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Rabbi's Message

On Tuesday, April 16th, we will join with Jews across the world to celebrate Yom HaAtzmaut—the 65th Anniversary of the modern State of Israel. Israel is the heart of the Jewish people. It is our ancestral home where our sacred and historical language, Hebrew, is spoken as a living language. Jewish identity over the past 100 years has been greatly shaped by three forces: anti-Semitism, which remains a virulent force in too many parts of the world, the Holocaust, which saw the systematic extermination of more than six million Jews and the establishment of the State of Israel, which is constantly embattled and needs to struggle to defend its very existence.

In a region that is characterized more by theocracies and autocracies, Israel is a democracy which dreams of a day when its citizens and neighbors can live in harmony and peace. Like all democracies, Israel is far from perfect but it is, in every sense of the word, on the front line of the struggle for everything we hold dear. Israel is home to many things that are spiritual, but it is home in the end to the human spirit of resilience, of confidence and determination. Israel is a land that boasts of many ancient buildings but the people are focused on building the future.

It is our fervent prayer for Israel as she celebrates her 65th birthday that she will come to know peace. Whenever I become involved in a conversation about Israel, I find myself wanting to get back there for another look. I want to see what is growing and blossoming there. For 65 years, the State of Israel has not known a single day of peace. It has struggled with the rejection of its neighbors as well as the demons of history. Virtually alone among the nations of the world, old or new, its legitimacy is in question. That's why it's important for American Jews to travel to Israel to celebrate the accomplishments and successes of the last 65 years. I will be leading a trip to Israel in October. We already have several people signed up for the trip. We need a few more to make the trip happen. I encourage you to join us on the once-in-alifetime trip, exploring the beauty, history, and people in this sacred land. It will definitely be an experience of a lifetime.

This year let us rejoice as we celebrate the miracle of the State of Israel.

Rabbi Jeffrey Bennett

FoodShare's Annual Walk Against Hunger Sunday, May 5

Temple Sinai Walks Against Hunger. See page 2 for details.

Save the Date: Temple Sinai Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Sunday, May 19

9:00 –9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast and schmooze 9:30—11:00 a.m. Annual Meeting.

Please call the temple office at 860/561-1055, if you would like to attend and need babysitting for children too young to attend Religious School by May 10.

(May 19 is the last day of Religious School)

Temple Sinai Israel Trip

A trip to Israel with Rabbi Bennett is being planning for October 20-31, 2013 See page 3 for more information.

April Evening Shabbat Services

April 5 — Shabbat Family Service, 6:00 p.m.

3rd grade participation

April 12 — Shabbat Service, 6:00 p.m.

Sisterhood Shabbat Dinner following services (see enclosed flyer)

April 19 —Shabbat Service, 6:00 p.m.

April 26 — Shabbat Service, 7:30 p.m.

"Ask the Rabbi"

April 6, 13, 20, 27
Torah Studies at 9:00 a.m. Services at 10:30 a.m.
Mazel Tov to the families of .
Rachel Hennessey & Jacob Tafrate on
April 6 & 27, respectively.

Friday Service Schedule

Shabbat Services are held at 6:00 p.m. The last Shabbat service of the month is at 7:30 p.m.

President's Message

Dear Temple Sinai Congregants,

By the time you are reading this bulletin, we will have celebrated the annual Temple Sinai Seder and I am sure it will have been as enjoyable as ones in years past. Many, many thanks to Lisa Tanen-LaFontaine and her committee as well as Joyce Sturm who take care of all the many details that make this evening so meaningful.

We recently held a teacher training in response to the safety and security assessments conducted over the past few months. This training covered procedures for fire drills and lockdown drills. The teachers and assistants had many valuable ideas that will make these procedures successful. We plan to conduct a fire drill at the end of April and representatives from the Newington Fire Department will be present to give us guidance on any changes that may be needed. A lockdown drill will be scheduled for next fall once we have the necessary details in order to conduct this activity. At that time, Newington Police Department representatives will be observing the drill to offer suggestions for improvement.

I hope many of you will be able to attend the Shabbat dinner that our Sisterhood is sponsoring on April 12th. The menu sounds delicious and I am sure it will be a wonderful evening for all. I appreciate Ann Speyer's leadership in initiating this program and thank the many women who are working hard to make this event a success.

I know we are all committed to the Reform Judaism value of Tikum Olum, repairing our broken world and there are a few events coming up that give us the opportunity to practice this value. Sarah Maltese, our Social Action chairperson, has mentioned them in her article, so please help this committee in any way you can. The experience at the Mercy Shelter is not only appreciated by the ones who receive the meals, but also for those who prepare and serve the food as well. And speaking of food, Temple Sinai will once again have a team at the Food-Share Walk Against Hunger on May 5th. Please help us help this wonderful organization by donating to someone who is walking or by joining our team and soliciting donations. There is no cost to register and you can join our team at www.foodshare.org.

