



# TEMPLE SINAI *Bulletin*

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## Passover Greetings

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### **Rabbi's Message**

We all love stories, bedtime stories, family stories, historical stories, romantic or adventure stories. The telling of stories, listening to narratives, the sharing of tales tall or close to our lives is a universal occupation.

We are at the key story-telling occasion on our Jewish calendar. On Passover, we tell the story of the exodus from Egypt through the *Haggadah*, which literally means "the telling." That is the primary obligation of this holiday ---telling the story. And as we tell the story, we are more than "celebrating" the holiday, we are "experiencing" it. As it is said in the Haggadah, "In every generation one is obligated to see oneself as one who personally went out from Egypt." In the center of the idea of going out of Egypt is the leaving of slavery, the moving into freedom. It means that the center of this holiday, the spiritual experience, revolves around the concept of freedom. We get in touch with that experience through the rich traditions of the Seder. The traditions play on all our senses to help reconnect us to our past. From the sweet taste of freedom (charoset) to the bitterness of slavery (maror), we are recreating the Passover meal as our ancestors have continued to do for generation after generation.

Passover is the paradigm for birth—the birth of a nation as the people cross through the waters of the Sea of Reeds; the rebirth of the earth as it awakens from winter's slumber; and the spiritual rebirth of every person as we consider our own Egypts, the narrow places that hold us back from living our lives most fully.

And so we celebrate this festival by focusing on the blessing of freedom. We are taught that until all are free, none is truly free---political freedom for all people, freedom from the things that still enslave us, and freedom to worship God in our own unique way.

May this time of our "release" bring rebirth and a profound appreciation of the sweet blessings in our lives.

*Rabbi Jeffrey Bennett*

### **Ron Blomberg to speak — April 6 at noon**

The Temple Sinai Men's Club has planned an exciting speaker, Ron Blomberg, the MLB American League's first designated hitter in baseball. Come hear him speak at noon on Sunday, April 6.

### **Passover Seder**

Monday evening, April 14, 6:00 p.m.

See the enclosed flyer for details and registration  
(Reservations are limited to 100)

### **Passover Services at Temple Sinai**

Tuesday, April 15, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, April 21, 10:30 a.m.

Yizkor is recited

### **April Evening Shabbat Services**

April 4 — Shabbat Family Service, 6:00 p.m.

3rd grade participation

April 11 — Shabbat Service, 6:00 p.m.

Sisterhood dinner following services

Reservations are required-see flyer

April 18 — Shabbat Service, 6:00 p.m.; Music Shabbat

The Songs of Passover

April 25— Shabbat Service, 7:30 p.m.

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### **April Shabbat Morning Services**

April 5, 12, 19, 26

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

Mazel Tov to the families of Rachel Thureson,

Alec Rodman, Alexa & Madison Monroe who will

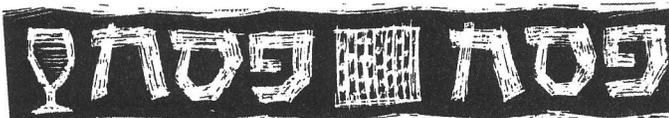
Celebrate their B'not Mitzvah on

April 5, 12 & 26, respectively.

### **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*

Dear Temple Sinai Members,

I hope by the time you read this, we will be enjoying warmer days. The calendar says it is spring, so I am going with that. And spring brings many important events to Temple Sinai. I know a large crowd enjoyed the fun and creative Purim Spiel that Rabbi Bennett and Cantor Gordon gave us. And of course, thanks go to the supporting actors and actresses – Ethan Nash, Aurel Mucka, Joyce Sturm, Nina Miller, and Rena Citron. We are fortunate to have such wonderful professional and supporting staff for our congregation.

Many thanks also go to Ken Lesser, the Strategic Planning committee and the many members who came to our first focus group on March 9<sup>th</sup>. In addition to the valuable suggestions and input that everyone provided, the sense of community that morning was truly inspiring. The committee will be meeting again soon to determine future dates for focus groups which will take place in a variety of places and at different times. We hope that everyone will join one of these groups as the future of Temple Sinai is important to all of us. The Strategic Planning committee has identified three major areas for us to focus on for the next several years. These areas are 1) Member Engagement, 2) Financial Stability and Growth, and 3) the future of Reform Judaism and how it will impact Temple Sinai. I hope that you will all provide some input into one or more of these areas as well as provide ideas in terms of how we can accomplish the goals that are identified as priorities for our congregations. As an example, many people have suggested that we need to improve the parking lot. I am sure you know that this is a costly project, so your help is needed if this is selected as one of our future objectives; help not only in the form of contributions, but also as a volunteer if a Capital Campaign is conducted. Another example is the offering of new and different programs to involve more members. Again, we will need your energy and creativity to make a wish list a reality. I am certain that we can count on many of you to come forward to help all of us so that Temple Sinai will continue to be the best it can be for generations to come.

