

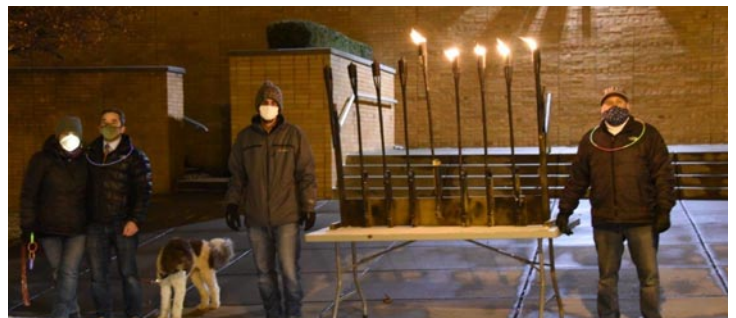


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What a Year!



Shabbat Services Recorded Live
Mount Zion Temple
Hashkiveinu for Minnesota
Rachel Stock Spilker, Cantor

O God, during this turbulent time, help us to lie down with sound hearts that we may rise up with the vigor we need to speak out for righteousness and the sanctity of life.

Spread your canopy of tranquility over us.
Guide us.
Watch over us.

1 of 3 zoom

Next year, even more in person!

L'Dor VaDor

From Generation to Generation

Mazel Tov To...

Shane and Mavis Goldstein on the birth of their granddaughter, *Ava*, on November 30.

Marty and Colleen Lieberman on the birth of their grandson, *Emmett*, on December 2.

Ed Abramson on the birth of his grandson, *Max*, on December 28.

Vicky Fodor on the birth of her grandson, *Joseph*, on January 4.

Charlie and Karmit Bulman on a new grandchild, *Eli*, whose adoption by *Elana and Mark Laichena* was finalized in January 2021.

Charlie Nauen and PJ Pofahl on the birth of their grandson, *Levi*, on January 19.

Peter Bloch and Bonnie Rubinstein on the birth of their granddaughter, *Aria*, on January 29.

Michael Kuhne and Mandy Roll-Kuhne on the birth of their grandson, *Forrest*, on March 11.

ZICHRONAM LIVRACHA...

May their memories be a blessing

We note with sorrow the passing of our members:

Miriam Amster

Our condolences to her family, including her daughter Debra Amster (David Rafferty).

Stuart Goldburg

Our condolences to his family, including his wife Phyllis Beatty.

Emmy Lou Jacobson

Our condolences to her family.

Rita Stollman Levin

Our condolences to her family, including her husband Steve Levin and daughter Elena Levin.

Ethel Mayeron

Our condolences to her family.

Lenore "Cissy" Ravits

Our condolences to her family.

Sarah Schaleger

Our condolences to her family.

James Steinberg

Our condolences to his family, including his wife Terri Steinberg.

Rochelle Weiss

Our condolences to her family.

We Extend Condolences to...

John (Hannah) Riederer, on the death of his father *Peter Riederer* on March 15.

Heidi (Dan) Ries, on the death of her father *Gerald "Gerry" Nelson* on March 11.

Randy (Barb) Trefethren on the death of his brother *David A. Trefethren* on April 4.

Letter from the Rabbi



"**This is just the beginning...**" These are the words I heard over and over this afternoon - the afternoon of April 20 - the afternoon of *The Verdict*. "Just the beginning." Powerful words which are meant to move us to continued action in the work of Tikkun, and which can also offer comfort and hope. **This is just the beginning** of our work to combat systemic racism and the other local, national, and global challenges we face. **This is just the beginning** of Spring - FINALLY. We can look forward to sunshine and gardens and leafy trees. **This is just the beginning** of our path towards a new normal where we can be together again in person. It will be a slow go with bumps in the road, and we have to be patient as we figure it out, but it is happening.

Every beginning is also an opportunity for reflection on what has been. Looking back at the past year at Mount Zion, I think about all we have learned and how we have grown individually and as a congregation as we responded to the new and combined realities of a pandemic and a city in various stages of crisis. We have risen to the needs of the moment with new rituals conducted on rooftops and in parking lots, services using slides instead of siddurim, the ability to attend a simcha or funeral from across the country. Our Tzedek efforts went into high gear: Congregants who didn't know each other reached out with Shalach Manot and Chanukah gifts. We chased geese.* Our staff went 'above and beyond' and for that we are all very grateful.

Over the past year we have learned to connect in new ways, and have discovered that in some respects, meeting and worshipping on Zoom can be even more intimate than being together in person. Instead of hearing our voices rising together, we are seeing each other's faces - giving *Panim el Panim* - Face to Face - new meaning and building new relationships.

This is just the beginning. We don't know what will come next, but what I do know is that we will see each other through it together, *Panim el Panim*.

Translation of Hebrew words used: *Tikkun*: Repair; *Tzedek*: Justice; *Shalach Manot*: Purim gifts; *Simcha*: Celebration

*This is a reference to the *GooseChase.com*, a digital scavenger hunt in which players complete missions and submit photos or videos to earn points. Sue Summit organized a wildly successful *GooseChase* for Purim and Passover.

Esther Adler, Rabbi

Preparing for In-Person Gatherings

There have been many in-person events over this past year (and several planned for this summer – see pages 7, 8, 17), but our core activities and services have remained online.

We will be communicating in the coming weeks about plans for Shabbat services in person and plans for the Religious School to meet in person in the Fall. In both instances, we will be having live-streaming or online engagement that we will describe more fully. Our decisions will always be grounded in the values we shared last June:

1. **Pikuach Nefesh** "Safeguarding Life" - Restoring physical proximity will place preserving life first and foremost.
2. **Sakanat Nefeshot** "Endangering Life" - We will not put congregants, staff, and clergy in positions where they will be unduly endangering their own lives.
3. **Al Tifrosh Min Ha Tzibbur** "Do not separate oneself from the community" means that we value inclusion and recognize that some people will not be able to return to our building because of health concerns and some will choose not to.
4. **Chesed** "Profound Love and Kindness" Each of us will have different comfort levels. We will act with tremendous love and kindness toward each other.

