

# Sinai Temple

## BULLETIN



## For Your Consideration

Rabbi Mark Dov Shapiro

“To everything...turn, turn, turn....there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven.” That’s how I’m feeling as this September rolls around. The larger Springfield Jewish community is witnessing change as synagogues amalgamate and as new leadership arrives. Our own synagogue is also in the midst of change. Cantor Levson has arrived, and he and I have begun to plan for a New Year of worship and exploration. (Look at the bottom of this page where you can see how we are recreating our usual pre-High Holiday Saturday evening event. “Changes” will be our theme as we develop a totally new musical and spiritual format for approaching the great Tishri season of renewal.)

Beyond all the external change, there is also the personal change that comes to the fore as the High Holidays approach. Days grow shorter, work and school schedules resume, and we all realize that we are back to the grind. We’re back to life as usual with its pressures, frustrations, and worries. We’re back to our own shortcomings. Or perhaps not. Perhaps there is change on the horizon for us. It won’t come easily because habit is so strong. But the hope of the New Year is that change isn’t beyond us. Change (even incremental) is possible.

“To everything...turn, turn, turn....there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven.”

I look forward to joining you as our New Year begins. Let’s “change” this year. Let’s grow - for the better, for the good, for the sake of life!

### Changes

New beginnings...

new music...new cantor...

A New Year!!!

Saturday, September 20

8 to 9:30 p.m.

A pre-High Holiday

coffeehouse and service

featuring classic Selichot music

plus songs by Paul Simon, Tracy Chapman,  
Suzanne Vega, and others.

### Friday Evenings

Remember How To “Remember”

Service Times 76-88

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

**September 5**

August and September birthdays too!

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

**September 12**

Come from work, unwind, and then head home in peace.

(Veggies and snacks at 5:30 p.m.)

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

**September 19**

Special music. New music. Tap your toes & sing along.

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

**September 26**

Shabbat Shalom - A few days before Tishri arrives.

### Wiggle Room

Special for kids & parents...

The Wiggle Room is available during Family Services. Babysitting during the Kabbalat Shabbat Service.

### Saturday Torah Study

Saturday Mornings

Torah Study

At 9 a.m.

Every Week

### Saturday Morning Service

Services at 10:30 a.m.

Mazal Tov to our Bnai Mitzvah

September 13 - Sam Weinberg

Son of Sandra and Adam Weinberg

September 20 - Eric Pers

Son of Judy Tapper & Irwin Pers

## High Holidays 2008 - 5769

### Changes...A New Year!!!

Saturday, September 20, 8 to 9:30 p.m.  
A pre-High Holiday coffeehouse and service  
Introducing Cantor Martin Levson &  
featuring classic Selichot music  
plus songs by Paul Simon, Tracy Chapman,  
Suzanne Vega, and others.  
Coffee & desserts will be served.  
This unique introduction to the holidays will highlight  
our new cantor, Martin Levson.

### Erev Rosh Hashanah

#### Monday, September 29

Evening Service at 8:00 p.m.

### Rosh Hashanah Day

Tuesday, September 30

First Service ..... 8:45 a.m.

Second Service ..... 11:00 a.m.

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

Memorial Service

Sunday, October 5 at 2:00 p.m.

At the Sinai Temple Cemetery

### Kol Nidre

Wednesday, October 8 at 8:00 p.m.

### Yom Kippur Day

#### Thursday, October 9

(Times approximate)

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.

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## Sinai Temple Welcomes Cantor Martin Levson

Sinai Temple is pleased to announce the arrival of a new Cantor, Martin D. Levson. Cantor Levson is coming to Sinai from Hamden, CT, where he has been Cantor at The Congregation Mishkan Israel. A musician and educator with over fifteen years of experience as a Cantor, Levson holds a B.A. degree in music and history from Stanford University and is a graduate of the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion School of Sacred Music in New York City.

Cantor Levson brings a breadth of talent and interests to Sinai Temple. He is committed to developing and nurturing dynamic youth and adult choirs and programming. He is an accomplished guitarist and enjoys integrating guitar into the prayer experience. For the past nine years, he has served on the faculty of a Jewish meditation retreat. He has also taught bibliodrama, a technique that brings Torah text to life, at congregations, conferences, and summer camps.

