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Rabbi's Message

On Thursday, May 8th, we will join with Jews across the world to celebrate Yom HaAtzmaut—the 66th Anniversary of the modern State of Israel. Israel is the heart of the Jewish people. It is our ancestral home where our sacred and historical language, Hebrew, is spoken as a living language. Jewish identity over the past 100 years has been greatly shaped by three forces: anti-Semitism, which remains a virulent force in too many parts of the world, the Holocaust, which saw the systematic extermination of more than six million Jews and the establishment of the State of Israel, which is constantly embattled and needs to struggle to defend its very existence.

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

It is our fervent prayer for Israel as she celebrates her 66th birthday that she will come to know peace. The celebration of Israel's 66th anniversary should cause us to stop for a moment and pause. Think about it: in such a short time Israel has established herself as a world power—a center of learning and culture, a major economic and technological center.

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

Rabbi Jeffrey Bennett

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Sunday, May 18

9:00 a.m. Continental breakfast; 9:30 a.m. Meeting

Shavuot Services

Wednesday, June 4, 10:30 a.m.—Yiskor is recited

May Evening Shabbat Services

May 2 — Shabbat Family Service, 6:00 p.m.

4th grade participation

May 9 — Shabbat Service, 6:00 p.m., “Ask the Rabbi”

May 16 — Shabbat Service, 6:00 p.m.

Youth Group Service

May 23 — Shabbat Service, 6:00 p.m., Music Shabbat

May 30 — Shabbat Service, 7:30 p.m.

Adult Education Book Night

May Shabbat Morning Services

May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

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

Mazel Tov to the families of Aaron Johnson,

Noah Silverman and Danyella Kaplan as they become Bar/Bat Mitzvah on May 10 & 31 respectively.

June Evening Shabbat Services

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

June 13 — Shabbat Service, 6:00 p.m.

June 20 — Shabbat Service, 6:00 p.m., “Ask the Rabbi”

June 27 — Shabbat Service, 7:30 p.m.

Sisterhood Installation

June Shabbat Morning Services

June 7, 14, 21, 28

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

Mazel Tov to the families of

Ashley Johanson & Kayla Case who will

become Bat Mitzvah on

June 14 & 21 respectively.

Summer Service Schedule for July & August

Fridays at 6:00 p.m. July 4, 11, 18; August 1, 8, 15, 22.

Fridays at 7:30 p.m. July 25 & August 29

Saturday Torah Study: 9:00 a.m. every Shabbat morning

Shabbat Morning Service: 10:30 a.m. every Shabbat morning

President's Message

Dear Temple Sinai Members,

I am looking forward to our Annual Meeting on May 18th and I hope you are as well. It is our opportunity as a congregation to reflect on the past year and look forward to the future. I hope many of you will be able to attend and participate in this important event. Last year we moved the meeting to May hoping that it would be a more convenient time and we did have a greater attendance than in previous years when the meeting was in June.

One of the other important events in May is our Annual Mitzvah Day on May 4th. I hope you have registered and found an activity that is meaningful to you. Tikun Olam, repairing our world, is an important value in Judaism and especially at Temple Sinai. Participating in Mitzvah Day is an enjoyable way to put meaning to this part of our mission. In addition, we will once again be participating in the FoodShare Walk Against Hunger. This is a fun event and there is no cost to register. Please sign up at www.foodshare.org to walk and/or make a donation. Help us reach our goal of \$3,000!

On April 6th we had a unique event at Temple Sinai — Ron Blomberg, the first designated hitter in major league baseball, spoke about his experiences and answered questions from the audience. This was an opportunity for Temple Sinai to be visible in the community as well as it being an interesting afternoon for those in attendance. Many thanks go to Rob Dulitsky who took care of all the arrangements and to Woody Exley who submitted press releases to many publications in the area.

As I write this, we are about at the end of Passover and are probably just about done with eating matzah! We had a wonderful beginning to the holiday with a Seder at the Temple for over 100 people. We all appreciated the efforts of the Membership Committee and our Temple Administrator, Joyce Sturm, who took care of every detail for this wonderful occasion. And thanks also go to Rabbi Bennett, Cantor Gordon, and accompanist, Nina Miller, who all contributed to our enjoyment.

b'Shalom,
Carol Benjamin, *President*

Mazel Tov!

