



TIDINGS OF ZION



Iyar/Sivan 5775

MT. ZION CONGREGATION, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

May 2015



from Student Rabbi Cohen...

Dear Mt. Zion Family,

It seems like only yesterday that I wrote my first bulletin article introducing myself to you. It is with much sadness, but yet with much appreciation that you have prepared me for my next pulpit in my rabbinic journey. It has been my pleasure to lead this congregation spiritually, emotionally and academically. As for me, next year, I will have the honor of fulfilling both my fellowship and internship requirements at Temple Sholom in Cincinnati.

If I may, I would like to leave you with these few parting words: In Sociology, it is taught that in order to keep communal ties, one must fulfill his or her societal responsibility. Similarly, in Judaism, I believe that the concept of peoplehood means fulfilling our own system of responsibilities, as in our obligations, in order to

uphold the larger Jewish community. Our Jewish community must support each other by consoling the bereaved, visiting the sick and performing acts of love and kindness, to name a few. The role of Jewish peoplehood should be to maintain and preserve our connections with others through performing these obligations; for when we care for one another, we as the Jewish people are a much stronger community.

Lastly, our positive actions must not be limited to our own Jewish people but extend to all people. "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:18). I believe that all of us should see ourselves as partners with God in upholding the world created for us. Only then, together as one, will we best honor and praise God.

*Wishing you good health, happiness and the gift of shalom,
Student Rabbi Alli Cohen*

Passover Seder Wrap-Up ...

Our thanks to everyone in the community who stepped up and helped with the Passover Seder. We thank those who helped with shopping, setting-up, dessert-baking, and cleaning-up. We thank Student Rabbi Cohen for leading us in the Seder rituals. We thank all of you for participating. We thank those who made extra monetary donations so that we can keep the ticket price affordable for all.

Everyone who gave of their time, their spirit and their resources is appreciated. We could not have had such a meaningful and successful evening without you! Todah rabah!

Next year in Peace!

Sincerely,
Deb Hicks and Matilda Oppenheimer, Passover Seder Coordinators

Mt. Zion Book Group

Anyone interested in joining us in reading and discussing our next book selection is more than welcome!

We will be reading The Promise of a Pencil: How an Ordinary Person Can Create Extraordinary Change by Adam Braun. "Adam Braun began working summers at hedge funds when he was just sixteen years old, sprinting down the path to a successful Wall Street career." (As a young 20-something...) "while traveling he met a young boy begging on the streets of India, who after being asked what he wanted most in the world, simply answered, 'A pencil.' This small request led to a staggering series of events that took Braun backpacking through dozens of countries before eventually leaving a prestigious job to found *Pencils of Promise*, the organization he started with just \$25 that has since built more than 200 schools around the world."

In explaining his underlying motivation for his philanthropy, Adam clearly credits his Jewish roots, tikkun olam, his Grandmother's surviving the Holocaust and the overall encouragement of his family and the philanthropic example set by his parents. This is a quick, enjoyable, and inspirational read.

Available now in paperback and Kindle versions!

Plan to join us at 12 noon on Saturday, May 9th for a brown-bag-bring-your-own-lunch and discussion. Also, please bring your suggestions for our next book choice, with discussion to take place late next fall.

Questions or comments? Be in touch!

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MAY CALENDAR

- 1 Service at 7:30 and
Potluck Dinner at 6:00 pm
- 7 Lag Ba-Omer
- 8 No Service
- 9 Mt. Zion Book Group at
noon in the
Temple Social Hall
- 10 Mother's Day
- 15 Service at 7:30 pm
- 17 Yom Yerushalayim –
Jerusalem Day
- 19 Rosh Chodesh Sivan
- 22 No Service
- 24 First Day of Shavuot
- 25 Memorial Day
- 29 Service at 7:30 pm

JUNE CALENDAR

- 5 No Service
- 12 Service at 7:30
- 17 Rosh Chodesh Tammuz
- 19 No Service
- 21 Father's Day
- 26 Service at 7:30

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



from the Congregation President...