The next few months are busy with a variety of activities, so please review this bulletin and/or our website for more details.

B'Shalom,  
Carol Benjamin, *President*

## *Religious School News*

We are all looking forward to warmer weather in the month of April. We also begin to prepare ourselves spiritually for the wonderful and meaningful holiday of Passover, which is also called Z'man Cherutenu, (Time of our Freedom) and Chag Ha'Aviv (Holiday of Spring). As we celebrate Passover we cannot help but to give thanks for all we have and the freedoms we celebrate. It is also a time for us to be mindful of our mission of Tikun Olam (Repairing the World), making our world a better place for all.

Religious School is flying by so fast and we have been busy! Purim was celebrated with a festive Purim Service on Sunday morning, March 16th followed by the Purim Carnival. A special todah rabah (thank you) to the hard work of our Youth Director, Mitzi Young and the teens in the youth group who organized and ran this fun-filled carnival for the children and adults alike!

On Friday evening, April 4th, the 3rd graders will participate in the Shabbat Family Service at 6:00 p.m. followed by a dairy, pot-luck dinner for the 3rd grade families.

On Sunday, April 6th, there will be a Model Seder for students in grades K-2. This will be held in the Social Hall, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Parents are invited to attend and asked to volunteer for setting the tables at 9:00 a.m and clean up at the end. Traditional food and paper goods for the Seder are needed and parents will receive additional information from the classroom teachers with specific items requested. Grades 3 and 4 are also having a Seder in their classrooms on the same day.

All the students have been practicing the Four Questions and are ready to recite them at their family Seders!

On Friday evening, May 2nd, the 4th graders will participate in the Shabbat service at 6:00 p.m. followed by a dairy, pot-luck dinner for the 4th grade families.

On Sunday, May 4th, our students will be participating in Mitzvah Day.

Reminder: Religious School will be closed from Sun., April 13-Sun., April 20 for Passover and Spring Break. Classes resume on Wed. April 23 for grades 5-7 and on Sun., April 27 for all grades.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any concerns. Wishing everyone a meaningful Passover Holiday!

B'Shalom,  
Rena Citron, *Director of Education*  
860/561-1055 Ext. 15

### *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.

**Social Action News**

**Adult Education News**

“Everything is awesome. Everything is cool when you’re part of a team.” —*The Lego Movie*

When we work together, we are able to accomplish more than we could ever do on our own. This is why Mitzvah Day was started: as a day to be able to work together and see how we can positively enhance our community. Mitzvah Day is just around the corner on Sunday, May 4th. Registration forms were in the March bulletin and this edition, too. Additional forms can be filled out at the Temple or online. Please return your form by April 23rd to ensure you get your preferred placement.

The Mitzvah Day projects are: dog toy making for Fidelco; knitting project with knitzvah; sandwich making for a local shelter; mailing project for Prudence Crandall Center; Memorial Park cleanup; making puzzles for Alzheimer patients; Temple garden cleanup; Foodshare’s Walk Against Hunger in Hartford; Religious School booth.

Sign-in and breakfast will begin at 9:00 a.m. Mitzvah Day activities will begin at 9:30 a.m. following the service led by Rabbi Bennett and Cantor Gordon. Religious School students will have half hour blocks of time to help out with Mitzvah Day events. There are activities for all ages and abilities. So bring your loved ones and help out the community! Lunch will be provided for those walking in the Foodshare Walk Against Hunger. Following lunch, we will go to the walk’s check-in at The Hartford. The walk begins at 2:00 p.m.

Our Mitzvah of the Month in April is promoting Mitzvah Day and the Walk Against Hunger. Our goal for the walk is to raise \$3,000 for Foodshare. It is free to register for our team; you can solicit support and donations from coworkers, family and friends. Go to Foodshare.org and join Temple Sinai. (A direct link is on the Temple website, too). The Walk is always a great time and a great way to meet new people and help the less fortunate. I am captain of our team for the Walk this year. Please email me if you have any questions.

