

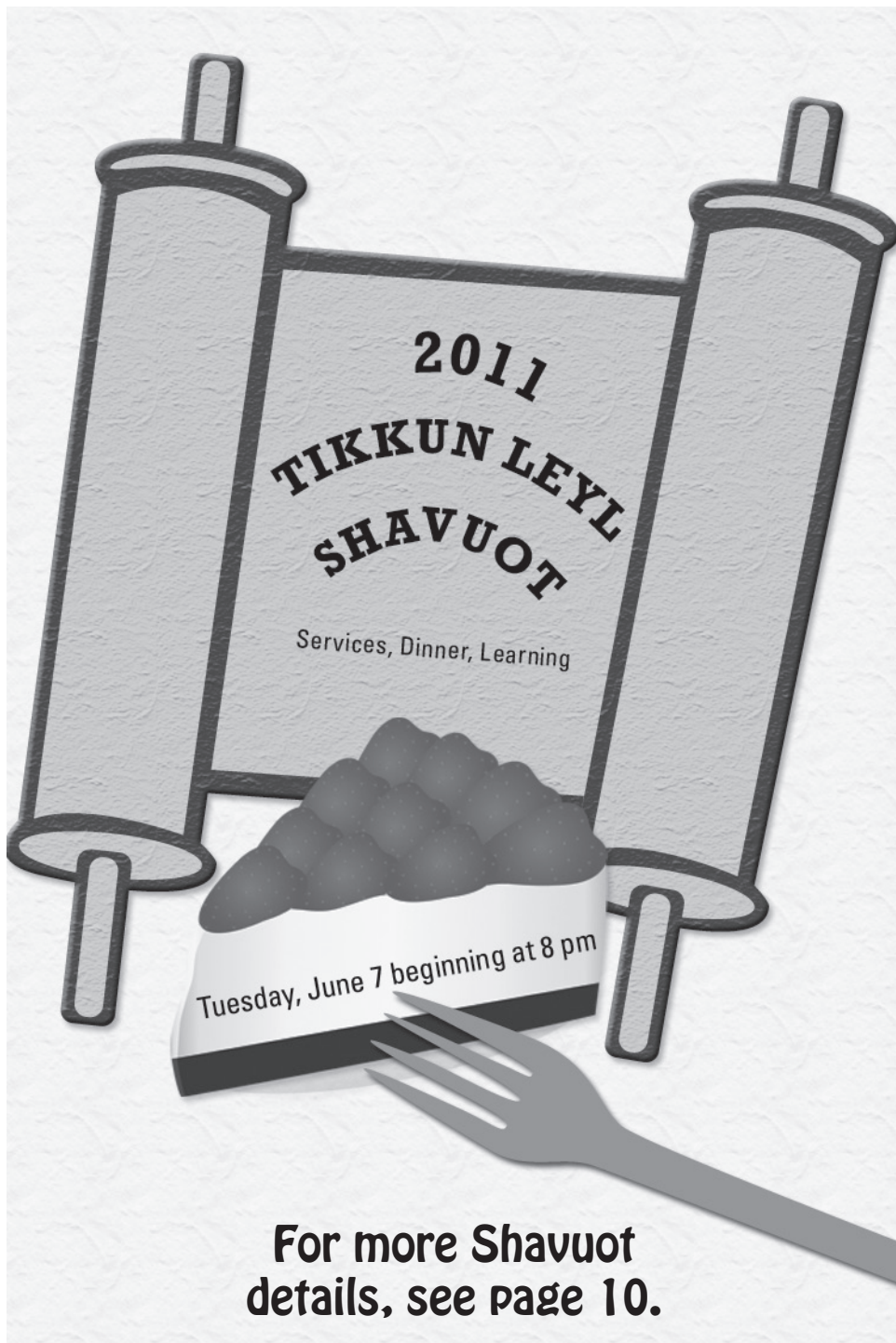


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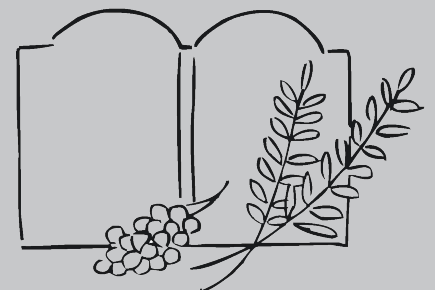
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**Rabbi's Message**

As we head into the summertime, many of us are looking forward to taking some time to relax, go on vacation, and/or slow down from what has been a busy year. The slower pace of summer also gives us an opportunity to take stock of the many blessings in our lives, and appreciate what we have. Sometimes, we find that our greatest blessings go unnoticed and unappreciated right in front of our faces.



*Rabbi Josh Berkenwald*

As you know, many visitors join us for Sinai programs and services during the course of the year. I am especially proud of the many ways in which our community welcomes guests. After one of this year's B'nei Mitzvah, a non-Jewish visitor wrote to the parents about the experience in our shul, reflecting on both the meaning and power of Jewish ritual as well as the warmth of our community. I would like to share an excerpt from our guest's impressions.

