

At a Shabbat service a few months ago, Rabbi Jay referred to me as Morah Amy. This was not the first time he has done it. The students hear it and use it all the time, but on this night, several people questioned me about it. In addition, I often receive e-mails addressed to Morah Amy.

When I first came to work at Temple Sinai, Rabbi Jay asked me what I wanted the students to call me. I thought about it for a moment. Temple Sinai had a Rabbi Jay and a Cantor Micah, and Mrs. Ritell just didn't seem right, so I chose Morah Amy.

According to thinkbabynames.com, "pronunciation of Morah as a name for girls has the meaning 'star of the sea.' Morah is a version of Maura (Irish, Latin)," but none of this has anything to do with me. As I said before, my name is Amy and Morah is just a title. In Hebrew, morah means teacher (feminine), with the masculine version of the word being moreh. Several of our teaching staff use the title Morah instead of Mrs. This is not uncommon in a Hebrew or religious school setting. Please feel free to refer to me as Morah Amy anytime you want to have a conversation with me.

Please be sure to send in your school registrations. It helps us with planning the best religious school experience for your children.

Have a safe, happy and healthy summer, I look forward to seeing everyone on Sunday, September 23, when we begin the new school year.

L'shalom,

*Morah Amy*