Join us for the Latka Lunch on November 24th!
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**Rabbi’s Corner**

**The Pew Forum’s “A Portrait Of Jewish Americans”: Are We Losing Our Religion?**

“American Jews overwhelmingly say they are proud to be Jewish and have a strong sense of belonging to the Jewish people, according to a major new survey by the Pew Research Center. But the survey also suggests that Jewish identity is changing in America, where one-in-five Jews (22%) now describe themselves as having no religion.”

Recently released, the Pew Study is inspiring two predictable, if lamentable, reactions: the first is a collective “Oy Vey, the sky is falling,” response predicting then end of Judaism. The second is a sectarian triumphalism trumpeted by those feeling their their viewpoint is completely vindicated by the survey’s results – “We told you so!”

That latter response is myopic. Every group can celebrate some statistics and fret about others. Orthodox numbers go up, due in large part to birth-rate. Yet, of those born orthodox, only 45% remain so today. The conservative movement is dealing with an internal split, an identity crisis, if you will. Among those identifying with the reform movement, we see a slight diminution is numbers, accompanied by bursts of innovation.

More interesting, still, are the rates at which Jews move between the movements. According to the survey, approximately a quarter of those raised Orthodox now identify as conservative or reform, while 30% of those raised conservative now identify reform. Completing in this same direction, 28% of those raised reform no longer identify as “religious,” if they identify as being Jewish at all.

What do these numbers mean? It depends on your point of view. For those who bemoan the move away from traditional forms of religion, these numbers reinforce the sense that we stand at a demographic precipice. This view is nothing new. In a celebrated essay called “The Ever Dying People,” Simon Ravidowicz demonstrates that every generation of Jews since the fall of the second Temple in the year 70 c.e. was convinced it was going to be the last. In other words, worrying about the continued existence of the Jewish people is bred in our bones.

Yet, for others, including me, the numbers point to Reform Judaism’s being the most popular entry point to Jewish religious life, even as, for others, it is the last stop on their journey leaving Judaism. That tension between being an entry and an exit point underscores the essential role Reform Judaism plays. According to Cohen’s Theory of Jewish Survival, Judaism’s continued existence and vitality is due a simple proposition: in every generation, there always has been both an element of the community that has insisted on conserving Judaism’s traditions. That group stands in tension with an element that pushes Judaism to adapt to the present, with an eye toward the future. In the first century, the Sadducees tried to hold on to the Temple rituals even as the Pharisees (forbears of the rabbis) radically interpreted Torah to speak to their age. In the early nineteenth century, the Hasidic movement arose as an adaptive and innovative response to the Talmud centered, scholastically inclined, rabbis, replacing esoteric study with ecstatic praying. Not long after, the Reform movement arose in Germany with an eye toward adapting Judaism to a modern context even as a newly emerging “orthodox” movement emphasized the preservation of tradition.

What keeps Judaism live and vibrant is the fact that these two countervailing elements in the Jewish community have remained in dynamic tension, never writing each other out of the fold, say, as occurred in Christianity. We are one Jewish family, with some members trying to conserve the tradition while others work to adapt and innovate to keep Judaism relevant and fresh. The dynamic tension keeps us going.

Without a doubt, the adaptive impulse of Reform Judaism can, and does, sometimes lead people to assimilate to point where they no longer identify as religious or, in some cases, as Jewish. Yet, this strengthens the group, as a whole. Imagine: if the community were all orthodox or all reform our existence might soon be limited to the annals of history.

So what does this mean for you and me? It means we should redouble our commitment to the principles of Reform Judaism, and seek to apply Judaism’s timeless verities and values to a world sorely in need of their healing powers. Through study, prayer, and acts of tzedakah, we can distance ourselves from defeatist conciliations and instead embrace a Judaism that is timeless and timely, that speaks to our day as it has spoken to ages past. In a world sorely in need of Judaism’s healing message we can afford to do no less.

Rabbi David B. Cohen

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**Cantor’s Notes**

**The Miracle of Thanksgivikah**

Even though this year represents the first and only convergence of Chanukah and Thanksgiving for the next 70,000 years, Jewish liturgy has been joining the thematic commonalities between these two holidays since seventh-century Babylonia. Though the Internet may be abuzz with sweet potato latke and cranberry applesauce recipes to commemorate this once-in-a-lifetime phenomenon, Thanksgivikah and Chanukah have similarities far beyond their culinary pos-
The eighteenth and penultimate blessing of the Amidah is called Hoda'ah, which is an opportunity for us to offer our abundant gratitude for God’s miracles, mercy, and kindness. During the holidays of Chanukah and Purim, there is an additional paragraph inserted into this prayer called Al HaNisim, which gives thanks specifically for the miracles, for the redemption, and for the wars God waged for our ancestors bayamim hahem bazman hazeh - in days of old, at this season, referring to the time of year that these holidays take place.

Both Chanukah and Purim represent joyful celebrations of our miraculous deliverance from oppression. On Purim, Esther and Mordechai thwarted Haman’s plan for destroying the Jewish people. On Chanukah, we celebrate the unlikely victory of small but mighty Maccabees over Antiochus and the much stronger Greek army. As Al HaNisim states, God delivered the “mighty into the hands of the weak, the many into the hands of the few, the unclean into the hands of the righteous, and the arrogant into the hands of those who engage in your Torah.” The Jews stood up for their religious freedom and won, and were able to purify and rededicate the holy temple. This is our prayer book’s recollection of the miracle of Chanukah.

In addition, let’s not forget the Talmudic story about how just a tiny bit of oil lasted for eight days. Some scholars have proposed that since there was enough oil to last for only one day, the actual miracle of Chanukah lasted for seven days. However, the very fact that there was any oil left at all was a miracle in itself. It’s also possible that the additional day was added to celebrate the fact that the Maccabees were able to attain religious freedom and regain control over religion. As such, we have a holiday that celebrates that scarcity can become plenty and that a small group of committed individuals can make a big difference. For this reason, we also traditionally include Al HaNisim in the Birkat Hamazon, our Grace After Meals, on both Chanukah and Purim.

This is not unlike the plight of the Pilgrims, the 102 passengers on the Mayflower who set sail for the New World in 1620. They wanted to worship without being controlled by external government forces, and were willing to traverse the mighty Atlantic in order to achieve this freedom. The journey was treacherous, and many did not survive. Those who made it to the colony in Plymouth had to build houses, grow food, and find resources from scratch – a process not unlike the one the Jews went through when trying to rebuild the Temple. The miracle that allowed the Pilgrims to prosper arrived in the form of Squanto, a member of the Patuxet tribe, who helped them to grow an abundant harvest. In 1621, Squanto and his tribesmen shared a festive meal with the Plymouth colonists, which is acknowledged today as the first Thanksgiving celebration. Just as the menorah has become the public symbol of commemorating the miracle of Chanukah, the Thanksgiving feast helps us to remember the triumph of the Pilgrims.

On a daily basis, the Hoda’ah blessing offers thanks for God’s miracles at all hours – erev va’voker v’tzohorayim – evening, morning, and noon. Just as our American holiday of Thanksgiving heightens our constant need to be grateful for freedom, family, and togetherness, the addition of Al HaNisim reiterates the ways in which the stories of Chanukah and Purim shape our Jewish narrative. It was bayamim hahem (in those days), but the yearly reminder of bazman hazeh (at this time) in both the Hoda’ah and Birkat Hamazon gives context to the specific circumstances that make Jewish survival a miraculous testament to our resilience.

