



# TEMPLE SINAI *Bulletin*

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## ***Rabbi's Message***

There's an old story about a pair of travelers who climbed one of the hills outside of the old city in Jerusalem to glimpse its beauty. When they reached the top, one of the travelers began to cry.

"Why are you crying. You've been here a hundred times," said the one, to which the other traveler said, "Yes, I have been here a hundred times. But this is the most special. This is your first time and I am seeing the city, the stones of the western wall, the magnificent contours of the buildings and the synagogues, the towers and the glittering gold of the dome as if for the first time, because I am seeing the city through your eyes. They are not tears of sadness but tears of great joy."

Seeing the land that I love through the eyes of others is what inspires me to keep bringing groups to Israel. I want others to feel the passion for that holy place that I have felt through my six trips to Israel including living in Jerusalem for a year. This past October, thirteen of us from our community traveled together. For all but me and one other traveler, It was a first-time trip. And what an amazing trip it was.

Every time I go to Israel I say "This was the trip of a lifetime!" How can each trip be "the trip of a lifetime? Well, if you ever visit Israel, you would understand. Each time is a totally different experience and one that is enriching and emotional with every step along the way. We journeyed through a whirlwind of activities that provoked thoughtful conversations about inspiring and challenging developments in Israel today. Every day began with an incredible Israeli breakfast and continued with an exhaustive tour throughout the entire country.

As we arrived at the Mount of Olives overlooking the Old City of Jerusalem, we recited a "shehechyanu" as we felt the tremendous emotion knowing that we were fulfilling the verse that we recite every Passover: "next year in Jerusalem"...and there we were!

As always with Israel—a mixture of sheer amazement, exhilaration, warmth, love and yes, some measure of frustration. So much achieved, and yet still so much to do. But that's what being engaged with Israel is all about.

As usual, I returned a few pounds heavier for the food there is incredible! Once again, I felt a deep sense of amazement at what a wonderful country Israel has become. Yes, the country faces many problems and how to achieve peace with its neighbors is certainly at the top of the list. In spite of what one reads in the newspapers or sees on television, Israel remains a vibrant democracy, the only true democracy in that part of the world, and stands as a beacon of hope for the future of the Jewish people.

*Rabbi Jeffrey Bennett*

## ***Tot Shabbat at Temple Sinai***

Saturday, December 7, 9:30 a.m.

For children ages 6 and under with their parents, grandparents, siblings, friends and neighbors! Rabbi Bennett will lead the service and read a story ... followed by a craft project.

## ***Human Rights Shabbat***

Friday, December 20—6:00 p.m.

Come to Shabbat services and hear our speaker, Carly Hoss, from West Hartford's Moishe House. Dinner following services. See enclosed flyer for details.

## ***Union for Reform Judaism***

Biennial—December 11-15, 2013—San Diego, CA

Visit [www.urj.org](http://www.urj.org) for details

## ***December Evening Shabbat Services***

Dec. 6 — Shabbat Family Service, 6:00 p.m.

Kindergarten participation

Dec. 13 — Shabbat Service, 6:00 p.m.

Dec. 20 — Human Rights Shabbat Service, 6:00 p.m.

Dinner following the service (see flyer)

Dec. 27 — Shabbat Service, 7:30 p.m.— "Ask the Rabbi"

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## ***December Shabbat Morning Services***

December 7, 14, 21, 28

Torah Studies at 9:00 a.m. Services at 10:30 a.m.

## ***January Evening Shabbat Services***

Jan. 3 — Shabbat Family Service, 6:00 p.m.

2nd grade participation

Jan. 10 — Shabbat Service, Music Shabbat, 6:00 p.m.

Jan. 17 — Shabbat Service, 6:00 p.m. & Tu B'Shevat Seder

Jan. 24 — Shabbat Service, 6:00 p.m.

Jan. 31 — Shabbat Service, 7:30 p.m.

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## ***January Shabbat Morning Services***

January 4, 11, 18 & 25

Torah Studies at 9:00 a.m. Services at 10:30 a.m.

## ***Friday Shabbat 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

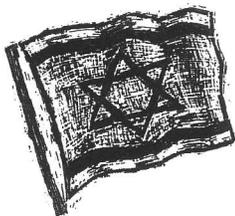
In October I was very fortunate to travel to Israel with a group led by Rabbi Bennett and it was the first time for everyone except the rabbi. We were lucky to have extraordinary weather, an outstanding tour guide, and of course we were on time for everything, so we were able to have a few extra stops along the way. Many people have asked me what was the highlight of our trip and that is an impossible question to answer as there were so many experiences that were memorable. The visit to Yad Vashem, though, had the greatest impact on me. We have all heard about the atrocities of the Holocaust and have seen the many pictures of the Nazi's evils, but to see it all again in one place and in Israel was extremely powerful. I left there with two thoughts. First, this is why there has to be an Israel for the Jewish people. We were reminded that both during the war and afterwards, many Jews were denied entry into countries around the world, including the United States. It doesn't seem possible that people would have to suffer twice just for their religion, but in fact that is the history of that time. Secondly, visiting Yad Vashem reinforced my feelings about Judaism. Because Jews have been persecuted and died because of their faith, I feel that I have a responsibility to do what I can to assure the continuance of our religion.

