# Sinai Temple Take Back Your Time: Rediscover Shabbat Take Back Your Time: Rediscover Shabbat

#### **For Your Consideration**

Rabbi Mark Dov Shapiro

Maybe it was because dinner was virtually free. Or maybe it was because people like to break bread together.

Whatever made it work - our last congregational Shabbat dinner was a success. 275 reservations! We used every table the Temple owns to fill the auditorium and Oneg Shabbat Room.

Now we return with two dinners in January followed by two extraordinary speakers.

On Friday, January 21, we welcome Lou Cove, founder and director of Reboot. Formerly, Cove was Vice President of the National Yiddish Book Center. He now heads up Reboot, a national think tank focusing on new ways to bring Judaism into synch with our new century.

Reboot recently pioneered in exploring the connections between African-American and Jewish musicians with the production of a CD called Black Sabbath. Cove will talk about Reboot as well as Reboot's musical discoveries. (He'll bring with musical samples that you will love.)

Then comes January 28. Because Fiddler on the Roof will be appearing at Symphony Hall two nights later, I've invited Justin Cammy, Assistant Professor of Jewish Studies at Smith College to be our guest after dinner. Cammy is a specialist in Eastern European Jewish culture. He will talk about the "original" Fiddler by taking us into the Yiddish stories on which the Broadway musical was based.

And, of course, dinner will be served on both January 21 and 28. For free!

Only one requirement. You must RSVP. We can't feed a crowd without knowing your coming. Hope to see you for both evenings. (For details, see page 3.)

### JANUARY IS DIFFERENT ALL FRIDAY SERVICES AT 6 P.M.

Who wants to go home and then go out to services? If you feel like hibernating this January, here's your opportunity. Stay at work, run an errand, shop, and then stop by Sinai for snacks and a one-hour farewell to the week. By 7 p.m., you're back in the car heading home to stay. Shabbat shalom. All Friday evening services in January begin at 6 p.m.

Please note – This bulletin is an eight week bulletin – covering January AND February 2011.

#### Friday Evenings in January

All January services will begin at 6 p.m.

#### January 7

Birthday blessings as we welcome 2011.

#### January 14

See you at 6 p.m.

#### January 21

The 6 p.m. service is followed by dinner and speaker, Lou Cove, founder of Reboot. (See page 3.) A Tot Shabbat service also takes place parallel to the main service.

#### January 28

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#### Friday Evenings in February

February Services: Hot Music, Hot Stories, Warm Beverages

### February 4 at 7 p.m. Service with a Story

A "family friendly" service aimed at all age groups.

#### February 11 at 6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat

Come from work. Join the community for worship. Then back home. Veggies and snacks available at 5:30 p.m.

#### February 18 at 7:30 p.m.

This Service with a Band includes extra musical forces to enhance the service.

#### February 25 at 6 p.m.

Tot Shabbat: An early service for little people followed by dinner.

#### February 25 at 7:30 p.m.

We'll read Torah and learn some text at this service.

#### **Saturday Mornings**

Torah Study at 9:00 a.m. Service at 10:30 a.m.

# FEBRUARY IS DELICIOUSLY DIFFERENT WITH SPECIALTY BEVERAGES AT EACH SERVICE

It's cold outside so we propose: warm your body; warm your soul in February with hot music and hot stories plus warm beverages after each service. Hot chocolate for February 4. Starbucks, gourmet teas, and coffee with liqueurs to round out a month of spiritual warmth.

#### **Message from President Mark Stone**

Were you there? December 3rd 2010 was an amazing evening. It started with a service with more people than seats would allow. The sanctuary was aglow with dozens of menorahs flickering away with the smiles of all the children perhaps wondering whose menorah would last the longest. What followed was a wonderful service filled with prayer and singing with the Cantor and Shir Fun. Even more noticeable than the glow from the candles was the sense of community that in my opinion brightened the room more than a hundred menorahs. You could feel it. This multi-generation gathering radiated a sense of community we have been working hard as a congregation to achieve. Last year's Chanukah dinner was a great success. I could not have imagined it being even bigger and better this year, but it was. Almost 300 people attended the service and dinner.

