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# Bulletin

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## RABBINIC REFLECTIONS

Over the past number of years there has been a plethora of reality-based programs. With the advent of the "Survivor Series," networks have discovered that for a relatively small investment they can produce a very lucrative television program. Of course, today the most successful of them would be "American Idol." Within the genre of reality shows there is a subcategory of dating or marriage proposal programs. The granddaddy of all of them is the "Bachelor." Now we have bachelors who pretend to be rich bachelors and those who pretend to be poor; we also have bachelorettes who just pretend.

We also have those about to be engaged being enticed by other singles and we have had the public decide on who should be a couple. Statistically, we are told that after the series ends, less than forty per cent of the couples actually do continue to see each other. The overwhelming majority of the couples break up.

Many of these shows are successful because deep within us there is a desire for romance. We love to be loved and we love

to love and these programs, in a very unique way, give us a chance to vicariously live through the contestants and through that we have an emotional catharsis.

The newest of these shows, premiered last month, is called "For Love or Money." Its premise is interesting. A bachelor chooses a woman --- if she decides not to marry him, she receives one million dollars. Of course, if she falls in love with him and wants to marry, she forfeits the million dollars.

"For Love or Money" puts it right out there---what is more important: love or money? This is very similar to another show in which all the bachelors were masked and the bachelorette had to choose someone based purely on their personality rather than on their physical appearance.

Many of the contestants in these shows become quite famous. One of the reasons that one would want to be a competitor on one of these programs is not actually to meet someone but to become well-known and probably jump-start an acting career.

There have been literally hundreds of articles written in both

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## Worship Services

...will continue to take place every Friday evening at 7:30 PM in our air-conditioned Social Hall. We will return to worship in the Sanctuary on Friday evening, September 5th, at 8:00.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Who is really running Har Sinai?*

Congregation, just like you.

It's not the President. The President really has no power. It's not Rabbi or Cantor. They serve our spiritual needs but they really don't run the place. It's not the Executive Board. They work hard, but they only make recommendations to the Board of Trustees. Where does the Board of Trustees get their direction? The answer may surprise you, but the Trustees get their direction from our committees. And who is on the committees? Members of our

One thing I've learned while I was preparing for the Presidency: Things move at a different pace in an organization that's 146 years old, and part of a group that's running in year 5763. It's more of a glacial pace than a break neck pace. But that's OK; it's intended to be that way. The people doing the decision-making are not at it full time. They have jobs, families and other obligations. Important decisions are made right away, and others, when they are ready.

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psychological and ethical journals that condemn these programs as being horrible. These articles purport that "courtship" programs are denigrating the institutions of marriage, of love and romance.

I wanted to find out what Judaism would think about people meeting people in such a public way. In Judaism, the institution of marriage is held very sacred; but, more important than marriage itself is the importance of making sure that people do get married in the first place. I have found an amazing amount of information which indicates that our tradition encourages singles to meet one another in as many different venues as possible.

In medieval Europe, the shotchun, or matchmaker, was probably the most important and powerful member of the community outside of the rabbi. It was the task of the matchmaker to make sure that those of marital age would have a partner; she also knew that the entire viability of the Jewish community depended upon her matchmaking abilities. These matches were very significant because they would ensure the continued existence of the community, not only socially but also economically.

It was important that the village matchmaker not only knew of the singles in her own village but also those eligible singles throughout Europe. It was due to her matchmaking prowess that the quality of life of the community could be ensured. For example, she would make certain that a poor girl would marry someone who was wealthy so that the quality of life of the poor family could improve and thus, in a way, the community as a whole. Many people believe that her job was to match singles of the same status; that is not true. She made matches not only based upon what was good for the couple but for the families and the communities. She had a global and historical outlook on her profession.

By her efforts, families in poverty were able to climb out of their predicament. Furthermore, if there was a poor young man who had tremendous intellectual gifts, she would match him to a wealthy family so that he would be able to continue his studies and not have to work. By engineering this, she aided in heightening the intellectual edge of the Jewish community.

And so the matchmaker was able over a number of decades to improve the quality of life of the Jewish community. Love was really not the aspect of marriage that was deemed vital. It was hoped that the couple would, after number of years, find love. In the Jewish tradition love is viewed as something that can be ephemeral. So many matches were determined on the basis of what would benefit the community, not the couple's romantic desires. That is why in the musical "Fiddler on the Roof," Tevya, who is poor and has three daughters, is forced to make the decision to have one of his daughters marry the butcher who is wealthy. Even though the butcher is older and certainly not good-looking, this is seriously considered because it would help Tevya's family out of poverty. Love took a backseat to practicality and, in an atmosphere of poverty and persecution, it made sense. Arranged marriages were the bedrock of the continued survival of the Jewish people.

Therefore, so many of these reality-based dating programs are not so far-fetched according to our Jewish tradition. The show "For Love or Money" might be very much within the Jewish tradition. As a rabbi, I find it difficult to denigrate any of these shows. Furthermore, those who are watching have an opportunity to investigate their own relationships and have a chance to see others confronting the difficult task of finding love or, for that matter, money.



