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Our Completed Mosaic



L'Dor VaDor

From Generation to Generation

Mazel Tov To...

Our members who will celebrate a milestone anniversary in April & May: **Paul & Alice Swenson, Martin & Sheila Schuman, Charles & Vicky Fodor, Chris & Stephanie George, Joe & Carrie Kahn, Jeff Sims & Judi Orland, Jim & Sally Beloff, Sam & Reine Shiffman, Steve & Ruth Abrahamson.**

Dan and Emily Shapiro on the birth of their granddaughter, *Emilia (Emmy)*, on February 17.

Zichronam Livracha...

May their memories be a blessing

We note with sorrow the passing of our members:

Jonathan Chasman

Our condolences to his family, including his wife Janice.

Harvey Winthrop

Our condolences to his family.

We Extend Condolences to...

Andy Fein (Julie Martin) on the death of his mother, *Edythe Fein*, on February 19.

Gail Gendler (Roger Bjork) on the death of her mother, *Cerna Gendler*, on January 29.

Raleigh (Hart) Johnson on the death of her father, *Howard Fischbein*, on March 17.

Judy Katz on the death of her son, *Richard Katz*, on February 18.

Josh (Ricka) Kohnstamm on the death of his mother, *Maisie Kohnstamm*, on February 20.

Darlene (Mark) Levenson on the death of her brother, *Herbert Shapiro*, on January 23.

Judy Sagen (Mike Atherton) on the death of her mother, *Barbara Sagen*, on January 23.

Ray (Rosemary) Sevett on the death of his sister, *Phyllis Yaro*, on February 16.

Marcia (Joel) Stone on the death of her father, and **Jack (Bobbi) Schribman** on the death of his brother-in-law, *Lowen Grodnick*, on February 14.

May God grant peace to all who mourn and comfort to all who are bereaved.

Letter from the Rabbi

"We are mosaics. Pieces of light, love, history, stars..."

Glued together with magic and music and words." — Anita Krizzan

"L'fum tzara agra, according to the effort is the reward."

— Ben Hei Hei, Ethics of the Ancestors, 5:26.



After eight years, the Mount Zion Mosaic Project is now complete, and it is moving to our front entry way!

With input from hundreds of congregants, the handiwork of dozens, the vision of Cantor Spilker, the initial donation by Bill Lipschultz in memory of his wife Sybil z'l, the physical structure built by our own Don Novak, and artistic support from Marjorie Fedyszyn, a Minneapolis artist, there

is one person behind each tessera of this mosaic, and that is Susan Koch, this year's Volunteer of the Year! (see page 6)

Sue is a long-time member of Mount Zion and an artist, and she helped us envision a community mosaic project to celebrate the four *kivvunim*, literally "directions", that the Board of Directors established as central Jewish foci for the congregation. The four *kivvunim* are: **Israel** (2010-2011); **Tzedek** (Justice) (2012-2013); **Torah** (2014-2015); and **Shabbat** (2016-2017). For each *kivvun*, the congregation spent six months planning and twelve months implementing programming around the direction.

Sue designed the Mosaic Project to bring people together to explore the core messages of each *kivvun* and to build new relationships while creating a piece of art. Built from the insights, emotions, work, and commitment of our congregation, the mosaic helps represent our journey of the past eight years and what we hold dear to our hearts.

What is in the mosaic?

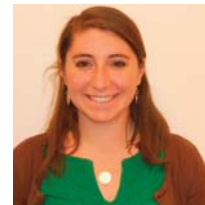
Israel: Israel is represented by the Old City of Jerusalem, including the Kotel (the Western Wall), the Dome of the Rock, the Hurva Synagogue, and the Tower of David. There is also the representation of the seven species (*shivat haminin*), foods indigenous to the land of Israel (Deuteronomy 8:8). dates, grapes, wheat, barley, olives, pomegranates, and figs. The dove of peace reflects our congregation's commitment to peace in Israel.

Tzedek (Justice) The three motivations for improving our world are incorporated: *Yitziat Mitzrayim*: "We were redeemed from Egypt; we know what it is like to be the stranger." *B'tzelem Elohim*: "We are all created in the image of God." *Tikkun Olam*: "The world was created imperfectly; we partner with God to repair it." The world is depicted as a busy, variegated, swirling ball to remind us of its challenge to repair. One missing tile recalls the understanding that the world was created incomplete by God on purpose. Mirrored tiles stand for the shards of light that, in the Kabbalistic story of creation, are reunited with God every time we do a mitzvah. The four different colored

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Honoring Liza Henry

for her Ten-Year Tenure at Mount Zion Temple



Friday, May 18, 7:30 p.m.

During our Shabbat Evening Chai Graduation Ceremony

Please Join Us as We Bless Liza

As she Goes on Her Way From Strength to Strength

**WELCOME...B'RUCHIM HA'BAIM...
TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!**

Hana Bibliowicz

Jeffrey Dichter

Make Shabbat Your Sanctuary

Spend Shabbat with Friends!

Congregational Shabbat Dinner

May 4, Dinner: 5 p.m.; Service: 6:30 p.m.

Cost before April 20: \$13 adults;
\$10 kids (11 and under)

Cost after April 20: \$15 adults; \$12 kids

This Shabbat Dinner has been generously subsidized by The Nauen-Weil Congregational Meal Fund.

Register at mzion.nirsham.com/events. For more info, contact Jennifer at jbaddin@mzion.org or 651-698-3881. We are able to accommodate food needs specific to vegan, vegetarian, gluten-free, and dairy-free diets with notice one week prior to an event.



Mount Zion Helps Make Mother's Day Meaningful! Yom Ha'aym - Mother's Day Service

Sunday, May 13

9:45 a.m. Complimentary Brunch

Sponsored by Brotherhood

11:45 a.m. Music and Prayers

(including a prayer to honor fathers as well)



The service is led by our clergy and includes guitar accompaniment and participation of Shir Tzion, our kids' choir. The brunch is sponsored by Brotherhood, waiting on beautifully set tables and serving a delicious, brunch. It is for all in our congregation – daughters, sons, mothers, fathers, grandmothers, grandfathers!

Visual T'filah

Friday, April 20, 7:30 p.m.

In these services, we forego the black and white of the prayer book and focus instead on projected images of beautiful artwork or scenes from nature as backdrop for our words. We take time with the prayers and the music, engaging our senses more fully than usual. We sit in rounded rows in Margolis hall, so as to more fully appreciate the community around us.