To: Rabbi Jeffrey & Debra Bennett on the engagement of their daughter, Anna to Steve Fischer.

Religious School News

The school year is ending so quickly. ... May is the closing month of our Religious School year and we are busy with activities until our closing day, May 18th.

On Friday night, May 2nd, the 4th grade class is participating in the Shabbat service at 6:00 p.m. The teachers and students are excited to make this a special and meaningful service. On Wednesday night, May 7th, from 6:30-7:30 p.m., the Jewish War Veterans will present three awards to the 6th grade winners of an essay contest entitled, "What does Memorial Day Mean to Me?" This is a wonderful program as the members of the Jewish War Veterans introduce themselves to our students and then listen as the award winning essays are read aloud.

Our students and families will participate in the Mitzvah Day activities on Sunday, May 4th! We are counting on our Religious School families to support Mitzvah Day by signing up for activities at the Temple. Walking together as a Temple community in the Walk Against Hunger following Mitzvah Day activities makes the day extra special!

This year we had a wonderful faculty of dedicated, enthusiastic and creative teachers who created a warm, welcoming and nurturing environment where students learned about our rich traditions and history. Teachers worked well with students with varied learning styles and used different techniques to ensure that learning was productive for all students. We are fortunate to have them and we thank our teachers and our student assistants for their commitment to Jewish education. I think that we have the best teachers and devoted teen assistants in the community! We had many special programs throughout the year that enhanced our Religious School curriculum. We try to integrate formal and informal education to meet the needs of our students that offer experiential learning opportunities.

Our Religious School continues to grow! I will be busy in the coming months planning for the next school year; book orders, class assignments, hiring faculty, etc. In order to do so, it is important that you return your school registration by July 14th. Tuition for the first semester along with book and supply fees will be due with your registration form in July. You will find the registration form along with the parking lot supervision sign up in your June White & Katzman bill. If you do not receive the form, please call Joyce at the Temple office at 860/ 561-1055. There is \$50 late fee. *Your temple account must be in good standing for your children to return in the fall.* If you need to speak with someone regarding your account please call the temple office. Enrollment for Religious School and the High Holy Day tickets will be processed for those whose accounts are up to date.

A big Todah Rabah (thank you) to all parents for your continued support, commitment and involvement in our Religious School. Our goal of fostering both friendship and learning in our classrooms has been achieved. Your comments and concerns, which are always encouraged, help to improve our school. You can always reach me at home in the evenings 860/233-5027 or by e-mail at renacitron@aol.com. Religious school opens on Sunday, September 7th and Wednesday, September 10th. My wishes to everyone for a healthy and relaxing summer.

L'hitraot (see you soon),
Rena Citron,
Director of Education

Social Action News

Mitzvah Day is soon here! Thank you to everyone who will be helping prepare for Mitzvah Day and the Foodshare Walk Against Hunger. The events are Sunday May 4th at the Temple starting at 9:00 a.m. Breakfast and registration will be from 9:00-9:30 a.m., services from 9:30-10:00 a.m. and Mitzvah Day activities will be from 10:00-11:30 a.m. Lunch will follow for those walking in Foodshare's Walk Against Hunger. There are activities for all ages and abilities, we hope to see everyone there. If anyone has gardening equipment (shovels, work gloves, etc.) we are looking to borrow equipment for our outdoor projects so please bring them along. Mitzvah Day events are:

- FIDELCO dog toy making
- Mailing Project
- Knitzvah knitting project
- Making puzzles for Alzheimer's patients
- Making sandwiches for a local shelter
- Cleaning Memorial Park
- Temple grounds beautification
- Special activities by the
Religious school classes

It is not too late to sign up and donate for the Foodshare Walk Against Hunger. Please visit foodshare.org to sign up and donate to Team Temple Sinai. Our goal is \$3,000. Please help our neighboring families in need.

