

THE SINAI BULLETIN

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September 2007

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

SEPTEMBER 7

Friday, 7:00 PM - **B'NOT MITZVAH OF RUTH BERMAN, MARIE ANNE BLOOM, HELEN CHASE, RENEE MALOWITZ, PAULA ROSENBLUM, SANDY SOTAK AND WENDY WONG**

SEPTEMBER 8

Saturday, 11:15 AM - **TOT SHABBAT SERVICE**
8:00 PM - **SELICHOT SERVICE**

SEPTEMBER 12

Wednesday, 8:00 PM - **EREV ROSH HASHANAH SERVICE**

SEPTEMBER 13

Thursday, 9:30 AM - **ROSH HASHANAH MORNING SERVICE**
2:00 PM - **FAMILY SERVICE**

SEPTEMBER 14

Friday, 10:00 AM - **INFORMAL ROSH HASHANAH SERVICE**
7:30 PM - **SABBATH SERVICE** -
Sermon: "The Process of Repentance"

SEPTEMBER 21

Friday, 8:00 PM - **KOL NIDRE SERVICE**

SEPTEMBER 22

Saturday, 10:00 AM - **YOM KIPPUR MORNING SERVICE**
12:15 PM - **YOM KIPPUR DISCUSSION** - "How Has My Spirituality Changed Over the Course of My Lifetime?"
2:00 PM - **YOM KIPPUR FAMILY SERVICE**
3:15 PM - **YOM KIPPUR HEALING SERVICE**
5:00 PM - **MEMORIAL & NEILAH SERVICE**
FOLLOWED BY BREAK THE FAST

SEPTEMBER 26

Wednesday, 7:00 PM - **EREV SUKKOT SERVICE - GRADE 8**

SEPTEMBER 28

Friday, 7:30 PM - **SABBATH SERVICE**
Sermon: "A Time of Rejoicings"
Candles: Andrea Berman

SEPTEMBER 29

Saturday, 11:30 AM - **BAR MITZVAH OF ZACHARY BERMAN**

The Adult B'not Mitzvah class of Temple Sinai:

**Ruth Berman
Marie Anne Bloom
Helen Chase
Renee Malowitz
Paula Rosenblum
Sandy Sotak
Wendy Wong**

*invite you to attend their service on
Friday, September 7th at 7:00 PM
Followed by a festive oneg*

DIVREI HALEV

WORDS OF THE HEART

"RETURNING TO OUR ROOTS"

I just got off the phone after having spoken with the Governor of Indiana, Mitch Daniels. Recently we saw one another at our 40th high school reunion held in the Governor's Mansion in Indianapolis, Indiana. I spoke with him in passing, but there were so many classmates who wanted to speak with Mitch, that I decided to write him to thank him for opening the doors of his residence to our classmates. He was kind enough to follow up on my letter.

The stationery I used to write him came from my late father, David Bernstein, z"l, who had a stack of "Hoosier stationery" with the Indianapolis Soldier and Sailor's Monument in one corner and a quotation from Frances Morrison in the other corner. "My eyes are lifted to the sky, My roots are deep in Hoosier earth." Having been born and raised in Indianapolis, Indiana, my roots, indeed, are in Hoosier earth. My roots are deep in Hoosier earth as were my father's. His father and family came to Indianapolis just after the Civil War. Today is my father's sixth yahrzeit, an appropriate moment for me to return to my Hoosier roots and my family roots.

My father's yahrzeit, the 29th of Av, is just on the cusp of a new Hebrew month as we fold into the month of Elul. Elul, traditionally marked by the daily shofar blast, is the introduction to, not only to the Hebrew month of Tishri and the High Holy Days, but also the Festival of Sukkot. Sukkot culminates with Simchat Torah, when we rejoice over a new beginning of annual Torah readings. Literally, there is no better time for the Jewish people to return to their spiritual and religious roots than at this time of Elul. Each year these last days of summer inaugurate the personal and communal process of a spiritual return to Judaism and a deeper commitment to our values and religious tradition.

