



# TIDINGS OF ZION



Tevet/Shevat/Adar I 5773

MT. ZION CONGREGATION, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

January 2014

*from Student Rabbi Herman...*



As I prepare for my final exams, I realize that the end of the semester for me means that I am saddened to think that I am already half-way through my tenure as the student rabbi at Mt. Zion. In just a few short months I have been truly taken by the congregation, by everyone's warm embrace, by the congregation's communal atmosphere and eagerness to help and welcome each other. Additionally, I have loved being a part of a community that loves to learn. It has been a pleasure to take part in the Shabbat morning Torah study group, and this past month we have begun providing an additional learning opportunity during my visits to Sioux Falls. Each time I visit, we will now be offering a Saturday afternoon study session. The sessions will feature discreet topics, so nobody will miss a beat if they cannot make some of the sessions. The studying will take place at Mt. Zion at 3:00 in the afternoon on weekends when I am in town.

Our next session, which will take place on January 18th, will feature material that I have culled from my rabbinical thesis. The topic will be "Martyrdom: A Jewish or Christian Idea?" Together, we will look at the complicated history of Jewish and Christian martyrdom. Beginning with the Bible and continuing through the crusades, we will study how Jewish martyrdom served as a response to Christianity, yet ironically co-opted much Christian ideology in the process. If you are at all interested in interreligious dialogue or troubled or intrigued by the notion of dying al kiddush hashem, for the sanctification of God's name, this should be an interesting session. We hope you will join us!

*B'shalom,  
Student Rabbi Josh Herman*

*from the Congregation President...*



As we all know, Mt. Zion is a small congregation and right now we are working hard to maintain and improve our Temple's well-being and availability. Many concerns loom, but, by far, there is one threat that is greater than any of the others. So, you might say, what are the concerns? The age of our members? Lack of participation? Fellow Jews living in the community but not affiliated with Mt. Zion? There are other concerns, of course, but in my point of view, the single greatest threat to our Mt. Zion community is Lashon Ha-ra.

The literal translation of the Hebrew words is "evil tongue" which essentially infers that it be translated as gossip or slander. As we all know, Lashon Ha-ra is forbidden in Judaism. Judaism is quite aware of the power of speech and of the harm that can be done through speech. Of the 43 sins listed in the Yom Kippur confession (Al Chait), 11 are sins committed through speech. The harm done by speech is greater than the harm done by stealing or cheating someone financially. While it is possible for money to be repaid, the harm done by speech often can never be repaired.

We are a small congregation and we have—for better or worse—a lightning fast grapevine. So, if member number one disparages a fellow member to other(s) in the congregation, the "disparagee" will inevitably learn about it as well as who initiated it. So, Friends, I ask you to do your part to stop the spread of Lashon Ha-ra. Please refrain from delivering slander or gossip. Please refrain from listening to it. If you have a concern, grievance, complaint, please initiate civil contact with the person that has given you this feeling. I also urge you to let go of any grudges you may be holding against someone. We do not have to wait for Yom Kippur to make amends and both give and receive forgiveness.

Please think about this, and what you can do to help make our congregation unified and positive. We are all we have.

*Sincerely,  
Bernice*



**DONATIONS**

(November 10 - December 9, 2013)

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

**GENERAL FUND**

To the Congregation from Marilyn & David Aronson

**A Note from the Treasurer....**

I have tried to issue receipts for dues and donations as the funds were received throughout the year. If you need any additional receipts for tax filing purposes, please send me your written request via US mail or email.

I appreciate receiving these requests by February 28, 2014.

Thank you! *Matilda*

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**Remember  
birthdays,  
anniversaries,  
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**SISTERHOOD  
GIFT SHOP...**

Thank you to all who supported the Sisterhood through Gift Shop purchases and the purchase of raffle tickets. It was wonderful sharing your enthusiasm for the Temple and the holidays! Congratulations to our raffle drawing winners: Marty Davidsohn and Freda Hosen. Each won a beautiful seder plate. We hope that you will enjoy the plates for many years to come!

*Judy Lampert and Matilda Oppenheimer, Gift Shop Co-chairs*

Judy Lampert (605-339-3170) • Matilda Oppenheimer (605-332-8404)

**STUDENT RABBI'S  
2014  
SCHEDULE**

Jan. 17-19

March 14-16 (Purim)

Apr. 4-6

Apr. 11-15 (Passover)



**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**  
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**Hosts for  
Student Rabbi  
Josh Herman's  
Friday and  
Saturday meals  
are needed.**

Please contact  
Marty Davidsohn at  
[martydavidsohn@gmail.com](mailto:martydavidsohn@gmail.com)  
or 254-8434 and get your  
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**TIDINGS  
DEADLINE IS  
JAN. 10th**

Remember to submit articles appropriate for the FEBRUARY *Tidings*. To submit articles, you may email them to:  
[carol@theprintersinc.com](mailto:carol@theprintersinc.com)  
OR mail them to:  
510 S. 1st Ave.  
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

# Shlock Rock

## COMING ATTRACTION: Jewish Rock at the Washington Pavilion!!!!

Lenny Solomon of the Jewish rock band “Shlock Rock” will be the star performer in a very special once-in-a-lifetime performance in the Belbas Theatre on January 5th 2014 !!!! You can hear a sample of the band’s work at their website [www.shlockrock.com](http://www.shlockrock.com) Moreover, for this performance only, our very own Jeff Saunders will be the featured drummer!!! And, another esteemed local musician, Dr. Kirke Wheeler will play guitar!!! You may recognize Dr. Wheeler’s name from his local band “DNR.” He is also a surgeon at Sanford Hospital.

