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SEPTEMBER 5

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

Sermon: "A Fresh Look at Some Neilah Prayers"

Usher: Sandy Sotak

SEPTEMBER 6

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

SEPTEMBER 12

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

Sermon: "A Fresh Look at Some Yom Kippur Prayers"

Usher: Ronna Cuker

Candles: Julia Rothschild

SEPTEMBER 13

Saturday, 11:30 - **BAT MITZVAH OF REBECCA LEVIN**

Presenter: Marcy Ostrow

SEPTEMBER 19

Friday, 7:30 - **SABBATH SERVICE - INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS & OPEN HOUSE**

Usher: Jesse Caplan

Candles: Renée Malowitz

SEPTEMBER 20

Saturday, 11:30 AM - **BAT MITZVAH OF LAURA LILIENKAMP**

Presenter: Marcy Ostrow

8:00 PM - SELICHOT SERVICE - "Adon Ha S'likkot: Music of Repentance and Forgiveness"

SEPTEMBER 26

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

Sermon: "A Fresh Look at Some Rosh Hashanah Prayers"

Usher: Marilyn Wolpert

SEPTEMBER 29

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

SEPTEMBER 30

Tuesday, 9:30 AM - **ROSH HASHANAH MORNING SERVICE**

2:00 PM - **ROSH HASHANAH FAMILY SERVICE**

OCTOBER 1

Wednesday, 10:00 AM - **ROSH HASHANAH 2ND DAY INFORMAL SERVICE**



"WITH ALL GOOD WISHES FOR A NEW YEAR FILLED WITH GOOD HEALTH AND PEACE!"

**GLORIA AISENBERG AND LINDA STERN
CO-CHAIRS - CARING COMMITTEE**

DIVREI HALEV WORDS OF THE HEART

"SO WHAT'S NEW AT THE TEMPLE?"

Often I am asked, "What's new at the Temple?" It is an innocent enough question. Congregants do want to know what is going on. Over the summer there were new lay leaders each week at our services. We benefited from the part-time rabbinic internship of Joe Murray, from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York City, from late May through the beginning of August. Joe participated in Shabbat services and led and participated in our adult education classes. Our new adult education brochure has been produced through the efforts of Sandy Sotak. Wendy Wong is putting together a new Religious School handbook. Through the work of Les Blatt and the Environment and Green Committee, we have new lighting in the Social Hall and Religious School building. These are just some of the programs and activities that recently are new at Temple Sinai.

We have two new faces at the Temple. Our new Cantorial Soloist, Kim Brenden Singer, began her duties as of July 1. We look forward to joining Kim in building upon the musical program of Temple Sinai in ways that will continue to bring joy and vitality to our services, choir activities and our Religious School sessions. We are pleased to have Christa Benoit, a new face in our Temple office. Each week, Christa will be in our office on Thursday and Friday and June Willey will continue her wonderful work with us Monday through Wednesday.

Inevitably, things and people are new at Temple Sinai, just as things and people are new in other facets of our lives. With all the changes and all that is new, we hope you will invest yourself in Temple Sinai's programs in ways that will bring meaning, fulfillment and joy to you and our entire Congregation and community.

So what is new at Temple Sinai? Hopefully, your interest, involvement, and personal investment will be new or renewed this coming year as we build upon each other's strengths. On behalf of the staff, officers, board and congregation, we wish you and your loved ones a healthy, joyous and wonderful new year.

L'shanah Tovah Tikateivu

Rabbi Seth L. Bernstein

SELICHOT SERVICE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 8 PM

"Adon HaS'likhot: Music of Repentance and Forgiveness"

Join is for a tour of Selichot music from throughout Jewish history and the Jewish World, as we prepare for the Days of Awe.

YOM KIPPUR SERVICES

Wednesday, October 8, 8:00 PM - KOL NIDRE SERVICE

Thursday, October 9:

10:00 AM - YOM KIPPUR MORNING SERVICE

12:00 NOON - YOM KIPPUR DISCUSSION - "How Has

My Being Jewish Helped Shape Me Into the Person That I Am?"