"...I loved the feeling of continuity, knowing that these same rituals – more or less – have been conducted throughout the years. I loved how so many family members and friends were included, as well as how the attendees ran the gamut from the smallest children (who seemed to be tolerated as well as integrated to whatever degree possible in the service) to the elderly, who were treated with such respect. I loved the singing... I also appreciated how significant [your child's B. Mitzvah] was and how many people came from such distances to be there – what a statement that makes about the love and devotion of your circle. I also liked the rabbi – his enthusiasm and genuineness. I liked the part where people could request prayers for the ill – I almost went up for my aunt, and probably should have – as well as the acknowledgement of those in mourning. Even in that moment of celebration – maybe especially in that moment – it was so profound to me that there was time taken for reflection about our responsibility to others, our place in the world, and there was no shying away from the whole range of human experience from the celebratory to the grieving. I think it's something that I have been missing in my life, and it was important to take that time to get away from the busyness and make time for what was important..."

How many of us take the time to appreciate these aspects of our Shabbat morning services? Sometimes an outside pair of eyes sees things that familiarity causes us to take for granted. We are blessed to be in such a wonderful community. This summer, let's take the time to look with new eyes at our community, our families, and the many blessings around us that we overlook every day. Have a restful, rejuvenating, and enlightening summer.

**President's Message**

*[David Fernandez delivered this address at the Annual Meeting, on May 15, 2011.]*



*President David Fernandez*

For those of you who don't know me well, my profession is sales. The thing I like about sales is that you always know where you stand. We are constantly measured by the quota we carry and know how we are doing against that quota at any time. There is no quota at Congregation Sinai, but we do have a budget, and I am proud to say this year will be completed above our current fiscal plan. This comes from a lot of hard work: our staff is always careful about how we spend our money, our building is new and strong and thankfully requires little maintenance.

The nursery school, led by Director Miki Gurantz, had another successful year not only educating the smallest of our community but exceeding their financial plan. Thank you, Miki, for running such a great Nursery School.

In the last 12 months, we have had 52 Shabbat services, 2 aufrufs, 5 baby naming and brit milahs, and 3 conversions, and we are celebrating with 12 B'nei Mitzvah families of the class of 5771. We have spent some wonderful Shabbat dinners together as a community and have had many, many programs. Due to the hard work of our office staff and many volunteers, we have programming similar to what is found at shuls with 400-500 families, whereas we have only 200 families.

Furthermore, we did this with an eye toward including everyone in our community. As president of our shul, I am often asked by members of the larger Jewish community: "how do we pull it all off?" The answer is simple: a great staff, an engaged community, and resourceful leaders make this possible. The volunteer spirit at Sinai is strong. As a matter of fact, over 90 people volunteered during our Purim weekend, which included a Battle of the Bands, two Megilla readings, a Purim carnival, and, as always at Sinai, a tasty

Persian feast. For those of you doing the math at home, that means nearly one out of every two families at the synagogue contributed to our success.

You may be wondering how a synagogue operates at such a high level, from a financial standpoint. After all, even though Sinai is a relatively small community, we do have expenses. You will notice that this year's budget is nearly \$800,000. In a few years, we probably will be running a budget of over a million dollars. Where does the money come from? In the last few years, our membership has increased quite a bit. However, if you look at the membership line of our budget, you will notice that the income for membership is down year over year, a reflection of the bad economy and more of our members needing assistance. In our synagogue's budget, if you factor out the Nursery School, membership revenues account for 54% of our overall revenue, and to meet next year's membership revenue goal, we have to increase our membership by at least 10 net households. What can you do to help us meet this goal? Invite unaffiliated friends to one of our educational or social programs. It's also never too early to start thinking about the high holidays or a child's b'nei mitzvah.

Our budget is also based on considerable fundraising. Last year, our annual campaign brought in \$55,000. This year, our budget requires \$60,000. I know that we can continue to pull together to increase our fundraising efforts led by Ed Fields. This year MM&M was a terrific financial success raising \$29,000, but, equally importantly, it was a fun night that brought together lots of people from within and outside our community. Next year the fundraising requirements are even greater. Additional funding will allow us to provide more quality programming to our growing membership, acknowledge our staff for their unbelievable efforts that have done so much for our community, and also meet rising costs. Consider thinking of events or activities that could be auctioned at MM&M and let Alisa Goldberg know of any ideas you may have or items you may want to contribute to the auction.

Looking forward for next year, I believe we will see an increased number of

children in our religious school due to the hard work of Kate Mueller and our religious school staff. USY hosted the Fall Kinnus in November and held monthly events. Rozita Tabibian led us in a successful first year of Jr. Kadima, and Senior Kadima also hosted some fun activities. Girl Scouts met twice per month and we added a new Brownie Troop. For our smallest members, a new Ima and Me program met every Wednesday in the nursery school, giving moms a place to meet and socialize with other new moms.

