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New Upcoming Events

Tu B' Shevat Breakfast Seder



"The New Year for trees"

Turn over a new leaf & join us for a joyous celebration for all ages!

Sunday, January 24th

Build your own Tu B' Shevat Waffle!

Featuring Mickey Mouse & Star Wars!

Enjoy special mimosas for adults and children!

Arts & crafts activity for children ages 2 and older

9:30am



- Your check is your reservation -

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David Cohen-Henriquez, Rabbi

What is a Contemporary-Conservative Synagogue?

“ All of you are standing today in the presence of God--your leaders and chief men, your elders and officials, and all the other men of Israel, your little ones, your wives, and the sojourner who is in your camp, from the one who chops your wood to the one who draws your water ”
(Deuteronomy 29:10-11)

This text has Moses addressing to the community of Israel in its' entirety. We have the men and women, young and old, even non-Jews who resided amongst them. Why do we find these two inclusions of two specific jobs, woodchoppers and water drawers?

One interpretation tells us these are two types of spiritual seekers: The woodchopper can be seen as those who cut down trees in order to transform them in something

new, give it a new shape or structure. In a thick forest or a jungle they are the ones who clear out paths for those who will follow.

Torah is compared to water. The water drawers are then those who carry with them the tradition. It is hard to draw it from the wells and carry these buckets on your shoulders all through the journey. They do this hard work so the people can quench their thirst for the knowledge of our ancestors.

Standing together they represent the two types of Jews in synagogues: The water bearers are those we call traditional or conservative. They make sure we are still drinking from the living waters that we have carried for millennia.

The woodchoppers are those who we call seekers or innovators. These are the ones who like to experiment, to give new structures and meanings, to transform what they have into something new.

We have, standing today in the presence of God, both types of people in our synagogue. We have those who prefer a traditional service, and we have those who like experimental services with music or meditation. We have in our Torah class people who believe in Torah Mi'Sinai, the Torah as the literal word of God revealed to Moses at Mount Sinai, and use all the traditional commentators and live by their opinions. We also have also people who prefer an academic approach to the text using biblical criticism and modern approaches.

A contemporary-conservative synagogue is a holy congregation that gives space to both perspectives and can live in harmony. Prayer and study should not divide Jews because of their differences. They should actually help them unite more.

My mission as the rabbi of Temple Sinai is to create spaces and events of a broad variety that can satisfy the spiritual needs of all the members of our congregational family. Some things might not be of the like of one side, or vice versa, and that is ok, we don't have to agree 100% on everything. Disagreement should not be a reason to split into even smaller camps as it happened historically, with people separating and creating more temples and more denominations.

With one foot in the past and one foot in the future, the task of a conservative Jew is perhaps harder than others. We have to keep the balance; if we change too many things we'll end up with a completely different religion. If we don't change anything at all we might end up with a fossilized tradition. It is in the dance and interaction of these two approaches where a rich Jewish life stands on. The secret is to respect and even encourage those whose views we disagree with.

We hope you can find in Temple Sinai a place for you, whether you are a woodchopper or a water drawer, or who knows, maybe a little bit of both.



David Aronson, Cantor

Be Happy, A Celebration Is About To Begin

Religiously speaking, we as Jews should be the happiest group of people on the face of this earth. In almost every month there is a religious holiday that brings us joy and fulfillment. Sure, some months bring fast days like the 10th of Tevet or the 9th of Av. These are definitely not joyful celebrations but of course we as Jews need to complain or feel bad about something.

As for the joyous and happy holidays, first and foremost we have Shabbat every week. It can be a special time to celebrate with your family or with friends. Every month, there is a Chavurah Shabbat where we have the Friday night service at the home of a congregant. It is always well attended. The service brings singing, clapping and a lot of ruach. Just as important, it is a great reason to sip wine, break bread and fully enjoy shmoozing and celebrating with our Sinai friends.

