



# Sinai Temple Bulletin

*Take Back Your Time:  
Rediscover Shabbat*

September 2018  
21 Elul 5778-21 Tishrei 5779

## **From the Rabbi's Study...**

### **Reflecting on Change in a New Year**

As I prepare for the High Holy Days, I have been reflecting on the big changes that have happened in my life over the past year. Last year on Rosh Hashanah, I was in the South. This year I feel blessed to be back in the North. In the past year my children have grown and changed so much and now Dara will be starting kindergarten right before Rosh Hashanah. This year also brings for us so many opportunities to meet new people and forge new relationships. We are very excited to get to make connections with everyone here at Sinai Temple in the coming year.

Our daily lives fly by so quickly, but Rosh Hashanah provides us with an annual opportunity to reflect on our lives from the past year in order to consider how we have grown and changed. Our spiritual goal during this time of repentance is to think about the events of the past year and then consider how we can grow as individuals in the future. The Jewish word for repentance, *t'shuvah*, comes from the Hebrew root of the word "return." When we are performing *t'shuvah*, we are returning to the proper path. This process is a several step journey. In the first step, we reflect upon our past deeds. We must be honest with ourselves in recognizing things we may have done wrong. In the next step, we approach those we may have wronged and we offer a sincere apology. The final and hardest part of performing *t'shuvah* is making certain that we never commit the same mistake again in the future.

This period of repentance is about much more than reflecting on the external changes that have happened in our lives, it is about thinking upon the personal changes we must undergo to become our best selves. We start with reflecting on the past and move into the truly challenging task of changing ourselves. As I reflect on the changes that have occurred in my life over the past year, I look forward to the ways I will change and grow as a person in the coming year. I wish for all of you that this will be a meaningful time of self-reflection and personal growth. *Shanah Tovah oo-M'tukah*, may you have a Happy and Sweet New Year.

## **Friday Evening Services in September**

September 7 – 6:00 p.m.  
September 14 – 7:30 p.m.  
September 21 – 6:00 p.m.  
September 28 – 7:30 p.m.

## **All Saturday Morning Services in August - 10:15 a.m.**

**Torah Study** - Every Saturday morning  
from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

**B'nai Mitzvah for September**  
9/29, Saturday Sam Cannizzo- Bar  
Mitzvah at 10:30 a.m.

**Religious School Opening**  
9/16, Sunday – Religious School Open-  
ing Session with cook out following.

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## **HIGH HOLIDAYS 2018-5779**

**Selichot Program and Service**  
Saturday, September 1 – 7:00-10:15 p.m.

**Rosh Hashanah Evening**  
Sunday, September 9 – 8:00 p.m.  
Evening Service

**Rosh Hashanah Day**  
Monday, September 10  
Children's Service – 8:45 a.m.  
STUFF families (infant to age 7)

**Congregational Service – 10:00 a.m.**  
(Childcare & program – 10-12:15 p.m.)

**Tashlikh – 4:00 p.m.**  
(at Laurel Pond)

**Cemetery Memorial Service**  
Sunday, September 16 – 2:30 p.m.  
At Sinai Memorial Park

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## Co-Presidents' Message

Dear Sinai friends,

Buff and I are writing this at the height of the summer but by the time this gets to you, or you to it, we will be approaching the High Holy Days. For many of us, these Days of Awe and the holidays that follow have been a constant in our lives. This year we will celebrate them in ways both familiar and new as we join with Rabbi Master and Cantor Krieger for our first High Holy Days together.

Sinai has been busy all summer. We welcomed Rabbi Master to our *bimah* with a full sanctuary on July 6, and Cantor Krieger, accompanied by his wife Nancy, on July 13. We celebrated *Erev Shabbat* with Rabbi Master and Cantor Krieger throughout the summer, and studied Torah with Rabbi Master on Saturday mornings.

Rabbi Master spent many evenings smoozing with many congregants. We invited community leaders to meet Rabbi Master at a lunch here on August 16.

A Board Retreat on August 12 focused on priorities for the next six months. The Retreat program was developed and led our strategic planning consultant Julia Riseman, whose time with us is generously underwritten by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation.

