



# Sinai Temple Bulletin

*Take Back Your Time:  
Rediscover Shabbat*

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## For Your Consideration

*Rabbi Mark Dov Shapiro*

I am so proud. As I parked the car only minutes ago, Robert Siegel (a Jewish man) was interviewing Aviva Kempner (a Jewish filmmaker) about her new film. The conversation was taking place on National Public Radio's afternoon news show, All Things Considered.

You can't get much more prominent than that!

But here's what made me proud. Siegel was talking with Kempner about a remarkable chapter in American history. It's the story of Julius Rosenwald who made a fortune at the helm of Sears, Roebuck and then spent large amounts of his fortune to improve the lives of African Americans. Scandalized by the segregated schools in which blacks were forced to learn, Rosenwald built 5,000 schools in 15 states from Maryland to Texas in the 1920's and 1930's. By 1932, these Rosenwald schools accommodated 1/3 of all African American children in southern schools. The movie ROSENWALD narrates this accomplishment on the part of the very private Jewish philanthropist, Julius Rosenwald.

So why was I proud?

I was proud because of Rosenwald's sense for justice. (Kempner who created the new film explains that at least, in part, Rosenwald was motivated by what he learned about tikkun olam - repairing the world at his Reform Temple in Chicago!)

I was proud as well that Rosenwald is one among many Jews who have made huge contributions to America. Through social justice, the arts, learning, politics, and more, we Jews have been pivotal in building the best of today's America.

What a privilege to be part of this people. What a blessing to be alive at this shining moment in Jewish history.

To be sure, not all is well. America is far from what we wish it could be for all its citizens. As vital as American Jewry is, we are also in need of renewed commitment to learning and practice.

It all sounds like a perfect backdrop to the High Holidays that now approach. Time for pride and time for celebration. But time as well for reflection and regret. Time for promises to be better than each of us now is. Time for renewal.

Looking forward to seeing you at Sinai. Shana tova - time for a proud New Year!

## Friday Evenings

**September 4 at 6 p.m.**  
**Labor Day Weekend**

Summer ends and so does the week. Shabbat shalom with Cantor & Rabbi

**September 11 at 7:30 p.m.**

Getting ready for the New Year. Shabbat shalom.

**September 18 at 7:30 p.m.**

"Back from Camp." Celebrating Shabbat as we honor youngsters who attended Jewish summer camp this past summer.

**September 25 at 7:30 p.m. –**

Shhh. We've welcomed the New Year and now it's back to "business" as usual. Shabbat shalom.

## Saturday Mornings

**Torah Study at 9 a.m.**

**Weekly Shabbat Service at 10:15 a.m.**

**(Bar/Bat Mitzvah Services at 10:30 a.m.)**

**Mazal Tov to B'not Mitzvah**

**September 19** – Annabella Whalen, daughter of Joe and Amy Whalen

**September 26** – Hannah Cannizzo, daughter of Frank Cannizzo and Susan Cash Cannizzo

**Theodore Bikel: Honoring the  
Musician, the Man, the Jew**

**Saturday, September 5**

**8 to 9:30 p.m.**

Theodore Bikel was a great artist and great Jew who passed away in July. During this year's Selichot coffeehouse on September 5, we will explore some of his accomplishments as we watch a film in which he narrates his love of Jewish life and Jewish music. The film is called **IN THE SHOES OF SHOLOM ALEICHEM**. We will use the film and our reminiscences of Bikel as we set the stage for the upcoming High Holidays.

## Message from Bruce Leshine

Temple President

I am thrilled to be Sinai Temple's new president—although not nearly as thrilled as Judy Plotkin-Goldberg, my mother-in-law, is that I am. And I am very excited to embark on the amazing opportunities we have before us in the coming year. One of those amazing opportunities is building a stronger Jewish community, within our own Sinai congregation, as well as with other Jewish organizations in greater Springfield.

