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May 2012

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

MAY 4

Friday, 6:30 PM - **POT LUCK DINNER**
7:30 PM - **SABBATH SERVICE - FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE**

Candles: Diana Malkin

MAY 5

Saturday, 11:30 - **BAR MITZVAH OF KAI MICHLMAYR**

MAY 11

Friday, 6:00 PM - **THIRD GRADE FAMILY DINNER**
7:00 PM - **EARLY SABBATH SERVICE - (Grade 3 leading)**

Aliyah: Religious School Teachers

Usher: Heather Gelardi

MAY 12

Saturday, 11:15 AM - **TOT SHABBAT**

MAY 18

Friday, 7:30 PM - **SABBATH SERVICE - "Voices of Song" with the Evelyn Zarrow Choir, Rob Couchon and special guest soloist Joan Yood participating**

Usher: Judy Schneider

MAY 25

Friday, 7:30 PM - **SABBATH SERVICE**

Candles: Alison Oberman

Usher: Linda Stern

MAY 26

Saturday, 11:30 - **BAR MITZVAH OF CONNOR OBERMAN**

Presenter: Gary Englander

MAY 27

Sunday, 5:30 PM - **SHAVUOT YIZKOR SERVICE**

JUNE 1

Friday, 7:30 PM - **SABBATH SERVICE**

RABBI'S MESSAGE

I am very fortunate to let you know that working with all of you has allowed me to accept a call to serve as an interim rabbi, again, for the coming year. I am looking forward to joining the folks at B'nai-El Congregation in St. Louis, MO, which is facing challenges in some ways similar and in some ways quite different from Temple Sinai's.

Founded in 1852 as a combination of congregations, B'nai Brith and Emanu El, B'nai El became the first congregation west of the Mississippi River to build its own building. Pretty much in the heart of Jewish St. Louis, it is demographically older than Temple Sinai with a declining, though talented, membership now standing at about 150 units. Its rabbinic-congregation track record is not nearly as heartening.

At any rate, I pray that what I have learned from you will encourage me and grace my work.

I shall cherish not only the time we have shared, but also the weeks we have in front of us and of making the transition of your next rabbi a healthy one for both of you.

Rabbi Scott B. Saulson, PhD, Interim Rabbi

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CELEBRATION WEEKEND

Join us May 11 - 12 in a weekend-long celebration of our wonderful school and staff!



- ◆ Shabbat service - 7:00 pm Friday, led by our 3rd graders and honoring our teachers, followed by a special festive oneg.
- ◆ Pot-luck dinner - 5:00 pm Saturday, honoring our director, Wendy Wong.
- ◆ Workshops with Rick Recht, Jewish Rock musician, from 5:45 - 6:45pm Saturday to prep our kids, staff, and Religious School families for their performances with...



RICK RECHT
JEWISH ROCK MUSICIAN

IN CONCERT

TEMPLE SINAI

SATURDAY, MAY 12 - 7 PM

(see page 3 for ticket information)

SAVE THE DATE!



TEMPLE SINAI ANNUAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 2012 - 7:30 PM

IN THE SOCIAL HALL

(OPEN TO MEMBERS ONLY)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As our annual meeting and election of a new Board is coming up on May 30, here I am writing my last bulletin message to you as your president,

We've had some troubling times together throughout this year, as we all try to grasp at understanding our new realities and to prepare for the forthcoming transitional year. As I said last month, I'm really quite encouraged by the feeling of cooperative and hopeful progress, according to all the information that has come back to me from all of the people working on our transitional teams.

Clearly we are soon entering into another transitional and formative year, and it promises to be one that will make a huge difference in the vitality of Reform Judaism in Worcester. Most of the details regarding how we get from what we have known, to what we envision, have yet to be negotiated. News about that process will be coming to you in frequent messages from Emily Holdstein, on behalf of the Steering Committee.

While many things will be different in our educational missions compared with our past, we are thrilled that Wendy Wong has been offered the position of coordinating our interfaces with Me'ir Sherer, and our new Community Religious School. This position will also involve running the Sinai High and Confirmation programs, in accordance with the job description that Marcy Ostrow's task force forged during the last months.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the school celebration on the weekend of May 11 and 12, including the Rick Recht concert. I also look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting on May 30, when I will pass the invisible gavel to the incoming president and executive committee.

L'Shalom,
Gary E Englander

THE BOARD OF TEMPLE SINAI *to employ a Temple Program Director for 2012-13.*

The Board is pleased to announce that it has offered this position to Wendy Davis Wong. In addition to coordinating all programming at Sinai and being the liaison to the community school and Temple Emanuel, this position includes running our Sinai High and Post Confirmation programs.

