



Sinai Temple Bulletin

*Take Back Your Time:
Rediscover Shabbat*

*May/June 2015
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For Your Consideration

Rabbi Mark Dov Shapiro

It's easy to give away \$1000.

It's easy to give away that sum of money when you have fabulous requests for the funds AND when you are acting on behalf of Sinai Temple's Jerome Gurland Human Relations Award.

Let me explain. Back in 1998, the Gurland Award was established to honor Rabbi Jerome Gurland on the 40th anniversary of his rabbinic ordination. At the time, Jerry was the Cultural Liaison and Lecturer in Liberal Arts at Western New England University. He was involved in many facets of Springfield life touching on justice and so we decided to honor him by creating a fund that would "give away" an annual award in the area of justice.

And that is what we have done for all these years. We have maintained the fund through donations and every spring we have given an award to a worthy effort improving life in our community. This year's award goes to Pioneer Valley Project to help them launch a youth committee at Commerce High School that will advocate for better disciplinary procedures. Rather than suspend a student from school so that he/she falls behind academically, the students will be advocating for disciplinary procedures that will allow students to stay in school. The idea is to create a win/win scenario for all concerned.

In previous years, the award has gone to a local African American woman for publishing and distributing a graphic novel against violence. On another occasion, the award went to Gray House helping them underwrite a trip to New York City for their summer day camp. Awards have also gone to the Vietnamese American association in Springfield and to a summer program that taught tennis and Shakespeare to inner city kids.

We have done amazing and positive work through the Gurland Award. I hope you join me in feeling very proud about what our synagogue does for the larger community.

Thanks to Jay Kimmel, Kathy and Joe Dorison, and Maria Markenson who formed this year's Gurland Committee. And thanks to Rabbi Gurland who still inspires us with his wisdom and vision.

**Saturday Mornings
Torah Study at 9:00 a.m.**

Weekly Shabbat Service at 10:15 a.m.
(BBM Services at 10:30 a.m.)

Friday Evenings in May

May 1 at 6 p.m.

Shabbat around the Table - Visual Worship
No prayerbook tonight. We'll be in the Auditorium all prayers projected on a screen. Honoring wedding anniversaries and High School graduates.

May 8 at 7:30 p.m.

Take back your time. Refresh.

May 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Honoring our Teachers
The key to our future = teachers (and students too). We will honor teachers this evening.

May 22 at 6 p.m.

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

May 22 at 7:30 p.m.

Happy Long Weekend and Shabbat Shalom

May 29 at 7:30 p.m.

Men and Women of Sinai will participate in the service as we honor this year's recipients of the Rabbi Herman E. Snyder Award. See page 7.

Friday Evenings in June

June 5 at 6 p.m.

Family Fun Shabbat & Dinner - Something New
45 minutes of delicious prayer followed by dinner and games. See page 8.

June 12 at 7:30 p.m.

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

June 19 at 7:30 p.m.

INSTALLATION SERVICE
Honor incoming Temple leadership.

June 26 at 6 p.m.

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

June 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Unplug from your week. Renew yourself at services.

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Message from Jeff Cossin

Temple President

"I was hoping that you would call, and yes, I am ready to serve!" Thank you, Jackie Neiman. That was the immediate response I received when I asked Jackie, a previous Executive Committee Recording Secretary, to be co-chair of the Rabbinic Search Committee. I first called Steve Sussman, former President and facilitator of the Sinai 2015 focus group discussions, and he agreed enthusiastically to be co-chair. He was thrilled when he learned that Jackie would be his partner. Immediately, Bruce Leshine and I met with both of them to outline the process that would be necessary to choose the Interim Rabbi for 2016-2017 and the Permanent Rabbi for 2017-18. The Executive Committee along with Steve and Jackie will choose the members of the Search Committee with final Board approval. I am confident that the Search Committee will do its work well and involve everyone in the congregation in its deliberations.