## RENAISSANCE

Jan Kind and Harriet Gould,  
Co-Chairpersons

**Sunday, September 7th**

**11:00 AM**

**A SUNDAY BRUNCH**

Har Sinai Social Hall

*featuring in concert*

**Dr. Oleg and Liliya Maslov**

*(a wonderful duo-piano team)*

**Genia Maslov**

*(their daughter, a fifteen  
year old violinist)*

**Thursday, August 21**

**VICTORIAN CAP**

**MAY TOUR**

8:30 AM: Departs Yardley

Park and Ride

*For more information,*

Contact **Rose Movitch**

**609-895-1397**

**Sunday, October 26th**

**"GOLDA'S BALCONY"**

*starring* **Tovah Feldshuh**

*as* **Golda Meir**

Helen Hayes Theater

New York City

*A Matinee Preceded*

*by Luncheon*

This brings us around to our new building. We'll get there in time. We've been here for over 70 years. We have a beautiful sanctuary and a fine building, which continues to serve our needs for the time being. Our land search committee is continuing to follow up on new leads for land. We do have some good prospects and will pass on the word as soon as we determine that a plot is feasible for us with regard to location, cost, utility accessibility, aesthetics, potential for expansion, and more. This is a major undertaking, which we will have to live with for the next 70 years and we want to make sure we make the right choice.

And now I'd like to discuss membership. We do have room for new members. We've been hesitant to recruit new members until we know what our new address will be. Well, enough of that. We know we will relocate somewhere along the I-95 corridor between the Scudders Falls Bridge and Exit 8. So wherever we finally find our new home, it's going to be within 5 to 10 minutes of any other potential location. If you use your odometer to find a temple to join, you are using the wrong criteria and your priorities are mixed up. Our membership co-chairs are working diligently to spread the word about Har Sinai to potential member families and we could use your help. There is no better source of membership referrals than our current members. Tell your friends and neighbors about what

Har Sinai is doing for your family. If Har Sinai isn't doing enough for you, consider this your personal invitation to get more involved in our temple. Come to a meeting of a committee doing what interests you. Check out our growing list of social action options. Both you and your community benefit when you offer just a few hours a month.

If you've been to a committee meeting in the past and it didn't live up to your expectations, I ask that you try again. We're working on new guidelines with our committee chairs to keep our meetings efficient and productive. Meetings will start and end on time, and the agenda will be interesting and important.

The key yardstick I will use to measure my success as President of your congregation is your participation. Our Trustees can't run Har Sinai alone. With your participation, everything else will fall into place, from membership to our new building.

I thank you for the opportunity to serve Har Sinai as your President. If you have any questions or comments about how we can improve anything around here, please contact me at [President@harsinai.org](mailto:President@harsinai.org).

*Thank you,  
Steve Miller*



### **SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE**

by Debbie Mannella, Chair

***The Social Action Committee will be collecting food as always during the High Holidays...but for BOTH the Jewish Family and Children's Service (kosher) and Crisis Ministry (non-kosher). You will find paper bags available in the Temple lobby beginning Erev Rosh Hashanah. We would appreciate it if you would do as much as you can to bag the kosher and non-kosher products separately.***

### **MEN'S CLUB**

*Steve Gubernick, President*

The boys of summer are back!!! The Har Sinai Men's Club Softball team ascends the field each Sunday to do battle against other area synagogues. While our record is only 2-4, 3 of our losses came in the bottom of the 7th (or 8th innings). With any mazel, we could be 5-1. We are led by the graceful fielding of Mike Katz and Cliff Bolder, the power hitting of Barry Truchil, Barry Blumberg, and Lew Dauer, and the timely hitting of Barry Haftel, Dave Hoyer, and Ariel Schwartz. The playoffs start the 2nd Sunday in August. We hope to see you there supporting us. Bring the family...softball isn't just a sport, its an event.

# HAR SINAI INSTALLS 2003-2004 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

### ***Steve Miller (President)***

Steve was born in Philadelphia and raised in Glenside, becoming a Bar Mitzvah at Keneseth Israel. After graduating from Cheltenham High School, he earned a Bachelor of Science, Business Administration degree from the University of Florida, Gainesville, where he met his wife Laurie. After college, Steve worked in his family's costume manufacturing business for 13 years. In 1990 Steve and Laurie established "A Wish Come True", manufacturing children's fantasy and dance recital costumes. He has served two terms on the executive board of United Dance Merchants of America. Steve's hobbies include digital photography, golf, water skiing and roller blading.

Steve and Laurie have been married for 27 years, have two daughters and live in Yardley. Their daughter Jamie graduated from New York University's Stern School of Business in December 2002 and lives in New York. Nikki is currently a student at Boston University. The Millers visited Israel in December 1996 with Rabbi Straus, where Nikki became a Bat Mitzvah. Both Nikki and Jamie became a Bat Mitzvah at Har Sinai, and both served as Presidents of HSTY.

Since joining the Board of Trustees in 1997, Steve has worked on Membership, Long Range Advisory, Building and Grounds, and Publicity Committees and he regularly feeds the homeless. Steve has participated in many Har Sinai events. He designed and produced a brochure for recruiting new members and worked on the book celebrating Cantor's 15th Anniversary at Har Sinai.

