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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Friday, December 1

5:30pm: Pre-neg
6:00pm: Shabbat Service

Friday, December 8

7:30pm: Shabbat Service

Friday, December 15

5:00pm: Tot Shabbat
6:30pm: Congregational Chanukah/
Shabbat Dinner (see page 3)
7:30pm: Shabbat RUACH Service

Friday, December 22

6:00pm: Shabbat Service

Friday, December 29

6:00pm: Shabbat Service

RABBI'S RESPONSA



Shalom L'Kulam (Peace, Everyone),

I recently had a chance to speak with a couple of colleagues. As rabbis tend to do, we began asking about each others' congregations. I found myself telling them about you and, as I was enjoying myself bragging about Sinai, it occurred to me that I should probably share some of this with you, too.

Often, other rabbis might mention their congregation's membership numbers or what budgetary matters they spend the most time focused upon (usually a negative trend that they have been unable to counter). But I usually end up describing "human capital" of Temple Sinai. I tell them how lucky I am to have the *people* I do.

The presidents I've worked with, the officers of the executive Leadership Team, the trustees of the board and the volunteers throughout the congregation are always amazing to me and have proven to be the greatest asset (by far!) that I've found in Stamford.

I was really shocked to realize that Temple Sinai and my previous 1,100 family congregation in Denver present remarkably similar programs. The complexity of our religious schools, the robust variety of our adult education offerings and the breadth of our social events are hard to distinguish from each other. And, the amount of volunteerism here is far *more* than I recall in that community – three times the size of ours. All of this is because of YOU!

When I need help with finances at the synagogue, there are congregants who are experts and are more than willing to offer their advice. When we need help with building something, we have people in the business who are endlessly generous with their time and expertise. If there is a legal question there are lawyers who are ready to offer counsel. Experts in corporate leadership are ready to coach me toward professional excellence and those of you who are natural caregivers are more than ready to step forward and cook for, drive or visit with Sinai members who find themselves in a period of challenge. In fact, it seems the only skill that we need that I haven't been able to identify in our congregation are those who have a bent towards marketing.

When, in the Torah, the Israelites are ready to build something beautiful they are led by an artisan named Bezalel. Of course, he could never do it alone and so he is joined by "all those of willing heart." It is a wonderful narrative about how, when everybody chips in to create their moving tabernacle, product is greater than the sum of its parts. Concerning this passage, Abraham Joshua Heschel wrote, "In carrying out the word of the Torah [the individual] is ushered into the presence of spiritual meaning... Right living is a way to right thinking." (*God in Search of Man*, p. 282) In other words, the individuals working toward the collective goal turned out to be the ones

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*BRING YOUR OWN MENORAH TO LIGHT

Friday, Dec. 15
at 6:30pm

Family CHANUKAH
Dinner and ...

Eating (*Latkes and dinner*)

Lighting (*Menorah*)

Spinning (*Dreidel*)

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Friday, December 1



TORAH PORTIONS

- Saturday, December 2: Vayishlach
- Saturday, December 9: Vayeshev
- Saturday, December 16: Miketz
- Saturday, December 23: Vayigash
- Saturday, December 30: Veyechi

Dream Anyway
with Cantor Micah Morgovsky
Sunday, December 17
4:30pm at Temple Sinai
See page 11 for more details.



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Women's Retreat
March 23-25, 2018

Men's Retreat
April 20-22, 2018

There is space available. Please contact the temple office.

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✧ Happy Anniversary 25+

- Amy & Henry Bubel
- Judy & David S. Cohen
- Joan & Stuart Danoff
- Avram & Rhoda Freedberg
- Lisa & Peter Gardner
- Lesley & Dennis Gehr
- Susan Baldwin & Gary Gepner
- Cathy & Steve Zales

✧ Mazel Tov

Judy Heft on being honored for her woman-owned business at the Women's Business Development Council 20th Anniversary Gala Luncheon

✧ Oneg Sponsors

- December 1:** Lee Ann & Bruce Heller in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Lauren
- December 8:** Need a sponsor*
- December 15:** Rona & Robert Siegel in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Jacqueline
- December 22:** No Oneg
- December 29:** No Oneg

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We would welcome sponsors for December 6, January 12. Please contact Jayne Vasco in the temple office at (203) 322-1649 for more information.



Do not look behind you! Genesis 19:17

Recently I joined Alan Barr, Betsy & Mike Stone and Steve Zales for the Union of Reform Judaism's Day of Learning focused on "How Successful Congregations Change." We joined leaders from congregations across the U.S. to learn and share best practices.