What will happen during the 2016-2017 Interim year? Sinai Temple will continue to be the Sinai Temple we all love. This will happen because our Temple leadership is organized and committed to the future of our Temple. This will also happen because Cantor Levson will be a continuing presence as our Cantor. Sinai will also continue to be a lively and energetic congregation because all of the members of our Community will continue to do all the things that are done on a day to day basis.

During the 2016-2016 year, there will also be a full time ordained Reform rabbi living in our community. He or she will be our "interim" rabbi. This rabbi will have special training in helping congregations transition after a rabbi has been in place for as long Rabbi Shapiro has been. Many congregations across the United States hire interim rabbis because interim rabbis help congregations continue their sacred work even as they help the congregation prepare for new chapters in their future. The interim Rabbi will not become our Permanent Rabbi.

One of our congregants asked me what I will be doing after I leave office. Karen and I have some plans (exercising, I understand, is on the top of her long list of things for me to do!). But we will be totally engaged with our Sinai Community. Karen will be Recording Secretary on the Executive Committee and I will remain active on the Long Range Planning Committee and the Sinai Temple- Temple Beth El Educational Task Force. We will light Shabbat candles on Friday evening and will be frequent attendees at Shabbat services and Torah Study on Saturday morning. Sinai Temple and Judaism will remain central in our lives. We will be greeters when asked and we will look forward to seeing all of you. We will welcome our Interim Rabbi and welcome our new Permanent Rabbi when that happens.

I thank all of you for making the last four years a rewarding and creative experience.

Jeff

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Mazal Tov to Bnai Mitzvah

May 2 – Dena Solomon, daughter of Joel and Lynn Solomon.

May 9 – Rachael Maniscalco, daughter of Buff and Jodi Maniscalco

May 23 – Ryan Goodman, son of Noah and Lori Goodman

June 6 – Noah Brooks, son of Glen and Lois Brooks

June 13 – Jordyn Meunier, daughter of Erik and Suzanne Meunier

June 20 – Emily Cooper, daughter of Rob and Shari Cooper



**Having a
"Matza" Ball
Passover
Morning
April 4, 2015**



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Cantabile: The Music of the Jewish Renaissance

A Shavuot Concert and Service for Sinai Temple and Temple Beth El

Saturday, May 23 at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Beth El

Music, Worship, AND Sumptuous Desserts

Celebrate the holiday of Shavuot with our friends from Beth El at a concert and educational program. The evening will begin with a concert performed

by the vocal group Cantabile. They will perform the music of the Jewish Renaissance composer Salamone Rossi, who was a musical innovator. His music was the first polyphonic music used in the synagogue since the destruction of the Temple. The musicians will offer explanations about the composer, style of music, old instruments, vocal style, etc.

The concert will be followed by a service led by the clergy of both synagogues, and the evening will conclude with a delicious dessert buffet.

The program is sponsored by a generous grant from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation. This event is open to the entire community, so please invite your friends to join you for this wonderful evening. No reservations required, no cost. Just Show Up

Thank you to all our volunteers

THANK YOU!

Thursday, June 11 at 6 p.m.

Sinai Temple's Annual Meeting

If you have volunteered at Sinai for an hour or a year, we would like to thank you and honor you at Sinai's Annual Meeting.

Everyone is invited to a BBQ Dinner at 6 p.m.

Followed by our Meeting at 7 p.m. with a review of the Temple's budget and assets, the election of the Board of Directors PLUS a grand musical parody including a ceremony to recognize the volunteers who make Sinai work all year round.



Notes from the Cantor

Sheri and I would like to once again thank the congregation for all your support during these past difficult months. We have appreciated all of your care and concern following the death of my mother, Candy, and Sheri's stepfather, Sam. The journey of a mourner is a difficult one, but it is made a little bit easier with the support of a caring community like Sinai Temple.

