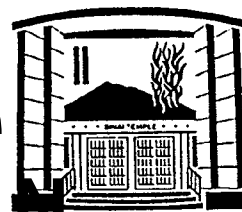


# Sinai Temple

## BULLETIN



*Take Back Your Time: Rediscover Shabbat*

## For Your Consideration

Rabbi Mark Dov Shapiro

I recently read Senator Edward Kennedy's autobiography, *True Compass*, and many adjectives come to mind as I reflect on the story he tells: impressive, fascinating, honest, and smart. More than anything else, however, the book is tender! As much as it is the tale of a powerful, no-nonsense politician, it is also the story of Teddy, the youngest child of nine, the littlest one whose affection for his family shines through every page.

There is plenty of politics. The book focuses on decades of Washington personalities and issues. But, from the prologue onward, the Senator is clear: "My life has always been inseparable from that of my family. When I sit at the front porch of our Cape house, in the sunshine and sea-freshened air, I think of them often...I remember how each of us, distinct and autonomous from one another though we were, melded wholeheartedly into a family, a self-contained universe of love and deepest truths. My story is their story, and theirs is mine. And so it shall be in these pages."

Of course, the Kennedy's never brought their energy together around a Seder table at the Cape. But as Passover approaches this year, I'd like to think that each of us at Sinai is looking forward to an event that will make memories.

We may not write books about our Seders in years to come, but hopefully whatever we do at our Seder tables can be significant. For the Seder and the Haggadah are quite extraordinary opportunities for family, friends, learning, history, values, dreams, laughter, and eating. At its best, you could say a Seder combines the spirit of Rosh Hashanah dinners, Thanksgiving, and a little bit of Super Bowl night.

Our Jewish story becomes the occasion for making Jewish memories that can last a lifetime. Once again this year, our website will link you to new insights, readings, games, and even recipes for Passover. You know I would love to see you at our congregational service on Tuesday, March 30 at 10:30 a.m. Most of all, make the Seder count. It's your opportunity to shape a Jewish moment with your heart and soul.

## Saturday Mornings

**Every Saturday Morning  
Torah Study at 9:00 a.m.  
Service at 10:30 a.m.**

*Mazal Tov to B'nai Mitzvah:*

March 6 - Taylor Adelson, son of  
Todd and Manuela Adelson

March 13 - Evan Novak, son of  
Jeff Novak and Donna Novak

March 20 - Madeleine Neiman,  
daughter of Michael and Jackie  
Neiman

March 27 - Ross Kamin, son of  
Peter Kamin and Loren Hutner

April 10 - Zachary Meunier, son  
of Erik and Suzanne Meunier

## Passover 2010

PASSOVER BEGINS MONDAY  
EVENING, MARCH 29

PASSOVER ENDS AT  
SUNDOWN, MONDAY, APRIL 5.

Passover Morning Service,  
Tuesday, March 30 at 10:30 a.m.

Yizkor Concluding Service,  
Monday, April 5 at 10:30 a.m.

## March and April Friday Evenings Easer Service Times to Remember 7 — 6 — 7:30

**Service with a Story at 7:00 p.m.**

**March 5**

A story plus many smiles as we welcome a new month.

**Kabbalat Shabbat at 6:00 p.m.**

**March 12**

It's an early evening - preceded by snacks at 5:30 p.m.

**Service with a Band at 7:30 p.m.**

**March 19**

The real plus tonight is that our youth group, SPFTY, will create and lead the service - complete with a band of their own.

**Service with the Torah at 7:30 p.m.**

**March 26**

Men of Sinai honor Jay Berger with Herman Eliot Snyder Award. Dinner precedes the service. Reservations required.

**Service with a Story at 7:00 p.m.**

**April 2**

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

**Kabbalat Shabbat at 6:00 p.m.**

**April 9**

Snacks at 5:30 p.m. followed by our early service.

