

Sinai Temple

BULLETIN



Sinai Temple's 75th Anniversary

For Your Consideration

Rabbi Mark Dov Shapiro

The Church may be taking the lead. Or perhaps it's just that the Church has finally caught up with us!

I'm referring to the several announcements I've received from interfaith sources announcing a major project for our Christian friends. They're calling it "Take Back Your Time," and some churches have designated the month of November for "Take Back Your Time Day."

Here are some excerpts from one church brochure, "God took seven days to create a perfect balance, including time for rest. But our society is out of balance. Americans work an average of nine full weeks more per year than do European workers. So now we propose that it's time to take back your time. Commit a consistent time every week for simple, restorative activities. No scheduled activities, no buying or selling, no intrusive technology. Reclaim time. Rest body and mind. Recreate balance."

If it sounds good, it should. If it sounds revolutionary, it shouldn't.

What they're talking about is what we Jews have been calling Shabbat for over 30 centuries. It's just that we, like our Christian friends, seem to have lost the time to make the time. And my suspicion is that we haven't gained all that much with the time we've given over to work or errands. We're just more tired.

Hence, my suggestion. Let's use our interfaith friends' wisdom. Every seven days it's there for each of us: Shabbat. Recreate balance. Renew yourself. ***Take Back Your Time.***

Saturday Morning Services

Mazal Tov to our B'nai Mitzvah

Saturday services at 10:30 a.m.

November 11 -- Liza Schepps

Daughter of Christine and Israel Schepps

November 18—Ilanna Tariff

Daughter of Heidi and Richard Tariff

November 25—Jack Kamin

Son of Loren Hutner and Peter Kamin

Tot Shabbat

Friday, November 17 at 6 p.m.

Tot Shabbat for Little People
Who Can't Sit Still:
A Pre-School Service

Saturday Torah Study

Torah Study At 9 a.m. every week.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES - NOTE THE NEW TIMES - 76-88

FAMILY SERVICE at 7:00 p.m.

November 3

Songs, prayers, and the involvement of our Third Grade.

KABBALAT SHABBAT at 6:00 p.m.

November 10

In honor of Veteran's Day, we are hosting Springfield's Jewish War Veterans.
Veggies and snacks at 5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE at 8:00 p.m.

November 17

A service with extra spirit and extra song. We will be honoring John Gerry-Karajanes for 20 years as our accompanist.

FRIDAY NIGHT Classic at 8:00 p.m.

November 24

Gates of Prayer with a touch of turkey and stuffing.

Mission Statement

Sinai Temple is a welcoming and inclusive Reform Congregation where our members pursue a continuing journey of Jewish growth. We are guided by the history and traditions of the Jewish people as we encounter the challenges of the modern world. We encourage participation in prayer, life-long Jewish learning, and social justice within a joyful, creative, and compassionate community.

SAVE THE DATE!

New Member Welcoming Brunch!

**Sunday, November 19, 2006,
Sinai Temple, 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.**

Look for your invitation in the mail

**SUPER TZEDAKAH SUNDAY
DECEMBER 3, 2006**

**It's Your Jewish Community.
Be Part of It.**

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Debbie Peskin at the Jewish Federation of

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Notes from Cantor Emily Sleeper Mekler

We Honor our Accompanist November 17

Circle your calendar and be sure to join us on Friday evening, November 17th at 8 p.m. as Sinai Temple honors John Gerry-Karajanes, our accompanist on his 20th anniversary at Sinai Temple.

John Gerry-Karajanes background of music and a Bachelor's degree in University in Garden City, degree also in music, from Sacred Music in New York now called the Institute Yale University). In 1962, in the Lutheran ministry Theological Seminary in He retired from pastoral



John has played in synagogues since he was was the organist of the in Northampton from 1986-1999 and has been the Director of Music and organist of the First Church in Longmeadow from 1999 to the present.

has an impressive ministry. He received music from Adelphi N.Y. and a Masters Union School of City. (The latter is of Sacred Music at John was ordained at Concordia Fort Wayne, Indiana. ministry in 1984. churches and 16 years old. He Edwards Church

John is married to the Rev. Patti Gerry-Karajanes, who is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. They have six children and 8 grandchildren between them.

