

HAR SINAI TEMPLE BULLETIN

Elul/Tishri 5759/5760

### WORSHIP SERVICES

Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:30 pm Shabbat Service "High Holiday Study" Social Hall

Saturday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30 pm Selichot Service and Program Congregation Brothers of Israel

Cemetery Services Sunday, September 5th 10:30 am at Greenwood Cemetery 11:30 am at Ewing Cemetery

Erev Rosh Hashanah Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7:45 pm

Rosh Hashanah Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am: Morning Service 11:00 am: Junior Congregation 2:00 pm: Family Service

Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am Days of Awe Program Social Hall

Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 pm Leadership Inspirational Shabbat Service

Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 am Bat Mitzvah Allison Lee Smith Daughter of Ruth and Phil Smith

> Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidre) Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> Services at 6:00 and 8:15 pm

Yom Kippur Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am: Morning Service 11:00 am: Junior Congregation 12:30 pm: "Ask The Rabbi" Discussion 2:00 pm: Family Service 3:15 pm: Afternoon Service 4:30 pm: Yizkor Service 5:15 pm: Intergenerational Neilah Closing Service

Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 pm Erev Sukkot All School Family Service

Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 am Bar Mitzvah Harrison Kivowitz Son of Marsha and George Kivowitz

Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah Service of Consecration Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, at 6:45 pm

Yizkor Service and Luncheon Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 11:00 am Guest Speaker: Dr. Hope Wisnia

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### **RABBINIC REFLECTIONS**

Recently while waiting at an ATM machine I was confronted by a less than amiable man. I was standing behind this man while he was using the ATM machine. I was ostensibly minding my own business when he turned and told me in an abrupt manner to leave the line because he didn't want anyone behind him. I retorted that the purpose of the line was to give me an opportunity to use the machine after him. This logic eluded him. Consequently he threatened to harm me physically. Since he was at least a head taller than I and looked as if he had just frequented an Arnold Schwarzenegger movie festival, I prudently walked away.

This incident confirmed in my mind that we have gradually become a nation of illmannered bullies. Whether it is in sports, politics or education, people seem to enjoy humiliating one another.

Much has been written in response to this crisis in civility. There are many books on the bestseller lists that purport to advise us on manners. Both political parties have emphasized instilling values and courtesy among our young. In the wake of so much violence in seemingly nonviolent schools, the President has called for more discipline and teaching of values in the home and in the classroom. Every major periodical has featured cover stories on the deterioration of gentility in our country. It is a relevant topic that doesn't seem to court any immediate panaceas.

Reading best sellers or listening to politicians debate America's waning standard of values might bring one to the view that this is a new topic never before explored in history. Nothing could be further from the truth. In this, Judaism has retained a documented reservoir of wisdom on the subject of civility and manners that spans three millennia.

For instance, the Biblical books of Proverbs and Psalms discuss in depth proper behavior. An entire tractate of the Talmud, Pirke Avot, is a compilation of the rabbis' attitudes towards appropriate conduct. Suffice it to say, in Judaism wisdom and knowledge are indubitably linked to acceptable conduct. As Pirke Avot states "who is wise?, one who controls his anger."

It was in medieval and modern days that rabbis and theologians systematized Judaism's accumulated knowledge on the subject of civility. In the mid-ninetieth century a movement arose amongst European Jews called "Musar." This movement's objective was to emphasize the ties that bind Jewish law, ritual and moral behavior. One of the founders of the movement, Rabbi Israel Salanter, advocated that a specific room in every school be devoted exclusively to moral reflection. He wrote: "The busy man does evil wherever he turns. When his business is doing badly, his mind and strength become confounded and subject to the fetters of care and confusion. The notables of the city, whom many will follow, for the study of morals should speak quietly and deliberately without joking or irony."

