



# TIDINGS OF ZION



Kislev/Tevet 5776

MT. ZION CONGREGATION, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

December 2015



*from Student Rabbi Kaye...*

As I write this, the last bits of Indian Summer in Cincinnati have faded and it's finally beginning to feel like winter here. Which is astonishing because it feels like only yesterday I was getting off the plane in Sioux Falls for our first visit together. It was the heat of summer and High Holidays were right around the corner, snow the furthest thing from my mind.

But as we know the seasons turn, and time advances, and here we are now at the end of another year. Hanukkah is approaching, and with it the end of the school semester. For me, once the final exams have been turned in it will be time for a brief trip to Israel. I'll be there during "Sebastian" or Secular New Year, in the heart of Israeli Winter

For many of us the part of Winter close to new years is loaded with fond memories. Family holiday gatherings, snow fights, warm drinks. Growing up in Colorado for me it was a time for the random "hooky" days to go skiing with my Dad, sunlight on snow, and the warm glow of the Hanukkah candles. Recently I added my Israeli winters to these fond memories. Specifically the blizzard which struck Jerusalem in 2013.

I was sitting the Yeshiva studying, when the Dean arrived and informed us that due to the coming snow storm all afternoon classes were going to be cancelled for our own safety. Rabbi Meir offered to give me a ride up the hill to my apartment as I had just gotten a heavy cast off my leg after breaking my foot near Ein Gedi. I was walking with a cane at the time, and already the Jerusalem rain was beginning to freeze.

By the next morning the entire city was blanketed in white. Heavy wet snow crashed through powerlines, palmtrees, and bodega tents: and the stone apartment I lived in, built to keep cold in and heat out was freezing cold. But that didn't matter, I had only a single goal: to get to the old city, to get to the kotel, the Western Wall, and pray in the snow. I gathered together some friends, pulled on some layers, grabbed my cane, and off we went to hike that single mile to the old city.

It was an amazing adventure. The sun came out and in true middle eastern style began to immediately melt the snow, the white turned to flooding instantly. Everyone and everything was wet. Old men begged us to help them construct snowmen. Young children grinned at us with snowballs held behind their backs, ready to be thrown. I hadn't walked this much since my accident, certainly not in the cold and wet, but eventually we got to the Old City just as it began to snow again.

We wandered through the slick streets, the Jerusalem stone holds no traction at all when wet, and what I saw there gave me a sense of total joy. Arab Boys and Israeli Boys stood atop buildings, laughing, playing, and throwing snow. They played together like neighbors and children in any other country play. In that moment, near the gates of Jerusalem and on unsteady feet, I saw the ancient promise of peace.

That snow is melted and gone now. My leg is healed but the world is still unsteady. However the potential of that moment is not. This winter let us pray for the peace of Jerusalem.



*from the Congregation President...*

***In time for Hanukkah, the 9 best Jewish books of the season*** by Victor Wishna



(JTA) — Really, every season is book season — but autumn brings a blend of offerings just right for warming up with as the weather cools down. To help you select the best one(s) to keep you cozy on the couch, or to find that perfect Hanukkah present for the avid readers in your life, check out our selection of notable new reads, all with a Jewish twist. Whether you're interested in fiction, non-fiction, memoir or graphic novels, we've got you covered.

<http://www.jta.org/2015/10/29/arts-entertainment/in-time-for-hanukkah-the-9-best-jewish-books-of-the-season>

*The Devil in Jerusalem* (St. Martin's Press)  
by Naomi Ragen

*Hunger Makes Me a Modern Girl* (Riverhead Books)  
by Carrie Brownstein

*The Mystics of Mile End* (William Morrow Paperbacks)  
by Sigal Samuel

*Pastrami on Rye: An Overstuffed History of the Jewish Deli* (NYU Press) by Ted Merwin

*Falafel Nation: Cuisine and the Making of a National Identity in Israel* (University of Nebraska Press) by Yael Raviv

