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Sinai Speaks

SERVICES & FESTIVALS



THE CRUMBLING WALL SEPARATING CHURCH & STATE

with

ERWIN CHEMERINSKY

DEAN, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT IRVINE SCHOOL OF LAW

Wednesday, January 25, 2012

7:30 p.m. Sinai Temple

The Supreme Court is greatly lessening the traditional restrictions on government aid to religion and religious involvement in government. What is this likely to mean and what, if anything, can be done about it?

This program offers 1 hour of CLE credit. UC Irvine School of Law is a State Bar of California approved MCLE provider.

Sinai Temple Members: \$8 Non-Members: \$16

Register Online at www.sinaitemple.org

Please contact the Program Director at programs@sinaitemple.org or 310-481-3243.

RSVPS APPRECIATED AND **MANDATORY** TO PARK INSIDE BUILDING!



A New Year Brings a New Partnership in the Jewish Community

Vista Del Mar and Sinai Temple join together to provide a religious education to children with autism and other special needs.

Starting in January 2012, Sinai Temple will offer Vista Del Mar's highly successful Nes Gadol Jewish education program for children with autism and other special needs as part of its religious education programs. This innovative collaboration will expand the program's reach into the Jewish community and enable all Sinai congregants to participate fully in synagogue life. The program will be open to children ages 9 and up.



"Occasionally we are given the chance to make a difference in the life of another person," Eric J. Diamond, Sinai Temple President, said of the partnership. "Sinai Temple's new Special Needs Religious School and B'nai Mitzvah program allows us to welcome those who are all too often overlooked. It is a chance to include those who are excluded. We not only change the life of a special child, we change the life of an entire family. This is what makes our program so worthwhile and important."

Enrollment is currently underway. To enroll in the Sinai Temple classes, please contact Sinai Temple Religious School Director, Danielle Kassir at dkassin@sinaitemple.org or (310) 481-3230.

SHABBAT MORNING
IN THE ZIEGLER SANCTUARY
8:45 a.m.

FAMILY MINYAN &
FAMILY MINYAN Children's Service
9:30 a.m. January 7, 21 & 28
9:00 a.m. January 14

TORAH IN THE ROUND
9:00 a.m. January 21

TORAH AT THE TABLE
10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Every Shabbat

STARS SHABBAT MORNING
10:00 a.m. January 14

TOT SHABBAT
10:00 a.m. January 21

MINCHA/SHABBAT SERVICE
Every Friday Night 5:45 p.m.
Kohn Chapel

JAMMIES 'N JEANS
5:45 p.m. January 6

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE
7:30 p.m. January 13

TUESDAY MORNING
"LATE" MINYAN
(when school is in session)
8:05 a.m. - Kohn Chapel



DAILY MINYAN
Mornings
8:30 a.m. Sunday
7:30 a.m. Monday - Friday
National Holidays - 8:30 a.m.
Afternoons
5:45 p.m. - Sunday - Friday
4:30 p.m. - Saturday

Rabbi Scheindlin's Legacy

On David Ben Gurion's 85th birthday, the first Prime Minister of Israel closed his address with a charge to the Jews of the *diaspora*:

"This is what we require of the *diaspora*: (I) That they provide their youth with a Hebrew education – the study of the original biblical texts, the people's history and Hebrew literature; (ii) that they intensify their personal ties to Israel in every way – through visits, capital investments and sending young people to attend Israeli school and educational institutions; and (iii) that they deepen their commitment to the vision of Jewish and human redemption that was expressed by the prophets of Israel.

"These three endeavors can form a project that will unite Orthodox, Conservative, Reform and secular Jewry, and deepen the connection between the Jews of the

diaspora and those of the State of Israel. This will make possible the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy that the people in Israel will be a covenantal people and a light unto the nations – in other words, an exceptional people."

Ben Gurion's words are as resonant now as when he spoke. At Sinai Akiba Academy one man has made sure that these words became a living reality. As we salute Rabbi Scheindlin on his years of dedicated service, we remember that he too was a pioneer. He built a school that is admired throughout the nation. Generations of children owe their Jewish identity and education to this remarkable educator. All of us are grateful to Rabbi Scheindlin, who took Ben Gurion's vision and made it real in the lives of our children.



