

# Sinai Temple

## BULLETIN



*Take Back Your Time: Rediscover Shabbat*

### For Your Consideration

Rabbi Mark Dov Shapiro

It's been four years since I began officiating at two kinds of weddings. The newer experience has involved weddings between Jews and non-Jews. I am pleased to say that participating in such "mixed marriages" has been very positive. The couples I marry who plan to create a Jewish home have been pleased. I have totally enjoyed sharing their weddings with them.

Of course, the other "kind" of wedding is the classic wedding between two Jews. You might think there wouldn't be much news to report about those weddings - except there is. In the last few years, I have found that a significant percentage of the Jews marrying Jews meet each other through J-Date. I know this because, when I meet engaged couples, I often ask how they met. You would be surprised how many tell me J-Date brought them together.

So what is J-Date? It's a modern matchmaking enterprise that works like many of the dating companies you see advertising on TV or in various magazines. The significant difference is that J-Date matches Jews with Jews.

And who uses J-Date? My experience with the couples I meet is that J-Date works for intelligent, interesting, active, energetic, multi-talented busy people in their 20's and 30's. J-Date doesn't always succeed. Not every "subscriber" finds a Jewish mate. But lots do. Then they come to me and we've got a wedding.

If the prospect sounds good for you or someone you know, don't be shy. Check out J-Date. We'll all be glad you did.

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**The Music Man plays at Sinai:**

**Thursday, March 10 and**

**Saturday, March 12 at 7:00;**

**Sunday, March 13 at 2:00.**

**Tickets for sale**

**NOW**

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### Friday Evenings in March

- March 4 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Service with a Story**  
A family friendly service aimed at all age groups.
- March 11 at 6 p.m.**  
**Kabbalat Shabbat**  
Come from work before going home. Our youth group, SPFTY, will create and lead this service.
- March 18 at 7:30 p.m.**  
Service with a Band includes extra musical forces to enhance the service.
- March 25 at 7:30 p.m.**  
Men of Sinai will participate in the service as we honor this year's recipients of the Rabbi Herman E. Snyder Award.

### Friday Evenings in April

- April 1 at 7 p.m.**  
**Service with a Story**  
Family friendly service for ages 3 to 93.
- April 8 at 6 p.m.**  
**Kabbalat Shabbat**  
Come from work. Veggies and snacks at 5:30 p.m.
- April 15 at 7:30 p.m.**  
**Service with a Band**  
During National Alcohol Awareness Month, we will honor people in recovery. A special prayer and moment of reflection.
- April 22 - at 7:30 p.m.**  
**Service with the Torah**
- April 29 at 6:00 p.m.**  
Tot Shabbat for families with children birth to five years of age.
- April 29 at 7:30 p.m.**  
Champagne and Chocolate. Music and blessings to honor those with special wedding anniversaries in 2011 plus we will be honoring members of Sinai's Legacy Society.

### Saturday Mornings

- Torah Study at 9:00 a.m.
- Service at 10:30 a.m.  
*Mazal Tov to B'nai Mitzvah*
- March 19 - Max Levin, son of Michael and Deborah
- March 26 - Jesse Cohen-Lindfors, son of Bernie and Jane
- April 9 - Julia Dash, daughter of Cary and Vivian
- April 16 - Eli Kessler, son of Steven and Lisa

Please note - This bulletin is an eight week Bulletin covering March AND April 2011.

## Message from President Mark Stone

I can't believe this is my second to last bulletin article. Where did the time go? As many of you know, this June will see some changes in leadership at Sinai. I will be one of those changes - completing my term as President. As I write this article, the Nominating Committee is looking into what leadership at Sinai will be for this upcoming year. I am very excited to see new people getting involved as that is extremely necessary for Sinai and its future. If you think you might be interested in Temple leadership, please do not hesitate to let me know.

In the May/June bulletin I would like to look back over the past two years but for now let's continue our focus on what is going on at Sinai in the present. First, thank you to those who are involved with our last fundraiser or as I would call it, "funraiser." Martinis and Magic was a terrific night, with lots of smiling faces. A wonderful social event. Thank you to Liz Leshine and her committee for making Martinis and Magic another success this year!!

Looking ahead, we have a few events coming up that I would like to mention:

First, **Music Man** is scheduled this month with performances on March 10th & 12th at 7pm and a matinee on Sunday, March 13th at 2pm. Tickets are on sale now.