COMMUNITY POTLUCK DINNER **May 4 – 6:30 PM**

Our next community pot luck dinner will be held on May 4th at 6:30 preceding services. Come join us as we welcome Shabbat. Enjoy the company of Temple friends and make new ones, as we break bread together and welcome Shabbat as a community. Please bring a dish to share.

*No shellfish or pork.

NOTES FROM KIM

THE MUSICAL MONTH OF MAY

Dynamic. Exciting. Thought-provoking. Energetic. Fun. Great for families. These are just some of the ways I describe Temple Sinai's Religious School, and its superstar director, Wendy Wong. So, in thinking for an appropriate way to celebrate school, I couldn't think of a better way than bringing in Jewish Rock superstar (I am not exaggerating that) Rick Recht. By now you should all have received your information flyer about the celebratory weekend culminating in the May 12 concert. I would encourage you to get your tickets now if you haven't already. Also, if you (or your child(ren)) play an instrument, please get in touch with me. Members of the community will join Rick on stage for a few songs as part of the evening's festivities. Get in a few of your 15 minutes of fame! The concert is part of an entire weekend of celebration. Hope to see all of you there.

But wait - the hits keep coming! The world of Jewish music is grand and diverse. The following weekend, May 18, our Voices In Song series concludes with a Friday night service featuring classical Jewish choral music by Louis Lewandowski. The Evelyn Zarrow Choir, our organist Rob Couchon, and special guest soloist Joan Yood join me to bring you this uplifting worship experience.

MAZEL TOV

Mazel Tov to the following students who will be called to the Torah during the month of May: **Kai Michlmayr**, son of **Klaus Michlmayr & Diana Malkin**, on May 5 and **Connor Oberman**, son of **Lawrence & Alison Oberman**, on May 26.

Mazel Tov to **Aaron Pins** who won first prize in the 5th Annual Hom Ha'shoah Contest, Junior Essay.

Mazel Tov also to the following students who will be graduating from high school in June: **Jocelyn Bly**, **Daniel Brenner**, **Matthew Cohen**, **Marc Fortugno**, **Jonathan Oberman**, **Zachary Rome** and **Rebecca Ross**.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE - MAY 4, 7:30 PM

FRIDAY NIGHT



JOIN US!

TODAH RABAH

Thank you to **Susan Mack** for coordinating the K/1/2 Interactive Seder, and to everyone who contributed food. **Todah Rabah** to **Lisa Budish**, **Becky Pins**, **Becky Finklestein**, **Heather Gelardi**, **Esta Singer**, **Marlo McFadden**, **Judy Hayes**, **Marsha Scharf**, **Alison Oberman**, **Rena Bly** and **Joan-Beth Gow** for helping out and/or contributing eggs and charoset for our grades 3 - 7 "Seder Board Game". Both events were terrific!!

YAHREZEITS

MAY 4

Ira Bohrer
*Harold Cotton
Torizo Ise
*Minna Jacobson
Tillie Katz
*Simon Rasnick
*Leo H. Rudnick
Michael Witkin
*Aaron B. Wolpert

MAY 11

Celia Blatt
Belle Dorfman
*Marion Fishbein
Sophie Frem
*Annie Guterman
*Barthold M. Holdstein
Sarah Kurlansky
*Harry Malkiel
Max Mintz
*Leon Stanley Newton
Irwin Reisler
Helen Ross
Israel Shack
*Ida Shwachman
Rose Slesinger
Amy Trebbin Weiss

MAY 18

Loretta Adler
Evelyn Baker
Albert Bartman
Sidney Closter
*Anne Dickman
Rebecca Grace
Doris Jacobs
Everett Kagan
*Herman Lowe
Rose Oginsky
Maxwell W. Orland
*John Ostrow
Eva Rosenstock
*Abraham Sack
*Morris Silverman
Marilyn Shull
Lillian Uretsky
Rosalind Zinman

MAY 25

*Esther Korman Ascherman
*Maurice S. Englander
Fannie Goldsmith
*Arlyne Samuels
*Abraham L. Sternfeld

ADULT EDUCATION IN MAY

Jewish Imaginings: Readings & Insights:
Tuesday, May 1, 15 - 9:15 in the Rabbi's Study

Torah Study: Saturdays, May 5, 12, 19, 26
9 AM in the Rabbi's Study

Voices of Song - Louis Lewandowski
Friday, May 18 during Shabbat Services, 7:30 PM



RICK RECHT
JEWISH ROCK MUSICIAN
IN CONCERT
TEMPLE SINAI
SATURDAY, MAY 12 - 7 PM

TICKETS ARE: \$18 - AGES 14 - ADULT
AGES 13 AND UNDER ARE FREE!