Steve's goals as President of Har Sinai are to increase Temple membership, and encourage members to feel connected to Har Sinai through participation in committees, Temple events and community service.

### ***Martin Deitchman (1st Vice President)***

Marty was born and raised in Yonkers, New York. He attended college at SUNY Albany, graduating in 1978



*Pictured at the June 16th Annual Meeting is the 2003-2004 Executive Committee, left to right: Laurent Levy, Hope Kadesh, Marilyn Weinstein, Edye Discount, Steve Miller, Janice Blumberg, Nancy Fine, and Marty Deitchman.*

with a degree in Accounting. During his career he has worked in both public accounting and investment management firms. Along with his wife Beth and their children Stephen and Allison, he has been a member of the Temple since 1996. Marty is pleased to be able to be involved in helping plan for the future of Har Sinai during this exciting time in the Temple's history.

### ***Nancy Fine (2nd Vice President)***

### ***Laurent Levy (3rd Vice President)***

Laurent grew up in Morgantown, West Virginia and graduated from the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston with a degree in Piano Performance. After attending graduate school at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY, he attained a degree in Computer Science from SUNY at Brockport. In 1992 he moved to Yardley where he currently resides. As an independent Information Technology consultant, his clients have included Aventis Pharmaceuticals, Fleet Bank, Merrill Lynch, and Campbell Soup. In 1995 Laurent heard Cantor Wisnia for the first time and immediately joined Har Sinai after having "shopped" several of the synagogues in the area. In 1996 he was married in Har Sinai to his wife Karen, escorted by his daughter Arielle, and Karen's kids Joshua, Sara, and Jeremy. Their latest addition Elianna joined the family in 1997 and was named by Cantor Wisnia that year. In 1999 Laurent joined the faculty of the religious school as a substitute then on a full-time basis the following year. In addition to accompanying and co-directing Purimshpiels and other musical endeavors, he serves as the Temple webmaster. He is also a licensed pilot and flies for Angel Flight, a service providing free transportation to medical facilities for patients. He looks forward to helping Har Sinai grow and thrive.

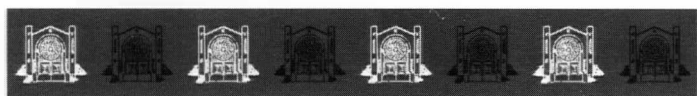
### ***Janice Blumberg (Financial Secretary)***





### ***Edye Discount (Recording Secretary)***

Edye was born and raised in the Philadelphia area. She became a Bat Mitzvah in May 1970. She attended Temple University and Holy Family College. She has lived in the Yardley area for 8 years with her husband Stuart, and children Brian, 18, and Amy, 16. Edye has been active at Har Sinai since joining 10 years ago, especially in the Sisterhood, and most recently as Sisterhood President. Now chairing the Membership Committee, she hopes to open the door for all Reform Jews looking for a new home. Edye has enjoyed instructing indoor cycling at area fitness centers and spends most of her time providing clients her services as a fitness trainer.



### **NEW MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

#### ***Ilene Pearl Bannwart***

#### ***Linda Geyer-Bolder***

Linda was born and raised in Northeast Philadelphia. She attended Pennsylvania State University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in secondary education/social studies. Linda went on to take business courses at various universities and went into the insurance field. She has worked as an underwriting manager and marketing manager at several companies and is currently Vice President at USA Special Risk, a company she co-founded five years ago. She is a member of numerous Insurance Organizations and has earned various designations in her field. She is also a licensed insurance agent, broker and surplus lines broker. Linda's husband Cliff is the Sales Manager of Diamond Needle Corporation. The Bolder's have a son, Alex, 14, and reside in Yardley PA. Linda is involved in Ort, Boys Town Jerusalem, various school groups and Lawrence Flames Ice Hockey. Linda has been active in Har Sinai Sisterhood since 1998 and is pleased to serve the synagogue in her new role.

#### ***Ursula Brooks***

For most of her life, since arriving in the United States in 1941 from Shanghai as a refugee from German occupied Poland, Ursula Brooks has lived in New Jersey. She was a social worker prior to assuming her position as Professor at the Rutgers University School of Social Work. Her professional interests centered around social work practice with the chronically ill as well as casework and family therapy. Since her retirement from the University in 1992, Ursula has been happily pursuing her interests in birding, gardening and further study of Jewish wisdom, ethics and practice. Her husband,

Alexander Brooks, died in 2001. She has two daughters and two grandchildren.

#### ***Christopher Kemper***

Christopher Kemper was born in New York City and raised in Huntington, Long Island. After various careers as a cab driver, actor, laboratory technician, and Operations Specialist in the US Navy, he obtained a B.Sc. in Chemistry from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He was the oldest member of his graduating class. He attended graduate school at the University of Louisville Medical Center, obtaining a Ph.D. in Pharmacology in 1983. Since then, he has worked for several companies in the pharmaceutical business as a research scientist and business manager. These companies include Wyeth Laboratories, Johnson and Johnson, Phoenix International, LC Resources, and, currently, Taylor Technology. At 13 miles, Taylor is his shortest commute. The commute for LC Resources was 2,550 miles.

