From Where I Stand

Dear Friends,

James Thurber offers us a provocative thought as we enter another New Year. He observes: “All should strive to learn before they die what they are running from, and to, and why.” If we believe that the unexamined life is not worth living, I wonder why we don’t find the time for such contemplation.

We all know that ours is truly a society which has revolutionized the media. We have “toys” which render knowledge galore, but do we have wisdom? We seem to know all the answers, but the important ones, the ones that have to do with those essential relationships with our neighbors, our families, with ourselves, and with our Creator. In truth, it is hard for anyone to tell what the world is becoming.

I am shocked by the level to which people, without the least bit of embarrassment, publicly advocate bigoted thoughts and naked prejudices. And these are advocated by individuals who would claim national high office! Our Jewish prophets would scorn such messages of arrogance and wholesale hate. Indeed, we need to embrace all the more an understanding that even in this world where terrorists attack the innocent, people are overwhelmingly good, loving, and well meaning.

No doubt, these are times which call for stubborn perseverance and courage as well as vision and daring. This reminds me of a favorite old story. A couple walked into the dentist's office one day. The wife said, “Listen, I want to have a tooth removed and I want it extracted immediately. I don’t care about the pain or anything, just pull it out now because we have to leave town right away. Forget the novocaine, just yank the tooth.”

The dentist looked at her and said, “I have never met a more courageous woman in all my life. Which tooth is it?” At which the woman turned to her husband and said, “Show him your tooth!”

As we enter 2016, let us each summon our courage, our faith, and our confidence. For, as Winston Churchill expressed it during one of the darkest moments of the Second World War, “We are moving through a period of extreme danger and of splendid hope.” May the coming months bring to each one of us the fulfillment of our noblest hopes and most cherished dreams.

Faithfully yours,
Rabbi Edward Paul Cohn
President’s Message- Robert B. Brickman

As the calendar year draws to a close, we reflect on an incredibly engaging time at Temple Sinai. Our search for a new Senior Rabbi has been an ongoing journey and saw our first congregation wide survey, certainly since Hurricane Katrina. During this process we explored who we are as a congregation, our important common values and priorities, and defined the attributes of what we are looking for in our next Senior Rabbi. Even while we are engaged in this search, we have by no means slowed down! We have taken your suggestions during our surveys and are implementing new outreach. Our redesigned website was launched in September as part of a whole new redesign of our ongoing communications with you. We are reaching out to college age students of our Sinai families in other cities with holiday baskets. Our programming for adult and youth education continue, with a strong Hebrew school, religious school, and youth group participation. During calendar year 2016, we have over 15 B’nai Mitzvah ceremonies scheduled! Our Rabbi Cohn continues his brilliance in leading our worship services and being a recognizable leader in the New Orleans Interfaith Community. We will look forward to celebrating his upcoming transition to an active and present Rabbi Emeritus, as an ongoing resource to our congregation and our new Senior Rabbi. Thank you for all that you do for our congregation. We appreciate having you as our congregant and have a happy New Year!

B’shalom,
Bob Brickman, President

From The Temple Educator -
Ann Zivitz Kientz

December Religious School and Hebrew School activity was filled with the spirit of Chanukah! Our children grew proficient at singing Chanukah songs and the blessings of Chanukah and furthered their understanding of what it means to stand for religious freedom for ALL! Religious School resumes on Sunday, January 10th and Hebrew School resumes on Wednesday, January 13th.

In January 2016 the confirmation class will go to New York January 22-24 and the 8th/9th grade will go to Birmingham on January 29-31 for a civil rights trip. Many exciting events are planned for the new year! Brotherhood Intergenerational Family Shabbat will be on Friday night, January 22nd featuring our Religious School Band & Choir. If your child would like to participate in the band or choir (beginners are welcome) there are two practices scheduled for January from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm on Sundays January 10th & 17th.

The donations for the Choice Foundation from Temple Sinai during the months of January and February are toiletries. Full sized and hotel sized toiletries are appreciated!

Adult Education continues in January 2016. Beginner Hebrew concludes on Wednesday night January 27th and the Chai Mitzvah January class will meet on Saturday morning January 16th for a discussion on interpersonal relationships. TempleSinaiNOLA is not only our amazing website, but also our presence on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Keep up with all of our synagogue news by following us on social media!
Sisterhood Co-Presidents Message
- Bonnie Aronson & Joan Tuchman

The Chanukah dinner was delightful and everyone who attended enjoyed the evening. Genie Dyer did a wonderful job with the decorations. The highlight was the blue and white M&M’s with Hebrew letters. Sharon Kirkpatrick was a big help with collecting the money at the door.