In April we have a fundraiser scheduled with a group that is back by popular demand. **Vocolot** will be with us on Saturday, April 9th at 7pm.

On Sunday, May 1st, we have an opportunity for our community to get together for **Mitzvah Day**. This is a great time for congregants to get together and do some good for Sinai and our surrounding community.

In June we will be having our **Annual Meeting** which is in the planning phases but promises to be another fabulous event. It will involve a brief but informative meeting like last year, dinner and a musical performance to be determined but from the list of possibilities all sound great!!

So, have you been to any events, services or programs lately? If not, I would encourage you to consider attending one or two. Sinai has a lot to offer and reviewing the bulletin is surely proof of that.

As always I thank you all for supporting Sinai Temple. Without your support we would not have a place to call Sinai.

## Message from Cantor Martin Levson

On Saturday evening, April 9, it will once again be my great pleasure to welcome Vocolot to Sinai Temple! Vocolot will be performing as part of a gala fundraising evening here at Sinai Temple! Vocolot is a Women's a cappella ensemble led by Cantor Linda Hirschhorn. Vocolot brings a joyous fusion of folk, jazz and cantorial vocal traditions into the contemporary a cappella world. Their music, rooted in universal heart, social conscience and Jewish soul, communicates a powerful vision of world peace and reconciliation. Vocolot sings in English, Hebrew, Ladino, Yiddish, and Arabic, blending lush harmonies, soaring melodies and global percussion in original works and new renderings of ancient songs and texts. People were amazed to hear Vocolot last year when they performed here at Sinai Temple! Now you will have a chance to hear them again, or to experience the thrill of hearing them for the first time!

Tickets to this evening of outstanding a cappella are twenty-five dollars. Please watch for invitations in the mail soon, and encourage your friends to attend. The evening will also feature a silent auction. Please support Sinai Temple by purchasing tickets to and attending this incredible evening!

The Adult Volunteer Choir and "Shir Fun!" will once again sing a few songs with Vocolot at the concert! Adult Choir rehearsals will be Wednesday evenings at 7:30 beginning March 23. If you would be interested in singing with us (no experience necessary!) please give me a call here at Sinai Temple.

To learn more about Vocolot, and to hear their amazing sound, please check out their website at <http://www.vocolot.com>.

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

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## A Women's A Cappella Ensemble Performing Original Music With Universal Heart, Jewish Soul and Social Conscience



# Vocolot Returns to Sinai Temple Saturday April 9, 2011 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$25.00

*The evening will also feature a silent auction*

### Vocolot finalists at the International Jewish Music Festival in Amsterdam!

- “Presenting harmony, integrity & strength on & off stage, Vocolot uses the power of music for world peace.”  
—*Shura Lipovsky, IJMF Judge*
- “I was blown out of my socks by your performance; it really lifted my heart.”  
—*René Samson, IJMF Judge*

Visit Vocolot's website for more information: [www.vocolot.com](http://www.vocolot.com)

*This is a fund raising event for Sinai Temple. Reservations can be arranged by calling the Sinai Temple Office or online at [www.sinai-temple.org/Fund\\_Raising/giving.php](http://www.sinai-temple.org/Fund_Raising/giving.php)*

Stamp out Haman's  
Name  
Stamp out Hunger



Students will be performing

*There's trouble in Shusan City  
With a capital "t"  
That rhymes with "p"  
That Stands for Purim!*

The Megillah Reading  
Sunday, March 20  
9:00 Religious School  
11:15 Parents Arrive

11:30 The Megillah Reading Begins!

*Following the Megillah Reading,  
Lunch will be sponsored by the Men of Sinai*

Macaroni & Cheese =  
Noisemakers and Open  
Pantry Donations



Wear your Costumes

**Esther's "Boutique"  
March 15 – March 30  
Collecting special occasion dresses!  
For semi-formal and formal dresses!**

Are your closets stuffed with beautiful gowns worn only once by your beloved daughters? Do you yourself as an adult own gowns that you won't wear again? The Social Action Committee would like to collect these gowns and give them a new lease on life. In honor of Purim and Esther's role in the holiday, we call the idea - Esther's "Boutique".

From March 15 to 30, you are invited to bring to the Temple special occasion dresses that you or your daughter(s) will not be wearing again. We will collect them and then join a special project in Springfield where young women will be invited to select the dresses for their own special occasions.

