



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

# Bulletin

December 2009 / January 2010

## WORSHIP SERVICES

Friday, December 4

6:00 pm: **TOT SHABBAT DINNER & SERVICE**

7:00 pm: **SHABBAT SERVICE**

Saturday, December 5

10:30 am

Bar Mitzvah

**Benjamin Ross Katz**

Son of Ruby Chan and Irvin Katz

Friday, December 11

7:00 pm

**SHIR SHABBAT SERVICE**

*(Susan Sacks and the T'Filah Band will join  
Cantor Pincus)*

Friday, December 18

7:00 pm

**7TH GRADE CHANUKAH SHABBAT SERVICE**

*(December Birthday Blessings)*

Friday, December 25

7:00 pm

**SHABBAT SERVICE**

*(Note that regular time for Shabbat evening  
services changes to 7:30 as of January 1)*

Friday, January 1

7:30 pm

**SHABBAT SERVICE**

Friday, January 8

7:30 pm

**SHIR SHABBAT SERVICE**

*(January Birthday Blessings)*

Friday, January 15

7:30 pm

**SHABBAT SERVICE**

Friday, January 22

7:30 pm

**SHABBAT SERVICE**

Friday, January 29

7:30 pm

**SHABBAT SHIRAH SERVICE**

**& TU B'SHEVAT SEDER**

## RABBINIC REFLECTIONS

**Stuart A. Pollack** ([triplechai@msn.com](mailto:triplechai@msn.com))

I remember, when I was very young, hearing the word "excommunication" for the first time. It was in reference to a famous incident in the Lower East Side of New York in the Thirties. It was when some of the kosher butchers refused to become part of a city wide kosher butchers' union. The rabbinic court was in favor of this because it would enable more uniformity in establishing kosher standards. The rogue butchers saw this as a heavy handed rabbinic imposition on the way they do business. Hence, on a Shabbat morning during the Torah service, in many of the major synagogues throughout the lower East Side, the Rabbis on bended knee before the ark invoked excommunication for those wayward butchers. The rabbis pronounced that non-union butchers' meat would not be considered kosher until they acquiesced to the rabbinic court.

The butchers were forced to join the union or go out of business. In modern times, especially in the United States, this power of Jewish excommunication, referred to in Hebrew as cherem, was considered to be an extremely rare occurrence. To be ostracized by the Jewish community, especially in medieval times, was considered tantamount to a death warrant. Jews depended upon the Jewish community to protect them from the ravages of anti-Semitism and as a source of livelihood. Since Jews in many areas of Europe were not allowed to mingle with non-Jews, the Jewish community was a source of all social interaction. To be barred from entering a synagogue to pray and socialize while in cherem was devastating to any Jew.

The most famous case of excommunication was Baruch Spinoza, the famous philosopher, whose ideas about God and the separation of church and state caused the Amsterdam rabbinic court in the 17th century to put him into cherem. Even before Spinoza, Maimonides, the greatest rabbi of his time and perhaps of all time was never placed in cherem. But his books and writings were considered forbidden to read in some Ashkenazic communities. His ideas were put into cherem.

Even in medieval times the ban of excommunication was rarely inflicted by rabbinic courts. To many Jews it was considered too harsh to impose upon

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Open Casting Call For

### "THE MEGILLAH ACCORDING TO BROADWAY"

We are looking for any interested performers for our  
PURIMSHPIEL on FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2010

Rehearsals are scheduled for  
Sundays, beginning January 10th  
Sense of Humor and Commitment Required





any Jew. In modern times, it is almost unheard of in the Jewish community. One of the reasons is that we are a more diverse community than we were hundreds of years ago. It just would not be effective.

It is fascinating to read that the Catholic Church still imposes excommunication. Just recently, in the midst of the health care debate, Congressman Patrick Kennedy of Rhode Island was placed under a ban of excommunication by the bishop of Rhode Island. Congressman Kennedy's support of a woman's right to choose abortion infuriated the Bishop to the point that he has denied the Congressman the right to receive communion. Patrick Kennedy, according to the Church, had the audacity to criticize the Church for not supporting the new health care legislation on the grounds that it might indirectly include government funded abortions. Kennedy's assertion was that the Church would rather dismiss a bill that could save countless lives rather than compromise in any way on one very minor issue. Already, because of the protestation of the Church, the bill has been modified to emphatically preclude any hint of the government helping women, who for many cogent reasons need an abortion but don't have the wherewithal to have a safe one.