We want to take this time to thank everyone who contributed to our mitzvah projects throughout the year ... from our Turkey drive to our book drive and game night. We appreciate the congregation's supportive mindset of our community needs. Our next meeting will be May 27th at 6:30 PM. Please come enjoy dinner and brainstorming for next year's mitzvot.

I'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 our May dinner at Mercy shelter, please contact Bethany Astrachan at Bethany@xvivo.net. The date is Sunday, May 18. Approximately 2:00-5:30 p.m. Summer dates for dinners are July 20 & August 17.

Adult Education News

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 has two copies. The Koopman Library at the JCC has three copies available.

The Adult Education Committee has been hard at work on plans for the Shabbaton this fall. This is a collaborative effort of several Temple groups, including Membership, Men's Club, Religious Affairs, Religious School, Sisterhood, Social Action, Tots, and Youth Group. We have a full day of activities planned for all temple members, beginning with services, and offering everything from Torah study to softball, music to mitzvot, arts and crafts, and a 5K fun run. 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.

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** *
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NUTSY
Calendar of Events—May, 2014

- May**
May 7 NUTSY Lounge Night, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- May 14 NUTSY Meeting and Youth Service Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.
- May 16-17 Going Nuts with NUTSY
Our end of the year youth service, dance and shul-in!
- May 28 Final NUTSY Meeting, New board is Appointed!
- May 31 Hibachi Dinner, 7:00 p.m.

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

Todah Rabah

- To:** Dick White & Peter Scheinblum for volunteering in the Temple Office.
- To:** Thanks to our wonderful Seder volunteers who did an outstanding job: Shari Orbach & Lauren Tafrate, committee co-chairs; Jacob & Samantha Tafrate, Kim Jacobsen, Randi, Hannah & Leah O'Brien, Carol Benjamin, Lisa & Sidney Tanen-LaFontaine, Sara Milch, Heather Fronczek, Beth Agdish, Elana Macgilpin, Holly Hollander, Joyce & David Sturm, Jessica Goldstein, Kim Moster. Special thanks to Rabbi Bennett & Cantor Gordon who led us in a meaningful Seder and to Nina Miller for her always wonderful accompaniment.
- To:** Jeff Ibsen for his donation of the ping pong table to the youth lounge and to Dave Pinette who helped move it to the temple.
- To:** All the volunteers who helped make the rummage sale a success (this is written just prior to the sale; names will appear in the next issue).
- To:** All who organized, prepared and served the Sisterhood Shabbat dinner (names are listed on the Sisterhood page).

Taste of Dining Books for 2014!

Taste of Dining Books for
Greater Hartford for 2014

Can be purchased for \$20.00
Call the Temple office,
860/561-1055

(These books make great gifts!)



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That Will Guide
Future Generations.
Leave a Jewish Legacy.*



We walk in the footprints of those who came before us. We benefit from their thoughtful investment in the future of Temple Sinai. What footprint will you leave for future generations? Will Temple Sinai be here to enrich their lives?

Please invest in our future: Make a legacy gift. For a confidential legacy discussion, call the Jewish Community Foundation at 860.523.7460

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Endowing Our Future www.jcfhartford.org

Sisterhood Speaks ...

On Friday night, April 11, Sisterhood sponsored the 2nd Annual sisterhood Traditional Shabbat dinner. On Thursday, the fun began. The kugels were made by Myra Wishnick and Jane Weisberg in Myra's kitchen and across town by Dot Revzon in her kitchen. The evening the cooking crew gathered at the temple kitchen and washed, peeled and chopped. The pound cakes were baked. Applesauce was made by Myra at her home; I made the strawberry sauce at home, too. On Friday we prepared the salads for serving, the veggies for roasting and the chicken for warming. We baked chocolate cakes, sliced lemons, made tea and coffee and set the tables. We were ready for a wonderful Shabbat dinner for 66 people!

