



TIDINGS OF ZION



Cheshvan/Kislev 5773

MT. ZION CONGREGATION, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

November 2014



from Student Rabbi Cohen...

As American Jews, we often feel the tension between our secular and Jewish identities. Especially during the national holiday of Thanksgiving, our lives become bi-furcated. We often leave our Jewishness behind to join in the celebrations. Each year, I ask myself, “how can I integrate these two parts of who I am: American and Jewish? How can I integrate these two factors of myself and allow them to reinforce one

another? Why must I live in tension?”

Judaism and Thanksgiving have more in common than one may think. First, Thanksgiving, which celebrates the fall harvest, is a lot like our own harvest holiday of Sukkot. We need only to add the *HaMotzi* blessing to our Thanksgiving meal. Through thanking God for bringing forth bread from the earth, we realize that this holiday gives us one more opportunity to recognize God’s works over the bounty of the earth. Second, consider Thanksgiving an extra chance to recite some of Judaism’s daily prayers for thanks and praise. The prayer *Modah ani l’fanecha* (I give thanks to You) is part of the Jewish morning ritual to thank God for another day, as each day is a blessing. In my family, we have a tradition of going around the table and sharing what we are thankful for. Third, both the pilgrims as well as the Jews seem to have some very important values in common: that of family and friendship. In 1621, when the pilgrims invited Native Americans to celebrate their first, successful harvest, they demonstrated this value.

So this year, when I join my family at the Thanksgiving table, I will make the choice to celebrate as both the American and the Jew that I am. I hope you will join me. We do not have to live in two, separate spheres. When we make the conscious choice to look at our whole lives through a Jewish lens, allowing our religion to penetrate every instance of our lives, we can find added meaning. We can more fully live “Jewishly.”

*B’shalom,
Student Rabbi Alli Cohen*

from the Congregation President...



What do we want most in our MZ Jewish community...really a rhetorical question. My belief is that we want a robust and engaging Jewish community which strives to embrace and act according to the commandments and precepts of our Torah. One of my concerns right now as president that is putting to our unity at risk as a congregation is discord and/or misunderstandings. In an effort to address members’ concerns, the theme of this month’s column is: “What’s on your mind?”

If you have any questions, concerns, stuff you’re wondering about, etc, please put these concerns in an e-mail (to bescho@sio.midco.net) or call me at 605-332-3376. All inquiries will be 100% confidential between the person making the inquiry and me. Here are the ground rules.

- 1) Any concern—current or in the past—should be submitted by Nov. 30, 2012.
- 2) Concerns need to be specific and understandable. Submissions that are too vague and generalized cannot be addressed.
- 3) Complaints/grievances need to include a possible suggested remedy. (Complaints without at least one suggested remedy will not be addressed.)
- 4) What is going right at Temple?
- 5) Anything involving policy will be discussed with the MZ board...again...the author of the issue will remain anonymous.

The best way to deal with concerns is to shine the light of day on them. so that they can be openly analyzed and resolved, thus eliminating—or at least mitigating--the small pockets of discord or unhappiness. I invite your input.

*All the best,
Bernice*


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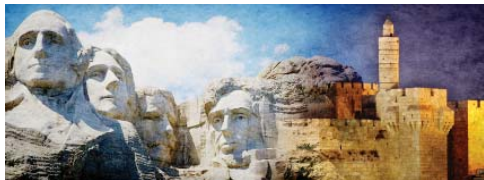
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**SPECIAL NOTE
OF THANKS**

Thank you to all those who participated in the Mt. Zion Congregation’s

High Holyday Services – on the bimah and behind the scenes. Your involvement is very much appreciated. And a special thanks to the members of the Ritual Committee.

David Aronson, Ritual Chair

**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.

**TIDINGS
DEADLINE IS
NOVEMBER 10th**

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

To submit articles, you may email them to:
carol@theprintersinc.com

OR mail them to:
510 S. 1st Ave.
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

**Remember birthdays,
anniversaries, yahrzeits,
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**STUDENT RABBI’S
2014-2015 SCHEDULE**

OCT 31-NOV 2

NOV 7-9

NOV 21-23

DEC 5-7

DEC 19-21

JAN 16-18

JAN 30-FEB 1

FEB 13-15

FEB 27-MAR 1

MAR 6-8 (PURIM)

MAR 20-22

APR 3-5 (PASSOVER SEDER)

APR 17-19

**Hosts for Student
Rabbi Allison Cohen’s
Friday and Saturday
meals are needed.**

Please contact Marty Davidsohn at
martydavidsohn@gmail.com
or 254-8434
and get your favorite date.

