

# the news

## D'varim (words) from Rabbi Poticha

Nat King Cole gave us those “lazy, crazy days of summer, those days of soda and pretzels and beer...you’ll wish that summer could always be here...” And we do wish that summer could always be here – the days of camp, boating, journeys, gardening, relaxing, but autumn will come.

Much has happened this summer, Iran has continued to be abhorrently vocal, Israel although thriving continues to be at risk, our American military casualties in Afghanistan approached the grievous milestone of 2,000, American political campaigning has heated up, even with the Olympic Committee’s wrong decision not to share a moment of silence during the opening ceremony for the massacre of Israeli Olympians during the Munich Olympics, we watched in awe as the South African double amputee, Oscar Pistorius (a.k.a.: Blade Runner) ran, beating his own best times, Michael Phelps won more medals than any other Olympian and so much more. Through it all there was (and is) one ubiquitous presence – G-d. Athletes who pray before an event, presidential candidates travelling to Israel include in their itinerary praying at the Kotel (Western Wall)...G-d – that awe-inspiring, loving, strong, compelling, mysterious force who causes us to ask questions such as: what is G-d’s nature, how can I know G-d, what is G-d’s relationship to the world /to me, what does G-d want/expect of me, how does G-d related to me, why is there evil in the world, why do good people suffer, what does G-d have to do with the Big Band Theory???? It is my hope that throughout your busy lives, you contemplate/wrestle with some (or all) of these questions, and more. Many people do so only when tragedy strikes. Since the questions and thoughts are not easy, not one dimensional or static, I hope you concern yourselves with these and other questions frequently.

With the lazy days of summer behind us, our High Holy Days are rapidly approaching. The Days of Awe are a time to be open to our compelling theology, prayers and music. The month of Elul, preceding this sacred season offers us the time to prepare, ready our souls for openness, prepare for the spiritual work which needs to be done, consider our inner beliefs, passions, values, goals and change. We need the time to contemplate what gives meaning to our lives and how our lives give meaning...time to contemplate G-d.

The summer edition of Reform Judaism Magazine’s title article is: “G-d: The Survey.” Reform Judaism Magazine is taking a Movement-wide survey/conversation about how people think/talk about G-d. The survey is anonymous. The results will be published in the next issue. I invite you, I encourage you to take the anonymous survey. It will help stimulate your thoughts, help you prepare for our Days of Awe, help you consider questions which often get suppressed. The survey is easily taken on line at: <http://reformjudaismmag.org/Articles/index.cfm?id=3036>. Scroll down to the box: The G-d Survey and click on the red link.

N o one can tell you how you think about G-d, no one can answer the above questions for you. What I can do is help lead you to resources and dialogue to help you consider some answers. Some of this I will discuss during our High Holy Days, much of it is for you to contemplate.

May each of us experience an awe-inspiring High Holy Day season, reaching out, reaching in- to G-d, to one and other.

Shannah Tovah: Rabbi Poticha

## Temple Sinai

2012

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September

October

November

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**Janise Poticha**

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## Schedule of Services

September:

- 7 Friday 7:30 PM: Shabbat Service
- 8 Saturday 7:00 PM: Selichot gathering begins
- 9 Sunday 9:00 AM: First day of religious school
- 16 Sunday 8:00 PM: Erev Rosh HaShannah Service
- 17 Monday 10:00 AM: Morning Rosh HaShannah Service
  - 1:15 PM Tashlich (bring your bread crumbs)
  - 2:15 PM Family Rosh HaShannah Service
- 21 Friday 8:00 PM: Shabbat Shuvah
- 25 Tuesday 8:00 PM: Kol Nidre
- 26 Wednesday 10:00 AM: Morning Yom Kippur
  - 2:15 PM Family Yom Kippur Service
  - 3:30 PM Afternoon Service
- 30 Sunday Erev Sukkot

October

- 5 Friday 5:45 PM 3rd & 4th grade Shabbat dinner
  - 7:30 PM: Shabbat with Simchat Torah/Consecration. We will also welcome all our New Members
- 7 Sunday 6PM International Auction
- 12 Friday 8:00 PM Shabbat Service
- 19 Friday 8:00 PM Shabbat Service
- 21 Blessing of the Pets, after religious school
  - Invited speaker during religious school from the Israel Guide Center for the Blind
- 26 Friday 8:00 PM Shabbat Service