Many of us think that something like the Holocaust could never happen again because of the awareness of the world, but in fact anti-Semitism does still exist. In the New York Times on November 8, there was an article about widespread anti-Semitic activities in a small town in upstate New York among school age children. We know that children aren't born with these ideas, they "have to be carefully taught" as a song once told us. I was so saddened to read this article, but am not naïve enough to think that it is isolated or that people's prejudices will go away. We can only hope that by bringing occasions of discrimination of any type to light, we can lessen their occurrence.

On a more positive note, I hope that many of you were able to take advantage of several of the events at Temple Sinai in the last few months. Honoring Cantor Gordon for her 20 years at Temple Sinai was certainly a highlight and an honor for us.

The Temple board met at the beginning of November to outline several goals for the coming year. We focused on worship/spirituality, education, and Tikkun Olam which are the core values in our mission statement. As we prioritize and implement these goals, we will keep you informed on our progress. I know I have said this before, but it bears repeating – we have an amazing group on our board who have great energy and are committed to making decisions that are in the best interest of the whole congregation.

B'Shalom  
Carol Benjamin, *President*  
president@sinaict.org



## Religious School News

As I write this article, Chanukah songs are heard throughout our school as we get ready to celebrate Chanukah on Thanksgiving! Both holidays celebrate religious freedom, for which we give thanks. I plan to make a Turkey and latkes this year!

The Kindergarten class will participate in the Shabbat Service on Friday, December 6th at 6 p.m. You don't want to miss the opportunity to hear the Chanukah song they plan to sing!

The 6th graders will be designing their own personal Talitot on December 22nd. Each student will receive a white silk scarf and a set of fringes. They will learn the process of knotting and winding the tzitzit (fringes) that signify the 613 mitzvot (commandments). Each student will create their own design on the Talit using permanent markers. These Talitot can be used for the Bar and Bat Mitzvah ceremony.

The faculty attended the annual Mitnick Jewish Educators Conference on Sunday, November 17th. The theme of the conference was "Embracing Change- Making it Happen in Hartford". What will the Jewish community look like in 20 years? What can we do to positively influence necessary changes in our community? Current micro and macro trends affecting the Jewish community life and responses were studied and discussed at this conference.

On Sunday, November 24th, Looking In Theater came to Temple Sinai. Our 6th and 7th grade students and parents were invited to attend this special workshop. The group is composed of teens who present dramatic scenes dealing with important social, family and personal issues. These topics open communication and discussions in the classrooms and at home.

The 27 teen assistants in our school are not only helping in the classrooms where they have wonderful teacher mentors, but they are studying a half hour each week with teachers Alan Merriman and Mitzi Young. They have the opportunity to study teen/adult issues as a group in a comfortable environment.

The 2nd graders will participate in the Shabbat Family Service on January 3rd. The students are working with Mrs. Goldman to add their creativity to this service. Please plan to attend.

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy, safe and peaceful 2014. May we be grateful for our blessings.

B'Shalom,  
Rena Citron  
*Director of Education*

### ***Special Religious School Dates for your calendar:***

#### **No Classes on:**

Sun., Dec. 1, Thanksgiving break

Sun., Dec. 22– Wed., Jan. 1. Winter break

Sun., Jan. 19—Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday weekend

### ***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.

## Cantor's Comments

Dear Friends,

Thank you, thank you, and thank you again for the absolutely amazing honor which you gave me this past November 16<sup>th</sup>, for my 20 years of service to Temple Sinai. What a wonderful evening we all enjoyed together as a Temple Family! Your kind words, hugs, and expressions of appreciation all touched my heart.

Community events don't just happen by themselves, they take very careful planning by very special people. My thanks go out to Committee co-chairs, Margaret Milch and Mitchell Katz and all of their wonderful committee: Carol Benjamin, Henry Krupnikoff, Ina Neiman, Lisa Tanen-LaFontaine, Marc Zimmerman, Joyce Sturm, and to the volunteers who helped set up with the committee: Les Milch, Virginia Katz, David Katz & David Sturm. All of these great people made the evening the wonderful event it was. Thank you again so much for all of your hard work.

Thank you also to those who spoke on my behalf, such as Rabbi Bennett, Rena Citron, Ellie Cooper, Carol Benjamin, Cantor Sanford Cohn from the Emanuel Synagogue in West Hartford, and our own talented Dr. Ethan Nash. I am so grateful to all of you for your kind words. Thanks also to Ann Speyer who led the Adult Choir in a tribute song for me, "World of Your Dreams" by Debbie Friedman, z"l. I want to also thank my wonderful family, husband, Max, and sons Kasey and Matt. They worked closely with the Event Committee to help make it a success.

Last but not least, I want to sincerely thank all of the many Temple Sinai members who bought greetings and ads in the 20th Year Event Ad Journal, as well as the approximately 130 or so congregants who came out on November 16<sup>th</sup> to honor me. Thank you all so much for your kind words and also your generous donations to this Temple Sinai fundraising event on my behalf. I have read each and every one of the greetings and ads, and thank you all so much from the bottom of my heart for your words of support. Most of all, I am so grateful to have been able to serve this congregation for the past 20 years.

B'Shalom,  
Cantor Donna Gordon

## Social Action News

One of the fundamental pillars of Reform Judaism is Tikkun Olam: repairing the world. This is an important part of who we are as Jews.

