



TIDINGS OF ZION

Tevet/Shevat 5782

MT. ZION CONGREGATION, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

January 2022

From Student Rabbi Diamond...

Tu B'shvat was always one of my favorite holidays. I loved the delicious fruits, the fun songs, and the chance to plant seeds and watch them grow. I distinctly remember bringing home a plastic cup with a few parsley seeds, and I was amazed when I was able to watch the little leaves poke out of the soil a few weeks later. I couldn't help but think how miraculous nature is.



Although the world is still cold and frozen for us in America during Tu B'shvat, it is the start of the growing season in *Eretz Yisrael*, the land of Israel. The trees begin to flower and turn green, and fresh fruits begin to show up for sale at the stalls in the *shuk*, the famous outdoor market in Jerusalem. Thus we celebrate Tu B'shvat as the traditional birthday of the trees. Our tradition has responded to this special day with stories about our relationship with trees, and our responsibility to the world. There's one particular teaching I love from the midrash that discusses the meaning of the verse "When you come into the land you shall plant..." [Leviticus 19:23] The midrash explains that God said to the people of Israel, "Even though you will find the land full of goodness, don't say, 'We will sit and not plant.' Rather be careful to plant trees. Just as you found trees which others had planted, so you should plant for your children." This teaching is not just about trees--it applies to everything about Jewish life. We were born into a world full of Torah and loving communities who taught us how to be Jewish. We read from Torah scrolls written long before we were alive, and we pray in synagogues founded by those whose names we might not even remember. Like the teaching says, let us not be satisfied with what our forebears have given us, but rather, let us each continue to "plant" and ensure a Jewish world for the generations yet to come. This Tu B'shvat, we can show our gratitude for all the goodness we've experienced by giving back to the community, and creating a new world of goodness for the next generation to discover.

From the President...

I was recently at All Souls Unitarian Church speaking about Judaism and Hanukkah when a parishioner came up to me and said: "Christians believe but Jews do". Her statement reminded me of a quote from Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel when he was asked after the 5 day 54 mile march from Selma to Montgomery Alabama with Martin Luther King Jr if he had found time to pray during the march. Rabbi Heschel responded "I prayed with my feet".

In Judaism we are taught not only to pray with our words, thoughts and hearts, we are also taught to "do" through mitzvot. For me it is within the doing that helps me feel spiritually connected to G-d and our community. Standing in community against hate of any kind, coordinating opportunities for education, teaching our children, or bringing our community together for holidays are but a few examples of doing that spiritually ground me.

What examples of doing inspire you spiritually? What could we as a Jewish community do for each other and the larger community of Sioux Falls? Please reach out to me with your ideas or suggestions. I want to create more opportunities for us as a community and as individuals to "do" so that we may all be more spiritually connected to G-d and each other.

*Shalom Aleichem,
Jen Dreiske*



Afternoon at The Skyforce Game

Sunday, Feb. 6th at 3:00 pm • Sanford Pentagon

Families and friends of Mt. Zion Temple
get discounted \$10 tickets

To purchase your discounted tickets, go to:

<https://fevo.me/mtziontemplesxf>

Let's just have a FUN afternoon
and support our local Skyforce team!!!



SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP

Don't forget about the Sisterhood Gift Shop
for your Judaica needs!

*Matilda Oppenheimer, Gift Shop Coordinator
mejoppen@sio.midco.net*

Thank you to everyone who helped
with the set-up (including providing the
delicious food), serving and clean-up
of December's Friday Shabbat Potluck/
Chanukah dinner.

Thank you to Jen Dreiske and Taly
Bialostocki for planning the services and
programming.

Special thanks to Jakob Dreiske, Abigail
Peterson, Dvora (Bialostocki) Brazeal
and Tova (Bialostocki) Brazeal for
sharing their wonderful production of
"A Chanukah Story."

Thank you to Tovia & Jan Forstein for
sharing their latke-making expertise
and for supervising and completing
the kitchen clean-up, right down to
scrubbing the oil off of the stove top/
burner covers and mopping the kitchen
floor!!!

And, thank you to everyone who
participated in the evening...it was a
warm and lovely celebration!!!

Thank you to everyone who supported
Sisterhood through Gift Shop purchases
and participation in our Chanukah
raffles. We are pleased to announce
the winners of the drawings that were
held on Friday, December 3rd at the
Congregation's Chanukah celebration.