The Church's stance on abortion and birth control has been consistent for decades. It is unequivocal in its resistance to any form of choice for couples to the extent that it is against the use of condoms for the prevention of AIDS. Of course any religious body should be able to promote to its own parishioners its viewpoints on any issue. It is when a religious body promotes these viewpoints politically and uses its power of excommunication to deprive a politician from practicing his religion due to his political stance that too many lines are being crossed.

For example, Eric Cantor, the representative from Virginia, is a committed Jew who keeps a kosher home. His position in opposition to any form of health care reform is antithetical to all the teachings of Judaism from Biblical times until today. Yet there is not one Jewish organization nor synagogue that would have the chutzpah to excommunicate him even though universal health care is supported by most of the major Jewish organizations. The same could be said for Joseph Lieberman, Senator from Connecticut, who is a practicing Orthodox Jew and who also is against reforming health care. No Rabbi has put him into cherem.

For the Catholic Church to withhold a sacrament from a politician because of a viewpoint that does not coincide with canonical teaching affects all of us, Catholic and non-Catholic alike.

One of great contributions of Spinoza to civilization was his insistence that because the Bible was written by man it should not be used to supersede the practical wisdom and political viewpoints of a government. He believed in the separation of Church and State. He was excommunicated from the Jewish community not because his ideas were heretical to Judaism, but because the Portuguese Jewish community in Amsterdam felt that Spinoza's ideas would cause the non-Jewish community to persecute Jews. Spinoza, in the 17th century, anticipated that when there is a confluence of church and state, there is little chance for a dispassionate appraisal of any legislative initiative to the detriment of all society.

In this we hope that Catholic legislators answer to their inner voice of reason rather than to the dictates of a theocratic belief system that still believes it exists in medieval totalitarian Europe rather than in 21st century America.

## High Holiday Appeal

By Martin Kline, President

I wish to thank the following people who have pledged and contributed to Har Sinai's Sixteenth Annual High Holiday Appeal. The proceeds from this project will be split equally between the Temple Capital Campaign Fund and the Endowment Fund. Any additional donations to this vital campaign will be gratefully accepted and acknowledged.

Rita Allen, Ruth and Don Barrack, Johna and Robert Bingham, Anne and Martin Bloomenthal, Carol and Marvin Bluestein, Janice and Barry Blumberg, Lorraine and David Blumenfeld, Ariel Perelmuter and Gene Chertock, Ivy and Michael Cohen, Dr. Norman and Roslyn Coopersmith, Susan and Jim Ferry, Nancy and Jeff Fine, Dorothy Forer, Roberta and Arthur Frank, Barry Frost, Evelyn Gerofsky, Dorothy Glogoff, Heather and Dan Goodman, Paula and Jeffrey Gross and Family, Madeline and Steve Gubernick, Nancy and John Healey, Janet and Steven Hochman, Laura and Sidney Hofing, Laura Lich-

stein and Steve Isaacson, Hope and Stuart Kadesh, Katie and Albert B. Kahn, III, Sharon and Robert Kahn, Jane Zamost and Gary Karlin, Susan and Kenneth Kassler-Taub, Janis Kind, Bernice E. Kline, Janice and Martin Kline, Rita M. Kravitz, Randi and John Lawrie, Eunice M. Levie, Phyllis and Dennis Malinger, Emily Rose and Jim Marrow, Jean Burdick and Larry Miller, Judy and Donald Millner, Rose D. Movitch, Jeanne and Art Nahan, Linda and Phil Ozaroff, Eleanor and Rabbi Bernard Perelmuter, Cindy and Ron Perl, Eric Risberg and Rick Pollock, Marcia Primus, Robin and Greg Rapport, Muriel and Fred Rosenfeld, Lila and Rabbi Morton Rosenthal, Miriam E. Ross, Lynn and Marv Sadowsky, Lisette and Hank Siegel, Marjorie and Harvey Silk, Renae and Sam Starker, Cindy and Steven Sussman, Bernadette West and Barry Truchil, Jacqueline Tuozolo, Sharon and Bob Voelzke, Linda Steinberg and Howard Wainer, Cindy and Marc S. Weinroth, Marc Whitman, Carol and Dr. Herbert Zemle

# Cantor's Corner

The next two months at Har Sinai will be full of music! On the second Friday of every month, we have our wonderful Tefila Band accompanying services with the incomparable Susan Sacks. Please join them on Dec. 11 and January 8. On December 11, we will also have a little unofficial welcoming of Hanukkah.