What followed the dinner was also very special. We as a congregation took the time to acknowledge three individuals who have spent a lifetime ensuring that Sinai would have a bright future. Of course, I am referring to Thais and Gunter Fischel who are responsible for the gift shop for the past 26 years and Mike Bader who as Chair of the Membership Committee for 36 years has welcomed most of us into Sinai. (See pictures on page 15.) The evening ended with our guest speaker Peter Pitzele who captivated the audience with an interactive story combining theater and Bible.

So why do I share this with you? First, I am very proud of what we are doing and hope you are as well. Secondly, I would like to connect with those who may not have had the chance to attend this event. This was definitely more than just prayer. We were together as a community and I think sometimes some of us might be missing this component in our relationship with the synagogue. We have many more opportunities this year to take in a service, talk, lecture, social event or performance. Please take the time to see what might interest you and consider attending such an event.

Let's make our next few events ones we can remember for a very long time. I hope to see you at Martinis and Magic on Saturday, February 5 or Music Man March 10, 12, or 13. If you don't attend regularly please consider attending. If your friends are attending and you are not, please consider going with your friends. If you know an unaffiliated family these two events would be wonderful opportunities to check out Sinai.

Finally, thank you to all those who made our Chanukah celebration such a success: David Amster and Men of Sinai, the many volunteers including our Religious School children, our staff, plus Donna and Angel.

#### **Notes from Cantor Martin Levson**

The next four sessions of Divrei Shir, the adult education Jewish music appreciation class, will be held on Saturday mornings, January 22 and 29, and February 5 and 12, at 9:00 A.M. These sessions will serve as our "Torah Study" for those mornings. The topics will include "Why We Sing What We Sing When We Sing It" (The Music of the Jewish Calendar), Reform Worship and its European Origins, Reform Worship in America, and "The Lifeguard who Revolutionized Worship" (New Reform Music in America). Each session is an independent unit; vou can attend any sessions even if you missed the first three sessions held in October and November. (Thanks to the recording talents of Howard Kalodner, the first three sessions of Divrei Shir are on our Temple website!) I look forward to teaching Torah as we further explore the subject of Jewish music through Divrei Shir!

At our Saturday morning services in January and February, we will be featuring some congregant Torah readers. As of the bulletin printing deadline, the following congregants have graciously volunteered their Torahreading talents: Iris Koller (1/8), Robyn Newhouse (1/22), George Dickstein (1/29), Laurie Weinberg (2/5), and Judy Aronson (2/12). The services are at 10:30 in the Oneg Shabbat room. If YOU would like to chant a little bit of Torah at a Saturday morning service, please give me a call here at the Temple.

Finally, SAVE THE DATE of Saturday, April 9, as we welcome Vocolot back to Sinai Temple! (See page 12) More details will be forthcoming, but you will want to be here that Saturday evening for an outstanding concert of a cappella music!

Ivdu et Hashem B'simcha! Serve the Holy One with JOY!

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At 7 p.m., dinner will be served.

Although dinner is free, reservations are necessary for planning.

# Black Sabbath:

Sinai Visits Jewish & African-American Music Dinner, Service, and Speaker Friday, January 21 Starting at 6 p.m.

With Lou Cove, founder and director of Reboot The evening will begin with our 6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat service honoring the previous weekend's Martin Luther King celebrations.

At 7:45 p.m., Lou Cove will speak on "Rebooting Judaism for Generation X." With a special focus on explorations into the connections between Jews and Blacks in American cultural history.

(From 7:45 to 8:30 p.m., childcare will be available for school age children.)

Lou Cove is the Executive Director of Reboot, a think tank devoted to creative expressions of Judaism for the 21st century. Previously, he was Vice President of the National Yiddish Book Center. He helped create the Steve Spielberg Digital Yiddish Library. He is editor of Optimist Publications, an alternative-weekly newspaper chain.

This program made possible by Leah and Gerry Gottlieb.

