



TIDINGS OF ZION



Nisan/Iyar 5775

MT. ZION CONGREGATION, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

April 2015



from Student Rabbi Cohen...

*“Standing on the parted shores of history,
we still believe what we were taught
before ever we stood at Sinai:*

*that wherever we are, it is eternally Egypt
that there is a better place, a Promised Land;
that the winding way to that promise passes
through the wilderness*

*that there is no way to get from here to there
except by joining hands, marching
together” (Mishkan T’filah: A Reform Siddur, 73).*

The Passover seder commands each of us stating that, «In every generation one must see himself as if she came out of Egypt.” In order to reenact the journey from bondage to redemption, we are required to partake in symbolic rituals. For example, the dipping of a vegetable into salt water resembles the tears of our bondage in Egypt. We are commanded to feel how our ancestors felt as a way to fathom both their struggles and their joys.

The passage above from Mishkan T’filah is commonly recited before our prayer Mi Chamocha. It too enables us to see the present day as though it were the past and realize that the oppression of long ago is not foreign from the oppression of today. It is up to us to remember this—not only during Passover—but everyday of our lives. It is us who are called to stand up for justice, for our neighbors and for ourselves. Just like the sea before the Israelites, whatever challenges or struggles lie before us, we must join hands and march through them together. And during those times when it seems that no one may be with us on the journey, remember, God is always by our side.

Looking forward to retelling our Passover story from bondage to redemption on Friday, April 3rd!

*B’shalom,
Student Rabbi Alli Cohen*

Mt. Zion Book Group

Anyone interested in joining us in reading and discussing our next book selection is more than welcome!

We will be reading The Promise of a Pencil: How an Ordinary Person Can Create Extraordinary Change by Adam Braun. “Adam Braun began working summers at hedge funds when he was just sixteen years old, sprinting down the path to a successful Wall Street career.” (As a young 20-something...) “while traveling he met a young boy begging on the streets of India, who after being asked what he wanted most in the world, simply answered, ‘A pencil.’ This small request led to a staggering series of events that took Braun backpacking through dozens of countries before eventually leaving a prestigious job to found *Pencils of Promise*, the organization he started with just \$25 that has since built more than 200 schools around the world.”

In explaining his underlying motivation for his philanthropy, Adam clearly credits his Jewish roots, tikkun olam, his Grandmother’s surviving the Holocaust and the overall encouragement of his family and the philanthropic example set by his parents. This is a quick, enjoyable, and inspirational read.

Available now in paperback and Kindle versions!

Plan to join us at 12 noon on Saturday, May 9th for a brown-bag-bring-your-own-lunch and discussion. Also, please bring your suggestions for our next book choice, with discussion to take place late next fall.

Questions or comments? Be in touch!

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davidaronson@iw.net

Matilda Oppenheimer (605-332-8404)

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Attention Mt. Zion Congregation Members,

There are just a few of us who conduct services when there is no Student Rabbi present. This is a wonderful opportunity to keep our community vibrant and active, and we would welcome others to participate in this commitment to our Congregation. If you know of someone who has the ability to conduct services, encourage them. If YOU are able and willing to share the honor of leading services in English or using Hebrew, please contact me at davidaronson@iw.net or 605-957-5223. I would be glad to help anyone who is willing to step up to this responsibility. We take great pride in our ability to provide for our own needs. Please contact me. Thank you all in advance for participating in this way.

David Aronson, Ritual Coordinator

Remember birthdays, anniversaries, yahrzeits, memorials.

Please send your
donations to:

Mt. Zion Temple
PO Box 756

Sioux Falls, SD 57101



from the Congregation President...

This month we will be celebrating Pesach – Passover - with our annual Mt Zion Jewish Community Seder, Friday, April 3, at 6:00 pm. Deb Hicks and Matilda Oppenheimer have graciously agreed to chair the event.

We Jews are commanded in Exodus 12:14-17 as follows:

And this day shall become a memorial for you, and you shall observe it as a festival for the Lord, for your generations, as an eternal decree shall you observe it. For seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, but on the first day you shall remove the leaven from your homes ... you shall guard the unleavened bread, because on this very day I will take you out of the land of Egypt; you shall observe this day for your generations as an eternal decree.

