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H A R S I N A I T E M P L E

# Bulletin

December/January  
2005/2006

## Worship Services

Friday, December 2	8:00 pm
<b>KEHILAT SHABBAT SERVICE</b>	
Friday, December 9	8:00 pm
<b>SHABBAT SERVICE</b>	
Saturday, December 10	10:30 am
<b>Bar Mitzvah</b>	
<b>Malcolm Ali Bingham</b>	
Son of Johna and Robert Bingham	
Friday, December 16	7:30 pm
<b>SIMCHAT SHABBAT CHANUKAH SERVICE</b>	
<i>December Birthday Blessings</i>	
Friday, December 23	8:00 pm
<b>SHABBAT SERVICE</b>	
Friday, December 30	8:00 pm
<b>SHABBAT SERVICE</b>	
Friday, January 6	8:00 pm
<b>SHABBAT SERVICE</b>	
Friday, January 13	8:00 pm
<b>SHABBAT SERVICE</b>	
Friday, January 20	8:00 pm
<b>KEHILAT SHABBAT SERVICE</b>	
<i>January Birthday Blessings</i>	
Friday, January 27	8:00 pm
<b>TALMUDOT SHABBAT SERVICE</b>	

*Sisterhood Presents...*

**24<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CHANUKAH FAMILY DINNER**

**Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, at 6:15 pm**

*Flyers have been mailed.*

## RABBINIC REFLECTIONS

Whose side is God on anyway? Throughout history, there have been religious leaders who believe that God takes sides on issues. They insist that God speaks directly to them, revealing God's thoughts, preferences and opinions. In the Bible and Jewish literature, many of these so called "spokesmen" for God were deemed charlatans or false prophets. They aroused more hatred, divisiveness, and societal consternation than spiritual enlightenment. The prophets of Israel were considered true prophets because they encouraged faith and commitment to the ideals of Jewish belief as a way of strengthening the community rather than tearing it apart. They were more interested in actions that would help the poor, the downtrodden, and those who were left behind, than in judging the opinions of Israelites on any given issue. And, throughout the millennia, their words have been considered some of the most stirring calls for the improvement and the betterment of society.

Today, there are those who consider themselves spokesmen for God while their utter disregard for the spirit and essence of religious teaching belies all sense of rational thought. In this category of false prophets and of charlatany is Pat Robertson, the televangelist who was a former Republican aspirant to the presidency of the United States. Recently, he called for the assassination of a democratically-elected foreign leader of a sovereign country. He has also inveighed against Ariel Sharon for being "too soft" with the Palestinians. Yet, he enjoys a substantial following of those who believe he speaks in the name of God. His television program, "The 700 Club," is a platform from which he hurls diatribes against what he considers immorality and backsliding.

Last month, after the local elections, Reverend Robertson chastised the people of Dover, Pennsylvania, for electing representatives to the School Board who probably will not vote for the ludicrous notions of "Intelligent Design" to be taught in science classrooms alongside evolution. These newly elected School Board members ousted those who were considering actually having teachers teach the pseudo science of "Intelligent Design," a movement which is in the realm of theology, not science. This angered Pat Robertson to the point at which he declared on his television program that the city of Dover, Pennsylvania, is in deep trouble with God. He said, "I'd like to say to the good citizens of Dover: if there is a disaster in your area, don't turn to God, you just rejected Him from your city." He continued, "And don't wonder why He doesn't help you when problems begin, if they begin. I'm not saying they will, but if they do, just remember, you just voted God out of your city. And if that's the case, don't ask for His help because he might not be there."

That God would be concerned with the voting patterns of Dover, Pennsylvania, is beyond absurd. Pat Robertson is the worst representation of a godly man. Yet there are those who follow his every utterance with total reverence.

In the historical novel, *The Birth of Venus*, Sarah Dunant describes the years 1494-1498 in Florence, Italy, when a Dominican Prior by the name of Savonarola preached that the citizens of Florence were sinful. He called for a religious revitalization of the city which resulted in a dark period of time in which great works of art were either banned from being created or were burned in what he labeled a "bon-

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fire of vanities." This period was considered one of the worst times in the storied history of Florence. Savonarola felt that he was speaking in the name of God. He also told the people of Florence that if they did not adhere to his stringent interpretation of Christian teaching, God would abandon the city. In time, the Pope excommunicated him for heresy and his reign of terror ended.

