

# Holiday fair

## Our First Annual Temple Sinai Holiday Fair was held on November 10th.

There are many people who helped make the fair a huge success that I would like to thank:

- Rabbi Poticha for all her help getting out our flyers to other congregations, posting on facebook and on the Temple's website. I'm sure it reached people who would not have otherwise known about our fair.
- Mike and Leslie Eichen for all their support these past few months and especially for all their help on Sunday. Leslie, you were amazing and I don't know what I would have done without you on Sunday.
- Barbara Ringlen for all her support and advice over the last few months. Even though she couldn't be with us that day, her support was never ending.
- Joy and Samantha Findling for taking time out of their busy day and coming out to help with our Raffle Table in the morning. I appreciate your thoughtfulness.
- My wonderful husband, Jeff Tasch, who has been beside me with support, advice and confidence to help organize this fair. He was a big help to me on Saturday and Sunday.
- All our vendors, especially those who are congregants for supporting our temple.
- Our friends and congregants who came out to support Temple Sinai.

Some of you came to make purchases, some came just to support the temple by purchasing raffle tickets or just to say hello. I would like to thank each and every one of you.

- Russel Gitter, Andy Sortino and Michael Diblasio who came out and helped us set-up and clean-up. Jeff and I are very lucky to have you as friends, as is Temple Sinai as well.

I'm looking forward to next year's Fair!

Lisa Tasch

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## the news

### D'varim from Rabbi Poticha

Compared to most synagogues on Long Island with memberships of 500 or 1,000 families, our Temple Sinai with a membership of approximately 90 families, is considered to be "small". Regardless of our size, we accomplish so much!

In addition to our weekly Shabbat worship and religious school, we began the year with a well-planned Open House/Event Day. Melissa Marshall organized many

groups who participated in beginning the new year, with members of the community touring our building and religious school. October brought about our annual Blessing of the Pets. From dogs, gerbils to turtles we blessed our pets who bring so much love into our lives.

In November we hosted our first Holiday Fair. Under the leadership of Lisa Dube, nearly 50 vendors offered a wide array of holiday gifts. By attending the fair members of the temple and our neighboring community had the opportunity to purchase gifts to prepare for their holiday season.

Also in November we were blessed to host the theater group: Outside the Wire, for a dramatic reading of the Book of Job commemorating the 1st-year anniversary of superstorm Sandy. Read by Kathryn Erbe (Law & Order: Criminal Intent), Zach Grenier (The Good Wife, 24, Fight Club), and Harris Yulin (Scarface, Ghostbusters II, Training Day) the ancient Book of Job, the Biblical narrative about human suffering, became a catalyst for a town hall discussion about the impact Sandy had and continues to have on individuals and our community. In attendance were Assemblyman Joe Saladino, Mayor Jeff Pravato and Trustees, Police Officer Polla (7th Precinct), clergy from our Massapequa Interfaith Clergy Council, many of our congregants and members of our extended community. After the professional theatrical reading of the Book of Job, Officer Polla, Barbara Wasserman and Roanne Kulakoff participated in a panel discussion about their experience during the storm through the lens of Job, which led to a 'town hall' discussion querying how we respond when bad things happen, how do we distance ourselves from disaster, how do individuals, families and communities move on after destruction has affected their lives, and so many more questions. The evening was powerful having great impact on all who attended. Temple Sinai was the place to be in the Massapequas.

The weight of the reading of Job was lightened the next day as our members and friends gathered at Massapequa Bowl. We had a glorious time, of course throwing all strikes and spares. We thank Penny Katz for organizing and preparing the raffle prizes and helping to make the event a success. November was concluded with our participation in the annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. In addition to my participation, under the leadership of Cantor Green our choir, the Sinai Singers offered two musical pieces.

Up coming in December will be two wonderful programs not to miss. Temple Sinai is co-sponsoring an evening of learning with Temple Beth Tikvah in Wantagh and others. Dec. 9th's night of learning will be: Jews of India and Iraq with the award winning journalist: Rachel Musleah. Rachel will introduce you to the distinct heritage of the Jews of India and Iraq through the seventh generation of a Calcutta family. She can trace her roots back to the 17th century in Bagdad. For more information: Judi: jvj7@verizon.net. Scheduled just a few days later will be our annual Comedy Night. This year's comedy night will be at Governor's Comedy Club, in Levittown. For information: roxymomschnei@aol.com.