In an effort to help the environment, we are asking that you wear a past Mitzvah Day shirt (preferable the teal one!) If you do not have a Mitzvah Day shirt, let us now. If you have extra Mitzvah Day shirts to recycle, you can bring them to the Temple coat room so they can be washed and used. (Let’s go green!)

We want to make this Mitzvah day the best one yet so come be a part of our team to help the community! As always, we would love to hear suggestions on new ways to help the community. We meet the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 22, 7:00 p.m.

l’Shalom,  
Sarah Maltese, *Social Action Chair*,  
social\_action@sinaict.org

**Volunteers are needed for Mercy Shelter Dinners**

If you are able to help out this spring with two dinners at Mercy shelter, please contact Bethany Astrachan at Bethany@xvivo.net. The dates are Sundays: April 20 and May 18. Approximately 2:00-5:30 p.m.

The Adult Education Committee has been hard at work on plans for the Shabbaton this fall. Please save the date: Saturday, September 13 at Winding Trails in Farmington. We have a wonderful day planned filled with prayer, play, sing, dance, run, nature and the joy of doing mitzvot together! Of course, food and fun are included! Some details are still being worked out and we welcome you to join our very active Adult Education Committee. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, April 9 at 7:00 p.m. Please join us.

On May 30, following the 7:30 p.m Shabbat Service, we are sponsoring a book discussion on “*The Bamboo Cradle: a Jewish Father’s Story*” by Avraham Schwartzbaum. Feldheim Publishing, 1988.

“This is the true story of a young non-religious Jewish couple, the Schwartzbaums, who adopt an abandoned Chinese girl while they are teaching and researching in China on a Fulbright scholarship. In the process of adopting Hsin-Mei (later named Devorah) and converting her to Judaism, the couple find themselves becoming more in tune with Jewish teachings and values and eventually move to Israel as religious Jews.”

Copies of the book are available on-line and at Barnes and Noble. Temple Sinai Library will have two copies to borrow by the end of March. The Koopman Library at the JCC has three copies available.

B’Shalom,  
CJ Hauss  
*Adult Education Chair*

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**Adult Education**  
**Is sponsoring a Shabbaton**

**Save the Date:**  
**Saturday, Sept. 13, 2014**  
**Winding Trails, Farmington**

**Watch for details in an upcoming bulletin!**



TEMPLE SINAI

**MITZVAH DAY SIGN UP SHEET**

Mitzvah Day is **Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>** at Temple Sinai. All are welcome to participate in Mitzvah Day events! Breakfast and sign in will begin at 9:00 AM, Mitzvah Day projects will start at 9:30. There is a project for any age and ability level.

Please check the box next to the project(s) you are interested in.

- Dog toy making for FIDELCO
- Knitting project with Knitzvah
- Sandwich making for a local shelter
- A mailing project for the Prudence Crandall Center
- Cleaning Memorial Park
- Making puzzles for Alzheimer patients
- Temple garden cleanup
- Foodshare Walk Against Hunger in downtown Hartford

(sign up at Foodshare.org) \*Lunch will be provided for walkers at 12:00 p.m.

Do you have a Mitzvah Day t-shirt? (any color) Yes  No

We will not be providing new t-shirts unless volunteers do not have a shirt from a previous year.

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For more information Contact Sarah Maltese, Social Action Chairperson at sarmaltese@gmail.com

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

# of adults participating in projects \_\_\_\_\_

#children and ages participating \_\_\_\_\_

**NUTSY**  
*Calendar of Events—April, 2014*

**April**

- April 2                   NUTSY Board
- April 6                   JT Cares Event: Caring for Our Earth.  
1:00-4:00 p.m.
- April 13                  GRISLY Chocolate Seder  
(in Glastonbury).
- April 23                  NUTSY Carbfest! Celebrate eating  
bread again with your NUTSY friends.  
We will make our own lasagna and garlic  
bread to enjoy together.
- April 26                  NFTY NE Senior Kallah, open to  
11th & 12th graders, Eisner Camp,  
Great Barrington, MA
- April 27                  NFTY NE Regional Board Meeting IV,  
open to members in grades 9-12,  
Eisner Camp, Great Barrington, MA
- April 30                  NUTSY Meeting, Planning Meeting for  
Going Nuts with NUTSY, 6:30 p.m.