# FIDDLER on the Roof:

The Story Behind the Musical Dinner\*, Service, and Speaker

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28 STARTING AT 6 P.M. With Justin Cammy, Asst Professor of Jewish Studies at Smith College

The evening begins with our 6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat service including some Yiddish melodies and references At 7 p.m., dinner will be served

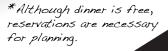
At 7:45 p.m., Justin Cammy will speak on "Tevye's Family: The Long (and Fascinating) Journey from Shtetl to Broadway"

(From 7:45 to 8:30 p.m., childcare will be available for school age children.)

Justin Cammy is a specialist in modern Jewish literature and Eastern European Jewish culture. In 2006, he was awarded the Sherrerd Prize for Distinguished Teaching at Smith. Cammy is interested in the intersection of Jewish history, politics and culture.

His research on Yiddish culture frequently brings him to Eastern Europe, most recently as the faculty lecturer on a tour to Warsaw and Krakow.

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#### **SPFTY**

#### I wasn't sure if I was going to join SPFTY... Going to one event, the JOSTY Shul-In, changed my decision

#### -Shaina Gootzit, Ninth Grade

I have been participating in Temple activities ever since 2nd grade when I joined Junior Choir. Back then, I wasn't sure if I was going to join SPFTY and even after my Bat Mitzvah I wasn't too sure either. Going to one event, the JOSTY Shul-In, changed my decision. It was held at a temple near Boston and it was a one night sleepover. We did different activities throughout the day and there was a dance at night. When we did the ice breaker games, I found out that a few people there knew one of my friends from Sinai. When I came home I couldn't wait to tell my parents how much fun I had! Ever since then, I'm really glad I decided to join SPFTY.

At first I thought being in SPFTY was going to be intimidating because all of the upperclassmen. I soon realized that they were really fun to be around and very accepting. It's also fun because my friends joined too. One activity that you go through to be 'accepted' into SPFTY is the Freshman Kidnap. The suspense waiting to be 'kidnapped' was part of the experience. The bus ride, McCray's farm, and going to Denny's at 1am was a blast too!

When we got back to the Temple we had a quick service and fun icebreakers! Like Freshman Kidnap there are many other activities that you can participate in. For example, we helped out at the Hanukkah Dinner, then had a Yankee Swap afterwards in the teen lounge. We also have lounge nights when we just watch movies and hang out. Two of my friends and I are the 9th grade representatives so we also go to the SPFTY planning meetings. You'd think these meetings would be very boring but they are actually very entertaining and fun!

The first time I heard about Levi Leap (a regional dance sponsored by NFTY), I had mixed emotions about it. I was very excited because I thought it would be similar to JOSTY Shul-In, but also a bit uneasy because you're staying at a stranger's house. On your application you can pick a few friends who you would like to be paired up at the host family's house. What I found was that the host families are nice and you become good friends with them. And if you're still unsure about staying over, you have the option of going home that night. All of the activities (Levi Leap, Conclavettes, etc.) have different themes to them. The services and activities are all lead by teenagers, and each event has a dance. If you're not into dancing, they have other activities you can do. At the dances you can make new friends and dance with people you just met. At Levi Leap I met some of my friend's camp friends, then I saw them again

#### Jewish Summer Camping Can Make All the Difference in Preparing a Jewish Child for the Future

Our Reform movement runs two remarkable summer camps in the Berkshires. One is called Eisner; the other is called Crane Lake. Last year several Sinai students attended each of the camps. Your child would love either camp. Scholarships are available for sessions in July or August. Please speak to Rabbi Shapiro as soon as possible.

# For High School and College students A Summer Program Making Money; The Susan M. Broh Tikkun Olam Award

This summer Sinai Temple invites students to get involved with tikkun olam – repairing the world. We would like to underwrite students who choose to spend their summer in a project that enriches the world. Interested students can get involved by thinking of a project or an area of interest related to tikkun olam/fixing the world. Applications should be in the mail. Call the office if you haven't received one. Those who are selected will be paid a salary of approximately \$7.50 an hour. (College students living outside the Pioneer Valley are welcome to find a project wherever they'll be spending the summer.)