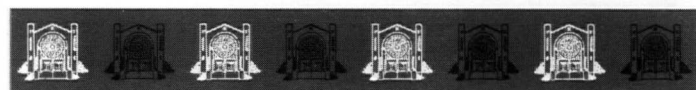
The Kempers became members of Har Sinai in 1985. Chris has been a regular in the adult study group since then and has been an usher for High Holy Days for the last several years. He and his wife Robin have two daughters, Adena, 19, and Erica, 17. Robin is a structural engineer, fellow usher, and retiring Board member. Adena's goal is to be a Rabbi; Erica's a criminal psychologist. The experiences of his daughters becoming B'nai Mitzvah were the most moving events of his life and strengthened his commitment to Har Sinai and Judaism.

#### ***Brian Shaffer***

#### ***Wendy Weiss***



*Above, with President Steve Miller at the Annual Meeting, are new Board Members, left to right: Chris Kemper, Wendy Weiss, Linda Geyer-Bolder. Missing from picture are Ilene Pearl Bannwart, Ursula Brooks, and Brian Shaffer.*



## Library News



Rita Allen, Librarian (ritaallen@sbcglobal.net)

The greatest problem facing me as the Librarian of Har Sinai Temple is the disappearance of books from our Temple collection. Books are checked out and never returned; in many cases they are never signed for, so that there is no way to know who has borrowed them. Even when the borrower is known, postcards sent to the home are ignored. Our collection is being decimated and there does not seem to be anything that can be done about this, save to beg repeatedly for congregants to check their bookshelves at home and return the missing books to us.

Paradoxically, another large problem is the disposition of books that, in consultation with the Rabbi, have been deemed unwanted. They are too old, too scholarly, or duplicates of titles that we already have. Many different methods are used to place these books where they will be used and appreciated. At Rabbi Pollack's suggestion, HUC has been contacted and rabbinical students have been encouraged to increase their personal libraries. Also, books have on occasion been sold to Judaic book dealers so that not only will these books find a happier home but our Library Fund will be increased.

Aside from these problems, working in our library remains a pleasure to me. Books are ordered after discussions with Rabbi Pollack, Cantor Wisnia, Education Director Magda Reyes, and any interested congregants. Laura Reiser, Peggy Dzermajko and Michael Rein are, as always, extremely helpful in dealing with the practical problems that occur.

We encourage congregants to visit our excellent Library, suggest new titles, borrow books and especially, to return them.

## HAR SINAI THANKS

...**The Men's Club** for facilitating and underwriting the Sisterhood and Renaissance co-sponsored Congregational Brunch on June 1st. Those attending got to hear a fascinating presentation by Douglas Rushkoff on "the future of Judaism." We can thank the Men's Club and the Adult Program and Learning Fund for sharing the speaker fee.

...Our **Confirmation Class Parents**, for coordinating the a wonderful Confirmation Dinner, the flowers, the gifts...thanks to **Don Millner** for serving as photographer for the class picture...special thanks to the Confirmation families for their donation of a beautiful, enlarged version of the kiddush tray and additional small kiddush cups.

...**Harriet Gould**, for the mammoth job she did as chair of Renaissance's June 29th trip to the new Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts in Philadelphia. Sold out twice (two buses, completed filled, made this trip), the evening was complete with a bountiful dinner at Andreotti's Viennese Café in Cherry Hill and finished with a wonderful concert, "Absolutely Mozart," performed by the Philadelphia Orchestra in the Kimmel Center's absolutely beautiful rosewood concert hall.

...**Mike Simon**, for coordinating the Men's Club outing to the Trenton Thunder on June 15th.

...**Art and Roberta Frank**, for another super successful, fun-filled Dixieland Jazz Night on June 8th.

...**Robin and Chris Kemper**, for hosting the June 11th meeting of the Home Study Group.

...**Mary Kirsch**, chair of the Annual Meeting Dinner, for facilitating a lovely meal in celebration of the completion of another successful Har Sinai year...special thanks to **Nikki Miller** who served as the official photographer of the evening.

## BULLETIN BOARD

### HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS

5 - Hannah Levy	8 yrs
6 - Brian Sussman	13 yrs
7 - Evan Ellenbogen	12 yrs
9 - Gabriel Lewin	12 yrs
David Shaffer	11 yrs
10 - James Duthie	3 yrs
12 - Samuel Chertock	12 yrs
16 - Gabrielle Gallo	5 yrs
Matthew Schwartz	12 yrs
19 - Benjamin Stadulis	13 yrs
20 - Nathaniel Tebb	8 yrs
21 - Marc Friedland	9 yrs
23 - Michelle Hofman	13 yrs
Paige Hofman	13 yrs
25 - Devon Harris	12 yrs
Rebecca Marrow	12 yrs
28 - Evan Ozaroff	7 yrs
29 - Max Rigie	12 yrs
31 - Natalie Bernstein	11 yrs

### SPECIAL JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 - Natalie Marcus
2 - Beatrice Zabludoff
9 - Angela Tolleris
11 - Harold Davis
13 - Alyce Farber
18 - Minnie Pollak
22 - Sidney Rosenthal
24 - Ruth Siegle
25 - Beatrice Frey

