

# THE SINAI BULLETIN

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## RELIGIOUS SERVICES

### JUNE 2

Friday, 5:30 PM - *YIZKOR SERVICE - GRADE 11 PARTICIPATES*  
7:30 PM - *SHAVUOT - CONFIRMATION SERVICE*

**Theme:** "Laughter"

**Usher:** Ron Rosen

### JUNE 3

Saturday, 11:00 AM - *TOT SHABBAT, in the sanctuary*  
7:30 PM - *HAVDALLAH SERVICE*

### JUNE 9

Friday, 7:30 PM - *SABBATH SERVICE - IN HONOR OF*  
*CANTOR CLAIRE METZGER*

**Usher:** Debi Lang

**Candles:** Marcy Ostrow

**Aliyah:** Michael Cohen

### JUNE 10

Saturday, 11:30 AM - *BAT MITZVAH OF MADELINE OSTROW*

### JUNE 16

Friday, 7:30 PM - *SABBATH SERVICE*

**Sermon:** "What do we Recommend to One Another for Summer  
*Reading? An Open Discussion*"

**Candles:** Caryl Baird

**Aliyah:** Leslie Schoffemeer

### JUNE 17

Saturday, 11:30 AM - *BAR MITZVAH OF DAVID BAIRD*

### JUNE 23

Friday, 7:30 PM - *SABBATH SERVICE*

**Sermon:** "Rabbinic Resolutions that Impact Our Lives and Our  
*World*"

**Usher:** Maile Jones

**Candles:** Diana Malkin

**Aliyah:** Steve Schuster

**Torah Reader:** Cantor Claire Metzger

### JUNE 24

Saturday, 11:00 AM - *BAT MITZVAH OF HANNAH MICHLMAYR*

### JUNE 30

Friday, 7:30 PM - *LAY SERVICE*

**Leaders:** The Worship Committee



## ADULT EDUCATION IN JUNE

**Midrash Study - The Legends of the Jews:** Tuesdays,  
June 6, 13, 20, 27 - 9:15 AM - Rabbi's study

**Adult B'not Mitzvah Class:** Tuesdays, June 6, 13, 20, 27 - 8:00 Led  
by Rabbi Bernstein

**Mishnah & Talmud** - Wednesdays, June 7, 14, 21, 28 - 1:45 PM at  
the JHC, Led by Rabbi Bernstein.

**"Torah Study - The Five Books of Moses"** - Saturdays, June 3, 10,  
17, 24 - 9:00 AM - Rabbi's Study.

## DIVREI HALEV

### "BEING GRATEFUL FOR WHAT COMES OUR WAY"

Not that long ago, my bulletin column expressed Marsha's and my sheer delight on the birth of our grandson, Samuel Sharp. On April 29, our granddaughter, Alexandra Reed Bernstein, was born to her parents, Michael Bernstein and Daphna Straus. How filled with joy Marsha and I are at this blissful time in our lives! Just after Alexandra's birth the grandparents, parents and grandchildren assembled in New York City at a precious moment of our family's growth and happiness. We are so grateful for the new promise that has come into our lives we can't even begin to express our gladness! I am grateful for this moment of being able to relish in the joy of new births along with new opportunities and possibilities that are yet to unfold.

Life is filled with all kinds of changes. In our congregation we are saddened to say good-bye to Cantor Claire Metzger. She plans to leave Temple Sinai, just as we are sad that at our Annual Meeting in a few days, Doug Freund's tenure as Temple Sinai President comes to an end. Also, Ellen and Peter Allard, who have performed marvelously in leading our Tot Shabbat programs, will be leaving us. And yet, there is excitement in the air as we look forward to welcoming our new Cantorial Soloist, Robin Sparr-Rothman, and our new Temple President, Steve Schuster. In addition, we will have a new rabbinical student intern, Joshua Breindel, who comes to us from Hebrew College in Newton Centre. We are so grateful to God for the blessings that come our way - the new professional and lay leadership, their gifts and talents, their abilities and energy - all that will add to the growth and vitality of this congregation.