Why is the Temple offering this program? We began this program several years ago to honor the memory of Susan M. Broh, a Temple member who died in September 2001. Susan began her career of "tikkun olam" by dedicating two years of her life to the Peace Corps. After that, Susan devoted her professional and volunteer life to making this world a better place. She believed passionately in the Jewish obligation of pursuing justice. Susan's friends and family have created this program to honor her memory and to encourage other Jews to strive for holiness as Jews must always do.

at Fall Conclavette too. So you'll see them at different NFTY events and I think I'll be making friendships that will last a lifetime.

Along with all of the fun and games, you also learn Jewish values. Taken from www.nftyne.com is the following quote, "Our members come together at many times during the year for learning, fun, worship, community service, and fellowship to help young Jewish adults throughout the region build and strengthen lifetime ties with each other and Reform Judaism." I really like being in SPFTY!!

## From Rabbi Mark Dov Shapiro and Rabbi Amy Wallk Katz

Dear Friends -

We are writing this joint letter to each of our congregations because we want to share something new with you. We want to tell you about new developments in our youth programming. They are the result of conversations between the two of us as well conversations among our Temple presidents and other lay leadership.

The process began before last summer when we began asking ourselves a series of questions about how to engage our teens in the best Jewish learning possible. We sat together to explore:

- What are each of our synagogue teen program's strengths?
- How can we maximize the positive energy of our teens?
- Could our teens be better served if they participated in each other's youth group activities?
- What are the benefits for our teens if the two youth groups (USY & SPFTY) coordinate their calendars and plan programs together?
- Could we get funding for a collaborative teen program?

After much consideration, we finally decided to try an experiment in which the youth groups of Sinai Temple and Temple Beth El would actively work together. Although USY & SPFTY will remain separate youth groups, all of our teenagers are being treated as if they are members of both groups. As much programming as possible, will be open to all teens. We hope a good portion of the programs will actually be planned in collaboration.

In addition, we are creating a list which includes the teens from both congregations. They will be contacted regularly by each congregation and our hope is that in the coming months, via Facebook and the internet, our teens will know about youth programming at both congregations.

Our youth directors Lisa Gitelman Udi (Sinai) and Jessica Bergman (Beth El) are meeting regularly with Cantor Martin Levson and Caryn Resnick. They are working together to create opportunities for the teens from both congregations to come together and plan their activities. We are also very grateful that the Harold Grinspoon Foundation is providing a generous grant to support our collaborative efforts.

Collaboration has been a theme in our community in recent months. The idea for this collaborative outreach in youth programming actually arose in the context of our Try-a-Synagogue program. You should also know that both Beth El and Sinai are collaborating with Jewish Family Service and Jewish Geriatric Services to co-sponsor a year-long conversation about caregiving.

#### Message from Director of Education Sheila Shear

Shalom Chaverim,

As I write this, Chanukah is just ending, and in reflection it has been a wonderful fall with much learning and activity. Recent events included a school wide family learning day focusing on Chanukah culminating with the annual 6th grade Tzedakah Faire raising over \$300.00 in one morning, and a taste test, French fries dipped in chocolate won the day. Our 7th through 10th graders also celebrated the holiday together on a Tuesday evening with dinner. Thank you to Melanie Stone for once again organizing the dinner. Thank you also to Jennifer Metsch, Dee Torff, Dianna Goldberg, Pat Gootzit, Deb Levin and Karen Ambrose for cooking and helping to set up. Our parent planning committees are working hard on social activities for their children. The K-2 children have had a Game and Pizza night and a special Lunch get together. The 3rd and 4th graders had a Mountain Hike and a Kick Ball Game, and the 5th and 6th Graders had an Unbirthday Party and a Post Chanukah, Chanukah Party. More activities are planned for the coming months, please stay tuned.

New this year, Mah La'Asot, what should I do? Ethical dilemmas are all around us. The children in grades 5,6, and 7 are given ethical dilemmas that they have an opportunity to resolve individually and then be part of a group, with Rabbi Shapiro or Mrs. Shear to discuss the Jewish answers to these dilemmas. Our first dilemmas concerned Pikuach Nefesh (saving a soul), and Sakanah (making decisions about life and death or dangerous situations). We, and our children, face dilemmas each day; some will have minor consequences, some major. Thinking ahead of time about some of the more difficult ones may help our children make good choices in difficult situations reaping positive results for the long run. I hope this project will give our children some Jewish answers to some important questions.

