



Sinai Temple's Scholar in Residence Weekend

Friday, October 19 to Sunday, October 21

Stephen M. Berk
Professor of History at Union College



Israel Turns 60: How did we get here? Why does it matter to us?

The Jewish world will be full of stories about Israel's 60th anniversary during the next several months. The general media is always full of news about Israel - much of it negative. And what does this mean to us? What makes Israel important? How shall we celebrate Israel's 60th anniversary?

Stephen Berk is renowned as an inspiring teacher. His course on the Holocaust at Union College is the most popular course offered at Union. Berk will be at Sinai to share his knowledge and good humor for a full weekend as Israel's anniversary approaches.

Friday, October 19 at 8 p.m. (after dinner as part of Synaplex)

Zionism: Where did it come from? What does the term mean for today?

Shabbat Morning Study Sessions (Come to one or both sessions):

Saturday, October 20 at 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Zionism: A study of some classic texts before and after Theodor Herzl

Saturday, October 20 at 10:15 to 11:45 a.m.

Arabs and Jews: A history of the encounter between Islam and our people

Sunday, October 21 at 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Breakfast and Learning

Zionism Going Forward:

What lies ahead for Israel?

Why should it matter for us?

Why should it matter for our children?

A heartfelt thank you to Joel and Betsy Bertuzzi for underwriting the scholar in residence weekend.

For more information, please Laurie Weinberg, Adult Education Chair - 599-1978.

For Your Consideration

Rabbi Mark Dov Shapiro

I'm on the second page this month because Sinai is bursting with opportunities. This Bulletin contains several full page notices because there is so much to share.

First up, we have an incredible guest teacher joining us in October. Professor Stephen Berk has spoken several times in the Springfield area. He has also led many members of our Jewish community on extremely successful trips to Israel and Europe. Anyone who knows him says he is an outstanding teacher and this month he will be ours for a full weekend. Come hear him once; come several times. He won't disappoint you!

Looking ahead into next month, I'm so proud that we will be opening our doors to tens of artists from Israel. Back in 2003, we had a fabulous Israeli Art Show sponsored by the Safrai Gallery of Jerusalem. Now the Gallery is back with new creativity - some of the art religious but much of it simply beautiful contemporary artistic expression. You can buy or just come to enjoy the sites.

In between, how about becoming part of our Synaplex/Showcase Shabbat on Friday, October 19. There is enough variety on that one evening so that something should appeal to everyone - even the dinner will be delectable. Think about Hebrew too. You can finally begin Hebrew or refresh your Hebrew at several levels.

It's a New Year. Take ONE STEP and visit Sinai in the weeks ahead.

Starry Nights... Shabbat at the Planetarium

On Friday, October 5, celebrate the story of creation by praying and reading Torah at the Science Museum Planetarium followed by a tour of the stars. Only 90 seats available. Reservations through the Temple office required! (A service will also take place in our Sinai sanctuary that same evening.)

Testing a New Prayer Book Fridays, October 26, November 9 & 16

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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

October 6 - Aaron Fisher
Son of Shelly and Marc Fisher

October 20 - Jesse Clark
Son of Barbara and Barry Clark

October 27 - Michael Bond
Son of Carmela and Bruce Bond

Erev Simchat Torah

Wednesday, October 3 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! Chatan Torah (reading Deuteronomy) will be Mitch Torff; Chatan Bresheet (reading Genesis) will be Sam Torff.

Simchat Torah/Yizkor Service

Thursday, October 4 at 10:00 a.m.

We will mark the conclusion and beginning of the Torah cycle and also conduct a memorial service. Mini-luncheon to follow.

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

FAMILY SERVICE at 7:00 p.m.
October 5

Two locations: In the Sinai sanctuary OR the Science Museum Planetarium.

KABBALAT SHABBAT at 6:00 p.m.
October 12

Veggies and snacks at 5:30 p.m.

SYNAPLEX SHABBAT
October 19

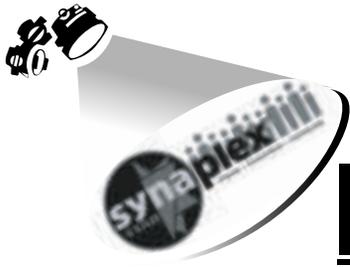
Service, learning opportunities, dinner, and learning for all ages. See page 3 of the Bulletin.

