

# Sinai Temple

## BULLETIN



*Celebrating Israel @ 60*

## For Your Consideration

Rabbi Mark Dov Shapiro

Some things happen once in a generation. One such unique development is about to take place across the Reform movement. We are inaugurating a new prayer book.

The last time this took place was when I was a rabbinic student. In 1975, our movement unveiled what was for its time a very novel prayer book. It is the book we have used for many years at Sinai. We call it Gates of Prayer.

When it premiered, Gates of Prayer was one-of-a-kind. No other movement in Judaism had created a prayer book in decades. The new book rearranged the placement of Hebrew and English on the page. It introduced clear references to the Holocaust and Israel, which no other siddur yet contained. The book also brought new creative readings into the modern synagogue.

And then time passed. The gender revolution transformed our culture. Different notions about the role of ritual, music, and formality developed. Spirituality became a much more powerful force. Computers revolutionized how we look at the printed word.

All these cultural shifts led us at Sinai to develop the several prayer pamphlets we use on Friday evenings. Now they have led to the creation of a totally new prayer book for our entire movement.

The book will be called **Mishkan Tefilah – A Dwelling Place for Prayer**.

**BUT** here is the most critical point. Sinai is NOT adopting this prayer book right now. Instead of that, we are inviting EVERYONE in the congregation to try out the new book at services and in study opportunities. **We want your input before a decision on the book is made.**

We'll use the book for services on Fridays, November 9 and 16. We'll study the book on some Saturdays in December in place of regular Torah Study from 9 to 10 a.m.

Some things happen once in a generation. Adopting a new prayer book is one such singular event. Come visit over the next few weeks. **You can be part of this once-in-a-generation decision for Sinai.**

## Saturday Torah Study

Torah Study  
At 9 a.m.  
Every Week

## Saturday Morning Service

Services at 10:30 a.m.

Mazal Tov to our Bnai Mitzvah

**November 3 – Sebastian Brunell**  
Son of Joanne and Tom Brunell

**November 10 – Rebecca Cohen-Lindfors**

Daughter of Jane Lindfors and Bernie Cohen

**November 24 – Margo Chanin**  
Daughter of Sue and Jeff Chanin

## Testing a New Prayer Book

Fridays, November 9 & 16

Sinai may be adopting a new prayer book, but we won't do so until the congregation uses the book and responds. Please try to be at Sinai on the "experimental" evenings.

## A Festival of Israeli Art

Thursday, November 15 – Sunday, November 18

The show and the sale begin with a gala Thursday evening followed by public viewing throughout the weekend.

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

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

**November 2**

Story and great cookies!

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

**November 9**

In honor of Veteran's Day, we are hosting Springfield's Jewish War Veterans. Testing a new prayer book too!

**Friday Night Live at 8:00 p.m.**

**November 16**

Special music PLUS testing a new prayer book.

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

**November 23**

Gates of Prayer with a touch of turkey and stuffing.

**A MUSICAL SPECIAL at 8:00 p.m.**

**November 30**

JOIN US for a delightful uplifting Shabbat service. Our EMBELLISHED choir will be singing some of the music from the ORIGINAL "Friday Night Live." An instrumental ensemble will accompany this upbeat, lyrical, singable music. Some of it you already know and others you'll learn quickly to sing with us. This service is being sponsored by Ruth Brenner and family in memory of her husband Jules Brenner.

## Message from President Dave Roberts

Dr. Rachel Naomi Remen, pioneer in mind/body holistic medicine, said, “The most basic and powerful way to connect to another person is to listen.”

Our Sinai Board of Directors wants to connect with our membership, so we are going to listen. That is why we have launched our Panim el Panim program. In Hebrew, Panim el Panim means “face to face.” Recently, you should have received a phone call, a written note, or email from one of our Board members assigned to be your personal liaison with the board. That Board member is there to listen to you and to provide you with information about what our Board of Directors is doing. Please take the opportunity to let us know how you feel the Temple is doing. Your honest feedback will make the Temple stronger.

Another opportunity for the Temple to listen to our members is through the newly installed Suggestion/Comment box. If you would like to be more anonymous with your comment or suggestion, write it up and drop it in the box.

We will do our best to objectively evaluate each idea, keeping in mind “what is in the best interest of the Temple as a whole.” Our five-hundred plus families do not think alike on every issue. Some ideas will undoubtedly be mutually exclusive.