## NOTES FROM THE CANTOR

As we approach Passover, I am pleased to report that once again we will have a variety of Pesach music available on the Sinai Temple website this year. You can practice some old favorites and learn some new tunes for your seder! Please check them out!

On Sunday, March 21, at 12:30 P.M.; it will be my great pleasure to welcome Vocolot to Sinai Temple! Vocolot is a Women's a cappella ensemble led by Cantor Linda Hirschhorn. Vocolot brings a joyous fusion of folk, jazz and cantorial vocal traditions into the contemporary a cappella world. Their music, rooted in universal heart, social conscience and Jewish soul, communicates a powerful vision of world peace and reconciliation. Vocolot sings in English, Hebrew, Ladino, Yiddish, and Arabic, blending lush harmonies, soaring melodies and global percussion in original works and new renderings of ancient songs and texts.



**Vocolot in concert! Sunday, March 21, 12:30 p.m.**

The Adult Volunteer Choir and "Shir Fun!" will sing a few songs with Vocolot at the concert! Adult Choir rehearsals will be Wednesday evenings at 7:30 beginning March 3, AND Sunday mornings at 11:30 A.M. beginning March 7, for those who are unable to make the Wednesday rehearsals. If you would be interested in singing with us (no experience necessary!) please give me a call here at Sinai Temple.

To learn more about Vocolot, and to hear their amazing sound, please check out their website at <http://www.vocolot.com>.

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

– Cantor Martin Levson

### Judaica Shop Corner

Passover is this month's topic: we're showing a large selection of Seder plates, Elijah cups, Miriam cups and toys and novelties. Please see our enclosed flyer for ideas for hostess gifts and making your own table perfect, as well as extended hours for the season. There will be a Haggadah special and some surprise specials as well. Do come down and browse.

—*Thais Fischel*

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### The Caring Community of Sinai Temple Invites all Senior Members

to a

**Passover Luncheon**

**12:00 noon,**

**Thursday, April 1, 2010**

**Sinai Temple**

**Invitations will be sent soon.**

**Make sure you get one and RSVP!**

**There is no charge for this wonderful luncheon.**

### Mission Statement

Sinai Temple is a welcoming and inclusive Reform Congregation where our members pursue a continuing journey of Jewish growth. We are guided by the history and traditions of the Jewish people as we encounter the challenges of the modern world. We encourage participation in prayer, life-long Jewish learning, and social justice within a joyful, creative, and compassionate community.

**COME PRAY...COME FILL**  
**THE SANCTUARY PASSOVER MORNING**  
**Tuesday, March 30 at 10:30 a.m.**  
**(Luncheon to follow.)**

This grand service will include special holiday music and an extra opportunity to explore the appeal of our great spring festival.

**YIZKOR AND CONCLUDING SERVICE**  
**Monday, April 5 at 10:30 a.m.**

We dedicate new plaques on our yahrzeit board and bid farewell to Passover. A luncheon follows the service.

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**Announcing the Passover Menu Corner**  
**For those times when you can't face**  
**another piece of MATZA!**

If you're hungry or desperate or curious, Sinai's Ritual Committee has developed a resource for YOU. It's called the PASSOVER MENU CORNER and it will include a variety of easy recipes for Passover meals and snacks. Visit our website to see what's available now - [www.sinai-temple.org](http://www.sinai-temple.org).

**Are you getting bored with the same**  
**old prayers at your Seder?**

Check out the website. [www.sinai-temple.org](http://www.sinai-temple.org). Rabbi Shapiro has collected a number of readings, games, and ideas that can bring new life to your Seder.

**Would you like to be known as some-**  
**one who enjoyed a good meal, or as**  
**someone who helped provide others**  
**with something to eat?**

As the Passover Seder approaches with all of its food, food, food, would you consider sharing some of your good fortune with others? Your Passover contribution to the Temple's Isaiah Hunger Fund will be forwarded to people in Springfield who do not have enough money to eat at all. The Hunger Fund is our way of responding to local hunger. You can feel better over your matzah balls by remembering tzedakah. All funds donated to the Isaiah Hunger Fund go directly to the hungry in our community.