We thank you all for your support with our November coat drive and Turkey and a \$30 drive! We also donated two Thanksgiving kosher dinners to two families in Newington in need. We continue helping to make the community a better place!

Our December Mitzvah of the Month will be our Human Rights Shabbat on Friday, December 20th. Carly Hoss, co-founder of Moishe House West Hartford will be speaking about Jewish relationships in America, and focusing on how we see each other and how we can become a more united people. Afterwards we will be hosting a Shabbat dinner. All are welcome to attend. ***There is no charge, but reservations are requested so we will know how to prepare. See the enclosed flyer with the reservation form and return it to the Temple Office by Dec. 17.*** We will also be collecting gift cards for needy teens registered with the Newington Social Services. ***Donations of gift cards should be dropped off in the Temple office by December 15th.***

Are you interested in volunteering with Foodshare to collect leftover produce from local grocery stores and bring it to shelters on a weekly, biweekly, or monthly basis? We will be holding training on Wednesday, January 8th at 6 pm at the Temple. Dinner will be provided. If you are interested you must be able to pick up food and deliver to local shelters on weekdays during morning and early afternoon hours. Please ***RSVP by Jan. 2nd*** to the temple office if you are interested.

January Mitzvah of the Month will be a game night on January 26th at 5:00. All are welcome to come play games, get to know other members of the Temple, and stay warm. A \$5.00 donation is requested, and all proceeds will go to Foodshare. Pizza, salad, and beverages will be provided. Bring your family and bring your favorite game! ***Please RSVP to the temple office by Jan. 23.***

Thank you all for your continued support of our group. Our meetings are the third Tuesday of every month, and we are always open to new ideas! Our next meetings are on ***December 17 & January 21 at 7:00 p.m.*** Please join us.

I'Shalom,  
Sarah Maltese  
Social Action Chair, [Social\\_action@sinaict.org](mailto:Social_action@sinaict.org)

## Adult Education

Thanks to everyone who has supported the Adult Education committee by attending our programming. We had a wonderful time at the movie night. We viewed the movie, "Bottle in the Gaza Sea" and had some wonderful conversations.

The Adult Education committee would also like to thank those who attended the interfaith program at the Berlin Mosque. It was a wonderful evening that brought two faiths together for a great time discussing and sharing thoughts and ideas on death and dying. We look forward to more interfaith events in the near future.

I would also like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere gratitude to the Adult Education committee who has given up so much of their free time to regularly meet and share incredible ideas. Fern Sprung, Rita Miller, Jane Roth and Raquel and Moses Levin are responsible for bringing all of the committee members together for all of the events of these past few years. I will be focusing my efforts on the Religious School from this point, but wanted to thank everyone for all the support. I know the Adult Education committee will continuously work hard to bring more wonderful events to you in the near future under the chairmanship of CJ Hauss.

Sincerely,  
Aaron Reich

## NUTSY News (Newington United Temple Sinai Youth)

As I write this article, NUTSY is just returning from TASTY's Fall Conclavette, a region-wide event hosted by the youth group at Temple Sinai in Sharon, MA. The theme of the weekend-long event was "Actions Speak Louder Than Words". Participants were treated to an awesome Kabbalat Shabbat service featuring Temple Sinai Sharon's Cantor Jeff Klepper. We had the opportunity to spend the day on Saturday on the grounds of the beautiful Everwood Day Camp. Thankfully we were blessed with some beautiful weather, which allowed for outdoor play and a picnic lunch. The afternoon was completed with a deeply spirited color war, during which participants competed for their teams with activities such as gaga and a project runway challenge. On Saturday evening, the teens gathered for a beautiful havdalah service, followed by a super fun Superhero themed dance!

Back home at our Temple Sinai in Newington, NUTSY members have been enjoying some really great peer-led programming. So far, NUTSY's co-president, Gabri Silverman, spent an evening teaching participants a series of fun and active Israeli Dances that she had learned last summer at URJ Kutz Camp. Also, co-president Erica Thureson helped the group to bond and get to know each other through a program which included MnMs, coloring, and cupcakes! On Election Day, NUTSY faced off against GRSLY, the youth group from Temple Kol Haverim in Glastonbury, in a bowling tournament. Even though NUTSY were not the victors of the tournament, everyone had a great time getting to hang out with the members of GRSLY.

NUTSY has designed our own sweatshirts this year which are currently in production. They will be available for purchase from me soon at the Temple on Sundays and Wednesdays for \$25. Limited numbers will be available and sizes are first come first served. The sweatshirts are cozy fleece lined front-pocket hoodies in "antique sapphire" blue. Look forward to seeing them being worn by Temple Sinai's teens pretty much everywhere this winter!

NUTSY's Chanukah Party on November 20th also marked the start of the Junior Youth Group programming year! NUTSY closed out their party by hosting a special party just for prospective JYG members. Members in grades 5-7 played dreidel games, said Chanukah Blessings, and made candy dreidels with NUTSY members. The next dates for Junior Youth Group events will be on December 8th and January 5th (both Sundays), immediately following religious school classes.