Make Shabbat Your Sanctuary

Shabbat Services

Shabbat Service times remain the same weekly. Shabbat evening services are on Zoom, live-streaming, and on Facebook. Many Shabbat morning services will only be on Zoom.

Friday Night

Shabbat Eve: 6:00-7:00 pm – Join live on [Zoom](#) or call and enter Meeting ID: 147 120 944

Shabbat Eve Services will also be available on our [livestream page](#) or on [Facebook](#).

Saturday Morning

Torah Study: 9:00-10:00 am - Join live on [Zoom](#) or call and enter Meeting ID: 949 308 718

Shabbat Services: 10:00-11:00 am – Join live on [Zoom](#) or call and enter Meeting ID: 905 418 669

Tot Shabbat: 10:30 am (second Saturday of every month)

Designed for families with children from birth through 6 years old. We offer to families with young children a forum for prayer, religious observance, and community connection. Please email the office at office@mzion.org by Friday noon to receive an email with the Zoom link to Tot Shabbat or to be added to the Tot Shabbat email reminder list.

Instructions to call into services using your phone: To connect by calling in for audio only, dial 929-205-6099 or 312-626-6799. Then, when prompted, put in the meeting ID listed for any service or event below, then press #. When asked for a participant number, just press #. (Pressing *6 during the call will mute and unmute you).

Connecting

Clergy: We invite you to schedule time to talk with our rabbis and cantors. They are always happy to meet with you! Contact them directly or be in touch with Julie Beckman, jbeckman@mzion.org, 651-698-3881.

Caring Community: We are here to help! And we welcome your support in reaching out to others. (In fact, go ahead and call someone at Mount Zion right now to say hi and check in.) We provide meals, calls, technology advice, and other support. Please be in touch to let us know how we can lighten your burden. Contact Shai Avny, Congregational Engagement Director, savny@mzion.org.

Financial Support: These times are affecting more and more people. We can be one part of your support and we can let you know about other resources for no interest loans, vocational services, and more. Please be in touch with Larry Solomon, Executive Director, lsolomon@mzion.org, or any of the rabbis or cantors.

Learning: We have open study opportunities every Monday (noon), Thursday (noon), and Saturday (9:00 am). These hour-long groups are great not only for study but for camaraderie as well!

Welcome... B'ruchim Ha'Baim...

New members since December 2020!

Leah Bailey and Dave Talley and their two children Evie and Mira

Deborah Dora

Rachel Dick

Jason Lambright and his two children Sam and Myah

Judit Verbocz and her two children Nathaniel and Hannah

"The giving of Torah happened at one specific time, but the receiving of Torah happens all the time, in every generation." - Meir Alter, the Gerer Rebbe

We welcome **Ralph Figueroa** and **Joel Wilke** have completed our conversion program and has thus chosen Judaism: *May they go from strength to strength.*

Daily Services All welcome!

Monday through Thursday at 5:45 pm Sunday at 9:30 am

The tradition of Daily Services at Mount Zion goes back to the 1950s and has been uninterrupted ever since. During Covid, a rotation of lay leaders and Rabbis Adler and Spilker lead the brief and meaningful connection. You are welcome to join once or more! An important mitzvah is to participate on the day of a loved one's yahrzeit.

Monday through Thursday: [Join via Zoom online](#) or call 929-205-6099 and then enter the meeting ID 727 277 057 followed by the pound sign (#), then another pound sign (#) for participant ID. (Dial 312-626-6799 if the first number is busy.)

Sundays: [Join via Zoom online](#) or call the same number above but use meeting ID 545 289 167.

Mount Zion's Annual Meeting and Installation/Gratitude Shabbat!

You are cordially invited to

MOUNT ZION'S 165TH ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, May 11, 7:00 pm

[Via Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 991 4992 0784

You can also call in at 312-626-6799 or 929-205-6099.

Our Annual Meeting will include reflections by President Michael Kuhne and Rabbi Spilker on this past year, appreciation to outgoing Board members, officers, and committee chairs, a presentation of the FY22 Budget, a celebration of the accomplishment of "Make Firm Our Steps" Endowment Campaign and discussion of the art piece that will honor this milestone for Mount Zion, and voting on changes to the Bylaws regarding the size of the Board.

Shabbat Service

Friday, May 14, 6:00 pm

Installation of Michael Wall, President and new officers and members of the Board along with new officers of Brotherhood, Women of Mount Zion Temple, and SPORTY.

Gratitude — Hakarat hatov

Gratitude to Larry Solomon for his 10 years serving Mount Zion

Gratitude to our Volunteers of the Year, the Campaign Organizing Group of "Make Firm Our Steps" Endowment Campaign led by Jean King Appelbaum and David Kristal

Gratitude to Bob Epstein on his retirement as Mount Zion's long-serving Librarian.

Gratitude to all our outgoing leaders including Michael Kuhne, Past-President

Thank you! Todah! Thank you! Todah!

Welcome New Board Members Todah to outgoing Board Members

Nominating Committee Report 2021

The following person has been nominated in accordance with Article XV, Section 3 to serve as President Elect for a two year term from June 2021 – May 2023. She will automatically ascend to the Presidency in 2023.

Amy Moore

The following people have been nominated in accordance with Article XV, Section 3 of the bylaws to serve as Vice Presidents for a two year term from June 2021 – May 2023. They are eligible to run for a second two year term in 2023.

Adam Garen

Alison Mellin

Deborah Moses

The following person has been nominated in accordance with Article XV, Section 3 of the bylaws to serve as Secretary for a two year term from June 2021 – May 2023. He is eligible to run for a second two year term in 2023.

Chad Weinstein

The following person has been nominated in accordance with Article XV, Section 3 of the bylaws to serve as Treasurer for a two year term from June 2021 – May 2023. She is eligible to run for a second two year term in 2023.