For additional information on any of the above events, contact Youth Director, Mitzi Young at mitzpah9@gmail.com.

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860/561-1055

(These books make great gifts!)



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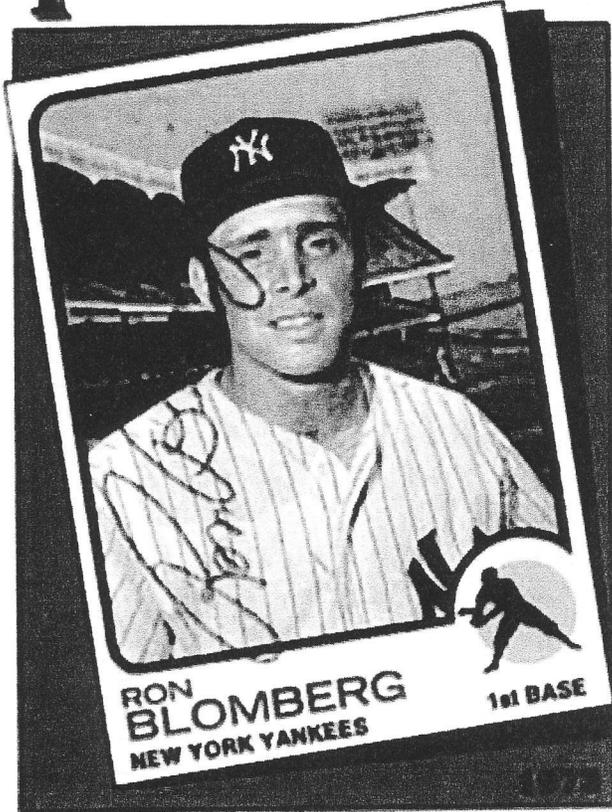
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# MLB Player Coming to Temple Sinai, April 6<sup>th</sup> – open to the public!

**T**URN BACK THE CLOCK



Ron Blomberg:

The first DH in MLB  
History

Come hear the “great  
Jewish Hope” speak  
on the 41<sup>st</sup>  
Anniversary of the  
Designated Hitter.

The Temple Sinai Men's Club invites the community to spend an afternoon with Ron Blomberg. The story of Ron's life and career is one that can inspire anyone to believe that their goals can be achieved, no matter how difficult they may appear, by maintaining a positive, determined attitude.

**Sunday, April 6, 2014 - 12:00PM - \$10 adult, \$5  
under 13. Light refreshments served.**

**Temple Sinai, 41 West Hartford Road, Newington  
(1/2 mile across the West Hartford line)**

RSVP: [rdulitsky@hotmail.com](mailto:rdulitsky@hotmail.com)  
[www.sinaict.org](http://www.sinaict.org)

## SISTERHOOD NEWS

### *Sisterhood Speaks ...*

The women of Sisterhood enjoyed two different meetings in March. We invited our sister Sisterhood, the women of B'nai Tikvoh Sholom to share a pot luck supper and had a very good time making hamantaschen together in the kitchen. A little over 20 women gathered around the kitchen work table and floured, sugared, rolled, filled and folded. And talked. Our thanks to Myra Wishnick for leading the workshop. A good time was had by all.

Later in the week, we gathered in the evening for an excellent talk by Financial Advisor, Jim Goldman, who volunteers his services through Jewish Family Services. We heard good advice about many approaches to take for consumer complaint issues as well as other topics. Of course, no meeting can take place without goodies. We thank Gail Slusarski for her cake, Rose Ulan for the cookies and Ann Speyer for the rugalach.

It's good that spring is coming and we are able to get together again! The next big event is the April 11th Shabbat dinner. This event is for the entire congregation; we hope to all join together at this traditional Shabbat dinner!

b'Shalom,  
Ann Speyer, *Sisterhood President*  
sisterhood@sinaict.org

### *Planting Project on Mitzvah Day, May 4*

Welcome all gardeners and planters to the Planting Day event on Mitzvah Day, Sunday, May 4th!

The sisterhood is sponsoring a spring planting day to beautify the strip of land up the driveway, right outside the temple building. We will provide the plants and some of the workers, but we need help digging and planting! You don't need to have a very green thumb; just to be able to dig holes in the group! Please email us at sisterhood@templesinai.org or sign up for the planting project when you sign up for Mitzvah Day. If you can bring a shovel, spade or rake to the temple on Mitzvah Day (May 4), please let us know at sisterhood@temple sinai.org.