**Should my child miss school on the**  
**first morning of Passover?**

*Dear Parents: I know attending the Passover Morning Service on Tuesday, March 30 means your child misses school, but missing school for a positive Jewish experience can make a difference in his/her life. I offer you the following letter for expressing your commitments to your child's teacher. Rabbi Shapiro.*

Dear Teacher:

Please excuse my child from school for tomorrow morning, Tuesday, March 30. He/She will be attending services at Sinai Temple.

As you know, tomorrow marks the first full day of Passover, and it is customary for the Jewish community to assemble together. Passover's morning service is not unlike the Rosh Hashanah morning service for which my child was also absent. I hope there will be no extra work assigned on March 30. I know my child anticipates a wonderful learning experience at synagogue on Passover morning.

Yours truly,  
A concerned parent

A HOME CEREMONY  
FOR REMEMBERING THE HOLOCAUST  
FROM RABBI SHAPIRO

Dear Friends:

When Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Memorial Day) starts on the 27th of Nisan, the evening of Saturday, April 10, there is something simple and beautiful which you can do to commemorate the Holocaust. You can purchase and light a Yahrzeit/Memorial Candle in your home.

At that time, you might want to have a moment of silence, use the prayer that follows, or create something of your own. A limited number of candles will be available at the Temple office if you wish to pick one up there. You can also purchase a candle at a grocery store.

***A Prayer for Lighting the "Holocaust Candle"***  
*I/we light this memorial candle in order not to forget the lives of the Jewish men, women, and children who are symbolized by its flame. They were brutalized for no reason; their lives were taken in cruelty. May we be inspired to learn about our six million brothers and sisters as individuals and as communities; and may we recall not only the terror of their deaths, but the splendor of so many of their lives. May the memory of their lives inspire us to hallow our own lives, and to live meaningful Jewish lives so that we may help to ensure that part of who they were always endures.*



**The Second Annual Bike  
Ride for Tzedakah  
Sunday morning, May 2**

Get in shape! An 18 mile (or maybe a bit more) bike ride following up on last year's successful Mitzvah Day Bike Ride. A small registration fee will be used to underwrite a tzedakah project. Last year's bike proceeds underwrote a summer Day Camp program for needy children in Springfield.

Watch the next bulletin for more details.

**What makes me happy to be a member of Sinai Temple?**

The acceptance and non-judgment of interfaith couples and families. The singing on Shabbat  
—*Reva Kleppel*

Those great Torah study sessions on Saturday morning with Rabbi Shapiro and of course, the accompanying bagels, etc.  
—*Bob and Sheila Simons*

I like to see my Rabbi and my Cantor smile at each other on the bimah. I also like to see the congregation smiling. This makes me happy to be a member of Sinai Temple.  
—*Joan Rosenbaum*

Being around people I like. Having the opportunity to help out in one way or another. Stimulating my right brain at Torah Study on Saturday mornings.  
—*David Tivoli*

It feels like home whether you're going to services, working on a committee or attending a social event.  
—*Steve Sussman*

**CPR Training at Sinai Temple  
Sunday, April 11  
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Did you know that over 700,000 people in the United States have been diagnosed with some form of heart disease? Learn what to do if someone you know goes into cardiac arrest: Join us for CPR Sunday!

Learn how to recognize and care for basic breathing and cardiac emergencies for "adult" victims ages 9 and over. This 4-hour course will include skills practice and manikins, video-driven instruction, and training materials. Participants who successfully demonstrate standardized skills and who pass short multiple choice written exams will be issued certificates in Adult CPR by the American Red Cross.

The class, given by the American Red Cross and sponsored by Sinai's Caring Community Committee, is being held at Sinai Temple from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. It is open to Sinai Temple members (and friends of members too.) The course costs \$25.00 (thanks to a subsidy from our Caring Community Fund).

