



# The Sinai Shofar

Temple Sinai  
Newsletter

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July 2011

## Letter from Rabbi Cohen: We're All Going On A Summer Holiday



I have now been the Rabbi of Temple Sinai for almost two years. In that time my family and I have settled well and come to have a great fondness for Temple Sinai and the Mojave desert. In a few weeks time I will be going on vacation to England with Sarah, Rachel and Elijah. It will be the first time we will have been in England since we arrived all those months ago, tired but excited, at McCarran airport.

I will be interested to see how the land of my birth has changed and how it has stayed the same. I am a firm believer in getting away from one's normal routine and location in order to refresh one's views and be reinvigorated. I suspect I will be

unimpressed to be reminded of England's bad weather and London's traffic and overcrowding and I will miss the mountains which surround our valley. I also suspect I will recall the reasons why we made the move to start with.

This idea of leaving one's normal center to refresh one's outlook on life does not have to just be connected to location. We might go on vacation to refocus on the place we actually live or we might simply try a new activity. This refocusing might take the form of reading a new book or discussing an issue with someone with whom we have different views.

We also don't have to travel far to refocus. Hiking in Red Rock Canyon which is just down the road might facilitate that change of perspective. The main thing is to leave one's comfort zone to reexamine that very comfort zone, that normal environment.

The reason for doing all of this is refreshment and revitalization. In the words of the prayer book, "Chadeish Yameinu K'kedem, Renew our days as of old". May this be possible for all of us as we move through the summer and towards the High Holydays. ~ Rabbi Malcolm Cohen

**Rabbi and family on vacation in England from July 10-31, back in the office on August 2.**

## Bat Mitzvah of Alexis Lynnette Ohriner

Alexis Lynnette Ohriner will be called to the Torah on July 2nd at Temple Sinai.

Alexis was born and raised in Las Vegas. She is currently in the seventh grade at Lawrence Middle School. After school, Alexis likes playing volleyball, going swimming, and ice skating. Alexis also enjoys cooking, especially omelettes.

Her proud parents, Dr. Mark Ohriner and Jennifer Ohriner will be celebrating along with Alexis's grandparents, siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends who will be coming in from all over the country. Alexis is also planning on livestreaming her Bat Mitzvah so that her friends and family who cannot attend will still be able to share in the celebration.



**Meet and Greets  
for Cantor Gindlin**

**July 1 - First Service**

**July 6th at 6pm -  
Pizza and Ice Cream**

**July 8th, 6:30p,  
before Services and  
Oneg after Services**

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Shofar submissions welcomed!

Monthly deadline is the 15th



**President's July Message**

The heat is on but the coolness of Temple Sinai will quench the thirstiest member for the Summer. Our new Cantor Mariana Gindlin is starting this month to fill our souls with her music. Hebrew, English, Spanish, or Ladino, the music will be old friends or new melodies to enhance our services. One of her focuses will be in forming congregational choirs for youth and adults to involve us more in services. Please come out to welcome her to our congregational family. July 6th will be a welcoming dinner Pizza and more beginning at 6pm. July 8th at 6:30 PM before Friday night services will be an informal reception meet and greet. Of course beginning July 1st come to services and hear her voice joining Rabbi Cohen's and ours in our services.

I would like to thank our Shari Schwartz for her efforts for the Shofar and publicity over the last several years which with this issue will be her last. The new go to person for the Shofar will be Adam Reisman.

Vacations over the Summer will be numerous or like my household maybe everyone will be coming to visit here on their vacations. No matter, whichever is the case, have a great July. Celebrate the 4th of July by brushing up on history by reading the Declaration of Independence while munching on that hot dog or hamburger. (wishful/delusional thinking as my daughter Danyel would say). As I always say use more sunscreen then you think you need, wear sunglasses, drink plenty of fluids, and especially in my case wear a hat. ~ Dr. Lawrence Copeland

**MEN'S CLUB**

After presenting so many great speakers and fabulous breakfasts, we are taking the month off. After a little rest we'll be back and ready to go.

