

Sinai Temple

BULLETIN



Sinai Temple's 75th Anniversary

For Your Consideration

Rabbi Mark Dov Shapiro

As the New Year 5767 gets underway, here's what I would like to do:

I'd like our "Hebrew for 75" program to see 75 congregants really learning Hebrew. In particular, I'd love the opportunity to teach a class in biblical Hebrew. It's a class I haven't taught in many years and I would welcome the challenge!

I'd like to lead a book discussion about a new biography of Baruch Spinoza. I'd also like to read the latest collection of short stories from Israel's brilliant author, Savyon Liebrecht.

I'd like to see Sinai organize some kind of bike riding event: nothing to compete with the major fundraisers in our area, but maybe something easy and fun for all levels of rider.

I'd like to see Sinai organize a softball event for next Spring. Perhaps our "team" could challenge teams from other synagogues for a one-day tournament.

I'd also like to see our new Hebrew School program succeed. The program is called Mitkadem and it offers something brand new to our students by allowing each of them to progress at precisely the level right for him or her.

I'd like to see our new plans for 7th, 8th, & 9th grade exceed our expectations. Honestly speaking, I suspect some Sinai congregants think that I think achieving Bar/Bat Mitzvah status means a child has been fully launched on the path to Jewish identity. That couldn't be farther from the truth. Remaining connected to our youngsters through to Tenth Grade Confirmation is a top, top priority. The same can be said for having successful youth groups. JOY and SPFTY deserve our love and support.

And yes, I'd like our congregation to step forward and support another trip to Israel for July 2007. Details will follow, but as surely as all of us hope for calm in Israel, I also hope to visit Israel with many of you before Rosh Hashanah comes round again!

Gmar chatimah tova - May we all be sealed into the Book of Life for a year of accomplishment and satisfaction!

Yom Kippur

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sunday, October 1 2:00 p.m.
Sinai Temple Cemetery

KOL NIDRE

Sunday, October 1 8:00 p.m.
Evening Service

YOM KIPPUR DAY

(Times approximate)

Monday, October 2

Morning Service	10:00 a.m.
Musical Interlude	12:30 p.m.
Study Options	1:30 p.m.
Afternoon Service	3:00 p.m.
Yizkor Service	4:45 p.m.
Neilah/Closing Service	5:45 p.m.

Saturday Mornings

Services at 10:30 a.m.
Mazal Tov to our Bnai Mitzvah

October 21-Harry Miller
Son of Joan and Bryant Miller

October 28-Martin Markenson
Son of Maria and Glenn Markenson

Saturday Torah Study

Saturday Mornings Torah Study
At 9 a.m. Every Week

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES

EREV SUKKOT at 7:00 p.m.
October 6
Sukkah decorating

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE at 8:00 p.m.
October 20
Music with a special style.

SIMCHAT TORAH at 7:00 p.m.
October 13
Dance with the Torah

THE UNION FOR REFORM JUDAISM BIENNIAL at 8:00 p.m.
October 27
We are hosting the Biennial Convention of our regional Reform family.

Sukkot and Simchat Torah 5767

EREV SUKKOT

Friday, October 6

Starting at 7:00 p.m.

We start the evening earlier than usual in order to meet outside and decorate the outdoor sukkah. After that, the harvest celebration continues at 7:30 p.m. with a Sukkot Family Service in the sanctuary.

SUKKOT DAY

Saturday, October 7

At 10:30 a.m.

It's time to give thanks for the natural world around us. Lulav and etrog. Kiddush in the sukkah.

SUKKOT DAY – CONTINUES...

Saturday, October 7

At Noon

Our Annual Fall Seniors Luncheon will take place after services. The Caring Community will host Sinai's Seniors. Invitations will follow in the mail.

EREV SIMCHAT TORAH

Friday, October 13

At 7:00 p.m.

The entire congregation is invited to one of the year's great celebrations. We will consecrate our First Graders and then march and dance with all five of our Torah scrolls. Special music! Special festivities! You will not want to miss this simcha.

SIMCHAT TORAH/YIZKOR SERVICE

Saturday, October 14

At 10:30 a.m.

