhouse for sponsoring the bus on Sunday to the mikveh.

Due to the fact that many of the literary pieces we included in the Haggadah are from many sources and are copy written it is NOT available for home use or for sale. It is my hope that our current compilation will be edited, adapted, embellished and reused at Sinai Temple Women's Seders for many years to come.

This month, in honor of Israel's 60th Anniversary Sinai Temple will have a grand celebration of multigenerational bands and choruses from the Sinai membership. Ensembles will play or sing individually and then combine their talents in collaboration. I am very grateful to Sinai member, Matt Bertuzzi, a senior at UMass, for helping to prepare the youth band. It will be a joyous evening of Sinai Temple musicians of ALL ages playing Israeli music together! Please join us to celebrate Israel at Sinai!!

And now, it is time for me to conclude my final Sinai Temple Bulletin piece. As you know, it is time for me to move on. I know that an evening is being planned in my honor for Friday evening, May 16th at 7 p.m. I hope you will join me and my family as sadly I take leave of Sinai Temple, which has been my second home for 29 years. I will have more to say, at that time, when we will bid each other *Shalom*.

*Shalom Uv'racha* (Peace and Blessing),  
Cantor Emily Sleeper Mekler

## Saturday Mornings

**MAZAL TOV TO BNAI MITZVAH**  
Services at 10:30 a.m.

**May 3 – Zachary Kalman**  
Son of Pamela and David Kalman

**May 10 – Ethan Kadis**  
Son of Karen and Todd Kadis

**May 31 – Hannah Slitzky**  
Daughter of Margaret and Barry Slitzky

## Saturday Torah Study

**Saturday Mornings**  
**Torah Study**

At 9 a.m.  
Every Week

## Sustaining Membership

**You're invited to join the Sustaining Membership Program this month just before the new fiscal year arrives in June.**

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Emily Sleeper Mekler ..... Cantor, Music Director  
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You Are Invited To  
 An Evening of Worship,  
 Song & Celebration  
 Honoring  
 Cantor Emily Sleeper Mekler

Friday, May 16, 2008  
 Seven o'clock in the evening

Sinai Temple  
 1100 Dickinson Street  
 Springfield, Massachusetts



## For Your Consideration

Rabbi Mark Dov Shapiro

What a powerful month we look forward to in May.

We will, of course, be celebrating the extraordinary milestone of Israel's 60th birthday. Virtually no one in the Jewish world of the last 100 years would have ever imagined that Jewish sovereignty would be restored. But the impossible did take place in 1948, and we will celebrate this remarkable event in two ways this month. First, we will be showing two fascinating films on May 1 & 10. Secondly, we will have a Temple "party" on Friday, May 9.

Later in the month we will celebrate a different kind of anniversary. Our friend and teacher, Rabbi Jerome Gurland, is celebrating his 50th (!) year as a rabbi. To honor him, we plan a special Shabbat evening on Friday, May 23 at 8 p.m.

Most importantly, on Friday, May 16, we are going to mark a profound transformation for Sinai. Our beloved friend, teacher, and counselor, Cantor Mekler, will be leaving the congregation at the end of this month. But before that happens, every member of the Sinai community is invited to celebrate the Cantor with an evening of memories, music, and laughter. To give us plenty of time, we are even starting the evening at 7 p.m. Emily has been a part of Sinai for as long as I have known the congregation. She is synonymous with Sinai for almost everyone. I hope you can be with us on May 16 as we sadly but lovingly wish her shalom.

### Friday Evenings – 77-78 - Note the Special Times for May!!!!

**FAMILY SERVICE at 7:00 p.m.**

**May 2**

Music and a story give this Shabbat a special glow.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ISRAEL at 7:00 p.m.**

**May 9**

Israel turns 60 and we celebrate.

**SHALOM TO CANTOR MEKLER at 7:00 p.m.**

**May 16**

Thanking and honoring Cantor Mekler

**SHABBAT SHALOM at 8:00 p.m.**

**May 23**

Honoring Rabbi Jerry Gurland

**SHABBAT SHALOM at 8:00 p.m.**

**May 30**

The perfect close to a very full month.