Our dresses and our daughters' dresses can become part of another young woman's joy...maybe another prom! Please look around the house. Share this letter with other families who might have dresses to share.

For information, please contact Deidra Torff or Kathy Roberts.

**Purim Baking:  
We Need 750 Hamantaschen!!!**

If you like baking or just hanging around the kitchen and talking, we've got the project for you. Our Caring Community is preparing the Hamantaschen for Purim. One day. Working together. Tuesday, March 15 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. or 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Contact Lynn Solomon (567-0073) to let her know you'll be there.



Thursday, MARCH 10, 7:00 p.m.  
Saturday, MARCH 12, 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday, MARCH 13, 2:00 p.m.  
Plus Post Show  
Ice Cream Social  
“Sunday Sundae Special”

**TICKETS:**

General Admission:	\$12.00
Reserved Seating:	\$15.00
“Sunday Sundae Special”:	\$5.00

*Tickets are on sale at the Sinai Temple main office or call 413-736-3619 to reserve your tickets or visit our website [www.sinai-temple.org](http://www.sinai-temple.org). Tickets will be held at the door for performances.*

The Music Man is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI, 421 West 54th Street, New York, NY 10019 Tel.: (212) 397-4684 Fax: (212) 397-4684 [www.MTIShows.com](http://www.MTIShows.com)

**Location:**

**Sinai Temple**  
1100 Dickinson St.  
Springfield, MA  
413-736-3619  
[www.sinai-temple.org](http://www.sinai-temple.org)

## Women of the Wall: Skype to Jerusalem Monday, March 7 at 7:30 a.m.

WOMEN OF THE WALL is an Israeli group that has been struggling for many years to gain equal access for women at the Western Wall in Jerusalem. They have worked through the courts and had some judicial success. But at the Wall itself it has been tough going.

Every Jewish New Moon the group gathers to try to hold a full service at the Wall.

This coming MONDAY, MARCH 7 will be such an occasion when the Hebrew month of Adar begins. (That's the month for Purim and Queen Esther!)

We at Sinai are going to act in solidarity with WOW.

Rabbi Shapiro has made arrangements with the president of WOW, Anat Hoffman, for a Skype conversation that very day! We will speak to her via Skype from Sinai in order to hear what happened at the Wall earlier that very day!

We will gather at 7:30 a.m. for a brief service of our own, then breakfast, and around 8:15 a.m. our live conversation with Anat Hoffman.

Hoffman is a remarkable, courageous, and creative Reform Jewish leader in Israel. Conversing with her is a rare opportunity.

Please RSVP Robin in the office so that we can prepare a simple breakfast.

And bring a friend!

## Caregiving: The Daughter Trap An Evening with Author Laurel Kennedy Wednesday, March 9 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. At the JCC

Please join the community as author Laurel Kennedy explains why women are so often the ones to assume the responsibility of caring for family members. How can daughters learn to share the burden with other family members. Kennedy will share the collective wisdom of the 200+ caregiving daughters she interviewed in writing her book.

Laurel Kennedy is a nationally recognized expert on Boomer issues. Founder of the Boomer consulting firm Age Lessons, she has also worked as a senior executive with Edelman Worldwide and Ketchum for clients like Kraft, Kellogg, Pepsi, and Sara Lee.

The Daughter Trap is part of Sinai's ongoing collaboration with Temple Beth El, Jewish Family Service, and Jewish Geriatric Services.

## Caregivers Support Group Weekly Tuesday evenings 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the JCC

Are you caring for an aging parent, a spouse or other relative? Are you feeling squeezed with everyone's needs? This group is for you. Share the challenges and joys of caring for a loved one. You do not need to face this alone.

Registration: Pre-registration is requested. To register, please contact Jewish Family Service at 413-737-2601 or JewishLife@jfswm.org.

A collaboration with Temple Beth El, Sinai Temple, Jewish Geriatric Services and Jewish Family Service.

## Experimenting with a New High Holiday Prayerbook: Sinai is a Test Site

### Tuesday, March 15 from 6:30 to 9:15 p.m.

The Reform movement is working toward a new prayerbook for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Sinai has become a test site for the new book.

This coming Tuesday, March 15 we will preview a copy of the new book's Rosh Hashanah service. We will use the service and then be asked for our feedback. If you would like to be part of this experiment, please join the Rabbi and Cantor in the Oneg Shabbat Room.

If you are a regular at services or if you only visit services once a year, you are welcome. Your input is invited!