I would like to mention again that our annual meeting will be held this year on May 19. Babysitting will be available for young children not in Religious School; please call the Temple office if you will need this service. I hope many of you can attend this meeting to hear a summary of the year's accomplishments and plans for the coming year.

b'Shalom,

Carol Benjamin, *President* president@sinaict.org

Religious School News

Spring is in the air! Religious School has been flying by so quickly and we have been very busy. Purim was celebrated with a festive Purim service followed by a Purim carnival. A special todah rabah (thank you) to the hard work of our Youth Director, Mitzi Young, and the teens in NUTSY who organized and ran the fun-filled carnival for all to enjoy. Passover was celebrated with classroom Seders throughout our school. Children sang the Four Questions, learned about the order of the Seder, tasted traditional foods and experienced some holiday traditions. The 3rd graders will participate in the Shabbat service on Friday, April 5th at 6:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars and come to this special service.

On Sunday, April 7 from 9:00-11:30 a.m., the 7th graders and parents will participate in an important, experiential workshop led by facilitators from the Anti Defamation League (ADL), in a program called, "Confronting anti-Semitism and Bullying."

There is no Religious School from April 14-21 for spring break. Classes will resume on April 24 for grades 5,6, & 7 and on April 28 for all grades.

As always, please feel free to call me with any concerns. Happy Spring!

l'Shalom, Rena Citron, Director of Education, tsinai@snet.net 860/561-1055 Ext. 15

Foodshare's Walk Against Hunger Sunday, May 5

At this time of year, it seems that there is always an abundance of holidays and food. From Tu B'Shevat to Purim to Pesach, there are delights aplenty. But, in our midst, many are still starving, often through no fault of their own. In times of need, these persons reach out to FoodShare and the agencies it helps. Once again, Foodshare is asking for our help. On May 5, Temple Sinai will participate in the Annual Walk Against Hunger. If you can walk with us, or support our team, it will go a long way toward helping our less fortunate neighbors. You can register for the walk or donate online at www.foodshare.org. For those of you who are technologically challenged, you can drop off a contribution at the Temple Office or meet with us at the Temple prior to the walk on May 5.

Alan Cohen Temple Sinai's Captain for Walk Against Hunger

Religious School Closing Information

On Wednesdays & Sundays, listen to: WTIC AM 1080. Closing announcements will also be on Channels 3 & NBC CT. Announcements will be made *after 7:00 a.m. on Sundays* or during the afternoon on Wednesdays. Call the Temple Office, 860/561-1055 and press menu key 1 for closing information due to inclement weather.

Temple Sinai Trip Planned for Israel

A congregational Israel trip is planned for fall, 2013. The trip will take place Oct. 20-31, 2013 led by Rabbi Bennett. There has been a great deal of interest in the trip. We will explore all facets and wonderful sites of Israel. This will be a trip of a lifetime. The approximate cost is \$3500 per person, double occupancy.

The trip will include highlights such as a visit to Independence Hall, the Palmach Museum in Tel Aviv and a walk in Old Jaffa. In Haifa, we will go atop Mt. Carmel to view the beautiful Bahai Gardens and then continue to the Galilee. There will be time to visit the shores of the Sea of Galilee in Tiberias and take a Cruise on the Kinneret. We plan to visit the mystical City of Safed. We also plan to visit the Jordan Valley and Jerusalem's Old City. ... there are many other highlights! If you would like to be on this fun-filled trip with the congregation, please call Joyce at the temple office, 860/561-1055 for the full itinerary.

Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) Resources for Temple Members

The URJ offers a wealth of information to temple members. The website is updated frequently. Visit www.urj.org. For Torah study, a one page commentary on the Torah portion of the week, click on Quick Links, Torah Portion. For other topics, click at the top of the page on Resources such as:

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- * Israel
- * Lifecycle and Worship
- * Family
- * Health and Healing
- * Social Action
- * Conversion/Interfaith

Some of the subheadings will lead you to a listserve where you can communicate with other congregants from around the country. (e.g., under LifeCycle and Worship one would find the iworship listserve (Ritual affairs).

JFS Older Adult Services

Jewish Family Services offers many services for older adults experiencing different issues related to health, family, etc. They have a **home visit option** to reach out to older adults living at home or in assisted living communities. For information, call 860/236-1927 or visit www.jfshartford.org

JFS Care at Home program assists older adults with a variety of daily tasks. Long term Care insurance may cover the Care at Home services. For more information on JFS Care at Home, call 860/233-4470 or visit www.jfscareathome.org.