Of course, managing the balance between the demands of an individual's self and that of the community is a defining element of every culture. Our country was founded on the principle that societies are created to provide individuals with the inalienable rights to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" in order for individuals to conduct their own independent lives. However, Judaism teaches us that humans were created to tend to the needs of the community, and one of the great blessings of Judaism is that it, and not in a burdensome manner, requires our being a part of a community. And generally, we prefer the experience of community to that of individual isolation.

Hillel said, "If I am not for myself, who will be for me? But if I am only for myself, what am I? And if not now, when?" So as American Jews, we straddle these two cultures, the secular culture that emphasizes the individual, and the Jewish culture that reveres community. Indeed, throughout our lives, we participate in Jewish relationships without which we could not survive. Our tradition is emphatic: From our first moments to our last, we Jews value life among other human beings, life made richer by irreplaceable relationships and our belonging to a community.

A long time ago, I remember being a child at High Holiday services with my mother's parents. My grandmother Sophie grew up on Jerome Avenue in the Bronx, but was not particularly religious or observant. However, I remember her crying, pleasantly, during one part of the service. I asked her why she was crying—was it something in that particular prayer. She said, "No—I don't even know what this prayer is about. I just like being here in Temple with our family and our friends."

And in that statement by Grandma Sophie lies one of our greatest opportunities, and I believe one of our most important goals for Sinai Temple—to make our Temple not just a house of worship, not just a place of learning for our children, but a greater and more dynamic Jewish community for us and all of our family, friends and neighbors...

Thank you for the honor you've bestowed upon me. Together over the next several years, I believe that we can do some very special things in our community. Be well, my friends. Shana Tova...Best wishes for a sweet New Year.

## High Holidays 2015-5776

### Theodore Bikel: Honoring the Musician, the Man, the Jew

Saturday, September 5, 8 to 9:30 p.m.

(You are invited to a pre-High Holiday Coffeehouse for Welcoming the New Year)

Theodore Bikel was a giant. A great artist and great Jew. During the September 5 coffeehouse, we will explore some of his accomplishments as we watch a film in which he narrates his love of Jewish life and Jewish music. The film is called IN THE SHOES OF SHOLOM ALEICHEM.

We will use the film and our reminiscences of Bikel as we set the stage for the upcoming High Holidays. The evening will include conversation, Selichot, coffee, and refreshments.

*(Film provided by The National Center for Jewish Film. With special thanks to Phil and Elyse Lauro for underwriting the evening in memory of their son, Philip.)*

### Erev Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, September 13

Evening Service at 8:00 p.m.

### Rosh Hashanah Day

Monday, September 14

Children's Service .....8:30-9:15 a.m.

(For families with children infant to 7 yrs.)

Congregational Service .....10-12:15 p.m.

(Childcare & program 10-12:15 p.m.)

Tashlich .....4:30 p.m.

### Cemetery Memorial Service

Sunday, September 20 at 1:00 p.m.

At the Sinai Temple Cemetery

### Kol Nidre

Tuesday, September 22 at 8 p.m.

### Yom Kippur Day

Wednesday, September 23

Morning Service .....10:00 a.m.

Musical Interlude .....12:30 p.m.

Study Options .....1:30 p.m.

Family Service.....2:00 p.m.

Afternoon Service .....3:00 p.m.

Jeopardy a la Sinai .....4:15 p.m.

Yizkor Service .....5:00 p.m.

Neilah/Closing Service.....5:45 p.m.

Break Fast .....6:30 p.m.

Visit our website: [www.sinai-temple.org](http://www.sinai-temple.org)

# Sinai Temple High Holiday 2015 Ticket Policy

## Ticket Requirements

- Tickets will be required for admission to each service.
- Tickets will be checked at the Temple entrance.
- Each member of the family should have his/her own ticket.

## Tickets will be mailed automatically if any of the following are satisfied:

- A minimum of 2/3 of this year's dues, plus any past due amounts, have been paid.
- A payment schedule has been arranged with the treasurer or financial secretary.
- Arrangements have been made for credit card payments.

