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#### **RABBI'S RESPONSA**



Shalom L'Kulam (Peace Everyone),

Among the many joys of homeownership is the ongoing maintenance required to keep the house looking good. Several years after moving into our home here, it became clear that our back deck needed some work. I had become friendly with a neighbor who was pretty handy and who said that it should only take a couple days for the two of us to demolish the old and rebuild it anew. For the cost of the lumber and beverages, we could probably have had it done in a couple of weekends. Well, then he moved away with his family but the deck

still needed to be done. So, I figured if the two of us could get it done in a couple of days then, conservatively, with one set of hands and less experience, I should have been able to complete the project myself in four times that long. Right? **Four months** later I was putting the finishing touches on the deck. I loved almost every minute of the labor but obviously, I had both underestimated the scope and overestimated my ability!

## SERVICE SCHEDULE

#### Friday, March 1

5:00pm: Tot Shabbat

5:30pm: Pre-Neg

6:00pm: Shabbat Service

#### Saturday, March 2

9:00am: Avodat HaLev Service

10:30am: K/1st Grade Shabbat Morning Service and Kiddush Luncheon

Friday, March 8 7:30pm: Shabbat Service

Friday, March 15 7:30pm: Shabbat RUACH Service

Saturday, March 16

9:00am: Shabbateinu Service Wednesday, March 20

7:30pm: Megillah Reading

Friday, March 22 7:30pm: Shabbat Service

Sunday, March 24

9:30am: Purim Shpiel and Megillah Reading for the School Community

#### Friday, March 29

7:30pm: Shabbat Service

#### Saturday, March 30

10:30am: Shabbat Morning Service and Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Whetsell

#### **RABBI'S RESPONSA** CONTINUED

From time to time, I speak with a person who tells me that they are uncomfortable about having never read the Bible. As they undertake the process of "reading the Bible" they realize that this is going to be a much longer project than they realized. They become regular attendees at a Bible study group or they meet with me regularly over the course of a year or more. It is much more involved than they understood at the outset. But they also come to realize that value is returned all the way along the journey. There's something wonderful about watching a person become unexpectedly sucked into and invested in a new endeavor.

It is in this spirit that I reflect on one of my projects here at Temple Sinai. When I arrived almost 7 years ago it was clear that our website required attention. It was dated and out of fashion, but at least functional. There were other goals that needed to be addressed first and I dug in. Eventually, the importance of our internet presence moved its way closer to the top of my to-do list. We quickly realized there were some other elements that should probably be a part of the project. You know how this works: if you're going to paint the kitchen, you should probably redo the caulking around the countertop, but there are some places where the grout needs repair and as long as you are doing that, you may as well replace the broken tile. That tile is going to be impossible to match so you will have to redo the whole countertop and, now that you're in this far, (well you know how this goes...).

First, we assembled a team of volunteers and went through the process of finding ourselves a new database system. It's called ShulCloud and has really allowed Temple Sinai to move into the 21st century. Then we streamlined our calendaring system to allow everybody to access information more directly and register more efficiently. That led to a redesign of our billing and payment systems. And, then, if we were to go through the process of redesigning how we look, we should

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# DIRECTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL ENGAGEMENT



# Especially for Seniors

At the Shabbat Shirah service, Rabbi Jay read the words, "let us honor the generation before us, keeping the promise for those yet to be."

We at Temple Sinai are blessed to have a vibrant group of senior congregants. I appreciate their history, the stories they tell, the work they've done, and the trail they have blazed. We would not be the Temple Sinai we are today if not for the groundwork they laid.

There have been rumblings that the seniors are not appreciated or recognized. If that has not been communicated then shame on us. I am expressing, in no uncertain terms, that the seniors are not only appreciated, but vital to the health of our congregation. We, as a congregation, stand on their shoulders. Now it is time for us to demonstrate that the seniors are not taken for granted.

We have devoted resources that will be solely focused on our seniors. The Amidah Leadership Initiative (ALI), our leadership development program at Temple Sinai, has four committed, energetic volunteers- Sharon Goldstein, Judah Plotner, Jen Kramer and Glenn Wolff – who will work along with me on senior initiatives. Our goal is to provide interesting and meaningful programming that will allow seniors to stay connected and engaged. The seniors will determine the direction of the programming. Seniors, we want to hear from you, get together with you and co-create sustainable initiatives. In addition to the programming, our Caring Committee is fully operational for those who

need a ride, a meal, or just companionship.