So what does it take to make such a wonderful dinner? A wonderful Sisterhood Crew! The cooks and bakers were: Myra Wishnick, Dot Revzon, Nancy Wineburgh, Estelle Gonsalves, Randi Blum, Sheila Small, Jane Roth, Raquel Levin, Becky Levin, Maxanne Kass and Ann Speyer. Thanks to Rose Ulan who kept track of all of our reservations so we could be ready for everyone. Thanks to those who helped with clean up. Thanks to Aurel for running our super fast dishwasher in the end. Finally, a special thanks to Rabbi Bennett and Cantor Gordon for concluding the evening with the traditional blessings and then some celebratory Shabbat songs. As we sat together with our friends, and sang about Shabbat Shalom, I think we all felt specially blessed to have our friendships and to have our temple home where we can come together and find Shabbat peace.

b'Shalom,
Ann Speyer, *Sisterhood President*

Sisterhood Sistership with Congregation Beth Israel

Last year we began a sistership with the Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Israel. We had a light dinner together and then worked on a social action project. This year we will be hosts for the get together on Wednesday evening, May 7 at 6:00 p.m. We will provide a light supper of various types of quiche and tuna salads; Beth Israel's Sisterhood will bring other salads and desserts. After dinner we will again assemble bags of sample sized toiletries to be given to a women's shelter. The Sisterhood of Beth Israel will generously be providing the supplies for this project.

The telephone tree will be calling you for your RSVP for this dinner. Please let them know if you are able to participate. If you prefer, you can email your response sisterhood@sinaict.org.

Temple Garden Cleanup: Planting Project

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 ground! Please email us at sisterhood@sinaict.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@sinaict.org.

5775/2014-15 Sisterhood Calendar

The 5775 Sisterhood Calendar will go into production over the summer. Many members of Temple Sinai support Sisterhood, the Temple and honor a special day for a loved one by taking out a listing of birthdays, anniversaries and/or yearzeit dates. These special entries just cost a dollar for each listing in addition to the cost of the calendar. This year the calendar will cost \$9 because over the nearly 50 years we've been printing this calendar, costs have risen! For \$10, you can have a special listing and a unique calendar to remind you of your dates as well as those of your friends. Of course, you can place as many listings as you like. If you wish to continue the listings you have, you don't need to do anything!

If you would like to order a new listing, change a listing or if you never had a calendar and would like one, go to sisterhood@sinaict.org and let us know what you would like. If you prefer, you can call Ann Speyer at 860/229-1075. Sisterhood will bill you for your calendar and listings in the autumn. Last year we were able to give out calendars at the Rosh Hashana services because the holidays were so early. This year we will be delivering them to you by the beginning of September. We hope you like your new calendar!

Soon we will begin soliciting businesses for calendar ads. If you have a vendor you would suggest we contact to support us with a calendar ad, please contact sisterhood@sinaict.org.

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

***Sisterhood New Year Greeting for
5775/2014***

Spring may be in the air but the Sisterhood is planning for this fall's New Year's Greeting. The New Year's Greeting and the Calendar are fundraisers for Sisterhood. This brings the Temple Sinai community together. The New Year's Greeting card will be mailed out in August with the High Holy Day tickets, wishing all a L'shana Tova. To be listed in the greeting, the cost is \$5.00. Please contact Phyllis DeMaine at 860/563-7598 if you would like to be added or make changes in the New Year's Greeting.

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

SISTERHOOD NEWS (continued)

Sisterhood Tributes:

To: The family of Al Kadden, in memory of Al, from Libby Cohn.

To: Mr. & Mrs. R. Wolfson, in memory of Rick's mother, Marilyn Wolfson, from Tim & Joni Peterson.

To: Robert Polman and family, in memory of your father, Norman Polman, from:
 Sue Austin & Charles Himmelfarb & families
 Arline & Harvey Seltzer

To: Rabbi Jeff & Debra Bennett, in honor of the engagement of their daughter, Anna from:
 Arline & Harvey Seltzer
 Blanche Moskowitz

To: Milton Bayer, thinking of you and wishing you well from Naomi Levenson & Marv Bachner.

To: Shirley Keezing, in honor of the birth of twin great-granddaughters, from:
 Maxanne Kass
 Blanche Moskowitz
 Arline & Harvey Seltzer
 Marlena & Wally Masur
 Lucille Portner
 Eunice Gordon

To: Arnie Miller, in memory of your sister, Marilyn Cooper-smith, from Arline & Harvey Seltzer.