For the past eight summers Cantor Levson has spent two weeks at URJ Eisner Camp, the Union for Reform Judaism camp in the Berkshires, planning and implementing Jewish educational and musical programming. Cantor Levson attended a similar summer camp for Jewish children as a youth in California. "Those summers were where Judaism came alive for me," he says. "I can't think of a more powerful way to nurture the next generation of Jewish leaders than by giving back in this way."

At Sinai, Cantor Levson says that his personal mission will be to expand and energize both the youth and adult choir. Both he and his wife, Sheri, were members of their junior choir while growing up in San Jose, California. He knows from personal experience how that involvement helped to nurture and encourage their Jewish education and identity.

We warmly welcome Cantor Levson, his wife Sheri, daughters Jodie and Liz, and his mother, Candy. Sheri Levson is an attorney, teacher, vocalist and musician, and an accomplished paper-cut artist. She is also studying toward a degree in Jewish education at Hebrew College in Boston. Jodie will be a freshman at Wheelock College in Boston this fall, and Liz will begin seventh grade in September. Candy is a retired nurse. The family also includes two beagles, two cats, and a chinchilla.

# Sinai Temple High Holiday 2007 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.

## 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.

## Childcare

- Children under 5 must be left with babysitting services provided by Sinai Temple.
- Reservations are required.

REMEMBER: No one will be admitted without a ticket. The office will be closed for all business at 3:00 p.m. the day before the holiday.

## 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.

## 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 bima flowers for special occasions please be considerate of allergy-sufferers and order only non-scented arrangements.

Thank you so much for your understanding.

## Mission Statement

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



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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 it 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)

### Two Rosh Hashanah Morning Services

**8:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.....11:00 a.m. to 1:20 p.m.**

Although the first service is definitely NOT going to be a Family Service, it will be a service that welcomes school age children because it will be briefer. The second service will be identical to our usual holiday morning services with Rabbi, Cantor, and the full liturgy.

### Babysitting for Children through Kindergarten

Babysitting for small children ages two through Kindergarten (no infants) will be available during Rosh Hashanah morning and Yom Kippur morning services. Please contact the Temple office to reserve a spot for your child...736-3619.

### Child Programming for Grades One & Two

An age appropriate program for children in Grades 1 and 2 will be available during both Rosh Hashanah morning services and Yom Kippur morning. (The program is being offered parallel to the first Rosh Hashanah morning service for parents of these young children who do not think the children would feel comfortable even in the shorter first service format of 90 minutes.) Please contact the Temple office to reserve a spot for your child...736-3619.

### Children in Grades Three through Six

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.

### Link to Libraries

Link to Libraries is a non-profit organization founded in May 2008 by our Temple member, Susan Jaye-Kaplan, along with Janet Crimmins. Link to Libraries collects new books for public elementary schools and non-profit organizations in Western MA.

Sinai's Social Action Committee is going to "link" up with Link to Libraries this coming Rosh Hashanah evening, Monday, September 29. The titles of books to donate to Link to Libraries will be available on a bulletin board after services that night.

We will, as always, be inviting the congregation to purchase shoes for youngsters in need!

## Notes from Cantor Martin Levson

I have had a quote on my bulletin board for a number of years: "Change is inevitable. Growth is optional." As I begin my service as the Cantor of Sinai Temple of Springfield, and as we rapidly approach the Jewish New Year, I am particularly conscious of the many changes that both the Levson family and Sinai Temple are experiencing. This awareness of change reminds me of the following words about musical change written by my friend and colleague, Cantor Erik Contzius of New Rochelle, New York:

**CHANGE IS GOOD.** I have found that our worship is always better served when it feels spontaneous and heartfelt. Often, new music breathes life into old texts. Of course, the challenge is teaching a congregation how to sing such new melodies, but I find that innovation revitalizes and energizes our community—challenging us to learn a new melody in order to think of our sacred text in a new way.