Vicki Long

The following people have been nominated in accordance with Article XV, section 4 of the bylaws to serve as Directors for a first two year term from June 2021 – May 2023. They are eligible to run for a second two year term in 2023.

Dick Cohen

Todd Dreyfus

Stephanie Fink

Lija Greenseid

Eric Rice

Kathleen Riley

Jennifer Schneider

The following people have been nominated in accordance with Article XV, section 4 of the bylaws to serve as Directors for a second two year term from June 2021 – May 2023. They are ineligible for additional consecutive terms as Directors.

Savannah Hanson

Isaac Marshall

Yasmine Moideen

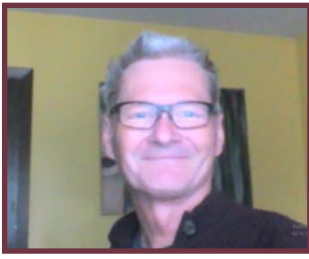
Judi Orland

The above people have been contacted and have agreed to accept their respective nominations.

Respectfully submitted by

Ellen Konstan, Chair and Ellen Sampson, Vice Chair

From the President



Not long ago I was writing my first president's column for the bulletin; now, I am writing my last.

Indelible images fill the past two years. I remember greeting people for most of the Friday and Saturday services in June, July, and August of 2019 before we had established the

shomrim core. It was a wonderful way to meet many of you. I remember my first erev Rosh Hashanah president's speech, not for the speech's content but for the emotions it evoked: some nervousness, but mostly gratitude for this community and for the opportunity to serve. Of course, one of the defining events of the past two years is the pandemic: the switch to Zoom, the masks, the isolation, the fear and concerns. The death of George Floyd, the ensuing protests, and now the trial also have left a mark on all of us. There were times in the past two years when the end of the presidency seemed so far away, and now I am left to wonder: where did the time go?

I want to thank many people. Our clergy – Rabbi Adler, Cantor Strauss-Klein, Cantor Spilker, and Rabbi Spilker – are extraordinary people. Working with them, especially with Rabbi Spilker during our weekly meetings, has been one of the great blessings of my time in office, and it has left me a better person: thank you. Our professional staff is second to none. Sue Summit, our religious school director, pivoted from face-to-face school meetings to digital environments so quickly and effectively, and the teachers and students responded amazingly well. *Kol kavod!* Janelle Norlien, Julie Beckman, and Teresa Matzek are something akin to Mount Zion's Wizards of Oz, working behind-the-scenes to make things happen efficiently and professionally. Kelly Kelzenberg is the third administrative assistant with whom I primarily worked. Kelly started working with us through a temp agency, and I am so pleased she has stayed with us as a full-time employee. One of Kelly's tasks is to work directly with the board president, and as I have said repeatedly, she makes me a better president: thank you. Shai Avny, our congregation engagement

director, is a star (and he has the hair to prove it). One among the many things I eagerly anticipate when we return to face-to-face gatherings is seeing Shai greet people. He does this with genuine authenticity. We are fortunate to have him. Don Novak and Elias Pastrana-Navarro, our maintenance workers, are stellar. One of Don's skills is the magic he works on our original boilers (meaning they are 67 years old!). If you are ever around Mount Zion late in the evening, chances are good that you will bump into Elias as he cleans up after the latest gathering and sets the stage for whatever is going to happen the next day. To both, many thanks.

Then there is Larry Solomon, our executive director, who is celebrating ten years at Mount Zion, and for whom this year's Annual Campaign is honoring. Larry is another person with whom I have had the pleasure of closely collaborating. Larry has an easy-going manner about him that puts those around him at ease. In addition, he brings his many years of human resource work from the corporate world to bear in his work at the synagogue. I appreciate Larry's directness, his sense of humor, and his high level of competence so very much: thank you!

Michael Wall will be our next president, and I have no doubt that he will be wonderful. I wish you well, friend! His executive committee and board of directors are filled with talented, skilled people, all committed to making Mount Zion a vibrant Jewish community for years to come. Thanks to the Make Firm Our Steps endowment campaign, the continued generosity of the Mount Zion community, and cost reductions that we have made over the past years, Mount Zion's financial health is sound and continues to improve. We are also thrilled to have Abby Gore join our professional team as the youth engagement director. As if that weren't enough, all of us have the opportunity to shape the future of this beloved community through *kivun la'atid*, or our direction for the future, led ably by incoming president Michael Wall and president-elect Amy Schwartz Moore.

All of this is to say Mount Zion is in good hands. Thank you for the opportunity to lead. May the year to come be filled with joy, and may our paths cross soon.

Michael Kuhne, President

Kehillah Council Calendar Meeting

Wednesday, June 16, 6:00-7:00 pm

A representative from each committee, small group or affiliate group is encouraged to attend and all are welcome. We will hear about plans for August 2021 thru June 2022 and groups will share their priority events with each other. We will discuss new procedures about scheduling.

The 23rd Annual Communal Observance of

Tisha B'Av

Saturday, July 17 / 9 Av

The day which commemorates the tragedies that have befallen the Jewish people.



Mount Zion Helps Make Mother's Day Meaningful!

Yom Ha'aym

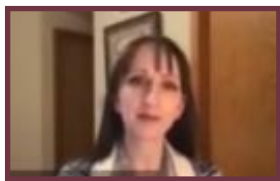
Mother's Day Service

**And welcoming the "First Fruits," babies born in 5781
Sunday, May 10, 10:15-10:45 am**

Mount Zion has a long tradition of celebrating Mothers' Day together, and honoring dads too! We will continue that tradition this year, although we will miss the tuxedoed Brotherhood serving up the bagels. This is a joyous service celebrating family in all its various constellations. We will also have a special welcome and blessing for the new babies who joined our congregational family since last year.



Join us: [Zoom](#), [Live Streaming on mzion.org](#), and [Facebook](#).