June is filled with end of the year activities, B'nai Mitzvah ceremonies, Confirmation, weddings and graduations. This is a time of culminating events, on the one hand, and the busy work of planning for the future, on the other. As we end one fiscal year and are about to begin another, we hope our resources and energies can build upon the accomplishments of the past so that our future will be brighter and healthier. There is so much to look forward to as we strive to be more involved in our synagogue and more committed to our faith. There are new opportunities and new possibilities for change, that, God-willing, will all be for the better. Please step forward to volunteer as we move forward from strength to strength.

Rabbi Seth L. Bernstein

### SAVE THE DATE!

**ANNUAL MEETING OF TEMPLE SINAI**  
**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2006 - 7:30 PM**  
**IN THE SOCIAL HALL**  
*(meeting for Temple Sinai members only)*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

While thematic symmetry usually causes us to speak of *new beginnings* at Rosh Hashanah, our synagogue's new beginning is right now, - a new fiscal year, a new board, a new cantor, a new student rabbi, and a new program of transformation and renewal. But as *Semisonic* said in its hit single *Closing Time*, "Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end." So, before speaking of June 2006, I begin with reflection.

I know I speak for the entire Sinai community in expressing our gratitude to Doug Freund for his service as our president. It has truly been my privilege to work with, and learn from Doug as he shepherded our synagogue through challenges large and small. The depth of Doug's commitment to Judaism and to Temple Sinai makes me feel humbled, and he leaves me with very big shoes to fill. I likewise speak for us all in wishing the warmest farewell to Cantor Claire Metzger who has served our synagogue for seven years. Who among us will soon forget Cantor Metzger's innovative and side-splitting Purim shpiels, her lovely way with our children, and her dependably warmhearted personality.

Looking forward, I ask that we forge a *brit chadasha* — a *new covenant*. The Torah is replete with covenant-making, of course, but this *brit* is for a partnership dedicated to personal spiritual growth and to the renewal of our sacred community. This is a covenant aimed at providing for the intellectual, social and spiritual needs of *every individual* in our synagogue wherever they are on their spiritual journey.

This inclusive philosophy is consistent with STAR, the *Synagogue Transformation and Renewal* movement we recently joined. Our STAR Team will spearhead this pivotal initiative for our synagogue, first to learn more from our temple community, and then to begin designing Synaplex™ Shabbatot based on what is learned. Synaplex™ brings us together in Jewish "prime time," in the synagogue on Shabbat, to simultaneously celebrate a diverse variety of authentic expressions of Judaism and Jewish life - learning, culture, music and gathering as well as prayer. Ours is an empowered Jewish community in which every individual has an opportunity to take responsibility for his or her own connection to Judaism. In the process of bringing Synaplex™ to Temple Sinai, we can ask ourselves what aspects of Judaism hold more meaning for us than others? What practices do we find enriching? What beliefs bring us comfort and strength? What troubles us about Judaism, and how can we better understand how others have dealt with these troubles? What kind of people, what kind of Jews, do we want to be?

Into this new beginning, we welcome the energy, enthusiasm and generosity of spirit of our new cantorial soloist, Robin Sparr-Rothman – we are working to ensure that our synagogue has the most dynamic music program possible. We also welcome 3<sup>rd</sup>-year rabbinical intern Josh Breindel, a spiritually effervescent man who will be with us *every week* for Shabbat, religious school, and more.

I must also speak of a crucial, practical aspect of our *brit* — we have no choice but to remedy the failing finances of this synagogue.

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**THANK YOU DOUG,  
FOR CARING ABOUT OUR CONGREGATION  
AT TEMPLE SINAI**

*The Caring Committee*



## CANTOR'S NOTES

I said in my letter of resignation, it has been my pleasure and privilege to work here at Temple Sinai as your Cantor. It is with very mixed feelings that I leave, but it is time for me to move on. I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to work with the wonderful staff here. Rabbi Bernstein has been a wonderful colleague and friend. He has supported my family and me through many personal trials, and he has supported me professionally in my job as cantor. Unlike many rabbis, Rabbi Bernstein has let me use my expertise and training as a cantor to choose the music of the synagogue. With the help of our wonderful organist, Bob Couchon, I have tried to make the worship experience here spiritual and uplifting. I feel that I have grown enormously by being allowed to change the makeup of the children's choir, write and direct the Purim plays, and develop a junior shofar choir. I even forced myself to act in the Selichot play two years ago...it was quite a stretch for me, but I was glad that I did it. I consider Rabbi Bernstein not only a colleague but also a valued friend, and I plan to stay in touch.