We will mark the conclusion and beginning of the Torah cycle and also conduct a memorial service.

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 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.

Notes about the Holidays

Babysitting for Children through Kindergarten

Babysitting for small children ages two through Kindergarten (no infants) will be available during Yom Kippur morning services.

Child Programming for Grades One & Two

An age appropriate program for children in Grades 1 and 2 will be available during Yom Kippur morning.

On Yom Kippur morning, we will be offering a service designed for this intermediate age group. Too old for a children's program; often too young for the full adult service. More information will follow.

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Welcome to Sinai!

We're so glad the following people have decided to join Sinai Temple in the last several months:

Esther Dogon

Michael Cooley

Deborah Cooley

Michael & Ilene Conklin with Seth and Craig

Carmela & Bruce Bond with Michael

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Susan & Jeffrey Kravitz with Kyle, Seth, and Taylor

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Jonna Gaberman and Bruce Wintman with Noah Talya, and Shoshana

Christine and Adam Mirot with Ranen and Abigail.

SAVE THE DATE!

New Member Welcoming Brunch!

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

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.

- *Begin the evening with fine conversation, wine and gourmet hors d'oeuvres.*
- *Laugh at the hilarious comedy of New York's Joel Chasnoff.*
- *Celebrate the 18th Anniversary of Rabbi Shapiro.*
- *Enjoy a delicious array of decadent desserts and beverages.*

It will be a night to remember!

Admission: twenty five dollars per person



For Women Only:
A Morning of Exploration and
Celebration

Led by
Rabbi Nancy Flam

Saturday, November 18
10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

How do women see and feel the world? What can we learn from Sarah, the first Jewish woman? She was a community leader, wife, and mother. How did she shape her life? How do the insights of Jewish tradition carry Sarah's message into the year 2006?

On Saturday, November 18, 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. We will share stories, study, sing, and perhaps even do some meditation as we explore Judaism's vision of the feminine.

Let us know you're coming by calling or e-mailing Jodi Foster (567-4631 jodiebf@yahoo.com) or Laurie Weinberg (599-1978 sagecitrus@aol.com.)

Nancy Flam co-founded the Jewish Healing Center of San Francisco in 1991. She has also served as the Founding Director of The Spirituality Institute, a retreat-based learning program for Jewish leaders, where she is currently Program Director.

Rabbi Flam earned her B.A. from Dartmouth College and was ordained in 1989. Rabbi Flam was trained in Clinical Pastoral Education (C.P.E.) at Lennox Hill Hospital and has served as volunteer chaplain at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and the Long Island College Hospital.

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.

Diamond Anniversary Gala Saturday, November 4

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.

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

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

You've always wanted to learn Hebrew? Fall 2006 is your chance!!!!

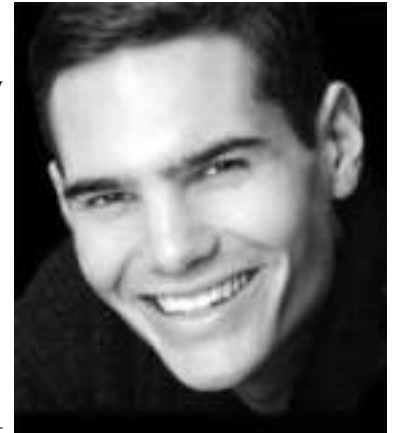
As part of Sinai's 75th Anniversary Celebration, the Adult Education Committee is launching a unique project for Hebrew learning. In our 75th year, we want to involve at least 75 adults learning Hebrew. Classes will be offered at different levels at many different times over a ten-week period starting October 1, 2006. Please register by filling out the form elsewhere in the Bulletin.

Torah Study Saturdays at 9 a.m.

Why do we call the Torah "a tree of life?" Is it "true?" Is there more to the stories than I recall from when I was a child? How do adult Jews use the Torah as a source of adult values? These are the questions that Torah Study answers every week. During the Fall, we will read the Torah Portion of the week. Starting in January, we will be studying the stories of King Saul and King David.

Who is Joel Chasnoff and why is he coming to Sinai Temple on Saturday, November 4?

