



Sinai Temple Bulletin

*Take Back Your Time:
Rediscover Shabbat*

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For Your Consideration

– Rabbi Mark Dov Shapiro

I am writing these remarks on Thursday, October 15 when the news from Israel is distressing - stabbings. cars being driven into civilians. random violence. Analyzing or predicting what will or won't happen between now and when these words will be read in two weeks is not possible.

On the other hand, I do know what I plan to address on the first Friday of November. Since it will be the 20th *yahrzeit* of Israel's Prime Minister, Yitzchak Rabin, I know I will speak about Rabin that evening. I will shape my comments around a brand new book that analyzes Rabin and the fallout from his assassination. I will review the book, *Killing a King*, by Dan Ephron.

I haven't read the book yet, but I can at least affirm one "truth" I carry in my heart. Notwithstanding today's painful and frightening situation, Rabin's heart was in the right place when he tried to make peace so many years ago. I remember these words he said on the White House lawn a year before his death. On a day of bright, bright sunshine, he declared:

"Let me say to you, the Palestinians: We are destined to live together in the same land. We, the soldiers who have returned from battle stained with blood, we who have seen our relatives and friends killed before our eyes, we who have attended their funerals and cannot look into the eyes of their parents, we who have fought against you, the Palestinians we say to you today in a loud and a clear voice: Enough of blood and tears.

"We have no desire for revenge. We harbor no hatred towards you. We, like you, are people who want to build a home, to plant a tree, to live side by side with you in dignity, in empathy, as human beings, as free people. We are today giving peace a chance, and saying again to you: Let us pray that a day will come when we all will say: Enough, farewell to arms. "

The words haven't come true yet. But I stand by Israel always believing that the vision is right. Mid-October or early November, the hope is not yet lost.

November Friday Evenings

November 6 at 6:00 p.m.

Remembering YITZCHAK RABIN on the 20th anniversary of his assassination. Pre-service Oneg starts at 5:30 p.m. See Page 3.

November 13 at 6:00 p.m.

Tot Shabbat for STUFF – Sinai Temple under five families.

November 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Wishing you a peaceful end of the week. Shabbat Shalom.

November 20 at 6:00 p.m.

We're not praying at Sinai. We are joining with Temple Beth El for a joint service at TBE followed by a Community Shabbat Dinner. See Page 3.

November 27 at 7:30 p.m.

It's Shabbat – Every seven days. Thanksgiving too. Hope to see you.

December Friday Evenings

December 4 at 6:00 p.m.

Kabbalat Shabbat sixty minute service preceded by veggies at 5:30 p.m.

December 11 at 6:00 p.m.

Shabbat Chanukah: Bring your Chanukiah/Menorah to the service. Dinner follows. See Page 6.

December 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Almost winter. Warm your soul with the light of Shabbat.

December 25 at 6:00 p.m.

Shabbat Service on this unique day starting early at 6 p.m.

Saturday Mornings

Torah Study at 9 a.m.

Shabbat Service at 10:15 a.m

**Please note – This bulletin is
an eight week bulletin –
covering November AND December 2015.**

From the Executive Committee...

By now, I'm sure that many of you have heard about Project Solel, approved by our Board of Directors a year ago. Project Solel has been undertaken by Sinai Temple and Temple Beth El in order to create a new educational experience to be shared by the children of both of our synagogues. And although Project Solel was launched in the Fall of 2014 following exploratory work by a joint-temples "task force", we, as many of you know, have been contemplating the possibilities of all kinds of collaborative initiatives with Temple Beth El since the Fall of 2013.

I bring this up again because you may hear more about these "collaborations" between Sinai Temple and Temple Beth El in the coming months. Indeed, this process began with a meeting of 12 Sinai temple presidents in the Spring of 2012 to discuss the current and future "economics" of Sinai Temple, and the subsequent formation of the Sinai 2015 Planning Group in the Fall of 2012 to "brainstorm, speak with experts in the field, investigate what other congregations are doing in connection with similar issues, and discuss ideas with members of our own congregation, and then present recommendations to the Board of Directors of Sinai Temple." Comprised of six temple presidents and six board directors, the Sinai 2015 Planning Group submitted

the following recommendation, which was unanimously approved by the Sinai Temple Board of Directors, and communicated by letter to all of our congregants in September 2013:

"Resolved: That a working group be formed to explore potential collaborations with Temple Beth El with the intent of maintaining our unique individual congregation."

