

Please Join our Adult Education Committee

The Temple Sinai Board of Trustees and Executive Committee are happy to announce the creation of an Adult Education Committee. The committee is co-chaired by Mark Feinstein and Alan Traeger. Our goal is to explore/create programs that appeal to as wide a membership as possible. In order to achieve this goal we are reaching out to you, the membership & parents of our religious school, for possible suggestions as to what programs would appeal to you. We have consulted with The Union For Reformed Judaism for possible ideas. Some ideas that Marc and I have come up with, in conjunction with the URJ, are 1) A Book Club- reading books with a Jewish theme be they non-fiction or fiction, 2) A film series- viewing and discussing films with a Jewish theme 3) A Current Events Discussion Group, 4) A symposium to discuss issues within Judaism that would be held during the space between the morning and afternoon Yom Kippur services, 5) A Social Consciousness Group. The time and place for the above programs as well as a list of potential offerings are still in the planning stage. We would appreciate any input from you as to your wanting to partake in any of the above ideas or whether you might have other suggestions. In addition if any one is interested in being part of our exploratory group please let us know. You may contact either Mark or Alan Mark Feinstein email - mdab65@aol.com or by phone (516) 798.8760 Alan Traeger email - alantraeger@hotmail.com or by phone (516) 795.2411

Membership

The Temple Sinai Board members were pleased to sponsor our New Member Oneg on 12/11, the first night of Hanukkah. Our sanctuary glowed with the lights of member's Hanukkah menorahs. A sumptuous oneg followed. We were happy to see so many new members at our Hanukkah service. The Board would like to welcome all of our new member families and we hope to see you at future services and activities.
Sue Keltz - Membership Chairperson

The Social Outreach Committee

This past Thanksgiving, members of Temple Sinai volunteered with Island Harvest, a non-profit organization which helps feed the hungry on Long Island. Located at the Waldbaums in Massapequa, our volunteers asked shoppers to purchase a Thanksgiving trimming box, and place it in a bin on their way exiting the supermarket. The trimming boxes included all the necessary side dishes that went with a Thanksgiving dinner, and Waldbaum's was committed to donating a free turkey with each box that was donated. Which made this a win-win cause. We didn't have a final tally, but those of us who volunteered found that most people were generous during that time of the year, and especially with the frightening economic conditions we were all experiencing. The Temple Sinai volunteers who donated their time were; Peter Cutrin, Ann Rosenbach, Leslie and Michael Eichen, Elliot and Roslyn Rogers, Sue Keltz, and Jeff and Aline Chesner.

This winter our Social Action Committee also hosted a coat drive, led by Bonnie Lisogorsky. We were very pleased with the response from you our members, and the mitzvah was for a worthy cause. A special thanks to Ira Lisogorsky for collecting many coats, hats, gloves and other clothing donated by his customers in Kew Gardens. We thank all those members who contributed in keeping people warm this winter. We have many more plans, and we would love to get more Temple members involved. Please send us your suggestions, and/or your desire to help with one of our projects. Send mail to Temple Sinai Attn: Social Outreach Committee, 270 Clocks Blvd., Massapequa, NY 11758

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 D'varim ~ from Rabbi Poticha

news

In 1996 then-First Lady of the USA Hillary Rodham Clinton presented her vision for the children of America. She published her book: It Takes a Village: And Other Lessons Children Teach Us.

She focused on the impact individuals and groups outside the family have, for better or worse, on a child's well-being and advocates for a society which meets all of a child's needs. The book's title is attributed to an African proverb: "It takes village to raise a child" ("ora na azu nwa" in the language of the Nigerian people).

I am not making a political statement by mentioning this book, but I mention it because since it's publication many people use the phrase: "it takes a _____ to _____" you can fill in the blanks. Simply, I think this means that it takes more than one committed person to make any action a positive reality and have positive impact, as the opening statement of the book suggests: "We cannot live for ourselves alone. Our lives are connected by a thousand invisible threads, and along those sympathetic fibers, our actions run as causes and return to us as results" – Herman Melville.

In that spirit I can say: it takes a minyan* to create, build and enhance a synagogue community. Even in the 21st century, when a person can pod cast talks on G-d (called "G-dcasts") and can webstream live worship services and lectures, we still need committed individuals with shared values to come together striving towards common goals. How will continuity be maintained if there is no one to share common goals, if we do not together envision and make our future a reality? Our strength is in the combination of all of our different interests and professional specialties, which come together, expressed through culture and values: "it takes us to build, maintain and expand our synagogue community".