The subject of this month's column is gratitude. Albert Schweitzer once said this about gratitude, "To educate yourself for the feeling of gratitude means to take nothing for granted, but to always seek out and value the kindness that stands behind the action. Nothing that is done for you is a matter of course. Everything originates in a will for it." You may now be asking yourself why I feel the need to state the obvious. My reason is that I believe that some of our members take for granted that Temple activities, services, and availability will be there whenever they wish to partake. There are also some members, who rarely participate on any committees, yet regularly step up to complain about the poor quality of events, activities, etc. My friends, we are at a point in our Temple's life where our continued survival is somewhat fragile. Many of our members—myself included—are older than 50. We have some long term members who are making plans to move away. We are seeing just a small influx of young families.

So, why am I writing about this? Believe me, I am not complaining. Those of you who know me already are aware of my deep commitment to Judaism and to Mt Zion. I am writing to ask everyone to pull together and appreciate what we do have and to ask for your help to make things better. Let's avoid complaining to one another about failures/errors, etc. Instead please come to me to let me know the concern and help me address and alleviate whatever caused the problem. Let's give each other the benefit of the doubt. My belief is that each of us is trying to do the very best that we can for the Temple's benefit. If something happens that hurts your feelings, please give the other person the benefit of the doubt and either directly address your concern (kindly and courteously) or bring your concern to me so that we can determine how to address and alleviate the matter.

My friends, we are all that we have right now. We don't need additional clichés to stress the point. I welcome everyone's feedback on this and any other matter concerning our Temple.

Sincerely,
Bernice

It is my sad duty to inform you of the passing of one of our former members, Ella-Keen "Keenie" Goldsmith.

She passed away in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Zicronah L'vracha. May her memory be for blessing.

Our thoughts and our prayers are with her family.

Bernice Schotten, Temple President

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

**Please send your
donations to:**

Mt. Zion Temple

PO Box 756

Sioux Falls, SD 57101

Join Us at the Table!

March's potluck dinner was a HUGE success. Everyone there said it was great to get together and share a Shabbat meal. **The next Shabbat potluck dinner is May 1st at 6:00 pm.** 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 or call 376-5189.



DONATIONS

(March 10 - April 9, 2015)

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

GENERAL FUND

To the Congregation from the Walter S. Mander Foundation and Susan Wolf and Charles Wolf and their Family

To the Congregation with thanks for the support of the Mount Zion Temple Community from Lorna Gallanter

In honor of Lorna Gallanter from Shelly & Jay Rosenberg

In appreciation for the 2014-15 Mount Zion Congregation Officers and Board Members from Mark & Matilda Oppenheimer

In Memory of Laurence Essig from Jay, Shelly, Ross & Elizabeth Rosenberg

In Memory of Myra Davis, Royce Hansman's Mother, from Carin & David Rosinsky & Family

With Sympathy to the Rosinsky Family on the passing of Dr. Blaine "Buddy" Roffman, Carin Rosinsky's Father, from Bernice & Peter Schotten; Mark & Matilda Oppenheimer

To the Congregation in Support of the Community's Passover Seder from Deb & Steve Hicks; Marilyn & David Aronson; Carin & David Rosinsky; Linda & Steve Gutnik; Jan Forstein; Lorna Gallanter; Charles Fritts; Royce & Steve Hansman; Dawn Gutnik; Mark & Matilda Oppenheimer; Carolyn Margulies; Lin Rostrom; Cheryl & Howard Jorenby

A Note from the Treasurer

Dear Mount Zion Members and Friends,

Our current fiscal year ends on May 31st. If you still have unpaid dues, please try to send in your payment before the end of May.

In May, the Finance Committee will be preparing our budget for the next fiscal year which runs from June 1st 2015 through May 31st 2016. If you anticipate a significant increase or decrease in your financial support of the Temple for the coming year, please let me know.