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 to send a tribute or call her at 860/666-8832. Sisterhood appreciates every tribute you send. They are mailed promptly after your request.

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*

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: jpasternak@mandelljcc.org. You may visit our PJ Library book rack and books in our temple library.

Candlelighters:

March 28 Melissa, Steve, Andrew & Jack Bogatz

April 4 Randi, Alan, Rachel & Erika Thureson

April 11 Roni, Marc, Alec, Max & Savannah Rodman

April 18 Raquel, Moises & Becky Levin

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

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.

April 4 Randi & Alan Thureson, flowers in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Rachel.

April 11 Roni & Marc Rodman, Mazon basket in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Alec.

April 25 Sue Austin in honor of the B'nei Mitzvah of her granddaughters, Alexa & Madison Monroe.

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

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

Oneg Shabbat:

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

March 28 Melissa & Steven Bogatz in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Andrew.

April 4 Randi & Alan Thureson in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Rachel.

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

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 or call 860/768-4964.

Thursday, May 1, 7:00 p.m. Opening of the Minnie Goldenberg Photography Exhibition, "Return to the Land: Jewish Farming Around the World" at the Wilde Auditorium, Harry Jack Gray Center, University of Hartford.

***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 Sholom 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 or call 860/727-6171.

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@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 May 7th, we will sponsor Current Events with Rabbi Bennett at 1:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. There is no charge for this event, but reservations are recommended. Call the temple office to reserve, 860/561-1055.

On Saturday evening, May 31 the Chai Club will spend the evening together with dinner & theatre. Dinner is at Yanni's. From there we will go to the Bushnell for a Hartford Symphony Pops performance featuring the Hartford Chorale. Information was sent to Chai Club members recently. If you are 55+ and wish to join the Chai Club, contact Harvey Seltzer or Lucille Portner at 860/561-1055.

Hebrew Health Care—Hospice Volunteers Needed!

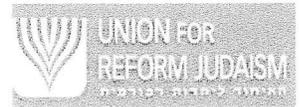
Hebrew Health Care is seeking volunteers to share time and talents with hospice patients in a variety of settings. HHC is interested in friendly volunteers for visitors, veterans, pet therapy certified cats and dogs, massage/Reiki specialists, Russian and Spanish speaking individuals, artists and painters, 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.

***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 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).

Temple Sinai Donation Form—41 West Hartford Rd., Newington, CT 06111

I/We wish to make a contribution to the _____ Fund of Temple Sinai.
In the amount of \$_____. _____ Please bill my account _____ Enclosed is a check.
This donation is in honor of/memory of: _____
Notify: Name _____
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Donor: Name _____
Address _____ Phone: _____

Donations

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- *In honor of Andrew Bogatz's Bar Mitzvah, by Melissa and Steve Bogatz.
- *In memory of Peter Korduner, from Cheryl & Peter Scheinblum.
- *In memory of Paul Scheinblum, from Cheryl & Peter Scheinblum.
- *In honor of the B'not Mitzvah of Alexa & Madison Monroe, by Cheryl & Peter Scheinblum.

Yahrzeit Fund

- *In memory of Sarah Rolland, by Richard Rolland.
- *In memory of Max Starr & Chester David Catler, by Edith & Marvin Catler.
- *In memory of Dora Lutin, by The Ellis Family.
- *In memory of Susan Strober, by Bruce Strober.
- *In memory of Jacob Nadler, by Ron & Beverly Nadler.
- *In memory of Nathan Katz and Cecelia Davis, by Randi & Lee Blum.
- *In memory of Isadore Skydel, by Amy, David, Eliza & Lillie Pinette.
- *In memory of Blossom Rosenberg, by Barri Marks.
- *In memory of Joseph Miller, Doris Cohen Miller & Herb Rudy, by Rita & Arnie Miller.
- *In memory of Selwyn Berson, by Ronna Erickson.
- *In memory of Irving Hott, by Marilyn Hott.
- *In memory of Hugh Joseloff, by Gerry & Carol Joseloff.
- *In memory of Gertrude Prager, Max B. Dunn & Aileen LeConche, by Janet Dunn.
- *In memory of Clara Zeldner, by Mark & Ellen Bramson.
- *In memory of Kenneth Bernstein & Sarah Bernstein, by Lynn & Eric Kaufman.
- *In memory of Meyer Rudin, by Cynthia Naiman.
- *In memory of Samuel Later, by Paul & Sandra Later.
- *In memory of John Whipple, by Mildred Whipple.
- *In memory of Samuel Hart Joseloff, by Lynn & Eric Kaufman.
- *In memory of Herschel Levy, by Rhoda Gorfain.