My congratulations once again to the wonderful young singers of "Shir Fun!" who, for the second year in a row, were featured on WGBY's "Together in Song." A video of their performance can be found on the WGBY website at: <http://togetherinsong.wgby.org/2015/03/shir-fun-2/>

It is hard to believe, but this June will mark the conclusion of seven years of service as your Cantor. I look forward to the next two years together as Sinai Temple bids a fond farewell to our beloved Rabbi Shapiro, and I hope to be a part of the Sinai Temple community for many more years to follow.

"Ivdu et Hashem B'simcha! Serve the Holy One with JOY!" (Psalm 100:2)

Champagne, Chocolate, and Blessings

Friday, May 1

At the 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service

Sinai Temple's Caring Community happily invites you

To a ceremony celebrating

Your special wedding anniversary in 2015!

If you were married in 2010, 2005, 2000, 1995,
1990, 1985, 1980, 1975, 1970, 1965, 1960, 1955

Please join Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Levson

On Friday, May 1 at 6 p.m.

The Rabbi and Cantor will honor you as a group
with blessings, sweet wine, & chocolates.

*RSVP to Robin Blanchette Gage, Rabbi's Assistant,
736-3619, ext. 100*

The Sixth Annual Bike Ride for Tzedakah Sunday, May 17

YOU CHOOSE:

25 MILES (Departing at 8:30 a.m.) OR 12 MILES (Departing at 10 a.m.)

A donation of \$25 (payable on May 17) will be used to underwrite Habitat for Humanity projects in Springfield.

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.

For more information, contact the office.

Ask for Robin. rblanchettegate@sinai-temple.org

Rabbi Mark Shapiro and Cantor Martin Levson

Are pleased to announce

The birth of a new friend at Sinai Temple

The New Reform High Holiday Prayerbook.

Shapiro and Levson will call the newborn - Machzor

To learn more about our latest addition, please try one or all of the following.

Saturdays in June at 9 a.m. - Meet the Machzor (*See inside. What makes the newborn prayerbook tick.*)

Friday, June 19 - Rabbi and Cantor will feature the new prayerbook as part of our 7:30 p.m. service.

Mazal Tov to Sinai on the new prayerbook which will be premiered this Rosh Hashanah .

Adult Opportunities

Let's Get Together! Sinai and Beth El!

Tuesday, June 16 at Noon

**You are invited to a Combined Luncheon
For Senior Members of Sinai Temple & Temple Beth El**

The luncheon will take place at Sinai Temple

With a special program featuring Rabbis Katz and Shapiro and Cantor Barber and Levson.

Please make your reservation for \$8 through the Sinai Temple website (www.sinai-temple.org) or the Temple Beth El website (www.tbesspringfield.org) or send your check to Sinai at 1100 Dickinson Street or Temple Beth El at 979 Dickinson Street, MA 01108.

Monthly Morning Service

Wednesdays, May 6 and June 3 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. Those who need to leave for the rest of the day are free no later than 8:15 a.m.

Shavuot Services

Saturday, May 23 at 7:30 p.m.

The evening includes a Renaissance Concert plus service and desserts. We are meeting at Temple Beth El. See page 3.

Sunday, May 24 at 9 a.m. NOTE THE EARLIER TIME

Celebrate the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai PLUS a Yizkor Service. We will worship in the Oneg Shabbat Room.

THE SERVICE WILL BEGIN AT 9 A.M.

Above and Beyond with Nancy Spielberg! A Film and Conversation

Monday, May 4 at 7:30 p.m.

On Monday, May 4, Jewish Federation is presenting the regional premier of the documentary Above and Beyond. The Federation sponsored screening will take place at City Stage in Springfield at 7:30 p.m. Nancy Spielberg, the film's producer, and sister of Steven Spielberg, will be in attendance.