*Winners of the Gary Rosenthal Mezuzah
Case: Jodie & Jacob Forstein.*

*Winners of the Gary Rosenthal Honey
Server Set: Gail & Rich Klein.*

The Gift Shop is here to accommodate
your purchases of Judaica items
throughout the year, as well as at
Chanukah. Please contact me if you
would like to make an appointment to
shop!

Join Us at the Table!



JOIN US!!!

Friday Shabbat Dinner Friday, January 7th

**Dinner begins at 6 pm
Shabbat Services at 7:30 pm**

We have resumed our
popular FRIDAY SHABBAT
POTLUCK DINNERS in the
Social Hall of Mt. Zion Temple.
Everyone has the option of
either bringing food (salad,
main dish, side dish or dessert)
to share or you may bring food/
beverage for your household
only but join us at the Temple to
eat as a community.

We will have extra tables set up
so that people can spread
themselves out a bit more than
usual!

We are excited to be back
together again!

DONATIONS TO MT. ZION

(November 10 - December 9, 2021)

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

GENERAL FUND

In honor of the birth of Daniel
Bentley Weinstein from Marilyn &
David Aronson

In memory of Peter Schotten from
Jill & Donald Kreger (Ft Collins CO)

In memory of David & Bonnie
Rogers from David & Marilyn
Aronson

To the Congregation from Sara &
Daniel Crosby; Helen & Lewis
Ofstein; Deb & Steve Hicks;
Fredric Janklow (Irene,SD); Mitch
Bernstein (N Bellmore NY); Leonard
& JoLea Gutnik

To the Sisterhood from Jodie & Jacob
Forstein

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

***Please send your donations to:
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TIDINGS DEADLINE: JANUARY 10th

Remember to submit articles
for the February 2022 *Tidings*

**To submit articles,
email them to:**

carol@theprintersinc.com

Mt Zion Congregation COVID-19 Pandemic Response...

Friends, we are happy to know that those of us afflicted by COVID seem to be largely recovered. We also recognize that the pandemic is not over. With our building re-opening, we have the following policies to share with you. These are being implemented to keep our community as safe as possible. All recommendations are subject to modification as the prevailing conditions change and we will also be following guidelines from the CDC and other government entities as they are issued.

- 1) If you are unwell, please do not join us in the building for services or other community events. We will make every effort to make our religious services, Torah study, and other community activities accessible to you via *Zoom*.
- 2) **Everyone over the age of two(2) years old MUST wear a FACEMASK** while inside the Mt Zion Temple building at all times except when actively eating or drinking.
- 3) The board will make sure that hand-sanitizer is available in several locations throughout the Temple building.
- 4) There will be working fans in the sanctuary and social hall to enhance air circulation. Windows will be opened when possible.
- 5) We will defer to the wishes of the student rabbi or lay-service leader for their instructions re: seating (how far to sit from the bimah; whether or not anyone in addition to the service leader is invited onto the bimah during services) and service participation (whether or not the congregation is asked to speak/read aloud responsively and/or sing) during services.

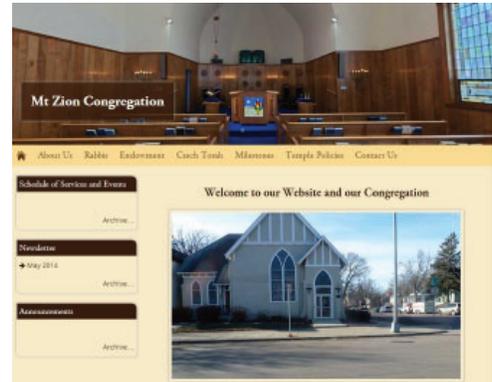
6) Eating/drinking in the Temple will be at the discretion of every individual. While an Oneg or other event serving refreshments may be offered, it is each individual's personal choice as to whether or not to partake. We will try to offer commercially-prepared, pre-packaged, single-portion options whenever possible. For example: bottled water; wrapped cheeses; whole fruits; wrapped candies. There may be other options (e.g. challah) that do not meet these criteria at a given event, but they are only for those comfortable taking them. Whenever food is served at a Temple event, you are always welcome to bring your own food for the enjoyment of yourself and your household.

7) For the time being, we are discouraging visiting groups from attending our Shabbat services.

We welcome other suggestions that you feel would improve your comfort level and help to protect yourself and others. Please contact Board President Jen Dreiske jendreiske@gmail.com or Vice-President Jacob Forstein forsteinj@gmail.com or any board member to share your thoughts.

The Temple is on Facebook

and has a website!



*Check it out and
"Like" us today!!*

HADASSAH



Gail Klein,
Chapter President

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!!