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

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.

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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.

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 "Yarzeit" 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.

Todah Rabah

To: Dick White & Peter Scheinblum for volunteering in the Temple Office.

To: Thanks to our wonderful Seder volunteers who did an outstanding job: Shari Orbach & Lauren Tafrate, committee co-chairs; Jacob & Samantha Tafrate, Kim Jacobsen, Randi, Hannah & Leah O'Brien, Carol Benjamin, Lisa & Sidney Tanen-LaFontaine, Sara Milch, Heather Fronczek, Beth Agdish, Elana Macgilpin, Holly Hollander, Joyce & David Sturm, Jessica Goldstein, Kim Moster. Special thanks to Rabbi Bennett & Cantor Gordon who led us in a meaningful Seder and to Nina Miller for her always wonderful accompaniment.

To: Jeff Ibsen for his donation of the ping pong table to the youth lounge and to Dave Pinette who helped move it to the temple.

To: All the volunteers who helped make the rummage sale a success (this is written just prior to the sale; names will appear in the next issue).

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.

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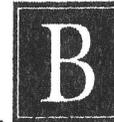


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May -December, 2014/5774-5775

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|------------------|-----------------------|
| 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

Mazel Tov!

To: Sofie Brandt, on becoming a Bat Mitzvah in Israel at Masada on December 28, 2013.

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May, 2014—Iyar 5774

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | 1 7:00 pm. Sisterhood Board Meeting | 2 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Family Service; 4th grade participation | 3 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service |
| 4 9:00 a.m. Religious School 9:00 a.m. Mitzvah Day & Foodshare's Walk Against Hunger | 5 | 6 7:00 p.m. Adult Education Committee | 7 1:30 p.m. Chai Club Program Current Events with Rabbi Bennett 6:00 p.m. Sisterhood Sistership | 8 | 9 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service; Ask the Rabbi | 10 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service; Bar Mitzvah of Aaron Johnson |
| 11 Mother's Day No Religious School | 12 | 13 | 14 Last day of mid-week Religious School | 15 | 16 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service; Youth Group Service Regional Shul-In | 17 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service |
| 18 9:00 a.m. Annual Meeting (cont. Breakfast) 9:30 a.m. Annual Meeting Last day of Religious School | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 6:00 p.m. Sisterhood Annual Meeting and dinner | 23 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service; Music Shabbat | 24 9:00 am Torah Study 10:30 am. Shabbat Service |
| 25 | 26 Memorial Day Temple Office Closed | 27 6:30 p.m. Social Action Committee dinner | 28 7:00 p.m. Adult Education Committee | 29 | 30 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service; Adult Education Book Night | 31 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service; B'not Mitzvah of Danyella Kaplan and Noah Silverman |

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June 2014 — Sivan/Tammuz 5774

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 10:30 a.m. Shavuot Services; Yiskor is recited Temple Office Closed Shavuot | 5 7:00 pm. Sisterhood Board Meeting | 6 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Family Service | 7 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service | 14 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service; Bat Mitzvah of Ashley Johanson |
| 15 Father's Day | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service; "Ask the Rabbi" | 21 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service; Bat Mitzvah of Kayla Case |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service; Sisterhood Installation | 28 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service |
| 29 | 30 | July 1 | July 2 | July 3 | July 4 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service Independence Day Temple Office Closed | July 5 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service |
| July 6 | July 7 | July 8 | July 9 | July 10 | July 11 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service | July 12 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service |

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