



TIDINGS OF ZION



Tishri/Cheshvan 5773

MT. ZION CONGREGATION, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

October 2014



In preparation for Sukkot, we ask you to bring donations of fruits/vegetables/etc to Temple. Please bring your gifts to temple from now through Yom Kippur. Biblically,

part of the ceremony was that individuals and families would bring these gifts so that all participate in this festival. We ask that in this instance you bring in artificial fruits/vegetables/plants, etc. so that we can make our sukkah beautiful and filled with harvest bounty.

You may leave your gifts in the vestibule with the Czech Torah by the gift case.

SUKKOT 101 *(from myjewishlearning.com)*

Beginning five days after Yom Kippur, Sukkot is named after the booths or huts (sukkot in Hebrew) in which Jews are supposed to dwell during this week-long celebration.

According to rabbinic tradition, these flimsy sukkot represent the huts in which the Israelites dwelt during their forty years of wandering in the desert after escaping from slavery in Egypt. The festival of Sukkot is one of the three great pilgrimage festivals (chaggim or regalim) of the Jewish year.

History: The origins of Sukkot are found in an ancient autumnal harvest festival. Indeed it is often referred to as hag ha-asif,

“The Harvest Festival.” Much of the imagery and ritual of the holiday revolves around rejoicing and thanking God for the completed harvest. The sukkah represent the huts that farmers would live in during the last hectic period of harvest before the coming of the winter rains. As is the case with other festivals whose origins may not have been Jewish, the Bible reinterpreted the festival to imbue it with a specific Jewish meaning. In this manner, Sukkot came to commemorate the wanderings of the Israelites in the desert after the revelation at Mount Sinai, with the huts representing the temporary shelters that the Israelites lived in during those forty years.

At Home: Many of the most popular rituals of Sukkot are practiced in the home. As soon after the conclusion of Yom Kippur as possible, often on the same evening, one is enjoined to begin building the sukkah, or hut, that is the central symbol of the holiday. The sukkah is a flimsy structure with at least three sides, whose roof is made out of thatch or branches, which provides some shade and protection from the sun, but also allows the stars to be seen at night. It is traditional to decorate the sukkah and to spend as much time in it as possible. Weather permitting, meals are eaten in the sukkah, and the hardier among us may also elect to sleep in the sukkah. In a welcoming ceremony called ushpizin, ancestors are symbolically invited to partake in the meals with us. And in commemoration of the bounty of the Holy Land, we hold and shake four species of plants (arba minim), consisting of palm, myrtle, and willow (lulav), together with citron (etrog).

from the Congregation President...



October is here and continues to be very busy with meaningful Jewish events. The month begins with Yom Kippur and is followed immediately on Friday, Sept 10, with Sukkot and then the following Friday, Sept 17, with Simchat Torah. We all know that the beginning of the Jewish year is quite a juggernaut and of course, this year is no exception. Please plan to attend and participate as much as you can.

Meanwhile, I ask each of you to help make our Jewish community as robust and transparent as possible. One of my concerns right now as president that is putting our unity at risk as a congregation is discord and/or misunderstandings. 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.

My hope for all of us during this new year, 5775, will be good year, full of health and happiness for all of our members. During this time, we Jews will continue to face ongoing challenges. We pray for Israel during this coming year, as it faces worrisome threats. At the same time, we also continue to be concerned about our spiritual community in Sioux Falls, as we strive to maintain an energetic and committed life here. Our small numbers can sometimes make that task appear challenging. But I am confident that during this next year we can gain strength, not only from our Torah and our traditions but also from each other. Together with you, I am looking forward to a happy, productive and community-spirited year. Shana Tovah one and all.

All the best,

Bernice

Please Join Us

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24th

SHABBAT SERVICE at 6:00 pm

POTLUCK DINNER FOLLOWING


DONATIONS

(August 10- September 9, 2014)

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

GENERAL FUND

To the Congregation from Royce & Steve Hansman; Roz & Fred Bryner; Joyce & Leon Maggied; Carol & Stephen Rosenthal; Marvin Bailin; Carin & David Rosinsky; Anita & Larry Bierman; Nancy & Marc Feinstein

YAHREZEITS

In memory of Sonny Radin from Sandy Radin

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In memory of Bessie Hosen Kaufman from Dick & Freda Hosen

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to Helen & Lewis Opstein and family*

Susan Kohn, Helen's sister

*Eichrona L'Vracha, May Her
Memory Be For A Blessing*



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**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.