We are proud that we are finding ways to collaborate with one another. We believe these collaborative efforts allow us to meet the needs of our membership more effectively. We also believe these efforts are good for the individual congregations and for the greater Jewish community.

Please watch for more news about our collaborative teen programs and encourage your child, grandchild, neighbor, babysitter and friends to take part in this exciting teen programming.

Shalom,

Rabbi Mark Dov Shapiro Rabbi Amy Wallk Katz (P.S. This letter was published in Temple Beth El's December 2010 bulletin.)

#### **Happenings With Men Of Sinai**

MOS, with much assistance, hosted about 290 people on December 3rd for our Hanukkah chicken and latkes dinner. Many believe it is the largest such event Sinai has had...at least 20% more than last year's successful event. Of course, it was much more than the size of the event; it was its pervasive sense of warmth and light and of sharing in happiness and community. Thanks to many, and especially to David Amster for his event leadership.

The MOS breakfast series featured networking on November 14th; of particular note was W.O.W., Wellness on Wheels, who provided free chair massages. MOS will host future networking events.

For the MOS breakfast on December 12th our Temple's (and Channel 40's) sportscaster extraordinaire Scott Coen gave a talk on his life, as a father and sportscaster, to about 40 people, with a remarkable Q&A which followed.

Our next breakfast, on January 9th, will feature our Rabbi, SPFTY members, and other congregants talking about their travels in Israel. Joe Berger will speak on Darwin's Dangerous Idea at our February 13th breakfast, and on March 6th will be the truth behind media coverage of Israel, supporting Israel by knowing the facts. Please remember that our breakfasts are open to all and are free to MOS members and are \$5 to all others.

MOS is raffling a 42" HDTV with a Sony Blu-ray player to benefit Sinai's Religious School Scholarship Fund (see sidebar). The winner will be announced at the Rabbi Herman E. Snyder award dinner on March 25th.

Jack Henrie President, Men of Sinai

#### RAFFLE: Benefit Sinai's Religious School Scholarship Fund A 42" HDTV and a Sony Blu-ray player!

It's a VIZIO LED, 1080p, 120HZ with extended warranty. One winner, includes Sorcerer's Apprentice in Blu-ray. \$5 for one ticket, 6 for \$ 25. If you want tickets, stop into the office or e-mail David Amster at thevideoguy@cox.net, and he will send you what you want. Only 500 tickets will be sold. The drawing will be held at the Rabbi Herman E. Snyder Award Dinner on March 25th; winner need not be present.

#### **Scholarships for Free**

If your son or daughter is planning to attend any kind of Jewish program this summer, please take advantage of the Temple scholarship program. Thanks to the Joseph Emanuel, Rabbi Herman Eliot and Adele Biederman Snyder Memorial Fund, scholarships are available in small and larger amounts. We are also thankful to the family of Edna Simon and Judy and Michael Cohen who support summer scholarships as well.

Your confidential request should go to Rabbi Shapiro no later than March 1.

#### Take Back Your Time Rediscover Shabbat Writing in a Special Way

by Rabbi Marcus Berstein

I observe Shabbat by making the day different through personal actions that most people probably wouldn't realize. To make the day



special, I wear certain favorite articles of clothing, use different shampoo and soaps than the rest of the week, and do other small activities to make the day different. There are also activities that I don't do on Shabbat – watch television, use my computer, or spend money.

Although writing is traditionally one of the activities that constitutes "work", I do write in my journal, but only with a special pen. My "Shabbat pen" is used on Shabbat, only to write in my journal. This activity becomes kadosh – holy and set apart – from the rest of the week's writing by the pen I use and the specific activity of writing in my journal. It is one of several things I do to make Shabbat special.

#### **Judaica Shop Corner**

Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who helped the Shop have a good Chanukah season. Special thanks to our most efficient Treasurer, Helen Weiner, who keeps our finances in tip-top shape!

We're now looking forward to the spring occasions: B'nai Mitzvah, weddings, engagements and all too soon, Passover!!

We'll be ready for all your needs and wishes.