November

- 2 Friday 7:30 PM Family Shabbat Service with 6th & 7th grades participating
- 9 Friday 8:00 PM Shabbat Service
- 16 Friday 8:00 PM Shabbat Service
- 23 Friday 8:00 PM Shabbat Service
- 30 Friday 8:00 PM Shabbat Service

### Temple Board Meetings

If you have guests joining you for services, please contact Asha Rotstein for tickets (tikvah6708@aol.com or 631-673-4620).

### Save these dates for Fun!

- October 7 - Sunday 6PM - Chinese Auction - Call Barbara 631 957-2953
- November 18- Sunday-Bowling Party 3PM Call Miriam 516 797-1039
- December 6 - Thursday 7PM - Governor's Comedy Club - Call Roni 516 797 4996
- April or May - Miniature Golf
- A Sunday Afternoon - Museum Trip - Call Alan - alantraeger@hotmail.com
- June 2, 2013 Israel Day Parade

### Shanah Tovah V' M'tukah

A happy, healthy, sweet New Year. ~ May the sweetness of the apples and honey remain on our lips and sweeten our lives.

**Our Annual Collection has begun. Please bring canned and dry goods to Temple. We will be collecting coats, hats scarves and gloves. A collection box will be located in the temple lobby.**

## Oneg Sponsors

### Sept

- Sept.7th Ringlen Welcome back
- Sept.14th Sherry and Steve Kaufman
- Sept.21st The Koch Family
- Sept.28th Ira and Bonnie Lisogorsky

- Oct.5th Penny and Steve Katz- Steve's Birthday
- Oct.12th Marcia Cannava
- Oct.19th Sue Keltz
- Oct.26th Pavlides- Jess's Birthday

- Nov.2nd 6th and 7th grade Service
- Nov.9th Roger's- Jared's Bar Mitzvah
- Nov.16th Kulakoff
- Nov. 23rd Thanksgiving weekend- No Service

### October

### November

## Religious School

September/October/November

The start of a new school year is always exciting-- new books, changing classes, and a chance to start again with renewed enthusiasm. We are making some changes to the order of our day, with the entire school gathering for bible stories, song, and holidays. Parents will be welcome to join us for these assemblies each week.

We hope that the students and their families will participate in all the Temple has to offer and will enjoy services together. Family services are held on the first Friday of each month at 7:30. Each class will have a chance to participate in leading a Family Service. Grade 6 and 7 will participate on November 2. Awards will be given at the end of the year for the student who attends the most services, as well as those who have perfect attendance for classes. Our class Shabbat Dinners will continue, with the first one on October 5 for grades 3 & 4. Grandparents invited!

The first day of school is 9/09. Parents are invited to stay for our first assembly and a welcome brunch. I look forward to seeing you all again! Shalom- Lynn Rudin

**Religious School Calendar** - Sundays: September 9, 16, 23, 30 - October (7 no school), 14, 21, 28 - November 4, (11 no school), 18, (25 no school)

**President's Article** - Before the ink dries on this newsletter, and the heat and oppressive humidity is just a fading memory, the holidays will be upon us. Hopefully everyone had an enjoyable summer.

Now as the seasons turn, so do our thoughts away from the outdoor activities of summer, such as bar-b-ques, beach, baseball, vacations. etc., to the more routine activities of raking, going back to school, back to work, preparing for winter's eventual cold and dark return.