Recognizing that our size could be a deterrent, our energy, determination and commitment to our Temple and extended community motivates us to persevere. It is my hope and prayer that you, our members and friends take advantage of the opportunities offered to you by your leadership and board. As we build community, we strengthen our present and secure our future.

L'shalom: Rabbi Poticha

## Schedule of Services

### December

- 6 Shabbat Family Worship: 7:30pm. Our 5th grade will co-lead worship and provide the oneg.
- 8 Chanukah Party during Religious School
- 9 Night of Learning: Jews of India and Iraq, held at Beth Tikvah, Wantagh
- 12 Comedy Night: Governor's Comedy Club, Levittown
- 13 Shabbat Worship: 8:00pm
- 20 Shabbat Worship: 8:00pm
- 27 Shabbat Worship suspended until Jan. 3

### January

- 3 Shabbat Family Worship: 7:30pm
- 10 Shabbat Worship: 8:00pm
- 12 Tu B'Shevat Seder during Religious School
- 16 date of Tu B'Shevat
- 17 Shabbat Worship: 8:00pm to include Tu B'Shevat and honoring Dr. M.L. King
- 19 No Religious School (MLK)
- 24 Shabbat Worship: 8:00pm
- 31 Shabbat Worship: 8:00pm

### February

- 7 5th & 6th grade Shabbat dinner and Scout Shabbat: 5:45pm  
Shabbat Worship with 4th grade co-leading: 7:30pm
- 14 Shabbat Worship: 8:00pm
- 16 No Religious School (President's Weekend)
- 21 Shabbat Worship: 8:00pm
- 28 Shabbat Worship: 8:00pm

### March

- 7 7th grade Shabbat Dinner: 5:45pm  
Shabbat Family Worship: 7:30pm
- 14 Shabbat / Purim Service: 7:30pm (come in costume!)
- 16 Purim Carnival during Religious School

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### Board Meetings

December 16 in the Oneg room 7:30 sharp

## Yahrzeit Lists

### December 2013

- 1 Lillian Lorde
- 3 Louis Lipshitz
- 4 Molly Sacks Lipschitz
- 8 Fanny Hoffman
- 10 Tillie Wasserman
- 11 Hanna Preston
- 11 Henry Schwerd
- 12 Joseph Shears
- 13 Marjorie Goldberg
- 14 Ida Jacobson
- 15 Howard A. Paitchel
- 16 Joanne Goodman
- 16 Rose Siegel
- 17 Frances Ziegler
- 18 Jean Burke
- 20 Milton Hinden
- 22 Anna Lambert
- 23 Daniel Silver
- 24 Yolanda Wellsch
- 26 David Cohen
- 26 Hyman Hametz
- 26 Alan Rutkovsky
- 27 Anna Genser
- 30 Harry Gold

### January 2013

- 1 Mary Altman
- 1 Stan Hametz
- 1 Mildred Sanker
- 1 Lena Schwerd
- 2 Samuel Borak
- 2 Usher Brauner
- 2 Meyer Sivan
- 3 Frances Austin
- 3 David Kushner
- 5 Aaron Davidson\*
- 5 Harry Sklar
- 8 Michael Hoffman
- 9 Matthew Lambert
- 10 Benjamin Bernstein
- 10 Allene Lawrence
- 10 Selma Prager Mazen
- 11 Jacob Farowich
- 11 Rabbi Leonard Stern
- 12 Rose Wasserman
- 13 Aaron Lomazov
- 13 Isaac Rosenbaum
- 15 Lisa Fleischer
- 15 Joseph Mandel
- 15 Mortimer Wein
- 16 Tillie Braun
- 16 Kelman Hoffman
- 16 Leonard Schatz
- 17 Nolan Wyler
- 19 Benjamin Braunstein
- 23 Mollie Feinberg
- 25 Sheldon Gottlieb
- 25 Louis Hoffman
- 26 Sadie Feit
- 26 Ruth Garber
- 26 Morris Paitchel
- 26 Dr. Joseph Wrana
- 27 Peter Cutrin
- 29 Michael D. Muckley
- 29 Sydney Alex Royden
- 30 Nine Bloomingdale
- 30 Edward A. Faust
- 30 Rose First