If you would like to have your cake and eat it too, you can do it at Temple Sinai. Once a month on Shabbat morning we celebrate all family members Birthdays and Anniversaries whose celebrations fall during that month.

Very soon we will be celebrating Tu B'shevat which is the Hebrew Arbor Day. Yes you can start to welcome spring in January because it is the start of spring in Israel. We will be tasting the fresh fruits of Israel, singing songs of springtime, sharing a few stories of our own experiences of the day and thanking God for providing such delicious fruits.

So don't let the winter doldrums get you down, get over to a Temple Sinai event to celebrate and be happy.



Julian Rich, President

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for your continued support, interest and participation in our services and programs. I encourage your involvement, and guarantee that a visit to our Shul will be rewarding and energizing.

Please take the time to read our BULLETIN, and do not hesitate to call me with your questions, suggestions, concerns, and, most importantly, your willingness to serve and contribute.

I am happy to report that we continue to grow and evolve. In fact, we recently held a Shabbat service in honor of new members, and over 70 people attended. Join us on Shabbat, or consider attending any of the other programs and events that are listed in our BULLETIN or presented in our weekly email newsletters.

HOPE YOU HAD A HAPPY HANUKKAH

Julian Rich

Musical Havdalah

with tot shabbat!

Saturday, January 30th

Enjoy an energetic Musical Havdalah Service
with the Temple Sinai Band, dinner, dancing & dessert!

6:00pm

Craft activity for children of all ages

6:30pm

Havdalah (Dinner following)

This is a free event!

RSVP to Susan Weiner:

susan.templesinai@gmail.com

The office: (781) 631-2763

or our Facebook page!



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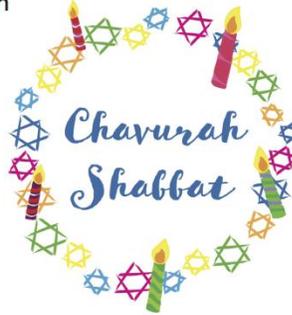
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November 20th
Cantor David and Rayna Aronson

March 18th
Myranne Janoff & Bob Gromelski

December 18th
Jerry & Arleen Silverlieb

April 15th
Emily Andreano



January 15th
Richard & Lynn Katz

Creating your circle of friends
Join us for a Kabbalat Shabbat with friends,
hosted by a Temple member at their home.

May 20th
Jonathan & Irene Leamon

February 19th
George Gammel &
Barbara Rosenstroch

Select Fridays
@ 6:30pm

June 17th
Julian & Meryl Rich



Join us!

For an exciting and engaging torah class
with **Rabbi David**

Jump on board
as we begin a new Torah cycle

Monday Nights

Minyan | 7:00 pm
Class starts | 7:15 pm



Service Schedule

Morning Minyan

Mondays and Thursdays | 7:15 AM

Sundays | 9:00 AM

Evening Minyan & Torah Class

Mondays | 7:00PM

Contemplative Minyan

Tuesdays | 7:00 PM

Shabbat Services

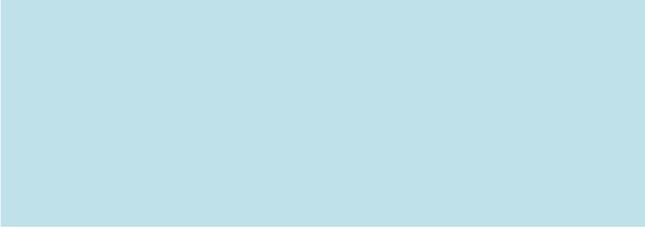
Kabbalat Friday Shabbat Service | 6:30 PM

Saturday Shabbat Service | 9:30 AM

Please return your prayerbook and tallis to Founder's
Hall at the end of the service.

Thank you!

Our Hanukkah Dinner Prepping Crew!





From the cooks to the "schleppers", table setters and shoppers, bakers and cleaners...

It was wonderful to see so many volunteers working together to make the Annual Chanukah Dinner and Celebration a fun time for all!