Sinai Temple has been the beneficiary of this very talented man for 20 years. Join us on Friday evening, November 17th at 8 p.m. as we honor him for sharing 20 years of devoted service and spirituality through his musical artistry with Sinai Temple.

A Thank You to Our High Holiday Torah Readers

Special "thank you" to our High Holiday Torah readers. They are as follows:

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| Andy Moskovitz | Charyne Cordeiro |
| Lori and Max Haberman | Jeffrey Cossin |
| John Narmontas | Kathy Schlichtig |
| Spencer Locke | Robin Henrie |
| Anthony Barbieri | |
| Neva Frumkin | |
| Susie Rosenberg | |

Our High Holiday Jazz Ensemble

Thank you to temple member Jason Schwartz for sharing his jazz ensemble, The Jason Schwartz Project with us for the Yom Kippur Musical Interlude and during the Yom Kippur Afternoon Service. Their participation was made possible by the Cantor's Discretionary Fund.

I'm proud to say that many years ago, Jason was my former Bar Mitzvah student! He is newly married to Carolyn (Clini). Mazal Tov!

*Please Save the Date
For
Sinai Temple's
75th Diamond Anniversary
Gala*

Saturday, November 4, 2006
7:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

As we celebrate 75 years of Sinai Temple, we will also be celebrating a coincidence on November 4. Rabbi Shapiro's first weekend at Sinai took place at the beginning of November in 1988. Turn the calendar pages 18 years forward and on that same weekend in 2006 we are having our Anniversary Gala. It's a perfect coincidence that will allow us to recall some of Sinai's past as well as some aspects of these last 18 years with the Rabbi's friendship and leadership.

Refreshments, a guaranteed hilarious evening of comedy, plus an opportunity to honor Rabbi Shapiro. Please don't miss this special evening. Invitations are in the mail. You can also RSVP with your admission of \$25 per person to the office.

We recall on our 75th:



Left to Right - The Simons Brothers, Sam, Abe and Saul - founders of the Temple who truly believed not only in Judaism, but also in the Reform movement. From 1931 they and their families worked hard to bring Sinai to fruition and to make it a viable force in the community.

**Monthly Morning Service
Wednesday, November 1
at 7:30 a.m.**

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.

Future "morning minyan" services will take place on Wednesdays, December 6, January 3, February 7, March 7, April 4, May 2, and June 6.

The **new** Sinai Temple Cookbook is available for sale!!
It's a perfect gift.

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.

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

*A Morning of
Exploration & Celebration*

FOR WOMEN ONLY!



*Led by Rabbi Nancy Flam
Saturday, November 18,
10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.*

*How do women see & feel the world?
What can we learn from Sarah,
the first Jewish woman?*

*RSVP to Jodie Foster (567-4631
jodiebf@yahoo.com) or Laurie Weinberg
(599-1978 sagecitrus@aol.com.)*

*Rabbi Nancy Flam will be Sinai's
spiritual guide as we join with
Reform congregations across the
whole country in the debut of
the first ever Torah Commentary
written by and for women.
Stories, study, and song as we
explore Judaism's vision
of the feminine.*

*Rabbi Flam's appearance is made possible by a gift
from Zel Lavin as the congregation honors the memory
of Zel's husband, Dr. Richard Lavin.*

You're Invited to Israel July 1 - 13, 2007

Dear Friends -

Let's go to Israel! I am eager to share the adventure with you. We are going to see old sites as well as very new sites. There will be museums as well as active days of kayaking on the Jordan River and exploring the Golan Heights by jeep.

Financial details, including travel subsidy information, will soon be available. A detailed itinerary is on our website. www.sinai-temple.org

Subsidies and scholarships will be available for both adults and children.

Shalom,

Rabbi Mark Shapiro

Our Tour will include:

- Roundtrip airfare from New York to Tel Aviv
- 2 nights in Tel Aviv, 2 nights 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

You're also Invited To an Information Session On the Israel Trip Tuesday, December 12 7:30 p.m.

Everything you wanted to know about going to Israel with Sinai Temple this summer.

A slide presentation along with all the news about Sinai's Israel Trip .

Rabbi Shapiro will give an overview of our trip scheduled for July 2007.

What we're planning to see. What we're planning to do.