## Childcare

- Please see page four.

## 30 and Under membership category

- In order to open the Temple as much as possible to young Jews, we gladly welcome members who are 30 years of age or under.
- Individuals 30 or under may become members at no cost.

## Out of Town Guest policy

- Members of other congregations affiliated with the URJ should ask for a seating request from their home temple for seating at Sinai Temple.
- Members may request complimentary tickets for out of town guests by completing a request form obtained from the Temple office. Guest's home addresses must be supplied.
- Households new to the Western Mass/ Northern Connecticut area, not affiliated with a synagogue, may receive complimentary High Holiday tickets once upon request.

## Try a Synagogue Offers Temple Membership \$365 a Year: A Dollar a Day

As an incentive to grow our membership, Sinai is joining with Temple Beth El and Congregation B'nai Torah for a unique offer.

For those who have not belonged to a synagogue in any of the last three years.

Join a synagogue this year for \$365.

Share the news with a friend. Bring a friend.

**Help grow Sinai.**

## Attending Services on the Telephone

Do you know someone who misses out on High Holiday Services because they are physically unable to attend? This year it will be possible to hear live Sinai Temple services by telephone from home or even from a hospital room. Sinai's Caring Community and TRZ Religious Services will be making this wonderful opportunity available.

This service is free of charge to members and will not be limited to the High Holidays. It can also be used to listen in on any service (i.e. Bar/Bat Mitzvah, wedding or funeral) that Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Levson lead from the bimah.



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# Notes about the Holidays

## Prayers and Blessings for Your Home

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur begin at home with family meals. Your meal can become more than a pleasant dinner by making into a sacred occasion with the appropriate blessings for the holidays. Our website has everything you need in English, Hebrew, and transliteration. [www.sinai-temple.org](http://www.sinai-temple.org)

## Music for Your Home

High Holiday melodies that appear in our services are now available on the website. Listen and learn! [www.sinai-temple.org](http://www.sinai-temple.org)

## For Young Families Rosh Hashanah Morning at 8:30 a.m.

If you have children 7 years and younger down to infancy, we've got something special for you in the Magen David Room. Join the Rabbi and Cantor for a service designed to meet your young family's needs. We'll be sitting in a circle of chairs. Apples and honey will close the service around 9:15 a.m.

## Babysitting for Children through Kindergarten

Babysitting for small children ages two through Kindergarten (no infants) will be available during the 10 a.m. services on Rosh Hashanah morning and Yom Kippur morning. We would also like to offer babysitting for infants IF there is real interest. Please contact the Temple office to reserve a spot for your child...736-3619. We will hire babysitters based on prior reservations.

## Child Programming for Grades One & Two

An age appropriate program for children in Grades 1 and 2 will be available during the 10 a.m. services on Rosh Hashanah morning and Yom Kippur morning. Contact the Temple office to reserve a spot for your child...736-3619.

## Children in Grades Three & Four

On Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur mornings, we will also be offering a service/program designed for this intermediate age group. Too old for a children's program; often too young for the full adult service. Contact the Temple office to reserve a spot for your child...736-3619.

## Children in Grades Five & Six

We will NOT be offering a service/program for this age group. Experience from previous years and conversations with parents indicate that most parents believe their 5th/6th grader can attend the adult services.

## AND NEW THIS YEAR...JEOPARDY A LA SINAI

**Yom Kippur Afternoon around 4:15 p.m.**

**Could we do it?** Jeopardy on our most solemn day of the year? Well...you're welcome to check it out as the afternoon unfolds on the Day of Atonement. See you there.

## For Young Families - Yom Kippur Afternoon at 2 p.m.

If you have young children (7 years and younger down to infancy), we've got something for you in the Oneg Shabbat Room. A brief service for the Day of Atonement. PLUS if you've got the energy, bring your kids back (all ages) to the Neilah/Concluding Service. Be there around 6:15 p.m. **Noise is welcome.** We'll end the whole day by inviting all children present onto the bimah for a final blast of the shofar.

