



TIDINGS OF ZION



Nisan/Iyar 5777

MT. ZION CONGREGATION, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

April 2017



from the Congregation President...

Arab, Jewish Israeli youth leaders to teach Syrian kids in Greece

Hashomer Hatzair and Ajyal raised enough money from fellow Israelis to work with refugees on Lesbos island for three and a half months.

Educators and counselors from Jewish Israeli youth movement Hashomer Hatzair and the Arab Israeli youth movement Ajyal soon will embark on a joint voluntary mission to set up a community center and school for children who arrived on the Greek island of Lesbos in the current refugee crisis.

The first delegation of two from each movement, plus coordinator Yair Leibel from Hashomer Hatzair, expects to leave Israel February 19 and stay for three weeks. The second delegation will be accompanied by Rnin Kahil, the Ajyal coordinator.

Members and leaders of the two youth movements have been meeting periodically for almost a decade, usually for informal dialogues.



“The problem is that after we sit and talk, we go our separate ways,” Leibel tells ISRAEL21c. “In one of our last meetings the Syrian situation arose ... and there was the thought to do something together to help people who are suffering in a nation in our area, even though Syria is considered an enemy country to Israel.”

Kahil tells ISRAEL21c that the goal is to establish a community center that will function as a school in the mornings where the volunteers from Israel will teach math, Arabic, English and general subjects, and as a center for informal activities in the afternoons.

Though the numbers change as refugees move off Lesbos in search of more permanent accommodations, the island shelters about 3,500 refugees at any given time, and many are 18 or younger.

“We are two educational movements and we know how to work with youth,” says Leibel, 28.

Individual Israelis donated ₪200,000 (about \$53,000) through a crowdfunding campaign to cover all the costs of the mission for three and a half months. Leibel hopes to raise another ₪50,000 to extend it to five months or even more. “The Israeli public really wants this project to succeed,” says Leibel.

The suffering in Syria over the past few years of civil war, and especially in the last year, has resulted in an outpouring of grassroots and governmental Israeli goodwill.

Youth groups and private citizens have collected money and supplies to be sent through Israeli nonprofit organizations, sometimes at great risk. The Israeli military has organized the transfer of some 2,500 wounded Syrians for treatment in Israeli hospitals since February 2013. The government plans to accept up to 100 Syrian orphans as well as more casualties from Aleppo.

A group of Jewish and Arab restaurateurs recently donated all proceeds from sales of Syrian-inspired dishes over a two-week period to the Karam Foundation for assisting refugees.

Several NGOs, including IsraAID and Natan International Humanitarian Aid, have volunteers in Greece, Serbia and other parts of Europe to tend the physical and emotional wounds of the thousands of refugees fleeing Syria.

Natan’s field coordinator in Lesbos, Einav Levy, and his staff will oversee the Hashomer Hatzair and Ajyal volunteers, providing orientation, support and guidance for the community center project.

“We work with a Swiss organization there that will help us find a place for the center,” says Naama Shilo, COO of Natan. “Each delegation will have two and two and later three and three from each youth movement, and they’ll join our assessment and evaluation station in Lesbos.”

Leibel says a secondary goal of the humanitarian mission is to foster a deeper sense of fellowship among the participants from the two youth movements through working and staying together in Lesbos.

Kahil, who lives in Ramla, a city with a mixed population of Israeli Jews, Arabs and Christians, says she is excited about that possibility. “We hope the connection they make will continue for later on and leads to building other programs and projects together.”

April 3rd: Deadline to send your RSVP and payment to reserve your place(s) at the Mt. Zion Community Passover Seder. Mail to Elisa Lewis.

April 9th: Approx 10 am (or at conclusion of earlier meeting) Set-up Social Hall for the Passover Seder. Contact Stuart Jacobs at stuljacobs@gmail.com to volunteer your help.

April 10th: approx 9 am - approx 12 noon Preparations for Passover Seder Contact Stuart Jacobs at stuljacobs@gmail.com to volunteer your help.



Help support the extraordinary works of Hadassah with a card or certificate! Contact Cards & Certificates Chair Carol Rosenthal if you'd like to make a donation. There's a card or certificate in every price range and for every occasion!!

A certificate was sent out to Stephanie Wood from DaNiel Wood in honor of her recent promotion at Wells Fargo

A certificate was sent to Amy Barnum in honor of her friendship from Gail Klein

Do a Mitzvah!

Most Friday afternoons (3:30 pm - approx 5:30 pm), volunteers are needed to assist with Faith Temple Church's food distribution at the Sioux Empire Fairgrounds. On the THIRD Friday of every month....anyone interested in helping with the Food Giveaway is invited to meet in the Mt. Zion Temple parking lot at 2:30 pm to carpool over to the Fairgrounds. Please note that you are welcome to help with the Food Giveaway on any Friday that it is held and you are free to drive over on your own even on these third Fridays. But for those interested in driving over together, this option is being offered.