But it is Autumn that approaches, and with that, the High Holydays arrive. We will once again contemplate the overall condition of our lives. We will again take a measuring stick to where we are at this moment in time, and compare it to where we were last year, and where we might be next year. Our High Holy Day Appeal will be made, asking for your help. And, once the holidays are done, we will again bring entertaining fund raisers to get us through the Winter, with events like Comedy night, a bowling afternoon, a movie night and, in the Spring, a miniature golf outing, and more. These and other Temple events will be offered for everyone to participate in. This will help us to get to next Winter. Because what is between this winter and next winter is side doors and a roof that needs replacing. So when we ask you to help your Temple (and we will ask), it is so we can have a roof over our heads that doesn't leak when we pray, it is so we can offer a quality education to our Hebrew School students, it is so we can bring you the best Clergy we can afford. It is to maintain the alarm systems, heating system, air conditioning system, the landscaping, snow removal etc. That is why we will be asking for your help, and I hope you will be able to do so. See you all soon. - Jeff Chesner

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## **September 8, Saturday - 6PM Selichot begins with Wine and Cheese**

Coming from the Hebrew word for "forgiveness," Selichot involves the recitation of penitential prayers that are the work of medieval liturgical poets. The liturgy and music of the Selichot service are intended to instill a mood of solemnity that serves as a prelude to the sacred themes of the High Holy Day season.

Please join us for Wine and Cheese. Discussion with the Rabbi to follow and Selichot Saturday night service. **3**  
The Wine and Cheese buffet is coordinated by Marcia Cannava, so please call her and let her know what you would like to bring. She'll need help setting up and cleaning up. 516 972 0507

# **Temple Sinai Annual Chinese Auction Sunday, October 7 Doors open 6PM Volunteers Needed!**

Our Chinese Auction is almost here. Many prizes are still needed in order to make it a successful fund raiser. If you have any NEW items which you would like to donate, please contact Barbara Ringlen.

We will need wine and liquor for two liquor baskets. If you go to a restaurant or any store, by presenting a letter requesting a donation, many of these establishments will give you either a gift certificate or an item which can be used as a prize. These letters are available – just ask Barbara to supply you with as many as you need. They can also be picked up at the temple.

We hope all our members will get involved in this function. It's a lot of fun, and it will help us raise a substantial amount of money, which is urgently needed by our temple.

I HOPE I CAN COUNT ON EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU! Looking forward to seeing you there!  
Barbara Ringlen, Chairperson 631-957-2953



- Comedy Night Fundraising Party •
- Thursday, December 6, 2012 •

at the Governor's Comedy Club

90 Division Ave, Levittown, NY 1175

Doors open at 7PM for Baskets and

Schmoozing

Showtime: 8PM

2 drink minimum includes either alcohol, soft drinks, coffee, tea

Also a food menu available

Tickets \$20.00 per person All to benefit Temple Sinai

\$25.00 at the door 18 and over

Call Roni for tickets and info 516 797 4996 or email

[roxymomschnei@aol.com](mailto:roxymomschnei@aol.com)

## **Newsletter contributors!**

If you would like to contribute to our newsletter, please send all articles to Temple Sinai Newsletter, PO Box 70, Massapequa, NY 11758-0070 or call 795 3248. The deadline for the next newsletter is Thursday, November 15. We request that all information be neatly printed or typed.

4 Information may be submitted by email in SimpleText or MSWord or in the body of the email. Thank you. Please email to: [mreiss@att.net](mailto:mreiss@att.net).

# Temple Sinai Yahrzeit Memorial Book

The Yahrzeit book and reading of the names of loved ones is traditionally done at the High Holiday services. Please honor your loved ones through this reading of their names by your donation of \$18.00 for the first named loved one and \$10.00 for each additional named. Please provide us with the correct spelling of the names you wish to have read. By so doing you will honor their memory.

Fill out the following information and return to Temple Sinai by Sept 8, 2012 to insure inclusion in the book. Make checks payable to Temple Sinai. Mail your names and checks to;

Temple Sinai  
c/o Leo Rotstein  
29 Lewis Court  
Huntington, NY 11746

Sincerely, the Ritual Committee  
Arthur Goldberg      Leo Rotstein      Ivan Hametz

NAME OF LOVED ONE

CONGREGANTS NAME

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Aug 5th 2012 Garage Sale  
THANK YOU FROM ASHA ROTSTEIN AND BOB SAILOR

Barbara Ringlin • Roni (Barbara's friend) • Dawn Lesser • Fred Stern • Gail & Ron Cholewa • Ellen Teitelbaum • Shirley Gelman • Steven & Penny Katz • Anne Fulop • Vigdis & Ilona Cutrin • Marilyn Hametz • Lydia Rabitz • Babara Frisch • Elliot & Roz Rogers • Robin Denny • Sue Keltz • Irma & Roanne Kulakoff • Judy Lambert • Denise Pavildes  
Jackie Josh And Matthew Sailor • Aline Chesner • Doris & Louis Guzman •  
Anne Rosenbach •



