



TEMPLE SINAI

BULLETIN

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RABBI'S MESSAGE

Dear Sinai Chevra,

July already, how fast the summer flies by! The summer has already been filled with some great Sinai happenings, with more to come. I want to highlight a few.

Sinai on Facebook

Temple Sinai now has a facebook page! After one week, we have thirty-one followers, join in! Search for "Temple Sinai of Marblehead" in facebook, or link through our website, templesinaiweb.org. This is a great way to stay in touch easily, and I hope many will join.

Rabbi Green @ Temple Sinai

Rabbi Green's visit to Temple Sinai on June 30th was a great success, drawing one hundred fourteen people from throughout the North Shore. It was a great pleasure for me to have the chance to expose our congregation and others to his theology and his presence as a teacher. I've been receiving many emails about how much individuals enjoyed the evening. Thanks to everyone who was able to come out.

Thanks, as well, to the thirty-five individuals who took my class studying "Radical Judaism" leading up to the lecture. It was, at times, very challenging material; but, *yasher koach* for you effort and your learning.

I very much look forward to creating more high level learning opportunities here at Temple Sinai as well as in the broader community. If you have thoughts or would like to get involved in that endeavor, feel free to be in touch with me at rabbifine.sinai@gmail.com, or our Adult Ed. Chai, George Gammel at george.gammel@vsea.com.

Gan Sinai - The Sinai Vegetable Garden

Gan Sinai is looking great, really beginning to grow like crazy, it's amazing every time. We've had some great garden days, thanks to all of those who have come out to plant and plow and weed and harvest! Thanks in particular to Bob Gromelski for helping make this dream a reality. This is everyone's garden, so please feel free to come by anytime and visit.

This Shabbas (as I write), we will have some broccoli from the garden, our first kiddush harvest. In weeks to come, we will have much more for kiddush; and

more importantly, we will be giving food away to a local food bank or shelter.

On Sunday, July 11th at 10:00 AM, Knesset Katan age children and parents are invited to a fun garden morning of making vegetable signs in Hebrew and English and gardening. Come join us!

The Temple Sinai Youth Initiative

Thanks to all the parents who came out for our two youth initiative meetings. The Sinai Youth Initiative is intended to enhance our youth and family

programming for all ages. We received positive and constructive feedback, and we're excited to move forward. A solid group of parents has volunteered to help make the initiative a success, and we'll be moving forward in the weeks ahead. We will also be making a full copy of the initiative available to all - once new revisions are integrated. In the meantime, if you missed the meetings or just want to know more, feel free to be in touch at rabbifine.sinai@gmail.com

Hope you are enjoying summer! Rabbi Fine



MESSAGE from MICHAEL SILVERMAN, PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Congregants and Members of the Temple Sinai Family,

A year ago, when I was first installed as your president, my theme was one of optimism. I recounted how we, as a congregation, had gone through some difficult times, but had pulled together and emerged stronger and more committed to our collective future as a result. Fortunately, my feeling of optimism was warranted, because many good things have occurred over the past year, and we foresee many more even better things on the horizon for the upcoming year. It's worth taking a few moments to reflect on some of these "good things".

Looking back over the past 12 months:

- First and foremost, of course, has been the resounding success of Rabbi Fine's first year with us at Temple Sinai. It has been my great privilege to work closely with him, and to learn from him, as he has taken command of the pulpit and a myriad of other responsibilities. There is no question that he has truly become "our Rabbi" in every sense of the term.
- This past March, we enjoyed the wonderful tribute to Cantor and Rayna Aronson, when over 300 people filled the social hall to celebrate this remarkable community *simcha*.
- We have had, by my count, 11 new single members or families join the synagogue, which I think is a terrific sign and cause for even more optimism.
- We have seen the growth and continued success of familiar annual events, such as the

Party Expo and the Golf Tournament, which showcase Temple Sinai to the community at large.

- We have seen the inception of important new activities, such as the Musical *Havdalah*, the Gan Sinai vegetable garden, and our redesigned Web site, which are intended to draw us closer together as a congregation.
- We have taken a leadership role in collaborative events that involve the broader North Shore Jewish audience, including the Purim Festival and the *Chagenu Shavuot* celebration, both of which attracted hundreds of attendees.

These are all "good things", and should give us reason to be pleased and proud of Temple Sinai. At the same time, your professional and lay leadership foresee a number of new or improved offerings in the upcoming year, which we hope will also be perceived as "good things" - to name just a few:

- Rabbi Fine and Cantor Aronson continue to innovate and refine the Shabbat services to increase their energy and broaden their appeal.
- We will become more proactive in planning our internal program calendar to ensure we have a variety of events that appeal to audiences across the spectrum.
- We look forward to expanding our involvement in *Chagenu* and other community-wide events, to capitalize on the very positive feedback we received after *Shavuot*.

- We expect to upgrade membership communications with better email and with social networking tools.
- And finally, we have a group, again spearheaded by Rabbi Fine, which is in the process of creating an integrated and comprehensive series of programs for the youth of Temple Sinai, which we believe promises to be an exciting and timely initiative.