Hotels, sites, packing tips. Scholarship details.

For further questions, please call the Rabbi at 736-3619.

Viewpoints, Talking Points, & Opinion On Israel at the Website

Please visit our website to read a variety of articles and background pieces on Israel and the crisis of this past summer. You can expect to find materials here that won't necessarily appear in the standard national media. www.sinai-temple.org

First Thursdays (mostly): Lunch and Learn Thursday, November 2 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 December 7, January 4, February 8, March 8, April 5, May 3, and June 7.

FOR BIKE RIDERS – Sinai Temple is Going on The Fourth Annual Riding4Reform Bike Ride — March 18–22, 2007

Our Temple member, Andy Moskovitz, has committed to going on this amazing Israel ride! If you are interested, NOW is the time to make plans too.

Join Andy and many other riders from across the USA to see Israel the way you've never imagined it! Ride your bike from Jerusalem to the Sea of Galilee and on to Haifa. And, while you're at it, raise money for our Reform movement in Israel.

Interested? Visit riding4reform@impj.org.il. Or speak to Andy (413-533-9209) or Rabbi Shapiro.

Judaica Gift Shop Corner

Holiday Judaica has been arriving daily. We are preparing for Chanukah and are offering many different gifts to delight everyone, especially those who have "everything!" Come and see the traditional, the unusual and the one-of-a-kind. There are novelties for the fussiest and hardest to please.

In the Sinai Appointment Calendar on page 34 there is a partial list of what we have.

Thais Fischel	786-9577
Bobbie Cossin	565-9970
Tuesdays	1:00 – 4:30 p.m.
Thursdays	1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Sundays	10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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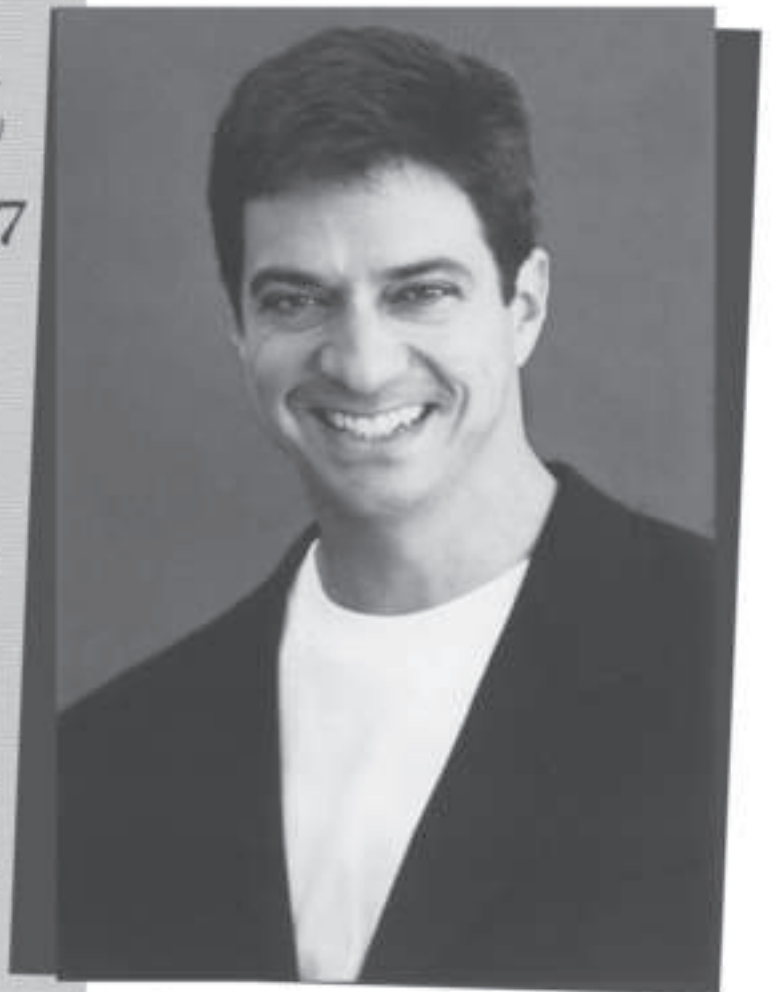
Celebrating 75 Years!