*The Pawnbroker* (Fig Tree Books) by Edward Lewis Wallant, with a new foreword by Dara Horn

*Schmuck* (Alternative Comics) by Seth Kushner, with art by multiple contributors

*The Sea Beach Line* (Fig Tree Books) By Ben Nadler

*Then Comes Marriage: United States v. Windsor and the Defeat of DOMA* (W.W. Norton & Co.)

by Roberta Kaplan, with Lisa Dickey



## CHANUKAH RAFFLE, MORE PRIZES!!

We are continuing our Sisterhood tradition of holding a Chanukah-time raffle! And, because we are SO appreciative of our supporters and want to maximize YOUR chance of winning a prize, read on for information on our THREE drawings...

There will be three separate drawings this year: As each name is drawn, the lucky winner will have a choice of one of the remaining gift packages (1st name drawn has choice of 3; 2nd name drawn has choice of remaining 2; 3rd name drawn receives the remaining item.)

Each package is highly desirable!!! Please note, also, that to increase everyone's opportunity to win, no one is eligible to win more than one prize! And, remember, by supporting Sisterhood, we ALL win!!!



Our prizes include: pkg 1: A beautiful crystal vase, adorned with an etched Tree of Life image. Made in Poland pkg 2: A charming set of nesting dolls imported from Russia. The hand-painted images are reminiscent of Marc Chagall's shtetl paintings. pkg 3:

Two pairs of cuff-links, for the gentleman or lady in your life! One pair sports Chanukiahs (Chanukah menorahs) and the second pair has dreidels...wear them in pairs, or mix them and wear one image on each cuff!!! (No illustration available for cuff-links...all three prizes may be viewed in the upstairs gift case.)

Raffle tickets cost \$5 each or five chances for \$20. All tickets are automatically entered in all THREE raffles. Tickets are available for purchase from Judy or Matilda at any time from November 15th through December 12th. Proceeds from the raffle support Sisterhood and Mount Zion Temple.

Out-of-towners, mail your check (issued to Mt Zion Temple Sisterhood) to purchase raffle tickets to Matilda (4704 Pasque Circle South, Sioux Falls, SD 57105) and be sure that it is posted to be received by Wednesday, December 9th ...or call me to let me know that payment is on the way so that I can be sure that your name is entered in the drawing. Be sure to include your phone number or e-mail address.

The drawing will take place during the Chanukah celebration on Saturday evening, December 12th. Winner need not be present at the drawing, but we encourage you to join us for the community gathering.



Questions? Contact Judy (Home: 605-339-3170; e-mail: [jrlsfsd13@sio.midco.net](mailto:jrlsfsd13@sio.midco.net)) or Matilda (Home: 605-332-8404; e-mail: [mejoppen@sio.midco.net](mailto:mejoppen@sio.midco.net))

# 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 December 4th at 6:00 pm. Save January 1st 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.

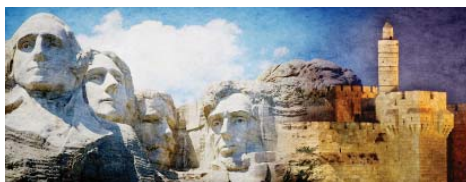
For more information, contact Stephen Rosenthal at [rosenthal.stephen@gmail.com](mailto:rosenthal.stephen@gmail.com) or call 376-5189.



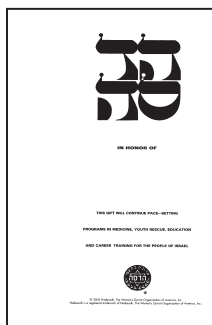
## PLANT A TREE IN ISRAEL!