### SIGNIFICANT JULY ANNIVERSARIES

7 - Ellen & Michael Somerstein	40 yrs
Alice & Howard Welt	35 yrs
8 - Mona & Michael Barmash	25 yrs
23 - Janis & Gerald Dorland	25 yrs
24 - Randi & Neil Flax	10 yrs

## Pulpit Flowers

### June

**Brian Strauss**, in honor of his sons, **Eric** and **Michael**, becoming B'nai Mitzvah.

**Ruth and Barry Edelman**, in honor of their daughter, **Alexa**, becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

**Marilyn and Joel Orland**, in honor of their son, **Max**, becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

**Susan and Gary Sing**, in honor of their son, **Max**, becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

### HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 - Allison Deitchman	11 yrs
3 - Leah Schaeffer	10 yrs
Samantha Schaeffer	10 yrs
6 - Andrea Wexler	7 yrs
7 - Jacklyn Rapport	7 yrs
9 - Tyler Goldberg	9 yrs
11 - Allison Levine	8 yrs
14 - Aaron Biros	10 yrs
15 - Philip Katz	13 yrs
16 - Jennifer Sherman	8 yrs
17 - Tyler Kobil	6 yrs
18 - Rachel Schondel	6 yrs
Alexandra Weinroth	11 yrs
20 - Bruce Nahan	10 yrs
23 - Matthew Katz	13 yrs
24 - Leigh Anne Daly	13 yrs
James Kaltman	8 yrs
25 - Harrison Kratz	13 yrs
26 - Amy Scheiner	13 yrs
27 - Joshua Edelman	10 yrs
Samuel Freedman	8 yrs
29 - Eli Pollack	10 yrs

### SPECIAL AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 - Rita Rosenthal
7 - Nora Erlichman
14 - Evelyn Gerofsky
18 - Norma Byer
Fred Byer
19 - Freda Riger
25 - Sherman Gould
Eunice Levie

### SIGNIFICANT AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

3 - Carole & Stephen Lichtenstein	45 yrs
10 - Laura & Sidney Hofing	45 yrs
11 - Ruthellen & Marc Rubin	30 yrs
14 - Pilar & Alan Kline	15 yrs
21 - Ariel & Gene Chertock	20 yrs

## Oneg Shabbat Sponsors

**Brian Strauss** sponsored the Oneg Shabbat in honor of his sons,

**Michael** and **Eric**, who became B'nai Mitzvah.

**Ruth and Steve Harris and Family** sponsored an Oneg Shabbat in honor of **Alexa Edelman**, who became a Bat Mitzvah.

The **Orland Family** sponsored an Oneg Shabbat in honor of **Max Orland**, who became a Bar Mitzvah.

**Dorothy and Fischel Myers** sponsored the Oneg Shabbat in honor of their grandson, **Max Sing**, who became a Bar Mitzvah.

## Mazel Tov to...

**Sylvia Aronis**, on the May 16th birth of her great granddaughter, **Eva Rose Wallis**. Eva is the daughter of **Jennifer** and **Bruce Wallis** and the granddaughter of **Norma** and **Ned Rogin**.

**Rachel Adler and Armin Ek-Yeh**, on the June 12th birth of their daughter, **Ilana Helen Ek-Adler**.

**Becky and Jim Levy**, on the engagement of their son, **Jonathan**, to **Jill Nusbaum**. Jill is the daughter of **Ellen** and **Sanford Nusbaum** of North Miami Beach, Florida.

**Linda and Jan Treilman**, on the engagement of their son, **Erik**, to **Randi Fenichel**. Randi is the daughter of **Suzan** and **Marvin Fenichel** of Freehold, New Jersey. A December 2004 wedding is planned.

## In Memoriam

May we extend our  
deepest sympathy  
in remembering



*Paul Davidow*

Husband of Sheila  
Davidow

*Dr. Louis Lapin*

Brother of Dr. Mathew Lapin

*Isadore Richelson*

Father of Myra Klein Pesa

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## SISTERHOOD NEWS AND VIEWS by Linda Bolder

### ROSH HASHANAH GREETING CARDS

Sisterhood will be selling  
Greeting Cards for the holiday  
\$2.00/each of 3 for \$5.00  
Flyer will soon be in the mail.

### Wednesday, October 22 DINNER/SHOP TILL YOU DROP/FASHION SHOW EXTRAVAGANZA

Mark the date...details to follow

### Sunday, November 9, at 1:00 pm RABBI'S BOOK CLUB

*Beautiful Bodies*  
By Laura Shaine Cunningham  
Bring a bag lunch and we'll supply the  
refreshments and dessert. Start reading....

### UNCLE RALPH'S DESSERTS

We are ordering those delicious treats again for the  
Thanksgiving Holiday. Desserts to be delivered  
the week of Thanksgiving. Forms and  
information to be out in October.

*Vendors needed for Har Sinai Fashion Show  
on October 22nd (evening).  
Looking for vendors catering to ladies.  
Contact Linda Bolder  
(evenings only) at 215-321-3341.*

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORT

by Magda Reyes, Director of Education

Becoming a Bar or Bat Mitzvah is an important milestone in a child's Jewish education that requires much preparation, commitment and perseverance. The family and the staff of the Temple Religious School are all involved in introducing the Bar Mitzvah to the responsibilities of a young Jewish adult.

