



TIDINGS OF ZION



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MT. ZION CONGREGATION, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

September 2016



from Student Rabbi Joseph Rosen...

Shalom!

My name is Joseph Rosen and I am excited to be your Student Rabbi for this next year. I am a third-year at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, OH. Last year, I was the Student Rabbi for a congregation in Beckley, WV.

I grew up in Rochester, MN where there was a small Jewish community. I was one of three Jewish kids in my class growing up. The desire to be apart of a larger Jewish community led me to apply and attend Brandeis University in Waltham, MA. At Brandeis, I immediately became involved in Hillel and the Brandeis Reform Chavura (Baruch).

I had never intended on becoming a rabbi when I entered Brandeis. I originally aspired to become a psychiatrist. I have always loved working with people in need be it economic, social, or mental needs. I also always love hearing people's stories. One of my favorite things to do is to hear and tell stories. In my opinion, stories are the best way to learn about a person's life, beliefs, and other important life lessons.

While becoming a psychiatrist was my original plan, I did not enjoy the pre-med requirements and sought something more meaningful for me. My continued studies in psychology and business along with my growing involvement in Jewish life led me to explore a Jewish professional career. After first semester sophomore year, I went to Israel for the first time on Birthright and that summer, I continued my Israel journey on a service learning trip to Haifa, where I taught English for six weeks. Through these Israel trips, I not only increased my involvement in the Jewish community, but I also came to discover that the Rabbinate became a viable and interesting path for me. That next year, my junior year, I began taking Hebrew at Brandeis and applied to HUC my senior year. 13 Days after graduation, I was on my way to Israel for my First year of HUC in Jerusalem.

This is only a short snippet of my story, but I cannot wait to share more and to hear more about your community here in Sioux Falls. I look forward to seeing you all in September!

L'hitraot,
Joseph Rosen



from the Congregation President...



The Meaning of Rosh Hashanah

Rosh Hashanah: Not the New Years You Thought It Was

If Rosh Hashanah could be summed up in one word, that word would be; love, potential, and life. (Okay, so that's three words, what are you going to do, report me to the police?)

Let's take a look at each of these words and reflect on their meaning in the context of Rosh Hashanah. Follow me:

LOVE

If you have heard anything about Rosh Hashanah, what you have probably heard is either that it is the "Jewish New Years" or that it is the Day of Judgment. Well, I'm here to tell you that while both are true, they are also very misunderstood. Let's consider the notion of judgment. The truth is, the prospect of judgment is very uncomfortable and nobody likes to be judged. We don't like to be judged by a boss, a teacher, and certainly not by our peers. At the same time, there is a very beautiful dimension to judgment. Think about parents and children. Parents are concerned about, and judge, a whole range of items related to their children. Parents are concerned about their children's grades in school, what kind of lunch they have, what kinds of friends they associate with, what websites they frequent, and a lot more. From the child's perspective, this can seem a bit intrusive, but the truth is, there is only one reason why parents are so interested in virtually every detail of their children's lives: it's because they deeply love their children. In fact, one of the most devastating things a parent can do to a child is not to judge. Why? Because a parent who isn't interested in what their child is doing is sending a message that says clearly—"I don't care about you." A child who hears such a message will inevitably draw the conclusion that they are not worth their parents attention, and that, is about the most destructive message a child can absorb.

On Rosh Hashanah, when we say that God "sits in judgment" what we are saying is that God loves us: He cares about each and every one of us, He cares about who we are, how we live, and whether or not we are actualizing the potential He gave us. That the creator of the universe actually cares about "little 'ol me" is a remarkably empowering and life-giving idea. The reality that we confront on Rosh Hashanah is one that highlights the intrinsic value and preciousness of every life in the eyes of God.