**CHANGE IS BAD.** Our traditions and practices have preserved us as a people for thousands of years. Their preservation ensures the continuity of future generations. Certain tunes and melodies are ingrained in our Jewish psyche, and to change them is tantamount to heresy.

**CHANGE IS... inevitable.** Our people, faced with countless challenges, have gone through transitions and changes which have modified the nature of our Judaism, but preserved us as well. For example, were it not for the changes the Reform Movement brought to American Judaism, the American Jewish community might not be as vibrant and alive as it is today.

I am deeply honored to serve as the new Cantor of Sinai Temple, and I am aware that my presence is a significant change for this congregation. I look forward to meeting you, praying with you, getting to know you, teaching you, learning from you, and becoming a part of the life of this warm and vibrant congregation. Together let us embrace change in the best possible way: by preserving what has been good and beloved, and by opening up to the wonder and possibilities of new opportunities.

Ivdu et Hashem B'simcha! Serve the Holy One with JOY!

Cantor Martin Levson

## Sinai Brotherhood is re-inventing itself as, Men of Sinai

OUR FIRST EVENT IS SEPTEMBER 21ST, more on that below.

Greetings and welcome back to a New Year at Sinai ! You may recall that a few months ago your Brotherhood set about to in effect re-invent itself. We put together a Mission Statement and even came up with a name change, now we're **Men of Sinai** !

As we write this in mid-August we're readying our own flyer which will be mailed to the Congregation. We'll explain how this year, every man will be a member, in an effort to have more participation. It will work out well – you'll see !

We have eight Sunday morning Breakfasts on the calendar, **Oct 12, Nov 16, Dec 16** to start. We're lining up interesting guest speakers, and the food will be our usual great way to start your Sunday. FYI, we welcome women to join us for these. If you have youngsters in school, here is what you do while they are learning !

There will be many other functions as well, more on that in the flyer.

Our first get together will be fun for the entire family. Sunday **September 21st** from Noon to whenever, join us in the parking lot for a fantastic BBQ. We donated two new large BBQ Grills to the Temple (any group may use them) at the end of last year and we might as well use them ! As soon as school lets out we'll EAT and look to get to know you better as well.

To please all, if you are not into great hot dogs, bring something else and we'll gladly grill it for you.

Happy New Year 5769 !

Scott M. Sherman, President **MEN OF SINAI**

## Mazal Tov to:

Karen Meyers and Barry Drucker on the birth of their grandson, Sam Michael Meyers. The proud parents are Aaron and Michelle Meyers and sister, Ella.

Becky Cutler and Brian Munday married on June 21.

Ron and Ronnie Nadel on the engagement of their son, Michael to Ali Levin.

Charlie Reiter on his appointment to the position of Vice President of Operations at William Raveis Real Estate Mortgage and Insurance Co.

Art and Gloria Lash on becoming grandparents of Esme Laurel Hinyard—Lash. Happy parents are Leslie Hinyard and Jeff Lash in St. Louis.

Bob and Sharon Leff on becoming grandparents of Sadie Ruth Leff. Happy parents are Gloria and Oren Leff in Alexandria, Virginia

## SUKKOT & SIMCHAT TORAH 5769

EREV SUKKOT

Monday, October 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Decorate the sukkah outdoors...

SUKKOT DAY

Tuesday, October 14 at 10:30 a.m.

Lulav and etrog. Kiddush in the sukkah.

EREV SIMCHAT TORAH

Monday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Consecrate our First Graders and then march and dance with our Torah scrolls.

SIMCHAT TORAH/YIZKOR SERVICE

Tuesday, October 21 at 10:30 a.m.

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

## Honoring Cantor Mekler: DVD Available for Purchase

Hundreds of congregants filled Sinai on Friday evening, May 16 to honor Cantor Mekler. The evening was filled with laughter, tears, and wonderful stories. Howard Kalodner and Michael Gordon, captured the evening in outstanding images and Howard was able to bring the images together into a DVD of the evening. A copy of the DVD will go into Sinai's archives, but, congregants are welcome to purchase a copy for themselves. The service and the reception are all there! If you are interested, please send a check for \$5 payable to Sinai and request your copy of the May 16 DVD.

