

the news



D'varim ~ from Rabbi Poticha

The Torah knows of only five holidays (not counting the lunar Rosh Chodesh and weekly Shabbat): The three pilgrimage festivals and the two holy days of the Yamim Noraim (the days of Awe)- Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Later Jewish history added the holidays of Purim and Chanukah, and some minor fast days. For almost 2000 years, the calendar had no new special days introduced, and indeed, some Jewish holiday books do not include the modern holidays for Yom HaAtzmaut, Israel's independence; Yom HaShoah, the Holocaust memorial day; or Yom Yerushalim the unification of Jerusalem or relegate it to an appendix on 'other special days.'

It is difficult to imagine our calendar without Yom HaShoah, without acknowledging the deep and abiding impact the Shoah had on Jewish life. Today, Judaism still suffers from the enormous loss of culture and Jewish learning, just one of many reasons why Temple Sinai spent a day at the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Glen Cove. Yet, for some, they felt that Tisha B'av, the day of national mourning, acknowledging the destruction of both the First and Second Temples, would have been enough. Others wanted to commemorate the Shoah by selecting the day of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising (first night of Passover). But, most everyone realized that such a memorial day would not coincide with the awe of the first night of Passover. The Knesset established Yom HaShoah on the 27th of Nissan, during the counting of the omer.

The other dates added to the Hebrew calendar include Yom HaZikaron, the day when we remember Israeli soliders fallen in its many wars and civilians who died at the hands of terrorists. The following day is Yom HaAtzmaut, Israel Independence Day (5th of Iyar). Except for the Shoah, probably no other modern event in Jewish history has had as much an impact on Jewish life as the rebirth of the State of Israel. Now that the State of Israel exists, the celebration of Israel's independence invites individuals to consider their relationship to the Jewish State. Also added to our Hebrew calendar is Yom Yerushalayim, the day Jerusalem was liberated during the 1967 Six Day War.

Time and events have challenged modern Judaism to acknowledge and recall significant dates. On our Gregorian calendar, March, April and May are replete with Jewish holidays. These holidays remind us of the words of David Ben-Gurion: "If you do not believe in miracles, you are not a realist." Israel has a special hold on our souls. We celebrate both religious festivals and secular holidays. Both, together, intensify our spiritual world, deepen our relationship with Israel, renew our spirits and connect us from our most ancient past to our remarkable future.

Join us as we celebrate, honor and commemorate our up coming holidays.

Temple Sinai

2013

5773

March

April

May

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Schedule of Services

MARCH

- 10 Tour of Holocaust Memorial &
Tolerance Center of Nassau Co.
15 8:00PM Shabbat Worship
22 8:00PM Shabbat Worship
25 Erev Pesach (Monday night)
29 8:00PM Shabbat Worship

APRIL

- 2 8th Day of Pesach
5 7:30PM Shabbat/Family Worship Service
to include Yom HaShoah
8 Actual date of Yom HaShoah
12 7:30PM Shabbat Worship to include Yom HaAtzmaut
15 Actual date of Yom HaZikaron
16 Actual date of Yom HaAtzmaut
19 8:00PM Shabbat Worship to include Earth Day
26 8:00PM Shabbat Worship
28 Sunday Lag B' Omer –
celebrated during religious school

MAY

- 3 7:30PM Shabbat/Family Worship Service
10 8:00PM Shabbat Worship
17 8:00PM Shabbat Worship
18 10:15AM Shabbat Morning Worship.
William Marshall called to the Torah
as a bar mitzvah. Parshat Naso.
24 8:00PM Shabbat Worship
31 8:00PM Shabbat Worship

Onegs

March

- 1 - 4th grade
8- Bob and Marcia Goldberg- in
honor of their children
15- Rogers Family - Elliot's
Birthday
22- Cantor Greene – family
Birthdays and Anniv.
29- Passover – Ringlen

April

- 5- 3rd grade
12- Jeff and Lisa Tasch
19- Ron and Cindy Macklin
26- Sherri Kaufman

May

- 3- Teacher Appreciation
Parents Committee
10- Board Installation
17- William Marshall Bar Mitzvah
24- Ellen Teitelbaum and Fred Stern
31- Honor Israel Day Parade
participants
Marilyn & Ivan Hametz

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 Barbara Ringlen 631 957-2953. 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.