Tickets available on our website:
www.temple Sinai worcester.org
or on the weekly enotes.

You may also send a check payable to Temple Sinai requesting the number of tickets **including** the number of youth tickets. **Tickets purchased prior to May 1st will be mailed - be sure to include your mailing address. Tickets purchased after May 1 will be held at the door the night of the concert.**

SPONSORSHIPS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE
BY CONTACTING EMILY HOLDSTEIN AT
eghjcc@hotmail.com



Rabbi Scott Saulson, Interim Rabbi
Rabbi Seth Bernstein, Rabbi Emeritus
Kim Singer, Cantor
Wendy Davis Wong, Religious School Director
Gary Englander, President
June Willey, Office Administrator
Randy Widing, Caretaker



Worcester Community Religious School Opening September 2012!

I am thrilled to be writing you as the Director of our new Community Religious School. I come to the position after serving as the Director of Congregational Learning at Congregation Beth Israel for the past three years. My work in congregational life is not limited to the Conservative movement. I worked as the Family Educator at Temple Israel, Boston, New England's largest Reform congregation, for eight years in the late nineties to 2005.

The Worcester Community Religious School (WCRS) will offer a pluralistic and welcoming educational, social, and religious experience; inspiring its students and the community to embrace commitment to Judaism - the Jewish people, God, Israel, and the Hebrew language. Students in kindergarten through seventh grade will develop strong Jewish identities and the skills to actively engage in the diverse mosaic of Jewish life. The school will nurture life-long Jewish learning and values, and strengthen the Jewish community of Central Massachusetts.

Teaching at Hebrew College's Jewish High School, Prozdor, and directing Havayah, their teen experiential learning program, have shown me all that we have to gain from learning together as a pluralistic Jewish community. I look forward to building this type of community with you.

Information about the school, including tuition costs and days of operation, and registration materials will be sent out in mid-May. We are set to launch a website for the school in the coming week, which will also provide you with important information. We will notify you when it is launched. You may follow the school on Twitter @worcestercrs.

Please feel free to always contact me directly with any questions at msherer@jfc.org or 508.756.1543 x28.

B'Shalom, Me'ir



WHY THE
WHITE SPACE?

LOOK FOR BREAKING
NEWS SOON!



MUSIC SERVICES

- ◆ Friday Night Live service, May 4, 7:30pm

Upcoming Composers Series Events

- ◆ Wednesday, May 16/Friday, May 18: Louis Lewandowski

And while we're on the subject of special musical events, and you've got your calendar out anyway, add May 4 as the date for the last Friday Night Live service of the season!

Special thanks to the dedicated musicians who make up the FNL band - *Eric Eid-Reiner, Becky Pins, Fred Lilienkamp, Laura Lilienkamp, Josh Hubbard, Steve Schuster, Aaron Pins and Ben Sharf*. Our congregation is truly blessed to have you add spirit to our services. If you play an instrument and would be interested in joining us, please contact me!

CantorKim@gmail.com

CELEBRATION SHABBAT & ONEG

Please join us on May 11th at 7:00pm for Shabbat services led by our 3rd graders, followed by a Festive Oneg honoring Temple Sinai's wonderful teachers for their many years service at Temple Sinai.

Please consider bringing an item for the Oneg.
The following items are needed:

Desserts - all kinds - individual servings



Fresh Fruit- Granny Smith Apples, Tangerines, Grapes & Strawberries,

Dried Fruit,



Soda, Juice & Water

Please email Theresa Cohen at tcohen0801@charter.net if you would like to contribute an item.

CONTRIBUTIONS

BEAUTIFICATION FUND

Debbie Kelly, in honor of the marriage of Brianna Graber & Michael Lemere

CANTOR'S MUSIC FUND

Debbie Kelly, in memory of Charles Kelly

GENERAL FUND

Robert & Britta LaFortune, in memory of Anne Posovsky
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James & Emily Holdstein, in honor of Aaron Pins' Bar Mitzvah
Nick & Bobbie Chase, in memory of Herman Socofsky
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Ruth Berman & Family, in memory of Tillie Katz

LIBRARY FUND

Jane & Jerry Freed, in memory of Morris D. Becker

MA'OT CHITIM FUND - in honor of the 7th grade class

Jordan & Harriet Robbins
Helen Chase
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Howard & Linda Stern
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RABBI'S FUND

Jason Ross, in memory of Rose Rosenbloom
Joan & Arthur Pealmutter, in memory of Estelle Melzak