Our first program will be a challah making luncheon on Thursday, March 28 from 11:00am to 3:00pm in the Social Hall led by Betsy Stone. It will be a wonderful opportunity for the seniors to socialize and perform mitzvot. The ALI team and I will then drop off the challahs, the next day, in time for Shabbat for those seniors who have previously signed up for delivery. The next program will be a luncheon on Wednesday, May 1, when a larger portion of the snowbirds will be back in town. At this luncheon, we will be asking the questions: what would make your Temple experience more meaningful? What are your hopes and dreams from a Temple perspective? Once we gather the information we can make more informed decisions on what direction our programming/initiatives will take.

The ALI team and I are excited about collaborating with our senior generation who has served us so well. It is clear that we haven't openly expressed our gratitude in both word and deed, so I am here to say we hear you, we appreciate you, we thank you. Now we will acknowledge this appreciation with action and, as the Rabbi said on Shabbat Shirah, honor the generation before us.

Larry Stoogenke

# PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE



Getting the word out.

"For some, this is the holy grail of marketing. If only more people knew what you know. If only they were aware of what you have to

offer, of the work you can share. Perhaps you can get more people to click on your video, read your tweet or see your Instagram. Alas, awareness is not action. Everyone reading this is aware that Peru is a country. But that doesn't mean you've visited recently, or have plans to go soon. Everyone reading this is aware that turnips are a root vegetable. But knowing they exist doesn't mean you're going to have them for dinner. Awareness is important, but it is insufficient. Action comes from tension, desire and fear. Action is the hard part." – Seth's Blog. Seth Godin, February 3, 2019

I read Seth's Blog most mornings and found his message this morning to be relevant as I am sitting down to write my monthly bulletin article. I intend to use the 500 words allocated to me this month to share some exciting events happening at our temple this spring. I agree with Seth, that awareness is important...Action is the hard part. And I also know that our Temple Sinai community is all about action and ready to accept Seth's challenge.

First, I have found so much meaning from our monthly Avodat HaLev Shaharit: Service of the Heart led by Rabbi TelRav and Cantor Morgovsky. This monthly contemplative service is focused on song, meditation, and peace. During the February service, Rabbi challenged us to think about the word resiliency and how it might apply to our lives. While I could use my 500 words to write about resiliency, that's not the focus this month (maybe next month). For now, I do hope you will consider joining the Rabbi and Cantor monthly on Saturday mornings at 9am for this meaningful service. Here are the dates: March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1, July 8, and August 3.

I also want to remind you of the **Temple Sinai Gala on April 6.** This year our *Honorees* are Gloria and Randy Skigen. We'll also be celebrating *Rising Star* Amanda Sherman for her leadership at Temple Sinai. It has been an honor getting to know Gloria and Randy over the years and I know you'll agree they are deserving of this high honor. I have also appreciated working directly with Amanda Sherman in her role as Vice President, Finance on our board. Rest assured that Gala Chairs Wendy Lewis and Bruce Heller will be making you aware of several ways that you can show your support and I know you're up for Seth's challenge and will take action.

And speaking of taking action, I'm so pleased that many of you responded to our request for financial support of our **Atrium Bathroom Renovation Project**. Thank you! Soon it will be time for us to take physical action and begin the renovation. It is our intention to have the bathrooms done prior to the High Holy Days.

Lastly, I'd like to make sure that **Mitzvah Day, May 5**, is circled on your calendar. Led by Mitzvah Co-Chairs Gloria Skigen and Gail Karlitz, this is always a great way for Temple Sinai to come together as one community and take action.

In case you're wondering, I am very aware that turnips are a root vegetable and I have no intention of having them for dinner tonight. Sorry Seth.

Marc Friedman President

# Purim 2019 at Temple Sinai

# TWICE THE MEGILLAH, TWICE THE FUN

## Wednesday evening, March 20 at 7:30pm

This Megillah reading will be geared toward the adults of our community. Kids are welcome but the material will not be edited for content! The drinks will flow freely (both "leaded" and "virgin") as we revel in the hilarity and the tradition of telling our story. There may not be many young ones with us that evening but we still hope you'll come in costume and ready to have fun.

#### Sunday morning, March 24 at 9:30am

Then...Join us for a fun-filled morning, complete with music, snacks, a parade of costumes and, of course, a GREAT STORY! Experience the annual re-telling of the Purim story and hear the chanting of the Scroll of Esther. And, of course prizes for all the kids after the readings. Bring your friends and family of all ages to show them how Sinai has a good time!

# MISHLOACH MANOT

This year, Purim will begin on the evening of Wednesday, March 20. In addition to the other mitzvot of Purim, there is a tradition of giving out little gift baskets to friends, neighbors and family. Temple Sinai Religious School will make it easy for you to fulfill this commandment and to help build our community at the same time. Look for more information in your emails!



# SoSTY PURIM CARNIVAL IS BACK!

With our theme.....Baby Shark Doododooo...