Please register early since class size is limited. Register by calling Sinai Temple at 736-3619. Registration deadline is APRIL 1. If you have any questions call Lynn Solomon at 567-0073.

## SERVICE TIMES

After experimenting this Fall and in January, we are going to new “regular” service times for Friday nights. We’ve simply changed our “late” service from 8 p.m. to start at 7:30 p.m. Earlier and hopefully more congenial for everyone.

In a regular month...

*First Friday service starts at 7 p.m.*

*Second Friday is Kabbalat Shabbat. Starts at 6 p.m.*

*Third & Fourth Fridays begin at 7:30 p.m.*

## From Generation to Generation: Building a Legacy for Sinai Temple A “thank you” service On Saturday, April 3 at 10:30 a.m.

We want to thank congregants for their support of Sinai’s Legacy Society at a Special Service. Shabbat Morning - Saturday, April 3. Rabbi Shapiro’s sermon that morning will focus on the feelings of history and tradition that are part of Passover. Those who support the Legacy Society at Sinai help us guarantee that our Temple history and tradition will also continue into the future.

A Kiddush Reception honoring Legacy members will follow services. The congregation is, of course, invited.

## You’re Invited to a Wedding Event! Friday, April 16 At the 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service

Sinai Temple’s Caring Community happily invites you

To a ceremony celebrating

Your special wedding anniversary in 2010!

If you were married in 2005, 2000, 1995, 1990, 1985, 1980, 1975, 1970, 1965, 1960, 1955, 1950, 1945, 1940 —

Please join Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Levson On Friday, April 16 at 7:30 p.m.

The Rabbi and Cantor will honor you as a group with blessings, sweet wine, & chocolates.

RSVP to Robin Blanchette Gage, Rabbi’s Assistant, 736-3619, ext. 10

## Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Memorial Day) Sunday, April 11 at 7 p.m. At Sinai Temple

The annual community commemoration of Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Memorial Day) will take place April 11 at Sinai.

The theme for this year’s program will be “Voices From the Past”. Community members will present readings from the “Shoah Scroll”, a moving literary work of poetry, prose and prayer chronicling individual histories from the Holocaust.

Rabbi Shapiro and Cantor Levson will be leading the event.

This event is co-sponsored by the Hatikvah Holocaust Education Center and the Jewish Federation of Western Massachusetts.

## Take Back Your Time: Rediscover Shabbat

Go to [www.sinai-temple.org](http://www.sinai-temple.org). On our home page, you’ll see the link Rediscover Shabbat. You’ll find the blessings for Friday night, music plus other sources.

## Torah Study – Back to the Weekly Torah Portion Every Saturday morning At 9 a.m.

The best free breakfast in the Pioneer Valley coupled with a taste of the weekly Torah portion. Led by Rabbi Shapiro with a smile and good humor.

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

A regular weekly Shabbat morning service. Even when there isn’t a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, we still meet at 10:30 a.m. complete with the Yahrzeit list.

## Monthly Morning Service Wednesdays, March 3 and April 7 at 7:30 a.m.

Meet in the sanctuary 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, May 5 and June 2.

## Message from Sheila Shear, Director of Education

*Shalom Chaverim,*

Looking for solutions. As I am writing this I am thinking of the Parsha (Torah portion) from this past Shabbat, Yitro. In this Torah portion we are given the Ten Commandments, but there is something more in this portion. Its namesake just happens to be Moses' father in law. Yitro is concerned that Moses is not spending enough time with his family. Instead of berating or just criticizing Moses, he helps Moses think of a solution. I think we can all take an important lesson from this. When we see our children struggling to meet our expectations, or making, what we recognize to be bad decisions for themselves, there is a tendency to ignore, berate, or criticize their behaviors, and to either just complain about it or to do the polar opposite and dictate solutions.