POTENTIAL

On Passover we celebrate the Exodus from Egypt, on Chanukah we celebrate the defeat of the Greeks and the miracle of the oil. Did you ever wonder what we are celebrating on Rosh Hashanah? Rosh Hashanah is the anniversary of the creation of the first human being. The Jewish year begins with focusing on the awesome nature and potential that exists within each of us. When you look at the world around you, it's clear that God is not only quite powerful, but very, very creative. That being the case, God could have launched Mankind

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Wednesday, September 14th

7:00 pm

ADULT EDUCATION

Join us for a discussion with Alon Spektor as he shares some personal experiences and insights on living in Israel.

Bring a dessert to share!!!

Mt. Zion Cemetery Update

If anyone would like updates on the Mt. Zion Temple Cemetery and its Cemetery Association (which is currently being re-organized), please contact: Susan Hurwitz susanhurwitz1@gmail.com. Susan, Nancy and Chuck Hurwitz are the children of the late Duke and Dorothy Hurwitz. They are in the process of setting up a perpetual fund for maintenance and ongoing administration of the cemetery. They very much want to hear from anyone/everyone with an interest in the Cemetery.

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with a family, a village or a whole planet filled with people: why did He begin with just one person? Jewish tradition teaches that God began with one person to teach us about the fantastic potential inherent in each of us. Each of us has the ability to have an impact on the entire world and each of us is capable of making a world of difference. As we stand at the threshold of a new year we ask ourselves some simple questions: "What can I do in the coming year to actualize more of my potential?" "How can I contribute, even in a small way, to making the world a better place?" "What can I do to make a difference in someone else's life?"

Every Rosh Hashanah represents a vote of confidence from God in our individual, personal potential. Every Rosh Hashanah also presents us with a fresh opportunity to unlock more and more of that great God-given gift.

LIFE

Throughout the Rosh Hashanah prayers, we ask God to "Remember us for life" and "Inscribe us in the Book of Life." When we greet one another we say "May you have a good year, and may you be written and sealed for a year of good life and peace."

Our prayers for life are meant to be understood at face value—we want to live—but they also have a deeper meaning. Consider this: I once met a Holocaust survivor who said, "I would choose to go through all those years in Auschwitz again rather than spend one day of my life as a Nazi." That is an incredible statement, and what it means, I believe, is this: one can be alive, strong, and healthy yet be "dead" at the same time. A life lived in the boots of a Nazi, or under the flag of Al-Qaida or Hezbollah, is a life utterly drained of all meaning. You see, there are certain choices that we make, and certain courses of action that we pursue, that have the ability to infuse life with "life," and there are others that drain life of everything God intended it for. On Rosh Hashanah, we not only ask for life, we strive to be people who embrace the kinds of values, ideals, and choices that will fill our days with life: With meaning, with goodness, with spirituality—with life!

Author of Rosh Hashanah Yom Kippur Survival Kit and Beyond Survival: A Journey to the Heart of Rosh Hashanah, its Prayers.

"More than the Jewish people has kept Shabbat, Shabbat has kept the Jewish people."

— Ahad Ha-am (Asher Zvi Hirsch Ginsberg, 1856–1927)

And, celebrating Shabbat has kept the Jewish community together. Shabbat is a time we can connect with fellow Jews to pray, celebrate, comfort, heal, relax, and connect in our own individual way with G-d. Shabbat helps us identify as a community also. We connect with fellow Jews all over the world on Shabbat. "Observe the Sabbath," Deuteronomy 5:12. One of the ways to observe is to attend a Friday night service.

In order for services to happen when the Student Rabbi isn't with us, lay leaders are needed. Any Jew is considered a lay leader. One wonderful thing about the Siddur we use for services is that there are 10 services to choose from, along with reflections and added readings. Leading a service doesn't need to be the responsibility of a single person. If leading a "whole" service doesn't work for you, ask a friend to co-lead with you. A service can also be led by a family, each member taking a part that is meaningful to them.

If you need help putting a service together, all you have to do is ask. There are plenty of people who would be glad to help. BUT what we really need now is for people to sign up to lead the services on the Fridays when the Student Rabbi isn't here.