FRIDAY NIGHT NOT-SO-CLASSIC
October 26

At 6:00 p.m. - Tot Shabbat for pre-schoolers

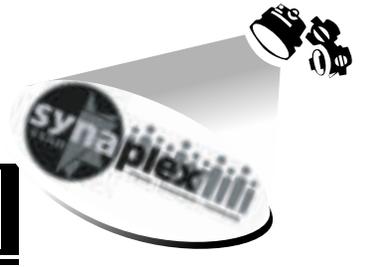
At 8:00 p.m. - TESTING A NEW PRAYER BOOK!!!

We will be using the new Reform prayer book, Mishkan Tfilah.



☆☆☆ **Sinai Temple Brings You** ☆☆☆

SHOWCASE SHABBAT



☆ *A New Way to Experience Friday Evening* ☆

Friday, October 19, 2007

Like a multi-screen theater, Sinai Temple presents a variety of settings for a terrific Friday evening. Stretching, dancing, laughter, food, drumming, prayer, and serious learning will give everyone his or her own way to be at home in the Temple. Adults, teenagers, and children are all invited!!!

5:30 p.m. *Wine, cheese, and veggies*

6:00 p.m. YOU CHOOSE...

Tai Chi - Stretch your way into the seventh day. (Beginners are welcome.)

Israel Folk Dancing as Israel's 60th birthday approaches.

A not-your-typical Shabbat Service with an Israeli flair featuring drum and accordion!

Jews, Judaism, & the College Campus – A conversation for High School students and parents with Professor Stephen Berk, Union College

PLUS options for children and teenagers

7:00 p.m. *All of us together for the candle lighting, Kiddush, and motsi*

Followed by Shabbat Dinner with seating for adults, children, and our youth groups.

7:45 p.m. YOU CHOOSE...

For Adults – Professor Stephen Berk, our weekend scholar in residence, will begin his presentations on "Israel Turns 60: How did we get here? Why does it matter?"

For Kids – The first ever Springfield After Dinner Theater – "You Create It; You're the Star."

For our Youth Groups – Activities of all sorts

9:00 p.m. *Back together for DESSERTS and COFFEE*

★ *Dinner reservations please (Deadline October 10. We've only got room for the first 150 people)* ★

Name(s) _____ Phone # _____

Adults _____ (\$15.00 each) # Children _____ (Ages 12-18 \$5.00 each/Under 12 Free)
 (Even for children under 12, we must know the # who will be coming.)

Total enclosed \$ _____

Please send your check to Sinai Temple, 1100 Dickinson Street, Springfield, MA 0118

**Yerushalayim in Hebrew; Jerusalem in English
In Honor of Israel's 60th Anniversary,
Give Yourself the Gift of Hebrew!**

Building on our success with Hebrew last year, the Adult Education Committee is pleased to offer you more Hebrew at several time slots at several levels.

Classes start in October.

Please register by filling out the form on this page!

Let THIS year be YOUR year for the GIFT OF HEBREW!

Schedule of Hebrew Classes for Fall 2007 on the following dates:

	Sunday 11-12:00 a.m.	Tuesday 7:30-8:30 p.m.	Wednesday 7:30-8:30 p.m.
October	14, 21, 28	9, 23	10, 17, 24
November	4, 11, 18	6, 13, 20, 27	7, 14, 28
December	2, 9, 16	4, 11, 18	5, 12, 19

We'll celebrate all the Hebrew learning at Shabbat services on Friday, December 21!!!

Please enter your first and second choices in the "choice" column.

Choice	Day	Time	Teacher	Choice	Day	Time	Teacher
Beginner Hebrew –For those starting out. Learn to identify Hebrew letters and begin to put words together.				Advanced Beginner – Refresher course. Review the alphabet; improve basic reading; then on to reading & understanding basic prayers.			
	Sun	11:00 a.m. - noon	Howard Kalodner		Sun	11:00 a.m.- noon	Judy Aronson
	Wed	7:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Joan Narmontas		Wed	7:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Laurie Weinberg
Intermediate Hebrew – If you refreshed your Hebrew last year or if you're reading pretty well, enrich yourself with more reading and comprehension.				Conversational Hebrew - spoken Hebrew! How do they say it in Israel.			
		7:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Jeff Ochs		Wed	7:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Gita Gilad
				Torah Cantillation – Learn how to chant the Torah!			
					Tue	7:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Cantor Mekler

Dear Adult Education Committee:

Count me in! I want to be a Hebrew learner.

Enclosed please find my check for \$18 (payable to Sinai Temple) to cover the cost of my textbook.

Name _____ Phone _____ E-mail _____

Mail to: Sinai Temple, 1100 Dickinson Street, Springfield, MA 01108

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.

