Join us for Shavuot with Affirmation  
Tuesday, June 3, 2014  
7:00 PM

On Shavuot, we commemorate the gift of the Torah to the Jewish people on Mount Sinai. During Congregation Sinai’s Erev Shavuot services, the tenth graders in our Affirmation class will celebrate their commitment to lifelong Jewish learning. The teens will lead our festival worship, read from the Ten Commandments, and talk about the ways in which Judaism has shaped their young lives. Come join us for this very special milestone!

Tikun Leil Shavuot  
Tuesday, June 3, 2014  
9:00 - 10:30 PM  
Worship & Learning Space

Join us for the Tikun Leil Shavuot, a late night study session, dessert and coffee. We'll hear from, and converse with, several Sinai members who have converted in recent years. Why did they decide to join the Jewish people? How did their friends and families react? On this holy day dedicated to recalling the giving of Torah on Mount Sinai, we'll consider how each of us, in these days, is in the position of "Choosing Judaism." Please make time to join us. A similar discussion over ten years ago was one of the most significant we've hosted.
In the Spring a Young Man’s Fancy lightly turns to thoughts of warm weather

“Arise, my love, my fair one one, and come away. Lo! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come…” (Song of Songs, 2:10-12)

After this past winter – tenacious, never ending and punctuated by new vocabulary, like “Polar Vortex” – Spring has never been more welcome.

Nevertheless, there have been some brilliant moments this Spring of heat and illumination. I just returned from a sold-out gala celebration of ARZA’s (the Association of Reform Zionists of America) thirty-sixth year of existence at which my dear friend, Peri Smilow, received a lifetime achievement award. Present in spirit, was my very first rabbi, Rabbi Harvey J. Fields, who passed away several months ago. When people ask me why I decided to become a rabbi, I explain I never had a “conversionary” experience or felt a “call.” In addition to the kind of work rabbis do, including learning, teaching, community building and counseling, etc. there were distinct individuals whose guidance and example provided the impetus to think seriously about becoming a rabbi. Chief among them was Harvey Fields. As Peri cited Rabbi Fields as a source of her inspiration, I was flooded with memories:

• Harvey’s infectious laugh as he recited the Megillat Esther for Purim in a Donald Duck voice and his hosting the “rabbi’s room” at the Purim Carnival, which offered a full bar for the parents (only years later would I realize how Harvey had subtly played with the Hebrew text of the Megillah to reach historic levels of punning);
• Harvey’s passionate and reasoned attacks on the discrimination faced by people of color as well as the Vietnam war, were for me important applications of Jewish values to the here and now.
• Harvey’s inclusion into prayer services of what he called “multimedia midrash,” a mix of music and images that explored the themes of Torah and prayer. Peri recalled a service that opened with the Cat Steven’s song “Morning Has Broken.”
• Harvey’s having hired a talented and offbeat (sometimes outrageously so) woman, Reyla Glick, z”l, to be both our youth group advisor and director of an in-house teen drama program. We focused primarily on pieces connected with the Shoah, e.g. “The Diary of Anne Frank,” “I Never Saw Another Butterfly,” “The Autobiography of Emanuel Ringelblum” and John Hersey’s “The Wall.” I recall a Purim Shpiel set in the Old West in a town called “Goldfarb’s Gulch.” Theater provided the perfect laboratory for us to explore our own Jewish identities at the very moment we were assuming – temporarily – the identities of others.

Some particular memories of Harvey stand out, for example the Yom Kippur afternoon sitting with him in his study during a break between services, when he opened his desk drawer, took out an apple and began to eat it. I was… bewildered. Wasn’t Yom Kippur a day of fasting? I subsequently learned that Harvey had been living with Diabetes since being diagnosed at the age of 16. It was diabetes, in fact, that led to his eventual loss of almost all his eyesight and the stroke at age seventy that incapacitated him the last seven years of his life.

Rabbis like Harvey are few and far between. Some of you may be fortunate, as am I, to have that kind of relationship with Rabbi Jay Brickman; and while I never met him, good friends tell me that Rabbi Cary Yales, z”l, father of Sinai’s own Jen Friedman, was such an inspiring figure. One such friend, indeed, is Peri Smilow herself.

As Spring, God willing, turns to Summer, I encourage you to take inventory of the people who inspired you to do what you do and to be who you’ve become. While it is often too late to express our gratitude directly to those who served us so, we can, in the spirit of “paying it forward,” aspire to model what we most admired in others for those who follow us.

Rabbi David B. Cohen

Israel Shabbat on May 2

The Music of the Postcard Project: The Postcard Project was an initiative during the 1930’s in which prominent composers like Kurt Weill, Aaron Copland and Darius Milhaud were commissioned to arrange Israeli folk songs. The songs were later printed on postcards by the Jewish National Fund and were among the first examples of secular Hebrew music to reach the European shtetls. Cantor Phillips will sing and teach some of these Zionist folk songs as part of a special Israel Shabbat program.
Shavuot is a festival of beginnings. It marks the occasion at which the Israelites received Torah at Sinai and the subsequent beginning of our journey into Jewish learning and discovery. It falls on the eve of summer, where we welcome abundant sunshine after a cool spring and an even cooler winter (especially here in Milwaukee). In biblical times, Shavuot marked the harvesting of wheat and the gathering of the first fruits. And in the Reform movement (as well as a few Conservative and Reconstructionist synagogues), Shavuot is traditionally celebrated alongside a special ceremony in which teenagers commit to a life of Jewish learning.

Although boys and girls are considered to be spiritual adults by age 13, they are better prepared at age 16 or 17 to make an emotional and intellectual commitment to Judaism. On Shavuot, teenagers often prepare to make individual and group declarations of their commitment to the Jewish people. Most synagogues call this ritual Confirmation. Here at Sinai, we call it Affirmation. While the word “confirm” implies giving approval to something, the fact that we “affirm” this occasion adds a positive assertion of dedication and loyalty.

Why do we celebrate Affirmation in conjunction with Shavuot? When the Affirmation class stands before the open ark, it is reminiscent of the way that the Israelites stood at Mount Sinai for the giving of Torah. Just as the Israelites became a people when they stood at Sinai, the Affirmation class celebrates the strong adult community they have become over their many years of study. We received Torah on Shavuot. Our Affirmation students do the same as they formally bring Torah into adulthood.

In many congregations, including ours, Confirmation happens after the end of the tenth grade year – after what is, presumably, the tenth year of Jewish studies. The number is symbolic of the Ten Commandments, which are contained within the special Torah reading for Shavuot. Our Affirmation students – Benji Cohn, Ilana Friedman, Amanda Jacobs, Aaron Holman, and Ari Schermer – have been preparing to chant this section of Torah for the Sinai community. Collectively, they have talked about the Ten Commandments. Individually, they have each studied two of the commandments and will speak about the implications these commandments have on their lives. Some of the commandments, such as “You shall not murder” and “You shall not steal” are pretty self-explanatory. But others, such as “You shall not make for yourself a sculpted image,” are a bit more complicated.

Rabbi-Cantor Angela Warnick Buchdahl of Central Synagogue in New York likens a teenager’s understanding of the Ten Commandments to the acceptance of rules set forth by their parents. “As teenagers, you don’t get much choice about following your parents’ rules, even the ones you do not fully understand. But often, as time passes (and maybe only when you become parents yourselves), you can understand that when your parents put various boundaries on your life, it was because of their wisdom and their love,” she writes. “That’s the way it was with our ancestors. They accepted the mitzvoth and they followed them – and often it took a bit of time for them to understand their meaning.”

This is one of many reasons why – despite the fact that it takes place in late May or early June – that we must be careful not to confuse Affirmation with graduation. Affirmation is just one part of the lifelong Jewish learning we are lucky to experience here at Congregation Sinai. Rabbi Cohen reminds each Bar and Bat Mitzvah child that each time we study Torah, we learn something different. The words of the Torah remain the same, but our perspective constantly evolves. The Affirmation students understand Torah differently than they did when they became Bar or Bat Mitzvah, and their perception will continually change in their lives as Jewish adults.