## 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.



### Get Well Wishes

Edith Burman  
Marilyn Hametz



### Yahrzeit Donations

In Memory of	From
Paulette Sokolick	Marcia Goldberg
Jan Keltz	Sue Keltz
Helen Newman Antman	Cynthia Kohl
Robert Strange	
Jerry Strange	
Israel & Minnie	
Greenspan	Pearl Strange
Bernice Zwanger	Jerome Zwanger
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Standley Fermaglich	Dale & Mark Fermaglich
S Meyerson	Mel Meyerson
R. Schick	
H Devinsky	
S Schick J. Chudy	Janet & Joe Schick
Hery Feinberg	Barbara Ringlen

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

### Condolences

The Kulakoff family on the loss of their husband, father and grandfather. And Temple Sinai on the loss of their mentor and great supporter Mel Kulakoff.

The Berkowitz Family on the loss of their brother and uncle.

Jeff and Lisa Tash on the loss of his father, Martin

### Donations in memory of Mel Kulakoff

K. Fung	W. Fung
Barbara Ringlen	Marcia Kotkin
Irene Harmon	Barbara Frisch
Shirley & David Gelman	
Marilyn & Ivan Hametz	
Barbara & Mel Meyerson	
The Rotstein Family	
The Cannava Family	
Lowell & Marion Selsky	

### Please Join us for Shabbat

Every Friday night we gather in the sanctuary to "greet the bride - Shabbat".

The first Friday of the month is our Family Shabbat Worship. The service begins at 7:30PM

During the second service of the month, we raise our voices in song! It does not matter if you can sing, come for the enjoyment, sing and smile at 8:00PM.

The rest of any month, services begin at 8:00PM, unless we are celebrating or commemorating a special holiday. These services begin at 7:30PM.

● Check the newsletter for specific times. Join us for Shabbat - to pray, to connect with friends, to connect with our ancestors, to sing, to rest! Rabbi P

# Yahrzeit List

## September

- 1 Walter Hertz
- 2 Laurence Frank Kohl
- 4 Dr. Stanley H. Pogel
- 4 Pauline Soloman
- 5 11 Israeli Athletes XX Olympiad
- 7 William Handler
- 8 David Horowitz
- 8 Lillian Rosenberg
- 8 Bernard Welt
- 9 Lillian Bokser
- 9 Lina Wicht
- 10 Sophie Appleman
- 10 Noah Greenstein
- 10 Miriam Hametz
- 10 Lottie Meyerson
- 10 Marian F. Rosedale
- 11 Isadore Goldberg
- 11 Phillip Klyne
- 11 Julie Zipper
- 11 WTC Casualties
- 14 Jack Rosenberg
- 16 Marvin Feinstein
- 16 Sarah Fleischer
- 16 Ben Gitlin
- 16 Lillian Levy
- 17 Charles Schuster
- 18 Alan Wolf
- 20 Sylvia Blumenthal
- 21 Abraham Kenin
- 21 Freida Solinsky
- 22 Rebecca Paitchel
- 22 Stella Sion
- 24 Harry Jacobson
- 24 Bertha Meisner
- 25 Samuel Barkus
- 25 Frieda Fehl
- 25 Harold Kaufman
- 25 Benjamin Ziegler
- 26 Alan Wolf
- 27 Herbert Jakubovic
- 27 Mildred Kraus
- 27 David S. Nevins
- 27 Janet Pyes
- 28 Harry Schuster
- 30 Aaron Vainder

