



From the Rabbi's Study

Where do we find God?

A Hasidic tale recounts the story of a child who liked to wander in the forest. This child wandered in the woods so often that her father became worried. The father asked, "Why do you go into the woods so often?" The child replied, "To find God." The father responded logically, "But God is the same everywhere, in the forest and right here at home!" The little girl countered, "But father, I am not the same everywhere!"

This little girl shared a wise and mature spiritual idea. Intellectually we can comprehend the theological concept that God's presence fills the universe, that there is no place that is devoid of godliness. While we can intellectually grasp this belief, the reality is that we are sensory beings living in time and space; each individual may feel a different sense of holiness based upon places that spiritually and emotionally move us. Some people, like this child, may feel most spiritual in the forest and others may feel it in the comfort of their homes while others feel a deep sense of God's presence in the synagogue.

Reflecting the reality that people want a space where they can find God, in Exodus 25:8, we are told, "Let them make Me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them." This passage does not say that God dwells in the sanctuary, but that God dwells among us, signifying that the purpose of building sacred spaces is to have a place where we can feel God's presence. The physical beauty of the Tabernacle and subsequent sacred spaces illustrates the desire of architects to evoke deeply spiritual experiences. As the name "synagogue" means "house of gathering", the act of gathering with others in the community is an important element in creating spiritual experiences in a space.

As the child in the story illustrates, of course we can find God in our homes and in the forest, but as illustrated in the building of the Tabernacle, so many find great spiritual meaning to seek out God in the synagogue. Our Sinai Temple building was built as a space where people could find God, through prayer, through community, through study, through *tikkun olam*, and many other ways. So many congregants look forward each year to join together in prayer and community in our synagogue building to celebrate the High Holy Days.

Sadly, this year, in order to keep people safe during this pandemic, the experience of praying together in our building is not possible. While it is going to be tough to not be able to be together in our sacred space during the holidays, we must do our best to find God

Unless otherwise announced, all services, including Tot Shabbat and Torah Study will be available on-line through links provided in E-vents each week. Services and Tot Shabbat will also be streamed on facebook. Look for information re: High Holiday Services on E-vents.

Services

September

4, 11, 25 7:00 p.m.

- 18 - Erev Rosh Hashanah Service 8:00 p.m.
- 19 - Rosh Hashanah Service 10:00 a.m.
- 27 - Kol Nidre Service - Sunday 8:00 p.m.
- 28 - Yom Kippur Morning Services 10:00 a.m.
- 28 - Yom Kippur Afternoon Services 3:00 p.m.

October

- 2 - Sukkot 7:00 p.m.
- 9 - Simchat Torah 7:00 p.m.
- 19, 23, 30 7:00 p.m.

Tot Shabbat Services: Friday, September 4 and Friday, October 2 5:30 p.m.

Please join us. Families with children five and under with older siblings are welcome.

Torah study every Saturday at 9 a.m.

Bar/Bat Mitzvahs

- 10/17/2020 Ethan Halpern
- 10/24/2020 Nathaniel Lewis

Due to the Coronavirus restrictions, final arrangements are not available. Information will be sent in E-vents.

Havdalah, A Sweet Start to the Week

Please join us as Rabbi Master leads us in saying farewell to Shabbat and celebrating the new week. This is a brief 15 -20 minutes of savoring the sweetness of Shabbat, beginning the week with hope and coming together as a community. **We supply the beautiful multiwick Havdalah candle**, you pour your own wine/grape juice, and have your own spice box (a box of spice works just as well). If you would like a Havdalah candle, please call the office and we will arrange to get one to you. Havdalah time changes with the season, so look for details in E-vents, website and on the Sinai Facebook page.

President's Message - Rich Alpert

Dear congregants,

This is a heck of a time to become president of a Temple. But, if it is not the best of times, it is also not the worst. Certainly, it is a time of great challenges both for many of you and for us as a congregation. I hope that you are faring well. The Temple is strong and has worked hard to adapt to new realities. We have embraced existing technologies that make reaching congregants possible with our religious services, Torah study, learning opportunities and discussion groups. Each of these occasions has attracted impressive numbers of participants.

