

October
2009



Sinai Tablet

From Our Rabbi...

First, of all, a huge thank you to all the volunteers who made the holidays go smoothly. Special thanks to Joe Naclerio who heads up the logistics team, and to Diane Krevolin, head of the Ritual Committee. Your help is invaluable.

Also a special thanks to our Cantor, Pharrel Wener, who joined us for the fourth year. Your voice and presence elevate our spirits and brings us closer to God.

This congregation has experienced many 'firsts' in recent years: a first woman rabbi, our first year in the new building, the first time using our new sukkah, and many others. We are about to celebrate another 'first' in the 90 years that this congregation has existed: a congregational trip to Israel. In November 2010 a group of adults, both members and non-members, will travel to Israel for 12 glorious days.

This trip is geared for active adults. It is not necessary to be a member of Congregation Sinai to participate. In ten days on land we will visit the holy sites of Old Jerusalem such as the Western Wall, visit historical sites such as Akko and Caesaria, experience the salt sea and mud baths of the Dead Sea, hike in the nature reserve at Ein Gedi, tour the vineyards of the North, and celebrate Shabbat in Jerusalem. There will be opportunities to go out on your own, and those who are interested in staying on or adding an excursion may do so.

To learn more about the trip please come to the first informational meeting – there is no obligation to sign up. We will meet with a representative of Israel Tour Company (ITC) who will present an itinerary and answer questions. The meeting will take place WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 11, 2009 AT 7:00 PM.

Reservations are not required for the meeting but are appreciated.

I am looking forward to an exciting year!

Rabbi Dana Z. Bogatz



Welcome New Members

Mindy Hart and her son Michael

Neil & Peggy Perlman and their children Alissa & Emily

Jeffrey & Paula Agid-Steiner and their children

Noah & Samantha Steiner

Marcie Lowy-Wright, and her husband Peter Wright and their sons Matthew and Kenneth

WELCOME

Auxiliary News

In early November we are planning our first "Auxiliary Happenings"- a Sunday afternoon at the movies.

We will provide the popcorn and other goodies. All you have to do is come with the ideas for the meetings, programs, and goals. We want everyone to participate in this new "arm of the Synagogue"

Watch for the date and time in our

Sanctuary Chair Dedications

After the High Holy days Dan Jennes will be in contact with all members of Congregation Sinai promoting the sale of dedications on the chairs in the Sanctuary. We have already sold some, but our goal is to dedicate all 100 chairs..

Please consider purchasing a plaque to go on the chairs in honor or memory of a loved one. The price for the dedication is \$54.00.

Lunch and Learn

Lunch and Learn will be on a hiatus until further notice.



Adult Education

Mark your calendars for Adult Education classes coming

The Lecture series "Beginnings of Judaism – part 2" will take place on 6 Wednesday evenings beginning October 14. Professor Isaiah Gafni of Hebrew University in Jerusalem comes to us via DVD. He is a delightful lecturer with absolute command of his material and an obvious passion for the topic. Each evening we will see two segments with time for comments and discussion after each segment. You may attend any or all of the evenings. The schedule is as follows:

Oct. 14: Sectarianism – Pharisees and Sadducees

Out of the Caves – Discovery at Qumran

Oct. 21: The End of Days – Messianic Eschatology

Other Lands, Other Jews - the Diaspora

Oct. 28: Judaism in the Hellenistic World

Changing God's Address: from Temple to Synagogue

Nov. 4: Rome arrives in Jerusalem

Parting with the Temple

Nov. 11: From Jerusalem to Yavne – Rabbinic Judaism

The Shaping of Rabbinic Judaism

Nov. 18: A Violent Epilogue – Bar Kokhba

From "Roots" to "Tree"

Lectures begin at 7:00 PM. You are welcome to bring a dairy supper to enjoy before the lecture. Doors will open at 6:15. Everyone is welcome. RSVPs are welcome but not required.

If you missed the first series of lectures and would like to borrow the DVD notify Rabbi Dana.

Refuah Sheleimah Get Well Wishes to:

Mimi Schafer

Marc Kamhi



Easy Money

Congregation Sinai is collecting used ink cartridges and recycling them to help defray the cost of office supplies. Staples will give the synagogue \$3.00 for every used ink cartridge that is returned to them. Please drop off your empty used cartridges in the box located in the synagogue office.



Thank you!

-A special "thank you" to everyone for their donations, cards, and get well wishes during my recovery from spinal surgery. -Ann Jenness



-Thank you to everyone for the Sympathy donations you sent in memory of my sister Jackie Ortoff. -Sheila Shapiro

SIMCHA SHABBAT

All those celebrating a birthday, anniversary, or other celebration in October will be honored at Shabbat services on Friday October 16th beginning at 7:30pm.