For Sisterhood Membership information,  
Please contact Myra Wishnick  
By email at: sisterhood@sinaict.org

### *WANTED: Knitters & Crocheters (or wannabe knitters & crocheters)*

The Social Action Knitzvah Project is still donating items to charities and we need your help!

If you would like to lend a hand,  
please contact the Temple office for information.  
Call Joyce at 860/561-1055.

### *Dinner Chefs Wanted*

Calling all cooks! We will be getting together on Thursday, April 10 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. and on Friday, April 11, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. in the temple kitchen. If you can measure, chop, stir or dish it all out, in the end, we're looking for you! So far, I have heard from about 10 people to volunteer. Come join us! Please email Sisterhood at sisterhood@sinaict.org to let us now you're interested. We'll have a good time together talking and meanwhile making the dinner!

### *Temple Sinai Traditional Shabbat Dinner—April 11*

Friday night, April 11th, 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, roasted vegetables and challah. And, of 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 Monday, April 7th. We need to know how much food to prepare! The Cost for an adult is \$12, \$6 for a child (accompanied by adult) or if you are bringing your family, there is a special rate of \$30 for the whole family. Please mail the reservation 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.

### Candlelighters:

February 28	Heidi, Mike, Dayna & Andrew Hanson
March 7	Erika & Jeremy Whetzel
March 14	Barney & Liz Miller
March 21	Religious Affairs Committee

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



**Sisterhood Tributes:**

**To:** Bernice Black, in honor of your special birthday from Blanche Moskowitz.

**To:** Hal & Shirley Lieber, health and happiness in your new home, from your Mah Jongg group.

**To:** Kim Himmelfarb, in memory of your father, Dr. Robert Cooke, from Sue Austin & Charles Himmelfarb.

**To:** Gail Duncan & family, in memory of your mother, Ruth Rakow, from:  
 Blanche Moskowitz  
 Carol Kolp  
 Sue Austin & Charles Himmelfarb  
 Phyllis & Sidney Morochnik  
 Arline & Harvey Seltzer

**To:** Mr. & Mrs. Irv Sugerman, in memory of Bob Sugerman, from The Winograd Family.

**To:** The Shakun family, in memory of Aaron Shakun, from Libby Cohn.

**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.

**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.

March 28 Judy Goldsmith, a Mazon basket in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson, Andrew Bogatz.

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

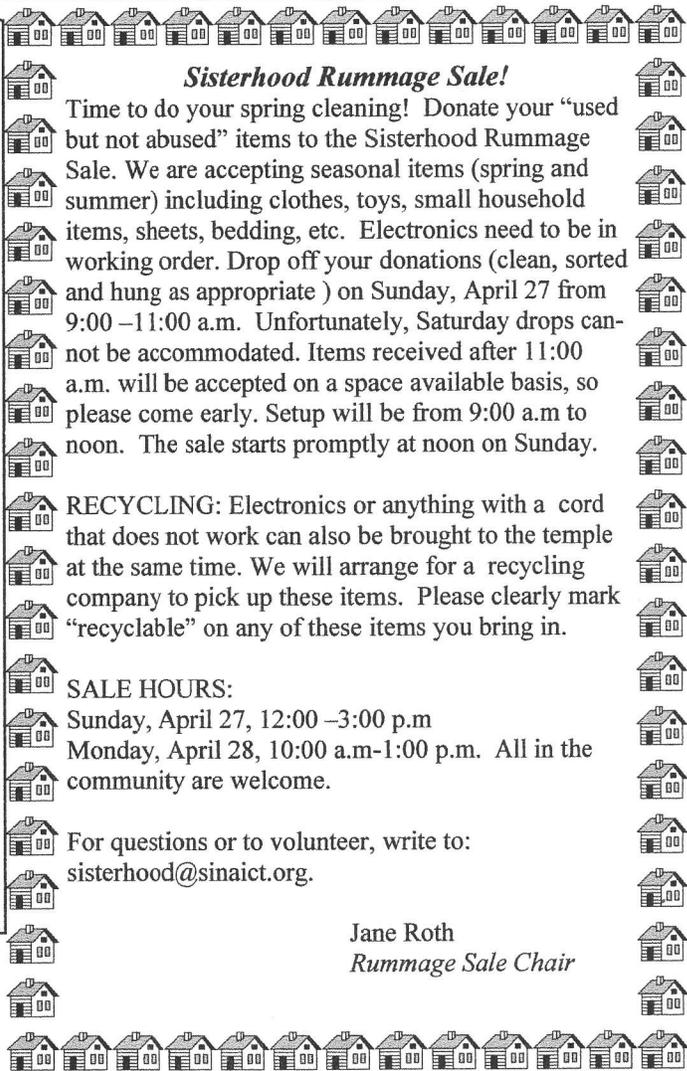
**Chairperson: Jane Roth,**  
**email: [sisterhood\\_flowers@sinaict.org](mailto:sisterhood_flowers@sinaict.org)**

