



TIDINGS OF ZION



Elul/Tishri 5773

MT. ZION CONGREGATION, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

September 2014



from Student Rabbi Cohen...

Rabbi Bunam said to his followers: Our great transgression is not that we commit sins—temptation is strong and our strength is slight! No, our transgression is that at every instant we can turn to God—and we do not turn! [Chasidic, 18th-19th Century]

In about a month, we will come together for introspection and repentance. We will take time to delve into ourselves and come face to face with our faults. But most

importantly, we will take time to turn to God. However, this act doesn't come easily for everyone. While some of us speak to God on a daily basis, petitioning for something or saying thank you for another day, others of us need guidance for where to begin.

Before a prayer, many times a rabbi will give a *kavanah*, words of *intention* that help guide the congregation in their prayer. The same preparation is needed before entering the High Holy Days. Time is needed to direct our hearts and our minds to ready ourselves for soul work. An example of this preparation is the line “*Adonai, s'fatai tiftach ufi yagid t'hilatecha*. Adonai, open up my lips that my mouth may declare your praise.” We say this line before we begin praising God as a way to align our thoughts with the words we will pray. We take a moment to think before we speak, to gain awareness for the words that will leave our lips. Having *kavanah*, intent, differentiates between one who merely reads the prayers and one who truly prays.

As the weeks count down until the moment the shofar blasts fully awaken us, I ask you to take some time to prepare for the sacred days ahead. Think about to whom you may need to ask for forgiveness. Think about to whom you owe an apology. Think about what you hope to improve upon. As the weeks count down, know that a clean slate is possible for all of us, we only need to turn to God.

*B'shalom,
Student Rabbi Alli Cohen*

from the Congregation President...



The New Year, 5775, will be here before you know it—Rosh Hashanah evening is Wednesday, Sept 24!-- and our new student Rabbi, Allison Cohen, will lead us in worship and observance of our High Holy Days as well as the 10 days between Rosh Ha shanah and Yom Kippur, referred to as Yamim Noraim, Days of Awe. At the beginning of each year, we are called upon to review and assess our behavior during the year that has past,

including things we said and did or that we failed to say and do. It is an opportunity for families and friends to settle grievances and as much as possible, mend relationships by putting aside hard feelings and anger.

As Temple president, I look forward to the opportunity to do the best that I can to keep us united in our commitment to Judaism. Living in the Midwest as we do often presents challenges to that commitment. We are all aware that in being such a small congregation, we face challenges not seen or felt in larger cities. Our task is to stay focused on those things that unite us as Jews; for example, the Torah, mitzvot, our belief in God, Ha-kadosh, Baruch Hu, and so much more. Let's give one another the benefit of the doubt whenever controversy arises. Let's work together for the benefit of our Temple and our community. I ask everyone to think about what activities and or projects that would be of interest to you and would benefit our community. I will look forward to learning about any constructive suggestions (e-mail, phone, etc).

I extend my best wishes to all for a Shanah Tovah U'metukah, a good and sweet year in 5775.

*Shalom u'vracha,
Bernice*



THE HIGH HOLY DAYS APPROACH!



Please Help Us Celebrate!

If you can help our congregation celebrate the High Holy Days, please call or email: David Aronson (605-957-5223 or davidaronson@iw.net), Ritual Coordinator

Duties might include: carrying the Torah, Aliyot and reading in Hebrew or English.

**Erev Rosh Hashanah begins
Wednesday, September 24th**

Kol Nidre begins Yom Kippur Friday, October 3rd

SPOTLIGHT ON NEW MEMBERS



WELCOME TO ADAM LURIE

Adam Lurie is a cargo pilot living and working in Sioux Falls. Born in the northwest suburbs of Chicago, he was raised in the suburbs of the Twin Cities. Growing up, he was very active in his synagogue's USY chapter, serving on numerous executive boards and during his senior

year of high school held the position of Executive Vice President. He was also involved on the regional scale on the regional general board. Additionally, he was a Shabbat School tutor for many years after his Bar Mitzvah. Adam graduated with honors from the University of North Dakota in 2012 where he was a Commercial Aviation major. He was an avid brother of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity's North Dakota Alpha chapter and was the chapter's president his senior year of college. He also served as the Vice President and President of the Jewish Student Organization and helped with the planning and facilitation of UND's Interfaith Week programming. Adam adopted the B'nai Israel congregation in Grand Forks, ND, as his own and already has similar feelings for Mt. Zion.