Thanksgivukkah sameach,
Cantor Lauren Phillips

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Candles are added to the Chanukiyah from right to left but are kindled from left to right. The newest candle is lit first. Light the Shamash first and use it to kindle the rest of the Chanukah lights. Say or sing:

**Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, asher kid’shanu b’mitzvotav v’tsivanu l’hodil ner shel Chanukah.**
Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who hallowed us with mitzvot, commanding us to kindle the Hanukkah lights.

**Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, she-asah nisim laavoteinu v’imoteinu bayamim hahaeim bazman hazeh.**
Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who performed wonderous deeds for our ancestors in days of old at this season.

For first night only:

**Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, shehecheyanu v’kiy’manu v’higianu laz’man hazeh.**
Blessed are You, Adonai our God, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.
## November-December Shabbat Service Schedule

**Shabbat Toldot**  
*Genesis 25:19 - 28:9*  
- Nov 1  
  - Rockin' Shabbat Service 6:15 pm  
  - Congregational Dinner 7:15 pm  
- Nov 2  
  - Torah Study 8 am  
  - Morning Minyan 9:30 am  
  - Daelen Stonemeier Bat Mitzvah 10 am  

**Shabbat Vayetzei**  
*Genesis 28:10 - 32:3*  
- Nov 8  
  - Shabbat Service 6:15 pm  
- Nov 9  
  - Torah Study 8 am  
  - Morning Minyan 9:30 am  
  - Ryan Maxon Bar Mitzvah 10 am  

**Shabbat Vayishlach**  
*Genesis 32:4 - 36:43*  
- Nov 15  
  - Shabbat Service 6:15 pm  
- Nov 16  
  - Torah Study 8 am  
  - Morning Minyan 9:30 am  
  - Jack Glusman Bar Mitzvah 10 am  

**Shabbat Vayeshev**  
*Genesis 37:1 - 40:23*  
- Nov 22  
  - Shabbat Service and Cantor Phillips Installation 7:30 pm  
- Nov 23  
  - Torah Study 8 am  
  - Morning Minyan 9:30 am  
  - Autumn Stelzer Bat Mitzvah 10 am  

**Shabbat Miketz**  
*Genesis 41:1 - 44:17*  
- Nov 29  
  - Shabbat Service 6:15 pm  
- Nov 30  
  - Torah Study 8 am  
  - Morning Minyan 9:30 am  

**Shabbat Vayigash**  
*Genesis 44:18 - 47:27*  
- Dec 6  
  - Shabbat ShaPizza 5:30 pm  
  - Shabbat Unplugged 6:15 pm  
- Dec 7  
  - Torah Study 8 am  
  - Morning Minyan 9:30 am  

**Shabbat Vayechi**  
*Genesis 47:28 - 50:26*  
- Dec 13  
  - Shabbat Service 6:15 pm  
- Dec 14  
  - Torah Study 8 am  
  - Morning Minyan 9:30 am  

**Shabbat Shemot**  
*Exodus 1:1 - 6:1*  
- Dec 20  
  - Shabbat Service 6:15 pm  
- Dec 21  
  - Torah Study 8 am  
  - Morning Minyan 9:30 am  

**Shabbat Vaera**  
*Exodus 6:2 - 9:35*  
- Dec 27  
  - Shabbat Service 6:15 pm  
- Dec 28  
  - Torah Study 8 am  
  - Morning Minyan 9:30 am  

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**Rockin' Shabbat and Roll into Dinner!**

**Friday, November 1st**

- 6:15 pm: Rockin' Shabbat Service
- 7:15 pm: Congregational Dinner

Join us for Rockin' Shabbat filled with song and music. You won't want to miss this Shabbat experience. Great for all ages! Give those kids a snack before because following services we will **Roll into Dinner** for a delicious meal with activities for the kids. This will allow for a leisurely dinner for all. Feel free to bring a bottle of wine to share!

Cost: Adults: $10.00, Children 12 and under: $7.00, Children 3 and under: Free

Reflections

Reform Judaism was born in Western Europe at the beginning of the 19th century. The new “emancipation” extended to Jews in the area full citizenship accompanied by the invitation to participate politically, economically and socially, with fellow citizens. Traditionalists within the Jewish community rejected the invite, sensing that acceptance into the larger community would result in time to the dissolution of Jewish identity. Reformers believed we differed from our neighbors only in the areas of religious belief and ritual practice. And even here, our services were modified in accord with contemporary aesthetic standards. Rabbis were referred to as Doctor, and in some cases, wore the ministerial reverse collar. Tallis and yarmulkah were abandoned. The rabbi wore a black robe when conducting services, white on the High Holy Days. The liturgy was shortened, conducted mostly in the vernacular. Services were, in some congregations, conducted on Sunday mornings. People “dressed” to attend Temple. Decorum prevailed at services. The goal was to relinquish ethnicity but retain a liberal Jewish religiosity.

By a strange quirk of history, the circumstance of American Jews two centuries later is the very opposite of what our Reform forebears anticipated. A recent survey in the New York Times indicates that most Jews in our generation identify themselves as being irreligious. The majority do not belong to synagogues. For those who remain Jewish (the intermarriage rate exceeds 50%) most do so for reason of ethnicity and to perpetuate Jewish peoplehood.

I suggest we do not panic at these findings. History has a way of reversing itself for all manner of unexpected reasons. Those of us who still have a sense of God’s presence and delight in regular service participation will continue to feel such practice as a joy and a privilege. We should of course encourage other Jews to join us, but not be resentful if they chose not to. Our religion began when God reached out to touch a single man, Abraham. Who knows which among us, or among our children or grandchildren, will be similarly touched, and a resurgence of Jewish religiosity be reborn.

Rabbi Jay R. Brickman

Presidents Message

At the Board of Trustees meetings that occur each month, one of the items on the agenda is for a Board Member (usually a newer member) to share their Jewish Journey. This often involves stories about how and why Judaism has become such an important part of the person’s life, how and why the person became a member at Congregation Sinai, and what led them to the Board. These are my favorite parts of our meetings. The stories are truly amazing and inspiring.

During the High Holy Days earlier this year, one of the topics the Rabbi discussed was engagement. He spoke about the importance of our members being or getting engaged - whether it be in prayer, in learning, or in acts of tzedakah, just to name a few.

Members of the Board of Trustees have been calling and reaching out to several of you with holiday greetings and to get ideas from you, that we as a Board, can answer and possibly address in order to make it easier and more meaningful for members to become or remain more engaged. Please do not hesitate to share your questions or ideas. Feel free to contact us if you did not receive a call or were unable to voice your thoughts and questions.

Additionally, we are looking into ways to possibly improve our website and other means of electronic communication, so that members are better informed about what events, celebrations, classes, or other activities are happening, and how they can get involved. We also have a Facebook page, which we encourage you to become a “friend” for updates and information.

The bottom line is that we want to make sure that you have the information you need so that you can begin or continue your path or journey to engagement.