That working group has been formed, and chaired by Mark Stone, Sinai Temple's Long-Range Planning Committee has begun its work on potential collaborations with Beth El, in both financial and non-financial areas, in order to explore and all ideas for a healthy, vibrant **Sinai Temple** long into the future. Yes, I said "a healthy, vibrant Sinai Temple long into the future"; the congregational merger of the two synagogues is not being considered at all within our collaborations with Beth El. Of course, time will tell where these conversations will take us, but I am hopeful and optimistic that this will prove to be a very significant opportunity for us to build that "greater Jewish community" here in Springfield that I have spoken about throughout the last several months. I look forward to our working together on this greater Jewish community. Be well, my friends...

Bruce Leshine, First Vice President

An Update from the Rabbinic Search Committee—

The committee has been working hard in October and into November, conducting initial interviews with nine candidates for the Interim Rabbi position. We are talking with a wonderful group of very special people, each of whom brings different talents and skills to the position. In mid-November, we plan to narrow the field down to no more than a few finalists, who will be brought in for on-site interviews. We will keep you posted through E-Vents and on the Sinai Website.

Collecting PJ's for the PJ Library ...and Kids in Need

It is disturbing that during the cold winter months, children in our community go to sleep cold and without the comfort of warm pajamas. Something as simple as slipping into a new, cozy, warm pair of PJ's is a joy many children will never know. Help us meet this critical need by dropping off brand new pajamas (sizes infant-teen) here at Sinai Temple as well as other locations throughout the Pioneer Valley. The collection is happening right now. Thank you for helping.

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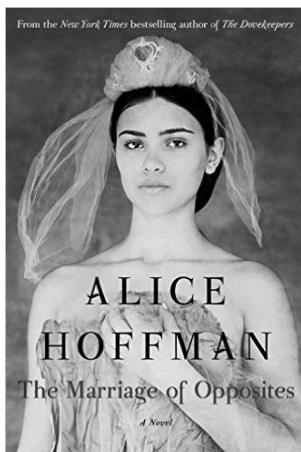
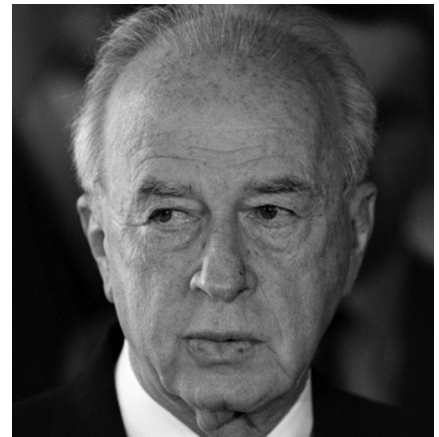
New Members - You're Invited to Breakfast Sunday, November 15 at 9:15 a.m.

We are honored and delighted to welcome new members into the Sinai Temple community. It would be a special delight to share some time with you and for us to get to know each other. Come learn about Sinai; come learn about our congregation. We'll meet for a light breakfast in Rabbi Shapiro's office on November 15. An invitation will arrive in the mail with details. Welcome!!!

Visit our website: www.sinai-temple.org

Killing a King: The Assassination of Yitzchak Rabin and the Remaking of Israel **Friday, November 6 at 6 p.m.**

It's 20 years - two decades since the weekend assassination of Prime Minister Yitzchak Rabin. Rabbi Shapiro will remember that sad evening on which Rabin was shot after a massive rally for peace in Tel Aviv. The Rabbi will also comment on the new book by Dan Ephron which reflects on the ongoing significance of Rabin and his loss.



Book Club Returns - Marriage of Opposites **Wednesday, November 11 at 7 p.m**

Alice Hoffman who made life on Masada come alive in "The Dovekeepers" does the same for the back story of Camille Pissarro in her historical novel, "The Marriage of Opposites."