Daily Service Schedule

Daily services are held in the Harris Chapel, *Monday through Thursday at 5:45 p.m., Sundays at 9:30 a.m.*

April

Mondays: Patrick Zimmerman, Betsy Rest, Susie Steinbach

Tuesdays: John Mast, Sheri Frisque

Wednesdays: Eric Lund, Phil Goldman, Howard Cutts

Thursdays: Rita Grossman, Nancy Mason Hauser, Rick Hauser

Sundays: Rita Grossman, Lindsay Nauen, Joan Newmark, Steve Brand

May

Mondays: Patrick Zimmerman, Ira Kipp, Scott Kipp

Tuesdays: John Mast, Phil Margolis, Toba Lazor

Wednesdays: Eric Lund, Sue Benfield, Sheri Frisque

Thursdays: Rita Grossman, Steve Levin, Sheila Schuman

Sundays: Rita Grossman, Lindsay Nauen, Deb Bachrach, Anne and Kurt Schaeffer

If you would like to participate in Leading or Greeting at daily services, contact Janet 651-482-9951.

April

Friday Shabbat Evening Services

April 6, 6:30 p.m.

Shir Tzion Participates

April 13, 7:30 p.m.

Professional Quartet

April 20, 7:30 p.m.

Birthday Blessings
Visual T'filah

April 27, 7:30 p.m.

Pulpit Guest: Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin (p. 15)

Honoring Brotherhood and Mensch Award (p. 5)

Saturday Shabbat Morning Services

April 7, 10:00 a.m.

Shemini I – Lev. 9:1-10:11*
Celebrate Shabbat!

April 14, 10:00 a.m.

Shemini II – Lev. 10:12-11:32*
Sydney Sheinfeld, Bat Mitzvah

April 21, 10:00 a.m.

Tazria/Metzora – Lev. 13:40-14:32*
Grace Swenson, Bat Mitzvah

April 28, 10:00 a.m.

Acharei Mot/Kedoshim – Lev. 17:8-19:14*
Celebrate Shabbat!
Shabbat Lunch & Learn with
Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin, 1:30 p.m. (p. 15)

May

Friday Shabbat Evening Services

May 4, 6:30 p.m.

Congregational Shabbat Dinner, 5pm
PreK, K, 1st Gr. Participate
Shir Tzion Participates

May 11, 7:30 p.m.

Annual Meeting & Dinner (p. 6)
Professional Quartet
Pulpit Guest: Rabbi David Stern

May 18, 7:30 p.m.

Chai School Graduation
Honoring Liza Henry
Birthday Blessings

May 25, 7:30 p.m.

Celebrate Shabbat!

Saturday Shabbat Morning Services

May 5, 10:00 a.m.

Emor – Lev. 22:17-23:22*
Bill Lancman, Bar Mitzvah

May 12, 10:00 a.m.

Behar/Bechukkotai – Lev. 25:39-26:46*
Ilana Berlin, Bat Mitzvah

May 19, 10:00 a.m.

Bemidbar – Num. 2:1-3:13*
Anshei Mitzvah: Adult B'nei Mitzvah

May 26, 10:00 a.m.

Naso – Num. 5:1-6:27*
Nathan Cohen, Bar Mitzvah

Schedule Every Shabbat Day

9:00 a.m. Open Torah Study - Drop in any time to study the week's Torah portion (listed above). *Using a triennial [3 year] cycle, we are reading the second third of each *parashah* this year.

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

Mount Zion Temple Board of Directors

As we find many ways to strengthen connections at Mount Zion, this column is a way to get to know members of Mount Zion's Board of Directors. We are grateful for all who serve in leadership and volunteer their talents for our community. We are blessed that Batya Spector volunteered to write these vignettes.

Edith Pang



Edith grew up in Minneapolis where the Jewish value of caring for others in your immediate and larger communities was a strong family value. She and fiancé Gary joined Mount Zion Temple in 1987, were married as an interfaith couple by Rabbi Leigh Lerner and became full congregant members in 1988. Because she wanted to be knowledgeably supportive of her children's Jewish learning, Edith celebrated her adult Bat Mitzvah as a member of an Anshei Mitzvah class just prior to Raymond starting Kindergarten and Helen joining a 'pre-K' group. Edith became Co-President of Women of Mount Zion Temple (formerly Sisterhood) for the 2016-2018 cycle; in this capacity she serves on the Board of Directors. She sees in both this group and the congregation as a whole the embodiment of those same Jewish values that stirred her as a child. Of our congregation she shared "when you get to know Mount Zion Temple community; there is none else; it is caring, welcoming, focused not just on the immediate but the whole world". For Women of Mount Zion Temple, she values that its members "are a group that do positive things for the synagogue and reach out to the community". Edith and Gary participated in the summer 2017 Mount Zion Temple trip to Israel. In her words, "it was a phenomenal experience to be in Israel; every essence of being Jewish is there". She has worked as a Civil Engineer for the United States Army Corps of Engineers for almost 32 years.

Lisa Taran-Maddy



Lisa Taran-Maddy's family and Jewish lives are very much intertwined. One example is that when Lisa was 45 she and her eldest daughter, Dara, then 13, celebrated their B'not Mitzvah together. Lisa and her family joined Mt. Zion Temple about 2003 when youngest daughter Kaylin was preparing for her call to the Torah as Bat Mitzvah. Settling into Mt. Zion Temple life, which she describes as "home to me", is rooted in, among other places, her connection to the Women's Spirituality group. Lisa has used her organizational and leadership skills to volunteer in several ways. She was co-chair of more than one Our Bodies Our Souls Women's Retreat and took on one of the coordinating tasks for several years of our Project Home partnerships of providing emergency shelter for families in June. Lisa is Co-President of Women of Mt. Zion Temple (Formerly Sisterhood) for years 2017-2019 and in this role, serves on our Board of Directors. All these communal activities reflect her expressed value of communal engagement: "If asked to do, we just do, we serve." Lisa and husband Joe both grew up in Duluth, Minnesota where Lisa had at least three generations of her family connection to the local synagogue. Now blessed with three adult children, Noah, Dara and Kaylin, and three 'fun-filled' granddaughters, she is spending some of her winter months in Peoria, Arizona. She returns in the spring and stays through next early winter.



We are thrilled to be hosting Billy Jonas, a multiple award-winning songsmith, multi-instrumentalist, and Jewish educator at Mount Zion from May 4th-6th. I have not yet had the pleasure of seeing Billy perform, or experienced worshipping with him, but whenever I mention that Billy Jonas is coming here to anyone that knows of him, their enthusiastic response is all

the recommendation I need! I'm very excited to see what he's going to do with our choirs and young students at Friday night services, and his concert on Sunday during Religious School is not to be missed! Please visit www.billyjonas.com to hear some of his music and watch his videos, and go to page 15 for more details about his Artist-in-Residence weekend!

Jennifer Strauss-Klein, Cantor

New Music Inspired by Yiddish

A concert in memory of composer David Stock
Sunday, April 8, 2:00 p.m. at Mount Zion



Beth Altof
Soprano



Judith Eisner, violin
Helen Foli, violin
Stella Anderson, violin
Faith Farr, cello



Angie Paulson
Mezzo Soprano

Works by:

David Stock ♪ Barukh Liftman

And local composers:

Carol Barnett ♪ Diane Benjamin ♪ Miriam Gerberg

Suggested donation at the door: \$15

Questions? Contact Cantor Rachel Stock Spilker
rspilker@mzion.org.