We created a Covid-19 Task Force to address how the Temple should reopen and when and how to conduct High Holy Day services. As indicated in the previous letter to congregants, we will be pre-recording Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. More information about how to access the services as well as times and schedule will be published in E-vents as well as in a mailing to congregants. As of now, the Temple is essentially closed for indoor religious services and large meetings, but we are working to have as many outdoor services as possible while the good weather remains.

Many thanks go to the Covid-19 Task Force: Rabbi Master, Matt Bertuzzi, Donna Fisher, Robin Fein-Krevolin, Jody Maple, Richard Seldow, Arnie Shtrax and Beth Chafetz for planning and implementing the many complex steps to make our pre-recorded services possible. Special added thanks to Matt whose technological knowledge and vision about the possibilities for a pre-recorded service were invaluable.

Embracing new streaming, Zoom, and video technology costs money. We hired Brian Nick's production company to produce our pre-recorded High Holy Day services and purchased new video equipment to enable streaming Friday night services, as well as other events from the sanctuary. Fortunately, and thanks to the good work of Robin Dunn, the Temple's treasurer, we applied for and received a substantial grant from the Jewish Federation of Western Massachusetts to support our use of technology. Thanks to all at the Federation who made this grant possible.

Although we may access our High Holy Days differently than in the past, we will still include features that have made them memorable. Cantor Ruben, who added so much to the musical beauty of last year's High Holy Day services, will join us again this year. Our own Sinai Temple choir will contribute to the services' music, as will Boris Kogan's cello rendition of Kol Nidre.

As we begin our new year, we have adopted the theme of congregational engagement as our over-all priority. We will be providing many old and new ways for congregants to interact with what the Temple has to offer and look forward to any suggestions that you might have to enhance the ways in which we connect with and serve the congregation.

As we approach the High Holy Days, we may worship differently than we have in the past. However, the main

traditions and spirit of this holy and sacred time of year should give us an opportunity for renewal, reflection and hope. I look forward to celebrating with you and to facing the new challenges of this holiday season with courage, optimism and faith in our enduring legacy.

Rich Alpert, *President*

From Rachel's Table

There is no doubt we are living through interesting times! Due to the nature of this pandemic, Rachel's Table has shifted its operations, and right now is looking for more volunteers! We are reaching out to anyone who is willing to drive food with contact-less procedures, from food donors to food agencies. Days of the week or month can be self-determined. Our neighbors need your help! Unemployment is still high, and the need is great. If you can drive, have a good driving record, and want to do a *mitzvah* for your community, whether it be in Hampden, Hampshire or Franklin County, please call 413-733-0084 x296 or write jfalk@jewishwesternmass.org This could be a great volunteer opportunity for a high school senior or college student home while learning remotely. Thank you, and our neighbors thank you!!

Thanks from the Local Community

The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts expressed their thanks for the Temple's generous donation of \$500 to help with the COVID-19 response. "Food insecure households are at greater risk of hunger during this increased time of need."

The Gray House in Springfield also conveyed their thanks for the Temple's \$500 donation. "Thank you so much so much for your generous gift and support especially at this difficult time when our neighbors need us most."

JUDAICA SHOP CORNER

Summer has come, but sadly we still cannot have regular hours.

We will be available, by appointment, to meet all your needs. Our selection of giftware and jewelry is beautiful.

With the High Holy days coming, some folks will want a *tallis*, and we have lovely ones for men, women, boys and girls.

Thais Fischel - 413-786-9577

Religious School Update

Kate Monge and Rabbi Alana Wasserman

As your co-interim religious school directors, we're excited to begin our journey in leading the Sinai Temple Religious School through this uncharted pandemic time. The two of us are eager to learn and grow with all of you (parents, students, and teachers alike). At the time of this writing, we don't yet know what the fall will hold for us as a school community. Since we began our new positions in June, we've been hard at work planning for as many scenarios as possible. Whether we're in-person, learning at home, or a combination of the two, we know that we'll make it a priority to engage our families in community building opportunities and find ways to stay connected to each other and engaged in Jewish learning.