Pissarro (1830-1903) a French impressionist painter who helped shape the Impressionist movement with the likes of Claude Monet and Edgar Degas, was born Jacob-Abraham-Camille Pissarro in St. Thomas, then the Danish West Indies. He was born into an iconoclastic Jewish family which prepared him well for his iconoclastic role in the development of Impressionism. It all makes for a great story that is historically accurate and a compelling read. Copies of the book are available in our Temple library as well as the Longmeadow library.

A Community Shabbat Dinner **A Shared Experience for the Jewish Community**

Sinai Temple

Temple Beth El

Congregation Bnai Torah

Friday, November 20



At 6 p.m., Sinai and Beth El will worship together in the Chapel at Temple Beth El. At 7:00 p.m., Shabbat dinner at Temple Beth El will begin with all three congregations together. Stay tuned for details on making your reservations.

Adult Opportunities

The Adult Confirmation Class Of 5776/2015

Proudly invites the congregation
To join us as we celebrate Jewish learning and growth
Saturday, December 12 at 10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Chanukah

Richard Alpert

Cheryl Blonder

Robin Dunn

Donna Broker Epstein

Elaine Geha

Leslie Hager

Cheri Haimowitz

Steve Kessler

Ronnie Leavitt

Buff Maniscalco

Jodi Maniscalco

Jody Maple

Karen Mendelsohn

Marla Shelasky

Sarah Shtrax

Bonnie Thomas

Laurie Weinberg

Please join us at a Kiddush Reception following the Shabbat Morning Service

More Book Club News

Wednesday, November 11 - The Marriage of Opposites

Wednesday, December 16 - The Secret Chord

"The Secret Chord" is a novel of King David, by Geraldine Brooks, author of "The People of the Book." Like Alice Hoffman, Brooks known for turning history into page-turner novels. Join us for thought provoking conversation whether you have read the book or not. Questions? Suggestions? e-mail Laurie Weinberg, sagecitrus@aol.com.

Cantor Levson Sings with the Springfield Symphony Orchestra

Home For The Follidays

Saturday, December 5 at 7:30 p.m.

The symphony's annual "holiday" season begins with the SSO and over 150 amazing voices of the SSO Chorus. This year Cantor Martin Levson will also be present.

Buy your SSO tickets today.

Second Annual Springfield Unity Festival

Saturday, November 14 at Symphony Hall

The Second Annual Springfield Unity Festival Concert will be Saturday evening, November 14. Jack Henrie and Robyn Newhouse sang in this concert last year, and they both had a great time! And trust Cantor Levson when he says, "Singing on the stage at Symphony Hall is a LOT of fun!" Here's a link to the website with all the information and how to register: <http://www.springfieldunityfestival.com/get-involved/> This will be a wonderful opportunity to raise your voice in song with people from all over Springfield. Cantor Levson says, "I hope that lots of our Sinai Temple singers will be able to participate in this exciting interfaith event!"

TGIT...Thank God, It's Torah!

Come Learn Every Saturday at 9 a.m.

Exercise your brain. Enjoy the bagels. If you want to touch base with Judaism's basics, Torah Study is for you. Come once or come occasionally. Newcomers welcome. No prior knowledge necessary.

Adult Opportunities

Monthly Morning Service

Wednesday, November 4 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. The feeling of togetherness is wonderful. 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, December 2, January 6, February 3, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1.

Saturday Morning Services

Every Saturday morning in November and December

A regular weekly Shabbat morning service. When there isn't a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, we meet at 10:15 a.m. in the Oneg Shabbat Room for the service complete with the Yahrzeit list.

Short Shabbat – Saturday, December 19

The Shortest Saturday of the Year Leads to "Short" Shabbat at Sinai

Starting at 9 a.m.

This morning everything gets "shortened." Torah Study as you've never seen it – shortened to 45 minutes followed by a service – shortened to 30 minutes. Followed at 10:15 by two short learning opportunities. Rabbi Shapiro presenting the shortest good poem in Jewish tradition in 35 minutes.. A mystery guest presenting a parallel short learning session. At 11 a.m., a delicious Kiddush...Including hors d'oeuvres and baby (short) carrots, of course. Smile and take back your time on Saturday, December 19.

