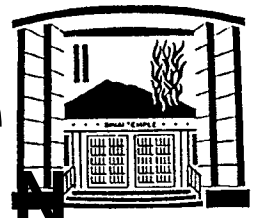


Sinai Temple

BULLETIN



Take Back Your Time: Rediscover Shabbat

For Your Consideration

Rabbi Mark Dov Shapiro

In challenging times, it helps to clarify why we make our commitments. Here is a summary of what I said on Rosh Hashanah exploring why Temple membership matters to me.

First, the Temple matters to me because it feels different than any other place. It feels old: not antique or outmoded. It feels old in the sense that Temples are all about connections to the past and to my roots. Temples mean history; Temples mean I have a history.

Temples also mean reading great stories and challenging visions out of a scroll. Not a Kindle or an iPod. This is where I find a handwritten scroll, the raw shofar, lulav, etrog, and candles burning every single week.

And the Temple matters because it has a sanctuary. Better still, the Temple functions like a sanctuary because the Temple is like a get away. Being part of a Temple means I am connected to a place that is not CNN, not frantic, not focused on who owns what or who betrayed whom. In a Temple, the conversation always goes beyond the immediate. Temples talk about ideals and values. Temples are a sanctuary where the conversation is about living a worthwhile life.

Amos, Isaiah, Maimonides, Abraham Joshua Heschel. These are the Jews I meet in the Temple. They lived fabulous lives dedicated to making the world better. When I'm part of a Temple, I'm motivated to emulate these righteous giants.

And there is more here: From babynamings to funerals, I meet all of life in a Temple.

Temple is about community too. To be a Jew is to know that I can't survive on my own. No Jew can be a Jew for very long without other Jews. I belong to a Temple, then, because it does me good and also because it builds the community.

Plus one other Springfield reality: Sinai Temple is the address for Reform Judaism in our community. If I believe in a liberal, values-oriented, contemporary Judaism, then this is the only place I can find it. This is the place that offers me respect and a place where I fit.

Belonging to a Temple? It's my access to the history, community, and faith of the people I love. I'm nurtured as a Jew in my Temple and I am always thankful for that.

FRIDAY EVENINGS NEW SERVICE TIMES

EREV SUKKOT at 7:00 p.m.

October 2

Decorate the sukkah. Service outdoors too! (More info on Page 2)

SIMCHAT TORAH at 7:00 p.m.

October 9

March and dance with our Torah scrolls.

KABBALAT SHABBAT at 6 p.m.

October 16

A beautiful, short service for ending your work week. Come early for veggies and snacks. Go home by 7 p.m.

SERVICES WITH TORAH at 7:30 p.m.

October 23 - What does Reform Judaism Mean to You?

October 30 - Meditation and Judaism

Saturday Morning Services

Every Saturday Morning

Service at 10:30 a.m.

Mazal Tov to our Bar Mitzvah

October 24 - Ari Awad

Son of Bill and Suzy Awad

Sukkot — Simchat Torah

For Sukkot and Simchat Torah dates and times, please see Page Two.

High Holiday Sermons

To read Rabbi Shapiro's High Holiday sermons, please visit our website.

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SUKKOT & SIMCHAT TORAH 5770

EREV SUKKOT

Friday, October 2

Shabbat Dinner for parents and students Kindergarten through Grade 7 starting at 6 p.m.

Followed by outdoor sukkah decorating and service at 7:00 p.m.

SUKKOT DAY

Saturday, October 3

At 10:30 a.m.

Visiting scholar. Lulav and etrog. Kiddush and luncheon.

EREV SIMCHAT TORAH

Friday, October 9

At 7:00 p.m.

Consecrate our First Graders and then march and dance with our Torah scrolls. Special music! Special festivities! Chatan Torah (reading Deuteronomy) will be Andy Moskovitz; Chatan Bresheet (reading Genesis) will be Eliana Moskovitz.

SIMCHAT TORAH/YIZKOR SERVICE

Saturday, October 10

At 10:30 a.m.

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

Welcome to Sinai!

We're so glad you decided to join Sinai Temple in the past couple of months.