As you may agree, change is hard. Many people say they want change. When asked who wants to change, not many people lean

in. Many feel comfortable doing things the way they've done them for years. And that's okay for some things.

We need to accept that we are living in a time of rapid constant change and uncertain futures. Change is essential for our survival on many levels. Change is exciting, challenging and full of opportunity. When thought out prudently, change provides for opportunity and growth.

During the day of learning we talked about what Temple Sinai needs to do to embrace change. We also talked about allowing a bunch of little experiments that will enable us to test change in a prudent way. Rabbi TelRav has done this several times over the past few years. From the seating configuration in the sanctuary, to adding a second day Rosh Hashanah service, to sitting during the Shema in some situations, he has encouraged us to experiment in our own ways.

I must admit that I am a generally considered a late adopter and resistant to change. When Rabbi suggested there are times when it's okay to sit for the Shema, I was blown away. Ever since I was a little kid I stood for the Shema with my eyes wide open. Recently Rabbi TelRav challenged all of us to approach the Shema in a different way. As you

know, the Shema is the centerpiece of the daily morning and evening prayer services and is considered by some the most essential prayer in all of Judaism. An affirmation of God's singularity and kingship, its daily recitation is regarded by traditionally observant Jews as a biblical commandment.

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Knowing how important the Shema is to me and my religion, I wondered if it was really okay to sit during this centerpiece of my daily prayers? And what would my spiritual experience feel like if I closed my eyes during Shema? Both of these were little experiments that I was willing to embrace.

While I'm still not 100% comfortable sitting during the Shema, I love closing my eyes so that I can focus on the declaration of my Jewish faith, I'll continue with both of these experiments and see where these changes take me.

One thing for sure is that we cannot be afraid to fail as we try these little experiments. In order to stay relevant and exciting, we must all embrace change and try our own little experiments.

Look for more of these experiments from our clergy, Leadership Team and staff as we prepare Temple Sinai for its future.

Growth happens here!

Marc Friedman
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Crying in the Face of Adversity

In this day and age, there are so many reasons to cry. Turn on the news or read the headlines and we are bombarded with visions of a world filled with tragedy and hardship. It seems we exist in a perpetual news cycle of devastation from natural disaster to acts of violence and terrorism, and back again. It's horrible and it's painful to witness. Because of this, I shy away from watching or reading the news; I just can't bring myself to

do it. I know it's irresponsible; I'm burying my head in the sand. I don't mean to turn a deaf ear or a blind eye to what's happening in the world but, in a way, it's a kind of emotional self-preservation. When so many horrible things are happening constantly all around us, I fear I'll become overwhelmed with sorrow and mired in the depths of despair. And when I can no longer hide from it, I weep. These are hot, angry, torturous tears I cannot bear to shed.

Yet, every day, through the work Rabbi TelRav and I do as clergy, we are faced with equally gut-wrenching reasons for deep sorrowful emotions. Daily, we sit with those in our community who are struggling with serious illness, painful relationships, or the loss of loved ones. So often, I cry alongside our ill and dying congregants as they wrestle with their illness or come to terms with their own mortality. I shed tears with mourning congregants at funerals and shiva minyans, regardless of whether I knew the deceased. I sit and cry with those who are struggling to find connection and purpose in their lives. For me, these expressions of sadness hurt in a different way. These personal and tangible hardships are somehow softened by the beauty of humanity, our capacity to love and

hope, our connections with one another. And, for some reason, I welcome these tears. These are tears of compassion and love, tears of longing and loss. These are tears I shed with reverence and humility.

Nevertheless, just when it seems the oceans would overflow from the endless tide of tears, there's still the capacity for more. From the terrible, to the sacred, to the mundane; sometimes I just need a good cry. I love to cry at the movies. I especially love it when the final pages of a good book make me weep. Often, a beautifully crafted poem sends tears streaming down my face. Frequently too, the words of our liturgy touch my heart and bring that familiar sting to the back of my eyes. And then of course, there's music. There's something so magically evocative about the combination of a melancholy lyric and a haunting melody. A mournful song has the power to reach deep into our hearts, connecting us to all the sadness and longing in the world, and we find ourselves weeping from its beauty and eloquence. I revel in these tears, I savor them and enjoy the gentle ache. These are tears of beauty and inspiration.

Whatever the reason for our tears, may they spur us to reach up from the depths and take hold of one another. May the hurt in our hearts inspire us to be more compassionate, more patient, more loving. May our sorrows also allow us to recognize, and not take for granted, the myriad blessings in our lives. And may we cry together, finding solace in community and friendship.