Religious school teaching assistants have just begun a new program at Temple Sinai, where for a half hour each Sunday they leave their classrooms to participate in

some Jewish learning. During this time, the girls are joining me for our very own "Rosh Hodesh: It's a Girl Thing" group. We spend each session connecting with each other and the Jewish issues that affect teenage girls. For example, in our first session we read and discussed the story of Judith in anticipation of Chanukah. The boys are meeting with Alan Merriman and participating in the "Shevet Achim: the Brotherhood" program. Their time in this program offers them their own "guy space," where they can explore what masculinity and being Jewish means to them. For more information about these programs, please visit [www.movingtraditions.com](http://www.movingtraditions.com). These programs are mandatory for teaching assistants in the Religious School, but are open to all graduates of the Religious School in 8th grade and up! Please contact me if you are not enrolled as a teaching assistant this year but would like to participate.

NUTSY (grades 8-12) events, meetings, and activities are ongoing, and it is never too late to join us! Please see the attached calendar of upcoming events! As always, please feel free to contact me any time with questions or comments.

B'Shalom,  
Mitzi Young  
Temple Sinai Youth Director  
[Mitzipah9@gmail.com](mailto:Mitzipah9@gmail.com)



NUTSY Members hang out at Everwood Day Camp during TASTY's Fall Conclavette! Back Row (left to right): Robert Silverman, Casey Bachman, Julia Silverman, Erica Thureson. Front row (left to right): Brittany Chen, Gabri Silverman, Mitzi Young.

**NUTSY**

**Calendar of Events—December-January, 2014**

**December**

- December 4, 6:30-7:30 pm **NUTSY Lounge Night and Board Meeting**
- December 11, 6:30 pm **NUTSY Meeting**, with an activity led by NUTSY Membership and Communications VP, Julia Silverman
- December 15, 1pm-4pm **JTCares Event: Honoring our elders** ([www.jtconnect.org](http://www.jtconnect.org))
- December 26 - 30 **NFTY NE December Institute**

Institutes are the ultimate NFTY-Northeast experience! Spend five days with all of your NFTY NE friends at URJ Eisner Camp learning, praying, and playing! Open to members in grades 9-12. Please contact Mitzi or visit <http://www.nfty.org/ne/events/> for information.

**January**

- January 8, TBA **NUTSY Snowball Fight, Sledding, and Hot Cocoa**, hosted by the Silverman Family
- January 11, TBA **NUTSY's Social Action Day!** with Social Action VP, Casey Bachman
- January 15, 6:30 pm **NUTSY's Tu B'Shevat Party!** at Temple Sinai
- January 26, 1pm-4pm **JTCares Event: Healing with Happiness** ([www.jtconnect.org](http://www.jtconnect.org))
- January 29, 6:30-7:30 pm **NUTSY Lounge Night, TBA**

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## SISTERHOOD NEWS

### **SISTERHOOD SPEAKS . . .**

If you type into Google: define Sisterhood here's what you get back:

The solidarity of women based on shared conditions, experiences, or concerns.

A community of society of sisters; *especially*: a society of women in a religious order

Congenial relationship or companionship among women; mutual female esteem, concern, support, etc.

A strong feeling of friendship and support among women who are involved in action to improve women's rights.

The Sisterhood of Temple Sinai does indeed meet the definitions. We are Jewish women, caring about each other, caring about the world around us, and trying to mend that which is in need in our temple world and in the greater world around us all. But while we are blessed with many good friendships through our Sisterhood, we are aware that there are many temple women with whom we have not yet connected. If you are one of them, we hold out our hands and invite you to join us.

On Sunday morning, December 8th, we will sponsor a Social and Snowsuit Swap in the Multipurpose Room. We are inviting all women of Temple Sinai, whether you are a Sisterhood member or not, to come in and schmooze. If you have something to swap, bring it along. (See our article on The Snowsuit Swap). If you don't have something to swap, come anyway, and enjoy the company. Park the car and come on in!

Later this year there will be other Sisterhood events. Some of what we are planning is to meet up with the Sisterhood of B'nai Tikvah Shalom just before Purim and bake hamantashchen together. We will also get together with the women of Congregation Beth Israel to enjoy dinner together and then do a social action project. There will be a dinner meeting with a speaker in March. In April, Sisterhood will again present a Shabbat dinner. Last year's cooking crew became this year's friends. The Rummage Sale is always looking for volunteers. We are looking into planning other events as well, both in the evenings and on Sunday mornings. As a Sisterhood we do a lot of work together for the temple, but we also get to know each other and so the friendships start. Come, join us. You can email Sisterhood at [sisterhood@sinaict.org](mailto:sisterhood@sinaict.org) for information about joining. Or just mail a check for \$30 payable to Sisterhood of Temple Sinai, 41 West Hartford Rd., Newington, CT 06111.

We really hope to see you at a Sisterhood event!

L'Shalom,  
Ann Speyer, *Sisterhood President*  
[sisterhood@sinaict.org](mailto:sisterhood@sinaict.org)

For Sisterhood Membership information,  
Please call Myra Wishnick  
860/666-1006 or Email: [sisterhood@sinaict.org](mailto:sisterhood@sinaict.org)

### ***Sunday Morning Social and Snowsuit Swap***

Park the car and come on in! The next event Sisterhood is sponsoring is a Sunday Morning Social and Snowsuit Swap on December 8th. Sisterhood is inviting mothers (and others) of Religious School children to spend Sunday morning in the Multipurpose Room while your kids are in class. Remember how fast your children grew this summer? Come to our snowsuit swap with their outgrown winter snowsuits, winter coats, hats, gloves, mittens, etc. Bring along the boots, the ice skates, the unused snowshoes. This is a swap meet, so you can take home the same number of items you bring in. And it's all free!