Trope Troupe

... the more Torah, the more life. -Hillel

Todah Rabah to our February/March Ba'alei Korei (chanting Torah): Amy Ariel, Sue Benfield, Siana Goodwin, Shel Finver, David Knapp, Liddy Rich, Brian Serle
Sandy Weisberg

Todah Rabah to our February/March Haftarah Chanters: Shel Finver, Siana Goodwin, Jean King, David Knapp, Brian Serle

Todah Rabah to our Megillat Esther Chanters: Siana Goodwin, Sally Glick

To sign up to chant Torah or Haftarah on Shabbat,
e-mail Cantor Jennifer Strauss-Klein at jstraussklein@mzion.org.

From the President



Let me go all nerdy and old-fashioned on you and urge you to attend the Annual Meeting Friday May 11, 2018, just before evening services.

Judging by the usual attendance at our annual meeting, I will assume that the annual meeting is not on your radar. We struggle to convene a quorum – considered necessary by our by-laws to conduct the

business of an annual meeting. According to our by-laws, the business includes voting on incoming Board members, presenting the annual budget, and receiving an annual report from the Senior Rabbi. Some years include congregation-wide votes (remember the by-laws vote last year?!), but that is not common. And every year we receive a written annual report containing the budget, reports from all standing committees, the Rabbi's report, and the minutes from the previous year.

At the meeting we also celebrate each other by honoring incoming and outgoing Board members and announcing and feting the new Volunteer of the Year. Perhaps you remember an annual meeting on a Friday night. Perhaps you remember an annual meeting on Sunday morning. You'd be right on both counts. Every other year, we convene immediately before Friday night services and couple the occasion with a congregational Shabbat dinner. And every other year, we have a Sunday morning annual meeting, followed by our school service.

This year, we have an outstanding pulpit guest – Rabbi David Stern, the President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. I had the great pleasure of hearing Rabbi Stern speak at a plenary session at this year's Biennial. He was outstanding. He riffed on the phrase "We Have Company." He spoke of the many ways in which we are enriched and strengthened by recognizing that we are each other's company as we travel through this world. And he also spoke of that heightened obligation to do better and be better that often comes when "we have company" – i.e. someone watching whom we seek to impress. He is reason enough to come.

But maybe I haven't convinced you yet. The Annual Meeting is our annual business meeting and business and temple life can seem incongruous. Yet, we have a very long tradition of mixing business and prayer in the same setting. As I write this column, we are in the period of Shekalim, the time between the first of Adar when the half-shekel tax announcement was made and the first of Nisan when the tax was collected. On the 25th of Adar, money changers were allowed to set up shop in the temple to assist persons in paying their half-shekel tax by changing currencies, providing the right denominations, and keeping records.

Study after study reveal that mainstream, traditional approaches to worship are being rejected. Attendance is flat or declining. Although persons continue to identify as spiritual, millennials are not joiners in the way that their parents were, or are looking for a different approach altogether; and churches and temples across the country are struggling to survive. I am not sure places like Mount Zion will survive when their "business model" is perceived increasingly as out of tune and antiquated. And so my plea to attend may be seen in the future as one of the many last gasps of an old irrelevant paradigm. But that's okay with me. I am a baby-boomer undeniably near the end of my time of influence. I recognize that my generation and me – we are not the folks who will bring in the new era. But until the advance guard of that new era barges in and knocks us down with its energy and vitality, let's show up. Let's stand watch until our replacements arrive.

Susan Robiner, President

Rabbi's Article

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hands cradling the earth remind us that we can all benefit from partnering across lines of race, religion, and ethnicity. A stylized image of Neighborhood House is integrated into the Jerusalem skyline, speaking to our historic connection (MZ women founded NH in 1897 to assist Russian Jewish immigrants). The gleaners reflect the mitzvah to leave the corners of our fields fallow for the poor as a matter of right not charity. Both justice and Torah are described as water ("There is no water except Torah!" (Bava Kama 17A), But let justice roll down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream (Amos 5:24)). Thus water from the earth flows into the image of the Torah to connect the two *kivvunim*. Finally, justice comes from God, who is sometimes called "Rock of Israel." The mosaic contains an actual rock from Israel, brought back from a MZ congregational trip in 2012.

Torah: This section is central in the mosaic, connected to all the other sections, as Torah is central to Judaism. The scroll is represented with what Hillel quoted as the central teaching of Torah, the rest is commentary. That statement is from Leviticus 19:18: "Love your neighbor as yourself." The design of the Hebrew words was created by Demetrios Vital, a congregant and Torah scribe.

Shabbat: The traditional symbols of Shabbat: candles, challah and a Kiddush cup are stylized with a sweeping blue swirl connecting Shabbat to its origin in Torah and our commitment to the earth. The Hebrew words that are core to observing Shabbat in Reform Judaism are integrated in the art: *Kedushah* (Holiness), *Menuchah* (Rest), and *Oneg* (Joy).

May Mount Zion enjoy the gift of this mosaic and its many meanings for years to come!

Adam Stock Spilker, Rabbi

Nominating Committee 2018

The following people have been nominated in accordance with Article XV, section 4 of the bylaws to serve as Directors for a first term of two years from June 2018 – May 2020. They are eligible to run for a second two-year term in 2020.

David Dubinsky
Anna Fox
Adam Garen

The above people have been contacted and have agreed to accept their respective nominations. The following people have been nominated to serve on the 2019 Nominating Committee:

Cole Hanson
Lisa Dorn
Andrea Berg
Adam Wernick
Batya Spector
Lija Greenseid

All of the above people have been contacted and have agreed to accept their place on the Nominating Committee.

Respectfully submitted by
Ellen Konstan, *Chair* and
Ellen Sampson, *Vice Chair*

You are cordially invited to

Mount Zion's

162nd Annual Meeting and Shabbat Evening

Friday, May 11

5:30 p.m. Annual Meeting | 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Dinner | 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services



Following Services - Festive Oneg

*This special, festive congregational Oneg honors
Cantor and Rabbi Spilker's 20 years of leadership at Mount Zion.*



5:30 p.m. Annual Meeting will include brief, meaningful "States of the Congregation" by President Susan Robiner and Rabbi Spilker, important highlights of the 2017-2018 year including a financial report. We will offer our appreciation to outgoing Board members and new, incoming Board members will be announced and voted on.

6:00 p.m. Special Shabbat Dinner

Cost before May 4: \$28 Adults, \$18 Children (Cost after May 4: \$32 Adults, \$22 Children) Register at mzion.nirsham.com
Catered by Spirit of Asia. Unfortunately we have no group who was able to subsidize the cost of this dinner, but if you have any financial limitations, please let us know.

We will also be hosting a distinguished group of visitors from Israel. They are four clinician leaders at Poriya Hospital, west of Tiberius. They will say a few words during dinner, and join us for Kiddush during the service. They will be available for congregants to speak with them informally during the dinner and the oneg Shabbat.