75th Anniversary Chanukah Concert

Sunday, December 17

4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Featuring
Sam Glaser
Guitarist,
Composer, &
Performer



Considered one of the top ten
Jewish artists in the U.S.

by Moment Magazine

Performances from Los Angeles
to Sydney, London, Hong Kong,
& Tel Aviv. Sam's music appeals

to all ages from 5 to 95

Our choirs and Religious
School students will join

Sam in several songs

*Sam's concert is made possible by a
gift from Neal and Wendy Webber.*

The 75th Anniversary Art Project
will be dedicated.

This fall's adult Hebrew learners
will participate as we light the
Chanukah candles.

Dinner will be served.

Reservations are required!

Only 200 seats are available.

Call the Temple by December 8.

*The art project is made possibly by a
gift from Carl Reiner and Jody Helmus
in memory of Amy Reiner.*

Project 75 Hebrew Program

Thank you to Reva Kleppel, our Adult Education Chair for assisting Cantor Mekler with the 75th Adult Hebrew program. WE REACHED OUR GOAL!!! 75 Adult Hebrew learners!

Thank you to our Sinai members who are teaching the various classes:

Beginner Hebrew: Gloria Wald, Joan Narmontas

Advanced Beginner: Cantor Mekler, Bernie Cohen, Laurie Weinberg

Torah Cantillation: Cantor Mekler

Prayerbook: Rabbi Shapiro

Biblical: Rabbi Shapiro

Conversational: one of Sinai's Hebrew School teachers, Gita Gilad.



Our Project 75 Hebrew program is going full swing with students at all levels meeting many times during the week. Pictured here is our Sunday morning beginner's class.

LEGACY

WHAT WILL YOURS BE?

What will you bequeath to future generations? How will the ideals you cherish now be sustained then? Who will articulate your principles for the sake of your grandchildren, your faith, your community and your country?

There is an answer.

With your help, Sinai Temple will endure as a powerful voice, sustaining those beliefs you hold dear. Now. And for future generations.

To obtain more information about remembering Sinai Temple in your will or estate, please contact:

Steve Weiss, Temple President,
Geoff Berman, Legacy Society Chair,
Or Rabbi Shapiro

Furniture Sale a Great Success!

This past August's first ever fine furniture sale exceeded expectations. Thanks to the hard work of Mark Stone and Sue Chanin our first attempt at a project like this involved many, many congregants and provided a great service to the community. We also raised

\$17,013.34! Thank you to all participants and supporters. Start saving for the NEXT SALE which is scheduled for August 2008.

We may even be able to accept donations of more valuable furniture as early as this coming winter.

**20 YEARS!
AT SINAI TEMPLE!!!
JOIN US!
FRIDAY EVENING,
NOVEMBER 17TH @ 8 P.M.
TO HONOR
JOHN GERRY-KARAJANES,
OUR SINAI TEMPLE ACCOMPANIST**

(SEE CANTOR MEKLER'S ARTICLE ON PAGE 2)

From the Director of Education Sheila Shear

Shalom Chaverim,

It has been another busy month with visits to the Sukkah and the Consecration of our first grade students on Simchat Torah, early in the month. We have also begun work on the Religious School's 75 Anniversary art project. I must again commend and thank Jackie Neiman and her committee for all their hard work. We will be completing the project this month with a special program on November 5th.

Also on November 5th we will be having a special visit and presentation from Jon Lev, Assistant Director of Eisner Camp. Parents of students in grades 2-4 should join us at 10:15 (parents of Kindergarten and 1st grade students are also welcome), and parents of student in grades 5-7 should join us at 11:15, for this special presentation.

More excitement comes from our 5th grade classes who are once again participating in the Yachdav, School to School Program, cultural exchange with students in Afulah, Israel. Some important changes have been made to the program to enhance students' learning experiences. Students in both our new 8th and 9th grade programs are enjoying their participation. If you are an 8th or 9th grader and are not coming, please call us. We'd love to have you join us.

Grades K-4 See you at:

- Family Service on November 3, at 7:00 p.m.
- Kindergarten-Grade 2 Shabbat Dinner
- Grade 3, special participants in the service

Grades 5-7 See you at:

- Kabbalat Shabbat on November 10, at 6:00 p.m. (5:30 p.m. Oneg)

Youth Program Schedule

Tot Shabbat (preschoolers) Friday, November 17 at 6:00 p.m.