## Judaica Shop Corner

We're baack! Our regular hours are Thursday afternoons from 2 p.m. to 4:30 and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 12:30, starting September 14<sup>th</sup>.

Our August buying trip was very good: We'll be showing (for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur) lovely challah boards, challah knives, candlesticks and Kiddush cups. A selection of apple and honey servers, perfect for gifts are here too. Toys and games for youngsters will round out our displays.

High Holy Days prayerbooks, shofars and tallisim for men and women and so much more are all in our shop.

Do come in to browse.

Thais Fischel 786-9577

Bobbie Cossin 565-9970

## Special Opportunities to meet Cantor Levson

### A series of home coffees

If you would like to meet our new cantor in a relaxed, informal setting, our Transition Committee is offering a series of HOME COFFEES this fall. These will be opportunities in people's homes for an evening of conversation with the Cantor. It's what you might call a "meet and greet" for the Cantor and all of us. You can host such a coffee or just attend a home coffee. For information, please call Pamela Kalman at 565-2278.

### Save the Date – Friday, November 21

### Installation and Welcome Service for Cantor Martin Levson

The entire congregation is warmly and happily invited to an official service of welcome and blessing for Cantor Levson on Friday, November 21 at 8 p.m. As part of the festivities, Cantor Levson has invited two good friends of his, Cantor Josee Wolff and Cantor Elisabeth Goldmann. All three cantors will participate in this terrific evening!

### Jewish and Decent: How to Become a Better Person Saturday mornings at 9 a.m. October 18 – December 20

Ten Saturday morning conversations about living life with less anger and worry. Finding patience, simplicity, balance, happiness, and zest for living itself.

Rabbi Shapiro will lead the journey as we turn to Judaism's hidden treasure – Mussar literature – the practice of goodness.

## You've always wanted to learn Hebrew?

### Fall 2008 is your chance!!!!

The Adult Education Committee is continuing our successful model for Hebrew learning. Over the last two years, more than 75 adults have learned Hebrew at various levels. You're invited now to continue the process. Classes will be offered at different levels and different times. If you are interested, please call the Temple office TODAY. You can also e-mail Robin in the office [rblanchettegage@sinai-temple.org](mailto:rblanchettegage@sinai-temple.org). We will form classes based on the number of people who express interest!!!

### 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 month of September, we will read the Torah Portion of the week. BUT, starting in October, we'll approach two new topics...

### 76--88 The Sinai "Code" for Friday Evening Service Times

On the first Friday of every month, come pray at 7:00 p.m. On the second Friday of the month, services start at 6 p.m. On the following two Friday evenings, please join us at 8 p.m. Remember – 76--88!

## Kabbalat Shabbat: A Terrific Time for a Service!

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

If you're too tired after a week in the office, don't go right home after work. Come to services first. Starting at 5:30 p.m., we'll feed you veggies and snacks. The service that follows will refresh you for a wonderful weekend.

### Monthly Morning Service Wednesday, September 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. 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 1, November 5, December 3, January 7, February 4, March 4, April 1, May 6, and June 3. The Morning Minyan is underwritten through our Endowment Fund by a gift from the Family of Richard Lavin.

### First Thursdays (mostly): Lunch and Learn Thursday, September 4 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 October 2, November 6, December 4, January 8, February 5, March 5, April 2, May 7, and June 4.

**Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah  
Interested in Starting a New Class  
Saturday, September 20**

Last call! It's not too late. Although some congregants did begin to meet last May and June, it's not too late to join the newest Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah group. We are meeting Saturday mornings with Rabbi Shapiro. If you have questions, speak to the Rabbi OR just come visit our first discussion on Saturday, September 20 at 8 a.m. in the Oneg Shabbat Room.