Honoring our Volunteer of the Year Sue Koch

For the past 8 years, Sue has planned, organized, and carried out the creation of our beautiful congregational mosaic. This mosaic embodies the idea of *hiddur mitzvah* – beautifying the commandment. The mosaic portrays our four *kivvunim* of Israel, Torah, Tzedek, and Shabbat. Sue worked with clergy, lay leaders, congregants, and religious school students to formulate concepts and ideas for images that would best portray the *kivvunim*. She proposed and finalized drawings for each of the segments and then it was time to make the mosaic. Sue organized all the materials and tools and taught volunteers how to work with the glass to construct each section. Mosaic work is time-consuming and detailed. Each major segment took at least a year to complete. During all that time, volunteers were able to learn, socialize and connect *panim el panim* as they created a work of art. This wonderful and lasting piece of congregational art could not have been possible without the artistry, expertise, patience, generosity, and dedication of Sue Koch, our Volunteer of the Year!



7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services

How is Reform Judaism Saving Judaism?

Pulpit Guest: Rabbi David Stern

Rabbi Stern is President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the international rabbinic organization of the Reform movement, with some 2,000 members. He has served as Senior Rabbi of Temple Emanu-El, Dallas, Texas since 1996.



Yom HaShoah, Yom HaZikaron, Yom HaAtzmaut



2018 TWIN CITIES ANNUAL

YOM HASHOAH COMMEMORATION

COMING OF AGE DURING THE SHOAH:
SURVIVOR STORIES

Thursday, April 12 • 27 Nisan
7:00 p.m.

Mount Zion Temple
1300 Summit Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55105

The 2018 Yom HaShoah Commemoration is free of charge and open to the public.
For more information, please email susie@minndakjcc.org.



The Yom HaShoah Commemoration is co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas, Children of Holocaust Survivors Association in Minnesota (CHAIM), Mount Zion Temple, The Minneapolis Jewish Federation, The Jewish Federation of Greater St. Paul, Generations After MN, and the Micki and Mort Naiman Holocaust Education Fund.



JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER ST. PAUL

YOM HA'ZIKARON

TUESDAY - APRIL 17 - 7 PM - BETH JACOB

ISRAEL WOULDN'T BE TURNING 70 WITHOUT
THE INCREDIBLE SACRIFICE OF THE ISRAEL
DEFENSE FORCE SOLDIERS.
COMMEMORATING THEIR BRAVERY GOES HAND
IN HAND WITH CELEBRATING ISRAEL.



Yom HaAtzmaut

Israel at 70 Twin Cities community-wide celebration

Join the Twin Cities Jewish community as we celebrate the 70th birthday of Israel. Booths and community entertainment, torch lighting, speakers, and Headliner Café Shachor Hazak!

The Twin Cities Jewish Chorale presents

Celebrating Israel at 70: A Concert

Sunday, May 13, 4:00 at Temple Israel

This concert is in recognition of the 70th anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel.

Distinct melodies and musical styles have become staples in the sounds within concert

halls, on the beaches, and in Israeli homes. This 70th anniversary is an opportunity to reflect on Israel's rich growth as the Chorale presents choral music reflective of the 70 year history sharing the voices of new and old composers.

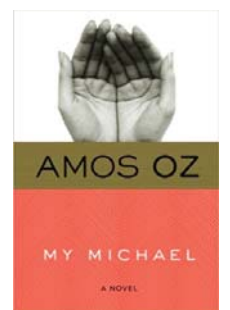
Twin Cities Jewish Chorale

Israel Book Discussions

My Michael by Amos Oz

Monday, May 7, 7:00 p.m. at Mount Zion

Join us for an engaging conversation about Israeli life through its literature. Even if you cannot read the book in advance, you are welcome. Questions? Contact Jonathan at jkeisenthal@comcast.net.



Religious School News

Join us for Yom Acharon The Last Day of School!

Sunday, May 20

9:30 a.m. Students Attend Class

10:45 a.m. Religious School Celebrations

(Parents/Guardians and Congregants invited)

11:45 a.m. End-of-Year Picnic

Second Grade Mechina

***Hagigah* (Celebration)**

Celebrate the culmination of the first year of Hebrew studies with our second grade Mechina class.



Sixth Grade Dalet Siyyum/Completion Ceremony

Sixth graders will show off their beautiful handmade tallitot and mark the culmination of five years of Hebrew Study.

Teacher/Staff Appreciation

Please come to show your support and appreciation for the faculty and staff who create a vibrant Jewish learning environment at Mount Zion.

Special tributes will be given to staff reaching special milestones. We will also celebrate and thank our graduating Madrichim!

Please watch your e-mail for more information about this amazing event!

2018-2019

Religious School Registration

Register Online by June 3.

Please register online for the upcoming school year! An email with the registration link will be sent by May 4! If you do not receive this email, please contact Jen Baddin, Administrative Coordinator at jbaddin@mzion.org.



Sign up by June 3 and save \$50!

Tuition will increase \$50/student after June 1.

Save the Dates!

April

- April 1 & 4** No Lower School or Chai School—Pesach
- April 5-8** NFTY-Northern Spring Kallah – OSRUI
- April 8** 9:45 a.m. 5th Gr. Parent/Guardian B'nei Mitzvah Orientation
11:45 a.m. All-School Song Session/T'filah – Israel
12:15 p.m. Noar Tzion Chocolate Seder
- April 11** 7:30 p.m. 11th & 12th Grade Sicha
- April 15** 9:30 a.m. & 10:50 a.m. Tzitzit Tying Workshops
11:45 a.m. All-School Yom HaShoah Service/T'filah
- April 21** 5:00 p.m. SPORTY Spaghetti Dinner
- April 22** 11:45 a.m. All-School Yom HaAtzma'ut Service/T'filah
- April 25** 7:30 p.m. 11th & 12th Grade Sicha
- April 26** Congregational Education Day – Jeffrey Salkin

May

- May 2** 5:30 p.m. 9th Gr. Parent/Guardian Meeting
7:30 p.m. 11th & 12th Grade Sicha
- May 4** 5:00 p.m. Congregational Shabbat Dinner
6:30 p.m. PreK/K/1 Participation in Shabbat Service
- May 6** Billy Jonas Artist-in-Residence
9:30 a.m. 6th Gr. Family Workshop - Putting God on the Guest List
- May 13** 9:45 a.m. Mother's Day Brunch for Adults
11:45 a.m. Mother's Day Service
- May 16** Last day of Wednesday Classes
- May 18** 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Dinner in Honor of Chai School Graduation & Senior Send-Off
7:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service with Chai School Graduation, Senior Send-Off, and Honoring Liza Henry, followed by 7th Grade Mitzvah Project Presentations at the Oneg
- May 19** 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Pictures
6:00 p.m. Confirmation Dinner
7:30 p.m. Erev Shavuot & Confirmation Service
- May 20** Yom Acharon—Last Day of Religious School
9:30 a.m. Students attend class
10:45 a.m. Closing Ceremony/Shavuot Service
2nd Gr. Hagigah (Celebration) & 6th Gr. Dalet Siyyum (Graduation)
11:45 a.m. End of School/Community Picnic & Shavuot Celebration

June

- June 1** 6:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening & Camp Send-Off Service

Youth Engagement News

Youth Groups

Noar Tzion (4-6th grade youth group)

Chocolate Seder

April 8, 12:20 - Does your child love chocolate? Would you like them to learn about the Passover seder, traditions, and teachings while enjoying chocolate with their friends? This is the event for you! Cost: \$12. Sign up at mzion.nirsham.com. Questions? Diet concerns? Contact Zoe at zoesummitmz@gmail.com or 508-579-7059.