We also have seven new Chavurot that came about after our Chavurah Madness event, giving families a way of coming together to socialize and celebrate and strengthen our community.

Our programs this year were varied and fabulous. We held a Stargazing and S'mores party, a Fish Fry dinner, the Animal Celebration weekend sponsored and hosted by Bert & Suze Peters, a great Chanukah Lights and Laughter Havdalah, and Dinner and Storytelling with Joel Izzy, which drew almost 200 guests. One weekend, we hosted a Scholar-In-Residence with Stuart Schoffman, due to the generosity of Joe and Beth Green. He led two great discussions about Tikkun Olam in dangerous times.

I just wanted to take the opportunity to thank our fabulous Rabbi. His energy and enthusiasm are seen everywhere. I especially enjoy seeing him play the guitar with the religious school children on Sundays – and where else can you find such a Rockin' Rabbi at Purim? He can also be found teaching many enthusiastic adults during the Thursday Silicon Valley Beit Midrash sessions or the Mitzvah Initiative sessions.

We had six Passover services this year and a wonderful Community Seder underwritten by Rina Katzen. The Tabibians hosted a wine tasting for Passover, giving us all an opportunity to try some excellent new kosher wines, many of which none of us were familiar with and which made great additions to our seders. Shabbat morning continues to be an important time in the life of the community and so do the Kiddush lunches following services. We have had 29 Shabbat Kiddush sponsored by members and we are thankful for the continued generous sponsorship of many

Kiddush by Shirley Landsman and a new contribution this year to sponsor 20 kiddush by the Sweedler family in memory of Susan's aunt, Rose.

Our Men's Club held successful movie nights at the Blue Light Cinema, poker night, and the ever popular Davening and Dunking session with Rabbis Fenton and Berkenwald. Sisterhood established new programming, including pottery at Petroglyph, a monthly Girl's Night Out which included dinner out at The Kitchen Table, dinner at a vegetarian restaurant, comedy night, and the popular monthly book club.

Looking ahead, one of the things that I believe we as a community need to pursue is a building fund. While the building is new and does not require much financial upkeep, this won't always be the case. If we start a fund now, it will have time to grow so that when we need to make a more costly repair, it will not have to come out of the operating budget, at the expense of programming or staff. In an effort to be conscientious both environmentally and fiscally, the synagogue board voted to install a solar electric system. This was the brainchild of members of one of our previous b'nei mitzvah classes. We expect the installation to begin at the end of May and to be finished in early July.

The other project I want to see us pursue this year is rewriting the bylaws of the synagogue to bring them into the 21st century. This will be a large task and next year I'll be asking you to vote affirmatively on these changes.

In addition, the Board is in need of a new Treasurer due to the departure of our very capable Treasurer, Jay Seliber, who will be relocating back to New Jersey at the end of the school year. If you are interested in taking on this important position, please contact me. The future for Congregation Sinai looks bright due to everyone's hard work. I look forward to sharing more simchas, b'nei mitzvot and community events with you in the coming year. *May we all go from strength to strength in the coming year.*

## Nursery School

Shalom,

The registration for our summer program is going really well. We are very excited to have new families join our school. During the eight weeks of summer school, we are going to have weekly themes such as "Under The Sea," "Red White and Blue," "Dinosaurs," "Farm," "Transportation," and "Music," with lots of fun activities - including a live petting zoo! The afternoon program will include special projects revolving around a special book of the week. We are looking forward to a fun summer!

We have a very devoted and dedicated staff in our school. They felt very appreciated by the families who

planned a surprise luncheon for them, while parent volunteers watched the children. Thank you David Fernandez (synagogue president) and Rabbi Berkenwald for the lovely teacher appreciation dinner at The Kitchen Table on May 18. We really feel like a big part of the Congregation Sinai community.

The Challah Club (afternoon program) planted their spring garden last month. We reused old tires and planted lettuce, tomatoes, herbs, and flowers. The Narkis class planted corn and cucumbers, as well as pumpkins started from seeds. Thanks to the Levinson family for donating a beautiful tomato plant. The children enjoy digging in the dirt and caring for the plants, which

seem to be doing really well.

The first day of the school year will be on Monday, August 29. The week before, the staff will come to prepare the classrooms, learn and take a class in CPR and First Aid, as required by licensing. We are excited to meet the children and their parents on Friday, August 26.

If you or any of your friends are interested in visiting our school, please contact me at 408 264-8486 or drop by for a visit.

Miki Gurantz, Director  
Sinai Nursery School

## Religious School

I had such an amazing first year at Congregation Sinai! As the school year comes to a close and the students are on summer vacation, I would like to reflect on what we have been able to achieve together. There are three main areas where we have seen a lot of success this year: curriculum development, community building, and Service attendance.

