

President's Note

I just wanted to fill you in on our latest fundraiser "The Sock Hop." Everything was perfect...the food, the music, the outfits, except for one thing. Only 35 people attended. But boy, did those people have a good time! Special thanks to Leslie Eichen, Irene Harmon, Peter Cutrin, Bob Sailor and all those who helped with the setup and cleanup. I know that you have heard this many times, but it is so important when we have these events to show your Temple support and come. So much time and effort went into the planning and implementation that it's a shame we were unable to raise any funds.

So please, next time you see one of our events planned, come check it out. You just might have a great time! Next Event: Café Night, Saturday evening, March 27

On Dec. 11th we will be celebrating Hanukkah and honoring our new members. It's another perfect opportunity for you to join us. I will make a personal guarantee that you'll enjoy yourself!

Wishing you and your family a Happy Hanukkah and a Happy New Year!

L'shalom Roni Schneider

Chanukah Potato Latkes Recipe

Serves 6

This is one of the most famous of Jewish foods and a specialty of Hanukkah. The latkes are served as an appetizer, as a side dish, and even for tea with a sprinkling of confectioners' sugar. They can be marvelous if properly prepared, just before eating.latkes

• 2 lbs (1 kg) potatoes • 2 large eggs • Salt • Oil for frying

Peel and finely grate the potatoes. Put them straight into cold water, then drain and squeeze them as dry as you can by pressing them with your hands in a colander. This is to remove the starchy liquid, which could make the latkes soggy.

Beat the eggs lightly with salt, add to the potatoes, and stir well. Film the bottom of a frying pan with oil and heat. Take serving-spoonfuls, or as much as 1/4 cup (50 ml), of the mixture and drop into the hot oil. Flatten a little, and lower the heat so that the fritters cook through evenly. When one side is brown, turn over and brown the other. Lift out and serve very hot.

VARIATION - You may add black pepper, chopped parsley, and finely chopped onion to the egg and potato mixture.

Adding 4 tablespoons of potato flour binds the fritters into firmer, more compact cakes, easier to handle but not quite as lovely to eat. - Claudia Roden is one of England's leading food writers. Her works include the James Beard Award winning The Book of Jewish Food and A Book of Middle Eastern Food.

Congratulats to all the Grandmas and Grandpas!

Ivan and Marilyn Hametz welcome a new grandson

Steven and Lynn Rudin welcome a new granddaughter as well as a new grandson

Asha and Leo Rotstein welcome a new grandson

Don't forget to play

Temple Sinai's Monthly Lotto!

Watch for your tickets in the mail from Barbara Ringlen. Fill them out and send them back with your check. Sit back and let Barbara follow the lotto numbers for you! This is a wonderful and easy way to raise funds for temple. For more info call Barbara at 631 957-2953

the news

D'varim ~ from Rabbi Poticha

We have recently finished our Thanksgiving indulgences and are looking forward to Chanukah and our winter festivities. As members and supporters of the Jewish community we have much for which we are thankful living in America. Life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness and religious freedom are the umbrella themes we enjoy in the United States.

Historically, throughout the world, this was not our situation. During Chanukah we celebrate our triumph over severe decrees and near total assimilation. The challenges of the Ptolomies, the Seleucids and our own internal strife were difficult to overcome. But, we did. During our Festival of Lights we celebrate the military victory, the small vessel of oil which lasted eight days when the Maccabees were cleaning and rededicating the Temple in Jerusalem and bringing light into our lives during the darkest days of winter.

The strength and endurance of the Jewish people has endured throughout time regardless of internal or external pressures. Chanukah offers us the light we seek during winter, not merely from our chanukiot (menorahs) but the light from within - within our hearts and homes. Throughout time, we have maintained our identity even when as we learned from our encounters with other cultures. In addition, Reform Judaism has enabled us to introduce innovation while preserving our tradition. We embrace diversity while asserting that which is uniquely Jewish. We affirm our beliefs without rejecting those of others. We bring modernity to our sacred texts without sacrificing critical scholarship.

Through the vision of Judaism and Reform Judaism we can live committed religious lives while at the same time enhance the external world in which we live. For example, Judaism speaks volumes on our stewardship of the Earth, issues of health care, rights of employees, ethical eating, the embrace of technology and so much more. It has been our embrace of modernity through the lens of Judaism, which has helped to sustain the Jewish people.