Cinema Sundays at Sinai (With a Tuesday Chaser): Focus on Israel Sundays, November 4, December 2, January 27 at 7:00 p.m. OR Tuesdays, November 6, December 4, January 29 at 1:00 p.m.

As Israel's 60th anniversary approaches, Sinai will offer three cinematic opportunities to see Israel from three very different perspectives. This will not be stereotypical Israel; this will be real Israel.

November 4/November 6 WALK ON WATER

A contemporary 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.

December 2/December 4 THE 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.

Testing a New Prayer Book Fridays, October 26, 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 three "experimental" evenings.

Should Sinai Temple Adopt a New Prayer Book? Saturdays, October 6 & 13 at 9 a.m.

As the Reform movement introduces a new prayer book called Mishkan Tfilah, Sinai Temple will experiment with the new book on Friday evenings in October & November. Rabbi Shapiro will offer background into the new book on two Shabbat mornings in October. To understand what makes a prayer book "tick," please come to Torah Study on October 6 and 13.

Why Should God Care What We Eat: Could Being "Kosher" Mean Something New for a 21st Century Reform Jew? Starting Saturday, October 20 at 9 a.m.

Ham and cheese. Lobster. 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 a unique 8-week exploration into

the history and 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? Should Sinai even have a kashrut policy?

Come join the discussion starting October 20.

Monthly Morning Service Wednesday, October 3 at 7:30 a.m.

A chance to start your day with a different focus. We meet on the bimah for a service of 20 minutes. Breakfast follows. 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 7, December 5, January 2, February 6, March 5, April 2, May 7, and June 4.

First Thursdays (mostly): Lunch and Learn Thursday, October 11 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 1, December 6, January 3, February 7, March 6, April 3, May 1, and June 5.

Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah

Are You Interested in Starting a New Class For A New Year?

Dear Congregants:

As many of you know, it has been my privilege to work with four groups of men and women who have chosen to become Bar/Bat Mitzvah as adults. I think each group of learners will tell you we had a wonderful time together. We were not attempting to become Harvard graduates. We were only

attempting to grow and explore ourselves as Jews. If you are at all interested in helping form another Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah class that could start meeting this coming spring, please contact me. No commitments. Just call and we can see if it's right for you.

Rabbi Shapiro

A New Class Forming for Florence Melton Adult School: A New Approach to Adult Jewish Education

The Springfield Jewish Community Center presents a new year of the Florence Melton Adult Mini-School. The Florence Melton Adult Mini School offers weekly meetings with instructors who are rated for their excellence and teach the most important primary texts of Jewish tradition.

Melton is a two year sequential program of learning. The Melton curriculum is taught by a diverse and dynamic faculty from throughout Western Massachusetts and is offered at The Springfield Jewish Community Center, Mondays at 7:00 p.m. beginning October 22.

To register, contact Rabbi Micah Becker-Klein at the Springfield JCC, (413) 739-4715 ext. 344, or mbeckerklein@springfieldjcc.org.

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, Tzipporah.

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.

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:
Dave Roberts, Temple President,
Geoff Berman, Legacy Society Chair,
Or Rabbi Shapiro

Message from the President Dave Roberts

In late August, I had a conversation with Lynn Solomon who, along with her mother, Ann Rosenfield, was co-chairing the Religious School tag sale. Lynn needed more volunteers to work at the sale. I made some phone calls and also decided to volunteer myself. I must confess that I was a bit apprehensive—I had never helped out at a tag sale before and didn't know what to expect.

Everything worked out well—the Religious School had a wonderfully successful sale, and I enjoyed meeting and working with the other volunteers.

On Rosh Hashanah I asked each of you to consider volunteering to do something—big or small—or to commit to doing something new or different regarding your Jewish life. I hope that your volunteer experience will be similar to mine—that you enjoy what you do for the Temple and that you make new friends in the process. Doing good can feel good, too!

Remember, if no one has contacted you by November 15 about your offer to volunteer, email me at Droberts65@cox.net or call me at (860) 763 3902. I want to be sure that all who volunteer are contacted.

By the time this Bulletin is printed, there should be new Suggestion Box in the Temple. Please take a moment to give us your ideas for improving Sinai. Constructive criticism is welcome, too. Just remember, that with over 500 families, not everyone will agree with every suggestion, but every suggestion will be reviewed.

Shalom,
Dave

Your E-mail Would 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) AND joy (births/engagements) it would be so helpful to be able to share news in this rapid way. On other occasions, e-mail could also make it possible for our community to be in touch immediately. For example, a few years ago when Rabbi Shapiro returned from a 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 Robin Blanchette-Gage, the Rabbi's secretary, at rblanchettegage@sinai-temple.org/.