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## Your Telephone May Ring This Month: The Sustaining Membership Program

If you are among those congregants who pay full dues in your category, your telephone may ring this month. Members of the Sustaining Membership Committee will be calling 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 \$50,000 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	\$5,000
Pillar	\$2,500
Benefactor	\$1,000
Sponsor	\$ 500
Sustaining Member	\$ 250

If you have questions or want to join the program, please call the Temple office at 736-3619.

## Be Famous!! Get Your Name in the Sinai Temple Engagement Calendar

You may not get your name in lights, but you can get it in print. Just get yourself listed as a "Friend of Sinai" and you'll be famous in the engagement calendar we publish every summer. While you're at it, you can also list your family's special dates...anniversaries, birthdays, yahrzeits, and anything else that you want to share. One year a good "friend" listed his dog's birthday! It was June 24.

For \$18 you can be a Friend; for \$36 you are a Super Friend; and for more, you can be a Benefactor for \$50 - and I'll come sing "Hey, Big Spender" to you! Fill out a form today or call the Temple office to get your name in print.

Shalom,

Belle Rita Novak, Calendar Committee

## Two new programs at Sinai Temple help families with young children

### Wiggle Room – For kids who need to wiggle during the Family Service.

On May 2, Sinai will again be offering parents the chance to accompany their little ones to the Wiggle Room during Family Services (every 1st Friday of the month at 7 p.m.). This space (in the Kindergarten classroom) will be available to bring your child should you find it necessary to take them out of the sanctuary for part of the service. Age appropriate toys will be available.



### Free Babysitting –

On May 9, we will be offering babysitting at the Israel 60 Service. Young children (toddler - 7 years), are cared for by members of Sinai's own teen youth program SPFTY, down the hall in the Kindergarten Room. Teens will also be performing a valuable service to these youngest congregants.

Contact Sinai members Jackie Neiman at [mjam4@comcast.net](mailto:mjam4@comcast.net) or Joe Dow at [jhdow@comcast.net](mailto:jhdow@comcast.net) if you have any questions.

## Sinai is hiring - Sinai is searching for a new Community Coordinator

Sinai needs someone with strong interpersonal skills, good organizational abilities, and an interest in enriching our Temple's life.

The Community Coordinator will - work closely with Caring Community programs, co-ordinate our Alumni program for Sinai members 18 to 30 old, be involved with general volunteer outreach, staff a fundraising committee, and supervise special programs like Club Alef/Bet (a social group for students in Grades 1 & 2).

The job is 15 hours per week for 10 months from August to June. For further information, call the Rabbi or send an e-mail to [markdov@sinai-temple.org](mailto:markdov@sinai-temple.org).

Even as we look for a new Coordinator, we acknowledge Stacey Osowski's wonderful contributions as Coordinator over the last two years. Stacey is moving on to a full-time job outside Sinai. We shall miss her! We wish her great success!



### **Stephen Berk To Return to Sinai Temple Sunday, June 8 Starting at 7 p.m.**

After a wonderful Scholar in Residence weekend last Fall, Professor Stephen Berk will be returning to Sinai Temple. Berk will be featured as part of our Annual Meeting evening. After a brief business session at 7 p.m., we will move to the sanctuary for a creative service marking the beginning of Shavuot. Professor Berk will speak after that. He will base his remarks on the knowledge he has gained from leading over 30 adult groups on tours of Eastern Europe. His topic will be: *Warsaw, Vilna, and Prague: Touring the Old World to Understand Ourselves Today.*

The holiday of Shavuot will continue the next morning, Monday, June 9 at 10:30 a.m. with a beautiful morning service with Yizkor followed by lunch.

### **Monthly Morning Service Wednesday, May 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. Those who need to leave for the rest of the day are free no later than 8:15 a.m.

Next month's "morning minyan" service will take place on Wednesday, June 4.