Every year, on the 15th day of Nissan, we recount at our annual Seder how with a strong hand and an outstretched arm, God liberated us from bondage in Egypt. In modern times, some people may be tempted to say or think that such a ritualistic meal is antiquated or that it has little relevance to the lives that we lead today. From my point of view, I would ask that such a belief be re-evaluated. The Passover Seder gives all of us an opportunity to put ourselves in the shoes (sandals?) of our ancestors who struggled mightily under oppression until God's messengers, Moses and Aaron, came to Egypt to insist upon freedom for the Jews from slavery. The Seder gives each of us the opportunity to re-affirm our gratitude to God for that liberation as well as for the Torah and mitzvot that guide our lives. We also have an opportunity to realize how much we may take for granted the blessings and privileges of freedom. May our voices join together in the recounting of the story of the Exodus from Egypt and to the one God to whom we owe much.

B'shalom,
Bernice

APRIL CALENDAR

3	Pesach Seder with Student Rabbi Cohen
4	Pesach
10	Service at 7:30 pm – 7th Day of Pesach
11	8th Day of Pesach
16	Yom Hazikaron Lashoah – Holocaust Remembrance Day
17	Service at 7:30 pm with Student Rabbi Cohen
20	Rosh Chodesh Iyar
22	Yom Hazikaron – Israel Remembrance Day
23	Israel Independence Day
24	Service at 7:30 pm

MAY CALENDAR

1	Service at 7:30 and Potluck Dinner at 6:00 pm
7	Lag Ba-Omer
8	No Service
9	Mt. Zion Book Group at noon in the Temple Social Hall
10	Mother's Day
15	Service at 7:30 pm
17	Yom Yerushalayim – Jerusalem Day
19	Rosh Chodesh Sivan
22	No Service
24	First Day of Shavuot
25	Memorial Day
29	Service at 7:30 pm

Join Us at the Table!

March's potluck dinner was a HUGE success. Everyone there said it was great to get together and share a Shabbat meal. The next Shabbat potluck dinner is May 1st at 6:00 pm. (The first Friday in April is the Pesach Seder!) We hope to see even more of our community there. Just bring a dish and join us.



This dinner is open to all families of the congregation. This dinner will occur every first Friday of the month whether the Student Rabbi is in town or not.

The dinner will conclude before services. Attendees are not required to go to services following the dinner but are certainly welcome to do so. Please put this on your calendar and join us.

For more information, contact Stephen Rosenthal at rosenthal.stephen@gmail.com or call 376-5189.



(February 10 - March 9, 2015)

Please send all Temple contributions to:
PO Box 756, Sioux Falls, SD 57101

GENERAL FUND

To Mount Zion Congregation from Faith Family Church, Sioux Falls

In appreciation of Torah Study from Rosie & Mike Mace

With Sympathy for the passing of Myra Davis to Royce Hansman and Family from Mark, Matilda, Erika & Josh Oppenheimer

SISTERHOOD

To Sisterhood from Cathy Ezrailson

A Note from the Treasurer

Dear Mount Zion Members and Friends,

Our current fiscal year ends on May 31st. If you still have unpaid dues, please try to send in your payment before the end of May.

In May, the Finance Committee will be preparing our budget for the next fiscal year which runs from June 1, 2015 through May 31, 2016. If you anticipate a significant increase or decrease in your financial support of the Temple for the coming year, please let me know. Your personal information will be held in confidence, but having a realistic idea of what we can expect to collect in dues and donations (effectively, our operating income) is critical to formulating a realistic budget.

We have many fixed expenses (building maintenance, utilities, program expenses, student rabbi's salary and expenses, to name a few). Our board makes every effort to manage the community's funds conservatively and responsibly. We welcome your input.

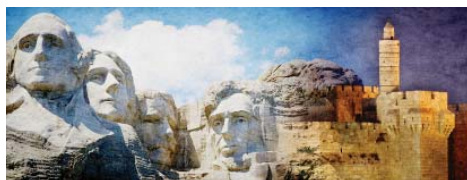
Sincerely,
Matilda Oppenheimer, Treasurer



PLANT A TREE FOR TU B'SHEVAT!

Reforest Israel by planting trees in Israel through JNF, the Jewish National Fund. The price of one tree is \$18.

To purchase a tree, contact **MARGO OLSON** at 371-2020 or email her at molson1226@hotmail.com



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PASSOVER SEDER

Friday, April 3rd 2015 at 6:00 pm



Help Wanted!!!

We are looking forward to sharing our celebration of the Passover Seder with Student Rabbi Alli Cohen and all of you!

How can you help to make this event successful and memorable for our community? So kind of you to ask...there are lots of opportunities...