## Questions About Judaism and Christianity

Are you curious about our relationship with Christianity? As Passover (and Easter) approach, what should we know about the beginnings of Christianity and the critical beginnings of rabbinic Judaism?

### Was the Last Supper a Seder: Should the Last Supper have marked the end of Seders and Judaism?

Wednesday, March 16 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. with a light supper

### Who crucified Jesus and why has that mattered so much for 2000 years?

Wednesday, April 13 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. with a light supper

## Take Back Your Time: Rediscover Shabbat

Go to [www.sinai-temple.org](http://www.sinai-temple.org). On our home page, you'll see the link Rediscover Shabbat. You'll find the blessings for Friday night, music plus other sources.

**Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah  
Are You Interested in Starting a New  
Class For A New Year?  
Orientation Session – Saturday, May 7  
at 8 a.m.**

Dear Congregants:

During the last several years, it has been my privilege to work with five 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 May & June, please contact me. [markdov@sinai-temple.org](mailto:markdov@sinai-temple.org) Our first informal get-to-know-one-another session will take place Saturday, May 7 in the Oneg Shabbat room. No commitments. Call me and we can see if it's right for you.  
Rabbi Shapiro

**Champagne, Chocolate, and Blessings  
Friday, April 29  
At the 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service**

Sinai Temple's Caring Community happily invites you to a ceremony celebrating Your special wedding anniversary in 2011!

If you were married in 2006, 2001, 1996, 1991, 1986, 1981, 1976, 1971, 1966, 1961, 1956, 1951, 1946, 1941 please join Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Levson on Friday, April 29 at 7:30 p.m. The Rabbi and Cantor will honor you as a group with blessings, sweet wine, & chocolates. RSVP to Robin Blanchette Gage, Rabbi's Assistant, 736-3619, ext. 10

PLUS That same evening we will be honoring members of Sinai's Legacy Society.

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

**Monthly Morning Service  
Wednesdays, March 2 & April 6  
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, May 4 and June 1.

**Sex, War, and Property:  
Torah Study with a Special Focus  
Saturdays at 9 a.m.**

The Torah Portion starting at Deuteronomy Chapter 21:10 contains more laws on more topics than any other Torah Portion. From sex to war, theft, the environment, marriage, divorce, and raising children, everything is in these chapters from Deuteronomy.

If you are interested in any(!) of the topics above, Torah Study should be for you.

**Saturday Morning Services  
Every Saturday morning  
At 10:30 a.m.**

We have a regular weekly Shabbat morning service. Even when there isn't a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, there is a Saturday morning service (complete with the Yahrzeit list) every Saturday starting at 10:30 a.m.

**Coming Soon To Venues Nearby:  
The Pioneer Valley Jewish Film Festival!  
March 23 – April 7**

Twenty films in seven towns. Dramas, docs, comedy to entertain, educate and inspire. More info at [www.PVJFF.org](http://www.PVJFF.org)

**Julian Assange to speak at Sinai Temple  
Mark Your Calendars  
For an Adar Opportunity  
Friday, March 32**

Sinai is fortunate to be the first place where Julian Assange, founder of WikiLeaks, will speak after his historic visit to Shushan. Assange will reveal previously unknown secrets from the administration of the late King Achashverosh, including details of Haman's rise to power and the real story behind Esther's time in the Persian court. Due to the sensitive nature of this presentation, advance reservations are necessary. Please call 736-3619191919, extension 613.

# UNPLUG FOR A DAY REDISCOVER SHABBAT

**MARCH 5, 2011**

**A DAY FOR EVERYONE AT SINAI TEMPLE ...  
IF YOU'RE AN ADULT, IF YOU'RE A KID  
IF YOU LIKE THE OUTDOORS, IF YOU LIKE TO BE INSIDE,  
IF YOU LIKE SWEET DESSERTS,  
IF YOU LIKE GOOD CONVERSATION.**

**AT 10:00 A.M.**  
**SERVICE IN THE ROUND**  
For Everyone  
The most creative, joyful, and participatory service ever planned for Sinai

**AT 10:30 A.M.**  
**FOR ADULTS and  
KIDS 12 and UP**  
*A walk on the wild side*  
A guided hike through  
Forest Park. Snow, mud, or  
cold. Led by a professional  
environmentalist