We hope all of our Temple Sinai families will join SoSTY for the 2019 PURIM activity fair in the Social Hall on **Sunday, March 24 at 11:30am**. Everyone is encouraged to attend in costume.

A donation of \$20 per family is suggested to support SoSTY programming and scholarships for teens.

# JOSH WHETSELL



#### STATS:

Parents: Lisa & Robert Bar Mitzvah: March 30 School: 7th @ Scofield Favorite subject: Math Interests: Travel soccer, video games

#### Torah Portion: Shemini

"It is really important to pay attention to detail when you are involved in an important event or job because if you made a mistake bad things can happen to you or other people involved."

#### Becoming a Bar Mitzvah:

"I am excited to become a Bar Mitzvah and celebrate with my family and friends."

#### About me:

"I would like to thank the Cantor, Rabbi and Mrs. Morgenthaler for their time and efforts in helping me prepare for my special day." Neither rain, not sleet, nor freezing cold, nor blazing hot sun... can keep this dedicated group of worshippers from attending Bible Study at Temple Sinai on Shabbat mornings!



Photo 1: Marc Becker, Beth Peters, Alexander Aflalo, Gail Karlitz, Dan Cunningham, Marc Bennett Photo 2: Back row (l to r): Alexander Aflalo, Marc Bennett, Sheldon Katz, Liz Rubin, Robin Fowler, Elissa Kaplan, Beth Peters, Gail Karlitz, Marc Becker, Moira Morrissey, Judah Plotner. Front row (l to r): Evelyn Fowler, Freida Knopf, Hal Rosenbaum

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### NOTES FROM THE CANTOR



It's hard to believe how much time has passed, but I have been blessed to call Temple Sinai my congregation for over a decade now. Often, for rabbis and cantors, after spending so much time serving one community, we are granted a sabbatical.

A sabbatical is a period of yearly leave granted to a professional for

study or travel, after seven years worked. A sabbatical is not a vacation; it is a period of time during which one may pursue some other interest by which to further enrich one's life.

As you all know, I love leading services and especially collaborating in new and creative ways with my fellow clergy and musicians. And, you may also be aware that both Jewish music and Broadway showtunes are my passions. It has been particularly important to me, throughout my years as a cantor, to work to preserve Jewish music from the golden age of chazzanut, traditional cantorial music. And, equally integral to my cantorate, is my desire to integrate Jewish and secular music (namely, Broadway) into both worship services and concert settings. I believe all music is prayer and I strive to help listeners tap into those prayers in various musical contexts.

So, this year, I am honored to spend my sabbatical week singing, praying and learning at my in-laws congregation, Temple Israel, in Portsmouth, NH. I'm looking forward to spending much of the week attending various synagogue



gatherings and learning about Jewish life in Portsmouth. On Friday, March 8, I will help to lead services alongside their interim rabbi, Ira Korinow. And then on Saturday, March 9, I will sing in a benefit concert entitled, From Bima to Broadway. That evening, I'll be sharing the bima and stage with their part-time cantor, Shira Nafshi, who was a classmate of mine at Hebrew Union College School of Sacred Music. Together, we'll share many liturgical pieces from our great Jewish musical tradition that are rarely sung in synagogue settings, and then we'll transition to singing solos and duets from many of our favorite Broadway shows. It promises to be a fantastic night of music and all proceeds from the concert will benefit the Temple Israel Portsmouth Musical Enrichment Fund. It has been a pleasure and an honor collaborating with Cantor Shira Nafshi to create this thoughtful and interesting program and I am very much looking forward to performing this concert with her. I am equally grateful to my amazing in-laws, Sharen and Randy Spratt, who graciously invited me to worship and perform at their shul and who have been working tirelessly to publicize and arrange all the logistics. And, most of all, I am grateful to you, my Temple Sinai family, for affording me this opportunity to do more of what I love and to help bring more music to a kindred congregation.

B'Shira, in song, Cantor Micah Morgovsky

# Did you know the Sisterhood Gift Shop has...

- ✓ Bar and Bat Mitzvah cards
- ✓ Shabbat candles
- ✓ New items arriving weekly
- ✓ Many unique gift items

Sisterhood can also supply bima baskets and kippot for your upcoming Bar or Bat Mitzvah.

Don't forget to stop in before services or during Religious School. If you need something when the shop is not open, please see Shelly or Jayne in the office.

# SAVE THE DATE: Friday, March 1

**Combatants for Peace** is an extraordinary organization formed in 2006 by Israeli and Palestinian former combatants, people who had taken an active role in the conflict, laid down their weapons and established Combatants for Peace. The egalitarian, bi-national, grassroots movement was founded on the belief that the cycle of violence can only be broken when Israelis and Palestinians join forces. Combatants for Peace is the only organization, worldwide, in which former fighters on both sides of an active conflict have laid down their weapons, choosing to work together for peace and justice. They were nominated for the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize.