A new synagogue program of activity and involvement has arrived with a new opportunity to "lift our eyes to the sky." Dreams about more fervent worship, more frequent study, and more righteous acts of giving can all become a reality this year if we return to our roots and act by planting new seeds for further spiritual and religious growth as we move forward toward glorious new year. I wish you and all your loved ones a healthy and wonderful new year. L'shanah tovah tikateivu.

Rabbi Seth L. Bernstein

WELCOME TO OUR NEW RABBINIC INTERN

RANDY KAFKA

Randy will be our new rabbinic intern for the coming year. She will be participating in some of our Friday night services, as well as teaching our youth and adults in many classes.

Anniversary of a Dream

Vekidashtem et shnat hachamishim

You Shall Sanctify the Fiftieth Year - (Leviticus 25:10)

Anniversaries frequently recall events that happened only because someone acted on a dream. And because they so emphatically mark the passage of time, milestone anniversaries move us to ponder the extraordinary foundations of such dreams, and to equally contemplate all that has occurred in the intervening years. Filled with pride and joy in our retrospective celebrations, anniversaries ultimately ask us to turn to our *own* role in honoring and perpetuating the dreams of those who came before us.

Just days from now, Rosh Hashanah marks the anniversary of our world's creation. The Torah's description of that event depicts the entrepreneurial enthusiasm behind founding a cosmos and authoring humanity. We glimpse the original dream – the clean-slate potential of a new-born world. And in exalting the anniversary of our genesis, we return to face our obligation to perfect an imperfect world, to bring light into places of darkness.

This past June, Israel observed the 40th anniversary of Jerusalem's reunification, the defining capstone of our homeland's miraculous six-day defense against seemingly certain annihilation. Then as now, peace was still a distant dream for Israel. In the war's immediate aftermath, it seemed victory would guarantee the Jewish state's future and set the stage for the dream of a grand regional peace. Today, threats to Israel's existence remain frighteningly real, making this anniversary very much a reminder that we must continue to dream of, and work for, peace between Israel and its neighbors.

Next May, the heart and soul of our shared Jewish celebrations will focus on Israel's 60th year of modern independence. As an anniversary, *Yom Ha-Atz-ma-ut* rejoices in the perpetual dream, fulfilled and undone so many times, that started with a promise to Abraham, "I will give this land to your descendants." Not only do we honor David Ben Gurion's bold declaration of independence in 1948, but 2008 also marks 110 years since Theodor Herzl convened leading Jewish and Zionist thinkers for the first Zionist Congress. Their objective was unmistakable – "To allow the Jewish people to begin the final quest for the fulfillment of the *Zionist dream* of a publicly recognized, legally secure Jewish homeland in Palestine."

This coming year, Temple Sinai celebrates the 50th anniversary of another dream – a dream of a unique synagogue community in Worcester that would be spiritually, culturally and economically welcoming to all. The founders of our synagogue, passionate pioneers willing to take a giant risk, are recorded as saying they envisioned a modest place – a smaller, more intimate congregation with a feeling of family. They wanted a synagogue where we would *want* to be involved, and a religious school committed to giving our children "training in how to be a good young man or woman, how to live, how to act, and how to be a good Jew."

As we spend the coming year in celebrating our Jubilee – this 50th anniversary of Temple Sinai – let us do so with pride in our milestone. But let us also find in this great occasion *our* role in nurturing, owning and sustaining the dreams of our founders. As one founder reflected on the simplicity of Temple Sinai's earliest houses of worship, he noted that a synagogue is "not about the building it's housed in, but what the people make it to be." With that truth in mind, our collective celebration can only result in a very bright future.

L'shana Tova,
Steve Schuster - (508) 868-5892 - steve@rainierco.com



NOTES FROM ROBIN

As we savor our last moments of summer at the beach or pool, on vacations, and with our families and friends, we are also obligated, in this last month of the Jewish calendar (Elul), to "return" to our better selves. *T'shuva* means "return," and we do so in many realms of our lives - our children return to school, we return to our academic year activities, and to the demands of our non-summer lives. But we are called, too, to return to our spiritual center - to strive to become the parent, the spouse, the child, the friend, the colleague, and the Jew who represents our best self.

I encourage you to visit Craig Taubman's Jewels of Elul websites: www.craignco.com/jewelsflash.php, and www.jewelsofelul.com for inspirational readings for each day of this last month. Each year, Craig invites new writers to contribute; you can also visit previous years' submissions, or receive a hard copy of this year's by following the links.

