

# THE SINAI BULLETIN

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## RELIGIOUS SERVICES

### MARCH 2

Friday, 7:30 PM - **SABBATH SERVICE - FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE**  
with guest and resident musicians

Candles: *Florence Lowe*

Aliyah: *Susan Hildum*

Usher: *Leslie Schoffemeer*

### MARCH 9

Friday, 7:00 PM - **FAMILY SABBATH SERVICE - BAT**  
**MITZVAH OF NICOLE ROSS**

Candles: *Patty & Nicole Ross*

Aliyah: *Patty, Richard & Nicole Ross*

Usher:

### MARCH 16

Friday, 7:30 PM - **SABBATH SERVICE**

Sermon: *"What's Important to Rabbis These Days"*

Candles: *Clare Williams*

Aliyah: *Steve Glick*

Usher: *Maile Jones*

### MARCH 17

Saturday, 11:00 AM - **TOT SHABBAT**

### MARCH 23

Friday, 7:30 PM - **SABBATH SERVICE**

Sermon: *"Looking Forward to Passover"*

Candles: *Helen Chase*

Aliyah: *Tatyana Gorodetsky*

Usher: *Jerry Freed*

### MARCH 30

Friday, 7:30 PM - **SYNAPLEX & MUSIC SHABBAT with**  
**SHIRIM KLEZMER**

Candles: *Geraldine Blum*

Aliyah: *Jesse Caplan*

Usher: *Debi Lang*

### MARCH 31

Saturday, 11:30 - **BAT MITZVAH OF SARAH BLUM**

## **MUSIC SHABBAT - featuring Shirim Klezmer!** **Friday, March 30, 7:30 PM**

Soulful, virtuosic, and joyful to listen to, Shirim is the ultimate klezmer experience. Shirim has performed internationally, captivating a diverse audience with its rocking renditions of classic klezmer music and ingenious arrangements of klezmerized Tchaikovsky, Prokofiev, Brahms, and Enesco. The band was featured on the soundtrack of Woody Allen's "Deconstructing Harry" and has seven recordings. Fronted by the passionate playing of klezmer veterans Glenn Dickson, clarinet, and David Harris, trombone, the band evokes the seething fervor and ecstatic joy of the Jewish minstrels who kept people dancing, crying and laughing in the shtetls of Eastern Europe for hundreds of years.

Don't miss the joyful celebration on March 30, when Shirim will provide our service music and offer a "sermon in song."

## WORDS OF THE HEART

### "OUR TREE"

Up to this point in time, our area has experienced a relatively mild winter. However, a few weeks ago we experienced a New England ice storm. The added weight of ice on the dogwood tree in front of our religious school building, accompanied by strong winds, snapped the tree at its trunk. Our beautiful dogwood tree could not be saved. Many who observed the "empty space" were heart broken. Especially for those who have been members for decades, the tree was a symbol of many Temple Sinai childhood memories both inside and outside our Temple building. It was ironic that we suffered the loss just around the time of our Synaplex Shabbat on the theme of the environment and just before Tu B'shvat, Jewish Arbor Day.

Almost immediately religious school classes began to direct their tzedakah towards the purchase of a new tree to be planted inside the traffic circle in front of the building. Linda Freund, whose devotion to our Biblical garden and whose expertise in gardening and landscape are more than considerable, wrote a wonderful response after learning of the dogwood tree's demise.

Linda wrote, "If the ice didn't get it, the disease known as dogwood anthracnose would have done its work. This malady affects almost every *Cornus florida* tree in the northeast by eventually and slowly killing the tree by clogging up the pores used for transpiration. Regarding alternate arrangements, if it is decided to replace it with another tree, obviously another dogwood is not a good idea. If people want something similar, *Cornus kousa* (Korean dogwood) is a good disease-resistant substitute. However, I would like to throw out another idea. I am reminded of the story of the old man who is observed planting a carob tree, and a bystander ridicules him, 'don't you know that the carob tree will not produce fruit until long after you are dead?' The old man replies that he is planting it for the next generation, as the previous generation had planted for him. Well, we know that we can't grow carob trees in this climate, but I am thinking of a copper beech, which takes 75 years to reach its stately maturity. Before our society became so mobile, it used to be a tradition for first-time home buyers to plant a copper beech on their new property so that their grandchildren might see it mature."