I would also like to say a word about Temple Sinai's professional staff. You are very lucky that you have Wendy Wong, Randy Widling and June Willey. They are all long time employees of the temple, who do way above and beyond their job descriptions. The temple would not be able to function without them and I hope you appreciate all they do for you...in front of and behind the scenes. You are also very fortunate to have a dedicated staff of teachers. They have all worked at the temple for many years, and are teachers for all the right reasons...they are dedicated to this temple, to teaching Torah, and want the best for your children. All of them go way above and beyond their responsibilities for the benefit of the students.

I shouldn't point out one teacher, but I feel I must. Gloria Aisenberg has been with Temple Sinai forever! She is the best B'nai Mitzvah tutor I have ever met, and I've worked with some good ones! She loves the kids and understands them as few adults do. She constantly advocates for them, and teaches them Torah by her own good example. I feel honored to have worked with her. She is not only a colleague, but a treasured friend.

I will miss many of the congregants of the temple, but most of all, I will miss the students of the Temple Sinai religious school and especially, my Cantor's Chanters. I firmly believe that teachers learn much more from students than the students learn from them, and I believe this has been the case with me. I have been greatly enriched by the children of Temple Sinai. It has been my pleasure to watch them develop into caring Jewish children, teens and young adults. They have moved me deeply with the stories, songs, pictures and presentations they gave me on May 6 during religious school. I understand that Bobbi Fields was responsible for organizing that presentation. Thank you Bobbi for planning that wonderful event, and for your song as well!

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**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**ON FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE 9, AT 7:30 PM, WE WILL BE  
HONORING CANTOR CLAIRE METZGER FOR HER  
WONDERFUL YEARS OF SERVICE TO TEMPLE SINAI.**  
**PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL SHABBAT!**

## YAHREZITS

### JUNE 2

Thomas M. Bottcher  
Esther Brandstein  
Phil Cohen  
\*Milton Cotton  
Frannie Goldsmith  
\*Samuel Kagan  
Rose Leviton  
\*Fanny Malkiel  
David Daniel Marcus  
\*Lillian Palley  
\*Lester Posovsky  
Joseph Ravin  
Larry Scheier  
Katherine Silpe  
Thelma Steinberg  
\*Dinah R. Sternfeld

### JUNE 9

Janina Eder  
\*Nathan L. Jacobson  
Rose N. Marcus  
William E. Stern

### JUNE 16

\*Alan Brill  
\*Jeannette Englander  
\*Jack Finkel  
\*Saul Gerber  
Rae Gerhardt  
\*Rebecca Jacobson  
Dorothy Nathan  
\*Benjamin D. Novak  
\*Samuel Recht  
Harry Sandler  
\*Florence B. Sternfeld

### JUNE 23

Claire Marie Clark  
Alice Kaye  
\*John D. Kuppenheimer Jr.  
Mildred Legenbauer  
\*Abraham Sadowsky  
Marion Malkin Satter  
Charlotte Schwartz  
\*Rabbi Kenneth Stein  
Esther Swidler  
Nathaniel Swidler  
\*Hyman Yanoff

### JUNE 30

Alexander Budnitz  
\*Henry Cotton  
Joseph Frem  
Morris Gass  
\*Evelyn Malkiel  
\*Samuel Guterman  
Haskell Rudnick  
Ernest Krauss  
Rose Posovsky  
\*Lanie Shack  
\*Mary Silverman  
\*Jeanne Wolpert

*We record with deep sorrow, these recently departed:*

*Miriam Segal*, aunt of Wendy Rickles (4-19-06)

*Celia Blatt*, mother of Les Blatt (5-13-06)

### MAZZAL TOV

Mazzal Tov to the following students who will be called to the Torah during the month of June. *Madeline Ostrow*, daughter of *Matthew & Marcy Ostrow* on June 10. *David Baird*, son of *David & Caryl Baird* on June 17. *Hannah Michlmayr*, daughter of *Klaus Michlmayr & Diana Malkin* on , June 24.

