



TIDINGS OF ZION

Adar/Nissan 5781

MT. ZION CONGREGATION, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

March 2021

From Student Rabbi Ashley Englander

Finding the First Fruit Tree in You by Devon Spier

behind my window
 is a tree
 that blooms
 and though
 these bone dry blues are cruel
 Cruel!
 i find myself dancing
 stump bough apple lush and true
 i am the hidden fruit
 and
 The Tree of Life
 is
 climbing
 thriving
 that Holy Bearing Life Tree
 is
 Me
 is
 You!

In mid-March the Jewish people will enter into the Jewish month of Nisan. Nisan is the first spring month of the Jewish calendar year. We will witness (depending on where you are located) the land starting to warm up, the trees beginning to grow their leaves, the small and large animals returning from hibernation, and the sowing of seeds by coincidence or on purpose.

In our Jewish tradition, we recite the following blessing on the first of Nisan to acknowledge the blossoming of fruit trees:

Blessed are You, God, Ruler of the universe, who has made nothing lacking in the world, and created in it goodly creatures and goodly trees to give humankind pleasure.

When God created the world and everything in it, God saw that the creation was *tov*, good. What does “good” mean in the context of creation? Creation is “good” because each thing/person made has its own purpose and function in the whole of the universe. Something being deemed “good” does not mean that it is perfect. Creation or things continuing to be “created” today need to be appreciated and recognized as something “good” to our world, even if it can appear ugly or defective.

The spring remind us of a rebirth and a restart in our world. Even when our world enters a season of rebirth, unfavorable things might grow. We can accept each “mistake” or “unfavorable thing/outcome” as a part of the goodness in creation. I challenge us, as we see things start to grow, in our own gardens, landscapes, or areas of our lives, to accept “ungoodly” as “goodly”. Let us bless all these things, because God has made nothing lacking in our world. All of it - the land, trees, and creatures - are *tov*, good.

Adult Ed Book Discussion Saturday, March 13th 7:00 pm via Zoom *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant

From *Goodreads*: “Her name is Dinah. In the Bible, her life is only hinted at in a brief and violent detour within the more familiar chapters of the Book of Genesis that are about her father, Jacob, and his dozen sons. Told in Dinah’s voice, this novel reveals the traditions and turmoils of ancient womanhood—the world of the red tent. It begins with the story of her mothers—Leah, Rachel, Zilpah, and Bilhah—the four wives of Jacob. They love Dinah and give her gifts that sustain her through a hard-working youth, a calling to midwifery, and a new home in a foreign land. Dinah’s story reaches out from a remarkable period of early history and creates an intimate connection with the past. Deeply affecting, *The Red Tent* combines rich storytelling with a valuable achievement in modern fiction: a new view of biblical women’s society.”



The book may be borrowed from the Siouxland Libraries and is available for purchase at most book stores in-town and online. Online options include sources for used books such as Better World Books and ThriftBooks. Carol Rosenthal also has a copy that she is willing to lend out.

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(January 10 - February 9, 2021)

Please send Temple contributions to:
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To the Congregation with appreciation for their support during my recovery from COVID pneumonia from Jan Forstein

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To the Congregation from Marilyn & Arnold Garson (Sioux Falls SD); Fredric Janklow (Irene SD);

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Zoom Services at Mt. Zion Congregation

We will continue to hold our Shabbat Services via Zoom until further notice. These services are referencing the *Mishkan T'filah* prayerbooks. Mt. Zion Congregation **members** who wish to sign-out and borrow a copy of the prayerbook from the Temple, please contact Matilda. Ashley will continue to share portions of the text on the computer screen during services. Please see calendar for dates.

Contact Matilda at mejoppen@sio.midco.net if you would like your email address added to our contact list.

Student Rabbi Ashley Englander's 2021 Schedule of Zoom* Services/Events

**All visits will be via Zoom.
Sign-in info will be sent out
prior to the sessions*

March 12th/13th

March 19th/20th

1st Seder is March 27th

Since Passover Seder is centered around a dinner and a long evening, we are not going attempt to adapt this to a Zoom session. Ashley will not be with us this weekend. She will be with us the following weekend for the last day of Passover.