Also, I want to thank all who volunteered for some activity offered by the “One Step” program introduced Rosh Hashanah morning. If you haven’t done so already, there are still opportunities for you to volunteer. You can make a copy of the One Step signup sheet at our website—[www.Sinai-Temple.org](http://www.Sinai-Temple.org). Your one step can make a big difference to Sinai.

## Honoring Veteran’s Day — Friday, November 9 at 6 p.m.

As we host the Springfield’s Jewish War Veterans, we are pleased to have as our guest speaker that evening, Major Oren D. Leff. Major Leff is the son of our Temple members, Bob and Sharon Leff. He is a litigation attorney in the Employment Discrimination Branch of the Labor Law Field Support Center, General Litigation Division, Civil Law and Litigation Directorate, Air Force Legal Operations Agency, Arlington, VA.



During his time in the military, he has been stationed in Alabama, Texas, Guam, Germany, Bosnia, Iraq, and Guantanamo Bay. For his current assignment, he lives in Virginia. He is married to Gloria Bryand Leff. We are honored to have Major Leff visit us at Sinai this month!

## Welcome to Sinai!

*We’re so glad the following people have decided to join Sinai Temple in the last two months:*

Allan and Ruth Broverman  
Evelyn and Josh Cohen  
Erica and Thomas Brunette, with Madeline  
David and Hilary Buxbaum, with Alexa and Jaden  
Melanie and Ryan Courtemanche  
James Wheeler and Lori Leavitt  
Nancy and Michael Delson, with Matthew and Sean  
Jessica Weglarz  
Doris Hershon

## Message from Cantor Emily Sleeper Mekler

“FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE” is the name coined by Jewish singer/composer Craig Taubman, who created an idea to liven up the worship experience at Sinai Temple of Westwood, California. It became an instant success! Word spread and several Reform congregations across the country began to use his music.

OUR own Sinai Temple, of the same name, was one of the very first congregations to give it a try. We, at Sinai, introduced our OWN version and shared it when we hosted a regional Biennial convention here in Springfield many years ago. Our sanctuary and auditorium were filled with an electric community spirit of joyous singing, clapping and dancing as we all joined together in an uplifting, exhilarating, participatory prayerful Shabbat service. Though the congregation that evening hadn’t been together in prayer before everyone was able to sing and participate with contagious fervor.

That service and OUR monthly Friday Night Live services at Sinai Temple were modeled from the CONCEPT of the original Friday Night Live service and also from a service the rabbi and I experienced at Congregation B’nai Jeshurun, which is a Conservative congregation on the upper West side of New York. For many years as part of our annual Confirmation Class Retreat in NYC we brought the class to “BJ” to share in their Kabbalat Shabbat worship service. Our kids loved the music, instrumental accompaniment and spirituality of the experience.

Now on Friday evening, November 30th at 8 p.m. our EMBELLISHED Sinai Choir accompanied by an instrumental ensemble will lead us with some of the music from the ORIGINAL “Friday Night Live” composed and made famous by Craig Taubman!! This music is upbeat, lyrical and very singable. Some of the music you already know and others you’ll learn quickly to sing and pray with us. PLEASE JOIN US!

***This special Shabbat service is being sponsored by Ruth Brenner and family in memory of her husband Jules Brenner. We are very appreciative for their generosity.***

**Sinai Temple  
A Festival of Israeli Art  
Thursday, November 15 – Sunday,  
November 18**

From Thursday, November 15 through to Sunday, November 18, Sinai Temple will be hosting a Festival of Israeli Art. More than 1600 works of art by 110 Israeli artists will be on exhibition and for sale. The Safrai Gallery of Jerusalem has organized this comprehensive collection. It includes original oil paintings, watercolors, original lithographs, and etchings. A representative of the gallery will be setting up the exhibition for us and will be present at all times to answer questions about the art and the artists.

We are hoping that people from Sinai Temple, as well as the larger Jewish and non-Jewish community, will attend the Art Show some time during the weekend of Thursday, November 15 – Sunday, November 18.

The Art Show:

- is a way of demonstrating support for Israel;
- gives some of Israel's finest artists a setting for selling some of their work; and,
- gives the Temple a needed infusion of funds for the health of our budget this year.

*We also hope that you will consider being a financial supporter of this very exciting fundraising project by joining the:*

• **Artists' Circle for a \$300 donation.** As an Artist Circle sponsor, you will receive two tickets to The Gala Opening on Thursday, November 15 at 7 p.m. as well as four tickets for the art raffle. The Gala is the opening reception for the weekend. The curator of the exhibit will be present to offer an overview of the art. The evening will also be much more intimate than other times during the weekend.

