

the news



D'varim ~ from Rabbi Poticha
From Rabbi Poticha June 2012

Summer is in the air. Graduation is coming, camp will soon begin. Those of you with boats have already put them in the water and are enjoying our weather. We all have closets which need cleaning, bringing your gently used items to the Temple for our annual August garage sale.

The end of May brought the end of religious school for the year and our farewell to Mrs. Bernstein, who had been our religious school principal. June will bring an end to the first year Cantor Green has been embracing us in song. And, we finished counting the Omer which was our entrée to Shavout. Temple Sinai had a strong contingent marching in the Celebrate Israel Parade. And we are looking forward to our Shabbat Under The Stars service which will conclude our annual-cycle of clergy -led worship. Looking to July, we celebrate our nation's birthday of 4 July and commemorate the destruction of the historic Temple's in Jerusalem on Tisha b'Av (this year: 29 July).

What much of this means is, we live by two calendars. We live by the "regular" calendar or the Gregorian calendar and we live by the Hebrew calendar. Our calendars and minds have to be in two places at the same time. This means, while we watch the summer Olympics in England, we keep an eye on Israel. While we may enjoy well-earned time off this summer we also think about Iran's next move, we keep abreast of the status of immigrants in Israel, we stay informed about the progress of women and Reform Rabbis in Israel, we speak out against boycott and divestment plans against Israel and of course we are daily faced with campaigning for America's coming 57th quadrennial presidential election.

Then, as Labor Day approaches, we try to figure out how to elongate summer.

During all this, Shabbat continues at Temple Sinai, lay led every week. Your clergy will already be thinking about and planning for Selichot (8 Sept) and the High Holy Days and our religious school teachers will be developing creative curriculum for our students.

Your synagogue board will be working towards maintaining the continuity of Temple Sinai.

We think that the summer will allow us to breath, to relax -

Temple Sinai

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Janise Poticha

Cantor

Orna Green

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Schedule of Services

JUNE

- 1 7:30 PM: Shabbat Worship; honoring our Celebrate Israel Parade Participants
- 2 10:15AM: Shabbat Morning Worship. Jack Rosen will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah, parshat Naso
- 3 Celebrate Israel Parade, Manhattan, NY
- 8 8:00PM: Shabbat Worship
- 15 8:00PM: Shabbat Worship
- 16 10:15AM: Shabbat Morning Worship. Julia Brady will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah, parshat Shelah
- 17 Father's Day
- 22 8:00PM: Shabbat Worship
- 29 7:30PM: Shabbat Under The Stars

JULY

- 6 8PM Service led by Marilyn and Ivan Hametz
- 13 8PM Service led by Jeff and Aline Chesner
- 20 8PM Service led by Ivan and Marilyn Hametz
- 27 8PM Shabbat Service led by Marcia Cannava

AUGUST

- 3 Available
- 10 8PM Service led by Leslie and Michael Eichen
- 17 8PM Service led by Gloria and Arthur Goldberg
- 24 8PM Service led by Asha and Leo Rotstein
- 31 Labor Day Weekend

SEPTEMBER

- 7 Shabbat Family Services 7:30PM
- 14 Shabbat Worship 8PM
- 16 Sunday Erev Rosh Hashana - Evening Service 8PM
- 17 Monday Rosh Hashana - Morning Service 10AM

August Open House and School Registration

Temple Board Meetings

- Monday, June 11
- Wednesday, August 8

JUNE

- 1 – the Rosen Family in honor of Jack's Bar Mitzvah and honoring parade participants
- 8 - The Feinsteins and the Vogels in honor of Michael's 21st Birthday and Baby Naming for Myrah Rotstein
- 15 – the Brady Family in honor of Julia's Bat Mitzvah
- 22 - The Katz Family in honor of Penny's parents 60th Anniversary
- 29- Shabbat under the Stars - Barbara Ringlen in honor of her retirement and Irene Harmon in honor of Erica's HS graduation

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- 13 Jeff and Aline Chesner
- 20 Ivan and Marilyn Hametz
- 27 Marcia Cannava

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Congratulations Graduates!