Joel Chasnoff has taken the stage in seven countries around the globe at some of the world's premier comedy venues: the Montreal Comedy Festival, a USO Comedy Tour of Japan and Korea entertaining American troops, Jewish and corporate events across North America and Europe and hundreds of college and club dates nationwide. On tour Joel has opened for such top-name acts as Jon Stewart and Lewis Black of The Daily Show and Gilbert Gottfried (Aladdin).



A particular favorite in the world of Jewish comedy, Joel's innovative experience-based, positive Jewish humor has garnered him a cult-like across the United States.

Joel attended the University of Pennsylvania, where he was the Director and Head Writer of the Mask and Wig Comedy Club, America's oldest all-male comedy troupe. During college he spent two summers with the Philadelphia Phillies baseball organization as an on-field performer in a fruitless attempt to entertain 40,000 of the world's heaviest-drinking sports fans.

Joel will be with us at Sinai on November 4 to help us celebrate our 75th birthday with all the laughter and joy we have. This will be an evening of enjoyment you won't want to miss!!!

Monthly Morning Service Wednesday, October 4 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.

Future "morning minyan" services will take place on Wednesdays, November 1, December 6, January 3, February 7, March 7, April 4, May 2, and June 6.

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

Join The Great Jewish Conversation

The Florence Melton Adult Mini-School, a project of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, enables Jewish learners from all backgrounds to learn about our heritage and culture in a challenging and inspiring course of study. If you desire a strong foundation in Jewish learning, and to incorporate that learning into your daily life, then this is the place for you.

Melton is now available at the Springfield Jewish Community Center, 1160 Dickinson Street, Springfield, Monday nights. Starts October 16th, 7:00 - 9:20 p.m.

**Living Together; Relations Between
Arabs and Jews in Northern Israel
Dr. Matthew Silver
Monday, October 16, 2006
JCC Auditorium
7:30 PM**

Dr. Matthew Silver, a historian and media specialist from Israel, is a visiting professor at University of Hartford from Emek Yezreel College, located in the Western Galilee region of Israel. Professor Silver will be discussing the relations between Israeli Arabs and Jews in the northern area of Israel, which has been shaken by war with Lebanon. A significant feature of life at Emek Yezreel is the great diversity among the faculty and student body. In fact, at least 25% of the students are Israeli Arabs, and the campus is considered a strong model of an intercultural and egalitarian college environment. Silver is also involved with one of the few public mixed Arab and Jewish grade schools in Israel. Born in the U.S., Silver received his B.A. degree from Cornell University and completed his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Modern Jewish History at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

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**SWEET HARVEST FESTIVAL
Monday, October 9, 2006
12-6 pm
National Yiddish Book Center**

A community-wide celebration of Sukkot will take place on Monday, October 9, 2006 from noon to 6 pm at the National Yiddish Book Center in Amherst, MA. A festival for all ages, activities will include musical performances, a timber-frame sukkah raising, making a lulav shake, family art projects, enviro-activities, local children's authors, storytelling, text study with Melton teachers, tours of the Yiddish Book Center, kosher food for sale, and more. A centerpiece of the day will be the Sukkah exhibiting over a dozen original Sukkot-themed wall panels created by local artists.

Tickets for the day are \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 3-12 with an \$18 max for families.

For more information: www.yiddishbookcenter.org, 413-256-4900 or jwisch@beitahavah.org.

**Shalom Sukkah:
Violence Against Our Daughters?
Thursday, October 12 at 7 p.m.**

Sinai Temple, The Women's Division of the Jewish Federation of Greater Springfield and Jewish Family Service of Western Massachusetts are sponsoring a Shalom Sukkah (Sukkah of Peace) at Sinai Temple on October 12, 2006 from 7 to 8 PM. The October event weaves together the Jewish themes of Sukkot with National Domestic Violence Month.

For more information, please call the event coordinator, Hermine Levey Weston, 566-5330.