The idea of a copper beech is terrific for a number of reasons, especially because it takes into account the longer term view. We will plant another tree. We will add beauty to our natural surroundings and we will nurture new life. What are your ideas?

Rabbi Seth L. Bernstein



## **PURIM** **SUNDAY, MARCH 4TH - 11:00 AM**

### **Purim Shpiel & Megillah Reading** **Followed by the Purim Carnival**

Spielers this year include 5th graders *Joshua Burke, Laura Lilienkamp, Caitlyn Richmond, Anne Schwartz, Evan Stambler*, as well as Sinai Singers *Rachel Burke, Rachel Goldstein, Josh Hubbard, Danielle Lilienkamp, Yael Rothman, Ben Scharf, Julie Scharf, and Carla Schwartz*.

## HD-T

High drama and dysfunctional families, passionate love and venomous hate, ultimate truths and devious lies, war, peace, music, dance, comedy, tragedy, joy, pathos, disgrace and redemption. Last week's 79<sup>th</sup> Academy Awards? No, it's our Torah which, in multiple translations and a spectrum of commentaries is offered in HD-T (*High-Definition Torah*) for consideration and study each Saturday at 9 AM in Rabbi Bernstein's office.

Torah study is just for nerdy "Super Jews," right? Know-it-alls with whom others can *never* keep up? Zealots of truth and smug righteousness? Nope, none of the above. Look, I will try to articulate why Torah study is so compelling, but I could surely end this column right here by saying that anyone would be better served and more easily convinced by simply *giving it a try*. If you test-drive Torah study one Saturday morning, and you feel you've wasted an hour of your life, you're welcome to blame me.

"But what if I don't believe in the classic '*Torah from heaven*' doctrine," you might possibly ask (like I did)? Well, we are not the first to question. As far back as the 2<sup>nd</sup> century era of the Mishnah, there are rabbinical references to "those who deny the doctrine of Torah from heaven." Dogmatic literalism is far from required for each of us to benefit from, and contribute to Torah study. Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach once put it so invitingly when he said, "*The Torah is a commentary on the world, and the world is a commentary on the Torah.*" Start with that portrayal of germane relevance, and the burden of divine origin evaporates for those of us who once found it an obstacle.

Thus unhindered, I confess that I personally quickly found Torah study to be lovely, open, relevant and captivatingly fulfilling. It's an engaging union of the focused peace of meditation, the sublime stimulation of adult intellect, a concrete connection with ancestral bedrock, and the purposeful pursuit of what medieval philosopher Rabbi Joseph Albo explained is the value of Torah – "to guide human beings to obtain spiritual happiness." Furthermore, Torah study is a no-experience-required affair – Rabbi Bernstein constantly reminds us that our commentaries and our opinions and our arguments are just as valid as those of any scholar who has ever commented on the Torah.

Of course we know that, like Judaism itself, Torah study evolves over the generations as the world changes. Even more significantly, Torah study has always focused not just on simple absorption of raw text, but on a *personally relevant dialogue* among and between students often (no surprise) through the frictional flowering of disagreement. It is literally *awesome* when the poetic literacy of Torah yields to the insight of how *we* personally and collectively relate to the text, how the text reflects or conflicts with *our own* beliefs and values, and how we identify with the people, those fascinating *people*, in the text. *Our people, our story, our origins.*

Studying together, sharing in this fantastically keen flow of incessant reasoning, burnishing and honing helps to keep Judaism alive, vital and freshly relevant. The *Baal Shem Tov* taught that "the Torah is eternal, but its explanation and interpretation are to be made by the leaders of Judaism in accordance with the age in which they are living." And certainly by engaging in Jewish learning, we build a literate, knowledgeable Jewish community which inherently possesses pride in its past, concern for its present, and faith in its future.