A Few Important Fundraising Events

- Sunday, August 5** - Garage Sale 9AM Call Asha, she needs help - 631 673 4620
- Sunday, October 7** - Chinese Auction 6:30PM Call Barbara, she needs help too - 631 664 8215
- Mini Golf - TBA
- Thursday, Dec. 6** - Comedy Club Call Roni 516 797 4996

Religious School Principal's Article

Students of the Temple Sinai Religious School along with Rabbi Poticha enjoyed celebrating Tu Bishvat with a seder in which they ate foods grown in Israel. Almost each month we get to celebrate a holiday. Another fun holiday is Purim and our religious school held a Purim costume contest and the students enjoyed baking Hamentashen. Right before Passover our students were busy learning to recite the four questions with Mrs. Rudin for their family Seder.

We were excited to have Grade 3 students leading services for the first time on March 2. All families are invited to attend services on the first Friday of the month at 7:30 P.M. and enjoy the oneg (dessert) afterwards. Our last event of the year was a Lag B'Omer barbecue in which the students were able to relax and enjoy playing in the parking lot and ate delicious food together. A special thank you to Richard Williamson for barbecuing and to all the parents who helped with our events throughout the year.

A big Mazal Tov goes to our B'nai Mitzvah students David Levine, Dayna Abramowitz, Rebecca Williamson, Jack Rosen and Julia Brady as well as their families as they reach this milestone.

School was concluded on May 20th with breakfast and awards. School will begin again on September 9th, 2012.
Shalom - Rebecca Bernstein

Religious School Calendar

Have a Wonderful Summer Vacation! Religious School begins again on September 9, 2012!

Our Principals

While we're saying goodbye to Mrs. Bernstein, we thank her for stepping up to the position at Temple Sinai's Religious School and wish well to her growing family. She has a big job taking care of the newborn twins.

In the meantime, we welcome back our well loved Mrs. Lynn Rudin as principal. We look forward to a long lasting relationship.

D'varim con't from page 1 even for a moment. Actually, we do need to find time for ourselves every week of every season. We must take time to breathe and hopefully we create those moments which will take our breath away.

May both calendars frame your life and time. May your summer bring you and yours joy, relaxation and contentment. May you make the time to regenerate your personal battery.

Rabbi Janise Poticha

Have Fun this Summer!



President's Corner

THE VOTES ARE IN!! By the time you are reading this, our congregation (those who wished to participate), will have cast their ballot for, or against, the use of the Mishkan Tefilah for our Friday night services. I hope that the majority voted for using them. I will explain.

Where do we stand in our overall evolution of Jewish culture, religion, and heritage? In the United States, we are currently in an environment of dwindling congregation members, increasing mixed marriages, and less feelings towards being Jewish. We Jews have assimilated well in the American culture, but I fear we are losing our identity.

How can we counter this movement, going in the wrong direction? I think the first thing every Jew around the world must do is to visit Israel. Go to the land, I promise you'll feel that this is your home. And it is! When you come back from there, you will understand that the freedoms we enjoy here in America, can only be as strong as Israel is secure. Imagine a world without Israel. How secure would you then be about your religious freedoms.

But we are here in America, and we need to reach more Jews. We need to get them to come back to the Synagogue and pray. And do I think the Mishkan Tefilah is the vehicle to do that? You bet I do. The book is easy to follow, there is plenty of English interpretation along side the Hebrew prayers, also transliteration (if you choose to read in Hebrew). There are some minor differences in the chronology of the services. The most obvious one is that the Kiddush is now at the beginning of the service rather than at the end. That might not be such a bad idea. Having a little wine at the beginning of the service rather than at the end might actually make the service seem to go a little bit faster. I'm for a change.

Jeff Chesner

Walking Tour of New York City's West Village, Chelsea Market and the Highline.

Through the courtesy of our friend and board member, Alan Traeger, a marvelous and educational trip to the West Village, Chelsea Market and the Highline, was made available to Temple Congregants and Temple Sinai's extended family. Fortunately, there were a few Temple Members who took advantage of this exciting "Temple Sinai FunRaiser" on Sunday May 20, a beautiful day for a walk. The \$18.00 suggested donation went directly to Temple Sinai.

As an unexpected delight our tour was invited into Congregation Darech Amuno located on Charles Street. We were offered a small tour and discussion of the synagogues focus and history.

Alan has kindly offered to, once again, lead a group from Temple Sinai on another tour (the destination and date will follow). We implore our congregant members to support and participate in this tremendous opportunity to experience a slice of history, to assist Temple Sinai in our fundraising endeavors and to spend some time getting to know and enjoy the company of our fellow congregants.

We all thank Alan for his kindness, expertise and deep love for Temple Sinai.

From the grateful walking tour participants.