Book Group!

Last spring's book group discussion was enjoyed by those in attendance. We have decided to have two meetings this new year 5775 - one in the Fall and one in the Spring.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, November 15, 2014 at 12 pm (immediately following Torah Study) in the Social Hall. The book that we have selected is called "*The Lemon Tree: An Arab, a Jew and the heart of the Middle East*" by Sandy Tolan. "*The Lemon Tree*" opens in Israel in 1967. It is the story of an Arab gentleman, a Jewish woman and the house that both of their families once called "home."

We ask that you bring a bag lunch for yourself. Bringing food to share is optional, but appreciated! We will provide beverages (juice, water and coffee).

If you have any questions about this gathering or suggestions (book selection/discussion format/other), please contact either David or Matilda.

We welcome your input!!!

Looking forward to seeing new participants as well as "returning" readers to our next get together!

*David Aronson (605-957-4371) and
Matilda Oppenheimer (332-8404), Coordinators*



SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP...

The first candle of Chanukah will be lit on Tuesday, December 16th...please remember the Gift Shop when shopping for your holiday needs.

As always, we carry an assortment of menorahs, dreidels, candles, gift wrap, jewelry, chocolate gelt and other gift items for your family, your friends, and yourself. Read the December issue of The Tidings for details of our Chanukah Raffle!

Our Chanukah Open House and sales will be held on the mornings of **Sunday, December 7th** and **Sunday, December 14th, from 10am until 12 noon both days.** We will have merchandise displayed in our classroom in the Temple Religious School hallway. If you wish to shop earlier in November or if neither of these times is convenient for you, we are available by appointment. Please phone one of us to schedule a mutually convenient time to meet. Please note that we can accept payment in cash or check, but not credit/debit cards.

Your Gift Shop purchases not only offer you the convenience of local shopping for your Judaica needs, but also support Sisterhood's services to the Mount Zion community.

Please call us with any questions, suggestions, or special requests...

*Gift Shop Co-Chairs: Judy Lampert (home: 605-339-3170)
and Matilda Oppenheimer (home: 605-332-8404)*



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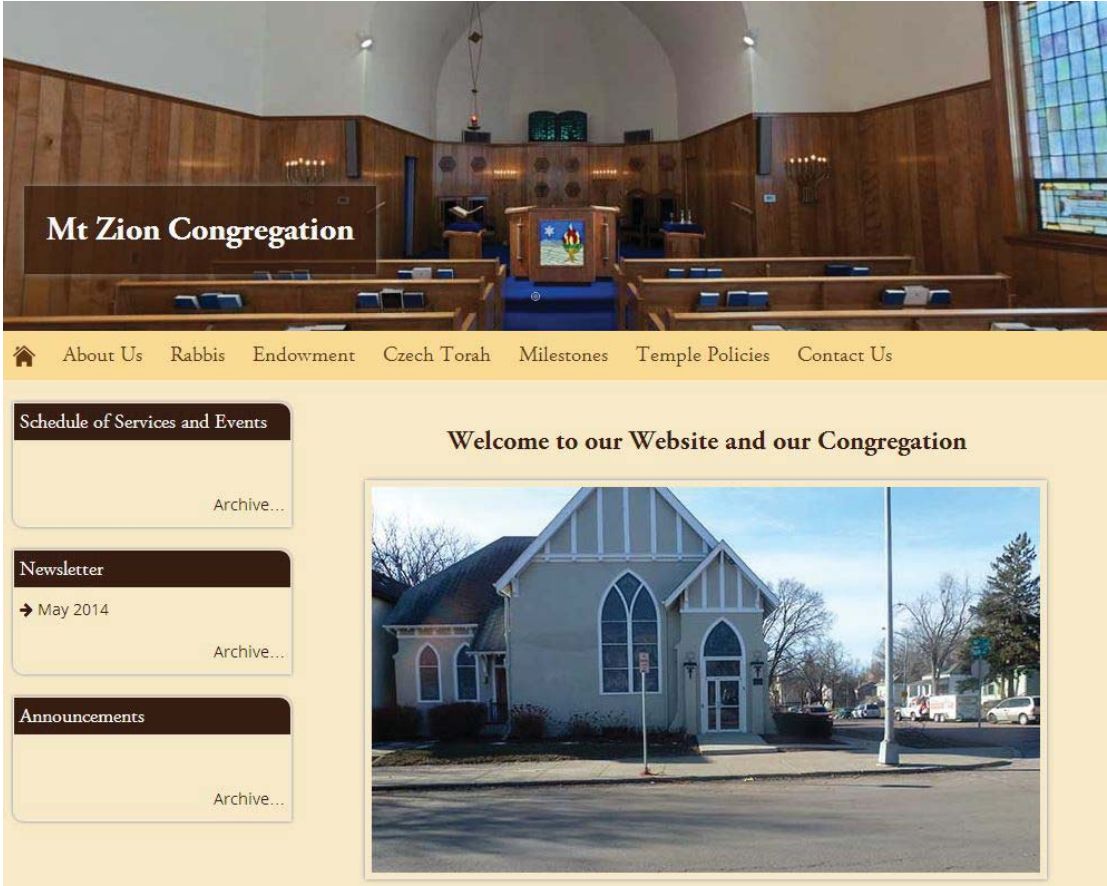
Thank You

