

## Report on Temple Sinai Objectives – June 2009

### **TORAH: Engaging in life-long Jewish learning in community**

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
Create a comprehensive “Jewish learning content map” that sets goals for adult learning.	Report to Board, April 2009	Not complete. On Adult Learning Committee agenda.
Recruit and train 6-12 Temple Sinai members to write their own <i>D'verei Torah</i> for <i>Shabbat</i> services, committee meetings, and congregational publications and e-mails	Training complete by February, 2009; 6 member <i>D'verei Torah</i> delivered by June, 2009	Some <i>D'verei Torah</i> done for <i>Shabbat</i> services and Sinai Updates. Work still needed to be done to embed this as part of Temple culture.
Convene a new committee to examine our Outreach/Interfaith learning classes and needs of interfaith families	Committee established by November, 2008; charter and plan developed by June, 2009	To be completed.
Institute regular scholar-in-residence <i>Shabbaton</i> programs, beyond the one-evening Cohon lecture, with leading Jewish scholars, as regular part of the culture and budget of Temple Sinai	Target Date Fall 2009	Could be part of 70th Anniversary celebration; economy and budget may affect timing.
Institutionalize a 3-year cycle for Adult <i>B'nai Mitzvah</i> study	Target September 2011	Initial interest in next class being expressed.

### **G'MILUT CHASADIM/TIKKUN OLAM: Working in community to bring justice, caring and healing to our world**

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
Evaluate opportunities for a Temple Sinai major project i.e. Soup kitchen, emergency shelter or health clinic	Report to board May 2009	No action as of now. Social Action Committee will address longer-term plans by Fall 2009.
Integrate existing Tikkun Olam activities of religious school and the broader congregation	2 integrated activities occur by June 2009	Not completed.
Publicize on a least an annual basis community Tikkun Olam activities	Report issued to Congregation July 2009	Reports by all committees and will be available at annual meeting
Provide Training for CPR and recycling program	Establish Recycling Program and schedule CPR Training by September 2008	CPR class was held and recycling program is in place.
Explore effective way to develop relationships with African-American and Muslim Communities	Report to Board by June 2009	Two meetings with Muslim community were held with great success. Plans for further collaboration under discussion. No plans yet on developing relationships with African American community.

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### **AVODAH: Seeking holiness in community through Jewish ritual and prayer**

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Assess the success of our “Shabbat @ Six!” monthly services and of the initiative for Temple Sinai members to celebrate Shabbat dinner	Report to Board January, 2009	These are vibrant, well-attended services. However, they are arguably less successful this year than initially. Not clear that they are attracting families with school age children. Not clear that the goal of having people get together for Shabbat dinner is happening.
Create a regular Shabbat morning service at which as many as 20 regular Temple Sinai members actively participate with various leadership roles such as, a) Torah chanting, b) writing and delivering D’vrei Torah, c) lead parts of the liturgy, etc.	Hold 4 services by June, 2009, not including Bar/Bat Mitzvahs	There will have been six of these. At least 20 people at each. All the proposed modes of active participation by members have been present.
Establish a “Shabbat morning task force” to investigate integrating a Shabbat morning congregational service with the service that honors Bar/Bat Mitzvah students, consistent with a recent national URJ initiative	Visit 3 synagogues to observe Shabbat morning services; task force will have met and drafted plan by June, 2009	Topics have been discussed at the MPR committee but there is no functional task force at the present time.
Facilitate members’ ability to sing new melodies at services through: a) recording and distributing a CD of frequently used melodies, b) teaching melodies during services and at a Sunday morning music class, and other methods	CD produced by Sept., 2008; class on melodies offered fall-winter 2008-09	In Spring ’09 the CD was distributed to the congregation.
Assess our congregation’s use of instruments during Erev Shabbat services and consider alternatives	Report to Board by March, 2009	No action
Establish a Children’s Choir through the religious school, which might perform during Erev Shabbat services	Two performances by June, 2009	Yes, this has happened...and we have even heard them at services in spite of the best efforts of the winter’s snows. A clearly successful venture.
Enhance our celebration of Rosh Hashanah with a brief afternoon “Tashlich” ceremony for all ages, during which we can "cast away" our sins as we begin the new year.	Ceremony occurs Fall 2008	This took place and was generally well received by those who were there. Some questions exist about the best way to do this (timing, etc) but it will continue.
Consider upgrading the use of technology in the Sanctuary with new microphone and sound system, webcast video technology, etc.		Incremental upgrades connected with the new lecterns.
Invite members to participate in a 2nd day Rosh Hashanah hike or nature walk with Shofar blowing, led by rabbi and cantor		Will happen in Fall 2009
Evaluate our holiday services for Pesach, Sukkot and Shavu’ot and the attendance at Yizkor services		Yes, that would be a good idea.
Convene an ad hoc committee that examines the use and configuration of our Sanctuary space at Temple Sinai in all its aspects, considering how it fits all our needs as a congregation.		Not yet

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***K'HILLAH SHEL HESED: Being a caring community that is inclusive and welcomes all who seek Jewish life***

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
Disability Awareness Assessment	Report to Board on options for assessment by January 2009.	Contacted SCM for information. JFCS presenting on subject to the Board in June 2009 with an eye toward helping us build our awareness over the next year.
Institutionalize welcoming new members	Develop member welcome process; report to Board, November 2008	Need to continue conversations and follow through on issues. I believe additional people are needed to help on this committee. May work to contact Heidi for ideas on new families to work with Ellen on this.
Create member nametags	In regular use by September 2008	Done! Evaluation on-going.
Temple By-Laws	Recommendations to Board by December 2009	Chair is Glenn Kaplan. Update on amendment process given to the Board 6/4. Target date for completion moved to June 2010.
Shabbat Dinners	Recommendation by March 2009	Work in progress. Lots of variables here, e.g., Congregation vs school.  Pot-luck vs 'nice' (inclusion vs cost). Formal evaluation needed.
Support Network for Elderly	Ongoing development	Some elders are being “matched” with people. This is ongoing and building involving phone calls and visit.  We reach out as a board making calls to members during the high holidays and Passover. Also, at Purim, gift bags are sent out. Good time to check in with members to see if anyone needs anything. I think it makes sense to let the callers know that if any thing comes up to inform appropriate people.
Hire part-time youth educator	Staff in place by July 1, 2008	Completed twice!