While a first-year cantorial student at Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem, I was tasked with keeping a “prayer journal” by my liturgy professor, with the goal of documenting the trajectory of my personal prayer journey. While I confessed in my journal my initial irritations, including HUC’s utilitarian bomb-shelter prayer space and my annoyingly earnest classmates, over time and with practice I was able to find deep spiritual connection no matter my surroundings. This became clear to me during Kabbalat Shabbat at Shira Chadasha, an egalitarian modern Orthodox congregation that held services in a school gymnasium. Needless to say, the space was outwardly quite mundane, but the voices rising around me in harmony helped take me to a higher spiritual realm, and it became easier to find that connection—and appreciate it even more—after having found it in such an unexpected place.

Fast forward to 2020 and our shift to online worship at Mount Zion, which provoked in me another profound reassessment of my personal worship experience. I had been drawn to the cantorate initially because I found singing with others and leading them in prayer to be spiritually enriching in a way I’d never experienced before. Much of my initial discomfort with worship over Zoom had to do with the reversal of that aesthetic: your worship experience went from hearing the voices all around you in the sanctuary to just a single voice... my voice.

Now, I hope all of you at home are still singing along, and I have even heard from some people that this medium has freed them from the fear of someone judging their “bad” voices (a Yiddish curse be upon choir directors who have said this!), and they now feel empowered to sing along at home unabashedly. But what I also came to realize was that this was an opportunity for our community to hear and lift up the individual voices of so many members of our congregation: Guitar Corps members singing and playing on Yom Kippur and Friday night services, our brave B’nei Mitzvah leading us in prayer without the benefit of hearing the congregational “back up” voices, and the chanters of our sacred texts. I am thrilled that more people than ever before signed up to chant *megillot* for festival services, some of whom were chanting sacred text for the very first time. Seventeen people chanted Esther for Purim, eleven chanted *Shir HaShirim* (Song of Songs) for Pesach, and eight chanted Ruth for Shavuot. It has been a joy to see all these folks be honored by our larger community for their contributions!

But on a spiritual plane as opposed to technological, this also serves as a reminder that, even though we may not be able to physically hear all our voices raised in community over Zoom, God hears all of

us. I have been attending online classes through Hadar (hadar.org), and a recent session on the Amidah taught by Rabbi Elie Kaunfer, focused on the prayer “*Shomei’a T’filah*” (“Who hears prayer”) in the weekday Amidah. It is named for the *chatimah*, the “seal” at the end of the blessing, which in our siddur *Mishkan T’filah* is “*Baruch atah Adonai, shomei’a tefilah*” (“Blessed are you, Adonai, who hears prayer”). Rabbi Launfer pointed out that our tradition tells us that God not only can hear every prayer and every voice, God is able to distinguish each individual person’s prayer out of the cacophony of prayers. Indeed, while not in *Mishkan T’filah*, some versions of this prayer include a line above this that reads “*ki atah shomeia t’filat kol yeh,*” “for You hear the prayer of every mouth.”

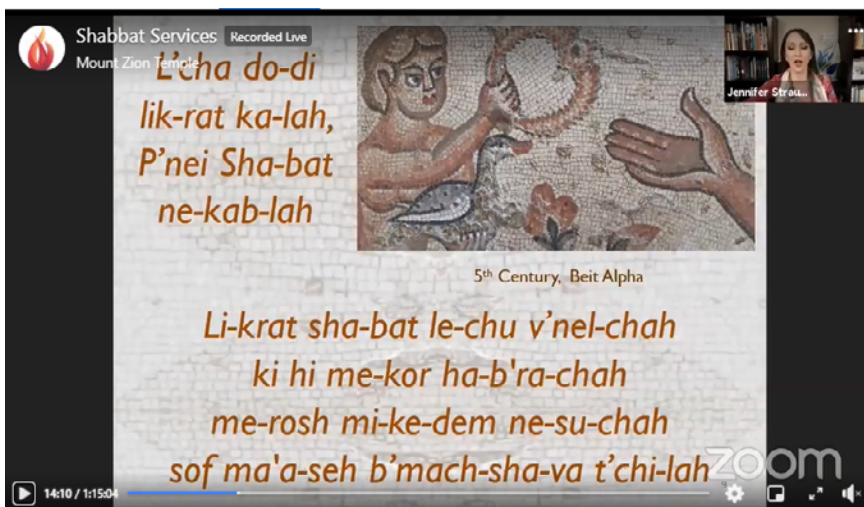
We know all too well that it’s not possible to talk or sing at the same time over Zoom. But I encourage you to look to *Mekhilta D’Rabbi Yishmael*, the midrashic text from which Rabbi Launfer quoted: “The

attribute of a flesh and blood person is that they cannot hear from two people when they are both crying out at the same time. But the Holy Blessed One—even if all the people in the world come and cry out before God, God hears their cries, as it says, “O hearer of prayer, all flesh will come to you (Psalm 65:3).” Even as we look forward to a time when we can safely

worship in song together, we can take comfort in this, which is true no matter where, when, or who we are.

I learned in Jerusalem that the quality of my prayer experience largely depended on me and the spiritual work I was willing to put into it, and while I wasn’t necessarily seeking out a similar epiphany this year, I’ve learned once again that powerful spiritual experiences needn’t be subject to externalities. I’ve found holiness in a gymnasium and experienced the sacred in front of a screen. While I can only speculate how worship will evolve from here, I do know that Judaism is well-equipped to handle it. And God will hear us then as well as now.

Jennifer Strauss-Klein, Cantor



A message from our Congregational Engagement Director

The Strength of our Community

What a year it has been!

Change can be difficult, and our lives have dramatically changed over the past year. We could not be together with our families, friends, and neighbors. We stayed home and we could not be with our MZ community the same way we used to be. If you know me, you know I am an optimistic person and like many Israelis will say, "Everything will be okay." (יהיה בסדר) The only exception is when the kids are in distance learning 😊.