Temple Board Meetings

March 18, Monday 7:30PM • April 16, Tuesday 7:30PM • May 13, Monday 7:30PM in Oneg Room

Congregation Meetings

March 22 Friday 7:15PM - To form Nominating Committee and discuss budget, events etc.

2 April 28 Sunday 10:15AM - to vote in the new budget and the slate of officers. Please attend,

Religious School

March/April/May

This time of year is a busy one as holidays follow one another closely and the school year winds down. Our Model Seder will take place on March 17. We will be following the Massapequa School calendar and have our usual Passover break in March (no school on 3/24 & 31). We are planning a Lag B'Omer picnic on April 28 and our Shavuot brunch will be held on the last day of classes, May 19.

We are continuing to have each class participate in the Family Services. Grade 4 will participate on March 1 and grade 3 will be joining us on April 5. Please continue to bring your children to services so they can earn as many attendance stars as possible. There will be a prize for the greatest attendance. Our Grade 7 Shabbat Dinner, their last dinner as a class, will also be held on March 1 at 6:00 pm.

William Marshall will be celebrating his Bar Mitzvah on May 18. Natalie Martin will be on June 15, Gabriela Brachfeld is scheduled for June 22, and Daniel Micozzi will be on September 28. The congregation is invited to attend all of these Shabbat morning services, which will begin at 10:15.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR PARENTS COMMITTEE: Chanukah party-Melissa and Bob Marshall, Dayna Abramowitz, Tammy Rogers, Laurie Breskin, Suzanne Behar, Joy Findling, Linda Rubano, Sue Micozzi, and Steve Martin; Tu B'Shevat Seder- Melissa Marshall, Suzanne Behar, Bonnie Jonak, and Jen Abramowitz for setup/cleanup, and all families for the foods,; Mishloach Manot baskets- Sue Micozzi, Tammy Rogers, Steve Martin, Suzanne Behar, Laurie Breskin, Melissa Marshall, many families donated items: Purim carnival- Melissa Marshall, Sue Micozzi, Suzanne Behar, Tammy Rogers, Miriam Margolin, Joy and Scott Findling, Steve Martin, and our teachers Laurie Murtagh, Ann Noss, and Paula Zdanovich.

Shalom! Lynn Rudin

Religious School Schedule

March: 3, 10, 17 (no school 24 & 31) • April: 7, 14, 21, 28 • May 5, 12, 19

Letter from our Co-Presidents

Dear Fellow Congregants,

Over the past months we as individuals, and as a Temple family have been intimately involved in the Mitzvah of Tzedakah. Tzedakah is the obligation of Jews to do what is right and just. We have been both the recipient of Tzedakah by others as well as the givers to those in need.

The tragedy of Super Storm Sandy dramatically affected many of us individually and impacted all of us as a Temple Community. In our time of need, our fellow religious organizations from both near and far, performed their obligation of Tzedakah, by giving freely of their help, financial support, and their abundant concern and love- TZEDAKAH

Our temple family also performed their obligation of Tzedakah by providing their time, their support by housing temple families in need, their unending effort and love to make our synagogue "home" again- TZEDAKAH. Our Rabbi and Cantor worked tirelessly to ensure that our temple family and extended community families received the assistance, information and support needed to start the recovery process- TZEDAKAH Let this be a lesson learned. The commandment of Tzedakah, as Rabbi P has told us:

• Be gracious in receiving TZEDAKAH and generous when giving. The storm is over, the rebuilding and recovery has begun- The Sun will once again shine for us all. Eternally the need for TZEDAKAH will remain.- Be gracious in receiving , be generous when giving.
Co-presidents - Leslie Eichen and Bob Sailor

Yahrzeit Donations

In Memory of

Janet Greenstein
Peter & Anna Cutrin
Abe Antman
Ruth Garber
Louis Wasserman
Nettie Leff
Buddy Prager
Bernard Rothman
Elie Lomazov
Roberta Zwanger
Allan Alperton
Lila Gittelman
Edward Barnett
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From

Irma Kulakoff and Asha & Leo Rotstein
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Honey Prager
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Paul & Edith Burman
Agnes Faust
Bob & Marcia Goldberg
Linda Hoffman
Marion Rosedale
Asha & Leo Rotstein
Anne Rosenbach

Get Well Wishes

- Roni Schneider • Ivan Hametz •
• Carol and Robert Leff • Gloria Goldberg

Kosher Food Drive

Please bring non
perishable kosher food
to help out our friends
at the Beth-El Food
Pantry. Food may be
dropped off in the side
Lobby at Temple Sinai.

