

# Sinai Temple

## BULLETIN



*Take Back Your Time: Rediscover Shabbat*

## For Your Consideration

Rabbi Mark Dov Shapiro

Another book!?! I do not have time to read another book. I don't have time to organize another project or teach/preach/write something else.

But nobody else has time either.

So here's the deal. In the midst of another year when we need to recruit and retain members for Sinai, let's study something at Sinai that you won't read anywhere else in the world

It's a new book called Jewish Theology in Our Time.

I know that large numbers of Sinai members wonder about God. Some are convinced God is a fiction. Some are fervent believers. Many are in between: sort of believing, sort of embarrassed to say they are not sure what to believe.

That is why this new book is important. It contains 25 short essays by fabulous, thoughtful Jewish thinkers. (A sampling of essay titles: Cosmic Theology and Earthly Religion; Open-Source Covenant; More Theos, Less Ology; How I Came to Theology, or Didn't)

I have no time for this book, but the possibilities for out-of-the-box thinking and conversation are irresistible. Therefore, I am going to make time to read the book with you...seekers, believers, questioning, learning Sinai Temple congregants.

I'm going to make time at two different times.

Three Thursday mornings for one hour - October 21, 28, and November 4 - from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. (Bring along your own bagel. We'll meet in the Library.)

The same three Thursdays at lunch time - October 21, 28 and November 4 from noon to 1 p.m. (Bring a sandwich. We'll meet in the library.)

The book can be purchased for \$16 from Amazon, but, if you pre-register at the office by October 15, you'll get a free copy of the book. Free.

If you have no time, this is a good news bargain. It will take you almost no time to read the book as I'll divide it up. Looking forward to reading and talking with you soon!

## Learner's Shabbat

**A Slowed-Down Service  
A Chance to Ask All Your  
Questions!**

**Friday, October 8 at 6 p.m.**

A service for you if you can't figure out what's happening at services or if your Hebrew runs a bit slow or if you don't read Hebrew at all. Rabbi and Cantor will "slow down" this October 8 service. Focus on a few prayers and discuss them as we go. This will be an adult service, but children are very welcome.

## Saturday Mornings

Every Saturday Morning  
Service at 10:30 a.m.

*Mazal Tov to our Bar Mitzvah*

October 2 - Alex Calabrese, son of  
Lori and John

## FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES

**SERVICE WITH A STORY at 7:00 p.m.  
October 1**

Celebrating October birthdays with music and a story from Rabbi.

**KABBALAT SHABBAT at 6 p.m.  
October 8**

Learner's Shabbat returns. A special opportunity to learn about the service. Questions welcome. Come at 5:30 for veggies and snacks. Go home by 7 p.m.

**SERVICE WITH A BAND at 7:30 p.m.  
October 15**

Extra instrumental music for extra energy plus student participation from Grades 5, 6, and 7.

**SERVICE WITH A NEW PRAYERBOOK!!!! At 7:30 p.m.  
October 22**

What? I thought we already had a new prayerbook. Yes, we do. But the Rabbi and Cantor have developed a new supplementary prayerbook. Come see what's new!

**SERVICE WITH TORAH at 7:30 p.m.  
October 29**

Please be part of the community as the Book of Genesis unrolls for 5771.

## Message from President Mark Stone

Can you believe Yom Kippur is over already? It is hard to believe the holidays came so early this year. Since we just talked together last week I promise to be brief. Our primary focus for this year will be on retention and recruitment as outlined in my comments Rosh Hashanah morning. These comments are available on our web site for your review. We will of course, focus on our other priorities I spoke of as well. Below please find an outline of our Ten Commandment for 2010-2011, which is a list of ALL of our initiatives. (A more detailed presentation of the Ten Commandments can also be found on the website.) Please consider being part of one of them either by participating or perhaps volunteering once or twice during the year.

I wish all of you and your families a sweet new year.