I suggest we take this lesson from Yitro and apply it to our own parenting by guiding and supporting our children in their efforts to make good decisions in their lives. Ignoring behaviors does not make them go away. Though there are times when we must dictate that "no" means "no," we can help our children further by discussing desired outcomes, making suggestions and encouraging them to find solutions that they believe will help them reach the desired outcomes. By doing this we make a great contribution to the long term growth and development of our children's independent ability to make good choices in their lives.

Yes, I do believe Torah has something significant to teach us in 2010.

### Mark your calendars:

- March 1-31 The Religious School is Raffling off Red Sox Tickets throughout the month of March. Drawing to be held April 4th.
- March 5-9 9th and 10th Grade to the Religious Action Center
- March 12 Tot Shabbat
- March 13 3rd and 4th grade almost sleepover event at Sinai
- March 14 Father and Son Baseball Event
- March 26-27 6th Grade Retreat at Eisner Camp
- March 28 School Wide Seder (we need volunteers please call Sheila 736-3619 ext. 16)

### Red Sox Tickets!!!!

Two pairs of Red Sox tickets will be the prize in our first ever Baseball Raffle. The tickets are for a date to be determined. They are non-transferable. But they are for real. Call the School office for details.

## Youth Group News!

### SPFTY – the Senior Youth Group

Shalom from SPFTY, our temple youth group! We've been incredibly busy so far this year. Saturday, January 30, we drove over to Hampton Ponds to support Harry Miller, our president, as he performed the "Penguin Plunge" for the Amelia Park



Children's Museum. Harry's jump in the lake raised \$160 for the museum. The rest of us stood around on the frigid beach and watched with horror and fascination. The cow costume was just for kicks.

Following the Penguin Plunge, a few of us went back over to the Temple to help out with the Tot Havdalah program. It was fun hanging out with the little kids.

Friday, February 5, SPFTY held a Shabbat dinner at the Miller's home. We shared a pot luck Shabbat dinner, started planning the upcoming SPFTY Shabbat service, and sang a few Shabbat songs together.



SPFTY members will lead a Shabbat evening service Friday, March 19. We've started work planning it already and it's going to be full of music and fun. Please join us! Also coming up this month for SPFTY:

March 12-14: NFTY-Northeast Regional Spring Conclave; March 26-27: Connecticut Regional Chocolate Seder and Shul In - to be held at Congregation Kol Haverim in Glastonbury, CT along with the other members of the Connecticut/Springfield NFTY-NE Subregion.

If you are interested in attending these events, contact Lisa at [lisargudi@gmail.com](mailto:lisargudi@gmail.com) or call 860-830-9942.

### JOY – Our Junior Youth Group!

Six JOY members attended the annual JOSTY Junior Youth Group Regional Shul In February 6-7. They joined about 140 7th and 8th graders from all over the Northeast for an overnight program full of fun, learning activities, and just hanging out.

The JOY Movie Night will take place Saturday March 6 from 5-8pm in the Temple Youth Lounge. All 7th and 8th graders are invited to attend!

If you are interested in learning more about SPFTY or JOY, you can contact Lisa Gittelman Udi, the Youth Director, at [lisargudi@gmail.com](mailto:lisargudi@gmail.com) or call 860-830-9942. You can also join the SPFTY facebook group or the JOY Parents facebook group!

## 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.

## Jewish Summer Camping And Scholarships for Free

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 no later than March 1.

## 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.

[www.sinai-temple.org](http://www.sinai-temple.org)

## The Sustaining Membership Program

If you are among those congregants who pay full dues in your category, your telephone may ring during April. Members of the Sustaining Membership Committee will be calling you to ask that you become a Sustaining Member of Sinai.

### What is a Sustaining Member?

A Sustaining Member is someone who chooses to offer Sinai an extra amount of fund beyond dues. During the current fiscal year, over 90 Sinai households became Sustaining Members and contributed close to \$50,000 to our budget.

By doing this, the Sustaining Members helped reduce the need to raise the fees for Temple members who cannot afford full dues. By assuming a kind of "fair share," the Sustaining Members also allowed Sinai to continue to offer a full and varied menu of programs.