The Sisterhood Shabbat followed by a pot luck lunch will be on Saturday, January 23rd at 10:15 am. Please contact Judith Custer at judithrcuster@aol.com or 504-269-9228 if you wish to bring a dish. Members of Sisterhood will take part in the service. The featured speaker will be Lorraine Lake Williams who is a past National Board Member of the Women of Reform Judaism.

Brotherhood President’s Message
- Timothy J. Gold - Written by Matthew Glodowski

This past month, our congregation, along with Jews all over the world, celebrated Chanukah. According to legend, Chanukah commemorates the rededication of the Second Temple made possible by the Maccadan Generals. This inspired me to think of other miraculous events. On December 7, 2015, the Brotherhood hosted its annual lunch with the Cantor at Domenica. This year, we were pleased to share lunch with not one, but two Colmans! Miraculous indeed! The Cantor’s son, Josh, honored the group by speaking to us about his time as a “Lone Soldier” in the IDF. “Lone Soldiers”, for those of you who do not know, are citizens of countries other than Israel who choose to serve in the IDF, and do so without the comfort of immediate family or other relatives in Israel. They are an integral part of Israel’s Defense Forces and serve honorably in whichever unit they may choose to join. Josh, in particular, served in what he described as a “search and rescue unit.” His first-hand perspective on life in the barracks and life under regular mortar attacks was nothing short of amazing, and contributed greatly to my own understanding of Israel, and her ongoing battle for the security of her citizens and borders. Thank you Josh! Thank you Cantor for inspiring such a wonderful conversation. Thank you Temple Sinai Brotherhood for such a wonderful event.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Matthew Glodowski, Secretary.

Mazal Tov to our beloved Executive Director Emeritus Herbert Barton, who celebrated the 80th anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah during Shabbat on December 19th. We are so blessed to have him as a leader in our congregation.
In Memoriam

Temple Sinai extends sympathy to the mourning Family of:

Peggy Borisek
Jane Hall Ingraham
Mother of Julia Walker
Emily M. Kahn
Wife of Charles N. Kahn, Jr.
Norman Mopsik
Father of Lawrence Mopsik
Amelia Levy Senac

“May their memory be for a blessing”

Mazel Tov to......

Herbert Barton on the 80th anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah.


Susan Hess who served as a chair person at the Anti-Defamation League’s A.I. Botnick Torch of Liberty Award Dinner. Additional Temple Sinai members in attendance were William Goldring, Alan & Diane Franco, Rabbi Edward P. Cohn and Bill Hess.

Temple Sinai Calendar
January 2016/5776

**Week of January 1-2:**
1st: Shabbat Service 6:15 pm
2nd: Shabbat Service 10:15 am

**Week of January 3-9:**
3rd: NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
6th: NO HEBREW SCHOOL
8th: Shabbat Service 6:15 pm
9th: Shabbat Service 10:15 am

**Week of January 10-15:**
10th: Religious School
9:00 - 11:30 am
Intro to Judaism
9:00 - 10:15 am
13th: Hebrew School
4:00 - 5:30 pm
15th: Shabbat Service 6:15 pm
16th: Shabbat Service 10:15 am

**Week of January 17-23:**
17th: Religious School
9:00 - 11:30 am
Intro to Judaism
9:00 - 10:15 am
18th: Exec Meeting 6:00 pm
Board Meeting 7:15 pm
20th: Hebrew School
4:00 - 5:30 pm
22nd: Shabbat Service 6:15 pm
Brotherhood Intergenerational Family Shabbat
23rd: Shabbat Service 10:15 am
Sisterhood Shabbat

**Week of January 24-31:**
17th: Religious School
9:00 - 11:30 am
NO INTRO TO JUDAISM
27th: Hebrew School
4:00 - 5:30 pm
31st: Religious School

“The Book of Job” - “And You Think You’ve Got Problems?”

Temple Sinai will join St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church and St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church in a three part interfaith study on The Book of Job.