April 2nd/3rd

April 16th/17th

May 7th/8th (Ashley's last visit)

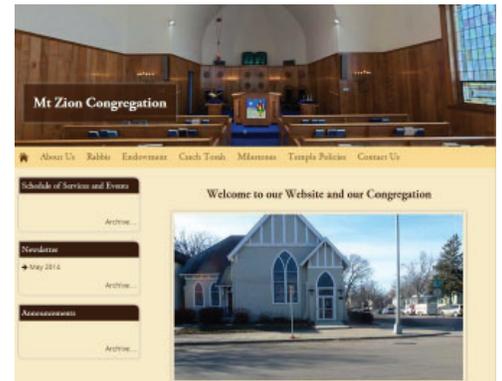
TIDINGS DEADLINE: MARCH 10th

Remember to submit articles for the April 2021 *Tidings*
**To submit articles,
email them to:
carol@theprintersinc.com**

Join Us at the Table!

**THE MONTHLY FAMILY
SHABBAT POTLUCK
DINNERS ARE CANCELED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

The Temple is on Facebook and has a website!



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



Learn what is happening in Israel beyond the news: Take a deep dive into the most pressing issues Israel is facing. Join us for [Access Israel: Behind the Headlines with Jerusalem Post Journalist Gil Hoffman](#), moderated by past Hadassah National President Ellen Hershkin. Hadassah members \$18, non-members \$25. Thursday, March 18, 3 pm ET.



Help build critical US-Israel ties: Scientific collaboration between experts in the US and Israel can help us better understand, diagnose and treat post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), deepen friendships between both nations and help heal our world. [Call or write your senators and urge them to support the United States-Israel PTSD Collaborative Research Act today.](#)

The Hadassah Israel Adventure is on! Every Move Counts, our new health and wellness program, is underway. There's still time to register and join us! Track your movements of all kinds — a walk outside, chair fitness, gardening, climbing stairs, household tasks and more — while moving along a virtual itinerary through Israel, learning fun facts and connecting with friends along the way. Enjoy the health and emotional benefits of being active and connected during this difficult time. [Register here.](#)



Passover cooking with a celebrity chef: Our next [Hadassah Magazine Discussion is Passover Cookalong with Jewish Food Sensation Jake Cohen](#). Best-selling cookbook author Adeena Sussman interviews social media star Cohen, author of the soon-to-be published Jew-ish: Reinvented Recipes From a Modern Mensch. As the two foodie friends talk, Jake will walk participants through one of his favorite Passover sweets. For anyone who wants to bake along with him, registrants will receive a link to the recipe in their confirmation. Hadassah members \$18, non-members \$25. Thursday, March 11, 12 pm ET.

SAVE THE DATE:

April 8, 6 pm ET: [One Book, One Hadassah: Best-selling author Kristin Harmel and The Book of Lost Names.](#)

April 11, 7:30 pm ET: [A Conversation with Supreme Court Marshal Pamela Talkin.](#)

April 22, 2 pm ET: [Access Israel: Interview with Khaled Abu Toameh](#), award-winning journalist and TV producer who covers Palestinian affairs for The Jerusalem Post.

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Gail Klein,
Chapter
President

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There's a card or certificate in every price range and for every occasion!!



SHABBAT POTLUCK DINNER

1st Friday monthly canceled until further notice.



SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP

Don't forget about the Sisterhood Gift Shop
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Matilda Oppenheimer
Gift Shop Coordinator
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Reforest Israel by planting trees in Israel through
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The price of one tree is \$18.

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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.

March 5th

J. Emmett Zervas
Harry Broder
Sylvia Hurvitz
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March 26th

Zalman Eli Epstein
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April 2nd

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March 12th

Jake Luskey
David Goodsite
Gertrude Barth Ehrlich
Paul Katz
Goldie Frank
Abe Shafton
Mayme Breslow
Abraham Shapiro
William L. Roth

March 19th

Myer Koplow
Dora Rosenstein

Go to Reform Judaism for more ideas!

<https://reformjudaism.org/how-make-2021s-online-passover-seder-lively-engaging-and-meaningful>

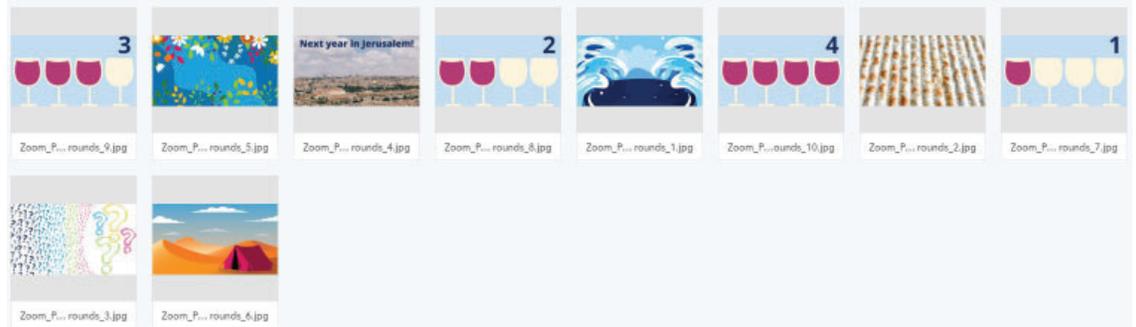
Passover is an experiential holiday, a time when we typically come together with loved ones in celebration of our Judaism. For some families, this is the one time each year when everyone joins together in person to share traditions, tell stories, and create lasting memories.