When I look back over this past year, I am amazed by the enthusiasm, passion, and creativity of our MZ community. Together, we have come up with creative ways for our community to stay engaged and safe at the same time.

Services were held with people joining us from all over the country. People who used to be members and moved away from Minnesota (I don't understand why, the weather is great!) joined us and people who just enjoyed the vibe of our community.

We had some great events both in-person and online such as: Shofar on the roof, two biking events with ice cream, small groups conversations on the patio, Winter MZ small groups, Purim Scavenger Hunt, Zoom Seder, Bingo night, Trivia night, Zikaron BaSalon, a Chanukah Parade, Silly Purim on Zoom, Afternoon Tea with MZ and more.

I want to emphasize two great initiatives we conducted during Chanukah and Purim with our Chanukah gift exchange and the Mishloach Manot exchange. You, the MZ community, showed us how strong we are together and how we can take care of our community even during a pandemic. For Chanukah and Purim, we had approximately 160 households exchanging gifts and getting to know each other even if it was only for a brief meeting of 5 to 10 minutes.

Most importantly, we reached out to our seniors and they LOVED it. Even just the phone call from someone in our community made their week. Many congregants called and sent emails to MZ to thank us for these efforts, BUT we need to thank you, our community. Thank YOU!

If you still haven't figured out the best way for you to join into MZ events and programming during the Pandemic, please reach out to me at savny@mzion.org and I would be happy to help you see all the possibilities.

I hope to see everyone soon in person and online and don't forget to mute yourself during services. 😊

Shai Avny



Save the Dates for these in person events!

More details to come via email.

May 22 - Havdalah

June 12 - Havdalah

August 8 - Hike

June 6 - Bike ride

July 10 - Havdalah



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 31, 11:00 a.m.*

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

Memorial Day Observed

Monday, May 31, 11:00 a.m. at the Mount Zion Cemetery

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. Please only attend if you are feeling well and please wear a mask and stay distanced at the service (regardless of whether vaccinated).



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LIFE LONG LEARNING  ONE STEP AT A TIME



Facets of Social Activism

LGBTQ+

Sunday, May 23, from 12:00 - 1:15 PM

Panel Members:



Yinon Arev

Youth Counselor
Student, Activist and
Entrepreneur
Leads "Proud Kinneret"
community & the LGBTQ+
Association.
**Kibbutz Ma'agan,
Sovev Kinneret**



Rumia Ben Ari

Part of the leading team
of the proud community
in Tiberias (Dona).
Promotes response to
needs of the LGBTQ+
community in the city.
Tiberias, Sovev Kinneret



Ariel Kohll

Employee of
Courage MKE
An organization that
supports LGBTQ+
youth and the only
LGBTQ+ group home in
Wisconsin.
Milwaukee



Lys Akerman-Frank

Local Artist & Designer
Served on the Twin Cities Pride
board of directors, focusing
on their community art show.
Serves on Mount Zion's
board of directors LGBTQ+
Committee.
St. Paul

In this session, we will learn about social activities for the development and support of the local LGBTQ+ community in each of our partnered communities.

If you are a social activist at heart, join us. Get Inspired!

Register: <https://forms.gle/QnHWrAzyu7SFJ9S18>

Shavuot / Confirmation

Sunday, May 16 / 6 Sivan 7:00 p.m. Shavuot/Confirmation Service

Our confirmands will be in the sanctuary leading this online service for the congregation. Join them as we begin our Shavuot festival together and so that they feel the support of our congregation. Join us [via Zoom](#).

Our 2021/5781 Confirmation Class

*Mikey Barshack
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Nathan Cohen
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Rebecca Elkin
Lilith Greene-Friedman*

*Sarah Parker
Becca Richman
Lizzy Rothstein
Brooke Spieler
Grace Swenson
Avery Wallen*

Shavuot Festival Service (with Yizkor)

Monday, May 17, 10:00 am [via Zoom](#) / 6 Sivan

Seeing One Another at Sinai:

A Minnesota Night of Revelation

A Community Tikkun Leil Shavuot

Sunday, May 16, 2021 | 6 Sivan 5781 | 6:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. CT

Details and Zoom links at tinyurl.com/MNTikkun21

- Afternoon** PJ Library's Shavuot celebration with ice cream stops, distanced activities, and craft bags – registration required
- 6:00 p.m.** PJ Library story and activity time for young families
- 6:00 - 8:45 p.m.** Shavuot Evening Services around the community
- 9:00 p.m.** Opening Ritual and Niggun Leil Shavuot
- 9:15 p.m.** Keynote Panel: *Ro'im et Ha'Kolot*, Empowering Voices: a panel from Edot, the Midwest Regional Jewish Diversity Collaborative
- 10:00 p.m.** Workshops Aleph: From Unpacking "Shtisel" to Unpacking Ruth, to 10 Digital Commandments to Conversion in Jerusalem
- 10:45 p.m.** Small Bites: Explorations in Poetry, Yoga, Ethics, and More
- 11:00 p.m.** Clergy Panel Discussion: Striving to build and lead communities that better reflect the diversity of the Jewish people
- 12:00 midnight** Seeing One Another at Sinai: A Ritual for Shavuot

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Religious School News

Abby Gore Youth Engagement Associate

We are delighted to announce that we have hired Abby Gore to serve as our Youth Engagement Associate beginning July 1, 2021. Abby will be graduating from Macalester College this Spring with a BA in Religious Studies and minors in Classics and Philosophy. Because Abby is an ideal candidate for this position and she is now ready to take on full-time employment, the timing is right for us to consolidate several positions to bring back this role from a few years ago. We are confident that doing so will serve our youth and teens in the best way possible.



Abby grew up in Los Angeles at a Reform synagogue where she served as a Madricha throughout high school, participated in Confirmation and helped lead Tot Shabbat. Abby has been an outstanding faculty member in our religious school for the past four years. Abby is currently Mount Zion Religious School's 6th grade teacher, Noar Tzion Youth Group Advisor (4th-6th Grade), and Madrichim Co-Coordinator. In the past Abby has also served as a Shabbaton Coordinator.