**Mak'hela: The Jewish Chorus of  
Western Massachusetts  
Open Rehearsal  
Prospective Members Welcome  
Tuesday, September 9, 2008  
Lander-Grinspoon Academy in  
Northampton at 7:30 p.m.**

*Join us for our New Season!*

Mak'hela seeks choral singers on all voice parts. We perform music representing the diversity of Jewish Heritage. The chorus promotes Jewish music of all types, as well as Jewish values, building bridges to understanding and respect, using the most universal of languages: music. We perform in synagogues and concert halls throughout the Pioneer Valley.

For more information, contact Bonnie Mikesh at: [bpmikesh@comcast.net](mailto:bpmikesh@comcast.net) or 413-567-3927.

**Jewish Music & Arts Festival  
WEMA Fest  
Outdoors at the Springfield  
Jewish Community Center  
Sunday September 21 Noon to 8 p.m.**

Music lineup includes headliners Golem a 6-piece Eastern European folk-punk band from New York City. Superstar Neshama Carlebach, singer, composer. JEW MONGOUS, a comedy music act pioneering such shows as What I Like About Jew and the founder and former leader of Rockapella. Other acts are expected to be announced later this month.

Tickets & Information: [www.wemafest.org](http://www.wemafest.org)

**Ride to Provide  
Sunday, October 19**

The second annual Ride to Provide, a family-friendly bike ride to support the many community service programs and earth-friendly projects of the Hillel House at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, will be held on Sunday, October 19.

Join riders of all ages from Springfield, the Five Colleges and throughout New England on your choice of a 9, 18, or 36 mile bike ride through the fall foliage-lined streets of Amherst, Hadley and Sunderland, with rest stops and snacks at neighboring Sukkot.

For further information, please check [www.umasshillel.org](http://www.umasshillel.org) or telephone 549-1710.

**The Second Annual Bar/Bat Mitzvah  
Tzedakah Bike Ride  
Sunday, September 21 at Noon**

13 Miles for Sinai Temple's 13 Year Olds

(Or Anyone Becoming a Bar/Bat Mitzvah from September 08 to September 09)

Use your muscles to earn one of the 13 mitzvot towards the B'Mitzvotav goal.

Rabbi Shapiro will lead us on his bike for a 13 mile ride through Forest Park and Longmeadow. You participate by contributing \$36 for tzedakah. Our riding group decides where to send the money we raise. To register, please e-mail the Rabbi at [markdov@sinai-temple.org](mailto:markdov@sinai-temple.org).

**Wanted:  
A Community Coordinator**

We need someone with interpersonal skills and good organizational abilities.

The Community Coordinator will work closely with Caring Community programs, coordinated our Alumni program for Sinai members 18 to 30 years of age, staff a fundraising committee, and supervise special programs like Club Alef/Bet (a social group for students in Grades 1 & 2).

If you are interested or if you know someone with the right talents, please submit your resume to Rabbi Shapiro as soon as you can. The job is designed for 15 hours per week for 10 months from September to June.

## Message from Director of Education Sheila Shear

*Shalom Chaverim*

I hope everyone had a safe summer with a little time for relaxation. Before anything else I want to make special mention of two people who worked very hard last school year and were inadvertently left off of my thank you list this past spring. So, a huge thank you to Gloria Wald who facilitated a story time chug for Kindergarteners each week, and to Ariel Miller who worked hard as a madrikh (teacher's aide) in fifth grade. As I am writing this, I along with Phyllis Katz and Yael Hoffman, am preparing to attend the CAJE (Conference on Alternatives in Jewish Education) conference in Burlington, VT. I am looking forward to learning with educators from around the country and hope that I will be able to share new information to continue to improve learning at Sinai.

Religious School begins on September 14th and Hebrew classes begin September 16th and 18th respectively. In our endeavor to continue to improve the education we offer our students, adjustments to the Chug portion of our Sunday program have been made, as well as a change to the time for Thursday Hebrew classes. The time change, on Thursday only, is from the previous time of 3:30-5:00 to 4:00p.m.-5:30p.m. This has been done to offer an option that we hope will better accommodate those students who travel a distance, get out of school a little later or, for whatever reason, will find it easier to get here a little later.

I look forward to greeting all of our students as they return to their religious studies and wish you and your families a happy, healthy and successful 5769.