Sheldon and Fran Brown

Debbie Goldman

Lauren Goldman

Russ Grand

Jamie Greenstein

Carol Haskin

Sonia Kalikow

Janet Mazer

Debi & Marisa Melnick

Rosalie Miller

Meryl Rich

Tammy Rosenblatt

Claire Sandler

David Schwartz

Larry Weiner

**thank
you!**

Youth Programming

Starting in October we will again be having our Tot Shabbat Services with the JCC.

This is the third year that we have been doing this highly successful program and we invite you to attend with your child(ren) or grandchild(dren).

The Lappin Foundation/PJ Library will be joining us this year with special stories from their collection.

Rabbi David and Cantor David lead a fun filled and ruach (spirit) service for children up to 4 years of age followed by kiddush and dinner.

Please mark your calendar for these special days...

Saturday, January 30th

@ Temple Sinai ~ Musical Havdalah ~ 6:00pm

Friday, March, 11th

@The JCC | 5:00pm

Friday, May 20th

@The JCC | 5:00pm

Friday, June 10th

@ Temple Sinai | 5:00pm



Temple Sinai, in partnership with CJP, is working on more events for children up to 5 years of age. We hope as the opportunity arises you will take advantage of these new happenings.

There are even more exciting programs in the works for children of all ages.

So watch your bulletin and emails for more information.



tot shabbat





Scrip is fundraising while you shop!

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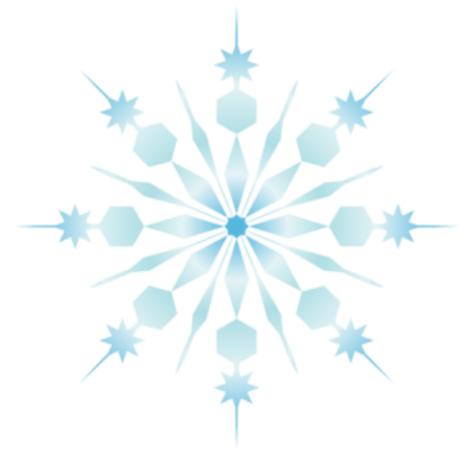
SCRIP is an ongoing fundraiser at Temple Sinai. Essentially, SCRIP means substitute money. When you purchase scrip, you're buying a gift-card that can be used just like cash, and when you do, a percentage of that purchase comes back to the Temple. Simple as that! Retailers like Stop & Shop, CVS, Dunkin Donuts are all available (and many more) so consider this option when planning your shopping.

**Call the office, email us, or stop by
for more info or to make an order.**

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Temple Sinai Social Action Committee

December Project - Sox in the Box

For the Lynn Shelter Association

Members of the community Temple Sinai helped us collect 6-packs of black or white crew socks for the homeless shelters in Lynn.

The Lynn Shelter Association is sincerely grateful to those who generously donated a total of about 200 pairs of perfect, new, and truly appreciated socks.

There was a lovely Christmas lunch served at the Adult Emergency Shelter, on Christmas Day, and it was at that lunch that we gave out socks to the guests.

There are more socks left over and we could distribute those on Jan 10th if you like. The extra Temple Sinai socks are safely stored in a clean, dry place in my house until there is a suitable place at LSA in which to store them. Alternatively the spare socks could go into the general collection of LSA supplies. (The problem with that is we cannot be sure who actually receives our donations. However, it is nice for the volunteers to see that their gifts are being given to those most in need.)

The Lynn Shelter Association is always in need of socks, towels and clean, usable practical clothes such as sweatshirts. We mainly need large sizes.

- Dr. Alison Brookes



Ilana and Jack putting ribbons around socks to distribute on Christmas Day



Sock recipients at the shelter on Christmas Day

Thank you to Alison Brookes who brought all of the socks to the shelter and packaged them for the residents!