### Ten Commandments of Transformation

*In order to focus our activities during the coming year, the Board of Trustees voted to pursue ten initiatives. We hope these initiatives will enrich and strengthen Sinai.*

1. Increase volunteerism through committees
  - Create a Committee on Committees that will recruit members to our standing committees.
  - Create a data base to track members' interests when possible. Use this data base to track all contacts with congregants requesting any volunteer activity.
2. Increase volunteerism on an "individual" basis
  - Create a "One-Time Committee" that will recruit Temple members for one-time volunteer opportunities. (Perhaps 4 to 5 initiatives to take place this year.)
  - Use data base referred to above.
3. Develop an active membership recruitment committee.
4. Focus on membership integration and retention committee.
5. Explore the development of a chavurah program.
  - *Chavurah (from the Hebrew chaver/friend) refers to a small group formed by Temple members who join together to share Jewish experiences, celebrate holidays, study, or perhaps just socialize. A chavurah (plural - chavurot) is a small community.*
6. Develop an outreach program for young families - children from birth to 3 & 4 years old.
7. Explore the development of an outreach program for young adults - ages 22-35
8. Continue to build community among our youth: focus on JOY & SPFTY
9. Increase attendance at Friday evening services
  - Develop ten Friday eve services with attendance greater than 150
  - Special focus on "services with a story" where student attendance is so important
10. Expand our I.T. with a focus on our e-mail connections, our website, Facebook, Twitter, You Tube and any other electronic means of communication.

## Notes from Cantor Martin Levson

A big Sinai Temple thank you goes out to the members of the 5771 High Holiday Adult Volunteer Choir: Judy Aronson, Marilyn Amster, George Dickstein, Bonnie Gibson, Jack Henrie, Robin Henrie, Margie Klein, Sheri Levson, Sandi Lotterman, Bonnie Mikesch, Robyn Newhouse (our indefatigable rehearsal accompanist!), Miriam Pilver, Ann Rosenfield, and Sheila Shear. "Yasher Koach!" ("Way to go!") We always welcome new members who enjoy singing (no previous choral experience is necessary), so please let me know if you would like to join us! Thanks also go to the many other musicians and Torah readers who participated during the High Holidays. Your efforts and dedication helped to enrich our worship services in so many ways! ("Harry and the Jews" - you guys ROCK!)

Looking ahead, I am excited to offer the first installments of an adult education Jewish music appreciation class, *Divrei Shir*. Developed by the URJ Commission on Synagogue Music and the American Conference of Cantors, *Divrei Shir* is a nine-part curriculum that is designed to provide participants with a wide variety of learning experiences that will deepen their relationship with the sacred music of our people.

Through the study of Jewish music we will:

- gain insight into liturgy by exploring the relationship between text, music, and prayer.
- develop understanding and appreciation for the way music is integrated with the rhythms and seasons of Jewish life.
- gain deeper respect and appreciation for the wide range of Jewish musical traditions and styles.
- explore the many pathways of encountering the Divine through music in a community of prayer.

The first session of *Divrei Shir* will be held on Wednesday, October 27, at 7:30 P.M. Future sessions will be held in the following weeks. Please call the Temple office to register for this class, so that I can prepare enough materials for everyone, and please join me for *Divrei Shir*!

Finally, for those of you who would like to take a little road trip to the Berkshires on Sunday, October 10, I will be participating in a Cantoral Concert to raise money for URJ Camp scholarships. The concert will be at Hevreh of Southern Berkshire, 270 State Road, Great Barrington, MA, and begins at 7:00 P.M. Come and hear some great music and help support a great cause!

*Ivdu et Hashem B'simcha!*

*Serve the Holy One with JOY!*

## DID YOU KNOW SINAI IS HAVING A FANTASTIC FALL FESTIVAL OF ART ?

A Weekend of Outstanding Fine Arts and Crafts by 40 Exhibitors

Yes, and we need your **help** to make this a very successful money maker.

Sponsored by Sinai Temple AND Men of Sinai, on Oct 10th and 11th 10:00 a.m. to

5:00 p.m. There will be almost 40 artisans displaying outstanding arts and crafts.

Each also gave us an item to auction and raffle (many very valuable). Local high

schools are exhibiting their art students' creations along with the professionals'

exhibits. Food service will be available throughout the two days. \$4 for adults; \$2 for children ages 6 to 12; children under 6 are free.

We need you in several ways, one is to volunteer to help out, and we need lots of people to make this happen. We have some, but not enough. Call the office ( 413-736-3619 ) if you want to help. Give them your name, phone, and e-mail and Stuart Warshaw's committee will be in touch. Another way is for you to come to the show (we're selling a lot but it will be fun as well) and here's the best, TELL EVERYONE to come to the show! For information, call 736-3619, extension 13.