### **Torah Study**

On May 10, Torah Study will be devoted to the film, *Altalena*. Otherwise, we meet every Saturday morning at 9 a.m. in the Oneg Shabbat Room.



### **Honoring Rabbi Jerry Gurland Friday, May 23 at 8 p.m.**

Jerry Gurland has been a part of the Springfield Jewish community for many years. He has taught at WNEC during all that time and been an integral part of the Jewish and broader communities. Ten years ago Sinai Temple honored Rabbi Gurland with the creation of a Human Rights Award which has been given out to deserving recipients every year since that time. We are honored now that Jerry is allowing us to celebrate with him on the 50th anniversary of his ordination.

### **Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah A New Class Begins This Month Orientation Session – Saturday, May 3 at 8 a.m.**

Four groups of men and women have chosen to become Bar/Bat Mitzvah as adults over the last decade. Now might be your chance! You do not need to know Hebrew to begin this adventure. If you are at all interested in helping form another Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah class, please join Rabbi Shapiro for bagels and a one hour conversation this Saturday, May 3.

### **Sinai's Best Travelers are going to Israel June 28 – July 10, 2009**

If you've got questions or just think this trip could be for YOU, call Rabbi Shapiro. Our 2007 trip was a great success. This coming year's trip promises to be even better!

## TWO FILMS FROM ISRAEL

### Four Friends:

Israelis and Palestinians in Real Dialogue  
At Lunch and Learn

Thursday, May 1 – 12:00 – 1:15 p.m.

Bring your lunch to the Oneg Shabbat room to view a remarkable documentary film. For women – 2 Jewish Israelis and 2 Palestinians – who were roommates at a Jerusalem school in 1939 meet 50 years later for a reunion. Their conversation is emotional, challenging, raw, and honest. Hope to see you there!

### Civil War in Israel?

### A Coup D'etat?

It almost happened and the story is told in the film **ALTALENA**

Saturday, May 10 at 9 a.m.

The story of the Altalena, a ship carrying 900 Jewish refugees and a large amount of ammunition for Menachem Begin's independent fighting organization, is true! The ship tried to land in Israel only one month after Israel's independence in 1948. David ben Gurion, Israel's new Prime Minister, believed the ammunition would feed Begin's separate fighting forces and weaken Israel's new government. Ben Gurion actually fired on the ship and had it sunk! How this happened is the subject of this documentary from Israel.

### You are invited to...

An Evening of Cello and Piano with  
Boris Kogan

and Sofya Shainskaya

Saturday, May 31 at 7:30 p.m.

At the home of Gerald and Leah Gottlieb, Saturday,  
May 31

80 Eunice Drive, Longmeadow

Boris Kogan on cello and his wife, Sofya Shainskaya on piano will perform and discuss the intricacies of their music as well as their own art. (Boris is the cellist who plays Kol Nidre at Sinai.) Followed by coffee, dessert and conversation!

\$36 per person

This is the last of a series of home evening fundraisers for Sinai.

Space is limited. To make reservations, please call the Temple office 736-3619 and mail your check to Sinai Temple, 1100 Dickinson Street, Springfield, MA 01108.

Questions call: Diane Friedberg 567-7653 OR Bonnie Engelman 565-9992

Community Yom HaShoah  
Commemoration in Springfield  
Monday evening, May 5, 2008  
at 7:30 p.m.