**August Event:**

**Sunday, August 14**

Annual Men's Club Meeting  
Meeting is for members only  
and Breakfast will be served.

There are many important issues to discuss.

We will be setting the tone and course of the Men's Club for the 2011 - 2012 year.  
It is important that you attend.

**September Event:**

**Sunday, September 11**

Breakfast meeting.

Meetings now start at 10:30 am.

We will be honoring the fallen men and women of the 9/11 Terrorist Attack.  
There will be more on this event later.

Mark your calendar.



## Religious School News

Kayitz (summer) Sameach Everybody!

Although our classes are not in session, that does not mean exciting things aren't happening. First and foremost, we are starting construction on the property that will lead to the Toddler Center being transformed into our very own religious school classrooms. I am so excited for this change! I want to thank the board, Rabbi, and Andy for being such advocates in this happening. Our teachers, curriculum, and programming are all great, and now our physical space will support that!

We are actively meeting with the education committee, and they have already shown to be such a big support. They help discuss difficult decisions, and their support is phenomenal. Please make sure that if you are a parent in the religious school, that you complete the survey we e-mailed out that the committee helped me put together! Your feedback is crucial to our improvement.

I am excited about our enrollment for next year. First, please note that we will have a PRE-K class next year, which is something new! In addition, please spread the word that we are doing a deal for new members who have kids in Pre-k through 1st grade joining the school. If you have been trying to convince your friends to join, tell them that now is the time and to contact me with questions. Next year we will also be providing a post confirmation course for our 10th-12th graders. I am SO excited for this, as the quality of these youth in our synagogue is so extraordinary.

Lastly, I am so excited to begin working with Cantor Marianna Gindlin. It is going to be wonderful to have her as an addition to our staff, and to work closely with her and the Religious School students. I am excited to finally be able to add much more music into our curriculum, which I know will bring so much joy to our students!

With excitement ~ Avigail Eisenberg

## Shenker Academy News



The Shenker Academy is now registering for Summer Camp! We serve children ages 12 months - 3rd grade. We are currently offering a summer camp registration discount through June 10, 2011.

There are flexible schedules available. We offer full day programs from 7:00 am - 6:00 pm and half day programs from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm available. Part time attendance is welcome.

There are a variety of theme-related daily activities to include language arts, music and movement, math and science, arts and crafts, sports, cooking activities, and water play.

~ Diane Anagnostopoulos, Marisa Lacroix, Co-Directors

## Temple Sinai



The Temple Sinai Wish List has been created as a means of making YOUR temple a better place. Many Items have been requested by members and staff that you might be able to contribute to either in part or in whole. Remember that your tax deductible donations will help the growth of OUR temple. YOUR input for other worthy items will be most welcomed.

Below is a list of items that have been requested. This list will be updated periodically. When possible, the estimated cost of each item is also shown.

To make a donation, please contact Debra at 254-5110 and someone will promptly contact you.

- ◆ Educational software and computers for the Religious School
- ◆ Equipment to improve the bimah sound system
- ◆ Donations for purchase of schoolbooks, prayer books, religious books



### From Your Sisterhood

I am delighted to report that the Sisterhood is off to a very good start.

At our first meeting with the new board, a tremendous amount of work was done. I could feel the enthusiasm, the eagerness and the optimism of the ladies. We started to work on the calendar for this coming year and have a number of new and very interesting events scheduled.

Some of the ideas that we will be working on will be a gathering at the Design Center for a demonstration on table decorating, and at a general meeting we will have a demo on how to arrange flowers. An exciting event will be our very own food cook off called "Eppis Essen" (in Yiddish it means 'something to eat'), featuring the Meshugenah Chefs!

Our first event will be on Sunday, July 31 at 1 p.m. at Garfields Restaurant, 2620 Regatta, at Desert Shores. It will be a High Tea and the opportunity to view an exhibit of Princess Diana's memorabilia. This sounds like a "vedy, vedy" charming afternoon!

A prepaid reservation is required. Send your check to the temple office in the amount of \$36 made out to the Temple Sinai Sisterhood. The cutoff date is July 22.