**The Mitzvah Habit:
Help us feed the hungry**

You can't miss it! Every time you enter the Temple, you see the box for THE OPEN PANTRY on the floor outside the Temple office. Sometimes the box is full; sometimes it's fairly empty. But every week the Open Pantry truck comes by to scoop up whatever the box contains and take it back to the Open Pantry.

You can help keep the box full. Here's how. Whenever you go shopping, buy an extra non-perishable food item. Then whenever you come to the Temple, bring along your food item and drop it in the box. If you're coming to a meeting or services, if you've got business in the office, if your child is coming to Religious School, start a new MITZVAH HABIT. Bring some food along and place it in the box for the OPEN PANTRY.

Message from the President Steve Weiss

When people find out that I'm president of Sinai, the remark I get most often goes something like this: "Wow! That must be an awful lot of work!" And, yes, sometime it is. However, now that I'm into my second year as President, what strikes me more and more is how much of what makes Sinai vibrant is made possible by the efforts of the entire congregation.

What brought this home most recently was our furniture and accessories sale. In the Summer of 2005, this was nothing more than a new fundraising idea. A year later, we had an enormously successful sale, which was one of our best fundraisers ever. Its success was not due to action by the Board of Directors, other than authorizing the event and encouraging the planners. The real credit belongs to the committee chairs, Mark Stone and Sue Chanin (until she moved), and to the many people who worked long hours on the committee to ensure the success of the event. There are countless other examples: the swimathon to raise to provide lessons for Springfield children; the drive to build a playground at the Washington Street School; and last Winter's "Showcase Shabbat", to name but a few special events.

Then there are the "standing" committees. At last count, we have 16: Adult Education; Bar/Bat Mitzvah; Brotherhood; Caring Community; Cemetery; House; Committee on Community and Retention (a/k/a Membership); Finance; Fundraising; Personnel; Religious School; Ritual; Shalom; Social Action; Women of Sinai; and Youth. (and if I've left anybody out, I apologize!) Each of them makes vital contributions to our synagogue, financial, practical, spiritual, and educational. If I tried to single out the efforts of all of the committee chairs and members, it would take up the entire bulletin.

And I can't forget about some special members who may not serve on any formal committee, but make special contributions. They operate our gift shop, create our annual engagement calendar, and act as our unofficial photographers, archivists, and cooks. Even this bulletin and our website are made possible by the efforts of volunteer congregants.

Even though I've been an active member of Sinai for 15 years I don't think I really appreciated how much is really going on inside our walls until I became President. I do now. On behalf of the entire Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, and personally, I want to express gratitude for the collective efforts of all of our volunteers. Your efforts are not taken for granted.

Judaica Shop Corner

Chanukah surprises are starting to come in! Watch our window and shelves for the very latest.

There are new items for the Mah Jongg player, new novelties for youngsters and really beautiful giftware for all.

Our selection of tallisim for men and women is truly the loveliest and most extensive around.

For B'nai Mitzvah and weddings, we make imprinted kipots. Over 50 color and fabric selections are available.

Thais Fischel	786-9577
Bobbie Cossin	565-9970

Message from the Brotherhood

I have great news! The preparations for the Golf Tournament are moving right along, and at this rate I think that it's safe to say we should be able to have a Tournament this coming spring! Keep your eyes peeled and your ears open. You will be notified.

Our upcoming calendar is looking good. **Our first Brotherhood breakfast is going to be on October 22nd**, and while I am not at liberty to tell you who the speaker is going to be yet because he hasn't fully committed, I can say that I was assured he would come if he wins the primary. Gee, I hope I didn't give it away...

Here's the calendar for the year:

October 22, Breakfast

December 3rd, Breakfast

January, date to be determined, Men's Night, a night of discussion led by the Rabbi

February 4th, Breakfast

March 23rd, The Annual Snyder Award Dinner

April 29th, Breakfast

May 19th, Silent Auction and Buffet Dinner (replacing the Raffle as our fund raiser this year.)

Somewhere in there we will have our Golf Tournament. Let me know what you think. Perhaps you know of someone that you would like to speak at one of our breakfast? Let me know. Don't be shy. I'm not. Call me! E-mail me!

