



TEMPLE SINAI *Bulletin*

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Issue 1

Rabbi's Message

If we are truly fortunate 5774 will be a year in which peace will break out in every corner of the earth, natural disasters will not occur, and humanity will be able to have some respite from the tragedies that have become commonplace. How I wish that such good fortune would come to us! Such belief is part of our liturgy, part of the nature of the communal dreams of the Jewish People.

No one can accurately predict what the New Year will bring. Undoubtedly, it will be filled with moments of blessing and other moments of disaster or evil. Hardly a year goes by without both blessings and curses.

As I contemplate the coming days I know this: we will gather as a community, parents, children, family members and friends. We will join in celebrating the wonderful Jewish tradition that has been given to us, and commit ourselves once again to the ideals and values of our faith.

I know this: every Temple member who enters into our sacred space will know that she or he is not alone, that ours is a caring community working each and every day to be God's hands and ears and eyes on earth; that we are only as good as the sum of all our parts, but that every part of our Temple family, every member, is sacred to us all. In a world where human life has often lost its value, it is good to know that there exists such a place as Temple Sinai where every member of the human family is held sacred.

This year, beginning with Rosh Hashanah 5774, let goodness abound, and may we all be inscribed in the Book of Life for blessing.

Rabbi Jeffrey Bennett

Temple Sinai Memorial Park Service

Sun., Sept. 8, 1:00 p.m.

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.

Selichot Service—Saturday, August 31

8:30 p.m. Social 9:00 p.m. Movie & Service
The movie is "Get Low" with Robert Duvall
This is a film about forgiveness & redemption

High Holy Day Services At Conard High School 110 Beechwood Rd., West Hartford

Wed., September 4, 7:30 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah
Thurs., September 5, 9:15 a.m.—Rosh Hashanah Family Serv.
Thurs., September 5, 11:00 a.m.—Rosh Hashanah
Morning Service
Fri., September 13, 7:30 pm.—Kol Nidre
Sat., September 14, 9:15 a.m.—Yom Kippur Family Service
Sat., September 14, 11:00 a.m.—Yom Kippur Morning Service

At Temple Sinai:

Sat., September 14, 3:00 p.m.—Yom Kippur
Concluding Service; Yizkor is recited

Come Celebrate Sukkot & Simchat Torah

Wed., September 18, 6:00 p.m. Sukkot Service
Thurs., September 19, 10:30 a.m. Sukkot Service
Wed., September 25, 6:00 p.m. Simchat Torah Service
Thurs., September 26, 10:30 a.m. Shemini Atzeret/
Simchat Torah Service
Yizkor is recited

September Evening Shabbat Services

Sept. 6 — Shabbat Family Service, 6:00 p.m.
Sept. 13 — Kol Nidre & Shabbat Service, 7:30 p.m.
At Conard High School
Sept. 20 — Welcome Back Shabbat Service, 6:00 p.m.
Welcome Back dinner following services
Sept. 27 — Shabbat Service, 7:30 p.m.

September Shabbat Morning Services

September 7, 14*, 21 & 28
Torah Studies at 9:00 a.m. Services at 10:30 a.m.
Mazel Tov to the families of Naomi Chandler & Jonathan Shaw
who will celebrate their B'nei Mitzvah on
Sept. 7 & 21 respectively.
*Sept. 14 is Yom Kippur. Morning services are at Conard High School.

President's Message

Dear Temple Sinai Congregants,

The summer is almost over (although the calendar says we have until September 22nd) and I hope you have all had time to relax, vacation and spend time with your loved ones in spite of some of the weather challenges we had. Of course if we didn't have the interesting New England weather, what would we have to talk about sometimes!

On a more serious note, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are upon us which gives us all an opportunity to reflect on the past and plan for the future. I also find great joy at this time of year as I get to see so many of you at our services and have the opportunity to wish you all a happy, healthy, and peaceful new year. I recognize that everyone is busy these days, so it is nice to have these holidays that force us to take a deep breath, relax a bit and have time for reflection.

Our Temple board has some new members and also some experienced members in new positions. I am truly looking forward to working with this group of dedicated individuals who always put the needs of the whole congregation foremost in their minds. One of the most important values of Reform Judaism is Tikun Olum, repairing our world, and the Social Action committee is a wonderful place to participate in that endeavor. Some of the other committees looking for new members are Adult Education, Religious School, and Youth to name a few, so there truly is a place for everyone and each person's interest. Please contact either the Temple office or myself if you are interested in becoming more involved in Temple activities/committees.