Coming on Friday, January 8 Food and Friendship Shabbat Returns

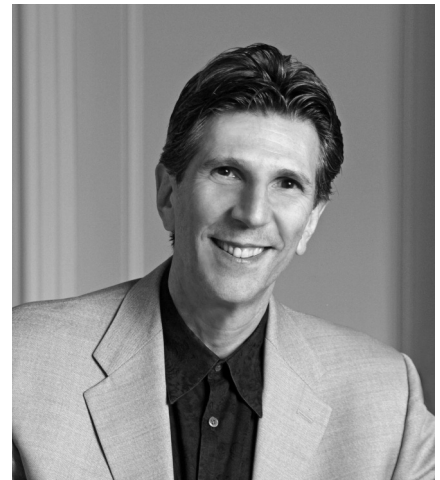
*Followed by guest speaker, writer, poet,
and artist Richard Michelson*

6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service

7 p.m. Dinner is Served

Reservations Required \$10/person

www.sinai-temple.org



As Martin Luther King Day approaches, Richard Michelson will be with us after dinner to discuss *Writing Race: Poets on the Complexity and Contradictions of Race in America*.

Michelson is the Curator of Exhibitions at *The National Yiddish Book Center* and owns *R. Michelson Galleries* in Northampton, Massachusetts.

He is also a prize-winning poet and children's book author.

In January 2009, "*As Good As Anybody: Martin Luther King and Abraham Joshua Heschel's Amazing March Toward Freedom*," was awarded the prestigious *Sydney Taylor Award Gold Medal* from the Association of Jewish Libraries.

CHANUKAH, CHANUKAH 2015



Mad Science Meets the Maccabees! Light up the Night!

Service and Congregational Dinner
Friday, December 11



At 6 p.m., service with Chanukah menorah lighting. (Bring your own menorah plus seven candles.)
At 7 p.m., congregational dinner with the biggest and best Chanukah program ever...featuring Mad Science...
with a touch of Chanukah.

For all ages. From 3 to 93. Reservations are required by Friday, December 4.

\$7 per adult; \$4 per child up to 12 years of age. To make your reservation, visit the Temple website www.sinai-temple.org or mail your check to Sinai, 1100 Dickinson Street, Springfield, MA 01108.

Thank you to Men and Women of Sinai for preparing the meal.

MORE CHANUKAH 2015

Light One Candle Tuesday, December 6

Make your way over to the JCC as the sun sets for a community lighting of the first candle PLUS latkes.

Light a Candle for Tzedakah

Chanukah Tzedakah: Ner Shel Tzedakah

Don't buy presents on one of the Chanukah nights.
Give tzedakah instead. Love the latkes. Make a gift to the charity of your choice.

If the Kids are Grown Up, Do We Light the Candles Anyway?

A Chanukah Candle Lighting and "Gathering" for Baby Boomers with Empty Nests

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10 AT THE HOME OF
JANICE AND ELLIOT GREENBERG

Boomers...a fabulous Chanukah Party. For details, watch your snail mail and E-vents

Chanukah Questions and Answers

When is Chanukah?

Chanukah begins Sunday night, December 6. The last candle is lit Sunday night, December 13.

How do we observe Chanukah today?

Chanukah is almost entirely a time for celebration, although it can be more than that. This year, for example, how about implementing the "tradition" of Ner Shel Tzedakah, which means dedicating one "ner/candle/night" to tzedakah.

How do we prepare the candles when Chanukah arrives?

Place the candles in the chanukiah (Chanukah menorah) from right to left.

How many candles are used?

On the first night of Chanukah one light is kindled. On the following night, two lights and so on until on the eighth night, eight lights are kindled. This does not, of course, include the shammas which is the candle used every night to light the other candles of the day.

Where does the chanukiah go?

If possible, the chanukiah should go near or at a window. In this way passersby can see the burning candles, which means according to Jewish tradition, that we have helped in the process of Pirsum Ha-nais—the Publicizing of the Chanukah Miracle and Story.

How do we light the candles?