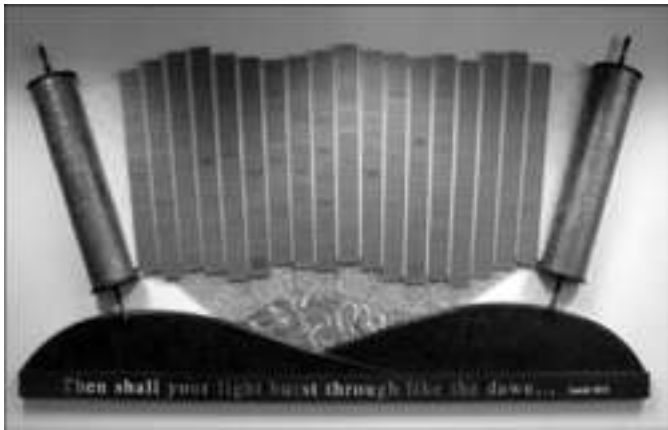
Shalom!

Dan Cohn

Sinai Brotherhood President

dcohn@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.

Let's Stay in Touch September 26 & 27 in the early evening

Members of our Board of Trustees will be calling the congregation. Not to ask for anything. Just to say hello and ask you how you're feeling about being a member of Sinai Temple.

The Brotherhood is Seeking donations!

There will be no raffle this year.
Instead, we will be having a
Silent auction and buffet supper.
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!

Israel Needs Our Help. Now!

After war expenses of \$15-\$20 million per day
Israel must now Rebuild and Provide

housing for all those displaced in the North
counseling for traumatized people
vocational training for newly unemployed
small-business loans
Re-equip hospitals, libraries, community
centers, homes for the elderly
Update bomb shelters
Purchase more fire fighting equipment &
ambulances

100% of tax deductible contributions will go
directly
to Israel today!

Your contribution should go directly to the
Jewish Federation of Greater Springfield, 1160
Dickinson Street, Springfield, MA 01108.

*The Caring Community of Sinai Temple
cordially invites you to attend
A Sukkot Luncheon for Sinai Senior Members*

*Saturday, October 7
12:00 noon*

*In honor of our 75th anniversary, our afternoon will
feature a video of Sinai's founding members. The video
was made in 1991 as part of our 60th anniversary.
There is no charge for this wonderful program.
The Sukkot Luncheon is made possible by a gift in
memory of Lenore Cohn.*

*(Please note that Sukkot morning services will take
place in the sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. You're welcome
to join us at services or simply arrive in time for our
luncheon.)*

*Please RSVP to the Temple Office at 736-3619 no
later than Friday, September 29.
Let us know if you need transportation.*

From the Director of Education Sheila Shear

Shalom Chaverim,

The opening of school has been so exciting! I am never so happy as when the ceiling in my office sounds as if it is going to cave in from the activity above, and laughter in the hallways disrupts all business. I would like to welcome you all to the 5767 school year. Our new 8th and 9th grade programs as well as our new Mitkadem Hebrew program have begun in earnest and are wonderful additions to the already important Religious School curriculum already in place. Some additional changes this year include the introduction of Alef-Bet into our Kindergarten program and a new format in our 7th grade programming. These changes provide important enhancements to our program.

Coming up this month Erev Sukkot is on Friday night October 6. How special is that? You get to not only attend services, but also decorate the Sukkah! Next, on Friday October 13, not only will the 1st graders be Consecrated during our Erev Simchat Torah service, but the 7th, 3rd and 4th grades will also be participating in the service. **Thanks to the Family Education Fund in Honor of Buster and Shirley Stahl**, each of our Consecration Families recently received a gift, of a beautiful family calendar for the year 5767, during a special family program for first graders and their families. Speaking of gifts, each of the classrooms now has a Hebrew clock hanging in it. The clocks were purchased with funds from the **Religious School Special Projects Fund** which supports a number of special projects in our Religious School. Please note that on Sunday, October 15 students in Religious School will begin a very important art project for the Temple's 75th Anniversary. Each student attending the Religious School during the 5767 school year will be represented in this very special project. Please make every effort to have your child there on the 15th.