Please mark September 20th on your calendar for our annual Welcome and Welcome Back Shabbat. This is always a wonderful evening and a great opportunity to especially show our new and/or potential members what a warm and welcoming place Temple Sinai is.

I hope you have all "Saved the Date" of November 16 when we will celebrate Cantor Gordon's 20 years at Temple Sinai. A wonderful evening is being planned and I am sure you will enjoy the program as well as joining your fellow congregants to say thank you to our beloved cantor.

L'Shana Tova,
Carol Benjamin, *President*
president@sinaict.org

Cantor's Comments

The summer has gone by very fast, and soon the High Holy Days will be upon us. Rosh Hashanah will bring in the Jewish New Year, and then we will begin a 10 day period of introspection where we will all take a hard look at ourselves. What could we do better in this year? To whom do we need to apologize? What could we do to make this world a better place in the year to come? These are all good questions, because every so often it is a good thing to take an accounting of your life and to ask yourselves these questions that help you see where you have been, where you are going, where you would like to go, and what changes can be made. That's what Yom Kippur is all about, taking an accounting of yourself before the divine, and then working to fix your mistakes.

With the New Year comes a new season, and we all look forward to getting back to Temple activities that enrich our lives in many ways. Temple Sinai offers Junior Choir, which is open to all students in grades 2 through 7 this year. We rehearse after Religious School from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. most every Sunday. An information flyer will be passed out during the first day of Religious School (on Sept. 8) which will have details on when the choir will meet and our schedule for this fall. We look forward to welcoming back our previous members and welcoming many new members this year.

Our Adult Choir is open to all Temple Sinai Adult members. We rehearse on Tuesday evenings from 7:30-8:45 pm. Because of High Holy Days and Sukkot all fall within September, we will begin our rehearsals on Tuesday, October 1, 2013. You do not need to be able to read music to join the choir. All you need is to be able to carry a tune and love expressing your Judaism through song. We look forward to seeing you on October 1st.

As always, I and my entire family, Max, Kasey and Matt, would like to wish your family a Shanah Tovah, a sweet, happy and prosperous Jewish New Year.

L'shanah Tovah,

Cantor Donna Gordon

A Note of Appreciation ...

Many thanks to all of our wonderful temple family who sent me messages with caring thoughts and condolence on the loss of my wife, Lillian, in July. It is difficult to write so many notes, so I wanted to thank everyone at Temple Sinai with this message in this issue of the temple bulletin. I appreciate all the calls, notes and donations.

Everett Rosenblatt

Religious School News

As I write this article, I am on a staycation enjoying some leisure time. The summer months seem to fly by so quickly but I do hope that everyone had a chance to spend some family time together. Now it is almost time for me to change gears and get into a different routine. I have been busy with the tasks of preparing for our opening day of Religious School on Sunday, September 8, 2013 from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. Wednesday classes for grades 5, 6 and 7 begin on September 11th from 6:00-7:30 pm. Books are ordered, class rosters are ready and teachers are excited to meet their new students.

On opening day of school, September 8, we will all begin the morning with a Tefillah service in the Sanctuary at promptly 9:00 a.m. led by Rabbi Bennett and Cantor Gordon. Students will go to their classrooms following the service. There will be an easel in the lobby with class lists, room numbers, teachers names, etc. so that all students will know what classrooms to go to. Dismissal at 11:30 a.m. will be at the back entrance. Beginning Sunday, September 15, students will go directly to their classrooms. Entry and dismissal to the school is through the back doors near the parking lot where parent volunteers will ensure the safety of our children. School begins promptly at 9:00 a.m. Teachers are ready to begin instruction at that time. Please have students arrive on time with books, pencils and smiles!

On Sunday, September 29, parents are invited to a meeting where I will discuss the curriculum, school policies and answer questions. Parents will have the opportunity to visit the classrooms and meet your child/children's teachers. Please gather in the Multi-purpose room at 9:00 a.m. to schmooze and socialize. The formal part of the meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m.

I look forward to another year of enrichment and enthusiasm for both learning and teaching and can't wait to see the classrooms filled with students learning, singing and laughing together. Please call me with any suggestions or concerns as they arise during the school year. Please do not wait until the end of the year to express concerns when it's too late to address problems. Your children's best interests are most important and I do appreciate your input to ensure that both learning and appropriate behavior are practiced in our school. If you have a child with special needs, please let me know so we can work together to ensure success in the learning process.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Sunday, September 8
Wishing everyone a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year.

l'Shalom,
Rena Citron,
Director of Education, renacitron@aol.com
860/561-1055 Ext. 15

Special Religious School Dates for your calendar:

No Classes on:

Wed., Sept. 18, Erev Sukkot (service is at 6:00 p.m.)
Wed., Sept. 25, Erev Simchat Torah (service is at 6:00 pm)
Sun., Oct. 13, Columbus Day weekend
Sun., Nov. 17, CJEL teachers conference
Wed., Nov. 27-Sun., Dec. 1, Thanksgiving break

High Holy Day Food Drive

*"Is not this the fast that I look for ...?
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry ..."*
Isaiah 58:6,7.