JFS Geriatric Care Management is available. This assessment and resource planning is helpful for those whose families are not local. For more information, call 860/236-1927 x48 or visit www.jfshartford.org.

Jewish Family Services Needs you!

Volunteers are needed .. You can make a difference Escorting Clients to the Kosher Food Pantry ... One -to-One Friendly Visiting ...

Providing Administrative Support Please call Sherry at JFS, 860/761-7080 or Email: Swaitsman@jfshartford.org

Social Action News

Thanks to our members who have so generously donated their time as food, coats and books to those in need this year. We appreciate all your donations. If you wish to donate books, please contact me and we can direct you to donation centers in the Greater Hartford area.

April Mitzvah of the Month will be raising donations/pledges for the FoodShare Walk Against Hunger. The annual walk will be on Sunday, May 5. Register now and begin collecting pledges from your family and friends. Register by going to www.foodshare.org and join Temple Sinai's team. There is no charge to sign up; you are encouraged to collect sponsors. Our goal is to raise \$3,000 to help our hungry neighbors. On May 5th, we will have lunch at the temple and then head to the walk in Hartford.

May 5th is also Mitzvah Day. We will be showcasing acts of mitzvot from our Temple during the morning. We will also be partaking in mitzvah projects around the temple. If you have been volunteering or working with a non-profit organization that you wish to showcase to others in our Temple, please contact me to be incorporated into the event.

FoodShare has asked Temple Sinai to help with a "Retail Pick-up" volunteer program. This entails volunteers going one time per month to pick up food donations from local grocery stores and bringing the food to shelters. All volunteers must be able to pick up and drop off food during the day (preferably before noon). Volunteers will work as a team with other members of our congregation. There will be a training and information session Tuesday, April 16 from 5:30-8:00 p.m at the temple. A pizza supper will be provided. Please RSVP to tsinai@snet.net or call 860/561-1055 if you would like to come to the meeting and volunteer for this meaningful project.

The Mercy Shelter is looking for Temple Sinai volunteers for preparation and serving of a dinner on the following Sundays: April 21, June 16, July 7, August 11. If you would like to volunteer (school age children are welcome) please email the temple at tsinai@snet.net. Bethany Astrachan is chair for this project.

Thank you for your continuous efforts in your acts of mitzvot.. Please contact me if you have any questions and good ideas for Social Action.

L'Shalom, Sarah Maltese, *Social Action Chair* Social_action@sinaict.org

The Jewish Historical Society of Greater Hartford invites you to "Back to the Old Neighborhoods" Bus Tour date choices: April 28 or May 5

You are invited to join the JHSGH on a tour through the old neighborhoods of Hartford which will cover downtown and the city's north end. Four tours are offered; one at 9:30 a.m. and one at 1:30 p.m. The tour is 3 hours.

Cost is \$24 per person for Society members; \$28 for non-members.

A comfortable coach bus leaves from and returns to the Society's office, 333 Bloomfield Ave., W. Hartford.

To make your reservation, or for more information, go to the Society's website: www.jhsgh.org, or call Bea Brodie at 860/727-6170.

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Adult Education at Temple Sinai

On Sunday, March 3 the Temple Sinai Adult Education Committee organized a visit to the Museum of Jewish Civilization at the University of Hartford. Our intention was to view an exhibit of photographs that depicted the variety of people residing in the land of Israel today. When we arrived at the museum we were surprised to see that the photography exhibit was much smaller than we had anticipated but what truly surprised and impressed us was the museum's large collection of artifacts from archeological digs in Israel. Philip Gottlieb, docent and archeological enthusiast, spoke to us at length about the work that Professor Richard Freund of the Greenberg Center for Judaic Studies has done in the Middle East and especially at the dig at Bethsaida, an ancient fishing village located close to the Sea of Galilee. Bethsaida was an important site along the ancient trading route. Historians knew of Bethsaida and were looking for it for 1600 years but discovered it only 33 years ago. It was fascinating to hear the story of Bethsaida and to view the ancient pottery, tools, and household items that Professor Freund brought back to the university. We all left the exhibit feeling that we had seen and learned about something very special.

The Adult Education Committee has many more wonderful events that we hope we can share with many congregants.

On Sunday April 28, 2013 there will be a book discussion and a light breakfast at 9:00AM. The book we will be discussing is "My Father's Paradise." Newington Public Library is holding five copies of the book for Temple Sinai members. Starting on March 28 you can borrow the book if you mention that it's for the Temple Sinai book club. Here is a synopsis provided by bookbrowse.com.