Steve Schuster  
508-868-5892 - steve@rainierco.com

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

**PASSOVER FREEDOM SERVICE AT TEMPLE SINAI  
TUESDAY, APRIL 3 - 10:00 AM**

**SECOND NIGHT CONGREGATIONAL SEDER  
TUESDAY, APRIL 3 - 6:00 PM**

*(please see reservation form on page 5)*



## **NOTES FROM ROBIN**

For our February board meeting, I was asked to give a short presentation about my job. As I continue to develop my skills as a cantor, I constantly evaluate my role and goals, and reflect upon my success or failure in meeting them. My preparation for this meeting provided me an opportunity to share my reflections on my role in our congregation.

When I was brought on board last May, I received a contract listing the typical duties one might expect of a cantor. However, in a radical departure from "boiler plate" language, my contract also included a mandate to "create a spark of musical energy to light up Temple Sinai," and a stated goal of "joyful, participatory singing that leaves us spiritually invigorated and looking forward to the next service." These words really sealed the deal - I could not wish for a mandate that more closely matches my personal vision of the cantor's role in a service setting.

While I hope (and believe) I am beginning to fulfill these mandates, I see my job (and that of any cantor) as somewhat broader. Following are some of the remarks I shared with our board:

I feel my **primary responsibility as a cantor** is to build strong, positive connections to Judaism for EACH of our members of all ages, mostly (but not exclusively) through music.

The means by which I hope to accomplish this are:

- **SERVICE MUSIC**  
On Shabbat and holy days, present music reflecting a broad range of musical styles, mood, texture, sources, history, and accompaniments
- **WELCOMING OUR YOUNGEST MEMBERS** (and their parents) Introducing young families to Judaism through Tot Shabbat programming and music in the Religious School
- **PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBERS TO LEAD AND PARTICIPATE IN THE TEMPLE'S MUSICAL LIFE**
  - Adult and youth choirs
  - Friday Night Live band
  - Purim Spiel
  - Inviting members to chant torah
- **TEACHING MUSIC IN THE SCHOOL**  
Employing an evolving repertoire I've developed (in collaboration with Wendy Wong) for Temple Sinai, including songs:
  - about holiday music and customs
  - in other "Jewish" languages (Yiddish, Ladino)
  - reflecting Jewish ethics and values
  - supporting the school's grade-by-grade Judaica and *t'fila* curricula
  - with melodies that create bridges across generations
  - which connect our children to contemporary Reform Judaism
- **SUPPORTING B'NAI MITZVAH** and their families throughout their preparation, and fostering the desire to continue their Jewish education
- **TEACHING OUR JEWISH MUSICAL HERITAGE**  
This includes *trop* and *nusach* (traditional text chanting and prayer motifs), as well as music history, to older students and adults (Sinai High, Confirmation, adult b'not mitzvah)
- **PARTICIPATING IN LIFECYCLE EVENTS**,  
Weddings, baby namings, funerals, unveilings, conversions, etc.

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## YAHREZITS

### MARCH 2

\*Joseph S. Rubin  
Fanny Banever  
Theresa Cohen  
Frank Dorfman  
\*George Falk  
Julius Fisher  
Dorothy Freedman  
\*Cecile Josephs Glazer  
\*Samuel Greenberg  
Edward Hildum  
Maxwell Kaufman  
Jerald J. Kessel  
Dolores Lubowitz  
\*Sol Marcus  
Harry Neckes  
Richard S. Rubin  
Philip Weingarten  
\*Gladys Yerow

### MARCH 9

\*Samuel R. Caplan  
\*Franklin Holzman  
Jacob J. Kressler  
Nancy Lazarus  
Barry Levitsky  
Libby Lieder  
\*Henry S. Miles  
\*Jeffrey Miller  
Rose Moskovitz  
Rose Rosenbloom

### MARCH 16

Gloria Albert  
Lena Axel  
Michael Cohen  
\*Miriam Cotton  
\*John Dowgielewicz  
Herbert Epstein  
\*Blanche Freeland  
Sylvia Goldman  
Rose C. Gotz  
Ida Mintz  
Dorothy Orland  
John Rigney  
\*Sanford Rubin  
Harry Schwartz  
Florence Solomon  
Elaine Stone  
Gertrude Willens  
\*Bertram Yood  
Saul Zinman