For me, there is nothing more important than the community aspect. This is so important to me because of my experiences as a kid: feeling awkward in school, and then going to synagogue and knowing I was part of something. I really had a sense that the members of my shul were there for me. I have tried to always demonstrate for the students what it means to be a community. For example, I'm always playing with the children on Shabbat to show that we have more of a connection to each other than just at school.

I also attend many of the students' school plays and sports events. The best indication of how strong our community has become over the past year came when students began inviting me to events in their lives outside of shul.

The curriculum in religious school education is very important when you think about the fact that these students are not getting formal Jewish education anywhere else. We currently have set instructional objectives for every subject and every grade. The holiday curriculum has specific art projects for each year, each with different learning goals, so that we add layers to their learning and avoid repetition. We also had a set prep time for teachers every week so that they could develop their lesson plans. Our curricula have allowed us to attain several important goals this year: all students starting in Kindergarten learned to write Hebrew in script letters, our current 3rd and 4th graders learned to read Hebrew, and

our 5th grade students have learned the entire Amidah.

One of my major initiatives this year was getting children to shul more often. I started with making a service attendance card for every Sinai child, including day school students. Every time I saw them in Shul I would give them a sticker on their card. I also devoted one of my earlier *Voice* articles to the "Whys" and "Whats" of service attendance. We experienced better and better attendance in Torah N' Tefillah with both day school and religious school students attending. This year, we handed out 45 certificates to students for completing their goals for service attendance (listed below).

I'm looking forward to beginning our second year together next year! I hope everyone has a great summer.

Katherine Mueller  
Education Director

## Youth Education

Kol Hakavod and congratulations to the following students for meeting the Service Attendance Expectations! Each student was presented with a certificate on the last day of religious school, Sunday, May 15.

Grade:	K-2	3	4	5	6	7
Required Services:	7	8	10	12	16	10/TNT

Tammy Amir	Tamar Doron	Raymond Hughes	Nathan Levinson	Tyler Seliber
Sammy Arshop	Jacob Fernandez	Maria-Elena Raquel Jarson	Samuel Lichy	Dalia Tabibian
Naama BenDavid	Nathan Fernandez	Ethan Judkowitz	Sonja Lippmann	Daniel Tabibian
Noa Berkenwald	Alana Firsty	Shira Kahn-Samuelson	Eliana Marks	Miriam Tardos
Anna Budman	Shayna Firsty	Jordan Klapper	Joshua Milgram	Mia Tobin
Fay Citron-Pousty	Shira Fishbin	Jonah Kulakofsky	Nathan Milgram	Leila Ullmann
Felix Citron-Pousty	Natalia Frumkin	Rachel Kulakofsky	Ronel Minkowski	Josh Wolf-Bloom
Tessie Citron-Pousty	Marcus Greenberg	Rachelle Lang	Allyson Moskowitz	Aaron Zolla
Elysa Dombro	Shaina Greenberg	Natan Leibovitch	Moya Province	
Jonathan Dombro	Jonathan Hochberg	Shayna Leibovitch	Dylan Sager	



Last day of Religious School: Students with Service Attendance certificates

## Youth Activities

### Ima and Me Playgroup ("Mommy and Me")

Wednesdays, June 1 and 15  
9 - 10 am

Meet us in the Nursery School Red Room for a fun playdate. Abba, Savta, Saba, (Daddy and grandparents) and Nanny are all welcome, too. Children three and under are invited to come and play. Ima and Me will meet on June 1 and June 15 (none in July).



### Torah For Tots

Saturday, June 4 and July 16  
11 am - 12 Noon

Torah for Tots is fun, interactive, educational and inspirational. This delightful children's service is parent-led and designed specifically for young children ages 0-5.

### PJ Library Program at Sinai

Tuesday, July 12  
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

The PJ Library Program is geared for kids ages 0-8 and designed to accommodate all children, both typical and special-needs.

### Sinai Nursery School Summer Program

June 20 - August 12

Although school is out for the summer, the Nursery School Summer Program will be in full swing from June 20 through August 12. Please contact Nursery School Director Miki Gurantz with any questions.



## Upcoming Events

### Sinai Lunch Team for the San Jose Family Homeless Shelter

Sunday, June 5  
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Sinai members will be cooking and serving a meal to residents of the San Jose Family Shelter.

### Sinai Shavuot Service and Dairy Delight Dinner

Tuesday, June 7  
8:00 pm

Shavuot service followed by a delicious Shavuot dairy meal (dinner will begin approximately 8:30 pm). Open to the entire community. Advance RSVP (by June 2) required for dinner. \$20 per adult age 13 and up, \$5 per child age 5-12. Please call 408-264-8542 or email [office@sinai-sj.org](mailto:office@sinai-sj.org).

This program is followed by a joint Tikkun Leyl Shavuot program with Temple Emanu-El at 10:00 pm.