"In a remote and dusty corner of the world, forgotten for nearly three thousand years, lived an ancient community of Kurdish Jews so isolated that they still spoke Aramaic. ... Mostly illiterate, they were self-made mystics and gifted storytellers, humble peddlers and rugged loggers who dwelt in harmony with their Muslim and Christian neighbors in the mountains of northern Irag. To these descendants of the Lost Tribes of Israel, Yona Sabar In the 1950s, after the founding of the was born. state of Israel, Yona and his family emigrated there with the mass exodus of 120,000 Jews from Irag one of the world's largest and least-known diasporas. Almost overnight, the Kurdish Jews' exotic culture and language were doomed to extinction. Yona, who became an esteemed professor at UCLA, dedicated his career to preserving his people's traditions. But to his first-generation American son Ariel, Yona was a reminder of a strange immigrant heritage on which he had turned his back-until he had a son of his own. My Father's Paradise is Ariel Sabar's quest to reconcile present and past. As father and son travel together to today's postwar Iraq to find what's left of Yona's birthplace, Ariel brings to life the ancient town of Zakho, telling his family's story and discovering his own role in this sweeping saga.

What he finds in the Sephardic Jews' millennia-long survival in Islamic lands is an improbable story of tolerance and hope. Populated by Kurdish chieftains, trailblazing linguists, Arab nomads, devout believers—marvelous characters all—this intimate yet powerful book uncovers the vanished history of a place that is now at the very center of the world's attention."

On Saturday September 28, 2013, all Temple Sinai members are invited to experience a Shabbaton at Winding Trails in Farmington, CT. There will be a price of \$12 per person with a limit of \$30 per family. There is an exciting experience of Torah study, prayer, hiking, personal reflection and spirituality activities and of course some wonderful food. There will be many more details to follow in the near future. Space is limited and you may contact Joyce Sturm at (860)561-1055 to reserve a spot.

Aaron Reich Adult Education Chairman

From the Chai Club

The Chai Club has two special events planned for April. On *Wednesday*, *April 10* at 1:30 p.m., the Chai Club is sponsoring "Current Events" with Rabbi Bennett This program is open to all temple members. Please RSVP to Lucille Portner at 860/561-1055.

On *Wednesday, April 17*, the Chai Club will be dining together for a Chinese lunch at the Great Taste Chinese Restaurant and then visiting the New Britain Museum of American Art. Luncheon will be at noon and the museum visit will begin at 2:00 p.m. We will be visiting the world-famous Toulouse-Lautrec exhibit. If you are a Chai Club member, you should have received the flyer invitation in the mail.

The Temple Sinai Chai Club is open to all temple members who are 55+. Harvey Seltzer and Lucille Portner are co-chairs and have planned many fun activities during the year. If you would like to join the Chai Club and participate in this "excursion", please call Joyce at the temple office, 860/561-1055.

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NUTSY News (Newington United Temple Sinai Youth)

I would like to extend a big thank you to all of the families who stepped up and volunteered their time and energy to make this year's Purim carnival such a big success! I could not have done any of it without all of you!

This year's awesome Outer Space themed carnival was preceded by a night of fun at the congregation's annual Purim Shul-in! The shul-in, which is lead by members of NUTSY, our congregation's senior youth group, for participants in the Junior Youth Group, kicked-off with a delicious Mexican food dinner followed by a beautiful Havdalah service written by NUTSY's Religious and Cultural Vice President, Erica Thureson. The night was filled with programs in which participants both prepared for the carnival (all of the beautiful posters in the social hall on Sunday morning were designed by participants at the shul-in) and learned about Purim. For example, one of NUTSY's co-presidents, Eamon Wizner, lead a program in which participants made mishloach manot baskets to be distributed to their friends and family. The night was made complete as NUTSY co-president, Jesse Chen, showed off the DJ skills of his incredible company, Royal Entertainment, with dancing and games that kept everyone active and having a ball throughout the night!

Later on, in March, NUTSY members got together for a very fun meeting planned by our Religious and Cultural Vice President, Erica Thureson. Participants discussed our hopes and dreams for the future, culminating with the creation of some beautiful collages! As I write this article, we are anticipating a very fun meeting this upcoming Wednesday, when the Young Israeli Emissaries to the Hartford area, Yuval and Ido, will join us for an informal dinner at the temple, hosted by NUTSY, which will allow the young Israelis to bond with some of their American peers in our community!

On a regional level, NUTSY members had the amazing opportunity to travel to Schenectady, NY to Congregation Gates of Heaven on the weekend of March 15th for NFTY NE's annual Spring Conclavette! The theme of this year's conclavette was sacrifice, which was reflected in the incredible peer-led programming throughout the weekend.