B'Shalom,
Dan Elias, Co-President
Andrew Gollin, Co-President

Lifelong Jewish Learning

The Tribes of Israel: A Shared Homeland for a Divided People
With Rabbi David Cohen & Rabbi Jacob Herber
Tuesdays, 7:30 - 9:00 PM
January 7, 14, 21, 28 at Congregation Beth Israel Ner Tamid
February 4, 11, 18, 25 at Congregation Sinai

Save the date!
Conversations on Sacred Aging
Sunday, January 26 at 10:00 AM

Whatever our age, how do we live each day to its fullest? Should we consider leaving an Ethical Will? Is there a Jewish “Bucket List”? We would like to save you from “Reinventing the Wheel” when it comes to finding the help you need for yourself as you age or for someone you love. Perhaps you are trying to figure out how to stay in your own home. Perhaps you are the child of an elderly parent. These types of questions and more can be discussed in our Caring Coffee Hours.

For more information, or to request a ride to the Caring Coffee Hour, please contact Sally Moskol at skmoskol@gmail.com or 414-228-6371.

“In the Rabbi’s Study” with Rabbi Cohen and Guests
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Sundays, November 17, February 9, May 4

Borrowing from the format of the popular TV series, “Inside the Actor’s Studio,” Sinai’s “Inside the Rabbi’s Study” will present conversations with civic leaders, scholars, artists – some of Milwaukee’s most interesting people! Moderated by Rabbi Cohen, the conversations and interviews promise to be intimate, engaging and in-depth. Keep your eyes on the Sinai News and enews for each program’s guest list. You won’t want to miss it!

On Sunday, November 17th we will be addressing the topic: “What’s Jewish About Jewish Art and Theater? Judaism’s Role in Shaping a Modern Aesthetic.” Our guest speaker will be Jody Hirsch. Jody is a published author, playwright, Covenant Award winner - one of the most prestigious international awards given to someone who has made great advances in the world of Jewish Education.

Scholar-in-Residence: Rabbi Richard Address
February 28 - March 2

Rabbi Richard F. Address is the Senior Rabbi at Congregation M’kor Shalom in Cherry Hill, NJ. Called to the congregation after 33 years with the Union for Reform Judaism, he previously served as the specialist and congregation consultant for the North American Reform movement in the program areas of Caring Community and Family Concerns. His work has been based on the belief that a congregation, to be a true “caring community”, must be founded on a theology of sacred relationships. (Read Rabbi Address’ blog for M’kor Shalom, “Chai from Rabbi Address.”)

A major part of Address’s work has been in the development and implementation of the project on Sacred Aging. This project has been responsible for creating awareness and resources for congregations on the implication of the emerging longevity revolution with growing emphasis on the aging of the baby boom generation. This aging revolution has begun to impact all aspects of Jewish communal and congregational life.
Ongoing Adult Learning

HAZAK
**Day:** Tuesdays, December 24, January 28, February 25, March 25, April 22, May 20
**Time:** 1:00 PM
**Facilitator:** Rabbi David B. Cohen

HAZAK is an acronym: the *het* is for hokhma – wisdom, the *zayen* for zikna – maturity, and the *kuf* for kadima – looking ahead. Our mature congregants represent cumulative knowledge, the ability to judge as zakeyn in a mature fashion and the aspirations to move ahead. The HAZAK program is intended to engage our senior members by providing programs to address their interests, talents, and passions.

Lunch & Learn
**Day:** Mondays beginning October 7th
**Time:** 12:00 PM
**Facilitator:** Rabbi David B. Cohen

Rabbi Cohen takes the helm of our Torah study group that follows the weekly portion (in contrast with Saturday mornings, which each week get as far as they get, completing the full five books of Torah over seven years, approximately). Begin your week with some words of Torah!

A Modern Rabbi’s Approach to the Bible
**Day:** Wednesdays
**Time:** 9:30 AM
**Facilitator:** Rabbi Jay Brickman

Rabbi Brickman is a trained Jungian, a philosopher, and a practitioner of Tai Chi. If you haven’t studied with him now is the time!

Through the Eyes of Women
**Day:** Fridays beginning September 20th
**Time:** 9:30 AM
**Facilitator:** Dr. Sherry Blumberg

Using the *Torah: A Woman’s Commentary* as a text, we are discussing the Torah, verse by verse using critical questions, feminist readings, modern midrash, traditional commentaries and women’s poetry.

Acheinu (Men’s Spirituality Group)
**Day:** Sundays: November 24, January 5 (following Pancake Breakfast), February 23, March 30, April 27
**Time:** 8:30 - 10:00 AM
**With:** Joe Glassman, Mitch Colton, and Rabbi David B. Cohen

Acheinu is sponsored by Sinai’s Brotherhood. Share nosh & discuss spiritual & practical matters concerning God, work, family & more.

Shabbat Morning Torah Study
**Day:** Saturdays
**Time:** 8:00 AM
**Facilitator:** Rabbi Jay Brickman, Rabbi David B. Cohen

Verse by verse, line by line, word by word, the Torah comes alive!
Any questions about Youth Education Program activities? Contact Barb: bshimansky@congregationsinai.org or Jeri: jdanz@congregationsinai.org, or call the Sinai office.
There once was a mother who approached the principal of her children’s elementary school and stated that her children were not having any fun there. This mother felt that the school day should be shorter, and perhaps her kids should not be required to attend five days a week. When they were at school, they should have more recess time, and class time should primarily be devoted to “specials” such as art, music, and gym, since these were the parts of the day that her children enjoyed the most. The mother felt that this way, her children would like school, and she would not have to fight with them every morning about attending.

What is your reaction to the above story?

I will now share two things. The first is that this story is fiction. The second is that this fictional story is based in fact – because parents have been expressing similar sentiments to Jewish educators for decades.

I am by no means suggesting that Jewish complementary education should look and feel exactly like full-time public or private schools. But I wonder why we expect less of the value of the education offered by congregations. I doubt that anyone would dispute the importance of spending as much time as possible in school learning subjects such as reading, math, science, and social studies. And we probably agree that those “specials” are important, as well – research documents the extreme disadvantages of kids who attend schools where music and art have been cut. But I also think that most people would be aghast to learn if a parent had actually suggested that “specials” should comprise most of the school curriculum, and all in the name of making school “more fun.”

Perhaps it is because our goals in Jewish education are slightly less tangible than those in public school. In most liberal streams of Judaism in North America today, our primary goal is to help our students feel more connected to their Judaism. But how do you objectively measure “Jewish identity”? This means something different to each person, and is probably particularly difficult for young children to express in words (though I have no doubt that many of them feel it). Maybe parents are equating “good feelings about Judaism” with “fun.” And I certainly do not think they have to be mutually exclusive - but I also do not think they are the same thing. One can feel good about an experience, and enjoy it immensely, without it being “fun.” In Jewish education, I hope that “fun” can sometimes be a by-product of the learning - but the learning is still our goal, and our reason for being here. I suspect that what parents might really be trying to say is that they want the time spent in the classroom to be worthwhile. When we have a curriculum filled with age-appropriate content, and we help our students attach that content to their daily lives, there might be no time worthier than that spent in a Jewish learning environment. Yes, our kids need reading and writing to get along in the world – no one disputes that. But learning to live an ethical life based in the values of Torah – I would argue that our kids need that just as much, if not more.