Please join us on **Sunday, January 10, at 6:00 pm at the Lynn Emergency Shelter**. We will prepare a meal together with the shelter residents, eat with them, and listen to their stories. We need volunteers to donate the ingredients for the meal as well as to help prepare the meal that evening at the shelter.

If you would like to donate food or participate that day, please contact Barbara Rosenstroch at barbararosenstroch@gmail.com.

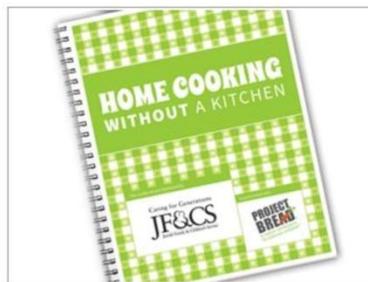


Temple Sinai Social Action Committee

January Project

Home Cooking Without a Kitchen

At the Lynn Emergency Shelter



SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, January 10, 2016

TIME: 6:00 pm



118 Menorahs
Light Up the Night

The North Shore community gathered together at Temple Sinai on December 7th, to honor those who have perished in the 355 mass shootings in 2015 and vowed to make a difference when it comes to gun violence.

118 Menorahs Light Up the Night



YadB'Yad

Helping Hands Committee

We're a committee that helps our congregants going through the tough & good times.

We deliver comforts and raise spirits!

Please let us know if someone is not doing well or has had a loss. We can only help if we know.



A Helping Hand
Can Change the World

Thank you,

to those who have volunteered their time shopping and making deliveries to our fellow congregants through Yad B'Yad.

Carol Dinnes
Sheyda Saponar
Meryl Rich
Tammy Rosenblatt
Janet Mazer
Laurie Mulsman

Available Kiddush Sponsorship Dates:

January

23

February

6, 13, 20, 27

Celebrating a Special Occasion? Sponsor a Kiddush!

Sponsoring a Kiddush is a great way to enjoy a wonderful meal with the people you love most.

Honor a special someone, an anniversary, birthday, B'nei Mitzvot, just for fun or to remember a loved one.

Contact the Temple Office for more information

781-631-2763

Thank you to the following kiddush sponsors!

September

The Kaplan Family

October

The Seller & Greenberg Family

The Berg Family

Mades Byrd Family

November

The Roth Family

Julian Rich

December

Aronson & Wallen Family

Fran & Sheldon Brown

Join the **Jewish Family Table** with sorting, packing and delivering food donations to local families in need. Children are always welcome to volunteer when accompanied by an adult.

Food Pantry

Jerry Silverlieb

2016

Sunday, January 24th

Sunday, February 21st

Sunday, March 13th

Sunday, April 3rd

Sunday, May 1st

Sunday, June 5th

Sunday, July 10th

No August Distribution

Caring for Generations
JF&CS
 Jewish Family & Children's Service

FAMILY TABLE

A Jewish Family and Children's Service program with Temple Sinai
 Serving as distribution site for the North Shore.

Truly a program of Tikkun Olam!

Temple Sinai's Commitment is 30 boxes of Kosher Whole Grain Crackers and 30 Cans/Boxes/Jars of Kosher tomato product each month.

We hope every Temple Sinai Member and friend will help fulfill this commitment every month.

Just drop your donation at the Temple, weekday mornings or when you come to pray, to study, to celebrate or to meet.

Would you like to help? Volunteers are welcome!
 Call Jerry Silverlieb at (781)593-2935
 To discuss volunteer opportunities.

JF&CS Family Table Thanks the Jewish Community

Last year **69** synagogues, day schools, and community centers collected more than **\$200,000** worth of food to benefit Family Table. Many thanks to the **1,609** volunteers who gave more than **10,264** hours of their time to pack and deliver food to families in need.



With your help, Family Table provided **19,500** bags of groceries over the past year!

Visit www.jfcsboston.org/familytable or call 781-647-JFCS (5327) if you are interested in making a donation or volunteering.