That is not to say that the past year has not been without its challenges. Like most individuals, businesses, and non-profit organizations, Temple Sinai has been affected by the difficult economic environment, forcing us to do a better job of managing our budget and cash flow. Furthermore, even though we have emerged from the emotional turmoil of the last few years, the financial repercussions have taken longer to work their way through our system. To be candid, we are in the midst of the most significant and acute financial challenge in recent memory: We will finish FY2010 with a budget deficit that approaches one month's operating expense. This magnitude of deficit is unprecedented and has put an enormous strain on our bank reserves as well as our financial officers - as one example, we struggled to meet payroll in May and June. We cannot overstate the seriousness of our collective financial situation, and are counting on the understanding, commitment, and cohesiveness of the Temple Sinai family to help us turn it around.

Through the actions of the Finance Committee and Board of Directors, we are actively addressing our financial affairs on three fronts:

- First, we are very carefully managing our expenses, in an effort to be as efficient as possible without compromising services to our membership.
- Second, we must increase our revenue. After keeping membership dues steady last year, we are implementing a 6% increase in dues for the coming year, as well as making the most of our other current and potential sources of revenue.

- Third, we see this as a terrific opportunity to re-institute and reinvigorate the sound fiscal policies that have served the synagogue and the congregation well in years past. These policies will help us manage our cash flow and bottom line throughout the fiscal year, and relate to structuring dues payments, the High Holiday seating process, the use of credit cards, and the like. You will be receiving more details about these items within the next few weeks. We also ask your patience in dealing with the office on these matters for the time being, as we are temporarily short-staffed since losing our bookkeeper in April.

Despite the current difficult situation, your leadership team is confident that we have turned the corner and that the upcoming fiscal year will be a solid one for us. Thanks to the actions I've just outlined, the Board of Directors has just passed a balanced budget for 2011, based on conservative and very realistic assumptions. Your understanding, assistance, and support will be crucial to our success as we enter the new fiscal year, and your leadership team extends its appreciation to you in advance.

I'd like to conclude by extending my sincere thanks to all those people who have, in one way or another, provided special support that has helped me - and the entire congregation - make last year the success that it was:

- Rabbi Fine, for his leadership, partnership, and especially for so often providing me with the balance I've needed.
- To Cantor Aronson, for being who he is.
- To the outgoing Directors and Officers, for their participation and service to the Temple.
- To the remaining and incoming Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairs - I look forward to spending another productive year with you.
- And to our employees, the folks who really make this place run: Bob Myra, Robin Dale, and Taube Goodman.

Thank you.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Janet and Mark Fagan
Mimi and Barry Follick
Steffie and Jerold Garfield
Pearl and Maurice Greenbaum

Mark Korson and Bruce Silverlieb
Henny and Herbie Margoshes
Laurie and Jonathan Mulsman

Barbara and Morton Rosenstein
Judy and Jim Sherman
Arleen and Jerry Silverlieb
Roberta and Bob Soltz

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Harrison Dale
Jennifer Dolin
Laura Epstein
Mimi Follick
Rachel Garfield
Steffie Garfield
Kolya Gerasev
Melissa Gold
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The Family of Samuel Levine
The Family of Sonia Weitz



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LAURA MINDEL and JOSH CHMARA

who received appreciation for their year-long energy and hard work
on the teen advisory committee of the North Shore Teen Initiative [NSTI]

ESTHER BROWN
on her new home



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Eli Korson-Silverlieb becoming a Bar Mitzvah
and **Lauren Silverlieb-Seltzer**, becoming a Bat
Mitzvah, grandchildren of Arleen and Jerry
Silverlieb

By: Esther Brown
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Henny and Herb Margoshes

The forthcoming marriage of **Mr. and Mrs.**

Herbert Kupersmith's daughter

By: Russell and Marcy Grand

Harry Schrater

By: Marilyn and Harry Epstein

Sylvia Rosen's graduation from UNH

By: Shirley and Alan Barnett

Ed Berman's Bar Mitzvah Anniversary

By: Henny and Herb Margoshes

The Birth of **Talia Jordan Deich**

By: Mollie Mandelbaum

A SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:

Herb Goldberg

By: Marilyn and Harry Epstein

David Pliner

Karen Strickler

By: Russell and Marcy Grand

IN MEMORY OF:

Members of the **Abramowitz Family**

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Manny Zegler

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Doris Cohen, cousin

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Zelda Fax, mother

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By: Hal Rosenthal

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Esther and Jack Schlusberg in memory of
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IN HONOR OF:

Eli Korson-Silverlieb becoming a Bar Mitzvah
Lauren Seltzer-Silverlieb becoming a Bat
Mitzvah

Bill Needleman's Special Birthday

Dafna and Rafi Skowronski's Marriage

By: Gail Woodrow

Bill York's Special Birthday

Steve Goldberg's Special Birthday

The birth of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Backer's
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By: Carol and Harvey Brand