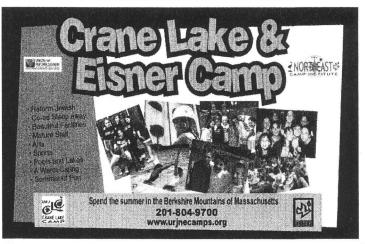
As usual, NUTSY's co-president Jesse Chen played a big roll in the success of this regional event by songleading throughout the weekend at services and song session. We are all incredibly proud of him and all of his hard work! Saturday night featured an amazing "Jungle Jam" themed dance, which kept participants on their feet, dancing, and having the time of their lives throughout the evening! Sunday morning transitioned into the NFTY NE regional board meeting, during which the next regional board was selected by voting delegates from each youth group. Throughout the weekend, a great time was had by all!

As I write this article, upcoming events in March include a fun afternoon with the Junior Youth Group, bonding with some Laser Tag and frozen yogurt after Reglious School on March 24th. Also on the 24th, NUTSY members will join GRSLY, the youth group at Congregation Kol Haverim in Glastonbury, for their annual chocolate seder, which is always a big hit!

April promises to be a very busy and fun month as well! Please check out the calendar below for upcoming events and activities! As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to find me at the Temple on a Sunday morning or Wednesday evening or by email at any time! Happy Passover!

B'Shalom,

Mitzi Young Youth Director Youthgroup@sinaict.org



NUTSY & Jr. Youth Group Calendar of Events For April & May, 2013

Wednesday, April 3 NUTSY Lounge Night and

Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 10 NUTSY Meeting with

Yom HaShoah Program

Wednesday, April 24 NUTSY's Israel Celebration!

Sunday, April 28 J Serve and Teen Mitzvah Day

Wednesday, May 1 **NUTSY Board Meeting**

Saturday-Sunday,

May 4-5

NFTY NE Senior Kallah

Wednesday, May 8 Final NUTSY Meeting of the

year, new board is elected!

Friday-Saturday,

May 17-18

"Going Nuts With NUTSY":

Youth Service, Semiformal

Dance, and Shul-in

Sunday, May 19th JYG End of the Year Event:

Go Karts and fun!

Fun at the NE Spring Conclavette in March

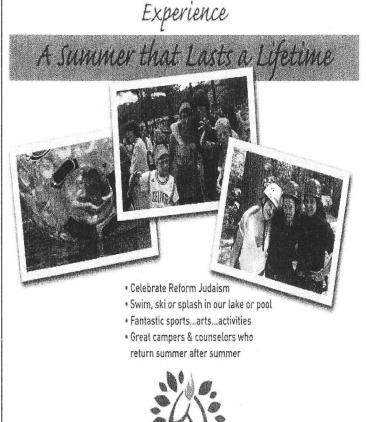


NUTSY at the Spring Conclavette:

Back row, left to right: Erica Thureson, Eamon Wizner,

Robert Silverman, Jesse Chen

Front row: Gabri Silverman and Mitzi Young



Mishkan Tefillah—Our Shabbat Prayerbook

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SISTERHOOD NEWS

SISTERHOOD SPEAKS . . .

Friday night, April 12th, there will be a Shabbat dinner for the whole congregation, prepared by the women of Sisterhood. Following the 6:00 p.m. service, we will join together in the Social Hall to enjoy dinner. The Rabbi and Cantor will lead us in the blessings and songs to celebrate Shabbat. The menu will consist of spring salad, rotisserie chicken, noodle kugel, carrots with honey and challah. And, or course, there will be home-made desserts, tea and coffee.

The Sisterhood needs to know how many people are coming so please sign up by April 5th. We need to know how much food to prepare! The cost for an adult is \$12; if you are bringing your family, there is a special rate of \$30 for the whole family. Please mail the coupon below and your check for payment to the Sisterhood of Temple Sinai. It should be a special evening of good food and company as we join together and welcome Shabbat on April 12th.

L'Shalom,

Ann Speyer, Sisterhood President sisterhood@sinaict.org

MAKERS AND BAKERS FOR SHABBAT DINNER ON APRIL 12TH.

The Makers and Bakers groups for the April 12th Shabbat dinner are forming quickly. Sisterhood members will gather in the temple kitchen on Thursday evening, April 11 from 6:30—8:30 p.m and/or on Friday, April 12th from 1:00-4:00 p.m. If you would like to join our merry crew, please email Ann Speyer at Sisterhood@sinaict.org or call Joyce Sturm at the temple office, 860/561-1055.

We always have a good time together and plan on making a delicious dinner!