February 17, 24 & March 2
Dinner - 6:00 pm
Program - 6:30 - 7:30 pm
$8.00 per person per session

February 17 at St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church

February 24 at St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church

March 2nd at Temple Sinai

Temple Sinai wishes you a Happy New Year!

Sunday, March 13, 2016  6:00 pm
A once in lifetime musical event at Temple Sinai!

One of the opera world’s fastest rising stars, New Orleanian, Bryan Hymel, will appear in concert at Temple Sinai in the sanctuary. This appearance will follow his current operatic roles at the Washington National Opera, London’s Royal Opera House, Opéra National de Paris, and the Metropolitan Opera. As a special treat, he is coming in honor and tribute to the love he has shared with Rabbi Edward P. Cohn and Cantor Joel Colman, and the entire Temple Sinai family. Proceeds from this historic concert will be designated toward the Edward P. Cohn Rabbi Emeritus Chair and the Temple Sinai Cantor’s Music Fund.
January Birthdays

Alfred Abramson
Richard Adler
Nathan Africk
Arthur Axelrod
Alissa Bartkus
Jack Benjamin, Jr
Marc Bernstein
Simon Bitoun
Cheryl Bloomenstiel
Sarah Cahn
Jacob Cohen
Martin Covert
John Delamatre
Jill Dupre
Paige Edelman
Deborah Fallis
Maureen Fanberg
Joan Feibelman
S. Gene Fendler
Jean Feran
Alan Fisher
Alan Franco
Philip Frank, Jr.
James Fried
Frank Friedler, III
Jessica Friedman
Christopher Garrity
Robin Giarrusso
Kendra Glazer
Marc Glovinsky
Sheila Gold
Melissa Goldin
Irving Goldstein
Sue Hall
Jeffrey Hardin
Harvey Herstein
Jeffrey Hoffman
A. Keith Katz
Suzanne Koretzky
Lawrence Kornman
Terry Kronberger
Ian Landesman
Thomas Lemann
James LeNoir

January 1,2

Isidore Alaynick
Rebecca Aronson
Kobi Alaine Becker
Glady Levy Bernstein
Mervin S. Block
Stanley Cohen
Charles W. Frank Jr.
Frances G. Goldring
Joseph Greenberg
Amelia Greenwald
E. Jones Gutheim
Hannah Bloch Hausmann
Bernard Himan Hirsberg
Alphonse Hirsch
Ronald F. Katz
Sophie Wright Kerstein
Margot Levy
Morris H. Levy
Rosa Levy Levy
Retta Fisher Loeb
Leo M. Mervis
Perry Mexic
Audrey Horowitz Seltzer
Abraham Solomon
Leonard David Stone

January 8,9

Jeffrey Barnett Ampolsk
Max Antis
Herman M. Baginsky
Rachel G. Benjamin
Milton Berke
Fannie Durman Bograd
Saralyn Plantowsky Bronfin
Beatrice Davis
Bessie Clark Davis
Helen Dalrymple Dresner
Miriam Fendig Field
Werner Friedmann
Cora Steeg Goldberg
Henry Graeber
Jonas Hiller
Flora Okun Hirsberg
Soevah Sachs Jacobs
Naum Khaimsky
Ruby K. Levy
Leonard B. Levy
Emanuel Meyer
Lazar Max Murov
Walter C. Preston
Claire D. Sternberg Preston
Jacob Rabinowitz
Moise Schornstein, Jr
Faye Barton Sherman
Solomon “Sol” Shnaider
Aaron Steeg
Bessye Lieber Stern
Bertha Rosenthal Stern
Emma Annette Weinberger
Barbara Glazer Weinstein
August K. Worms
Samuel Zemurray, Jr.

January 15,16

Moise Alaynick
David Baar
Edith Levy Brenner
Stanley M. Bressler
Myron Burnstein
Lara Suzanne Deutsch
Stephen Goldring
Joseph M. Greenberg
Richard Godchaux Hirsch
Bessye F. Holberg
Mary Newstadt Hyman
Rose Lazard Israel
Raphael Rosenberg Jiedel
Ray Kahn
Elsie Landauer Kullman
Bernard J. Kullman,II
Freida Levine
Gus B. Levy
Rosalie Meyer Loeb
M. Waldo Mayer
David R. Miller
Ellis Mintz
Arthur G. Rosenbaum
Stanford H. Rosenthal
Herbert Bernard Rothschild
Everett Francis Rubenstein
Sara Alcus Schornstein
Marion Bergson Steeg
Jane Blumenthal Steiner
Manfred Sternberg, Sr.
Essie Forcheimer Strauss
Joseph Tausigg
Edith S. Weil
William Wolf Weiss
Louise Wolbrette Wolf
Sol Zelman