Thank you to those who have become Sustaining Members. Thank you now - in advance - to those of you who may choose to join the program for next year.

If you have questions or want to join the program, please call David Kalman, SMP Chair at 565-2278 or the Temple office at 736-3619.

## Prospective New Members for Sinai Temple: You Can Help Build the Congregation

Every year people relocate to the greater Springfield area, or people who have lived in the area consider joining a Temple. Often these people, friends, colleagues, neighbors or relatives ask current members about Sinai Temple. You can help the Temple recruit these interested people by referring them to Mike Bader, Chairman of the Membership Committee. Mike has been helping new members for over thirty years. He has the information they need and can answer their questions. He can be reached weekday mornings at 737-3139 OR nights and weekends at 786-0319.

## Sinai Temple Wish List: Are You Interested?

We need to replace many of our folding chairs. They are wobbling and telling us they need to go to chair "heaven." Cost - Approximately \$3,000

Please contact Lori Robinson, Office Manager, in our Temple office (736-3619) if you would like to know more about this project or others that can continue to bring new life to our congregation.



# SINAI TEMPLE'S PASSOVER WOMEN'S SEDER

MARCH 25  
6 PM

We have the location: our own Sinai Temple.

We have the special Women's Haggadah created right here at Sinai.

We have the date and time: March 25, 6 pm.

We have beautiful music & quite the celebration... and oy, don't forget about the food!

Cost: \$18 Members, \$22 Non-Members

JOY & SPFTY members are welcome to join us for 1/2 price, when accompanied by an adult

Please RSVP and send your check by March 16th

All women are invited to participate in this beautiful interpretation of the traditional Passover Seder.

Don't miss this musical & bountiful celebration of freedom!

If you'd like to bring a dessert or charoset, please contact [Elainnthn@comcast.net](mailto:Elainnthn@comcast.net)



Interested in helping others?  
Please donate to "Miriam's Well Fund" to help offset the cost of attending the Seder for a Temple member who needs financial assistance.



**Sinai's Interfaith Outreach Committee would like to send a big**

**THANK YOU**

**to all of the congregants who participated in our**

**"Interfaith Matters" focus group.**

Your time and willingness to engage in a frank and open discussion was genuinely appreciated. The committee will be summarizing the information we learned from you and including it in our final report.

We have one more interfaith discussion planned for Wednesday, March 3rd, from 7:30 – 9:00 PM. It is open to all non-affiliated interfaith couples in our area. The discussion, led by Rabbi Shapiro, will be held in the Betty Ann Low meeting room at the Storrs Library in Longmeadow. Please pass this information along to anyone who may be interested in joining us that evening.

Need more information? Please contact

Tricia Freedman (567-6930) or Jackie Neiman (567-7978)



## News from the Library, by Tina deMeza

It's been fun to meet the many students from the Religious School classes who have visited the library this year! Parents are reminded that if their child brought a book home, it should be returned within 2-3 weeks, to the box on the library desk.

The new interfaith books are here! Thanks to the new Interfaith Outreach Committee for choosing the following books:

- 122 Clues for Jews Whose Children Intermarry, by Jacobs & Jacobs
- What I Wish My Christian Friends Knew about Judaism, by Robert Schoen
- Interfaith Families: Personal Stories of Jewish-Christian Intermarriage, by Jane Kaplan
- The Guide to Jewish Interfaith Family Life: An Interfaithfamily.com Handbook, by Friedland and Case
- The Interfaith Family Guidebook: Practical Advice for Jewish and Christian Partners, by Joan Hawxhurst

Other recent additions include:

- The complete six-book set about the newest American Girl, Rebecca Rubin
- The Modern Men's Torah Commentary: New Insights from Jewish Men on the 54 Weekly Torah Portions, by Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin (editor)
- India's Jewish Heritage: Ritual, Art & Life Cycle, by Shalva Weil
- An Introduction to Islam for Jews, by Reuven Firestone
- Suite Francaise, by Irene Nemirovsky

Passover is approaching and perhaps it's time to update your Haggadah. The library has several contemporary haggadot, sure to appeal to all ages. And, if you're thinking of introducing some new dishes to your Seder menu, be sure to see our Passover cookbooks with recipes from around the world.