At one point, the Reform movement used Confirmation in place of Bar and Bat Mitzvah. The ceremony was designed to provide a meaningful way for children to understand the deeper spiritual and moral values of Judaism beyond the ritual preparation for a Bar Mitzvah Torah reading. In the Reform movement today, both milestones are celebrated in tandem. At 13, the B’nei Mitzvah preparation process offers children an introduction to Torah and Mitzvot on an individual basis. When they are confirmed a few years later, they have the opportunity to collaborate with their peers. Confirmation is about experiencing tradition together with other Jews. It is, above all, a foray into building and becoming part of a larger Jewish community – something we hope will continue as they go off to college and begin their adult Jewish lives.

Congregation Sinai’s Affirmation students will be leading the Shavuot evening service on Tuesday, June 3 at 7:00 PM. Please join us as we celebrate and learn from our teens. We are so proud of all of them!

-Cantor Lauren Phillips
Reflections

I-Thou

The rising price of postage stamps has alerted me to the awareness that my rejection of the new technology is costly in money as well as effort. I shudder at the possibility that the post office may one day close. I do not understand this stampede into the future. I like the way things are, even more, the way they used to be. I miss small stores for the social interaction they allowed with the proprietor and other “old” customers. I believe the soul to be nurtured by personal interaction.

Martin Buber wrote an important book, titled “I and Thou”, in which he distinguished “I-It” relationship, in which you were using or being used by another, and the circumstance of caring relationship which he characterized as “I-Thou”. I have sought in recent years a blending of the two. I prefer to utilize services which permit for a personal relationship with the purveyor. When the establishment is large, I seek out particular employees with whom I can enjoy personal contact. I find this practice to be soul-nurturing. Interaction via the internet does not supply this commodity, which is essential to spiritual well being. The more we interact with: machines, data, robots, the more feeble our souls become.

The concept of a non-personal God was promulgated by Aristotle, who viewed God as a force or principle. It was Mordecai Kaplan who introduced this concept to Judaism with the founding of the Reconstructionist movement. While helping with certain intellectual problems, the new deity provided small comfort in times of difficulty or distress. This is perhaps why attendance has fallen off precipitously in liberal religious establishments. Why engage in prayer when there is no one to listen?

Rabbi Jay R. Brickman

Presidents’ Message

In a recent issue of Reform Judaism, there was an article entitled, “When Jews Choose Their Dues.” The article discussed the pros and cons of the two traditional dues structures (i.e., flat rate and fair share), and introduced the concept of a “free will” system being used at a few synagogues throughout the country. Under the “free will” system, synagogues ask their members for money in the form of donations, but do away with congregational oversight of those donations, eliminating abatement committees and/or other follow-up procedures to secure payment when funds are not forthcoming. The congregation’s leaders furnish guidelines for pledging, typically dividing their total operating budget by the number of member units, and asking every member to contribute their “sustaining amount.” The guidelines reiterate that this is not a dues number, and members are free to pay as they wish; no questions will be asked of them and they will not need to speak to anyone about how much they desire to contribute. According to the article, the synagogues that moved to this model reported that it has been successful and proponents argue that it “transforms congregants’ relationships with their synagogues, nurturing a community grounded in transparency and trust.” However, is a great deal of skepticism surrounding this model and how universally successful it would be.

At Sinai, we have adopted a “fair share” structure in which people pay based on their income. We believe that, similar to the free will system, our fair share structure is grounded in transparency and trust. As for transparency, the Board of Trustees reviews the Congregation’s finances and reports on them at monthly meetings, and at the annual meeting. We determine our expenses and the revenue that we need to generate through dues, fees, and fundraising to pay for those expenses. Our staff has done a terrific job over the years, including this most recent year, in keeping our expenses at or very near the budgeted amounts.

Those budgets, however, are meaningless without the trust that each and every congregant is paying his/her fair share. Each year, congregants receive a commitment form asking them to commit to pay a dues amount based on their income. Unlike other synagogues, we have never requested income verification to ensure that congregants are, in fact, paying their “fair share.” We trust our congregants and expect that they are paying based upon their income, and not based on what they independently assess the value of their membership to be. It is simply not in the spirit of our community for congregants to ignore the dues structure and simply pick a dues category related not to their income, but to some calculation of what they think membership is “worth.” Sinai is not, and never will be, a fee for service organization. If exigent circumstances arise, the office has always worked with congregants to find a payment arrangement. That is how a system based on trust works.

However, without honesty and trust, a “fair share” system WILL NOT work. Therefore, for Sinai to work, everyone must be honest in reporting their income and paying their dues based on their income. Please keep this in mind when filling out and returning the dues commitment forms for the upcoming year.

As always, feel free to contact either of us with questions or concerns. Thank you and have a great summer.

B’Shalom,
Dan Elias, Co-President
Andrew Gollin, Co-President
## May-June Shabbat & Holiday Service Schedule

### Shabbat Emor
*Leviticus 21:1 - 24:23*
- May 2: Israel Shabbat Service 6:15 pm
- May 3: Torah Study 8 am, Morning Minyan 9:30 am

### Shabbat Behar
*Leviticus 25:1 - 26:2*
- May 9: Rockin’ Shabbat 6:15 pm, Congregational Dinner 7:30 pm
- May 10: Torah Study 8 am, Morning Minyan 9:30 am, Jake Goodman Bar Mitzvah 10 am

### Shabbat Bechukotai
*Leviticus 26:3 - 27:34*
- May 16: Shabbat Service 6:15 pm
- May 17: Torah Study 8 am, Morning Minyan 9:30 am, Sadie Wolfe Bat Mitzvah 10 am

### Shabbat Bamidbar
*Numbers 1:1 - 4:20*
- May 23: Shabbat Service 6:15 pm
- May 24: Torah Study 8 am, Morning Minyan 9:30 am

### Shabbat Nasso
*Numbers 4:21 - 7:89*
- May 30: Shabbat Service 6:15 pm
- May 31: Torah Study 8 am, Morning Minyan 9:30 am, Cameron Buzzell Bat Mitzvah 10 am

### Shavuot
- June 3: Erev Shavuot Services, 7 pm
- June 4: Shavuot Services w/ Yizkor, 9:30 am

### Shabbat Beha’alotcha
*Numbers 8:1 - 12:16*
- June 6: Shabbat Service w/ Blessing for our High School Graduates, 6:15 pm
- June 7: Torah Study 8 am, Morning Minyan 9:30 am

### Shabbat Sh’lach
*Numbers 13:1 - 15:41*
- June 13: Shabbat Service 6:15 pm
- June 14: Torah Study 8 am, Morning Minyan 9:30 am

### Shabbat Korach
*Numbers 16:1 - 18:32*
- June 20: Shabbat Service 6:15 pm
- June 21: Torah Study 8 am, Morning Minyan 9:30 am

### Shabbat Chukat
*Numbers 19:1 - 22:1*
- June 27: Itsy Bitsy Sinai Shabbat 5:15 pm, Wine & Cheese 5:30 pm, First Outdoor Shabbat Service 6 pm
- June 28: Torah Study 8 am, Morning Minyan 9:30 am

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**Congregation Sinai’s Annual Meeting w/Board Installation**

**Sunday, May 18th**
- 10:00 am light breakfast
- 10:30 am meeting

**Things to be discussed...**
- State of the Congregation
- Financial Report
- 2014/2015 Budget
- Board Member & Volunteer Recognition
“The Whole Megillah” with Cantor Lauren Phillips
Tuesdays, 7:30 - 9:00 PM
May 6, 13, 20, 27
Many of our Jewish holidays and festivals are associated with special readings from the last third of the Bible, the Ketuvim (wisdom literature). On Passover we read Shir HaShirim (Song of Songs), on Shavuot we read from the Book of Ruth, on Tisha B’Av we read Eicha (Lamentations), on Sukkot we read Kohelet (Ecclesiastes) and on Purim we scream and boo at the mention of a certain villain’s name as we chant from the Book of Esther.

These megillot include verses that correspond to the season at which they are read. Esther tells the story of how the Jews were saved on Purim, while the beautiful poetry of Shir Hashirim corresponds with Pesach – the beginning of spring.