The Combatants are coming to the US and will be here at Temple Sinai on Friday, March 1 to tell their personal stories of transformation from violence to nonviolence and share the work they are doing to bring peace to their homeland. We will have two speakers: one Israeli and one Palestinian. To get a better feeling for CFP, you can view the award winning documentary, *Disturbing the Peace*, available on Netflix.

#### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Jake Agovino Blake Ansel Tavlor Ansel Jeri Appel Maya Becker Marc Bennett Micah Berni Gary Besser Harrison Besser Samuel Block Laurie Bouris Carole Brafman Lee Brauer Julia Brodie George Brunner Ellen Conti Joanna Frank Hannah Deutsch Rhoda Freedberg Benjamin Freedman **Richard Freedman** Claire Friedlander Estelle Fruchtman Carolyn Ginsberg William Gordon

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Charlotte Marantz Ben Marcus Samantha Neer Sheila Newman Alexander Nurick Wood Gerald Poch Sydney Posner Gail Raben Zosia Rafelson Lisa Randall Erwin Riven Arlene Rosen Hannah Rosenberg Alex Rosenfeld Stuart Roth Karrie Sachs Michael Schiffman Alex Schlesinger Robin Selden Erica Shaulson Maurice Siegel Meryl Silverstein Olivia Simner Glenn Stark Harrison Stoogenke

Andrew Sverdlove Lucy Taben Adam Terr Lucas Vellozzi Caleb Weil Ryder Weil Robert Whetsell Daniel Wilbanks Elizabeth Wilbanks Jennifer Zonis





#### Have you got...

- ✓ Something to celebrate,
- ✓ Someone to honor,
- ✓ An anniversary to mark,
- ✓ A loved one to memorialize or
- ✓ Just a desire to spoil us?

Why not sponsor an oneg at one of our services? You can send a meaningful message, create enjoyment for your Sinai family members and support your congregation all at the same time. We'll be sure to thank you and mention the reason for your sponsorship during the service and in our materials! Please contact the temple office for more details.

# Temple Sinai *Kehillah K'dosha* Zentangle prints for sale

During the course of our Rosh Hashana morning service of 2017, Rick Roberts and Maria Thomas, creators of Zentangle, created an original piece of artwork for Temple Sinai. Throughout the service, they completed six triangular paper tiles – one for each day of creation – and we watched their breathtaking artwork unfold on the screen above the



bima. When finished, the triangles formed the points of a *magen david* – a Jewish Star, the center of which was made from vellum, animal skin, much like the Torah itself, which had been previously tangled on and inscribed with gold-leaf and Hebrew calligraphy with the words *K'hilah K'dosha* – sacred community. The completed work was Rick and Maria's gift to Temple Sinai and it is displayed prominently in our Atrium. We are now offering prints of this magnificent piece for sale in the temple office. Each framed print is \$36 dollars and proceeds will go to *tzedakah*.



Groggers (actually Yiddish for rattles). Why do we use them and where do they come from? We all know that we are supposed to make a lot of noise and drown out Haman's name during Purim, but why?

Well, it all goes back to when we were freed from Egypt. The first nation to

attack the Jewish people was Amalek. The Amalakites attacked from behind, targeting the weak who needed to rest and often causing them to be separated from the much larger group. Moses sent Joshua with an army of men to respond to the attack, running the Amalakites in defeat. As a result of their cowardly and unprovoked attack, the Torah commanded the Jews to eliminate Amalek from the face of the earth and in addition to wipe out any memory of him. Haman was a descendent of Agag. Agag was the king of Amalek during the reign of King Saul. Are you following the connection?

At one time, it was customary in some communities to make a dummy in the likeness of Haman, which they would hang from their rooftops for several days prior to Purim. When the holiday arrived, they would throw the effigy into a bonfire while singing and dancing around it. Eventually, this custom disappeared, and was replaced by the writing of Haman's name on the bottom of the shoes or on the floor of the synagogue, and then wiping the shoes over it to erase the name. From this, came the custom to stomp the feet and drown out the name of Haman during the reading of the Megilah, finally, giving way to the use of the grogger.

The grogger has its own interesting history. It was used to replace church bells to call people to worship during the three days prior to Easter, when it was customary not to ring the bells out of respect for the "mournful times between Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection." The mid 1600's saw groggers used, in New York and Boston, to sound the alarm by night watchmen, known as the Rattle Watch. As recently as WWII, they were used by the military to warn of a gas attack, as they were unable to blow whistles or verbally warn others while wearing a gas mask. If you find this all as interesting as I did, I suggest you read this article in March 20, 2016 Forward, The

Strange and Violent History of the Ordinary Grogger, by David Ziv Kalman. The article has pictures and even a video of a grogger being used in a foxhole. It will explain how an item that was once so commonplace became Jewish.