**AT 10:30 A.M.**  
**FOR FAMILIES WITH  
ELEMENTARY AGE  
CHILDREN**  
An experiential morning of  
learning led by Am Meltzer,  
educator and author.  
Amy blogs at homeshuling

**FOR ADULTS**  
**AT 10:30 A.M.**  
*Jewish Meditation & Sacred  
Chanting: A Spiritual Journey  
through Song and Silence*  
**With Cantor Levson**

**AT 11:15 A.M.**  
*Hollywood, Jews, and the  
Oscars: Trivia and Stories  
from the Academy Awards*  
**With Rabbi Shapiro**

**AT 11:00 A.M.**  
**TOT SHABBAT & PJ LIBRARY**  
For little ones and their families.  
Music, activities, and more.  
With Iris Koiller and Cantor

**12:00 NOON**  
Potluck Lunch with challah, salad, and main dishes. If you wish, please bring a  
dessert. On this day of "unplugging," bring along an old cell phone too. Donations of  
old cell phones can be used to buy calling cards for our troops.

*This program is made possible by the Religious School Special Projects Fund*

## Message from Sheila Shear Director of Education

*Shalom Chaverim*

As I write this I have recently returned from being in Alabama and GA with the 9th and 10th graders and Rabbi and had the opportunity to attend the national conference for Temple Educators and learn with colleagues and mentors and consider the use of technology in teaching and engaging our children. Our Israel Day was wonderful as each child in each class had an opportunity to teach others what they learned, Shir Fun sang beautifully and we all saw a remarkable view of Israel via DVD.

Ahead we have more to do. Children's attendance is as important at this time of year as it has been all during the year. Remember you can check out what your child is doing each week in our Religious School Blog, where teachers post what they have done each week. Check it out at: [http://www.sinai-temple.org/Religious\\_School/parents/](http://www.sinai-temple.org/Religious_School/parents/) . Thanks to Howard Kalodner for making this possible for us.

Please save the date for our annual teacher appreciation, school wide dinner in May, where our 7th and 8th graders will have a special treat for us. As a culmination of this semester's work on the Jewish Lens curriculum they will be organizing an exhibit of their photographs of Jewish Life. Save the first Friday in May for this wonderful evening.

*L'bitraot.*

## The Third Annual Bike Ride for Tzedakah Sunday morning, May 1 (Part of Mitzvah Day)



Get in shape! An 18 mile (or maybe a bit more) bike ride following up on the success of our last two rides. A registration fee of \$25 will be used to underwrite a tzedakah project. Last

year's bike proceeds underwrote a summer Day Camp program for needy children in Springfield. Last year over 30 people rode. We are hoping to see at least 40 riders this year.

**Do you know a Jew that  
is not a member of any  
Temple?**

**We'd like to invite you both  
to a Jewish breakfast that would  
make your bubbe kvell.**

**Taste of Sinai - Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>  
9am-11am**

**More info and invitations to follow.**

**1931-2011...**

## **Sinai Temple Turns 80 This Year! 80 Photographs in Our 80th Year: Let's Create a Snapshot in Time**

As our Temple turns 80, let's give ourselves and future Sinai generations a birthday gift. Let's collect 80 photographs of 80 Sinai households living their Jewish lives.

The photographs will be used to establish an archive of this anniversary year.

Your picture should tell a Jewish story:

You and family members at a Seder, lighting the menorah, on Shabbat (candles, wine, challah). A wedding couple under the chupa, a Bar/Bat Mitzvah child, a babynaming.

Submit up to 3 images per family. Send photos to Michael Gordon [michaelsgordon@comcast.net](mailto:michaelsgordon@comcast.net)

For more details, see the insert in this Temple bulletin.

**Mitzvah Day is Coming  
Sunday, May 1  
Activities for all ages to build a better Springfield and  
a better world.  
Stay tuned for details.**

# Passover Highlights 2011

## COME PRAY...COME FILL THE SANCTUARY PASSOVER MORNING

Tuesday, April 19 at 10:30 a.m.

(Luncheon to follow.)

This grand service will include special holiday music and an extra opportunity to explore the appeal of our great spring festival.

## YIZKOR AND CONCLUDING SERVICE

Monday, April 25 at 10:30 a.m.

We dedicate new plaques on our yearzeit board and bid farewell to Passover.

A luncheon follows the service.

### Are you getting bored with the same old prayers at your Seder?

Starting April 1, visit our website. [www.sinai-temple.org](http://www.sinai-temple.org) Rabbi Shapiro has collected and added on to a large Sinai collection of readings, games, and ideas that can bring new life to your Seder.