Learn more about the connections between the megillot and the holidays that they are associated with in this five-part series. Each session will focus on a different scroll and will include text study, discussion, and an exploration of ways in which each megilla has been depicted through art and music. Interested participants will have a chance to learn the special chant used for some of these megillot, with an opportunity to read from the Book of Ruth at Congregation Sinai’s Shavuot services.

Cantor Lauren Phillips joined the Congregation Sinai family in July 2013. The megillot were among her earliest encounters with Jewish texts. Cantor Phillips is interested in the ways in which contemporary Jewish composers have adapted the various megillot and engaging congregational participation.

“In the Rabbi’s Study” with Rabbi Cohen and Guests
Sunday, May 4       10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
And the Old Shall Dream, and the Youth Shall See Visions (Joel 3:1): Youth Engagement and the Future of our Jewish Community

Join Rabbi Cohen as he interviews Andrew Keene, the President of the North American Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY). Andrew has been a part-time member of Sinai’s staff this year, focusing on issues relating to youth engagement. The position (which is funded in part by the URJ), has introduced Youth Engagement to be at the center of the URJ’s efforts.

In his role as NFTY president, Andrew has spent this year traveling across the country meeting youth and adults from all across the Jewish and non-Jewish world. He’ll report what he’s seen and experienced, his impressions of what challenges and opportunities lie ahead, as well as an up to the minute report of how the URJ is planning to address them. You won’t want to miss this morning with one of the Jewish community’s emerging leaders for the next generation.

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 conducts monthly meetings and then often go to lunch together at Maxfield’s. Outings and activities include: card games, lunches, dinners, sporting events, mah jongg, 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:
Dates: Wednesdays, May 14th, July 9th, and August 13th
Time: 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.
## Lifelong Jewish Learning

### Ongoing Adult Learning

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Pirke Avot (Sayings of our Ancestors) presents nuggets of wisdom from the most famous rabbis of the Talmud. Rabbi Akiva, Rabbi Hillel and many more teach such essential texts as "If I am not for myself who will be for me? If I am only for myself, what am I? And if not now, when?"

Bring a bag lunch and join us as we begin learning Pirke Avot!

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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.

Verse by verse, line by line, word by word, the Torah comes alive!
“Each day is a blank page in the diary of your life. The secret of success is in turning that diary into the best story you possibly can.” Douglas Pagels, author of 100 Things to Always Remember... And One Thing to Never Forget.

I recently attended the morning service led by Rabbi Cohen at the CCAR conference (an annual gathering for Reform Movement rabbis). We were using a prototype of a new prayer book for the High Holy Days (despite the incorrect season). There are several pages toward the front devoted to text; we were asked to spend five minutes studying any of the texts we chose with a neighbor or two. As we flipped through, deciding on a meaningful text, we saw that one of the pages was blank. As this was an unfinished, uncorrected prototype, it can be presumed that this blank page will not appear in the final version. However, its presence here gave us a good laugh... and reason to pause.

What would we write upon this blank page? What is the text of our lives?

The summer is almost like a blank page for our kids. There is a certain amount of freedom inherent in summer – no homework, relaxed expectations, later bedtimes, etc. What will they write upon these blank pages of the days between school years? The summer is a time of immense growth for our kids. I always enjoy seeing our students again at the end of the summer. Not only are they physically taller, but those few months are also a time of significant emotional and intellectual growth. As parents, sometimes this is difficult to see throughout the day-to-day work of raising children. But those who have sent kids to camp observe it after not seeing your children for some length of time – even just a few days.

Will Judaism be written on these blank pages of summer? Our Youth Education Program might take a hiatus, but Judaism definitely does not! Yes, some kids will go to Jewish camp. But with those for whom Jewish camp – or camp in general – is not a good fit, how do we keep “doing Jewish” throughout the summer months? Even those who do attend Jewish camp typically spend at least a few summer weeks at home. I love the story relayed to me some years ago by a teen whose younger sister had gone to her first two-week session at a Jewish camp. A few minutes into the first meal their family shared together when she returned home, she burst into tears because they had not said “HaMotzi” before they ate. Clearly, the rituals of Jewish camp had made an impact, and she felt a loss that these were not naturally carried over into home.

Celebrating Shabbat in some way every week is a great way to “write Jewish” on the blank pages of summer. Whether you light candles at home, attend a summer service at Sinai, or find some other way to mark this weekly occurrence in Jewish time, the observance of Shabbat is an excellent (and easy) way to remind the whole family that Judaism does not stop just because the religious school year does. How might you write Shabbat onto your blank pages?

An additional suggestion is to celebrate “Tu B’Av,” which falls this year on August 11th. This day is considered the “Jewish Valentine’s Day,” and happens to fall in the summer. How would you commemorate a day devoted to love of those around you? How would you fill that blank page without school parties, cards, and chocolate hearts? It could be a fun experiment to create your family’s own version of this day together!

Summer is upon us. Sit back, take a breath, and enjoy the sun and warmth (especially after this brutal winter we just had!). I look forward to seeing the best possible summer diaries turned into beautiful stories of fun and growth – and hopefully Judaism – when our students return in a few months!

Barb Shimansky, MSW
Director of Youth Education

Any questions about Youth Education Program activities? Contact Barb: bshimansky@congregationsinai.org or Jeri: jdanz@congregationsinai.org, or call the Sinai office.
Shalom! I hope everyone is enjoying the quickly emerging spring season! Youth Engagement work at Congregation Sinai is also in bloom. I want to share three highlights from the past several weeks.

1. Kivun, our Tuesday evening teen program, hosted the Anti-Defamation League for a program on combatting anti-semitism. We were joined by friends from other Milwaukee synagogues. Teens took home timeless skills that can be used in the high school setting when this serious issue arises.

2. We continue to experiment with innovative worship methods during Sunday morning community t’filah. These services are open to the entire family and we look forward to seeing you there! In the coming weeks, we will be collecting input about moving forward into next year.

3. We are piloting a new approach to teen leadership at Sinai. Teens will be involved in leading Sinai through a youth leadership council that will meet with Barb Shimansky regularly. These teen leaders will have a role in all aspects of teen programming at Sinai. Interested teens can contact Barb or me!

As always, please do not hesitate in reaching out with comments, questions, and suggestions!

I’hitraot,
Andrew Keene
Sinai Youth Engagement Specialist

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

School News

Parents of teens:
Tuesday, May 13 at 7:30 in the WLS

Please join us along with parents from Congregations Beth Israel Ner Tamid and Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun and learn about our new, combined teen education program, Kulanu! Barb Shimansky, Samara Sofian (CBINT), and Rabbi Jessica Barolsky (CEEBJ) will be present to provide you with information and answer questions. We look forward to seeing you for this one hour session.
Year-End School Picnic

Sunday, May 18th  12:00 PM-1:30 PM

Celebrate the last day of Religious School with outdoor fun immediately following Religious School & the Annual Meeting.
The Youth Education Committee will provide the Picnic lunch and make-your-own-sundae bar!

6th Annual Sukkah Garden Planting Day
Hurray! It is that time again to turn the soil, sow the seeds, and create the garden we can harvest in the fall.
For 5 years our garden has provided all the flowers and gourds for our sukkah, and the materials for High Holy Day programming for our children. Thanks to the families that have helped care for the garden, this has been a great success. Please join in the fun and the effort it takes to make this possible. We need you and your children to help. No previous gardening experience necessary, avid gardeners are also welcome.

May 18th - Planting day (after school picnic)
Location: Raised beds in Sinai’s back yard
Time: 12:00 p.m.
Needed: Willing hands to weed the garden and turn the soil (4th grade & up)
Row setters (parent/child activity)
Seed planters (all ages)
Bring: Bags of organic soil to add to the garden or $5 donation
Garden gloves, pitchforks, hoes, shovels, clippers

Garden Keepers
May 18th – September 14th
Sign up for one week to be the garden keeper, to water and weed over the summer. Contact Naomi Cobb for questions or to volunteer at Coyote.naomi@gmail.com or 414-964-3230.
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 & 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://itsybitsysinaimay.eventbrite.com

Note time!

