



TIDINGS OF ZION



Cheshvan/Kislev 5776

MT. ZION CONGREGATION, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

November 2015



from the Congregation President...

A meal is the whole experience of getting together and sharing with friends. It is more than food.

Jinny Fleischman

Israeli hummus restaurant gives Jews and Arabs 50% off for eating together



Could hummus help bridge the divide between Arabs and Jews during continued violence?

(JTA) — Can a shared love of hummus bring Jews and Arabs together? An Israeli restaurant near the coastal city of Netanya is offering 50 percent discounts on hummus for tables with both Jews and Arabs.

A manager of the Hummus Bar, located in Kfar Vitkin, told the Times of Israel that “several” tables of Jews and Arabs have taken advantage of the offer since it began Oct. 13.

“By us we don’t have Arabs! But we also don’t have Jews ... By us we’ve got human beings!” the restaurant posted on Facebook. “And real excellent Arab hummus! And great Jewish falafel!”

The move was motivated by the growing unrest across Israel in the aftermath of weeks of attacks by Palestinian extremists on Jewish-Israelis and Palestinian deaths at the hands of Israeli police and soldiers trying to tamp down the violence. The latest attack – a shooting in a Beersheba bus station by a Bedouin-Israeli that left two dead and 10 wounded – came Sunday night.

“If there’s anything that can bring together these peoples, it’s hummus,” manager Kobi Tzafrir told the Times of Israel.

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from Student Rabbi Kaye...

“This is the generation of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, perfect in his generation.”

“In his generation.” These are keywords according to the great sage Rashi, who labels them a qualifier. Is it a good qualifier or a bad one? Undetermined. The first argument says, Noah was a righteous and perfect person, and if he had lived in a better time he would have been an even better person. Others say that in another generation, such as the generation of Abraham, he wouldn’t have been perfect. Perhaps he might not even have been considered righteous.

Today, as terrible things are happening in Israel, I can’t stop thinking about this teaching.

What is the nature of our generation? Do we live in a good world, a righteous world, such as during the generation of Abraham? Or do we live in a negative world, a corrupt world, such as the generation of Noah.

Because if you listen to the news and the pundits, see the violence in Israel and the rest of the region, you might think the world is a cruel place. You could make the argument that this is a terrible generation: you see the parallels to Noah. “The world was full of Hamas,” a violent evil place. A fallen and corrupt thing.

And assume for a moment that we accept that premise. In a corrupt world an acceptable human being is good enough. A “good enough” person is perfect and righteous. And what does it take to be a good enough person? Critics of Noah say that he was the sort of person who followed all the “Do Not’s”. Do not Murder, Do not Steal, Do not Covet. He never did anything bad... but he also didn’t fight for the victims of those who did. He never tried to change those around him. It was only his lack of evil made him good.

And if we live in a corrupt world, if we accept that this is a bad place, we can follow in his footsteps. We can also “Do not” and be “good”. If we live in a fallen world than passivity in the face of evil, as long as you don’t join in, is “good enough”. Like the overwhelming silence of the media as Israeli men, women, and children are stabbed in the street.

But I hope that you are like me. And that you reject the premise that this is a fallen and corrupt world. We reject that we live in a generation of evil. We reject “good enough.”

Despite the violence, despite the pain, despite the danger: this is still a good, beautiful, wonderful world. And it is a world filled with righteous people of all colors, races, and creeds. So what does it mean to be a righteous person in a generation of the righteous? It means challenging easy answers, black and white solutions, and refusing to be passive.



SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP

First Chanukah Candle will be lit at sundown on Sunday, December 6th ...

We will have the Gift Shop open on Sunday, November 15th and Sunday, November 22nd from 10 AM until 12:00 noon. If these hours are not convenient for you, please do not hesitate to call us and we will arrange a mutually agreeable alternative time.

Chanukah items including chocolate gelt, decorations, dreidels, menorahs, candles and giftwrap are featured. We also have gift items such as books, jewelry, mugs, and toys for your family and friends. Items are available in limited quantities, so shop early and avoid disappointment.

Remember, your purchases not only allow you to bring beautiful Judaica into your home, but they also support the Sisterhood's numerous community projects including Shabbat Onegs, maintaining the Temple's kitchen facilities, and holiday events.

Wishing you and your loved ones a safe and happy holiday season...