While the pandemic pushed us all into "crisis learning" this past spring, we can now transition to something more planful. We've been taking time to listen, learn, and reflect and not jump into a new plan right away. Whether we're together or apart, we hope you'll join in our enthusiasm for some changes we are planning for our school community. At this time, it is looking as though we will be offering a combination of synchronous and asynchronous remote learning experiences, virtual Hebrew learning to accommodate each student at their level, as well as one-on-one or small group Hebrew sessions with a teacher (for students in grades 3 - 7). We are also working to create age-appropriate, diverse learning experiences, including community building events to take place in-person (outdoors, with safety measures in place) this fall. We've also been evaluating the previous Judaic Studies and Hebrew curriculum and are working towards creating a more cohesive model to engage our students at all grade levels.

This pandemic, while devastating on so many levels, could also be seen as a way for us to pause, reflect, reset and reimagine our school's format. While online learning doesn't replace community, we have tried to reframe our opinion on the downsides of being apart and instead realize some of the benefits of remote learning. For example, by offering our school families asynchronous learning opportunities, we may be able to better engage and meet the needs of everyone's schedules. For some students, a one-on-one learning experience from home may be more beneficial than a classroom setting.

Speaking of a shift in perspective, at the time of this writing, we are currently enjoying the benefits of attending NewCAJE (the premier professional development conference for Jewish educators). While attending an out-of-state, four-day conference in the middle of the summer would normally be logistically difficult for us, we are both able to take part in an entire month of virtual learning, entertainment, prayer, and networking opportunities with other Jewish educators around the country without leaving our

homes. We are learning so much and coming away from our conference sessions with fresh ideas and new questions to guide our leadership of the religious school.

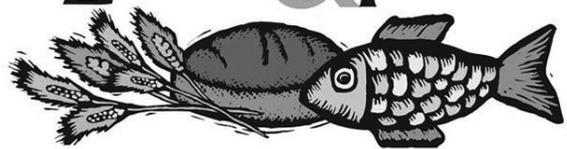
The beginning of every school year coincides with Rosh HaShanah. Just as we enjoy apples and honey for a sweet New Year, we also give students a taste of honey when they begin their formal Jewish education (so it should always be sweet for them). As we begin this new school year, may we savor the sweetness of all that Judaism has to offer and the sweetness of our community as well.

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in other spaces. While participating in our virtual services, I invite you to make the space you are in as spiritual and meaningful space as you can. Make your home a mini-sanctuary where you can celebrate the New Year. And though our main services are going to be virtual, we are going to still try to have a number of interactive opportunities during the holidays for people to gather together and see each other and hopefully feel some sense of holiness through community. Despite all of the challenges we have faced in the past year and that we are facing in celebrating our sacred days, I want to wish you all a *Shanah Tovah u-Metukah*, a Happy and a Sweet New Year.

Rabbi Jeremy Master

Loaves & Fishes



We have our dates for Loaves and Fishes!

10/15, 10/2, 11/19, 12/3

Looking for cooks. Food can be prepared in advance and stored in the temple freezer.

We provide the recipe.

With COVID-19 the needs are even greater.

Please call Bobi @ 413-896-9281
Or email her at: drblood50@comcast.net.

Adult Opportunities

Sinai Connects!

Sinai Connects! A New Way To Be Together!

We can't be together physically yet but we want to be in touch with each other and explore new/old interests so the Membership/Retention Committee is sponsoring a new program, suggested by Sarah Shtrax, called **SINAI CONNECTS**: We gather online through zoom roughly biweekly to share fellowship and explore topics of interest.

By the time you read this, we will have shared **Sinai Connects: Jewish Humor, Sinai Connects: Genealogy, Our Stories and How to Find Them, and Sinai Connects: Jews, Sports, this Season**. On Tuesday September 8, 7 p.m. our new Religious School team, Katie Monge and Rabbi Alana Wasserman are leading) **Sinai Connects: StaRS (Sinai Temple Religious School) 2020-2021**.

Please look for details and zoom links on E-vents, our web site and FaceBook page. Please share your topic ideas by e-mailing Laurie Weinberg, sagecitrus@aol.com.

Sinai Readers

September 16, 7 p.m., we meet to discuss **Spies of No Country** by Matti Friedman, author of *Pumpkinflowers*. Spies tells the story of the ragtag, serendipitous beginning of the Israeli intelligence apparatus which has been so essential to the survival of Israel, and also addresses the role of Mizrahi Jews of Arab countries in the creation of the state.