2:00 PM - FAMILY SERVICE

3:15 PM - AFTERNOON SERVICE

5:00 PM - MEMORIAL AND NEILAH SERVICE, followed

by

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we move into the fall season, the High Holidays, and the end of our Jubilee Year Celebration, we should all be thinking about how we can best support our Temple Sinai. When I was growing up, Sunday evening was all about watching Lassie. When it ended, my mother always stood up and said "okay, time for bed" to which we always responded, "not yet, we have to watch scenes." Besides having to brush teeth, wash up, and needing a drink of water, needing to watch "scenes from next week's show" was the ultimate stalling technique. As a result, I have continued to have a special place in my heart for coming attractions. You may be thinking, what does Lassie have to do with Temple Sinai? And my answer is that I get my inspiration wherever I can find it. In this case, thinking about the first message of the year and what it should convey, led me to think of all the ways we can support our Temple Sinai community. Since that cannot be contained in one bulletin message, I thought of coming attractions, which, of course, made me think of Lassie. So... stay tuned... for scenes from future months' bulletin messages. If you happen to remember the theme music from Lassie, feel free to hum it as you continue to read.

As we move forward from our fiftieth birthday, we need to take stock in what we are and in how we can best move into the future. How can we, as members, best support our temple? The multitude of ways can be summed up with one simple statement - GET INVOLVED!

Come to Shabbat and Festival services. As you know, our Friday night worship experience is sometimes innovatively varied and other times, comfortingly consistent. And don't forget that you can ask a small child to bring you (or you can attend on your own) to the next Tot Shabbat, which is always exciting.

Attend any of the varied Adult Education and Synaplex offerings.

Learn about the many Temple Sinai committees and volunteer to join one (or more than one) that interests you. New minds bring valuable new ideas and that's how progress occurs.

Encourage new members. There are many unaffiliated Jews in the Worcester area and each one of us is the very best ambassador for our Temple community. We have a Membership Open House Event on the weekend of September 19th and 20th, so please encourage your friends and acquaintances to join us on Friday night or Saturday morning to learn about Temple Sinai.

We have a thriving Religious School, Sinai High, and Confirmation program. Send your children.

All of you have talents and skills. Are you musical, a green thumb, handy at fix up projects, a great organizer, a financial wiz, a forward thinker (to name a few)? Share your talents.

Of course we must all provide fiscal support. Pay your dues in a timely fashion, respond positively to the High Holiday Appeal phone call that you are about to receive, and consider donating to any of our Temple funds to honor or remember someone special to you.

Shana tova, a sweet new year,
Marcy Ostrow
President

NEW COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER CORPS

Are you too busy to attend meetings but still want to make a contribution to Temple Sinai? Why not join our Volunteer Corps and donate your time and talents on an occasional basis as needs arise. As a member of the Volunteer Corps you may list your specific skills or interests and decline requests to assist if you are too busy. Have it both ways; help Temple Sinai but don't overextend yourself! Call Ronna Cuker at (508) 829-2433 for more information or to add your name to the list.



NOTES FROM KIM

"THE BEGINNING IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THE WORK"

Many (many!) years ago, my high school drama teacher had an unusual way of taking roll. We did not respond "here," or "present," but with whatever quote he offered for the day. So, imagine that first sentence projected properly and enunciated precisely. I can't say I remember every day's opening remark, but many of them - that one included - have stayed with me since then. Perhaps it is because I heard them repeated twenty times. But I like to think that this quote from Plato at least, stuck because it offers some valuable advice.

Judaism has a way of marking beginnings, the shehechyanu prayer. It is an appropriate response to any "first." We add it to the candlelighting prayers for the first night of Hanukkah. We insert it after the Kiddush on holidays. It is an appropriate response for eating the first new fruit in season or wearing new clothes. Like Plato, we recognize that beginnings are important. They set the tone.

We are entering the season of beginning again. The upcoming High Holidays are a time of teshuva, of turning and returning. The month of Elul, which precedes Rosh Hashanah, is a time of preparation. In some Jewish communities the shofar is sounded each day of Elul as a reminder. For those of us directly involved with services for the holidays, of course, it is an intense time of preparation. There are Torah readings to study, sermons to write, music to learn. It is a time for preparation of a deeper sort as well. Every year, the High Holidays offer the chance to begin again, to reconnect with our families and our tradition, to grow beyond mistakes of the past. It is a rare gift.