Condolences

to the Congregation and the Barkus family on the loss of our friend and supporter Phil Barkus.
to the Teitelbaum family on the loss of Ellen's Mother Janet Greenstein.
to the Pavlides family on the loss of Denise's Mother, Irene Jaffe.

May their memories be for a blessing.

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



Yahrzeit List

MARCH 2013

2 Edward Barnett
2 Bernard Bernstein
2 Herman Cohen
4 Julius Hertz
4 Leonora Pitilon
6 Manya Burman
6 Eva Rogers
6 Julius Siegmann
6 Daniel Sion
6 Fred Spiro
7 Meyer Welt
8 Abraham Broizman
9 Erna Hertz
10 Lila Gittleman
10 Sylvia Goldberg
11 Dora Davidson
12 Allen Alperon
13 Frank Solinsky
14 Allard Lowenstein
14 Libby Smallen
14 Robert Stanley
15 Bernard Chesner
16 Shirley Krodman
16 Edward Leff
16 Meyer Nierenberg
16 Arthur Tanner
17 Herman Berger
20 Edwin Bloomingdale
21 Rose Epstein
22 Rose Berkowitz
22 Herbert Goldman
22 Dora Solomon
24 Stephen Picunko
24 Manny Weinstock
25 David Genser
26 Max Braunstein
26 Ruth Weisberger
27 Eileen Kaufman
27 Sidney Lewis
27 Evelyn Zwanger
28 Edward Kelly
28 Meyer Lesser
29 Bernard Bokofsky
30 Ronald Costa
30 Bernice Krodman
30 Roberta Zwanger
31 Alex Goodman

APRIL 2013

1 Stanley Fermaglich
3 Isidore Sunshine
4 Mildred Best
4 Celia Davidson
4 Frances Shackman
4 Pearl Welt Gutterman
6 Bella Lavender
15 Jonah Lesley
15 Dora Polsky
20 Helen Gottlieb
21 Frances Miller Goldman
21 Minna Kramer
21 Eugene Pack
23 Jeanette Chudy
25 Ethel Cutler
25 Herman Solomon
28 Irving Slepian
29 Murial Cohen

MAY 2013

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



**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 Asha
(631-6734620)**

Temple Sinai at the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center

On March 10, Temple Sinai members gathered at the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Glen Cove. Spending an afternoon at the state-of-the-art museum, through the guidance of several docents, we were guided through multimedia displays, artifacts, archival footage and testimonials of survivors of the Shoah. As difficult as the subject is, it is our responsibility to learn about the Shoah, be in close contact with survivors and spread the knowledge we learn. Touring the museum together, we also examined current genocides and intolerance. It was a meaningful afternoon!

Let's Visit Manhattan - Sunday, June 9th

Sunday, June 9. Walking Tour Through SoHo, Chinatown, and Little Italy

Join Temple Sinai, family and friends for a walking tour, led by our friend and temple member, Alan Traeger, through the rich, historic, beautiful and gastronomically delightful neighborhoods of Little Italy, SoHo and Chinatown.

The tour will take us through the architectural beauty of SoHo's cast iron district, then we will saunter through Little Italy-Cappuccino, pastry anyone? Then onto Chinatown-egg roll with your green tea? Then, time permitting, we will walk off the calories as we venture across the Brooklyn Bridge with its beautiful vistas of New York's Harbor

Tour tentatively scheduled to begin at 11:00 am.

The tour participants will meet at the corner of Spring Street and Lafayette Street. This intersection is reachable by taking the #6 subway line (Green Line on the Subway map), of the NYC Subway system to the Spring Street Station. Access to the #6 is available at Grand Central Station. Price will be \$18.00 per member. Participants will provide their own means of transportation to the Spring Street Station.

If you are interested please contact, as soon as possible, Alan Traeger:
alantraeger@hotmail.com 646-590-3328 or 516-313-6296.

Pesach Is Coming

To help prepare for Pesach you may choose to review the Pesach website provided by the Union for Reform Judaism: <http://urj.org/holidays/pesach>.

Celebrate Israel Parade Sunday, June 2

Be part of the exhilarating march up Fifth avenue with Temple Sinai

For more info, contact Marilyn Hametz 516 799-7189, mwhametz@optonline.net