Your personal information will be held in confidence, but having a realistic idea of what we can expect to collect in dues and donations (effectively, our operating income) is critical to formulating a realistic budget.

We have many fixed expenses (building maintenance; utilities; program expenses; student rabbi's salary & expenses; to name a few). Our board makes every effort to manage the community's funds conservatively and responsibly. We welcome your input.

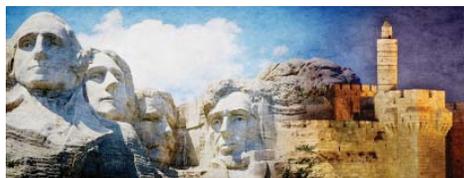
Sincerely,
Matilda Oppenheimer, Treasurer



PLANT A TREE 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 at 371-2020 or email her at molson1226@hotmail.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!!

TIDINGS DEADLINE IS MAY 10th

Remember to submit articles appropriate for the Summer (June, July, August) *Tidings*.

To submit articles, you may email them to:

carol@theprintersinc.com

OR mail them to:

510 S. 1st Ave.

Sioux Falls, SD 57104



The Foundation for Jewish Camp and the Legacy Heritage Foundation have awarded Camp Young Judaea Midwest significant grants for first time campers to attend CYJ this summer.

CYJ Midwest is able to provide children entering grades 4-9 with \$1000-\$2000 in non-needs based incentive grants and up to \$2000 in needs-based tuition assistance.

CYJ Midwest is a residential Jewish summer camp for children entering grades 2-9. Its 80 acre campsite features a beautiful lakefront with waterskiing, boating and swimming, along with sports fields, rock climbing wall, archery range, mountain biking trails, media arts lab and more. CYJ campers and staff come from more than 15 states (including yours!) and 3 different countries.

I know camp scholarships are big line items on many of your budgets, so this could be a great way to ensure that campers can attend Camp Young Judaea Midwest.

You can check out their website at www.cyjmid.org or call 224-235-4665.

Robin Anderson, Associate Director
Camp Young Judaea Midwest
224-235-4665 (p) • 847-789-7197 (f)



Blintzes are of Hungarian origin. Pancakes of every kind with various fillings, called "palacsinta," are common in Hungary. This one was adopted as a specialty of Shavuot, when it is customary to eat dairy dishes. It is a magnificent sweet and one of my favorites.

INGREDIENTS

Sour cream to pass around
2 teaspoons cinnamon to sprinkle on (optional)
zest of 1 and 1/2 lemons
1/2 cup or more sugar, to taste
1 lb curd cheese
1/2 lb cream cheese
2-3 Tablespoons melted unsalted butter
Confectioners' sugar to sprinkle on (optional)
3/4 cup currants or raisins soaked in a little rum for 1/2 hour (optional)
A few drops of vanilla extract (optional)
3 egg yolks
1/2 Tablespoon oil plus more for greasing the pan
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 egg
2/3 cup water
1 cup flour
1 1/4 cups milk

DIRECTIONS

Add the milk and water to the flour gradually, beating vigorously. Add the egg, salt, and oil and beat the batter until smooth. Leave to rest for 1-2 hours.

Heat a preferably nonstick frying pan—with a bottom not wider than 8 inches (20 cm)—and grease very slightly with oil. Pour about half a ladleful of batter into the frying pan and move the pan around so the entire surface is covered with batter. The batter and the resulting pancake should be thin. As soon as the pancake is slightly browned and detached, turn it over with a spatula and cook a moment only on the other side. Continue until all the batter is used and put the pancakes in a pile.

For the filling, blend the curd and cream cheese with the sugar, lemon zest, egg yolks, and vanilla, if you like, in a food processor. Then stir in the raisins, if using.

Take each pancake, 1 at a time, put 2 heaping tablespoons of filling on the bottom half, fold the edge of the pancake over the filling, tuck in the sides so that it is trapped, and roll up into a slim roll. Place the rolls side by side in a greased oven dish. Sprinkle with butter and bake in a preheated 375 F (190 C) oven for 20 minutes.