We are forming various committees - first one and very important is a telephone tree. If you would like to help, please contact me and I will direct your call to the proper chairperson. This is not a difficult job - phone calls are made prior to an event.

Please consider joining the sisterhood and become a part of a very warm and upbeat group of ladies.

I send you smiles. ~Ann Kaplan, President  
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### From Your Men's Club

I was unable to be at our June breakfast. Our 7 year old grandson and his Mom were in from NY. Lots of chasing here and there. But we loved it. We were kind of tired, but its worth it.

I am getting a lot of good feedback from people about the breakfast meeting on the 12th. Good speaker, good food, good company. Put it in any order you desire. Jane Ann Morrison of the Review Journal spoke on a lot of interesting topics, and had an extended question and answer period afterwards. Which goes to show you, people don't just attend for the food. They absorb information and ...food. The figures I've been getting, we had about 55 people. I want to thank everybody that helped make this event successful. MEL KOCHAN, RONEN RAHAMAN, JACK KAUFMAN, DONALD MARCUS, MARK AND CAROLYN KOSOWSKY, MARTY MYERS, HARVEY RUBINSTEIN, RUSS BRICKER, FRED KAPLAN, BURT AND LAUREL BEREZ, HOWARD BECKERMAN, MARK GOODMAN, AND MYRON BERNSTEIN.

We will not be having a breakfast meeting in July. The next one will be on August 14th at 10AM The agenda for the August meeting is being put together.

The meeting date for September will be in the sanctuary at 10:30AM on the 11th. A program is being put together by Eric Littman. He visited the Trade Center ground zero in November of 2001. The program is in honor of those who died, and the heroes who saved many lives.

We have just about sold out the tickets for Fiddler on The roof for the August 13th performance at the Spring Mountain outdoor theatre. We are looking into getting tickets to sell for the show Five Guys named Moe. This show received several Tony awards when it played on Broadway in New York City. We will keep you posted as to when the tickets will be going on sale.

That's about all for now. See "youse" around.  
~ Archie Weitman, Men's Club President



Jane Ann Morrison with Dr. Lawrence Copeland



Jane Ann Morrison great discussion!



**Andy's Corner**

Summer has arrived and along with it our busy time of year. There are lots of changes happening around campus and sometimes I can hardly remember what we are doing next.

The additional two rooms at Shenker are started, so all of those kids are in one location, and that means part of the parking area is closed and lots of construction traffic during the daytime hours. We are working right behind the JCC and so they are forced to endure the noise and all of the other things which go along with that kind of work.

The Toddler Center is getting a complete makeover to accommodate Sunday School and other such types of events. That means walls are coming down and others are going up. The extra small toilets will be gone from the public restrooms and Sunday School will have a permanent home.

The playground at Shenker has been undergoing a renewal process this year with new rubber matting and a shade structure. They also have a new "freeway" for their tricycles. The new Cantor arrives July 1 and that will present new challenges with the sound and lighting systems and the Ner Tamid is a beautiful thing.

All in all we are growing like mad and sometimes it is difficult keeping up but with a great crew of people and an attitude of "what's next?" we get it done.

Have a great summer remember lots of fluids and stay out of the heat as much as possible. ~Andy



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**Life is Full of Chai Notes for Musician Irv Weinberger**

A familiar face in the Jewish community, particularly when there's music involved, guitarist/vocalist and musical arranger Irv Weinberger is a founding member of the Chai Notes, Temple Sinai's popular, monthly Musical Shabbat band.

Originally from Los Angeles, Irv picked up his first guitar at 15, played in rock and roll and jug bands all through college, and served as a song leader at Jewish camps in California and Colorado, where he trained as a soloist in Denver, before moving to Las Vegas in 1998.

Irv began writing Jewish music in 1990 and has been a performer and accompanist for synagogue services since 1992. Through the years, he has performed with Debbie Friedman, Fran Avni, Rabbi Joe Black and Rick Recht, and counts among his favorite musical memories working with Peter Yarrow (of Peter, Paul & Mary fame) here in Las Vegas.