Have a joyous Purim!

L'shalom, Morah Amy

## MARCH DATES TO REMEMBER:

March 2	K/1 <sup>st</sup> Shabbat Service and Kiddush Luncheon
March 3	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Yad Program
March 9	$6^{th/}7^{th}ShabbatFamilyProgram$
March 10	Lasagnas with Love - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade / Schiff Tichon Sinai
March 23	$6^{th/}7^{th}ShabbatFamilyProgram$
March 24	Purim Celebration
March 31	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Chavurah –Ellis Island / Schiff Tichon Sinai

# **STAYING CONNECTED**

# Seniors@Sinai

## ... remember bubbe's challah?

# How delicious it tasted and how good her house smelled?

Join your friends at Temple Sinai and let's make a challah together in preparation for Shabbat. No experience necessary!

- Thursday, March 28
- 11:00am 3:00pm
- Social Hall
- Lunch to follow
- \$5.00 per person for lunch

Please bring your own medium mixing bowl and wooden spoon. Please contact the temple office if you need transportation.

**RSVP** to Temple Sinai Office at (203) 322-1649 to reserve your space at lunch.

If you can't make it but would like a challah, tell us and we'll deliver it to you at home on Friday, March 29, 2019.



Although there isn't much going on during the cold winter months, Brotherhood has managed to keep things warm and cozy. The December football afternoon at Marty Roth's place was enjoyed by all who attended. The game between the Patriots and Steelers was a good one.

In January, the guys met for a breakfast meeting that was extremely well

attended and many topics were discussed. Among the more important items were those related to Mitzvah Day and the likelihood that we'll have several activities in which to participate. Peter Ebstein is working with Abilis on a few projects in which we'll be involved. Jeff Pardo is working with Shelly on some projects on the Temple's property. And Patrick Kramer is trying to find some projects at the Greenwich United Way. There will be more to say about this next month.

The Brotherhood feels it's important that we support the various projects

undertaken by the Temple's leadership and other important activities, so we agreed to make significant donations to both the Chapel Fund and the annual Gala.

The most current known Brotherhood Bylaws is from 1983 and are totally out of date and irrelevant. Therefore, after some discussion on the topic, EJ Fink agreed to review the document and hopefully will make significant updates and bring them into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The annual Men's Retreat (not a Brotherhood function) will be held on April 12-14 in upstate NY only one hour away. Sign-ups will be forthcoming very soon. More information will be announced by email from Rabbi Jay. Other bagels and lox breakfast meetings will be held on March 17 and April 28.

Hold the date June 2 for the annual Brotherhood BBQ. We always have a great time, so mark it down now while you are thinking about it.

Until we meet again, buy gift cards.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone at Mitzvah Day.

Stu Madison President

## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY 25+**

Irma & Alan Paull Jayne & Bud Schiff Carole Brafman & Myron Sharpe Gen & Murph Weingrad Carol & Ed Abrams Meryl & Henry Silverstein Marilyn & Adam Terr

## MAZEL TOV

Nan & Paul Gordon on the birth of their grandson, Gabriel Dylan Pia

### REMEMBER TEMPLE SINAI IN YOUR WILL!

For more information, please call the temple office at (203) 322-1649 or email shelly@templesinaistamford.org

# TORAH PORTIONS

Saturday, March 2: Vayakhel Saturday, March 9: Pekude Saturday, March 16: Vayikra Saturday, March 23: Tzav Saturday, March 30: Shemini

Please remember to return your Annual Giving Campaign donations to the temple office or make your pledge online at TempleSinaiStamford.org. Thank you!

# **ONEG SPONSORS**

March 1: Pre-neg - Need a Sponsor\*

March 8: Need a Sponsor\*

March 15: Need a Sponsor\*

March 22: Need a Sponsor\*

March 29: Lisa & Robert Whetsell in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Joshua

#### \*Please volunteer to sponsor a Pre-neg or Oneg

Recognize an anniversary, yahrzeit, or important milestone – or give back to our community at a date that is convenient for you. Your sponsorship will be recognized in both the temple bulletin and in the announcements on Friday night. We would welcome sponsors for March 1, 8, 15, 22. Please contact Jayne Vasco in the temple office at (203) 322-1649, or Jayne@ templesinaistamford.org.

### SISTERHOOD



Calling all Monopoly, Scrabble, Twister, and any other board game enthusiasts. Every year Sisterhood holds its annual Game Night, and this year we wanted to include families, so we are hosting a Family Game Night on Sunday, March 3 at 4:00pm. Mark your calendars and bring your family to this fun filled afternoon for lots of games and pizza. We can't wait to see you there!