### Tikkun Leyl Shavuot

Tuesday, June 7  
10:00 pm - 1:00 am

Celebrate the Jewish love of learning together with Rabbis and teachers from the community.

### Shavuot I Morning Services

Wednesday, June 8  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

### Shavuot II Morning Services with Yizkor

Thursday, June 9  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

### Shavuot Picnic

Thursday, June 9  
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Join us following services on Shavuot II (at approximately 12:15 pm) for a picnic lunch. Bring a dairy or pareve lunch and a blanket to sit on and join us for a festive Shavuot picnic. Kiddush wine, challah and dessert provided. No RSVP necessary.



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## Independence Day Kabbalat Shabbat and Shabbat Dinner

Friday, July 1

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat at 6:00 pm, Shabbat Dinner at 7:00 pm. Please join us to welcome Shabbat together as a community.

Early Bird Special: RSVP by Tuesday June 28;

- \$20.00 per adult (age 13 and up)
- \$5.00 per child age 5-12
- free for children under age 5.
- \$54.00 maximum per family.

Regular price for Dinner: RSVP after June 28:

- \$24.00 per adult (age 13 and up)
- \$10.00 per child age 5-12
- free for children under age 5.

- \$65 maximum per family.
- For reservations, contact the Sinai office at 408-264-8542 or [office@sinai-sj.org](mailto:office@sinai-sj.org).

## Kabbalat Shabbat in the Living Room

Friday, July 15

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat at the home of Rabbi Josh and Dana Berkenwald.



## Adult Activities

### Sisterhood Meeting

Sunday, June 5

10:30 am

Join us in the Social Hall. Come and meet other members, learn about upcoming events, or about how you can get involved. For more information, email [sisterhood@sj-sinai.org](mailto:sisterhood@sj-sinai.org).

### Sisterhood Girl's Night Out International Flavors Potluck

Wednesday, June 1

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Potluck (or not) at the Goldbergs'. International Flavors Potluck Buffet. Bring a dish for the potluck, or just bring yourself. Special Discussion: "Where Tradition and Modernity Meet" - The World Council of Conservative/Masorti Synagogues (Masorti Olami) builds, renews and strengthens Jewish life throughout the world, with efforts that focus on

existing and developing communities in Europe, Latin America, the Former Soviet Union, Africa, Asia and Australia. Enjoy foods from the cuisines of communities served by Masorti Olami, learn more about its efforts and discuss the ways in which we reconcile tradition and modernity in our own lives.

### Men's Club Golf Outing

Saturday, June 12

12:00 Noon - 3:00 pm

Join the Men's Club for our annual golf outing! Contact Gary for more details at [mensclub@sinai-sj.org](mailto:mensclub@sinai-sj.org).

### Sisterhood Book Club

Sunday, June 26

Thursday, July 14

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

In June, we will be discussing the book *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See - a novel about the

lives of 19 upper class chinese women. In July, we will be discussing the book *Bad Girl* by Nario Llosa - a love story involving a girl masquerading as upper class. Please contact the Sinai office for location.

### Silicon Valley Beit Midrash

Thursdays

9:30 to 11:00 am

Join Rabbi Josh Berkenwald in an ongoing class for in-depth study of Jewish thought, belief, and practice. Free; drop-ins are welcome; no experience necessary. We are currently studying the Book of Judges.

During June and July, SVBM meets on June 2 and 30, and July 7 and 14.

# 2011 Annual Meeting



Above: Alisa Israel Goldberg presents Jay Seliber with the Mitnadev Lev award



Right: Rabbi Berkenwald delivers a D'var Torah

Below: Janet Dombro presents Rozita Tabibian with a Mitnadev Lev award



Above: Jay Seliber presents the budget



Above: Marci Greenberg presents Alan Klapper with a Mitnadev Lev award



Above: David Fernandez presents Steve Dick with the Chakham Lev award



Left: "Judge" Harvey Slater reports election results



Right: Eva Lippmann presents Susan Ellenberg with a Mitnadev Lev award



# 2011 TIKKUN LEYL SHAVUOT AT SINAI

Tuesday, June 7 — First Night Shavuot

## Shavuot Services

8 pm

## Dairy Delight Dinner

8:30 pm

\$20 per adult (age 13 & up)  
\$5 per child (age 5 to 12)  
RSVP by Thursday, June 2

## Tikkun Leyl Shavuot with Temple Emanu-El

10 pm - 1 am

All are welcome for dinner, learning, or both.