Closing Celebration!

May 6, 12:20 p.m. - Celebrate a fun year of youth programming and welcome the rising 4th graders to Noar Tzion! More details to come!

Gesher JYG (7th-8th grade youth group)

Mystery Bus Ride!

Sunday, April 15, 12:20

Celebrate the end of the year with a surprise itinerary of fun stops! We will also welcome our rising 7th graders to JYG with this mysterious afternoon!

SPORTY (9-12th grade youth group)

NFTY CANOe Spring Kallah

April 5-8 at OSRUI

Spring Kallah is perhaps the most exciting event of the NFTY year! We will welcome a wonderful class of 8th graders and say goodbye to our seniors. Of course, we will also elect the new Regional Board for 5779! As always, it will be a weekend of fun, friends, learning, praying, singing and more!

SPORTY's Third Annual Dinner Fundraiser: CaNoodle Dinner

April 21, 5:00 – 7:00 pm - Return to summer camp for the night with SPORTY, Mount Zion's teen youth group. The evening will include a Seudah Shlishit, the third meal of Shabbat, havdalah, a camp song session, gaga, art projects, and a silent auction. All proceeds benefit the scholarship fund for Mount Zion youth programs. Teens can volunteer to help out or join. See you there!



SPORTY's Closing Event

May 5, 5-7:30 pm

Join SPORTY as we say goodbye to this incredible year! We will welcome our 8th graders and celebrate our seniors before we head off into summer. More information to come!

Camp Scholarship News

Five \$500 Jean and Roger Harris Campership Awards given to first time campers at OSRUI.

\$29,150 was given to 39 students attending OSRUI, Kutz, Chi, Herzl, Butwin, and the Maccabi Games.

We are so grateful to have the Harris Fund to encourage students to attend OSRUI. We are so grateful to have the Benton, Finberg, and Sinaiko Funds to make camp possible for students whose families have financial need.

Chai School Graduation and Senior Send-off!

Friday, May 18

All 7th - 12th graders attend with congregation.

6:00 p.m. – Join us for a Shabbat dinner to celebrate our seniors while welcoming our 7th graders into Mount Zion's teen community. RSVP at mzion.nirsham.com.

7:30 p.m. – Come to this special Shabbat evening to celebrate with and honor ALL the seniors, including those graduating from Chai School, who are a part of our Mount Zion community!

MAZEL TOV MOUNT ZION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

We will honor all seniors on May 18.

Rose Adler-Rephan*

Alyson Akers*

Sundhya Alter

Dylan Amnuel

Sam Bader

Nathan Berger

Anthony Bogolub

Daniel Ellis

Elijah Fein

Stephanie Frisch

Lee Froelich

Sidney Garner*

Joseph Heyman

Ethan Kinsley*

Benjamin Konstan

Annie Kristal

Miriam Lebowitz*

Samuel Levey

Lukas Levin

Isaac Lotz

Benjamin Mellin

Keaton Miller

Liam Mueller

Brooklyn Purowitz

Julian Redish

Abiyoun Rose

Samuel Stiffman

Samuel Haney*

Bess Swiler

Jacob Weinstein

Astasia Wilson

Mira Zelle*

*INDICATES A CHAI SCHOOL GRADUATE

Camp Send-Off Shabbat Service For OSRUI and all Jewish Overnight Camps

Friday, June 1, 6:30 p.m.



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Arlene Spilker
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Marianne Heimann Wark
The Family of David Wark
Julius Warren
Mitzi Kane & Bonnie Buchbinder
Dr. Jeffrey G. Weingarten
Stephan M. Weingarten

Prime Timers

Members 55 and older

Come Join us in 2018!

WORD is continuing every other Monday in the Sisterhood Lounge from 1:30-2:30 pm. Come play our version of Password on April 9, 23 and May 7, 23. We have fun, laugh a lot and schmooze! Coffee and snacks are available.

A new series of

Ageless Grace® seminars + exercise sessions

Come join us for a 15 minute talk on brain (or body) health, plus 40 minutes of Ageless Grace® chair exercise. Ageless Grace® – 21 Tools for Lifelong Comfort and Ease – is done seated and to music, and is based on movements which are natural and come with ease. Designed for all ages and abilities, these exercises are especially good for people 55+. No equipment is necessary; come as you are and be prepared to have fun. We look forward to seeing you there! The next dates (all on Mondays at 1:30 pm at Mount Zion):

April 16: Foot health and exercises to help feet

May 14: The brain/exercise connection

Swing Into Spring with the Prime Timers

Where Were You in 1968?

Come share your memories and join us for a visit to the "1968 Exhibit" at the Minnesota History Center (345 West Kellogg Ave, Saint Paul)

Tuesday, April 24, 5:00-8:00 pm

Free Admission on Tuesday evenings

Parking is available. Accessible spots as well.

Are you Interested in Learning the Basics of Mah Jongg?

Thursday, June 7, 11:30 am-1:00 pm.

Join us for a fun filled afternoon as we learn the basics of the popular game of Mah Jongg. We will enjoy a potluck of desserts and snacks.

Stay Tuned!

Events are in the works for later this year, including:

- Dan Chouinard concert
- Outdoor summer concerts
- NEW ! Chat with Author Series
- Our annual "Evening with the Rabbi" and "Annual Chanukah Party with Gift Exchange
- A Special Treat this fall! Food For Thought: "Judaica Roadshow"

For additional information, please contact Jill Spanier at 651-493-1959 or js020907@gmail.com

Brotherhood

Greetings from Mount Zion Brotherhood!

Upcoming Events

Honoring Brotherhood at Shabbat – April 27 – Rabbi Jeff Salkin will be our scholar-in-residence for the whole weekend. The Brotherhood Choir will lead services Friday evening, and we will present Phil Goldman with our annual Mensch of the Year award.

Mother's Day Brunch – Sunday, May 13 – Help us celebrate Mount Zion moms, by setting up and serving at this time-honored traditional event.

Memorial Day Flag Placement – Friday, May 25 – We will have lunch together, then place flags on graves of Mount Zion veterans.

Grand Old Day – Sunday, June 3 – Please take a shift at our parking lot for our major fundraiser – parking for the Grand Old Days celebration. E-mail or call Brian (bkserle@yahoo.com or 651-493-7175 if you can serve for an hour or two.