In addition, we are pleased to announce that the weekend of March 30, Temple Sinai is hosting district-wide Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) conference with women from Northeast Sisterhoods, who will be visiting Stamford and attending services at Temple Sinai. Additionally, on Saturday, March 30, after Saturday morning services, the WRJ will be hosting A few Sisterhood members and friends had a blast on Sunday afternoon in late January creating their own personalized signs, coat racks, and name plates. Everyone went home with a fantastic, unique creation.

a luncheon with a guest speaker at Temple Sinai as part of this event. Andrée Aelion Brooks, a journalist, author and lecturer specializing in Jewish history will be presenting a lecture:



#### The Amazing Life of Dona Gracia Nasi: a Jewish woman leader in Renaissance Europe

A little known Jewish women leaders of the 16<sup>th</sup> century, Dona Gracia Nasi operated an escape network that saved hundreds of forcibly-converted Jews from the ravages of the Inquisition. She also attempted to start a modern state of Israel, became a patron of the arts and ran an international banking empire. How



did she do what she did - as a woman and a Jew during troubled times? This talk will dip into the historical context of her life and tell how she manipulated the monarchs of her day. Her life is now being developed as a TV miniseries.

Temple Sinai Sisterhood members are able to attend the luncheon and hear the guest speaker for \$20. Non-Sisterhood members are welcome to stay for lunch and the speaker for \$25. RSVP to Michele Haiken Fink, haikenfink2000@optonline. net to reserve a seat at the table.

Michele Haiken Fink & Sharon Pardo, Sisterhood Co-Presidents

### **RABBI'S RESPONSA** CONTINUED

probably make sure that our mission statement and tagline was fresh and effective. A new logo for the congregation was created and we were finally ready for the website.

A large team of volunteers (thanks to all of you!) began the exciting (and sometimes tedious and frustrating) task of examining the old website, rewriting the copy, redesigning and working with the web builder to create our new digital presence. We have maintained our clarity of purpose. The tasks of this site are two-fold. First, it serves for those searching for **the** Progressive, Reform Jewish Temple in our area – showing them how great we are and why they'd want to be a part of our family. The second purpose is for you, our members. The resources available for you are now much more accessible and powerful. With only a few clicks you can get the information you need on upcoming events, register yourself, change your account information and make payments...all from the comfort of wherever you may be.

Beyond that, if you are a power user who does most of your work out there in the world, there is a new app for your phone to download, making everything I described even easier. Of course, we love speaking with you so you can always call the office and chat with Jayne and Shelly but, if life is too busy for that, we've got you covered.

The time and energy I put into the deck paid off. (I think) it's beautiful, it feels like a place I am happy to relax, and I love showing it off to anyone who visits. I feel similarly about the website, the mission statement, the new newsletter, our logo and everything else that Temple Sinai is working on. Labors of love are the best type – May you stick, determinedly, to yours too!

Rabbi Jay TelRav

#### SOSTY



Recently while trying to coordinate a SoSTY Purim planning meeting, it occurred to me how truly busy our SoSTY teens are. We have a handful of members who are active in a Boy Scout troop, talented dancers, athletes, and even a fencer! SoSTY members also manage to do incredibly well in school, earn their drivers licenses and go to countless

SAT tutoring sessions. I know I was just as busy as a teen but for some reason, I never felt that busy. I am incredibly grateful to our teens who make time for SoSTY.

I am excited about our current group of 8th and 9th-grade members who have demonstrated their dedication SoSTY. We have a group of emerging leaders planning this year's Purim event for our Sinai families and they are a pleasure to work with. Rumor is we may have two SoSTY members serving on the 2019-2020 NFTY-NAR board; however, this will leave SoSTY with open leadership roles to be filled. I am encouraging all of our newest SoSTY members to start thinking about where their skills and interests can be best used as a SoSTY leader. One of the highlights of my work with SoSTY is working in partnership with the teens.

L'shalom, Erica B. Quamily, LMSW

# SPECIAL SHABBAT SERVICE PROGRAMS

#### **RUACH SERVICES**

Friday evenings at 7:30pm: March 15, April 26, May 17, June 14

The word "ruach" means "spirit," and this congregant-based 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 spiritual and spirited, offering beautiful musical harmonies, familiar melodies, and new arrangements. In addition to our regular monthly Ruach services, we're excited to add a new component – a series of "Home and Home" services in partnership with Woodlands Community Temple in White Plains. Like Ruach, their band "Joyful Noise" offers music on a regular basis at their synagogue. In October we welcomed Joyful Noise to our bima with Ruach at Temple Sinai, and on December 21, Ruach traveled to White Plains and participated at services at Woodland.