Susan joins us again to accompany the Seventh Grade as they lead us in the Official Har Sinai Chanukah Service on December 18 – we will sing Hanukkah songs and light the last night of Hanukkah together.

In January, we will start weekly Sunday rehearsals for this year's Purimshpiel: **The Megillah According to Broadway**. This will be performed February 26. All are welcome to participate – please let me know if you are interested [cantorpincus@harsinai.com](mailto:cantorpincus@harsinai.com)

On Friday, January 29, we will celebrate Shabbat Shirah – the Sabbath of Song. Both Kids' Choir and Adult Choir will sing. This is the Shabbat during which we chant the famous "Shirat Hayam", the Song of the Sea. Moses sang this song to express gratitude for crossing the Red Sea safely, and for the liberation from Egypt. The words to Mi Chamocha, which we sing every Friday night, come from this text. We are especially lucky, in that it is also Tu B'shevat, which is the New Year for Trees. We will observe a special, kabbalistic Tu B'shevat Seder before the service. Never fear, a Tu B'shevat seder is nothing like a Pesach seder—this will only last 15 minutes! Take a moment to show appreciation for the environment and eat some nuts and berries. Hope to see you there!

## Adult Education... *Upcoming December and January*

### SHABBAT SERVICES AT GREENWOOD HOUSE

**Every other Friday Morning in December and January at 10:30 am**

Join Rabbi Pollack or Cantor Pincus every other 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.

### Lunch and Learn

**Tuesdays at 12 noon**

Lunch and Learn this year is exploring Christianity with the classic text "A Jewish Understanding of the New Testament" by Samuel Sandmel. This book is an in-depth look at the Christian scriptures, from a Jewish perspective. In this classic work, we will encounter Rabbi Sandmel's lucid and brilliant introduction to the New Testament from a Jewish point of view, transcending the boundaries of religion in order to share in the profound perplexities and deep aspirations that we as human beings have been inspired to express. Rabbi Pollack will discuss this material each week as the class reads and delves into the most sensitive and important issues defining both faiths. You won't want to miss this class!

### Home Study Group

**Wednesday, December 9**

**Host: Nanette and Stanley Haberman**

**Wednesday, January 13**

**Host: To be decided**

The Home Study Group, which meets in either Congregants' homes OR at the Temple on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, has been a staple of Har Sinai for over forty years and has proven to be one of the most enduring adult education experiences in Temple life. Please join us for fascinating discussions on current events with a Jewish twist. The topics range from politics to legal decisions that affect our daily lives. There is rarely a dull moment when we discuss everything from privacy issues to the separation of Church and State. We often review the latest news stories as we try to give many contemporary issues perspective and meaning. In December, the meeting will be hosted by the Habermans in Ewing. To RSVP, call them at 609-883-0724.

### Extreme Torah Study

**Saturdays from 9:15 to 10:15 am**

**(No class on December 5th or 12th or 26th. There will be classes on December 19th and each Saturday in January)**

There is no Torah Study group of this kind anywhere. Rabbi Pollack presents 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.

### Rosh Chodesh Group Meeting

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 7th**

**7:00 to 8:30 pm**

**Hosted by Robin Potter**

**at Har Sinai Temple**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 25th**

**7:00 to 8:30 pm**

**Hosted by Jill Schwartz**

**"Rashi's Daughters"**

**What is a Rosh Chodesh group?** Let's say you're a woman who's got that "spark." You've heard about Rosh Chodesh groups and you wonder what it would be like to be in such a group. Or, you feel you'd like to talk to other Jewish women on a regular basis. Or, perhaps you are looking for an outlet for your spiritual needs. Or, you grew up in a Jewish environment where women's participation was minimal and you've always yearned to find out more and do more. If any of this sounds familiar, please join us when we get together and share thoughts and feelings with other women. The range of ideas for programs is virtually limitless. They can include life cycle celebrations, observance of Jewish holidays, traditional and creative prayer, study of Jewish texts, artistic pursuits, learning new Jewish skills, and discussion about a variety of shared experiences. Start the journey toward learning, spiritual growth and fun with other Har Sinai Temple women. To join the group, please call the Temple office.

# RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORTS

Magda Reyes, Educator

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It's hard to believe that it is already December and half the school year is almost over!! The Parent Teacher B'Yahad Group (more affectionately known as the PTB) has gotten off to a great start!! This would not have been possible without the help of the PTB Officers, Room Parents, and most importantly the Religious School Families!