October 21, 7 p.m. we return to **Life Eternal**, a very contemporary novel by Dara Horn that takes a quirky ride through the span of Jewish history. (We read this when it first came out. It is new and intriguing to the current group of readers.)

Film Festival Continues!

Keep on eye out for our E-vents and website announcements and links. On your own watch the movie, then join us on Zoom, generally a Wednesday evening at 7 p.m., to discuss. Make your own popcorn! Questions or movie suggestions? E-mail Laurie Weinberg, sagecitrus@aol.com

Invest in Israel Bonds

Investment options begin at \$100. Current terms range from 1-15 years. Most bonds are issued in book-entry form (no certificates to store, lose, forget about or sign to redeem), and redemption checks are mailed automatically at maturity.

Go to Israelbonds.com to obtain prospectuses and to set up an on-line account. You may also call 860-656-2110 or send a message to barbara.starr@israelbonds.com, our local registered bond representative, for further information or advice on investment options.

The Yes and NO of what can go in recycling boxes

YES

Aluminum - Empty and rinse.

Cans, aluminum foil, pie pans, aluminum trays

Steel (tin) cans - Empty and rinse. Labels do not need to be removed.

Food and beverage cans (metal lids OK), pet food, soup cans (metal lids OK), EMPTY aerosol spray cans (food, laundry, beauty)

Glass (Keep lids on)

Food and beverage bottles and jars

Plastics - Empty and rinse. Keep caps on. ONLY containers smaller than 2.5 gallons are recyclable.

Food containers: margarine, yogurt, cooking oil, condiments, peanut butter, beverage bottles and jugs: soda, water, juice, milk, detergent bottles, dish soap bottles, personal care bottles: shampoo, soap, etc., clear plastic clamshells (no black or Styrofoam)

Cartons - Empty, rinse, & flatten. Throw away straws. Recycle with containers, not with paper.

Milk and juice cartons (plastic spout OK), soy milk, soup and drink boxes (remove straws)

Paper - Clean paper only. Flatten boxes.

"Windows" in envelopes, staples, paper clips, tape all OK, newspaper, inserts, magazines, junk mail, white, colored, glossy, and construction paper, shredded paper—put in paper bag, corrugated cardboard, clean pizza boxes (no grease or food), boxboard (for example, cereal boxes), gift wrap, gift bags, cards, gift tissue paper (no metallic inks, foil, wire, glitter), paperback books and phone books

NO

Aluminum

Siding, scrap metal, foil-wrapped beverage pouches (Capri Sun) pots & pans, utensils, tools

Steel

Hangers, scrap metal, paint cans, pots & pans, utensils, tools, toys, appliances, aerosol spray cans that contained hazardous products: spray paint, insecticides, etc., pipes, fuel tanks, car parts

Glass

Ceramics, baking dishes, dishware, drinking glasses, broken glass, windows, glass art, wine corks, canning jars, cookware (Pyrex), coffee mugs, medicine bottles, plate glass mirrors, light bulbs, fluorescent lights, eye glasses, vases, holiday lights

Plastics

Plastic bags, plastic wrap/cling wrap, Styrofoam (polystyrene) cups/ take-out containers, cups, plates, utensils, straws, cookie trays, black plastic liners from food packaging, compostable plastics, cellophane food bags (e.g., candy bars, cookies, pasta), frozen food bags/pouches, containers that contained motor oil, anti-freeze, pesticides, pool chemicals or other hazardous substances, curbside/other plastic bins, dry cleaner/garment bags, indoor/outdoor/patio furniture, swimming pools, hoses; PVC piping or tubing, containers bigger than 2.5 gallons, Nalgene water bottles, meat trays, egg cartons, medicine & pill bottles, "packing" peanuts, packaging of any kind: foam, blister pack, laundry baskets, toys, flower pots, 5-gallon pails; buckets, VCR tapes, CDs, cases, tarps

Cartons

Foil-wrapped pouches (Capri Sun), frozen juice cartons, frozen food packaging, plastic straws