Pat Robertson's twisted and frightening interpretation of Biblical teaching is reminiscent of the worst aspects of religious fanaticism. We see too many suicide bombers who also believe that God has personally directed them to kill others. The citizenry of Dover, Pennsylvania, did not want pseudo science to be taught as real science. They believed such notions are better left

for classes in theology or religion. Pat Robertson disagreed with this vote and evoked the name of God in the most blasphemous of ways.

In Kansas, "Intelligent Design" is being taught; in fact, the very definition of science has been changed to accommodate the warped perceptions of the formidable radical evangelical movement. I suppose we will be not be encountering many Nobel Prize laureates hailing from Kansas. Following Reverend Robertson's logic, Kansas is now protected from any Godly disasters. We hope that the citizens of Dover, Pennsylvania, do not take too seriously the words of Reverend Robertson. His brand of false prophecy is just a form of fear mongering that causes hatred not religious aspiration.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MARILYN WEINSTEIN [president@harsinai.org](mailto:president@harsinai.org)

This month, I'd like to spend most of my column on the progress of our move, a subject that I know you are all very interested in. But before I do, I want to reiterate that there are many wonderful programs that continue to be a part of Har Sinai's ongoing operations. In November, we had 3 outstanding events: the Annual New Member Dinner, our second Kehilat Shabbat service and our Wine Tasting dinner with Spencer Christian. I had the opportunity to meet and see again a number of our new members at a special dinner that was organized by Hope Kadesh and prepared by several members of the Board of Trustees. What a pleasure it was to greet such an enthusiastic and warm group of people! To these and other new members, I welcome you again and want you to know how very glad we are that you've decided to join the Har Sinai community. You will be part of the future of Har Sinai, and I know you will be putting your stamp on that future in the months and years ahead.

The second Kehilat Shabbat was lovely, and we continue to get good feedback from our members about these new services. Our Wine Tasting dinner, a first for Har Sinai, was a big success, thanks to the Fund Raising Committee, chaired by Edye Discount. A special Thank You to Abbie and Richard Katz for bringing Spencer Christian, who hosted the evening and who was so knowledgeable and charming.

Now for the news on our move. First, as you know, we have officially hired and started working with the architecture firm of Posen, Rubin & Rotman (PR&R). This choice was the result of a thorough search and we were impressed by the professionalism, creativity and sensitivity to cost that was shown by this firm. We have already had 2 subsequent meetings with PR&R, where we have made initial and exciting progress on the interior design of the school renovation and the chapel/multi-purpose room. Everyone on the Pre-Construction Committee who has been at these meetings is extremely pleased at this early date with how the project is proceeding. On the zoning front, our engineers have completed the site plan needed for the site plan approval zoning hearing (our final hurdle before closing on the property in Pennington). We are awaiting one final environmental report, and when that is finished we can schedule a date for this important hearing. We still anticipate clos-

ing on the Route 31 site in the near future.

An integral part of our move to Pennington is, of course, the financial side of the project. I announced at the High Holiday services that Judy Millner and Barry Frost, co-chairs of the Capital Campaign, have begun a new round of fund raising to shore up our resources as we approach our land closing and building renovation. They have been hard at work organizing this second stage which includes the creation of a very comprehensive list of naming and dedication opportunities at our new site. They range from naming the school building, to dedicating classrooms, to many large and small items for both Phase I and Phase II of this wonderful project. You will be seeing this list shortly when it is in its finalized form; we are hoping that our members will take advantage of these opportunities as a meaningful way to honor family members while securing the future of Har Sinai at the same time. Our goal is to raise an additional \$1.5 million for Phase I of this project.

Lastly, our Campaign Finance team, under the leadership of Ron Perl, is in the process of negotiating with banks in the area for the best terms on whatever financing we may need that is not covered by our fund raising campaign. We are hoping to finalize this process in the near future. It is obvious that the best outcome of both of these financial pieces is for the Congregation to meet or exceed the above goal and to have as little debt as possible at the end of Phase I. The more money we raise now, the sooner we will be able to begin Phase II, which, as you know, will include a beautiful new sanctuary and social hall, completing our vision for Har Sinai's new home.

From our terrific on-going events to our exciting move, things are happening at Har Sinai! We have also been successful in sharing our news with surrounding communities thanks to the Publicity Committee, chaired by Robin Potter. Look for continuing articles and calendar pieces in the *Yardley News*, *Newtown Advance*, *Pennington Post*, *Hopewell Valley News*, *The Jewish State* and *The New Jersey Jewish News*. Come and be a part of this truly historic year at Har Sinai!