7th Annual Men's Retreat - June 8-10 – REGISTRATION IS OPEN! Join Mount Zion men in a spiritual, fun and meaningful weekend at the Audubon Centre of the Northwoods! Rabbi Spilker will join us for bike riding and challenging discussions.

Summer activities - St. Paul Saints outing, and Mount Zion Summer Picnic (sponsored by Brotherhood, Prime Timers, and Women of Mount Zion Temple)!

Join us for dinner - Our monthly Brotherhood meetings are open to all, and feature a light dinner and camaraderie! Usually held on the last Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

B'Shalom

Brian Serle, *Brotherhood President*

bkserle@yahoo.com / 612-251-5045

Women of Mount Zion Temple

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, April 4, 2:30 pm - 7:00 pm WMZT Blood Drive. Give blood/help save lives. You can register at redcrossblood.org or call Maureen Davidson at 651-645-9244.

Sunday, April 15, 7 p.m. Rosh Chodesh at Terri Standers! Rosh Chodesh style Oneg provided while welcoming in the new moon. Contact the Temple office at 651-698-3881 for Terri's address.

Sunday, May 6, 10 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. WMZT Closing Meeting. Margolis Hall. Presentation to be announced. Featuring brunch honoring our many volunteers and the installation of our new executive board. All are welcome.

Festival Morning Services

Intimate community **for song.**

Intimate community **for solace.**

Intimate community **for memory.**

Intimate community **for celebration.**

Intimate community **for being on your own
but knowing you are part of something eternal.**

Engage the mitzvah.

Try out our Festival Morning services at 10 am.

- *The first day of Sukkot and last day of Passover services are held at Sholom East - An opportunity to honor our elders.*
- *Yizkor prayers are traditionally said four times a year in memory of a deceased parent(s): Yom Kippur, Sukkot (8th day), Passover (7th day), and Shavuot. This is a beautiful opportunity to remember even if you have not done so before.*

7th Day Festival Service
(including Yizkor Prayers)

Friday, April 6, 10:00 a.m.

This service will be held at Sholom East.
740 Kay Ave., St. Paul

Shavuot Festival Service (Yizkor)
Welcoming the First Fruit

Sunday, May 20, 10:00 a.m. / 6 Sivan

See p. 17 for details.

MEMORIAL DAY VETERANS' KADDISH LIST

*The following members valiantly served our country in the United States Armed Services. May their memories be a blessing.
Names will be read at the Memorial Day service on May 28, 11:00 a.m.*

Ted Abrahamson	Bernard Druck	W. B. Harris	Sheldon Levine	I. L. Robins	Edward A. Sloane
Sidney Abramson	Gerald "Buddy" Druck	Alwin Henle	Lewis Levitt	Morwin Rockowitz	Alvin C. Slonim
Ted Abramson	Leonard Druker	Elkan Henly	Clarence W. Levy	William Roof	Alvin Z. Slonim
Robert Adler	Henry Edelstein	Edward Henly	Leonard Levy	Irv Rose	James Jackson Smith
Milton Altman	Jack Edelstein	Harold J. Henly	Victor Levy	Dr. Milton Rose	J. H. Smith
Harry Applebaum	Dr. Jesse E. Edwards	Harold Hoffman	Leonard Lieberman	Norm Rose	Dr. Charles Steinberg
Samuel Asher	Karl Elsinger	Max H. Hoffman	E. D. Libby	Daniel Rosen	Harry Stern
Edwin B. Baer	Hyman Epstein	Donald G. Horowitz	Irvin Liener	Isadore Rosen	Edward Strem
Ira B. Baer	Irwin Epstein	James N. Jacobs	Albin Lindahl	Sam Rosenbaum	Lester Strouse Sr.
Jerome B. Baer	Seymour Epstein	Seymour Joseph	Albert Linsk	Nat Tony Rossman	Lester Strouse Jr.
Jerome L. Baer	Bert Fein	Arthur Kahn	Hyman S Lippman	Jesse Rosten	Arthur Summerfield
Richard Baer	Charles Feit	Leon L Kahn	Bay Lipschultz	Harold Rothschild	Harold C. Summerfield
Sidney Barrows	Victor E. Feit	Morris L Kahn	Samuel Lipschultz	Ann Rubinstein	Lewis B. Summerfield
James H C Bentson	Lawrence Felsenberg	Norman Kahn	Tim Lipschultz	Harry Rubinstein	Samuel Swartz
Larry Bentson	A. Fine	Stanley Kane	Murray Litton	Sidney Rubinstein	Bert Tintner
J. Berc	Gerald Finn	David Kanny	Robert Lovich	Mandy Ruder	Neal Tilsner
Sydney Berde	Allan Firestone	Milton Kaufman	Robert Lowenstein	Burt Rudolph	Jack Ward
Ben Berkay	Leo Fox	Sidney Kaufman	William Lyon	Harold Ruttenberg	Harry Ward
J. P. Bieber	Sol Fox	Arthur Katz	Samuel Margolis	Jacob Ruvelson	William Weiller
Charles F. Bierman	Paul Fram	Maurice Katz	Donald Mark	Joseph Salper	Harry Weinstein
Ben Binstock	Philip Freeman	Morris Katz	Jesse Marks	Richard Salper	Sidney Weislow
Joseph M. Birger	Richard Freeman	Robert Katz	Hillard M. Marver	Max Schlesinger	Max M. Whitefield
Abraham Birnberg	Abraham Fremland	Bernard Kegan	Jacob Marx	Phil Schlesinger	Leonard Winterfield
William Blaine	Allen L Friedland	Max Kipp	Lewis Miller	Max Schnitzer	Harry Wolkoff
Sylvia Blitz	Howard Gelb	Sidney Kline	Harold N. Nathanson	Frank Schwartz	William Wolkoff
Joseph Bloom	Jerry Gillman	Ivan Koppe	Robert Newman	Howard J. Seesel Sr.	Nathtali Wolpert
Edwin Braman	Julius Gittleman	Sol Krawetz	Sidney Novak	Howard J. Seesel Jr.	Arvin Zaikaner
Edward Bronstien, Jr.	Maurice Golom	M. Kreidberg	Joseph Okinow	Samuel Selzer	
Samuel Bronstien	Harry Goldbarg	Mason Krelitz	Samuel E. Okinow	Isadore Segal	
Moses (Morrey) Brown	Isadore Goldbarg	Stanley Krinsky	Edward Orenstein	Avron "Bud" Seltzer	
William H. Bunin	Joseph Goldbarg	Imy Kay Krinsky	Fred Orenstein	Milton Shapiro	
Harold Cantor	Howard Goldstein	Hyman H. Krinsky	William Paper	Nathan Shapira	
Hart N. Cardozo	Norman Goldstein	Burt Kyle	Joseph Pase	Harry L. Shepard	
Ralph N. Cardozo	Robert Goldman	Sidney Laskin	Louis I. Peilen	Birch Shilkrouit	
Ephraim Cohen	Lawrence Goodman	Robert Launer	Gerald Perelstein	Dr. Jacob Short	
Jacob Cohen	Fred Gordon	Jack Robert Lawrence	Delores R. Perlman	Sam Singer	
Sydney Cohen	Allen Gray	Morton Lazor	Raymond Perlman	Howard Silver	
Jay B. Cohler	Lionel Greenberg	Morris Leibovitz	Ed Pickett	Charles M. Silverman	
Michael J. Cohler	Jerome Halper	Leo Legan	Benjamin H. Plechner	Irving M. Silverman	
Sidney Cohler	Howard Harris	Leo Levey	Jack Pred	Jerome Silverman	
Samuel Corwin	Michael Harris	Abraham I. Levin	William B. Randall	Louis Silverstein	
Raymond E. Dana	Joseph Harris	George L. Levin	Leonard Rapoport	Jacob Sklar	
Stanley Donsker	Robert W. Harris	Irving Levine	Eugene Rinkey	Samuel Sloan	