Thais Fischel 786-957

Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

#### Adult Opportunities

# Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Are You Interested in Starting a New Class For A New Year? Orientation Session Saturday, May 7 at 8 a.m.

Dear Congregants:

As many of you know, it has been my privilege to work with five groups of men and women who have chosen to become Bar/Bat Mitzvah as adults. I think each group of learners will tell you we had a wonderful time together. We were not attempting to become Harvard graduates. We were only attempting to grow and explore ourselves as Jews. If you are at all interested in helping form another Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah class that could start meeting this coming May & June, please contact me. markdov@sinai-temple.org Our first informal get-to-know-one-another session will take place Saturday, May 7 in the Oneg Shabbat room. No commitments. Call me and we can see if it's right for you. *-Rabbi Shapiro* 

#### Caregivers Support Group Weekly beginning Tuesday, January 18 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the JCC

Are you caring for an aging parent, a spouse or other relative? Are you feeling squeezed with everyone's needs? This group is for you. Share the challenges and joys of caring for a loved one. You do not need to face this alone.

Sara Weinberger, MSW, Professor of Social Work at Western New England College, will facilitate the group, focusing on strategies and resources for caregivers.

Cost: Free

Registration: Pre-registration is requested. To register, please contact Jewish Family Service at 413-737-2601 or JewishLife@jfswm.org.

A collaboration with Temple Beth El, Sinai Temple, Jewish Geriatric Services and Jewish Family Service.

#### Sex, War, and Property: Torah Study with a Special Focus Saturdays at 9 a.m.

(See below for four special Torah mornings led by Cantor Levson)

The Torah Portion starting at Deuteronomy Chapter 21:10 contains more laws on more topics than any other Torah Portion. From sex to war, theft, the environment, marriage, divorce, and raising children, everything is in these chapters from Deuteronomy.

If you are interested in any(!) of the topics above, Torah Study should be for you. Especially if you have never studied Torah, this will be a wonderful introduction.

#### **Divrei Shir:**

#### What Makes Jewish Music Work? Torah Study with Cantor Levson Saturdays, January 21, 28 February 5, 12 at 9 a.m.

Learn about Jewish music: history, styles, and spirituality. Please RSVP to the Cantor so that he can prepare materials for you. (This is a continuation of the Cantor's very successful music conversations earlier this year.)

#### Monthly Morning Service Wednesdays, January 5 & February 2 at 7:30 a.m.

A chance to start your day with a different focus. We meet on the bimah for a service of 20 minutes. Breakfast follows. Those who need to leave for the rest of the day are free no later than 8:15 a.m. Future "morning minyan" services will take place on Wednesdays, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1.

#### Saturday Morning Services Every Saturday morning At 10:30 a.m.

We have a regular weekly Shabbat morning service.

Even when there isn't a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, there is a Saturday morning service (complete with the Yahrzeit list) every Saturday starting at 10:30 a.m.

#### From Generation to Generation

We came to Springfield in 1971. Several congregations wooed us but we were drawn to Sinai Temple's community. Now, 39 years, later, I don't regret my decision.

Rabbi Davids hung the mezuzah on our new home and coofficiated at my son Matt's bris. Rabbi Kaplanksy, Rabbi Bloomstone, and Rabbi Shapiro officiated at the Bnai Mitzvah and
Confirmations of my three children. Years later, Rabbi Shapiro
officiated when I became a Bat Mitzvah at the age of 53. Rabbi
Shapiro also officiated at my marriage to Gerry. Rabbi Shapiro's
inspiration was the reason my son, Matt, became a Rabbi. We
have celebrated all of the life cycle events at Sinai. I feel I have
partaken in many things at Sinai: helping to sew the beautiful
panel in the front foyer, co-chairing the mission statement committee, serving on the board and executive board of the temple
and being on the art committee. And now, as a snow bird, I serve
on the ritual committee.

The temple community has been there for me on joyous occasions - they pelted Gerry and me with chocolate kisses at our aufruf. They surrounded us with love and compassion when there were deaths in the family. When I had surgery and was alone, the Caring Community made sure there were meals at my door every day.

I have generously supported Sinai during my life and plan to do the same through the Legacy Society. The Society ensures the temple's present and future. Please join me!