To that end, though, we do strive to make our setting not necessarily “feel” like the full-time schools our kids attend, perhaps because a significant part of their learning process includes developing those positive “feelings”. At Sinai, we have started on a year-long odyssey of expanding our definition of “youth education” so that it encompasses ALL of our learning opportunities for young people. Our more formal school programs on Sunday mornings, midweek afternoons, and Tuesday evenings might be the means to lay the foundation for Jewish learning, but that is not the end of what we have to offer! Our youth group programs are growing, and even a social (and “fun”) event is a chance, however implicitly, to learn how to treat others respectfully, and build and be part of a community. Young family programming creates opportunities for our youngest learners and their parents to explore and experience Judaism together. And we are exploring ways to use social media to expand the walls of Jewish learning and connection beyond the physical building. I encourage your family to take advantage of these current and upcoming opportunities to learn and live Jewishly in different ways. You may just find that it is the “fun” you have been looking for!

Barb Shimansky, MSW
Director of Youth Education

2013-2014 Sinai Teachers and Madrichim
The Youth Education Committee invites you to attend a “Parent Coffee” so you may get to know the parents of your child’s classmates! Please join us when your child’s grade level meets for some informal conversation and coffee.

The following grades will meet in November:
- November 3rd: 5th grade
- November 10th: 6th grade
- November 17th: 4th grade

We will gather by the couches in the foyer immediately following Tefillah on each of those Sundays. We look forward to seeing you there!

Attention 3rd grade families!

Please plan to join us on Sunday, November 17th from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM for the 3rd Grade Family Learning Program, “The Great God Hunt.”

Thanksgiving Break

There will be NO classes from Monday, November 25th through Sunday, December 1st.

Happy Thanksgiving

Winter Break

There will be NO classes from Sunday, December 22nd through Thursday, January 2nd.

Make sure to join us on Friday, December 6th when our 6th grade class hosts and helps to lead us in prayer during Shabbat Unplugged!

High school teens:
Where will you be the weekend of December 20-22? How about Oconomowoc? You won't want to miss NFTY-Northern's Winter Kallah at OSRUI! For more information, contact Barb Shimansky or visit www.nfty.org/no
Lifelong Jewish Learning

What's New in Youth Engagement?

1. Kivun kicked off with over 20 students who spent the first evening eating dinner, Israeli Dancing, discussing leadership, and making connections to social justice causes.
2. We have been experimenting with new ways of engaging students in Sunday morning t’filot. We are encouraging parents to stay at Sinai for t’filot with your students to experience new music, Hebrew phrases, worship methods, and spaces!
3. We are working consistently with the teen leaders of CoSY, Sinai’s high school youth group to develop leadership skills and design meaningful experiences for their peers to engage in. Additionally, we are excited for upcoming JuSTY, junior youth group programming.

Even though the year is just beginning, there are many amazing opportunities for the youth of Sinai to engage in and I am excited for all we have in store! If you have any thoughts or comments related to youth engagement at Sinai, please feel free to contact me at akeene@congregationsinai.org. I am excited to meet more of you as the year continues and looking forward to seeing you and your family on Sundays and Tuesdays!

L’hitraot,
Andrew Keene
Sinai Youth Engagement Specialist

CoSY

CoSY is invited to help out at the Young Families PJ Havdallah and Movie Night on Saturday, December 14th. Make this a memorable event for our youngest Sinai members, and have some fun of your own! Details on exact time and responsibilities will be available soon.

On Sunday, November 17th, CoSY and JuSTY 7/8 are going to Dave & Buster’s.

Details coming soon.

JuSTY

All Sinai 5th and 6th graders are invited to join JuSTY 5/6 in “The Amazing Race!”
Sunday, November 10th, beginning at noon at Congregation Sinai.

Questions about any of our youth group programming? Contact Barb: bshimansky@congregationsinai.org

Sinai Family Programming Year at a Glance 2013-2014

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Rockin’ Family Shabbat & Congregational Dinner
Itsy Bitsy Sinai – story, song, crafts - ages 0-3
Design-Your-Own Chanukiyah Contest & Latka Lunch
Shabbat Shapizza dinner
Shabbat Unplugged
PJ, Havdallah, Movie Night
Itsy Bitsy Sinai – story, song, crafts - ages 0-3
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Family Programming

Itsy Bitsy Sinai!

(Birth - 3)

Sunday, November 24th & December 15th at 10:00 AM

We value every member at Congregation Sinai – even our youngest! Our preschool age program (birth-3) is called “Itsy Bitsy Sinai”. It includes Sunday morning fun with the rabbi and the cantor. Activities will include:

- Songs
- Stories
- Instruments
- Craft and holiday projects

We want to make coming to synagogue something that our youngest children look forward to – a place of joy and laughter and fun. We strive to help parents connect to others with similar aged children, to develop bonds that will enable them to share their Jewish journeys together.

RSVP to:  
http://itsybitsysinainov.eventbrite.com  
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2013/2014 Itsy Bitsy Calendar

Day: Sundays

Time: 10:00 AM in the Library (join us for Shabbat Shira in the sanctuary with our school at 9:30 AM)

Future Dates:
January 19
February 23
March 23

PJ’s, Havdallah, Pizza & Movie Night

Saturday, December 14th

Kids get to pick the film during Religious School!

Psssttt – Kids...Tell your parents!
Pajamas, Prayer, Popcorn, Pillow and a Movie at Sinai!

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Havdallah, Movie & Popcorn!

Come in your favorite pajamas, don’t forget your pillows and blankets. Great for families with children 4th grade and under – yet, all are welcome!

FREE! Please RSVP to Eventbrite by December 10th
http://decpjhavdallahmovie.eventbrite.com
What’s Happening

It’s Thanksgivikah...Eat a Latka!

Celebrate Chanukah at the Latka Lunch

Enjoy delicious foods and recipes that combine Thanksgiving and Chanukah! Latkas and Sufganiot for all!

Sunday, November 24th
12:00-1:30 pm
Congregation Sinai

- Craft Project
- 6th Annual Design-Your-Own Chanukiyah Contest
- Yummy Latka Lunch and Sufganiyot for Dessert!
- Bring your friends!

$10 adults/ $12 non-member adults
$7 children 4-12/ $9 non-member children
$5 adults 55 and up
Children 3 and under FREE

Register by Thursday, November 21st at http://latkalunch2013.eventbrite.com

2nd Annual Mitzvah Menorah!

Beginning November 10th we will display the Mitzvah Menorah. Take some “candles” for your family and purchase toys for the Tikun Ha-Ir Christmas Eve party at Cathedral Center.

Bring your unwrapped gifts for children and teens living in homeless shelters this holiday season to the November 24th Latka Lunch.
- No stuffed animals
- No gift cards
- Books and games are welcome!

Parents - we are collecting toiletries for women too.
6th Annual Design-your-own Chanukiyah Contest

Bring your Chanukiyah to Sinai on Sunday, November 24th, at the start of school to be displayed in the social hall.

Rules:
- It must have 9 candle holders (one for each night of Chanukah and a shamash).
- It must be useable in some way and made by your family (parents - that means kids should be primarily involved).
- One entry per family please!
- All Chanukiyot will be judged by a Panel of Experts and family prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place!

Shaina has shopped for Chanukah!
Get all your Chanukah Chazerai at Sinai!

We have all your Chanukah supplies & gifts too!

Sunday, November 17th & November 24th
9:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Cash or checks only
What’s Happening

Bubbe says...

Support Sinai at the holidays!

HOLIDAY SHOPPING
@ amazon.com
& SUPPORT SINAI!

• Go to the Sinai homepage: www.congregationsinai.org.
• Click on the amazon.com banner. You’ll be linked directly to amazon.com.

By using the website link, your purchase will support Congregation Sinai.

Support Sinai While Shopping at SENDIK’S!
Purchase your Scrip card at times that are convenient!

