



TIDINGS OF ZION



Tevet/Sh'vat 5776

MT. ZION CONGREGATION, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

January 2016



from Student Rabbi Kaye...

Happy New Year!

A few things to mention. The first is that as we enter into the secular new year my visits to our congregation will become slightly more sporadic, with only one visit in January and February. Simultaneously I will be staying longer during these visits. This gives me time to meet with people on Saturday night after Adult Ed, since I'll no longer have to be up at 5am for a 6am flight. And since I'll be staying until Sunday afternoons, it's also possible to meet with me on Sunday mornings. So if you've been meaning to reach out and speak to me, and scheduling or communication on Shabbat had been an issue, hopefully some of these expanded times will make it easier for us to meet up.

The second piece that I want to mention is that our lay-led Torah study group has decided to begin to study the book of Joshua on the Shabbat mornings that I am in town. So if you've been looking for an excuse to return to Torah Study, or have been interested in branching out into the study of our Prophetic literature, please join us Saturdays at 10am. The book of Joshua is a really fascinating piece of our history and our scripture, which raises some very pertinent ethical questions.

The third piece is about our Havdalah ceremonies. I'm so happy to report that we've been getting excellent turnout on Saturday evenings for our adult education/Havdallah. We've studied Jewish philosophy about Shabbat, a not so-ghost story from the book of Samuel, and we just finished a two part lesson from the Mishnah. I've been holding Adult Education closer and closer to sunset so that our Havdallah officially ends Shabbat near the time Shabbat gets out: and this trend will continue. In the darker parts of the year we'll be doing Adult Ed earlier, and as the light comes back we'll start pushing the times back again.

I look forward to hearing from you at my email (kaye.sam@gmail.com), and seeing you on Shabbat, at adult education, or in Torah study.



from the Congregation President...

In Austria, a Jewish sheep breeder shepherds Syrian refugees BY CNAAN LIPSHIZ

JTA — Even at his remote sheep pasture in the Austrian countryside, Hans Breuer was too disturbed by the plight of the Syrian refugees streaming into his country to go about his daily routine. Especially troubling to Breuer, a 61-year-old Jewish shepherd and singer of Yiddish songs, were the overcrowded conditions at Traiskirchen — a government-run refugee camp near Vienna that was featured on the local news in August because its 4,500 residents were double the intended capacity.



"I was sick of this crime, I asked my wife whether we should do something, and that's how it began," Breuer told JTA, recalling his recent experiences assisting dozens of refugees. In August,

Breuer showed up at Traiskirchen with peaches, water and meat from a sheep he had slaughtered for the refugees — one among his flock of 200 that he keeps near his trailer home 15 miles from Vienna, where he lives with his wife, Mingo Georgi, and two of his five children. The Traiskirchen visit, he said, motivated him to help out in other ways, including assisting migrants in their trek from Hungary to Austria by transporting them closer to the border.

During one of his trips this month with migrants, Breuer was filmed by a fellow activist driving five passengers who said they were Syrian Palestinians while singing a Yiddish song: "Oyfn Veg Shteyt a Boym" ("A tree stands off a road") by Itzik Manger. Breuer, an athletic-looking man with a thin beard, delivered the lyrics in a moving rendition. The giggling migrants joined in for a bit of the refrain. The video, uploaded to YouTube and disseminated on social networks, went viral. It's been watched tens of thousands of times and viewers offered praise for Breuer's "contribution to coexistence," as one user phrased it in the comment section — as well as condemnations for his assistance to "the Muslim invasion of Europe," as another put it.

Breuer said he was surprised to discover that so many people found the situation unusual and politically charged. 'My connection to refugees is as strong as it is instinctive. It is a political issue for me, but it's also a question of human rights and humanity'

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Breuer's father, Georg — a middle-class Austrian Jew who was not observant but belonged to the Reform Jewish milieu of Vienna — was himself a refugee. In 1938 he fled Austria for Italy and, from there, to Britain, where he became a communist and a journalist. Rosa, Hans Breuer's non-Jewish Austrian mother, also a journalist and a communist, was tortured by the Gestapo during the Nazi period — she tried to commit suicide by jumping out of the fourth floor of a hospital building where the Gestapo imprisoned her. Her father was sent to a concentration camp for dissidents. "They weren't like those couples who survived the Holocaust and never spoke about it," said Breuer of his parents, who died several years ago. "On the contrary: They told and told and it dominated my youth. Their refugee experience wasn't exactly a trauma for me, but it wasn't too far from that."

The refugees' tired faces, their stories of escape from ISIS terrorists and the alienation they encountered in Europe made him think of his own parents' ordeal, Breuer said.