—Leah Gottlieb



If you would like to explore joining Leah in the Sinai Legacy Society, your first step is to discuss opportunities with Rabbi Shapiro or members of the planned giving committee. Please give the office a call at 413-736-3619. There is no obligation in this conversation, and, of course, a gift of any size is welcome.

Sinai Temple's

**~egacy Society** ∠Our Turn to Create Sinai's Future

in Partnership with-

Create a Jewish Legacy of Western Massachusetts

## Thanks for Making The Engagement Calendar a Success

Way back in August, members of Sinai received the 2010-2011 Engagement Calendar. The calendar included significant Jewish dates for the year as well as many, many ads. The calendar also included a listing of the very generous Sinai members who agreed to become friends, super friends, and benefactors of the project.

The good news is that the Engagement Calendar managed to raise \$7550 for the Temple this year.

Thank you to everyone who supported the project. And special thanks to the committee that created the calendar: Barbara Finkel, Dori Posner, Zel Lavin, Bea Sussman, and Belle Rita Novak.

#### Thank you to:

George Dickstein for his generous contribution allowing the congregation to purchase a new industrial-size coffee maker. L'chaim!

# Transportation Needed? Maybe you need The Sinai Shul Shuttle



Do you ever need a ride to the Temple? Have you ever missed a service or an adult education class or any other event because you couldn't find a ride?

Call the Temple office at least two business days in advance to make a reservation. The Caring Community Committee will connect you with a Temple member who will happily do the driving.

If you know someone who needs transportation or if you are someone who wants to volunteer as an occasional driver, please call the Temple office as well.

NOTE...SINAI IS PRINTING ONLY SIX BULLETINS THIS YEAR. COMING BULLETINS WILL BE MARCH/APRIL AND MAY/JUNE. THIS IS A VERY STRONG REASON FOR OUR WANTING TO STAY IN TOUCH VIA E-MAIL. PLEASE SEND US YOUR E-MAIL.

# Back by Popular Demand Join Us For a Fun-filled Evening MARTINIS & MAGIC

Saturday, February 5, 2011

At Sinai

7:00 — 9:30 p.m.

Martinis, hors d'oeuvre, desserts Live music & strolling magicians

Invitations have been mailed.
(Call the Temple office for details.)
\$25 per person
Proceeds will provide scholarships for Religious School Families

#### THE MUSIC MAN IS COMING TO SINAI TEMPLE

The show is now cast. Rehearsals are beginning.

But you can still participate.

There are loads of ways to get involved.

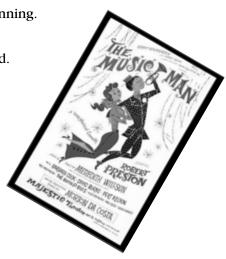
Contact Sheri Levson at 567-5789.

#### For example.... you might....

- 1. Loan us a trombone
- 2. Shlep your child to rehearsals
- 3. Donate building materials
- 4. Watch the DVD of Music Man to become familiar with the show
- 5. Help with make-up
- 6. Pre-sell tickets

- 7. Design the program
- 8. See snacks during intermission
- 9. Decorate the auditorium for the time period of the show

- 10. Put up posters to advertise auditions
- 11. Usher for one of the performances
- 12. Buy a ticket for a friend or relative as a gift



#### The MICAH Award Dinner Honoring Beth Green Saturday, January 27 6 p.m. At Sinai Temple

Sinai Temple is very pleased to join forces with the Pioneer Valley Project for a community dinner honoring Springfield citizens who exemplify the words of the Prophet Micah: What does the Lord require of you: to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with God. Sinai is also honored to be the HOST CONGREGATION. The dinner will take place in our own building.

Our 2011 honoree will be BETH GREEN.

To attend the dinner in honor of Beth, please send a check for \$30.00 per person to Pioneer Valley Project, 235 Eastern Avenue, Springfield, MA 01109. Make the check payable to PVP.

To make a donation in honor of Beth, please send a check for any amount payable to Sinai Temple to 1100 Dickinson Street, Springfield, MA, 01108. Beth's donations will go to Sinai's Isaiah Fund for the Hungry.