Caring for Generations
JF&CS
 Jewish Family & Children's Service





SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, January 30th, 2016

Judy Sherman, of Blessed Memory, was a beloved wife, mother & bubbe to the Sherman family, and an invaluable member, contributor & friend to the Temple Sinai community and the North Shore.

Whether it be the Peabody Essex Museum, Temple Sinai's Sisterhood or the fostering of Jewish Youth education and values, Judy's selflessness, dedication and passion were inspirational. Along with her volunteer efforts, Judy's passion for adventure was reflected in her love of travel and new experiences.

Please join the Sherman family, their friends & the Temple Sinai community in remembering Judy, on the anniversary of her passing, during Shabbat services on Saturday, January 30, 2016.

Jim Sherman will be sponsoring the Kiddush following services in Judy's memory.

Donations in celebration and remembrance of Judy's life are welcome and can be sent to:

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Sinai Guys Larry Weiner



Brotherhood Breakfast with
Charles Bevilaqua



Sisterhood Happenings Judy Locke



The Sisterhood committee has been very busy planning several upcoming events.



February 2nd we will have a glass painting night with our very own artistic talent Ellen Lodgen. We will be painting glass plates, glasses and pitchers which can be taken home for use.

We are also collaborating with our newly energized Brotherhood to plan some fun evenings for all! In the works are an evening of Square Dancing, and a games night.



Our annual Sisterhood Shabbat will be held on March 19th. Please contact us if you would like a part in the service.

Finally, we have chosen the date of June 7th for our annual donor dinner. We are brainstorming for entertainment ideas – please share if you have any suggestions.

The next **Sisterhood book group meeting** will be held on **December 29th** when Babbitt by Sinclair Lewis will be discussed. Following dates and books are:

January 26th: American Ghost Story, by Hannah Nordhaus

February 23rd: Still Life with Breadcrumbs, by Anna Quinlan

March 29th: Storied Life of A.J. Fickry, by Gabrielle Zevin

Please e-mail sinaisisterhood@yahoo.com if you need more information on any of the above and stay tuned to your e-mail for further details on the above programs and events.

In the meantime, stay tuned to your e-mail for our next exciting and fun Sisterhood event!



Book Club Bea Paul

2015-2016

Temple Sinai Book Club Reading List

We will try to keep the dates at the second Tuesday of the month, but not always possible. We need a house for July and a discussion leader.

Please let us know if you can host it or lead it.

START READING AND ENJOY!!!!