## Allergy-sufferers Request

Please refrain from excessive use of perfumes and colognes when attending services and events at Temple especially on the High Holidays. 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 of allergy-sufferers and order only non-scented arrangements.

## Visiting the Sinai Temple Cemetery

It is traditional to visit the cemetery during the High Holiday period. Temple members with loved ones buried at Sinai's cemetery are welcome to visit the cemetery for a service conducted by the Rabbi and Cantor on Sunday, September 20. **THE SERVICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT 1:00 p.m.**

**Tashlich – For Everyone –  
An Outdoor  
Rosh Hashanah Celebration!**  
**With kids...without kids...with grandchildren!**  
**September 14 at 4:30 p.m.**



Tashlich is a totally festive, happy opportunity. Based on the custom of "casting our sins" away, we gather at Laurel Pond in Longmeadow for 30 informal minutes. Rosh Hashanah in jeans and with a large smile. We sing. Original prayers and poems. Challah dipped in honey. Tashlich is an active, joyful way of celebrating Rosh Hashanah outdoors. Come taste what's in store for you Rosh Hashanah afternoon, Monday, September 14 at 4:30 p.m.

**The Caring Community  
of Sinai Temple  
cordially invites you to attend  
A Holiday Luncheon  
for Sinai Senior Members  
Monday, October 5 at Noon**

*(Following the Simchat Torah/Yizkor  
Morning Service)*

During last April's Senior Luncheon, we toured the world of Rogers and Hammerstein. Rabbi Shapiro will now take us to Camelot, Brigadoon, and My Fair Lady in October. Time for Lerner and Lowe as we explore the "soundtrack" of our own lives.

**There is no charge for this wonderful event.  
Please RSVP to the Temple Office at 736-3619**

**Something "Remarkable" for the  
New Year**

**Erev Rosh Hashanah – Without a Prayerbook!  
(And for non-members a FREE ticket)**

What if we could show ourselves to those many Jews who don't belong to synagogues? Many unaffiliated Jews are interested in the High Holidays. What if we opened up one of our holiday services to the unaffiliated?

That's what we're doing for Erev Rosh Hashanah this year. Although members (as always) will need their tickets, non-members who call ahead will receive a **FREE ticket for this one** OPEN service.

A special committee has been planning publicity. Rabbi and Cantor are developing a service that will not use a prayerbook. **The entire service will be a visual experience up on a screen on the bimah.**

Do you know anyone (young or old) who might enjoy Sinai for the New Year?

Have them contact the Temple office TODAY. Or, if you wish, you contact the office, share the name(s), and we will contact them to receive "free" tickets for Erev Rosh Hashanah 2014.

**Boris Kogan and Sofya Shainskaya  
Yom Kippur Afternoon at 12:30 p.m.**

Don't leave the building too quickly after this year's Morning Service. Take a deep breath and settle back in a sanctuary seat to listen to the cello/piano duet of Boris Kogan and Sofya Shainskaya. Boris plays Kol Nidre for us. Here is an opportunity to hear him and his wife, Sofia, making beautiful music for about an hour on Yom Kippur.

**SUKKOT & SIMCHAT TORAH  
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**EREV SUKKOT – Sharing the Harvest –  
SOMETHING NEW**

**Sunday, September 27 at 6 p.m.  
Making 180 Sandwiches to Feed the Hungry  
Outdoors with Gourds and Corn Stalks**

Celebrate the harvest and our own good fortune tonight by bringing fresh fruit to the Temple. We'll create 180 meals to be given to the hungry in our community while we also decorate the sukkah outdoors on our lawn. Parents and children of all ages. Everyone goes home by 7:15 p.m.

**SUKKOT DAY**

**Monday, September 28 at 10:30 a.m.**

Lulav and etrog. Service and Kiddush in the sukkah followed by holiday luncheon.