We were able to have successful Meet & Greets for each class – a great way for parents, students and teachers to meet one another and find out what is happening in each classroom. Our fundraising efforts have had wonderful success so far. This year, we solicited ads from Temple and Community members for the Religious School Directory as one of our fundraisers. The response was amazing and we thank all those who supported us in our endeavor to get the Directory to print. Look for the Directory in early January. We also had a very successful Book Fair in November during Jewish Book Month and a successful Coupon Book sale. All these funds will help us to support the Religious School and, again, we could not do any of this without your help and support.

We are gearing up for Chanukah - December 13th will start off the celebration with a school-wide musical program and then each class will have their own parties in their classrooms. Thanks to all the Room Moms and class parents who organized the parties and donated food. We will also be hosting a Chanukah luncheon for the staff on December 20th. After all, none of this would be possible without our great staff!!

I hope everyone has a wonderful Chanukah and a very Happy New Year! May the lights of the menorah brighten each of your homes with light and love.



## B'NAI MITZVAH

December



Benjamin Katz

### **Save The Date**

**Sunday, February 21, 2010**

**1:30 pm**

The "Arms of the Temple" Presents  
the next in their fascinating series of Forums

***"Protecting What You Have: Financial Issues in 2010"***

**MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW.**

## Religious School Calendar December 2009

### Friday, December 4

- Tot Shabbat Pizza service and dinner, 6pm

### Sunday, December 6

- Hebrew High School meets, 9am – 11:30am
- PTB (Parents and Teachers B'Yachad) 11:30am

### Tuesday, December 8

- REC (Religious Education Committee), 4:45pm

### Sunday, December 13

- preschool class, 9am - 10:30am
- school-wide Chanukah celebration

### Friday, December 18

- 7th grade Shabbat service, 7pm

### Sunday, December 20

- Hebrew High School meets, 9am – 11:30am
- PaRDeS Community HighSchool (11th and 12th grades) meets at Temple Beth-El in Hillsborough, New Jersey, 4pm – 7pm

### Tuesday, December 22, 2009 – Sunday, January 3, 2010

- Religious School is closed for winter break

## January 2010

### Tuesday, January 5, 2010

- midweek school starts
- 3rd grade starts midweek
- Camp Harlam presentation, 5:45-6:15pm

### Sunday, January 10

- Hebrew High School meets, 9am – 11:30am
- PTB meets, 11:30am

### Tuesday, January 12

- REC meets, 4:45pm

### Sunday, January 17

- religious School is closed for Martin Luther King Day

### Sunday, January 24

- Hebrew High School meets, 9am – 11:30am
- 6th grade PACT Family program
- "Close to My Heart" – A Tea for 1st through 5th grade students with an adult, 11:45am-1pm

### Sunday, January 31

- 5th grade trip to Community program at Cong Beth Chaim, 9am-12pm
- PaRDeS Community HighSchool (11th and 12th grades) meets at Cong. Beth Chaim, Princeton Junction, New Jersey, 4pm – 7pm

**Please remember to bring a kosher food item to Temple and place in the JFCS Kosher Food Pantry basket just to the right as you enter the front door EVERYTIME YOU COME TO HAR SINAI.**

## Community Recycling

Har Sinai has been designated as a Community Recycling Center for the benefit of Jewish Family and Children's Service. A donation container (PURPLE) is now located next to the Har Sinai Annex to collect good, clean, re-wearable family clothes, shoes and household textiles. The container will be maintained by Community Recycling, a licensed donation acquisition service and proceeds will benefit the Kosher Food Pantry of the JFCS.

## We Need Volunteers

The Committee is looking for volunteers to deliver our monthly meals to the Family Preservation Center (housed in the Katzenbach School for the Deaf in West Trenton) the first Thursday of each month. Families or individuals can volunteer for one or more months of delivery. Please contact Mary Kirsch at [Kirsch.mary@gmail.com](mailto:Kirsch.mary@gmail.com).

## INTERFAITH/SPECIAL NEEDS FAMILIES OUTREACH COMMITTEE

**Peter Buchsbaum** ([PBuchsbaum@aol.com](mailto:PBuchsbaum@aol.com)) & **Lorell Levy** ([lorell.levy@ww.p-org](mailto:lorell.levy@ww.p-org)), Co-chairpeople

### • Attention Families of Children with Special Needs

The division of the Family Outreach Committee that serves the needs of children and families with special needs is partnering with the Renaissance Club to offer an exceptional evening of thought-provoking presentations.