In recent months, our board has worked hard re-envisioning their tasks through the work of their committees. Their work continues as they try to make their committees more responsive to the needs of our community and to our congregation. Yes, it takes a board willing to do hard work to maintain/sustain and enhance their synagogue community. It also takes congregants/members coming together in prayer, song, and common values to share in our past stories, write our stories of today and with 21st century fore thought envision our future. It takes each one of us, framed by our Festivals, holidays, our traditions and demands of our modern world to help us create and sustain our synagogue community.

Yes, together, it takes us!

*Minyan: historically has meant a group of 10 adult Jews required for a legal quorum. It also means a group of committed Jews who come together as a community or a part of a larger community.

Temple Sinai

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March

April

May

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Schedule of Services

MARCH

- 5 Fri 7:30 PM Family Shabbat Service
 12 Fri 7:30 PM Congregation Meeting
 8:00 PM Shabbat Service
 19 Fri 8:00 PM Shabbat Service
 26 Fri 8:00 PM Shabbat Service
 27 Sat 6:45 PM Havdallah Service

APRIL

- 2 Fri 7:30 PM Family Shabbat Service
 5th night of Pesach
 9 Fri 8:00 PM Shabbat Service
 10 Sat 10:15 AM Shabbat Morning Service
 Parshat Shemini
 Jeremy Marina called to the Torah
 16 Fri 8:00 PM Shabbat Service
 *Special addition for Yom HaAtzmaut
 17 Sat 10:15 AM Shabbat Morning Service
 Parshat Tazria-Metzora

Joseph Martin called to the Torah

- 23 Fri 8:00 PM ECO-Shabbat Service
 24 Sat 10:15 AM Shabbat Morning Service
 Parshat Achrei Mot/Kedoshim
 Jonathan Schwartz called to the Torah
 30 Fri 8:00 PM Shabbat Service

MAY

- 7 Fri 7:30 PM Family Shabbat Service
 14 Fri 8:00 PM Shabbat Service
 21 Fri 8:00 PM Shabbat Service
 22 Sat 10:15 AM Shabbat Morning Service
 Parshat Naso
 Lauren Mathisen called to the Torah
 28 Fri 8:00 PM Shabbat Service

Temple Board Meetings

March 8 Monday 7:30PM Oneg Room

As part of our High Holiday Drive our Ritual Committee would like to publish a Yahrzeit Memorial Book. For more information call Leo Rotstein at 631 673 4620

Onegs

- March 5 - Grade 4 Class Service
 March 12 - Roslyn Rogers in honor of Eliot's Birthday
 March 19 - Gail and Ron Cholewa in honor of Sadie's (Gail's Mother) 100th Birthday
 March 26 - Marcia Cannava in honor of new grandneice and grandnephew born Feb 17, 2010
 April 2 - The Ringlens and Kulakoffs in honor of Passover
 April 9 - The Marino Family in honor of Jeremy's Bar Mitzvah
 April 16 - The Martins in honor of Joseph's Bar Mitzvah
 April 23 - The Schwartz Family in honor of Jonathon's Bar Mitzvah
 April 30 - Sherri and Steven Kaufman in honor of Dan's Birthday
 May 7 - Grade 3 Class Service
 May 14 - The Pavlides Family
 May 21 - The Mathisen Family in honor of Lauren's Bat Mitzvah
 May 28 - The Blumenthal Family

More Important Dates

MARCH

- 12 Fri 7:30 PM Congregation Meeting
 21 Sun 1:00 PM School Model Seder
 6th Grade Family -B'nai Mitzvah Meeting
 Temple Landscape Project
 27 Sat 7:00PM Café Night
 29 Mon Passover begins at sunset

APRIL

- 18 Sun 10:00 AM Congregational Meeting
 Yom Ha Zikaron
 19 Mon Israel Memorial Day
 Yom Ha'Atzmaut
 20 Tue Israel Independence Day
 Earth Day
 22 Thur

MAY

- 9 Sun Mother's Day
 12 Wed Yom Yerushalayim
 18 Tue Erev Shavout
 23 Sun Salute to Israel Parade