### February 2013

- 2 Lewis Stern
- 6 Bernard Polsky
- 7 Leo Schiffer
- 8 A. William Feinberg
- 10 Evelyn Solinsky
- 10 Edward Sunshine
- 11 Harry Goodman
- 13 Ida Braunstein
- 15 Clarence Bard
- 15 Edith Cohen
- 15 Lillian Kushner
- 16 Abe Antman
- 16 Ruben Barkus
- 16 Sarah Brauner
- 16 Anna Cutrin
- 16 Bertie Keren
- 16 Lillie Lipshitz
- 16 Louis Wasserman
- 16 Ruth Zapolsky
- 17 Theadore A. Klyne
- 17 Elsie Lomazov
- 18 Fannie Goodman
- 18 Toby Wolfson
- 19 Claire Welt Appel
- 20 Herman Cohen
- 20 Henrietta Rand
- 21 William Kramer
- 22 Toby Handler
- 24 Eva Rogers
- 24 Daniel Sion
- 26 Sam Nathan Beckerman
- 26 Abraham Broizman
- 27 Nettie Leff
- 27 Herman Mollins
- 28 Sylvia Goldberg
- 28 Jenny Rutkovsky

**If you would like to place  
a plaque on our  
Memorial Board you  
may contact  
Barbara Frisch  
516 798-6050 or  
Asha Rotstein  
631 673-4620  
The cost is \$275.00**

**CHINESE AUCTION**

**Sunday, Oct. 13, Doors opened at 6PM**

**THANK YOU TO THE CONGREGANTS WHO HELPED WITH THE CHINESE AUCTION  
HELD ON OCTOBER 13, 2013**

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. My set up committee Shirley Gelman, Artie Goldberg and our family friends Kelly Stevens, Ronnie Strohschnitter and Tracy. 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. I would also like to thank my daughter-in-law, Mary Ringlen for the wonderful baskets she put together which were very popular. At night we had many Temple members helping run the auction. Asha Rotstein, Irma and Roanne Kulakoff Roslyn Rogers, Lisa Tasch and Daughter Jaclyn. Ellen Teitelbaum, Fred Stern and Gloria Goldberg.

Special thanks to Jeff Tasch for his excellent job as the caller. I particularly want to thank the cleanup crew who did a speedy and efficient job cleaning up afterwards. They were Jeff and Lisa Tasch, Ron Cholewa and several members that I have all ready mentioned plus several of our guests.

The runners were Dana, Hannah, Jillian and Nicole with adult help from Ellen, Fred, Lisa and Jaclyn. 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

**Thank you for your Yahrzeit donations**

**In Memory of**

Daniel Silver  
Henry Schwerd  
Tillie Wasserman  
Marjorie Goldberg  
Michael and Fannie Hoffman  
Ronald Berger  
Irving Reisman  
Ruth Sadoff  
Lzzy Bokofsky  
Earl Jaffy  
Ben Zwanger  
Paul Burman

Ira Glick  
Buddy Prager

**From**

Roberta McCauley  
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Edith Burman  
Bob & Marcia Goldberg  
Linda Hoffman  
Jackie & Elliot Berger  
Marcia Cannava  
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Denise Pavlides  
Jerry Zwanger  
Asha and Leo Rotstein  
Irma & Roanne Kulakoff,  
Lynn & Steve Rudin  
The Cannava Family  
Irma and Roanne Kulakoff  
The Prager Family

**General Donations**

**In honor of our "new generation" of  
Temple Volunteers**

Lisa Tasch  
Joy Findling  
Peggy Katz  
Miriam Margolin  
Melissa Marshall  
Fred Stern  
Ellen Teitelbaum  
from the Cannava Family  
Thank you for your hard work and  
dedication

**Donations are welcome**

Please make checks payable to Temple Sinai and mail to Temple Sinai, c/o Asha Rotstein, 29 Lewis Court, Huntington, NY 11746.