As we prepare for the High Holy Days, we need to remember our hungry and needy neighbors. Again this year, Temple Sinai will collect both monetary contributions and bags of non-perishable food items. Checks are encouraged because every \$30 donated enables Foodshare to distribute enough food for one person for a month! Of course you are welcome to bring both a check and a bag (or bags) of food. More than 125,000 of our neighbors, including 50,000 children and 10,000 seniors, depend upon your generosity.

Volunteers will distribute envelopes and grocery bags as you leave each Rosh Hashanah service. You are also welcome to use your own envelopes or bags, or the envelopes enclosed with your holiday tickets. Bags filled with non-perishable food items will be collected in the parking lot as you arrive for the Kol Nidre service and each Yom Kippur service. Checks can also be brought to services and put in the Yom Kippur pledge baskets in the lobby or mailed to the Temple Office prior to Yom Kippur. Bags of food can be left in the Temple coatroom before Yom Kippur. *Please do not place checks in the grocery bags, as they may be torn or lost.* Please make checks payable to Foodshare.

For more information about Foodshare, please visit www.foodshare.org.

Ken Speyer
Social Action *Foodshare* Chair

Introduction to Judaism

An 18 week course beginning October 2

This course is taught by the Greater Hartford Reform Rabbis and is open to the entire community. Classes are held at Congregation Beth Israel in West Hartford. For information on curriculum, tuition and other questions you may have, call Cheryl Goldberg at 860/233-8215 x2240 or email her: cgoldberg@cbict.org



Save the Date:
Saturday evening, November 16, 2013—7:00 p.m

A special evening honoring
Cantor Donna Gordon

We are planning a special evening of friendship, food and music. Invitations will be sent in mid-October. Please save the date. Details to follow in the October bulletin.

Adult Education

The Adult Education committee hopes all the Temple Sinai members had a wonderful summer. While the committee has also enjoyed some time off, we have been hard at work planning and organizing some great programs.

Sunday, October 13 Temple Sinai is teaming up with members from Kol Havarim in a trip to Brooklyn, NY. The day will be spent touring Jewish sections of Brooklyn, visiting The Living Torah Museum, and enjoying some incredible delicacies. Please see the flyer for more details. You may contact Joyce Sturm at the temple office to reserve your spot.

Friday, October 25 Cantor Gordon will be leading discussion on the book, "Unorthodox". All are welcome to stay after the service for refreshments and a discussion. The book "Unorthodox" is reserved in local libraries for Temple Sinai members. Please mention the temple when you go to borrow the book. The following summary has been provided by the website goodreads.com:

"As a member of the strictly religious Satmar sect of Hasidic Judaism, Deborah Feldman grew up under a code of relentlessly enforced customs governing everything from what she could wear and to whom she could speak to what she was allowed to read. It was stolen moments spent with the empowered literary characters of Jane Austen and Louisa May Alcott that helped her to imagine an alternative way of life. Trapped as a teenager in a sexually and emotionally dysfunctional marriage to a man she barely knew, the tension between Deborah's desires and her responsibilities as a good Satmar girl grew more explosive."

Saturday, November 9 at 6:00 p.m. Temple Sinai will be showing the movie, "Bottle in the Gaza Sea." There will be a \$12.00 charge for the event. Pizza from Yanni's will be served along with salad, drinks and desserts. The following summary has been provided by Rottentomatoes.com:

"17 year-old Tal has emigrated from France to Jerusalem with her family. She writes a letter expressing her refusal to accept that only hatred can reign between Israelis and Palestinians. She slips the letter into a bottle, and her brother throws it into the sea near Gaza, where he is carrying out his military service. A few weeks later, Tal receives an e-mail response from a mysterious "Gazaman", a young Palestinian named Nam. Thus begins a turbulent but tender long-distance friendship between two young people that are separated by a history they are trying both to understand and change. This engrossing and hopeful drama starring Hiam Abbas is based on the award-winning novel by Valrie Zenatti."