Our Youth Engagement Associate designs and implements teen-specific programming, including Shabbatonim, oversees the temple's youth groups, teaches in our religious school, and most importantly, builds critical personal relationships with our children and teens as they navigate through and past their B'nei mitzvah years. We are extraordinarily fortunate to hire Abby who has already developed strong relationships with so many of our students!

The religious school committee and board of directors are in strong support of restoring the full-time Youth Engagement Associate position, particularly now while we have this amazing opportunity to hire Abby Gore as she is about to enter the workforce as a Jewish educator. She has the experience and relationships that make her a natural fit for this role. We know students and parents will be thrilled that Abby will be relocating to Minnesota and continuing to work at Mount Zion after graduation. We expect they will be ecstatic to learn that she will have such a significant role going forward.

Please join us in congratulating Abby and welcoming her to our Mount Zion community.

Join us for Yom Acharon The Last Day of School! Sunday, May 23, 2021

10:00-10:45 a.m. Religious School Celebrations
(Parents/Guardians and Congregants invited)

Second Grade Mechina Hagigah (Celebration)
Celebrate the culmination of the first year of Hebrew studies with our second grade Mechina class.



Join us on May 23 to see how much they've grown!

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. We will honor staff reaching special milestones and celebrate and thank our graduating Madrichim! Please watch your e-mail for more information about this amazing event!

Though our celebration will look different this year, we are all working together to make this a special occasion for our students, their families, our faculty, staff, madrichim, and volunteers.

NOTE:

1st Session Classes will meet 9:30-10:00
(Pre/K, 1st, 3rd, and 5th grades)

2nd Session Classes will meet 10:45-11:15
(2nd, 4th, and 6th grades)

2021-2022

Religious School Registration

Registration Information Will Be Sent via Email

This year we promise a much more streamlined registration process! An email with the registration link will be sent as we approach the end of the current school year.



Camp Send-Off Shabbat Service

Friday, June 4, 6:00 p.m.

All youth attending Jewish Summer Camps will be honored.

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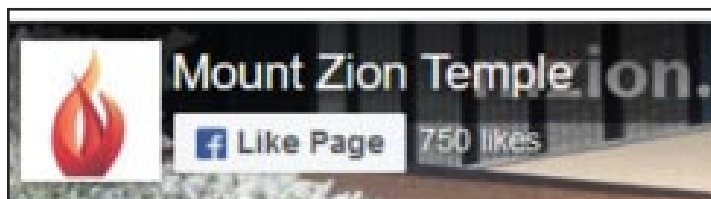
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Mount Zion Conversations

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Mount Zion Conversations is our Private Group. You must have a Facebook profile in order to join the group. This is a place where congregants can post and ask questions, chat with each other, and share their videos. For privacy reasons, some Temple videos are also shared in this group.



Celebrating Mount Zion's High School Seniors and Chai School Graduates for 2021 / 5781

***Madeline Bagdade**, Brandeis University
 ***Isaac Berlin**, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
 ***Julian Brunelle**, Brandeis University
 ***Anna Dreyfus**, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
 ***Maren Fossum-Wernick**, Gap year in Norway, The Norwegian Folkehøgskole Experience, then Scripps College
Noah Haney, Iowa State University
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Lizzie Kristal, University of Miami
Samuel Levine, Century College
 ***Abigail Long**, Syracuse University
 ***Eleanor Long**, Emory University

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 ***Emmet Tanzer-Tragatsch**, Tulane University
 ***Sadie Wall**, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
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Samuel Akerman-Knopf, Cecilia Amnuel, Eliahna Cohen, Emma Cohen, Jacob Damro, Isaac Fein, Joshua Flaminio, Daniel Galyan, Eli Goldberger, William Lancman, Talya Levitt, Jennifer Ries, Sonia Ross, Emmet Shwiff, Molly Shwiff, Tyler Smith, Jacob Thomas, *Benjamin Wallen

* denotes that the student is a Chai School graduate

B'nei Mitzvah

These young men and women were called to the Torah as B'nei Mitzvah from January through April. They led the service either from their home or from the sanctuary with clergy and congregants witnessing and participating via Zoom.

Isla George

January 2, 2021

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Isla (Sivan) is the daughter of Stephanie (Leah) and Chris George. She is the granddaughter of Howard Cohen of Denver, Colorado, Bonnie Shore of Denver, Colorado, and Steve & Katie (z"l) George of Hayward, Wisconsin. She is the sister of Mason (Levi) George. Isla is a 7th

grader at Rosemount Middle School (RMS) where her favorite classes are science and art. Isla loves swimming and running. She competes with the Riptide Swim Team and the RMA Cross Country Team. In addition, Isla enjoys painting, playing outside with friends, video games, and attending Herzl Camp. Isla is a member of both the RMA Student Council and RMS Leadership Team. For Isla's mitzvah project, she is hoping to teach swimming lessons and will be donating a portion of her gift money to the Michael Phelps Foundation.

Benjamin Strauss

January 9, 2020

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Benjamin (Benyamin) is the son of Kay and Jon Strauss and has an older brother, Raymond. He is the grandson of Judyth and William Houle (both of blessed memory), Diana and Alan Turner, and Judith and Allan Strauss. Benny is in Seventh Grade at New City Charter School in Minneapolis. He

loves to play basketball, hockey, baseball, and practices Karate. At school, his favorite subjects are social studies and math. Benny lives all things Japan, including ramen noodle, manga and anime, particularly Naruto. Benny plans to donate a portion of his gift money to the Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery.