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

Robert & Joan Yood, in honor of Aaron Pins' Bar Mitzvah
Debbie Kelly, in honor of Aaron Pins' Bar Mitzvah & Award

SINAI HIGH FUND

Sandy Sotak, in honor of Aaron Pins Bar Mitzvah & Award
Judy & Hal Schneider, in honor of Aaron Bar Mitzvah & Award

WORCESTER COMMUNITY RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

The WCRS (Worcester Community Religious School) is now accepting applications from those seeking faculty positions for the fall of 2012. The school is a newly established pluralistic community school for the greater Worcester and Southern New England Jewish communities serving children in kindergarten through grade 7 and their families. Monday, Wednesday and Saturday positions are available. Interested parties should send their resume, along with a cover letter to Me'ir Sherer, Director, WCRS, msherer@jfcem.org

CHINUCH NOTES ON EDUCATION

Grades K, 1 & 2	Saturdays, May 5, 12, 19	9 - 12 noon
Grades 3 - 7	Wednesdays, May 2, 9, 16	4:00 - 6:00 PM
Grades 8, 9 (Sinai High)	Mondays, May 7, 21	6:30 PM
Post Confirmation	Monday, May 21	6:30 PM

**TOT SHABBAT 11:15 AM!
SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2012**

IN THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL BUILDING

Tot Shabbat is a singing, dancing service geared to preschoolers through 1st graders. Cantor Kim Singer, along with "Kimbu", will lead the service at **11:15 AM**, and then at noon we will share a pot luck lunch. All are welcome to join and enjoy, Sinai members and non-members as well. For more information call Esta Singer, singerjelt@yahoo.com, or visit www.templestinaiworchester.org.

WHAT'S UP WITH WESTY?

WESTY rocked the JCC on March 31 with our spring fundraising dance, Wild Wild WESTY. We played host to 101 teens from throughout Massachusetts, had a great evening socializing **and** raised nearly \$1,000 for Highland Grace House to support their NEADS assistance dog, JC.

On April 14 we joined with WAFTY and BATY for an energetic game of laser tag. Look for details about our spring Shul-in coming up in May. Please contact Kim for details and sign-up information: CantorKim@gmail.com.

WESTY is the combined youth group of Temple Emanuel and Temple Sinai. Membership is open to students in grades 8-12.



FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DIRECTOR

What a great time we all had celebrating Passover this year! The kindergarten, first and second graders and their parents had so much fun at the Interactive Seder and our third through seventh graders had a blast at our Seder Board Game!! We had a long break and now we are in the last weeks of Temple Sinai Religious School.

We have so much to celebrate in May!

On **Friday, May 11**, at **7:00**, the **third graders** will lead services for the very first time, preceded by a family dinner at **6:00**. Thank you to *Esta Singer* and *Lisa Budish* for coordinating the dinner. During the service we will be honoring our incredible teachers, and also with a special Oneg after. On Saturday afternoon and evening, our kids will have the chance to participate in a workshop with musician **Rick Recht**, and then will be able to join him on stage during his concert! I hope that you will all join us for this very special weekend. *See more information elsewhere in this bulletin.*

Please plan to join us on our last day, **Saturday, May 19**, for our last school-wide picnic. This will be a terrific opportunity to shmooze with the Religious School families and teachers. The children will have a morning full of fun activities, ending with the picnic at 11:30 so BYOL (bring your own lunch). *Watch your e-mail for further information.*

It is hard to believe that this year is ending. In June you will receive progress reports, as well as registration information for the newly formed *Worcester Community Religious School*. I am thrilled to be teaching Sinai High and our Post-Confirmation class and you will be receiving calendars from me in June, as well.

This has been another great year due to our fabulous teachers: *Ivy Beaudreau, Heather Gelardi, Julie Mehne, Robin Milaszewski, Tali Mugg, Harriet Robbins, Barbara Rossman, Mara Safer, Rabbi Saulson, Kim Singer, Kim Solod-Jette, Natalie Sperling and Linda Stern.*

I know how hard everyone worked to make our school so successful! I want to thank our young emissaries, *Shahar and Inbar*, who were an integral part of our school this year!

Thank you *to all the parents who helped out, as needed, throughout the year*. It has been a pleasure to work with the school committee. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our capable and smiling students aides: *Sam Gow, Rebecca Gow, Josh Hubbard and Sarah Kotin.*

Have a wonderful summer!!