This year, at S'lichot and throughout the year, we will consider the transformative power of music. Please plan to join us at S'lichot as our journey begins. May you and your loved ones be sealed for a year of blessing, peace, and wholeness.

L'shalom,
Robin Sparr-Rothman
Cantorial Soloist

*"ALL GOOD WISHES FOR A
HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR"
THE CARING COMMITTEE*

MUSIC SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE CANTOR LINDA HIRSCHHORN

From Thursday, October 25 through Sunday, October 28, Temple Sinai will host the gifted composer, Cantor Linda Hirschhorn for a series of classes, services and a concert starting...YOU! Linda's music is easily accessible, yet remarkably complex. Her lyrics are often taken from traditional liturgy and texts, with an emphasis on the values of peace and justice so strongly rooted in our Jewish traditions. Hold the date, and plan to join us for the series! More information will follow in the September mid-month mailing.

WCUW - JEWISH RADIO

WCUW's Jewish radio program Shirim, which airs from 8 to 10 PM Sunday nights, needs more hosts. Training is provided. Time commitment would be approx. once every couple of months. If interested, please call Patti Gould at 508-752-8515 (e-mail pogould@yahoo.com) or Bobbie Chase at 508-757-2881, after 10 AM (e-mail estherleo@charter.net).

WCUW Community Radio, 91.3 FM, will broadcast the *Kol Nidre* service from Temple Emanuel on Friday, Sept. 21, at approximately 8:30 PM as a service to those unable to attend in person. (The service will start at 7:30; the broadcast is delayed about an hour for technical reasons.)

YAHARZEITS

September 7

*Ida Katz Greenberg
Isadore Katz
Benjamin Mazloff
Beth Medjuck Benjamin
Elva Robinson
Minnie Sosnoff

September 14

Bessie H. Berman
Solomon Brandstein
Philip Brunell
Paul Gordon
*Calvin Gould
*Paul Grossman
Shirley Katz
Marvin Rasnick
*Irene Rechitzer
*Nathan Satter
*Sidney A. Schlachter
*Leo Schwartz
Jeannette Silverman
*Herman Slaten
*Lillian Slaten

September 21

*Alexander Aronis
Henry Berman
Israel Blatt
*Charles M. Burwick
Claire Callahan
*Archie Dickman
*Mildred Falk
*Charles Goldstein
Louis Klatzko
*Louis H. Kumin
*Michael Mauro
Leonard Rosen
David Rothschild
*Ruth Posovsky Shove

September 28

Andrew F. Berezin
*Leo I. Berg
Edward Chase
*Abraham Mazur
*Frances Morse
*Harry L. Morse
Jon Moyer
Jennie Palley
*Gussie Posovsky
*Celia Silverman
John Silverman
*Anne Stein

We record with deep sorrow, these recently departed:

Trudy Marks, mother in law of Steven Rothschild (5-31-07)

Evelyn Johnson, mother of Christina Silpe (6-2-07)

Beatrice Labes Glashow, (6-22-07)

Sam Gordon, brother of Fran Sack (7-8-07)

TEMPLE SINAI WILL CELEBRATE OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Temple Sinai was founded 50 years ago by a group of hard-working dedicated Jews who sought to establish a congregation with a warm and intimate atmosphere. We will soon begin to celebrate this milestone with several events, which are in the planning stage. Please contact Rabbi Bernstein or the Temple office if you have anything that will help us make this year one that will not only celebrate the past 50 years, but make memories to share with our future congregants.
Thank you!

MAZZAL TOV

Mazzal Tov to *Zachary Berman*, who will be called to the Torah on September 29, 2007. Zachary is the son of *Robert & Andrea Berman*

Mazzal Tov to the following congregants:

Linda & Myron Katz on the marriage of their daughter *Jennifer Alysson* to *Stephen Decker*.

Bob & Barbara Swidler, on the birth of their granddaughter, *Sarah Lynn Gelardi*. Sarah was born on June 13th. Parents are *Heather & Bill Gelardi*.

Linda & Howard Stern, on the marriage of their son *Daniel* to *Katie Taylor*, on July 22nd.