In 1948, just three years after the liberation from the Nazi death camps, a group of Jewish American pilots answered a call for help. In secret and at great personal risk, they smuggled planes out of the U.S., trained behind in Czechoslovakia and flew for Israel in her War for Independence. This ragtag band of brothers not only turned the tide of the war, they also embarked on personal journeys of discovery, sacrifice and renewed Jewish pride. Above and Beyond is their story.

For information, please call the Federation Office at 413-737-4313.

All guests are asked to make their 2015 Annual Campaign pledge in advance of the event.

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...Watch E-VENTS for the dates of committee meetings and come share your ideas. 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

Celebrate the Giving of the Torah at Shavuot with A Dairy Treat

Kugel for Shavuot

Please send the order form below along with your check or cash for \$22 per kugel to the main (or Religious School) office by Sunday, May 5th.

Kugel pick up will be on the last day of Sunday School, Sunday, May 17, 9 a.m. to noon.

Kugel Order Form

Name _____

Enclosed is my check/cash for \$_____ for the purchase of _____ kugel(s).

All proceeds support the education programs of our Religious School.

Message from Jack Henrie *President, Men and Women of Sinai (MWOS)*

On March 4th, after the service with Purim on the Roof, MWOS provided a Purim dinner for nearly 100 people; thank you to all who helped.

While we did not have a breakfast and speaker on April 12th, April 30th to May 29th is shaping up as quite the month!

First, on Thursday, April 30th at 6:30, we will have an evening with the Rabbi with a deli dinner and an exceptional, multi-media presentation on Blacks, Jews, Jazz, and the 1938 Concert that Changed History.

Next, following our standard first Tuesday of the month Board meeting at 7:00, MWOS will provide our traditional end of Religious School BBQ on Sunday, May 17th (starting about 11:15) with free hamburgers, Hebrew National hot dogs, potato chips, perhaps watermelon, and good company!

On Wednesday, May 20th at 6:30, MWOS will have a wonderful, stimulating and probably slightly irreverent evening with Cantor Levson, in other words, just what you would expect from an evening with the Cantor.

And last, but certainly not least, on May 29th, the Men and Women of Sinai will provide a dinner at 6:00 followed by an Erev Shabbat service honoring Bea Hano and Mark Stone as deserving recipients of the Rabbi Herman Eliot Snyder Service Award. Please make your reservations for the dinner through the Sinai Temple office or website, and join us to honor Bea and Mark for the quality of their many years of service to Sinai Temple and the community. Please see the accompanying bulletin invitation.

I want to thank all of you who have pitched in to help MWOS in any way. We could really use your help to assure the success of all the coming events. At a minimum, please attend some of these events and get a better sense of what MWOS is about. I hope that you will join with us in our support of the Sinai community!!

Jack Henrie
President, Men and Women of Sinai

Blacks, Jews, and Jazz:

The 1938 Concert That Changed History!

Thursday, April 30 at 6:30 p.m.

Deli Dinner Featuring Rabbi Shapiro

Video, audio, and conversation

When **Benny Goodman**, the Jewish clarinetist, took center stage at Carnegie Hall on January 16, 1938, the audience was in for more than just a good time.

That performance has reigned for decades as the **most significant concert in jazz history**. It was not only the first jazz show at Carnegie, but also among the first public concerts to feature a **racially integrated cast**.

Rabbi Shapiro will tell the story with video and audio clips.

Why Judaism Matters

On Friday, March 27, Joey Court-Mellion became Jewish with a visit to the mikveh. She made the following statement on why becoming Jewish was important to her.

Ten years ago, before I was introduced to Judaism, my beliefs were "I believe what I believe, when I believe it." Then I met my wife, Nikki, and I incorporated her family's Jewish traditions proudly. Each year my love for the practices and traditions grew stronger and stronger. The religion felt like home, and inspired me to be the better person I am now. I had a feeling of belonging, and I made the traditions mine. I have considered myself Jewish.

This past year, under the guidance of Rabbi Shapiro has deepened my beliefs and faith. Attending services, observing Shabbat at home, and attending Torah study and prayer have all strengthened my understanding and heightened my knowledge. Witnessing and participating in the High Holidays made me even more proud to belong to this strong religion.