**EREV SIMCHAT TORAH – Different than  
all other years**

**Potluck Dinner & Service all in the Auditorium  
Sunday, October 4 at 6:00 p.m.**

Have you ever seen an entire Torah scroll unrolled? This is your year! Simchat Torah is the time when we finish reading the Torah and start all over again, and we do it by unrolling a Torah around the Auditorium.

Come join the fun. Start with potluck dinner followed by the big event. Plus much more. Parents and children of all ages.

**SIMCHAT TORAH/YIZKOR SERVICE**

**Monday, October 5 at 10:30 a.m.**

Mark the conclusion and beginning of the Torah cycle and also conduct a memorial service. Luncheon to follow.



## Adult Opportunities

### **Torah Study Returns: Bagels & Brains Saturdays in September (and all year round) at 9 a.m.**

No guarantee on the brains, but the bagels are excellent and the conversation is open-ended and participatory. If you want to touch base with Judaism's basics, Torah Study is for you. Newcomers welcome. No prior knowledge necessary.

### **Monthly Morning Service Starting Wednesday, September 2 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. The spirit is unique. 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, October 7, November 4, December 2, January 6, February 3, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1. *The Morning Minyan is underwritten through our Endowment Fund by a gift from the Family of Richard Lavin.*

### **Saturday Morning Services Every Saturday morning (Starting September 5)**

A regular weekly Shabbat morning service. When there isn't a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, we meet at 10:15 a.m. in the Oneg Shabbat Room for the service complete with the Yahrzeit list. Bar/Bat Mitzvah morning services begin at 10:30 a.m.

### **Songs for Syria A Concert for Humanitarian Relief Sunday, September 20 from 4-5:30 p.m.**

Half of Syria's people have fled their homes and are living in deplorable and dangerous conditions, many without access to food, shelter, and much-needed medical care. The United Nations has called this the worst humanitarian crisis since the Holocaust

Featuring Jazz, Blues and A Special Performance by Layaali Arabic Music Ensemble with Syrian Guest Artists and More...

Concert Admission is Free. Funds will be solicited for Medical Aid for victims of this conflict.

Tax-Exempt donations will benefit the Syrian American Medical Society.

**The concert will take place at First Churches,  
129 Main Street, Northampton.**

### **Making David into Goliath: How The World Turned Against Israel**

**Wednesday, October 28  
7:00 at Sinai Temple  
Featuring Author Joshua  
Muravchik**



During the Six-Day War of 1967, Americans favored the Israelis over the Arabs by overwhelming margins, while thin Europe support of Israel ran even higher. Fast-forward 50 years and Israel has become perhaps the most reviled country in the world. Although Americans have remained constant in their sympathy for the Jewish State, most of the world treats Israel as a pariah. What caused this stunning turnabout? *Making David into Goliath* traces this development. Joshua Muravchik is the author of 11 books on American and world politics.

### **The Girl from Human Street: Ghosts of Memory in a Jewish Family**

**Wednesday, November 4  
12:00 noon at  
Temple Beth El  
Featuring Author  
Roger Cohen**



The award-winning New York Times columnist and former foreign correspondent turns a compassionate yet discerning eye on the legacy of his own family—most notably his mother's—in order to understand the nature of modern Jewish experience.

Follow European Jews after the Holocaust from Lithuania to South Africa, England, the United States and Israel. Cohen presents the racism his family witnessed living in apartheid-era South Africa and the ambivalence felt by his Israeli cousin when tasked with policing the occupied West Bank. He explores the Jewish sense of "otherness" in this personal and universal story.