We are sustained by the miracle and victory of Chanukah. We look forward to our holiday of Tu B'Shevat, the holiday of the trees and the environment. And shortly thereafter we will celebrate Purim. In between our holidays we are sustained by our sacred teachings connecting us to Judaism and the world in which we live and enhance.

Temple Sinai

2009-2010

5770

December

Kislev/Tevet

January

Tevet/Shevat

February

Shevat/Adar

~

Rabbi

Janise Poticha

Cantor

Alan C. Stein

~

President

Roni Schneider

1st Vice President

Marcia Cannava

2nd Vice President

Bob Sailor

3rd Vice President

Leslie Eichen

Corres. Secretary

Barbara Frisch

Recording Secretary

Barbara Ringlen

Financial Secretary

Asha Rotstein

Treasurer

Irma Kulakoff

Schedule of Services

DECEMBER

4- Friday 7:30PM - Shabbat Family Service
 11 - Friday 7:30PM - Shabbat/Chanukah Service followed by "meet & greet" new members Oneg
 18 - Friday 8PM - Shabbat Service
 25 - Friday Temple Closed

JANUARY

1- Friday Temple closed
 8 - Friday 8PM - Shabbat Service
 15 - Friday 8PM - Shabbat Service
 22 - Friday 8PM - Shabbat Service
 29 - Friday 8PM - Shabbat Service
 30 - Saturday - Tu B'Shvat actual date - no service

FEBRUARY

5 - Friday 7:30PM - Shabbat Family Service
 12 - Friday 8PM - Shabbat Service
 19 - Friday 8PM - Shabbat Service
 26 - Friday 7:30PM - Shabbat/Purim Service
 28 - Sunday - Purim actual date

Sat, March 27, 2010

CAFE NIGHT

at TEMPLE SINAI

STARRING FRIENDS AND FAMILY
 SERVING HOME MADE DESSERTS, WINE & CHEESE

Come enjoy an evening of musical entertainment. More information to follow.

Call Asha to help or for more info 631 673 4620
 cell 631 766 3653

Temple Board Meetings

December - no meeting
 January 6, Wednesday 7:30 PM
 In the Oneg Room

Welcome New Members!

Please Join us for the for Shabbat/Chanukah services on **Friday, December 11.** Bring your Menorah and candles. Followed by Meet and Greet. Oneg sponsored by the Harmon Family and Temple Sinai's Board of Trustees and Executive Committee!

Religious School Calendar

Sundays

December 6, 13, 20, ~~27~~, (no school Winter Recess)
 January ~~3~~, (no school Winter Recess), 10, ~~17~~, (no school Martin Luther King's Birthday), 24, 31
 February 7, 14, ~~21~~ (no school President's Week), 28

Onegs

December

Dec 4 - Grade 6 Class Service
 Dec 11 - The Harmon Family and Bd of Trustees
 Dec 18 - Arthur and Gloria Goldberg in Honor of their 42nd Anniversary
 Dec 25 - no service

January

Jan 1 - no service
 Jan 8 - Marcia Cannava in honor of the new year
 Jan 15 - The Fleischers
 Jan 22 - Roni Schneider-in honor of Irwin and their 25th wedding anniversary
 Jan 29 - The Rudins in honor of family birthdays

February

Feb 5 - Grade 5 Class Service
 Feb 12 - The Spiro Family in honor of Family birthdays
 Feb 19 - The Guzman Family in memory of Enrique Guzman
 Feb 26 - Sherri and Steven Kaufman in honor of Jason's Birthday

Yahrzeit List

DECEMBER 2009

3 Louis Lipshitz
 3 Freda D. Sadinsky
 4 Clara Goldberg
 4 Kurt Preston
 6 Richard Bloom
 7 Madeline Berliner
 7 Samuel Bloom
 8 Matilda Matalon
 9 Robert Workman
 10 Carl Poticha
 13 Marjorie Goldberg
 13 Gisella Liebman
 14 Ida Jacobson
 15 Lillian Lorde
 16 Rose Siegel
 17 Frances Ziegler
 18 Molly Sacks Lipschitz
 20 Milton Hinden
 22 Anna Lambert
 23 Daniel Silver
 24 Tillie Wasserman
 24 Yolanda Wellsch
 25 Hanna Preston
 25 Henry Schwerd
 26 Alan Rutkovsky
 26 Joseph Shears
 29 Howard A. Paitchel
 30 Joanne Goodman