The Board, exec, and committees have been planning all summer for a busy and meaningful year ahead. Now we need your voices so please let us know what you think and how you feel about the new face of Sinai and what you would like to see at Sinai this year. You can reach us by phone, e-mail, or through the office.

With wishes for a sweet year,

Co-Presidents  
Buff and Laurie

### Link to Libraries

Link to Libraries is honored to participate at the High Holidays at Sinai Temple for the annual book drive for under served youth in Western MA.

Please note we collect new books for children ages birth to grade 9 (age 14). We are in need of books of all genre including: biography, graphic novels, classics, books for babies and pre-teens and books that are multi-cultural.

We appreciate books that are soft covered and hard cover.

We do not accept religious books, text books or books that are not new.

Our promise to our youth is to give them a new book ...a gift.

Thank you for your continued support.  
Susan Jaye-Kaplan

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### Kol Nidre

Tuesday, September 18 – 8:00 p.m.

### Yom Kippur Day

Wednesday, September 19

Family Service – 8:45 a.m.

Morning Service – 10:00 a.m.

Musical Interlude – 12:30 p.m.

Study Options – 1:30 p.m.

Afternoon Service – 3:00-6:30 p.m.

Yizkor Service, and Neilah/Closing Service

Break the Fast – 6:45 p.m.

### Sukkah Decorating

Sunday, September 23 – 9:00 a.m.-Noon

### Erev Sukkot

Sunday, September 23

Sandwich Making (bring fruit) – 4:30 p.m.

Evening Service – 5:30 p.m.

Pizza in the Hut (RSVP by September 17) – 6:00 p.m.

### Sukkot Morning Service

Monday, September 24 – 10:30 a.m.

### Simchat Torah Evening Celebration

Sunday, September 30 – 5:00 p.m.

(RSVP by September 23)

Service with dinner

### Simchat Torah Day/Yizkor Service

Monday, October 1 – 10:30 a.m.

(RSVP by September 27)

Service with lunch

### SERVICES AND PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

(Please reserve a spot by calling the office at 736-3619 for these services and babysitting.)

Rosh Hashanah Morning – 8:45 a.m.

Yom Kippur Morning – 8:45 a.m.

Infancy to age 7 - Magen David Room

Special services with our clergy.

### Babysitting from Ages 2-Kindergarten

(No infants, please)

Babysitting available during the morning

services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

## Message from Dasha Baker

### Religious School Director

To all of our returning families, welcome back! To our new families, I am so glad you are joining us!

We have an exciting year ahead with family holiday programs, services, and joyful, meaningful learning. Check our bulletin board by the Temple office for upcoming events, *Bar/Bat Mitvah* student profiles and teacher information. Also look for SPFTY (Springfield Federation of Temple Youth – our Youth Group) and STUFF (Sinai Temple Under Five Families – grandparents always welcome) announcements on the bulletin board and in e-vents.

As a special contest to begin the year 5779, we will be posting baby pictures of our teachers and you can try to match the photo to the name. A winner will be drawn from the correct entries. Prizes will be a reserved parking space right by the canopy door (mine) for two weeks or a special breakfast for you and a friend.

As we begin our new school year, I think about the story of Jonah, a reluctant prophet. A quick synopsis: Jonah is told to warn the people of Nineveh that they will be destroyed because of their sins. Jonah says: No. They'll repent and you'll end up forgiving them and won't destroy them. Jonah tries to run away, gets swallowed by a great fish, and ends up going. The king of Nineveh says, "Let everyone turn back from their evil ways and from the injustice of which they are guilty. Who knows but that God may turn and relent?" (Jonah 3:8,9) Long story short, God forgives the people.

I have always wondered what happened to the people of Nineveh after the punishment and destruction are averted. Did they keep to the path of good choices, or did they go back to their old ways? Did they examine their actions and see where they had gone wrong, or just follow rules of behavior they didn't understand?

Personally, I hope that I perform *t'shuvah* and try not to repeat my mistakes and get closer to the mark of good actions – to become my best self. As your Religious School Director, I have similar goals. Going forward, the faculty, *madrichim* (student aides,) the professional staff, and I will be looking at what worked, what didn't, and how to hit the target of being the best Religious School for our children and this community.