Thank you to Carin Rosinsky and Sara Crosby for their fabulous leadership in coordinating the Rosh Hashanah Oneg. And, thank you to all of our Congregants who donated the beautiful baked goods, fruit, cheeses, and other "delectables." The Rosh Hashanah Oneg is a lovely tradition in our community and we appreciate everyone's participation!!! Wishing you all good health, peace and blessings in 5775!!!

*The Members of
Mount Zion Temple Sisterhood*



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	A reminder that proper attire should be worn when participating in services at Mt. Zion Temple. Your cooperation with this matter is greatly appreciated.				31 (Cheshvan 8) 6:01 pm 7:30 pm Shabbat Service STUDENT RABBI COHEN Torah: Lech-L'cha Gen 12:1-17:27 Haftarah: Isaiah 40:27-41:16	1 10 am Torah Study Nancy Feinstein Bday
2 Daylight savings time ends	4 Lin Rostrom, Ilana Finnikov Bdays	5 Lewis Olstein Bday	6 George Olson Bday	7 (Cheshvan 15) 4:52 pm 7:30 pm Shabbat Service STUDENT RABBI COHEN Torah: Vayeira Gen 18:1-22:24 Haftarah: II Kings 4:1-37 Henry & Diane Pecheny Anniv, Murray Haar Bday	8 10 am Torah Study	
9 TIDINGS DEADLINE	11 Larry Bierman Bday	12	13 David & Carin Rosinsky Anniv	14 (Cheshvan 22) 4:45 pm 7:30 pm Shabbat Service Torah: Chayei Sarah Gen 23:1-25:18 Haftarah: I Kings 1:1-31	15 10 am Torah Study	
16 Temple Board Meeting 10 am Social Hall	18	19	20	21 (Cheshvan 29) 4:39 pm 7:30 pm Shabbat/Rosh Chodesh Service STUDENT RABBI COHEN Torah: Tol'dot Gen 25:19-28:9 Haftarah: Malachi 1:1-2:7 or Samuel 20:18-42 Harlene Lewin, Elana Hicks Bdays	22 10 am Torah Study	
23 Zoe Simon Bday	25	26	27 Happy Thanksgiving	28 (Kislev 7) 4:35 pm 7:30 pm Shabbat Service Torah: Vayeitzei Gen 28:10-32:3 Haftarah: Hosea 12:13-14:10	29 10 am Torah Study	
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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.

November 7th

Bernard "Barney" Gutnik
Molly Cohen
Jacob Mosow
Maurice Kopel
Hinde Minnie Light
Ben Hurvitz
Herman Kopel
Jack Radin

November 28th

Jessica Haffer
Estelle Steinberg
Esther Silverberg
Betty Margulies
Jacob Weinstein
Abe Silverberg
Hans Nauen
Mitzi Russick
Bernice Shapiro-Weiner
Anne Eirinberg

November 14th

Adolph Deutsch
Eunice Zervas
Israel Frank
Israel Hirshfield
Sinai Marsh
Toba Epstein
Rose Rimerman
Sidney Epstein
Dr Frederick Probe

December 5th

Joel Oppenheimer
Morris Gellman
Sam Levinson
Charles F. Bierman
Julius Kuh
Martin I. Axelbaum

November 21st

Henry Borshevsky
Joe Mosow
Sarah Wolff
Risha Shapiro
Louis Koplow

SAVE THE DATE

Mt. Zion Temple CHANUKAH DINNER

Friday, December 19, 2014

Look for
details in the
December
Tidings