## AVODAT HALEV - SERVICE OF THE HEART

Saturday mornings at 9:00am: **March 2**, April 6, May 4, June 1, July 8, August 3

Shabbat morning has a special energy to it that we miss if we get up and get right to our day's list of to-do items. Now you can join us for a monthly contemplative Shabbat service with song, meditation and peace. All are welcome and no prior experience with meditation is necessary. Come comfortably dressed and be ready to leave comfortably spirited.

# SHABBATEINU - OUR SHABBAT

Saturday mornings at 9:00am: March 16, April 27, May 18, June 15

Not all services are equally satisfying to all attendees. Families with school aged kids often find Friday night services difficult to make work. This new service, full of stories, Torah and music, will find its way into every heart and you'll start your weekend easily and peacefully, ready to go on about your day. All are welcome – kids and kids at heart.

# **PROGRAM OFFERINGS**

#### **RABBI EUGENE B. BOROWITZ MEMORIAL BIBLE STUDY**

Led by Rabbi TelRav and Moira Morrissey

First Saturday of each month, 10:00am. Every other Saturday, 9:00am.

Come join a very special and eclectic group of people who meet to study Torah in a light, friendly and welcoming way. No experience or previous study necessary.

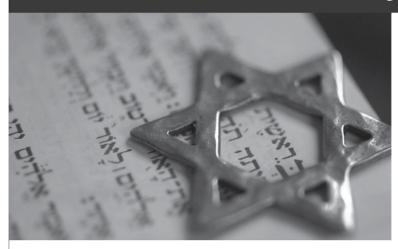
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#### WALKING GROUP (BEGINNING AT THE END OF APRIL)

Fridays at 1:15pm, weather-permitting

Join Cantor Micah for a walk in the great outdoors. We begin each walk with an intention, meditation or prayer as we nurture our bodies, hearts and minds. Our walks cultivate an appreciation for the beauty of nature, inspire mindfulness and gratitude for the blessings of every day, and give us the opportunity to exercise and talk with Temple Sinai friends, old and new. Contact Cantor Micah for more information.

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#### **BEGINNERS' TORAH STUDY**

Taught by Rabbi Jay TelRav, Cantor Micah Morgovsky & 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, usually played by four players. 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.

#### NO FEE, JUST BRING YOUR OWN MAH JONGG CARD

Canasta is a game usually played by four people in two partnerships with two decks of regular playing 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

#### ZENTANGLE

Taught by Cantor Micah Morgovsky

#### Wednesday evenings, 6:00pm - 7:30pm, March 27, April 3 & 10

Zentangle is an easy-to-learn, meditative art form. It is a relaxing and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. A regular Zentangle practice increases focus and creativity and provides artistic satisfaction, along with an increased sense of personal well-being.

Join Cantor Micah Morgovsky in an exploration of this beautiful, artistic, mindfulness practice.

Zentangle can be enjoyed by everyone, regardless of skill, experience, or artistic training. These six classes are suitable for beginner and experienced tanglers alike – we'll continue to incorporate Zentangle basics while exploring new Zentangle patterns and techniques.

FEE: \$18 PER SESSION OR \$36 FOR NON-MEMBERS, FEE INCLUDES ALL MATERIALS

#### **DINNER AND A MOVIE**

Saturday evenings, June 22, Times: TBA

This year Temple Sinai members will go to movies together at local theatres! We will see first-run movies as a community with Rabbi TelRav, Cantor Morgovsky and Educator Amy Ritell, followed by dinner when we can talk about themes and thoughts. Watch for updates in the weekly e-mails and bulletins.

## **TEMPLE SINAI MEN'S RETREAT**

Friday, April 12 – Sunday, April 14, at the Stony Point Center, Stony Point, NY

Each year, the experience of retreating with Sinai's community of men seems to achieve new levels of excellence and meaning. All of us from last year plan to be there again and we've got room for you, too. This year, the Fourth Annual Men's Retreat looks to surpass all expectations. It is a couple of days of good food, new friends, engaging prayer, meaningful conversation, a bonfire and too many snacks. If you're interested or curious, please contact the temple office for more details or to help plan this exciting weekend.

# HOLIDAY EVENTS

#### PURIM - TWICE THE MEGILLAH, TWICE THE FUN

#### Wednesday evening, March 20 at 7:30pm

This Megillah reading will be geared toward the adults of our community. Kids are welcome but the material will not be edited for content! The drinks will flow freely (both "leaded" and "virgin") as we revel in the hilarity and the tradition of telling our story. There may not be many young ones with us that evening but we still hope you'll come in costume and ready to have fun.

#### Sunday morning, March 24 at 9:30am

Then...Join us for a fun-filled morning, complete with music, snacks, a parade of costumes and, of course, a GREAT STORY! Experience the annual re-telling of the Purim story and hear the chanting of the Scroll of Esther. And, of course prizes for all the kids after the readings. Bring your friends and family of all ages to show them how Sinai has a good time!