Sisterhood Calendar for 5774/2013-2014

We are beginning to work on the sisterhood Calendar for 5774 covering the months of September, 2013 to August, 2014. If you wish to add or delete listings (birthdays, anniversaries, memorials), please contact Ann Speyer at sisterhood@sinaict.org or call 860/561-1055.

The Sisterhood calendar is a wonderful way to be in touch with members of Temple Sinai. The cost of the calendar will be \$7.00. If you would like to list your special dates, a listing costs \$.50 for each listing. Where else can you find such a bargain!

SISTERHOOD SHABBAT DINNER

Friday, April 12, 2013

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Please mail your check payable to:
Sisterhood of Temple Sinai
41 West Hartford Rd.
Newington, CT 06111

Help Sisterhood Go Green!

Please consider receiving your Sisterhood bills (calendar, dues, New Year greeting, tributes) via email, Sisterhood_financial_secretary@sinaict.org. It's good for the planet and helps keep expenses down.

Beth Laites Financial Secretary

SIMCHA TIME?

Are you planning a *Bar or Bat Mitzvah*, or a *wedding?* Save 20% and help your Sisterhood by emailing me at: Sisterhood_invitations@sinaict.org for the invitation books. Nice selection and great prices! New selections from which to choose.

Sue Austin, Invitations Chairperson

Rosh Hodesh (the beginning of the Jewish month)

Rosh Hodesh (the beginning of the Jewish month) has long been considered a special "holiday" for women. In modern times, Rosh Hodesh has become a time for women to reclaim this ancient holiday and reinforce their Jewish identity. Sisterhood currently sponsors three Rosh Hodesh groups. Interested women are welcome to participate in what has proven to be an exciting and transformative experience of learning and sharing. To join a fourth Rosh Chodesh group, call Lucille Portner at 860/561-1055.

SISTERHOOD NEWS (continued)

Flowers / Mazon Basket:

BEAUTIFY OUR SABBATH and/or All YOUR SPECIAL OCCASIONS. BE A FLOWER OR MAZON BASKET DONOR. Donate for any occasion: Shabbat, baby naming, anniversaries, special birthdays etc. Please call Jane to make arrangements.

You may decorate the bimah on any Shabbat with flowers and/or a Mazon basket.

March 8 Lori & Ron Senz, flowers in honor of the

Bar Mitzvah of their son, Jacob.

March 15 Callie Schnog, flowers in honor of the

Bat Mitzvah of her daughter, Shaina.

March 22 Terry & Chip Walters, flowers in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Sydney.

Chairperson: Jane Roth,

email: sisterhood flowers@sinaict.org

Oneg Shabbat:

Consider sponsoring an oneg in honor of a simcha in your family or just to sponsor for a particular Shabbat.

March 1 Rebecca & Danny Ribeiro in honor of

the naming of their daughter, Sara.

March 15 Callie Schnog, in honor of the

Bat Mitzvah of her daughter, Shaina.

March 22 Terry & Chip Walters, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Sydney.

Chairperson: Nancy Katz,

email: sisterhood onegs@sinaict.org

Candlelighters:

February 22 Ann Speyer & Kim Jacobsen

March 1 Amy, Donald & Eliza Douglas

March 8 Lori, Ron, Aaron & Jacob Senz

March 15 Callie & Shaina Schnog

March 22 Terry, Chip, Sarah & Sydney Walters

Time to do your spring cleaning! Donate your "used but not abused" items to the Sisterhood Rummage Sale. We are accepting seasonal items for spring & summer, including clothes, toys, small household items, sheets, bedding, etc. Electronics will be accepted only if in working order.

Drop off your donations (clean, sorted and hung as appropriate) on Sunday, May 5 from 9:00 -11:00 a.m. Unfortunately, Saturday drop offs cannot be accommodated.

Items received after 11 a.m. will be accepted on a space available basis, so please come early. Setup will be from 9 a.m. to noon. The sale starts promptly at noon on Sunday.

Sale hours are Sunday, May 5, noon—3:00 p.m. and Monday, May 6, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All in the community are welcome.

For more information or to volunteer for setup or the sale, please contact Jonna Gerken at 860/561-1055, or email: sisterhood@sinaict.org.

Sisterhood's Judaica Shop News Newly stocked jewelry, mezzuzahs and kippot

Come see our new line of glass, metal, enamel and crystal mezzuzahs; silver and glass necklaces; and colorful sports and whimsically themed one size fits all cotton kippot. Please frequent our Sisterhood Judaica Shop for all of your holiday, ritual, giftware and everyday needs. Come and discover our continuously updated line of beautiful, competitively priced merchandise. Our shop is conveniently located in the Temple Sinai lobby. We are open on Sundays from 9-11:30 a.m. when Religious School is in session. For more information, please call the Temple office at 860/561-1055.