**This Chanukah Give Yourself the  
Gift of Hebrew**

**For Beginners: An Opportunity to Learn  
to Read Hebrew**

**Stay tuned for details.**

## NOTES FROM THE CANTOR

Our time on this planet is brief, and it can come to an end all too suddenly. Another year has come and gone. The sound of the shofar demands that we once again ask ourselves the difficult question: are we better people than we were one year ago? As I say every year at this time, one of my favorite phrases from the High Holiday liturgy is "chadeysh yameinu kekedem." The traditional translation of these words is: "renew our days as of old." A wonderful teacher whose name I unfortunately cannot remember (it may have actually been Elijah the Prophet in disguise) translated the phrase this way: "Don't indulge in cheap nostalgia; make these days the ones we will want to remember!" Together, let's make 5776 a GREAT Jewish year that we can all be proud of one year from now! Sheri, Alec, Liz, and I would like to wish our beloved Sinai Temple family a "Shana tovah u'mitukah," a New Year filled with goodness and sweetness!

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

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## Message from Heather Sullivan

*Director of Education*

Happy New Year! Happy New School Year! Welcome back and welcome to our new families. We're so happy you'll be joining us this year.

What a great year we have in store this year. From Mad Science experiments to a Purim feast fit for a king, there is a little something special for everyone.

Rabbi Shapiro and I are looking forward to experiencing a civil rights journey with the Confirmation class (grades 9 and 10) in late October. We also are also busy planning our PACT (parents and children together) morning on November 22. We'll be "Cultivating a Jewish Attitude of Gratitude" together as the Thanksgiving holiday approaches.



Amy Meltzer

First and foremost, we are thrilled to welcome Amy Meltzer, author and award winning teacher, to opening day of school on September 20. Amy will meet with religious school parents to look at enhancing our Jewish home lives. She will share suggestions from her parenting blog Home- shuling, and all participants will be invited to share their ideas.

Amy's focus is based on the premise that home is the center of Jewish life. "Whether our children go to Religious School, pre-school, or receive no formal Jewish education, parents are their first and best teachers. How do we make Judaism exciting and meaningful for our children, no matter what our own Jewish backgrounds are?"

Special thanks to Phil and Elyse Lauro for making Amy's appearance possible in memory of their son, Philip.

## STUFF - For Sinai Temple Under Five Families

If you are a family with young children - diapers, sippy cups, and sticky fingers - STUFF is the group for you! STUFF (Sinai Temple Under Five Families) holds events specifically designed for families with young children, infant to 5 years old. Our STUFF coordinators are also parents of young children, and they design programs where Jewish education comes to life! We engage young children with stories, songs, and crafts.

We hold "Tot Shabbat" services on Friday nights. We start with a 30-minute prayer service with Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Bim Bam complete with a kid's Kiddush and Motzi with challah. A family-friendly dinner of pizza, pasta, and other child favorites follows. Always lively songs with children dancing and whole family participation.

To complement an upcoming Jewish holiday or value, we hold an event called "Shalom Sunday." We learn about the holiday or value through stories, interactive projects, crafts, songs, and snacks. Last year, our children made hats and gathered together to make a "live menorah" for Chanukah. In another memorable activity, we planted parsley seeds and created a STUFF family tree with our handprints to celebrate Tu B'Shevat.

*STUFF events are open to everyone in the community. Members and non-members. Spread the word to all. Older siblings and grandparents are always welcome. Here is a partial list of what lies ahead this year.*

### Upcoming Events for STUFF:

#### **Rosh Hashanah - Monday, September 14**

8:30 a.m. to approx 9:15 a.m.

#### **Rosh Hashanah Afternoon - Tashlich**

At Laurel Pond in Longmeadow...4:30 p.m.

#### **Yom Kippur - Wednesday, September 23**

At 2 p.m.

#### **Shalom Sunday: Sunday, October 18**

10-11:30 a.m.

#### **Tot Shabbat and Dinner:**

Friday, November 13 at 6:00 p.m.

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

5775 was another excellent year for the Men and Women of Sinai.

In addition to our breakfasts, we had our annual beginning and end of the school year BBQ's, honored Bea Hano and Mark Stone with the Rabbi Herman E. Snyder Award, and we provided food for Chanukah, Purim, and the Snyder Award.