#### **MISHLOAH MANOT**

#### Purim 2019

This year, Purim will begin on the evening of Wednesday, March 20. In addition to the other mitzvot of Purim, there is a tradition of giving out little gift baskets to friends, neighbors and family. Temple Sinai will make it easy for you to fulfill this commandment and to help build our community at the same time. A simple form on our website will allow you to list all the Sinai families you would like to receive a notice that their bag came from you.

#### CONGREGATIONAL SECOND NIGHT SEDER

#### Saturday, April 20 at 5:00pm

Your First Night might be around a table with friends and family, but your Second Night should be with us! We will conduct a Seder with all the traditions you know and love and a few more you will never forget. For more information or to reserve your space, please contact the temple office.

SEE PAGE 13 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

# TEMPLE SINAI'S 23<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL MITZVAH DAY TAKES PLACE SUNDAY, MAY 5

On this day our temple families work together on a variety of projects that benefit our community in the spirit of *Tikkun Olam* - Repairing the World.



You can participate individually or as a family. There is no better way to be part of something bigger than by joining in one of these meaningful community service projects. We really need the Temple Sinai community to help out, through participating, leading a project, providing financial support or all of the above!

For more information, please contact Gloria Skigen at gloria.skigen@hklaw.com.

# NOMINATIONS REQUESTED

The Nominating Committee is preparing its recommendations for new officers and trustees for 2019. Please send your suggestions to Michael Kadish at mkadishsj@yahoo.com





# WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR THE SECOND NIGHT OF PASSOVER?

# No plans? Well then, come join us!

Temple Sinai will host a Second Night Seder and we'd love for you to be there. We'll revisit the story of our people's formation with songs, activities and traditions for kids of all ages. Rabbi TelRav and Cantor Morgovsky will lead the Seder but with a lot of help. It's going to be a participatory evening with support from the RuJu singers. But it will only work if you come. Please go to our website www.templesinaistamford.org now and reserve a space for yourself and your loved ones. The Early Bird price is \$36/adult and \$18/child. Temple Sinai is subsidizing a large portion of the cost of the meal but if this is still too expensive, call Rabbi TelRav and we'll figure something out.





**Temple Sinai Gala** 

Reaching New Heights

PLEASE JOIN YOUR TEMPLE SINAI FAMILY ON SATURDAY, APRIL 6 FOR THIS YEAR'S GALA, REACHING NEW HEIGHTS

Come celebrate with us as we honor Gloria and Randy Skigen for their dedication to Temple Sinai and the Stamford community, as well as the Temple's Rising Star, Amanda Sherman. It will be a night of fun and a great opportunity to spend time with your Temple Sinai friends. Dinner will be catered by Marcia Selden Catering & Events; we will have amazing silent and live auction items available and will end the night with a raffle drawing for some fantastic prizes. The Gala is a wonderful way for our members to support Temple Sinai and all of the great programs and activities our synagogue has to offer. For information on the event or to purchase raffle tickets, please contact Shelly Welfeld in the temple office or reach out to any of the Gala Committee members: Robyn Alper, Jeri Appel, Nan Gordon, Andrea Greenburg, Bruce Heller (co-chair), Wendy Lewis (co chair) and Lisa Silver. RSVP online at TempleSinaiStamford.org.



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# **Christmas Dinner** at the Soup Kitchen

We have just celebrated our 26<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of providing Christmas Dinner at The New Covenant Center which again had all the Yuletide trappings, turkey, ham, stuffing, gravy, sweet potatoes, mac & cheese and green beans, etc., and sumptuous dessert. The clients were in great spirits as were all the volunteers who came down full of hope and joy. The dining room was decorated to the nines and the beautiful music and singing of Christmas carols added to the great festive atmosphere, which was once again provided by the Ebers family.

Plenty of volunteers helped set up, decorate, serve, wait tables, and clean up.

There were about 100 guests, who were also given food to take home, and each person left with a pair of new warm socks.

A special thank you to our head chef, Neil Gladstone, who helped to keep the kitchen running smoothly. And also thanks to all the many volunteers who made our 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas dinner a huge success. Several first-time volunteers said it was "an amazing experience" and will plan to do it every year.

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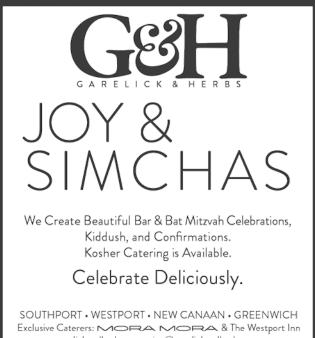
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