## HAPPENINGS WITH MEN OF SINAI

MOS just had our BBQ for about 150 people in our Sinai Temple community in conjunction with the beginning of Religious School...many compliments on the burgers and dogs and watermelon...a great time had by all! The Men of Sinai have also been busy helping behind the scenes and our own Secretary David Amster led the ushering duties for the High Holidays.

October may be the busiest month ever for MOS. The Fall Festival of Art will be held on October 10th and 11th, the Sunday and Monday of the Columbus Day week-end (see above). On October 17th, MOS will have its first of seven Sunday breakfasts at 9:30 this year. We will announce a speaker for that shortly (probably before you are reading this). October 24th will be the Men of Sinai's second BBQ of the year for those going to the Springfield Forum to learn about our Mars land rover missions from its NASA leader (see "Rocket Scientist").

We will have a special breakfast on November 14th to network. We want people to let us know about their businesses/what they are doing/what they are seeking so we can promote one another's businesses, buy from one another, help get more of our community more fully employed....While we may repeat this event, assuming its success, it would be best to be there with your "elevator speeches" as if that is the only opportunity. Perhaps we could assemble a booklet with the aggregated Temple membership-businesses. Please see/call me with ideas on how further to make this best for all.

**Jack Henrie**  
**President, Men of Sinai**

## ROCKET SCIENTIST !

*An outing with*  
**MEN OF SINAI**

*Need RSVP. We begin with a BBQ  
and then go off site by carpooling.*

You are invited to visit and learn from a real ROCKET SCIENTIST ! Yes, we're going to see Steve Squyres, the NASA Father of the Mars Rovers !

**October 24th at the Springfield Forum,  
at Symphony Hall --- 2:30 PM**

Get your search engines started and look up among other things, the 8 page article in the June/July "Reader's Digest". Then get your questions ready and as a group, we're going ! Right, Men of Sinai will sponsor this field trip and we'll start things off with a hot dog and hamburger BBQ (that we are becoming famous for providing). For the people who sign up ahead of time, we'll eat at 12:30 at Sinai, and at 2 sharp we'll drive over to Symphony Hall. As long as our group is more than 20 people, we'll get reserved seating.

Realistically it is for youngsters 8 and up to 108. We're inviting the entire Religious School and the rest of the Sinai Community as well ! Please leave your name and phone number and number of people with Robin in the office. 413-736-3619

If our menu is not perfect for you, bring something else and we'll BBQ it for you. There will be chips and drinks and dessert.

*This is just one more event that the dues for  
MEN OF SINAI help to provide. Thank you  
gents for your support.*

**Best for last, it is all F R E E**

## Come Pray with Us

76--730

### 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 7:30 p.m. Remember - 76-730!

### Kabbalat Shabbat:

#### A Terrific Time for a Service!

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

#### Second 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.

### A New Prayerbook!

#### Yes, we're doing it again – sort of Friday, October 22 at 7:30 p.m.

As useful and interesting as our new official prayerbook, Mishkan Tefilah, is, the Rabbi and Cantor have been feeling limited by some aspects of the book. For that reason, the Rabbi and Cantor have developed a supplementary prayerbook that we will use on occasional Friday evenings. Different musical offerings. More varied English readings. Curious? Come see the "new" prayerbook at its premier on October 22.

### 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.

### Monthly Morning Service Wednesday, October 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. 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, November 3, December 1, January 5, February 2, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1.

## Come Learn with Us

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

#### Starting October 2

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 starting in October should be for you. Especially if you have never studied Torah, this will be a wonderful introduction.

### Divrei Shir: What Makes Jewish Music Work? An Opening Workshop with Cantor Levson

#### Wednesday, October 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Learn about Jewish music: history, styles, and spirituality. Cantor Levson will lead this opening discussion.

### Rabbi Shapiro's Sermons

If you would like to read or review any of the Rabbi's High Holiday sermons, please visit our website: [www.sinai-temple.org](http://www.sinai-temple.org). The link for the sermons is under "Rabbi." Sermons and other writings from previous years are all found under that link.

### Springfield Celebrates the Global Day of Jewish Learning at the JCC Saturday, November 6 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

#### Featuring:

Rabbi Max Davis—B'nai Torah  
Rabbi Amy Katz—Temple Beth El  
Rabbi Mark Shapiro—Sinai Temple

A panel conversation among the three rabbis followed by an opportunity to study Talmud (in English) with the rabbis on the topic: *'Arguing with God: A Jewish National Past-time'*

Desserts follow.