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 [shellyrosenbergjpa@gmail.com](mailto:shellyrosenbergjpa@gmail.com)



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**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!!**



## DONATIONS

(October 10 - November 9, 2015)

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

### GENERAL FUND

In appreciation of Torah Study from Rosie & Mike Mace

### Yahrzeits

In memory of Fannye Radin from Sandy Radin

In memory of Jack Radin from Sandy Radin

In loving memory of Ed Ezrailson from Cathy Ezrailson

**Remember birthdays, anniversaries,  
yahrzeits, memorials.**

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## SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP

First Chanukah Candle will be lit at sundown on Sunday, December 6th...

Thank you to all who supported the Sisterhood through their Gift Shop purchases in November. There is still time to select gifts for family and friends before the holiday begins. If you were not able to come to our open hours, please call one of us to make an appointment for your private sale! Chanukah items including decorations, dreidels, menorahs, candles and giftwrap are still available. We also have gift items such as books, jewelry, mugs, and toys for your family and friends. Items are available in limited quantities, so shop early and avoid disappointment.

Remember, your purchases not only allow you to bring beautiful Judaica into your home, they also support the Sisterhood's numerous community projects including Shabbat Onegs, maintaining the Temple's kitchen facilities, and holiday events. Wishing you and your loved ones a safe and happy holiday season...

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

SHABBAT POTLUCK DINNER THIS FRIDAY!!



# Potluck Dinner

Friday, December 4, 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: January 1st and February 5th

## Shabbat Blessings:

### Lighting the Candles

The candles are lit before the blessing is recited.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו במצותיו, וצונו להדליק נר של שבת.



Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav, v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Shabbat.

Blessed are you, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, who hallows us with mitzvot, commanding us to kindle the light of Shabbat.

Go to: <http://www.reformjudaism.org/practice/prayers-blessings/shabbat-blessings-upon-lighting-candles> and download an MP3 file to listen to the candle blessings.

# TIDINGS DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 10th

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

To submit articles, you may email them to:

carol@theprintersinc.com

OR mail them to:

510 S. 1st Ave.

Sioux Falls, SD 57104

*Sympathy Wishes to the family of Daniel Ohayon*

*May Daniel's name be for a blessing. All our thoughts and prayers are with you and your loved ones at this time.*

## 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*

## 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.

## DECEMBER CALENDAR

DEC 4	POTLUCK SHABBAT DINNER AT 6:00 PM STUDENT RABBI SAM KAYE WILL BE PRESENT SHABBAT SERVICE AT 7:30 PM
DEC 6	HANUKAH BEGINS AT SUNDOWN
DEC 11	SERVICE AT 7:30 PM Led by David Aronson
DEC 12	HANUKAH DINNER AT 6:00 PM
DEC 14	HANUKAH ENDS
DEC 18	SERVICE AT 7:30 PM STUDENT RABBI SAM KAYE WILL BE PRESENT
DEC 25	NO SERVICE

## STUDENT RABBI SAM KAYE'S SCHEDULE 2015/16

December 4 - 6

December 18 - 20

January 22 - 24

February 19 - 21

March 4 - 6

March 25 - 27 (Purim March 25th)

April 8 - 10

April 22 - 24 (Passover Seder April 22nd)

May 13 - 15 (Last visit of the year)

**Hosts for Student Rabbi  
Sam Kaye's Friday and Saturday  
meals are needed.**

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

## 2016 CALENDAR - Mark Your Calendars!

JANUARY 1	SERVICE AT 7:30 PM Led by Bernice Schotten
JANUARY 8	SERVICE AT 7:30 PM Led by Bernice Schotten
JANUARY 15	SERVICE AT 7:30 PM Led by Murray Haar
JANUARY 22	SERVICE AT 7:30 PM Led by St. Rabbi Sam Kaye
JANUARY 25	TU B'SHEVAT – NEW YEAR FOR TREES
JANUARY 29	SERVICE AT 7:30 PM Led by David Aronson
FEBRUARY 5	SERVICE AT 7:30 PM Led by David Aronson
FEBRUARY 12	SERVICE AT 7:30 PM Led by Murray Haar
FEBRUARY 19	SERVICE AT 7:30 PM Led by St. Rabbi Sam Kaye
FEBRUARY 26	SERVICE AT 7:30 PM Led by Matilda Oppenheimer
MARCH 4	SERVICE AT 7:30 PM Led by St. Rabbi Sam Kaye