Our "breakfasts" had extraordinary speakers kicked off by Hilary Price, award-winning cartoonist of Rhymes with Orange. We hosted a Senate debate between Debra Boronski and Eric Lesser. Sy Shot-land spoke on December 7 about WWII and veterans visiting our DC War Memorials, and Rabbi Saul Perlmutter, from UMass Amherst, gave an outstanding presentation on The Environment, Jewish Values, and Their Real-Life Application.

MWOS also provided deli dinners accompanying presentations by Rabbi Shapiro on Blacks, Jews, Jazz, and the 1938 Concert that Changed History and by Cantor Levson on Jewish Rock Stars.

We will not rest on our laurels this year. We expect to help in Sinai's fundraising activities, to provide the Snyder Award and dinner, Shabbat Chanukah and Purim dinner support, and we have four scheduled breakfasts, two BBQ's, evenings with the Rabbi and with the Cantor, and other events to be announced.

**Our first event will be our annual BBQ in conjunction with the start of Religious School on Sunday, September 20th. Our first breakfast will be two weeks later on October 4th.** While we do not yet have specific speakers aligned with specific dates, our presenters will be equivalent to, perhaps even surpassing, last year's.

Many thanks to all of you who have participated in the Men and Women of Sinai! Please join with us this year and help grow our MWOS community!

### JUDAICA GIFT SHOP

As we head into fall, we'll resume our regular hours of Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 12 noon, Tuesday afternoons from 2 to 4:30 and we're always ready for special appointments.

For the upcoming B'nai Mitzvah, we have a lovely selection of tallises for men and women in styles to suit everyone.

A new selection of candle holders, Kiddush cups and car mezzuzahs has arrived.

Our New Years cards are beautiful and ready for you to browse through.

**Thais Fischel 786-9577**

## In Search of a Rabbi

In the cool confines of the Oneg Shabbat room, the Rabbinical Search committee has been working diligently on the first of its two mandates, recruiting an Interim Rabbi to begin at the Temple on July 1, 2016. Once this is accomplished, the committee, building on that experience, will turn to searching for a new, permanent Rabbi who will start a year later.

The job posting for the Interim Rabbi has been submitted to the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR), through which these searches are conducted, and the committee expects to begin interviewing in the fall.

As part of the Search Committee's planning for this stage, it has identified the criteria by which it will evaluate applicants. It has also developed a set of questions to ask during the interview process that will provide the information needed to evaluate candidates against each of these criteria.

The Temple's web site under the heading Rabbinic Selection has a section that provides information about the work of the committee so that you can follow its progress, and ask questions. Also, there will be another "coffee" on October 8, 2015 for anyone who has questions or comments about the search and wants to talk directly to the two co-chairs of the committee, Steve Sussman and Jackie Neiman.

Steve Sussman and Jackie Neiman (co-chairs) want to thank the members of the committee for their hard work and dedication to this very important challenge as well as to all those in the congregation who have made suggestions and comments about how we can make the Search even better. We'll keep you posted as this work progresses.

## The Rabbinic Search Committee

### Invites you to an Informational Coffee

**Thursday, October 8th at 7:00  
Sinai Temple Oneg Shabbat Room**

Join us for a brief presentation followed by Q and A about the search for our next Rabbi. Learn what we've done so far and what our next steps will be.

Meet committee co-chairs and ask your questions.



Please RSVP to the office at 736-3619 so we'll know how much coffee to brew!

## More Adult Learning Opportunities

### Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning

The Florence Melton School is an educational program for adults all levels of knowledge and practice.

#### Rhythms of Jewish Learning and Purposes of Jewish Living.

The Rhythms class examines Jewish sources to discover the deeper meanings underlying holidays and lifecycle observances. Classes will be held on Thursdays. The morning classes from 9:00 – 11:00 am at Heritage Academy, and the evening classes from 7:00 – 9:00 pm at Jewish Geriatric Services. Classes start on Thursday, October 1. Tuition is \$460, plus a mandatory Melton registration fee of \$75. Financial subsidies are available upon request.