- Neil J. Grossman
- Aaron Kugelmass and Karen Ambrose and their two sons, Adam and Alexander.
- Jerome and Louise Nathan
- Amanda Singer
- Michael and Miriam Sambor and their son Matthew.

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.

What If Everything Changes: Responding to the Impermanence of our World

Sukkot Morning, October 3

An Opportunity for Learning and
Inspiration

10:30 to 12:30 (Including luncheon)



Here's the problem: Our world is changing faster than we can imagine. What we once took for granted has changed. Global warming. Recession. What's next? Rabbi Nancy Flam will help us explore the meaning of impermanence for ourselves and our world. How shall we respond?

Rabbi Flam,
Director of the

Institute for Jewish Spirituality, was a co-founder of the Jewish Healing Center in 1991. She then directed the Jewish Community Healing Program of San Francisco. Rabbi Flam earned her B.A. in Religion from Dartmouth College. She was ordained at Hebrew Union College in 1989. She is the editor for LifeLights, a series of inspirational pamphlets on challenges in the emotional and spiritual life.

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Big Questions: Jewish Answers

**Second Thursday Every Month
Starting Thursday, October 8
From 6 to 7:30 p.m.**

(With a "lite bite" available each evening)

Are you curious about the biggest kinds of questions we Jews ask? Questions about believing (or not believing). Questions about death, praying, Israel, the Bible, or why we Jews aren't always one big happy family.

If you've got questions, this year Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Levson will offer some answers. On the second Thursday of each month, come to Sinai. We'll feed you a light dinner and we'll take on one topic per month.

Here are the questions. You can come once, all the time, or once in a while. Each Thursday conversation will be self-contained.

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| Oct. 8 | Can I doubt God's existence and still be a good Jew? | Mar. 11 | What happens after I die? |
| Nov. 12 | How do God & the Holocaust co-exist? | Apr. 8 | Why are there divisions among Jews? |
| Dec. 10 | Besides Jesus, are Judaism and Christianity really that different? | May 13 | Should we hug or wrestle with Israel? Does Israel really matter? |
| Jan. 14 | How can I get my prayers answered: Is anyone listening? | June 10 | What can a college graduate believe about the Bible? |
| Feb. 11 | Why do they change the melodies every time I come to services? | | |

We're very grateful to Leah and Jerry Gottlieb for underwriting this series of dinner conversations.

Jewish and Decent: Can You Really Love Your Neighbor as Yourself? Saturday mornings at 9 a.m. October 17 – December 12

Nine Saturday morning conversations about living life with love! What does that "Golden Rule" mean? Can it ever really apply?

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

"Jewish and Decent" will take place during weekly Torah Study . It will be our Torah Study for this Fall.

Praying Beyond Karaoke: What do those Hebrew words really mean? Wednesdays, October 14, 21, 28 At 7:30 p.m. Guest Teacher - Rabbi Micah Becker Klein

You've learned how to pronounce aleph and bet. You can decode some of the prayers. But what do they mean? Is it possible to get beyond Karaoke...merely making the sounds?

Micah Becker Klein, formerly the Rabbi at the JCC and a good friend to Sinai, will be your leader in three explorations of Hebrew meaning. Rabbi Klein will take you on a tour of one prayer per week: the Shema, the Amidah, and then the Kaddish. You'll look for the key words, translate, and discuss what each prayer means.

Sounds good? Yes, come and learn!

What Does Reform Judaism Mean to You?

A Shabbat Service of Dialogue and Music

Friday, October 23

On Yom Kippur, three congregants spoke about the meaning of Reform Judaism for them. On October 23, Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Levson will consider Reform Judaism from their own perspectives. A little bit of history. Personal reminiscence. And Music.

Meditation

Friday, October 30

Cantor Levson will introduce some meditation into our Shabbat service. We'll do all the regular liturgy plus a touch of meditation. Everyone is invited.

Hard Times at Douglass High: A No Child Left Behind Report Card

An HBO Documentary

Tuesday, October 27 at

7 p.m.