**STUDENT RABBI'S
2014 SCHEDULE**

OCT 3-5

OCT 17-19

OCT 31-NOV 2

NOV 7-9

NOV 21-23

DEC 5-7

DEC 19-21

**TIDINGS
DEADLINE IS
OCTOBER 10th**

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

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

OR mail them to:

510 S. 1st Ave.
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

UNIONGRAMS – Help wanted!

A longstanding and lovely tradition in our community is for the Sisterhood to issue a Uniongram commemorating major life events (for example, celebration of Bat/Bar Mitzvah; milestone birthdays and anniversaries; weddings) and to express condolences upon the loss of a loved one. We try very hard to track these events and insure that the certificates are issued in a timely manner. Please HELP US by contacting Margo or Matilda when you are aware of a Uniongram-worthy significant event. We would prefer to be informed multiple times about such an occasion than overlook it because we were not made aware of it! We appreciate your input!!!

Uniongram subscriptions are \$18.00 per year. Sisterhood membership is not required to participate in this program. As a subscriber, your name will be included on the list of signatories when a Uniongram is sent to a member of the community. If you wish to add your name to our list, please contact Margo Olson (home: 605-371-2020).

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...

We have Kiddush cups, candlesticks, thermal mugs, greeting cards, WRJ date books and so much more! We will soon be stocking up for CHANUKAH. The first candle of Chanukah will be lit on Tuesday, December 16th. We will publicize our Chanukah sale hours in the November issue of the Tidings.

Please call us for an appointment to browse and/or to make a purchase! We also welcome special requests....

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

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.



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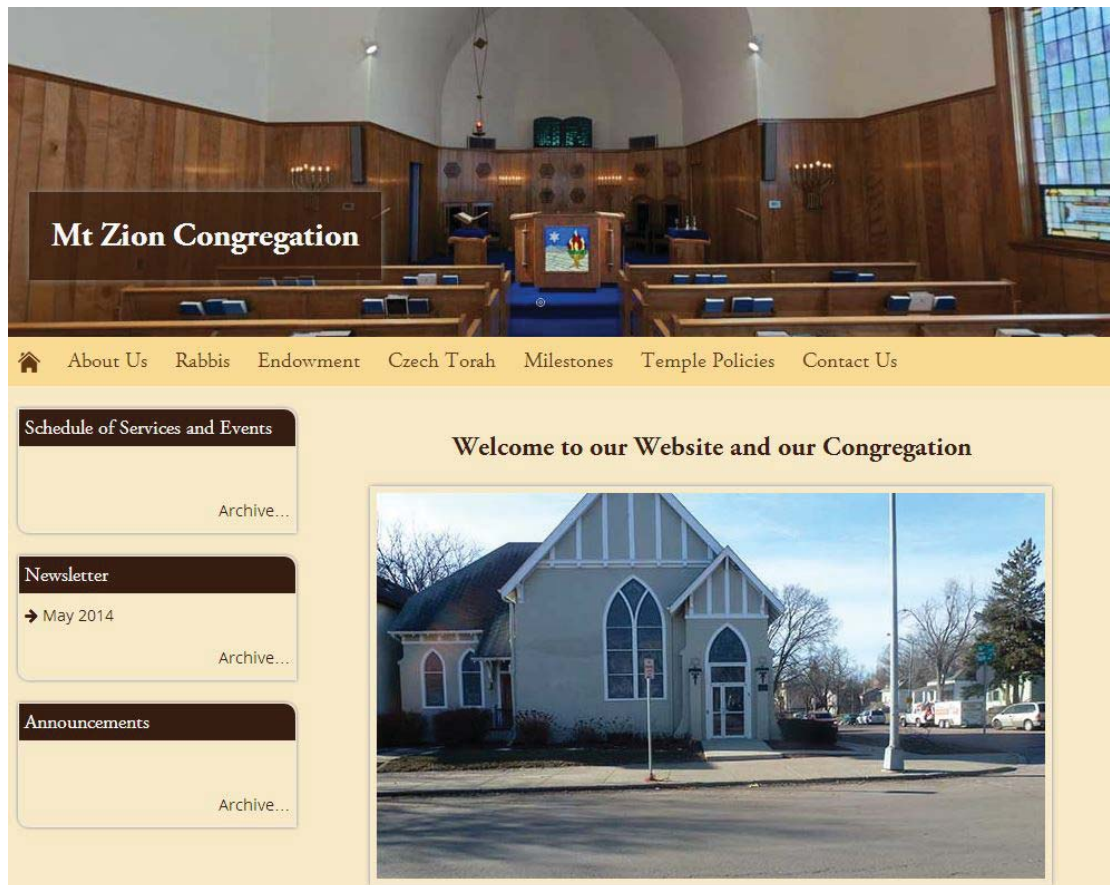
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contact MARGO OLSON
at 371-2020
or email her at
molson1226@hotmail.com**