Can you be part of the Global Day of Jewish Learning? Yes, if you're at the JCC on November 6.

To reserve your space and let us know about your childcare needs, call the JCC 739-4715.

# What Does Judaism Say About...?

**Second Thursdays Every Month  
Starting Thursday, October 14  
From 6 to 7:30 p.m.**

(With a "lite bite" available each evening)

Are you curious about Judaism? Are you curious about our tradition's approach toward major modern issues? If you've got questions, this year Rabbi Shapiro 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 some of this year's questions. You can come once, all the time, or once in a while. Each Thursday conversation will be self-contained.

**October 14 – What Does Judaism Say About the Role of Government?**  
(In anticipation of the November election)



Upcoming Dates:

**November 11**

**What Does Judaism Say About Homosexuality?**

(As the matter of same sex marriage winds its way through the courts)

**December 9**

**What Does Judaism Say About the Beginning and End of Life?**

(As the secular year comes to an "end")

Topics for the winter and spring will be announced in a few months.

**The Music Man is Coming To Sinai Temple**

**March 10-13, 2011**

**Frank Jackson, Musical Director**

**And you can be part of the show!**



We are ready to go! Preparations are under way. A committee is being formed. We're looking for all kinds of participation.

If you are interested in being on the Music Man committee, please contact Sheri Levson: [levsong@verizon.net](mailto:levsong@verizon.net).

Auditions are scheduled too: Sunday, December 12 and Monday, December 13

Here's the leadership lineup as of October 1 -

Sheri Levson, Producer & Director

Frank Jackson, Musical Director

Jay Pollack, Technical Director

Ways to Get Involved with Music Man

1. Join the committee
2. Help design a backdrop
3. Stage Manager
4. Sell tickets the night of a show
5. Help with costumes
6. Audition for the show in December
7. Help clear the stage area before December
8. Bake something for the concession stand
9. Be a liaison to a local marching band
10. Help design the sets PLUS LOTS MORE...

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**: This Chanukah Give Yourself the Gift of Hebrew**  
**: Choose your time; choose your day!**  
**: Beginning Hebrew in October!**

• We're teaming up with Temple Beth El this Fall. You choose the day and time that suit you. Study at Sinai or at Beth El. Students from both synagogues will learn together and master the Hebrew alphabet.  
 • Please register by filling out the form on this page!

• **Schedule of Hebrew Classes for Fall 2010:**

<b>Sundays at 9 a.m. at Beth El</b>	<b>Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Sinai</b>
October 3, 17, 24, 31	October 5, 12, 19, 26
November 7, 14, 21	November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
December 5, 12, 19	December 7

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

• **Registration Form ----**

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

• Enclosed please find my check for \$50 to cover the cost of class and textbook.

• Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

• I will attend class on \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday mornings at Beth El \_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday evenings at Sinai.

• Please send your check payable to either synagogue.

• Sinai Temple, 1100 Dickinson Street, Springfield, MA 01108  
 • Temple Beth El, 979 Dickinson Street, Springfield, MA 01108

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**Jewish Family Service of Western Massachusetts**  
**is pleased to present :**  
**Caring for Our Loved Ones:**  
**It's Not So Easy**

*A conversation based on the Gail Sheehy book, Passages in Caregiving*

**Panelists will include:**  
**Rabbi Mark Shapiro, Sinai Temple**  
**Rabbi Amy Katz, Beth El Synagogue**  
**Kathy Bowen, Older Adult Director at Jewish Family Service**

The discussion will offer caregivers and families:

- Strategies
- Resources
- Questions and Answers
- Next Steps

**DATE:** October 28, 2010  
**Time:** 7:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Jewish Community Center  
 1160 Dickinson Street, Springfield, MA  
**Cost:** Free

This will be the first of an ongoing series of community programs supporting caregivers.  
 This is a Jewish Family Service BOLD Visions program responding to the changing needs of the Jewish community.  
 Registration: Pre-registration is recommended. To register by e-mail, contact [JewishLife@jfswm.org](mailto:JewishLife@jfswm.org); to register by telephone, please call (413) 737-2601.  
 The Jewish Family Service website is [www.jfswm.org](http://www.jfswm.org).

## Caring for our Loved Ones: What would you like to do?

On Rosh Hashanah, Rabbi Shapiro spoke about the challenges and rewards of caregiving. This October 28, Sinai Temple will be collaborating with Temple Beth El and the Jewish Family Service on a panel discussion about caregiving.