Sunday, November 17, Temple Sinai members are invited to the Berlin Mosque at 6:30 p.m. for an interfaith event with our Muslim friends. The topic of the event will be "Death and Dying". Rabbi Bennett and Mort Weinstein along with some of the Mosque members will be speaking on the topic and the connections between the two faiths. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Aaron Reich, *Adult Education Chair*

SISTERHOOD SPEAKS . . .

A New Year. A blank page. What an opportunity! How shall we fill it?

Sisterhood strives to serve the congregation of Temple Sinai and in particular the women of Temple Sinai. With that as our guiding principal, we will try to fill the new calendar with events which we hope will be of help and interest to all ages. Some events will be held Sunday mornings, some in the afternoon and some in the evening. We really hope to serve all the women of Temple Sinai and we are trying different times to accommodate all our busy, busy schedules. We believe that everyone needs to set aside time for friendship, so find a time that you can join us, and come. You will be very welcome!

So far, the Fall calendar looks like this:

Sept. 14—*Sisterhood Break-the-Fast oneg for Yom Kippur.*

The whole congregation is invited to gather after services and share challah, apples, honey and a few other goodies as we begin the New Year together.

Oct. 6—Sunday morning, 9:15-10:45 a.m., “*Sisterhood Swap & Meet*”. We welcome any and all women of Temple Sinai at this event! Bring your gently used accessories and trade them for different ones. Get a “new” scarf, hat, pocketbook and/or jewelry for the fall! And, clean out some space at home to put them! We’ll provide the coffee & tea and muffins. All for free. All for fun.

Oct. 17—*Paid Up Membership Dinner*, 6:30 p.m.

New Sisterhood members come and meet with the rest of the gang. We’ll renew old friendships and make new ones as we dine together. Plus there will be entertainment completing the evening’s fun.

Oct. 27 & 28, *Rummage Sale*. Drop off your gently used clothing and household goods Sunday morning and/or come help out. You will be part of our main fundraiser for the temple. Then you can shop in the afternoon (noon–3p.m) for new treasures. The sale continues Monday morning (10a.m.-1 p.m) with per bag bargain pricing.

We will fill the rest of the year with Friday night and Saturday morning onegs, Pot Luck Dinners, Special Speaker Dinners, a Shabbat Dinner. We again plan to get together with the Sisterhood of B’nai Tikvoh Sholom and Congregation Beth Israel. We would be happy to hear from our sisters in the congregation with ideas for other activities. Email the Sisterhood at sisterhood@sinaict.org. We will hold them on Sunday mornings, on week day evenings, on Sunday afternoons ... whatever we can do to fit you in. Sisterhood is looking forward to a New Year of caring and of sharing for all the women of Temple Sinai.

L’Shalom,
Ann Speyer, *Sisterhood President*
sisterhood@sinaict.org

The Sisterhood Calendar

The traditional Sisterhood Calendar for Temple Sinai will be available for pickup at Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. If you ordered a calendar in advance, please look for the Calendar table in the lobby at Conard High School. We’ll have your calendar there for you.

If you would like to purchase a calendar so that you can have an easy way to keep track of Jewish holidays, Religious School dates and Temple events, as well as birthdays and anniversaries of many temple members, you can use the link for Sisterhood on the sinaict.org website. Send your request to sisterhood@sinaict.org Calendars will also be available for purchase at the Temple Judaica Shop on Sunday mornings.

Sisterhood appreciates Adele Ibsen and Bernice Black for all their work in putting together this year’s calendar! It’s both helpful to us all and a great fundraiser for the temple’s needs. So, thank you!

Sunday Morning Sisterhood Swap

On Sunday morning, October 6th at 9:15 a.m, the Sisterhood invites any and all women of Temple Sinai to a Swap Meet. We all have gently used scarves, hats, pocketbooks and costume jewelry that we don’t use anymore. So, take a few minutes to go through the back of those drawers and closets, and pick out some pieces to swap. Bring them to the Temple on Sunday morning and pick out something “new” to you. The trade will be one piece for one piece, so the more you bring, the more you can take home. After you’ve found your new treasures, please sit and relax and visit with everyone else while you enjoy coffee or tea and muffins. Make new friends and find out about Sisterhood’s coming year! It’s all free.

For Sisterhood Membership information,
Please call Myra Wishnick
860/666-1006
Or Email: sisterhood@sinaict.org

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

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.

- April 26 Lauren & Chip Tafrate, a Mazon basket in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Jacob.

- May 31 Amy & David Pinette, flowers in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Lillie.

- June 7 Lisa Tanen-LaFontaine & Mark LaFontaine, flowers in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Sidney.

- June 21 Elizabeth Dougherty, Stephen Wills, and Zina & Grigory Bratslavsky, flowers in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Michelle Dougherty.