Message from Director of Education Sheila Shear

Shalom Chaverim

The opening of Religious School was fabulous, with students and teachers excited to greet the new year. Over the past year or so, the education programs for students in Kindergarten through 9th grade have undergone a number of changes, but we are not quite done yet. Watch for continued changes in our kindergarten, and if you have a chance, take a peek in the art room. The new lighting (and tables arriving very soon) make the space more useful and pleasant. I hope to make 5768 the best year yet for our students. Adding to our improved middle and high school programming is, thanks to a generous gift from Daryl and Lynn Schwartz, the new *Rosh Hodesh; It's A Girl Thing* program for 6th and 7th grade girls. If you have or are a girl that is in 6th or 7th grade that has not yet joined this wonderful group, it's not too late. Also, for 8th and 9th graders that have not yet been able to sign up for this year, it's not too late for that either. It would be a shame for you to miss out. If you have questions about these programs please feel free to call me. Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome returning and new staff. I am looking forward to sharing the unique qualities each staff member brings to their students here at Sinai over the upcoming month. I wish you all a happy, healthy and successful 5768.

L'Shalom, Sheila

THE JEWISH FAMILY HALL OF FAME FOR THIRD GRADERS

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

Torah/Learning - To be a star in Jewish learning, make sure you attend Sunday School and Hebrew classes regularly all year.

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

Gemilut Chasadeem/Good Deeds - Figure out a way in which you and your family would like to spend \$18.00 (CHAI) 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.

Time to revitalize our Youth Choir grades 5-7. We'll meet on Thursdays from 5:00 to 5:45 p.m. until SECOND SEMESTER of SINGLE SESSION SUNDAYS of Religious School begins. It will then meet as part of the Chuggim during the regularly scheduled Sunday morning program. Contact Cantor Emily Sleeper Mekler.

Representatives from Eisner Camp and Crane Lake Camp Will be at Sunday School On Sunday, November 4 Parents are Invited!!!!

If you want to learn more about Jewish summer camping, please join us on November 4 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.

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.

THE TALMUD TORAH HALL OF FAME FOR FOURTH GRADERS

You can enter the Fourth Grade level of the Hall of Fame by performing mitzvot in several areas outlined by the Talmud.

Learning, honoring, performing, welcoming, taking care, making peace—Perform three of the six mitzvot described in material distributed at Religious School.

Praying - To be a Hall of Famer in prayer, come to seven family services before the end of May.

The Study of Torah/Talmud Torah - Attend Sunday and Hebrew School classes regularly all year.

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

Award presentations will take place at our June Family Service.

The PJ Library Offers FREE Books and CD's

Parents and children have warm memories of the time before bed, when they snuggle together and end the day with a book. The PJ Library, the newest initiative of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, wants to turn these special moments into Jewish moments.

Any Jewish family living in Western Massachusetts with children between the ages of six months and six years is eligible to receive a monthly mailing of a Jewish children's book, CD, or the occasional parenting book. The PJ Library is FREE for families during the first year of participation, with a nominal donation requested each year thereafter.

If you have not already signed up to receive PJ Library books, please consider enrolling your child today. Go to www.pjlibrary.org. If you live in Western Massachusetts but have relatives or friends living elsewhere, a subscription to the PJ Library (only \$60.00) makes a great gift! Contact Rachel at (413) 439-1942 for additional information.

Exceptional New Program at Mercy Medical Center

Mercy Hospital is currently instituting a ministry of care and compassion for older patients.

The sad reality is that many older persons who are hospitalized have no family members to visit them and therefore are deprived of the attention they need to thrive during their hospital stay.

Mercy Medical Center will provide intensive training to a corps of volunteers who are willing to give a few hours each week on a long-term basis to provide positive and compassionate attention to the many who feel very much alone in a hospital setting.

Call Mary Ellen Sheehan at 748-9025 for more information.

Welcome to Sinai!

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

James and Lori Byrne with Allison, Samuel, and Jack

Shawn Giroux and Suzanne Giroux with Jeremy and Benjamin

Michael and Deborah Levin with Max, Harry, Grace and Benjamin

Buff and Jodi Maniscalco with Shoshana and Rachel

Sandra Merrill

Stephen and Nancy Mueller with Michael and Jeffrey

Message from Brotherhood President Dan Cohn

Welcome back to Sinai and another year of such great potential with Brotherhood! We will be hosting our usual breakfasts with stimulating speakers! We will be supplying you with an assortment of good things to eat at the appropriate events! We will hold our annual raffle! We will have our annual Snyder award dinner!