To be a sponsor of the Oneg Shabbat on this day please contact Milly Brody at 777-3631

BIMAH FLOWERS FOR THE HOLIDAYS WERE DONATED BY

Rosh Hashana

Karen & Mark Bernstein, in honor of Family & Friends

Milly & Lionel Brody, in memory of Julius & Ida Brody and Abe & Rae Siegle

Gitty Cohen, in memory of Harvey S. Cohen

Bob & Annette Kisner, in memory of Rose & John Freedman and Sadye & Nathan Kisner

Jack & Rissa Mendlestein, A Happy & Healthy New Year

J. Lillian Reichbart & Family, in memory of Carl Reichbart

Marjorie Sydney, in honor of Rabbi Dana Z. Bogatz

Frank & Phyllis Trager, in memory of Marion & Louis Trager and Sarah & Albert Abrams

Yom Kippur

Sandy & Joe Naclerio in memory of Esther & Sam Botwick and Tomas & Teresa Naclerio



Hotdog Lunch!

Congregation Sinai will be hosting a hotdog lunch in the Sukkah on Sunday October 4th at 12:30 pm. Join together with our friends from Woodmont United Church of Christ. Cost is \$5.00 per person.



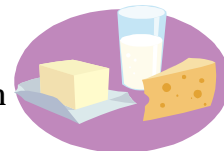
Pizza in the Hut

Join Congregation Sinai for Pizza in the Hut on Friday October 2nd at 6:00pm. Pizza will be enjoyed in the Sukkah followed by a brief service. The cost is \$7.00 per adult and \$5.00 per child ages 4-13. Children, please bring your flashlights!



Dairy Dinner in the Sukkah

Gather for an informal bring-your-own (dairy or pareve only please) supper in the Sukkah. Wednesday October 7th at 6:15pm



YACHAD CALENDAR

October 2009

Sunday, October 4th – NO HEBREW SCHOOL

Wednesday, October 7th – Hebrew School – bring a dairy supper to eat in the sukkah after school!

Saturday, October 10th – Simchat Torah 7 PM @ TBS in Stratford

Sunday, October 11th – NO HEBREW SCHOOL

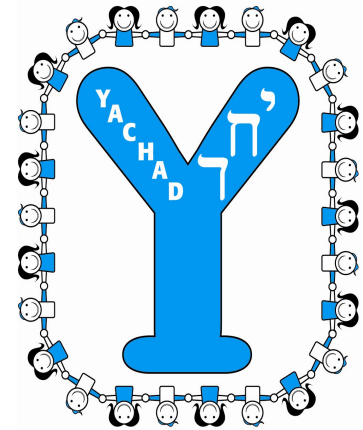
Wednesday, October 14th – Hebrew School

Sunday October 18th– Hebrew School

Wednesday, October 21st – NO HEBREW SCHOOL

Sunday, October 25th– Hebrew School

Wednesday, October 28th – Hebrew School



Yachad Hebrew School

After an exciting first month our students have settled into the school year. We currently have sixteen students in four grades, with a dozen students attending the twice-per-week Hebrew school and four students in our once-per-week preparatory Mekhina class. We're a small school with lots of spirit and we have some exciting programs planned for this year!

We're in the midst of a busy holiday season, so our school schedule has been a bit disrupted, but October holds some special fun with Sukkot and Simchat Torah coming up. We will be having class on Hol HaMoed Sukkot and, weather permitting, classes will be held in the sukkah. Don't forget to bring a dairy supper to eat in the sukkah after Hebrew school on October 7th!

Temple Beth Sholom and Congregation Sinai will again come together to celebrate Simchat Torah this year. Please join in the fun at Temple Beth Sholom in Stratford on Saturday, October 10th at 7 PM!



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

The Yachad Religious School is collection Box Tops For Education. This is a great way to earn free money for the school. You can find the small pink BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION logo on hundreds of products like Cheerios, Betty Crocker, Juicy Juice, Ziplox, Kleenex, and more. Each top is worth 10 cents. Just clip the box top and put it in the envelope in the shul kitchen. Costs you nothing but Yachad earns money! Another great way to earn money is by shopping at over 70 stores online. A percentage of your purchases will go to the school. Barnes and Noble will also donate a percentage by shopping on line for your favorite books. For more information contact Dawn Marie Portoff or go to boxtopsforeducation.com

Shop-Rite Gift Card Fundraiser

How would you like to support Congregation Sinai financially without any cost to you? We will be offering Gift Cards for ShopRite which you can purchase from our office. 5% of the value of these cards will be contributed to Congregation Sinai.



We all eat. SR gift cards are always the right size, style and color, they are suitable for men, women, singles, and families. They will never spoil or expire. **For every \$1,000 of gift cards sold we make \$50 and it costs you NOTHING.**

Gift cards are available in \$10, \$25 and \$50 denominations.

Consider buying one to be donated to the food pantry. No shlepping of canned food required.

You may order your cards by contacting the office. Cards will be prepared for you to pick up at your convenience. Cards may be picked up any time the building is open. In order to keep the program cost effective, a \$1 fee will be charged for any order that must be mailed out. All purchases must be prepaid. We can not bill you for them.