The show will be staged at 3pm on Sunday, January 5th 2014. Tickets went on sale on December 7th at the Pavilion box office (phone: 605-367-6000) and on-line [https://washingtonpavilion.org/Online/default.asp?doWork::WScontent::loadArticle=Load&BOparam::WScontent::loadArticle::article\\_id=B5C3690B-380B-48F8-A69B-2FE7FA9CA4BF](https://washingtonpavilion.org/Online/default.asp?doWork::WScontent::loadArticle=Load&BOparam::WScontent::loadArticle::article_id=B5C3690B-380B-48F8-A69B-2FE7FA9CA4BF) . Prices are \$16.28 per adult ticket; \$10.85 per ticket for children under 12 years of age. There is a small additional convenience charge for tickets purchased online. Advanced purchase is encouraged...the Belbas seats around 280 guests....tickets are for general seating, no reserved seats. This means that you will want to arrive at the theatre EARLY on the day of the performance to get your choice of seats. The smallness of the Belbas Theatre means ALL the seats are GOOD seats!

Bonus: A portion of the ticket proceeds, after expenses, will be donated to Mount Zion Congregation.

You can help support the show and Mount Zion by encouraging your friends throughout the city of Sioux Falls to attend the event...The music is rich with Jewish themes, but many of the Bible stories that he references are familiar to the general population.

Please join us for a fun and unique concert and give Lenny a warm welcome to Sioux Falls in his first-ever South Dakota appearance!!!

If you have additional questions about the performance, please contact me!

Matilda Oppenheimer (Home: 605-332-8404)



# 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.



**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!!**



## Mt. Zion Congregation

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# Mt. Zion Congregation - January 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">                     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>  Elisa Lewis Bday	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> (Sh'vat 3)  4:44 pm <b>7:30 pm Shabbat Service</b>  Torah: Bo Exod 10:1-13:16 Haftarah: Jeremiah 46:13-28	<b>4</b>  10 am Torah Study
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  Leta Levinger Bday	<b>8</b>  Daniel Crosby Bday	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> (Shevat 10)  4:52 pm <b>7:30 pm Shabbat Service</b>  Torah: B'shalach Exod 13:17-17:16 Haftarah: Judges 4:4-5:31	<b>11</b>  10 am Torah Study
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  	<b>17</b> (Shevat 17)  5:00 pm <b>7:30 pm Shabbat Service</b> <b>TU B'SHEVAT SEDER</b> <b>STUDENT RABBI HERMAN</b>  Torah: Yitro Exod 18:1-20:23 Haftarah: Isaiah 6:1-7:6; 9:5-6	<b>18</b>  10 am Torah Study  3 pm Adult Ed with St. Rabbi Herman "Martyrdom: A Jewish or Christian Idea?"
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  Yosef Finnikov Bday	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> (Shevat 24)  5:09 pm <b>7:30 pm Shabbat Service</b>  Torah: Mishpatim Exod 21:1-24:18 Haftarah: Jeremiah 34:8-22; 33:25-26	<b>25</b>  10 am Torah Study
<b>26</b>  Logan Hansman Bday	<b>27</b>  Bob & Susan Mendelsohn Anniv, Chuck Levinger Bday	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> (Adar I 1)  5:18 pm <b>7:30 pm Shabbat/Rosh Chodesh Service</b>  Torah: T'rumah Exod 25:1-27:19 Haftarah: Isaiah 66:1-13, 23	<b>Feb 1</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.

## January 3rd

Joseph Deutsch  
Sherman W. Lewin  
Benjamin Eirinberg  
Erma Levine  
Sarah Weiner  
Daniel Horwitz  
Emmanuel Schotten

## January 10th

Isadore Rimerman  
Irene Bierman  
Cecye Marsh  
Melvin D. Mendelsohn  
Mollye Borden

## January 17th

Megan Feinstein  
Harry Cohen  
Phillip Light  
William Rothman  
Bernard "Bud" Brandwein  
Sam Speier  
Louis Ginsberg  
Rebecca Fوسفeld  
Polar Haar  
Ben Borden  
Gussie Shulkin

## January 24th

Stanley Goodman  
Sally Mosow  
Zishke Marsh  
Louis Zabel  
Sally Forstein

## January 31st

Lillian Hurwitz  
Harold "Bud" Margulies  
Rolalie Lux  
Dorothy Roganson  
Ruben J. Light  
Ben Light

## February 7th

Adrienne Saalfeld  
Erma Sternberg  
Herman Davis  
Herman Eirinberg



Mt. Zion Congregation  
**Tu B'Shevat Seder**

Friday, January 17th  
7:30 pm • Social Hall