Rabbi David Wolpe

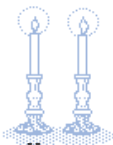
Rabbi Wolpe on Facebook

You can now follow Rabbi Wolpe's teachings at Facebook. Be sure to become a fan! Go directly to his page: <http://www.facebook.com/RabbiWolpe>
We look forward to seeing you there!



Weekly Parshas

- January 7 – Vay'hi
- January 14 – Sh'mot
- January 21 – Vaera
- January 28 – Bo



Friday Candle Lighting Times

- January 6 – 4:41 p.m.
- January 13 – 4:47 p.m.
- January 20 – 4:54 p.m.
- January 27 – 5:01 p.m.

SiHi
at Sinai Temple

invites Holocaust survivors
as our guests when we commemorate

L'DOR V'DOR

Join us for a special program
to honor survivors of the Holocaust.

Sunday, January 22, 2012
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Sinai Temple—Elikann Room

*This event is free of charge.
Light breakfast served.

For more information or to RSVP
please contact

Sima Lalezari at 310-849-2434 or
lalefam@gmail.com or

Natalie Fainberg at 310-481-3273
orNatalie@sinaitemple.org

Need the Rabbi?
We at Sinai Temple can only be a community of concern when we know when and where we can be of support. If you know of anyone who may benefit from a visit or a talk with the Rabbi, please call (310)474-1518.

JUDAISM AND THE IPAD GENERATION:

RESPONDING TO RADICAL DISCONTINUITY
AND SPIRITUAL DISORIENTATION

with

RABBI SHARON BROUS

Founding Rabbi, IKAR



Rabbi Sharon Brous will explore visions of the Jewish future and hope to answer the question: How can the relevance, power and possibility of Judaism be translated to the next generation?

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

7:30 p.m. Sinai Temple

Sinai Temple Members: \$8
Non-Members: \$16

Please contact the Program Department at programs@sinaitemple.org or 310-481-3243.

RSVP appreciated and MANDATORY to park inside the building!



Eric J. Diamond

A Changing of the Guard

Few experiences in our world are as iconic as the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace. Whether viewed in person, seen through video or merely understood by literary reference, this ceremony forms a clear image in our minds. A line of uniformed guardsmen appear, exchange salutes with those already on duty and then assume responsibility for guarding the palace. The relieved guardsmen then depart the scene to take up new responsibilities.

While we will lack the bearskin hats, bright red tunics and precision marching, Sinai Akiba Academy begins its own version of this ceremony at a January 21, 2012 dinner honoring Rabbi Laurence Scheindlin. This June will mark the end of Rabbi Scheindlin's successful thirty-five year stewardship of our day school. His tenure began in the school's early days of modest independent operations, continued through the merger with Sinai Temple and then culminated with the school's growth into a program nationally renowned for the excellence of both its secular and religious education. Along the way Rabbi Scheindlin, like a true life Mr. Chips, touched the lives of many of his students, several of whom now send their own children to Sinai Akiba Academy. Lora Silverman, chair of the Sinai Akiba Committee, and Gary Lainer, chair of the school's Budget Sub-Committee, are school alumni with children currently attending the school.

It is entirely fitting that Sinai Akiba Academy and Sinai Temple honor Rabbi Scheindlin for his years of tireless service. Proceeds from the January Gala will support Sinai Akiba's financial aid program. I hope that you will join me at the upcoming dinner, a well earned tribute to a long career spent educating our children.

As we prepare to say goodbye to Rabbi Scheindlin, our community now begins the transition to the leadership of a new Head of School. Our day school's Search Committee will shortly complete its work leading to the selection of a worthy successor who will then assume the "guard" before the "palace" watching over our children and leading our school to even greater success.

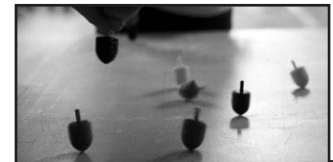
Eric Diamond

DREIDELMANIA RESULTS!