Neil & Jo Patrick on the marriage of their son *David Scott* to *Cherie Anne Maynard*, on August 5th.

TODAH RABAH

Today Rabah to *Garry & Nancy Levitsky*, for their donation of the *Encyclopaedia Judaica* which is now on our library shelf. **THIS IS A REFERENCE WORK AND IS AVAILABLE FOR YOUR USE ONLY IN THE LIBRARY.**

BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the Book Club will be on Monday, September 17, 7:30 p.m., at the home of Sandi and Mark Cutler. We will be discussing "Letter to a Christian Nation," by Sam Harris. Everyone is invited!

Please contact Sue or Les Blatt (508-792-2823) for further information.

TOT SHABBAT

Saturday, September 8th will be the beginning of our Family Tot Shabbat season at 11am in the Temple Sanctuary. We begin with an art project followed by a singing, dancing service geared to preschoolers through 1st graders. Cantor Robin Sparr-Rothman leads the service at 11:20 am, and then at noon we share a pot luck lunch. All are welcome to join and enjoy, Sinai members and non-members as well.

For more information call 508-755-2519, email singerjelt@yahoo.com, or visit www.templestinaiworchester.org.

Thank you so much and we look forward to a terrific year together

Next Tot Shabbat October 20th at 11:00 AM



FROM THE OFFICE

We are now set up to send your monthly statement by **email**. This practice has become very popular with many businesses and institutions. On average this should be a savings of approximately \$50 per month just in postage. This does not include paper, printing, envelopes, etc. The more members that take advantage of this - the more savings we will realize.

We will start using this method with the September statements, if you wish to "opt out", please contact us. We also need to keep our email list current. Please contact us at sinaioffice2003@yahoo.com with your correct email address.



ADULT EDUCATION IN SEPTEMBER

Pirke' Avot, Ethics of the Ancestors: Tuesdays, September 4, 11, 18, 25 - 9:15 AM - Rabbi's study

Midrash - Wednesdays, September 5, 12, 19, 26 - 1:45 PM at the JHC, led by Rabbi Bernstein.

"*Torah Study - Reform, Conservative & Orthodox Comparisons*" Saturdays, September 8, 15, 29 - 9:00 AM - Rabbi's Study.

REMINDER:

**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL WILL BEGIN
AT 10:00 AM ON THE FIRST DAY,
SEPTEMBER 8TH!**



CONTRIBUTIONS

BENJAMIN FAMILY FUND

Hank & Nancy Benjamin, in memory of Alan Kaplan's mother
Hank & Nancy Benjamin, in memory of Hannah Pinkus
Hank & Nancy Benjamin, in honor of Norman Sirk's birthday

BIBLICAL GARDEN FUND

In honor of Linda & Doug Freund's wedding anniversary

<i>Marilyn Wolpert</i>	<i>Ruth Berman</i>
<i>Jonathan Heimberg</i>	<i>Sandy Sotak</i>
<i>Arlyne Samuels</i>	<i>Elaine Cinelli</i>
<i>Judy & Hal Schneider</i>	<i>Catherine Walters</i>
<i>Noreen & Bill Simon</i>	<i>Michael Whitman</i>
<i>Marcy & Matthew Ostrow</i>	

Claudia & Les Ross, in memory of Gerson Goldin
Linda & Doug Freund, in memory of Ernest Krauss

CANTOR'S FUND

Marilyn Wolpert, in memory of Jack Finkel
Jodi & Bruce Rome, in honor of Zachary's Bar Mitzvah
Jennifer Lish
Doug & Linda Freund
Helen Chase, in memory of Esther Brandstein

GENERAL FUND

Mr. & Mrs. John Hedge, in honor of the conversion of Claudia Russo
Joan & Robert Yood, in honor of Linda & Doug Freund's anniversary
Helaine Rubin-Green & Paul Peter, in honor of the marriage of Steve & Julia Rothschild
Tom & Copi Eder, in memory of Janina Eder
Drs. Ivan & Noreen Green, in memory of Louis Forman
The Ravin-Rothschild Family, in memory of Joseph Ravin
David & Nancy Sadick, in honor of Leonard & Maxine Morse's 50th anniversary
Susan & Bart Adler, in honor of Maxine & Leonard Morse's 50th anniversary
Kyla & Judah Rubin, in honor of Maxine & Leonard Morse's 50th anniversary
Marilyn Wolpert, in memory of Evelyn Johnson
Blaine, Johnetta & Jordan Smith, in honor of the marriage of Steve & Julia Rothschild