On one visit to Traiskirchen, Breuer brought along his youngest children, 3 1/2-year-old Louis and 1 1/2-year-old Rosa. As a token of gratitude, some of the refugees gave the children teddy bears, which they hurled over Traiskirchen's wire fence. "When they saw how happy our kids were with the new toys, they threw over a bigger teddy, taller than our kids," Breuer recalled. It was "one of the most emotional moments" he had in his interactions with the migrants, he said.

Breuer said he knows firsthand what it is to be an outsider. At school, Breuer said he was ostracized for what he calls his "mild obsession" with the Holocaust. "I was the only one talking about it, thinking about it. They thought I was pretty weird," he recalled.

As he matured, Breuer said he began despising certain aspects of Austrian society — and especially its lack of reflection and soul searching in the postwar era. The Holocaust, he said, wasn't taught properly at his school. And the Austrian authorities' claim, backed up by popular sentiment, that Austria was a victim of Nazism instead of an accomplice was "especially disgusting," Breuer said. "I understood that I didn't want to be a doctor if it meant working with ex-Nazi doctors," he said. "I didn't want to become a lawyer if it meant appearing before a Nazi judge."

Instead, Breuer — the subject of "Schlepping Through the Alps," a 2005 biography authored by the American writer and journalist Sam Apple — became a musician and sheep breeder, often living in communities of like-minded individuals.

Breuer's father did not teach him Yiddish. As a Viennese assimilated Jew, Georg Breuer belonged to a social class for whom the affiliation with Yiddish-speaking refugees from Eastern Europe was an embarrassment, said Breuer. He said he discovered Yiddish music 35 years ago while playing and singing world music with various ensembles.



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Thank you to Jan Forstein for organizing the Community Chanukah Dinner on Saturday, December 12th. Our raffle drawing was held that evening. The winners were: Judy Lampert - the Tree of Life etched glass vase; Marty Davidsohn - the nesting dolls; Stephanie Wood — the 2 pairs of cufflinks.

Please keep our Sisterhood Gift Shop in mind when purchasing gifts for family and friends throughout the year. We welcome your suggestions, comments and special order requests.

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

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 January 1st at 6:00 pm. Save February 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.

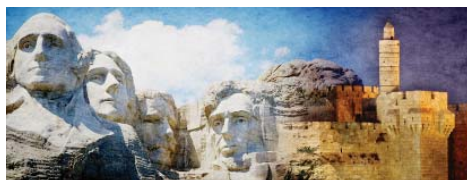
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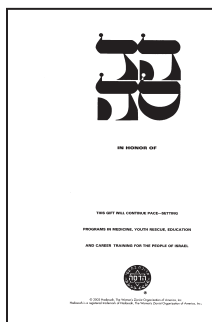
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TIDINGS DEADLINE IS JANUARY 10th

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

To submit articles, you may email them to:

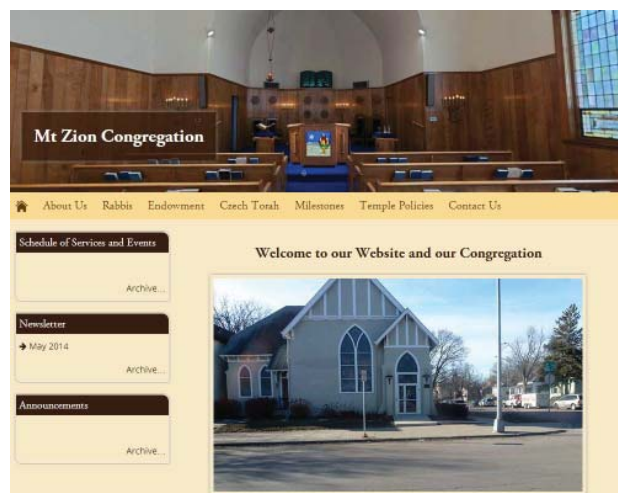
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Potluck Dinner

Friday, January 1, 2016
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: February 5th and March 4th

STUDENT RABBI SAM KAYE'S SCHEDULE 2016

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.

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.