Bernardo "Bear" Tortorello

February 6, 2021

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Bernardo "Bear" Tortorello is the son of Michael Tortorello and Stephanie Curtis, and the grandchild of Myrna Tortorello and Eric Candrea; Francis Tortorello and Barbara Tortorello; and Kathleen Curtis and Robert Curtis (of adored memory). He is also the brother of Beatrix

Tortorello. He attends the seventh grade at Capitol Hill, a magnet school in St. Paul. Bear participates in many classes, including (but not limited to) advanced algebra, gym, science, English, computer applications, and Spanish. He also (pre-COVID-19) fenced at the St. Paul Fencing Club, and also partakes in online sessions of Dungeons and Dragons. After the pandemic Bear plans to help homeless families in St. Paul, as he has done for the past four years. From becoming Bar Mitzvah, he has learned more about the story of his Torah portion, Yitro.

Annabelle Sayer

April 10, 2021

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Annabelle is the daughter of Polly and Thomas Sayer. She is the granddaughter of Sandra Sayer and Lori and Richard Warren. Annabelle is in seventh grade at the South Saint Paul middle school. Annabelle enjoys art shopping, listening to music, and spending time with friends and family. This year Annabelle is a Madricha.

In honor of becoming Bar Mitzvah, she will be donating a portion of her gift money to the Children's Hospital

Nathaniel Rothstein

April 24, 2021

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Nathaniel (Moshe) is the son of Shelley and Joseph Rothstein. Nathaniel is the grandchild of Olivia Rothstein, Morry Rothstein, Debbie Lynch, Caroline Carlson, and the late Dennis Carlson. He also has two older siblings, Elizabeth and Elijah Rothstein. He is an eighth grader at Parnassus Preparatory School and his

favorite subjects are logic, history, and band. He participates in drama, quiz bowl, mock trial, and baseball after school. He enjoys traveling, playing his sax, and playing baseball in his free time. Nathaniel is making donation to the American Heart Association, in honor of becoming Bar Mitzvah.

B'nei Mitzvah

These young men and women will be called to the Torah as B'nei Mitzvah from May through July. They will lead the service either from their home or from the sanctuary with clergy and congregants witnessing and participating via Zoom.

Ziva Westreich

May 1, 2021

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Ziva Westreich is the daughter of Danielle Salus and Herman Westreich. She is the granddaughter of Gilbert and Natalie (of blessed memory) Westreich and Stanley and Naomi Salus. Ziva has a younger brother named Ben. She is in 8th Grade at Highland Park Middle School. Ziva's

favorite subjects at school are Art, Dare 2 Be Real (an anti-racist student group/class), and Science. She enjoys doing cross-country running, Nordic skiing, Track and Field, and skateboarding. She loves to go to camp in the summer and hang out with friends. She volunteered at Northern Voices, a preschool for the deaf and hard of hearing in early 2020. Ziva will be donating a portion of her gift money to Color of Change, an organization working to advance solutions for racial justice.

Nico Ostrov

May 22, 2021

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Nico is the son of Jessica Ostrov and grandson of Lori Ford. His cousins, Sage Levine and Izzy Levine-Malush, are like brothers to him. Nico is in 8th Grade at Sunny Hollow Montessori, where his favorite subject is math. No question about it, his favorite pastime is snowboarding, but

he also enjoys RC car driving, cooking, and attending wilderness camps. He hopes to be either a chef or a pilot. For his Gemilut Chasadim project, Nico volunteered with Friends of the Mississippi River and Save the Boundary Waters, and a portion of his gift money will go to the Israel Aquarium at the Biblical Zoo in Jerusalem, emphasizing aquatic ecosystem preservation.

Adam Greenseid

June 5, 2021

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Adam Greenseid is the son of Andrew and Lija Greenseid. He is the grandson of Linda and David Greenseid, Juris Ozols, and Paula and George Lopuch. Adam has an older sister, Arija. Adam attends 7th grade at his house (but really Yinghua Academy in Minneapolis). Adam enjoys Math, Chinese,

Science, and English. Adam plays piano for fun, defeats his dad in Magic the Gathering and FIFA, and likes playing soccer. He loves playing with and taking his dog Theo for walks. His mitzvah project is volunteering with the Dragon Dues program at this school, where he spends time with a kindergartener over Zoom, and occasionally tutors him, because he really likes hanging out with young children! He is excited to support environmental causes with a portion of his gift money.

Eitan Lerman

June 26, 2021

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Eithan Lerman is the son of Shirley and Gilad Lerman. He is the grandson of Maya and Pelley Lerman and Miri and Uri Tramer. He has an older brother, Yuval Lerman. Eithan is in 7th grade at Highland Park Middle School. Eithan's favorite subjects in school are art, math and P.E.

Eithan enjoys skateboarding, snowboarding, playing piano and basketball. He is donating a portion of his gift money to the Hope Street Shelter for homeless youth.

Georgia Levin

July 31, 2021

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Georgia is the daughter of Al and Jill Levin. She is the granddaughter of Dorothy and Lenny (of blessed memory) Levin and Jerry and Mary Jorgensen. She is the sister of Julia, Isabel and Sam. Georgia attends Sanford Middle School in Minneapolis and enjoys getting to know her classmates and

teachers. When not in school, she can be found on the soccer field, snowboarding, hiking with her dogs, riding her bike to see friends, or outside teaching the neighborhood kids how to skateboard. Georgia has spent much of her time during the last year volunteering for Happy Tails Animal Rescue, helping save dogs and find them their forever families. She is looking forward to donating a portion of her gift money to this organization and to continue fostering and helping dogs in the years to come.

Women of Mount Zion Temple

The Women of Mount Zion Temple Closing Meeting What Judaism Really Teaches about Abortion

May 16, 10am

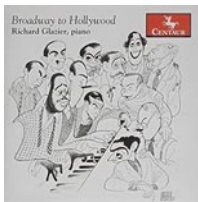


Beth Gendler, Executive Director of National Council of Jewish Women Minnesota, will speak about how to make the Jewish case for abortion access, so that you can speak about our tradition's approach from a place of deep knowledge and understanding.

No pre-registration necessary.

Join us on Zoom - Meeting ID: 995 5856 2042 Passcode: 437884

Sponsored by the Women of Mount Zion Temple and NCJW Minnesota Everyone is welcome.