You could make a difference just by buying groceries with ShopRite gift cards from Congregation Sinai!

SHOP RITE GIFT CARD ORDER FORM

I would like to purchase Shop Rite Gift cards as follows:

\$_____ amount regardless of denomination or \$10_____ \$25_____ \$50_____

We will make every attempt to fill orders as requested.

Total purchase: _____ + \$1.00 if mailed = _____

check # _____

Your name _____

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Services:
Friday Shabbat Services: 7:30 pm
Saturday Shabbat Services: 9:30 am
Sunday Mitzvah and Breakfast: 8:45 am

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Thank you!

I want to thank all who helped out on Sunday, Sept. 13th at the Shalom New Haven community event: Harlene LeVine, Devorah Rubin, Gitty Cohen, Rabbi Dana, Sandy & Joe Naclerio, Mark Bernstein, Dan & Diane Krevolin, Joel, Amy & Emily Golding. It was also great to see members of the congregation who came just to enjoy the day. Congregation Sinai was very well represented that day! And besides.....there were pony rides too!

Becky Goodman Olshansky, President

BULLETIN NEWS

In an effort to reduce postage costs, Congregation Sinai will be emailing the bulletin starting in November to all members and associates that have an email address. Please call the office if you think we don't have your email address so we can update our list. We will still "snailmail" to everyone who does not have an email.

Please note that the monthly bulletin will also now be available on our website www.congsinai.com

October 2009 Yahrzeits

1	13 Tishri	PHILIP COHEN ALVIN ROBERTS	Husband of Shirley Cohen Brother of Harold Roberts
3	15 Tishri	FAY KETAINECK AVRAHAM BEN SHALOM	Mother of Rubin Ketainneck Father of Tikvah Shapiro
6	18 Tishri	KENNETH THALBERG SYLVIA TERK	Brother of Marjorie Sydney Wife of Robert Terk
11	23Tishri	ANNE BROWNSTEIN MORRIS RUBIN	Sister of Pearl Kurhan Father of Herman Rubin
12	24Tishri	MILTON FINE	Uncle of Ruth Roberts
17	29 Tishri	JUNE BOGATZ	Mother of Rabbi Dana Z. Bogatz
18	30 Tishri	SADA CASSO	Mother of Shirley Cohen
19	1 Heshvan	LENA ROBERTS	Mother of Harold Roberts
24	6 Heshvan	EDWIN ROCHELLE HELEN SUDHALTER	Brother of Rhoda Auerbach Mother of Doris Glassman
25	7 Heshvan	SAMUEL GOLDBLATT	Uncle of Thelma Chernikoff
29	11 Heshvan	ROSE SCHAFER	Mother of Joe Schafer



DONATIONS

We would like to thank the following for their generous contributions to the Synagogue

Yahrzeits

In memory of:

Abraham Siegle by Lionel & Milly Brody

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Happy Anniversary to Frank & Phyllis Trager by Judy Balaban

Happy Anniversary to Dan & Diane Krevolin by Saul & Evelyn Berger, Lionel & Milly Brody, Joe & Sandy Naclerio

Happy Anniversary Sandy and Joe Naclerio by Saul & Evelyn Berger, Lionel & Milly Brody, Lenny & Gladys Goldbaum, Hilda & Mort Liebman, Jack & Rissa Mendlestein, Hal & Ruth Roberts, Frank & Phyllis Trager, Helen & Charles Butler

Happy Anniversary Lionel & Milly Brody by Lenny & Gladys Goldbaum, Joe & Sandy Naclerio

Lot's of luck in your new home to Helen Weiner by Shirley Cohen, Dr. Robert & Annette Kisner

Happy Birthday to Rabbi Dana Z. Bogatz by Joe & Sandy Naclerio

Happy Belated Birthday to Hilda Liebman by Lionel & Milly Brody and Joe & Sandy Naclerio

Happy Belated Birthday to Joe Naclerio by Lionel & Milly Brody

In memory of David Natkin by Gitty Cohen, Shirley Cohen, Ethel Epstein, Lenny & Gladys Goldbaum, Dr. Robert & Annette Kisner, Beverly Tootell

In memory of Elaine Horowitz Friedland by Shirley Buslowe, Lillian Reichbart

In memory of Arthur Ratner to Mikkie Ratner & Mrs. Ratner by Esther Saslafsky

In memory of Jackie Ordoff to Sheila Shapiro by Gitty Cohen, Dan & Diane Krevolin, Rissa & Jack Mendlestein, Joe & Sandy Naclerio, Hal & Ruth Roberts, Lionel & Milly Brody, Marilyn Fischman,

In memory of Lester Licht by Evelyn Cooperstock, Joe & Sandy Naclerio, Lenny & Gladys Goldbaum,

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Lionel & Milly Brody in memory of Gloria Dulin

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Lionel & Milly Brody in memory of David Natkin to Dr. and Mrs. Sheldon Natkin

Robert Crumb in honor of his conversion

Please note: This donation page runs from 8/18/09 to 9/18/09