1) If you have not yet made your reservation, please do so IMMEDIATELY!!!! Payment and RSVP should be delivered to Deb Hicks. If you can't ensure their delivery before Friday, April 3rd, please e-mail Deb (djph@sio.midco.net) so that your name is on our list, a place can be set for you and we can expect your payment at the door.

2) Please bring a Kosher-for-Passover dessert to share after the meal. "Kosher-for-Passover" macaroons and cake mixes are available for purchase at some HyVee locations. You can find recipes for Passover desserts on-line. Or, bring some fresh fruit or nuts!

3) Help us with set-up! We are looking for volunteers to help set-up tables & chairs and prep some of our food (e.g. charoses/hard-boiled eggs) and assist with other last-minute details on Friday morning, April 3rd. Plan to arrive at Temple around 9am. We anticipate finishing up between 1-2pm....perhaps, sooner if we have enough participants! If you cannot arrive early or stay until the end, come when you can and stay as long as you can. If you are looking to come after 12pm, call us at Temple (338-5454) to be sure we are still working!

4) Help us with clean-up! We are hiring helpers to serve the dinner and straighten the kitchen, but if you can plan to stay after the Seder to help us put away tables/chairs, remove debris, vacuum and do other after-the-party necessary tasks, we are most appreciative.

Please let one of us know if you are planning to volunteer some of your time and energy on April 3rd. Also, please contact us with any questions or concerns about the Seder.

Thank you!

Deb Hicks (Home: 362-9360) and Matilda Oppenheimer (Home: 332-8404)
Passover Seder Coordinators

Visiting Groups to the Temple

Our congregation is served by a Student Rabbi who is available a limited number of weekends from September through May. We encourage your scheduling your Friday evening worship services visit only when the Student Rabbi is in residence. For Friday evening visits and/or in cases where other scheduling arrangements are needed, please call or e-mail the President of the congregation who will assist you with scheduling.

**Hosts for Student
Rabbi Allison
Cohen's
Friday and Saturday
meals are needed.**

Please contact Marty Davidsohn at martydavidsohn@gmail.com or 254-8434 and get your favorite date.

STUDENT RABBI ALLI COHEN'S 2015 SCHEDULE

**APR 3-5
(PESACH SEDER -
APRIL 3)**

APR 17-19

TIDINGS DEADLINE IS APRIL 10th

Remember to submit articles appropriate for the *May Tidings*. To submit articles, you may email them to: carol@theprintersinc.com

OR mail them to:
510 S. 1st Ave.
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

KOSHER CUISINE

..... FOR A NEW GENERATION



FRESH, SIMPLE, ENTERTAINING!

Kosher Cooking Demo with Chef/Cantor Mitch Coming to Mt. Zion

**Sunday, April 19th
12:30 - 2:00 pm
Mt. Zion Temple Kitchen**

**Coffee and cookies + taste treats
that Cantor Mitch will prepare in
his demos.**

*He will have copies of his books, *Jewish Cuisine*, with him, which he will autograph if desired. He can accept cash or checks (not credit cards).*

THE SINGING CHEF INTRODUCES KOSHER CUISINE TO A NEW GENERATION

Cantor Mitch makes kosher cooking fresh, simple, and entertaining with song and recipe pairings

It's time to put the chutzpa back in your cooking! Whether you are looking for soups, salads, or Bubbie's favorite recipes, readers will find variety in this one-of-a-kind cookbook. Author Cantor Mitch Kowitz makes cooking kosher fun, quick and entertaining. In addition to his skills in the kitchen, he is a cantor in the Twin Cities area and a musical performer. As a self-taught chef, he has entertained at dinner parties, weddings, and various events around the world. Through this cookbook he can bring kosher cuisine to anyone's kitchen.

Kosher Cuisine For A New Generation not only includes traditional Jewish recipes such as Tzimmes, Matzah Brei, and Potato Pancakes, Cantor Mitch also includes recipes not known for their kosher appeal.

Some of his recipes include:

- Vegetarian Egg Rolls
- Sweet & Sour Meatballs
- Spanish Chicken

With more than 75 recipes to choose from this kosher cookbook is sure to delight even the most discriminating member of your family!

About Cantor Mitch:

Cantor Mitchell Kowitz is a cantor with an exuberant zest for life and a tantalizing sizzle in his eye. He is a lover of great food and music. His life is a recipe of spirituality, music, friends, family, and tantalizing feasts. Mitch resides in St. Paul, Minnesota. For more information go to www.CantorMitch.com

Please Join Us!



Shabbat
Potluck Dinner

Friday, May 1, 2015
6:00 pm

Bring a dish to share!