November 17, 24
December 8, 15
Scrip cards can ALWAYS be purchased during regular Sinai office hours.

What is Scrip?
Scrip means “substitute money”. Through Sendik’s Food Market Scrip program 5% of what you pay for your Scrip card is donated to Sinai.

Questions?
Contact: Leigh Maxon: lmaxon@wi.rr.com
Sharing Sinai

What Is It that YOU love about Sinai?
Warm, inclusive & musical worship? Engaging, interesting and challenging learning? Nights at the theatre, the ballpark or on the hiking trail with your Sinai community?

Share what YOU love about Sinai with a friend!
We are proud to offer you the opportunity to bring your friends and families into the amazing community that is Congregation Sinai.

Know someone interested in checking us out?
Please contact our Program Coordinator, Jen Friedman at (414) 352-2970 or jfriedman@congregationsinai.org. She'll give you a token to share with your unaffiliated friends or family. Good for a one-year membership at Sinai.*

Bring your friends and family into our congregational family!
Share what you love!

*Religious School fees not included
Young-at-Hearts Senior Singles Group

Young-at-Hearts is a social group for those looking to connect and make new friends in a social setting. This is not a grief group, or matchmaking group, but a social group intended to bring together people who may be divorced, lost a spouse or just want to regain the fun in life! Young-at-hearts conduct monthly meetings and then often go to lunch together at Maxfield’s. Outings and activities include: card games, lunches, dinners, sporting events, mahjong, theater etc. Young-at-Hearts is open to all Jewish seniors in the community. Meetings are held at Congregation Shalom, 7630 N. Santa Monica Blvd., Fox Point.

Next meetings:
Wednesday, November 13, 10:00 -11:30 am followed by lunch at Maxfield’s
Wednesday, December 11, 10:00 -11:30 am followed by lunch at Maxfield’s

To sign up for a meeting contact Jen Friedman at jfriedman@congregationsinai.org or call 352-2970.
Women at Sinai

**Women of Sinai**

**Girls Night Out with our Cantor**
**November 7, 2013**

Let’s welcome Cantor Phillips to our sisterhood with a wine and cheese event that will also give you a chance to create a menorah, platter or anything else you would like to make to enhance your upcoming “Thanksgivukkah” celebrations! A prize will be awarded to the creator of the best “Menurkey”

Location: Art Trooper, 333 W Brown Deer Rd.
Cost: no program fee, just pay for what you make

**Calling all Simcha Bakers!**

Help us honor and welcome Cantor Lauren Phillips on November 22 by baking for her Installation and champagne Oneg. Please email Julie at Juliloo@sbcglobal.net to let her know what you will be baking. All items should be brought to Congregation Sinai by 12:00 pm on Friday, November 22nd.

**Lashon HaRah in the Information Age**

**Sunday, January 19, 2014**
**10 AM - 12 PM**
Congregation Sinai Worship & Learning Space

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**B’rit Nashim**

Join Us: **Become a Member of B’rit Nashim - Monday, November 11th**

B’rit Nashim (Covenant of Women) is a group of women who meet once a month for programs of personal interest and Jewish content. We work to build a community of women within the larger community of Congregation Sinai, to share interests, and to strengthen our connections to Judaism.

Last year we welcomed many new members; those new to Sinai, as well as long time Sinai members who wished to get involved in a new way. We grew friendships and enjoyed a variety of activities. A few highlights of the year were:

- Creating and leading Sinai’s Erev Sukkot service.
- Preparing fleece fabric so 5th graders and their parents could make them into blankets with residents at the Milwaukee Women’s Center, in conjunction with Sinai’s Social Action Committee.
- Visiting the exhibit "Jewish Artists and the Book" at the Special Collections Department at the UWM Library followed by dinner out.
- A presentation by Rabbi Cohen on the image of Jews in TV and movies through the years.
- A presentation about issues related to "The Women of The Wall".

Each fall, B’rit Nashim welcomes new members. This is a great opportunity to get to know additional women, who bring wonderful new energy and input to our “covenant.” We invite you to join us. We meet the second Monday of most months. Potential members can come to our Membership Recruitment meeting: Monday, November 11th.

If you have any questions or want additional information contact us AND/OR if you have an interest, but cannot attend the Membership Recruitment meeting, be sure to let us know.
Toby Colton at 351-5205 or TJCook@mcctech.net or Joanne Roberts at 351-6486 or jtritr@hotmail.com

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**Nia**

Looking for connection? Seeking a new experience to energize and relax body mind and spirit? Nia fitness is adaptable for people of all ages and stages of life.

- Move with Joy!
- Be in touch with your unique self in a community with others.

Friday mornings 8:30 - 9:30 AM
$10.00
Kate Mann - Brown Belt Nia instructor
Brotherhood Coffee

Sunday, December 8, 2013, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Dr. Ramona Tenorio, Applied Medical Anthropologist

Dr. Ramona Tenorio, a member at Congregation Sinai since her conversion in 2011, has an amazing story to share. Ramona recently joined The Medical College of Wisconsin, Clinical and Transitional Science Institute as the new Program Manager for the Pilot Awards. Ramona is an Applied Medical Anthropologist and has worked in Community-Based Health Care research among Latinos in the U.S. and Mexico for the last ten years.

One of her passions, of course, is her faith. She has given talks on Latino and Jewish identity at Hillel and has agreed to speak at Sinai on "spiritual journeys, conversion, and fitting in...both in her primarily Catholic family, and in her new Jewish community". Ramona will open her talk to discussion along the way. If you have not had the chance to meet Ramona yet you have missed one of the most captivating members of our congregation.

Hope to see you there!

Thank you to Josh Lookatch and the Lookatch family for the beautiful new Sinai Sukkah! Thank you to the Sinai Brotherhood for their efforts constructing and deconstructing the sukkah.

The old sukkah found a new home with Congregation Shir Hadash.
Sinai Committees

The Green Team

This fall saw the completion of our fifth Sukkah Garden Project. A huge thank-you to Naomi Cobb for leading the charge on this project and to Deborah Schermer, Idy Goodman and Bobbi Rector who helped monitor the garden over the summer. Most of all, we send a big thank you to the families and children that participated in planting, watering, weeding, growing, harvesting, and decorating. Our garden yielded lots of gourds, mini popcorn, zinnias, sorghum, and sunflowers, all of which adorned our new, larger sukkah. We hope everyone had the opportunity to spend some time in the Sukkah and absorb the significance of celebrating the harvest festival while surrounded by our community’s very own harvest, as well as an array of art projects completed by our youth during both Sunday school and the children’s garden harvest program held on Yom Kippur. The planting beds are now asleep for the winter and we look forward to bringing them back to life in the spring.

The second annual GREEN SHABBAT was held on Friday evening October the 11th. The evening began with a Friday evening service in which Naomi Cobb and guest speaker Jody Hirsh presented a lovely and informative d’var torah on the relationship between Judaism and the environment. We then shared an amazing potluck dinner, in which participants were challenged to cook dishes using locally grown foods. To conclude the evening, we headed over to the Lynden Sculpture Garden for a walk under the stars. The weather could not have been more perfect as the group was lead through the gardens by Naomi. Highlights of the walk included stopping under one of the sculptures to listen to Mr. Hirsh tell a Jewish folktale connecting Judaism with our environment, having a moment of solitude as each participant walked several yards alone through the moonlight, and roasting marshmallows over a bonfire that awaited us at the end. The evening program, all planned and implemented by Naomi Cobb, was well attended and a tremendous success. Thank you Naomi!