Wendy Davis Wong

Lag b'Omer 2012/5772



COMMUNITY-WIDE LAG B'OMER CELEBRATION

CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL
Thursday, May 10, 2012
 (rain or shine)
 5:30-9:30PM



6:30-7:30pm Arts and Crafts, Sports, Bouncy House, Barbecue*

7:30-8:30pm Bonfire (with Music, Singing and Smores!)

Kosher Dietary Laws Observed and Vegetarian Options Available
 *\$5.00 per person, \$20 maximum / family

For more information, contact Miri Shemer at 986-756-4204

Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Central MA and Congregation Beth Israel, Congregation B'nai Shalom, Temple Emanuel, Temple Sinai, and Beth Tikkun Synagogue

On Lag b'Omer, we celebrate the lives of two great teachers, Rabbi Akiva and Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai. This year, we honor them by celebrating our Religious School teachers and the rich history of and excellence in Jewish Education in our community. We hope you will join us!



Celebrate our Partnership

Tuesday, May 8

Congregation B'nai Shalom
 117 E. Main Street, Westboro, MA



7:00 pm

\$10 Voluntary Contribution to benefit Community Library (see below)

Rock with Shir Ba'Emek!

Join us for a rousing concert featuring Shir Ba'Emek, the internationally acclaimed, award-winning singing ensemble from Afula-Gilboa, Israel. Our own community choral group, Shir Joy will also be performing on its own and together with Shir Ba'Emek.

Young Emissary Program Celebration

We will salute our young emissary program which this year is celebrating its 13th (Bar Mitzvah) anniversary. Our community has participated in this program for the past 10 years.

Community Library Afula

This concert will benefit the library in our Partnership Together Community in Israel.

The Library will help revive the community for its residents, many of whom come from socially and culturally deprived neighborhoods. The library will serve as a community gathering place, creating a public space that enriches the community and serves as a center for learning, culture and art.

Sponsored by:



For more information and RSVP:

www.jewishcentralma.org
 (508) 758-1543



SAVE THE DATE!

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE
THE 13th YEAR
OF THE SNEC ISRAELI
YOUNG EMISSARY PROGRAM
 AND HONOR OUR HOST FAMILIES

MARCH with the Israeli Young Emissaries at the Celebrate Israel Parade in NYC on 5th Ave. from 57th-74th St.

Sun. June 3, 11 am Rain or Shine

PARTY immediately after the parade featuring Israeli dinner, Israeli folk dancing and special guests. (timing of the party likely will be from 3:30-5pm depending on when parade ends)

Party will be held at Congregation Or Zarua
 127 E. 82nd St between Park and Lexington.
 All participants will receive T shirts and will be our guests at the party.

"AFTER A QUARTER CENTURY OF MEL SIMON AND HIS IMITATORS, FOGEL AND WOLFSON REDEEM THE FORMULA WITH EDGE!"

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Saturday, May 5, 8 PM

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 Limited VIP tickets available for \$118 with preferred seating.
 VIP reception at 6:30 and dessert following the show!

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MAY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		9:15 Jewish Imaginings 7:00 Author Series "The Little Bride"	4:00 - Rel.Sch. Grades 3 - 7 6:15 Orientation meetings for 2013 B'nai Mitzvah Class	Office Closed	6:30 Pot Luck Dinner 7:30 Sabbath Service (Friday Night Live)	9:00 Religious School 9:00 Torah Study 11:30 Bar Mitzvah of Kai Michlmayr
		1	2	3	4	5
	6:30 Sinai High 7:30 EZ Choir	7:15 Religious School Committee Meeting	4:00 - Religious School - Grades 3 - 7	Office Closed 5:30 Lag B'omer Celebration at BI	6:00 3rd Grade Family Dinner 7:00 Early Sabbath Service, 3rd grade leading	9:00 Rel. School 9:00 Torah Study 11:15 Tot Shabbat 5 Pot luck dinner 7 Rick Recht Concert
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	6:45 Confirmation class of 2013 meeting 7:30 Board Meets 7:30 EZ Choir	9:15 Jewish Imaginings: Readings & Insights	4:00 - Religious School Gr 3 - 7	Office Closed	7:30 Sabbath Service - Choir Singing - Voices of Song	9:00 Religious School - Last day Picnic 9:00 Torah Study
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	6:30 Sinai High 6:30 Post Confirmation			Office Closed	7:30 Sabbath Service	9:00 Torah Study 11:30 Bar Mitzvah of Connor Oberman
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
5:30 Shavuot Yizkor Service	Memorial Day Office Closed		7:30 Annual Meeting - open to members only	Office Closed		
27	28	29	30	31		

ARTICLES FOR THE JUNE BULLETIN MUST BE IN THE OFFICE BY MAY 15TH!