## Sinai Temple 11th & 12th Graders: You're Invited to New Orleans For a weekend of reconstruction & learning Thursday, December 11 – Sunday, December 14

Dear 11/12th Grade Families –

An organization called the Jewish Fund for Justice is helping us organize a journey to New Orleans to see what Hurricane Katrina really meant, to help repair some of the damage, AND to meet members of the New Orleans community in order to understand how they are rebuilding their lives after the disasters of 2005.

You can obtain the registration forms and learn more about the trip by coming to an orientation session for students AND parents on Thursday, September 11 at 7:30 p.m.

## Your Rabbi and Cantor Care About You

Sinai cares about you....

We want to share in your celebrations as well as times of illness, crisis or bereavement.

Please notify the Rabbi and Cantor so that they can be in touch with you and support you. You can call the Temple office and ask for Robin Blanchette-Gage at 736-3619 ext. 10.

## Mothers' Circle

The next Springfield Mothers Circle will begin the week of September 15th, 2008. This program is designed for mothers who are of a different faith than their children, whom they are raising in the Jewish faith. Cantor Liz Berke will be leading the evening sessions at the J.C.C., from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. There will be a total of up to 16 sessions and additional sessions for families and couples from September through May of 2009. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Cantor Berke at 413-567-2435, or cantorsb@yahoo.com. In addition you can go to the website: [www.themotherscircle.org](http://www.themotherscircle.org) to find out more about this worthwhile program.

## Message from SPFTY Advisor Andy Chaet

Happy New Year to All.!

I am so excited about SPFTY this year!

Our group will be led by 2 juniors this year. Kyle Thomas and Joshua Fisher will be co-presidents. These two young men have displayed a passion and enthusiasm for Reform Judaism, Sinai Temple and all activities that can enhance a Jewish teen's life.

Kyle, Josh and I have been busy organizing a very ambitious calendar that will have events that we are confident will be fun and dare I say it educational for any Jewish teen.

The opportunity for social and personal growth was greatly considered during these planning meetings. We want ALL Jewish teens to feel welcome and included in something that is local and has global connection. We are making a commitment to the teens and their families to provide an outstanding program that will undoubtedly enhance their Jewishness.

One step we are taking to move forward is the Extreme Teen Lounge Makeover.

The Teens of SPFTY have needed a new Lounge for some time. There is a need for them to have their own comfortable space that they have helped create and design.

I am proud to say that a SPFTY teen, MasonDunn-McDonough along with his Boy Scout Troop of Southwick MA, has volunteered to lead both groups in a makeover of the Teen Lounge. We are still in the planning stages and we will keep you posted.

Any thoughts or suggestions please let me know.

So as you can see, as I look into this upcoming New Year, I anticipate wonderful things happening at SPFTY.

Shalom,  
Lshana Tovah  
Andy Chaet

## SPFTY Officers 2008-2009

The following people are the new SPFTY officers for the New Year.

Please feel free to contact any of them for more information about our group.

Co-Presidents-Kyle Thomas and Josh Fisher  
Vice President Social Action-Moriah Brockway  
12th Grade Representative-Emma Klein  
11th Grade Representative-Jillian Bertuzzi  
10th Grade Representative-Celia Gibson  
9th Grade Representative-TBA  
Secretary-Sarah Klein  
NFTY Representative-Jillian Bertuzzi  
Webmaster -Harry Kalodner  
Advisor-Andy Chaet (achaet@sinai-temple.org)

## SPFTY September Schedule

On Saturday September 6 at noon, there will be a Board meeting at Josh Fisher's home. This will be a fun time for the newly appointed board and an opportunity to share ideas and plan for the upcoming year for SPFTY.

On Sunday September 7 at 5:00 p.m., our first all member meeting will be held! Pizza will be served at 5:00 p.m. Our meeting will finish no later than 7:00 p.m. We want to discuss a number of items.

On Sunday, September 21 we will be bowling at Shaker Bowl in East Longmeadow. Details will follow soon!

Please join us as much as you possibly can.