To be asked, "Why it is important for me to become Jewish?", is a difficult question indeed. There are so many feelings and reasons why I have decided to take this journey. Let me just mention one good reason - Shabbat. Taking this one day a week to rest and enjoy the important things in life: family and loved ones. I enjoy lighting the candles and saying the blessings. It is the perfect way to end the week in order to ready ourselves for the next week.

I love being a part of this religion and this community. I cannot see a future without the beliefs and traditions which Nikki and I have built on for the last ten years. I feel honored and proud to raise our family in this faith. This will strengthen us as a family. Judaism has already strengthened me as an individual.

*It is with great pleasure
that the Men of Sinai
announce the recipients
of the annual*

***Rabbi Herman Eliot Snyder
Service Award for the year 2015/5775***

Bea Hano and Mark Stone

Please join us on

Friday night, May 29th, 2015

*for Dinner provided by the
Men and Women of Sinai*

Followed by Erev Shabbat Service

*As we honor the recipients for the quality
of their many years of service to
Sinai Temple and the community*

Dinner: 6:00 PM - Service: 7:30 PM

Cost: \$10

*Reservations Required by Tuesday, May 26th
Call the Sinai Temple office at 413.736.3619 or
Use the Sinai Temple website at www.sinai-temple.org*

Message from Heather Sullivan

Director of Education

Lots of exciting news to report from the world of religious school...

What a nice morning we had on April 4 as our 7th grade students helped to honor and welcome our 3rd grade students. Third graders were given their first prayer books. We all shared a delicious Pesach luncheon following the service.

Our Great Tzedakah Challenge has proven to be worthwhile, as we've collected more donations this semester than we have in previous semesters for the past 4 years! Kindergarten proves to be the most determined grade, with only 7 students but the most money collected. Way to go, Kindergarten and Rabbi Shapiro can't wait to eat a bagel with you on the last morning of school!

Our SPARK adults and eighth graders are looking forward to a wonderful last meeting in May. Due to the snowy weather in December, our last gathering has to take place in the spring.

Join us on May 15 for the Teacher Appreciation Dinner and Service at 6:00. Reservations will be accepted through the main office on or before May 10.

L'Shalom, Heather

PLEASE JOIN US FOR CONFIRMATION 2015/5775

FRIDAY, JUNE 12 AT 7:30 P.M.
AT SINAI TEMPLE

WE WOULD LOVE TO SHARE OUR
LEARNING WITH YOU!

Ben Black, *son of Richard and Kim Black*

Michael Cooper, *son of Robert and Shari Beth Cooper*

Samuel Freedman, *son of Michael and Tricia Freedman*

Shoshana Maniscalco, *daughter of Jodi and Buff Maniscalco*

Benjamin Sherman, *son of Scott and Rebecca Sherman*

Help support the Religious School by buying a KUGEL for Shavuot.

Kugels are \$22 and orders can be placed through the main office before May 5.

Pick up will be Sunday, May 17 @ 9:00-12:00.

Family Fun Shabbat & Dinner - Something New

Friday, June 5 - Starting at 6 p.m.

Join us in the sanctuary for 45 minutes of delicious prayer. Not too long. Not too short. Just the right length for everyone - young and old.

Pizza dinner follows with games of all kinds.

Watch your e-mail and snail mail for the details.