Cantor David and Rayna Aronson

By: Uncle Murray and Aunt Del

A SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:

Harry Epstein

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IN MEMORY OF:

Zina Saponar, Mark's mother

By: Mark and Sheyda Saponar

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Eli Korson-Silverlieb becoming a Bar Mitzvah

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Sarah and Jacob Goldberg, parents

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Molly Wacks, mother

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IN HONOR OF:

Ed Berman's Bar Mitzvah Anniversary

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IN MEMORY OF:

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Gilda Gold, sister

By: Pearl and Maury Greenbaum

Clara Goldstein, mother

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Bernard Ross, brother

By: Edith Weiner

Esther Klein, mother

By: Matilda Keimach

William Zell, father

By: Sam Zell

Richard Farrell, father

[donation to the Golf Tournament]

By: Jamie Farrell

Matty Berg, a former member, and wife of the late, Sidney Berg, a past president of Temple Sinai, now resides in Pittsfield, MA. Matty would love to hear from you, either by a phone call or perhaps a note or letter sent to her home. If you happen to be in the area of the Berkshires, a visit would be most welcome.

Matty can be reached at Epoch Living, 140 Melbourne Place, Pittsfield, MA or by phone: 1-413-445-8919. She looks forward to hearing from you.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

The second successful meeting of the Sisterhood Needlecraft Club took place on Thursday, June 10th. Seven women met, including two new members.

The next three meetings of the Club will be held on Thursday, July 8th, Thursday, August 12th and Tuesday, September 14th. New people are always welcome. So even if you did not attend last month, please feel free to attend - no permanent commitment is necessary!!

Sisterhood will again sponsor the Sukkah decorations this fall. We would like more people to join us in the fun of decorating the Sukkah. Teens can acquire community service hours for their time. Please email sinaisisterhood@yahoo.com if you are interested in joining us.

The Sisterhood's Annual Paid Up Supper will be held on Tuesday, October 26th - Please save the date.



WHAT WERE YOU DOING AT 9:00 AM ON MEMORIAL DAY THIS YEAR??

At our synagogue, nineteen adults and a little girl participated in a memorable experience of davening, a Torah reading, a D'var Torah, readings and recitations of speeches made by Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln and the singing of our national anthem and Hatikvah.

Following the service, a delicious kiddush was served to the delight of all participants.

See you next year!! Rebecca Rosen



NORTH SHORE HEBREW SCHOOL FUNDRAISER AT NO COST TO YOU

When was the last time that's happened? The North Shore Hebrew School is participating in an ongoing fundraiser with "Boxtops for Education". We are collecting the "Boxtops for Education" coupons found on many of the products that you use every day such as General Mills cereals, Ziploc, Hefty, Scott, Cottonelle, Betty Crocker, Pillsbury, Green Giant and many other products. These coupons are pink and orange and small, about 1/2" X 3/4" each. For every coupon we send in, we receive ten cents. That's not a lot, but IT ALL ADDS UP. Last year, we earned \$53.00 which was enough to pay our phone bill for one month. Hopefully, we can earn more this year. Please collect these coupons and send them to the school. It really IS found money.

Thank you for your continuing support. We'll keep you posted on our progress.



TEMPLE SINAI IS MOST GRATEFUL TO:

Myranne Janoff and Bob Gromelski for their generous donation of an office desk

and

Bob Gromelski and Lee Moss for transporting and delivering the desk.

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JCC and **TEMPLE SINAI** are co-sponsoring Family Shabbat Dinners [open to the community] at the JCC pool on Fridays, July 9th, 16th, 23rd, August 6th and 13th at 5:00 PM. Bring your own dairy/vegetarian picnic dinner and participate in a short service led by Rabbi Fine. Join in prayer, singing, dining and swimming - what could be better!!

If you would like to order a catered dinner from the Lunch Lady [aka Marla Golding], please pick up an order form at the outdoor pool or at the JCC Welcome Center.

Please RSVP at 781-631-8330.

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North Shore's Jewish Widows and Widowers Activity Group invites interested participants to their next social event - A Cruise on the pristine sheltered waters of the Essex River - on Sunday, July 25th. Car pools will leave from Temple Ner Tamid, Peabody at 11:30 AM. As a token of appreciation to the drivers, each passenger will be asked to contribute \$1.00 for the ride. The cost of the cruise is \$22.00 and following the cruise, dinner at the Blue Marlin Grille in Essex will be available. The cost for the dinner depends on your menu selection. Contact Leah Allman at 978-535-3665 to place your reservation by July 18th.

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As you've likely heard, **MEDICARE** will begin sending out 250 rebates to people who have Medicare prescription drug coverage and have reached the coverage gap also known as the donut hole. The checks will start to go out mid-June and will continue throughout the year as people reach the coverage gap. Medicare will not ask any personal information in relation to the rebate, so people are warned not to share any personal information to receive the check.