• **Patron for a \$150 donation.** As a Patron sponsor, you will receive two tickets to The Gala as well as two tickets for the art raffle.

• **Friend for a \$50 per person donation.**

Although we will welcome any level of support, we do look forward to your saying "yes" and becoming part of the Artists' Circle, Patron, or Friend level.

**Walk on Water:  
Cinema Sinai Begins This Month  
Focus on Israel**

Sunday, November 4 at 7:00 p.m.

AND

Tuesday, November 6 at 1:00 p.m.

As Israel's 60th anniversary approaches, Sinai invites you into the world of Israel via the movies. The adventure begins this month. This will not be stereotypical Israel; this will be real Israel.

**WALK ON WATER: A Thriller set in Tel Aviv and Berlin**

A Mossad assassin, Eyal, tracks a Nazi war criminal and poses as an Israeli tour guide for his freethinking grandchildren. As their friendship grows, what begins as a deceptive mission turns into a journey that changes Eyal forever. The movie plunges into the complex relationships between Israelis, Germans, Palestinians, gays and straights. You won't know how it all works out until the final scene.

*You can see this film on Sunday night, November 4 at 7 p.m. or Tuesday afternoon, November 6 at 1 p.m.*

**The Movies Continue -  
December 2/December 4**

**ASHKENAZIM**

This very unconventional documentary asks an incredible question: Do Jews of Ashkenazic (East European) descent still fit in Israel. Ashkenazic Jews founded the modern State of Israel, but they are now outnumbered by Sephardic Jews from the Mediterranean world. So whose identity is the real Israeli identity? Is Israel destined to be more "Arab" than it is European? Will belly dancing replace classical ballet? Come to be entertained and intrigued.

**January 27/January 29**

**AS IF NOTHING HAPPENED**

This award winning drama focuses on a Tel Aviv family waiting to hear news of their son who may be involved in a terrorist incident. This very intense short film depicts every Israeli parent's nightmare in a powerful, subtle way. After a short break, we'll continue with...

**WEST BANK STORY**

This film will make you smile. Winner of the 2006 Academy Award for "Best Live Action Short Film," the subject is Israel/Palestinian relationships. The presentation is music. Unexpected. Not your usual presentation of Israel's border/cultural dilemmas.



**Especially for Women  
Special Guest Author - Rebecca Kohn  
An Unusual Torah Study  
Saturday morning, November 3  
At 9 a.m.**

If you liked *The Red Tent*, two new novels in the same spirit have just appeared. *The Gilded Chamber* by Rebecca Kohn fills in the Bible's gaps and imagines who Esther, the young Jewish woman, might have really been. *Seven Days to the Sea* presents the story of the Exodus from the point of view of Moses's sister, Miriam, and his wife, Tziporah.



Author Rebecca Kohn will be visiting Sinai on November 3 for a conversation on the way she imagines herself into the biblical text. In particular, she'll be focusing on the way she has discovered new meaning in the role of biblical women.

Both novels will be available for sale in our Temple office from Monday to Friday and in the Temple library on Sundays.

Rebecca Kohn was born and raised in Chicago. She attended The University of Chicago where she graduated with highest honors. She has been a featured speaker throughout the country, and has appeared on television and radio in the United States and in Great Britain. She lives in New Hampshire with her husband and their teenage daughter.

**Why Should God Care What We Eat:  
Could Being "Kosher" Mean Something  
New for a 21st Century Reform Jew?  
Continuing Saturday, November 10 at 9  
a.m.**

Ham and cheese. Veal. Fruit sprayed with pesticides. Coffee grown by poverty-stricken peasants. Ice cream for dessert after a Shabbat chicken dinner at Temple.

What's kosher? What's not? What's ethical? What's an appropriate way to consume food on planet earth in 2007?

Come join Torah Study for an exploration into the meaning of kashrut in Jewish tradition. Why did early Reform Judaism move away from kashrut? Is it time to think differently about kashrut? What should Sinai Temple's kashrut policy be?

**Monthly Morning Service  
Wednesday, November 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.

Future "morning minyan" services will take place on Wednesdays, December 5, January 2, February 6, March 5, April 2, May 7, and June 4.