On Sunday, December 4th, Dreidelmania came to Sinai Temple and nearly 700 people gathered, eager to put a new spin on an existing Guinness Record. We had fantastic representation from our four schools, clergy, staff and small communities, as well as the greater Los Angeles Jewish community, as we tried to beat the record for the most dreidels spinning simultaneously (for at least 10 seconds). Prior to the actual Big Spin, participants enjoyed Hanukkah food and fun, including the offerings of a Kosher Food Truck and sufganiyot, as well as face painting, fortune telling, a magician, balloon animal making and special crafts for our Spinners in Training (the Preschool and Dor Chadash set). All of this action took place to the beat of an enthusiastic DJ. The most popular pre-Spin area was the Warm Up Area, where participants could hone their technique with coaching from our own spinning experts, Rabbi Andy Feig, Ralph Resnick and Joel Tuchman. The build-up to the big Spin was intense and the crowd became quiet with anticipation. Rabbi Wolpe gave the official "start your dreidels" signal and the spinning began. In the end, nearly 300 dreidels went the entire 10 seconds and while this was not enough to break the standing record, our Sinai Community had already won. No matter what Guinness says, this event was one for the Sinai Temple books. Thank you to everyone who helped make this event happen. What a wonderful way to celebrate that dreidel-spinning holiday and to engage our Community!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=djmYrWdJ6io&feature=youtu.be>

Team Dreidelmania



Sinai Akiba's Annual Event and Auction



DON'T MISS THIS FABULOUS EVENING
HONORING
RABBI LAURENCE SCHEINDLIN
FOR 35 YEARS OF
VISIONARY LEADERSHIP.

Join us on
Saturday, January 21, 2012.
The fun begins at
6:30 p.m. in Ziegler Hall
with our fabulous auction
and then continues with
dinner and dancing
in Barad Hall.

Event Chairs

Elizabeth Comley and Shaoul Levy
Julie and Marc Platt
Daphna and Dr. Pejman Salimpour

Auction Chairs

Shira Elias
Michelle Harwin
Jackie Klein
Claire Markus
Lisa Zide

Tribute Chairs

Luiza Iancu
Evie Kraft
Gail Nussen

Honorary Chairs

Alice and Nahum Lainer
Sheila and Aaron Leibovic
Anna and Bill Tenenblatt
Jan and Dr. Phil Zakowski

For more information or to purchase tickets go to: www.TheSchoolThatLarryBuilt.org.
or contact Stephanie Mirkin, in the SAA development office at 310.481.3388.

RABBI
LAURENCE
SCHEINDLIN



We are delighted to honor Rabbi Laurence Scheindlin for his 35 years of leadership at our annual event and auction on **January 21, 2012**. Event chairs, Elizabeth Comley, Julie Platt and Daphna Salimpour and a team of other committee chairs are working hard to plan a spectacular evening to mark this momentous occasion.

Rabbi Scheindlin began as Akiba’s headmaster in 1977 with 170 students through 6th grade on a campus less than half the size of the building Sinai Akiba now occupies at Sinai Temple. Today more than 540 students are enrolled in the school with another 170 in preschool.

He has been a model for innovation within the school and has guided Sinai Akiba Academy into a robust center of excellence in both Jewish education and general studies. Throughout his tenure, Sinai Akiba has sustained a high standard of academic excellence, while engaging students in the “joy and discipline of learning” both inside and outside the classroom. Rabbi Scheindlin pioneered an activities-based approach to instruction, a model learning support program and a comprehensive Hebrew language curriculum. In addition, he implemented an academically rigorous middle school, established a dynamic development program, and has infused in the faculty a culture of professional development.

Not only has Rabbi Scheindlin touched the Sinai Akiba community with his thoughtful intellect and compassionate nature, but has extended his reach to numerous professional organizations as well. He served as president of the Solomon Schechter Day School Association and remains a current board member. He is also the former chair of the Principals Council of LA for Jewish Day Schools. Rabbi Scheindlin is a recipient of the prestigious Milken Outstanding Educator Award. He has published a number of articles as well as conducted workshops and courses on school administration, education and spirituality.

We have been so fortunate to have his guidance and leadership for the past 35 years, a legacy we know will live on throughout the Sinai community for many generations to come.