- June 28 Yulia & Jonathan Moss, flowers in honor of the naming of their daughter, Caroline.

- August 16 Genna & Marc Giammatteo and Michele and David Griffith, flowers in honor of the naming of Isla Rose Giammatteo.

- September 6 Susan Gilmore & Greg Chandler, a Mazon basket in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Naomi.

Chairperson: Jane Roth,
email: sisterhood_flowers@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

Candlelighters:

- April 26 Lauren, Chip, Samantha & Jacob Tafrate

- May 3 Sheila Houlihan, Andy Wizner, Eliza, Sarah & Eamon Wizner.

- May 10 Tracy, Jonathan, Sophia, Celia & Aaron Gruber.

- May 17 Colleene, Lary & Blake Levitts

- May 24 Carol Benjamin

- May 31 Amy, David, Eliza & Lillie Pinette.

- June 7 Lisa Tanen-LaFontaine, Mark LaFontaine & Sidney LaFontaine.

- June 14 Ina Neiman

- June 21 Elizabeth & Michelle Dougherty, Zina & Grigory Bratslavky.

- June 28 Marilyn Winograd

- July 5 Raquel & Moises Levin

- July 12 Nancy & Joel Wineburgh

- July 19 Nancy Wineburgh & Marion Pollack

- July 26 Sheila & Joel Small

- August 2 Linda Smardin

Chairperson: Nancy Wineburgh,
email: templesinaict@gmail.com



Sisterhood Rummage Sale

Time to do your spring cleaning! Donate your "used but not abused" items to the Sisterhood Rummage Sale. We are accepting seasonal items for fall & winter, 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, Oct. 27 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, Oct. 27, noon- 3:00 p.m. and Monday, Oct. 28, 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 Jane Roth at 860/561-1055, or email: sisterhood@sinaict.org.



Oneg Shabbat:

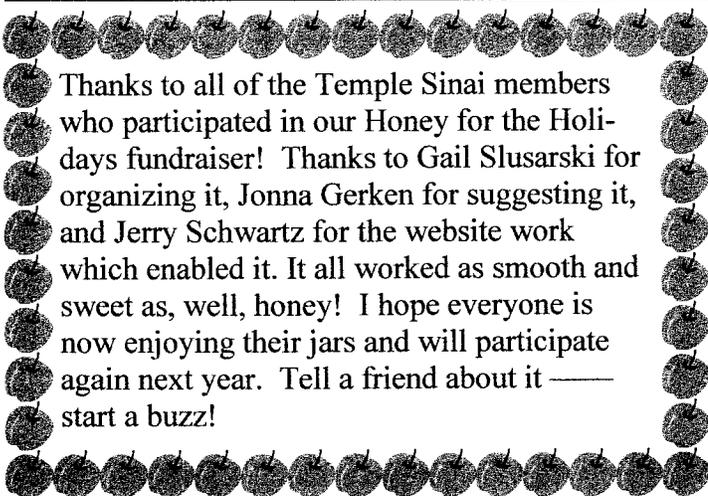
Consider sponsoring an oneg in honor of a simcha in your family or just to sponsor for a particular Shabbat.

- April 5 Martha & Mark Hennessey in honor of Rachel's Bat Mitzvah.
- April 26 Lauren & Chip Tafate in honor of Jacob's Bar Mitzvah.
- May 3 Sheila Houlihan & Andy Wizner, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Eliza.
- May 10 Tracy & Jonathan Gruber, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Sophia.
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- September 6 Susan Gilmore & Greg Chandler, in honor of The Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Naomi.

Chairperson: Jane Roth,
email: sisterhood_onegs@sinaict.org

Sisterhood Tributes:

- To:** Bea Priola, in memory of your husband, John, from Paula Goldberg.
- To:** Dr. Ted Rosenkrantz & family, in memory of Joyce Rosenkrantz, from:
Myra & Sheldon Wishnick
Bernice Black
- To:** Dr. & Mrs. Steven Deutch, in honor of your children's graduation, from Sue Austin.
- To:** Lore Goodman & family, in memory of your mother, Senta Adler, from Paula Goldberg & Al Kadden.
- To:** Linda Brooks & family, in memory of your mother, Senta Adler, from Paula Goldberg & Al Kadden.
- To:** Joan Skydel, in honor of your granddaughter, Lillie Pinette's Bat Mitzvah, from Ina Neiman.
- To:** Mrs. Elaine Rose, in memory of your husband, Harry, from Bea Gordon.
- To:** Lucille Portner, in honor of your special birthday from:
Nessie & Marvin Cormier
Beth & Alan Laites
Roz & Irv Spiegelman
Cynthia & Ron Naiman
Sue Austin & Charles Himmelfarb
- To:** Michael Sack & family, in memory of Howard Sack, from Cynthia & Ron Naiman.
- To:** Burt Schuman, in honor of your special birthday, from Rosh Chodesh Group 2.
- To:** Harry Glazer, in memory of your son, Bill, from:
Marlena & Wally Masur
Bea Gordon
- To:** Everett Rosenblatt, in memory of your wife, Lillian, from:
Eunice Grodon
Arline & Harvey Seltzer
Cynthia & Ron Naiman
Bea Gordon
- To:** Maxanne Kass, in memory of your mother, Gertrude, from:
Arline & Harvey Seltzer
Rose Ulan & Mickey Fendell
Madelaine & Richard White
- To:** The Labinger family, in memory of Stanley, from Libby Cohn.
- To:** Shirley Keezing, in memory of your son, Louis, from:
Cynthia & Ron Naiman
Estelle Gonsalves



Thanks to all of the Temple Sinai members who participated in our Honey for the Holidays fundraiser! Thanks to Gail Slusarski for organizing it, Jonna Gerken for suggesting it, and Jerry Schwartz for the website work which enabled it. It all worked as smooth and sweet as, well, honey! I hope everyone is now enjoying their jars and will participate again next year. Tell a friend about it — start a buzz!

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 page. Email Blanche Moskowitz at sisterhood_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.

In the Community

The Jewish Historical Society of Greater Hartford invites you to "Back to the Old Neighborhoods"

Bus Tour dates: Sundays, Oct 20 or Nov. 3

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. Two tours are offered on a comfortable coach bus and will leave the Community Services Building, 333 Bloomfield Ave., West Hartford at 9:30 a.m. The tour is 3 hours. Cost is \$24 per person for Society members; \$28 for non-members. To make your reservation, or for more information, go to the Society's website: www.jhsg.org, or call the Jewish Historical Society at 860/727-6170.

This summer, The Jewish Historical Society has published a new book: *Revisiting Our Neighborhoods: Stories from Hartford's Past*. This is available for purchase from JHS for \$24.95.

**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:

- * 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).

Mazel Tov to:

*Rob & Stephanie Schenkel on the birth of their son, Daniel Seymour Schenkel on May 15, 2013.

*Karen Blank & Bernardo Brande on the birth of their granddaughter, Amelia Kim Brande Cenci on July 25, 2013.

From the Chai Club

The Chai Club starts off the New Year with our annual Pot-Luck Supper which will be held in our Social Hall on Saturday evening, Sept. 28 at 6:30 p.m. Entertainment for the evening will be provided by the ever-popular Tony Rarus. The Chai Club is open to Temple members aged 55+. For further information contact the Temple Office at 860/561-1055.

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

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

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*Lillian & Jeffrey Zimmerman for labeling the Foodshare envelopes for the High Holy Day food drive.
*Naomi Levenson for handling the Kaddish letter mailing for September-October.
*Barbara Sciucco, Naomi Levenson & Aaron Reich for covering the temple office which Joyce had a brief get-away.
*Brandon Levenson for his help in handling rental chairs.

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Kaddish/Yarzheit Information—to update your records

**Please return this form to the Temple Office, 41 West Hartford Rd., Newington, CT 06111
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Your name(s) (please print): _____

Name of loved one: _____

Relationship to you: _____

Date of Death: _____

I/We wish to remember this yarzheit by: _____

_____ Hebrew date _____ English date
(check one choice)

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Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- *In honor of the marriage of Matt & Naomi Scheinerman, by Marion & Larry Hammermesh.
- *In memory of Lillian Rosenblatt, by Paula & Mark Levitz.
- *In memory of Gertrude Kass, by Paula & Mark Levitz.
- *In honor of Rabbi Bennett and in appreciation of the marriage of Matt & Naomi Scheinerman, by Karen & David Scheinerman.
- *In appreciation of Rabbi Bennett, by Matt & Naomi Scheinerman.
- *In memory of Stanley Labinger, by Paula & Mark Levitz.
- *In memory of Lillian Schofield & Sydney Abramowitz, by Joan Skydel.
- *In memory of Rita & Ralph Katz, by Weslie Goldfarb.
- *In honor of the naming of our granddaughter, Isla Rose Giammatteo, by Michele & David Griffith.