### Would you like to be known as someone who enjoyed a good meal, or as someone who helped provide others with something to eat?

As the Passover Seder approaches with all of its food, food, food, would you consider sharing some of your good fortune with others? Your Passover contribution to the Temple's Isaiah Hunger Fund will be forwarded to people in Springfield who do not have enough money to eat at all. The Hunger Fund is our way of responding to local hunger. You can feel better over your matzah balls by remembering tzedakah. All funds donated to the Isaiah Hunger Fund go directly to the hungry in our community.



### Passover in the aisle

In an effort to reach out to unaffiliated Jews in our community, Try A Synagogue is sponsoring "Passover in the Aisles" at the Longmeadow Big Y and Stop & Shop in East Longmeadow. Look for tables which will be manned by volunteers in the Passover aisle of these supermarkets on:

Sunday, April 10 - 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Tuesday, April 12 - 2:00 - 6:00 pm

Thursday, April 14 - 2:00 - 6:00 pm

Sunday, April 17 - 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Volunteers will be there to answer questions about Passover, distribute information on how to make a Seder fun, interactive, and meaningful (both for kids and for adults), provide interesting Passover recipes, and offer samples of Passover treats.

In addition, the Try A Synagogue program would like to ensure that everyone in our Jewish community has a place at a Seder table. If you or someone you know does not have any place to go, please contact Debbie Peskin at the Federation office (413-737-4313 x121 or [dpeskin@jewishwesternmass.org](mailto:dpeskin@jewishwesternmass.org)). If you have space at your Seder table for an additional guest or two, please let Debbie know.

### The Caring Community of Sinai Temple

Invites all Senior Members

to a

Passover Luncheon

12:00 noon,

Thursday, April 21, 2011

Sinai Temple

*During the Passover "season of freedom,"*

*Rabbi Shapiro will tell the story of his 1985 trip to the USSR  
along with slides and audio memories.*

Invitations will be sent soon.

Make sure you get one and RSVP!

There is no charge for this wonderful luncheon!

# JCC Maccabi Game news



JCC Maccabi  
GAMES 2011

August 14-19, 2011

Contact JCC Maccabi Central: (413) 739-4715  
maccabi@springfieldjcc.org



Sinai Temple edition

www.SpringfieldJCCMaccabi.org

## 600 volunteers needed!

Sinai Temple Members involved in the JCC Maccabi Games 2011  
(as of February 9, 2011)

Sue Bader  
Ron Berger  
Carol Berger  
Geoff Berman  
Jayne Berman  
Larry Bernstein  
Betsy Bertuzzi  
Jared Bertuzzi  
Matt Bertuzzi  
Brit Brewer  
Lori Byrne  
Scott Coen  
Michael Conklin  
Ilene Conklin  
Ruth Corbert  
Cary Dash  
Edrick DeJesus  
Cathy Dorison  
Joe Dorison  
Bonnie Engelman  
Tricia Freedman  
Michael Freedman  
Elizabeth Frey  
Elizabeth Germain  
Sally Ginsberg  
Linda Goldman  
Marcia Gordenstein

Janice Greenberg  
Elliot Greenberg  
Peggy Grodd  
Arthur Grodd  
Wendy Grolnick  
Carole Hirshberg  
Michael Hirshberg  
Mark Hurwitz  
Janine Idelson  
Paul Jacobs  
Ann Jacobs  
Bob Kadis  
Peter Kamin  
Lisa Katz  
David Katz  
Jay Kimmel  
Laura Klein  
Brittany Komack  
Lou Kornet  
Zel Lavin  
Liz Leshine  
Fran Mirkin  
Ronnie Nadel  
Ronald Nadel  
Jeff Novak

Beth Paysnick  
Michael Paysnick  
Ed Radding  
Leslie Reiter  
Charles Reiter  
Jeff Rembrandt  
Rachel Rembrandt  
Seth Roberts  
Ann Rosenfield  
Mary Scheer  
Mal Schneider  
Sally Schneider  
Judy Schweiger  
Laraine Shore-Suslowitz  
Patti Silver  
Laurie Skole  
Lynn Solomon  
Joel Solomon  
Bobi Steingart  
Carol Tivoli  
Ruth Webber  
Wendy Webber  
Anne Weiss  
Leslie Wetstone  
Bruce Winer  
Barbara Winer