**Oneg Shabbat:**

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

March 14 Religious Affairs Committee in honor of Bernice Black on her special birthday.

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



***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 (spring and summer) including clothes, toys, small household items, sheets, bedding, etc. Electronics need to be in working order. Drop off your donations (clean, sorted and hung as appropriate ) on Sunday, April 27 from 9:00 -11:00 a.m. Unfortunately, Saturday drops cannot be accommodated. Items received after 11:00 a.m. will be accepted on a space available basis, so please come early. Setup will be from 9:00 a.m to noon. The sale starts promptly at noon on Sunday.

**RECYCLING:** Electronics or anything with a cord that does not work can also be brought to the temple at the same time. We will arrange for a recycling company to pick up these items. Please clearly mark "recyclable" on any of these items you bring in.

**SALE HOURS:**

Sunday, April 27, 12:00 -3:00 p.m  
 Monday, April 28, 10:00 a.m-1:00 p.m. All in the community are welcome.

For questions or to volunteer, write to: [sisterhood@sinaict.org](mailto:sisterhood@sinaict.org).

Jane Roth  
*Rummage Sale Chair*

***Sisterhood's Judaica Shop News!***

Come see our new line of glass, metal, enamel, crystal and car mezuzahs; silver and glass necklaces; handmade scarves; and colorful sports and whimsically themed one-size-fits-all 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 9:00 -11:30 am. when Religious School is in session. For more information, please call the Temple office at 860/561-1055.

Vicki Rosenkrantz, *Judaica Shop Chair*

***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*

**In the Community**

**Maurice Greenberg Center for Judaic Studies  
George & Lottie Sherman Museum  
of Jewish Civilization, University of Hartford  
200 Bloomfield Ave., West Hartford**

The museum is free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. For hours, visit [www.hartford.edu/greenberg](http://www.hartford.edu/greenberg) or call 860/768-4964.

**Sunday, April 6, 2:00 p.m.**, at the Beatrice Fox Auerbach Early Childhood Center, Mandell JCC, 335 Bloomfield Ave., West Hartford, PJ Library Passover Workshop. For Jewish educators.

**Thursday, April 24, 7:00 p.m.**, at the Wilde Auditorium, Harry Jack Gray Center, Univ. Hartford, The Edward Lewis Wallant Award recipient: Kenneth Bonert, author of "*The Lion Seeker*".

**The Jewish Historical Society of Greater Hartford  
June 6-8, 2014—Jewish Heritage Tour of Philadelphia.**  
Highlights: National Museum of American Jewish History; Congregation Mikveh Israel (the oldest continuous synagogue in the U.S.); Beth Shalom Congregation—designed by Frank Lloyd Wright; The Philadelphia Museum of Art at Congregation Rodeph Shalom. Call JHSGH at 860/727-6170 for complete information on departure, costs and to register.

**July 13-25, 2014**—The JHSGH is traveling to Eastern Europe next summer. 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.

**Jewish Family Services Needs you!**

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Email: [Swaitsman@jfs Hartford.org](mailto:Swaitsman@jfs Hartford.org)

**Books-By-Mail**

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

**From the Chai Club**

On **Wednesday, April 9 at 1:30 p.m.** the Chai Club will have a special program, "*Laughter & Yoga*". The presenter is Adrienne May, an experienced instructor in this very interesting concept. Laughter is the best medicine; we all know that. Researchers have proven that laughter has the ability to unwind the negative effects of stress—the catalyst for many of our health problems. More than 70 percent of illnesses (such as high blood pressure, heart disease, anxiety, depression, insomnia, and asthma) are in some way related to stress. .... Laughter Yoga is a breakthrough laughter delivery system that enables a person to laugh continuously for 15-20 minutes — a powerful exercise routine. ... Hope to see many of our members experience this energizing experience. Of course will also have some refreshments. Please call the Temple Office, 860/561-1055 to make a reservation. There is no charge, but reservations are requested. ***This program is open to ALL temple members.***

The Chai Club is open to all temple members 55+ who like to get together and have fun and friendship. If you are interested in joining, call the temple office.

