

Dear Sinai Temple Congregants,

In response to the Long Range Planning Committee report, this past August the Sinai Board of Directors created the Clergy Planning Group. The purpose of the Group is "to research, read, contact experts and organizations, and gather feedback from congregants to determine what a Full time Equivalent Clergy would look like for Sinai Temple." It is our goal to report our findings and recommendations back to the Board of Directors for the January Board Meeting.

The Clergy Planning Group started right after the High Holidays with the first meeting on October 13th. In the past month we have met four times. The group is currently completing the first phase of our task. We have researched different clergy models. We have contacted professional organizations and colleges to gather input as to different types of training and support available for clergy. We have contacted various congregations throughout the country that have worked under different clergy models.

Now the Clergy Planning Group is moving onto the second phase. **WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU**, our fellow congregants. Please share with us your thoughts, dreams, and visions for the future of Sinai Temple.

We welcome your letters and e-mails. Letters can be mailed to the Temple Office attention Clergy Planning Group or left in the drop box by the Temple Office door. E-mails can be sent to either of the group co-chairs; Buff Maniscalco (rmmaniscalco@tighebond.com) or Laurie Weinberg (sagecitrus@aol.com). Letters received will be reviewed at our next meeting on December 5th. We also welcome you to contact any of the Clergy Planning Group members. The members are:

- Rich Alpert
- Matt Bertuzzi
- Mel Chafetz
- Robin Fein-Krevolin
- Buff Maniscalco
- Samantha Schragger
- Mark Stone
- Laurie Weinberg
- Dan Weiswasser
- Ron Weiss
- Steve Weiss

The Clergy Planning Group would also like to invite all congregants to attend any of four forums to be held at the Temple. The purpose of these forums will be to get additional feedback, answer your questions, and share your thoughts with members of the Clergy Planning Group and each other. Forums will be held on:

- Monday, December 12 ~~Tuesday, December 13th~~ at 7:00 PM
- Thursday, December 15th at 2:00 PM
- Saturday, December 17th at 9:00 AM
- Sunday, December 18th at 9:30 AM and again 11:00 AM

With your input, together we can chart the future, not just of Sinai Temple, but of Reform Judaism, for ourselves and future generations.

Thank you so much for your help.

Sincerely,

Buff Maniscalco
Laurie Weinberg
Co-Chairs