### 2011 JCC Maccabi Games Athletes (as of February 9, 2011)

Taylor Adelson  
Samuel Adler  
Brooke Baevesky  
Julia Barron  
Daniel Berg  
Alex Calabrese  
Hannah Calabrese  
Michela Calabrese  
Isaac Chase  
Jordan Chase  
Zachary Chase  
Abigail Chernick  
Zachary Chernick  
Alan Clymer  
Jesse Cohen-Lindfors  
Craig Conklin  
Seth Conklin  
Andrew Cowan  
David D'Agostino  
Matthew DeMarche  
Julia Dash  
Suzanne Elfman  
Nathan Ellis  
Suzanne Elfman  
Allen Finn  
Abbie Foster  
Olivia Foster  
Emma Frankel  
Jacob Freedman  
Samuel Freedman  
Koby Gardner-Levine  
Joshua Goldberg  
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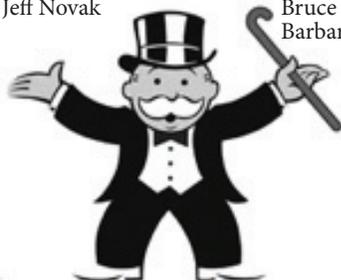
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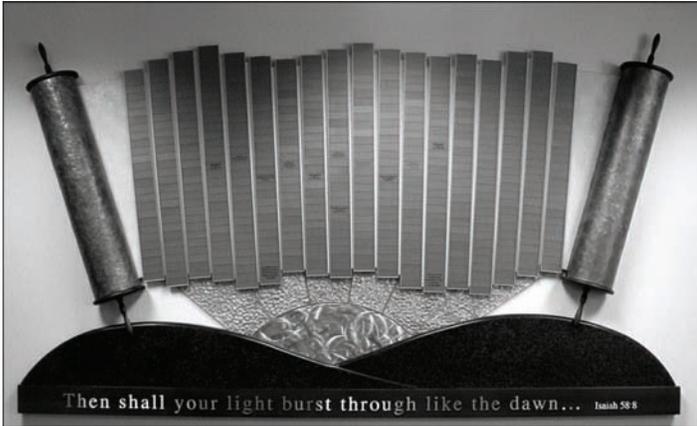
**WE WANT YOU...  
as a VOLUNTEER!**

We need 350 host families to accommodate the 850 visiting athletes from all around North America & Israel! PLUS, we need 600 volunteers performing a wide range of support tasks before and during the Games. The Games come to town Aug. 14-19 (less than 200 days away)! You MUST experience the JCC Maccabi Games... it is a Jewish-community-wide project unlike any other!



**WE NEED YOUR HOUSES!**

## 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.

### One Service for Rosh Hashanah Morning

After careful consideration, the Ritual Committee and Temple leadership have decided to return to Sinai's historic practice of bringing the community together for one service on Rosh Hashanah morning when the New Year arrives this September.

As you will recall, Mark Stone, our Temple president, announced last Rosh Hashanah that this change was being considered. We now want to go back to the tradition of a single service so that the entire congregation can share the same experience just as we do on Yom Kippur morning. Both morning services will begin at 10 a.m. Child care and programming will, of course, be available during the Rosh Hashanah morning service just as it is on Yom Kippur.

You're welcome to share any questions you may have with Ritual Chair, Sherry Souliere, 567-7446.

## Happenings with Men of Sinai

Thanks to Bonnie Gibson, Rabbi Shapiro, and Jon Sapirstein for their presentations at our January breakfast of their beautiful travels, historic posters, and incredible times in Israel. On February 13th our own Professor Joe Berger gave a fascinating talk on the theory of evolution-Darwin's Dangerous Idea-to nearly 60 people for our February breakfast. Attendees approached Joe afterward asking if they could audit his courses at Springfield College.

On March 6th the presentation after breakfast has altered recently, so this will likely be a time for general discussion and sharing. The April 24th event will feature Ben Marchette, a primary speaker with the American Israel Public Affairs Committee in New England. Among other things dictated by current events, he will be speaking on the truth behind media coverage of Israel, supporting Israel by knowing the facts. Please remember that our breakfasts (April's will also have a special menu) are open to all and are free to MOS members; \$5 to all others. With AIPAC coming on April 24th, we would appreciate your letting Robin know in the Temple office that you will be attending, so we have some idea of the number of people we should be expecting for breakfast and their presentation.