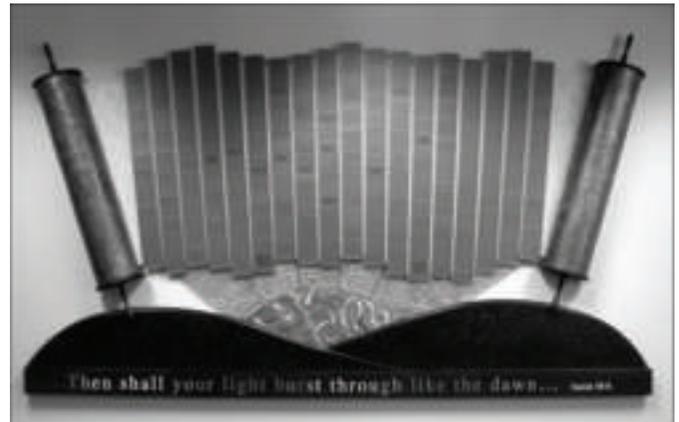
Congregation Kodimoh

Theme: Remembering the Shoah and the Birth of the State of Israel

The 2008 Community Yom HaShoah Commemoration will commemorate Israel's 60th Anniversary with a traditional memorial service and program for those who died during the Holocaust and also remember the Birth of the State of Israel in 1948, which served as the permanent home for so many of the survivors of the Shoah.

Special recognition will be given to the Honorable Sidney M. Cooley, who served as military commander of a Displaced Persons' Camp in Bayreuth, Germany. Judge Cooley rehabilitated and trained over 300 Holocaust survivors who were resettled in Israel.

## 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.

## Would you like to participate in Friday evening services?

As part of our continuing focus on community outreach, we are inviting members of our Sinai community to participate in Friday evening Shabbat Services. There are many opportunities for involvement, including lighting the Shabbat candles, opening the Ark, undressing and dressing the Torah, coming up for the Aliyah, and reciting the Kiddush. Please express your interest for one of these honors directly to the Rabbi at [markdov@sinai-temple.org](mailto:markdov@sinai-temple.org).

## Do you own a local store?

If you are a merchant in our local area, you may have noticed that Sinai's SCRIP program hasn't involved you. That's because the SCRIP program (which offers discounts on purchases from various stores) is organized by a national business. Sinai hasn't been able to include local stores owned by Sinai members. BUT we would like to change this. To help create a local scrip program, we would like to invite Sinai store owners to join the SCRIP program. This will be like the national program, where a percentage of sales go directly back to Sinai Temple. If you are interested, please call Joe Hershon (525-5752). Joe, who is himself a local merchant, would like to develop a local SCRIP program (or maybe a one-time event) involving Sinai merchants.

## Make Springfield a City of Opportunity For Youth

**Pioneer Valley Project Community Meeting  
Thursday, May 8, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.  
Holy Family Church 235 Eastern Avenue**

Sinai Temple has a long-standing commitment to the Pioneer Valley Project which is planning its annual call to action. Rabbi Shapiro will be attending this event along with Sinai members. The PVP is calling on the community and local government to

1. create a network of church-based youth centers in underserved neighborhoods
2. fund a network of congregation-based youth centers across Springfield
3. expand home visits through the PARENTS: Stepping Up As Powerful Partners Program.

For information, please call Rabbi Shapiro

## Message from Brotherhood President Scott Sherman

I am happy to report that both the Purim Party and the Snyder Award dinner and service were a success. We planned our buying so well that we not only made sure everyone had enough to eat at Purim, but only had 10 hot dogs and some hamentashen left over. All reports indicate everyone had a good time.

At the Snyder Award dinner, we were very pleased with the assistance given to Brotherhood by the young people of SPFTY, Sinai's senior youth group. Those young men and women are a fine example of what our synagogue is producing. Thanks also to Past Brotherhood President and current SPFTY Advisor, Andy Chaet, for his efforts to get the young volunteers needed.

Our honoree Dan Schaffer and his family also had a wonderful time and we really enjoyed having them with us. Next time you are in the auditorium, please take a look at the plaque listing all those who have won this prestigious service award, named in honor and memory of Rabbi Herman Elliot Snyder.

With the help of those who attended our April 13 working breakfast, we are well along the way to creating our new program for 5769. Stay tuned and please keep those ideas for programming and service coming.

We know our younger men are busier than ever, that families are busier than ever, but we believe strongly in our mission and hope to make Brotherhood relevant to all of our Sinai men. Remember: **Brotherhood will provide a place for the men of Sinai Temple to have joint experiences as men, and, as an organization, look to be of service to the congregational community.**

Shalom,

Scott Sherman

Sinai Temple Brotherhood President  
[president@sinaibrotherhood.org](mailto:president@sinaibrotherhood.org)

### Sinai Judaica Gift Shop

We look ahead now to Mother's Day and will have youngster's shopping days on Sundays May 4 and 11 in the front lobby. Children may come before or after class.