To that end, I look forward to crying (and laughing!) with you all at the Cantor's Concert – Dream Anyway – Sunday, December 17.

B'Shira, in song,

Micah Morgovsky
Cantor Micah Morgovsky



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This month we will celebrate the Festival of Lights by eating foods fried in oil and burning candles in a Chanukiah for 8 days, and it got me to thinking. "What is it about candles and light that make it a staple of Jewish observance?" We light candles on Shabbat, for Havdalah, on every major Jewish holiday (Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Passover, Sukkot and Shavuot), on each night of Chanukah and for the *yahrzeits* (the anniversary of the death of a loved one).

And, of course, we have the *Ner Tamid*: the eternal light, found in most synagogues throughout the world, that remains lit all the time.

I looked up the word *light* in the dictionary. While I never really thought about it before, I guess I always knew the versatility of the word. It can be used as an adjective, a noun or a verb. The word even has multiple meanings within each category. As an adjective, there is illuminated, blond or fair, not heavy, small in amount, simple or easy, funny or cheery. As a noun, it is the luminescence from the sun or another source, it can mean point of view, or understanding, and as a verb it can mean to illuminate, or literally start on fire.

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In Judaism, candles and light also represent a variety of meanings. Light represents the beginning of creation. Originally there was only darkness and our first gift from God was the gift of light and He proclaimed that it was good, making light a symbol of all that is good, positive

and beautiful. An article in the *Jerusalem Post* states that, "Light as a positive symbol is so prevalent in Biblical Hebrew that redemption, truth, justice, peace and even life itself 'shine,' and their revelation is expressed in terms of the revelation of light."

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Chanukah candles are considered "holy," and are not to be used as a light source, but rather to observe. The lit candles in the Chanukiah represent a miracle and the triumph of light over darkness.

The braided Havdalah candle itself is said to represent the diversity of the Jewish people, banded together displaying strength. We celebrate this unity by lighting the Havdalah candle at the end of every Shabbat. The act of extinguishing the Havdalah candle also makes a distinction between the relaxation of Shabbat and the new week.

Probably my favorite description of the symbolism of light in Judaism is the reason behind lighting a *yahrzeit* candle. The candle's flame is thought to symbolically represent the human soul. Like a human soul, flames must breath, change, grow, strive against the darkness, and, ultimately, fade away. The flickering of candlelight helps

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No one wants to rush winter, but SoSTY is incredibly honored and proud to be hosting the North American Federation of Temple Youth's New York Area Region Winter Kallah January 26 through 28. When SoSTY and Temple Sinai open our doors to what we expect will be over 100 teens from the New York Area Region, what a great start to the new year it will be! SoSTY will need YOUR help. Please keep an eye out for emails requesting volunteers to host small groups

of teens in your homes Friday and Saturday night and for volunteer opportunities onsite such as support during meals and our Big Fun Saturday evening. We will continue to share details with you as they are available. This event is open to all 9th through 12th grade teens with a special first ever 8th grade track.

In the midst of planning for Winter Kallah, SoSTY has been busy. We started with a fun hibachi dinner followed by a social justice based lounge night entirely planned and run by our SoSTY teen leaders. Up next, SoSTY will assist Morah Amy and the Religious School teachers in running the annual Chanukah Choopliah program on December 17. See you there!

*Erica B. Quamily, MSW
Youth Director*

CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER

at New Covenant Center



Monday, December 25, 2017

This will be our 25th year of hosting the annual Holiday Dinner at the New Covenant Center. Please join Temple Sinai members and have a chance to do a mitzvah and have a great time. On Christmas Day each year, Temple Sinai members entertain about 100 guests, cooking and serving a magnificent dinner, putting up decorations, meeting and greeting, and preparing care packages for them to take home. The warm and friendly atmosphere makes everyone feel wonderful. Year after year, people say it is one of the most enjoyable things they do. Sally Kelman is planning the dinner right now and is lining up cooks, servers, donors of food, greeters, entertainers, people to help clean up, etc.

If you are unable to help on December 25, there are other opportunities to contribute food or make donations to cover any miscellaneous costs. Please call Sally Kelman (203) 322-0518 to sign up!