If you don't have something to swap, please come anyway, and take advantage of this opportunity to meet other parents, to meet some of the present Sisterhood members, or just relax with a cup of coffee and a friend. One of our goals for Sisterhood is to create a place in Temple Sinai where women of the temple can get to know each other. So on Sunday morning, December 8th, take some time to come in, sit down and visit with friends. We'll provide the refreshments — you provide the company!

### **PLANNING AN EVENT?**

### **NEED FORMAL INVITATIONS?**

Sisterhood will help you  
find the perfect invitations  
from our collection.

<http://www.sinaict.org/organizations/sisterhood/activities-and-committees>

**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.

October 12      Marc Caplan & Hannah Roditi, a Mazon basket in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Ariel Caplan.

October 19      Sharon & Scott Boyd, a Mazon basket in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Noa Boyd.

November 9      Shari Orbach & Eric Leonidas, flowers in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Ellie Leonidas.

**Chairperson: Jane Roth,**  
**email: [sisterhood\\_flowers@sinaict.org](mailto: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.

October 11      Marc Caplan & Hannah Roditi in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Ariel Caplan.

October 18      Sharon & Scott Boyd in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Noa Boyd.

**Chairperson: Jane Roth,**  
**email: [sisterhood\\_onegs@sinaict.org](mailto:sisterhood_onegs@sinaict.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](http://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](http://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](http://www.jfshartford.org).

**Candlelighters:**

October 4	Carol Benjamin
October 11	Hannah Roditi, Marc, Ariel, Noe, Laila Luna Caplan
October 18	Sharon, Scott, Noa, Benn & Finn Boyd
October 25	Rose Ulan & Mickey Fendell
November 1	Robert & Michele Cone
November 8	Shari Orbach, Eric, Ellie & Jonnie Leonidas
November 15	Jonathan Siegel
November 22	Henry, Pat, Sam, Jessica & Lauren Krupnikoff

**Chairperson: Nancy Wineburgh,**  
**email: [templesinaict@gmail.com](mailto:templesinaict@gmail.com)**

***Barnes & Noble Sisterhood  
Gift Wrapping Fundraiser***

Sisterhood is planning a winter fundraiser at the Barnes and Noble store just past Westfarms Mall on the left side of Southeast Road, heading toward New Britain.

We will wrap books and other merchandise in hopes of getting lots of generous tips. Our wrapping dates are from 9a.m-9p.m. on December 23 & 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on December 24. It's always fun to work together, chatting and wrapping. We hope that you'll come join those who have already signed up.

Sheila Small will be recruiting people to sign up in two or three hour shifts, on either day. To contact her, please call 860/666-1140 or you can email us at [sisterhood@sinaict.org](mailto:sisterhood@sinaict.org). Barnes and Noble will provide the paper, scissors and tape; we'll provide the gift wrapping volunteers.

***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](mailto:Sisterhood_invitations@sinaict.org) for the invitation books. Nice selection and great prices! New selections from which to choose.

Sue Austin, *Invitations Chairperson*

***PJ Library Program for Jewish Children***

The PJ Library for children is a program which parents can sign up for (no cost involved!) Each month a book, DVD or CD is sent to their child/children. This is sponsored by the Mandell JCC. Our temple members may sign up for PJ Library by visiting <http://bit.ly/v86rPb> or by calling Jane Pasternak at the Mandell JCC at 860/231-6342. or email: [jpaster-nak@mandelljcc.org](mailto:jpaster-nak@mandelljcc.org). You may visit our PJ Library book rack and books in our temple library.

**Sisterhood Tributes:**

**To:** Rabbi & Debra Bennett, in honor of Michael & Kelly Bennett's wedding from:  
Blanche Moskowitz  
Marlena & Wally Masur  
Lucille Portner  
Eunice Gordon

**To:** Paul Kraselsky & Gary Ide, in memory of Paul's mother, Kay Kraselsky, from:  
Blanche Moskowitz  
Marlena & Wally Masur  
Arline & Harvey Seltzer  
Lucille Portner  
Sue Austin & Charlie Himmelfarb

**To:** Marjorie Schuman, best wishes for a speedy recovery from: Rosh Chodesh Group #2

**To:** Carol Kolp, best wishes for a speedy recovery from:  
Lucille Portner  
Phyllis & Sid Morochnik  
Blanche Moskowitz  
Arline & Harvey Seltzer

**To:** Marlena Masur, best wishes for a speedy recovery from Gail Sohn.

**To:** Cantor Donna Gordon, in honor of your 20th year at Temple Sinai, Myra & Sheldon Wishnick.

**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. Blanche Moskowitz is Tribute and Golden Book Chair. Contact Blanche at : [sisterhood\\_tributes@sinaict.org](mailto:sisterhood_tributes@sinaict.org) to send a tribute or call her at 860/666-8832. Sisterhood appreciates every tribute you send. They are mailed promptly after your request.

***Books-By-Mail***

The Lucy Robbins Welles Library is offering Books-By-Mail to those Newington residents who are home-bound. Call Jeanette Francini, Program Manager for information: 860/665-8700.