Alan and Susan Raymond spent one year filming in Frederick Douglass High School, which has successful alumni, including Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall. The film captures the complex realities of life at Douglass as the school tries to fulfill the mandate of the No Child Left Behind Act. Half of the Ninth Graders drop out of school. Can the faculty "save" these kids and also preserve the school's accreditation?

This film is being shown as part of the CITY THINKS program leading up to the appearance of Geoffrey Canada at the Springfield Forum on November 4. Canada is the creator of the Harlem Children's Zone which has created a vast inner-city "zone" of safety and learning in New York City.

Music from Sinai Temple

If you would like to learn the music we use at services or the music for the Shabbat home blessings, you'll find everything you want on our website.

www.sinai-temple.org

A Taste of Judaism – For Your Unaffiliated Friends and Family

Ever wondered how you could invite your friends and family to experience a "Taste of Judaism" at our Temple without undue pressure?

Now there's an answer! A Taste of Judaism: Are You Curious? will be held in our congregation this October. The class is being taught by Rabbi Shapiro and is sponsored by the Union for Reform. This FREE, three-session Outreach program is open to the unaffiliated only - Jews or non-Jews - all are welcome. (Unfortunately, Temple members are not eligible to enroll.)

Please take advantage of this opportunity to reach out to your extended family members, future in-laws, neighbors and friends and offer them a "Taste" of what makes Judaism so special right here in our own community. If you have anyone that you think may benefit from Taste please have them contact the Taste of Judaism Program Coordinator, Karen Mernoff at 736-3619, extension 13 or via email at tasteofjudaism@gmail.com

Monthly Morning Service

Wednesday, October 7 at 7:30 a.m.

A chance to start your day with a different focus. Meet in the sanctuary for a service of 20 minutes. Breakfast follows. The feeling of togetherness is wonderful. Those who need to leave for the rest of the day are free no later than 8:15 a.m.

Future "morning minyan" services will take place on Wednesdays, November 4, December 2, January 6, February 3, March 3, April 7, May 5, June 2.

Kabbalat Shabbat:

A Terrific Time for a Service!

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Third Friday of the month

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.

Notes from the Cantor

My thanks to the hard working, dedicated singers who helped make the evening services of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur so beautiful this year! The 5770 High Holiday Adult Volunteer Choir was: Judy Aronson, Marilyn Amster, George Dickstein, Bonnie Gibson, Jack Henrie, Robin Henrie, Margie Klein, Gayle Kushner, Jeffrey Leiter, Sheri Levson, Sandi Lotterman, Bonnie Mikesh, Robyn Newhouse (our ever-courageous rehearsal accompanist!), Miriam Pilver, Ann Rosenfield, Sheila Shear, and Herb Wood. On behalf of the entire congregation, let me say to you, "Yasher Koach!" (Literally, "straight and strong," colloquially "Way to go!") The Adult Volunteer Choir will be doing a number of other projects throughout the coming year, and we are always looking for new members! Our next "gig" will be for the Chanukkah service in December. Watch your Temple Bulletin and e-mails for information about rehearsals, and please let me know if you would like to come and sing with us!

You may have noticed in the schedule of newly renamed services that on Friday, October 30, there will be a "Service with Meditation." You may be thinking, "What is this? Will I have to sit cross-legged on the floor?" No, you won't have to sit on the floor. As a continuation of the Saturday morning Jewish Meditation sessions held back in January and February, I will be conducting this Friday night service in a somewhat "meditative style." So what will make this service different from other services at Sinai? There will be some periods of silence, some extended chanting of a few prayers, a guided visualization, and some brief instruction in simple techniques of Jewish meditation. But there will also be many familiar melodies and pieces of liturgy common to every Friday night service here at Sinai, including Candle lighting, Kiddush, the Mi Shebeyrach prayer and the Mourner's Kaddish. You do not need any previous experience in meditation to participate in this service, and I promise, you won't need to sit on the floor!

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

Friday, October 30

7:30 p.m.

"A Service with Meditation"

Some extra time for silent prayer, extended chanting of a few prayers, a guided visualization, and brief instruction in simple techniques of Jewish meditation.