Itsy Bitsy Sinai & Picnic!
Sunday, May 18 at 11:30 AM

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
What’s Happening

Graduation Shabbat
Friday, June 6th, 6:15 pm

Is Your Child graduating from High School or College this Spring? Join us for Shabbat as we honor and bless our graduates as they embark on their next journey. This will be one more opportunity for our graduates to spend an evening at Sinai with each other. Additionally, we will welcome our new CoSY youth leaders.

Bakers Needed! Honor your graduate by baking for the June 6th Oneg. Please email Jeri at jdanz@congregationsinai.org by June 3rd and let us know you will be joining us. Send off our graduates into a sweet future!

Rockin’ Shabbat and Roll into Dinner!

Friday, May 9th
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! Roll into Dinner for a delicious meal! Conversation for adults, with activities for 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

Please RSVP by Tuesday, May 6th at:
http://mayrockinshabbat.eventbrite.com
Todah Rabah to all of the Women of Sinai members that were able to join us for this year's Membership Appreciation Brunch which was held on Sunday, March 30. Special thanks to Jill Weinshel for helping me cook all of the Israeli foods that were enjoyed that morning. It was lovely to spend the morning in the company of such wonderful women and have the opportunity to share my photos and stories with you. I hope those in attendance left feeling inspired to visit Israel, either again, or for the first time.

- Julie Lookatch, Women of Sinai Chair

Sarah Hwang, Mary Wurzburg, Joan Friedman, Sue LeVine, Barbara Friedlander, Bobbi Rector, Michelle Silverman

Julie Lookatch shares her experience with Heart-to-Heart Women’s Journey to Israel.

Delicious Israeli creations!

**SINAI SOFTBALL BEGINS APRIL 29TH!**

Sinai Softball begins April 29th and the team plays every Tuesday night at either 6 or 7 pm at Kletzch Park through the month of August. We are always looking for Sinai members who are interested in joining the team. There is a $30 team membership fee. If you are interested in joining in the "summer fun" please contact Marc Kartman at: mgkartman@ra.rockwell.com.
Sinai Committees

Chesed

Chesed Initiative Update

In March and April, volunteers from the Chesed Initiative began visiting congregants in their homes to meet and connect. We brought Mishloach Manot bags for Purim, and talked about ways to feel connected to Congregation Sinai.

Interested in visiting a congregant? Let us know we can add you to our list of volunteers. These meaningful visits help make our synagogue a caring community.

Interested in having a member of Congregation Sinai visit you at your home? Please call the office to have your name added to our list. We will match you up with a Chesed volunteer who will contact you and set a time to meet.

When you are in the hospital our Rabbi & Cantor want to visit but...

HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996) stand between you and your rabbi and cantor. ONLY a personal communication from you or a family member will allow us to know that you are in the hospital. It’s heartbreaking to learn that you were in the hospital without the opportunity to call or visit you.

Please contact Rabbi Cohen’s and Cantor Phillips’ assistant, Karen Hintz at 414-352-2970 or email her at khintz@congregationsinai.org, to tell us when you or a loved one is in the hospital. It’s a mitzvah to see you and share prayers for your health and well-being. Thank you.

Israel Committee

TORATEINU ARZA (Our Torah is Israel bound) comes to Milwaukee! This amazing project is sponsored by the Association of Reform Zionists of America (ARZA) and celebrates the generous donation of one Torah from Congregation Beth Israel, San Diego to Sha'ar HaNegev a Reform community in the Northern Negev desert, which does not yet have its own Torah scroll! The Torah started traveling the country from synagogue to synagogue in February to raise awareness about the Reform/Progressive Movement in Israel, and to introduce the upcoming 2015 World Zionist Congress (WZC) elections (whereby appropriations of all funding from the Jewish Agency in Israel and around the world will be determined).

Writing this beforehand, it is exciting to anticipate the Torah’s arrival to Congregation Sinai. Hopefully many of you were able to participate either in blessing the Torah during Passover services or in a meaningful discussion on civil issues (gender inequality, religious freedom, human rights) unfolding in the State of Israel at the home of Bobbi Rector. Luckily, our NFTY teens were also able to participate in services with the Torah during their conclave in Minneapolis. After visiting over 20 cities in North America, and before its arrival to Sha'ar HaNegev, the Torah will stop at the Western Wall (Kotel) in June for a Rosh Chodesh (new month) service conducted by Women of the Wall. If all goes as planned, this will be the the first time a Torah will be allowed in the Women’s section at the Wall (not adjacent to it where monthly services take place) and will be true cause for celebration!!

Become a member of ARZA. Show your support for a democratic, pluralistic and inclusive society in Israel by going to www.ARZA.org. Membership will allow you to vote in the 2015 WZO elections, helping to ensure that financial resources flowing to Israel reflect the values of our Reform Movement. For more information, or to be included on a mailing list, contact Bobbi Rector burpt@wi.rr.com.

Bike the Drive 2014

Sunday, May 25th, join Team ARZA and Bike the Drive for Israel! Last year 40 riders joined our team, including the Israel Consul General to the Midwest, Roey Gilad. This year we’re hoping to more than double that number. Join us yourself, spread the word in your community, and make your TEAM ARZA DONATION HERE!

Contact Bobbi Rector at burpt@wi.rr.com if you are interested in joining the Milwaukee Team for 5 hours of traffic-free cycling on Lakeshore Drive to raise money for ARZA.

Bobbi Rector
Israel Committee
I am writing this article as a cold blast of wind tosses snowflakes past my window in April, and yet I can envision our 6th Sukkah garden bursting with flowers, corn and gourds this summer.

It is with great pride I want to invite you to participate in this project, the envy of many Jewish groups outside Sinai, because we do this so well. We recruit devoted families who adopt the responsibilities for the garden for 1-2 weeks per summer.

For the past five summers, these families have devotedly watered on blazing hot days, alerted us to deer and raccoon invasions, wound sprawling vines around our 6 pointed raised bed, and shared in the miracle of creating a garden for our children to harvest in the fall. We stay in touch with each other for updates, I send pictures to describe the weed of the week, or the progress of our plants.

We need new families to join this project this summer, many of the pioneer families have children that have graduated to college or go to camps for the summer, so our young assistants are gone. Can you join us? Do you have a child yearning for a community service project or a chance to blast a hose? You will assigned one week to be on duty, but guided by a lead gardener who can answer your questions. It does take a village to have a community garden, please join us.

Our first planting day will be May 18th, the last day of Hebrew school, at 12:00 PM. Come join in the tilling of the soil and the planting of the seeds. Sign up for the summer schedule on that day if you have not previously selected a date. Please contact me to enroll in this project.

Naomi Cobb: coyote.naomi@gmail.com See page 12 for details.

The Green Team
Deb Schermer & Naomi Cobb

For several years, Congregation Sinai has been working in conjunction with Stoney Meadow Farm to offer its members an opportunity to participate in a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Program. There is a pick up site right at the synagogue. This year we are excited to extend this program to our neighboring synagogues!

Why Join a CSA? From the story of creation, we learn that God put human beings on earth to “till and tend it.” While most of us no longer have an agricultural vocation, the imperative to care for the earth is deeply rooted in Judaism. When we support farmers who care for this earth, eating can be a sanctified act.

CSA’s are mutually beneficial for both the shareholder and the farmer. CSA members receive a weekly or biweekly abundance of healthy, local produce throughout the growing season. Also, with a secure market for the harvest, farmers can focus their efforts on growing healthy foods and caring for the land.

2014 Pick Up Details:
Congregation Sinai,
Fridays from 4:00 - 6:00 PM
For more information please contact: Steve and Andrea Levens
Stoneymeadowfarm.com
Email: stoneymeadowfarmcsa@yahoo.com
Phone: (262) 893-3579

Glean Machine
Tikkun Ha-Ir’s Glean Machine, a spring and summer supply drive returns on May 20th. The Glean Machine collects spring and summer clothing, household items, toiletries, books, toys, art supplies & nonperishable food. The project is one of the few Milwaukee area drives to replenish these items for clients after the winter months. Over 15 local shelters and organizations serving families receive the supplies. The schedule will be posted at www.thi-milwaukee.org.
For information or to volunteer contact Cindy Cooper at 414-354-6380 or Judy Baruch at 414-247-3750.