January 26, 2016

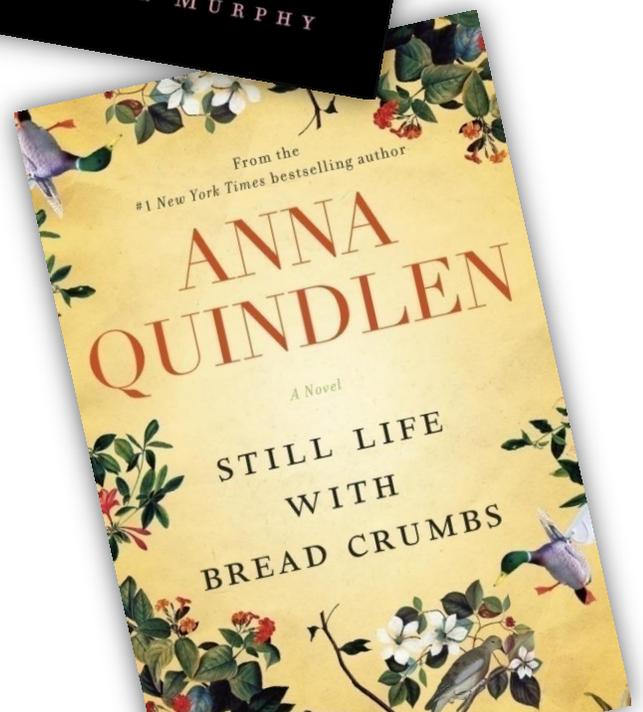
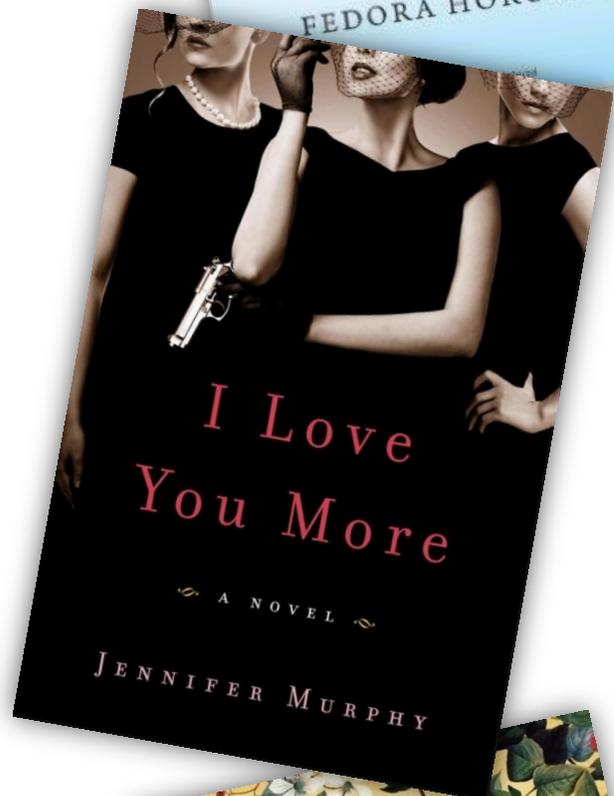
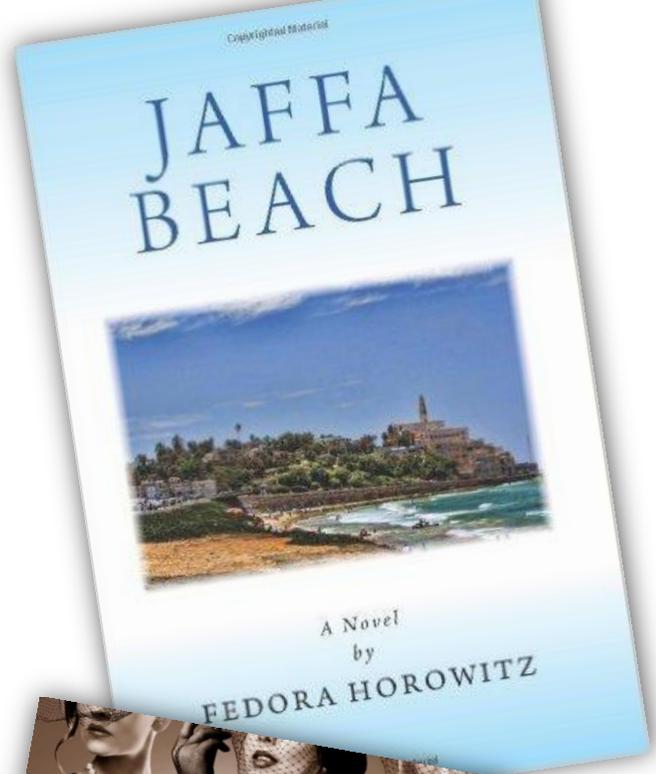
Jewish Ghost Story, by Hannah Nordhaus

February 23

Still Life With Breadcrumbs, by Anna Quinlan

March 29

Storied Life of A. J. Fickry, by Gabrielle Zevin



Share Your Simchas!

January

Alvin Fagan
Myer Kravetz
Richard Patoski
Judith Locke
Debra Korman
Alan Titelbaum
Betty Schrater
Marcia Grand
Betty Daskin
Lainie Goodman Okon
Stephen Seller
Russell Grand
Fred Feldman
Caren Newman-Lawee
Leon Remis
Paul Sachar
Michael Bailen
Jack Schluselberg
Joel Kaplan
Lorayne Sharff

Happy Birthday!