What's next?

Our Temple website has resources on caregiving. Would you like there to be more conversation about caregiving: a support group, reading suggestion, consultations with Jewish Family Service? What can we do together to be better caregivers? Please speak to Rabbi Shapiro with your ideas. [markdov@sinai-temple.org](mailto:markdov@sinai-temple.org)

Remember to drink fair trade coffee. It's just as good as any other coffee plus it's not just a cup of coffee. It's a just cup of coffee.

## Community Caring Fund: Are You in Need of Assistance? A Note from Rabbi Shapiro

Dear Sinai -

Over a year ago you very generously helped create the Caring Community Fund through your contributions. We created this fund when the economic dislocations of 2008/2009 were at their worst. The idea was that congregants in financial distress could approach me confidentially for short-term assistance with basics such as food or clothing or rent.

Here's my report back to you: Requests for assistance have been very modest. Even though all requests are totally confidential (no one but me knows about the request), it seems that our congregants are still extremely reluctant about sharing their difficulties.

So, let me reach out and say that I do welcome requests for support. The Caring Community Fund really exists!

If you are someone in a situation you thought you might never encounter...if you are in need of assistance...if you can't make ends meet, contact me.

Belonging to Sinai means that we do want to be there for you in bad times as well as the good times. My very best wishes!

## News from the Library

by Tina deMeza

Continue the celebration of the New Year with a good book! We've all just danced with the Torah on Simchat Torah and read the first lines of Bereishit. Follow the weekly parashah with a book from the library. There are books for all ages, from simple picture books for children about the creation of the world and characters from Genesis, to in-depth commentaries for the grown-ups.

A number of new books were added to the library this summer:

- Day After Night by Anita Diamant [Fiction]
- A Palestine Affair by Jonathan Wilson [Fiction]
- Three Cups of Tea by Mortenson & Relin [Young Adult & Current Issues]
- Stones into Schools by Greg Mortenson [Current Issues]
- Great Jewish Women by Slater and Slater [Reference]
- Still Jewish: A History of Women and Inter-marriage in America by Keren McGinity
- Mixed Matches: How to Create Successful, Interracial, Interethnic and Interfaith Relationships by Joel Crohn [Interfaith]
- Half/Life: Jewish Tales from Interfaith Homes Edited by Laurel Snyder [Interfaith]
- A Christian's Guide to Judaism by Mike Lotker [Interfaith]
- Christians and Jews in Dialogue - Learning in the Presence of the Other by Boys & Lee [Interfaith]
- Between Two Worlds: Choices for Grown Children of Jewish-Christian Parents by L. Goodman-Malamuth and R. Margolis [Interfaith]
- Celebrating the Jewish Year: The Spring and Summer Holidays : Passover, The Omer, Shavuot, Tisha b'Av by Paul Steinberg [Holidays]
- Nachshon, Who Was Afraid to Swim: A Passover Story by Deborah Cohen [Children's Passover]

Thanks to Judy Aronson, Harlene Kleiman, Madeleine Neiman, and Bob & Sheila Simon for their recent donations to the Sinai library. Thank you also to the Interfaith Outreach Committee for selecting some more great books for the library.

### ***Thank you to:***

Rich and Bobi Steingart and their many friends for supporting the Michael Steingart Memorial Fund. The fund has been used over the last several months to purchase the Life Lights pamphlets next to the Temple office.

## Message from Sheila Shear, Director of Education

The opening of school was wonderful, with smiling faces all around. We are all looking forward to a terrific year filled with learning and fun. This Rosh Hashanah I was blessed to have all my children home for the first time in about ten years. It was wonderful in and of itself. But, further, my children walked the halls looking at Confirmation pictures and pictures of all that goes on here. It made me think of all the experiences I had here at Sinai, with children in tow. It brought to mind the many years of PACT programs, Shabbat services together, of holiday celebrations, B'Nai Mitzvah, Confirmation, and hopefully, soon to be weddings. Sinai isn't a place for a moment, for an hour or for a day. Sinai is a place that we want you and your children to be connected to for life. Please help us make Sinai that place for you and your children. I hope you and your families can sit at an Erev Rosh Hashanah in ten, or twenty and even thirty years and remember some of the things that you did together here at Sinai.