Sisterhood

Thank you to all who have so promptly sent their Sisterhood dues and/or Uniongram subscription payments! We appreciate your support!

Sisterhood dues are divided among the National Women of Reform Judaism office, the Midwest District Women of Reform Judaism office and our local Sisterhood chapter. Locally, Sisterhood maintains the Temple's kitchen, assists with Onegs and Seders, operates the Gift Shop and runs the Uniongram program. Sisterhood members assist the Congregation with programming as well as provide financial support to the community. Annual dues are \$25.00 per year and new members are always welcome. If you wish to join Sisterhood, please contact Matilda Oppenheimer (home: 605-332-8404).

NEW Temple website: www.mtzionsf.com



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!!



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> 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	2	3 (Tishri 10) 6:46 pm 7:30 pm KOL NIDRE/ Shabbat Service Torah: Deut 29:9-14, 30:11-20; Lev 19:1-4, 9-18, 32-37 Haftarah: Isaiah 58:1-14; Jonah 1:1-4:11 Mel & Mary Magidson Anniv	4 YOM KIPPUR SERVICES 10 am: Morning Service 2 pm: Afternoon Service 4 pm (approx): Yizkor 5 pm (approx): Concluding Service
5	6	7	8 Erev Sukkot	9 1st Day Sukkot	10 (Tishri 17) 6:34 pm 7:30 pm SUKKOT/ Shabbat Service Torah: Exod 33:12-34:26 Haftarah: Ezekiel 38:18-39:7 TIDINGS DEADLINE	11 10 am Torah Study
12	13	14	15 Sh'mini Atzeret/ Simchat Torah begins at sunset	16 Sh'mini Atzeret/ Simchat Torah	17 (Tishri 24) 6:22 pm 7:30 pm SIMCHAT TORAH/ Shabbat Service STUDENT RABBI COHEN Torah: B'reshit Gen 1:1-6:8 Haftarah: Isaiah 42:5-43:10	18 10 am Torah Study
19 Temple Board Meeting 10 am Social Hall	20	21	22	23	24 (Cheshvan 1) 6:11 pm 6:00 pm Shabbat/Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan Service POTLUCK DINNER FOLLOWING EARLY SERVICE Torah: Noach Gen 6:9-11:32 Haftarah: Isaiah 66:1-13, 23	25 10 am Torah Study
26	27	28	29	30	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	Nov. 1 10 am Torah Study



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.

October 3rd

Eli Hosen
Bessie Kaufman
Ruth Goldstein
Gitta Greenstein
Harry Pitts
Harlan Hiatt
Bernard Haar

October 10th

Leopold Rosenstein
Helen Kopel
Fannye Radin
Jeanelle Wendte

October 17th

Ludwig "Lou" Wolf
Rosa Greenstein
Annie Wiener
Augusta Stern
Bertie Brown
Otto Schloss

October 24th

Fannie Fusfeld
Samuel Hymes
Cele Eirinberg
Cera Brenner
Tabitha Henkin
Rabbi Eugene Hibshman
Aaron L. Kaminsky
Walter May
Jack Forstein

October 31st

Max Eisner
Janice Bressler
Sara Remenson
Augusta Livingston
Hymen Pitts
Zachery Pitts

November 7th

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



HIGH HOLY DAYS SCHEDULE



YOM KIPPUR SERVICES

Kol Nidre, Friday, October 3rd, 7:30 p.m.

Yom Kippur Day Services, Saturday, October 4th:

Morning Service, 10:00 a.m.

Afternoon Service, 2:00 p.m.

Yizkor (Memorial Service), approximately at 4:00 pm

Concluding Service, approximately at 5:00 pm

SUCCOT SERVICE

Friday, October 10th, 7:30 p.m.

SIMCHAT TORAH SERVICE

Friday, October 17th, 7:30 p.m.



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