EDUCATION DATES TO REMEMBER

December 3	4 th Grade Chavurah-Jewish Museum
	7 th Grade Chavurah-Living Voices
	Schiff Tichon Sinai
December 6	No School
December 17	Chanukah Choopliah
	Lasagnas with Love (all Grades)
December 20	Schiff Tichon Sinai
December 24 – January 6	No School
January 7	Classes resume



I recently asked my son, Harrison, what he likes best about Temple Sinai. I felt so grateful when he said, "Sunday school – because I get to be with my friends." It has been a mission of mine to make sure Harrison has meaningful connections at the temple.

Not only is Harrison an only child, but his cousins who live locally are 20 years older than he is. Since he has no family near his age with whom to play, his friendships have taken a central priority. Fortunately, he made friends at school, but there is not a single Jewish student in his second grade. I feared that he would be uncomfortable with his Judaism, much as I was as a child growing up in a non-Jewish neighborhood, and that his friends would view him as different. I became motivated to ensure that this would not happen to him.

The past two Augusts, Amy has given me a list of the second grade families who hadn't yet registered for Religious School. I reached out to encourage them to register. I answered concerns and, inevitably, spoke from my heart about the strength of our group and the importance of our children's relationships with each other. Harrison's life has been enriched by his Religious School friendships and I am comforted knowing he has a Jewish community he can call his own. The families of our second grade have built, in a sense, a sacred community.

I was excited when our rabbi approached me about the *Kehilah Kedoshah* (Sacred Community) Membership Director position. I spent a lot of time reflecting on how our second grade sacred community

is a microcosm of the congregation as a whole. It dawned on me, that in my efforts to make sure Harrison had a Jewish community, that I too was developing bonds and participating in ways I had never before. I was a part of something special. The Temple Sinai congregation is unique in its warmth and openness and I am proud to now be able to make contributions in an official capacity.

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As the Membership Director, my goal is to enrich our congregants' lives with deeper, more meaningful connections as I strive to build an even stronger "sacred community" where everyone feels their spiritual, emotional and social needs are met. I have begun by introducing myself in the classrooms during Religious School – to get to know our students and help continue to foster the positive atmosphere that our remarkable teachers have already established. I will be reaching out to the congregation as a whole and encouraging further involvement in all of the wonderful temple offerings. I have an incredibly ambitious desire to get to know all of our congregants and cultivate even stronger bonds within the community.

I am humbled as I start this journey, but I am excited at the endless opportunities to continue building a sacred community with our Temple Sinai family.

I look forward to connecting with all of you.

Gratefully yours,

Larry Stoojenke

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BROTHERHOOD



Greetings from the Brotherhood and Happy Chanukah & Happy New Year!

Our annual Political Brunch was a resounding success. We planned for 65 attendees and 90 people showed up. The candidates were prepared and gave very interesting speeches. Besides the mayoral candidates David Martin and Barry Michelson, a number of Board of Education

candidates showed up as well and made statements about why we should vote for them. Several Board of Representative candidates also attended. I want to thank Randy Skigen for making the arrangements which, in fact, were touch and go right up to the end. And Henry Bubel was terrific at moderating the program and keeping us on schedule.

➔ See photos taken at the Political Brunch on page 12.

On November 10 we served as set up crew and wine stewards for the first of many Temple Sinai Shabbat dinners. The annual upcoming football nights are planned for Sunday, November 12 (Patriots versus Broncos) at Mark Appel's home and Monday, December 11 (Patriots versus Dolphins) at Henry Bubel's home. Formal announcements and sign ups have been sent via email to all Brotherhood members for the first night. If folks want to sign up in advance, they can contact Stu Madison (stumadison@optonline.net) and we'll put you on the list. These evening events are always a lot of fun, even though we never stay until the end of the game.

As an FYI, our online dues collection procedure went fairly well this year and we currently have 43 paid Brotherhood members. Little reminders will be sent to those who have not yet renewed their dues.

A special note to all you new Temple Sinai guys. You are all invited to join us at either of the football nights or on our first Bagels and Lox Breakfast meeting on Sunday, January 28. It would be great to meet you and for you to schmooze with the rest of the men in our group. I'll be reaching out personally to you during the coming weeks.

Stu Madison, President
stumadison@optonline.net

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who benefitted individually even more than the community.

This קהילה קדושה – *Kehillah Kedoshah* – Sacred Community is teeming with talent and generosity and, if you're not already contributing your skills but you feel like you've got something to offer, maybe it is time you gave me or Larry Stoogenke a call to talk about how you'd like to get involved. We're right on the cusp of reaching our fullest potential...the only thing missing is that one thing that you have to give. Particularly if you are interested in helping start a marketing committee.