Beth's work and community involvement have always included a commitment to social justice, diversity, women's issues, and the right of all people to be treated with respect and dignity.

Currently, Beth is the program manager of the Equal Access to Safety Initiative. The Initiative is a partner-ship between Goodwill Industries and the YWCA. The Initiative enhances services for people with disabilities and those who are deaf who have experienced domestic violence and/or sexual assault. Before this, Beth served for 21 years as the executive director of the Human Service Forum, a membership organization that provides programs and services to the executive directors and senior managers of over 120 human service providers in the Pioneer Valley.

Beth has also been involved with Partners for a Healthy Community, a nonprofit committed to building a healthier Springfield through civic leadership, collaborative partnerships, and advocacy. Beth has also been a leader for The Emergency Food and Shelter Program of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the League of Women Voters of the Springfield Area, and the Women's Fund of Western Massachusetts.

In addition to all this, Beth has also devoted her time to Sinai where she has been a member of the Board, the Social Action Committee, the Personnel Committee, and the Distribution Committee for the Rabbi Gurland Human Relations Award. Beth was also Chair of the Youth Committee and Religious School Committee.

#### The Sinai Temple Legacy Society

Thank you to those households who have stepped forward to support the future of Sinai through a bequest.

Kitty and Jay Berger

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#### **Sustaining Membership Program 2010 — 2011**

Thank you for bringing extra support to Sinai this year.

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#### Scroll of Life



The Scroll of Life is a work of art in the Oneg Shabbat Room. It was created by Presentations Gallery of New York. The Isaiah quote at the bottom of the Scroll was taken from the Yom Kippur Haftarah as an expression of hope.

The Scroll has space on it so that Sinai members can commemorate either joyous events or memorialize loved ones. Each contribution of a plaque on the Scroll will be used to enrich the life and strength of Sinai. The cost of each plaque is \$200. The inscription may be 3-4 lines with a maximum of 27 spaces per line.

#### Welcome to Sinai!

We're so glad you decided to join Sinai Temple in the past couple of months:

- Paul Bloomfield and Sherry Krassin and their children, Zoey and Jackson.
- · David and Michelle Shrair.
- Iris and Conrad Koller.
- Rebecca and Daniel Blanchard and their son, Callen.

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### VOCOLOT RETURNS TO SINAI TEMPLE! SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2011 AN EVENING OF AMAZING A CAPPELLA!



# The Memory of the Righteous is a Blessing

All of us at Sinai Temple extend condolences as we remember the following. Their memories are precious to their relatives, their friends and to each of us who form the community of Sinai Temple.

We remember those who have passed away from October 7, 2010 - December 7, 2010

- Sheldon Snieder, husband of Dianne Sneider and father of Bari DeMichele.
- Harvey Gurland, brother of Rabbi Jerome Gurland.
- Mildred Turkfield, sister of Avie Knee.
- · Bernice Becker, our congregant.
- Lillian Skolnick, wife of Simon Skolnick, and mother of Barbara, Suzy, and Barry.
- Rita Nuger, our congregant.
- Florence Musen, wife of Arthur Musen.

#### Mazal Tov To:

- Ann and Paul Jacobs on the birth of their first grandchild, Zoey Grace Jacobs. Zoey's proud parents are Ben and Stacy Jacobs.
- Steve and Judi Simons on the birth of their granddaughter, Willa Annabelle Tucker. Willa's proud parents are Melissa and Bob Tucker.
- Steve and Judi Simons on the birth of their granddaughter, Eloise Johnson. Eloise's proud parents are Erik and Ly Johnson.
- Robyn Newhouse on being honored by the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) of Western
  Mass. as the outstanding philanthropist of the year of
  Hampden County.
- Ryan and Melanie Courtemanche on the birth of their daughter Aneliese Eyva Courtemanche. Her big sister is Madeline.

## Honored at Chanukah Shabbat for Decades of Service to Sinai

Pictured below are Gunther and Thais Fischel and Mike Bader, all honored by Rabbi Shapiro and President Mark Stone at a special ceremony on Shabbat Chanukah, December 3, 2010.



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