Coming Events for November include: November 3rd is a Shabbat Dinner for students and their parents in Kindergarten, first grade and second grade. Students in Grade 3 will be participating in the service that evening. Stay tuned for more details. November 5, The Alphabet of Jewish Life. November 5, Camp Eisner Presentations 10:15 for parents and children who attend first session and 11:15 for parents and children who attend second session.

I look forward to seeing all of you at these wonderful programs. It is going to be a great year.

L'Hitraot

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 Pirkay 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.

SPFTY IS ALIVE & WELL! 9TH – 12 TH GRADE!!

Upcoming events

- **Sweet Harvest**
Monday, October 9 Afternoon
We're on our way to Amherst
- **When Push Comes to Shove: Dating Violence**
Thursday, October 12 at 7 p.m.
We'll see a video on dating violence and listen to a victim of date rape
- **LEVI Leap: Dance & Overnight**
Saturday, October 21
We're going to Framingham, MA
400 other teenagers will be there too

AND THANKS FOR SUPPORTING SPFTY AND THE ISRAEL EMERGENCY CAMPAIGN. WE RAISED A TOTAL OF \$156 AT OUR SEPTEMBER BAKE SALE.

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.

A letter from Eisner Camp

Dear Rabbi and Cantor,
Thank you sooo much for helping me go to camp! It was so much fun. Some of my favorite things to do at camp are swimming, arts and crafts, and biking. This year 4th of July was great. Instead of our regular schedule, we played sports games all day, and then at the end of the day, there was a carnival. Another favorite part of my summer is Maccabia (color war). This year I was on the Gold Team. During Maccabia you can sign up to be in either Drama, Dance, Art, or Sports. I picked Art and painted a window of the camp chapel and helped make a Talit. As you can see I had a great time at camp, and thank you for helping me get there.

Hallie Goldstein

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 15.

One Job, One Time, Many Thanks!

Trifold

Presentation Creator

Are You Curious?

Email Jeff Cossin at PHOhead@aol.com
Committee on Membership/Synagogue Community

Your E-mail Might be Helpful

Our Temple office would like to have your e-mail if you belong to Sinai Temple.

Why would we want your e-mail? We would like to be able to communicate with the congregation more effectively. In times of crisis (such as a congregant's death) it would be so helpful to be able to share the news and details of the funeral or shiva in this very rapid way. On other occasions, e-mail could also make it possible for our community to be in touch immediately. For example, last year when Rabbi Shapiro returned from his trip to Israel, he prepared a report on his experience. It was "news." It was something with immediate interest. We did send out the report to those who were already on the e-mail list. We can even send the Temple Bulletin to e-mail recipients.

Please e-mail your e-mail to Nancy Gladstone, the Rabbi's secretary, at ngladstone@sinai-temple.org.

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.

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

**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,
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Mazal Tov to:

Erin Mernoff for a fabulous summer adventure on Mission Wolf near Westcliffe, Colorado.

Paula Zimmer who was recently named Assistant Dean at Western New England College School of Law

David and Audrey Rome on the engagement of their son, Jason, to Sarah Zaia. Shermann and Evelyn Rome are the happy grandparents!

Scott Kittredge for his ongoing work in film. Scott recently premiered a film called *Terminal Conversations*, at the New Basketball Hall of Fame. The film was shot in the old Hall of Fame.

Nan Rubin-Weisenberg on the birth of a granddaughter, Gabrielle Jade. The new arrival's parents are Mitch and Brandi Rubin.

The kids who participated in the Maccabi Games in Stamford, CT:

Jillian Bertuzzi	Danielle Dickstein
Jeffrey Greenbaum	Michael Greenberg
Sarah Greenberg	Harry Kalodner
Abby Katz	Louis Charles C. Katz
Rebecca Kimmel	Emma Klein
Sarah Klein	Jordyn Komack
Alesha Levenson	Ariel Miller
Brian Plumb	Rachel Port
Matthew Schweiger	Emily Shotland
Cyndey Weiner	Benjamin Zeller

SAVE THE DATE!
New Member Welcoming Brunch!
Sunday, November 19, 2006,
Sinai Temple, 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.
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