Our Passover season was a busy one and we thank all who helped make it a good one.

Thais Fischel 786-9577  
Bobbie Cossin 565-9970

## Message from Director of Education Sheila Shear

*Shalom Chaverim*

It is hard to believe that the end of the school year is around the corner. It has been a year of change and a year of accomplishment for our students. The recent return of our ninth grade students from the Religious Action Center in Washington D.C., the sixth graders' return from their annual retreat and their Service this month, and the upcoming Confirmation of our 10th graders in June, all mark milestones in their Jewish education, milestones for which we are very proud of them all. Our kindergarten through fifth grade students have also been working very hard this year and we hope their continued progress is a source of pride for them and for their families. Our first year of Rosh Chodesh: It's A Girl Thing was a huge success, and the girls are all looking forward to continuing the program next year.

We still have several weeks to go, weeks full of learning and fun. Part of our final few weeks will be a school wide Blue and White Olympics, part of our Israel@60 celebration. We hope all of our students will be here to participate in the fun.

Please remember, registration for the 5769 school year is underway. Early registration is important so that we can plan programming and staffing appropriate for all students.



**SAVE THE DATE!!!!**  
as the  
**Western MA State of Israel Bonds**  
pays tribute to our own  
**George Dickstein**  
at a  
**Cocktail Buffet**

**Wednesday, June 4, 2008**  
**6 P.M.**  
**at Chez Josef in Agawam**

**Invitation to follow**  
**For information call the Israel Bonds office at**  
**800-916-1918**

## For High School and College students A Summer Program Making Money; The Susan M. Broh Tikkun Olam Award

This summer Sinai Temple invites students to get involved with tikkun olam – repairing the world. We would like to underwrite students who choose to spend their summer in a project that enriches the world. Interested students can get involved by thinking of a project or an area of interest. Those who are selected will be paid a salary of approximately \$7.50 an hour. (College students living outside the Pioneer Valley are welcome to find a project wherever they'll be spending the summer.)

Why is the Temple offering this program? We began this program several years ago to honor the memory of Susan M. Broh, a Temple member who died in September 2001. Susan began her career of "tikkun olam" by dedicating two years of her life to the Peace Corps. After that, Susan devoted her professional and volunteer life to making this world a better place. She believed passionately in the Jewish obligation of pursuing justice. Susan's friends and family have created this program to honor her memory and to encourage other Jews to strive for holiness as Jews must always do.

### Welcome to Sinai!

*We're so glad you decided to join Sinai Temple in the past month.*

Barbara Kravitz

### Thank you to:

- The Confirmation families of our 2007 class for their gift of scholarships to help support the recent Sixth Grade Class Retreat
- The wonderful, tasty people who participated in our Purim Hamantaschen Baking Contest: Paul Kuc, the Neiman family, the Burstein family, the Whalen family, the Kantor family.

### 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 from the community of Sinai Temple.

We remember those who have passed away since March 7, 2008 to April 9, 2008:

- Peter Roth, husband of Marsha Roth.
- Richard Mackler, brother of Kaye Aronson.
- Carl Roberts, father of David Roberts.
- Linda Leshine Lewis, mother of Bruce Leshine.

## High School Students in Cincinnati

*Over the weekend of March 14-16, Ariel Landers and Mason Dunn McDonagh attended a weekend seminar organized by Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati. Just under 25 students from around the United States participated. Sinai Temple sent TWO wonderful representatives. The following are some of Ariel's reflections.*

I had a great time at the Hebrew Union College War and Social Justice weekend where I was able to learn from rabbinical students, a representative from the Religious Action Center, and most importantly my peers. Throughout the entire weekend, we were challenged to put our views of war into a Jewish perspective. We discussed many aspects of war and related them to several Jewish texts, historical events, and current issues.