L'Shalom – In Peace,

Rabbi Jay TelRav

SISTERHOOD



October and November were huge successes with our *Sip and Shop Fall Fashion Event* at Lord & Taylor and then *Shop for a Cause*. Thank you to Jeri Appel for setting up the fashion forward event. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported Temple Sinai Sisterhood.

We were excited to send a delegation of Sisterhood Board Members to the WRJ (Women of Reform Judaism) Northeast Region Fall Kallah at Dolce in Norwalk on Saturday, October 28. Our leadership team had a chance to bond with and learn a lot from other Sisterhoods, who represent the northeast region of the US as well as eastern Canada.

Our Paid Up Membership Dinner November 8 was an educational lecture on Jewish Art in the Renaissance. Thank you to Nan Gordon and Deb DeNardo for organizing the dinner. We also took time during the event to honor Roberta Sultzter who has helped to transform the Sisterhood Gift Shop and been an invaluable member of the Sisterhood Board. We wish her all the best in her move in the new year to be closer to her growing family. We are indebted to her for her time, energy, and ideas she has brought to Sisterhood.

Sisterhood will be wrapping gifts at Barnes & Noble for holiday shoppers on Saturday, December 16 and Saturday, December 23, to support feeding the homeless and less fortunate in our local community. Please contact Irma Paull (irpaull@optonline.net) to find out available time slots if you are interested in helping out.

Save the date for Latkapalooza, Sunday, December 17, the 6th night of Chanukah. From 11:00am until 12:00 noon, during Religious School, bring your appetite and try delicious latkes made by our members. Sample the secret recipes for a variety of latkes from traditional potato to vegetable latkes and more. All the money raised from Latkapalooza directly supports educational programs at Temple Sinai.

Sisterhood wishes you all a very Happy Chanukah! We wish you all good health and happiness with each candle you light. Enjoy the traditions of spinning the dreidel, eating latkes and recalling the special event of the temple oil lasting eight days, not just one day it should have burned.

Michele Haiken Fink

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Volunteers to Help the Less Fortunate

New Shower Program at the New Covenant Center Looks for Volunteers

I'm sure as you read this article, you most likely had a nice hot shower this morning as you got ready for your daytime activities. Did you know that there are many folks in Stamford who have not had the opportunity to take a shower in days or even weeks? The New Covenant Center (NCC) on Richmond Hill Avenue has started an exciting new shower program for those in need. I sat down with John Gutman (identify) a few weeks ago and he explained this important new NCC venture. It's all about dignity and self-image for those in the community who may, for example, need to go on interviews or start a new job but do not have a place to take a shower.

The needed volunteers work in a brightly lit room near the NCC offices. They are responsible for providing visitors with a towel, soap, shampoo and other toiletry supplies and directing them to the shower room. The visitors then use the private facility for 15 minutes. When they have completed their shower they leave through a different door and the process is repeated for the next person.

There is no intimate contact with the guests; they take care of their own washing process. A dedicated maintenance person is available to clean up between showers, but rarely is that needed, and John's administrator would be the volunteers' point person. John said that "this

important new program will raise people's spirits and get them ready for hopefully new careers so that over time they won't need to come to NCC for a shower."

If you are interested in volunteering (the volunteer scheduling can be very flexible), please contact John Gutman at jgutman@ccfc-ct.org or (203) 964-8228.



Sandwich Making (Where's the beef?)

You've undoubtedly heard about the Temple Sinai sandwich making volunteer core under the direction of Amy Bubel. On the first Monday of the month, Amy and her crew of happy sandwich makers assemble in the Temple Sinai kitchen to prepare about 250 sandwiches for the New Covenant Center's lunch program. At the present time, the number of volunteers seems adequate, but what is missing is the meat. The sandwich making

project is funded by the Sally Kelman Fund and funds are running very low. Sandwiches are composed of bread and turkey (not beef) but they do cost money.

Temple Sinai members have been very generous with their donations. The next time you have an occasion to contribute to a Temple Fund, perhaps toss a few dollars towards the Sally Kelman Fund.

Thank you.

Stu Madison
VP, Tikkun Olam



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LAUREN HELLER

STATS:

Parents: Lee Ann & Bruce

Sibling: Samantha 16

Bat Mitzvah: December 2, 2017

School: 8th @ Saxe Middle School

Favorite subject: Science/technology

Interests: Gymnastics

Torah Portion: Vayishlach

"Jacob paid a high price for stealing Esau's birthright. It teaches us to think about the consequences of our choices before we act because the costs could outweigh the benefits."