For me, of course, this Rosh Hashanah marks a particularly meaningful beginning. I am honored to be serving as your Cantorial Soloist. I look forward to meeting and working with all of you as we move through this year. I am excited about working with Rabbi Bernstein, creating music with the *Evelyn Zarrow Choir*, our terrific *Sinai Singers* and the *T'filah Band*, and *Kimbu* (more about her later) can't wait for *Tot Shabbat!* I pray that this will be the beginning of a long and fruitful relationship.

Kim Singer
Cantorial Soloist



"ABOUT KIM"

Kim Singer is a veteran Jewish Educator. She holds a Bachelors degree in Drama from the University of Washington, a Certificate in Family Education from Hebrew College, and is currently a fifth year student in Hebrew College's Cantor - Educator program. Kim has served as Educator, Family Educator and Cantorial Soloist at a number of congregations in Massachusetts, Florida and Washington over the past 20 years. She is also an accomplished composer and puppeteer; and has taught and performed at national Jewish Education conferences.

She loves Jewish music, roller coasters and Disney World. Kim lives in East Boston with her two adorable cats. Kim plans to move to Berlin, MA in the fall.



FIRST DAY OF RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
at 9:00 AM

SEPTEMBER 5

Arthur Berman
 *Bertha Cobin
 Evelyn Eisenberg
 *Abe Kurlan
 Cyreld Smith
 *Jeane Sternfeld

SEPTEMBER 12

Samuel S. Angoff
 Lillian Bass
 *Judith Ann Clark
 Paul Gordon
 Isadore Katz
 *Irene Rechter
 Elva Robinson
 *Sidney A. Schlachter
 *Mildred W. Schwartz
 Jeannette Silverman

SEPTEMBER 19

*Alexander Aronis
 Nathan Bass
 *Charles Goldstein
 *Michael Mauro
 Nathan Satter
 Edward DeCastro Wil-
 liams

SEPTEMBER 26

Beth Medjuck Benjamin
 Bessie H. Berman
 Andrew F. Berezin
 Solomon Brandstein
 Claire Callahan
 Edward Chase
 *Archie Dickman
 *Mildred Falk
 *Calvin Gould
 *Ida Katz Greenberg
 Shirley Katz
 Louis Klatzko
 *Louis H. Kumin
 *Abraham Mazur
 *Frances Morse
 *Harry L. Morse
 Jon Moyer
 *Gussie Posovsky
 David Rothschild
 *Ruth Posovsky Shove
 *Celia Silverman
 John Silverman
 Minnie Sosnoff



We record with deep sorrow, these recently departed:

Sara Silver, mother of Steve Silver (5-20-08)
 Ida Shwachman, mother of Philip Shwachman (5-21-08)
 Nancy Dworman, (5-29-08)
 Cyrus Topol, father of Carole Orland (6-13-08)

Bernard Cohen, father of Robin Cutler (7-14-08)
 Mina Cuker, mother of Jonah Cuker (7-29-08)
 Forrest Robinson, father of Patty Weiss (8-10-08)
 Margaurite Persky, mother of David Persky (8-12-08)

ADULT EDUCATION IN SEPTEMBER

Pirke' Avot, Ethics of the Ancestors: Tuesdays, September 2, 9, 16, 23 - 9:15 AM - Rabbi's study.

Midrash - Wednesdays, September 3, 10, 17, 24 - 1:45 PM at the JHC, led by Rabbi Bernstein.

Torah Study - From the "Women's Torah Commentary on Leviticus & Numbers", Saturdays, September 13, 20, 27, 9:00 AM - Rabbi's study.

Modern Hebrew - Saturdays, September 6, 27 - 12 noon - Rabbi's study.

What Does it Mean to Belong to Temple Sinai? - A talk by Rabbi Bernstein - Saturday, September 20 - 10:00 AM

Home Shabbat Enrichment - Saturday, September 27, 10:00 AM - "General practices: Traditions, Foods".

Study of the Book of Psalms - Saturday, September 27, 11:00 AM - "Psalms for the High Holidays".