Serve hot, dusted with confectioners' sugar and cinnamon, if you like, and pass the sour cream for people to help themselves if they want to.

VARIATIONS

For an apple filling: Peel and core 2 lbs (1 kg) apples. Steam in a pan with the lid on and only a drop of water. Then puree and sweeten with sugar to taste, and add 1 teaspoon cinnamon and a few gratings of nutmeg.

For a cherry filling: Pit 2 lbs (1 kg) cherries and steam them in a pan with the lid on. Some mix this with 1/2 cup (75 g) ground almonds and 2 or 3 drops of almond extract.



Potluck Dinner

Friday, May 1, 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

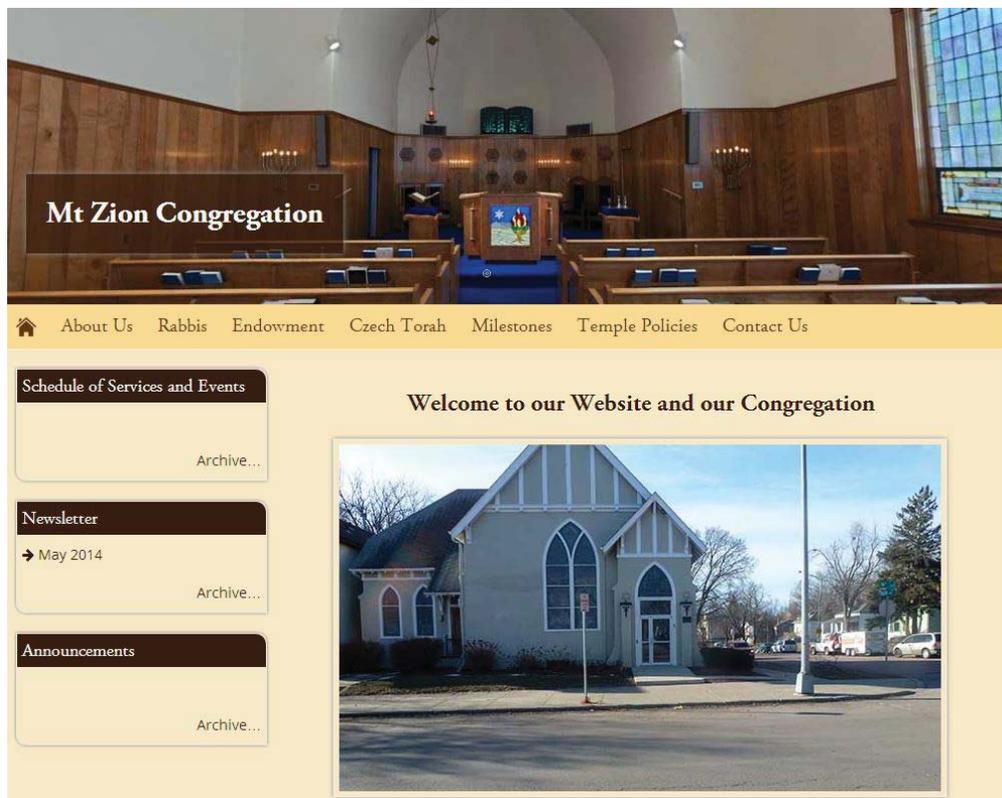
Questions? mtzioncongregation@gmail.com

Save these dates: June 5th and July 3rd

The Temple is on Facebook and has a website!



Check it out and
“Like” us today!!