Mazzal Tov to proud grandparents, *Seth & Marsha Bernstein*, on the birth of their granddaughter, *Alexandra Reed Bernstein*. Alexandra was born on April 29 to *Michael & Daphna Bernstein*.

### BOOK CLUB SCHEDULE

Wednesday, June 14, 7:30 PM at Zelda and Paul Schwartz's home "Michelangelo and the Pope's Ceiling," by Ross King.

Thursday, July 20, 6:00 p.m., the traditional "rainy-day" pool party at the Blatts' home, with potluck dinner and the creation of our new list of reading selections: bring your choice of two or three recommendations for next year.

Everyone is welcome; please contact the hosts so that they know you are planning to participate. For further information, please contact Les or Sue Blatt, at 508-792-2823.

### B'NAI MITZVAH COMMUNITY SERVICE

*Emily Glick*, was called to the Torah on May 13. She did her community service by attending the Rally for Darfur, in Washington DC with her father and sister. She also visited with the staffers of the state representatives to discuss what they would like Senators Kerry and Kennedy to "make happen" in Darfur. She also volunteered with the Interfaith Hospitality Network both here and at Temple Emanuel. She was also a part of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade Ma'ot Chitim Project, putting together and delivering baskets to members of our community.

*Connor Richmond*, was called to the Torah on May 27th. He fulfilled his community service recommendation by working in the Worcester Senior Center, where he helped set up rooms for meetings and other activities, delivered lunch and mail, and spent time talking with the seniors. He mostly enjoyed his time interacting directly with the elderly visitors to the Center. The other half of his community service was spent working in the gift shop at the Jewish Healthcare Center.

*Madeline Ostrow* will be called to the Torah on June 10th. She went to a variety of places to do community service. One place she went to was the Henry Lee Willis Center, which helps out families in need in the Worcester area. There, she made Thanksgiving baskets for the homeless.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE (continued)

She also spent some time cleaning out the basement of the Martin Luther King Center, which also helps local families in need. In addition, she did yard work at a shelter for homeless families. Clearly, Madeline focused her efforts on improving the lives of local disadvantaged families. She was happy to help out at Religious School making Passover baskets for local Jewish families because this clearly fit in with her philosophy of the importance of helping families. One last thing that Madeline will do is ask every guest at her Bat Mitzvah to bring a can of cat or dog food to donate to the Wachusett food pantry.

*David Baird*, will be called to the Torah on June 17. He did several different community service activities and enjoyed them all very much. For the Interfaith Hospitality Network, David helped move furniture and set up the rooms for the families that the temple was hosting. He also volunteered as a score-keeper at the Special Olympics. He really learned a lot from seeing people with disabilities compete, and found himself thinking that the athletes were not slowed down at all by whatever special needs they may have had. Finally, as part of the seventh grade project, David helped fill the Passover baskets and deliver them to people before the Seder.

*Hannah Michlmayr*, will be called to the Torah on June 24. She had a wonderful time doing "puppy petting" at NEADS (Dogs For Deaf and Disabled Americans). Hannah went to NEADS every week to play with the puppies so that they would be energized when they started their training sessions, and so that they would become accustomed to being with new people. Hannah has always liked animals and was very happy to be able to work with them. She felt good about the fact that she was playing a part in getting the dogs ready to help people with vision and hearing impairments.