Bagels & Blocks (preschoolers) Sundays from 9:15 - 10:45
Dec. 3, Feb. 11, Mar. 25

Club Alef-Bet (1st & 2nd Graders) Sundays from 11:00 - 1:00
Dec. 3, Jan. 21, Mar. 18, Apr. 29

Club Gimel-Dalet (3rd & 4th Graders) Sundays from 11:00 - 1:00
Dec. 3 (revised date), Jan. 7, Mar. 25, April 29

Club Hay-Vav (5th & 6th Graders)
Dec. 3 Sunday, 1:00 - 3:00 (revised date)

BAGELS AND BLOCKS (for pre-schoolers and their parents)

This program meets on several Sunday mornings throughout the school year. It is especially designed for 3 and 4 year olds and their parents. Come join us for music, activities, games and crafts related to Jewish holidays. This program is free and is open to members and non-members.

Time: 9:15 .m. - 10:45 a.m.

For more information, please call Stacey Osowski, Program Director at 736-3619 ext.13

TOT SHABBAT (for kids under 5 with their families)

Is your child too restless to sit through a Family Service? Well, we have a special service for you. Join us on several Fridays evenings throughout the year for a brief service designed especially for the youngest member of your family. Snacks in the library following service!

Time: 6:00 p.m.

For more information, please call Stacey Osowski, Program Director at 736-3619 ext.13

CLUB ALEF-BET (for 1st and 2nd graders)

This program is a social opportunity for first and second graders. It takes place on several Sundays immediately following religious school. It gives the children a chance to really get to know each other outside of the classroom setting. All programs take place at Sinai Temple.

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

For more information, please call Stacey Osowski, Program Director at 736-3619 ext.13

CLUB GIMEL-DALET (for 3rd and 4th graders)

This program is a social opportunity for third and fourth graders. It takes place on several Sundays right after religious school. Activities are specifically designed for this age level. All programs take place at Sinai and continues with the goal of creating a sense of community among these youngsters

For more information, please call Stacey Osowski, Program Director at 736-3619 ext.13

CLUB HEY- VAV (for 5th and 6th graders)

This program was developed as a follow-up to the two highly successful programs; Club Alef-Bet and Club Gimel Dalet. Understanding the needs of this pre-teen set, a variety of activities have been developed. Programs will be held on various dates throughout the school year. Please note: these programs are not always on Sundays.

Time and Location: TBA - watch your mail for details!

THE JEWISH FAMILY HALL OF FAME! FOR THIRD & FOURTH GRADERS AND THEIR FAMILIES!

Make your way into the JEWISH FAMILY HALL OF FAME this year by achieving in three great areas of Jewish living.

According to the rabbis of Pirkey Avot, our Jewish world depends on:

TORAH = learning,

AVODAH = praying,

GEMILUT CHASADEEM = performing good deeds.

To be a winner in these three categories of Jewish life, here is what you can do:

Torah/Learning - To be a star in Jewish learning, make sure you attend Sunday School and Hebrew classes regularly all year. (You should miss no more than 2 Sundays and 3 Hebrew sessions.)

Avodah/Prayer - To be a star in prayer, come to seven family services before the end of May.

Gemilut Chasadeem/Good Deeds - Here is a family project. Figure out a way in which you and your family would like to spend \$18.00 (CHAD) to make the world a better place. Create a poster to let us know what you have done and bring it to Temple by November 1.

We will keep track of everyone's progress throughout the year.

Award presentations will take place at our June Family Service.

Scholarships for Free

If your son or daughter is planning to attend any kind of Jewish program this summer, please take advantage of the Temple scholarship program. Thanks to the Joseph Emanuel, Rabbi Herman Eliot and Adele Biederman Snyder Memorial Fund, scholarships are available in small and larger amounts. We are also thankful to the family of Edna Simon and Judy and Michael Cohen who support summer scholarships as well.

Your confidential request should go to Rabbi Shapiro no later than March 15.

Representatives from Eisner Camp and Crane Lake Camp Will be at Sunday School On Sunday, November 5 Parents are Invited!!!!