# Adult Education...

## SHABBAT SERVICES AT GREENWOOD HOUSE

Each Friday Morning in December and January at 10:30 am

Join Rabbi and/or Cantor every Friday at Greenwood House for a Shabbat Service with the residents. The brief service is meaningful to the residents, many of whom are still members of our Congregation. They enjoy even a brief visit with other members of Har Sinai.

## KEHILAT SHABBAT SERVICE

Friday, December 2nd, at 8:00 pm

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Kehilat Shabbat Service in the "Year of Shabbat" Series will be held the first Friday in December. The Service will be led by Rabbi Pollack, Music Director Susan Sacks, and sponsoring members, Nancy and Jeff Baumann, Nancy and John Healey, Jane Zamost and Gary Karlin, and Jill and Brian Shaffer. The goal of the Kehilat Shabbat experience is to increase the spirituality and meaning of Shabbat through greater involvement and participation by the congregation. In a more relaxed atmosphere and style, contemporary Jewish music is mixed in with the traditional favorites.

## LUNCH AND LEARN

Tuesdays, December 6, 13, and 20, and every Tuesday in January, at 12 noon

This year, the group and Rabbi Pollack are studying one of the greatest and most controversial works of literature, the Biblical book, *The Song of Songs*. Known in Hebrew as *Shir HaShirim*, it is a Biblical collection of erotic love poetry, a dialogue between two lovers. It was seen by the Rabbis, however, as a metaphor for the greatest love story of all, that between God and the people Israel. There is lively discussion as we plumb the depths of this masterpiece. Bring your own lunch; we provide the dessert.

## MYSTERIES OF RELIGION THROUGH JEWISH EYES

Saturdays, December 3, 10 and 17, from 9:15 to 10:15 am

Continuing his very popular "Mysteries" series, Rabbi Pollack is discussing one of the greatest and most controversial theologians of all time...Moses Maimonides of the 12<sup>th</sup> Century. Maimonides' viewpoint on Judaism has perplexed generations of scholars and students. Rabbi Pollack will bring the latest information on his works and have the participants draw their own conclusions.

December 3: Was Maimonides the true Jewish Aristotle?

December 10: Was Maimonides a closet atheist?

December 17: Why was Maimonides so influential to Christian and Islamic theologians?

## CHANUKAH DINNER (6:15 PM) AND SIMCHAT SHABBAT SERVICE (7:30 PM)

Friday, December 16

Following the successes of our three new Kehilat Shabbat Services, held in September, November, and early December, the "Year of Shabbat" Committee will be inaugurating another type of special service, the Simchat Shabbat worship service on Friday evening, December 16<sup>th</sup>. The evening will begin with our 24<sup>th</sup> annual Chanukah Dinner (OK, this year it's a Pre-Chanukah Dinner) which will begin at 6:15 pm. The dinner, featuring the ever popular brisket (chicken nuggets for kids and a vegetarian alternative), latkes and applesauce, family menorahs, and gelt, is being chaired by Jill Shaffer. The Simchat Shabbat Service, which will follow the dinner, will feature Cantor Wisnia and the Har Sinai Temple Choir leading a sing-a-long of Chanukah songs.

## EXTREME TORAH STUDY

Saturdays from 9:15 to 10:15 am

(Beginning January 7)

There is no Torah Study group of this kind anywhere. In January, Rabbi Pollack will again be giving his utterly unique view of the Torah portion relying on just about all of the ancient and modern commentaries. These fascinating discussions get to the heart of the Torah portions and beyond. This is truly the essence of studying the Bible as adults because no topic or opinion is off limits. If you want to be exposed to a view of the Bible and Judaism that you can't get anywhere else, this class is the place to be.



## IT'S OUR ANNUAL E-MAIL APPEAL!

Synagogues today are doing a great deal more communicating with their Congregational members by E-MAIL than ever before. For that reason, the clergy and the office staff are appealing to you, our Congregants, to update your e-mail addresses for us. If you have acquired a new (or "brand new") address within the past 12 months, please e-mail that information to Laura Reiser at [LReiserHST@aol.com](mailto:LReiserHST@aol.com).

# RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORT

Magda Reyes, Director of Education

*"... I am very sorry what happened to your home in New Orleans. I hope your life will become better..."*

From Gavin, 5<sup>th</sup> grade

*"I've been watching the news and I'm so extremely sorry about what happened to you that I can't even put it into words. First of all, I just want you to know that people are trying desperately to help you. Millions of dollars are being sent to help."*

From Shane, 6<sup>th</sup> grade

*"I hope you feel better. Bring a happy face on."*

From Rebecca, Aleph-Bet class

*"I am 9 years old and I live in New Jersey. I hate (to) see disasters like that, it's terrible! ...But don't be sad, the United States of America is here to help! I promise things will be OK!"*

From Kaitlin, 4<sup>th</sup> grade

These and many other offers of encouragement, sympathy and hope poured out of the hearts of the Religious School children at Har Sinai Temple, in the wake of the recent disasters affecting the Gulf Coast States. Through these letters, the children expressed their own need to help improve, in any way they could, the unfortunate plight of the evacuees. The letters were sent to the Jewish Family and Children's Service Agency in San Antonio, Texas, and then delivered to the children in the various shelters in the area.

- There were other ways that the school got involved in helping others. As part of their B'nai Mitzvah projects, seventh grade students organized a "Mitzvah Shopping Day," with all proceeds going to the relief effort. They solicited donations of "gently" used household items, tagged and sorted the items and held the sale for the rest of the school. The sale raised \$102 that was donated to the Jewish Federation's Hurricane Katrina Fund. Additionally, all students had the opportunity to further help the relief effort through their weekly tzedakah donations. All contributions for the months of September and October were given to the Federation fund as well.

I would like to thank everyone for contributing to our relief efforts. Whether by kind word, a letter, or donation of items or money, you

all participated in Tikun Olam by taking care of our larger community in need. Thank you.

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CALENDAR

### December / January

- Sunday, December 4:** -2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> grade art with Terri  
-5<sup>th</sup> grade program, Lashon Hara, 9:15/11am  
-Religious Education Meeting, 11am
- Fri-Sat, December 9-10:** - 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> graders visit Temple Emanuel in Baltimore
- Sunday, December 11:** - Preschool, 9:30-11:30am  
- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade PACT Family program  
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade goes to Brothers of Israel for Chanukah program, 8:30am-1:00pm  
- Hebrew High School Mitzvah Kraft elective class visits Greenwood House, 10:30am  
- Chanukah shop visits
- Sunday, December 18:** - Chanukah assembly and celebrations
- Sunday, December 25, 2005**  
- **Tuesday, January 3, 2006** - Religious School is closed
- Sunday, January 8, 2006:** - first class of 2006
- Sunday, January 15, 2006**  
- **Tuesday, January 17, 2006:** - Religious School is closed
- Sunday, January 22:** - Preschool, 10-11:30am
- Sunday, January 29:** - Parent's Workshop, 11:00 am (the first in a 3-part series of programs for all parents)

## Library News



Rita Allen, Librarian (ritaallen@sbcglobal.net)

Our thanks to Adele and Edward Spiro for a generous donation of excellent book titles for our Library. And a reminder that just outside the Library is a bookshelf of titles that have been discarded and are yours to keep. We'd appreciate a donation, say 50 cents/book, left in the container in my office mailbox.

Still trying to recover missing books. Here are some important titles that we'd like to have back if they happen to be hiding on your bookshelves: Deborah Lipstadt - Denying the Holocaust; Simon Maslin-Gates of Mitzvah; Amos Oz - In the land of Israel; Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut - Judaism and the scientific spirit; Dennis Prager - The nine questions people ask about Judaism; Chaim Raphael - A feast of history; Sylvia Rothchild - Voices from the Holocaust; Franz Rosenzweig - The star of redemption. Thanks for looking.



## MEDICAL TUITION SCHOLARSHIP LOANS

The Dr. Joseph M. Blum Trust has funds to lend Jewish students from the Trenton area who are in need of help to pay their tuition at medical school. Preference will be given to those students who have a parent who is a member of the Jewish War Veterans of Trenton. No interest is charged on the loans until ten (10) years after the recipient commences the practice of medicine, unless the loan recipient leaves school before graduation. Interested students should contact Edward S. Kahn, Esq., at his law office, 609-895-1190.

## MEN'S CLUB

**Steve Miller, Acting President**

Men's club held another successful Poker Tournament in November. The winner, Dick Katz, designated the Capital Campaign Fund as the recipient of the receipts after expenses. Just think: You could be financing our new home and having fun at the same time.