Our third and final CSA season has come to close. The season was bountiful and delicious as ever; however, the Levens have decided to discontinue Sinai as a pick-up site due to a reduced number of shareholders that choose to pick up their share at our location. Sinai members that wish to continue their participation with Stoney Meadow Farm are encouraged to do so directly through the farm’s website: stoneymeadowfarmscsa.com. It has been a pleasure working with Steve and Andrea, and we hope to continue our relationship with them.

Deb Schermer & Naomi Cobb
The Green Team
Sinai Committees

Israel Committee

WUPJ, URJ, IMPJ, ARZA, IRAC and WoW...HUH??

These are acronyms you may have seen or heard about in the news, or through some of our programs over the last 2-3 years. This article explains how these organizations work together to support Progressive Judaism in Israel.

WUPJ, the World Union for Progressive Judaism is the international umbrella organization of Reform/Progressive (outside of the U.S.), Liberal and Reconstructionist Judaism and serves 1.8 million members in over 45 countries. Its mission includes:

- Building and connecting Progressive Jewish communities worldwide.
- Partnering in the development of Israel as a democratic and pluralistic Jewish state.
- Securing the Jewish future by investing in youth and young adults.
- Developing lay, rabbinic and other Jewish professional leadership.
- Advocating social justice and fostering interfaith understanding.
- Supporting the foundation of Judaism: Torah (study), Avodah (worship), and G’millut Chasadim (acts of loving kindness)

Under WUPJ falls URJ, the Union for Reform Judaism, our parent organization here in the U.S., and IMPJ the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism in Israel.

Being a member of URJ allows each of its members to vote in the election of the WZO, World Zionist Organization, to determine where funding of the Jewish Agency is appropriated across the globe. Those elections will be held some time in 2015. I will be writing more about this election at a later date.

ARZA is the Reform Israel Fund, and falls under the URJ. Through ARZA, American Reform Jews have an opportunity to not only learn about Israel and its Progressive movement, but to support the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism. The IMPJ’s work ensures that Israel becomes a democratic and pluralistic Jewish State in which men and women have equal access in all aspects of Jewish practice and life cycle observance. ARZA also supports a pre-army program of work/study for Israeli youths called Mechina, championing the values of the Reform movement (vs. Orthodox). Our discussions at Sinai will focus more on ARZA and its membership throughout the year. For more information: www.ARZA.org

Under the IMPJ is the dynamic, activist organization called IRAC, the Israeli Religious Action Center. (They are soon to be changing the acronym for obvious reasons.) This group is the ACLU of the United States, working through the court system to ensure equal rights for women, immigrants, Arabs and other minorities, religious groups (including Reform Judaism in Israel), in other words, upholding the values of our faith and democracy. Anat Hoffman is the Executive Director. The Freedom Riders, ensuring women are not forced to forfeit their seats to men and move to the back of the public bus, is one of IRAC's most successful initiatives. Another is the current negotiations with the Israeli government to allow women to pray out loud at the Western Wall (Kotel) wear, tallitot (prayer shawls) or read Torah. For more information: www.IRAC.org and www.IMPJ.org.il

Women of the Wall is a non-profit and internationally supported group of Orthodox, Conservative and Reform women who have fought for the right to pray in egalitarian services together at the Kotel for close to 25 years. With Anat Hoffman, they have been instrumental in raising Israeli awareness that ‘there is more than one way to be Jewish’. This November 4th will mark WoWs 25th anniversary with thousands expected to attend. For more information www.womenofthewall.org.il

The Israel Committee is looking for new members. Please contact Bobbi Rector at burpt@wi.rr.com if interested.

Bobbi Rector
Israel Committee

Mitbach Sinai (Sinai Cooks)

Do you enjoy cooking for fun with friends? Come have a glass of wine with Sinai Cooks! During the course of the year we will gather in the Sinai kitchen to cook and bake for Sinai events and ourselves. We promise laughter, great conversation and friendship!

Soon, we will be cooking for the Sinai Latka Lunch. Please look to your eNews for cooking dates and times. Looking forward to seeing many new faces!

Have a great Sinai Cooks! Idea? Contact Jill Weinshel at: jillgw2@gmail.com

Jill Weinshel & Nancy Stillman prepare for the Sukkot BBQ
Chesed

Chesed has opportunities to connect with our Sinai community in small and easy ways. Please consider including your name on our:

* **Funeral House Watch** - when there is a death in the Sinai community, we offer house watching during the funeral. We will email our list of house watching volunteers to see if someone is available to help.

* **Soup Delivery** - when Sinai is notified of an illness, we like to bring soup to our congregant. We will email the request to see if someone is available to deliver soup.

* **Making soup** - we are always appreciative of members who come to Sinai to pick up our new quart containers, fill with soup, and bring the quarts back to the synagogue freezer, ready to deliver to a congregant in need.

* **Sacred Aging** - Sally Moskol is using her skills, knowledge and experience to create meaningful programs for our older congregants. Please contact her at skmoskol@gmail.com if you would like to be a part of this engaging group.

* **Caring Connections** - consider adding your name to this group of members. When we are notified of a member needing a phone call, a connection, or a helping hand, we will email the request to see if someone is available to make that contact.

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  Marc Cayle, Owner of Comfort Keepers
  marc@comfortkeepers.com, 262-376-7510

  Barbara Friedlander, Geriatric Social Worker,
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  John Pereles (Jewish Cemeteries)
  jr@jewishcemeteries.com, 414-332-3464

  Bobbie Unger Rector, PT (Physical Therapist)
  burpt@wi.rr.com, 414-540-0284

  Sally Moskol (Activity Coordinator, Chai Point)
  skmoskol@gmail.com, 414-228-6371

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Social Action Committee

**Vanishing of the Bees**

Sunday, December 15th, 2013
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Vanishing of the Bees is a 2009 documentary which takes a piercing investigative look at the economic, political and ecological implications of the worldwide disappearance of the honeybee. The documentary provides viewers with tangible solutions they can apply to their everyday lives. Vanishing of the Bees unfolds as a dramatic tale of science and mystery, illuminating this extraordinary crisis and its greater meaning about the relationship between humankind and Mother Earth.

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**Milwaukee Women’s Center Collections**

November–December
Toys for teens and children & Toiletries

Please drop off donations in the Sinai foyer.

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**Social Action Film Series**

**Vanishing of the Bees**

Sunday, December 15th, 2013
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Your contributions make a difference:

Much of the financial support comes through the **Sinai Tzedakah Fund**

Please consider this Fund when making your next contribution in honor or memory of someone.
Sinai Committees

Social Action Committee

On October 13th, 12 members of our Sinai Social Action committee met for 4 hours to dream, review current Social Action activities, and plan future initiatives for our Synagogue. We already had exciting programs planned – such as the December film, “Vanishing of the Bees” and the January Immigrant Shabbat which you can read about in this Newsletter. Below, please read about the 2013-14 goals and action plans we developed to enhance the role of social action in our individual lives and in our Synagogue community. So may thanks to the members of this committee: Davida Amenta, Rachel Buff, Rabbi David Cohen, Naomi Cobb, Edith Gilman, Idy Goodman, Craig Johnson, Jay Larkey, Lois Malowsky, Rachel Nadel, Donna Neubauer, Deb Schermer, Diane Slo-mowitz, Naomi Soifer. New members are always welcome! Heartfelt thank you, also, to everyone of you who donates to the Tzedakah Fund. Your contributions make much of what we do possible.