**Principal's Note**

December/January/February 2013-2014

Our school year has started in full swing, as we celebrated our High Holy Days together, with many children attending services along with their parents. Many parents have cooperated to enrich our school holidays. Apples, honey, and challah for Sukkot were provided by Jen Abramowitz, Bonnie Jonak, Joy Findling, and Kathy Elfenbein, coordinated by Suzanne Behar. Joy Findling and Dawn Lesser planned the Welcome Shabbat Dinner for grades 3 & 4 and our new students. A big thank you to all of our Parents' Committee members! They make our school exciting and fun.

Hanukah falls on November 28 this year (first candle is lit 11/27, the night before Thanksgiving). We will have our holiday celebration in school on 12/08.

Our Shabbat dinner for the fifth and sixth graders and their families has been scheduled for February 7 at 5:45. Our class dinners enable the families to get to know one another and help create a spirit of community. Grade 4 will be participating in the service that night. Grade 5 will participate on December 6. During school on January 12 at 11:00, we will celebrate Tu B'Shevat, our New Year for Trees. We will be commemorating this day with a special Seder, which includes four cups of juice and different kinds of nuts and fruits. Planting begins at this time of year in Israel. Parents are welcome to join us. We will also need help with the set-up and clean-up.

Shalom! Lynn Rudin

**School Calendar**

Sundays: December 1 (no school for Thanksgiving), 8, 15 (22, 29 no school for Winter break)

January 5, 12, (19 no school-Martin Luther King), 26

February 2, 9, (16, 23 no school for Presidents' Week)

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**Your hosts for Onegs December - January - February**

**December**

6th 5th grade  
13th The Lesser Family  
20th Lehmann Family  
27th No Service

**January**

3rd open  
10th Gelman  
17th Cholewa In Memory of  
Gail's Mother  
24th Rudin Family Birthdays  
31st Ringlen In Memory of  
Mollie Feinberg

**February**

7th 4th grade  
14th Scout Shabbat  
21st Marshall  
28th Eichen

**Bowling** on 11/17 was a fun event, as usual. We had a showing of about 35 people, who had a wonderful time. Both temple members and friends and family of temple members were there to support Temple Sinai. Penny Katz created many of the baskets which were a huge success. The Kulakoff family donated pizza, snacks and drinks – we thank them for their generosity! I think that the Rabbi even bowled a perfect game.

Thanks to all who attended, contributed and did whatever they could to make this a FUNdraiser!

Penny Katz, Miriam Margolin Co Chairs

**Comedy Night** Another opening, another show... What a treat. Roni, thank you for all you did to make this evening a beautiful success. The baskets were lovely, the excitement was everywhere and WOW were we all dazzled by Top Performing Comedians. As luck would have it Adam Ferrara from Top Gear, Comedy Central and on and on was trying out a new routine and we were the audience that got to hear his new Stuff- Funny.. Hysterical... Awesome... ..We were also blessed by the generosity of other guests who purchased raffle tickets to support our Temple Sinai. Do not have the final figures, but a very profitable evening as well.

Temple Sinai keeps chugging along. Thanks to those who attended and it is my fondest wish that more of our Temple Community comes out to support all of our wonderful "Fun/Fundraisers".

Congratulations to Temple Sinai for another tremendous event- Thanks once again to Roni. Leslie

### **Evening of Learning - An Interesting and Worthwhile Time Spent**

Monday Dec. 9th was South Shore Sisterhoods Evening Of Learning at Congregation Beth Tikvah. Our guest speaker was Rahel Musleah, a Jewish woman from Calcutta India, who came to tell us how it is for a Jew growing up in India. What a wonderful presentation it was. Everyone who had the opportunity to attend this presentation was inspired by the stories, music, and pictures Rahel brought to show us. We had a lot to learn from our fellow Jews from the other side of the world. There were many differences but also many things that we could relate to.

I hope all of our congregants will want to join us for the next Evening of Learning.

### **Golf Outing 2013**

Every year in the world of golf there are major championships. The Masters tournament, the U S Open, the British Open, and the PGA Championship are watched by golfers all over the world. For Temple Sinai, no golfing event is more important than our Temple Sinai Golf Outing held at the Hamlet in Commack Long Island.