If you want to learn more about Jewish summer camping, please join us on November 5 at either 10:30 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. for a presentation on the Reform Jewish camps of the Berkshires. A DVD will be shown; brochures will be available.

**Jewish Summer Camping Can Make All the Difference
in Preparing a Jewish Child for the Future**

Our Reform movement runs two remarkable summer camps in the Berkshires. One is called Eisner; the other is called Crane Lake. Last year several Sinai students attended each of the camps. Your child would love either camp. Scholarships are available for sessions in July or August. Please speak to Rabbi Shapiro as soon as possible.

Tot Shabbat Friday, November 17 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 17, bring your pre-schooler to the Sanctuary. We'll pray together for around 20 minutes and conclude the evening with snacks for everyone.

The Susan Broh Tikkun Olam Scholarship:

An opportunity for young people to build a better world

The family and friends of the late Susan Broh are so very pleased to report on the success of this past summer's award in memory of Susan.

Sinai Temple was able to offer TWO students, Sarah Bernstein and Lisa Braun, generous stipends that enabled each of them to pursue a summer of volunteer work in an area that made the world a better place.

Donations to the Susan Broh Tikkun Olam Scholarship are welcome so that we can plan for 2007. Your donations are used to allow us to "pay" a young person for summer volunteer work. Young people apply for the stipend during the winter. Awards are made in Spring for the coming summer. Thank you for supporting the Broh Scholarship.

Message from the President Steve Weiss

As you may remember from comments by Rabbi Shapiro and me during the High Holy Days, outreach continues to be a major focus for our congregation.

As part of this effort, I'm pleased to let you know that Sinai has been chosen by the Membership Study Task Force of the Union for Reform Judaism to participate in a major effort to understand the dynamics of why people join synagogues, why they stay, and (sometimes) why they leave. We're the only congregation in the Northeast that has been chosen for this project.

Over the next several months members of the URJ Task Force will be meeting with temple leadership to become acquainted with Sinai's "culture"; what's important to our members, and how we present ourselves to the community and prospective members. They will also want to speak with many current (and some former) members. In "exchange", so to speak, we'll have the opportunity to learn about what other congregations are doing to attract and retain members. The URJ's goal is to establish a body of reliable information based on facts, not conjecture, and to document what works and what doesn't.

I think this is a "win-win" for us, because by assisting the URJ in this project, we're sure to benefit not just the URJ, but ourselves as well. I hope that if, in the next few months, you are asked to participate in the gathering of information, you will assist the URJ in this important initiative.

From the Program Director Stacey Osowski

The Scrip Program will be continuing in November. Please look over the enclosed flier. Your orders will be due by November 15 into the Temple Office. Please note, orders will take about a week and half after November 15 to receive. If you have any questions, please contact Stacey Osowski at 736-3619 x 13.

The Caring Community would like to recognize any happenings that may need a card sent or a phone call made. If you know of any events (happy or sad) please call Stacey Osowski at 736-3619 x 13.

As Program Director, I would like to welcome all the new families to Sinai Temple. Families with children over 18, I encourage you to send me your children's addresses so that I can add them to my database. That way they can receive mailings from the Temple.

You can reach me at 736-3619 x 13 or by e-mail at perlski@verizon.net.

A TRADITION IS GROWING



The Religious School will be selling paperwhites this year.

Paperwhites are the most popular indoor flowering bulbs.

These bulbs are imported from Israel. Each bulb produces 2-3 stems with large clusters of sweetly scented white flowers.

*Brochures will be sent home with the students on Sunday, November 19th and the sale will end on December 10th. Orders will be available for pick up on **Sunday, December 17th between 9:00-11:00 am.** For your convenience, we have enclosed the order form in this Bulletin for any presale orders. These bulbs will make a great holiday gift.*

Thank you for your continuing support!!

**Attention Business Owners!
The Sinai Brotherhood is holding a
Golf Tournament this spring**

**Now is your chance to be a sponsor!
Contact Jack Henrie
Before all the good spots are taken!!!
jhenrie@sinaibrotherhood.org**



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.

The Brotherhood is Seeking donations!

There will be no raffle this year.

Instead, we will be having a Silent Auction and Buffet S upper.

This is your chance for some

Free advertising!