February

Sheila Simons
Jamie Greenstein
Lawrence Lodgen
Heather Greenberg
Carol Brand
Merrill Cohen
Harry Schrater
Barbara Ingber
Herbert Cooper
Alan Kalikow
Gail Woodrow
Alan Barnett
Larry Dunn

January

George Gammel & Barbara
Rosenstroch
Judy & Larry Dunn
Boris & Liya Stanik
Ira & Carol Dinnes
Steven & Roberta Keenholtz

February

James & Robin Low
Joel & Marion Kaplan
Andrew White & Michelle
Hasty-White
George & Ruth Rooks
Richard & Tammy
Rosenblatt

Happy Anniversary!

Mazel Tov!

To David & Rebecca Guilmet on their new baby boy Declan Liam Guilmet - born on December 2nd weighing 7lbs. 10oz

To Jeffery & Stephanie Schwartz on the birth of their new baby boy, Alexander Mathis Schwartz

To David & Flori Schwartz on the birth of their new grandson, Alexander Mathis Schwartz

To Fran & Sheldon Brown on their 60th wedding anniversary

To the Aronson family on Leonard's graduation from the University of Pittsburgh

We gratefully
acknowledge the
following
contributions.

Adult Education Fund

Marking the Yahrzeit Of

Samuel Fishman by Lynne Zolot

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

Marking the Yahrzeit Of

Henry Weinstein by Roz Weinstein

Ethel Gould by Roz Weinstein

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In Memory Of

Bea Schneider by Sherri Orloff

Cemetery Maintenance Fund

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The Garden Fund

In Memory Of

Esther Brookes by Claire & Larry Sandler

Kiddish Fund

Marking the Yahrzeit Of

Lee Abramowitz by Aaron & Susan
Abramowitz

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Ida Rosenfeld by Arleen Silverlieb