Becoming a Bat Mitzvah:

"I am excited to see all of my hard work/preparation finally pay off."

About me:

"I can't wait to be able to call myself a Bat Mitzvah and celebrate this important milestone with my friends and family."



JACQUELINE SIEGEL

STATS:

Parents: Rona & Robert

Sibling: David 14

Bat Mitzvah: December 16, 2017

School: 8th @ Saxe Middle School

Favorite subject: Science

Interests: Lacrosse, basketball, hanging with friends

Torah Portion: Miketz

"To not judge individuals by their beliefs or background, accept all human beings. Do the right thing."

Becoming a Bat Mitzvah:

"I'm excited to be with my family and friends."

About me:

"I'm really outgoing. I love to explore and go on adventures. I also love kids."

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to remind us of the fragility of our life and the lives of our loved ones.

So, while the meaning behind the use of light and candles in Jewish observance seems to be dependent on the situation, there is no denying that they are both important to us.

When you light the Chanukiah this December, what will it mean for you?

Wishing all our Temple Sinai families a healthy, safe and bright New Year!

L'shalom,

Morah Amy

BEGINNERS' TORAH STUDY

Taught by Rabbi Jay TelRav, Cantor Micah Morgovsky and Educator Amy Ritell

Every Friday, 12:00noon – 1:00pm. Bring your lunch

Have you always wanted to learn about Torah but haven't had the time? Or maybe you thought it might be too difficult? Every Friday at noon a Beginners' Torah study group meets to discuss the Torah, its laws, its stories, and the ancient people described in it. No previous education or experience necessary. Bring your lunch, make some new friends, and learn a little Torah!

NO FEE

COME PLAY MAH JONGG OR CANASTA

Monday evenings, 6:30pm – 9:00pm

Mah Jongg is a game that originated in China, commonly played by four players, with some three-player versions as well. Using tiles instead of playing cards, players try to complete one of the combinations of suits and values shown on the Mah Jongg card. If you are new to Mah Jongg, contact the temple office for more information.

Canasta is a card game usually played by four people in two partnerships with two standard sets of cards. Players attempt to make melds of seven cards of the same rank and "go out" by playing all cards in their hand. If you are new to Canasta or would like to learn, please contact the temple office.

NO FEE, JUST BRING YOUR OWN MAH JONGG CARD

RABBI EUGENE B. BOROWITZ MEMORIAL BIBLE STUDY

Every Saturday Morning at 9:00am

Come join a very special group of people who meet to share in Shabbat and study Torah.

NO FEE

ISRAEL TRIP – 2018

This year, Israel celebrates its 70th birthday and Temple Sinai wouldn't miss it. Another group of travelers ranging from four years old to 90 will head to our other homeland to understand, in a deep way, what makes us who we are and what our connection to Israel means. We'll see much more than the tourist sites – meeting with a human rights watchdog organization and getting off the beaten path a bit. We'll stay in four-star hotels, eat five-star meals and create six-star friendships. Contact Rabbi TelRav for more information or to register.

PROGRAM OFFERINGS, continued*

SPECIAL SHABBAT SERVICE PROGRAMS

WHO SPEAKS FOR GOD: AN INTERFAITH LOOK AT THE PROPHETS

No one religion has ownership of the answers when it comes to matters of faith and interpretation of our texts. We learn best when we join with others who are open to our views just as we are open to theirs. To that end, five Stamford Clergy will join Rabbi TelRav to teach this four-part series tackling the question of "Who are the Prophets?" The most interesting moments will arise from our diverging interpretations and from the opportunity to better understand our own traditions by looking through the eyes of others. Neither attendance at all sessions nor prior knowledge are required. In other words, all are welcome for any or all of the sessions.

NO FEE

Thursday, January 18, 2018, 7:30pm (Optional tour of Temple Sinai at 7:00pm)

Location: Temple Sinai, 458 Lakeside Drive, Stamford, CT

Presenters: Rabbi Jay TelRav and Pastor Duane C. Pederson (St. John's Lutheran Church)

Theme: Who are These Guys?

Focus: Setting the Table, Call of the Prophets, etc.

Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 7:30pm (Optional tour of First Presbyterian Church at 7:00pm)

Location: First Presbyterian Church, 1101 Bedford Street, Stamford

Presenter: Reverend Mark Lingle (St. Francis' Episcopal Church) with Rabbi Joshua Hammerman (Temple Beth El)

Theme: How Will the World End?