Mt. Zion Speakers' Bureau Looking for interested members

The Temple frequently receives calls from community groups looking for speakers and/or panelists to participate in various interfaith/diversity events. Should we establish a "Speakers Bureau" with a list of Mt. Zion community members who are willing to represent us when these calls come? If you are interested in joining a Temple Speakers' Bureau, please notify Matilda.

SPECIAL EVENTS/MEETINGS MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

April 9th at 9 am: Special meeting with Captain Mike Walsh of the Minnehaha Sheriff's Office and a Police Captain from the Sioux Falls Police Department. We will meet in the Social Hall to discuss security issues and concerns and learn about some of the resources and services offered by local law enforcement agencies. All interested ADULT members and friends of Mt. Zion Temple are invited to attend.

April 21st at 7:30 pm: Shabbat Services and Yom Ha'Shoah Memorial Service led by Student Rabbi Joseph Rosen. Joseph's Rabbinic Mentor will be joining us for this service.

Monday, June 5th: Save the date for a meeting concerning the Mt. Zion Cemetery Association. More details to follow. Share what has been done at the cemetery, solicit ideas for the future of the cemetery. Open to all who are interested.

Save the Date: Annual Temple Membership Meeting and Election of Officers on Wednesday, June 14th at 7pm

Southeast Technical Institute (STI) Diversity Fair

Wednesday, April 26th

10 am - 2 pm

Open to STI students

STI Campus, Mickelson Center

The Temple needs one or two people for an information booth; Options: may bring pamphlets or books; no elaborate display required; booth staff will make themselves available for informal chats with students as they drift by.

Lunch will be provided.

Matilda is willing to work the booth along with 1 or 2 other volunteers. Please try to let me know ASAP if you are interested in doing this.



DONATIONS

(February 10 - March 9, 2017)

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

GENERAL FUND

In memory of David Jacobson from
Shelly & Jay Rosenberg; Ross
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To the Congregation for the Tu
B'Shevat Seder from Mark & Matilda
Oppenheimer

**Remember birthdays,
anniversaries, yahrzeits,
memorials. Please send
your donations to:
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Egg Cartons needed!

The Food Give Away needs egg
cartons. If you can bring them to
the Temple, please leave them on
the table in the library.

**TIDINGS
DEADLINE:
APRIL 10th**

Remember to submit articles
appropriate
for the *May Tidings*.

To submit articles, email them to:
carol@theprintersinc.com



SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP

*Remember to shop at the
Sisterhood Gift Shop!*

Matilda Oppenheimer (332-8404)
and Judy Lampert (339-3170)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do a mitzvah for the community - Be part of the solution

Please note that we are in need of leaders for Friday night Shabbat Services when there is no Student Rabbi in town. There are several community members who are happy to assist you with preparing and/or leading the services.

Prayers/readings/songs may be led in English or Hebrew at the service leader's prerogative. There are still openings in May and this summer (see schedule below). Please contact Jan Forstein, Ritual Committee to volunteer at bityah01@aol.com or leave her a message at 332-3354.

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 email the President of the congregation who will assist you with scheduling.

Mt. Zion Cemetery Update

If anyone would like updates on the Mt. Zion Temple Cemetery and its Cemetery Association (which is currently being re-organized), please contact: Susan Hurwitz susanhurwitz1@gmail.com. Susan, Nancy and Chuck Hurwitz are the children of the late Duke and Dorothy Hurwitz. They are in the process of setting up a perpetual fund for maintenance and ongoing administration of the cemetery. They very much want to hear from anyone/everyone with an interest in the Cemetery.

SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 5th FOR AN UPDATE ON THE CEMETERY



**SHABBAT
POTLUCK
DINNER ON
FRIDAY, APRIL 7**

Mt. Zion Temple Passover Seder

Seder will be led by Student Rabbi Joseph Rosen

Monday, April 10, 2017

6:00 p.m. • Mt. Zion Temple

Cost: \$20.00 (Adult Temple members); \$35.00 (Non-Temple members);
\$15.00 (college students); \$10.00 (6-18 years old); No charge under 6 years of age

Please bring a Kosher for Passover dessert to share!

Payment should be sent to: **Mt. Zion Passover Seder,**
c/o Elisa Lewis, 820 S. Willow Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57104.

Reservations and payment by Monday, April 3, 2017

Contact Elisa Lewis (651-2620 or bagelgrl16@aol.com) with questions or to volunteer.

2017 Mt. Zion Passover Seder Reservation Form

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College Students @\$15 each: _____

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Under 6 years of age (free): _____

DONATIONS GLADLY ACCEPTED AND APPRECIATED: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

RSVP BY MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2017.

Call 651-2620 or email or bagelgrl16@aol.com with any questions.

The Temple is on Facebook and has a website!



Check it out and "Like" us today!!



Join Us at the Table!