Hoping to see you on the next walk!



100 Family Garage Sale! Sunday August 5, 2012 - 9:00AM

Please bring your gently used items for sale Friday evenings prior to services and put them in the classroom. Set up will begin approximately one week prior. Call Asha for more information and to help out 631 673 4620.

CHINESE AUCTION

Sunday, October 7, 2012 - 6:30PM

As we have done in previous years, we are planning a Chinese Auction to be held on October 7, 2012. As usual, we will need a lot of prizes and hope you will use the following months to start accumulating things that we can use for this Auction.

If you go to a restaurant, by showing them one of our letters, they may give you a gift certificate or some item that we can use for a prize. We will also need liquor for our liquor basket. Your assistance is urgently required if we are to have a successful auction.

If you need letters, see Barbara Ringlen who will be happy to supply you with them. If we all pitch in, this will be as successful as our previous auctions have been.

CAN I COUNT ON ALL OF YOU?

Barbara Ringlen Auction Coordinator 631 664 8215

Temple Sinai website www.templeseinainmassapequa.org

The Shofar is looking for Ads. The contracts are enclosed in the newsletter. There are two contracts on each page. Please use one and get one of your friends to use the other. Our ad revenue is very low, we need more ads. This is a good way to support Temple Sinai and a good way of reaching the neighborhood.

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	From
Meyer Lesser	Jonathan & Dawn Lesser
Bernard Bokofski	Mel & Barbara Meyerson
Dora Lambert	Susan Rudnick
Roberta Zwanger	
Evelyn Zwanger	
Elsie Lomazov	Jerome Zwanger
Edith Cohen	Gruenberg Family
Muriel Vainder	Martin Vainder
Mollie Feinberg	Barbara Ringlen
Tullie Wasserman	Paul & Edith Burman
Fanny Hoffman	Linda Hoffman
David Weinblatt	Anita Weinblatt
Minna Kramer	Richard & Irene Kramer

Condolences

The Lisigorsky Family on the passing of Ira's brother-in-law

Get Well Wishes

Roz Rogers
Leo and Asha Rotstein
Andrea Feinstein
Barbara Meyersen
Donald McCalmont

Mazel Tov

Rebecca Bernstein and Family on the birth of their twins.
The Lisigorsky Family on the engagement of their son

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

MANY THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO ASHA ROTSTEIN AND HER COMMITTEE ON A SUCCESSFUL AND DELIGHTFUL CAFE NIGHT 2012

Anne Rosenbach • Deborah Spiro • Marcia Cannava • Gloria & Arty Goldberg • Bob Sailor • Louis Guzman • Cantor Orna Green • Leo Rotstein • Shaina Rotstein • Bob Sailor • Samantha Goldberg • Jacqueline Sailor • Fred Stern • Ms. Shaina Rotstein • Roni Schneider • Melissa Marshall • Lydia and Steven Rabitz • Steven and Penny Katz • The Martin Family • Barbara Ringlen • Roz and Elliot Rogers and Family • Miriam Margolin • I-pad donor • The Artists: • Rabbi Alan C. Stein • Peggy McCalmont • Shanna Spiro • Andrew Amakawa • Alex Goldberg • Mr. Alan Kunins • Matthew Rotjan • Ellen Teitelbaum • Cantor Stephen Stein • Maria Jacobi • Megan Atchley • Fred Stern • Joshua Sailor

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Yahrzeit List

JUNE 2012

2 Sophie Hershorn
 2 Roger S. Weinblatt
 3 Morris Weissman
 5 Seymour Meyerson
 6 Joseph Bodeck
 6 May Jacobson
 6 Ira Sprinz
 7 Robert Strange
 8 Celia Barkus
 9 Joseph Morris Friedberg
 10 Lynn Gruenberg
 10 Jacob Schechter
 11 Tillie Schuster
 11 Jean Wolf
 13 Roslyn Sacks
 15 Mary Sunshine
 16 Morris Shapiro
 16 Benjamin Weinstein
 17 Louis Rutkovsky
 17 Amelia Welt
 19 Kay Bloomingdale
 19 Nat Smilen
 20 Fannie Mason
 22 Lillian Schneider
 24 Brian Goldberg
 24 Daniel Zindler
 25 Leonard Levine
 27 Frank Pitlon
 28 Harvey Berkowitz
 29 Janet Lewis
 30 Ruth Schechter
 30 William Allan Rosenberg
 6/1990 Emanuel Helfand