**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).

**Today Rabah**

**To:** Cheryl & Peter Scheinblum and Carol Benjamin for their help with a large mailing and kaddish notices.  
**To:** Dick White for assisting in the Temple Office.  
**To:** Myra Wishnick for leading the hamantashen workshop.

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### **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

- \*In memory Roberta Rudin, by Cheryl & Peter Scheinblum.
- \*In memory of Jerrold Gold, by Bea Gold.
- \*In memory of Ruth Rakow, by Tillie Pass & family.
- \*In memory of Ruth Rakow and in appreciation of Rabbi Bennett By Gail Duncan and Robin Park.
- \*In honor of the baby naming of Atticus London, by Shawn & Rebecca London.

### **Yahrzeit Fund**

- \*In memory of Morris Rosenberg, by Rhoda & Stanton Abel.
- \*In memory of Harvey & Susan Lee Lurie, by Betty Poster.
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- \*In memory of Helen Joseloff, by Gerald & Carol Joseloff.
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- \*In memory of Minnie Gart, by Rose Ulan.
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- \*In memory of Hyman Sloate, by Ruth Sloate.
- \*In memory of Anne Falkof, by Marcia Krupnikoff.
- \*In memory of Philip Lerner, by Naomi Levenson.
- \*In memory of Else Sachs, by Gisela Adamski.

### **Religious & Spiritual Affairs Fund**

- \*In memory of George Smoliga, by Carol Benjamin.
- \*In appreciation of Cantor Gordon, by Priscilla Shore.

### **General Fund**

- \*In memory of Roberta Rudin, by Phyllis & Peter Curcio.
- \*In memory of Edwin Shore, by:  
Lawrence Brick  
Jerry & Ann Seigel
- \*In memory of Marie Soliani, by Joyce & Myron Sturm.
- \*In memory of Gary Gatzen, by Bonnie & Carmen Redd.
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- \*Get well wishes to Arnie Miller, by Joan Bortman and Barry Snyder.

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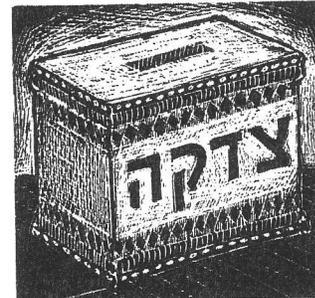
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- \*In memory of Leon Berkowitz, by Barbara & Tony Sciucco.

### **Adult Education Fund**

- \*Get well wishes to Arnie Miller, by:  
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### **Tree of Life**

- \*In honor of zaide & bubbeh, Rabbi Charles & Lena Sumner, by Marion Hunter.



### **Tree of Life and Memorial Plaque Orders**

Honor a loved one by purchasing a leaf for our Tree of Life. A Memorial Plaque may be ordered to memorialize a loved one. Costs are:

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

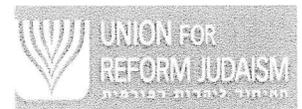
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Many thanks to our many generous donors. For ideas on ways to honor a loved one, please call Joyce at the Temple Office, 860/561-1055.

### ***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
- \* Family
- \* Health and Healing
- \* Social Action
- \* Conversion/Interfaith



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

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### **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.

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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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### **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.



***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.

**May Bulletin Deadline is April 14, 2014**  
**Submit your bulletin material and articles to**

**Joyce Sturm via:**  
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- \*You change your e-mail — we need your new e-mail address.
- \*You have a marital status change — we need to update your records.
- \*You have a new baby or marriage in your family. Call the temple office at 860/561-1055 or Fax: 860/561-1569 or e-mail: [templesinaict@gmail.com](mailto:templesinaict@gmail.com).
- \***Snowbirds:** Let us know when you leave and return so we can update our computer!

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If you donate the securities directly to the temple, rather than selling them, you can avoid capital gains tax and get a deduction for the full value of the shares if you itemize. This is an excellent way to support Temple Sinai.