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

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 6 POTLUCK SHABBAT DINNER AT 6:00 PM
SERVICE AT 7:30 PM

NOVEMBER 13 STUDENT RABBI SAM KAYE
SERVICE AT 7:30 PM

NOVEMBER 20 SERVICE AT 7:30 PM

NOVEMBER 27 SERVICE AT 7:30 PM

DECEMBER CALENDAR

DECEMBER 4 POTLUCK SHABBAT DINNER AT 6:00 PM
STUDENT RABBI SAM KAYE
HANUKAH SERVICE AT 7:30 PM

RAFFLE

Come to the Gift Shop during our Chanukah sales and purchase one or more chances to win a special prize...

Yes, this is vague...As the *Tidings* goes to press, we do not know what our raffle item will be...but, as soon as we have it, we will send out emails to let you know! Stay tuned....

Questions? Call Judy (339-3170) or Matilda (332-8404)

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 November 6th at 6:00 pm. Save December 4th 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.

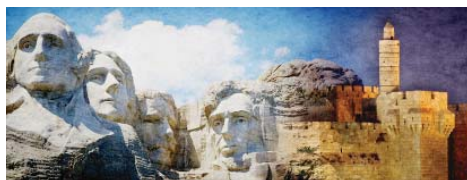
For more information, contact Stephen Rosenthal at rosenthal.stephen@gmail.com or call 376-5189.



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(September 10 - October 9, 2015)

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PO Box 756, Sioux Falls, SD 57101

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In honor of the Mount Zion Temple Board from Marilyn & David Aronson

Yahrzeits

In loving memory of Dick Lewin from Harlene Lewin

In loving memory of Dr. Sydney & Beatrice Rosenberg, parents of Jay, from Jay & Shelly Rosenberg

In loving memory of Willard & Geraldine Roth, parents of Shelly, from Shelly & Jay Rosenberg

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

**Please send your donations to:
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**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.

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

Shabbat Blessings:

Lighting the Candles

The candles are lit before the blessing is recited.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו במצוותיו, וצונו
להדליק נר של שבת.



Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech
haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav,
v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Shabbat.

Blessed are you, Adonai our God,
Sovereign of the universe, who hallows
us with mitzvot, commanding us to
kindle the light of Shabbat.

Go to: <http://www.reformjudaism.org/practice/prayers-blessings/shabbat-blessings-upon-lighting-candles> and
download an MP3 file to listen to the candle blessings.

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.

RITUAL NOTES

Friday night Shabbat Service leaders:

Nov. 6 – Jan Forstein

Nov. 13 – Student Rabbi Sam Kaye

Nov. 20 – Bernice Schotten

Nov. 27 – Matilda Oppenheimer

Dec. 4 – Student Rabbi Sam Kaye

Dec. 11 – David Aronson

Dec. 18 – Student Rabbi Sam Kaye

Dec. 25 – NO SERVICE

*Following are members of the Ritual Committee who
will be responsible for the Friday night services in the
following months:*