- Sept '58 Tillie & Louis Strimban
- 9/1970 Arthur Hudes
- 9/1964 Elaine Helfand

## October

- 3 Max Kane
- 3 Paul Rosedale
- 4 George Cutler
- 4 Ann Musler
- 5 Lorrie Broizman
- 5 Seymour Pack
- 6 Abraham Singer
- 8 Cecelia Welt
- 12 Earl Jaffe
- 13 Isadore Lockman
- 15 Edward Louis First
- 15 Joseph Lipshitz
- 15 Robert Weiner
- 16 Miriam Capellan Guzman
- 17 Edith Costa
- 18 George Needleman
- 19 Benjamin Safran
- 19 Frances Traeger
- 20 Bintzeon Burman
- 20 Anna Nachtigal
- 21 Ruth Bard
- 21 Bess Gartenstein
- 21 Rita Lily Steinberg
- 22 Abraham Appleman
- 22 Beatrice Plotkin
- 25 Isadore Mann
- 25 Esther Workman
- 26 Benjamin Strange
- 30 Meta Antine
- 31 Ben Zwanger

## November

- 1 Myron Caplan
- 2 Albert Pitilon
- 7 Murray Sanker
- 9 Benjamin Rutkovsky
- 9 Lillian Strange
- 11 Samuel Kenin
- 11 Ruth Sadoff
- 13 Leah Rabin
- 14 Irving Reisman
- 15 Harry Goldman
- 15 Rabbi Alex Schindler
- 16 Lazar Berkowitz
- 17 Max Brickel
- 17 Maynard Burke
- 17 Edwin Goodman
- 17 Irving Gottlieb
- 20 Izzy Bokofsky
- 20 Bernard Rakofsky
- 20 David Rogers
- 21 Abraham Goldstein
- 23 Elliot Fehl
- 23 Steven Lewis
- 24 Frances Berezow
- 24 Deborah Caplan
- 24 Rose Spiro
- 25 Max Weiss
- 26 Ronald Berger
- 27 Mildred Boyer
- 27 Roslyn Shapiro
- 27 Stanley Sokolik
- 28 Casper Boyer
- 29 Fay L. Sprinz
- 30 Freda Hogg
- 30 Freda P. Sadinsky



**To Add Names to our Yahrzeit List Call  
Barbara Frisch at 516 798-6050  
For memorial plaques the cost is \$275.00 7  
Contact Irma for details (516 799-4452)**

## Celebrate Israel! Save the Date - Sunday June 2, 2013

On June 2, 2013 you will have the opportunity to march and be cheered in the exciting Celebrate Israel Parade on Manhattan's Fifth Avenue. 2013 will be Temple Sinai's 7th year in the parade.

Rabbi Poticha; Cantor Green; Emily Beckerman; Aline & Jeff Chesner; Leslie & Michael Eichen; Marilyn & Ivan Hametz; Helene Heravi; Penny & Steve Katz; Sue Keltz; Barbara & Mel Meyerson; Roslyn, Elliot, Tammy, and Dana Rogers; Fred Stern; Ellen Teitlebaum; and Paula Zdanovitch participated in the memorable and exhilarating experience this year.

### Temple Sinai Adult Education

Our walk through lower Manhattan, held in May 2012, was a rousing success according to those members who participated. We visited the beautiful, history filled neighborhoods of Greenwich Village and The West Village, The exciting Meat Packing District and Chelsea. We ended our walk with a visit to the popular High Line.

A second walk is being planned for the spring of 2013. Projected neighborhoods to be visited are; SoHo, NoHo, Tribeca, Little Italy and China Town. Interested members can contact me at the e-mail addresses listed below. Further information will be forthcoming in future temple Newsletters.

The Nassau County Museum of Art is currently featuring an exhibit of the works of the renowned artist Marc Chagall. The exhibit has received rave reviews. The museum is located at one museum drive. Roslyn Harbor and is housed on the beautiful Frick Estate. It is worth a visit. The museum is open from Tuesday thru Sunday, closed on Mondays and the hours are from 11:00-4:30. The exhibit runs through the first week of November. For more info: alantraeger@hotmail.com, artraeger@gmail.com



Shalom

## CHINESE AUCTION

**SUNDAY - OCTOBER 7, 6PM IN THE TEMPLE**

**HAVE FUN! WIN PRIZES!**

**MAKE SURE TO BE THERE!**

**TICKETS AT THE DOOR \$5.**

**INCLUDES 20 RAFFLE TICKETS.**

**MORE INFO CALL BARBARA 631 957 2953**

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June 2, 2013 Israel Day Parade (This event is not a fundraiser)