Focus: Salvation, Apocalypticism

Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 7:30pm (Optional tour of Temple Beth-El at 7:00pm)

Location: Temple Beth-El, 350 Roxbury Road, Stamford

Presenters: Rabbi Joshua Hammerman (Temple Beth El) and Pastor David Van Dyke (First Presbyterian Church)

Theme: Turning a Prophet

Focus: Social Justice

Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 7:30pm (Optional tour of St. John's Lutheran Church at 7:00pm)

Location: St. John's Lutheran Church, 884 Newfield Avenue, Stamford, CT

Presenter: Father Harry S. Pappas (Archangels Greek Orthodox Church) with Rabbi Jay TelRav

Theme: Is It Me?

Focus: Mysticism, Spirituality

February 15: Snow Date**FIRST FRIDAYS BUILDING ON THE "PRE-NEG"**

"Oneg" in Hebrew means "enjoyment" and most often refers to the sweets and fellowship that we enjoy after a worship service. We have now added an early service once a month for families with kids and others who cannot attend late into the evening. We recognize the challenge that creates for dinner, so we'll give you a little nosh to hold you over until after the service.

This year, we're going to continue these popular early and family-friendly 6:00pm services on the first Friday of each month (**December 1**, January 5, February 2, March 2, April 6, May 4, and June 1). We will begin with a 5:30pm "Pre-Neg" before the service. While not, technically, any sort of actual Hebrew, you still get the idea. It is a chance to take the edge off our appetite with some crudites, wine, cheese, and conversation before we start our service and then, we hope, attendees will decide to have some dinner together. As with our onegs, these pre-negs are also available to sponsor. Contact the temple office at (203) 322-1649 for more info.

TOT SHABBAT

Friday evenings at 5:00pm: **December 15**, January 12, February 9, March 9, April 13, May 11, June 15*

Please join us for dancing, singing, praying and playing at our Tot Shabbat celebrations. Age appropriate (birth to seven) worship services are led by Rabbi TelRav and Cantor Morgovsky. Come, taste the challah and sip sweet grape juice as we learn about Shabbat! Together we will enjoy the Festivals and Holy Days through music, crafts and movement. Open to the entire community.

*JUNE 15 SERVICES TO BE HELD OUTSIDE ON THE BACK LAWN AT TEMPLE SINAI.

RUACH SERVICES

Friday evenings at 7:30pm: **December 15**, January 19, February 23, March 16, April 27, May 18, June 22

The word "ruach" means "spirit," and this all-member musical ensemble of singers and instrumentalists is just that, the spirit of our worship offerings. Coordinated by Paul Storfer and Barbara Orwick, these all-musical services are energetic and informal, offering beautiful musical harmonies, familiar melodies and new arrangements. For more information about auditioning to join this group, please contact Cantor Morgovsky.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SHABBAT SERVICE

Saturday, January 13 at 10:30am

Our annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Shabbat service is a moving tribute to this great leader. This year, on Saturday, January 14, Kolot Sinai will add their voices to our worship service as we remember and honor the life and legacy of Dr. King with a powerful Shabbat service featuring songs of freedom and equality. After services, join us for a festive Kiddush luncheon. As always, this special morning service is open to the entire community and we hope you and your friends will join us! Please RSVP to let us know if you can stay for lunch.

NFTY WINTER KALLAH AT TEMPLE SINAI

Friday, January 26 – Sunday, January 28, 2018

Visit our website www.templesinaistamford.org for details.

*CLASSES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

Temple Sinai Presents

Dream Anyway

Laughing & Crying in the Face of Adversity

Sunday, December 17, 2017 at 4:30pm

An uplifting evening of Broadway favorites with a focus on the timeless message of resiliency and hope.

Cantor Micah Morgovsky will be joined by talented musicians and an ensemble of gifted singers.

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A limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

Join the Dreamcoat Society and enjoy reserved seating, acknowledgment in the program and recognition at the concert.

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Brotherhood Political Brunch



A NEW HOME WITHIN OUR WALLS

A courtyard with rocks strewn about, chipped paint and once-decorative wrought iron railings was the setting last month for the launch of the largest renovation project that Temple Sinai has undergone in more than 20 years. The project will transform an existing courtyard located in the center of the religious school wing into a modern, 21st century hub of activity, infused with new life and vitality, by the end of 2018.

As "one place with many purposes," this project will create the Edward and Susan Greenberg Family Chapel, the Poch Family Study and the Amy and Henry Bubel Family Classroom. Renderings of this 2,005 square foot project convey a flexible, contemporary space which will serve as a chapel with space for 60 people to worship, a new Library (now called the Study), meeting facilities, classrooms for both adults and children and a dining space for up to 48 guests.