***Mah Jongg Cards***

It is time to order your 2014 Mah Jongg Cards. The cards are \$8.00 for the standard size print or \$9.00 for the large print. Send your order with your checks made payable to:

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Vicki Rosenkrantz  
Judaica Shop Chair

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***Rummage Sale Thank You!***

The Sisterhood Fall Rummage Sale was a great success. Many thanks go to our generous congregation for all their donations. We would like to thank the following volunteers who worked very hard to set up, sell, and clean up and whose efforts contributed to a profitable event. Apologies to anyone we may have missed.

\*Jane Roth, Raquel Levin and Blanche Moskowitz, co-chairs

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| Andrea Leibman   | Myra Wishnick    |
| Marlena Masur    |                  |
| Beth Mendelsohn  |                  |
| Liz Miller       |                  |

\*Alan Merriman, Mitzi Young and the 7th grade class.

## In the Community

The Jewish Historical Society of Greater Hartford is traveling to Eastern Europe next summer, July 13-25, 2014. The trip will be led by Professor Samuel Kassow of Trinity College. For further details, contact [jhsgh@jewishhartford.org](mailto:jhsgh@jewishhartford.org) or call 860/727-6171.

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### 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](http://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
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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:

\*Nessie & Marvin Cormier on the marriage of Robert & Bridget Cormier.

### From the Chai Club

The Chai Club is sponsoring Current Events with Rabbi Bennett on Wednesday, December 18 at 1:30 p.m. This is open to all temple members. Please call Lucille Portner at 860/561-1055 to make a reservation. Plans are underway for exciting programming in the New Year. Details will be mailed shortly to Chai Club members. The Chai Club welcomes temple members who are 55+. If you are interested in joining, call 860/561-1055.

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### Hebrew Health Care—Hospice Volunteers Needed!

Hebrew Health Care is seeking volunteers to share time and talents with hospice patients in a variety of settings. HHC is interested in friendly volunteers for visitors, veterans, pet therapy certified cats and dogs, massage/Reiki specialists, Russian and Spanish speaking individuals, artists and painters, knitters and individuals who enjoy sewing, and expressive puppeteers. Volunteers will work in Assisted Living, Skilled Nursing and/or Independent Living facilities or private homes or in the hospital. They will provide companionship to patients while supporting caregivers and patients' families.

All Hospice volunteers are required to complete 16 hours of orientation training and attend 12 additional hours per year of in-service continuing education. To begin the application process, please contact Pam Gordon, Hospice Volunteer Coordinator, 860/929-7921 or 860/523-3888 or email her at [pgordon@hebrewhealthcare.org](mailto:pgordon@hebrewhealthcare.org).

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## Donations

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- \*Get well wishes to Arnie Miller, by Cheryl & Peter Scheinblum.
- \*In memory of Paul Scheinblum, by Cheryl & Peter Scheinblum.
- \*In honor of the marriage of Michael & Kelly Bennett, by:
  - Rita & Arnie Miller
  - Mark & Paula Levitz
  - Joyce & Myron Sturm
- \*In honor of Doris Bennett's 100th birthday, by:
  - Cheryl & Peter Scheinblum
  - Joyce & Myron Sturm
- \*In appreciation of Rabbi Bennett, by Rhonda Karlin.

### Yahrzeit Fund

- \*In memory of Vivian & Samuel Laites and Miriam Jacobson, by Beth & Alan Laites.
- \*In memory of Ruth Greenberg, by Bill & Maxine Gleason.
- \*In memory of Gussie Strouch, by Saul & Esther Spigel.
- \*In memory of Maxwell Berkowitz, by Barbara & Lance Kilburn.
- \*In memory of Gertrude Rimer, by Sheila & Joel Small.
- \*In memory of Harry Wexler, by Rhonda & Phil Karlin.
- \*In memory of Nathalie Ofshay, by Harvey & Elaine Ofshay.
- \*In memory of Eva Marie Lederer, by Barbara Lederer.
- \*In memory of Aaron Dansky, by Linda Feivelson.
- \*In memory of Eugene Davis, by Steven & Lauren Nassau.
- \*In memory of Bernard Bernstein, by Eric & Lynn Kaufman.
- \*In memory of David John Boden, by Scott, Mary, Noah & Raffi Boden.
- \*In memory of Sidney Gottlieb, by Ricki & Michael Schless.
- \*In memory of Samuel Wolf, Esche & Ruth Zeldner, by Mark & Ellen Bramson.
- \*In memory of Lorraine Berkowitz, by Barbara & Tony Sciucco and Shaina & John Fabrizio.
- \*In memory of Herb & Julie Rutter, by Paul Rutter.
- \*In memory of Louis Gordon, by Paula Goldberg.
- \*In memory of Sophie Singer Gordon, by Bea Gordon.
- \*In memory of Eva Bower, by Shirley Lieber.
- \*In memory of David Schwartz, by Jonathan & Janet Schwartz.
- \*In memory of Ada Older & David Cohen, by Margie & Roger Gelfenbien & family.
- \*In memory of Clara Brightman, by Bunny & Zal Bass.
- \*In memory of Ida Joffe, by Maxanne Kass.
- \*In memory of Lottie Stone, by Bea Priola & family.
- \*In memory of Harry Miller, by Helene Wineburgh & family.
- \*In memory of William Ellis, Ethel Ellis & Keith Ellis, by The Ellis Family.
- \*In memory of Herbert Goldstein, by Barry & Marsha Goldstein.
- \*In memory of Mark Berman, by Shirley & Steve Berman.
- \*In memory of Lester Blum & Lester Davis, by Randi & Lee Blum.
- \*In memory of Elsie & Philip Zimmerman & David Zudekoff, by Betsy & Jerry Pearlman.
- \*In memory of Anna Schneck, by Rosalyn Spiegelman & family.
- \*In memory of Mira Spitkovsky, by Herman & Nina Filshtein.
- \*In memory of David Schwartz, by Jerry & Janet Schwartz.
- \*In memory of Hyman Cohen, by Nessie & Marvin Cormier.
- \*In memory of Blanche Goldfarb, by Zelda Polman.
- \*In memory of Sol Greene, by Judi, Bernie & Abbie Greene & Lindsay Kent.
- \*In memory of Arthur Schpero, by Fred & Nancy Schpero.