JANUARY 2010

1 Jean Burke
 3 Frances Austin
 5 Harry Sklar
 9 David Cohen
 9 Hyman Hametz
 9 Matthew Lambert
 10 Benjamin Bernstein
 10 Anna Genser
 11 Rabbi Leonard Stern
 12 Rose Wasserman
 13 Harry Gold
 13 Aaron Lomazov
 15 Mary Altman
 15 Lisa Fleischer
 15 Joseph Mandel
 15 Mildred Sanker
 15 Lena Schwerd
 16 Samuel Borak
 16 Usher Brauner
 16 Leonard Schatz
 16 Meyer Sivan
 17 David Kushner
 19 Benjamin Braunstein
 19 Aaron Davidson
 24 Allene Lawrence
 25 Jacob Farowich
 25 Sheldon Gottlieb
 29 Michael D. Muckley
 29 Sydney Alex Royden
 29 Mortimer Wein
 30 Nina Bloomingdale
 30 Tillie Braun
 30 Edward A. Faust
 30 Kelman Hoffman
 31 Nolan Wyler

FEBRUARY 2010

2 Lewis Stern
 8 Louis Hoffman
 9 Morris Paitchel
 9 Dr. Joseph Wrana
 13 Rose First
 15 Clarence Bard
 15 Edith Cohen
 15 Lillian Kushner
 16 Ruben Barkus
 16 Anna Cutrin
 16 Lillie Lipshitz
 17 Elsie Lomazov
 18 Toby Wolfson
 19 Claire Welt Appel
 20 Barnard Polsky
 20 Henrietta Rand
 21 William Kramer
 21 Leo Schiffer
 22 A. William Feinberg
 22 Toby Handler
 24 Evelyn Solinsky
 24 Edward Sunshine
 25 Harry Goodman
 26 Sam Nathan Beckerman
 27 Ida Braunstein
 27 Nettie Leff
 27 Herman Mollins
 28 Jenny Rutkovsky

To Add the Names of Your Loved Ones to our Yahrzeit List Call Barbara Frisch at 516 798-6050

If you wish to place a memorial plaque in the Temple, the cost is \$275.00 Contact Irma for details (516 799-4452)

Please sponsor an Oneg Shabbat...

Oneg is defined as a “pleasure” or “delight”. In keeping with our joyous Sabbath tradition, we conclude each Friday night service with Kiddush (the blessing we say or sing over a cup of wine) and other sweets we eat. This happy gathering of family and friends is called an Oneg Shabbat. At Temple Sinai, members take turns hosting the Oneg in celebration of meaningful events, such as Bar/Bat Mitzvah, birthdays, anniversaries, and graduations, and for the personal pleasure it brings. If you would like to host an Oneg, please call Marcia Goldberg 516 541 8123. If you would like to be a part of this tradition but are unable to do the physical set, we would gladly accept your donation (\$35.00) and arrange the Oneg on your behalf. We ask all Temple Members to sponsor an Oneg every year.



Yahrzeit Donations

In Memory of

Stanley Sokolok
Abraham & Sophie Appleman
Ruth Sadoff
Benjamin Strange
Benjamin Zwanger
Earl Jaffe
Paul Rosedale
Abraham Singer
Bintzeon Burman
Edith Costa
Lawrence Kohl
Lottie Meyerson
Sylvia Blumenthal
Herbert Jakubovic
Noah Greenstein
Aaron Vainder
Helen Antman
Hanna & Kurt Preston
Ruth Rosenbaum
David Rogers
Yolanda Wellisch

From

Marcia & Bob Goldberg
Carrol & Robert Leff
Rory Sadoff
Pearl Strange
Jerome Zwanger
Denise & Greg Pavlides
Marion Rosedale
Michele Berkowitz
Paul Burman
Liz Costa
Cynthia Kohl
Mel Meyerson
Sherry & Lowell Blumenthal
Renee' & Ron Prager
Ellen Teitelbaum
Martin Vainder
Cynthia Kohl
Marion Preston Rosedale
Honey Prager
Elliot Rogers
Agnes Faust