Glean Machine at Sinai
Thursday, May 20th
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
2013-2014 was an exciting and busy year for Social Action activity beginning with our Sinai 5th graders participating at a Fall Activity Day with the Community Advocates Women’s Center.

We had three stimulating Social Action Shabbatot: the pot-luck Green Shabbat and nature hike, the Immigration Shabbat with Christine Neumann-Ortiz speaking, and Shabbat with Reverend Willie Brisco, speaking on the need for Social Justice in today’s modern world.

We held a beautiful and moving Immigration Vigil (see photo and article on page 19), took part in last year’s Immigration May Day March, and we showed 3 topical films.

The Green Team, under the skill of Naomi Cobb and Deb Schermer, planted, cared for and harvested the Sukkah garden.

In compliance with the Synagogue’s Environmental Policy, we paid the expense of having kitchen staff for 5 synagogue congregational dinners, so we could use china instead of paper. Committee member, Deb Schermer and others, hand washed and folded cloth tablecloths to decrease the use of plastic. We are currently working on a permanent alternative to plastic tablecloths.

Synagogue members and families helped serve lunch at the Bethesda Church Meal Program. Because of your generous support of the Tzedakah Fund, we were able to provide paper goods to the meal program as well as help fund their summer meal programs. Congregation Sinai’s engagement with Bethesda has continued for decades, beginning with Elmer Winter. Members have also served dinners at Pathfinder’s Youth Drop-In Center. YOU have donated barrels of warm clothing to the Center.

The running of Mother Scott’s Meal collection program is now coordinated by committee member, Donna Neubauer. She also represented us on a Tikkun Ha-Ir panel dealing with Hunger.

Committee members represent Sinai at community-wide organizational meetings and events: The Jewish Community Relations Council, MICAH, Tikkun Ha-Ir and Pathfinders.

We are working on strengthening Social Action-School ties.

Social Action at Congregation Sinai is wonderfully active, thanks to the support of our Rabbi, staff, and passion and talent of each committee member. There are many ways for each of YOU to become engaged. Continue supporting the Tzedakah Fund at Sinai, and please let any of our wonderful committee members know if you are interested in volunteering one time, or many: Davida Amenta, Rachel Buff, Naomi Cobb, Rabbi Cohen, Edith Gilman, Idy Goodman, Craig Johnson, Jay Larkey, Lois Malawsky, Rachel Nadel, Donna Neubauer, Deb Schermer, Diane Sلومowitz, Naomi Soifer.

Keep your eyes open for the 2014-2015 list of Social Action Activities.

Idy Goodman – igoodman2@mac.com
Craig Johnson - cjohnson@unionyeslaw.com
Mother Scott Center

As many of you may know, I recently took over the Mother Scott Meal Program from the care of Karen Hintz in the Sinai office. So, as I've become more involved, I thought I'd take the opportunity to speak with the Director of the Mother Scott Center, Jerome Pitchford, to learn more.

At the beginning of our conversation, I asked him what happens to the food we deliver to the Center. He shared the following: “First we put it out on tables and take an inventory. Based on what is brought in they can now plan meals accordingly. He has to use the premade casseroles within 7 days as per the Milwaukee Health Department. If it is food such as can goods, the large cans can be utilized for the preparing of meals and the small cans of vegetables, grits or soups are put into the food pantry and given back to the community.

The paper goods are put into inventory and when a helper needs something he/she gets the key from Jerome and thus he controls the inventory so it doesn't end up in someone's home. He emphasized that he watches the inventory like a hawk.

Fresh produce is utilized immediately into the meal program or if he doesn't have the team to make the dish that would contain the fresh produce they will distribute it to the community. As an example, if they get fresh corn, they will blanch it, cut it off the cob and put it in the freezer. If it is apples, they would make an apple cobbler if they have the cooks in the building to make it. If not they will distribute it. They don't want to see anything go bad. They would rather give it away than let it rot.

Now you know what a mitzvah you are doing for a community that needs your help.

Then, following our most recent delivery, I received the following letter from Kate Mann (one of our dedicated volunteers).

When Peter and I arrived in front of Mother Scott Youth Center yesterday, adult volunteers were on the job (as always) to help unload the two cars. The whole job takes a mere twenty minutes or so. First we exchange greetings and gratitudes (God Bless You's back and forth) which happens to be one of my favorite aspects of doing this mitzvah.

Thankfulness and blessing go hand in hand, eye to eye. Yesterday there was a new face in the volunteer group, a younger (than me) woman, dressed in comfortable gray sweatpants, a red sweatshirt, a black cap and a big smile. I acknowledged that we had not met before and she replied, "I'm a student in Social Work at MATC. We have requirements to do volunteering in the community, so I'm doing this for Mother Scott. She has been there to help me when I needed it, so now I can give back." Small interactions like this one are part and parcel of delivering meals to the Mother Scott Center every six weeks. If you are ever interested in riding along or being a driver, Peter and I leave our front seats open for new volunteers to ride along. We're happy to share the rewards.

Thanks everyone,
Kate Mann

I'm so glad that I took the time to learn more about the wonderful work that the Mother Scott Center does. You can be proud that Sinai is helping in this effort and doing a great mitzvah for a community that needs our help. If you're interested in helping with the Mother Scott program through Sinai, please call me and share the rewards!

Donna Neubauer, Social Action Committee Member

Would you like to make a difference in someone’s life?

Do you want to make a difference to a family who is in need?

You can...how? Become an active participant in our interfaith meal program at the Mother Scott Youth Fellowship Center. The Mother Scott Youth Fellowship Center provides hot meal programs as well as an emergency food pantry and nutrition for babies. They also provide a bread ministry (bread is put out daily for people to take), clothing bank, and programs for children.

What can you do? Your commitment to this interfaith meal program would be to donate a specific food item every other month and drop it off at Congregation Sinai during the week we are assigned. That’s it, we make the delivery to the Mother Scott Center. In January with the help of Kate Mann, we delivered our gifts of food and other items. My heart sang with joy when I saw how much food was gifted by all of you. The grateful faces of the clients will be a memory which I will carry until I die. It made me so proud to be part of this interfaith meal program.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to make a difference. Join many of your friends at Sinai and other families in the Milwaukee community who are already active members of our program. Please contact me at Red1Neubs@sbcglobal.net or (414) 354-5961 so I can send you the 2014 schedule and you can be part of our wonderful charitable undertaking.

Donna Neubauer, Social Action Committee Member
Sinai Committees

Social Action Committee

Sinai Hosts Historic Prayer Vigil!

On March 4th, Congregation Sinai became the first Jewish house of worship in Milwaukee to host the monthly New Sanctuary Prayer Vigil. Held in support of those affected by Immigration Customs Enforcement Agency deportations, the prayer vigil convenes monthly at different congregations around town.

Assisted by youth from our Kivun Program, along with youth from Youth Empowered in the Struggle! (YES!), Rabbi Cohen led an engaging, trilingual (Hebrew, English, and Spanish!) and moving service. The vigil was attended by about 50 people, including congregants, members of our Social Action Committee, members of YES!, Voces de la Frontera, and a college Spring Break social justice tour, who had found out about the event. All convened afterwards for a tasty oneg provided by the wonderful bakers of Sinai.

The Social Action Committee continues to work on social justice issues around immigration. We welcome interested members to our meetings and future events.

Immigration Vigil: Lucely Flores, Aaron Holman, Rachel Buff, Daniel Lopez, Jorge Maya, Jack Styler

Sinai Dates:

Thursday, May 29

Please contact Idy Goodman to volunteer or ask questions at: igoodman2@mac.com or 414-351-3386.

Our entry hall barrel will now be holding items collected for Pathfinders.

Please donate!

Spring jackets, sweatshirts, blue jeans, blouses and shirts appropriate for on the job.
Tooth brushes and hair brushes.