Speaking of community, I must thank the generous Temple members who donated supplies to the Religious School. Because of you, we can be even more creative in our classes and reach all of our students, however they learn best. I must also thank the community members who will be helping out in our classrooms. You will help our students realize the strength and caring of our Temple members. These young people are the future of the Jewish people; it is wonderful to have you with us on this journey.

Here's to joyful learning to help us all be our best selves.

*L'Shalom*/with peace and wholeness

Dasha

## ALTERNATIVE INCOME GROUP

Sinai Temple is looking for fun and creative people to help brainstorm new ways of connecting people and generating a modest income. If you have ideas on how to strengthen our community, Sinai's Alternate Income Group (AIG) needs your help! Building on our successful Israeli Art Show last year, the AIG is tasked with brainstorming a new and creative fundraiser with the goal of raising \$5,000 for Sinai Temple programming. This is a limited commitment of no more than five monthly Tuesday night meetings.

- Tuesday, August 28th; 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, September 25th; 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, October 30th; 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, November 27th; 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, December 18th; 6:00 PM

These are strictly brainstorming sessions. We will not be doing any physical work. If you are interested please contact Buff Maniscalco at [rmmaniscalco@tigebond.com](mailto:rmmaniscalco@tigebond.com) or contact the temple office.

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visit [www.sinai-temple.org](http://www.sinai-temple.org)

**NEW MEMBERS SINCE  
SEPTEMBER 2017**

*Gary and Barbara Levine  
Marc Serlin  
John Eisler and and Liza Feldman  
Eli Vinci  
Bredine Pennington  
David Weinberg  
Allen and Frances Grosnick  
Dian Friedman  
Christopher Sullivan  
Jonathan and Andrea Chasen*

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Please refrain from excessive use of perfumes and colognes when attending services and events at the Temple, especially on the High Holidays. Those with allergies can be adversely affected and become uncomfortable when exposed to strong scents.

When purchasing *bimah* flowers for special occasions, please be considerate of allergy-sufferers and order only non-scented arrangements.

**The Caring  
Community  
of Sinai Temple**

Invites ALL Sinai Members  
to a Luncheon  
At the Temple

**Monday, October 1, 10:30 am**

*following the*

**SHEMINI ATZERET/SIMCHAT  
TORAH/YIZKOR  
Morning Service**

***Our guest speaker will be  
Rabbi Master***



The Caring Community will underwrite the cost of this luncheon. We kindly ask that you RSVP to the Temple at 736-3619, no later than Thursday, September 27. Unfortunately walk-ins cannot be accommodated

## ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

### SINAI READERS

We meet monthly on a Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. Rabbi Master is our newest Sinai Reader! Here is what we are reading and when we are discussing:

**Lioness: Golda Meir and the Nation of Israel**, by Francine Klasbrun, September 26

**Letters to my Palestinian Neighbors**, by Yossi Klein Halevi, October 17

**My Country, My Life**, by Ehud Barak, November 28

Want to suggest a book? E-mail Laurie Weinberg, [sagecitrus@aol.com](mailto:sagecitrus@aol.com)

*The following class is being offered to the entire community for Fall 2018:*

**Greatest Hits from the Talmud** - Begin your morning with a taste of Talmud! In this class, we will encounter some of the most fascinating discussions of the ancient sages as recorded on various pages of the Babylonian Talmud. Join us in exploring these different "gems" of the Talmud and attempting to wrestle with their meanings in their time and in our own. This class is for beginners and beyond, seekers, and lovers of Jewish learning!

**Dates:** 10 Thursdays, Sept. 27 – Dec. 13

**Time:** 9:30 – 10:45 am

**Location:** Michael's Café, JGS Lifecare, 770 Converse Street, Longmeadow

**Instructor:** Rabbi Devorah Jacobson

**Registration:** Please contact Rabbi Jacobson to register at [djacobson@JGSLifecare.org](mailto:djacobson@JGSLifecare.org) or at 413- 567-3949 x2210.