The leaders of this movement penned many books convincing Jews that ritual and everyday behavior were inextricably intermeshed. Musar literally means tradition, but connotes proper moral behavior. Many of the Musar Rabbis advocated practicing a severe disciplined piety and daily meditation as paths to a better life. Some of their admonitions startlingly border on the tenets of a quasi-monastic life style. At the turn of this century, Rabbi Israel Meir Kagan, published a seminal book evaluating Jewish moral conduct. This classic work entitled the Hafez Hayyim eventuated and allow participing to likel and shared and the provention of the second second

At the turn of this century, Rabbi Israel Meir Kagan, published a seminal book evaluating Jewish moral conduct. This classic work entitled the Hafez Hayyim expounded on Judaism's laws pertaining to libel and slander. Rabbi Israel (also known by the title of his book the Hafez Hayyim) promoted proper speech as a gateway to socially acceptable behavior. His book embellishes in great and meticulous detail the laws of Lashon Hara or improper communication. He set the highest standards possible for the use of everyday speech and writing. Rabbi Israel believed that the very foundation-stones of civilization were predicated upon courtesy. Even though it is impossible to adhere to all the moral dictates of this book, Rabbi Kagan conjectured that even if one were peripherally interested in its teachings some good would ensue.

Since the time of Rabbi Kagan many books have explicated Judaism's understanding of moral and ethical behavior. All books written on the subject have made the strong connection between ritual and everyday action. These profound teachings of ancient and modern wisdom are grounded in the fundamental belief system of Judaism. Hence we should evolve towards virtuous and ethical conduct because that is what is demanded by the precepts of Judaism. Rabbi Slanter and Rabbi Kagan both defined a good Jew as not only following the basic maxims of the faith but also aspiring to exemplary conduct. Their contributions to the history of moral development live on as guideposts for all of us.

At this season of the High Holidays we are enjoined by our tradition to examine our behavior and to evaluate our relationship to others. This is certainly the appropriate time to begin to live a life devoted more to Gemelut Hasidim or deeds of loving-kindness rather than to exploiting the emotional weaknesses of others.

### FUN RAISING

by Steve Cickay

The Board of Trustees set an ambitious goal this year of raising \$20,000 to close the deficit in our annual spending plan. Meeting this goal is one vital way of ensuring that important temple programs continue to happen without requiring exorbitant increases in annual dues. Our energetic board has chosen at least six areas of fund raising to focus on this year: McCaffrey Receipt Collection, a Travel and Entertainment Raffle, a Progressive Dinner, a Membership Directory, a Dinner Dance, and a Golf Outing. You will hear more about these activities as the year progresses. I urge you either to chair some of these events (two are already spoken for thanks to Hope Kadesh, Faye Zelenko, and Marilyn Orland, so hurry and volunteer!), to work on the planning committees, or to participate in them when they finally occur. With your help, I am confident that we will meet or exceed our fundraising goals for this year. And as always, the dedicated, committed temple staff will be there working with you as hard as ever to make these events successes.

But there is another reason why I urge you to participate in these events as either a leader or planner. The cynical among us look on these events as just more work that they will have to do in addition to running their own busy daily lives. Many refrain from participating since they see no value in doing something for nothing and sit on the sidelines while waiting for others to volunteer for their temple. I would like to urge each of you to approach this entire issue in a different light. Feel free to contact such dedicated people as Charlotte Levin, Renee Wolfson, Judy Millner, Alice Welt, Nancy Frost, Nancy Fine, or Janice Blumberg who have run such successful events in the past. Having been there firsthand, they will tell you no doubt that their event did indeed involve much hard work. But I believe they will also tell you that, in addition, they had an incredible sense of accomplishment after the event was over. They can now reflect on the overall experience they had during the planning and recall many fun times and wonderful new relationships forged while they were engaged in the common tasks of hard work for a good cause. So for these reasons, I urge you to look upon this vital task of fundraising for our temple not just in terms of good work to be done, but as a wonderful opportunity to do new things, meet new people, and best of all, have an incredible amount of fun!

### L'SHANA TOVA

The Officers and Trustees join us in extending sincere wishes to our members and staff, and their families, for good health, happiness and peace throughout the New Year. May the hopes and the commitments we cherish be fulfilled in 5760.