Yahrzeit List

MARCH 2010

- 2 Abe Antman
 2 Edward Barnett
 2 Sarah Brauner
 2 Bernard Bernstein
 2 Bertie Keren
 2 Louis Wasserman
 2 Ruth Zapolsky
 3 Theodore A. Klyne
 4 Fannie Goodman
 4 Leonora Pitilon
 6 Manya Burman
 6 Herman Cohen
 6 Fred Spiro
 7 Meyer Welt
 8 Julius Hertz
 10 Lila Gittleman
 10 Daniel Sion
 10 Eva Rogers
 10 Julius Siegmann
 11 Dora Davidson
 12 Allen Alperton
 12 Abraham Broizman
 13 Frank Solinsky
 13 Erna Hertz
 14 Sylvia Goldberg
 14 Allard Lowenstein
 14 Libby Smallen
 15 Bernard Chesner
 16 Edward Leff
 16 Arthur Tanner
 17 Herman Berger
 18 Robert Stanley
 20 Edwin Bloomingdale
 20 Meyer Nierenberg
 20 Shirley Krodman
 22 Dora Solomon
 24 Stephen Picunko
 25 Rose Epstein
 26 Rose Berkowitz
 26 Herbert Goldman
 26 Ruth Weisberger
 27 Eileen Kaufman
 27 Sidney Lewis
 28 Edward Kelly

MARCH 2010

- 28 Meyer Lesser
 28 Manny Weinstock
 29 Bernard Bokofsky
 29 David Genser
 30 Max Braunstein
 30 Ronald Costa
 30 Bernice Krodman
 30 Roberta Zwanger
 31 Alex Goodman
 31 Evelyn Zwanger

APRIL 2010

- 3 Isidore Sunshine
 4 Pearl Welt Gutterman
 8 Mildred Best
 8 Celia Davidson
 8 Frances Shackman
 10 Bella Lavender
 19 Jonah Lesley
 19 Dora Polsky
 20 Helen Gottlieb
 21 Minna Kramer
 25 Florence Miller Goldman
 25 Eugene Pack
 25 Herman Solomon
 29 Ethel Cutler

**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)**



MAY 2010

- 1 Isaac Bernstein
 1 Elliot Kaplan
 2 Irving Slepian
 3 Murial Cohen
 3 Max Altman
 3 Richard Alperton
 3 Doris Silver
 3 Robert Schick
 4 Muriel Vainder
 5 Arthur Lehrfeld
 6 Bella Schuster
 7 Eugenie Faust
 8 Herman L. Devinsky
 8 Samuel Plotkin
 9 Herbert Fleischer
 9 Stanley Karpel
 10 Sala Schick
 11 Dorothy Welt Brickel
 11 Harry Goldberg
 14 Mark Fredericks
 14 Ralph Lesley
 14 Jenno Cutrin
 15 Samuel Epstein
 17 Helen Jacobson
 17 Sylvia Plotnik
 17 David J. Weinblatt
 18 Alois Braun
 19 Isaac Kulakoff
 20 Libby Gitlin
 20 Sarah Stern
 20 Julie Wasserman
 21 Mary Jacobson Kulakoff
 21 Minnie Itkin
 21 Rose Jacobson
 21 Gertrude Sivin
 22 Raphael Jacobson
 22 Arpad Wellisch
 23 Jon Eikenberg
 23 Jean Altman Schuster
 26 Sylvia Greenberg
 26 Morris Weissman
 27 Leon Rudin
 29 Ira Sprinz
 30 Robert Strange
 31 Celia Barkus
 31 Nathan Lorde
 5/98 Mary Werner

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
Nettie Leff	Robert & Carrol Leff
Lillian & Jack Rosenberg	Mervin & Sharon First
Rose & Edward First	Mervin & Sharon First
Elsie Lomazov	Jerome Zwanger
Jacob, Shirley and Bernice Krodman	Elias Krodman
Sam Nathen Beckerman	Jay & Barbara Beckerman
Herman Mollins	Amy & Wayne Seroka
Toby Thelma Wolfson	Stacey & Steven Wolfson
Daniel Silver	Roberta McCauley
Lena Schwerd	Mel & Barbara Meyerson
Aaron Lomazov	Jerome Zwanger
Ruth Rosenbaum	Honey Prager

General Donations

The Massapequa Park Seniors in honor of Temple Sinai
In honor of Lynn & Steve Rudin's and Leo & Asha Rotstein's grandchildren from Marcia Cannava.