WELCOME TO THE JACOBS FAMILY

The Jacobs Family (Stuart, Cindy, Benjamin (no hat) and Zachary) hail from the New York city suburbs (most recently the Poughkeepsie region). Stuart is a native New Yorker growing up in the Bronx while Cindy hails from Duluth, MN. After meeting in NY, Cindy and Stuart started a family and decided after years of long commutes, long hours and live-in nannies to move closer to Cindy's homeland and family. We lived in Sioux Falls from 2007-2010 when Cindy began work as a Vice President for Sanford. In 2010, an opportunity for Cindy arose back in New York for which we returned to reluctantly. In April 2014, Cindy accepted the position of Chief Executive Officer for Orthopedic Institute and hopefully our journey is complete. Benjamin (15) will be starting 11th grade at Lincoln High School and is working at Pizza Ranch. Zachary (14) will be entering 9th grade and also be going to Lincoln. As for Stuart, he needs something to do so any ideas will be greatly appreciated!

WELCOME TO AVIGAYIL EAST-HANNA AND REUVEN HANNA

Avigayil East-Hanna is a certified nurse practitioner in oncology and has moved to Sioux Falls from the NY/NJ area since her marriage to Reuven Hanna who is pursuing his doctoral degree at USD/SDSU in the fields of social psychology and behavioral neuroscience. They hope to be blessed with children some day and raise them with principles of traditional Judaism as a guiding force.





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(May 10 - August 9, 2014)

Please send all Temple contributions to:
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GENERAL FUND

For the Passover Seder from Barbara & Robert Hurwitz

To the Congregation, in appreciation of our 25 years of membership from Mark, Matilda, Erika and Josh Oppenheimer

To the Congregation from Bernice & Peter Schotten; Leta & Chuck Levinger; Marty Davidsohn; Margo & George Olson; Sandy & Alon Spektor; Lorna Gallanter

To the Congregation, in appreciation of the kindness and hospitality extended to me from Aimon Dwan

To the Congregation from the Louis and Dorothy Hurwitz Mount Zion Congregation Endowment of the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation

To the Congregation from the Hymen and Nila Pitts Charitable Funds of the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation

To the Congregation, in appreciation of the July 25th Shabbat service from Barbara Rifkin (visitor from Connecticut)

YAHREZEITS

In memory of Dorothy and Isadore Pitts from Bill & Barbara Pitts

In memory of Irma and William Scheurenbrand from Bill & Barbara Pitts

In memory of Paulette Robitske Oakes from Rosie & Mike Mace

Remember birthdays, anniversaries, yahrzeits, memorials.

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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

SEPT 5-7

SEPT 24-28

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 SEPTEMBER 10th

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

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

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

With all of the best intentions in the world, Congratulatory Uniongrams were sent to Leta & Chuck Levinger and to Joyce & Leon Maggied for their "50th" and "51st" wedding anniversaries. We meant well, but did our math wrong! This summer actually marks the SIXTIETH Wedding Anniversary of Leta and Chuck (on August 22nd) and the SIXTY-FIRST Wedding Anniversary of Joyce and Leon Maggied (on August 23rd).

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone who so graciously wished us a Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary. We are so grateful and feel very blessed. Thank you!
Chuck and Leta Levinger

Friends,

Please make your plans now for **THURSDAY, SEPT 18 AT JESCHKE FINE ARTS CENTER, UNIVERSITY OF SIOUX FALLS**. Holocaust survivor Inge Auerbacher will be in town to give testimony to her experiences during the Holocaust. Please look on the next page for the publicity flier and her website (below). USF reached out to Mt. Zion a couple of months ago asking if we would be willing to co-sponsor and perhaps provide personal assistance for the event, and of course, I agreed that we would be honored to do so. Ms. Auerbacher chose the date of her arrival in Sioux Falls - she wanted to come here and still be able to be home well in advance of Rosh Hashanah! I hope that you will look forward to this as much as I do!

www.ingebauerbacher.com

Shalom u'vracha,
Bernice



SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP...