2013-2014 Goals:
- To inform, excite, and engage more of the Sinai Community in social action projects.
- To work toward Sinai Congregational members recognizing social action as one way to express Judaism.
- To work with the school in tying concepts in the School curriculum to real world social action issues and activities.
- To engage Sinai Youth and school age children in social action activities.
- To increase communication with other Synagogue committees and groups, and explore how they already, or potentially could, integrate social action into their plans and activities.
- To enhance what we learn from already planned films and Shabbat speakers by creating follow-up opportunities for learning and engagement.
- To collaborate with broader Jewish and secular community groups in our programming, wherever possible.

We have plans and hopes to:
- Coordinate our school goals with the Director of Youth Education and create a sub-committee to look at the “Gimilut Chasadim” aspects of the curriculum to develop social action entry points for our students.
- Help with Sinai’s continuation of the Mother Scott Interfaith Meal Program, which has been under the expert hands of Karen Hintz for many years.
- Continue our relationship with the Bethesda Church of God in Christ Meal Program. We will select six days during the year where we will volunteer to serve meals, and communicate this opportunity to our membership.
- Follow our January 17 Immigration Shabbat with plans for a prayer vigil at our Synagogue and promoting greater congregational participation in the May Day Immigrants Rights March. Our hope is to engage adults, youth, and families as well as broader Jewish community organizations and synagogues in these activities.
- Enhance the April 25 Shabbat featuring Reverend Willy Brisco with the dream of Sinai/Church class exchanges doing social action projects together.
- Better promote community programs of organizations we belong to: MICAH and Tikkun Ha-Ir
- Continue to promote better environmental practices within the Synagogue. This year we will continue to use cloth tablecloths at 5 major and holiday dinners/events. Saving funds, we will be implementing a one year trial of Synagogue members washing table cloths. Watch for other ideas in future newsletters.
- Explore volunteer involvement in additional community-based programs.

For more information on Social Action please contact:
Idy Goodman – igoodman2@mac.com
Craig Johnson - cjohnson@unionyeslaw.com

Save the Date

Social Action Shabbat
January 17, 2014 at 6:15 PM

Christine Neumann-Ortiz will speak on immigration reform. Ms Ortiz is the founding Executive Director of Voces de la Frontera, a low-wage and immigrant workers center with chapters in Milwaukee and Racine, including a student chapter called Students United for Immigrant Rights with members from 3 high schools. Voces de la Frontera is increasingly recognized as Wisconsin’s leading voice for immigration reform.
“Scene” at Sinai

High Holy Days - Youth Service

Making soup at High Holy Day Youth Programming

Making soup at High Holy Day Youth Programming

Making cards at High Holy Day Youth Programming

Teens in discussions during High Holy Days

Erev Sukkot Services led by B’rit Nashim
“Scene” at Sinai

Tashlich!

Shofar Blowing Contest participants

Shofar Blowing Contest winner
Charlie Silverman

Shofar Blowing Contest winner
Octavian

Shofar Blowing Contest winner
Lydia Lancina

Decorating the Sukkah

Decorating the Sukkah
“Scene” at Sinai

Harvesting for the Sukkah

Sukkot Shabbat!

Brotherhood serves at Sukkot BBQ

Sukkot BBQ

Simchat Torah!

Jack Styler reads Torah at Simchat Torah
A warm welcome to all of our new member families! We have had the pleasure of speaking and getting to know those who are new to our Sinai family. We know they enjoyed our gifts of flavored honey and cinnamon. Just a little something to let them know we appreciate them and wish them a sweet New Year. It is our hope that our new member families will make an easy and comfortable transition into our Sinai community.

We greatly enjoyed the opportunity to welcome all our congregants during the Holy Days and hope you will extend that same kind of outreach. As a congregation, we are known for being warm, accepting and engaging. We challenge you to remember what it feels like to be new to a community and make that extra effort to welcome someone. Next time you are worshipping in Shabbat Services, walking through the halls during religious school at pick up, taking a class, enjoying a Brotherhood Coffee, or having a meal at a congregational dinner, take a look around the room. If there is someone you don’t know - extend a hand, start a conversation, and make a connection. It’s what makes Sinai so special and unique.

It has been an exciting few months at Sinai with terrific enthusiasm and activity. So many great programs are being planned. Every week or weekend there is something offered for every congregant of every age. Just take a look at this issue! What’s your special interest? Is there a particular group you would like to see addressed at Sinai? Email Elyse at ecohn@wi.rr.com or Carrie at sellerbrock@wi.rr.com. Please let us know your suggestions and ideas, we’d love to help!

Carrie Ellerbrock and Elyse Cohn, Membership Co-Chairs

Welcome New Members

Robert & Lindsey Cass
Joseph DiFrances
Peter Graskamp & Mindy Marcus
David & Wendy Kramer

Sponsor an Oneg or Bima Flowers

If you are looking for a wonderful way to honor or remember someone, or recognize a special occasion, you can do so by:

- sponsoring the flowers on the Bima
- an Oneg Shabbat after a Friday night service

Congregation Sinai typically provides these items for Friday evenings when there is no Bar or Bat Mitzvah. Simply let us know that you would like to sponsor and we will do the rest. All sponsorships will be acknowledged in the Sinai Shabbat Pamphlet and the Sinai News. We will also send a note of congratulations or thanks to the honorees. The cost of sponsoring bima flowers is $60.00 and an Oneg Shabbat is $260.00.

Please email Jen Friedman at jfriedman@congregationsinai.org or call (414) 352-2970.

Membership Committee

Thank you to Idy Goodman for her many donations of wonderful books. Some recent books from Idy’s collection are: The Structure of the Siddur, by Stephen Schach (262 Sch). Every service has a structure which can be understood through the content as well as the context of the prayers. Schach helps us to understand the various services we attend. Teshuvah: A guide to the newly observant, by Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz (272 Ste). Written by one of the internationally leading rabbis of the century, for his translations and commentaries of the Talmud, this book is for those who have begun the transition toward becoming observant. To be a Jewish Woman, by Lisa Aiken (304.1 Alk) begins by looking at the Bible with Eve as an archetype. She discusses Jewish views on sexes through marriage, prayer, sexuality, birth control, abortion, child rearing, etc.

This year, when the first night of Hanukkah falls on Thanksgiving, we need to gear up for the holidays very early. We have lots and lots of Hanukkah books in the children’s collection. The call number for them is J 244.1. Three new books of particular interest are about interfaith families. Daddy Christmas & Hanukkah Mama, by Selina Alko, My two holidays, by Danielle Novack, and Light the Lights, by Margaret Moorman all display the tolerance and acceptance that many of us at Sinai appreciate. Come into the Sinai library, we have great books, reference material, and comfy chairs.

√ Check out Sinai’s library

Happy Reading!
Jayne Butlein
Supporting Sinai

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To advertise visit www.congregationsinai.org and download the advertising form. For more information, please contact Karen Lancina at klancina@congregationsinai.org

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In the Sinai Family

B’nei Mitzvah Bios

Daelen Stonemeier

Daelen Stonemeier will become a Bar Mitzvah on November 2, 2013. Daelen is the son of Jenny and Adam Stonemeier and the big brother of Shae. His Torah portion is Toldot.