> Rabbi Stuart and Robin Pollack Cantor Marshall Glatzer Cantor David and Hope Wisnia President Steve and Susan Cickay

### STORYTELLER/SINGER/GUITARIST DONNY MASENG TO APPEAR AT CONGREGATION BROTHERS OF ISRAEL SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH FOR JOINT CONGREGATIONAL SELICHOT PROGRAM AND SERVICE

Continuing a tradition begun in 1995, Congregation Brothers of Israel will host this year's special Community Selichot Program and Service beginning at 8:30 on Saturday evening, September 4th. (Brothers is located on Greenwood Avenue between South Clinton and Chestnut Avenues.) The joint program, under the auspices of **Har Sinai Temple**, Ahavath Israel (Ewing), Adath Israel (Lawrenceville, NJ), Beth Chaim (Princeton Jct., NJ), Beth El (East Windsor, NJ), and the Princeton Jewish Center, will feature Donny Maseng's oneman show, **Wasting Time with Harry Davidowitz**.

Selichot, a Hebrew word meaning "forgiveness," refers to the special penitential prayers recited by many Jews during the Rosh Hashanah season, is traditionally recited on the Saturday evening before the start of the Jewish High Holidays. The intimacy of the Selichot liturgy is a wonderful and fitting way to begin our preparations for these days of reflection and self-examination. We hope that coming together as a community to begin our individual "teshuvah" will also help each of us affirm our connection to the Jewish people.

The evening will begin with a social hour and refreshments at 8:30 PM. A Havdalah Service is planned for 9:15 in the Sanctuary which will be followed at 9:30 by the *"mesmerizing, incredibly touching"* presentation by Mr. Maseng. The Program will conclude with the Selichot Worship Service at 10:45.

Maseng will take you on a Jewish journey from Jerusalem to Eilat, from a Chasidic rabbi's shteible to a Zen monastery in his search for spiritual fulfillment. Critics have called Maseng's performance "happiness-inducing" and "spiritually enlightening." Don't waste time-join Donny Maseng for an electrifying experience you will not soon forget.

This program is open to all members of the community at no charge.

Support for this program was received from the United Jewish Federation of Princeton Mercer Bucks.



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### HIGH HOLIDAY INFORMATION -

### **CEMETERY SERVICES**

Our annual Memorial Park Services will be held on Sunday morning, September 5th. This beautiful service is especially planned for those members of our congregation whose loved ones have been buried at these cemeteries. It is a meaningful and comforting experience and most appropriate for this time of year when we feel especially close to our departed loved ones.

The practice of visiting the cemetery during the High Holy Days expresses our love and devotion to the memory of those who have gone before and represents a continuing and ongoing tie with the heritage of our families and our people.

Services will take place at 10:30 am at Greenwood Cemetery and at 11:30 am at Ewing Cemetery. There is no more beautiful way to recall our loved ones at this season than to give tzedakah in their names and to join with our congregation in marking the meaning of their lives in this special Memorial Service.

### **BABY-SITTING SERVICES**

A free baby-sitting service will again be available for parents with younger children for the morning service on Rosh Hashanah, for the EARLY Kol Nidre on Yom Kippur Eve, and for every service on Yom Kippur day except the Family Service. We hope that this will make it possible for more members of the congregation to be able to attend services on these important days.

Please...nursery school through age nine only. Please bring any refreshments your child will require. Also, please register your youngster(s) for this service prior to the holidays if possible. Just call the Temple office at 392-7143.

### HIGH HOLY DAYS HUNGER PROJECT

Our Social Action Committee is again conducting its annual High Holy Days Hunger Project. Last year, Jewish congregations across the country donated over 200 tons of food to their local food banks and soup kitchens. This year, we know that the response will be even better.

At Rosh Hashanah Services, please take home a shopping bag. Inside the bag will be a donation envelope for <u>MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger</u>. On Yom Kippur, when we voluntarily fast, we remember those who go without food so many days of their lives. We hope that each of you will support MAZON with a contribution during the Ten Days of Repentance, the days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Please bring the bag back to Temple on Yom Kippur filled with food for the poor in our community. Our Social Action Committee will ensure that all donations reach the needy in our area. Thanks for your support.