Paper

Soda, beer cartons, paper cups, paper plates, egg cartons, frozen juice cartons, take-out containers, butter/margarine boxes, paper towels, napkins tissues, Tyvek or padded envelopes, hardcover books, stickers & sticker sheeting, glossy boxes that show white strands when torn (frozen food boxes), blueprints, dirtied paper (pet waste, paint), copy paper packaging

THE GREEN TEAM

THE GREEN TEAM ADVOCATES FOR ECO-KASHRUT FOR THE HIGH HOLIDAYS

While Sinai has been closed for these last few months, the Sinai Green Team has continued to meet and explore ideas to continue the goal of enhancing our synagogue's environment and reducing our carbon footprint.

One of the silver linings to our global and local lockdowns has been the decrease in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions: the world has enjoyed almost a 17% reduction in these climate warming emissions in these past months. The question before us is how we can continue this downward trajectory.

Interestingly, one of the answers is: follow the advice from the Eco-Kashrut movement. Rabbi Arthur Waskow, the founder of Eco-Kashrut, advocates for healing the earth by going back to our biblical roots of eating food that is local, sustainable and seasonal.

While we tend to think that kashrut describes the manner in which an animal was slaughtered, Waskow says that "today, people should consider how an animal was treated prior to its slaughter. For instance, was a chicken cooped up in a cage its entire life? Was it pumped full of artificial chemicals? In short, did the chicken have a chance to experience life as a chicken before it became food?" And if something is grown with pesticides, hormones, and/or antibiotics, then it's not kosher.

By eating food that is locally produced, we reduce the impact of transportation. When the food is seasonal, we are supporting the natural rhythms of the earth. And when the food is sustainably produced we are recognizing that the earth needs to be replenished to continue producing our food supply. All of this helps reduce GHG emissions and creates a more beneficial relationship with our environment

How do we become more environmentally kosher? Find and support local community supported agriculture (CSA). Shop at farm stands and farmers' markets. Create more meatless meals. Buy seasonally and look for more sustainably produced food; whether it is from the oceans or the earth.

In honor of our high holy days, we want to provide a recipe to celebrate the New Year and respect the values of Judaism's stewardship of our earth.

Vegetarian Brisket

(<https://www.myjewishlearning.com/the-nosher/this-vegetarian-brisket-recipe-actually-tastes-like-meat/>)

Using Jackfruit: originally cultivated in India, but is grown throughout tropical regions including Southeast Asia, South America, Australia and the Caribbean. You can buy it in cans from Trader Joe's and Whole Foods. You can even find it fresh at many specialty fruit shops. And when it is cooked, it has an incredibly meaty, hearty taste and texture. It's also low in calories, high in fiber and is considered an environmentally friendly food, since it is drought resistant. Satisfying and meat-free.

Ingredients

- 2 28-oz cans crushed tomatoes
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 2 Tbsp honey (can also use maple syrup or agave if making dish vegan)
- 1/4 cup apple cider vinegar
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/2 cup red wine (can also use grape juice or sweet kosher wine like Manischewitz)
- 1 chopped onion
- 3 garlic cloves, minced, grated or pressed
- 2 20-oz cans jackfruit, drained

Directions

1. Combine crushed tomatoes, brown sugar, honey, apple cider vinegar, water, wine, onion and garlic in a large pot over medium-high heat. Bring to a boil then add jackfruit.
2. Reduce heat to low-medium and cover pot.
3. Cook for 30 minutes over low-medium heat.
4. Remove cover and test whether you can break up the jackfruit using the back of a wooden spoon. If the jackfruit isn't tender enough to pull, cook it for another 15-20 minutes or until tender.
5. Serve warm.