Of his work with Temple Sinai's Chai Notes, Irv, who serves as Family Services Director at King David Mortuary by day, says he appreciates the friendly, team-spirit of the group. "We all look forward to services together, and believe the whole is greater than the sum of its parts." The group plays on the fourth Friday of every month at Temple Sinai Friday night Shabbat services. The next Chai Notes Services are Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> and again, Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30pm. Watch your Shofar for more features on members of the Chai Notes.





### Upcoming Events

**Tuesday, June 28, 6pm Adult Education: The Talmud: We Wouldn't Be Jewish In The Same Way Without It: A Beginner's Course In Three Parts: Part II.**

The Hebrew Bible might be the starting point for Judaism but the Judaism we live now is really based on the combination of the Bible with the later Rabbinic texts. The Babylonian Talmud is the main source for Jewish life. It includes legal writings, spiritual teachings and even Rabbinic ideas on medicine and astrology. It is the heart beat of the Jewish People. Come and study with Rabbi Cohen to acquire some basic skills in this area. You do not need Hebrew to take these classes. Each class stands alone but you will gain even more if you come to all three!

**Tuesday, June 28, 7pm Temple Board Meeting**

**Wednesday, June 29, 6:30am - 8pm Monthly Dining Out at Bagel Cafe.** Please bring Flyer. Temple Sinai receives 15% of all food proceeds.

## Tots Shabbat

**Friday, July 1, 6:30pm Tots Shabbat. Cantor Gindlin begins her tenure at Temple Sinai !!!**

**Friday, July 1, 7:30pm Shabbat Worship.** Oneg sponsored by Ohriner Family in honor of Alexis' Bat Mitzvah.

**Saturday, July 2, 10am Bat Mitzvah of Alexis Ohriner**



**Monday, July 4, Happy Independence Day - Office closed.**

**Tuesday, July 5, 6p - Conversion Class** in the Rabbi's Office. This class will cover Jewish ideas and rituals concerning death and dying. Please note that this class is specifically for those converting under the sponsorship of Rabbi Cohen.



**Wednesday, July 6, 6p - meet and greet with Cantor Mariana Gindlin.** We will serve pizza (Vegan style), ice cream, and it is casual dress.

**Friday, July 8, 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary - Meet and Greet Cantor Gindlin.**

Oneg following services in her honor.

**Tuesday, July 12, 7p Temple Executive Board Meeting**

**Friday, July 15, 7:30pm Shabbat Worship**

**Friday, July 22, 7:30pm Musical Shabbat** featuring the Temple Sinai Chai Notes

**Tuesday, July 26, 7pm Temple Board Meeting**

**Wednesday, July 27, Monthly Dining Out - proceeds benefit the Temple.**

**Friday, July 29, 7:30pm Shabbat Worship**

**Sunday, July 31, 1 pm** at Garfields Restaurant, 2620 Regatta, at Desert Shores.

### Sisterhood High Tea

and the opportunity to view an exhibit of Princess Diana's memorabilia.

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**Friday, August 5, 7:30pm Shabbat Worship**

**Saturday, August 6, 6pm, Hot Dogust Night Outdoor BBQ!**

**Sunday, August 14, 10am, Men's Club Annual Meeting!**



Religious School Ice Cream Social  
Open House and Registration

Sunday, August 28, 12:00pm - 1:30pm

Religious School - Family Day with a Lunch

Sunday, September 18, 9:30am - noon



Temple Sinai GALA  
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Sincerely,

Lawrence Copeland, MD  
President, Temple Sinai

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**CHAVUROT FORMING**

Members of Temple Sinai have the opportunity to join a Chavurah, the time is now. A Chavurah is a small, age or interest-based group, within the Temple that helps you get to know other members better. Please join -- it will be lots of fun for you and your family.

Contact Jack Rubin at [jack@therubinsite.com](mailto:jack@therubinsite.com) or Linda Rubin at [linda@therubinsite.com](mailto:linda@therubinsite.com) or call 702-240-3879.