Just after nightfall, say the blessings. The first two are said every night. The third is only said on the first night. After the blessings light the candles by going from left to right so that the additional light of each night is kindled first.

Do we do anything different on Shabbat - Friday evening, December 11?

Yes. On that night we light the chanukiah first and after that Shabbat candles are lit. However, for a really good time, don't light candles at home. Bring yourself and your candles to Temple for a 6 p.m. service followed by dinner and a sizzling program.

BLESSINGS FOR CHANUKAH

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתַיִךְ וְצִוֵּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, who has sanctified us with commandments and commanded us to light the Chanukah candles.

Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech ha-olam asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik neir shel Chanukah.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בְּיָמֵם הָהֵם בְּזֶמֶן הַזֶּה.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, who performed great wonders for our ancestors in those days at this season.

Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech ha-olam, sheh-ah-sah nee-seem la-vo-tay-nu ba-ya-meem ha-haim baz-man ha-zeh.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַחַיָּנוּ וְקִיְּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעֵנוּ לְזֶמֶן הַזֶּה.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, who has kept us alive, sustained us, and brought us to this time.

Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech ha-olam shehecheyanu ve-kee-ma-nu ve-hee-gee-ah-nu laz-man ha-zeh.

Maccabi Games Sunday, November 8 at 6:30 p.m.

Come learn about Summer 2016

Mazal Tov to Sinai members who participated on Team Springfield in the 2015 JCC Maccabi Games and Artsfest this past August in Fort Lauderdale:

Coaches: Betsy Bertuzzi and Matt Bertuzzi

Athletes and Artists: Noah Brooks, Sam Byrne, Hannah Calabrese, Sam Freedman, Aarin McCormick, Noah Skole, Dena Solomon.

Kick off for 2016 JCC Maccabi Games and Artsfest in Stamford, CT will be at our JCC Sunday, November 8th at 6:30 PM. Come to get details and register for Team Springfield as an athlete (ages 13-16) or artist (13-17).

For more info, go to springfieldjcc.org/fitness/jccmacca-biexperien/

Link to Libraries says Thank You

Dear Friends:

It is with deep appreciation on behalf of the Board of Directors, volunteers and friends of Link to Libraries that I say thank you. The books received over the Jewish High Holidays were beyond our dreams.

The children who receive these books will be overjoyed, as will their school teachers and principals. The parents who have the good fortune to read will share these stories time and again with their loved ones.

Thank you for being the caring and kind people you are. You are helping to make education matter in our communities. Our heartfelt thank you.

Sincerely,

Susan Jaye-Kaplan

Link to Libraries, Inc. President

Roberta Hillenberg-Gang

Link to Libraries, Inc. Executive Board Member

Stephen G. Kaplan, Executive Board Member

Notes from the Cantor

Quick! What's the most important melody for Chanukah? No, it's not that song about the dreidel made of clay! The correct answer is *Maoz Tzur*, or *Rock of Ages*, as it is known in English. The Hebrew text was written the Jewish liturgical poet Mordechai ben Yitzchak Halevy back in the 13th century. The familiar English language version has almost no relation to the Hebrew text! The translation of the first verse of Hebrew is as follows:

Stronghold, Rock of my deliverance, it is fitting to offer praise to You.

You will establish the House of my prayer, and there will I offer thanksgiving offerings.

When you prepare total destruction against the raging foe,

I will then complete, with song and psalm, the dedication of the altar. Translation from *The Metsudah Siddur* (Daily)

The melody was patched together from three different "secular" sources, including German folk songs and chorale settings from the 16th century, and the version we sing today was already considered "Traditional" in German synagogues by 1750. So when we light the candles for Chanukah and sing this song, whether in Hebrew or in English, we make ourselves part of a Jewish musical tradition that stretches back nearly 400 years! Think about that when you light the candles for Chanukah this year. My best wishes for a Chanukah filled with light and gladness!

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

Cantor Martin Levson

SINAI TEMPLE JUDAIC GIFT SHOP

Chanukah is almost upon us! Your shop is getting and displaying all the new things: toys, games, novelties and, of course., our wonderful selection of menorahs, candles and special gifts.