We are holding another dinner and Poker Tournament on Tuesday, December 20 at 7:00. If you're going stir-crazy, this is the sure cure for your cabin fever. Same deal as before, \$20 gets you dinner, snacks, beer and a night of poker with the guys. The winner chooses the Har Sinai fund of his choice to receive all receipts after expenses for the night.

If you don't play poker, don't despair. We had some novice players doing pretty well against the pros. Cheat sheets are on the table and coaches are always available for some free advice. Poker isn't rocket science and a good poker face can outwit years of poker experience. We played Texas Hold 'em, Five Card Stud, Criss Cross and Seven Card No Peek. You really need to come if you don't know what these games are. It really is a fun night out.

Watch for these upcoming Brotherhood family activities: White Water Rafting (we decided to wait until spring), Paintball and the Trenton Titans. Come to Poker Night and put your two cents in. This is where all the big decisions are made.

Here's one more chance to meet the guys behind the faces you've been seeing at services for years.

## SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Mary Kirsch, Chairperson

*Please join us for a meeting Sunday, December 4th at Har Sinai at 10:00 am.*

Thanks to all who donated warm outerwear for our Annual Coat Drive.

Thanks to all who helped to make our October Kosher Food Drive a success. Remember, our next Kosher Food Drive will be April, 2006.

### Upcoming Social Action Projects:

The Union for Reform Judaism Commission on Social Action has suggested that congregations participate in a project called **Ner Shel Tzedakah** ("candle of righteousness") during the upcoming Hanukkah Holiday. *Ner Shel Tzedakah* is a project in which families and individuals devote the 6th night of Chanukah to learning about the problem of poverty. They donate the value of the gifts (or the gifts themselves) that they would otherwise exchange on that night to organizations that assist the poor. This year, the 6th night of Chanukah falls on Friday, December 30th, 2005. By making donations on the sixth night of Chanukah, you will help our candle of righteousness glow brightly for those who are in need.

With this project in mind, Har Sinai will be participating in the Jewish Family & Children's Service's **L.I.G.H.T.S** (Love is Getting Hanukkah Toys to Share) program. Watch for more information.

### **"Souper" Sunday**

Sunday, January 22, 2006, is the date for our Annual Community Outreach Dinner. This meal will be served at the Church of the Sacred Heart in Trenton. Watch for more information.

For more information on any of the Social Action programs please contact Mary Kirsch, 215-321-3496 or msk04@aol.com

# HAR SINAI THANKS

**Debbie Mannella and Rita Allen**, organizers of the Jewish Book Month Book Fair to benefit the Religious School, and all those who helped, for working at the Book Fair during the month of November.

**Ruth Kunes**, for hosting the November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Home Study Group.

**Jean and Morton Goldstein**, for chairing another amazing Renaissance success story, the group's 13<sup>th</sup> annual Ethnic Dinner on November 6 at the Eurasian Restaurant Duck Sauce in Newtown... the meal, labeled a "sampling" in the flyer invitation, turned out to be a delicious feast of many different fine food offerings.

**Linda Bolder**, for coordinating the Sisterhood sponsored Rabbi's Book Review of Rebecca Kohn's "The Gilded Chamber" on November 20..... special thanks to **Rabbi** whose review of this book brought new insight into the well-known Purim story of Esther and the villain Haman.

**Steve Miller**, acting president, and committee members **Marc Greenfield, Seth Aronson, and Ariel Schwartz**, for another Men's Club Poker Night on November 15...as determined by the winner for the evening, **Richard Katz**, proceeds from the games went to the Capital Campaign.

**Edye Discount**, chairperson of the Wine Tasting with Spencer Christian on November 12, and her committee, **Abbie Katz, Phyllis Malinger, Marilyn Weinstein, and Fay Zelenko**, for the wonderful job they did arranging a highly enjoyable and successful event...we especially wish to thank those Temple member families who underwrote the cost of all the great wines sampled that evening: **Kathy and Alvin Feldman, Madeline and Steve Gubernick, Robin and Chris Kemper, Jennifer and John Millner, and Amy VanDenburgh**...special thanks goes out to **Abbie and Richard Katz** for underwriting the cost of Mr. Christian's flight from and back to the West Coast...and, last, but not least, to **Spencer Christian** for donating a whirlwind 18 hours to be with us that evening.