Hope to see you there!

Where are you?

May we talk?

We've got a prize to give away!

There are too many Sinai households "out of the loop." We can't communicate electronically. It's not efficient and it's not green.

So...Please...Share the wealth.

One communication a week. It will be short and sweet and attractive too!

Send us your e-mail right away.

We really mean it and we really want it.

Plus we'll reward you.

On November 5, we will hold a drawing among those who have added their e-mail address to our list between September 18 and November 5. (We need a minimum of at least 75 new e-mail contacts.)

- First prize - a \$75 gift certificate to the Springfield Symphony Orchestra.
- Second prize - a \$50 gift certificate to the Majestic Theater.

Please e-mail your e-mail to Robin Blanchette-Gage, the Rabbi's secretary, at rblanchettegage@sinai-temple.org.

Judaica Shop Corner

Our new shipment of tallisim has arrived!

Men and women, boys and girls can select something really lovely. There are traditional and contemporary styles in many fabrics including wool, silk, organza and synthetics.

Our hours are:

Tuesdays 2 to 4:30 p.m.

Thursdays 2 to 4:00 p.m.

Sundays 9 to 12 noon

New this year: the first Tuesday evening of the month from 7 to 9 p.m. by appointment.

Thais Fischel 786-9577

Bobbie Cossin 565-9970

Message from Director of Education Sheila Shear

Shalom Chaverim,

As I sit here on the Thursday before the opening of Religious School, in the midst of the month of Elul, a time of introspection, I am thinking much about my personal and professional priorities for the new year. It brings to mind a Torah portion we studied this past August. In the Torah Portion Re'eh, God warns the Israelites not to be distracted or tempted by the gods of others or to act in ways that offend the laws that God has set forth. Its message is a strong one. Our world is an amazing place in 5770. It provides for us many opportunities. How then do we choose our priorities? How are we not distracted by the many amazing things around us? In our lives there is so much to distract and tempt us and our children. There is dance and football, swimming, soccer and homework and a host of other things that fight for our time and energy. In today's world it is important for us to set priorities for ourselves and our children. I hope that this year one of your choices for priority is living Jewishly including setting your children's Jewish education as a priority. By the time you read this Religious School will have begun, so, let me just say the opening weeks of school have been wonderful and everyone is doing great.

Lbitraot

Representatives from Eisner Camp and Crane Lake Camp Will be at Sunday School On Sunday, November 1 Parents are Invited!!!!

If you want to learn more about Jewish summer camping, please join us on Sunday, November 1 for a presentation on the Reform Jewish camps of the Berkshires. A DVD will be shown; brochures will be available. Details will follow via Religious School e-mail.

Jewish Summer Camping Can Make All the Difference in Preparing a Jewish Child for the Future

Our Reform movement runs two remarkable summer camps in the Berkshires. One is called Eisner; the other is called Crane Lake. Last year several Sinai students attended each of the camps. Your child would love either camp. Scholarships are available for sessions in July or August. Please speak to Rabbi Shapiro as soon as possible.

Scholarships for Free

If your son or daughter is planning to attend any kind of Jewish program this summer, please take advantage of the Temple scholarship program. Thanks to the Joseph Emanuel, Rabbi Herman Eliot and Adele Biederman Snyder Memorial Fund, scholarships are available in small and larger amounts. We are also thankful to the family of Edna Simon and Judy and Michael Cohen who support summer scholarships as well.

Your confidential request should go to Rabbi Shapiro no later than March 1.



Celia Gibson (center)
with two friends

"This picture was taken on top of Har Nefesh, a mountain in the Negev that everyone in my group climbed. I had some wonderful experiences there and all over Israel this past summer in a trip sponsored by NFTY."

—Celia Gibson

Fridays and Saturdays at Sinai: This Fall we are experimenting

Starting with September, we have conducted a service every Shabbat morning whether or not there is a Bar/Bar Mitzvah.

PLUS we are adjusting the times for Friday evening services. Our Answering Machine will have the correct time for each service each Friday afternoon. See below.