> Vicki Rosenkrantz Judaica Shop Chair

Passover Nut Cookies (a great treat anytime!) ... by Ann Speyer

2 egg whites

1 1/4c. sugar

2T cocoa

1 tsp. cinnamon

1/4 lb blanched almonds, chopped small (or a bit more)

Preheat over to 250 degrees. Cover 2 cookie sheets with parchment paper or waxed paper and cooking spray. Beat the egg white until foaming. Continue beating and *slowly* add the sugar to the eggs. Beat in the cocoa and cinnamon. Stir in the almonds. Drop by spoonfuls onto a prepared cookie sheet.

Bake at 250 degrees for 45 minutes...

Cool enough to solidify and gently peel them off the paper to a cooling rack. Enjoy!

Sisterhood Tributes:

To: Blanche Moskowitz, for a speedy & complete recovery,

from:

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To: Avis Cohen, a speedy & complete recovery, from Barbara & Murray Katz.

To: Hermine Hammer, a speedy & complete recovery, from Vicki, Ted, Michael, April & Adam Rosenkrantz.

To: Barney Miller & family, in memory of Barney's mother, Irene Kalechman, from:

> Arline & Harvey Seltzer Blanche Moskowitz

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To: Fern Sprung, on the birth of a new grandson, Aiden Ross,

from:

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To: Janice Stern, in memory of Jerome Frant, from

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To: Bea Priola, in memory of her husband, John, from:

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To: Beth Laites, in memory of her father, Bernard Jacobson,

from:

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To: Ronnie Dreiter, in memory of Jerry Gold, from Bea Gordon.

To: Mrs. Bea Gold, in memory of her son, Jerry Gold, from

Bea Gordon.

Golden Book Donation:

From: Paul Kraselsky & Gary Ide, wishing Blanche Moskowitz a speedy & complete recovery.

How to send Sisterhood Tributes:

Tributes are a great way to recognize someone special. They are available at a cost of \$5.00 each. Any additional donations are always appreciated. Golden Book tributes are inscribed at a cost of \$15 for 1/4 page, \$30 for a 1/2 page and \$60 for a full

Email Blanche Moskowitz at sisterdhod tributes@sinaict.org to send a tribute. You may also call the temple office, 860/561-1055. Sisterhood appreciates every tribute you send. They are mailed promptly after your request.

ALL WAS WELL AT "WELLNESS FOR WOMEN"

Sisterhood' March 14th meeting brought dietician, Paula Liebovitz to speak with us about heart healthy eating. The evening began with a short social time as friends greeted friends and enjoyed some less than heart healthy desserts, coffee and tea. Paula was an informative and energetic speaker who talked about what how to evaluate the heart healthy potential of foods. Her talk concluded with a question and answer period during which many specific questions were raised by Sisterhood members. We thank Roz Spiegelman for arranging for Paula's visit as well as thanking all those who brought the delicious desserts. Next time we may bring more nuts, canola oil, and perhaps some fiber and fruits!

Our Sister Sisterhoods

The Sisterhood of Temple Sinai is lucky to have not one, but two sister Sisterhoods — the Sisterhood of B'nai Tikvah Sholom and the Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Israel.

On April 21st at 1:00 p.m., we have been invited to be the guests of B'nai Tikvah Sholom in Bloomfield for an afternoon event which they promise will be "something fun". We will get together at their temple at 180 Still Rd., Bloomfield, just south of Mountain Rd.

On May 7th, we are going to share dinner with the Sisterhood of Beth Israel in West Hartford as we socialize and together create gift bags of small toiletries for women in shelters. The women of Beth Israel will provide sandwiches and we will bring salads or desserts. More information on this event will be in the May bulletin.

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- *Get well wishes to Murray Katz, by Shirley & Hal Lieber.
- *In appreciation of Rabbi Bennett, by Blanche Moskowitz.
- *In memory of Avis Cohen, by: Shirley & Hal Lieber.
- *In memory of Bernard Jacobson, by Cheryl & Peter Scheinblum.
- *In memory of Milton Marcus, by the Rosh Chodesh Group II

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- *In memory of Manny Giller, by Joyce & Myron Sturm.
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- *In memory of Irving Lang, by Estelle Gonsalves.
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- *In memory of Selwyn Berson, by Ronnie Erickson.
- *In memory of Jacob Nadler, by Ron & Beverly Nadler.
- *In memory of Milton Roth, by Jane Roth.
- *In memory of Anne Falkof, by Marcia Krupnikoff.
- *In memory of Gerald Goldberg, by Heidi, Mike, Andrew & Dayna Hanson.
- *In memory of John Whipple, by Mildred Whipple.
- *In memory of Helen Joseloff, by Jerry & Carol Joseloff.
- *In memory of Gertrude Prager, by Janet Dunn.
- *In memory of Bruce Wineburgh, by HeleneWineburgh & family.
- *In memory of Aaron Kraselsky, by Paul Kraselsky & Gary Ide, Erika, Jeremy & Ari Whetzel.