FAMILY SHABBAT POTLUCK DINNER

Friday, January 7th • Dinner begins at 6 pm
Shabbat Services at 7:30 pm



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 shellyrosenberglp@gmail.com



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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 7th

Daniel Horwitz
Emmanuel Schotten
Paul Wendte
Izadore Rimerman
Irene Bierman

January 28th

Sally Mosow
Zishke Marsh
Louis Zabel
Lillian Hurwitz
Sally Forstein
Roslyn Bryner
Harold "Bud" Margulies

January 14th

Cecyle Marsh
Mollye Borden
Megan Feinstein
Harry Cohen
Phillip Light
William Rothman
Sam Speier
Bernard "Bud" Brandwein

February 4th

Roslie Lux
Dorothy Roganson
Ruben J Light
Ben Light
Adrienne Saalfeld
Erma Sternberg

January 21st

Louis Ginsberg
Rebecca Fusfeld
Martin Aronson
Polar Haar
Walter Falk
Ben Borden
Gussie Shulkin
Stanley Goodman



January 17, 2022 • Tu B'Shevat

Give thanks for the bounty of fruits that the trees of Israel yield. Plant a tree this Tu B'Shevat!

On Tu B'Shevat we plant a tree...help reforest Israel!

Reforest Israel by planting trees in Israel through Hadassah/JNF, the Jewish National Fund. **To purchase a tree, contact SHELLY ROSENBERG at 513-226-8651 or email her at shellyrosenbergjpa@gmail.com** Trees are \$18 per tree and may be planted in honor of or in memory of someone, or for special occasions, or just because! A beautiful certificate will be mailed out to the recipient. Help Israel and celebrate Tu B'Shevat!

Hadassah and the Jewish National Fund have been partners in action since 1926, when they formed an effective and compassionate coalition. Today, these organizations are united in an effort to help Israel avoid an environmental catastrophe. Hadassah is currently funding the Tirezah Reservoir in Israel's Jordan Valley. Over the next few years, as many as 100 additional reservoirs will be needed to insure that Israel has the water that it requires. **Your contribution will help Israel conserve water, the most precious resource in the Middle East.**

Over the past century, JNF has planted over 200 million trees, built over 150 dams and reservoirs, developed over 250,000 acres of land, created more than 400 parks throughout Israel and educated students around the world about Israel and the environment. Through the support of donors, JNF was able to ensure that Israel was the only nation in the world to end the 20th century with more trees than it had at the beginning.



Mt. Zion Congregation - January 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					DEC 31 (28 Tevet) 4:42 pm NO Shabbat Service Va-eira Exodus 6:2-9:35 Haftarah: Ezekiel 28:25-29:21 NO Food Giveaway Raleigh Hansman Bday	1 10 am Torah Study via Zoom ONLY Happy New Year!
2	3 Rosh Chodesh Shevat	4	5	6	7 (6 Shevat) 4:49 pm 6:00 pm 1st Friday Family Potluck Shabbat Dinner 7:30 pm Shabbat Service Lay-led (in-person and Zoom) Bo Exodus 10:1-13:16 Haftarah: Jeremiah 46:13-28 Food Giveaway 4 - 5:30 pm	8 10 am Torah Study In-person and via Zoom Daniel Crosby Bday
9	10 TIDINGS DEADLINE	11	12	13 Michele Fenster Bday	14 (13 Shevat) 4:57 pm 7:30 pm Shabbat Service Led by St. Rabbi Englander (Zoom only) B'shalach Exodus 13:17-17:16 Haftarah: Judges 4:4-5:31 Food Giveaway 4 - 5:30 pm	15 10 am Torah Study In-person and via Zoom 7 pm: Adult Ed via Zoom
16 BOARD MEETING 11 am: in-person and via Zoom Erev Tu B'Shevat	17 TU B'SHEVAT 	18	19	20	21 (20 Shevat) 5:06 pm 7:30 pm Shabbat Service Lay-led (in-person and Zoom) Yitro Exodus 18:1-20:23 Haftarah: Isaiah 6:1-7:6; 9:5-6 Food Giveaway 4 - 5:30 pm	22 10 am Torah Study In-person and via Zoom
23	24	25	26	27	28 (27 Shevat) 5:15 pm 7:30 pm Shabbat Service Lay-led (in-person and Zoom) Mishpatim Exodus 21:1-24:18 Haftarah: Jeremiah 34:8-22; 33:25-26 Food Giveaway 4 - 5:30 pm	29 10 am Torah Study In-person and via Zoom
30	31		Logan Hansman Bday			