To qualify, you must have owned the security for more than a year. Call the temple office if you want to do this. Phone: 860/561-1055. You can also contact David Klein, Temple Sinai VP of Investment, at [investment\\_committee@sinaict.org](mailto:investment_committee@sinaict.org)

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***Attention Knitters and Crocheters***

Knitzvah will meet at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday, April 6  
Please join us in the temple lobby!

**CONDOLENCES FROM THE  
CONGREGATION TO THE FAMILIES OF:**

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Rabbi Bennett	Ext. 18
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***Help Wanted: Temple Angels!***

Temple Sinai is seeking angels! We are in need of 80 white folding chairs and 20 8-foot white, *light weight* tables. After nearly 60 years, some of our supplies have worn out from good use! If you would like to contribute table(s), chair(s) or make a donation toward the purchase of these items, call Joyce at the Temple Office, 860/561-1055.

***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).

*Jewish Holidays*  
*January -December, 2014/5774-5775*

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
Wed., Sept. 24	*Erev Rosh Hashanah
Thurs., Sept. 25	Rosh Hashanah
Fri., Oct. 3	*Kol Nidre
Sat., Oct. 4	Yom Kippur
Thurs., Oct. 9	Succot
Thurs., Oct. 16	Simchat Torah
Tues., Dec. 16	*1st candle, Chanukah
Wed., Dec. 17-24	Chanukah

\*holiday begins at sunset

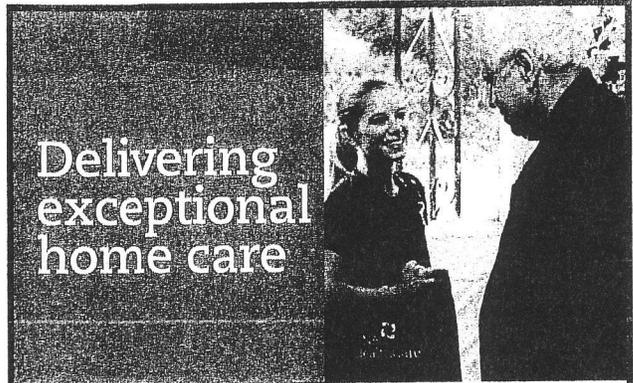
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# April, 2014—Nissan/Iyar 5774

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 7:00 pm. Sisterhood Board Meeting	<b>4</b> 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Family Service; 3rd grade participation	<b>5</b> 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service; Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Thureson
<b>6</b> 9:00 a.m. Religious School 9:15 Knitzvah 9:15 a.m. Temple board Meeting 12:00 p.m. Ron Blomberg speaks at the Men's Club program.	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 1:30 p.m. Chai Club Program on Yoga & Laughter 7:00 p.m. Adult Education Committee	<b>10</b> 7:00 pm. Sisterhood Board Meeting	<b>11</b> 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service; Sisterhood dinner follows the service	<b>12</b> 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service; Bar Mitzvah of Alec Rodman
<b>13</b> <b>No Religious School</b>	<b>14</b> 6:00 p.m. Temple Seder; (reservations are due by April 4th)	<b>15</b> 10:30 a.m. Passover Service  Temple office Closed  1st day of Passover	<b>16</b> <b>No Religious School</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service; Music Shabbat—The Songs of Passover	<b>19</b> 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service
<b>20</b> <b>No Religious School</b>	<b>21</b> 10:30 a.m. Passover Service Yizkor is recited  Temple Office Closed Last Day of Passover	<b>22</b> 7:00 p.m. Social Action Committee	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service	<b>26</b> 9:00 am Torah Study 10:30 am. Shabbat Service; B'not Mitzvah of Madison & Alexa Monroe
<b>27</b> <b>Sisterhood Rummage Sale</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Sisterhood Rummage Sale</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>May 1</b> 7:00 pm. Sisterhood Board Meeting	<b>May 2</b> 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Family Service; 4th grade participation	<b>May 3</b> 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service; Bat Mitzvah of Ashley Johanson
<b>May 4</b> <b>Mitzvah Day</b>	<b>May 5</b>	<b>May 6</b>	<b>May 7</b> 1:30 p.m. Chai Club sponsors Current Events with Rabbi Bennett	<b>May 8</b>	<b>May 9</b> 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service	<b>May 10</b> 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service; Bar Mitzvah of Aaron Johnson

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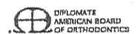


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