On Friday evening, Professor Weisberg introduced us to the topics that would be presented throughout the weekend. His intelligence truly amazed me! Professor Weisberg had memorized the chanting of the entire Torah and knew how to speak several “dead” languages. Though we only had one hour, each of us walked away with a very important lesson: the media controls the flow of information.

Services on Saturday morning gave us the chance to hear a great sermon from one of the rabbinical students. It was Shabbat Zachor and her message was that we should always remember to help those in need. This idea was crucial to discussions throughout the weekend.

Jonah Perlin, a Legislative Assistant for the Religious Action Center, led two different programs. The first focused on the choice to engage in war or promote peace. We voted on a couple of situations like the Armenian Genocide and the war in Iraq. The second program was on the Nuremberg trials. A crucial piece to understanding this topic was the idea of just war before, during, and after conflict.

In between all of the activities, there was plenty of time to make new friends! I met people from all over the United States and over the course of the weekend we all became close.

Thank you for this great opportunity. I am so happy that I had the chance to learn in such an inspiring environment. It was great to discuss these themes during this time of political excitement. Most of us at HUC are close to voting age, and this weekend was a step towards the understanding of war and what we must do, as Jewish Americans, to have our opinions heard.

## Bright Ideas: Change a Light Bulb and Change the World by Beth Green

If you want to change the world, start by changing a few light bulbs. It is one of the best things you can do for the environment—and your budget.

According to the Union of Concerned Scientists, if every U.S. household replaced just one regular incandescent light bulb with a compact fluorescent light bulb, it would prevent 90 billion pounds of greenhouse gas emissions from power plants, the equivalent of taking 7.5 million cars off the road. And the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says that by replacing regular light bulbs with compact fluorescent light bulbs at the same minimal rate, Americans would save enough energy to light more than 2.5 million homes for a year.

Electric lighting burns up to 25% of the average home energy budget.

The electricity used over the lifetime of a single incandescent bulb costs 5 to 10 times the original purchase price of the bulb itself. Replacing one regular light bulb with an approved compact fluorescent light bulb would save consumers \$30 in energy costs over the life of the bulb. Plus CFL bulbs give off 70 percent less heat.

### Keeping It Simple

None of this is as daunting as it may seem. ~~The Environmental Defense Fund has put together an easy-to-use web~~ site that lets you search for compact fluorescent light bulbs according to where you want to use them or by shape, brightness, color of light or other features. The site also features user reviews of specific bulbs, and side-by-side photos of energy-saving compact fluorescent light bulbs with incandescent bulbs to help you determine whether the fluorescent bulbs will fit your light fixture. <http://www.edf.org/page.cfm?tagid=632&campaign=mts>

With all of the choices now offered by compact fluorescent technology, saving energy, saving money, and protecting the environment is as easy as changing a light bulb.

### **Mazal Tov to:**

- Patty and Steve Silver on the birth of their grandson Hudson Werner Menzel on January 30, 2008, The proud parents are Johanna and Adam Menzel.
- Peter and Marilyn Smith on the birth of their granddaughter, Delaney Roslyn Shrager. The proud parents are Samantha and Shawn.
- Stan Goldman for appearing in the documentary film “Young at Heart,” which tells the story of the Young At Heart Chorus.
- Hal Haberman upon his retirement as Longmeadow Select Board Member.

### **The Nathan Lavine Endowment Fund**

Nathan Lavine was one of the founders of Sinai Temple. He was very active here. This fund was set up according to his will because of his great love for this synagogue. Prior to our rabbis visiting hospitals when a congregant was ill, Nathan did the visiting.

He was born in Putnam, CT, one of six children, was raised Orthodox, and came to Springfield as a young man. He was an insurance broker for many years.

During his years at Sinai he became great friends with Rabbi Herman Snyder.

According to his daughter, Ruth Corbert, “He was the most gentle man you ever met in your life—a true gentleman.”

Nathan died in 1987.

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