**eat  
pray  
learn**

Celebrate the Jewish love of learning together with Rabbis and teachers from our community

Plus Cheesecake Bonanza all evening



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# Kabbalat Shabbat Ba-kayitz

**Friday Nights in the Summertime  
with Congregation Sinai**

**Kabbalat Shabbat and Dinner**  
Evening services followed by Shabbat dinner  
July 1 at 6 pm at Sinai

**Kabbalat Shabbat in the Living Room**  
Evening services at the home of Rabbi Josh and Dana Berkenwald  
July 15 at 6 pm, call for directions

**Happy Hour and Kabbalat Shabbat**  
Wine and appetizers (adult and child-friendly) followed by evening services  
August 12 at 5:30 pm at Sinai

**Back-to-Shul Open House,  
Kabbalat Shabbat and Dinner**  
Wine and appetizers followed by evening services and Shabbat dinner  
September 9 at 5:30 pm at Sinai

**Join us**  
to welcome Shabbat in a relaxed, informal summertime atmosphere

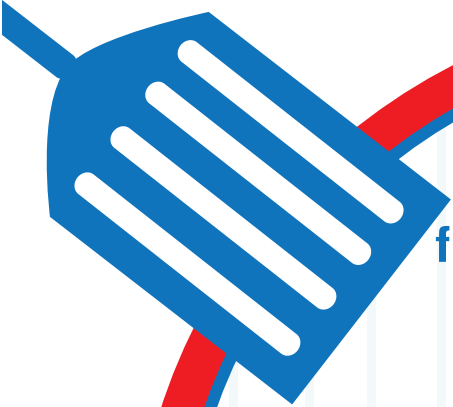


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# SHABBAT DINNER

Friday, July 1, 2011

Following 6:00 pm Kaballat Shabbat Services



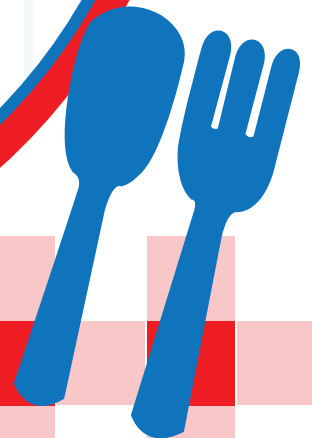
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## Welcome New Members!

### Bruchim Haba'im - ברוכים הבאים

*Congregation Sinai welcomes the following new members this month:*

Bernard and Harriet Schmidt

*We look forward to spending time with you over the coming holidays and events.*

## Dues are Due

You'll be receiving your bill for this year's synagogue dues in early July. Please remember to pay promptly. Membership dues are integral to the financial health of the synagogue, and we count on our members to put Sinai on the top of their "bills to pay" piles.

- Dues can be paid in one lump sum, monthly or quarterly.
- Dues can be paid by check or online through PayPal on our website ([www.sinai-sj.org](http://www.sinai-sj.org)). PayPal accepts Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express.

Dues and payment plans can be adjusted. Individuals or families with extenuating financial circumstances are encouraged to contact Synagogue Administrator Joelle Pluemer to request a confidential dues adjustment application form. We do not turn away members for financial reasons and are committed to finding a way to accommodate your needs. Todah rabah!

## The Voice of Sinai Goes on Summer Vacation

We hope you are enjoying this June/July issue of the Voice.  
Please note that there will not be an additional July issue.  
See you again in August. Have a great summer!

## Todah Rabah, Thank You

## תודה רבה

### Todah rabah to...

- The families of the B'nei Mitzvah Class of 5772 who sponsored Shabbat Kiddush in honor of the B'nei Mitzvah Inauguration
- Isy Goldwasser for coordinating the B'nei Mitzvah Inauguration Shabbat Kiddush
- Michael and Sheri Frumkin for sponsoring Shabbat Kiddush Luncheon in honor of Natalia's Bat Mitzvah
- Jonathan and Susan Sweedler for sponsoring Shabbat Kiddush Luncheon in loving memory of Rose Weiner
- Gary Richman for organizing the Men's Club Fun Bike Ride in Almaden Valley
- Deborah Leibovitch and Susan Silver for organizing the Sisterhood Girls Night Out at the Comedy Club
- Joan Abrams for hosting the Sisterhood Book Club meeting in May
- Susan Ellenberg for leading the K-2 grade Family Education Day in May
- The following parents who helped with the Religious School year-end celebration: Julie Firsty, Marci Greenberg, Alan Klapper, Ryuko Kulakofsky, Eva Lippmann and Stacy Tobin
- Gershon Celniker of Hillel for speaking to the Religious School students about the Israeli army on Yom HaZikaron
- Joan Abrams and Geri Finkelstein for their help with the mailing of the Voice
- Miriam Leiseroff for her help with updating the aliyot card system and memorial board database
- Eve-Lyn Redhill for the beautiful calligraphy on the B'nei Mitzvah certificate
- Lorraine Hoff for donating the proceeds from the sale of her lovely handmade greeting cards, on sale in the office
- Joe Kulakofsky and Rita Jacobson for staffing the check-in table at the Annual Meeting
- Joan Abrams, Wendy Askenas and Harvey Slater for collecting and counting ballots and reporting election results at the Annual Meeting for serving as tellers at the Annual Meeting
- David Tabibian for taking photographs at the Annual Meeting
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# June 2011 28 Iyar 5771 - 28 Sivan 5771