Annual dues are \$40. This allows us to be members of NFTY (National Federation of Temple Youth) and to sufficiently plan and execute our many events. We are always looking for adults to join us as members of the

Youth Advisory Committee.

Please contact me with any questions and ideas.

Thank you.  
Andy Chaet

**SINAI TEMPLE DOG SHOW**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18**  
**2 TO 3:30 P.M.**

You and your dog are invited to Sinai Temple's first ever event for the **DOGS YOU LOVE.**

Bring your dog to Sinai's lawn and parking lot for:

- Races!
- Trick demonstrations!
- Photo booth for your dog!
- Parade of all the dogs!
- Frisbee & tennis ball catch!
- Socializing for all of us!

For safety reasons, registration is limited to the first 35 dogs. Your dog should be well socialized with people and other dogs. No retractable leashes please.

To register, please complete a form in the Temple office no later than Wednesday, October 8.

## **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 June 23, 2008 to August 10, 2008:

Lynne Haberman, the mother of Wendy Webber and Lisa Katz.

Margaret Miller, the mother of Rina Miller

## **Calling All Sinai Cooks!**

Did you know that for over 10 years Sinai has helped provide meals for the local Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen in Springfield? Many families have helped by cooking a meal, preparing a salad, baking desserts or serving the meal at the Soup Kitchen. We have 3 dates for the upcoming season: November 20, December 4, and December 18.

Our confirmation class and Rabbi Shapiro will serve the meal and bake for December 18.

If you would like to help out we need your help!

I will send you an easy recipe. You prepare the meal at your convenience and drop it either in the Temple's freezer or fridge. We deliver the food on the date it is needed.

Would you rather come and serve. This is great for families, (please no young children).

Many members have already contacted me with their desire to help again this year.

However, we need many more cooks and helpers. With today's economy the numbers at the Soup Kitchen are on the rise. If you can help, please email me @ DRBLOOD50@comcast.net or call me at 567-6327 with a date you would like to cook or serve.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Bobi Steingart

## **Subject: Calvert & Lucille Stein Endowment Fund**

The endowment fund that carries their name was established in honor of their 50th anniversary. Rabbi Snyder gave them a blessing in honor of that special occasion.

Calvert Stein was president of Sinai when they broke ground in 1949; Lucille had a stint as president of the Sisterhood.

Cal was in the Navy stationed in California and while there had visited Forest Lawn Cemetery. He was instrumental in establishing our Sinai Cemetery as a memorial park.

Micky Stein, their daughter, was the first bat mitzvah at Sinai.

The third generation of the Stein Family, Robert Leavitt, Donna Fisher, and their children, Ben, Zachary, and Lucy are current members of Sinai. Robert's parents, Lynne and Aaron Leavitt were members of long standing prior to their move to the Berkshires.

PS: Lucille must have been a good cook as she has some great recipes in the older Sinai cookbook.

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*I have children in college...  
No longer at home  
Learning...changing  
Asking great questions*

The Temple would like to stay in touch with our youngest alumni. They've grown up under our roof. They've begun to learn what being Jewish means.

Now - in the crucial college years - we don't want to lose contact.

Students on the ALUMNI LIST receive the Temple bulletin plus special updates, holiday gifts, and newsletters from the Rabbi.

*My children are college graduates  
Living in Boston  
Working in Manhattan  
Still learning...still changing*

Just when they look all grown up is precisely when we don't want to lose contact with these young adults. From ages 22 to 30, they are on the move in thousands of ways. Help us stay in touch!

Students on the 22 - 30 ALUMNI LIST receive the Temple bulletin plus special updates, holiday gifts, and newsletters from the Rabbi.

**PARENTS – Please fill out the bottom of this ALUMNI FORM and return it to the Temple. Thank you. You may also receive a phonecall from our Alumni Committee requesting this information. You may instead fill out this form online at [http://www.sinai-temple.org/Alumni\\_Mail/alumni.php](http://www.sinai-temple.org/Alumni_Mail/alumni.php)**

Young Adult Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

College Address or Present Residential Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent(s) Telephone \_\_\_\_\_