JULY 2012

1 Jerome Shapiro
 2 Lewis Stern
 4 Bessie Kulakoff
 4 Sally Singer
 4 Theodore Zeigler
 6 Martha Barkus
 7 Eve Lesley
 7 Leo Matalon
 7 Ruth Silber
 8 Sadie Bernstein
 8 Jan Keltz
 8 Joseph Aaron Weisberger
 11 Sanford Burke
 11 Theodore Rosedale
 11 Lolita Shears
 14 Joe Baron
 14 Helene Fleischer
 15 Israel Greenspan
 15 Abraham Shapiro
 15 Julius Traeger
 15 Martin Walters
 16 Richard Phillip Chinsky
 23 Barbara Berkowitz
 23 Lillian Berman
 23 Arlene Levine
 23 Harlow Meckes
 24 Esther Brown
 24 Julia Weinstein
 26 Henry Feinberg
 26 Rebecca Liebler
 26 Celia Rutkovsky
 27 Minnie Greenspan
 27 Esther Hamer
 29 Bernice Zwanger
 31 Annie Canter
 31 Benjamin Lambert
 July '98 Paul Munch

AUGUST 2012

2 Frieda Beckerman
 2 Harry Charkowsky
 3 Paul Poticha
 4 Alfred Derrier
 4 Benjamin Erenstoff
 6 Estelle Fermaglich
 7 Joan Hertz
 9 Vita Charmack
 9 Bella Horowitz
 12 Carl Fleischer
 12 Julius Mindel
 15 Janette Eisner
 16 Edwin I. Bloomingdale
 16 Harley Fredericks
 17 Harlan Bradley
 17 Brett Paul Cohen
 18 Janet Borak
 18 Irving Wolf
 19 Helen Newman Antman
 21 Doris Shapiro
 24 Etta Schulman
 25 Rose Cohen
 25 William Wolfson
 26 Joseph Eisner
 26 Ruth Schatz LaBelle
 27 Blossom Kutz
 27 David Rand
 28 E. Jack Harris
 2 Abraham Nachtigal
 28 Jerry Strange
 29 Paulette Sokolik
 29 Shirley Stern
 30 Irma Rudin
 31 Theresa Banks

**To Add the Names of your
 Loved Ones to our
 Yahrzeit List Call
 Barbara (516 798-6050)**



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

Celebrate Israel Parade: Sunday, 3 June

Israel is a small yet mighty State. Temple Sinai is a small congregation but mighty in spirit. This year Temple Sinai has 29 participants marching in the Celebrate Israel Parade. The participants are (by family): Beckerman, Chesner, Eichen, Hametz, Katz, Keltz, Meyerson, Rogers, Sailor, Stern, Teitlebaum, Rabbi Poticha, Cantor Green and one current and a past religious school teachers: Ms. Paula and Ms. Helene. We will honor our participants during Shabbat worship on 1 June, 7:30PM.

Shabbat Under The Stars: Friday, 29 June at 7:30PM

Each year, the last Shabbat in June, Temple Sinai enjoys Shabbat as our ancient mystics (Kabbalists) envisioned it; being in nature, enjoying the sun set, bringing Shabbat in with song and stars. Join us at the park at the end of Clocks Blvd for a joyous Shabbat Under The Stars.

We will meet at the synagogue at 7:15 to transport siddurim (prayer books) and chairs to the park. Note: we can not park cars at the end of Clocks Blvd. For those who are not able to walk, we will transport individuals back and forth.

Religious School Tzedakah Contribution

We take seriously the mitzvah of tzedakah, the justice of giving to others. In that spirit, every Sunday during religious school, tzedakah is collected from our students. During the last day of school, the students vote on who will receive our tzedakah contribution. This year, their tzedakah will go to Pets4Love and the Israel Guide Dog Center for the Blind. Next year, during religious school, we will have a speaker from the Israel Guide Dog Center speak to our students and parents about the impressive work they accomplish.

Summer Shabbat Worship

Please remember: Shabbat worship continues every Friday night, throughout the summer. Come and support our lay leaders who will lead worship and host delicious onegs.

Garage Sale: Sunday August 2, 9AM - Come one Come all!

Drop off your gently used items at the Temple on Friday evenings before services. Set up will begin approximately one week before. Asha will need help setting up and cleaning up after the sale. Please contact her at 631 673 4620 to let her know how you can help.