**Class Fee:** \$125



**On Saturday July, 21st Rabbi Master, his wife Rabbi Alana Wasserman and daughters Peri Rose and Dara joined Sinai Temple's Eisner's campers and families for services at URJ Camp Eisner. Pictured from left to right are Peri Master, Rabbi Alana Wasserman, Dara Master, Rabbi Jeremy Master, Lilly Stern, Sumner Lewis, Karen Mendelsohn, Jeffrey Cossin, Jodi Maniscalco, Buff Maniscalco, Shoshana Maniscalco and Hannah Wald.**

## News From SPFTY:

SPFTY, Sinai's youth group and local NFTY chapter, is looking forward to a year of friendships, learning and growing. Jonathan and Elizabeth will be your SPFTY advisors for this coming year.

Please plan to come to the BBQ on the first day of Religious School, on September 16th. This year's SPFTY board will be there to share what SPFTY is all about. You do not need to be a member of Sinai to participate in SPFTY. There will be regional events for middle schoolers also this year! So if you are in 6-12th grade, or you are the parent of a 6-12th grader, please plan to join us on September 16th.

The first regional event of the fall is Fall Conclavette. This year it will be at Camp Eisner in Great Barrington. For 9-12th graders, conclavette will be October 12-14. There will also be a special program for 6, 7, and 8th graders at the same time- from October 12-13. It is a great opportunity for middle schoolers to experience a regional event, catch up with camp friends, and make new friends.

The best way to stay in the loop about SPFTY events and happenings is to read E-vents, check our Facebook page, or to email us directly: SPFTY413@gmail.com.

Also feel free to reach out to the advisers via telephone 413-244-9794.



**Saying good-bye to last years' seniors: AJ McCormick, Hannah Wald, Mackenzie Harrison and Liv Shelasky. Seniors put their handprint up in the Youth Lounge amongst past SPFTY handprints.**

### EVENT REMINDER CHART

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>RSVP DATE</u>
Religious school Bar BQ	September 16, noon	
Erev Sukkot	September 23, 5:30 PM	September 17
Erev Simchat Torah	September 30, 5PM	September 23
Morning Service	October 1, 10:30 AM	September 27

## JEWISH JOKE

These two Jewish men are sitting in a wonderful deli frequented almost exclusively by Jews in the Jewish section of town. They are talking among themselves in Yiddish. A Chinese waiter comes up and in fluent and impeccable Yiddish asks them if everything is okay, can he get them anything, and so forth. The Jewish men are dumbfounded. "My God, where did he learn such perfect Yiddish?" they both think. After they pay the bill they ask the manager of the store, an old friend also fluent in Yiddish, "Where did your waiter learn such fabulous Yiddish?" The owner looks around and leans in so no one will hear and says, "Shhhh. He thinks we're teaching him English."

## JUDAICA SHOP CORNER

We hope everyone had a good summer.

We'll be starting regular hours again soon. Watch E-vents for dates.

For the High Holy Days we have *tallises* for men and women, *kipots*, jewelry. There are apple and honey sets, challah platters, covers and knives. Also a lovely selection of hostess gifts.

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**Snyder Award recipients Jackie Neiman and Belle Rita Novak**

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## Standing with Israel in 2018: Challenges and Opportunities

**Temple Beth El - October 9 - 7PM**

Pre-registration Required:  
[www.hadassah.org/events/standwithisrael](http://www.hadassah.org/events/standwithisrael)

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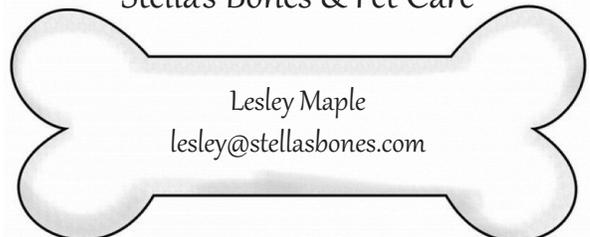


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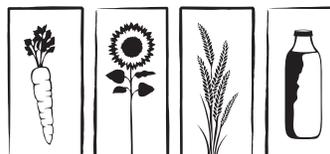
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**Confirmation 2018 was held on Shavuot, May 19th. Pictured here are (BACK ROW) Interim Rabbi Howard Kosovske, Dasha Baker (Director of Education), and Cantor Martin Levson. (FRONT ROW) Annabella Whalen, Alisa Goldberg, and Emily Cooper.**