#### PLUS Three Additional Offerings

**Israel Reading Group**—In this “book club” format, read selected chapters in two important and relatively recent books: *My Promised Land: The Triumph and Tragedy of Israel* by Ari Shavit, and *The Prime Ministers: An Intimate Narrative of Israeli Leadership* by Yehuda Avner. This 11-week class will be taught by Rabbi Devorah Jacobson on Mondays from 6:30 – 8:00 pm at Jewish Geriatric Services, beginning October 12. Tuition is \$225 plus a \$50 mandatory book fee.

**Why Do Good People Suffer: The Book of Job and Other Jewish Responses**—Selected chapters from the Book of Job. Study other Jewish texts, including contemporary spiritual and literary sources, to explore the existence of evil and suffering. This 10-week class, taught by Rabbi Devorah Jacobson, will be held Tuesdays from 9:00 – 10:30 am at Jewish Geriatric Services, beginning October 13. Tuition is \$225 plus a \$25 mandatory material fee.

**Top 10 Haftarahs of the Year**—This course will be a study of the ten most fascinating haftarot read in synagogue during the year. No need to have any prior study in the Prophets. This 10-week class, taught by Dalia Davis, will be Monday mornings from 9:30 – 11:00 am at Heritage Academy, beginning October 12. Tuition is \$225 plus a \$25 mandatory material fee.

For more information about Melton classes or to register, contact Lisa at Temple Beth El at 733-4149 or [llaudato@tbspringfield.org](mailto:llaudato@tbspringfield.org).

### Wise Aging: What’s It All About?” An Information Session

**Wednesday, October 7 at the JCC**

To learn more about WISE AGING and get answers to your questions. R.S.V.P. to [bnadler@springfieldjcc.org](mailto:bnadler@springfieldjcc.org). or call 739-4715.

### Wise Aging

**FREE Informational Session:  
Wednesday, October 7, 7:15 p.m.\***

**Thursdays, October 15 – December 10  
(No class November 26)  
7:15 – 9:15 p.m. (8 weeks)**

(A Monday daytime program may be scheduled if there is sufficient interest. Please contact Bev Nadler at 739-4715 or at [bnadler@springfieldjcc.org](mailto:bnadler@springfieldjcc.org).)

Location: TBD – Program will be held in participants’ homes, if possible, with the JCC as an alternate location.

Aging is a gift – a time to be proactive and to make choices about the next chapter of life. We have the power to prepare and become stronger. Will we turn toward the opportunities? How can we make the most of this time in life?

This discussion group will give real-world suggestions and tackle a wide range of practical issues.

Facilitator: Barbara (Batya) Perman, PhD., founder and President of Moving Mentor, Inc., a company focused on creating readiness for change. She holds a masters degree from Oxford University and a doctorate from Edinburgh University.

A collaboration between the Springfield Jewish Community Center, Temple Beth El and Sinai Temple.

Cost: \$225 JCC, Temple Beth El and Sinai members, \$250 general public (Fee includes book and all materials).

### Earthquake Relief in Nepal

It is our pleasure to acknowledge a recent contribution of \$800 from Sinai Temple in support of our earthquake relief efforts in Nepal.

Jewish Joint Distribution Committee has mounted a major humanitarian relief effort in response to the earthquake that has stricken Nepal. Thousands of people have been killed or injured and several million have lost their homes. JDC has provided medical equipment for the Israeli Defense Force field hospital in Nepal and, through the UN Office for the Coordination of Human Affairs, is working with regional and international organizations to make the greatest impact in aiding those affected by this disaster.

### Welcome to our new members

- Estelle and Larry Leavitt
- Laura Marx and Robert Marx and their children, Talia and Scott.
- Allison and Adam Steinberg and their sons, Zachary and Hayden
- Steven and Michelle Marantz

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## **Sinai Temple at Eisner Camp!**

Hannah Wald, Cantor Martin Levson, Rachael "Grumpy Cat" Maniscalco

*(Not pictured: Eric Gibson, Sammi Mustain, Lily Stern)*