Yahrzeit Fund

- *In memory of Sydney Horwitz, Carla & Robert Horwitz.
- *In memory of Betty Koppel, by Ellie & Mort Koppel.
- *In memory of Lorraine Ury, by Perry Ury.
- *In memory of Sam Goldstein, by Dara, Ami, David, Emma & Layla Goldstein.
- *In memory of Morton Crandall, by Marjorie Crandall Siegel.
- *In memory of August Kraft, by Barbara Nguyen.
- *In memory of Mike Edelson, by Marion Edelson.
- *In memory of Sandy Cohen, by Helene Wineburgh & family.
- *In memory of Morris Abramhoff, by Eunice Gordon.
- *In memory of David Kaufman, by Lynn & Eric Kaufman.
- *In memory of Jean Schpero, by Fred & Nancy Schpero.
- *In memory of Joe Gordon, by Bea Gordon.
- *In memory of Arnold Grossman, by Bernice Black.
- *In memory of Herbert Lederer, by Barbara Lederer.
- *In memory of Mollie Tannhauser, by Barbara & Murray Katz.
- *In memory of Phyllis Berson, by Ronna Erickson.
- *In memory of Sarah Sanders, by Marilyn Winograd.
- *In memory of Nathaniel Durgin, by Linda & Allan Smardin.
- *In memory of Sidney Goldberg, by Pauline Goldberg.
- *In memory of Esther Katz, by The Ogren Family.
- *In memory of Joseph Reiner, by Irving Reiner.
- *In memory of Eve & Maurice Marcus, by Michael Marcus.
- *In memory of Harry Tenenbaum, by Lucille Portner.
- *In memory of Philip Bogatz, by Marvis Bogatz.
- *In memory of Philip Bogatz, by The Bogatz Family
- *In memory of Jean Dorman Lerner, by Naomi Levenson.
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- *In memory of Florence Pearlman, by Jerry & Betsy Pearlman.
- *In memory of Marvin Goldberg, by Elana & Scott Macgilpin.
- *In memory of Louis Hyatt, by Audrey & Bruce Carlson and Leslie, Jordan, Devin & Eliza Schlachter.
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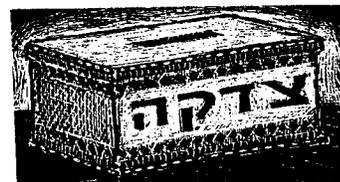
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- *In memory of Helen & Samuel Goluboff, by Connie Rudy.

General Fund

- *Get well wishes to Barney Miller, from Ralph Parker.
- *Congratulations to Ben Spigel earning his Ph.D., from Karen & David Scheinerman.
- *In honor of their marriage and in appreciation of Rabbi Bennett, Jane Metcalf & Yonaton Berkovits.
- *In honor of the marriage of Matt & Naomi Hammermesh, by Joyce & Myron Sturm.
- *In honor of the 50th Anniversary of Mark & Paula Levitz, by Joyce & Myron Sturm.
- *In honor of Sid's Bar Mitzvah and in appreciation of everything everyone at Temple Sinai did to make Sid's Bar Mitzvah a wonderful family event, by Lisa Tanen-LaFontaine and Mark LaFontaine.
- *In appreciation of Rabbi Bennett & Temple Sinai & in honor of our marriage, Karen Blank & Bernardo Brande.
- *In memory of Helen Plaut, by Joyce & Myron Sturm.
- *In honor of Burt Schuman's special birthday, by Arthur & Sheila Schuman, and Robert, Jennifer & Jake Schuman.
- *In memory of Lillian Rosenblatt, by Ed & Jane McKenna.
- *In honor of the marriage of Helen & Marvin Goldberg, by Joyce, Myron, David & Jeff Sturm.
- *In memory of Louis Keezing, by Joyce & Myron Sturm.
- *In memory of Joseph George Fox, by Lauren & Steven Nassau.

Library Fund

- *Get well wishes to Barney Miller, from Joyce & Myron Sturm.
- *In memory of Beverly Jackowitz, by Joyce & Myron Sturm.
- *In memory of Gertrude Kass, by:
 - Cynthia & Ron Naiman
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 - Rosh Chodesh Group I
 - Linda & Allan Smardin
 - Ina Neiman.
 - Ona & Tom Mastronarde
 - Alan & Barbara Dworsky
 - Liz & Barney Miller
 - Nina & Robert Miller
- *In memory of Lillian Rosenblatt, by Stan & Rhoda Abel.
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- *In memory of Louis Keezing, by Paula Goldberg.



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Youth Program & Religious School Fund

*In memory of Lillian Schofield, by David, Amy, Eliza & Lillie Pinette.

*In honor of Michael Bennett's engagement to Kelly, by the Rosh Chodesh Group 3

Social Action Fund

*In honor of the marriage of Jed & Rachel Siegel, by Barry & Marsha Goldstein.