Happy Birthday to our congregants including children born in September

Saul Basch	Andrew Geha	Elizabeth Klein	Pat Scheer
Lauren Bedard	Elaine Geha	Emma Klein	Kathy Schlichtig
David Berman	Renine Gold	Alan Leavitt	Megan Schlichtig
Deborah Bernstein	Alisa Goldberg	Robert Leavitt	Stuart Schwartz
Charlee Blank	Mark Goodman	Joshua Lesser	Lee Schwartz
Benjamin Blindbury	Marcia Gordenstein	Nathaniel Lewis	Helene Segool
Steven Blindbury	Elliot Greenberg	Robert Margolis	Justin Segool
Sharyn Breslau	Wendy Grolnick	Brian Mernoff	Natasha Segool
Lois Brooks	Lynn Hano	Alex Merrill	Marsha Shapiro
Alan Brown	Benjamin Haskin	Sarah Metsch	Sarah Shtrax
Elana Chafetz	Sandra Haskin	Isaac Monge	Steven Sobey
Margo Chanin	Joan Hellerman	David Nathan	Alison Stechenberg
Marjorie Chase	Lauren Hershberg	Debbie Nathan	Eric Stone
Jacqueline Cooper	Susan Hoff	Albert Newman	Diane Troderman
Parker DelGallo	Elaine Hollander	Alana Rediker	Sharyn Weiner
Risa Despain	Lynn Hurley	Alison Reiner	Earl Winer
George Dickstein	Lena Jackson	Steven Roberts	Ashley Wood
David Ehrlich	Sarah Jackson	Jason Rome	Alan Ziff
John Eisler	Allison Jones	Joan Rosenbaum	Lane Ziff
Dorine Finerman	Morton Katz	Taryn Samol	Paula Zimmer



Happy Birthday to our congregants including children born in October

Lauren Aronson
 Adam Basch
 Daniel Bernstein
 Sarah Bernstein
 Marjorie Black
 Reid Blanchard
 Rebekah Blindbury
 Gregory Breslau
 Erica Brody
 Nathan Brooks
 Scott Brown
 Cody Chasen
 Margaret Cohn
 Charlie Asher Collins
 Linda Cooper
 Deborah Covey
 Shane Dauphin
 Benjamin DeMichele
 Elizabeth DeMichele
 Danielle Dickstein
 Robert Ditusa
 Jonathan Dubinsky

Emily Ehrlich
 Emily Eisen
 Richard Engelman
 Liza Feldman
 Saul Finestone
 Robert Finkel
 Steven Follett
 Mark Follett
 Richard Friedberg
 Alexis Gerardi
 Benjamin Giroux
 Suzanne Giroux
 Stanley Glazer
 Susan Goodman
 Harry Gordenstein
 William Gordenstein
 James Gordon
 Mandy Greene
 Marcia Greene
 David Hano
 Carole Hirshberg
 Marci Jackson

Ann Jacobs
 Carl Johnson
 Paul Katz
 Samantha Katz
 Laura Klein
 Freida Lawrence
 Martin Lesser
 Daniel Levine
 Lori Lotterman
 Andrew Mirkin
 Michael Nathan
 Abigail Orenstein
 Philip Perlmutter
 Michael Plumb
 Liza Posner
 Stephen Posner
 Debra Reynolds
 Erich Roberts
 Georgianne Roberts
 Fredalyn Rosenthal
 Judith Sachs
 Brenna Sadowsky

Alexandre Schapiro
 Gabriel Segool
 Daniel Shapiro
 Jordan Shapiro
 Shirley Silverton
 Benjamin Skiest
 Samantha Snieder
 Roxanne Stahl
 Ursula Stahl
 Leon Stechenberg
 Ilanna Tariff
 Brett Tucker
 Maxwell Tucker
 Michael Wald
 Waverly Weinberg
 Janet Weiss
 Ruth Wells
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Thank you for your contributions.

Please note: The donations listed below are as of June 26. Donations received after this date will appear in the next bulletin.

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- Donations in memory of Gunther Fischel: *Marilynn Smith; George Dickstein; Jodi Maniscalco*
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- *Pat and Mike Scheer* in memory of Annie Shapiro.
- *Pat and Mike Scheer* in memory of Evan Kaplan.
- *Pat and Mike Scheer* in memory of Muriel and David Cohen.
- *Pat and Mike Scheer* in memory of Lillian Suher.
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- *Mason and Alexis Dunn McDonagh* in appreciation for our wedding.
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Caring Community Fund

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- *Sharon Band* in loving memory of Mel Band on his yahrzeit.
- *Alan and Lesley Brown* in memory of Diane Goodman.
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- *Donna Comstock and Angel Graulau* in memory of Salena Blake.
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- *Carol and David Tivoli* in memory and honor of Thais and Gunther Fischel's legacy of decades long outstanding commitment to Sinai Temple.