Memorial Day Observed at Mount Zion Cemetery

Monday, May 28, 11:00 a.m.

Mount Zion will honor the memory of all those who served our country. Please join us at Mount Zion Cemetery, located on Payne and Larpenteur Avenues in St. Paul.



Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin

Scholar-in-Residence

Co-Sponsored by Mount Zion's Brotherhood

April 27-29, 2018

Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin is one of American Judaism's most-published and most-quoted thought leaders. Ever since his first book, *Putting God on the Guest List: How to Reclaim The Spiritual Meaning of Your Child's Bar or Bat Mitzvah* (Jewish Lights Publishing), Rabbi Salkin has been known for his writing, teaching and activism. He spends his waking hours pondering and teaching about such questions as: "What is the Jewish mission in the world today?" "Why is Zionism a problematic word for so many people?" "How can we help non-Jews find role models in Jewish history?" and "How do we make Judaism meaningful to teens?"



Friday

During Shabbat Services (7:30 pm):

Where do Modern Men Fit into Modern Judaism?

Saturday

Shabbat Lunch and Learn (1:00 pm):

Anti-Semitism: The Oldest Ism

Havdalah (8:00 pm):

**Fixing the Broken Hallelujah:
The Music of Leonard Cohen**

Sunday

For Religious School families and all interested (10:00 am):

**My "Theme is God":
Putting the Mitzvah into B'nei Mitzvah**

For Teens and all interested (12:30 pm):

How to talk about Israel with your friends

Look for your email to RSVP for Shabbat, Saturday night, and Sunday lunch sessions.

Please join us for intergenerational worship, spirit, and joy with our Artist-in-Residence

Billy Jonas

award-winning songsmith, Jewish educator, and multi-instrumentalist

Friday-Sunday, May 4-6

For 25 years, Billy Jonas has perfected the art of the neo-tribal hootenanny (a gloriously participatory musical gathering, featuring funky folk music, and whatever else seems to fit!) with audiences around the globe. Using voice, guitar, and industrial re-percussion (musical instruments made from found, foraged, and recyclable objects, like pots, pans, tin cans, buckets, keys, and broomsticks). each concert is a soul-spelunking, heart healing, joy-filled journey.

Friday, May 4

6:30 p.m.

Billy joins with our clergy and Mount Zion choirs in a joyful, enthusiastic Shabbat service for all ages!

Sunday, May 6

11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Billy leads a school-wide concert and song session with participation of Shir Tzion, Shir Chants, and YOU!



To learn more about Billy or hear samples of his music, go to:

billyjonas.com

B'nei Mitzvah

Sydney Sheinfeld April 14, 2018

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online.

Sydney Sheinfeld is the daughter of Heidi Goldstein and Rich Sheinfeld. Sydney's Bat Mitzvah is on April fourteenth twenty-eight at Mount Zion Temple. She currently attends the seventh grade at St. Paul Academy and Summit School where she has been since fourth grade. Her favorite subjects in school include social studies and science. Outside of school, Sydney enjoys spending time with friends and swimming. During the summer Sydney goes to Camp Birch Trail, a sleepaway camp for girls that she has been attending for four summers. For her mitzvah project, she has been doing pet visits at Sholom House with her therapy certified dog Reggie. After her bat mitzvah, a portion of Sydney's mitzvah money will be donated to a camp scholarship fund to help more children receive opportunities to have summer adventures similar to the ones she loves. Some people who have influenced Sydney as a Jew include two of her grandparents, Joyce and Ed Goldstein. As a child, Sydney remembers spending Passover and Chanukah with them.

Bill Lancman May 5, 2018

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online.

Bill (Zev Benyamin) is the son of Mitchell Lancman and Terry Mattocks. He is the grandson of Arie & Sybil Lancman and William & Mary Mattocks. Bill is a 9th grader at Como Park Senior High School in St. Paul, MN. His favorite school subjects are math and science. Bill loves to play baseball and also enjoys playing the guitar. In honor of his Bar Mitzvah, Bill will be donating a portion of his gift money to the MN Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in Roseville, MN.

Nathan Cohen May 26, 2018

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online.

Nathan is the son of Stefanie Stevenson and the late Paul Cohen (1968-2014) and the brother to two older twin sisters, Eliahah and Emma. He is the grandson of Beryle and Barbara Cohen, Cathy and Gary Stevenson. Nathan is a seventh grader at St. Paul Academy. He loves playing soccer and is part of the Blackhawks team. He also enjoys bike riding, spending time outdoors, and watching sporting events. His favorite school subjects are math and history. Nathan volunteers at the Neighborhood House as part of his Bar Mitzvah project, and will be donating a portion of his gift money to the Neighborhood House and The Think First Foundation.

Grace Swenson April 21, 2018

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Grace Swenson (Liora Elena) is the daughter of Suzy Frisch and Steve Swenson, and the middle sister of Maddie and Evie Swenson. Her grandparents are Janet Frisch, Charles Frisch, and Susan and Duane Swenson, and her great-grandmother is Marjorie Shark. A seventh grader at Scott Highlands Middle School in Apple Valley, Grace picks history and science as her favorite subjects. She also enjoys running, gymnastics, music, and being with family. Grace would like to be a pediatrician when she grows up. For her Bat Mitzvah service project, Grace volunteered at Open Arms of Minnesota in Minneapolis, which provides nutritious meals to people who are sick. She plans to donate some of her gift money to Open Arms in honor of her bat mitzvah.

Ilana Berlin May 12, 2018

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Ilana Berlin is the daughter of Seth Berlin and Andrea Johnson Berlin and the sister of Isaac Berlin. She is the granddaughter of Lilian Berlin of Chicago, IL and Byron Berlin (of blessed memory) and Ross and Carol Johnson of Burnsville, MN. Ilana is a 7th grader at Minnetonka Middle School East where she participates in Girl's Choir and competes on the Knowledge Bowl team. Her favorite subjects are social studies and science. Ilana enjoys reading books, listening to music, rock climbing, swimming, cooking, and playing softball and tennis. For her mitzvah project, Ilana has volunteered in the office at Hearts & Hands, a non-profit that she has been involved with for the past 6 years. In honor of her Bat Mitzvah, she will be donating a portion of her gifts to Hearts and Hands to support families who have a child with a life threatening illness.