There is so much more we could do, but to be perfectly frank with all of you I don't want to make any promises that we can't keep. We just don't seem to have the man power to get much more than that done.

What we could really use is a couple of members that want to see Brotherhood sponsor more events, and are so enthusiastic about it that they actually start coming to our board meetings and volunteering to chair new committees and get more people involved, and bring in more enthusiasm and more excitement, until before you know it we have a vibrant, active Brotherhood again! That would be fantastic!!

So if you want to be a part of the new Brotherhood, if you want to make a difference and help make our Synagogue into a place everyone wants to be, come to the next Brotherhood meeting. We meet the second Tuesday of the month, usually in the library.

Let me know your thoughts. Give me a call. Drop me a line. Leave an anonymous note in our mailbox...

Dan Cohn

dcohn@sinaibrotherhood.org

Why do I "love" my Prius? From Helene Segool, on behalf of the Social Action Committee

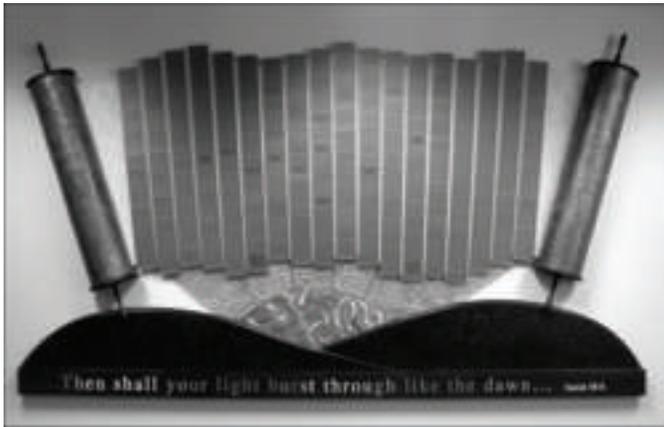
I love my Prius. We've been "together" a year and a half now. I'm just past the infatuation stage, which should give me the objectivity to describe my Prius' endearing features.

First of all, it truly goes 50 miles a gallon for overall driving. This "green" feature is what attracted me in the first place. I actually didn't believe the specs I had read at the Toyota dealer, but I thought that doubling my ex's 20 mpg would be amazing! No need to say, it is still a nice feeling when every 500 miles, I fill up with a mere 10 gallons of gas. (Tank capacity is 11.9 gallons).

My Prius drives like any other car (no need to switch from gas to electric, or plug it in, like so many people think.). It's pleasantly roomy inside, considering the small look on the outside. I was surprised to be able to fit 2 kayaks on the roof or 2 bikes on a carrier behind. The Prius offers a very comfortable ride, both in town and at highway speeds. It has a little camera that helps me back up safely and the smart key is a fun feature.

What else can I say? I just love my Prius! Next time you're looking for a new car, consider a Hybrid, you just might fall in love too.

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 Memory of the Righteous is a Blessing

All of us at Sinai Temple extend condolences as we remember the following. Their memories are precious to their relatives, their friends and to each of us who form the community of Sinai Temple.

We remember those who have passed away since August 14, 2007 and up until September 4, 2007:

Toby E. Cohen, sister of Bernie Cohen.

Irene Smith, mother of Howard Smith.

Saul Seligman, father of Joan Vogel.

Mazal Tov to:

Richard and Bonnie Brown on the marriage of their daughter Robin to Kevin Curley

Marc and Susan Goldman on the engagement of Arielle Goldman to Steven Kirchbaum.

The Steingart's on the marriage of Lindsay to Kyle Hanford.

Art and Linda Solomon on celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in September.

Rachel Nuger on receiving her doctorate in anthropology from the Graduate Center of CUNY.

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

Cantor Emily Sleeper Mekler Join the Big Chorus

Nu???! There's still a place waiting for you to sing on Friday evening, November 30th as part of our Sinai Temple BIG CHORUS. Your participation will make it even bigger!!! Remember other times when some of you sang with the choir? You loved making music, especially with other Sinai members! Now is your chance to try it, again. As I said, just an 8-week commitment to rehearse and then we sing. I'm up for the challenge of helping to create another memorable choir experience in just 8 rehearsals. I KNOW we can do it!

PLEASE NOTE: Due to holidays and the Israeli Art Showchorus rehearsals will alternate some Wednesday evenings. Call Cantor Mekler TODAY at 736-3619, ext. to say "yes" and/or ask questions.

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