Study of the Book of Psalms: Evening class - Wednesday evenings, Oct. 15, 22 & 29 - 7:00 PM

TODAH RABAH

Today Rabah to **Becky Pins** and **Diana Malkin** for editing and formatting the new school handbook.

Today Rabah to **Eric and Maria Richmond** for lending us their grill for the annual New Member Barbeque. *Today Rabah* also to **Judy Schneider, Linda Stern, Ronna Cuker** and the **entire Membership Committee** for another wonderful BBQ and Committee Fair. A wonderful time was had by all.

MAZEL TOV

Mazel Tov to **Carol Seager** on the birth of her grandson, **Caleb Nicholas Lopata**. Caleb is the son of **Deb & Chris Lopata**, and was born on July 13th.

WELCOME!

When you call the Temple office you may hear another voice greeting you with "Shalom Temple Sinai". This voice belongs to **Christa Benoit**.

Christa resides in Holden with her husband **Matt** and children, **Elliot, Teddy & Tessa**. She will be working in the office on Thursdays and Fridays, and looks forward to working with all of you!

June will be in the office Monday through Wednesday, and will continue to handle all financial matters, so if you have a dues question or other financial question, please do not hesitate to call Monday through Wednesday or ask to leave a message on June's voicemail. She will call you back as soon as possible.

Please welcome **Christa** if you call, and don't hesitate to stop in the office on Thursday or Friday to say hello!

OPEN HOUSE WEEKEND

Please invite your friends to visit us during our Open House Weekend on Friday and Saturday, **September 19 and 20**.

Scheduled events include:

Friday, September 19 - 7:30 pm - Shabbat services, followed by a festive Oneg

Saturday, September 20 - 9:00 to Noon - Bagels and coffee in the Religious School Building

9:00-10:00 - Torah Study, led by Rabbi Bernstein (knowledge of Hebrew not required)

10:00 - 10:45 - A talk by Rabbi Bernstein - "What Does It Mean to Belong to Temple Sinai?"

Rabbi Bernstein, Cantorial Soloist Kim Singer, Religious School Director Wendy Davis Wong, and members of the Congregation will be available throughout the morning to answer any questions.

We look forward to seeing you and your friends at our Open House.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Library is getting very lonely. Please come visit and check out a book. We recently added the following new books to our collection:

"**The Book Thief**", by Markus Zusak (recommended by Arlyne Samuels and Judy Schneider).

"**People of the Book**", by Geraldine Brooks (recommended by Arlyne Samuels)

"**The Rabbi's Daughter**", by Reva Mann (recommended by Noreen Simon and Linda Stern)

"**The Yiddish Policemen's Union**", by Michael Chabon (reviewed as "gripping," "dazzling")

"**Rutka's Notebook, A Voice from the Holocaust**"; The Long Lost Diary of Rutka Laskier (recommended by Arlyne Samuels)

"**The Year of Living Biblically**", One Man's Humble Quest to Follow the Bible as Literally as Possible, by A.J. Jacobs (Haven't read it yet, but it got excellent reviews and looks laugh-out-loud funny.)

COMMUNITY SPONSORED ONEG

Our community sponsored Oneg was very successful last year. **Ruth Berman** did a remarkable job making sure that we had an Oneg every week following services. We look forward to continuing this again, so please say "yes" to **Ruth** if she calls you. If you would like to sponsor an Oneg in honor of a special occasion, ex: birthday, anniversary, birth, etc. please call Ruth at 508.755.2689.