### Yahrzeit Fund (cont.)

- \*In memory of Esther & Alex Himmelfarb, by Charles Himmelfarb.
- \*In memory of Sylvia Jacobs, by Lynn Rosenthal & Nikki Schanzer & families.
- \*In memory of Herbert Wolf, by Scott Wolf.
- \*In memory of Gladys Feivelson, by Linda Feivelson.
- \*In memory of Ruth Cone, by Bob & Michele Cone.
- \*In memory of William Ellis, by Marcie Ellis.
- \*In memory of Morris Dolinsky, by Rosanne & Jack Dolinsky.
- \*In memory of Molly Glazer, by Harry Glazer.
- \*In memory of Murray Bower, by Shirley Lieber.
- \*In memory of Grace Abel, by Rhoda & Stanton Abel.
- \*In memory of Laura Siegel, by Jonathan Siegel.
- \*In memory of Bertha Maisel & J.Selig Maisel, by Maureen Dickman Katz.
- \*In memory of Mary Rosner Gottlieb, by Ricki & Michael Schless.
- \*In memory of Lillian Gordon, by Paula Goldberg.
- \*In memory of Dorothy T. Rudin, by Cynthia Naiman.

### General Fund

- \*In appreciation of the Temple bulletin, by Shirley Ide.
- \*In memory of Lou Cohen, by Paula Goldberg.
- \*In honor of Milt Bayer's special birthday, by Connie Rudy.

### Facilities Management Fund

- \*Wishing Mark Levitz good health, by Carol Benjamin.
- \*In memory of Kay Kraselsky, by Esther & Saul Spigel.

### Youth Program & Religious School Fund

- \*In honor of Ken & Myra Weinbaum's granddaughter, Cameron's Bat Mitzvah, by Marsha & Barry Goldstein.
- \*In honor of Lynne & Les Nathan's grandchildren, Jessica & Jack's B'nei Mitzvah, by Marsha & Barry Goldstein.

### Religious & Spiritual Affairs Fund

- \*In honor of Michael & Kelly Bennett's marriage, by the Chai Club.
- \*In honor of Cantor Gordon's 20 years at Temple Sinai, by:
  - Fred & Ruth Farber
  - Sherry, Sarah & Joey Maltese
  - Bernice Knecht
  - Suzanne & Gerald Gordon
- \*In appreciation of Barney Miller's book documenting the history of the Miller-Tabansky families, by Joan & Lester Schwartz.
- \*Get well wishes to Carol Kolp, by Bernice Black.
- \*Get well wishes to Joel Small, by Bernice Black.
- \*Get well wishes to Mickey Fendell, by Bernice Black.

### Mishkan Tefilah

- \*In memory of Mark Tsvok, by Erina & Joe Lander.

### Haspel Endowment Fund

- \*In memory of Hyman Haspel, by Barbara & Arnie Haspel.

### Jewish National Fund—Tree in Israel

- \*In honor of the birth of Maverick Klaparda, by Herb & Carolee Silverman.

## **Circle of Giving**

- \*Jane & Dan Arnold
- \*Rich Bartell & Julie Splain
- \*Bunny & Zal Bass
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- \*David Brofsky
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- \*Alane & Les Wolkoff

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Tree of Life: \$200.00  
Memorial Plaque: \$500.00

Delivery time: Approximately 8-10 weeks for a memorial plaque and 4 weeks for a leaf for the Tree of Life.

Place an order by calling the Temple office at 860/561-1055.

## **Donations (cont.)**

### **Library Fund**

- \*In honor of Eunice Gordon's special birthday by Jean Weil.
- \*Get well wishes to Carol Kolp, by Connie Rudy.
- \*Get well wishes to Mickey Fendell, by Maxanne Kass.

### **Adult Education Fund**

- \*In memory of Bernard Schorr, by Gail & Howard Sohn.
- \*In memory of Kay Kraselsky, by Rita & Arnie Miller.

### **A list of Temple Sinai funds**

**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.

### **Prayerbook Dedication**

You may donate a new *Mishkan T'Filah* in honor of a simcha or in memory of a loved one. Call the temple office to dedicate a new prayerbook. Each dedicated book will be bookplated with your dedication. Cost is \$36.00.