Ethel Glassband by Arleen Silverlieb

Samuel Katz by

Philip Katz

Harry Katz

Hyman Seiden by Herb & Ruth Cooper

Minnie Seiden by Ruth & Herb Cooper

Irving Baker by Shelia Simons

In Memory Of

Bea Schneider by

Ben & Judy Locke

Todd & Rosalie Miller

Joel & Marion Kaplan

Janet Weiss by Ben & Judy Locke

Charles Stern by Julian & Meryl Rich

Esther Brookes by

Julian & Meryl Rich

Joel & Marion Kaplan

Stuart Cohen

Edith Rosenberg by Joel Kaplan

Ruthie Aronson by Shelia Simons

In Honor Of

The Schwartz family on their new grandson,
Alexander Mathis Schwartz by

Julian & Meryl Rich

Todd & Rosalie Miller

To the Lawee family on Aaron & Sara's marriage
by Joel & Marion Kaplan

Fran & Sheldon Brown's 60th wedding
anniversary by Ruth & Herbert Cooper

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Marking the Yahrzeit Of

James "Jimmy" Katz by Richard & Lynn Katz

Leopold Otto Wolf by Jack & Carole Skowronski

The Youth Fund

Marking the Yahrzeit Of

Bessie Garber by Nancy Klickstein

Temple Sinai General Fund

Marking the Yahrzeit Of

Sarah Taitelbaum by Gail Woodrow

Stanley Paul by Lee King

Yahrzeit Fund

Marking the Yahrzeit Of

Bernie Woodrow by Gail Woodrow

Rose Lappin by Myron & Sandra Lappin

Hyman Lappin by Myron & Sandra Lappin

H. Goodman by Barbara & Sara Ingber

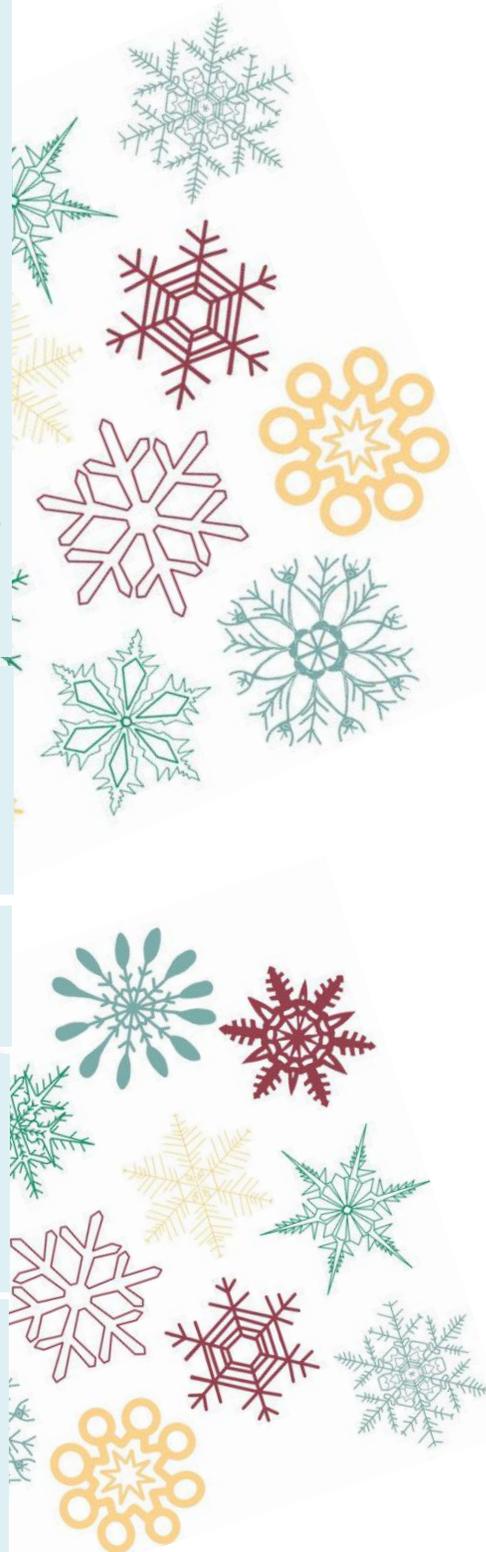
J. Morse by Barbara & Sara Ingber

Barbara "Bunny" Kaplan by Hal Rosenthal

Schachter-Kaplan Fund

In Honor Of

The naming of Joel & Marion Kaplan's second
grand-daughter by Fran & Sheldon Brown





Temple Sinai Memorial Park

Historically, establishing a cemetery is one of the first priorities when a Jewish community is established and settled. Another priority, of course, is the starting of a school. Temple Sinai proudly maintains a Jewish cemetery for its members. Our cemetery is on Route 114 in Danvers, MA. John Ross and Sons, Inc. is the company we have engaged to maintain our grounds and provide the services necessary for burials and installation of monuments. Our cemetery is bounded on two sides by trees and a low stone wall on one of those sides. There are many other cemeteries in the same location. We recently had a new sign installed and work continually to keep the grounds in good order. Owning cemetery property can give a family peace of mind knowing that there is one less detail to focus on at the time of the death of a loved one.

If you have questions about our cemetery or would like to discuss purchasing, contact Ellen Lodgen at [781-639-2003](tel:781-639-2003) or pelzo125@gmail.com.

Save the Date!

The Mideast After the Iran Deal with
Professor (Dr.) Joseph Spoerl - 2/7/16

Musical Havdalah - 3/5/16

6: 30pm ~ Latin themed cuisine and crafts for the children!

Tot Shabbat - 3/11/16

5:00 ~ At the JCC

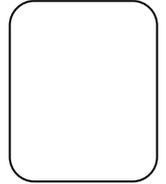
Brotherhood & Sisterhood Square Dance +
Havdalah - 3/19/16

Purim - 3/23/16

Paint Night - 3/29/16



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An Office Thank You!

To Jim Sherman:

For being our Bulletin Editor!