Tot Shabbat

*Tot Shabbat is the second Saturday of every month.
For families with children from birth to seven years old.*

Yom Ha'Atzma'ut: Happy Birthday Israel!

Saturday, April 14, 10:30 a.m.

Shavuot: We Receive the Torah!

Saturday, May 12, 10:30 a.m.

Please bring a healthy, nut-free vegetarian dish to share.

Shavuot

Saturday, May 19

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

Anshei Mitzvah

Their bios don't tell us that they like math class best and play soccer, but they are no less excited about becoming Bar or Bat Mitzvah. On Shabbat morning, 10 adults will be called to the Torah to affirm their commitment to living a meaningful Jewish life. They will each chant from the Torah, lead parts of the service, and share some of their journeys with us. It is a wonderfully diverse group of people who have worked very hard to reach this Jewish milestone. Please join us to celebrate and support them. All are welcome for the service and Kiddush luncheon.

May 19 / 6 Sivan

7:30 p.m. Shavuot/Confirmation Service



Tikkun Leil Shavuot

Join us for Torah Study on the Festival of Shavuot

9:45 p.m.- Midnight

9:45 pm Multiple Teachings Sessions by Congregants

10:45 pm Ice Cream break!

11:00 pm Rabbi Spilker teaches:

A Close Reading of Teshuvah/Returning in Psalm 51

11:45 p.m. Rabbi Adler brings us a Shavuot ritual standing together on the Mount Zion Bima

Sunday, May 20 / 6 Sivan

Shavuot Festival Service (Yizkor) - 10:00 a.m.

B'ruchim Ha Ba'im

Welcoming the First Fruit

Part of Shavuot morning services

Calling all Babies!

Join us as we welcome the youngest members of our Mount Zion community. Families with babies born or adopted since last Shavuot (May 2017) will be honored with a special ceremony and gift during Shavuot services on *Sunday, May 20 at 10:00 a.m.* Please RSVP to Julie Beckman at jbeckman@mzion.org or 651-698-3881 by Wednesday, May 9 with your baby's Hebrew name. If you need help choosing a Hebrew name, please contact any of the clergy. Help us celebrate these new guarantors of Torah!

Learn more about Festival Morning services on p. 12.

Our 2018/5778 Confirmation Class

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Louis Feiges
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Social Action Update

Tzedek = Justice

With appreciation!

Thank you to all who have led Mount Zion's Shelter so ably in the past few years!

Jessica Segal, Chair, Jill Dreyfus, Ilona Rouda, and Jennifer Wallen.

And all who are taking over:

Sharon DeMark, Chair, Elliot Krelitz, Jessica Griffith, and Pat Yoedicke.

We need you!

Volunteer at the Family Shelter June 1 to July 2



What is the Family Shelter?

Each June, we partner with Project Home, a program of Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul, to provide safe shelter for families that find themselves without a home. We set up an 18 bed shelter here and provide a snack, a place to sleep, and a bit of breakfast. Shelter is staffed entirely by volunteers... that's where YOU come in!

Volunteers will be needed to fill evening and overnight shifts, as well as move in and move out shifts, from June 1 - July 2. This year we have reduced the number of volunteers per evening shift so claim your favorite dates early!

Volunteers 18+ may bring children age eight or older to ensure your attention is on the guests, many of whom have small children.

Members of Mount Zion will be contacted by email at the beginning of May for online sign up using signupgenius.com. Check your calendar now and set aside a day or two in June. We welcome new volunteers!

Shelter Orientation is Tues. May 29, 7pm at Mount Zion.

For more info., contact MZ Shelter at mountzionshelter@gmail.com.

As always, the shelter can use your donations:

- New/Gently Used Summer Clothes for kids, teens, and adults
- NEW Socks & Underwear (all sizes)
- Larger sized diapers (4,5,6), Pull-Ups, Formula, Sippy Cups, Baby Bottles, Baby Wipes
- Deodorant, Feminine Hygiene Products, Floss, Toothpaste
- Paper Towels and Napkins

Place donations in the bin by Cantor Spilker's office. Thank you!

Accessibility & Inclusion

In February Mount Zion Temple recognized Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month (JDAIM) with numerous events. Our high school youth group, SPORTY, put on an event focusing on mental health and self care. There was a screening and discussion of the film *No Letting Go* and two discussion sessions of the book *An Unquiet Mind* by Kay Redfield Jamison.

Our religious school students spent a Sunday morning exploring the values of *Shmi'rat HaNefesh* (caring for the soul) and *Shmi'at Ha'ozen* (being attentive listeners) as a way to care for ourselves and support others through activities and art projects.



Two featured events were: a panel during Food for Thought called "Smash the Stigma!" This powerful event showcased 5 congregants who battle a variety of mental illnesses and attracted over 70 congregants and guests to listen to their stories. Also that same evening Al Levin, a congregant and St. Paul Schools assistant principal, shared his personal story about depression during Shabbat services.

The Mental Health Taskforce is looking forward to seeing the impact these meaningful events have on our congregation and is currently creating a plan for building on what we began during JDAIM.

Caring Community Mount Zion Cares!

The Caring Community Program is here to help Mount Zion Temple members in their moments of need. We reach out to you with a helping hand when there is injury, illness, grief or other life stressors.

We provide meals, rides, visitors, and shiva support.

To get help contact us at

caringcommunity@mzion.org or call 651-698-3881.

Lead People Needed for Mount Zion Family Shelter!

The Shelter needs lead people for a few evening shifts during the month of June. Each lead person provides instruction to the evening shift volunteers when they arrive. This role is easy to learn for new volunteers as well! If you are interested in learning more, contact Elliot Krelitz at elkrel@hotmail.com at your earliest convenience as scheduling will begin very soon. This role has been simplified due to the recently updated volunteer sign up system! Thank you for considering this important mitzvah!



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Come honor our High School Seniors on May 18!

See page 9.



Summer Shabbat Eve Service Times

Every Friday night
June 8 - August 31 at 6 p.m.



Shavuot

Saturday - Sunday, May 19 - 20

Featuring Anshei Mitzvah, Confirmation, Late-Night Study!,
Welcoming all Babies!

See page 17 for details.



You are cordially invited to

Mount Zion's 162nd Annual Meeting

Friday, May 11, 5:30 p.m.

Followed by 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Dinner and
7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services and Festive Oneg.

See page 6 for more details

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Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin

Scholar-in-Residence

Co-Sponsored by Mount Zion's Brotherhood

April 27-29

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Award-winning songsmith, Jewish educator, and multi-instrumentalist

May 4-6

Details on p. 15.