Service Leaders are needed for the following Fridays during the first half of the new academic year:

September 23

October 14

November 11 & 25

December 16, 23 & 30

Please pick a Friday that you would like to lead and let me know either by email, phone or text. Again, if you would like to learn how to lead or need help putting service together, please don't hesitate to ask.

Shalom,

Jan Forstein, Ritual Chairperson (bityah01@aol.com)

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WELCOME NEW MT. ZION MEMBERS!

New members who we welcomed to the Congregation in 2015-16 and into 2016-17 include:

Debby & Robb Hubley (Noah, Olivia & Shane); Stephanie & DaNiel Wood; Richard Scholten



DONATIONS

(May 10 - August 9, 2016)

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

GENERAL FUND

In honor of Larry Bierman with best wishes for a full recovery from Sandy Radin

In honor of Stephanie and DaNiel Wood with congratulations on their conversion to Judaism from Judy Lampert; Shelly & Jay Rosenberg; Bernice & Peter Schotten

In honor of Dr. Joshua Oppenheimer: Mazel Tov upon his graduation from medical school from Bernice & Peter Schotten

To the Congregation in appreciation for sharing Shabbat celebrations and your warm welcome from Micah ben Yehudi

In honor of Gail & Richard Klein with congratulations on the marriage of their daughter Rebecca to Blake from Shelly & Jay Rosenberg

To the Congregation from Shelly & Jay Rosenberg; Lorna Gallanter; Marty Davidsohn; Cynthia & Stuart Jacobs; Royce & Steve Hansman

In honor of Raleigh Hansman and Tom Woodsworth with congratulations on

the birth of their daughter Davis from Dave & Marilyn Aronson; Shelly & Jay Rosenberg; Mark & Matilda Oppenheimer

In honor of Royce & Steve Hansman with congratulations on the birth of their granddaughter Davis from Dave & Marilyn Aronson; Shelly & Jay Rosenberg; Mark & Matilda Oppenheimer

In honor of Lizzie Cruikshank and Josh Oppenheimer with congratulations on their engagement and professional milestones from Matilda & Mark Oppenheimer

In honor of Erika Oppenheimer with congratulations on her personal and professional milestones from Matilda & Mark Oppenheimer

In honor of Elaine Brinn with get well wishes from Shelly & Jay Rosenberg

In memory of Barry Meyers from Shelly & Jay Rosenberg

In memory of Harlene Lewin from Nancy & Joel Barnett

To the Congregation from the Louis and Dorothy Hurwitz Mount

Zion Congregation Endowment of the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation

Condolences to Steve, Deb and Elana Hicks for the passing of David Marion Hicks, Steve's brother from Marilyn & Dave Aronson; Mark & Matilda Oppenheimer

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

Yahrzeits/Memorials

In memory of Harry Marsh from Sandy Radin

In memory of Paulette Robitske Oakes from Rosie & Michael Mace

In memory of Allan (Sonny) Radin from Sandy Radin

In memory of Dr. I.D. Eirinberg from Sandy Radin

Mt. Zion Sisterhood

To Mt. Zion Temple Sisterhood from Freda Hosen; Dawn Gutnik

Remember birthdays, anniversaries, yahrzeits, memorials. Please send your donations to:

**Mt. Zion Temple
PO Box 756
Sioux Falls, SD 57101**

TIDINGS DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 10th

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

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

SAVE THE DATES!!!

Most Friday afternoons (3:30 pm - approx 5:30 pm), volunteers are needed to assist with Faith Temple Church's food distribution at the Sioux Empire Fairgrounds. For more information about this experience, please contact Stephen Rosenthal, Jan Forstein, Royce Hansman, Judy Lampert, Tovia Forstein, Anita & Larry Bierman or Logan Hansman, all of whom have been there.

Beginning on September 16th and on the THIRD Friday of every month....anyone interested in helping with the Food Giveaway is invited to meet in the Mt. Zion Temple parking lot at 2:30 pm to carpool over to the Fairgrounds. Please note that you are welcome to help with the Food Giveaway on any Friday that it is held and you are free to drive over on your own even on these third Fridays. But for those interested in driving over together, this option is being offered.