At Har Sinai Temple, preparation for Bar Mitzvah is intense. Besides the regular Hebrew and Judaic classes, the Bar Mitzvah also studies with Cantor Wisnia, Rabbi Pollack and a special prayer teacher. Cantor Wisnia takes the children in group classes approximately six months before their actual dates for lessons in Jewish history and other relevant topics. Following the class sessions, each child meets with the cantor for many weeks to study the appropriate liturgy. Rabbi Pollack meets with families and children on numerous occasions to go over the meaning and significance of the event. New for this coming school year, a qualified and experienced prayer teacher has been added who will meet with each child individually early in the preparation process to evaluate prayer proficiency and provide extra lessons, review sessions or prayer practice, as needed.

*The Executive Board and The Board of Trustees of Har Sinai Temple, in order to maintain the high quality of the Bar Mitzvah program and recognizing the intense preparation that the Religious School provides for each child and the extra expense incurred, has approved a Bar Mitzvah fee of \$325 to be assessed to each family of a prospective Bar Mitzvah. The fee will appear on the annual dues bill sent to congregants before the start of the new school year. (Board of Trustees Meeting, May 2003)*

We are very proud of the Religious School's Bar Mitzvah preparation program and wish to ensure that every child receives the best in Jewish education that is also tailored to his needs. Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns about this important event.





*Save The Date*  
Saturday Evening,  
**September 20, at 8:45 pm**  
**JOINT SELICHOT SERVICE**  
Beth Chaim Congregation  
Princeton Junction, NJ  
featuring  
**Daniel Harris, Ph.D.**  
*"T'Shuvah: Turning Ourselves  
to the New Year"*

## HELP US PREPARE FOR THE NEW YEAR HAR SINAI YEAR

### HELP OUR SUMMER MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Har Sinai is proud of its programs, services and Religious School. Please tell people you know, relatives, friends, and neighbors, that Har Sinai would be a wonderful congregation for them to join. The Membership Committee, chaired by Karen Friedland and Abbie Katz, along with your cooperation, would appreciate the opportunity to talk to these people. We want to tell them about our exciting Temple and everything we have to offer. ***Please contact the Temple office with names and phone numbers of friends or relatives who might be interested in joining our congregation.***

### KOL NIDRE APPEAL

Again this year, the Board of Trustees of Har Sinai Hebrew Congregation has approved an annual appeal to raise funds to maintain the integrity of our valuable building and to increase substantially the growth of our Endowment Fund. Contributions made in response to this Appeal will be divided equally between the Capital Improvements Fund and the Endowment Fund. The allocation to the Endowment Fund reflects our commitment to the future financial well-being of Har Sinai as a vital, progressive Reform congregation. During the month of August, you will be receiving your High Holiday Appeal packet. ***Please be generous when considering your donation to this very worthwhile, once-a-year, request.***

### USHERS NEEDED FOR THE HIGH HOLIDAYS

Our ushers, all volunteer members of our congregation, perform a wonderful service during our High Holidays. They offer a warm and friendly welcome to all who come to worship with us for the Holidays. They also help us find seats and are there in case of an emergency.

We invite everyone in our congregation to help usher during the holidays. ***If you would like to volunteer to join our usher corps, please call the Temple office; we will pass your name on to Dan Surkin, chair of our Usher Committee, for scheduling.***

### COMMITTEE OF HONOR

Throughout its history, Har Sinai has provided for the spiritual, educational, and cultural needs of each generation. Our Temple will remain strong only as long as our members continue to provide a solid base of financial support. A significant portion of our dues income comes from the 41 generous Temple families who participate in our Committee of Honor. These are the members of our Congregation who have voluntarily increased their annual dues commitment to a minimum of \$2,000 a family or \$1,100 for a single member. At this period in our history, when we are asking so much from all of our members, we are grateful for the additional support of the members of this group, whose names appear on a plaque found in the Tree of Life Room outside of the Social Hall. In these difficult economic times, we depend more than ever on the members of the Committee of Honor.

***If you would like to become a member of the Committee of Honor, please contact the Temple office, the Rabbi, or an officer of the Congregation. Thank you.***

### REMEMBER!!

The High Holy Days will begin this year on Friday evening, September 26<sup>th</sup>, Erev Rosh Hashanah. The Temple and School offices have already begun preparations for the opening of school on September 7<sup>th</sup> and the Holidays soon after. All of the following important pieces of Temple business have either been mailed to our membership already or will be in the next few weeks. ***We would appreciate it if you would please mail them back to the Temple office as soon as possible:***

- ☐ Book of Memory Card
- ☐ Religious School Registration
- ☐ High Holiday Tickets Request Card
- ☐ Payment Plan Request Card
- ☐ High Holiday Appeal Commitment Card