Thanks to Cantor Martin Levson, Rachel Freedman, the Gibson family, Candy Glazer, Jim Aronson, and the Weiner Children's Literature Fund for their recent donations to the Sinai library.

## Men of Sinai

Recently we sent out a direct mailing to those who sent in a dues check last year. We appreciate those who responded. We hoped to receive some submissions from our insert in the last bulletin, but it seems no one read them. We are taking this into account as we are planning for next year.

Our breakfasts so far have gone very well. We also had wonderful evenings with Cantor Levson and Rabbi Shapiro and we are sorry for those who did not attend.

Please see the poster in the hallway opposite the rabbi's office for pictures of those events and our schedule for the rest of the year. A sampling is below.

We asked for nominations and a number of you responded. As you have read elsewhere, the committee has chosen Jay Berger as our Snyder Award recipient for 2010/5770. I hope you will join me in congratulating Jay and plan to come to the March 26th dinner in his honor and the special Erev Shabbat service following. Dinner will be a roast chicken with all the trimmings for only \$10 per person. Please make your reservations with the temple office at 413.736.3619 or email our Secretary, David Amster at [thevideoguy@cox.net](mailto:thevideoguy@cox.net).

### Calendar:

March 2nd: MOS Board Meeting. We start with a pot luck dinner at 7 PM and begin the meeting around 7:45 and conclude no later than 9PM. Guest are welcome.

March 4th: An Evening with Sy Becker. All about the Movies, the Oscars are Coming. Open to everyone in the congregation and friends.

March 7th: Breakfast 9:30 - 11 AM. Only \$5 per person. Speaker: A special speaker will be with us. We are awaiting confirmation as this goes to press. Open to everyone in the congregation and friends

March 26th: Rabbi Herman Eliot Snyder Award Dinner (See Paragraph above.) open to everyone in the congregation and friends

April 4th: Breakfast 9:30 - 11. Speaker: David Cohen, a Liberator of two Concentration Camps during HaShoah (The Holocaust) will speak about his experiences in conjunction with Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day). This breakfast is during Passover and we serve Matzah Brie and other goodies instead of bagels. Still \$5 per person and still open to everyone in the congregation. For this one, please send your reservations to our Secretary, David Amster, at [thevideoguy@cox.net](mailto:thevideoguy@cox.net).

April 6th: MOS Board Meeting 7 - 9 PM. Guest are welcome.

As always, you have an open invitation to please come join us and have fun, perhaps work a little, and get to network with other men of the congregation.

*Scott M. Sherman, President MEN OF SINAI*  
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## **Mazal Tov To:**

- Steve Kaplan on achieving 30 years of service with Meyers Brothers Kalicka, PC.
- Mazal Tov to Fran and Jeff Ochs on the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca, to Jason Rabenn.

## **Thanks To:**

Bobi and Richard Steingart for their gift from the Michael Steingart Memorial Fund. The Steingart's gift has allowed Sinai to purchase a series of pamphlets called LifeLights. The pamphlets are available in front of the Temple's main office. Topics range from health and healing to loss, grief, spirituality, and interfaith issues.

## **Scrip Program is Back!**

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## **Do You Know Someone In Need of Care at Home?**

Spectrum Home Health and Hospice Care, a program of Jewish Geriatric Services based in Longmeadow, is dedicated to providing adults of all faiths with professional rehabilitation, healthcare and hospice services, delivered in the privacy and comfort of their own home. Calls provides physician and nurse practitioner home visits to frail elderly and homebound patients who are unable to come to a physician. To make an appointment or to learn more about Jewish Geriatric Services, please call (413) 567-6211 or visit [www.jewishgeriatric.org](http://www.jewishgeriatric.org).

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