LIBRARY FUND

Judy & Hal Schneider
Robert & Jane Lavine, in memory of Margery Keegan
Bette Miles, in memory of Jeannette Englander
Bette Miles, in memory of Eva Rosenstock
Bette Miles, in memory of A. Michael Baum
Robert & Jane Lavine, in memory of Sharon Casson's brother
Robert & Jane Lavine, in memory of Shirley Doyle
Robert & Jane Lavine, in memory of Ellie Drob's mother

MA'OT CHITIM

Deb & Daeg Brenner, in honor of Gloria Aisenberg
Ruth Berman, in honor of Sarah Palley's college graduation
Adult B'not Mitzvah Class, in honor of Beryl Rosenblum's Bat Mitzvah
Ruth Berman & Family, in memory of Lillian Zemsky
Ruth Berman & Family, in memory of Mel Berman

MARION SACK GARDEN FUND

Sue & Rick Seder, "Happy Father's Day" to Abe Sack
Ina & Norman Sirk, "Happy Father's Day" to Abe Sack
David & Deann Finkel, in honor of the marriage of Sarah Finkel & Douglas Seder
Fran & Abe Sack, in honor of Joseph Goff's 90th birthday

RABBI'S FUND

Eleanor Witkes, in memory of Rebecca Grace
The Lowe Family, in memory of Herman Lowe
Mr. & Mrs. John Hedge, in honor of Claudia Russo's Conversion
Elaine & Julius Palley, in honor of Claudia Russo's Conversion
MarieAnne & Paul Bloom, sending get well wishes to Ruth Berman
Deb & Daeg Brenner, in honor of Daniel's Bar Mitzvah
Marilyn Wolpert, in memory of Jeanne Wolpert
Mark & Debra Shear, in memory of Trudy Marks
Mark & Debra Shear, in honor of Jeffrey Rothschild's graduation
Susan Hildum & Tilford Bartman, in memory of Irwin Reisler
Susan Hildum & Tilford Bartman, in memory of Albert Bartman
Linda & Howard Stern, in honor of Linda & Doug Freund's anniversary
Linda & Howard Stern, in honor of Bill & Billy for all the "special things"
Doug & Linda Freund, in appreciation
Judy Gorlick, in memory of Dean Johnson
Gale Nigrosh & Robert Sakakeeny, in memory of Eva Rosenstock
Judy Gorlick, in memory of Lewis Queen
David & Deann Finkel, in honor of the marriage of Sarah Finkel & Douglas Seder
Sue & Rick Seder, in honor of the marriage of Sarah Finkel & Douglas Seder
Ed & Cecile Plotkin, in appreciation of Rabbi Bernstein
The Lowe Family, in memory of Aaron Lowe
Judy Gorlick, in memory of Mae L. Novak
Judy Gorlick, in honor of Ruth & Jim Barnes new home
Robert Scheier, in memory of Larry Scheier
Jerry & Jane Freed, in memory of Samuel Freed
Alvin & Doris Shairman, in memory of Mary Cohen
Alvin & Doris Shairman, in memory of Eva Shairman
Judith Gorlick, wishing a speedy recovery to Murray Brauer
Kimiko Abramoff, in memory of Yaeka Ono
Irene Russo, in honor of Claudia Russo
Steve Rothschild and Julia Rothschild, in memory of Trudy Marks and in honor of their wedding.
Sue and Gordon Josephson, in honor of the wedding of Rachel Josephson and Mark Friedman
Nick and Bobbie Chase, in memory of Nate Mencow
Nick and Bobbie Chase, in memory of Dorothy Nathans
Bruce and Jodi Rome, in honor of Zachary's Bar Mitzvah
Alison and Laurence Oberman, in honor of Jonathan's Bar Mitzvah
Cathy and Ron Rosenstock, in memory of Eva Rosenstock

