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Rabbi's Message

At a time when we are made powerfully aware of how religion can be distorted to engender hatred, it is important to also be aware of how religion can serve its extraordinary purpose of bringing us closer to a world of greater understanding and compassion. January is the month in which we celebrate the birthday of an enormously constructive and inspiring religious leader, the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. Because he experienced hatred, violence and destruction and transcended those experiences, remaining hopeful and gentle, we look to him as a model of our time.

Martin Luther King Day is an important day for commemoration and reflection, and not only for African Americans. Dr. Martin Luther King

Jr. understood the meaning of discrimination and oppression. He sought ways to achieve liberation and peace, and he thus understood that a special relationship exists between African Americans and American Jews.

King was a voice of reason in a troubled time, and his concern went far beyond the prejudice against African Americans. Just as Jews stood with King, marched with King, and worked with King toward an America of equality for all, so King stood with the Jewish community whenever prejudice against Jews was concerned.

In a world filled with violence, from terrorism to war, from continual discrimination and prejudice against minority groups especially against people of color and members of the GLBT

community, Dr. King showed us how to channel rage away from destruction into nonviolent protest for the redress of grievance. Dr. King also showed humility and faith in the face of hatred and bigotry. Above all, Martin Luther King, Jr. was a man of hope and affirmation. He was able to articulate with eloquence the highest ideals. He was a voice of reason in a troubled time. MLK Day is an important day in our calendar. It is a holiday that was created to memorialize the life of a great man and to remind us of the work that remains to be done to realize his vision.

Rabbi Jeffrey Bennett

From Adult Education

Fri., Jan. 8, following the 6:00 p.m. service, Adult Education is sponsoring Torah Study with Rabbi Bennett. These will take place on the second Fri. evening of the month. All are welcome to attend. There is no charge, but reservations are requested. Call the temple office, 860/561-1055. On **March 18**, our program will be on Jewish foods and common Yiddish phrases. Please call the temple office if you would like to join our Adult Education Committee.

Ellen Rothberg, *Chair*

Come honor Cantor Donna Gordon as we wish her well in her retirement at a luncheon planned for Sunday, January 31, 11:30 a.m. in the Social Hall. There will be a nominal charge of \$10 per person; \$20 per family of 3 or more. Call the temple office to make your reservation.

From Social Action

Thanks to our generous members for the 30 turkeys and \$2,000 donated to Foodshare for Thanksgiving and gift cards for the Newington needy teens.

Fri., Jan. 15, 6:00 p.m. will be the Martin Luther King, Jr. Shabbat Service. We have identified hunger and homelessness as our mitzvah project this year. .

Sun., Jan. 17, 2-5:00 p.m we will be preparing and serving a dinner at Mercy Shelter. Please contact the temple office if you would like to volunteer. Our committee meets the third Wed. each month. Our next meeting is **Wed., Jan. 20** at 7:00 p.m We welcome new members to our committee. Sarah Maltese, *Chair*

Temple Sinai turns 60 in 2016

Save these dates:

Fri., April 29—Shabbat service honoring our longtime members
Sat., April 30—Gala Celebration!

From Religious Affairs

The Congregation enjoyed the new High Holyday Prayerbooks, *Mishkan Hanefesh*. We are continuing to take dedications for \$36 per set. Call the temple office for details. You may also dedicate *Mishkan T'filah*, our Shabbat prayerbook, also \$36.

We appreciate your support of Temple Sinai. To make a donation, purchase a leaf for the Tree of Life, purchase a Memorial plaque, or discuss any other matters such as updating your records (new address, email, etc.), Call the temple, 860/561-1055 Ext. 10. If you wish to make a donation of securities, contact the temple office or David Klein at: investment_committee@sinaict.org. We are a 501(c) (3) organization; your donations are tax deductible.

Save the Date: Sat., Feb. 20, 7:30-9:00 p.m. Musical program with Broadway highlights by Cindy Lesser ... details to follow!

President's Message

Dear Temple Sinai Members,

I hope everyone enjoyed Hanukkah, and it was wonderful to see so many of you at our terrific Hanukkah Service! As the calendar turns to 2016, I wanted to give you all an update on some of the wonderful things that have just happened recently or are upcoming.

First, I had the pleasure of attending the Sisterhood's Dinner and Silent Auction. This was the first time the Sisterhood ran this function, and it was very well attended. Ann Speyer and the Sisterhood did a wonderful job! Secondly, the Social Action Committee recently completed their Turkey and a \$30 campaign. It was a great initiative for a very important cause. Sarah Maltese and her committee did a great job including wearing turkey themed outfits. I have volunteered to wear a Turkey Suit!