**WOMEN OF REFORM
JUDAISM/SISTERHOOD**

***Special Merit
Award Received***

The national umbrella organization for Jewish Sisterhood, Women of Reform Judaism, has recognized Mount Zion Temple Sisterhood of Sioux Falls SD “for outstanding achievement in furthering Judaism and Jewish causes through...financial contributions supporting Youth, Education, and Special Projects and having achieved Special Merit for the year 5776 (2015-2016).”

We give our support through our purchase and distribution of Uniongrams as well as by reliably paying our National and Regional (Midwest Region) per capita dues.

If you would like more information on Sisterhood Membership, please contact Matilda Oppenheimer.

If you would like more information on our Community Uniongram program, please contact Margo Olson.

Thank you for your support!!!!



SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP

Remember to shop at the Sisterhood Gift Shop!

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

**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 email the President of the congregation who will assist you with scheduling.

**STUDENT RABBI
JOSEPH ROSEN’S
SCHEDULE 2016**

September 9th - 11th

September 16th - 18th

September 30th - October 13th

November 4th - 6th

November 18th - 20th

December 2nd - 4th

December 9th - 11th

**Hosts for Student Rabbi
Joseph Rosen’s Friday
and Saturday meals are needed.**

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

Oneg Shabbat Hosts Needed- Please Volunteer

I would like to ask for volunteers for Onegs for this fall. Please let me know especially if you are willing to help out in September and October but if you cannot, please let me know about your preferences for November and December. I prefer email (Cathy.Ezrailson@usd.edu) but my cell is 281-773-5458. We urgently need two volunteers for September 9th!

*Thank you so much,
Cathy Ezrailson*

Here are the available dates:

Sept 9th

Sept 16th - Gail Klein (thanks)!

We still need another hostess!

Sept 30th

October 2nd, Rosh Hashanah Oneg

THANKS, Jan Forstein and Stephanie Wood

Nov 4th

Nov 18th

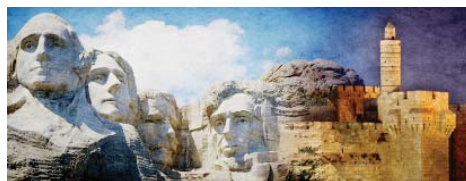
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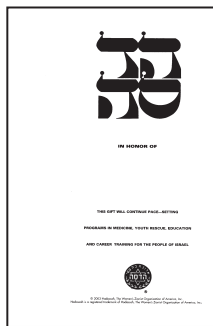
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www.facebook.com/SD4Israel**



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!!

SYMPATHY WISHES

The Congregation extends its sympathy to Steve, Deb and Elana Hicks for the passing of David Marion Hicks, Steve's brother.

MAZEL TOV!

The Congregation extends its congratulations to parents Raleigh Hansman & Tom Wordsworth and grandparents Royce & Steve Hansman for the birth of Davis Grier Wordsworth on June 24th 2016. Mazel Tov!

The Congregation extends its congratulations to Freda and Richard Hosen for their 60th Wedding Anniversary on August 26th 2016. Mazel Tov!

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 September 9th at 6:00 pm. Save October 7th 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.



PLANT A TREE IN ISRAEL!

Reforest Israel by planting trees in Israel through Hadassah/JNF, the Jewish National Fund. The price of one tree is \$18.