We are open Tuesdays and Thursdays afternoons from 2 - 4:30 PM and Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 12 noon. We'll have longer hours and more days soon. Watch E-vents for info!

Thais Fischel 786-9577

Message from Heather Sullivan

Director of Education

MAGLOCK! The maglock for the back canopy door is now installed. This means that during school hours will back door will secure and you will only be able to enter with a 4 digit code. The hope is to have information regarding entry sent out to all religious school families (from me) and to all congregants (via E-vents) in early November. Call Robin in the main office, if you do not receive the E-vents. Once all necessary information for entry has been dispersed the maglock will be engaged. More details to follow on this and the information listed below...

L'Shalom,
Heather

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

November 18 - Boys' Night!

Join in a *special boys only* event for students in K-7 and their grown up males. Yoyo expert Eric Koloski will be here to share his talents and teach us a thing or two about yoyo tricks. He will also have yoyo's for sale! Come at 6:00 for pizza.

November 22 - PACT (Parents and Children Together), 9-11:30:

Join us as we look at *Cultivating an Attitude of Gratitude* and get ready for Thanksgiving and Chanukah.

December 19 - Havdalah!

With our friends from Temple Beth El
Dinner and Havdalah Programming for students in grades 5-7 at 4:30-6:00

For a Great Summer...Eisner, Crane Lake, Six Points, & Israel!

Young people entering grades 2-12, from Reform synagogues throughout the Northeast, are now being enrolled for the coming summer programs at our regional URJ camps (Eisner Camp, Crane Lake Camp, and 6 Points Sports Academy) as well as the "NFTY in Israel" summer travel experience. Eisner and Crane Lake are located in the Berkshire mountains (Eisner in Great Barrington, MA and Crane Lake in West Stockbridge, MA), and 6 Points is in Greensboro, NC Include your child (or grandchild!) in the excitement and friendship of a Reform Jewish summer camp. Give your teen the Israel experience of a lifetime!

Contact the Eisner/Crane Lake office (212-650-4130, necamps.urjcamps.org), or 6 Points Sports Academy (561-208-1650, 6points.urjcamps.org) to find out more about this wonderfully enjoyable summer opportunity for your child or grandchild. Contact Rabbi Shapiro, Cantor Levson or Heather Sullivan for additional information.

Message from Jack Henrie *President, Men and Women of Sinai (MWOS)*

We are off to a great start this year with MWOS' BBQ for over 100 of Sinai's Religious School students, parents, and community; then, on October 4th, MWOS was honored to have MA State Senator Eric Lesser speaking as we provided a breakfast for over 50 of us. Thank you to all who pitched in to help in any way.

On Sunday morning, November 8th, breakfast will be served at 9:30 and we will feature nationally syndicated cartoonist Rick Stromoski (see inset), free to MWOS members and \$5 for others. Hope to see you in the OS room on November 8th or the January 10th breakfast we are seeking scholars from the Hartford seminary on Islamic law and scripture and its impact on Sunni-Shia relations and contemporary Islam. Then, on March 6th, Bruce Bromberg Seltzer, Amherst College Advisor to Jewish students, will

speak on BDS and other issues pertinent to our Jewish college students and others.

MWOS will have a meeting in the Kehilah Room on Tuesday evening, November 3rd. After light refreshments at 7ish, the meeting will convene at 7:30. MWOS needs your help to continue serving Sinai and our broader community as we have in years past. Please consider joining MWOS and actively participating in any, or all, of our events which will include our Chanukah Shabbat dinner on December 11th, Purim, our (springtime) evenings with the Rabbi and with the Cantor, the Snyder Award dinner with a special guest on April 15th, and for our May end of the Religious School BBQ.

I wish to thank all of you who have already joined MWOS this year and all those who have pitched in to help us in any way. If you have not yet joined, we would love to have you, both men and women of Sinai. This is another eventful year in support of our Sinai community!!

Science and Technology Jewish Summer Camp

Starting its Third Summer in 2016

Registration is now open for the Reform Movement's 14th summer camp. It's called URJ 6 Points Sci-Tech Academy. It will take place this July on the campus of The Governor's Academy near Boston.