### MARCH 23

\*Charles Ascherman  
Hyman Epstein  
\*Sylvia Yanoff Fridman  
Frances Merer  
Rachel Pemstein  
Mae L. Rasnick  
\*Rose Rubin  
Bessie Shepatin  
Adeline Stern  
\*Harry Zarrow  
Judith Zatkin

### MARCH 30

\*Irma Berg  
John Cullan  
Harvey Frem  
Yosie Ise  
Bessie Krauss

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

**Dr. Louis Forman** (2-6-07)

**Maxine Casey**, wife of Robert Casey (2-13-07)



### HaPinah HaYerukah (The Green Corner) - What Should Jews Be Doing About Global Warming?

*Excerpted comments from Nigel Savage, director of Hazon, a leading Jewish environmental group (www.hazon.org)*

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report was front page news in nearly every paper in the world, stating that “Warming of the climate system is unequivocal.” They warned that “**no matter how much humanity reduces greenhouse gas emissions, global warming and sea level rises would continue for hundreds of years.**”

It's against this backdrop that we need now to think about the future of the Jewish environmental movement. Events are accelerating dramatically, and there are two different issues that need to be addressed. The first is a broad one: what is and should be the purpose of the Jewish environmental movement? The second is a more prosaic one: how should the existing Jewish environmental organizations work together more effectively in coming years?

The fact is, because the Jewish community represents such a tiny fraction of the overall population, we cannot by our individual actions effect change. We cannot even, as a people, in our own behavior, directly create the change we would like.

**But what we can do is play, as we have always played, a vital role in shifting the trajectory of a very long-run conversation about the nature of human life on this planet. This we not only can do, we actually must do.**

We Jews offer a unique capability to frame conversations in extremely long time scales. And we offer the world two cultural treasures - *Shabbat* and *halacha* - which are more radical in their capability to effect change than almost anything else that exists in the world today. Shabbat is about the notion that one day in seven we cease *consuming* and *destroying* and simply rest. The narrow Jewish conversation about whether and in what ways we “keep Shabbat” needs now to play out on a larger stage.

So too our experience with the relationship between *halacha* and education. Between the rights of the individual or the role of the state sits the realm of self-restraint. We Jews know a good deal about this topic, but we have not fully understood how important and significant it is in the broader environmental context.

We do need to change our behavior, as individuals and as a community, and we do need to stand up in Washington DC, in an organized way, to argue for key governmental and inter-governmental measures that are vitally necessary. But in a wider context we need to start thinking much more deeply about what it means to make a distinctively Jewish contribution, through education and advocacy, to the future wellbeing of the world and its inhabitants.

\*Deborah Finkel Morris  
\*Alvin Moses  
Max Plotkin  
Minnie Rudman  
Louise Shack  
Jack Yanoff  
\*Evelyn Zarrow

## COMMITTEES OF TEMPLE SINAI

Temple Sinai thrives on the participation and involvement of its members. Here is a list of all the committees that are currently in existence. If just **one person** from **each family** commits to becoming involved in helping with a committee, think about what a difference that will make. Get in touch with the committee chair listed and find out how you can help. Please call Leslie Schoffemeer, 508-829-7089, for the appropriate committee chair and telephone number.

*Ad Hoc Security* - Harry Hubbard  
*Biblical Garden* - Linda Freund  
*Caring* - Linda Stern/Gloria Aisenberg  
*Dues* - Robert Yood/Marcy Ostrow  
*Family Education* - Clare Williams  
*Fine Arts* - Renee Malowitz/Lewis Shepard  
*Fundraising* - Michael Cohen  
*House* - Theresa Cohen/Paul Bloom  
*Membership* - Lynne Burke/Leslie Schoffemeer  
*Public Relations* - Bruce Wahle  
*Religious School* - Alison Oberman/Diana Malkin  
*Social Action* - Wendy Rickles/Bruce Wahle  
*STAR Synaplex* - Steve Schuster/ Michael Cohen/Sandy Sotak  
*Tot Shabbat* - Becky Pins  
*Worship and Ritual* - Michael Finkle

### SAVE THE DATE TO CELEBRATE.....

**Rabbi Bernstein** will complete his **30th** year in the rabbinate this spring and we are proud that he has served **21** of those years at Temple Sinai!