January 22,23

Theo Berkson
Nettie Brown Chaplin
Henry B. Elsas
Amalia Isaac Emshheimer
Ida Orkin Gamsu
Rose Mintz Goldstein
Ethere Landau Jacobs
Sara Kahn
Sadie Schwartz Kern
Bruce George Levy
Ethel Segal Mansfield
Sarah W. Marcuse
Hattie Weil Meyer
Lena Sternfelds Meyer
Isabella H. Moutte
Dotty Gold Nathan
Ariel B. Newman, Jr.
Bessie Blitz Rabinowitz
David H. Seeig
Herman Sina
Lillian Shiff Stein
Emile Weil
Helen Wolf
Robert Louis Yuspeh, Jr.

January 29,30

Irina Hirsch Ackerman
Ruby Shayan Blumenthal
Irvig B. Cohen
Joseph Dinkelspiel
Eva Forcheimer
Rachel Wassman Gelfius
Marvin L. Goldman
Therese R. Hausmann
Delphine Aron Hirsch
Sara Blum Klein
Ida Rittenberg Kohlmeyer
Mathias Levy
Jack London
Joseph Albert Miller
Theresa B. Montague
Harold Rubin
Anna Soboloff
Moise S. Steeg, Sr.
Melvin D. Steiner
Edmund F. Walker
Joseph D. Wein
Clarice G. Weinstein

January Yahrzeits

Alfred Abramson
Richard Adler
Nathan Africk
Arthur Axelrod
Alissa Bartkus
Jack Benjamin, Jr
Marc Bernstein
Simon Bitoun
Cheryl Bloomenstiel
Sarah Cahn
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Maureen Fanberg
Joan Feibelman
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Jean Feran
Alan Fisher
Alan Franco
Philip Frank, Jr.
James Fried
Frank Friedler, III
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Kendra Glazer
Marc Glovinsky
Sheila Gold
Melissa Goldin
Irving Goldstein
Sue Hall
Jeffrey Hardin
Harvey Herstein
Jeffrey Hoffman
A. Keith Katz
Suzanne Koretzky
Lawrence Kornman
Terry Kronberger
Ian Landesman
Thomas Lemann
James LeNoir

January Anniversaries

Michael & Jennifer Addvensky
Cory & Sarah Cahn
Scott & Leslie Jacobs
Lawrence & Mary Kornman
Pamela & Jack Lyles, Jr.
Robert & Nan MacMaster
Andrea & Robert Morris, III
Louis & CarolRipnner
Wesley & Danielle Rosenfeld
Alan & Joan Sheen
Michael Silvers & Jackie Brenner

“The departed whom we now remember have entered into the peace of life eternal. They still live on earth in acts of goodness they performed and in the hearts of those who cherish their memory. May the beauty of their life abide among us as a loving benediction.”
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Mrs. S. Herbert Hirsch
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Altar Flowers
December 4 & 5 – In loving memory of Lois Greif Canfield from Harrel Zivitz and family
December 18 & 19- In loving memory of Samuel Coronna Gainsburgh from Judith Gainsburgh and Amy Gainsburgh Haspel & John, Sean & Hillary Haspel
January 8 & 9 –In honor of Parrish Abramson becoming a Bar Mitzvah from Dr. Steven & Mathile Abramson; in loving memory of Bernard & Flora Hirsberg by Dr. & Mrs. Harris Hyman, III and
In loving memory of Saralyn Plantowsky Bronfin by Dr. Danny & Melanie Bronfin.
January 15 & 16 – In loving memory of Richard Godchaux Hirsch by Mrs. S. Herbert Hirsch and in loving memory of Stanley Bressler by Judy Bressler and Tamie, Lee, Rachel & Adam Bressler
January 29 & 30- In loving memory of Clarice Weinstein

Oneg Shabbat
January 8 - In honor of Parrish Abramson becoming a Bar Mitzvah from Dr. Steven & Mathile Abramson
Smiling Faces from the Jacobs Camp Sleepover

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