### **HIGH HOLIDAY APPEAL**

Har Sinai continues to address both the immediate physical needs of the synagogue and the long term financial realities of maintaining the strength of our Jewish institution through our Annual High Holiday Appeal.

As always, one half of the monies collected will be allocated to the improvement of the physical structure. The remaining one half of the funds will be invested in the Endowment Fund.

The ultimate goal of our Endowment Fund will be realized when the income generated impacts significantly on our dues structure and programming.

Har Sinai's ability to achieve these goals depends on every family's response to this appeal. Please pledge as generously as possible in support of Har Sinai Temple.

Thank you.....Steve Cickay, President

#### FAMILY SUKKAH BUILDING & DECORATING CONTEST HEAR YE! HEAR YE! Announcing Har Sinai's FIFTH Annual Home Sukkah Building and Decorating Contest!

Each year many, many Har Sinai Temple families eat each Sukkot meal in their very own Sukkah, built and decorated with their own individual creativity. Following the meal, families lingered in the Sukkah into the evening, laughter and singing filling the air.

For minimal cost, Har Sinai will again this year make available an easy-to-build (and store) Sukkah kit containing the pieces and instructions necessary to put together the frame for your family's own Sukkah. In order to ascertain what supplies will be needed, we need to know how many members will be interested. The cost to purchase a sukkah kit for Temple members is \$60.00. If you wish to participate in this project, please call Chairman Ron Wexler at 215-321-7983 or the Temple office. The kits will be available beginning Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.

### Upcoming from RENAISSANCE

Sunday, October 3rd, at 11:00 AM A SUNDAY BRUNCH Har Sinai Social Hall Guest: Rick Bossman "On Broadway"

Sunday, November 7տ 7տ ANNUAL ETHNIC DINNER Place to be decided Chairs: Jean and Mort Goldstein

Wednesday, December 8th, at 3:30 PM Bus Trip to the CHANUKAH FESTIVAL Philadelphia Museum of Art Chair: Nora Erlichman

# **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORTS**

by Susan Dorfman, Director of Education

Just a few weeks ago. I attended the 24th annual CAJE (Conference on Alternatives in Jewish Education). This year's theme was "Learning is Great, for Learning Leads to Action". There is no better setting to put into practice the classic Rabbinic directive to study (Talmud Torah) and to take righteous action (ma'asim tovim), than here at Har Sinai. There are so many levels upon which all of us learn. Our children learn the Hebrew language, study Jewish history, rituals, holidays and Torah. Each week when Rabbi Pollack gives a D'var Torah. our adult members have an opportunity to learn Torah. The study of Torah, above all, leads us to righteous action. The Torah teaches us to fulfill positive commandments (mitzvot) including visiting the sick, feeding the hungry, and repairing the world. Everyday at Har Sinai I see our members performing countless Torah-inspired righteous acts that not only help those in need, but teach our children to emulate this same behavior. All of us should take great pride in belonging to this community of scholars and "do-ers". Shana Tova to the entire Har Sinai family.

#### Religious School Calendar for September and October

Monday Sept. 13: Midweek Religious School resumes for grades 3-7 at the Lawrenceville Presbyterian Church. (Please note the new time: 4:15PM-6:15PM).
Tuesday Sept. 14: Midweek Religious School resumes for grades 3-7 at Abrams Hebrew Academy in Yardley. (Please note the time remains the same as last year: 4:30-6:30PM).