## RITUAL NOTES

*Following are members of the Ritual Committee who  
will be responsible for the Friday night services in  
the following months:*

December – David Aronson

January – David Aronson

February – Margo Olson

March – David Aronson

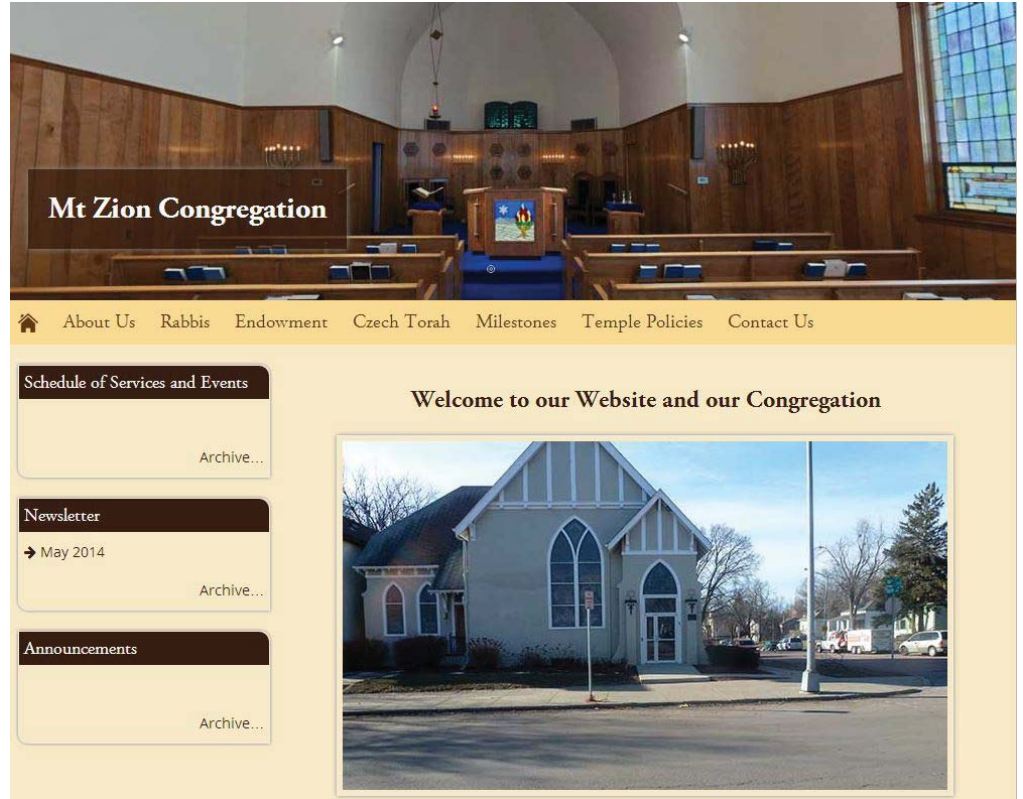
April – Margo Olson

May – David Aronson

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# Mt. Zion Congregation - December 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px auto; width: fit-content;">                     A reminder that proper attire should be worn when participating in services at Mt. Zion Temple. Your cooperation with this matter is greatly appreciated.                 </div>		<b>1</b>  Anita Bierman, Carin Rosinsky Bdays	<b>2</b>  Marty Gallanter, Tom Woodworth Bdays	<b>3</b>  Joel & Miriam Greene Anniv	<b>4</b> (Kislev 23)  4:33 pm <b>6:00 Shabbat Potluck Dinner</b> <b>7:30 pm Shabbat Service</b> <b>Student Rabbi Sam Kaye</b>  Torah: Vayeishev Gen 37:1-40:23 Haftarah: Amos 2:6-3:8	<b>5</b> 10 am Torah Study  5 pm Havdalah and Education Session with Student Rabbi Kaye  Carolyn Margulies Bday
<b>6</b> Religious School  Temple Board Meeting 10 am Social Hall  1st Night Chanukah	<b>7</b> 2nd Night Chanukah  Miriam Greene Bday	<b>8</b> 3rd Night Chanukah	<b>9</b> 4th Night Chanukah	<b>10</b> <b>TIDINGS DEADLINE</b>  5th Night Chanukah  Lynda Ohayon Bday	<b>11</b> (Kislev 30)  4:32 pm <b>7:30 pm Shabbat Service</b> <b>Rosh Chodesh Tevet</b>  6th Night Chanukah Torah: Mikeitz Gen 41:1-44:17 Haftarah: Zechariah 4:1-7 Chris Dreiske Bday	<b>12</b> 10 am Torah Study  6 pm Havdalah and Chanukah Dinner - Latkes & Dessert provided; RSVP to Jan (7th Night Chanukah)
<b>13</b> 8th Night Chanukah  Freda Hosen Bday	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  Deidra Greene Bday	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> (Tevet 7)  4:34 pm <b>7:30 pm Shabbat Service</b> <b>Student Rabbi Sam Kaye</b>  Torah: Vayigash Gen 44:18-47:27 Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:15-28	<b>19</b> 10 am Torah Study  5 pm Havdalah and Adult Ed with Student Rabbi Kaye