**First Thursdays (mostly):  
Lunch and Learn  
Thursday, November 1  
12:00 – 1:15 p.m.**

Bring your lunch to the Oneg Shabbat room for a discussion of contemporary Jewish concern with Rabbi Shapiro. Future discussions are December 6, January 3, February 7, March 6, April 3, May 1, and June 5.

**How heavy was the Yom Kippur Food  
Van?**

Some of you guessed right – or pretty close. We collected 4400 pounds of food on Yom Kippur. The three congregants who guessed within a few hundred pounds were Belle Rita Novak, Ross Kamin, and Ben Black. Prizes were distributed at Simchat Torah.

**Buy Equal Exchange Coffee**

**In the Gift Shop:**

- 12 oz Regular Cafe Salvador Drip Grind..... \$4.75
- 12 oz Decaf Columbian Drip Grind ..... \$5.75

**By Mail or Telephone:**

Equal Exchange Interfaith Program  
50 United Drive, W Bridgewater MA 02379  
Telephone - 1 774 776 7366  
[www.equalexchange.coop/interfaith-program](http://www.equalexchange.coop/interfaith-program)  
Just mention Sinai Temple, Springfield MA when you order.

Hermine Levey Weston  
Social Action Committee

## Drink Responsibly

by Hermine Levey Weston  
Social Action Committee

I love my coffee in the morning. I set the timer for 6 AM on the pot the before I go to bed. I rise with or before the sun, pad downstairs to the coffee pot, and just press a little lever to add a nice steaming cup of coffee to some milk. Wrapping two hands on a mug, I inhale the aroma, I take a small sip. I get a little caffeine jolt and my morning begins.

Does this sound like your routine? Or do you enjoy decaffeinated coffee as part of your day?

Sinai Temple is helping me to drink responsibly through a collaboration with Equal Exchange, a Fair trade coffee organization. What is Fair Trade coffee and why do I care? We are used to bad news about the global economy. Over the past few years, for example, farming communities across Latin America, Africa and Asia have faced a crisis as world coffee prices have collapsed to their lowest point in decades.

But today, we are sharing some good news. Through Equal Exchange's Interfaith Program and partnerships with faith based relief, development and human rights organizations, many congregations like our own are making a difference in the lives of small farmers and their families. By purchasing fairly traded coffee through the program, they are ensuring that farmers receive a fair price, have access to affordable credit and are able to support their families and invest in their communities.

What difference can a simple cup of coffee make? Jose Luis Castillo Vasquez, a member of a cooperative in El Salvador put it simply: "I want to thank all of the congregations that purchase our coffee," he said. "It is thanks to you that we have a seed of hope in our lives."

## Fragrance Free Please

Please refrain from excessive use of perfume and colognes when attending services and events at Temple. Those with allergies can be adversely affected and become uncomfortable when exposed to strong scents. When purchasing bimah flowers for special occasions, please be considerate too and order only non-scented arrangements. Thank you!

### Judaica Shop Corner

Chanukah is very early – the first candle is Tuesday night, December 4th!

Your shop is filled with menorahs, candles, toys, gifts and more.

Please see our enclosed flyer to get ideas for the holiday season, and our many days of longer hours.

Do come down and browse.

Thais Fischel 786-9577  
Bobbie Cossin 565-9970

## Quilting, knitting, crocheting.....you choose!

Alden Baptist Church and Sinai Temple will be working again this year on baby quilts for Project Linus. All of the blankets will be donated to Baystate, Shriners or other local organizations for sick children. Last year we made 25 quilts! We will meet at Sinai on January 8, 2008 at 6:00 and alternate between Alden and Sinai once a month. Join us as we work on blankets and continue our long time collaboration with our friends at Alden. Thank you to our Sinai group; Ann Jacobs, Helene Segool, Beth Green, Carolyn Mernoff, Carol Tivoli, Laurie Weinberg and Sandy Suib-Dutcher. For more information please contact Sandy Suib-Dutcher at 567-3283 or e-mail at h.dutcher@comcast.net.

## Let's Get On Board!!

Do you have any children's board games or puzzles that could be given away to needy children in the community. Bring your gifts to the Temple any time before Monday, December 17. We need your games and puzzles. Someone in the community will love them dearly!!!

### RIDING4REFORM

#### A Five-Day Fundraiser In Israel for the Israeli Reform Movement MARCH 23-27, 2008

If you like your bicycle AND if you want to do an organized bike fundraiser in Israel, this is for you.