Sunday Sept. 19:	Sunday school for grades K-7 resumes. As always, Early Session will be held from 8:30AM -10:30AM, and Late Session will be 11: 00AM - 1:00PM.
Monday Sept 20: Friday Sept. 24:	Yom Kippur. No Religious School Please come to Family Services at 7:30PM followed by "Sundaes in the Succah".
Sunday Sept. 26:	Open House and Reception for par- ents during Religious School hours. Come schmooze with Sisterhood, visit the classrooms, meet your chil- dren's teachers, and visit the Succah.
Friday Oct. 1:	Simchat Torah Family Dinner at 6:45PM, Consecration Service and Klezmer Concert at 6:45PM. Sunday Oct. 3: Confirmation classes resume at our new time 6:00PM- 7:30PM.
Sunday Oct. 10:	PTO goes to the Philly Zoo. Chai High resumes from 7:00PM- 9:00PM (if you need a registration form, please contact the Temple office).
Sunday Oct. 17:	Camp Harlam visits at 10:30AM. Come see the video and sign up for next summer!
Saturday Oct. 23:	Torah'nTots celebrate Shabbat at 9:15 AM with leader, Susan Sacks. Confirmation and High Schoolers go to "Rocky Horror" and sleep-over at JCC.

SISTERHOOD NEWS AND VIEWS

by Nancy Levine

Welcome back to another exciting year for Har Sinai Sisterhood. Many fun-filled events have been planned all for one purpose - to benefit Har Sinai. Our year is starting off with the annual "Sisterhood Bagel Schmooze" scheduled for September 26th during school hours. Eveyone is invited to attend and to have some coffee and bagels, too. Sign -ups for different committees will be available and it will be a nice and relaxing way to see what Sisterhood is all about and what events and programs would interest you. Please stop in when you drop off or pick up your children.

Chanukah is closing in fast this year. It may seem a long way off but it's not. Sisterhood will assist you in all your shopping needs, including wrapping all those gifts, with a fabulous "CHANUKAH BAZZAR" scheduled for October 24th from 8:30 to 3:00 in the social hall. As many as 50 vendors will be represented, ranging from fine jewerely to used sporting equipment to make-up. Admission is be free. Door prizes and a 50-50 raffle will held throughout the day. And, just in case you get hungry while shopping, brunch items will be available for purchase. This should be an exciting event and everyone is encouraged to attend. Remember, Chanukah is very early this year and one-stop shopping will certainly make your life easier. Mark your calendars for October 24th.

Abbie Katz will be holding cooking demonstrations in her home on September 9th. If you are interested in attending or if you wish to share or discuss a recipe with her, please call Abbie at 215-860-7488.

Sisterhood is selling cards this year, such as thank you, Mazel Tov, plain note cards, gift enclosures, etc. The cards are beautiful and can be purchased by calling Hope Kadesh at 215-321-0799.

If you haven't had the opportunity to attend any of our events or programs last year, or if you are a new Har Sinai member, please mark your calendars for September 24th for the Sisterhood Schmooze and October 24th for the Chanukah Bazaar. Proceeds from all events and fund-raisings are ultimately for one purpose - to benefit Har Sinai and help our synagogue continue and thrive into the next millenium. Sisterhood is a fun way to meet new people and to do a little tzedakkah at the same time. See you soon.

### - HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES -

Our Religious Practices Committee has been very busy this summer working with the Rabbi and Cantor to respond to the needs of our growing congregation in planning this year's High Holy Day Services. Again, this year, we are pleased to offer a variety of services for children of different ages. We are confident that these options will help make the holidays meaningful for all who participate. Please consult the "Worship Services" box on PAGE ONE for a complete schedule of September Holiday Services. Please note that while the Yom Kippur Kol Nidre Services will take place at 6:00 PM and 8:15 PM this year, there will be ONLY ONE SERVICE on Erev Rosh Hashanah, at 7:45.

**TICKETS**: Are available for members at no charge and are required for all Adult Services in the Sanctuary. If you have not yet requested tickets, please call the Temple office. TICK-ETS ARE NOT REQUIRED FOR CHILDREN OF HIGH-SCHOOL AGE AND YOUNGER. *PLEASE NOTE THAT FOR SECURITY PURPOSES*, NO ONE WILL BE ADMITTED INTO THE SYNAGOGUE DURING HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES THIS YEAR UNLESS A TICKET IS PRE-SENTED.