On Wednesday evening, December 16, 2009, at 6PM, the two committees will present a special showing of the film, "Praying with Lior." This is the tender story of young Lior, a boy with Down syndrome, who travels an arduous path through life and his Bar Mitzvah. Truly a cinematic triumph, this story is a must for anyone with a family member who must overcome learning challenges.

The event will be preceded by a light supper, and after the film, there will be a panel discussion with experts in the field of special education. Please bring your questions, concerns, and possibly tissues, as this is a topic that tugs the heartstrings like no other.

We ask that you kindly make a donation to cover the cost of the supper. We are limited to the first 50 people who reserve, so please call the Temple today to reserve your place. If for some reason you make a reservation and cannot attend, please tell us so we may contact someone on the waiting list.

## NEW!: Har Sinai Chavurah

**Ellen Buchsbaum** ([ellen.buchsbaum@mrmworldwideprn.com](mailto:ellen.buchsbaum@mrmworldwideprn.com)) & **Paula Gross** ([friedmanp@unitedtalent.com](mailto:friedmanp@unitedtalent.com)), Co-Chairpeople

It may be the end of the year, but it's just the beginning of many exciting events for Chavurah! And the good news is we're getting more and more members joining Har Sinai, as well as our Chavurah group.

On Sunday, December 6th, a dozen women – with four dozen cookies each – gathered for a Ladies' Chavurah Brunch and Cookie Swap at Alison Greenberg's home. After dropping the kids at Religious School, the ladies came for a delicious bagel and quiche brunch. Everyone had a great time catching up and meeting new people – so much so, we almost forgot to swap cookies. Thanks so much to Alison for hosting (and Jay for helping), and for all who came!

As of press time, over 55 people have RSVP'd "yes" for the "Light the Ice! – A Family Ice Skating and Menorah Lighting Party" joint event with the Princeton Mercer-Bucks JCC, being held on **Sunday, December 13th, from 4 – 6pm** at the Mercer County Park Skating Rink. Skaters will nosh on kosher pizza, donuts, apple cider and hot chocolate. Cost is \$15 per person for skaters, \$10 per person for non-skaters. Thanks to Gail Gross for spearheading this event, with help from new Har Sinai member (and JCC program and camp director) Sue Weiner.

The new year is already off to an exciting start. Nina Weiss, a new Har Sinai member, is planning a Chavurah family field trip

to the Franklin Institute in **early winter; a date will be set shortly**. Attendees will provide their own transportation. Tickets are \$10 per child, \$12.75 per adult, and include a showing of "The Sky Tonight", a classic planetarium show. This event is perfect for families with children of all ages. Many thanks to Nina for planning! Watch your email and bulletins for more details. Questions? Contact Nina Weiss ([nina@serraweiss.com](mailto:nina@serraweiss.com)), Paula Gross or Ellen Buchsbaum.

Plus, the Chavurah is heading to the theater on **Sunday, March 7th at 2pm** with a local family trip to see "Fiddler on the Roof" at Kelsey Theater at Mercer County Community College. Watch for details to come.

We are also looking into planning a dinner and wine event — for adults only.

The Chavurah is a social group for Temple members with children enrolled in the Religious School, ages pre-school through Hebrew High. We have both adult-only and family events. **If you have kids in Religious School and want to be a part of the Chavurah**, please contact Ellen Buchsbaum, Paula Gross, or the Temple office to get your name on our email list. Please note that we will be having a 2010 planning meeting at the Temple in late January and would love to see you there!

# HAR SINAI THANKS

...**Robin Rapport**, for taking over as chairperson of the Sisterhood Chanukah Bazaar and doing a fabulous job putting together an exciting morning at the Temple on November 22nd... thanks to **Stephanie Haas, Lois Krause, and Jill Shafer** for the Sisterhood food booth (and other gift items), **Jackie Rapport and Kayla Krause** for "manning" the Kid's \$2.00 Table, **Shelly Gallo** for the PTB booth, **Greg Rapport** of Rapport Party Bands and DJ for music and sound system, **Gavin Rapport** for help setting up, and **Hope Kadesh** for getting the whole thing started...and all of the vendors who came to sell their wares... and all of the **Congregants** who recommended the vendors.