Holiday Donations

Shirley & David Gelman
Judi & Jeff Vogel
Mary Silverstein
Dale & Mark Fermaglich
Anita Halberstadt
Ellen & Robert Hogan
Renee & Ron Prager
Barbara & Ed Ringlin
Marion Rosedale
Fred Stern
Henry Tylin
Marge & Manny Ziegler
Cynthia Kohl
Roanne Kulakoff
Irma & Mel Kulakoff
Roni & Irwin Schneider
Asha & Leo Rotstein
Lynn & Steve Rudin
Bonnie & Ira Lisogorsky
Irene Harmon

General Donations • In honor of Asha & Leo Rotstein's 40th Wedding Anniversary from Shirley & David Gelman. • In Honor of Ira Glick's 70th birthday from Barbara & Mel Meyerson
Condolences • to Helene Heravi and Family on the loss of her mother Jean Barsky

Please send donations to Temple Sinai, P.O. Box 70, Massapequa, NY 11758

Newsletter Contributors!

Please send articles for the newsletter to Temple Sinai Newsletter, PO Box 70, Massapequa, NY 11758-0070 or call 516 799-4452 or 516 541 0400. The deadline for the next newsletter is February 1st. We ask that all information be neatly printed or typed. Wherever possible information may be sent via email to info@temple-sinai-massapequa.org

Religious School Dec /Jan /Feb

Temple Sinai Religious School students began the school year learning about Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Simchat Torah. We welcomed our new students through a Consecration Ceremony on Friday, October 9th, 2009. This ceremony followed a class dinner for grades 1-4 students and their families. Students, parents and grandparents shared many delicious dishes. New relationships were formed in coming together in this warm and friendly atmosphere and becoming part of the Temple Sinai Religious School family. On November 6th, 2009 our 7th Grade students did an excellent job in leading the Friday night service. They have accomplished a great deal in their five years of learning at Temple Sinai Religious School and we are very proud of them! We look forward to celebrating the occasion of their Bar and Bat Mitzvahs in the spring. A special Mazal Tov to Joshua Brachfeld on his becoming a Bar Mitzvah and Emily Macklin on her becoming a Bat Mitzvah!

On November 8, 2009 we participated in a Blessing of the Pets led by Rabbi Poticha. We gathered together along with our pets on the lawn in front of the synagogue. The weather was beautiful and it was a fun and meaningful experience for all. Our students also donated food and bedding to an animal shelter as they learned the importance of caring for all creatures. Another wonderful event our students participated in was a dental program facilitated by Dr. Marc Bennet. Dr. Bennet taught our students many important facts and methods in caring for our teeth in a fun and lively manner using visual images and a shared discussion.

We look forward to having our 6th grade class leading Friday night services on Dec. 4th, 2009 and to enjoying a dinner before the service for our 5th and 6th grade students and their families. On December 6th our students will be making a special Chanukah craft to keep at home or give as a gift. Our Parent Committee is busy preparing for our annual Chanukah party. Our students will be cooking potato pancakes, with the help of our Parent Committee, fried in oil to remember the miracle of Chanukah. Our party will begin at 12 P.M. A special thank you to our Parent Committee in leading this event. At the Chanukah party our students will enjoy eating their latkes, playing dreidel and singing Chanukah songs. We look forward to having Mr. Marino accompany the students with his wonderful guitar playing.

We would like to welcome two new teachers to the Temple Sinai Religious School, Mrs. Danielle Henry who is teaching Hebrew and Ms. Elizabeth Giller who is teaching Prophets and Bible. They come to us with enthusiasm and excellent teaching skills. I am excited to be the new principal of Temple Sinai Religious School and look forward to continuing to keep the school a place where students and their families can learn about Judaism and feel a positive connection to the Jewish people.

I hope you had an enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday. Happy Chanukah!

L'Shalom, Mrs. Rebecca Rosenblatt

Coats for Kids!

We are presently accepting gently used coats, hats, gloves and scarves. There are boxes in the temple for deposit. The collection is ongoing thru the month of December. Please call Bonnie Lisogorsky at 516 731-2987 if you have any questions, or if you want to volunteer to help.