### CONTRIBUTIONS

#### GENERAL FUND

*Sonia Michelson*, in honor of Dr. Bentkover  
*Carol Seager*, in memory of Leonard Semon  
*Joan & Robert Yood*, in memory of Margery Holdstein Ross  
*Richard Solomon*, in honor of Danny Friedenthal-Pano's Bar Mitzvah  
*Sarah Lipson & Max Bernstein*, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Shayna Rothschild  
*Susan Hildum & Tilford Bartman*, in memory of Irwin Reisler

#### LIBRARY FUND

*Linda & Howard Stern*, in honor of Bette Miles  
*Judy & Hal Schneider*, in honor of Bette Miles  
*Arlyne Samuels*, in honor of Bette Miles

#### MARION SACK GARDEN FUND

*Abe & Fran Sack*, sending Mother's Day wishes to Sue Seder and Ina Sirk  
*Fran & Abe Sack*, sending Mother's Day wishes to Beverly Paris

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**WELCOME  
ROBIN SPARR-ROTHMAN**

We are pleased to announce the appointment of our new Cantorial Soloist, Robin Sparr Rothman, who will join the Temple Sinai staff on July 1st. Robin began her career as a professional musician while still in high school, and has been serving Greater Boston congregations as a cantorial soloist since 1994. An accomplished guitarist, she sets a participatory mood with her up-to-date repertoire of singable melodies.

Robin comes to us from Temple Sinai in Brookline, where she established an exciting Religious School music curriculum, prepared B'nai Mitzvah students and parents, and trained a cadre of adults to chant Torah. She has been recorded on several artists' CD's, and produced a CD of her Lexington-based children's choir for a cultural exchange with Dnepopetrovsk, Ukraine.

Robin received music and dance training at the Hebrew Arts School for Music and Dance in New York City, and holds a B.S. Ed. and Massachusetts Elementary teaching certification. A member of the Women Cantors Network and the Guild of Temple Musicians, Robin continues to pursue studies in cantorial arts. She lives in Natick with her husband, Eugene, and daughters, Yael and Giliya.

We hope you'll join us in welcoming Robin at our upcoming Havdallah service, on June 3rd at 7:00 pm! *Please bring desserts!*

**CONTRIBUTIONS (continued)**

**MA'OT CHITIM FUND**

*Goldie Michelson*

**PRAYERBOOK FUND**

*Joan & Arthur Pearlmuter, in memory of Estelle Melzak  
Margaret Cohen & Howard Zinman, in memory of Saul Zinman*

**RABBI'S FUND**

*Jerry & Jane Freed, in honor of Sandy Sotak's birthday  
Jerry & Jane Freed, in memory of Morris D. Becker  
Linda & Howard Stern  
Carol & Dennis Powers, in memory of Sylvia Reck  
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Billy & Noreen Simon, in memory of Noella Simon Tunstall  
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Steven & Nancy Epstein, in memory of Michael Witkin  
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Andrew Kotin & Lora Trotsky, in honor of Alyssa's Bat Mitzvah  
Heather Robinson & Ron Adler, in memory of Loretta Adler  
Sandra Zeckel, in memory of Rose Baker  
Helen Chase, in honor of her birthday  
The Orland & Trotta Families, in memory of Maxwell W. Orland  
Sandy Padow, in appreciation  
Florence Lowe, in appreciation  
Fy Sharp  
Ruth & Brian Cooll, in memory of Jules Gruber  
Beedee Glashow, in memory of Ida Labes & Emanuel Labes  
Michael, Theresa, Matthew & Evan Cohen*

**In honor of the birth of Alexandra Reed Bernstein**

*Linda & Howard Stern  
Wendy & Randy Wong*

*Judy & Hal Schneider  
Harriet & Jordan Robbins  
Arlyne Samuels*

**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND**

*Harriet & Jordan Robbins, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Daniel Max*

*Harriet & Jordan Robbins, in honor of the graduations of Dan & Sarah Metzger*

**SINAI HIGH ENRICHMENT FUND**

*Wendy & Randy Wong, in honor of the 2006 Confirmation Class*

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued)**

Along with Tim Roy, our highly capable new treasurer, I am deeply committed to putting financial programs in place that enable sound fiscal management throughout the expense side of the organization. On the revenue side, our explicit goals are to infuse more capital into our endowment fund to realize greater annual income, and to increase our membership roster. The latter is particularly important — because most of our costs are fixed, any incremental dues and fees we take in contribute heavily toward annual deficit reduction. Please be a full-time membership recruiter for our synagogue!