CONTRIBUTIONS

BENJAMIN FAMILY FUND

Hank & Nancy Benjamin, in memory of Bernard Cohen

BIBLICAL GARDEN FUND

Andy & Robin Feldman, in honor of Doug Freund

BUILDING FUND

Susan Hildum & Tilford Bartman, in memory of Irwin Reisler

CANTOR'S FUND

Deb & Mark Shear, in honor of Robin Sparr-Rothman

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Lillian Reisler, in memory of Albert Bartman
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Judy Gorlick, in memory of Benjamin D. Novak
Marilyn Wolpert, in memory of Jack Finkel
Dr. & Mrs. Peter Drob, in memory of Sylvia Epstein
Dr. & Mrs. Peter Drob, in memory of Ida Shwachman
Phil & Judith Shwachman, in memory of Cyrus Topol
Ed & Cecile Plotkin, in memory of Claire Rothschild
Ed & Cecile Plotkin, in memory of Al Shairman
Robert & Joan Yood, in memory of Cyrus Topol
Judith Gorlick, in memory of Mae L. Novak
Sandi & Mark Cutler, in memory of Bernard Cohen
Eleanor Witkes, sending get well wishes to Phyllis Solod
Joan & Robert Yood, in memory of Marguerite Persky
Jordan & Kimberly Eisenstock, in honor of the naming of William Ian

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Fran Sack, in memory of Barney Cohen
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Sue & Rick Seder, in memory of Bernard Cohen

IN MEMORY OF ABE SACK

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<i>Diane Leclair</i>	<i>Wendy Honig</i>
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<i>Wendy Honig</i>	<i>Phil & Judy Shwachman</i>
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Helen Chase, in memory of Esther Brandstein

RABBI'S FUND

Judy Gorlick, in memory of Haskell Ozer
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Chris & Myra Fortugno & Family, in memory of Yetta Gould
Julius Palley, wishes for Elaine Palley's continued good health and sincere thanks to all who helped on the way
Les & Claudia Ross, in memory of Helen Ross
Marilyn Wolpert, in memory of Jeanne Wolpert
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Emily & James Holdstein, in honor of Marcy Ostrow's Presidency
Jonathan & Karen Glick
Jerry & Jane Freed, in memory of Samuel Freed
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Doris Shairman, in memory of Eva R. Shairman
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Arlyne Samuels
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Harry, Donna, Allison & Joshua Hubbard, in memory of Benjamin Ackerman
Doris Shairman, in memory of Mary Cohen
Nancy and Steve Epstein, in memory of Sylvia Epstein
Nick and Bobbie Chase, in memory of Dorothy Nathan
Fe Sharp, wishing a speedy recovery to Doris Shairman
Nick and Bobbie Chase, in appreciation
Michael and Karen Kagen, in appreciation of being able to serve Temple Sinai
Robin and Scott Cutler, in memory of Bernard Cohen
Judy Shriber, in memory of Ruth Ravelson
Emily & James Holdstein, in memory of Mina Cuker
Richard & Susan Gotz, in memory of Marguerite Persky

IN MEMORY OF ABE SACK

The Seder & Sirk Families,
Trudy & Merrill Cohen
Emily and James Holdstein
Marlene White Leonard
Linda & Myron Katz

IN MEMORY OF NANCY DWORMAN

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<i>Amy & Barry Rosenberg</i>	<i>Marilyn Eimon</i>
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IN MEMORY OR CYRUS TOPOL

Carole Orland & Family
Richard & Susan Gotz
Emily & James Holdstein

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

Linda & Howard Stern, in honor of Jeff Wong's college graduation

CHINUCH NOTES ON EDUCATION

Grades K, 1 & 2	Saturdays, September 13, 20, 27	9 - 12 noon
Grades 3 - 7	Saturdays, September 13, 20, 27 Wednesdays, September 17, 24	9 - 12 noon 3:45 - 5:40 PM
Grades 8, 9 (Sinai High)	Monday, September 15 <i>Parent/Student Orientation</i> Sunday, September 21 - <i>Project Adventure</i>	6:30 - 8:00 PM 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Confirmation	Wednesday, September 3 - <i>Dinner at Rabbi Bernstein's home</i> Mondays, September 15, 22	6:00 PM 6:45 PM

**ISRAELI YOUNG EMISSARY PROGRAM
BRIDGING THE CENTRAL NEW ENGLAND
REGION AND ISRAEL**

While it was difficult to say goodbye to last year's emissaries. Chen Hochman and Iris Yadin, it is equally thrilling to welcome two new Israeli Young Emissaries to our community. Our new young emissaries arrived in the Worcester/Westboro community on August 28th. The two young women (both 18 years old) who will be hosted by families in our community are Hila Hutmacher from Qiryat Tivon and Noam Ben Zvi from Kibbutz Bet Alfa.