Daelen is a 7th grader at Parkland Middle School in Rockville, Maryland. This year he has joined the Cross Country team and is really enjoying the engineering and robotics focus of his new school. Daelen is excited to be coming back to Milwaukee to celebrate with his friends and family. This will be his first trip back since moving to the Washington DC area in July. Daelen's Mitzvah project will help families with children who have had heart surgeries by making blankets to be donated to families staying in the hospital with their child. The donations will go to the Wings of Angels Endowment which raises funds and materials to provide support to families whose children are hospitalized.

Daelen chose this project because he was born with a congenital heart defect that was repaired when he was 9 months old. While he doesn’t remember the surgery, he still remembers the many, many visits to the cardiologists and other doctors throughout his care, and his parents still remember how challenging it was to take care of themselves while also caring for him in the hospital. Daelen, and his family, are grateful for the medical care that they have received and grateful that his heart condition was repaired and no longer needs treatment.

Daelen and his parents owe an extra special thank you to Rabbi Cohen, Marilyn Kraar, Karen Lancina and the staff at Sinai, for their flexibility and creativity in supporting Daelen to continue his studies after moving away. We are so grateful for the Sinai community and proud of Daelen.

Ryan Joseph Maxon

Ryan Joseph Maxon will celebrate becoming a Bar Mitzvah on November 9, 2013. Ryan is the son of Tuck and Leigh Maxon and brother to Tyler Maxon. His grandparents are Jerry and Louise Stein and Boots and Jeanne Maxon.

Ryan is a 7th grader at Lakeshore Middle School. He plays soccer, tennis, golf, and enjoys skiing and many other sports in his free time. Ryan’s Mitzvah Project is to help a Port Washington based organization called Global Giving (http://www.globallgiving.org) meet their goal of providing necessary healthy lifestyle options by donating new and used sports equipment to underprivileged children in third world orphanages and schools. Ryan will be collecting and packaging donated items October-December.

Ryan and his parents would like to thank Rabbi Cohen, Cantor Phillips, and Linda Ross for their patience and support in helping him prepare for this very special day.

Jack Glusman

Jack Glusman will become a Bar Mitzvah on November 16, 2013. Jack is the son of Caroline Hogan and Larry Glusman, brother of Lauren Glusman and grandson of Pat and Judy Hogan and Carol and Sheldon Glusman.

Jack is a 7th grader at University School of Milwaukee. He enjoys playing soccer, football, basketball, tennis, golf and chess. Jack also studies piano and saxophone. Jack enjoys travelling, reading and spending time with friends and family.

Jack is very excited about this important Jewish milestone. Jack and his parents would like to thank Rabbi Cohen, Cantor Phillips and Linda Ross for their assistance and guidance in preparing him for this special day.
Autumn Stelzer will celebrate becoming a Bat Mitzvah on November 23, 2013. Autumn is the daughter of Marc and Brenda Stelzer, sister of Sydney and Alex. Autumn is the granddaughter of Robert and Lisa Stelzer, Edward and Elaine Perry, and Fred and Lorelei Boivin.

Autumn is a 7th grader at Bayside Middle School. Autumn loves to play soccer, swim and play basketball. She is a strong student; a member of band and choir and puts great effort into everything that she does. For Autumn’s mitzvah project, she will volunteer for the Friendship Circle.

Autumn and her parents would like to thank Rabbi Cohen, Cantor Phillips, and Linda Ross for their support and guidance in preparation for this special day.

Lia Oren donated her hair to the "Locks of Love" project, which provides wigs for women undergoing chemotherapy.

If you learn of any events - births, engagements, marriages, ordinations - that should be included in our “In the Sinai Family” page, please notify the congregation office at khintz@congregationsinai.org or by telephone (414) 352-2970.

When there is a death in our immediate family, please notify the synagogue office, even if the funeral is out of town. The clergy and the Sinai community would like the opportunity to express sympathy for your loss.

The 2014 Sinai Membership Directory is in the works!

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**November 1, 2013**
- Janet Bensman
- Alan Bromley
- William Cobb
- Bernice Cohen
- Lew Goldstein
- Dr. Bernard Horwitz
- Margaret “Peggy” Juda
- Abe Lipton
- Alice Quateman
- Anna Sherman
- Carol Siegel-Zdatny
- Margaret Stuckert
- Rosalyn Zitelman

**November 8, 2013**
- Margaret Beer
- Lee Cherniack
- Ateret Cohn
- Bertha Goldberger

**November 15, 2013**
- Melvin Goldberger
- Gilda Gutman
- Bertheld Hetfert
- Madelain Julius
- Norman Leib
- Dorothy Lubotsky
- Harry Luck
- Zelda Margolin
- Edith Meyer
- Harold Nemson
- Lillian Peck
- Herbert Polacheck
- J. Neil Raudabaugh
- Kenneth Ross
- Samuel D. Saffro
- Ann Shaftron
- Richard Teweles
- Michael Weinberg

**November 22, 2013**
- Fanny Barco

**December Yarzeits**

**December 6, 2013**
- Nathan Shlimovitz
- Dr. John David Silbar
- Sadie Stern

**December 13, 2013**
- Sidney Atinsky
- Michael Bankier
- Allan Bein
- Jack Blutstein
- Aaron C. Cherniack
- David Cooper
- Florence Frank
- Ruth Diamond Goldmann
- Pauline Goldstein
- Ian Ikenn
- Laurie Ilenn
- Lena Brown Jacobs
- Fred Kahn

**December 20, 2013**
- Barbara F. K. Kaplan
- Laurence Luff
- Edwin “Ted” Ostermann
- Stanley M. Ottenstein
- Zelma Ottenstein
- Sylvia Katz Seidman
- Ethel Sedlet
- Alan Shor
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- Marian Stark
- Delbert Wile

**December 27, 2013**
- Dr. David E. Davidoff
- Toni Ettenheim
- Jack Freeman
- Arthur Goldstein
- Ruth Gordon
- Emanuel “Mannie” Hassel
- Bessie Kahn
- Sandy Paset
- Judith Kerns Pence
- Joan Prince
- Bernard Schlossmann
- Anita Feld Silbar
- Esther Soifer
- Ann Urkofsky
- Bess Urich
- Rabbi Cary David Yales

**December 29, 2013**
- Nathan Shlimovitz
- Dr. John David Silbar
- Sadie Stern

**November 15, 2013**
- Saul Arbit
- Herbert Danto
- Sarah Fieder
- Jean Heibronner
- Joseph Hoffman
- Miriam Hool
- Mary Kaufman
- Arthur Koven
- Mildred Levy
- Marilyn L. Look
- Peter Pumpian
- Betty Schapiro
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- Alfred Shovers
- JoAnn Weber

**November 29, 2013**
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- Morris Cutler
- Helen W. Fisher
- Shirley Glick
- Bessie Greenfield
- Harry Hillman
- Nancy Hindin
- Carol Ikenn
- Herbert Kahn
- Mollie Lipshultz
- Arnold Miller
- Lottie Neubauer
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- Dorothy Pollak
- Harry Schwartz
- Abraham Schwedelson
- Elayne Staller
- Edward Stillman
- Cecilia Warschauer
- Richard Werner

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**December 6, 2013**
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- Ann Eckman
- Eliezer (Hersch) Elath
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- Michael Fleysh
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- Bee Brill
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