Well, cheap, anyway.

For the price of your donation,

You will have a display card of your own design

Extolling the virtues of your business!

We are accepting goods, services, gift certificates,

Almost anything...

Be a Mensch!

Rummage Sale

February 25 – February 27

Look in your closets. Look under the bed. Then bring your rummage to the back door of the Temple. We're collecting clothes (and most other stuff as well). Your rummage is welcome. If you can VOLUNTEER a day or even 10 minutes, please let the office know.

Artifacts: Personalizing History

Judge Sidney Cooley November 5, 2006

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

At Hatikvah Holocaust Center

A cap worn by a concentration camp inmate, a last birthday card sent from Germany to a niece in South Africa, a wedding picture of long lost relatives, a number torn from a concentration camp uniform. These are just a few of the artifacts added to Hatikvah's permanent exhibit, "A Reason to Remember"

These and other new artifacts will be introduced at an Open House at Hatikvah on November 5. The featured speaker that afternoon will be Sinai's own, Judge Sidney Cooley. Sid will tell the story of his involvement with Displaced Persons at the end of World War II. He found housing for nearly 300 Holocaust survivors and assisted in training them to do agricultural work in preparation for immigration to Palestine.

THANK YOU!

Committee on Membership/ Synagogue Community For all of your hard work and dedication	Shalom Committee For all of your hard work and dedication to Making our New Members Feel Welcome at Sinai
Steve Weiss	Karen Mendelsohn
David Roberts	Adele Citron
Tricia Freedman	Helen Weiner
Mike Bader	Judy Aronson
Betsy Bertuzzi	Lori Chasen
Maggy Cohn	Sandi Lotterman
Bonnie Mikesh	Patti Goldstein
Jeffrey Cossin	Trudy Schonberger
Gary Weiner	Jane Lindfors
George Dickstein	Tricia Freedman
Joel Solomon	Jeffrey Cossin
Marlene Gordon	Carolyn Mernoff
Bonnie Steingart	Scott Sherman
Peter Greenberg	Gayle Kushner
Staff Support from Karen Sprenkle and Nancy Gladstone	



This year's Adult Bat Mitzvah class is getting ready for its December 15 celebration. Studying hard early on Shabbat morning are (left to right): Jackie Neiman, Pamela Kalman, Susanne Simon, and Laurie Weinberg.

Becoming Jewish

Michele Nash became Jewish in September and wrote the following remarks to explain her decision. Welcome Michele!

Being Jewish is to navigate this world with a dual consciousness. I am an American with half of my heart in Israel. I am immersed in a culture of consumerism, yet feel guilty shopping Friday evenings or Saturdays. More eloquently, "My heart is in the East and I am at the edge of the West" (Judah Ha-Levi). I (try to) chant my prayers in a culture in which chanting has almost vanished. Those prayers are in a language seen as so foreign they may as well be other-worldly. I observe holidays many don't even know exist. Those holidays reveal me as "other," surprising people who relied on my surname to categorize me. I attempt to follow mitzvot to which the larger culture is ignorant.

I embrace this dichotomy. I walk through this world conscious of it. People lower their conversations about Israeli politics when I enter the room. After Mel Gibson's recent anti-Jewish comments I received a call from my 15-year old nephew, saying, "I'm sorry Aunty." A conversation about people's ignorance and hate followed. This same boy observed several years ago at a Shabbat dinner at my house, "Every Friday is like a holiday for you!" A discussion of the holiday that is the Sabbath followed.

When I was pregnant with my daughter so many suggestions for a name came from all corners (family, co-workers, strangers). My husband David and I were committed to giving her a Hebrew name. We announced our intentions to family and friends. So we immediately

went to the Bible for ideas, with two of my favorite names, Rebekah and Sarah, coming up frequently. Still we received suggestions, mostly from younger people, "Paige! Is Paige a Jewish name?" or "How about Mackenzie?"

Meanwhile my husband and I poured over Jewish baby-name books. Finally, we chose to name our daughter Arielle. My husband fell in love with the translation of the name, "lion of God." He knew that was the image he wanted for his daughter. I liked the sound of the name and fully agreed with the image. Arielle was born in May 2004. When told her name, most (non-Jewish) people respond, "Oh, like the little mermaid." Oh well, we know better and so shall she. This is the baby that has been raising her bottle and exclaiming "L'chaim!" as she bumps bottle to cup, mug, or glass for over a year of her life.

