With Our Own Hands:

The CBST Torah Project

Opening Ceremony

Please join us on Tuesday, December 8th at 7pm at Bethune Street for a very special evening as we officially embark on the journey of writing CBST's new Torah.

בראשית Genesis/In the Beginning

Soferet (scribe) Rabbi Linda Motzkin will explain the craft, methods and materials of traditional Jewish scribal arts and the making of a Torah. Be a part of this once-in-a-lifetime project from the very beginning. Join us to learn the details of the scribal process and to learn about our year of studying and creating CBST's new Torah with our own hands.

This program is free and open to all members of the CBST community.

Rabbi Motzkin is trained as a *soferet* – a scribe. For Purim 5767 (2007), she completed the writing of *megilat esther* – a scroll of Esther – for Temple Sinai. She is currently writing a Torah scroll and leading the Community Torah Project, a long term undertaking designed to involve the hands-on participation of individuals and groups in various steps in the process of making a Torah scroll, from the processing of deerskins into parchment panels to the proofreading of the completed text.

Rabbi Motzkin and her husband Jonathan Rubenstein have been co-rabbis of Temple Sinai in Saratoga Springs since 1986. She also is the author of the four-volume Union for Reform Judaism's adult Hebrew curriculum and serves part time as the Jewish chaplain at Skidmore College.

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