**FAMILY SERVICES**: Will be held at **2:00 PM** on both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. These Services are designed for the families of Preschool/Primary Grade children and no tickets are required. Parents and grandparents are invited to attend. The Service is led by our rabbi and cantor and will include a story. An Oneg Hag reception, sponsored by our Sisterhood, will follow in the Social Hall at which the children will be invited to make "*Mr. Appleheads.*"

JUNIOR CONGREGATION FAMILY SERVICES: Will be held at 11:00 AM in the Social Hall on both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Planned for the children in Grades 4 through 7, these Services are led by Dan Finkle and Susan Sacks, our



Religious School's Music Specialist. Our high school aged students and their families will also help to lead the Service. Rabbi Pollack will attend for part of the service and share a brief sermonette. A Torah reading and Shofar service will be included and the service is scheduled to conclude at the same time as the main service in the Sanctuary. Parents and grandparents are invited and encouraged to attend and to sit with their children.

SUKKOT: Our seven-day Fall harvest Festival begins FRI-DAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 24<sup>th</sup> with a special All School Erev Sukkot Shabbat Service (at 7:30). Families are invited to bring fruit, vegetables, and home-made decorations with them and to help decorate the outdoor Sukkah during the evening. Immediately following the Service, our traditional "Sundaes In The Sukkah" will be served as the special Oneg fare in the Social Hall.

SIMCHAT TORAH/CONSECRATION/YIZKOR: Our Festival of Rejoicing with the Torah will be celebrated on FRI-DAY EVENING, OCTOBER 1st. The evening will begin with a Family Lasagna Dinner in the Social Hall beginning at 6:00 pm. Services will begin at 6:45 pm and will include the traditional Hakkafot, dancing with the Torah. We will also celebrate Consecration, the special ceremony of welcome for all our children who are beginning their Religious School studies this Fall. All Kindergartners, First Graders and children new to our school this year will receive a special blessing from the Rabbi and their parents. Joining us for the entire evening, at the dinner and throughout the service will be the legendary KLEZMER DISPENSERS. They will see to it that our Hakkafot, dancing around our beautiful Sanctuary, will be one of your favorite Har Sinai memories.

The **Yizkor Memorial Service** will be held at 11:00 am on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2<sup>nd</sup>.** The Service will be followed by a Yizkor Lunch sponsored by our Committee for Older Adults. Dr. Hope Wisnia will be our guest speaker discussing "Meditation."



# SOCIAL ACTION NEWS

by Mary Kirsch and Beth Brobst

**Har Sinai Caregivers:** Har Sinai has joined the Interfaith Caregivers of Greater Trenton (ICGT). The ICGT is a coalition of religious congregations and community organizations working together to help individuals, who due to disability, frailty, illness, or recuperation, need a little assistance to maintain their independence. The work of the caregivers is based on the supposition that to care for others and to be cared for is essential to the physical, mental and spiritual well-being of each individual.

Through the ICGT, a small group of Har Sinai volunteers were trained to give home-based, non-medical, support services to members of our congregation who have temporary or long term needs. Support services include activities such as shopping or errands, transportation to appointments, friendly visiting, help with paperwork, telephone reassurance and links to other community services. Our volunteeers have made a real commitment to supporting fellow Har sinai members and are looking forward to this coming year as caregivers.

If you are interested in participating in the next volunteer training, if you need some temporary or long term support or know someone who does, or if you just would like to know more about the project, please call one of these numbers: Temple Office or Rabbi Pollack, 609-392-7143, Lynda Meshkov, 215 493.6751, Mary Kirsch, 215-321-3496, or the ICGT at 609-883-4323.