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Mt. Zion Congregation - May 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> 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 (Iyar 13) 8:11 pm 6:00 pm Potluck Dinner 7:30 pm Shabbat Service Torah: Acharei Mot-K'doshim Lev 16:1-20:27 Haftarah: Amos 9:7-15	2 10 am Torah Study
3	4	5 Mitch Bernstein Bday	6	7 Lag B'Omer Gretchen Hegna Bday	8 (Iyar 20) 8:19 pm NO Shabbat Service Torah: Emor Lev 21:1-24:23 Haftarah: Ezekiel 44:15-31	9 10 am Torah Study Mt. Zion Book Group 12 noon Temple Social Hall
10 Mother's Day TIDINGS DEADLINE	11	12	13	14	15 (Iyar 27) 8:27 pm 7:30 pm Shabbat Service Torah: B'har B'chukotai Lev 25:1-27:34 Haftarah: Jeremiah 16:19-17:14 Larry & Anita Bierman Anniv, Sara Crosby Bday	16 10 am Torah Study
17 Yom Yerushalayim - Jerusalem Day Temple Board Meeting 10 am - Social Hall	18	19 Rosh Chodesh Sivan Matilda Oppenheimer Bday	20	21 Bill & Barbara Pitts Anniv	22 (Sivan 5) 8:34 pm NO Shabbat Service Torah: B'midbar Num 1:1-4:20 Haftarah: Hosea 2:1-22	23 10 am Torah Study
24 1st Day Shavuot Jill Storm Bday	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28	29 (Sivan 12) 8:40 pm 7:30 pm Shabbat Service Torah: Naso Num 4:21-7:89 Haftarah: Judges 13:2-25 Barbara Pitts Bday	30 10 am Torah Study
31 Roz Bryner Bday		Dawn Gutnik Bday	Jaina Greene Bday			Leonard & JoLea Gutnik Anniv



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.

May 1st

Louis R. "Duke" Hurwitz
Elsa Oppenheimer
Max Swedelson
Arthur Greenbaum

May 8th

Henry Bailin
Barney Kopel
Huldah Bailin
Harry Sigelman

May 15th

Margaret Harris
Bernie Eirenberg
Louis Luskey
Louis Cohen
Max Stein
Marvin Davis
John Agrant
Edna Hiatt
Richard L. Storm
Hans Jacoby

May 22nd

William Shapiro
Albert Haney
Rachel Light
Mark David Kohn
Carolyn Bochnik
Mollie Aaronson
Erna Broder
Mamye Light

May 28th

Lauren Forstein
Billie Lewis
Arthur Goldstein
Elsie Shapiro
Ethel Kaufman
Bernice Stern
Maurice Magidson
Edwin Livingston
Sam Gellman

June 5th

Uryon Davidsohn
Morris Hudson
Rachel V. Angel
Fanny Koplów
Anne Rothman
Morton Weinberg



Mt. Zion Congregation ANNUAL MEETING and ELECTION OF OFFICERS and BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, June 10th
7:00 p.m.

Temple Social Hall

One vote per family unit
All members are encouraged to attend

Officers and Board of Directors will be elected!
Annual reports will be given!
2015 - 2016 budget to be presented!

TIME TO GO?

The Rise of Global Anti-Semitism



JEWISH COMMUNITY
RELATIONS COUNCIL
MINNESOTA & THE DAKOTAS

Annual Event

Sunday, June 14, 2015

Featuring **Jeffrey Goldberg**

National Correspondent for *The Atlantic*



ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Jeffrey Goldberg

Back by Popular Demand – Jeffrey Goldberg will join the Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas (JCRC) for its 2015 Annual Event on Sunday, June 14, to discuss the question: Is it time for Jews to leave Europe?

For half a century, memories of the Holocaust protected the Continent from widespread anti-Semitism. That period has ended. The recent fatal attacks in Paris and Copenhagen are merely the latest examples of rising violence against Jews. Renewed vitriol has created a crisis, confronting Jews with an agonizing decision, is it time to go?

Honoring: Carol and Stephen Rosenthal of Sioux Falls, South Dakota
Recipients of the 2015 Samuel H. Scheiner Leadership Award

<http://www.minndakjcrc.org/annual-event.html>