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

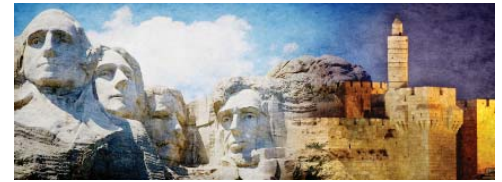
Sisterhood dues are divided among the National Women of Reform Judaism office, the Midwest District Women of Reform Judaism office and our local Sisterhood chapter. Locally, Sisterhood maintains the Temple's kitchen, assists with Onegs and Seders, operates the Gift Shop and runs the Uniongram program. 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).

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. Uniongrams are sent to commemorate major life events (for example, celebration of Bar/Bat Mitzvah; milestone birthdays and anniversaries; weddings) and to express condolences upon the loss of a loved one. If you wish to add your name to our list, please contact Margo Olson (home: 605-371-2020).

GIFT SHOP

We have honey pots, Kiddush cups, candlesticks, thermal mugs, Rosh Hashanah greeting cards, WRJ date books and so much more! Please call us for an appointment to browse and/or to make a purchase!

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



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

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



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

DIRECTORY UPDATE:

Judy Lampert
811 S. Westmoor Drive
SF,SD 57104
Phone number is the same: 339-3170

LeRoy Bette Day Peace and Justice Lectureship presents:

Memories of a Child Survivor of the Holocaust

Inge Auerbacher

*American chemist of German origin • Survivor of the Holocaust
Publisher of several books about her experiences in the Second World War*