Your contributions make a difference:
Much of the financial support for our efforts comes through the

Sinai Tzedakah Fund

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

Congregation Sinai Volunteer Opportunity:
Help serve lunch at the Bethesda Church of Christ Meal Program with other Sinai Congregants. For over 4 decades, Congregation Sinai has been engaged with the Bethesda Church of God in Christ meal program. Located at 2810 W. Highland Blvd. in Milwaukee, this is a year-round program that serves thousands of poor and homeless men, women and children and is open every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Each week they serve up to 600 adult clients and 90 children, totaling 1,800 adults and 360 children each month. They do remarkable work.

Volunteers come from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM to help plate and serve meals.

Sinai Dates:
Thursday, May 29
“Scene” at Sinai
“Scene” at Sinai

Itsy Bitsy Sinai

Shabbat ShaPizza

Purim Carnival face painting

Purim Carnival

Purim Carnival

Purim Carnival

B’rit Nashim Chocolate Seder
Check out Sinai’s library

Now that we are finally enjoying spring and, soon to come, summer, our thoughts turn to Shavuot. Many Jews celebrate Moses’ receiving the Torah on Mt. Sinai by staying up all night and studying the Bible, Talmud and Zohar. If you want to learn more about this holiday, look under the call number 243.3 in the library. We also have several very good children’s books to share with your children and grandchildren. One of the many customs regarding Shavuot is eating dairy. Many people eat cheesecake. Ashkenazy Jews make blintzes. Sinai has a wonderful selection of cookbooks (where you will find recipes for cheese desserts and blintzes, etc.) The call number for cook books is 641.5. Come into our library and look around!

School will be out soon and many of your young teens may be looking for something to read. The Winter Horses (T F Ker) is set on a Nazi-occupied Ukrainian animal preserve during the winter of 1941. Kalinka is a young Jewish girl who escaped death only to risk her life to save the last two wild horses on the preserve. This book should engage the young reader, as well as any adult, with several moral and ethical concepts to think about and discuss.

The Sunday NY Times Book Review is a great source for book referrals for our library. One of our newest books is: The Story of the Jews: Finding the Words, 1000 BC-1492 AD by Simon Schrama (900 Sch) Schrama focuses on the historical artifacts that yield telling vignettes about our history. Starting two and a half millennia ago with a Judean mercenary and ending with Abraham Zacuto, a rabbi-astronomer, whose accurate almanac for the “movement of celestial bodies” guided Christopher Columbus and Vasco da Gama. There are many more interesting stories of women who owned property and pleaded cases in court, tales of money lenders, Jews who were involved in the poetry, arts and mores of their times. Hopefully, there will be a Volume 2.

Happy Reading
-Jayne Butlein

Stay informed about all the happenings at Congregation Sinai!

Each week you should receive a Sinai Enews about the upcoming events at Sinai. Be sure to open and read your Sinai Enews. All kinds of exciting things are happening at Sinai and you won’t want to miss any of them! If you are not currently receiving the Enews, please email office@congregationsinai.org or call Congregation Sinai at 414-352-2970 so we can update our distribution list. Also, visit our website at www.congregationsinai.org.

Supporting Sinai

Bubbe says...

Support Sinai

Shaina Shops!

Such gorgeous challah plates, mezuzahs, B’nei Mitzvah gifts, Kiddush cups and jewelry! I’m telling you there is no better place to shop for that perfect piece of Judaica (as if you would go anywhere else knowing your purchase is a mitzvah at Congregation Sinai)! Come by and see what my Shaina has done! Oh, and if you know any nice boys…my Shaina is quite the catch!

-Your Bubbe
Support Sinai

SHOP & 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!

May 4th & 18th

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

Sponsor an Oneg

If you are looking for a wonderful way to honor or remember someone, or recognize a special occasion, you can do so by sponsoring 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 an Oneg Shabbat is $260.00.

Please email Jen Friedman at jfriedman@congregationsinai.org or call (414) 352-2970.
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B’nei Mitzvah Bios

Jake Solomon Goodman
Jake Solomon Goodman will become a Bar Mitzvah on May 10, 2014. Jake is the son of David and Ronna Goodman and brother to Rosalee Goodman.

Jake is a 7th grader at Maple Dale Middle School. Jake has been active in travel baseball for the past four years. He enjoys playing basketball, volleyball and tennis for his school. He also enjoys spending winter breaks in Key West, FL.

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

Cameron Lily Buzzell
Cameron Lily Buzzell will celebrate becoming a Bat Mitzvah on May 31, 2014. Cameron is the daughter of Robin and Paul Buzzell, and the older sister to Lexi and Delaney.

Her grandparents are Larry Buzzell, Alana and Bill Johnson, Leslie and Hervey Juris, and Toni and Donald Richards. She is also a great-granddaughter of Bernice and Albert Nathanson. Cameron was named in honor of her late great-grandmother Lillian Ulan.

Cameron is a 7th grader at Steffen Middle School in Mequon. She plays basketball and volleyball, takes dance, and enjoys singing, art and spending time with her friends.

Cameron’s Mitzvah Project is collecting new and used art supplies for the students at Milwaukee College Prep School, a K-8 charter school in Milwaukee. Having a passion for art and design, Cameron wants to ensure children of lesser means have the same opportunity she has to express their creativity through art. There will be a collection bin at Sinai for all art-related supplies and writing instruments. Your attention to finding something for this wonderful school is a mitzvah for you too! Thank you.

Cameron and her parents would like to thank Rabbi Cohen, Cantor Phillips and Linda Ross for their support and guidance in helping her prepare for this very special day.

Sadie Susan Wolfe
Sadie Susan Wolfe will celebrate becoming a Bat Mitzvah on May 17, 2014. Sadie is the daughter of Rona and Gary Wolfe and little sister of Anna, David and Noah.

Her grandparents are Cheryl Kader and the late Sherwin Kader and Shirley Wolfe and the late Morton Wolfe.

Sadie is a 7th grader at Milwaukee Jewish Day School. At school, she is active in forensics and tennis. Outside of school, she enjoys spending time at First Stage and the Milwaukee Art Museum.

For Sadie’s Mitzvah Project she is participating in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk on May 3rd. She has created her own team and is accepting team members and pledges at the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer website, under "Sadie’s Team". She is walking in honor of her Aunt Leslie, a breast cancer survivor.

Jessica Elaine Lappin

Jessie is the daughter of Mike and Tracy Lappin, sister of Jake and Joe, granddaughter of Linda Lappin and Sheldon Kohen, Muriel Lappin and the late Todd Lappin, and Darrel and Charlotte Konrad.

Jessie is a 6th grader at Lakeshore Middle School in Mequon. Her passion is dance and her Mitzvah Project will reflect this passion. She will be collecting dance shoes and costumes to donate to inner-city dance studios.

Jessie would like to thank Rabbi Cohen, Cantor Phillips, and Linda Ross for their support and guidance in helping her prepare for this joyous occasion.

Joseph Aaron Lewis
Joseph Aaron Lewis will celebrate becoming a Bar Mitzvah on August 23, 2014. Joey is the son of Rich and Michelle Lewis and brother of Charlie Lewis. He is the grandson of Marsha Lewis and the late Michael Lewis, and the late Sheldon and Madelain Julius.

Joey is a 7th grader at Lakeshore Middle School. He plays baseball for the Mequon Heat and enjoys spending time with family and friends. To support his love of sports, for his Mitzvah Project he will be collecting sporting equipment to donate to local programs.

Joey and his family 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.
In the Sinai Family

Affirmation Bios

Benjamin Ethan Cohn
Benjamin Ethan Cohn, a resident of Bayside, is a sophomore at Nicolet High School. Benjamin is the son of Elyse and BJ Cohn, brother of Ariel, and grandson of Shari and Allan Luck and Maxine and Ronnie Cohn. Benjamin has been actively involved in theater his whole life. Between twelve years of First Stage Children’s Theater and Nicolet Theater, he has been fortunate enough to have many great experiences. Benjamin has spent five amazing summers at O.S.R.U.I. in Oconomowoc. He is a member of BBYO Nivayim AZA #2434 and looks forward to more events to come. His future goals consist of getting his degree in Business Management and obtaining his real estate license to deal with high-end real estate. Benjamin is looking forward to Affirmation because he has always had a connection to his Jewish identity.