*Shalom*



### Transportation Needed? Introducing the Sinai Shul Shuttle October 2010

Do you ever need a ride to the Temple? Have you ever missed a service or an adult education class or any other event because you couldn't find a ride?

Starting October 1, there will be a new way to participate in the Sinai community. If you can't drive yourself, our Caring Community will drive for you.

All you have to do is call the Temple office at least two business days in advance to make a reservation. The Caring Community Committee will connect you with a Temple member who will happily do the driving.

If you know someone who needs transportation or if you are someone who wants to volunteer as an occasional driver, please call the Temple office as well.

#### LEGACY WHAT WILL YOURS BE?

What will you bequeath to future generations? How will the ideals you cherish now be sustained then? Who will articulate your principles for the sake of your grandchildren, your faith, your community and your country?

There is an answer.

With your help, Sinai Temple will endure as a powerful voice, sustaining those beliefs you hold dear. Now. And for future generations.

*To obtain more information about remembering Sinai Temple in your will or estate, please contact: Steve Sussman, Vice President, Jeff Cossin, Vice President, Or Rabbi Shapiro*

## Representatives from Eisner Camp and Crane Lake Camp Will be at Sunday School On Sunday, October 31 at 10:30 a.m. Parents are Invited!!!!

If you want to learn more about Jewish summer camping, please join us on Sunday, October 31 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.

## Where are you?

### May we talk? We've got a prize to give away!

There are still a good number of 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.

Best possible scenario: If there is more than one adult in your home, send us both e-mails.

We really mean it and we really want it.

Plus we'll reward you.

On Sunday, November 7, we will hold a drawing among those who have added their e-mail address to our list between Rosh Hashanah and November 7.

- Prize #1- a \$50 gift certificate to the Springfield Symphony Orchestra.
- Prize #2 - a \$50 gift certificate to the Majestic Theater.

Please e-mail your e-mail to Robin Blanchette-Gage, the Rabbi's assistant, at [rblanchettegage@sinai-temple.org](mailto:rblanchettegage@sinai-temple.org)

## 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.

**Note...** Sinai is printing only six Bulletins this year. Coming Bulletins will be November/December, January/February, March/April, May/June. This is a very strong reason for our wanting to stay in touch via e-mail. **Please send us your e-mail.**

## REKINDLE SHABBAT

...FOR THE REST OF YOUR WEEK

**2011 DATES**

Fri, Jan 7

Sat, Feb 5 or 12

Fri, Mar 11

Catered dinners, community Havdalah potlucks, family learning, toolkit & other resources!

**Details & Sign Up at**  
**[RekindleShabbat.org](http://RekindleShabbat.org)**

**Deadline: November 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Rekindle Shabbat is FREE for first year participants and \$36 for returning households**

Rekindle Shabbat is a program of the Jewish Federation of Western Massachusetts with generous support from William and Lynn Fogle and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation

### 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 families together in homes across the Pioneer Valley for three catered 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 start in January, but registration starts now! Interested households can get more information and sign up at [www.RekindleShabbat.org](http://www.RekindleShabbat.org).

## Make donations through Sinai ONLINE!!!

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

## Welcome to Sinai!

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

- Rachel and Andrew Goldberg and their children, Alisa and David.
- Margie Klein and Sumner Saffer
- Julie Mnich and her son, Hunter.
- Jeff and Rachel Rembrandt and their children, Jason, Micha and Hannah.
- Linda and Sheldon Lyons
- Judith and Stephen Simons
- Yael Hoffman and Robert Fournier and their daughter, Nofar.
- Elizabeth and Josh Dolman
- Marci Webber and her daughter, Naomi.
- Susan Daley
- Lillian and Jeffrey Green-Gray
- Ian Tucker and his children, Brett, Destini, Aidan, and Alana.
- Karen and Joseph Morneault and their children, Kevin and Benjamin.
- Sharon Adams and Edward Moore
- Nancy and Francis Mirkin
- Irma Schwartz
- Joanne Goodman and Donna St. John
- Brett and Audrey Younger and their children, Jessica, Jack and Jake
- Noah and Lori Goodman and their children, Ryan, Benjamin and Ethan

### Judaica Shop Corner

We're back to full regular hours and beautiful Judaica is arriving daily. We are putting it all on display as quickly as we can. Chanukah is very, very early this year and we will be ready. Do come to browse and to get ideas.

*Hours:*

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Tuesday and Thursday: 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

*Thais Fischel 786-9577*

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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.