Yahrzeit Fund (continued)

- *In memory of Janet Rosenblatt Landino & Rose Miller Hoff, by Everett & Lillian Rosenblatt.
- *In memory of Dora Cohen & Freda Cormier, by Nessie & Marvin Cormier.
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<u>CIRCLE OF GIVING FUND</u>—Voluntary dues. Those who pay full dues and pay an additional amount can have their name added to Circle of Giving.

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<u>JEWISH NATIONAL FUND</u>—buys trees in Israel. A JNF tree certificate is sent to the recipient.

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<u>SOCIAL ACTION FUND</u>— supports our social action programs such as soup kitchen meals (food only...staff are volunteers); mitzvah Day, etc.

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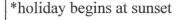
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Consistent with our Jewish tradition of members contributing in accordance with one's means, we ask our members to voluntarily increase their annual commitment to the temple. We instituted the "Circle of Giving" program in order to help ensure Temple Sinai's vitality and strength. Contact the Temple office for information on the Circle of Giving Program.

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Mon., April 1	Last day of Passover
Sun., April 28	Lag B'Omer
Wed., May 15	Shavuot
Wed., Sept. 4	*Erev Rosh Hashana
Thurs., Sept 5	Rosh Hashana
Fri., Sept. 13	*Kol Nidre
Sat., Sept. 14	Yom Kippur
Wed., Sept. 18	*Erev Succot
Thurs. Sept. 19	Succot
Wed. Sept. 25	*Erev Simchat Torah
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Save the Time

Meeting topics include:

D'var Torah by Rabbi Bennett
Rabbi's Report
President's Report
Adoption of the 2013-2014 budget
Nominating Committee Report and election
Department Reports

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Babysitting will be available for children who are too young to be in Religious School. Call the Temple Office, 860/561-1055, by May 10 if you will be needing babysitting.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 10:30 a.m. Passover Service Yiskor is recited Last day of Passover	2	3	4 7:00 pm. Sisterhood Board Meeting	5 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Family Service; 3rd grade participation	9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service; Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Hennessey
7 9:15 a.m. Knitzvah	8	9	10 1:30 p.m. Chai Club sponsors Current Events with Rabbi Bennett (open to the Congregation)	11	12 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service followed by Sisterhood Shabbat dinner	13 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service
14 No Religious School	15 7:30 p.m. Temple Board Meeting	16	17 No Religious School	18	6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service	9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service
21 No Religious School	22	23	24	25	26 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service	9:00 am Torah Study 10:30 am. Shabbat Service; Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Tafrate
28 9:00 a.m. Adult Education Book Discussion	29	30	May 1	May 2 7:00 pm. Sisterhood Board Meeting	May 3 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Family Service; 4th grade participation	May 4 9:00 am. Torah Study 10:30 am. Shabbat Service; Bat Mitzvah of Eliza Wizner
May 5 Mitzvah Day & Walk Against Hunger 12-3 p.m. Sisterhood Rummage Sale	May 6 10-1 p.m Sisterhood Rummage Sale	May 7	May 8	May 9	May 10 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Family Service; Confirmation	May 11 9:00 am. Torah Study 10:30 am. Shabbat Service; Bat Mitzvah of Sophia Gruber
May 12 Mother's Day No Religious School	May 13	May 14	May 15 Shavuot	May 16	May 17 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service ; Youth Service & Shul-in	May 18 9:00 am. Torah Study 10:30 am. Shabbat Service; Bar Mitzvah of Blake Levitts

Todah Rabah to our Seder Volunteers!

On Monday evening, March 25, we celebrated 1st Seder together. Many thanks to Rabbi Bennett and Cantor Gordon for leading the beautiful Seder and to Nina Miller for her accompaniment. Thanks also to Lisa Tanen-LaFontaine and the Membership Committee for their work in planning, shopping, setting up and tending to other details as needed for the Seder. Thanks to: Beth Agdish, Carol Benjamin, Ruth Farber, Heather Fronczek, Holly Hollander, Kim Jacobsen, Elana Macgilpin, Sara Milch, Shari Orbach, Randi O'Brien and to Jeff Israel for his incredible homemade horseradish!

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