...**Naomi Griffin, Rick Pollock, Nancy Frost, and Eric Risberg**, chairpeople of the fun and successful Gold Night/Rock and Roll Night at Har Sinai Temple on December 5th... and committee members who donated food and/or set up, **Donna D'Anna, Beth Deitchman, Louise Husid, Mary Kirsch, Lois Krause, Randi Lawrie, Barbara Weiner, Susan Weisberger**...DJ **Greg Rapport** for providing great music from the 60's and 70's to dance to...**Jim Reiser**, check in...thanks to **Naomi, Eric and Rick** for their generous donations of wine, food, and soda...special thanks to the **generous members** who donated their gold earnings back to the Temple... and to **Janice Kline** who donated her 50/50 winnings back to the Temple... special thanks to the **Hopewell Valley Community Bank** for the donation of 2 gift certificates as door prizes.

...**Roberta and Arthur Frank** and the **Ambassadors of Dixieland**, the Renaissance Committee, **Janis Kind, Eunice Levie, Ruth Levine, Rose Movitch and Adele Spiro**, and to those fans who attended, another wonderful evening of jazz on December 6th.

...**Alison Greenberg**, for hosting at her home the Chavurah's December 6th Cookie Swap Party...**Paula Gross**, for all her help, and all those who attended bringing cookies and other holiday goodies to be tasted and traded.

...**Abbie Katz**, chair of the Judaica Shop, and helpers, **Debbie Mannella, Sarah Mannella, and Robin Potter**, for their work so that the Chanukah Judaica Shop had one of its most exciting and productive seasons to date...Abbie would like to especially

thank the **school parents** and the **Congregation** for their continued support.

...**Rita Allen**, for hosting the November 12th meeting of the Home Study Group.

...Everyone who participated in the **Social Action Committee's** two November projects: **LIGHTS** (Love Is Giving Hanukah Toys to Share), a gift card program for the benefit of the Jewish Family and Children's Service, and **COAT MONTH** for the benefit of JFCS and TASK (Trenton Area Soup Kitchen).

...Librarian **Rita Allen**, for coordinating the November 15th Book Fair, along with helpers **Shelly Gallo and Gabby Gallo, Marian Gelber and Michael Streger, Karen Jimenez and Lilia Jimenez, Debbie Mannella, and Robin Potter**.

...**Marilyn Weinstein**, and the **Arms of the Temple Programming Committee**, for coordinating the very successful Health Care Reform Panel and Forum on November 11th... **Jeff Fine**, moderator, and speakers **Rep. Rush Holt, Dr. Henry D'Silva, Dr. Robert Remstein, and Judy Gordon**... **Ariel Schwartz** (flyer and technical setup)...**Lew Dauer and Mark Greenfield** (ushering and security)...**Mary Kirsch** (refreshments)... and last, but not least, **Rabbi Pollack**, for securing Rep. Holt as a key speaker.

...**School Parents**, for attending, enjoying, and participating in Rebecca Rubin's Tea Party on November 1, the "Seeds of the Sun" Jazz Ensemble on November 8, the 3rd Grade PACT Program on November 15, and the Chanukah Bazaar on November 22nd.

...Those **members** whose special donations made the appearance of the "Seeds of the Sun" possible.

...Choir members who joined the Cantor for a special Thanksgiving Musical Shabbat Service on November 20: **Jordan Antebi, Howard Azer, Tim Brown, Peter Buchsbaum, Pam Goldberg, Judy Lehrhaupt, Don Millner, Judy Millner, Jackie Rapport, and Adena Schwartz**. Along with the Senior Choir were the Junior Choir members, **Lilia Jimenez, Jenna Krause, Michelle Sobol, and Julia Voelzke**.

## MEN'S CLUB

Lew Dauer, President, ([lewdauer@comcast.net](mailto:lewdauer@comcast.net))

The Men's Club held its first ever Har Sinai Hall of Fame Roast and Bagel Brunch on October 25th. We were thrilled with the turn out as the house was packed to capacity. Ron Perl presented our first young leadership award to Karen Jimenez. This special award given by our president recognized Karen for her outstanding contributions over the past few years. Our Hall of Fame Honors celebrated the achievements of Janis Kind, and Arthur and Roberta Frank, who have all contributed decades of service to our congregation.