Don’t miss the celebration – This is the School that Larry Built – where we will proudly pay tribute to Rabbi Scheindlin and recognize his many extraordinary contributions to the Sinai community and the field of Jewish education.

**We wish to thank our
Legacy Event Sponsors
for their generous support.**

Mind, Heart, and Soul Sponsors

Alice and Nahum Lainer

Julie and Marc Platt

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Headmaster's Partners

Sheila and Aaron Leibovic

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Akiba Ambassadors

Linda and Maynard Brittan

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Elizabeth Comley and Shaoul Levy

Milken Community High School

SAA Honor Roll

Lise and Dr. Rob Applebaum

Etty and Claude Arnall

Negin and David Ascher

Melissa and Michael Bordy

Elliot Brown

Gabrielle and Dr. Malcolm Cosgrove

Dorita and Michael Delijani

Deborah and Leon Farahnik

Patti and Peter Felker

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Arny Gilberg M.D., Ph.D.

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Karen and Neil Haltrecht

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Dora and Neil Kadisha

Sylvia and Mark Karlan

Debra and Robert Kasirer

Orna and Behzad Kianmahd

Jackie and David Klein

Dr. Lisa and Gary Lainer

Shelley and Paul Lawrence

Vaughan and Nicolas Meyer

SAA Annual Event

A Sponsors' party was hosted by Alice and Nahum Lainer
for the Annual Event honoring



nt Sponsors' Party

and Nahum Lainer to kick off the festivities
ng Rabbi Laurence Scheindlin.

35 YEARS VISIONARY LEADERSHIP



SAA Honor Roll continued

Laurie Levenson and Doug Mirell
Pouran and Parviz Nazarian
Dr. Ellie and Fred Pourbaba
Roya Akhavan and Behnam Rafalian
Rita and Dr. Fariborz Rodef
Roberta Goodman-Rosenberg
and David Rosenberg
Janet and Bobby Rosenblum
Allison and Bennett Rosenthal
Gita and Sam ^{2nd} Rosenwald
Jackie and Manny Silverman
Sinai Akiba Administrators
Sinai Akiba Committee
Sinai Akiba Grandparents Assoc.
Sinai Akiba PTA
Sinai Temple Board of Directors
Sinai Temple Clergy
Pam Smith
Moussa Soomekh
Elizabeth and Michael Soroudi
Lora Silverman and
Keith Stolzenbach
Kathryn and Dr. Carey Strom
Lesley and Jeffrey Wolman
Rabbi David Wolpe
Jan and Dr. Phil Zakowski

(as of December 15, 2011)

35 YEARS VISIONARY LEADERSHIP

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IS THE
SCHOOL
THAT
LARRY
BUILT



It is not too late
to become an
event sponsor,
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www.TheSchoolThatLarryBuilt.org
or call Janet Rosenblum,
SAA Development Director
at 310-481-3285.



A program of Sinai Temple All ATID events are for young professionals ages 21-39. www.AtidLA.com 310-481-3244



The Ted and Hedy Orden & Family

Friday Night Live

January 13 ~ 7:30 p.m.

UNITY SHABBAT

FNL celebrates PEACE, UNDERSTANDING, & COMMUNITY with Rabbis, Reverends, Artists, and a Gospel Choir. Following services, everyone is invited to a congregational Kiddush for cookies, challah and Israeli Dancing, and young professionals (ages 21-39) are invited to the ATID Parlor (ID's Required).

Sunday, January 15 ~ 10 a.m.

ATID Outdoors: Coldwater Canyon Hike

Join ATID for a nice hike in Beverly Hills. Further details can be found at www.AtidLa.com

Shabbat @ Home

Friday, January 20 – 7:00 p.m. -10:00 p.m.

Join your peers for an intimate service and gourmet kosher meal. Please call (310) 481-3244 to register. Cost: \$22 members, \$30 guests.

Looking to get involved/volunteer? There are opportunities through ATID to share your talents and passions. Please call the ATID Office at (310) 481-3244 if you would like more information.

ATID offers a variety of events and activities for young Jewish adults in their 20s & 30s. For a full list of event details or to register for upcoming programs, please go to: www.AtidLA.com.



Have a suggestion?

We want to know!