# JULY/AUGUST 2003 DONATIONS

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## MEMORIAL FUND

**George Chamlin:** Ruth & Marvin Chamlin  
**Chester Cohen:** Evelyn Cohen  
**Tillie Druz:** William Druz  
**Abraham Elfman:** Frances Applebaum  
**Albert Friedman:** Dorothy Glogoff  
**Bessie Friedman:** Dorothy Glogoff  
**Beulah Glickman:** Evelyn Rifkin  
**Harry Glogoff:** Dorothy Glogoff  
**Dr. Louis Lapin:** Elaine & Mathew Lapin  
**Isadore Richelson:** Mr. & Mrs. Robert Alberts, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Brown Jr., Mary Ellen & Wesley Lane and Family, Fran & Andy Nitkin, Oxford Valley Elementary School, Sunshine Committee, Marilyn & Dennis Winfrey  
**Robert Ross:** Gloria & Rick Laden, Marion Vogler  
**Sadye Smith:** Marilyn & Harold Zeltt

## TEMPLE FUND

*In Memory Of:*  
**Paul Davidow:** Joanne & Joel Namm, Sandra & Richard Nitzberg  
**Anna Eckert:** Betty Platt  
**Benjamin Katz:** Peggy & Richard Dickson  
**Eugene Kline:** Joan, Ted, Jen & Tim Podkul  
**Noah Kroll:** Sandra & Richard Nitzberg  
**Nettie Popkin Kupersmit:** Sandra & Richard Nitzberg  
**Louis Kushner:** Cantor Marshall & Roberta Glatzer  
**Father of Milko Pesa:** Ruthellen & Marc Rubin  
**Isadore Richelson:** Ruthellen & Marc Rubin  
**Robert Ross:** Elaine & Mathew Lapin, Irene & Bruce Schragger  
**Adele Saxl:** Seymour Selzer  
**Eva Schulick:** Hon. Bernard & Barbara Goldberg  
**Rosamond Selzer:** Carol Clark, Seymour Selzer  
**Paul Steinglass:** Peggy &

Richard Dickson

*In Honor Of:*

**In Appreciation of Cantor Wisnia:** Hillary Steinberg & Peter Motelson  
**Dorothy & Philip Albert's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Janis Kind  
**Sherman Gould's Speedy & Complete Recovery:** Nanette & Stan Haberman  
**Joanne & Richard Hochman's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Janis Kind  
**Andrew Marc Kline Becoming a Bar Mitzvah:** Judith Kline Leavett, Noah Leavett, David Leavett & Helen Kim; Joan, Ted, Jen & Tim Podkul  
**Rebecca & James Levy's 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Janis Kind  
**Judy Mann's Speedy Recovery:** Peggy & Richard Dickson  
**Max Orland Becoming a Bar Mitzvah:** Cantor Marshall & Roberta Glatzer  
**Rita & Sy Rosenthal's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Maxene & Saul Feinberg

## RABBI'S FUND

*In Memory Of:*  
**Dan Gebel:** Jane & Martin Millner  
**Abraham Gordon:** Roz & Norman Coopersmith  
**Dina Gordon:** Roz & Norman Coopersmith  
**Sophie Magod:** Carol & Buddy Magod  
**Edward Magod:** Carol & Buddy Magod  
**Henry Millner:** Helen Schwartz  
**Isadore Richelson:** Jane & Martin Millner, Nancy & Robert Schenkel  
*In Honor Of:*  
**In Appreciation:** Men's Club  
**Alexa Edelman Becoming a Bat Mitzvah:** Ruth & Barry Edelman  
**Steve Goldstein's Speedy Recovery:** Jane & Martin Millner  
**Kristi Jones Conversion to Judaism:** Mary Beth Chazan  
**Emily Kimmelman Becoming a Bat Mitzvah:** Lisa & Simon Kimmelman

## CANTOR'S FUND

*In Memory Of:*  
**Charles Letter:** Lorell Levy  
**Benton Ressler:** Daisy Garfunkel  
**Isadore Richelson:** Judy & Jack Seelig  
**Robert Ross:** Natalie & Amel Stark  
**Jack Sklute:** Muriel Zeltmacher  
**Rosamond Selzer:** Daisy Garfunkel  
*In Honor Of:*  
**In Appreciation of Cantor Wisnia:** Miriam Labbok  
**Jerry Dorland's Speedy Recovery:** Judy & Jack Seelig  
**Alexa Edelman Becoming a Bat Mitzvah:** Ruth & Barry Edelman  
**Emily Kimmelman Becoming a Bat Mitzvah:** Lisa & Simon Kimmelman

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND:

*In Honor Of:*  
**Florence & Harvey Rosen's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary:** Hope & Stu Kadesh

## PRAYERBOOK FUND

*In Memory Of:*  
**Betty Berman:** Marie & Ronald Berman  
**Ida Meltser Gross:** Ruth Siegle  
**Harry Gross:** Ruth Siegle  
**My Beloved Husband, William Kravitz:** Rita Kravitz  
**Hyman Rosenthal:** Rita & Sy Rosenthal  
**Sara Seit Rosenthal:** Rita & Sy Rosenthal  
**Edward Haskell Schulick:** Barbara & Bernard Goldberg  
*In Honor Of:*  
**Max Orland Becoming a Bar Mitzvah:** Rita Kravitz

## SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE FUND

*In Honor Of:*  
**Joanne & Richard Hochman's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Ruth & Allen M. H. Levine  
**Becky & Jimmy Levy's 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Ruth & Allen M. H. Levine

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**Jon Levy's Engagement to Jill Nusbaum:** Ellin & Stuart Hirsch