Friday Evening Services New Times for the New Year 7 – 7:30 – 6 – 7:30

First Friday services with a story will take place at 7:00 p.m.

Second Friday services with a band will take place at 7:30 p.m.

Third Friday will be Kabbalat Shabbat starting at 6 p.m.

Fourth Friday services will include a Torah Reading. The service will begin at 7:30 p.m.

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

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

Why change service times?

We are changing service times because we want to make it easier for YOU to come to services.

First, we are moving our traditional 8 p.m. service back to a starting time of 7:30 p.m. (Starting earlier will mean ending earlier. In these busy times, we want to help tired people be more alert as we pray and sing on Shabbat.)

Secondly, we also want to emphasize that our traditional "Family Service" and "Kabbalat Shabbat Service" can be appreciated by all congregants. Each takes place early enough so that they are family friendly, although they should also be comfortable for adults.

By the way, where did Friday Night Live go? We gave it a new name. "Service with a Band." Since most of our services are now so filled with music, the big difference on second Friday nights will be the use of more instruments.

Come try us out. Any Friday night is a good Sinai night.

Take Back Your Time: Rediscover Shabbat

It's possible to taste Shabbat in many ways. Last year Sinai distributed a booklet with 52 ideas on "tasting" Shabbat. Here is an encore presentation of those ideas that might merit a second consideration.



"During Shabbat dinner we take turns sharing both a mitzvah that we have done since last Shabbat and a good thing that has happened to each of us since last Shabbat."

"Not wearing a watch on Shabbat reminds me that Shabbat is an island in time."

"Now that my kids are on their own I bless them by phone late Friday afternoon before Shabbat. Sometimes I reach them and sometimes I leave a voice message. Occasionally we've lit the Shabbat candles together by phone. These are such meaningful moments."

"On Friday night I turn off most of the lights and let the candles bring Shabbat light into my space. I like the physical symbolism of "turning off" the week and "turning on" Shabbat. After I bless the candles I take time to meditate and center myself."

Rekindle Shabbat: For the REST of your week

Ever wished that life came with a "Pause" button? Here's a community program that might appeal to our Sinai Temple members.

The Rekindle Shabbat Program brings Jewish and interfaith families together in homes across the Pioneer Valley for three catered dinner celebrations, each an opportunity to learn more about Shabbat and other holidays. The program will match you with a host family or you can match yourself with friends. This year's dinner dates are Fridays Dec 11, Jan. 29, and April 30. Interested households can get more information and sign up at www.RekindleShabbat.org. For more information, contact Janet Kaplan Bucciarelli at (413) 439-1984; rekindle@jewishwesternmass.org.

Sinai Temple Executive Committee: Who is helping lead Sinai Temple this year?

Mark Stone, President

Mark has been a lifelong member of Sinai Temple. He attended Religious School, became a Bar Mitzvah and was confirmed here at Sinai. He also represents the third generation of his family to belong to the congregation. His involvement at Sinai includes being a member of the Religious School Committee, Co-Chair of the Sinai Temple Furniture Sale and serving on several other committees and sub committees.

Mark grew up in Longmeadow and graduated from The University of Lowell. He is the President of Northeast System Design, Inc. an East Longmeadow computer and network integration company he started 22 years ago. Mark lives in Longmeadow with his wife Melanie and his children Andrew 13 and Lauren 11. The children are the fourth generation of his family to belong to Sinai.

Jeffrey Cossin, First Vice President

A member of Sinai Temple since he was a student in the Religious School “many years ago,” Jeffrey has served on the Board of Directors for several years. He currently is First Vice President, which means he will be our next Temple president. Jeff has served on the Religious School Committee and Membership Committee; he is currently on the Legacy Society and Sustaining Membership Committees. Jeff can also be found every Saturday morning at Torah Study! He is married to Robin and they have three adult children, Elizabeth, Talia, and Zev. Jeff urges everyone to say HELLO not only to those congregants you know at Sinai, but especially to those you don't yet know.