Send your suggestion to our electronic "Suggestion Box" at suggestion@sinaitemple.org. We greatly value your suggestions and appreciate your willingness to help us improve. Your submission will be forwarded to our Executive Director, Mr. Howard Lesner, and to the President of the congregation, Mr. Eric Diamond, for action.

An Open Door Class on "Prayer"

Thursdays at 5:00 p.m. in Kohn Chapel before evening Minyan. Anyone & everyone is invited! For more info, call Ralph Resnick at (310) 481-3201

Introduction To Judaism

Join Sinai Temple's Rabbi Emeritus Zvi Dershowitz as he starts a new cycle in the American Jewish University's Miller program on Sunday, January 8, at 1:30 p.m. It's an 18 session eye opener for adults who grew up Jewishly because it covers themes not usually taught to youngsters. Also available to non-Jews seeking conversion to Judaism. Jewish identity will gain increased meaning to all who take this unique course. For more information, contact Rabbi Dershowitz at Sinai Temple or call the Intro office at (310) 440-1273, or e-mail INTRO@AJULA.EDU

Judaism by Choice

Shabbat Dinner 5:45 p.m. Followed by FNL January 13 Questions, please contact Rabbi Weinberg at (310) 772-0626 or rabbיןweinberg@yahoo.com

CHAI SOCIETY

Temple Shabbat Shalom Meet and Greet: Jan. 14 & 28
Monthly General Meeting – 7:30 p.m. on Jan.24
Dinners – Plays – Celebrations – Winery Trips
INTERESTED????? Call Elaine Lotwin at (310) 271-5554.
Email: eal1160@aol.com



Sisterhood Programs

Luncheon Program on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 11:30 am. **Gina Danesh, M.D.** will speak about the benefits of laser surgery and other health and beauty tips. Cost is \$15 per person, \$18 for non-Sisterhood members or at the door without prior reservation. Contact Dee Goozé at (310) 557-7468 or deegoo@earthlink.net

Shabbaton on February 3-4, 2012. Sisterhood members and their daughters lead services Friday night, Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon Mincha. Friday night dinner is catered by Sisterhood and the cost is \$25.00 per person. Everyone is invited. To participate in the services, call Michele Gabai at (310) 859-9138 or Venus Bina at (310) 551-2026.

Sisterhood Classes beginning in January - Calligraphy, Exercise and Fitness, Watercolor Adventures, and Write your Life. Register early, as space is limited for some classes. For information, please contact Rosa Berman Ruder at (310) 557-1009 or rbermann@yahoo.com

COME JOIN THE FUN!



Friday, Jan. 13th join Sinai USY for The Ted & Hedy Orden & Family **Friday Night Live** followed by an Oneg / Lounge Night! Food, fun and awesome people!

Sat, Jan 28th join Sinai USY for "Chic Magic" – a classy night of hors d'oeuvres and magic!
More details to come.

Contact Matt Baram at mbaram@sinaitemple.org

ALICE & NAHUM LAINER LEARNING AND LUNCH: SEVEN QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK ABOUT JUDAISM

with Rabbi David Wolpe

Join us as we discuss insightful questions that have followed the Jews for years, from being “chosen” to the overall journey of Judaism. Rabbi David Wolpe will lead us through the thinking behind these insightful questions.

Does The Modern State Of Israel Have A Religious Meaning?

Tuesday, January 3 at 12:00 p.m.

Cost: Free of charge/Sinai Temple members; \$18 Non-Sinai Temple members. Lunch is included. RSVP's are mandatory!

THURSDAY MORNING TORAH

with Rabbi David Wolpe

Spend an hour every Thursday morning deepening your understanding of Judaism and our sacred text. Learn along with us as we go through the Torah together; no previous knowledge or Hebrew is required.

Thursdays, January 5, 12, 19, 26*at 8:15 a.m.

*All dates subject to change or cancellation.

Cost: Free of charge & open to the public.

MARRIAGE BASICS: BLENDING YOUR LIVES AFTER THE GLASS IS BROKEN

This class is designed to guide **engaged or married couples** of any age down the tricky path of intertwining their lives, from incorporating Jewish traditions in the home to the role intimacy plays in their relationship. Classes will be taught by Sinai Temple clergy.