Speak to Rabbi Shapiro for details.  
Or speak to our Temple Member, Andy Moskovitz, who did the ride successfully and hap-

## 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.



### Seniors' Sukkot Luncheon Draws a Crowd

Seventy Sinai Seniors came together on the first morning of Sukkot for a luncheon and speaker. The Caring Community Committee organized the event. Servers and helpers were (from left to right): Carolyn Mernoff, Lynn Solomon, Ann Rosenfeld, Stacey Osowski, Sandy Lotterman.

### The First Annual Bar/Bat Mitzvah Tzedakah Bike Ride

On Sunday, September 30, eight Bar/Bat Mitzvah students along with several parents, Rabbi Shapiro and Sheila Shear participated in a 13-mile bike ride for tzedakah. The ride went through Forest Park and parts of Longmeadow. The riders decided to donate the money they had raised to PROJECT RIDE, a project of Jewish Family Service which provides special needs children with modified tricycles. Pictured here are: Aaron Neiman, April Solon, Zachary Kalman, Sebastian Brunell, Harry Miller, Dan Ehrlich, Rabbi Shapiro, Jacob Royal, Maddy Cohen, and Ben Leavitt.



### Can You Smell the Coffee?

Remember the fair trade coffee which was distributed to the congregation at the end of Yom Kippur? Just in case you thought the coffee made a weak pot of coffee, please note that the amount of coffee distributed was really intended to make one or at most two cups of coffee! So, think again about Equal Exchange fair trade coffee. The delicious coffee is for sale through our Gift Shop and on line at [www.equalexchange.com](http://www.equalexchange.com).



**Representatives from  
Eisner Camp and Crane  
Lake Camp  
Will be at Sunday School  
On Sunday, December 2  
(Note this is a change of date  
from November 4 to December 2)  
Parents are Invited!!!!**

If you want to learn more about Jewish summer camping, please join us on December 2 for a presentation on the Reform Jewish camps of the Berkshires. A DVD will be shown; brochures will be available. Camp Day will be part of a larger Family Program at school from 9 a.m. to noon.

**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.

**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 1.

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**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 THREE students, Casey Markenson, Matthew Berg, and Adam Levy, 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 2008. 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.

**JCC Arts Fest**

Congratulations to Christina Barbieri, who was one of five Springfield area teenagers to attend the international JCC ArtsFest, a week-long event for teenagers interested in the arts. The event brought teenagers from all over the world together for an exploration of the arts in New Jersey.

**A Note From The Youth Committee  
MINOR COMMITMENT - MAJOR IMPACT!**

Help keep our teens connected by joining the Youth Committee.

We meet 3-4 times a year to lend support to our youth groups, JOY and SPFTY, and our youth advisors.

We need your help and valuable input.

Please leave your name at the temple office or email me at [bonthomas@comcast.net](mailto:bonthomas@comcast.net)

**From Andy Chaet, SPFTY  
Advisor**

"Exhilarating" "Spiritual" "So much fun" "I loved reuniting with friends I have not seen in so long"

These are just a small sample of remarks I heard during my weekend at Institute at Crane Lake as part of NFTY's Institute this summer .

I arrived at Institute not knowing what to expect. I was greeted by Rebecca Hellman and made to feel welcome immediately .I met with many teens from the northeast region as well as their advisors.

I enjoyed networking with the advisors and also learning from the teens themselves .With all of the events, workshops and conclavettes that NFTY plans, I felt a little overwhelmed.

Upon reflection on the ride home I started to sort out the information overload .There is so much being offered to our teens at SPFTY. How do we do it all?

Answer:We don't! SPFTY would love to partake of them all and we will.

We want our chapter of SPFTY to build strong and enjoy some exciting community building activities.

Please join us and come to our next meeting and be part of the group.

Shalom

Andy Chaet

[spftyadvisor@sinai-temple.org](mailto:spftyadvisor@sinai-temple.org)

## Sunday Morning Running: Stretch your legs in the great out- doors!

During Religious School come get a little exercise while the kids exercise their minds. We will meet at the back of the building at 9:15 every week there is Religious School. We will start with about 15 minutes of stretching and then jog/run. Everyone is welcome. No experience is necessary. All you need is desire and a pair of running shoes. We will start very slow and go only a short distance (0.5 to 1 mile) at first. Anyone who would like to go faster or further can pick it up from there. If you have a question, please contact Andy Moskovitz, 533-9209, agm@massmed.org.