Steve Sussman, Vice President

Steve Sussman was president of Sinai Temple from 1999 to 2001. He is also a former president of Brotherhood (now Men of Sinai). He has worked on several Temple projects, including the renovations in the late 90's along with the capital campaign to fund them. In 2005, Steve was honored with the Men of Sinai's Herman Elliot Snyder Service Award. He is currently working on the Sinai Legacy Society and Membership Matchmakers.

Steve grew up in Lowell, Massachusetts, was educated at the University of Massachusetts, and has worked for over 25 years at MassMutual in Information Technology. He and his wife, Patty, live in Feeding Hills, and they have two grown daughters, Libby and Emily, one grown son-in-law, Josh, and his Mom, Bea, who also volunteers at Sinai.

Linda Kay, Vice President

Linda is a lifetime member of Sinai Temple. She has participated on a variety of committees and previously served on the Board of Directors and Executive Board. She represented Sinai on the Regional Board of the URJ for several years. One of her most memorable Sinai activities was working with the new American family from Somalia. Linda is a retired Longmeadow Public Schools teacher and currently works in the Suffield Public Schools. Linda is married to Robert and is the step-mother of Elizabeth and her husband, Chris. Linda and Bob live in Agawam.

Bruce Leshine, Treasurer

Bruce is a corporate lawyer and partner in the law firm of LeClairRyan in Hartford. Married at Sinai Temple in August 1985 to Elizabeth Plotkin Leshine, daughter and youngest of five children of Judith Plotkin Goldberg (herself a member of Sinai's second confirmation class!) and the late Samuel Plotkin of Longmeadow, Bruce and Liz have lived in Longmeadow with their daughters Shelby, a freshman at New York University, and Abigail, a tenth-grader at Longmeadow High School, since 1998. Previously on the Sinai Temple Board of Directors, Bruce is now a member of Sinai's Executive Committee and Sinai's Treasurer. The Leshines' Sinai Temple highlight: Sinai's trip to Israel in July 2007, and Rabbi Shapiro's performing Abby's Bat Mitzvah within the stone walls of an ancient synagogue, destroyed by an earthquake 1300 years ago, in Katzrin in the Golan Heights - truly an amazing moment and memory.

Laurie Weinberg, Financial Secretary

Laurie Weinberg has been a member of Sinai since 1985. She and her four children were all B'nai Mitzvah at Sinai, Waverly in 1991, Jesse in 1994, Lane in 1996, Courtney in 1999, and Laurie in 2006. Laurie lives in Wilbraham and has a clinical psychology practice in Longmeadow.

Jackie Neiman, Recording Secretary

Jackie, her husband Michael, and their two children, Aaron and Madeleine, have been members of Sinai for ten years. In addition to serving as Recording Secretary on the Executive Committee, Jackie has been a member of the Board of Directors and an active volunteer for a variety of committees and events. The highlight of Jackie's experiences at Sinai, however, include the Bar Mitzvah of her son in 2007 and her own adult Bat Mitzvah the year before. Both Jackie and Michael are looking forward to sharing the mitzvah again as their daughter becomes a Bat Mitzvah this spring.

Things I like about Sinai Temple Religious School The Parents Speak

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| Jodi Maniscalco | “The ruach (spirit) in Shir Fun leaves my kids singing all week”! |
| Richard Black: | “I am thrilled that Benjamin, who is in 4th Grade can follow and read the Friday night service in Hebrew. His reading is progressing much faster than I expected. It's Great.” |
| Bonnie Engelman: | “The communication is great” |
| Susan Cash Cannizzo: | “I loved Mitzvah Day. We planted at the zoo. It brought Jewish values out of the classroom and into the world.” |
| Robin Dunn: | “My son is in college this fall and his deep roots, developed at Sinai Temple Religious School and in Jewish summer camp led him to Hillel on his first Friday night at college.” |

Nathan Levine Endowment Fund Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- In honor of Avi Shai Berger's first birthday from Leah and Gerry Gottlieb
- In appreciation for welcoming Ansel into our family and community on Saturday, Alaska from Ruth Gabelow.
- In memory of Andrew Berger on his yahrzeit from Leah and Gerry Gottlieb
- In memory of Michael Aronson from Bea and Frank Hano.
- In memory of Len Sternbanc on his yahrzeit from Leah and Gerry Gottlieb
- In memory of Bob Simon's brother, Henry Lewis Simon from Bea and Frank Hano.
- In memory of Eleanor Perl from Richard and Gerry Gottlieb

David Cooley Endowment Fund

- In memory of Shana Blum from Shira and Shirley Hersh.
- In memory of George Posner from Dori Posner.
- In memory of Sheri Hersh from Shira and Shirley Gaulton.