As usual, a busy fall social action schedule has been set. Please mark the following dates on your calendars:

October 24: Used Sporting Goods Sale

October 24: Mitzvah Day — Barry Truchil, Chair

November: Fall Coat Drive - Evelyn Gerofsky, Chair

**December:** Toys for Tots — Nancy Levine & Randi Lawrie, *Co-chairs* 

Women's Space Food Baskets — Janice Blumberg & Lynda Meshkov, *Co-chairs* 

#### **Ongoing Projects:**

**Route 1 Meals:** Hot meal preparation and delivery for families housed in the motels on the Route 1 corridor on the first Thursday of each month continues. The assistance of all congregation members who have so faithfully volunteered to cook, pack, and deliver meals is truly appreciated.. But, new volunteers are always welcome. Please call Randi Lawrie (215.493.9181) or the Temple office (609.392.7143) if you can volunteer to help out with the long-term Har Sinai project.

### — News From The JUDAICA SHOP

Linda Geyer-Bolder and Ina Katz, Props. by Mary Kirsch and Beth Brobst

It's the start of a New Year and we have been busy trying to fill the shop with all types of Judaica, gifts, housewares, jewelry, toys and glassware. More items are arriving all of the time!

This year you can see our items in the Judaica Shop located in the Tree of Life Room, the display cabinet on the mezzanine level and in the display cabinet in the middle of the hall between the Cantor's and the Rabbi's offices. All of our items are for sale. If you do not see something that catches your eye, we have catalogues to fulfill your special order needs. Special order artwork, custom order picture frames, memorabilia, Tallit Sets, sterling silver candlesticks, Fused Glass and a host of other items. Our desire is to make you think of the shop as a special place to shop.

In stock we have Judaica items like menorahs, mezzuzahs, Kippahs, candles, memorial lights, Shabbat plates and challah covers. There are great presents for your special occasions..weddings, Bar or Bat Mitzvahs, Baby, Housewarming, anniversaries and birthdays.

Our regular hours are every Sunday morning, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, some Friday evenings and during the weekdays, Laura and Dorothy will be able to assist you. We look forward to seeing you at the First Annual Sisterhood Holiday Bazaar on October 24<sup>th</sup> and our annual Chanukah Shop on November 14<sup>th</sup>. We will have lots of items for the children to buy for their family. We'll be open during other Temple functions too. So stop in and see the changes.

Questions? Appointments? Call Linda at 215-321-3341 or Ina at 215-493-0674.

VENDORS NEEDED

1<sup>st</sup> Annual Sisterhood CHANUKAH BAZAAR Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup> 8:45 AM - 3:00 PM Cost of Table: \$50.00 To reserve, call Chairperson Edye Discount at 215-493-9855 BABYSITTING AVAILABLE

Babysitting if available for children, age 9 and under, during Shabbat services Friday evenings, September 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Reservations are requested and made be calling the Temple office at 609-392-7143.

# < Bulletin Board メ

### HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Dean Maldonato 5 yrs
- 6 Sarah Mannella 12 yrs
- 8 Mallory Gershenfeld 10 yrs
- 13 Julie Richman 13 yrs
- 14 Max Eager -12 yrs
- 18 Max Papperman 13 yrs
- 22 Allison Haftel 8 yrs
- 24 Emma Hansen 9 yrs
- 25 Mark Falzon 12 yrs Steven Sherman - 11 yrs
- 28 Kimberly Waldman 6 yrs
- 20 Kimberly waldman 6 yrs

### SPECIAL SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 10 Judy Blumberg
- 25 Mrya Novick
- 26 Evelyn Cohen
- 28 Deborah Bard

### SIGNIFICANT SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Charlotte & Irvin Millner 59 yrs
- 11 Dr. Marvin & Ruth Chamlin 50 yrs
- 12 Rabbi Bernard & Eleanor Perelmuter - 51 yrs
- 22 Michele & Jay Goldberg 15 yr
- 25 Phyllis & Morris Berkowitz 56 yrs

#### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Bonnie and Michael Berman,** who live in Yardley, and their children, **Alexandra**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, and **Zachary**, 3-1/2 years old.

Ursula and Alexander Brooks, who live in Princeton.

**Brenda Ann Eberst,** who lives in Trenton.

Alice and Larry Lubkin, residents of Pennington.