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

## Maccabi 2007 - Orange County California August 12-17

### Congratulations to Sinai's Athletes

Late this summer 45 Sinai Temple members traveled to the Maccabi Games in California. 42 traveled as athletes; 3 went as coaches. Congratulations to everyone!

Athletes: Harry Kalodner, Alesha Levenson, Emma Klein, Danielle Dickstein, Abby Katz, Rachel Port, Arielle Miller, Emily Shotland, Rebecca Kimmel, Sarah Klein, Jillian Bertuzzi, Brian Plumb, Jake Skole, Jordyn Komack, Elliot Scher, Matt Schweiger, Cydney Weiner.

Coaches: Betsy Bertuzzi, Matt Bertuzzi, Amy Paysnick

Medals were won, friendships were made and a fantastic time had by all. Maccabi 2008 will be in either Detroit or San Diego. For those who will be between 13 & 16 on August 1, 2008, kick off party will be at the JCC on Sunday, November 18 at 6:30 PM.

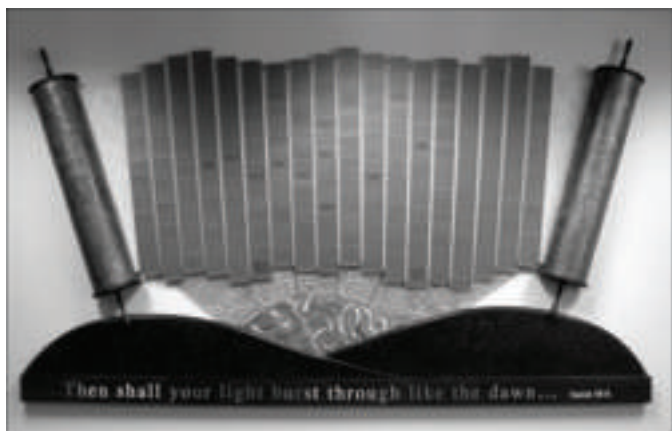


*Simchat Torah picture by Michael Gordon*





## 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.

### Scroll of Life Plaques purchased recently -

In memory of Amy Reiner Beloved Friend from Barbara Wesniak.

Happy 60th Anniversary Ruth and Oscar Seldin from Robert & Sylvia Nuger and

Steve & Chris Nuger.

Thank you Rabbi Shapiro for being part of our lives from Heidi, Richard, Heather, Josh, Greg and Ilanna Tarriff.

In loving memory of James and Sylvia Erlin for Sherry, Armand, Adam, Eric, and Evan Souliere.

In honor of our parents Sherry and Armand Souliere on their 30th anniversary from Adam, Eric and Evan.

In loving memory of Edna and Abe Simons from your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Ruth K. Webber a cherished friend from Joan Katz, Marilyn Tober, Harriett Brisk, Miriam Pfeiffer, Doris Margolis, Judy Fieldstein.

### Mazal Tov to:

Judy Lan, daughter of Beverly Lan, on her engagement to Bryan Fontaine.

## Judaica Shop Corner

We have very greatly expanded our jewelry and music selections. Do come by and see what we have bought at the August gift show.

The 2008 Micki Caspi calendars are here and lovely.

This year Chanukah is early and we are starting, week by week, to put giftware out. Your shop will feature unique as well as traditional electric and candle menorahs.

We welcome Ann Rosenfield as our new Stationery and Invitations chairperson. Call her for all your needs. 781-3045.

Thais Fischel 786-9577

Bobbie Cossin 565-9970



*Sukkah by moonlight - picture by Michael Gordon*

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# Donations

*From time to time, we review the history of some of the Sinai Temple Funds:*

The Helen and Sy Weiner Children's Literature Fund was established in 2002 in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. Sy and Helen's daughters, Nancy Weiner, Sharyn Breslau, and Lisa Goldman knew that their parents enjoyed reading to them when they were children, and then to their grandchildren as well. This fund adds children's books of Jewish content to the Temple library.

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## **New Camper Weekend**

**For First Time and Prospective Eisner & Crane Lake Campers**

**November 30 -**

**December 2**

**@ Eisner Camp**

**For Current 3rd Through 5th Graders**

**Save The Date!**

- Celebrate Shabbat at Camp
- Visit and Play at Crane Lake
- Great Sports & Games
- Stay in Eisner's Heated Cabins
- Make New Friends