Condolences

Michael and DeeDee Sklar and Family on the loss of his mother Elayne Sklar
Irma and Mel Kulakoff on the loss of his sister Sylvia

Get Well Wishes

Lynn and Robert Gruenberg

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 516 541 0400. The deadline for the next newsletter is May 15. We ask that all information be sent via email to info@templesinainmassapequa.org

SUNDAY, MAY 23 - MARCH WITH US! - SALUTE TO ISRAEL PARADE

Temple Sinai will be in the Salute to Israel Parade this year. Join in this opportunity to march for Judaism and Israel. This is the fourth year we will be part of this event thousands of participants cheered on by an expected one million spectators.

The parade theme is "Lights... Camera... Action... ISRAEL! To the Jewish community, Israel is an dream realized. Israel is not only a state but a homeland of ancestry, heritage and history. Those familiar with Israel's brave heroes, inspiring leaders, courageous society, rich culture and revolutionary contributions to technology, science and medicine cannot help but feel a deep sense of pride."

The parade will run from noon to 5p.m. We will be with the AZM (American Zionist Movement) group. For more information, to join the parade committee, and/or help to prepare props etc. contact Marilyn Hametz, at (516) 799-7189 or mwhametz@optonline.net



Religious School March/April/May 2010

Students in our religious school celebrated Tu' Bshevav with a seder and donations were made to JNF to plant a tree in memory or in honor of a loved one. Students are looking forward to celebrating Purim at the Purim Carnival on Feb. 28th and preparing for Passover in the coming weeks. We thank our Parent's Committee for coordinating the carnival and putting together Mishloach Manot packages for our students and families. Our fifth grade class did a wonderful job leading Friday night services and we are very proud of them.

In Hebrew class the second/third, fourth, and fifth grade classes have been diligently studying their Hebrew letters and vowels. The second/third graders received their Alef Bet cards to practice with in class and at home. The fifth grade learned how to sing the Friday night Kiddush with the help of their newly burned CDs that have all the Friday Night prayers on them. The sixth and seventh grade also received new CDs with the Saturday morning prayers on them. The sixth grade is having fun learning the tunes of the prayers for Saturday morning, especially Yotzer and the V'Ahavta. The seventh graders are regularly meeting with their tutor, either Miss Liz or Mrs. Rudin, to practice their Torah portions and prayers in preparation for their Bar or Bat Mitzvah.

In Miss Liz's Bible class our fifth, sixth, and seventh graders learned about the Torah portion of the week. Students are encouraged to think critically and ask questions, in order to develop a deeper understanding of the stories and lessons of the Bible. They have already learned about our forefathers and foremothers, and about the Hebrews being enslaved in Egypt. We are now learning about when the Jewish people received the Torah in the desert. We will be focusing on how relationships, both between man and God as well as interpersonal, developed during the forty years in the desert.

In Miss Paula's 4th Grade Prophets Class the students have learned about Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, Abraham and Sarah and Isaac and Rebecca. In Miss Paula's 2nd/3rd Grade class the children have learned the 10 Commandments and how the Jewish people received them. They enjoyed learning to remember the Sabbath with grape juice and Challah and reciting the blessings for each. The students also learned the blessings for lighting the Sabbath candles and the Shema prayer.

In our Jewish History classes the fourth graders have been reading stories that cover the highlights of Jewish history from the age of the patriarchs to the destruction of the Second Temple. Our fifth graders have been reading stories that cover the journey of the Jewish people from the beginning of the Diaspora to the present day. The sixth graders completed the book Let Freedom Ring and learned about Jewish American history. They will be beginning a new unit on the Holocaust.

In Miss Laurie's Basic Judaism classes our students have been learning about belief, ritual, Jewish law, and tradition in Jewish life.

On March 5th we look forward to having our 4th graders lead the Friday night service and a class dinner for the 7th grade class. It is a potluck dinner to be enjoyed by the families of the 7th grade children before the service with the Oneg (dessert) prepared by the class leading the services. Be sure to include the grandparents in this special evening.

On March 21st we will have our Religious School Model Seder lead by Rabbi Poticha. After the seder the rabbi will be meeting with our 6th grade parents to plan for their B'nai Mitzvahs.