Thursdays, January 12, 19, 26 and February 2 at 7:00 p.m.

Cost: Sinai Temple Members – Free of charge

Non-Members: \$100 per couple

You must be pre-registered to attend this class!

For information about the above classes and events, please contact Programs at 310-481-3243 or programs@sinaitemple.org

DOR CHADASH

JAMMIES 'N JEANS

Friday, January 6 at 5:45 p.m.

Slip on a pair of jeans and dress your kids in pajamas... to shul! Light dinner provided to those who RSVP.

TOT SHABBAT

Brought to you by Dor Chadash, the “Next Generation” at Sinai Temple Saturday, January 21 at 10:00 a.m. in Gold Hall

Join Dor Chadash as we celebrate Shabbat each month with uplifting spirituality, community bonding, and meaningful memories for you and your little ones... with Sinai Temple’s own Rabbi Jason Fruithandler and Dale Schatz!

HAVDALLAH DINNER

Saturday, January 28 at 5:30 p.m.

DOR CHADASH COFFEE & CONVERSATIONS WITH ROBIN SAX

The Bottom Line: Keeping the Kids Safe From Predators Wed. January 18 at 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$10/person.

Dor Chadash is a great way to make a large synagogue feel like a small community. We welcome all families with young children, so come introduce yourself at one of our upcoming events!

For information, please email dchadash@gmail.com or call 310-481-3296.

Dor Chadash now has a Facebook page! Search [Dor Chadash at Sinai Temple](#) and “LIKE” us!



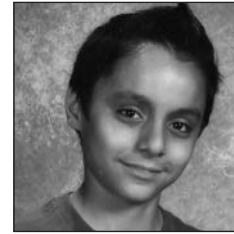
OUR B'NAI MITZVAH



January 7
Naomi Layla Barlava
daughter of
Nazila & Jacques



January 12
Jason Cohen
son of
Raquel and Mehran



January 12
Jonathan Cohen
son of
Raquel and Mehran



January 14
Max Loren Mandel Becker
son of
Denise & Steven



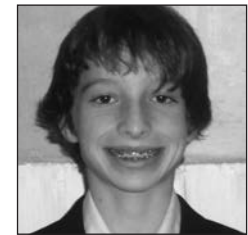
January 14
FAMILY MINYAN
Eleanora Brown
daughter of
Karen Samuels
& Elliot Brown



January 21
Shayna Farahnik
daughter of
Rachel & Parham



January 21
Nicole Tishbi
daughter of
Bita & Joseph



January 28
Isaac Midge
son of
Toby & Philip



January 28
Meka Nehorai Tome
daughter of
Mitra & Michael

Join us for...
THE FEIT FAMILY
SHABBAT LIVE
January 14, 2012
February 11, 2012

We extend our condolences to the bereaved families and record the passing of:

IN MEMORIAM

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ISRAEL BAREKET

father of
Giora Bareket

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REBECCA DANPOUR

mother of
Henry Danpour

•••

DAYANA FINKEL

aunt of
Sarit Fried

•••

SAMUEL GETMAN

father of
Robert Getman

•••

PAUL EZRIEL KLEIN

father of
David Klein

•••

AMIR JOSEPH

father of
Jasmine Danielpour

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SOL TUCH

father of
Joan Markovitz

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MEN'S CLUB

Elie Alyeshmerni, President

New Year Greetings from your Sinai Temple Men's Club!

Save this date: March 25th, 2012 is the day when Rabbi David Wolpe will be honored at the 25th anniversary of the Burning Bush Dinner at Sinai. All past 24 year honorees are invited to purchase and host a table. We will have a historic and memorable photo of all past honorees along with Rabbi Wolpe.

Our November and December speakers Rabbi Erez Sherman and Jacob Artson garnered standing ovations following their presentations: the themes turned out to be similar. Rabbi Erez Sherman spoke about the influence his accomplished quadriplegic older brother Eyal had on him and his family, calling Eyal his Rabbi. In December, the very accomplished Jacob Artson pleaded for the integration of the special needs youth into the society basing his presentation of Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I have a Dream" speech. Excerpts of his presentation may appear in future Sinai speaks editions.