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:

January – David Aronson

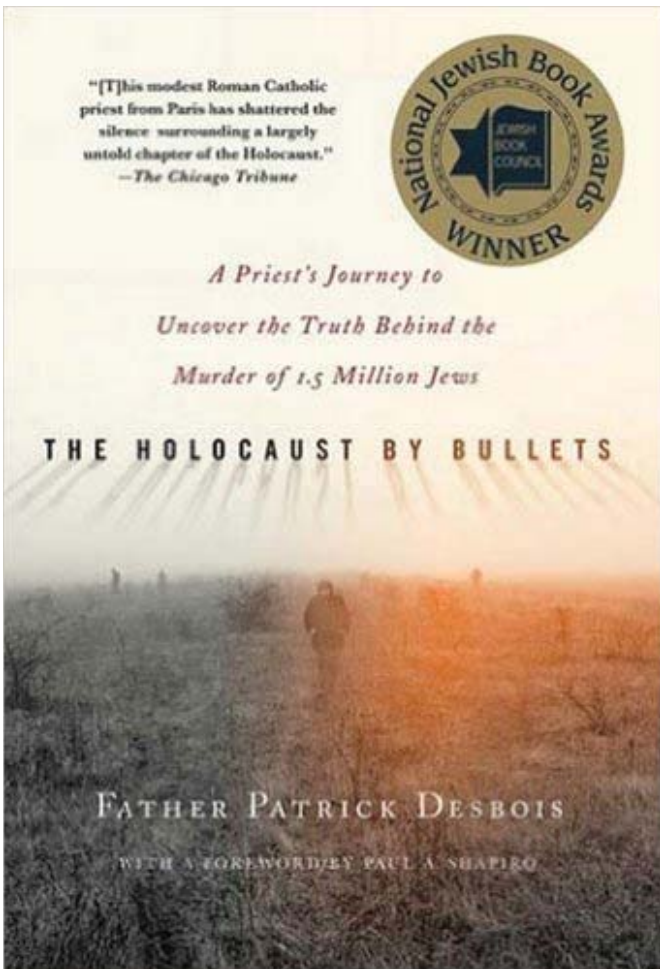
February – Margo Olson

March – David Aronson

April – Margo Olson

May – David Aronson

BOOK STUDY TO BEGIN IN FEBRUARY



The Holocaust by Bullets: A Priest's Journey to Uncover the Truth Behind the Murder of 1.5 Million Jews by Patrick Desbois

In this heart-wrenching book, Father Patrick Desbois documents the daunting task of identifying and examining all the sites where Jews were exterminated by Nazi mobile units in the Ukraine in WWII. Using innovative methodology, interviews, and ballistic evidence, he has determined the location of many mass gravesites with the goal of providing proper burials for the victims of the forgotten Ukrainian Holocaust. Compiling new archival material and many eye-witness accounts, Desbois has put together the first definitive account of one of history's bloodiest chapters. Published with the support of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.



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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>					1 (Tevet 21) 4:43 pm 6:00 Shabbat Potluck Dinner 7:30 pm Shabbat Service Torah: Sh'mot Exod 1:1-6:1 Haftarah: Isaiah 27:6-28:13; 29:22-23 Elisa Lewis	2 10 am Torah Study
3	4	5	6	7 Leta Levinger Bday	8 (Tevet 28) 4:49 pm 7:30 pm Shabbat Service Torah: Va-eira Exod 6:2-9:35 Haftarah: Ezekiel 28:25-29:21 Daniel Crosby Bday	9 10 am Torah Study
10 Temple Board Meeting 10 am Social Hall TIDINGS DEADLINE	11 Rosh Chodesh Sh'vat	12	13	14	15 (Sh'vat 6) 4:57 pm 7:30 pm Shabbat Service Torah: Bo Exod 10:1-13:16 Haftarah: Jeremiah 46:13-28	16 10 am Torah Study
17	18	19	20	21	22 (Sh'vat 13) 5:06 pm 7:30 pm Shabbat Service Student Rabbi Sam Kaye Torah: B'shalach Exod 13:17-17:16 Haftarah: Judges 4:4-5:31	23 10 am Torah Study 5 pm Havdalah and Adult Ed with Student Rabbi Kaye
24	25 Tu B'Shevat	26	27	28	29 (Sh'vat 20) 5:16 pm 7:30 pm Shabbat Service Torah: Yitro Exod 18:1-20:23 Haftarah: Isaiah 6:1-7:6; 9:5-6	30 10 am Torah Study
31		Logan Hansman Bday	Chuck Levinger Bday			



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 1st

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

January 22nd

Louis Ginsberg
Rebecca Fusfeld
Mollye Borden
Harry Cohen
Phillip Light
William Rothman
Bernard "Bud" Brandwein

January 8th

Daniel Horwitz
Rose Luskey
Harold Roganson
Irene Bierman
Erma Levine
Sarah Weiner

January 29th

Megan Feinstein
Lillian Hurwitz
Polar Haar
Ben Borden
Gussie Shulkin
Stanley Goodman

January 15th

Cecyle Marsh
Melvin D Mendelsohn
Emmanuel Schotten
Miriam Cruikshank
Sam Speier
Izadore Rimerman

February 5th

Sally Mosow
Ziskhe Marsh
Louis Zabel
Sally Forstein
Herman Davis
Harold "Bud" Margolis



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