March 20th is the Sinai Purim Party, menu provided by the Men of Sinai.

The MOS raffle of a 42" HDTV with a Sony Blu-ray player will provide over \$1,200 to Sinai's Religious School Scholarship Fund. The winner will be announced at the Rabbi Herman E. Snyder award dinner on March 25th.

We were very fortunate this year to receive nominations for our largest number ever of outstanding candidates for the Rabbi Herman E. Snyder Award. Please see the invitation insert and make your reservations to join us for dinner on this very special evening at 6:00 p.m. on March 25th as we celebrate the achievements of this year's honorees: **Robyn Newhouse** and **Steve Kaplan!** Dinner will be followed by presentation of the awards and services.

*Jack Henrie, President, Men of Sinai*

### Sinai Judaica Shop Corner

We're heading for Purim, and to delight the little ones we'll have appropriate masks and books, etc.

Then we'll feature EVERYTHING for seder and Passover week. Come down and see toys and games for young and old, hostess gifts galore and more. There are many new items to make your Passover perfect!!

Of course there will be longer hours for your shopping convenience and a flyer with full information will be forthcoming.

*Thais Fischel 786-9577*

## From Generation to Generation

*Sinai Temple has been an integral part of our lives since we were married here, twenty years ago. When we planned our wedding ceremony there was no other "destination" that could hold as much meaning as the bimah at Sinai. From Linda's childhood days in religious school, Confirmation class, and SPFTY to our joint participation in a multitude of spiritual, joyful, and celebratory activities, Sinai is our second home. We became members of the Legacy Society to help provide these same experiences to future generations of Reform Jews. We certainly hope to have many years to look forward to and cannot predict what our own needs may be, so we have decided to donate a percentage of our estates, rather than a fixed amount. This will insure that when the time comes, Sinai Temple will be an important part of our Jewish Legacy.*

— Linda and Robert Kay

Sinai Temple's  
**L**egacy Society  
Our Turn to Create Sinai's Future  
in Partnership with-  
Create a Jewish Legacy of Western Massachusetts



If you would like to explore joining Linda and Robert in the Sinai Legacy Society, your first step is to discuss opportunities with Rabbi Shapiro or members of the planned giving committee. Please give the office a call at 413-736-3619. There is no obligation in this conversation, and, of course, a gift of any size is welcome.

## 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 from December 7, 2010 - February 1, 2011:

- David Webber, husband of Rose Webber
- Barbara White, our congregant..
- Ruth Feldman, mother of Carol Roberts
- Judy Kantrowitz, Harry Auerbach's sister.
- Albert Midas, Elaine Geha's father.

*Make donations through Sinai ONLINE!!!*

*www.sinai-temple.org*

*You learn about someone's success or someone's sadness. You want to make a contribution but it's so much trouble to write a check.*

*Now you can skip the check and the snail mail.*

*Go to Sinai's website [www.sinai-temple.org](http://www.sinai-temple.org) and make the donation to any one of our funds ONLINE.*

## The Sustaining Membership Program

If you are among those congregants who pay full dues in your category, your telephone may ring this spring.. Members of the Sustaining Membership Committee will be calling you to ask that you become a Sustaining Member of Sinai.

What is a Sustaining Member?

A Sustaining Member is someone who chooses to offer Sinai an extra amount of fund beyond dues. During the current fiscal year, over 90 Sinai households became Sustaining Members and contributed over \$50,000 to our budget.

By doing this, the Sustaining Members helped reduce the need to raise the fees for Temple members who cannot afford full dues. By assuming a kind of "fair share," the Sustaining Members also allowed Sinai to continue to offer a full and varied menu of programs.

Thank you to those who have become Sustaining Members. Thank you now - in advance - to those of you who may choose to join the program for next year.

If you have questions or want to join the program, please call David Kalman, SMP Chair at 565-2278 or the Temple office at 736-3619.

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## A Civil Rights Journey



Over the last weekend in January, Rabbi Shapiro and Sheila Shear led 24 Sinai High School students on a journey in Alabama and Georgia. They visited Selma, Montgomery, Birmingham, Alabama and Atlanta, Georgia. The students are pictured here in the Rosa Parks Museum, which is built at the spot where Mrs. Parks refused to move to the back of the bus on December 1, 1955. Student comments and responses to the experience along with other photos are on our website.