Caring Community Fund (cont'd)

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- *Alan and Lesley* in memory of Jack Goodman.

General Fund

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Isaiah Hunger Fund

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- *Fern and Albert Newman* in memory of Sylvia Newman.
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Religious School Fund

- *Sharon Band* in honor of my grandson, Michael Chasen's, high school graduation.
- *Richard Alpert and Ronnie Leavitt* in honor of Laurie Weinberg's son's wedding.
- *Richard Alpert and Ronnie Leavitt* in memory of Gunther Fischel.
- *Richard Alpert and Ronnie Leavitt* in honor of Robin Dunn's son's wedding. Mazel Tov!
- *Michael and Karen Bader* in memory of Barbara Siegel.
- *Maureen Snegg Burns* in memory of Gunther Fischel.
- *Maureen Snegg Burns* in memory of Salena Blake

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- *Lisa Rivkin* in memory of James Footit.

Rabbi Herman Snyder Fund

- *Gary and Barbara Levine* in loving memory of Reba Levine.
- *Carol and David Tivoli* in honor of Buff Maniscalco and Laurie Weinberg receiving the Snyder award.

Abe and Edna Simons Fund

- *Judy and Mike Cohen* in memory of Ed Radding.
- *Judy and Mike Cohen* in memory of Dr. Sidney Hyman.

Social Action Fund

- *Richard and Helene Segool*; Patty and Steve Sussman in memory of Gunther Fischel
- *Richard and Helene Segool* in memory of Evan Kaplan.
- *Richard and Helene Segool* in memory of Michael Freedman's father.
- *Richard and Helene Segool* in honor of Laurie Weinberg and Buff Maniscalco for receiving the Snyder award.
- *Richard Alpert and Ronnie Leavitt* in memory of Michael Freedman's father.
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The Memory of the Righteous is a Blessing

All of us at Sinai Temple extend condolences as we remember the following. Their memories are precious to their relatives, their friends and to each of us who form the community of Sinai Temple.

We remember those who have passed away from April to present:

- **Larry Covey**, husband of Ellie Covey.
- **Joan Heymont**, Laurie Weinberg's sister-in-law
- **Evan Kaplan**, Stephen & Sue Kaplan's son
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- **Bernice Halpern**, Greg Halpern's grandmother
- **Ed Radding**, Linda Radding's husband
- **Sidney Hyman**
- **Susan Johnston**, Mark Cutler's sister
- **Richard Johnston**, Mark Cutler's brother-in-law, husband of Susan Johnston
- **Rabbi Mark Dov Shapiro**, Sinai's Rabbi Emeritus, husband, father, friend

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Mark Dov Shapiro was Sinai Temple's Rabbi for 28 years until his retirement in 2016, after which he became its Rabbi Emeritus. Rabbi Shapiro was central to Sinai's history and development and to the lives of so many of its congregants. His death is a deep loss for us and for the wider Springfield interfaith community in which he inspired a deeper understanding of Judaism, leaving a legacy of kindness and inclusion.

Mark Dov Shapiro was a Rabbi, teacher, leader, an inspiration and a friend. He was with many of us through life cycle events infusing them with meaning and spirituality, holding hands and holding hearts. His faith, support, and generosity of spirit made the good times better and the sadder ones easier to bear.

Mark was a challenging and inspiring teacher. Whether it was Torah study, sermons, adult education, or religious school classes, his enthusiasm for Judaism and his love of learning engaged his students and made his subject come alive and relevant. His civil rights trips with teens to the South were particularly moving and meaningful.

Mark's wit, diligence, compassion, and wisdom made him both a treasured Rabbi and a valued friend. He encouraged us both in religion and life to do what we can and not to focus on what we can't. He lived with a radiant face to the world and infused everything he did with love and enthusiasm. He watched over the Temple's every detail while at the same time inspiring it to be a home for Jewish observance, community, and social justice. We thought that he would be blessed by a joyful and productive retirement for many more years. But, he is now sadly gone. Yet, he will always be with us in the lives and memories of everyone he touched.