DONATIONS FOR FOOD PANTRY

<i>Jill & Michael Finkle</i>	<i>Deb & Daeg Brenner</i>
<i>Bruce & Ellen Wahle</i>	<i>Carol & Dennis Powers</i>
<i>Temple Sinai Religious School</i>	<i>Sandy Sotak</i>
<i>Marty & Deborah Friedman</i>	<i>Doug & Linda Freund</i>
<i>Harry & Donna Hubbard</i>	<i>Richard Fox & Ann Merritt</i>
<i>Eydie Kasendorf & Ron Rosen</i>	

Grades K - 7	Saturday September 8	10 - 12 noon
Grades K, 1 & 2	Saturday, September 15, 29	9 - 12 noon
Grades 3 - 7	Saturday, September 15, 29 Wednesday, September 19 Wednesday, September 26	9 - 12 noon 3:45 - 5:40 PM 5:00 PM
Grades 8, 9 (Sinai High)	Monday, - September 10 <i>Parent/Student Orientation</i> Monday, - September 24 " <i>Presentation by the ADL</i> "	6:30 - 8:00 PM 6:00 - 8:00 PM

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REGISTRATION

If you have a child not currently enrolled and wish to have them attend this school year, please contact Wendy Davis Wong or the Temple office for a registration form. Religious School begins on Saturday, September 8th. Be sure to register prior to that date.



FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DIRECTOR

On **Saturday, September 8 at 10:00**, the doors will open, once again, for Religious School. The teachers have a wonderful year planned for our students and we look forward to learning together! We are excited to welcome our Israeli emissaries, Chen Hochman and Iris Yadin.

In a few days, you should be receiving a mailing containing letters from your teachers, as well as class schedules, back to school information and an **EMERGENCY CARD**. *Your child must bring this card to school on the first day.* Since we do not have a registration form for returning students, this card will update our records for emergency and school information.

REMINDER – On Wednesdays, we do not provide snacks prior to class, so please plan accordingly and pack a snack for the car!

Feel free to stop by anytime to meet our wonderful teachers!

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| <i>Kim Solod-Jette – Grades K/1</i> | <i>Linda Stern – Grades 6 & 7</i> |
| <i>Bobbi Field– Grade 2 & Family Ed.</i> | <i>Rabbi Bernstein – Grades 5 & 7</i> |
| <i>Tali Mugg – Grade 3</i> | <i>Gloria Aisenberg – Grades 6 & 7</i> |
| <i>Phyllis Spool – Grade 4</i> | <i>Coppi Eder – Grade 7</i> |
| <i>Harriet Robbins – Grade 5</i> | <i>Robin Sparr-Rothman– Music</i> |
| <i>Barbara Rossman – Grades 5 & 6</i> | <i>Robin Milaszewski – Sinai High</i> |

On **Monday, September 10 at 6:30, Sinai High** students and their parents will meet for an orientation. Please mark your calendar now for this important introduction to Sinai High.

I look forward to seeing all of you on **Saturday, September 8 at 10:00!** Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Wendy Davis Wong
Religious School Director

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FEES

A reminder: It is the policy of Temple Sinai that all school fees be paid prior to your child attending Religious School. Please plan so these fees are paid before the beginning of school. Your child will not be allowed to begin classes until all school fees are paid. For your convenience you can pay with a credit card, (Mastercard or Visa). Please call June in the Temple office to make those arrangements, if you chose to do that.

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TRAFFIC SAFETY REMINDER!

NO ONE will be allowed to drive up or down the hill on Saturdays, between 8:50 and 9:10 and 11:50 and 12:10, and on Wednesdays between 3:35 and 3:55 and again between 5:30 and 5:50. If you must come to the school building between these hours, please park in the lower lot and walk up. **SPEED LIMIT ON THE HILL AT ALL OTHER TIMES IS 5 MPH.** These rules will be strictly enforced. **THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN DEPENDS ON YOUR COMPLIANCE.**

EREV SUKKOT

SEPTEMBER 26TH

Religious School begins at 5:00 P.M for Sukkah decorating and activities.



2nd Annual Pot luck dinner at 6:00
Service begins at 7:00
8th grade participating

Please call Renee Malowitz at 978-928-5651 by September 23 to RSVP for the dinner