### **About Our Circle of Giving Program**

Temple Sinai, our special community thrives from the generosity of our members. Every members contributions, contribute to its well-being. Your support is the basis for the programs that enable study (Torah) worship (avodah) and acts of loving kindness (gemilut hasadim).

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.

**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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***In the Hospital or sick at home??***

**RABBI BENNETT WANTS TO KNOW...** Please call the temple office if you or a member of the family are in the hospital or sick at home, so Rabbi Bennett can visit. The HIPAA laws do not allow clergy to learn any information about our congregants who are patients in the hospital. We are no longer being called when our members are admitted. Please call the temple office if you are ill or know of any temple members who are ill.

**February Bulletin Deadline is January 16, 2014**

**Submit your bulletin material and articles to**

**Joyce Sturm via:**

E-mail: [templesinaict@gmail.com](mailto:templesinaict@gmail.com) OR Fax: 860/561-1569

Snail-Mail: 41 West Hartford Rd., Newington, CT 06111

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\***Snowbirds:** Let us know when you leave and return so we can update our computer!

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***The Elizabeth O. & Barney H. Miller Endowment Fund***  
in memory of their parents:

*Lillian Neill Oelkuct & Clayton Henry Oelkuct, Sr.  
Irene Stone Sklar Miller Kalechman & Charles Miller*

This fund was established by Liz & Barney in memory of their parents. Income from this fund will be used at the discretion of the Cantor to provide musical programs for the congregation. Any subsequent contributions will be acknowledged to the Miller Family Endowment Fund.

**CONDOLENCES FROM THE  
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**Edith Moore (mother of Ellie Mayer)  
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***Todah Rabah to:***

\*Peter Scheinblum & Dick White for covering the temple office in late October and whenever needed.

\*Peter & Cheryl Scheinblum for handling the Kaddish letter mailings for October-November.

\*Mitch Katz & Margaret Milch for co-chairing the Evening of Celebration for Cantor Gordon, along with Carol Benjamin, Henry Krupnikoff, Ina Neiman, Lisa Tanen-LaFontaine, Saul Spigel, Joyce Sturm, Marc Zimmerman

\*Rabbi Bennett for serving as the "MC" for the Evening of Celebration.

\*Kasey Gordon for his cover artwork on the Journal of Greetings.

\*Joyce Sturm for her production of the Journal of Greetings and reservations.

\*Virginia, David & Mitch Katz; Les & Margaret Milch, Carol Benjamin, Joyce & David Sturm, Ina Neiman for setting up for the Evening of Celebration

\*Peter & Cheryl Scheinblum & Naomi Levenson for helping at the reservation table at the Evening of Celebration.

\*Barney & Liz Miller for creating the Miller Family Endowment Fund for the temple.

# December 2013—Kislev/Tevet 5774

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> No Religious School  5th Chanukah candle	<b>2</b>  6th Chanukah candle	<b>3</b>  7th Chanukah candle	<b>4</b>  8th Chanukah candle	<b>5</b> 7:00 pm. Sisterhood Board Meeting	<b>6</b> 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Family Service; Kindergarten participation	<b>7</b> 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 9:30 a.m. Tot Shabbat 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service
<b>8</b> 9:15 a.m. Sisterhood Swap program	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service	<b>14</b> 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service
<b>15</b> Gift card donations are due at the Temple Office	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 7:00 p.m. Social Action Committee	<b>18</b> 1:30 p.m. Chai Club Current Events with Rabbi Bennett	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 6:00 p.m. Human Rights Shabbat Service & dinner (see flyer)	<b>21</b> 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service  7:00 p.m. Men's Club sponsors Wolf Pack game (see flyer)
<b>22</b> 9:15 am. Temple Board Meeting  No Religious School	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> No Religious School	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service. "Ask the Rabbi"	<b>28</b> 9:00 am Torah Study 10:30 am. Shabbat Service
<b>29</b> No Religious School	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Jan. 1</b> No Religious School  New Year's Day Temple Office Closed	<b>Jan. 2</b> 7:00 pm. Sisterhood Board Meeting	<b>Jan. 3</b> 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Family Service; 2nd grade participation	<b>Jan. 4</b> 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 9:30 a.m. Tot Shabbat 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> New Year's Day Temple Office Closed No Religious School	<b>2</b> 7:00 pm. Sisterhood Board Meeting	<b>3</b> 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Family Service; 2nd grade participation	<b>4</b> 9:00 a.m. Torah Study; 9:30 a.m. Tot Shabbat 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Ser- vice
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service; Music Shabbat	<b>11</b> 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service & Tu B'Shevat Seder following services	<b>18</b> 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service
<b>19</b> No Religious School	<b>20</b> Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Temple Office Closed	<b>21</b> 7:00 p.m. Social Action Committee	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service	<b>25</b> 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service
<b>26</b> 9:15 a.m. Temple Board Meeting 9:15 a.m. Sisterhood Program  5:00 p.m Social Action Game Night	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 7:30 p.m Shabbat Service	<b>Feb. 1</b> 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service
<b>Feb. 2</b>	<b>Feb. 3</b>	<b>Feb. 4</b>	<b>Feb. 5</b>	<b>Feb. 6</b> 7:00 pm. Sisterhood Board Meeting	<b>Feb. 7</b> 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Family Service; 5th grade participation	<b>Feb. 8</b> 9:00 a.m. Torah Study; 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service; Bat Mitzvah of Rebecca Hood

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