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> (Tevet 14)  4:37 pm <b>NO Shabbat Service</b>  Torah: Va-y'chi Gen 47:28-50:26 Haftarah: I Kings 2:1-12	<b>26</b> 10 am Torah Study  Margo Olson, Cindy Jacobs Bdays
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>  Raleigh Hansman Bday	<b>Jan 1</b> (Tevet 21)  4:43 pm <b>6:00 Shabbat Potluck Dinner</b> <b>7:30 pm Shabbat Service</b>  Torah: Sh'mot Exod 1:1-6:1 Haftarah: Isaiah 27:6-28:13; 29:22-23  Elisa Lewis	<b>2</b> 10 am Torah Study



## 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.

### December 4th

Anne Eirinberg  
Lillian Koplou  
Samuel Margulies  
Joel Oppenheimer  
Harold F. Klein  
Ida Caplan  
Charles F Bierman  
Edward Gerald Ezrailson

### December 11th

Samuel Greenberg  
Julius Kuh  
Lillian Gellman  
R. Lee Ofstein  
David G Fوسفeld  
June Green  
Sima Weintraub Rothenberg  
Rabbi Howard Fineberg  
Arthur Breslow  
Benjamin Shafton  
Alice Jones

### December 18th

Sara Hirshfield  
Sam Fوسفeld  
Luella Melton  
David Kaufman  
Sue Magidson  
Rabbi Stephen Forstein  
Benjamin Davis

### December 25th

Joseph Sickel  
Leah Hymes  
Charles Snyder  
Harry Greenstein  
Felix Livingston  
Jane Hertzman Rosenthal  
Bernard Gallanter  
Wally Mander  
Hortense Schneeberg  
Julia Hlbshman  
Janet Bailin  
Sara Agrant Obstfeld  
Don Margulies

### January 1st

Harry Ackerman  
Joseph Deutsch  
Sherman W. Lewin  
Benjamin Eirinberg  
Sam Light  
David Rosenstein  
Rachel Leviinson

# Mt. Zion CHANUKAH SHABBAT FAMILY DINNER

## Saturday, December 12, 2015

### 6:00 pm

Havdalah before dinner

Latkes and Dessert will be provided

Bring your Chanukah menorah

RSVP to Jan:

332-3354 (leave a message)

Please RSVP so we know  
how many latkes to fry!