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 <i>Omer: Day 47</i> 9 am Sunday Minyan 10 am Sinai Lunch Team at Homeless Shelter 10:30 am Sisterhood Meeting	6 <i>Omer: Day 48</i>	7 <i>Omer: Day 49</i> <i>Erev Shavuot</i> Candle Lighting 8:08 pm <b>8 pm Sinai Shavuot Service and Dairy Delight Dinner</b> 10 pm Joint Tikkun Leyl Shavuot with Temple Emanu-El	8 <i>Shavuot - Day 1</i> <i>First Day Yom Tov Ends: 9:09 pm</i> NURSERY SCHOOL/OFFICE CLOSED FOR SHAUVUOT <b>9 am Shavuot Morning Services</b>	9 <i>Shavuot - Day 2</i> <i>Yom Tov Ends: 9:09 pm</i> NURSERY SCHOOL/OFFICE CLOSED FOR SHAUVUOT <b>9 am Shavuot Morning Services with Yizkor</b> 12 pm Shavuot Picnic	10 <i>Omer: Day 45</i> <i>Rosh Chodesh Sivan</i> Candle Lighting 8:05 pm	11 Beha'alotecha 9 am Shabbat Services Shabbat Ends: 9:10 pm
12 9 am Sunday Minyan 11 am Nursery School Picnic 12 pm Men's Club Golf Outing	13	14 12 SIVAN	15 13 SIVAN LAST DAY OF NURSERY SCHOOL 9 am Ima and Me	16 14 SIVAN	17 15 SIVAN Candle Lighting 8:12 pm	18 16 SIVAN Shelach 9 am Shabbat Services Shabbat Ends: 9:12 pm
19 9 am Sunday Minyan	20 18 SIVAN NURSERY SCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAM BEGINS (6/20- 8/12/11)	21 19 SIVAN	22 20 SIVAN	23 21 SIVAN	24 22 SIVAN Candle Lighting 8:14 pm	25 23 SIVAN Korach 9 am Shabbat Services 12 pm Kiddush Luncheon sponsored by Jonathan and Susan Sweedler Shabbat Ends: 9:14 pm
26 9 am Sunday Minyan 7:30 pm Sisterhood Book Club	27 24 SIVAN	28 25 SIVAN	29 26 SIVAN	30 27 SIVAN 9:30 am Silicon Valley Beit Midrash		



# July 2011 29 Sivan 5771 - 29 Tammuz 5771

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
3	1 TAMMUZ <i>Rosh Chodesh Tammuz - Day 2</i> 9 am Sunday Minyan	4	2 TAMMUZ Independence Day	5	3 TAMMUZ	6	4 TAMMUZ	7	5 TAMMUZ 9:30 am Silicon Valley Beit Midrash	8	6 TAMMUZ Candle Lighting 8:13 pm	9	7 TAMMUZ Balak 9 am Shabbat Services 12 pm Kiddush sponsored by Robert and Ellen Tobin
10	8 TAMMUZ 9 am Sunday Minyan	11	9 TAMMUZ	12	10 TAMMUZ 3 pm PJ Library Program at Sinai	13	11 TAMMUZ	14	12 TAMMUZ 9:30 am Silicon Valley Beit Midrash 7:30 pm Sisterhood Book Club	15	13 TAMMUZ Candle Lighting 8:10 pm <b>6 pm Kabbalat Shabbat at the home of Rabbi Joshua and Dana Berkenwald</b>	16	14 TAMMUZ Pinchas 9 am Baby Naming of Madalyn 9 am Shabbat Services 11 am Torah for Tots 12 pm Kiddush sponsored by Jerry and Arielle Kurtze
17	15 TAMMUZ 9 am Sunday Minyan	18	16 TAMMUZ	19	17 TAMMUZ	20	18 TAMMUZ	21	19 TAMMUZ	22	20 TAMMUZ Candle Lighting 8:06 pm	23	21 TAMMUZ Matot Shabbat Ends: 9:05 pm
24	22 TAMMUZ 9 am Sunday Minyan	25	23 TAMMUZ	26	24 TAMMUZ	27	25 TAMMUZ	28	26 TAMMUZ	29	27 TAMMUZ Candle Lighting 8:01 pm	30	28 TAMMUZ Masei Shabbat Ends: 9:00 pm
31	29 TAMMUZ 9 am Sunday Minyan												

# Yahrzeits

## Iyar

		Fritz Leiser	19	Anne Tieger	8
		Charles Herman Nichamin	20	Rabbi Richard J. Israel	9
Charlotte Ellner	28	George "Gersh" Weiss	20	Anna Frank	10
		Rose Ligetti	21	Samuel Bronkesh	12