In honor of this milestone, please plan to be part of the celebration that will take place the weekend of  
**April 27 - 28, 2007.**

Our weekend will begin with the *Shabbat service on Friday night, April 27*  
Featuring guest speaker **Rabbi Bernard Mehlman, Rabbi Emeritus, Temple Israel in Boston.**  
*A festive oneg to follow.*

We hope everyone will attend.

*Saturday evening, April 28 we will host a catered dinner in the social hall complete with entertainment and a silent auction.....*

It will be a fun and festive evening!

### TODAH RABAH

Today Rabah to **Bobbie & Nick Chase** and **Joan & Arthur Pearlmuter**, for preparing the membership list that was recently sent to all members. If you did not receive your copy and would like one, please call the office.

### MAZZAL TOV

Mazzal Tov to **Ronna & Jonah Cuker**, on the birth of their granddaughter, **Isabelle Francesca Rossi**. Isabella was born on February 8 and was 8 lbs 15 oz.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

### CANTOR'S FUND

Marilyn & Alvin Goldsmith, in memory of Henry Ritz  
Marilyn & Alvin Goldsmith, in memory of Richard Sobel's father

### GENERAL FUND

Marilyn Wolpert, in memory of George Falk  
David & Barbara Falk, in memory of George Falk  
Superior Court Clerks Office, in memory of Dr. Louis Forman  
Joan, Kim, Sam & Joe Kaplan, in memory of Dr. Louis Forman

### LIBRARY FUND

Bob & Jane Lavine, in memory of Andrew Acampora  
Bette Miles, in memory of Morris Kaufman  
Bob & Jane Lavine, in memory of Henry Ritz  
Bob & Jane Lavine, in memory of Esther Sobel

### PRAYERBOOK FUND

Claudia Russo, in memory of Pauline Russo

### RABBI'S FUND

Arthur & Joan Pearlmutter, in memory of Lillian Pearlmutter  
Arthur & Joan Pearlmutter, in memory of Lillian Weingarten  
Ravin/Rothschild Family, in memory of Henry Rothschild  
Mark & Debra Shear, in memory of Marc Witkes  
Richard Fox & Ann Merritt, in memory of Katie Levine  
Barry Stahl, in appreciation of Rabbi Bernstein's Torah Study class  
Aryne Samuels, to thank her many friends at Temple Sinai for their get well wishes following her recent surgery  
Judy & Hal Schneider, in appreciation of Rabbi Bernstein  
Jacqueline Ross, in memory of Arthur & Jeannette Black  
Reeve Gersh & Rayna Keenan, in memory of Maurice Gersh  
John Burwick, in memory of Benjamin Audouin  
Kimiko Abramoff, in memory of Harry Abramoff  
Mark & Debra Shear, in memory of Katie Levine  
Eleanor Witkes, in honor of the B'nai Mitzvah of Mel Lubowitz' grandchildren  
Judith Gorlick, in memory of Henry Ritz  
Todd & Shelley Rodman  
Jim Finnegan, in appreciation  
Sabrina Shivelman, in memory of Arkady Kolomiysky

### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Tilford Bartman & Susan Hildum, in memory of Donald Hildum

## synaplex Shabbat

*Save the Date!*  
Next Synaplex™ Shabbat  
will be held on Friday, March 30

**TOT SHABBAT AT TEMPLE SINAI**  
Saturday, March 17 in the sanctuary -11:00 AM  
A pot luck Kiddush luncheon will follow.

### BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet on Thursday, March 15 at Brenda Yaffe's home. The book to be discussed is: "Runaway," by Alice Munro. All meetings are at 7:30 PM unless otherwise noted. Please call Sue or Les Blatt at 508.792.2823 for more information.



## ADULT EDUCATION IN MARCH

*Pirke' Avot, Ethics of the Ancestors:* Tuesdays, March 6, 13, 20, 27 - 9:15 AM - Rabbi's study

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

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

*"Torah Study - Reform, Conservative & Orthodox Comparisons"* Saturdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 - 9:00 AM - Rabbi's Study.