Chanting in Hebrew still gives me goose bumps. I feel the spiritual connection with hundreds of generations from all over the globe. Lighting Shabbat candles and chanting Shabbat prayers I feel as if I am experiencing the ocean's tide. I am one wave coming in on Shabbat, following others, with others to follow me, as the earth spins each time zone welcomes that special day for my people. Exiting my house or the temple after Shabbat prayers, the dichotomy again reveals itself. Most of the country doesn't even know it is Shabbat. I feel as if I am a stranger and a native of this land (Genesis 23:4). That is O.K., I know who I am, and as I said, I embrace the dichotomy, and I carry the Shema in my heart.

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From Brotherhood

Our October Brunch had an amazing turnout. I hope everyone enjoyed our speakers. It was a great and informative event. For those of you that missed it the Brotherhood will have three more Breakfasts/ Brunches this year, so make sure that you get to at least one of them, you never know what you might be missing!

Preparations for the Spring Brotherhood Golf Tournament are going well. This looks like it is going to be a very classy event. We have narrowed the location down to three possibilities, all of which are upper scale country clubs. If you play golf, you won't want to miss this event. If you do not, you will still want to sign up to come to the dinner afterwards!

Donations for our Silent Auction have already started to come in. Any of you that are business owners will find that by donating to the Brotherhood Silent Auction you will be paid back beyond the cost of your donation. You will have the tax write off, and you will also get the publicity of being both published as a donor in the event's booklet, and your own placard will be prominently displayed next to your donation on the night of the auction. What could be better?

Our next event will be another Breakfast on December 3rd. Stay tuned to this channel for the announcement of the featured speaker. Also, as usual, Brotherhood will be providing the food for the Chanukah event at Sinai. Feel free to come into the kitchen or track me down and introduce yourself.

Have a great Thanksgiving. Let me know if you would like my "Can't Fail Perfect Every Time" turkey recipe. I'd be happy to share it.

Shalom, everybody!

Dan Cohn

Sinai Brotherhood President

Mazal Tov to:

Deborah and Herbert Meyers on the birth of their granddaughter, Jordyn Talia, daughter of Sara and Arlen Schweiger of Worcester and to Jordyn's paternal grandparents Eunice and Stanley Schweiger.

Beth and Gerald Green on the marriage of their son, Lee, to Leslie Goldman.

Beth and Gerald Green on the birth of their grandson, Samuel, born to their children Mara and Stephane Acel-Green.

Scott and Jodie Sadowsky on the birth of Ryan William Sadowsky on October 11 and to Barbara and Jim Sadowsky Ryan's grandparents.

Paul Rothschild on becoming president of the Hampden County Bar Association.

Did we forget the Temple presidents on Yom Kippur?

Just in case you were worried that we overlooked the Temple presidents during our Yom Kippur aliyot, do not worry! Temple's presidents were honored at the Installation Service back in June. We saved Yom Kippur morning to honor Brotherhood and Sisterhood leadership. (By the way, the picture of our whole Temple aliyah is now on our website. www.sinai-temple.org)

JCC Maccabi Games 2006

We're proud of the following Sinai Temple participants who took part in this year's JCC Maccabi Games held in August in Stamford, Ct. They represented Team Springfield in a week of fun filled athletic competitions, Judaic activities and Tikkun Olum projects. The Kick-off Party for the 2007 season will be held at the JCC on Sunday, November 5th at 6:30 P.M. All Jewish teens who will be ages 13-16 by July 31, 2007 are welcome!

Coaches

Betsy Bertuzzi, Matt Bertuzzi, Matt Katz, Amy Paysnick

Athletes

Alex Berger, Matt Berger, Jillian Bertuzzi, Danielle Dickstein, Jeff Greenbaum, Michael Greenberg, Sarah Greenberg, Harry Kalodner, Abby Katz, Louie Katz, Rebecca Kimmel, Emma Klein, Sarah Klein, Jordyn Komack, Alesha Levenson, Ariel Miller, Brian Plumb, Matt Schweiger, Emily Shotland, Cydney Weiner

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