I want you to know that I come to the role of temple leadership with a genuine burning passion for keeping Judaism alive, not for momentum's sake, but because I believe in the life philosophies this particular religion has embedded in its culture and practice. That said, I arrive at this presidency almost inevitably. My great-great grandfather, Gershon Rickles founded Seattle's oldest shul, Bikur Cholim, more than a century ago. In 1915, my great-grandfather Samuel Mosler became president of what was then called "Herzl's Congregation," a synagogue founded by Seattle's early Zionist groups and his son, my grandpa George Mosler was president of Seattle's Temple De Hirsch in 1960. My dad, Joseph Schuster, was president of De Hirsch in 1976 and of Temple B'nai Torah in Bellevue, WA. in 1985. My brother Brian is also a past president of B'nai Torah, and my brother Mark sits on the national boards of both the ADL and Mazon. My brother Neal and my mother Arlene are both rabbis.

I was president of my temple youth group and regional songleader for the Western States Temple Youth region of NFTY back in the late 1970s. I've made ten trips to Israel and am an ardent Zionist. But perhaps the most astonishing piece of history that links my destiny to Temple Sinai is this: In 1966, I was consecrated as a 1<sup>st</sup>-grade student at the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (Dad was a medical resident there). That same year, the youth group of that temple was led by a high school student by the name of Seth Bernstein.

The Torah says that when *Adonai* offered Abraham a covenant, the details unfolded in stages. So too, will our *brit*. The details we will work on in the months and years that lie ahead of us. One of my personal commitments as president of our synagogue is to listen. My cell phone number and email address will appear in every issue of the Sinai newsletter for the next two years, and I encourage you to use them to contact me about *anything*. Got an idea? A complaint? A compliment? Want to get involved? Tell me. B'shalom,

Steve Schuster - 508-868-5892  
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## TEMPLE SINAI ADOPTS INCLUSIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION POLICY

Temple Sinai board members voted unanimously to adopt an inclusive special education policy at the May 8 board meeting after a short presentation by Religious School Committee members Paula Rosenblum and Diana Malkin, who crafted the policy with the help of the committee.

The policy in part states: *Many Jewish teachings instruct us to take personal responsibility for one another and to value each person's dignity as we would value our own. Our approach to Special Education is rooted in the belief that every Jewish child should have the opportunity to participate fully as contributing members of our Religious School community and to receive the supports that will allow them access to a Jewish education. Our goal is create a sense of community that embraces and includes all students.*

"In the ongoing quest to provide each and every student with a Jewish education that is vibrant and stimulating on the one hand, and personally accessible and spiritually meaningful on the other," said Rabbi Seth L. Bernstein, "this policy is offered with compassion and understanding to the members of our faith community."

The policy formalizes many of the practices that have been part of our synagogue's religious education for some time. In addition, it makes clear our intent to work closely with families and to provide our teachers with ongoing support and development. "This policy confirms our synagogue's longstanding commitment to education diversity and inclusion," said Temple Sinai's Religious School Director, Wendy Davis Wong. "We are making a firm statement as a synagogue community that we promise a rich Jewish education for every Temple Sinai family."

### CANTOR'S NOTES (continued)

When I was finishing up Cantorial school, one of my professors asked our class what we hoped to accomplish as cantors. My classmates all gave wonderful responses. Mine was very simple...I know I can't solve all the world's problems, but I hope that as a cantor, I will be able to make my little corner of the world a better place. It is not my job to say if I have accomplished that goal, but the students letters to me say that they feel I have made their religious school experience better, and for some their B'nai Mitzvah experiences, more meaningful. I am very grateful to them for telling me how they feel, and will treasure the letters and pictures they gave me.

Finally, I have a request of all of you. When I came to Temple Sinai seven years ago, I was treated with kindness, respect and an open-mind. I have spoken to your new Cantorial Soloist, Robin Sparr-Rothman, and she is a wonderful woman. I will do my best to make for an easy transition for her by showing her what I've done during these past seven years, and I ask that you show her the same warmth and acceptance which I was shown.