*"Purim: Farce or Drama"* - Saturday, March 3 at 11AM, led by Rabbinic Student Josh Breindel. *"Purim is one of the most festive holidays in the Jewish calendar. But behind the singing, costumes and hamentashen are some difficult questions: What does this story teach about the role of women? How are we told to respond to violence? Does this holiday uphold any of our modern Jewish values? Join us for an intense look into Purim's darker side!"*



**FAMILY EDUCATION - Grade 6**  
Saturday, March 10 - "Putting Mitzvah into B'nai Mitzvah  
Grade 6 and their parents."

### NOTES FROM ROBIN (continued from page 2)

- **SERVING AS A TEACHING RESOURCE** for continued learning (not at all limited to music) for all congregants (in conjunction with rabbi and educator)
- **PROVIDING PASTORAL SUPPORT** as a member of the clergy team
- **ENCOURAGING INCREASED CONGREGATIONAL PARTICIPATION IN JEWISH COMMUNAL LIFE**, through many of the activities outlined above, and by encouraging members to attend outside events, such as Jewish summer camp, youth group, concerts, travel to Israel, etc.

I hope that, as I find my way and explore my role here, each of you will share your impressions with me, that I might continue to grow and develop stronger and deeper roots within the Temple Sinai community.

L'shalom,  
Robin Sparr-Rothman

## TEENAGERS - SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY EVENING - MARCH 3, 2007

Temple Sinai will be hosting a party  
for all Central MA Jewish teenagers,  
10<sup>th</sup> grade and older.

There will be delicious food and great music  
so save the date and join the party!

If you'd like to help organize our mad cool party, contact  
Melody Friedenthal at 508-856-0993 or  
mfriedenthal@netzero.com

**CHINUCH NOTES ON EDUCATION**

|                                 |   |  |
|---------------------------------|---|--|
| <b>Grades K, 1 &amp; 2</b>      | Saturdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31  | 9 - 12 noon                                      |
| <b>Grades 3 - 7</b>             | Saturdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31<br>Wednesdays, March 7, 14, 21, 28   | 9 - 12 noon<br>3:45 - 5:40                       |
| <b>Grades 8, 9 (Sinai High)</b> | Sunday, March 4 – <i>Purim Spiel &amp; Carnival</i><br>Monday, March 12 - <i>Class Meeting - "Vegetarianism/'Kosher Eating'"</i><br>Monday, March 26 - <i>Class Meeting - "Making a Difference"</i> | 10 AM - 2 PM<br>6:30 - 8:00 PM<br>6:30 - 8:00 PM |
| <b>Confirmation</b>             | Mondays, March 5, 19  | 6:45 PM  |



**FROM THE  
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DIRECTOR**

I love the month of March. The days are getting longer and the sun is stronger! It is a very busy month for our Religious School.

The Sinai High students came together on February 2 and led the service with ease! The fourth graders did a fabulous job leading services on February 9. Their dedicated teacher, Phyllis Spool, prepared them well!

The **fifth graders** have been working very hard on this year's Purim Spiel which will take place on **Sunday, March 4 at 11:00**. The Spiel is followed by the carnival, run by the Sinai High students and parents. Thank you to Betsy Kravitz for coordinating this event!

**Grade 7** will visit the Holocaust Memorial in Boston on **March 3**.

The **sixth graders** will participate, with their parents, in a family education program "*Putting the Mitzvah into B'nai Mitzvah*" on **March 10**.

On **March 24**, the **Kindergarten, First and Second graders** and their parents will participate in a special interactive Seder. This event is coordinated and run by our Family Education committee. Also, on **March 24 and 25**, the **seventh graders**, with their teachers and parents, will be filling and delivering "Ma'ot Chittim" baskets to various members in our community for Passover.

The students in Grades 3 - 7 will enjoy a "Walk-Through Seder" on Wednesday, **March 28**. If you would like to help out with this program, please let me know!