## **LIBRARY FUND**

*In Memory Of:*

**Irving Kunes:** Ruth Kunes

*In Honor Of:*

**JoAnn & James Sachs 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Ellin & Stuart Hirsch

**Natalie Stark's Special**

**Birthday:** Ellin & Stuart Hirsch

## **YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

*In Memory Of:*

**Mother of Devorah Garber:**

Linda & Arthur Finkle

**Robert Ross:** Linda & Arthur Finkle

## **ROBERT H. BLOOM FUND**

*In Memory Of:*

**Father of Dr. Norman Katz:**

Naomi & Philip Griffin

*In Honor Of:*

**Dr. & Mrs. Norman Katz's**

**Daughter's Marriage:** Naomi & Philip Griffin

**Stacey Namm's Receiving her**

**PHD:** Naomi & Philip Griffin

## **STEPHANIE MANN MEMORIAL FUND**

*In Memory Of:*

**Helene Miller Deitz, Our**

**Beloved Mother:** Joanne &

Richard Hochman, Becky &

Jimmy Levy

**Dr. Joseph R. Deitz, Our**

**Beloved Father:** Joanne &

Richard Hochman, Becky &

Jimmy Levy

**Mother of Devorah Garber:**

Judy & Lowell Mann

**Father of Dr. Norman Katz:**

Renee & Saul Wolfson

**Isadore Richelson:** JoAnn & Jim Sachs

**Julia Sackin:** Ethel & Erwin Mann

**Ultima Tindall:** Mrs. Bert Troll

*In Honor Of:*

**Kate Eingorn Becoming a Bat**

**Mitzvah:** Gail & Richard

Feinstein

**Patty & Adolf Herst's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Ellin & Stuart Hirsch

**Joanne & Richard Hochman's**

**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Ellin & Stuart

Hirsch, Lynne & Bill Newman

**Rachel & Neil Lesser, Both**

**Receiving Their MBA from**

**University of Michigan:** Lynne &

Bill Newman

**Becky & Jimmy Levy's 35<sup>th</sup>**

**Anniversary:** Ellin & Stuart

Hirsch, Lynne & Bill Newman,

Renee & Saul Wolfson

**Judy Mann's Speedy Recovery:**

Judy & Jack Seelig, Sue & Rick

Wilson, Marilyn & Harold Zeltt

**Linda & Irwin Moskowitz's**

**Son's Upcoming Marriage to**

**Melissa Jampol:** Judy & Jack

Seelig

**Jonathan Levy's Engagement to**

**Jill Nusbaum:** Ruth & Marvin

Chamlin, Lynne & Bill Newman,

Renee & Saul Wolfson

**Stacey Namm Receiving Her**

**PhD Degree:** Rebecca & James

Levy

**Emily Norman's College**

**Graduation:** Rebecca & James

Levy

**Karen & Bill Norton's**

**Retirements:** Betsy Weston

**Rita & Sy Rosenthal's 60<sup>th</sup>**

**Anniversary:** Ellin & Stuart

Hirsch

**Andy Schragger's Marriage:**

Betsy Weston

**Ellen & Michael Somerstein's**

**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Lynne & Bill

Newman

**Birth of Sue & Rick Wilson's**

**Grandson, Elijah Aaron:** Judy &

Jack Seelig

## **ENDOWMENT FUND**

*In Memory Of:*

**Sarah Kaye:** Charlotte & Herb

Levin

## **IRMA LABBOK**

## **TRANSPORTATION FUND**

*In Honor Of:*

**Jean Arnold's Speedy Recovery:**

Miriam Labbok

## **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PROGRAM FUND**

*In Honor Of:*

**Stacey Pastorella Becoming**

**Confirmed:** Elaine & Mathew

Lapin

## **ADULT PROGRAM & Learning**

*In Memory Of:*

**Joseph Selzer:** Seymour Selzer

## **SOCIAL ACTION FUND**

*In Honor Of:*

**Dorothy & Phil Albert's Special**

**Anniversary:** Rose Movitch

**Ruth & Don Barrack's Special**

**Anniversary:** Rose Movitch

**Patty & Adolf Herst's Special**

**Anniversary:** Rose Movitch

**Andrew Kline Becoming a Bar**

**Mitzvah:** Dorothy Glogoff

**Becky & Jim Levy's Special**

**Anniversary:** Rose Movitch

**Evelyn Rifkin's Special**

**Birthday:** Rose Movitch

**The Birth of My Great**

**Granddaughter, Eva Rose**

**Wallis:** Sylvia Aronis

## **SISTERHOOD GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES:**

## **JOY AND SORROW FUND**

*In Memory Of:*

**Rose Krison:** Phyllis & Dennis

Malinger

## **HILDRED AND I. IRVING GROSS MEMORIAL FUND:**

*In Memory Of:*

**Abraham Elfman:** Rita Graziano

**David Krotosky:** Roslyn Kushner

**Sol Krotosky:** Roslyn Kushner

**Philip Segal:** Evelyn Weinstein

## **SPECIAL NEEDS:**

*In Honor of:*

**In Appreciation of Judy**

**Millner's Service to Har Sinai:**

Phyllis & Dennis Malinge