We see this as a unique opportunity to make a meaningful and lasting contribution to a project that incorporates so many, varied aspects of Temple life....study, worship, learning and socializing among them. It will have a major impact and one that will live on for many years to come.

~Susan and Edward Greenberg

This opportunity means a great deal to us. In particular, naming it "The Study" indicates just how broadly we know the space will be used. From young to old, there is so much more that will take place there than providing a home to books.

Kathryn and Jerry Poch

This project will allow us to put all of the Temple's space to its best possible use. It will give a purpose to unutilized space and reconfigure classrooms and corridors. It will make tremendous improvements aesthetically as well, to this important aspect of Temple life. We are so pleased to take something recognized as a need 20 years ago and make it happen.

~Amy and Henry Bubel

When Mort and I became members about three years ago, we decided right away that we wanted to play an active role in Temple Sinai. My family history is one of involvement in and commitment to Jewish life. We look at this as an opportunity that came along for us to become part of great progress in the Temple's history and we welcome it.

~Eleanor and Mort Lowenthal

Rabbi Jay TelRav was on hand to review schematics with those assembled to launch the new project and said, "These Temple Sinai family members are making it possible for us to fulfill the words of the Torah when God commands, 'When they make a holy space for me, I will dwell in their midst.' So much more than bricks and mortar will be built in this sacred space – *Kehillah Kedoshah* – Sacred Community is our real focus!"

Many members of our temple family have already joined the donors named above to make this vision a reality. We need your help to contribute to this exciting new venture we are about to undertake. If you come to the temple to worship, study, or attend meetings and/or social functions, you are a stakeholder in this project. To donate, visit templesinaistamford.org. For more information, call Rabbi TelRav or Jayne Vasco at 203.322.1649.



In our future Chapel, (l to r) Edward & Susan Greenberg, Rabbi TelRav, Amy & Henry Bubel, Eleanor & Mort Lowenthal, and Betsy & Mike Stone

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December 8

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December 15

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December 22

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Elaine Gershman, Sister of Estelle Fruchtman
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December 29









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December 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 12:00p Torah Study ☆ 5:30p Pre-neg ☆ 6:00p Shabbat Service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Vayishlach ■ 9:00a Rabbi Eugene B. Borowitz Memorial Bible Study ▣ 10:30a Saturday Morning Shabbat Service and Bat Mitzvah of Lauren Heller
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30a Religious School and 4th Grade Chavurah trip to the Jewish Museum 9:30a 7th Grade Chavurah – Living Voices 9:30a Sisterhood Board Meeting 10:00a Mussar 11:30a Schiff Tichon Sinai 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30a Adult Ed: Comparative Religions • 4:00p Sandwich Making 4-6p Monday Religious School • 6:45p Mah Jongg & Canasta 		<p>DECEMBER 6-10 URJ BIENNIAL</p> <p>12:30p Canasta NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☆ 7:30p Shabbat Service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Vayeshev ■ 9:00a Rabbi Eugene B. Borowitz Memorial Bible Study
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30a Adult Ed: Comparative Religions 4-6p Monday Religious School • 6:45p Mah Jongg & Canasta Brotherhood football night at the home of Henry Bubel 					
9:30a Religious School			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:30p Canasta 4-6p Wednesday Religious School 6:00p Adult Ed: Adult Confirmation Class 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 12:00p Torah Study ☆ 5:00p Tot Shabbat ☆ 6:30p Congregational Shabbat/Chanukah Dinner ☆ 7:30p Shabbat RUACH Service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Miketz ■ 9:00a Rabbi Eugene B. Borowitz Memorial Bible Study ▣ 10:30a Saturday Morning Shabbat Service and Bat Mitzvah of Jacqueline Siegel
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30a Religious School and Chanukah Chooplah 10:00a Mussar 11:00a Latkapalooza 4:30p Cantor's Concert 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30a Adult Ed: Comparative Religions 4-6p Monday Religious School • 6:45p Mah Jongg & Canasta • 7:30p Board Meeting 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:30p Canasta 4-6p Wednesday Religious School 5:45p Schiff Tichon Sinai 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 12:00p Torah Study ☆ 6:00p Shabbat Service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Vayigash ■ 9:00a Rabbi Eugene B. Borowitz Memorial Bible Study
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<p>TEMPLE CLOSED NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</p>						
31	25					
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