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**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL** - (continued)

Thank you to Naomi Halpern, who will be coordinating our snack helpers. Please say YES when she calls you. Thank you to Harry Hubbard, Lynne Burke, Barbara Orrell Smith and Guy Orrell for monitoring traffic. Thank you, also, to Joan-Beth Gow for coordinating the fourth grade dinner.

Wendy Davis Wong  
Religious School Director

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\* **SNOW CLOSING INFORMATION** \*  
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\* We will make a decision regarding school closing by 1:30 on \*  
\* Wednesdays and 7:30 on Saturdays. Please listen to WTAG \*  
\* (580 AM) or WSRS (96 FM) for that information, or call the \*  
\* Temple Office 508 755-2519. On Wednesdays, when the \*  
\* Worcester Public Schools are closed, or if there is an early re- \*  
\* lease in Worcester or the Wachusett School District, we will not \*  
\* have school. \*  
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**"PIZZA NIGHT"**  
following Religious School - Wednesday, March 7  
**\$3 per person**  
Sign up by calling Leah Goldstein (508-887-3338) or  
(woodshole31@netzero.com) see her when you drop  
your child off for school.

-----**Return form with payment by Monday, March 26, 2007**-----

**SECOND NIGHT CONGREGATIONAL SEDER - TUESDAY, APRIL 3 - 6:00 PM**

*We have not increased this price from last year to keep this as affordable  
as possible in hopes that you will all join us.*

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places at \$25 (per adult) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places at \$10 (per child 5 - 12) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(no charge for children 5 and under but please include in count)

**Total amount enclosed:=** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): Mr., Mrs., Ms., \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): Child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

# MARCH 2007

| Sunday   | Monday                                | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday | Friday  | Saturday   |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|----------|---|--|
|  |                                       |   |   |          | 7:30 <b>Sabbath Service</b><br>Torah: Exodus 27:20-30:10;<br>Deuteronomy 25:17-19 - Haftarah: I Samuel 15:2-34                | <b>Tetzaveh</b><br>9 - Torah Study<br>9 - Religious School<br>11 - Adult Ed with Josh Breindel |
|  |                                       |   |   | 1        | 2   | 3  |
| 11 Megillah Reading & Spiel<br>12 Purim Carnival | 6:45 Confirmation Class               | 9:15 Pirke' Avot<br><br>7:30 Adult B'not Mitzvah    | 1:45 Mishnah & Talmud at JHC<br>3:45 Rel. School<br>5:45 Sinai Singers<br>7:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal      |          | 7:00 Family Service<br>Bat Mitzvah of Nicole Ross<br>Torah: Exodus 30:11-34:35; Numbers 19:1-22<br>Haftarah: Ezekiel 36:16-38 | <b>Kee Tissa</b><br>9 - Torah Study<br>9 - Religious School<br>9 - Family Ed Program Grade 6   |
| 4  | 5                                     | 6   | 7   | 8        | 9   | 10   |
|  | 6:30 Sinai High<br>8:00 Board Meeting | 9:15 Pirke' Avot<br><br>7:15 Religious School Comm. | 1:45 Mishnah & Talmud at JHC<br>3:45 Religious School<br>5:45 Sinai Singers<br>7:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal |          | 7:30 <b>Sabbath Service</b><br>Torah: Exodus 35:1-40:38; Exodus 12:1-20<br>Haftarah: Ezekiel 45:16-46:18                      | <b>Vayakhel-Pekude</b><br>9 - Torah Study<br>9 - Religious School<br>11 - Tot Shabbat          |
| 11   | 12                                    | 13  | 14  | 15       | 16  | 17   |
|  | 6:45 Confirmation Class               | 9:15 Pirke' Avot<br>7:30 Adult B'not Mitzvah        | 1:45 Mishnah & Talmud at JHC<br>3:45 Religious School<br>5:45 Sinai Singers<br>7:30 Adult Choir           |          | 7:30 <b>Sabbath Service</b><br>Torah: Leviticus 1:1-5:26<br>Haftarah: Isaiah 43:21-44:23                                      | <b>Vayikra</b><br>9 - Torah Study<br>9 - Religious School<br>K - 2 Interactive Seder           |
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