November – David Aronson

December – David Aronson

January – David Aronson

February – Margo Olson

March – David Aronson

April – Margo Olson

May – David Aronson

STUDENT RABBI SAM KAYE'S SCHEDULE 2015

October 30- November 1

November 13 - 15

December 4 - 6

December 18 - 20

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



Potluck Dinner

Friday, November 6, 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

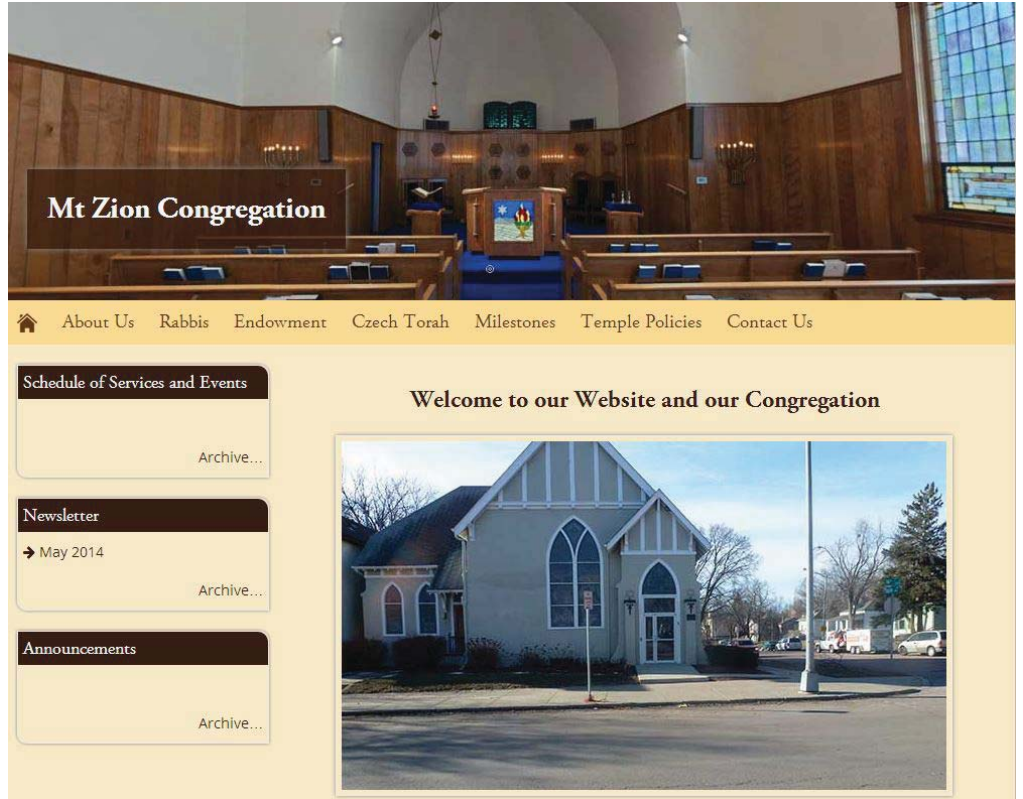
Questions? mtzioncongregation@gmail.com

Save these dates: December 4th and January 1st

The Temple is on Facebook and has a website!



Check it out and
"Like" us today!!



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Nancy Feinstein Bday	2 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> 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>	3	4 Lin Rostrom Bday	5 Lewis Ofstein Bday	6 (Cheshvan 25)  4:54 pm 6:00 pm Potluck Dinner 7:30 pm Chanukah/Shabbat Service Torah: Chayei Sarah Gen 23:1-25:18 Haftarah: I Kings 1:1-31 George Olson, Robb Hubley Bdays	7 10 am Torah Study Henry & Diane Pecheny Anniv, Murray Haar Bday
8	9	10 TIDINGS DEADLINE Ashley Tallman Bday	11 Larry Bierman Bday	12	13 (Kislev 2)  4:46 pm 7:30 pm Shabbat Service Student Rabbi Sam Kaye Rosh Chodesh Kislev Torah: Tol'dot Gen 25:19-28:9 Haftarah: Malachi 1:1-2:7 David & Carin Rosinsky Anniv	14 10 am Torah Study 6 pm Havdalah and Adult Ed with Student Rabbi Kaye
15 Gift Shop Open House 10 am - noon (Other times by appt)	16	17	18	19	20 (Kislev 9)  4:40 pm 7:30 pm Shabbat Service Torah: Vayeitzei Gen 28:10-32:3 Haftarah: Hosea 12:13-14:10	21 10 am Torah Study Harlene Lewin, Elana Hicks Bdays
22 Gift Shop Open House 10 am - noon (Other times by appt)	23	24	25	26	27 (Kislev 16)  4:35 pm 7:30 pm Shabbat Service Torah: Vayishlach Gen 32:4-36:43 Haftarah: Hosea 11:7-12:12	28 10 am Torah Study
29	30	Dec 1 Anita Bierman, Carin Rosinsky Bdays	2 Marty Gallanter, Tom Woodworth Bdays	3 Joel & Miriam Greene Anniv	4 (Kislev 23)  4:33 pm 7:30 pm Shabbat Service Student Rabbi Sam Kaye Torah: Vayeishev Gen 37:1-40:23 Haftarah: Amos 2:6-3:8	5 10 am Torah Study 6 pm Havdalah and Adult Ed with Student Rabbi Kaye Carolyn Margulies 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.

November 6th

Israel Hirshfield
Sinai Marsh
Bernard "Barney" Gutnik
Toba Epstein
Rose Rimerman
Sidney Epstein
Marucie Kopel
Henry Borshevsky
Joe Mosow
Sarah Wolff
Risha Shapiro

November 27th

Morris Gellman
Jessica Haffer
Sam Levinson
Abe Silverberg
Martin I. Axelbaum
Mitzi Russick
Annie Adler
Beatrice Kaminsky

November 13th

Herman Kopel
Adolph Deutsch
Eunice Zervas
Louis Koplou
Dr. Frederick Probe
Estelle Steinberg
Esther Silverberg
Betty Margulies

November 20th

Jacob Weinstein
Hans Nauen
Bernice Shapiro-Weiner



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