Ilana Mae Friedman
Ilana Mae Friedman is the daughter of Jen and Ari Friedman, sister of Seth and Bennett Friedman, and granddaughter of Elaine Friedman, Bonnie Yales-Gibson and Ray Gibson, and the late Arthur Friedman and Rabbi Cary Yales. Ilana is a sophomore at Nicolet High School. In addition to being a student, Ilana enjoys taking pictures, traveling, and spending time with family. She is part of the Photo Club and Spanish Club at Nicolet. Outside of school, Ilana is on her BBYO chapter board, works as a lifeguard at the JCC, and also works as a Madricha on Sunday mornings at Congregation Sinai. For the past eight summers Ilana has gone to her home away from home, Camp Interlaken. This coming summer, she will be joining her camp friends on the trip of a lifetime to Poland and Israel. In the future, Ilana would like to continue her photography and become an attorney. It was important to Ilana to be part of the Affirmation class so she could continue to expand her Jewish learning to help further develop her Jewish identity.

Aaron Joseph Holman
Aaron Joseph Holman is a sophomore at Homestead High School. Aaron is the son of Jodi and Alan Holman, brother of Hanna, and grandson to Elaine and the late David Holman. He enjoys playing tennis year round and is on the school team. Another interest of his is playing the trumpet in the school marching band and jazz band. In eighth grade, Aaron joined BBYO and became a Madrich for Congregation Sinai’s religious school. He celebrated his Bar Mitzvah in Israel with his family and has wanted to revisit ever since. Through Kivun, Judaism has taken an increased role in his life. It has made him excited about being affirmed with his classmates.

Amanda Kaylee Jacobs
Amanda Kaylee Jacobs is the daughter of Diane and Terry Jacobs, older sister of David and Danielle Jacobs, granddaughter to Pearl Jacobs and late David Jacobs, and the late Phyllis and George Jagiello. She is a sophomore at Nicolet High School and is very actively involved in the school’s theatre department. This year alone, she has starred in the fall production of *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940*, done stage crew for the musical *The Drowsy Chaperone*, and is currently working on the spring productions of *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* and *I Am Hamlet*. Although she spends a lot of time doing her passion for theatre, she finds time for hanging out with friends, taking long walks on the beach, and doing Jewish activities including BBYO and going to Kivun. Through Kivun, Amanda has become increasingly excited about becoming affirmed with her fellow classmates and knows that this experience will further enhance their Jewish identities.

Ari Schermer
Ari Schermer is a sophomore at Shorewood High School. In addition to school, he enjoys music and athletics. He plays the violin in the Shorewood High School Chamber Orchestra as well as in the Jazz Ensemble. He is also an active participant on the SHS track team. He competes in pole vaulting and sprints. Ari trains in gymnastics year round and has competed on the Infinite Gymnastics boys team for the last 5 years. Ari is traveling to Israel this summer on the BBYO Trek Israel trip. Despite his very busy schedule, it was important to Ari to be included in the Affirmation Class this year because he wanted to gain further insight into his Jewish identity and complete his Jewish education.
In the Sinai Family

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2014 Affirmation Candidates

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Mail entire form to: Congregation Sinai by Friday, May 23.
8223 N. Port Washington Road, Milwaukee, WI 53217

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Congregation Sinai’s Service of Affirmation is Tuesday, June 3, 2014.

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David Jacobs
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Steizer’s Bat Mitzvah
Brenda & Marc Steizer
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In Memory of Donald Taitelman
Tom, Susie, Wendy, Bill, Janet, &
Jim Gebhardt
Howard & Elaine Myers
Sheila Taitelman
In Memory of Burton Waisbren
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In Memory of Louise Wilson
Danielle Stage
In Honor of Zachary Yopps’ Bar Mitzvah
Melissa Chudnow & John Yopps

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Roberta Steiner
In Honor of Cantor Phillips’ Installation
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In Memory of Theodore Pories
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Melissa Chudnow & John Yopps

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Rabbi Jay & Rita Brickman
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Joan C. Levine
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In Memory of Harold Segal
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In Memory of Lillian Stone
Bob & Anita Stone
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In Memory of Richard Theodore Werner
Ann Abele

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In Appreciation to Marilyn Kraar for Zach Yopp’s Bar Mitzvah
Melissa Chudnow & John Yopps

In Memory of Monroe Zarne
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In Memory of Arthur Friedman
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In Memory of Marjorie Elkind
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Mike & Joan Friedman

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In Memory of Bernard Schlossmann
Robert Schlossmann

In Memory of Donald Taitelman
Dick Kahn & Sue Freeman

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In Memory of Jack Barnow
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Bernice Fagan

In Honor of Jerry Bloch’s Birthday
Leslie & Barry Usow

In Memory of Nancy Frank
Bernice Fagan

In Memory of Arthur Friedman
Toots Hassel
Ted & Julie Lookatch

In Memory of Jean Friedlander
In Memory of Joseph Rochford Lubar
David, Madeleine, Hannah, & Patrick Lubar

Happy Chanukah to Edith Gilman
Dr. & Mrs. Daniel Gilman & Family

In Memory of Marvin Goldberg
Florence Slavick

Speedy Recovery to Patti Levy
Michael Levey & Linda Goren-Levey

In Memory of Arthur Roth
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Hamakon Y’Nachem—May God Comfort

Carrie Ellerbrock on the death of her grandfather and grandmother, Donald & Helen Swartz
Julie Griswold on the recent death of her grandmother, Marilyn Becker
Janet and Nick Padway and Sarah, Ethan, Jonathan and Milton Padway on the death of their father and grandfather, Marvin Goldberg.

Life Cycle Events

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

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May 2, 2014
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David Becker
Morris Borenstein
Helen Butlein
Max Feuer
Sam Frank
Stanley Glen
Dr. Benno Gruenberg
Regina Jacob
Abraham Jacobs
Edward J. Kelly, Sr.
Ben Kolbur
Faye Kolbur
Muriel Levin
Edward Levy
Efim Medvedovsky
Edwin Meltzer
Lester J. Meyer
Betty Miller
Edith Steuer
May 9, 2014
Pearl Stolzer
Mollie Friedland
Itzchak Friedlander
Tillie Goldstein
Bernice Greenspan
Robert Hersch
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Beatrice
Rabinovitz Kapper
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Ann Barbara Rice
Nina Rotman
Leonard Stein
Rose Taitelman
May 16, 2014
Shirley Wile
Barbara Zeligs
Maurice Stemer man
Howard Tenin
Leonard Weinberg
Leo Wexler
Sara Yerukhimmovich
May 23, 2014
Rae Baily
Dr. Irvin M. Becker
Florence Boorstein
Susann Cotlon
William Friedman
R. Todd Lappin
Joseph Lieberman
Siegfried Lowin
Ann Stein

June Yarhzeits

June 6, 2014
Joseph Aaron
Edith Bilsky
Fran Morris Boxer
Louis Cohen
James Davis
Murray Glass
Arthur Goldstein
Sol Gollin
Louis Greenebaum, Sr.
Kay Anne Jackson
Martin Jacobs
Sam Kaufman
Edward Loewenthal
Manny Rotter
Samuel Royter
Edith Sarah Schermer
Sophie Smucker
June 13, 2014
Sadye Brown
Solomon Brown
Robert Eiseman
David Fishkin
Frieda Friedman
Helen Goldberg
Bessie Hiken
Robert Hindin
Beatrice Hoffman
Joseph Sadowsky
Sylvia Sawin
Dick Schulhoff
Max Schulner
Bernice “Buddie” Shor
Evelyn Silverstein
Abe Simon
Harry Solfer
Jack Stark
Theodore “Ted” Stroiman
Earl Zechman
June 20, 2014
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Irving Sanderson
Dolores Schlossmann
Dr. Sidney J. Silbar
Esther Tarnof
Doris Tishberg
Dr. Eugene Jack Usow
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Morris Rabinovitz
Elza Roth
Flora Rotman
Ruth Schmidt
Sam Sevak
Leo Shafton
Marvin Tarnof
A. Hart Wurzburg

June 27, 2014
Dr. Theodore Caile
Murray Denemark
Rose Fishkin
Helen Grossmann
Grace Gruenberg
Dr. Raymond Henkin
Milton Hoffman
Selma Joy Kay
Jaqueline Kestin
William Konfer
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July Yarzeheits

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Beverly Bender
Nellie Cherniack
Marc Andrew Flesch
Eugene “Gene” Frank
David Holman
Gerald Kahn
Jack D. Levin
Seymour Meltzer
Miriam Miringoff
Ida Montag
Selma Cherniack Nasberg
Lisa Phillips
Yeva Pinsky

Pauline B. Raudabaugh
Andrew Jackson Roach
Harry Scklore
Arthur Stone
Ida Zechman

Irwin Porter
Ervin Teplin
Kate E. Wiener

July 11, 2014
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Henrietta Aronow
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Allen Goldmann
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August 1, 2014
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August 15, 2014
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Laurence Eiseman
Natan Feldman
Gerald Goldbaum
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Hyman Stern
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August 22, 2014
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High Holy Day Preview

Mark your calendars now!