Sat, March 27, 2010

CAFE NIGHT

at TEMPLE SINAI

IF YOU HAVE SPECIAL TALENT AND
WANT TO PARTICIPATE CALL ASHA

Call Asha to help or for more info 631 673 4620
cell 631 766 3653

Lighting the Chanukah Menorah

During the eight days of Chanukah, we light the "chanukiah". The tallest candle (which is sometimes separated from the others) is called the: "shamus". Each night, the shamus is lit first. Using the shamus, light the other candles. On the first night, the shamus is lit then the first candle. Each night, you add one candle. By the eighth night all candles are lit. Candles are added to the chanukiah from right to left (like Hebrew writing) and are lit from left to right.

While holding the lit shamus candle, say/sing the blessings, then light the appropriate candle for the night (you light the newest candle first). Continue by singing Chanukah songs, celebrating the Festival of Lights. The first night, three blessings are said/sung – which includes the "shecheyanu."

The chanukiah should be placed at a window or a place of display. Remember: Place the chanukiah in a safe place since the candles burn until they go out on their own!

First Blessing: Baruch ata Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha-olam asher kideshanu be-mitzvotav, ve-tzivanu le-hadlik ner shel Hanukah. Blessed are you, Eternal our G-d, Ruler of the Universe, Who sanctified us through the commandments and has commanded us to kindle the light of Chanukah

Second Blessing: Baruch ata Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha-olam she-asa nisim la-avotenu by-yamim ha-hem ba-zeman ha-zeh. Blessed are you, Eternal our G-d Ruler of the Universe, Who performed miracles for our ancestors in day of old, at this season.

Third Blessing: First night only: Baruch ata Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha-olam she-hecheyanu, v'kiyemanu, v'higiyanu la-zeman ha-zeh. Blessed are you, Eternal our G-d, Ruler of the Universe, Who has given us life and preserved us, and enabled us to reach this season.

These lights are sacred; we are not to "use" them but only to behold them, so that their glow may rouse us to give thanks for the wondrous acts done for us by G-d.

With appreciation Temple Sinai would like to thank Cliff and Darlene Gottlieb for contribution 10 chumashim (Torah books) in honor of the bat mitzvah of their daughter Rachel.

Blessing of the Pets

November 8th was a beautiful day. The temperature was warmer than your average November day and the sun shone brightly. Dogs and guinea pigs (and people, too) gathered for the second annual Temple Sinai Blessing of our Pets. Acknowledging the beauty in all of G-d's creations, we re-committed ourselves to nurturing, caring for and loving our beloved pets. Many turned out for blessings and connection.

To view photos of the day, see the "photo galleries" link on www.temple-sinai-massapequa.org



Sock Hop

Temple Sinai rocked the night away during our recent Sock Hop. Everyone who attended dressed in full 50's costume ready to Jitter Bug and Stroll. No blue suede shoes but we had a great time. With a DJ and spirits high, those in attendance had an enjoyable evening. We thank the organizing committee for their hard work and vision to make this event happen. The committee included: Roni Schneider, Leslie & Michael Eichen, Peter Cutrin, Susan Keltz, Marcia Cannava, Irene Harmon.

Thank you All! Our Chinese Auction was lots of fun!!!

We want to take this opportunity to thank all the people who pitched in and helped us run the Chinese Auction held recently.

Our moving crew consisted of Bob Sailor and his crew. My set up committee were my mother, Mollie Feinberg, my daughter, Elisa Ringlen, Irma Kulakoff, my friend, Ronnie Strohschnitter, and Mark Sacks. Special thanks should be extended to the Hebrew School and the parents committee for the excellent job they did with the baskets that were donated and organized by Joyce Mathisen. Leo and Asha Rotstein and Peter Cutrin did a really great job. I would also like to thank my daughter-in-law, Mary Ringlen for the wonderful baskets she put together which were very popular.

Special Kudos to Lynn Gruenberg for her excellent job as usual as the caller. I particularly want to thank the cleanup crew who did a speedy and efficient job cleaning up afterwards. They include the Pavlides, the Marino and Sacks families. A special thank you should be extended to the children of our congregants who did an excellent job as runners.

None of this could have been accomplished without the dedicated assistance of all the people involved. I want to thank all of you for your help. If I omitted anyone, it was not intentional. You know who you are and I thank you. Our auction was a great success. YOU ALL MADE IT HAPPEN!

Barbara Ringlen, Auction Coordinator

Temple Sinai website www.temple-sinai-massapequa.org

By the time the newsletter reaches you, we hope to have some interesting features ready. We'll be making available links for shopping. If you sell a product or service, you may link to our shopping page, in exchange for some donations to Temple.