This year's golf outing was a resounding success. Funds raised from this event will allow us at the Temple, to complete some very important repairs and improvements to our facility. All who attended, both temple members, as well as the numerous non-members, contributed in making this our most successful fun/fund raiser of the year. All involved deserve our most sincere thanks. We will host this event again in 2014. For those who were unable to attend this year, another opportunity is upcoming. Please be part of our success and participate in the upcoming year. CLLMike Eichen for info 516 798 0342

**DONATION: \$20.00**  
**Temple Sinai**  
**of Massapequa**  
**Comedy Fundraiser Night At:**

**GOVERNOR'S**  
**Comedy**  
**Club**

**Thursday**  
**December 12, 2013**  
**Showtime: 8:00 pm**

No Reserved Tables, First Come First Serve Seating  
Doors Open at 6:30 pm - Please Arrive By 7:00 pm  
**(516) 731-3358** [www.govs.com](http://www.govs.com)  
18 and over 2 beverage minimum per person at table.  
**90 Division Avenue - Levittown NY 11756**

## **We're happy to announce our Schedule of Fun Fundraisers and Community Events for the coming year,**

**Comedy club** will be in Dec. Call Roni 516 797-4996

**Tupperware Sale!** The Temple will be earning 40% of the profit on whatever you buy. We hope to get 100% participation from our members. If anyone would like to send the brochure to a friend or family member please contact Lisa (917) 913-6023 with their info and she will be sure to forward it.

**2014 Summer Garage sale Sun. date tba** Gently used clothing, household items. Call Asha (631) 673 4620 to volunteer and for info. Call Bob 516 (509) 4353

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**October - Bowling Party**

**November / December - Holiday Fair**

**December - Comedy Club - Coupon Books**

### **A note from our Co-Presidents**

DEAR FRIENDS AND CONGREGANTS,

THE LEAVES ARE FALLING AND THERE IS A CHILL IN THE AIR, BUT THE WARMTH SURROUNDING TEMPLE SINAI IS ABUNDANT. WE ARE SO BLESSED AS A CONGREGATION TO HAVE MEMBERS WHOSE GENEROSITY AND CONCERN CONTINUE THE TRADITIONS THAT MAKE OUR SYNAGOGUE OUR "WARM AND WELCOMING HOUSE OF WORSHIP"

THE HERITAGE OF OUR PEOPLE INCLUDES THE MEMORIALIZATION OF OUR LOVED ONES TO KEEP THEIR MEMORIES ALIVE. HOW BLESSED ARE WE AS A CONGREGATION TO HAVE TEMPLE FAMILIES WHO CONTINUE THIS GREAT TRADITION THROUGH SPECIFIC CHARITABLE DONATIONS.

THE MOST RECENT EXAMPLE OF THIS HAS ALLOWED OUR TEMPLE SINAI TO HAVE AN INTERPRETER TO FACILITATE THE HEARING IMPAIRED WHILE ATTENDING FAMILY SERVICES AND SPECIAL TEMPLE EVENTS. AN AMAZING GESTURE OF KINDNESS FOR WHICH WE ARE ALL SO THANKFUL.

ANOTHER MITZVAH IS THE RECENT PROJECT OF THE EAGLE SCOUTS TO BEAUTIFY AND ENHANCE OUR BELOVED TEMPLE SINAI LANDSCAPE WHICH WAS DAMAGED DURING SUPER STORM SANDY.

LET US THANK THE FEINSTEIN FAMILY AND FRIENDS FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND DEVOTION IN OVERSEEING OUR LANDSCAPE PROJECT.

LET US THANK THE PRAGER FAMILY FOR THEIR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION THAT WILL ALLOW THE HEARING IMPAIRED TO COMFORTABLY WORSHIP AT OUR FAMILY SERVICES AND SPECIAL TEMPLE EVENTS.

LET US THANK ALL OF OUR TEMPLE SINAI FAMILIES FOR ALL THEY DO EVERYDAY TO KEEP OUR SYNAGOGUE THAT "WARM AND WELCOMING HOUSE OF WORSHIP" THAT WE CALL HOME.

SHARE IN THE WARMTH OF TEMPLE SINAI. WORSHIP SIDE BY SIDE WITH YOUR FELLOW CONGREGANTS.  
LESLIE AND BOB