To purchase a tree, contact SHELLY ROSENBERG at 513-226-8651 or email her at shellyrosenberg1pa@gmail.com



Potluck Dinner

Friday, September 9, 2016 at 6:00 pm

Friday, October 7, 2016 at 6:00 pm

Friday, November 4, 2016 at 6:00 pm

Friday, December 2, 2016 at 6:00 pm



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Mt. Zion Congregation - September 2016

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 (Av 30) 7:41 pm NO Shabbat Service Torah: R'eih Deut 11:26-16:17 Haftarah: Isaiah 54:11 Food Giveaway: 3:30 - 5 pm Joyce Maggied Bday	3 10 am Torah Study
4 Rosh Chodesh Elul	5 Lenae Schwartz Bday	6 Lenae & Stephen Schwartz Anniv	7 Steve Hicks Bday	8 Adam Spektor, Ben Spektor, Coby Spektor Bdays	9 (Elul 7) 7:29 pm 6:00 Shabbat Potluck Dinner 7:30 pm Shabbat Service <i>Student Rabbi Rosen</i> Torah: Shof'tim Deut 16:18-21:9 Haftarah: Isaiah 51:12-52:12 Food Giveaway: 3:30 - 5 pm	10 10 am Torah Study TIDINGS deadline
11 Religious School 10 am - 12 pm	12	13	14 7 pm: Adult Ed: Alon Spektor will share some personal experiences and insights on living in Israel. Bring a dessert to share!!!	15 Joel Greene Bday	16 (Elul 14) 7:16 pm 7:30 pm Shabbat Service Torah: Ki Tietzei Deut 21:10-25:19 Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1-10 <i>Student Rabbi Rosen</i> Food Giveaway: 3:30 - 5 pm (meet at 2:30 at Temple to carpool) Jodie Forstein, Benjamin Jacobs Bdays	17 10 am Torah Study
18 Fred Bryner Bday	19	20	21	22 Jan Forstein Bday	23 (Elul 21) 7:03 pm 7:30 pm Shabbat Service Torah: Ki Tavo Deut 26:1-29:8 Haftarah: Isaiah 60:1-22 Food Giveaway: 3:30 - 5 pm	24 10 am Torah Study Stephen Rosenthal Bday
25	26	27	28	29	30 (Elul 28) 6:51 pm 7:30 pm Shabbat Service <i>Student Rabbi Rosen</i> Torah: Nitzavim Deut 22:9-30:20 Haftarah: Isaiah 61:10-63:9 Food Giveaway: 3:30 - 5 pm	Oct 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.

September 2nd

Louis Eirinberg
Clara Agrant
Goldie Weinstein
Rebecca Friedman Borden
Rose Glazer

September 23rd

Samuel Sigelman
Lina Mandelbaum
Henrietta Kopel
Joseph Breslow
Alexander George Koplow
Lena Eirinberg

September 9th

Feige Seide
Benjamin Levine
Lee Altman
Max Beissinger
Isadore D Eirinberg

September 30th

Allan "Sonny" Radin
Richard "Dick" Lewin
Judee Epstein
Bessie Kaufman

September 16th

Goldie Koplou
Jerry Wagner
David Margulies
Fred Harris
Charles Ofstein
Leone Kroloff
Samuel Brown
Paul Gallanter



HIGH HOLY DAYS SCHEDULE



ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES

Evening Service, Sunday, October 2nd, 7:30 p.m.
Community Oneg in the Temple Social Hall following Services

Morning Service, Monday, October 3rd, 10:00 a.m.
Tashlich Service, Monday, October 3rd,
Rotary-Norlin Park (26th & Southeastern), 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, October 7th, 7:30 p.m. (following Potluck Shabbat Dinner at 6 p.m.)

CEMETERY SERVICES

Sunday, October 9th:
10:00 a.m. at Mt. Zion Cemetery (E. 12th St.)
Immediately following at Sons of Israel Cemetery (E. 12th St.)

YOM KIPPUR SERVICES

Kol Nidre, Tuesday, October 11th, 7:30 p.m.

Yom Kippur Day Services, Wednesday, October 12th:

Morning Service, 10:00 a.m.
Afternoon Service, 2:00 p.m.
Yizkor Memorial Service, 4:00 p.m.
Concluding Service, 5:00 p.m.

SUCCOT

Succot Service: Friday, October 21st, 7:30 p.m.

SIMCHAT TORAH SERVICE

Friday, October 28th, 7:30 p.m.



NOTE: There will not be babysitters provided this year, however, there will be a space available for parents to take their children and attend to them if they wish.