S’lichot
Rosh Hashanah (Erev)
Yom Kippur (Kol Nidre)
Sukkot (Erev)
Simchat Torah (Erev)

Saturday, September 20, 2014
Wednesday, September 24, 2014
Thursday, September 25, 2014
Friday, September 26, 2014
Friday, October 3, 2014
Saturday, October 4, 2014
Wednesday, October 8, 2014
Thursday, October 9, 2014
Wednesday, October 15, 2014
Thursday, October 16, 2014

Saturday, October 4, 2014
Wednesday, October 8, 2014
Thursday, October 9, 2014
Friday, October 3, 2014
Saturday, October 4, 2014
Wednesday, October 8, 2014
Thursday, October 9, 2014
Wednesday, October 15, 2014
Thursday, October 16, 2014
Summer at Sinai!

Check out all our Summer Happenings Here!

Bubbe’s Top Ten

Bubbe’s Top Ten Reasons to Stay Connected to Sinai in the Summer

10. Because who can take the shvitzing heat in Florida. Welcome back to all you snowbirds!

9. Everyone should come and see the beautiful Sukkah Garden growing – sign up to help water – a mitzvah of course!

8. Have you ever come Saturday morning for a little Torah? Well you should! Then, enjoy a Shabbat walk with others. Believe me, exercise (of the mind and body) is a must!

7. Have you seen our kinderlach running around Sinai? Those adorable Itsy Bitsys give me such nachas for our future. I can’t wait to see their little tushies exploring our new playground on August 22nd! Come pinch cheeks!

6. Dying to do a Mitzvah? (Not really dying of course...God forbid...poo, poo...) Sinai always needs a little something, maybe you could set up some outdoor Shabbat chairs, bring the staff a little nosh, see if there’s something to do. Give the office a call!

5. That Sinai Brotherhood – so young, handsome and athletic – God forbid they should be hurt at any of those Sinai softball games. You should see them play – so exciting! And then you should come and hear the “Sermon on the Mound” at Softball Shabbat on August 22nd – so inspirational...and hilarious!

4. There’s nothing better then the smell of hot dogs while you pray! I’ll be praying for relish and Alka Seltzer on August 22nd at the Softball Shabbat and BBQ! And there will be s’mores too!

3. Wine and cheese, every Friday @ 5:30 PM beginning June 27th – is there anything else? Yes – Shabbat Services!

2. Oh that Rabbi strumming his guitar, and the Cantor singing so beautifully and our voices joining together in the great outdoors – it’s heavenly I tell you! I know because my Morrie can hear us!

1. Because community is everything and we should thank God for moments to celebrate and pray together.

Please note: For up to the moment events & activities
Visit our website at www.congregationsinai.org
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July/August Shabbat & Holiday Service Schedule

Shabbat Balak
Numbers 22:2 - 25:9
July 4  Outdoor Shabbat Service  6 pm
July 5  Torah Study  8 am
        Morning Minyan  9:30 am

Shabbat Pinchas
Numbers 25:10 - 30:1
July 11  Itsy Bitsy Sinai Shabbat  5:15 pm
        Outdoor Shabbat Service  6 pm
July 12  Torah Study  8 am
        Morning Minyan  9:30 am

Shabbat Matot
Numbers 30:2 - 32:42
July 18  Outdoor Shabbat Service  6 pm
July 19  Torah Study  8 am
        Morning Minyan  9:30 am

Shabbat Masei
Numbers 33:1 - 36:13
July 25  Outdoor Shabbat Service  6 pm
July 26  Torah Study  8 am
        Morning Minyan  9:30 am

Shabbat Devarim
Deuteronomy 1:1 - 3:22
August 1  Outdoor Shabbat Service  6 pm
August 2  Torah Study  8 am
        Morning Minyan  9:30 am

Shabbat Vaetchanan
Deuteronomy 3:23 - 7:11
August 4  Erev Tisha B’Av
August 5  Tisha B’Av
August 8  Outdoor Shabbat Service  6 pm
August 9  Torah Study  8 am
        Morning Minyan  9:30 am

Shabbat Eikev
Deuteronomy 7:12 - 11:17
August 15  Outdoor Shabbat Service  6 pm
August 16  Torah Study  8 am
        Morning Minyan  9:30 am

Shabbat Re’eh
Deuteronomy 11:26 - 16:17
August 22  Softball/Itsy Bitsy Outdoor Shabbat Service  6 pm
August 23  Torah Study  8 am
        Morning Minyan  9:30 am
        Joey Lewis Bar Mitzvah  10 am

Shabbat Shoftim
Deuteronomy 16:18 - 21:9
August 29  Outdoor Shabbat Service  6 pm
August 30  Torah Study  8 am
        Morning Minyan  9:30 am

Join us for the first Outdoor Shabbat of the season!

Friday, June 27th at 6:00 PM

“Wine, Cheese & Shabbat”

Start your Shabbat with relaxation and schmooze.
Join us every Friday beginning June 27th at 5:30 pm for wine and cheese before outdoor Shabbat services.
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Spend your High Holy Days raising your voice in song!

Join our High Holy Day choir at Sinai!
Rehearsals are tentatively scheduled for:

- Tuesday, August 5
- Tuesday, August 12
- Tuesday, August 19
- Tuesday, August 26

All rehearsals are from 7–9 PM in the Sanctuary.

Interested?
Contact Cantor Phillips at
cantor@congregationsinai.org

Softball Shabbat, BBQ & Smores!

Friday, August 22nd

Sinai Brotherhood will sponsor our Annual Softball Shabbat. Kosher hot dogs and other appropriate “ballpark-style food” will be served directly following Shabbat Services and the awesome annual “sermon from the mound”! Stay late, nosh, and enjoy Congregation Sinai’s absolutely beautiful back yard and new playground! The Sinai softball team will all be there to sign autographs! Don’t miss it.

See you on August 22nd!

RSVP by August 18th at:
http://smoressoftballshabbat2014.eventbrite.com

Itsy Bitsy Sinai Summer!

Join us for Itsy Bitsy Sinai Shabbat Outside! We’ll sing and enjoy stories and fun outdoors!

5:15 PM
Friday, June 27
Friday, July 11

And then join us at Softball Shabbat on August 22nd. BBQ, s’mores and a new playground!

Check out the new playground!

We will dedicate the new Sinai playground on August 22nd at our Softball Shabbat!

Hi! My name is Sam Golding. I am the son of Anne and Larry Golding and the big brother to my sister Gina. I am a congregant of Congregation Sinai and am also a Life Scout with the Boy Scouts of America.

I’ve been working since last year on a proposal to install a new playground at Sinai. After working with Rabbi Cohen, Karen Lancina and Brian Schermer from the Green Team, I presented my plan to the Board of Trustees and got the “go ahead” to begin work. In April my Eagle Scout Troop began the rebuilding and renovation of a donated play system/playset. We have also been building additional playground pieces such as a teeter totter and a tic tac toe board. The final step will be laying a mulch base around the playground and near the gardens.

Look for Sinai’s playground to be completed by late summer with a dedication celebration on Friday night, August 22nd.

Sam Golding
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