The fifth, sixth and seventh graders can greatly improve their Hebrew reading by practicing each day for ten minutes using their CDs containing the prayers.

Wishing you a happy Purim and a meaningful Passover.

L'Shalom!

Mrs. Rebecca Bernstein, Principal

Religious School Calendar

March 7, 14, 21, 28 (no school, day before Passover), April 4, (no school-Passover), 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 (no school, Memorial Day), June 6, 13, 20 (make-up snow day)

President's article Feb. 2010

President's article Newsletter Feb. & March

As I sit at my desk, looking out the window at all the fallen snow, my mind starts racing forward wishing spring would come. Not only am I looking forward to warmer weather, but also to the joyous events that will be happening at the Temple. In this bulletin, you will be reading about the Temple Sinai Landscaping Project to commence March 21st, the second day of spring. What better way to welcome the new season than to come together as a congregation and work towards beautifying our beloved synagogue? Then, moving forward into the heart of spring, please join us as we honor our parent's committee at our Café Night, to be held at the Temple, it is a night guaranteed to provide an entertaining, fun, heartfelt evening with friends and family and lots of delicious tasty delights!

I usually never wish away time, as I always believe in living in the moment but...

I'm cold!!! Let's celebrate spring together!

L'Shalom, Roni

P.S. I do hope to see you before at Purim services. Hopefully, we won't be able to recognize each other! Also, please remember to support our Mischloch Manot Baskets.

Temple Sinai Landscape Project - Sunday March 21 - 9:30AM

On March 21st a group of students from the seventh grade class and their families are organizing a Temple Sinai Landscaping Project as a Mitzvah Project. We will be making improvements to the landscape in the front and parking lot side of our Temple building. Some of the projects will include staining the wooden Jewish Star in the front of the building, replacing missing bushes, and updating the two rock gardens. In order for the project to be a success we need your help.

Here are ways you can help:

Be a Helping Hand at the Event on Sunday, March 21st at 9:30 AM BYOT (Bring your own tools). All are welcome the day of the event, and there will be a sign up list at the Temple prior to the event to help us coordinate the work force. Hebrew School students are encouraged to help under parent supervision after classes and sixth graders after their 1:00 meeting with the Rabbi.

Make Monetary Donations:

Checks made payable to Temple Sinai can be mailed to the Temple attention the Landscape Project Committee. In addition, there will be pledge cards at the Temple and a student member of the Landscape Project Committee will be collecting donations during Hebrew School.

Make Material Donations:

There will be a master list at the Temple of items necessary. Please write your name next to the item you wish to donate. There will be a container labeled Landscape Project by the side entrance for donation. In addition, a student member of the Landscape Project Committee will be collecting donations during Hebrew School.

Make Plant Donations:

There will be a master list at the Temple of plants we need for the project. Please write your name next to the plant you wish to donate. Please bring plant donations on the day of the event.

*The Mathisen Family will be providing pizza for the volunteers on March 21st.

Together we can make our Temple beautiful.

SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2010

6:45PM HAVDALLAH SERVICE LED BY RABBI POTICHA

7PM TEMPLE SINAI PRESENTS

CAFÉ NIGHT

STARRING TEMPLE SINAI FRIENDS AND FAMILY
PERFORMING CLASSICAL MUSIC, JAZZ AND SHOW TUNES
EMCEE CANTOR ALAN C. STEIN

FEATURING THE TEMPLE SINAI CHOIR

WE HONOR MEMBERS OF OUR PARENTS COMMITTEE
JOYCE MATHISEN·DENISE PAVLIDES·BRENDA MARINO·ANDREA FEINSTEIN
JOIN US AT 7PM AND HELP YOURSELF

TO COFFEE, TEA, HOT CHOCOLATE AND CAFE DRINKS AT OUR BUFFET
TAKE YOUR SEATS AND ENJOY THE FIRST HALF OF THE SHOW
WINE & CHEESE ON YOUR TABLE

INTERMISSION

SERVING FRESH TEMPLEMADE BELGIAN WAFFLES TOPPED WITH ICE CREAM,
FRUIT AND WHIPPED CREAM · HOMEBAKED DESSERTS

COME ENJOY AN EVENING OF MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT AND DECADENT FOOD

CALL ASHA TO HELP 631 673 4620 CELL 631 766 3653

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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.