As you know, our Cantor Donna Gordon has retired as of January 1st. We are planning a luncheon for her on Sunday, January 31st at 11:45 a.m. See the information on p. 1 of this bulletin for details.

As far as upcoming events, I am most excited about our 60th anniversary coming up at the end of April! We will honor some of our long time members and past leaders on April 29th at our Friday Night Service and that will include a special guest speaker. And, on Saturday, April 30th we will have our Gala!

We have any other wonderful things planned for the year including a concert to benefit Hunger. Stay tuned for more details.

As the calendar turns 2016, I look forward to another great year at Temple Sinai. Please let me know if you have comments or suggestions.

b'Shalom, Ken Lesser, *President*

Cantor Search Update

Following Cantor Donna Gordon's announcement of her retirement, the Executive Committee of the Board formed a Cantor Search Committee to find a new Cantor. Besides serving on the pulpit, we would like our new Cantor to assist Rabbi Bennett in lifecycle events, teach music in the Religious School and teach in the B'nai Mitzvah class. We also want our new Cantor to enhance the musical life of our congregation with musical programming. Most importantly, we seek someone who will be personable and share music with our congregation in a way that will lift spirits and forge community. We pride ourselves on being a "singing" congregation and are looking for a candidate who will facilitate that approach.

We have been placing notices of this opportunity on relevant listservs, at music programs and Cantorial schools, throughout the Reform movement, National Jewish communal job search websites such as jewishjobs.com, and in *The Jewish Ledger*. The position may be part- or full-time.

Two cantorial candidates have participated in Shabbat services, first on Friday, Nov. 13th and again on Friday, Dec. 18th. Each candidate led a pre-service session of songs and prayers at 5:30 p.m. followed by a Shabbat service at 6:00 p.m. In the event that we arrange for additional cantorial candidates to participate in Shabbat Services, we encourage you to attend and to share your thoughts. Judging by the terrific response to date, this search clearly is important to our congregation.

The Cantor Search Committee members are Andrew Wizner, Chair; Jeff Israel, Barbara Lederer, Ethan Nash, Elana MacGillpin, and Lauren Krasnow. Please contact them to share your visions, concerns, and comments as well as your feedback regarding particular applications. You can reach the Cantor Search Committee by email at cantorsearch@sinaic.org
Andrew Wizner, *Cantor Search Committee Chair*

**CONDOLENCES FROM THE
CONGREGATION TO THE FAMILIES OF:**
Jerry Isaacson (father of Debra Greer)
Roslyn Honigstein (grandmother of Lauren Drazen)
Judith Wrubel (mother of Jeffrey Wrubel)
Herman Filshtein (husband of Nina Filshtein)
Sandy Soloway (cousin of Bea Priola)
Harold Morochnik (brother of Sidney Morochnik)

Today Rabah

To: All our generous donors who gave gift cards to Newington teens for the holidays.

To: To the Membership Committee, Beth Agdish, Holly Holander, Kim Jacobsen, Shari Orbach, Lauren Tafate and Aurel who arranged the Chanukah Oneq celebration.

Mazel Tov

To: Aaron & Catrina Reich on the birth of their son, Ezekiel Alan Reich, on December 8, 2015.

Religious School & Temple 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.

From the Temple Administrator

Dear Friends,

As we begin 2016, I wanted to share my personal plans for this spring. I intend to retire from the temple effective June 1st. These past 15 plus years have been wonderful, fulfilling and most rewarding. We have an extraordinary Congregation led by our incredible Rabbi Bennett. You and I have been thru many lifecycles (yours and mine), sharing tears of joy and sadness. We have celebrated many Shabbats, holidays and programs together. I'm looking forward to having next summer and the beautiful autumn to enjoy many CT State Parks and New England sites as well as doing more photography (a favorite hobby of mine!) of God's landscapes and seascapes. I'll be spending more time with my special family as we explore New England (including trips to Fenway Park, Tanglewood Music Center and, of course, the beach!) It's now time for me to embark on my "next life" which I hope will be one of pure enjoyment with family and friends. I wish Rabbi Bennett, and the entire Temple Sinai membership a very Happy (secular) New Year.

All the best & Shalom,
Joyce L. Sturm

A note of appreciation to my Temple Sinai family for the many get well wishes, prayers and donations for my recovery. Everyone's attention was deeply appreciated.

Naomi Levenson

Sisterhood's Page

SISTERHOOD SPEAKS....

Happy New Year to all from the Sisterhood! Out with the old and in with the new. But before we send the old away, I'd like to thank everyone who helped make our December events a success! The Super Supper and Silent Auction was a success because of the over 30 people who volunteered to cook, who solicited gift cards and donations, brought other donations, made phone calls, sorted the donations, set up everything and then cleared it up in the end. And, of course, we needed our guests who supported the auction! The evening was lots of fun and a great success.