But this year's continuing COVID-19 pandemic again means that we cannot share physical spaces – so what are we to do? Thanks to modern technology, we can still gather online to create fun, engaging, meaningful, and memory-making holiday experiences – together.

Still, even seasoned seder hosts may feel stumped as they prepare to take the tradition online, wondering, "With guests watching from home instead of sitting around the table together, how can I keep everyone feeling connected and engaged?!"

It's time to get creative... again.

Virtual Backgrounds: Change up the visual experience for your seder guests. You can stick with one, or change periodically depending on the step of the seder you have reached.



THOUGHT QUESTIONS:

- Traditionally, wine is intended to signify joy. What makes this seder joyful for you?
- What are you filling your wine glass with? What is filling you up right now?
- Freedom is the primary theme of Passover, what freedom are you celebrating tonight?
- Karpas symbolizes hope for the future. Jewish tradition always embraces hope, even during uncertain times. What makes you hopeful this year? Why?
- What signs of spring are you noticing today, wherever you live? If someone at your virtual seder lives in another place, are they seeing different signs of the season?
- What experiences in your life have given you hope? When were you successful in a struggle to change? What did you learn from the experience?
- What are you grateful for this year? Why?
- The COVID-19 pandemic has reshaped more than a year of our lives and impacted two Passover celebrations. What moments of gratitude can you share – even on the days when you feel like you've had enough?
- Throughout the last year, what have you learned about yourself and your awareness to find gratitude even in difficult times?
- If you could add a verse to "Dayenu" this year, what would it be?

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 <small>JoLea Gutnik Bday</small>	3	4	5 (Adar 22) 6:03 pm NO Shabbat Service Torah Portion: Ki Tisa Haftarah: Ezekiel 36:22-36 Food Giveaway	6 10 am Torah Study via Zoom Lorna Gallanter Bday
7	8	9	10	11	12 (Adar 29) 6:12 pm Shabbat Service led by Ashley 7:30 pm via Zoom Torah Portion: Vayak'hel-Pekudei Haftarah: Ezekiel 45:16-25 Food Giveaway	13 10 am Torah Study via Zoom 7 pm (via Zoom) - see pg 1 Adult Ed & Havdalah "The Red Tent"
<p>JOIN IN THE DISCUSSION - Adult Ed: Book Discussion: March 13th <i>The Red Tent</i> by Anita Diamant. Please join us on Saturday, March 13th, 7:00 pm CST or a discussion of the book <i>The Red Tent</i> by Anita Diamant. Student Rabbi Ashley Englander will lead our conversation.</p>						
14 Spring forward 1 hour!	15 <small>Lillian Greenbaum Bday</small>	16	17	18	19 (Nisan 7) 7:20 pm Shabbat Service led by Ashley 7:30 pm via Zoom Torah Portion: Yayikra Haftarah: Isaiah 43:21-44:23 Food Giveaway <small>Mel Magidson Bday</small>	20 10 am Torah Study via Zoom Steve & Royce Hansman Anniv
21 Board Meeting 10am via Zoom <small>Leonard Gutnik Bday</small>	22	23	24 <small>Richard Hosen Bday</small>	25 <small>Deb Hicks Bday</small>	26 (Nisan 14) 7:29 pm Lay-led Shabbat Service 7:30 pm via Zoom Torah Portion: Tzav Haftarah: Malachi 3:4-24 Food Giveaway	27 PASSOVER 10 am Torah Study via Zoom 1st Seder: Since Passover Seder is centered around a dinner and a long evening, we are not going attempt to adapt this to a Zoom session.
28	29	30	31	April 1	2 (Nisan 21) 7:37 pm Shabbat Service led by Ashley 7:30 pm via Zoom Torah Portion: Exodus 14:30-15:18 Haftarah: 2 Samuel 22:1-7,17-31	3 10 am Torah Study via Zoom
P A S S O V E R						
					Food Giveaway	