The Har Sinai Temple members who hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Kehilat Shabbat Service on November 11, **Carol and Marvin Bluestein, Sharon Gertzman and David Dafilou, Janis Kind, and Jill and Ariel Schwartz**...with the theme of "Courage and Fortitude," it was a very personal and meaningful service...as always, thanks to **Susan Sacks** for her special efforts towards making the Kehilat Shabbat Series a success.

**Hope Kadesh**, Membership Committee Chairperson, as well as the **Committee and the Temple Board of Trustees**, for hosting, preparing, and attending a dinner on November 11, to welcome our new members to Har Sinai Temple...our thanks to all those Board members who cooked for the dinner: **Ursula Brooks, Ellen Buchsbaum, Nancy and Jeff Fine, Nancy LaPosta, Jennifer and John Millner, Jeanne Nahan, Ariel and Jill Schwartz, and Marilyn Weinstein**...**Jan Kind** for check-in...and a thank you and a wow to our **Sisterhood** for the fully-packed welcome bags presented to our new member families as part of the evening (and **Mary Kirsch** for packing them).

**David (and Laurel) Hoyer**, for hosting the November 29 meeting of the Har Sinai Endowment Fund Trustees.



The 7<sup>th</sup> Grade students, along with all the **Religious School students** who came and **shopped**, for putting on a big Mitzvah Sale on November 6<sup>th</sup> for the benefit of the victims of Katrina...and **Fran Fried** for the especially great job she did organizing and coordinating the project.

*At left, Spencer Christian discusses wines at the November 12th Wine Tasting dinner at Tre Piani.*



## JUDAICA SHOP

**Abbie Katz, Randi Flax, and Marilyn Weinstein, Proprietors**

### Moving Sale! Inventory Radically Reduced for Impending Move

If we move as scheduled, this will probably be the last Chanukah season for our Gift Shop in this building. Although there will be a significant area for the Temple Judaica Shop in Phase II of Har Sinai's relocation plan, there will be only minimal space for us in Phase I, the renovation of an existing building. Your support is really needed at this time to help clear out what's left because of future storage concerns and to raise more money in order to finance the next shop's inventory.

Gift Shop will be open on Sundays, 12/4, 12/11, and 12/18, from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm, as well as on Friday nights, 12/2 and 12/16, following services. We will have gelt, dreidels and wrapping paper as new inventory.

Volunteers Are Needed to help during the time of your child's religious school session. It's a lot of fun to do this. Please call Abbie Katz@ 215-860-7488 to get your hours. **New Managers Wanted!!!**

# BULLETIN BOARD

## HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

6 - Seth Rosenau	11 yrs
7 - Samantha Weinraub	7 yrs
10 - Malcolm Bingham	13 yrs
22 - Maxim Millan	11 yrs
24 - Theodore Fine	11 yrs
28 - Gordon Wolf	10 yrs

## SPECIAL DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

8 - Miriam Geller
9 - Muriel Zeltmacher
12 - Joseph Kline
24 - Doris Silverstein
25 - Herman Chermak

## SIGNIFICANT DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

10 - Marcia & Elliott Edelman	5 yrs
21 - Robin & Christopher Kemper	25 yrs
24 - Beatrice & Samuel Frey	55 yrs
27 - Kathleen & Alvin Feldman	20 yrs
28 - Nancy & Ray Papperman	25 yrs
Cynthia & Joseph Spiegel	64 yrs

## HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

8 - Jacob Keats	12 yrs
9 - Jack Schondel	4 yrs
Ethan Wilkinson	3 yrs
24 - Michael Duthie	4 yrs
Maxwell Whitman	10 yrs
25 - Caleb Dafilou	10 yrs
26 - Janet D'Anna	11 yrs

## SPECIAL JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

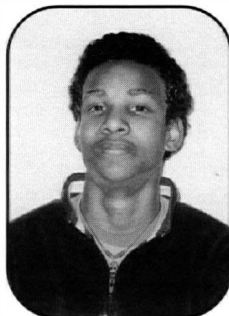
9 - Charlotte Millner
10 - Gus Gellens
11 - Edmund Brody
12 - Florence Power
23 - William Joseph

## SIGNIFICANT JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

7 - Ruth & Allen M. H. Levine	56 yrs
11 - Norma & Fred Byer	64 yrs
19 - Jean & Morton Goldstein	59 yrs
20 - Maxene & Saul Feinberg	60 yrs

## BAR MITZVAH

December



Malcolm Bingham

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jessica and Eric Wilkinson, residents of Pennington, and their sons, Joshua, in Kindergarten, and Ethan, almost 3 years old.