Haspel Endowment Fund

*In memory of Benjamin Drucker, by Barbara & Arnie Haspel.

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*In memory of Max Small, by Sheila & Joel Small.

*In memory of Lillian Rosenblatt, by Joyce & Myron Sturm.

*In appreciation of Cantor Gordon, by Maxanne Kass.

*In honor of Lucille Portner's special birthday, by Carol Kolp.

*In honor of Shirley Berman's special birthday, by Carol Kolp.

*In memory of Sydney Abramowitz, by David, Amy, Eliza & Lillie Pinette.

*In memory of Louis Keezing, by:

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*In honor of the birth of Domenick Kurt Israel, by Adele & Jeff Ibsen.

Mishkan Tefilah

*In honor of the 50th Anniversary of Lonnie & Michael Scheinblum, by Peter & Cheryl Scheinblum.

*In honor of the 50th Anniversary of Joyce Sturm's Bat Mitzvah, by Myron, David & Jeff Sturm.

*In memory of Adam Levin, by:

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ADULT EDUCATION—helps toward the costs of Adult Education programming.

CIRCLE OF GIVING FUND—Voluntary dues. Those who pay full dues and pay an additional amount can have their name added to Circle of Giving.

GENERAL FUND— general operating budget and contains donations to the "Yarzheit" fund.

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT & IMPROVEMENT FUND - supports building needs not covered by the Building Fund (formerly the Fine Arts & Kitchen Funds).

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

LIBRARY—helps to purchase books, bookcases and supplies.

MISHKAN T'FILAH DEDICATION—prayerbooks may be dedicated and a bookplate placed inside the cover for a simcha or memorial. Books are \$36 each and we list these in the bulletin.

RELIGIOUS & SPIRITUAL AFFAIRS FUND—The Cantor's Discretionary Fund for music and supplies for our music programs. The purchase of Prayerbooks—(formerly the Torah, Music, Prayerbook Fund).

SCHOLARSHIP FUND—supports scholarships for Jewish camping.

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

YOUTH PROGRAMS— funds youth programs & religious school.

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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.

Many thanks to Audrey & Bruce Carlson who have generously contributed for our Kol Nidre cellist in loving memory of Elizabeth Ann Carlson and Lorraine and Louis Hyatt whose love of music is given to us.

Jewish Holidays

September -December, 2013/5774

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
Thurs., Sept. 26	Simchat Torah
Wed., Nov. 27	*1st candle for Chanukah
Thurs., Nov. 28	1st day of Chanukah
	Thanksgiving Day
Thurs, Jan. 16	Tu B'Shevat
Sun., March 16	Purim
Mon., April 14	1st Seder
Tues., April 15	1st day of Passover
Mon., April 21	Last day of Passover
Sun., May 18	Lag B'Omer
Wed., June 4	Shavuot

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September 2013—Elul/Tishrei 5773/5774

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Labor Day Temple Office Closed	3	4	5 Rosh Hashana See p. 1 for Rosh Hashana Service Schedule at Conard High Temple Office Closed	6 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Family Service	7 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service; Bat Mitzvah of Naomi Chandler
8 9:00 a.m. Religious School opens for all grades 1:00 p.m. Memorial Park Service	9	10	11 6:00 p.m. Mid-week classes begin for Gr. 5,6,7	12 7:00 pm. Sisterhood Board Meeting	13 Kol Nidre 7:30 p.m. Kol Nidre Service at Conard High School	14 Yom Kippur See p. 1 for Yom Kip- pur Service Schedule at Conard High 3:00 p.m. Afternoon service at the Temple Break Fast follows the afternoon service
15	16	17	18 6:00 p.m. Sukkot service No Relig. School	19 Sukkot 10:30 a.m. Sukkot Service Temple Office Closed	20 6:00 p.m. Welcome Back Shabbat Service; dinner following the service	21 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service; Bar Mitzvah of Jonathan Shaw
22 9:15 a.m. Temple Board Meeting	23	24	25 6:00 p.m. Simchat Torah service No Relig. School	26 Simchat Torah 10:30 a.m. Simchat Torah/ Shemini Atzeret Service Temple Office Closed	27 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service	28 9:00 am Torah Study 10:30 am. Shabbat Service 6:30 p.m. Chai Club Pot-Luck & program
29 9:00 a.m. Parent meeting for Religious School	30	Oct. 1	Oct. 2	Oct. 3 7:00 pm. Sisterhood Board Meeting	Oct. 4 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Family Service	Oct. 5 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service

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