Honorees: Western Region Federation president Colin Pullan presented a plaque to **Arielle Mokhtarzdeh** as Teenager of the Year for her efforts on behalf of the State of Israel and particularly Gilad Shalit. **Dr. Jules Moster** was honored for his many years of service to the Men's Club including the format of the Men's Club meeting today. He provided members to present Divrei Torah and selected speakers to expand our knowledge and imagination. He currently serves as a Historian. For his efforts on behalf of Israel Bonds, he was presented the coveted Prime Minister's pin.

Gilad Shalit Tallit: For months we have been draping it over a chair with the hopes of offering it to him when he is freed. It is folded and ready and we even have a financial sponsor for Gilad's trip to Los Angeles to receive his Eddia designed Men's Club tallit.

The January and February Meetings: they also follow a theme. Can diet deflect disease? On January 3rd **Dr. Martin Klemen** will be speaking about "Living Cancer Free". The following month on February 7th, will speak on "Living Cancer Free: Myth or Reality?- A Medical Oncologists' Perspective."

Tu Bishvat we will be celebrating with Craig Taubman at the Shalom Institute in Malibu on Sunday January 29th 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. More information later.

World Wide Wrap is Sunday February 5th. We invite all Bnai Mitzvah of the past year and their parents to put on Tefillin with us.

See you at a meeting soon,
M. Elie Alyeshmerni, President

SISTERHOOD SHABBATON & SHABBAT DINNER

Friday, February 3rd & Saturday, February 4th

Please join Sisterhood members, their daughters and Cantor Arianne Brown for an uplifting, welcoming and warm weekend of prayer and Shabbat song.

Sisterhood invites all temple members to share in a:

Kabbalat Shabbat Service
at 5:45 p.m., in Kohn Chapel


Shabbat Dinner
at 6:45 p.m., in Gold Hall
a dairy meal catered by Sisterhood featuring Shir Ba'ir a cappella group
Please call Dee Goozé at (310)553-7468 for Shabbat dinner reservations

Shabbat Morning in the Main Sanctuary
and in Kohn Chapel at
4:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon


Mincha-Ma'ariv Services
followed by a *Seudah Shlishit*

Call Venus Bina (310) 551-2026 or Michele Gabai (310) 859-9138 for information.

THE BLUMENTHAL LIBRARY PRESENTS:



Secret Origin: The Story of DC Comics
Wednesday, January 18, 2012
In the Lainer Learning Center
1:00 - 2:30 pm



Behind the amazing tales of legendary super heroes is the equally amazing story of the company that told them. *Secret Origin: The Story of DC Comics* is a documentary that takes viewers behind the scenes of the iconic company. Behind the amazing tales of Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman and a host of other well-known characters is the equally impressive story of the challenges, creativity and triumphs of the company that brought those characters to life. The creation of Superman by Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster, shaped by their experiences as poor Jewish immigrants, was so popular that it spawned an entirely new genre: the costumed superhero comic book. This engaging film chronicles how Superman went from a staunch FDR-ish crusader for social justice in the 1940s to a domesticated representative of 1950s conformity. (68 min.)

Free of Charge

To RSVP or for more info.: contact Barbara Goelman at (310) 481-3217

MAZEL TOV

Mazel Tov to: On the marriage of Rachel Sharony & Noah Bubman; Rachel Braude & Tim Groseclose, on the birth of their son, Milo Henry; Shoshana & Kayvon Yadidi, on the birth of their son; Samantha (Witman) & Michael Friedland, on the birth of their daughter, Emmanuelle Bea; Michelle & Ben Andron, on the birth of their son; Vivi & Meir Hazan, on the birth of their son, Emanuele; the marriage of Alyssa Rosenbaum & Paul Bost; Orit & Ronen Cohen on the birth of their daughter.



RABBI DAVID WOLPE'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

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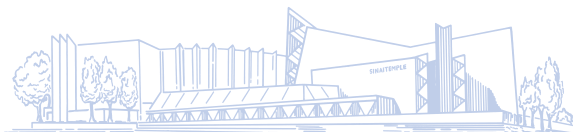
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