Join us for Shabbat Services at 7:30 pm if you'd like!

Mark Your Calendar: First Friday of every month

Questions? mtzioncongregation@gmail.com

Save these dates: June 5th and July 3rd

Temple Facebook page! “Like” Us!



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Mt. Zion Congregation - April 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 (Nisan 15) 7:38 pm 6:00 pm PASSOVER SEDER STUDENT RABBI COHEN Torah: Exod 12:37-42, 13:3-10 Haftarah: Isaiah 43:1-15	4 1st Day of PASSOVER 10 am Torah Study
5	6	7	8 Mark Oppenheimer Bday	9	10 (Nisan 22) 7:46 pm 7:30 pm Shabbat Service Torah: Sh'mini I Lev 9:1-10:11 Haftarah: II Samuel 6:1-23 TIDINGS DEADLINE	11 10 am Torah Study
12 Temple Board Meeting 10 am - Social Hall	13	14	15	16 Holocaust Remembrance Day	17 (Nisan 29) 7:54 pm 7:30 pm Shabbat Service STUDENT RABBI COHEN Torah: Sh'mini II Lev 10:12-11:47 Haftarah: II Samuel 7:1-17	18 10 am Torah Study
19	20 Rosh Chodesh Iyar	21	22 Yom Hazikaron - Israel Remembrance Day	23 Yom Ha'azmaut - Israel Independence Day	24 (Iyar 6) 8:03 pm 7:30 pm Shabbat Service Torah: Tazria-M'tzora Lev 12:1-15:33 Haftarah: II Kings 7:3-20	25 10 am Torah Study
26	27	28	29 Bob Mendelsohn Bday	30	1 (Iyar 13) 8:11 pm 6:00 pm Potluck Dinner 7:30 pm Shabbat Service Torah: Acharei Mot-K'doshim Lev 16:1-20:27 Haftarah: Amos 9:7-15	2 10 am Torah Study

A reminder that proper attire should be worn when participating in services at Mt. Zion Temple. Your cooperation with this matter is greatly appreciated.



Yahrzeits

All Yahrzeits that are observed Sunday through Saturday are read the Friday of that same week. If a Yahrzeit is not listed or you need information concerning Yahrzeits, please call Jan Forstein at 332-3354. A Yahrzeit card and envelope will be sent to you to notify you of upcoming Yahrzeits. (If you do not receive your notification, please contact Jan.) Also included with the notification card is a donor envelope if you wish to make a donation to the Temple in memory of your loved one.

April 3rd

Louis Kuh
Bernice Pitts

April 10th

Julius Oppenheimer
Tony Steinberg
Aaron Glazer
Dorothy Mosow Hurwitz
Alexander Hurwitz
Edith Borshevsky

April 17th

Lote Rosenbaum Pecheny
Simon Bleichfeld
Mathilda Schroetter Bleichfeld
Henrietta Davis
Jean Perkins

April 24th

Clara Greenstein Kuh
Sarah Forstein
Etta Margulies
Nathan Koplou
Enid Gail Magidson
Sam Robinson
Anna Horwitz
Louis A. Horwitz
Frank Winner

May 1st

Louis R. "Duke" Hurwitz
Elsa Oppenheimer
Max Swedelson
Arthur Greenbaum



Mt. Zion Temple Passover Seder

Seder will be led by Student Rabbi Allison Cohen

Friday, April 3, 2015

6:00 p.m. • Mt. Zion Temple

Cost: \$15.00 (Adult Temple members); \$25.00 (Non-Temple members);
\$10.00 per youth (6-18 years old and college students); 5 and under free

Payment should be sent to: **Mt. Zion Passover Seder,**
c/o Deb Hicks, 6200 W. 58th Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57106.

Reservations and payment DUE NOW please.

Contact Deb (362-9360 or djph@midco.net) or
Matilda (332-8404 or mejoppen@sio.midco.net) with questions.

2015 Mt. Zion Passover Seder Reservation Form

Reservations and pre-payment are requested.

Include form **WITH YOUR CHECK** and send to
Mt. Zion Passover Seder, c/o Deb Hicks, 6200 W. 58th St., Sioux Falls, SD 57106.

Name: _____

of Adult Members @\$15 each: _____

of Non-members @\$25 each: _____

6-18 years old and college students @\$10 each: _____

5 and under (free): _____

DONATIONS GLADLY ACCEPTED AND APPRECIATED: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

RSVP TODAY!! Call 362-9360 or 332-8404 with any questions.