PROJECT SOLEL: Creating a New Path to Educate Our Children

As we have previously shared with you, Sinai Temple and Temple Beth El have been engaged in serious discussions about joining together to create a shared religious school serving the children of both our congregations. We are now delighted to share that we have moved beyond **if we should do this**—and are now committed to working together on **how we will make this vision into a successful reality**. Much work and detailed planning lies ahead, but we want to share with you the following:

- We have convened a joint task force, named Project Solel (Hebrew for blazing a new path forward!). Members include Stuart Anfang, Maxine Bernstein, Beth Chafetz, Jeff Cossin, Meredith Dragon, Paul Farkas, Rabbi Amy Wallk Katz, Marianne Kornblum, Lisa Levheim, Caryn Resnick, Rabbi Mark Shapiro, Jody Smith, Billy Snow, Esta Sobey, Heather Sullivan, and Gloria Wald. We are consulting with Terry Rosenberg, a nationally recognized expert in synagogue strategic planning and transformation.
- We are not merging congregations, nor simply merging religious schools. We seek to create a joint educational enterprise that will provide a vibrant engaging education for our children, strengthening our community while maintaining the individual identities and traditions of each synagogue.
- There is no definitive start date for the new school. The earliest possible date would be fall 2016; however, we are all strongly committed to a thoughtful, sensible, and unrushed process, and will take the time necessary to launch this program successfully. We expect that many of our current teaching staff will be actively involved with the new program.
- We will keep our community updated on our progress and plans. If you have specific questions or comments, please feel free to contact (for Sinai bulletin—Beth Chafetz, Jeff Cossin, or Rabbi Shapiro) (for TBE bulletin—Stuart Anfang, Paul Farkas, or Rabbi Katz).

SINAI TEMPLE - Jeffrey Cossin, President,
Beth Chafetz, Project Co-Chair, Rabbi Mark Shapiro

TEMPLE BETH EL - Paul Farkas, President,
Stuart Anfang, Project Co-Chair, Rabbi Amy Wallk Katz

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 college addresses are confirmed, please let the Temple office know. Packages and reminders from home will follow!

Meanwhile, this year's High School grads are:

Taylor Adelson	Lucille Leavitt
Allison Byrne	Elizabeth Metsch
Brittany Engelman	Zachary Meunier
Danielle Goldstein	Madeleine Neiman
Dylan Helmus	Evan Novak
Ross Kamin	Erica Torff
Andrew Katz	Evan Wetstone

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 2015 honoree is
Laurie Weinberg

Tuesday, June 9
6:00 P.M.

at Chez Josef in Agawam

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

JUDAICA GIFT SHOP CORNER

It's finally spring! Our Passover season was very good, and now we are ready for all the upcoming Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, engagements, weddings and other happy occasions. There is a large selection of appropriate gifts for all - from Tallises to Kiddush cups, candlesticks etc,etc,etc.!!!

We have returned to our regular hours of Sundays 9:30 to Noon and Tuesdays 2 to 4:30 PM. We'll always be happy to make special appointments to meet your needs.

Thais Fischel 786-9577

The Sustaining Membership Program

We are organizing differently this year.

By the time this bulletin arrives in Sinai homes, separate letters should be arriving in the homes of all those congregants who are currently Sustaining Membership participants. We are hoping you will continue your SMP involvement into the 2015/2016 fiscal year. (Last year's Celebrate Today/Create Tomorrow Campaign actually depends on the continuing health of the Sustaining Membership Program.)

But what if you aren't already in SMP? What is SMP?

If you are among those congregants who pay full dues in your category, you might consider becoming a Sustaining Member of Sinai.

A Sustaining Member is someone who chooses to offer Sinai an extra amount of funds beyond dues. During the current fiscal year, 95 Sinai households became Sustaining Members and contributed \$65,000 to our budget.

By doing this, Sustaining Members help 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 allow Sinai to continue to offer a full and varied menu of programs.

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*

Fiddler on the Roof - A HUGE Success

Four Nights...Hundreds of Happy Ticket Buyers And a HUGE Thank You to Sheri Levson, Director & Producer

If you were in the audience to enjoy Fiddler on the Roof in March, thank you for your support. If you missed seeing the show, you missed an amazing production with an incredibly talented cast. I'm very proud of how this group pulled together, creating their own little shtetl in the Sinai auditorium. The "ride" of Fiddler had its share of challenges. I can honestly say that we were all there to support each other when things got tough. Many rehearsals were cancelled because of snow, setting the schedule further behind. But even with all the stress, I wouldn't have changed anything about the production or the cast.