In December over twenty Sisterhood members wrapped books and other items at Barnes & Noble. We earned tips for the Sisterhood. We thank Barnes & Noble for the opportunity to raise funds there and a big thank you to those whose nimble fingers did the wrapping!

So, on to the new year! Here's the upcoming calendar so that you can reserve the dates. Hope to see you there!

Thurs., March 10, 7:00 p.m. Sisterhood Meeting and a speaker

Sun. & Mon, April 3 & 4, Sisterhood's Spring Rummage Sale. (Rummage will be dropped off on Sun., April 3, beginning at 8:30 a.m.)

Fri., April 15, 6:00 p.m. Sisterhood Shabbat Dinner following services.

Thurs., May 19, 6:00 p.m. Sisterhood Annual Meeting & Dinner

Fri., June 10, 6:00 pm. Sisterhood Installation and Volunteer Appreciation dinner.

Ann Speyer
Sisterhood President

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.

To: Dale Sokoloff, in memory of your brother, Paul, from Marlana & Wally Masur.

To: Janet Sokoloff, in memory of your son, Paul, from Marlana & Wally Masur.

To: The family of Beverly Glickstein, in memory of Beverly Glickstein, from Naomi Levenson, Blanche Moskowitz, Arline & Harvey Seltzer.

To: Donna Gordon, in appreciation of your service to the Temple, from Mildred Whipple.

To: Sid Morochnik, best wishes for a speedy recovery, from Gail & Howard Sohn and Mildred Whipple.

CELEBRATING? DID YOU KNOW?

The Sisterhood of Temple Sinai can provide the items below for you!

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- Order Invitations & Thank You Notes @ 20% off Retail
- Gifts & religious items at the Judaica Shop ~ open Sundays during Religious School.
- Create a lasting tribute to a special event with a Golden Book Inscription.*
- Recognize someone special with a bulletin tribute ~ just \$5.00 each!
- Celebrating a special event? Order beautiful Flowers* for the Bimah, and/or sponsor an Oneg* after Friday services.

Please email sisterhood@sinaict.org and the Sisterhood coordinator will contact you with more information.

Or call the Temple office, 860/561-1055 and leave a message.

*All/portions of these items may be tax-deductible; ask your tax advisor!

Your support of the Sisterhood of Temple Sinai enables so many of the ritual and community events to occur during the year- additional donations & participation are always welcome!

Flowers/Mazon Baskets & Oneg Sponsors:

Beautify our Sabbath and your special occasions by donating flowers and/or a Mazon Basket and by sponsoring an Oneg.

Email Jane Roth: sisterhood_onegs@sinaict.org.

December 4 Tracy & Jonathan Gruber, flowers and oneg in Honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Aaron.

December 11 Andrea & Aaron Rutsky, flowers, a Mazon basket and oneg in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Becka.

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OPEN SUNDAY MORNINGS

9:00-11:30 a.m. (during Religious School hours)

Mah Jongg Cards

It is time to order your 2015 Mah Jongg Cards. The cards are \$8.00 for the standard size and \$9.00 for the large print. Send your order with your checks made payable to:

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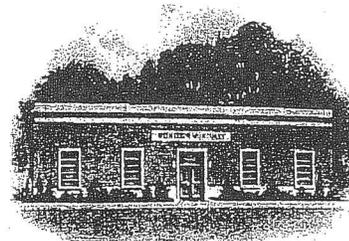
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service New Year's Day Temple Office is Closed	2 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service
3 No Religious School	4	5	6	7 7:00 p.m. Sisterhood Board Meeting	8 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Family Service; 2nd grade participation Torah Study with Adult Education following the service	9 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service
10	11	12	13	14	15 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service	16 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service
17 No Religious School 1:30 p.m. Jewish Genealogical Society	18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Temple Office Closed	19	20 7:00 p.m. Social Action Committee	21	22 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service	23 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service
24	25 Tu B'Shevat	26 7:00 p.m. Jewish Genealogical Society with guest speaker	27	28	29 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service	30 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service
31 11:30 a.m. Luncheon for Cantor Donna Gordon	Feb. 1	Feb. 2	Feb. 3	Feb. 4	Feb. 5 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service; 5th grade participation	Feb. 6 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service

Jewish Genealogical Society of Conn. (JGSCT)

This year we are hosting the JGSCT. The next meeting is on Sun., Jan. 17 at 1:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room. The meeting is open to all members. There is no charge. Barney Miller, a Past President of Temple Sinai, is a Vice President of the JGSCT and welcomes your participation.



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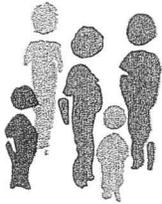
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