Religious Education Fund

- In memory of Michael Aronson from Diane and Bobbie and Raymond Cossin Family Endowment Fund
- In memory of Sherman Cohen from cousins Shirley and Richard Friedberg and family, Merlitt Seldin, David and Mel Gertler, Valerie and Bill Steinfeld
- In honor of Rabbi Shapiro. Todah Rabah for your concern from Leah and Gerry Gottlieb.
- In honor of the engagement of Jamie and Lauren, son of Peggy Erlanger.

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

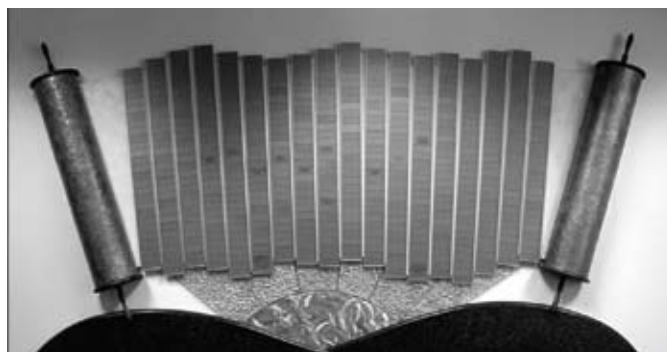
- In honor of Cantor Levson. Todah Rabah for your concern from Leah and Gerry Gottlieb.
- In memory of Leanne Yarmyck Kauffman from Richard and Gerry Gottlieb.
- In honor of Elliot Ginsberg's wedding from Howard and Carlin Trietsch.

- In memory of Alan Burger from Ruth Brenner.
- Wishing Ellen Drouin a speedy recovery from Ruth Brenner.
- Wishing Ruth Thyberg-Dean a speedy recovery from Ruth Brenner.
- In memory of Antoinette Burtaine beloved mother of Peggy Epstein.
- In memory of Raymond Spitzer's yahrzeit from Judith Spitzer.
- In memory of Frances Schaffer from Ricki Kantrowitz and Alex Cohen.

Religious School Special Projects Fund

- Wishing good health to Ruth Seldin from Fredi and Ben Rosenthal.
- In memory of Dayde Hochberg from Marsha Roth.
- In honor of my Bat Mitzvah from Eliana Moskovitz.
- Wishing a speedy recovery to Michael Kagan from Mike and Karen Bader.

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.

Scroll of Life Plaques Purchased from August 12, 2009 – September 9, 2009

- In loving memory of Anne (Brecher) Rutstein from your daughters Joannie & Brenda & great granddaughter Caitlin
- In honor of George Dickstein on his 80th birthday. With love from his children and grandchildren.

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 August 12, 2009 to September 9, 2009.

- Alan Burger, father of Scott and Dean and sister of Ruth Thyberg Dean.
- Sherman Cohen, father of Robin Dunn-McDonagh.

We would like to Stay in Touch:

Please feel free to be in touch with the Temple members who are in leadership positions this year.

This year's Executive Members are:

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- Jay Berger on being honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Agawam Democratic Committee.
- Bob and Bonnie Mikesh on the marriage of their son, Ben, and the engagement of their daughter, Katie.

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If you know a member who is considering leaving, encourage them to stay
If you have an unaffiliated friend, invite them to a Sinai service or special event

Be a participant:

If you come to services once a month, come twice
If you come alone, bring a family member or a friend

Be a Life Long Member:

If you don't pay your dues, please pay them
If your dues are abated and you can afford to, please increase your payment
Continue your membership even after your Life Cycle event