Hila enjoys playing professional volleyball, playing the guitar, singing, traveling, spending time with family and friends and listening to music (with a preference for jazz). Noam takes pleasure in dancing, music, books and friends. Both young women are incredibly excited to meet you all and to become actively involved in the many Jewish organizations within the greater Worcester community.

We know that our religious school and nursery students are eager to begin developing close relationships with Hila and Noam, and that we will all welcome them both into our Central Massachusetts Jewish community!

TOT SHABBAT

Saturday, September 6th will be our first Family Tot Shabbat. It will be held at 11 AM in the Temple Sanctuary. We begin with an art project followed by a singing, dancing service geared to preschoolers through 1st graders. Cantorial Soloist Kim Singer, along with "Kimbu", 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.templestinaiworcester.org.

Next Tot Shabbat will be held on October 18.



**FROM THE
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DIRECTOR**

On **Saturday, September 13 at 9:00**, 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! Our Cantorial Soloist, Kim Singer, has planned a vibrant musical curriculum for our school. We are excited to welcome our Israeli emissaries, Hila Hutmacher and Noam Ben Zvi.

In a few days, you should be receiving a mailing containing letters from your teachers, as well as a 2008-2009 school calendar, class schedules, a brand new school handbook and an **EMERGENCY CARD**. **Your child must bring this card to school on the first day.** Since we do not have registration forms for returning students, this card will update our records for emergency and secular school information.

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

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 – Grade 7</i> |
| <i>Harriet Robbins– Grade 4</i> | <i>Coppi Eder – Grade 7</i> |
| <i>Sandy Sotak– Grade 5</i> | <i>Kim Singer– Music</i> |
| <i>Barbara Rossman – Grades 5 & 6</i> | <i>Robin Milaszewski –Sinai High</i> |

On **Monday, September 15 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 13 at 9:00!** Enjoy the rest of the summer!

*Wendy Davis Wong
Religious School Director*

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. Be sure to register prior to **September 10th**. Religious School begins on Saturday, September 13th.*

BOOK CLUB

The first meeting of the book club will take place on September 23, at the home of Sandi & Mark Cutler. We will discuss "**Stars of David: Prominent Jews Talk About Being Jewish,**" by Abigail Pogrebin.

All meetings start at 7:30. Everyone is welcome. Please contact Sue or Les Blatt for details.



FIRST DAY OF RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
at 9:00 AM**

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.

*Thank you,
Finance Committee*

SEPTEMBER 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Labor Day Office Closed 1	9:15 Pirke Avot 2	1:45 Midrash - JHC 6:00 Confirmation Dinner 3		7:30 Sabbath Service Torah: Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9 Haftarah: Isaiah 51:12-52:12 4	Shofetim 11 Tot Shabbat 12 Modern Hebrew 5
7	8:00 Board Meeting 8	9:15 Pirke Avot 9	1:45 Midrash - JHC 6:00 Religious School Staff meeting 10		7:30 Sabbath Service Torah: Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19 Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1-10 11	Ki Tetze 9 Torah Study 9 Religious School - Grades K-7 11:30 Bat Mitzvah of Rebecca Levin 12
14	6:30 Sinai High Parent/Student Orientation 6:45 Confirmation 15	9:15 Pirke Avot 16	1:45 Midrash - JHC 3:45 Religious School 17		7:30 Sabbath Service - Open House and Installation of officers Torah: Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8 Haftarah: Isaiah 60 18	Ki Tavo 9 Religious School 9 - noon Open House 9 Torah Study 10 "What Does it Mean to Belong to Temple Sinai?" 11:30 Bat Mitzvah of Laura Lilienkamp 8 Selichot Service 19
21	6:45 Confirmation 22	9:15 Pirke Avot 23	1:45 Midrash - JHC 3:45 Religious School 24		7:30 Sabbath Service Torah: Deuteronomy 29:9-30:20 Haftarah: Isaiah 61:10-63:9 25	Nitzavim 9 Religious School 9 Torah Study 10 Adult Ed 11 Study of the Book of Psalms 12 Modern Hebrew 26
28	8:00 Erev Rosh Hashanah Service 29	9:30 Rosh Hashanah Morning Service 2:00 Rosh Hashanah Family Service 30				

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