## Sivan

Nadia Rotenberg	1	Paul Goldberg	22	Gerald Roza	12
Tess Weiss	1	Esther Halabe	22	Max Smulyan	12
Benjamin Greenberg	2	Fran Katz-Botnik	22	Lawrence Ginsberg	13
Yosif Krugolets	2	Solomon Lurie	22	Solomon Katzen	13
Hyman Lubchinsky	2	Shirley Standard	22	Margaret Weisel	13
Michael Mortkowitz	2	Anna Berman	23	Nathan Kalman	15
Esmael Eshaghian	4	Tsivia Yancowitz	23	Nelson Parker	15
Louis Gross	4	Irene Panick	25	Leonard Schwartz	15
Dorothy Krieger	5	Leon Kozba	27	Roy Allen Uffer	15
Eva Livshiz	5	Charlotte Levitow	27	Simon Amsel	16
Esther Standard	5	Anna Segal	27	Elsie Leshin	17
Anna Kamenz-Siebert	6	Jacob Goodstein	28	Morris Shapiro	17
Harry Teitelbaum	6	Morris L. Green	28	Rabbi Moshe Twersky	17
Dov Voscoboinik	7	Sherry Schiff	29	Al Julius	18
Kimberly Elizabeth Kay	8	Joseph Slater	29	Susan Rae Lewis	18
Seymour Morsoff	8	Yaakov Matov	30	Rabbi Moshe Twersky	18
Sol Zelten	8	Annette Richel	30	Rose Joseph	19
Leona Geller	9			Julius Nassau	19
Barney Cohen	10			Joseph Siegel	19
Nathan Havlin	10			Mark Cogan	21
Lillian Cowans	11			Moses Pearl	22
George Bernard Golinkin	11			Joseph Goldstein	23
Lena Ziplowich	11			Rakhil Rabinov	23
Sadie Ellner	13			Leon Goldstein	24
Sophie Chudnow	14			Mariam Vego	24
Samuel C. Gould	14			Meir Amit	25
David Mortkowitz	14			Shmuel Greenberg	26
Elsie Siegel	14			Max M. Heibman	26
Gertrude Barron Ellenberg	15			Solomon Rotter	26
Liza Gelbart	15			Ephraim Ben David	27
David Rotenberg	15			Joseph Greenberg	27
Anna Shuch	15			Jacob Fritz	28
Menachim Skopicki	15			Mary Drabkin	29
Samuel Cohen	17			Belle Blatt Fried	29
Betty Aronow	18			Dr. William Fritz	29

## Tammuz

Fania Berkenwald	1		
Esther Burlin	1		
Zella Greenfield	1		
Zipporah Guttman	1		
Celia Liebreich Solomon	1		
Kalvin Harvey Kahn	2		
Harry Konits	5		
Max Landau	7		
Elias Taxier	7		
Joseph Berger	8		
Morton Frank	8		
Arthur Pick	8		
Edith Pick	8		
Isobel Radovsky Rosenblum	8		

## In Memoriam

*May her memory be a blessing*

**Shoshana bat Moshe**  
 Mother of Esti (Daniel) BenDavid  
 Grandmother of Eyal, Tal and Naama



Presentation of a proclamation by the San Jose City Council declaring the Month of May 2011 as “Jewish American Heritage Month” in the City of San José (photo by Phil Kipnis).

## Summer Events at the JCC

*You don't need to be a JCC member to participate in these fun summer events.*

**Wed, June 22nd, 5:00-8:00pm – “Float Night” Pool Party & BBQ.** Pool admission is free to non-members during Float Night. BBQ tickets are \$5 JCC members, \$8 non-members, under age 3 free. This event is popular with families with children.

**Wed, June 22nd, 5:00-8:00pm – Fitness Center Open House.** Try out the JCC Fitness Center for free during our Float Night Pool Party.

**Sat, June 26th, 4:00-7:00pm – Wine Tasting at Villa Cortona.** Wine from 9 local wineries paired with hors d'oeuvres at the fabulous Villa Cortona estate, 16025 Glen Ave, Morgan Hill. Tickets \$35 before 6/17, \$40 after. Call 357.7402.

**Thu, July 14th, 7:00-9:00pm – Jazz by the Pool.** Enjoy jazz guitar, wine and cheese by the pool. Admission is \$5 JCC members, \$7 non-members. This event is for ages 21 and up.

**Wed, Aug 10th, 5:00-8:00pm – “Float Night” Pool Party & BBQ.** Pool admission is free to non-members during Float Night. BBQ tickets are \$5 JCC members, \$8 non-members, under age 3 free.

**Sat, Aug 27th, 8:00pm – Outdoor Movie Night.** Bring a blanket and a picnic and enjoy a family-friendly movie on the JCC athletic field. Free!



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# Save The Dates:

**July 1**  
**Kabbalat Shabbat and Independence Day Shabbat Dinner**

**July 15**  
**Kabbalat Shabbat in the Living Room**

**August 6**  
**Emergency Preparedness Shabbat**

**August 8**  
**Community Tisha B'Av Service hosted at Sinai**

**August 12**  
**Happy Hour and Kabbalat Shabbat**



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