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Joseph Seifert

Father of Mary Kirsch



## Oneg Shabbat Sponsors

NOVEMBER

Roslyn and Dr. Norman Coopersmith, in honor of their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary blessing on November 18.

## Additional Oneg Shabbat Donors

Ellen, Tony, Jeremy, and Ian Buchsbaum, Susan and Jed Weisberger

## Pulpit Flowers

NOVEMBER

Har Sinai thanks our Sisterhood for all of the bimah flowers for Shabbat Services in November.



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## SHOVAVIM (Youth Group for 3rd-5th Graders)

Ellen Buchsbaum and Bob Voelzke, Chairs

Our kids feel like climbing the walls! So they are going for it!

Shovavim is gearing up for our next big party — 90 minutes of rock climbing at Hamilton's Rockville Climbing Center! The event will be held (or, if this Bulletin is late, will have been held) on Sunday, December 4th, from 4:00 to 5:45 pm, and is sure to be a rockin' time for your 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. There will be pizza, soda, and lots of climbing, under the expert supervision of Rockville's top-notch staff. All for \$25 per child.

Questions about future Shovavim events, call Shovavim co-chairs Ellen Buchsbaum (609-844-0743) or Bob Voelzke (609-818-1261). And for more information on Rockville Climbing Center, go to [www.rockvilleclimbing.com](http://www.rockvilleclimbing.com)

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## SISTERHOOD NEWS AND VIEWS

*Linda Geyer Bolder and Ina Katz, co-Presidents*

### December

**Sunday, December 11 at 10:00 am: Women's Retreat Information Meeting**

**Macy's Gift Cards Fundraiser:** Discount Macy's Gift Cards on Sale throughout the month.

**Judaica Shop:** Will be open throughout the month so you can purchase Chanukah Gifts.

**December 16: Chanukah Family Dinner and Shabbat Service.**

### January

**Sunday, January 8 at 11:00 am: Women's Retreat Information Meeting**

**January 27 and 28: First Annual Women's Retreat:** Join us for a Shabbat (Friday Evening to Saturday Night) Retreat at the Doral Forrestal Hotel Conference Center and Spa. We will be bringing a group of women together to connect and discuss women's issues, Jewish issues, celebrate Shabbat and relax. A flyer was mailed mid-November. Please send in your paid reservation ASAP. Please send in your money ASAP. Don't miss this great event!

### February

**Rabbi's Book Club:** Book and date to be announced shortly.

### March/April/May

**Shalach Manot Baskets Fundraiser:** This is a great way of showing your Temple friends that you wish them the best of the holiday by sending them a Purim gift.

**April 9/Women's Seder:** Will be held in the Temple on Sunday afternoon. Please mark your calendars for this very special Har Sinai event.

**May 11/Closing Program and Installation of new Sisterhood Board.**



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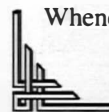
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WHWH/1350AM for information.

Whenever possible, you will also get a phone call from a  
Class parent or school member.  
Thank you.



## RENAISSANCE

Jan Kind and Harriet Gould, Co-Chairpersons

**Sunday, December 4**  
**DIXIELAND JAZZ NIGHT**

6:00 pm: Hoagie Dinner

7:00 pm: Concert by Art Frank and  
"The Ambassadors of Dixieland"

Chair: Roberta Frank

**April**

**TRAIN TRIP TO THE CAMDEN AQUARIUM**

**Sunday, May 21**

**PHILADELPHIA THEATER TRIP, "SOME MEN"**  
**BY TERRANCE McNALLY**



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## TEMPLE FUND

### *In Memory Of:*

**Claire Bluebond:** Barry & Nancy Frost  
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**Amel Stark:** Laura & Sid Hofing

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**Ben, Father of Marilyn Waga:** Betsy Weston

### *In Honor Of:*

**Birth of Ashley Rebecca Klein:** Judy & Lowell Mann

**Betsy Weston's Speedy Recovery:** Ruth Friedland

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### *In Memory Of:*

**Claire Bluebond:** Judy & Don Millner

**Amel Stark:** Judy & Don Millner

### *In Honor Of:*

**Susan Welt's Return to Health:** Judy & Donald Millner

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