B'shalom,  
Cantor Claire G. Metzger



### FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DIRECTOR

The first time a child leads services can be challenging. The third graders rose to that challenge and did an outstanding job leading services on May 12! We had a record crowd at services and at the dinner to support our youngest students!! Thank you to Joan-Beth Gow for coordinating the dinner.

Sinai High and seventh grade students enjoyed a day of trust building and bonding at Project Adventure. Thank you Diana Malkin for chaperoning with Robin!

We are sad to say goodbye to Cantor Metzger. She has been an integral part of our school for seven years and we will miss her. The school honored her with a special service on May 6!

I'd like to thank all of the parents who volunteered this year to help with traffic, snack and Holiday programs. I especially would like to thank Lynne Burke, Caryl Baird and Harry Hubbard for covering traffic duty on Wednesdays and Guy Orrell and Barbara Orrell for Saturdays!

We must also say goodbye to Aviv and Rivka, our Israeli emissaries. They will be missed.

Of course, our school could not function without our outstanding teachers!!!! Thank you to Gloria Aisenberg, Rabbi Bernstein, Coppi Eder, Bobbi Field, Cantor Metzger, Tali Mugg, Terry Moskivitz, Harriet Robbins, Barbara Rossman, Kim Solod-Jette, Phyllis Spool, Linda Stern and Robin Milaswezki. It was a wonderful year!

Have a great summer!

**REMINDER:** *If you have a child that has not yet attended Religious School, please call the office for a registration form. We have to make decisions about classes for next year and would appreciate hearing from you now!*

Wendy Davis Wong,  
Religious School Director

### TOT SHABBAT AT TEMPLE SINAI

SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2006

In the sanctuary - 11:00 AM

*This will be Peter and Ellen's last Tot Shabbat service at Temple Sinai. Please plan to join us as we wish them well, in their future endeavors. We will also be sharing our own Tot Shabbat memories at our Pot Luck Kiddush lunch following the service.*

*We look forward to having you join us in September as we continue our Tot Shabbat Program with our new Cantorial Soloist, Robin Sparr-Rothman.*

# JUNE 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>5:30 Yizkor Service</b> <b>6:30 Sinai High Dinner</b> <b>7:30 Shavuot and Confirmation Service</b> Torah: Exodus 19:1-20:23; Numbers 28:26-31 Haftarah: Ezekiel 1:1-28,3:12	<b>Shavuot</b> 9:00 Torah Study 11:00 Tot Shabbat 7:30 Havdallah Service With Robin-Sparr Rothman
4	5	9:15 Midrash Study 8:00 Adult B'not Mitzvah	1:45 Mishnah & Talmud at JHC  <b>7:00 Annual Meeting</b>	8	<b>7:30 Sabbath Service</b> Torah: Numbers 4:21-7:89 Haftarah: Judges 13:2-25	<b>Naso</b> 9:00 Torah Study <b>11:30 Bat Mitzvah of Madeline Ostrow</b>
11	8:00 Board Meeting	9:15 Midrash Study  8:00 Adult B'not Mitzvah	1:45 Mishnah & Talmud at JHC	15	<b>7:30 Sabbath Service</b> Torah: Numbers 8:1-12:16 Haftarah: Zachariah 2:14-4:7	<b>Behaalotekha</b> 9:00 Torah Study <b>11:30 Bar Mitzvah of David Baird</b>
18	19	9:15 Midrash Study  8:00 Adult B'not Mitzvah	1:45 Mishnah & Talmud at JHC	22	<b>7:30 Sabbath Service</b> Torah: Numbers 13:1-15:41 Haftarah: Joshua 2:1-24	<b>Shelah</b> 9:00 Torah Study 11:00 <b>Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Michlmayr</b>
25	26	9:15 Midrash Study  8:00 Adult B'not Mitzvah	1:45 Mishnah & Talmud at JHC	29	<b>7:30 Lay Service</b> Torah: Numbers 16:1-18:32 Haftarah: 1 Samuel 11:14-12:22	<b>Korah</b>
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