I want to thank the Sinai members who went above and beyond volunteering to help make this such a successful venture. Some people spent many hours creating posters, programs, costumes, photos, and other necessary parts of the production. Some helped sell tickets, concessions, usher, cover windows, set up dressing rooms, design shirts, put sets together, and, well, the list goes on and on.

Many non-Sinai Temple members were part of the cast and crew of the show, and I am grateful to have gotten to know them. Below are the Sinai members who gave of their time and talent. Thank you all again.

Sheri Levson

Gabe Awad, Richard Alpert, Sarah Cohen, Merle Zamansky Coen, Donna Comstock, Ruth Corbert, Melanie Courtemanche, Robin Dunn, Robin Fein-Krevolin, Tricia Freedman, Norma Garde, Pat Gootzit, Marlene Gordon, Michael Gordon, Cheri Haimowitz, Phyllis Katz, Steve Kessler, Margie Klein, Alex Kugelmass, Zel Lavin, Bruce and Liz Leshine, Phil Lesser, Buff and Rachael Maniscalco, Jody and Leslie Maple, Shira McCormick, Dawn and Jon Metcalf, Jen and Sarah Metsch, Bonnie Mikesch, Danielle, Jay, and Sammi Mustain, Jackie Neiman, Halden Phleuger-Smith, Janet Plumb, Ann Rosenfield, Jane Rothschild, Ellen Rowles, Elaine Schusterman, Marla Shelasky, Joel Solomon, Patrick Sullivan, Steve Sussman, Carol and David Tivoli, Bonnie Thomas, Gloria Wald, Stuart Warshaw, Laurie Weinberg, Helen Weiner, Suzy Yesley

Mazal Tov to:

Elaine Geha whose daughter, Marla Geha, was recently awarded a John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Award for her work in astronomy. "Guggenheim Fellows are appointed on the basis of impressive achievement in the past and exceptional promise for future accomplishments."

Nominations for the Board of Directors

I am pleased to present the slate of New Directors and Officers of Sinai Temple for fiscal years ending 2016-2018. This leadership slate needs to be voted upon by the congregation at the annual meeting in June, 2015. These nominees have served on various committees and in leadership positions and all are deeply committed to Sinai Temple. The nominees have indicated that they would be honored to serve the Temple subject to your approval. In accordance with Sinai Temple's bylaws, "additional nominations may be made in writing at least 14 days prior to such meeting by petition of at least 20 persons entitled to vote at meetings of the Congregation who are in good standing".

We would like to thank Jim Orenstein and Gary Weiner for their many years of leadership to the Temple. In addition, many thanks to Alan Goldsmith for navigating us through sometimes turbulent waters during his four years as Treasurer.

Many thanks to the members of the Nominating Committee for helping with the task of ensuring Sinai Temple's continued leadership. The members of this year's Nominating Committee are: Susan Cash Cannizzo, Jeffrey Cossin, Bruce Leshine, Lynn Lesser, Rabbi Shapiro, Susanne Simon and Gloria Wald.

Director – FYE2016 (one year term replacing Director)

1. Armand Souliere

Directors – FYE 2018 (three year terms)

1. Larry Bernstein
2. Robin Dunn-McDonagh
3. Richard Friedman
4. Alan Goldsmith
5. Ronnie Leavitt

Officers – FYE 2017 (two year terms)

Bruce Leshine – President
Steve Kessler – Vice President
Laurie Weinberg – Vice President
Susan Cash Cannizzo – Vice President
Buff Maniscalco – Treasurer
Karen Mendelsohn – Recording Secretary
Susanne Simon – Financial Secretary

Respectfully submitted,

Susanne Simon

Chairperson of the Nominating Committee