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### HAR SINAI THANKS

Building and Grounds Committee Chair Seymour Selzer and Committee member Marv Novick for the tremendous amount of time, effort, and thought they have expended this summer dealing with renovations, repairs, and upgrades to the facility.

The many generous Temple members (and they know who they are) who have voluntarily and without solicitation committed to being members of the Har Sinai Committee of Honor this year.

**Madeline and Steve Gubernick** for graciously hosting the Meet The Rabbi Barbeque on August 22<sup>nd</sup> for new and potential Har Sinai members.

Art and Roberta Frank, for chairing the Renaissance Club's traditional late summer evening of Trenton Thunder baseball on August 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **MAZEL TOV TO**

**Babe Barr**, on the July 16<sup>th</sup> birth of her great grandson, Matthew Arnold Batchker, son of Stacy and Craig Batchker.

**Patricia Garfing,** on the August 5<sup>th</sup> birth of her grandson, Drew Harrison Zoltick, son of Amber and Steven Zoltick.

Bertram Sheff, on the June 2<sup>nd</sup> birth of his great grandson, Colby Gustaf Sheff, son of Elizabeth Sheff and Michael Berger.

**Judy and Ron Sussman**, on the July 26<sup>th</sup> marriage of their son, Dr. Ernest Sussman, to Fler Azulay, in Israel.

**Ilene and Aaron Weinstein**, on the July 22<sup>nd</sup> birth of their granddaughter, Sophie Joy Slutzky, daughter of Ina and Steve Slutzky.

#### IN MEMORIAM

May we extend our deepest sympathy in remembering

George Gelber Uncle of Donald Kimmelman

**Evelyn Itkowitz** Mother of Mark Itkowitz

**Dr. Benedict Kimmelman** Father of Simon Kimmelman

Parker Sanborn Brother of Douglas Sanborn

### BAT MITZVAH

DTAL TRAVEL

SERVICE

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In Honor Of Our Daughter Allison Lee Smith Becoming A Bat Mitzvah September 18, 1999 Ruth and Phil Smith



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### TREE OF LIFE

In Honor Of Our Daughter

Nicole Ilene Hochman

Bat Mitzvah-May 4, 1996

Confirmation-May 20, 1999

Janet and Steven Hochman

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SHARIM V'SHAROT

A select chamber choir of 16-32 voices from Mercer/Bucks Counties is being organized to perform the music of the Jewish people. Led by Dr. Elayne Robinson Grossman, Sharim V'Sharot's repertoire will be an eclectic mixure ranging from the Renaissance to modern day, sung in English, Yiddish, Hebrew, and Ladino. Singers with good musicianship are being sought. Auditions will be held September 21 and 28. Rehearsals will be held either in Lawrenceville or Yardley on Tuesday evenings beginning in October.

For further information, contact Stuart Nagourney at 609-292-4945 (days) or 609-448-6440 (evenings).

#### THE SAUL MILLNER ROSH HASHANAH FUND

Facilitated by the Jewish Family & Children's Service of Greater Mercer County, the Saul Millner Rosh Hashanah Fund has special funds available to help local Jewish families in financial need. Holiday assistance is granted to individuals and families in the agency's service area to help them celebrate the High Holy Day period with family. Priority consideration is given to families with children. Requests for special holiday grants, or for information about making donations to this Fund, should be directed to Linda Meisel at the JFCS, 609-987-8100.

### **CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP STARTING**

Starting in September, Jewish Family and Children's Service of Greater Mercer County will begin a support group for family caregivers. The group will meet at our office at 707 Alexander Road, Princeton, at a time convenient to our enrollees. Service will be provided free of charge. Call Wendy at 609-987-8100.

#### SPECIAL HOLOCAUST PRESENTATION

On Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, Professor Deborah Dwork, Director of the Center for Holocaust Studies at Clark University, will present a talk at the Princeton Jewish Center beginning at 7:30 PM. At this time, Professor Dwork, author of the now classic <u>Children With A Star</u>, will discuss "Jewish Children and the Holocaust." Further information on Deborah Dwork is available in the Temple office.

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Number of Persons

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