Thursday, September 18

Jeschke Fine Arts Center

7 p.m. Primary Event • **10 a.m.** Class Lecture, Public Welcome

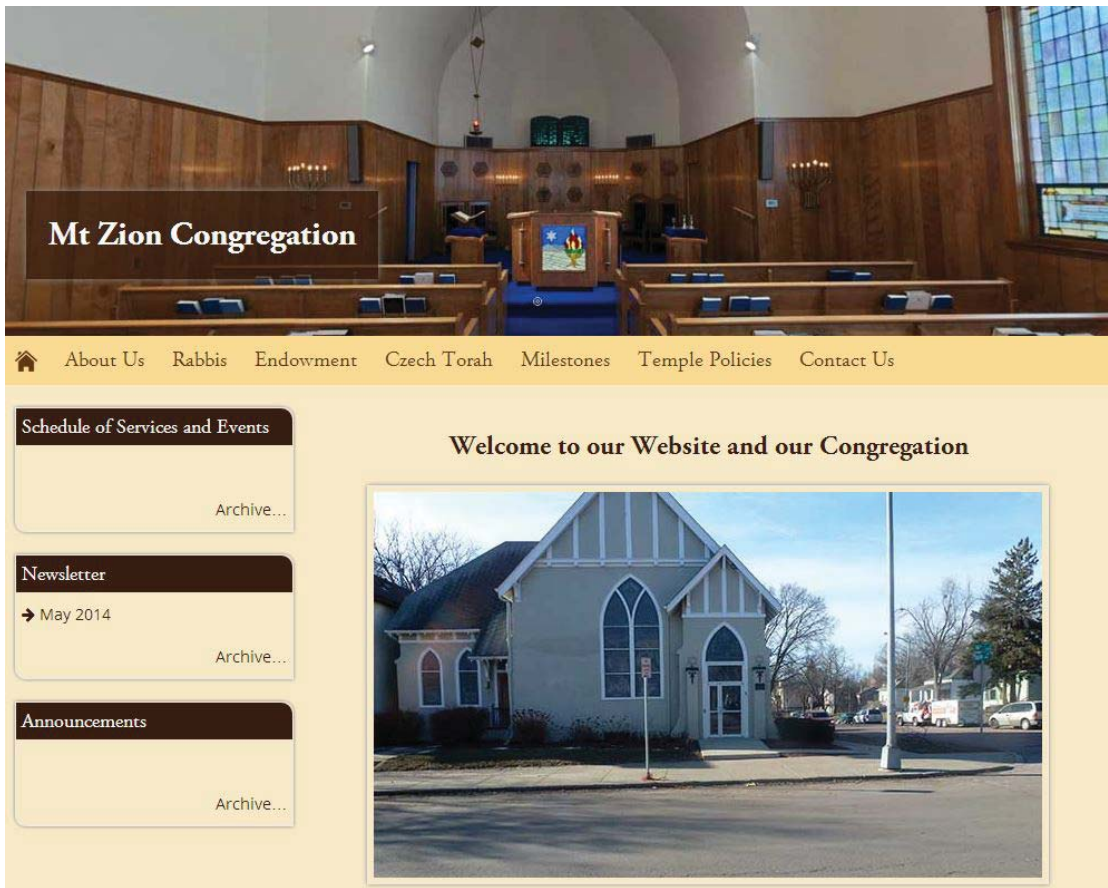


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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> A reminder that proper attire should be worn when participating in services at Mt. Zion Temple. Your cooperation with this matter is greatly appreciated. </div>	1	2 Joyce Maggied Bday Shabbat times provided by Chabad.org/ShabbatTimes	3	4	5 (Elul 11) 7:38 pm 7:30 pm Shabbat Service STUDENT RABBI COHEN Torah: Ki Teitzei Deut 21:10-25:19 Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1-10	6 10 am Torah Study
7 Steve Hicks Bday	8 Adam, Ben & Coby Spektor Bdays	9	10 TIDINGS DEADLINE	11	12 (Elul 18) 7:26 pm 7:30 pm Shabbat Service Torah: Ki Tavo Deut 26:1-29:8 Haftarah: Isaiah 60:1-22	13 10 am Torah Study
14	15 Joel Greene Bday	16	17	18 Memories of a Child Survivor of the Holocaust Jeschke Center, Univ. of SF 7 pm Fred Bryner Bday	19 (Elul 25) 7:12 pm 7:30 pm Shabbat Service Torah: Nitzavim-Vayeilech Deut 29:9-31:30 Haftarah: Isaiah 61:10-63:9	20 10 am Torah Study
21	22 Jan Forstein Bday	23	24 7:02 pm EREV ROSH HASHANAH followed by Community Oneg 7:30 pm Stephen Rosenthal Bday	25 10:00 am: ROSH HASHANAH TASHLICH 4 pm Roraty-Norlin Park (26 & SE)	26 (Av 27) 6:59 pm 7:30 pm Shabbat Shuvah Service STUDENT RABBI COHEN Torah: Haazinu Deut 32:1-52 Haftarah: Hosea 14:2-10; Micah 7:18-20; Joel 2:15-27	27 10 am Torah Study
28 CEMETERY SERVICES 1 pm: Mt. Zion Cemetery Immediately following: Sons of Israel Cemetery (both on E. 12th St.)	29	30	Oct. 1 Rosh Chodesh Elul	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



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.

September 5th

Max Beissinger
Goldie Koplw
Lee Altman
David Margulies

September 12th

Charles Ofstein
Helen Fantle
Leone Kroloff
Isadore D. Eirinberg
Lina Mandelbaum
Jerry Wagner
Alexander George Koplw
Joseph Breslow

September 19th

Fred Harris
Lena Eirinberg
Samuel Brown
Paul Gallanter
Samuel Sigelman
Judee Epstein

September 26th

Allan "Sonny" Radin
Richard "Dick" Lewin
Aaron Magasiner

October 3rd

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



HIGH HOLY DAYS SCHEDULE



ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES

Evening Service, Wednesday, September 24th, 7:30 p.m.
Community Oneg in the Temple Social Hall following Services

Morning Service, Thursday, September 25th, 10:00 a.m.
Tashlich Service, Thursday, September 25th, Rotary-Norlin Park (26th St. & South-eastern Ave.), 4:00 p.m.

A Tashlich service is held on the shore of a free flowing body of water and is a symbolic ceremony where we toss bread into the river, stream, etc.. as if we were casting off our sins for the previous year. It is a very informal ceremony and is often a highlight of the high holidays for children and families.

SHABBAT SHUVAH SERVICE

Friday, September 26th, 7:30 p.m.

CEMETERY SERVICES

Sunday, September 28th:
1:00 p.m. at Mt. Zion Cemetery (E. 12th St.)
Immediately following at Sons of Israel Cemetery (E. 12th St.)

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.