Our potluck dinners have been a HUGE success. Everyone who comes says they are great and it's really wonderful to get together and share a Shabbat meal. **The next Shabbat potluck dinner is April 7th at 6:00 pm. Save May 5th for the one after this month's.** 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 the Temple at 338-5454.

STUDENT RABBI JOSEPH ROSEN'S SCHEDULE 2017

April 7-11:
Passover Seder on Monday, April 10th

April 21 - 23

May 12 - 14

Oneg Shabbat Hosts Needed: Please Volunteer

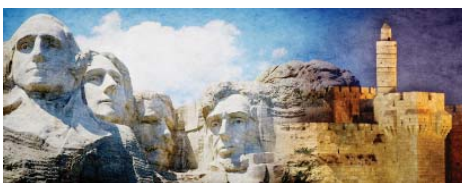
I would like to ask for volunteers for Onegs for this winter. Please let me know if you are willing to help out.

I prefer email (Cathy.Ezrailson@usd.edu) but my cell is 281-773-5458.

*Thank you so much,
Cathy Ezrailson*

Hosts for Student Rabbi Joseph Rosen's Friday and Saturday meals are needed.

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



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www.facebook.com/SD4Israel



PLANT A TREE IN ISRAEL!

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

To purchase a tree, contact **SHELLY ROSENBERG** at 513-226-8651 or email her at shellyrosenberg1pa@gmail.com



Potluck Dinner

Friday, April 7, 2017 at 6:00 pm

Friday, May 5, 2017 at 6:00 pm

Friday, June 2, 2017 at 6:00 pm

Friday, July 7, 2017 at 6:00 pm



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Mt. Zion Congregation - April 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> <p>PASSOVER SEDER TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 10TH</p> </div>		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> <p>A reminder that proper attire should be worn when participating in services at Mt. Zion Temple. Your cooperation with this matter is greatly appreciated.</p> </div>		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> <p>SAVE THE DATE Annual Temple Membership Meeting and Election of Officers Wednesday, June 14th at 7pm</p> </div>		<p>1 10 am Torah Study</p>
<p>2 Religious School 10 am</p>	<p>3 RSVP deadline for Passover Seder</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 (Nisan 12) 7:43 pm 6:00 pm Family Potluck Dinner 7:30 pm Shabbat Service <i>Student Rabbi Rosen</i> Tzav, Lev. 6:1-8:36 Haftarah: Malachi 3:4-24 Food Giveaway: 3:30 - 5 pm</p>	<p>8 10 am Torah Study Adult Ed 6:30 pm Mark Oppenheimer Bday</p>
<p>9 Religious School 10 am 9 am Meeting with Cpt. Walsh of the Minnehaha Sheriff's Office and a SFPD Captain about security</p>	<p>10 7:46 pm Mt. Zion Community Passover Seder (see ad to RSVP) Shelly Rosenberg Bday TIDINGS DEADLINE</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 (Nisan 19) 7:51 pm 7:30 pm Shabbat Service Exod. 33:12-34:26 Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:1-14 Food Giveaway: 3:30 - 5 pm</p>	<p>15 10 am Torah Study</p>
<p>16 Religious School 10 am</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 Natanel Hanna Bday</p>	<p>21 (Nisan 26) 8:00 pm 7:30 pm Shabbat and Yom Ha'Shoah Service <i>Student Rabbi Rosen</i> Sh'mini, Lev. 9:1-11:47 Haftarah: II Samuel 6:1-7:17 Food Giveaway: 3:30 - 5 pm (meet at 2:30 at Temple to carpool)</p>	<p>22 10 am Torah Study Adult Ed 6:30 pm</p>
<p>23 Temple Board Mtg 9 am Religious School 10 am</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 (Iyar 3) 8:08 pm 7:30 pm Shabbat Service Tazria-M'tzora, Lev. 12:1-15:32 Haftarah: II Kings 7:3-20 Food Giveaway: 3:30 - 5 pm</p>	<p>29 10 am Torah Study</p>
<p>30 Religious School 10 am Noah Hubley Bday</p>						

Mt. Zion Temple Passover Seder



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 7th

Dora Rosenstein
Zalman Eli Epstein
David A McClusky
Julius Oppenheimer
Blaine "Buddy" Roffman

May 5th

Elsa Oppenheimer
Anna Horwitz
Louis A. Horwitz
Sam Robinson
Enid Gail Magidson
Barney Kopel
Louis R. "Duke" Hurwitz

April 14th

Bernice Pitts
Tony Steinberg
Aaron Glazer

April 21st

Alexander Hurwitz
Henrietta Davis
Jean Perkins
Dorothy Mosow Hurwitz
Edith Borshevsky
Clara Greenstein Kuh
Lote Rosebaum Pecheny
Arthur Greenbaum

April 28th

Frank Winner
Simon Bleichfeld
Mathilda Schroetter Bleichfeld
Etta Margulies
Nathan Koplów
Beatrice Rosenberg

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