URJ 6 Points Sci-Tech Academy is for campers seeking high-level science and technology experiential and fun learning in the summer. Campers will work alongside experienced instructors to design projects in activities such as robotics, video game design, environmental science, and digital media production.

"What will make our camp unique," says Greg Kellner, camp director, "is the combination of outstanding science and tech programming with Jewish learning and living in an intentional, fun and dynamic Jewish community. In addition to hands-on, immersive learning in science and technology, campers will also explore their Jewish identities and their connections to the Jewish community."

There will be two-week sessions. The Governor's Academy is 30 minutes north of Boston.

For more information about URJ 6 Points Sci-Tech Academy, please visit <http://www.urj6points.org/scitech>. Call Annette Powers, 212-650-4154.

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 February 15.

Ten Minutes of Torah From our Reform Movement The Union for Reform Judaism

Study that Matches Your Lifestyle – Sign up at <http://www.reformjudaism.org/sign-receive-ten-minutes-torah> for a brief daily teaching or reflection. Each day has a different theme:

Monday – Reform Ideas about the Weekly Torah Portion

Tuesday – Celebrating Jewish Arts and Culture

Wednesday – Israel Connections

Thursday – Throwback Thursday - If you like history....

Friday – Weekly News from around the Globe

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

Finding Meaning at Sinai Temple

During the August Board meeting, members of the Board took a few minutes to write about their feelings for our congregation. Here are some of their reflections.

I am pleased to be a member of Sinai Temple because it provides me and my family a center of Jewish life, learning and observance as nothing else in our lives does. It is a place of warmth and acceptance and allows us to connect with the past while forging a Jewish presence and future.

Esta Sobey

I'm happy to be a member of Sinai Temple....for the sense of community, for the sense of belonging, for the learning opportunities that have become available to me.

Jody Maple.

I am pleased to be a member of Sinai Temple since it is the anchor of my Jewish life. It orients my search for spirituality through weekly services and the special moments during High Holiday observances. Sinai provides an opportunity for me to engage with a community of like-minded, but also diverse people who share a commitment to Judaism both present and future. Through Torah Study, Sinai provides a chance to confront the deep moral issues that Judaism has struggled with for thousands of years.

Richard Alpert.

Sinai Temple is my home, my place of peace. Many years spent at Sinai meeting new friends. Enjoying community prayer and song. My goal this year is to take back Shabbat, although I must admit it is not easy to "unplug" and get in touch with G-d, Torah and self. I am committed to learning with my fellow Sinai friends and our Rabbi.

Robin Dunn-McDonagh

I am pleased to be a member of Sinai Temple because I feel like a part of a thoughtful diverse community of Reform Jews – who challenge me to meaningfully integrate Jewish values into everything I do, in my own way.

Robyn Newhouse

I am glad to be a member of Sinai Temple.... because it feels like home – an ancestral home where I can connect with the wisdom of our tradition, re-center myself and remember what is truly valuable and important, and feel a part of my modern home – with people who matter to me, and to whom I matter. Because it allows and gives me permission to stop everyday work and turn towards alternate values and meanings. Because it is where I can participate in ritual activities that imbues my life with beauty and meaning. Because it is where I know I can be moved and inspired by important words and beautiful music. Because here I am reminded that I am part of a great People, and I am stronger and richer as part of a "we" than part of an "I".

Steve Kessler

I am honored to be a member of Sinai Temple because I have felt welcomed here by many different people. The Temple is a thriving community to which I belong because I can do so many things like taking part in a book discussion, participating in a play, learning about Reform Judaism and being able to make my own decisions about being a Jew and a member of this community. I guess the most important part about being a member of Sinai is the sense of community and friendship I enjoy.

Robin D. Fein-Krevolin

I am happy to be a member of Sinai Temple because it provides Reform Jews of the Springfield area with a community anchor...A place to worship, celebrate and associate. It's a center of Jewish thought, music, and art. It is an oasis in the secular world that provides peace and comfort to those that seek such peace. By belonging to and supporting Sinai, I feel as though I am giving back something to the local area, the region, and the world.

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Sunday
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