We also celebrated Guest of Honor Ron Perl with a fun filled Har-Sinai-style Roast. To all who attended we truly hope you had a wonderful time. A special thanks to our honorees **Janis Kind, Arthur and Roberta Frank, Karen Jimenez and Ron Perl**. Thanks to our special presenter **Lisa Kimmelman**, and our roasters **Greg Rapport, Marilyn Weinstein, Ellen Buchsbaum, Marc Greenfield, and Carl Bannwart**. Thanks to Laura and Mike for all your help and support. Thanks to **Kathleen Dauer and Debbie Dauer** for fund raising support. And very special thanks to the Men's Club guys who made it all work: **Ariel Schwartz, Greg Rapport, Dave Dafilou, Seth Aronson, Jed Weisberger, Marc Greenfield, and Carl Bannwart**. For more information on Men's Club, please contact the Temple office.

# BULLETIN BOARD

## HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3 – Ian Rosenast	12 yrs.
7 – Jonah Tuckman	12 yrs.
Samantha Weinraub	11 yrs.
12 – Jack Granahan	6 yrs.
13 – Elizabeth Zerbib	9 yrs.
14 – Zachary Shafer	6 yrs.
15 – Spencer Marks	9 yrs.
18 – Tali Phillips	4 yrs.
22 – Carly Greenstein	12 yrs.
Matthew Greenstein	12 yrs.
27 – Benjamin Friedman	6 yrs.
Jordan Spector	7 yrs.
29 – Leo Rosner	4 yrs.
30 – Chloe Margulis	7 yrs.

## SPECIAL DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

8 – Miriam Geller
9 – Muriel Zeltmacher
14 – John Schafer
19 – Lloyd Fredericks
25 – Herman Chermak
30 – Barbara Goldberg

## SIGNIFICANT DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

9 – Philip & Linda Ozaroff	20 yrs.
14 – Morris & Sara Jane Harris	51 yrs.
24 – Samuel & Beatrice Frey	59 yrs.

## HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

7 – Brennan Spector	12 yrs.
12 – Gavin Glogoff	4 yrs.
17 – Isaac Stephens	10 yrs.
19 – Andrew Sagotsky	5 yrs.
24 – Michael Duthie	8 yrs.
25 – Matthew Robertson	10 yrs.

## SPECIAL JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

8 – Janis Kind
9 – Charlotte Millner
11 – Muriel Rosenfeld
12 – Florence Power
16 – Irma Kleinerman
19 – Jo Strausfogel
24 – Elaine Lapin
26 – Howard Henschel

## SIGNIFICANT JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

4 – Richard & Sandra Nitzberg	51 yrs.
19 – Morton & Jean Goldstein	63 yrs.

## Oneg Shabbat Sponsors

### November

**Sandy and Colin Schreiber**, in honor of their daughter, Jordannah, who became a Bat Mitzvah.

**Nancy and Eric Feiner**, in honor of their son, Harrison, becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

**Linda Bosniak and Andrew Bush**, in memory of Walter and Ruth Bush and in honor of their daughters, Jessica and Tanya, becoming B'not Mitzvah.

## Pulpit Decorations

### November

**Sandy and Colin Schreiber**, in honor of their daughter, Jordannah, who became a Bat Mitzvah.

**Nancy and Eric Feiner**, in honor of their son, Harrison, becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

**Morton and Tomi Bosniak**, in honor of their granddaughters, Tanya and Jessica Bush, becoming B'not Mitzvah.



Saturday, February 7, 2009

7:30 pm

## COMEDY CABARET

starring

## ANDY PITZ and JON FISCH



A deli dinner and delicious desserts will be served  
 BYOB (and your friends)  
 Chaired by Nancy Feiner  
 Reservations are required; your flyer with  
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Thursday, January 28, 7:00-8:30 pm  
and

Sunday, January 31, 10:00-11:30 am  
"The Terrain of the Prayerbook"

Rabbi Pollack, in his inimitable style, will lead a fascinating journey through the Friday night service. For the confused and/or interested.

### Session II

Thursday, February 18, 7:00-8:30 pm  
and

Sunday, February 21, 10:00-11:30 am  
"The Terrain of the Synagogue"

Rabbi will continue the journey using his unique GPS to bring alive the mysteries of the Temple.

### Session III

Thursday, March 11, 7:00-8:30 pm  
and

Sunday, March 14, 10:00-11:30 am  
"The Terrain of the Holidays"

Focusing on Passover, Rabbi will answer the question, "How do we make the holiday special?"

## *sisterhood*

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