# WELCOME!

## New Members

Lee Aarons  
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## Birthdays

Elynn Greene	7/1
Jerry Greene	7/1
Emily Bernstein	7/2
Harvey Browne	7/3
Danielle Littmann	7/3
Danielle Rosenblatt	7/4
Micah Weston	7/4
Debra Browne	7/5
Helen Jaffe	7/5
Scott Kase	7/5
Dana Smith	7/5
Oscar Chaltiel	7/7
Minao Kamegai	7/7
Julia Herskovic	7/8
Shaina Goldstein	7/9
Melvyn Kochan	7/9
Elaine Lipman	7/9
Paul Hollins	7/10
Brian Katz	7/10
Lorel Nemiroff	7/10
Samantha Noto	7/10
Jordan Zeitlin	7/10
Brandon Kase	7/11
Sondra Platt	7/12
Madalyn Appleyard	7/13
Carol Schwartz	7/13
Lewis Gitlin	7/14
Donald Erlanger	7/15
Aaron Schnitz	7/15
David Shapiro	7/15
Sol Steiner	7/15
David Friedland	7/17
Brandon Mosher	7/19
Russell Bricker	7/21
Cody Fitzhugh	7/21
David Schopick	7/21
Hailey Schopick	7/22
Shari Schwartz	7/24
Maurice Jones	7/25
Robert Sattler	7/26
Debby Kase	7/27
Jean Ross	7/28
Carole Schoengold	7/28
Matthew Minkoff	7/29
Dana Perdichizzi	7/30
Jessica Perdichizzi	7/30
Sydney Schopick	7/30
Ronald Israel	7/31
Talia Shapiro	7/31

## Anniversaries

Alicia & Scott Schoenwald	7/1
Dyana & Barry Duman	7/3
Elaine & Phillip Pinkus	7/4
Dana & Edwin Weston	7/4
Flori & Les Jacobs	7/8
Stephanie & Gary Bugash	7/15
Debra & Sandy Spero	7/23
Resa & Mark Snyder	7/27
Dori & Imanuel Arin	7/31

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Ellen Sabel	7/1
Rose Sattler	7/2
Milton Hoffenberg	7/5
Jack Schuster	7/5
Samuel Salmirs	7/6
Irvin Greenberg	7/9
Louis Kaplan	7/9
Israel Reiman	7/9
Trudi Berman	7/10
Gloria Lobin	7/11
Allen Glenn	7/12
Pat Weiser	7/12
Eva Salzman	7/13
David Steiner	7/13
Adele Friedlander	7/14
Phillip Sloan	7/15
Rose Tiras	7/15
Mel Chabrow	7/18
Rachel Shiff	7/18
Miriam Stein	7/19
Ethel Pesekow	7/20
Langui Teng	7/23
Abraham E. Copeland	7/24
William Klevs	7/24
Henry A. Rogan M.D.	7/25
Natalie Lisa Stevens	7/25
Henry Marquez	7/26
Louis Medow	7/26
Ethel Breslow	7/27
Mark Lawrence Myers	7/27
Daniel Steven Getz	7/28
Solomon Shumow	7/28
Detta Jacobs	7/30
Ida Aronovsky	7/31

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### Temple Sinai Celebrated Shavuot with Sweetness and Cheesecake

Warm blintzes and huge slices of cheesecake were the order of the evening on June 7th as Temple Sinai congregants celebrated Shavuot with evening services and dairy delicacies. Participants then gathered for an after-service study session titled "What Happened That Day on Mount Sinai," led by Rabbi Malcolm Cohen. In-depth examination and group exploration into Talmudic and Rabbinic texts topped off a delicious evening of celebrating the sweetness of Torah at Temple Sinai.



#### Do you have something to say to the Board?

Dr. Judy Salz, Board member, will be acting as the liaison between the congregation and the Board. The Board welcomes ideas and suggestions, and is willing to hear and address concerns from all members. If you wish to contact the Board, please leave a message with Debra at 254-5110, or email Judy at [talktotheboard@templesinailv.org](mailto:talktotheboard@templesinailv.org).



We look forward to hearing from you!



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