**Broadway to Hollywood:
The Jewish Songwriters
by Richard Glazer**
May 23 time and cost TBD

Remembering Route 66 by Leslie Goddard

June 7, 7pm \$10.

RSVP to pegk56@comcast.net Pay at <https://paypal.me/mzsisterhood> or, mail a check made out to WMZT to Edith Pang at 3505 Zane Ave. N. Crystal, MN 55422. Zoom link will be provided upon registration



Announcement: No Garage Sale this Summer

For the health and safety of Mount Zion and the community in general, The Women of Mount Zion Garage Sale has been canceled for this summer. There are many places to donate your items and help those in need at the same time. Some charities will pick up your large furniture donations, Salvation Army, Goodwill, and Habitat for Humanity to name a few.

Hoping you can find resilience despite the uncertainty.



Brotherhood

Flags for Veterans - We plan to meet on Friday, May 28, 1:00 pm at the Mount Zion Cemetery to place flags on the graves of our Veterans in honor of Memorial Day.

Men's Retreat - We regret that the pandemic has caused us to postpone this year's Men's Retreat. We have secured the Dunrovin Retreat Center for next year. Mark your calendar for June 10-11-12, 2022.

Membership Drive - Our annual membership drive will be in June & July coordinated by Shel Finver & Richard Newmark.

Brotherhood Meetings & Elections - Meetings are the Last Tuesday each month. Elections of new officers takes place in May and our new slate of officers begin July 1.

Summer Picnic - We are planning the Mount Zion Summer Picnic for Sunday, August 22 at Roger's Lake Park in Mendota Heights.

Accessibility & Inclusion

As we continue to navigate our evolving virtual and in-person worlds this summer, social connection and inclusion remain more important than ever. If you have ideas or requests for furthering the work to make Mount Zion a community where all feel included and valued, our Accessibility and Inclusion Committee would love to hear from you! As always, we're welcoming new members. To join, learn more or contact us, go to Mount Zion's Accessibility and Inclusion webpage on mzion.org or contact Cantor Spilker (rspilker@mzion.org) or Sarah McVicar (mcvicasm@gmail.com). In the meantime, if you're looking to dig into some summer reading, we encourage you to check out Riva Lehrer's critically acclaimed and deeply moving book *Golem Girl: A Memoir*, winner of The Barbellion Prize for authors who best represent the experience of chronic illness and/or disability. May you have a good read, stay safe and stay connected this summer!

For additional support during this time you can also reach out to Shai Avny (savny@mzion.org) for Mount Zion's Caring Community, support, the Jewish Family Service of St. Paul, the Jewish Family and Children's Service of Minneapolis, NAMI Minnesota, the National Institute of Mental Health, the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) and SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration).

Returning this Summer!

Mount Zion Community

Midsummer Picnic!

Friends and Family are all welcome!



Save the Date: **Sunday, August 22**

Rogers Lake Park, Mendota Heights, MN

(West of Wagon Wheel Trail and Dodd Road - Just 10 minutes from Mount Zion!)

More details will be sent via email closer to the event.



Make Firm Our Steps

Once-in-a-Generation Endowment Campaign

Let Mount Zion rejoice!

—Psalm 48:12



We began our endowment campaign—Make Firm Our Steps—early in 2019 to create a financial resource for Mount Zion that would generate revenue predictably and perpetually. As we wrote in the campaign case statement, such a campaign echoed our liturgy: it is incumbent upon us to *המכין מצעדי גבר* (“make firm our steps”), to create our own future, and to set our community “firm on a foundation.” We set an ambitious goal of \$5,000,000 because we believed that members of our community would give their support. The results document that we were right to have confidence.

Thanks to 255 contributors—39% of Mount Zion’s individual and family members—we have raised \$5,210,026, exceeding our initial goal and reflecting extraordinary generosity and commitment to our community.

Given the campaign’s success, the L’dor V’Dor endowment will, after five years, generate \$200,000-\$250,000 each year in fully expendable revenue. It already is producing over \$120,000 in the coming year’s budget. The additional annual funding will enable our leadership to budget with more confidence, to support robust and creative Jewish programming, to continue routine maintenance and required updating, and, importantly, to respond as unforeseeable needs arise.

This successful conclusion gives Mount Zion an indisputable reason to rejoice, and in the coming months we will celebrate together.

The names of everyone who contributed to the campaign, regardless of amount, will be included on a special piece of art that will honor contributors. More information to come.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this campaign!

Afro-Jewish Culture

Guest Speaker: Prof. Lewis Gordon

Sunday, June 6, 7:00 pm via Zoom

Co-Sponsored by Beth Jacob and Mount Zion.



Lewis Gordon is an American philosopher at the University of Connecticut who works in the areas of Africana philosophy, existentialism, phenomenology, social and political theory, postcolonial thought, theories of race and racism, philosophies of liberation, aesthetics, philosophy of education, and philosophy of religion. He has written particularly extensively on Africana and black existentialism, postcolonial phenomenology, race and racism, and on the works and thought of W. E. B. Du Bois and Frantz Fanon. His most recent book is titled *What Fanon Said: A Philosophical Introduction To His Life And Thought*.



We exceeded our goal for the March Food Drive!

Our congregation raised an amazing \$21,211 over the past 6-week period for the

Neighborhood House March Food Drive through all of the Temple's giving sites. **We surpassed our overall goal of \$18,000** and all donations made through April 11 were eligible for the Minnesota Foodshare match. Thanks to your incredible generosity, we received more donations in this 6-week period than we had in the past fiscal year.

Can you help Neighborhood House run their food markets?

Neighborhood House's Food Support team is seeking long-term volunteer help in the food markets. Are you able to commit to at least one shift a week? The Wellstone Center food market needs volunteers to help Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. The Francis Basket food market needs volunteers to help Tuesdays from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 pm. Currently, volunteers are helping with sorting, stocking, and shopping.

Got to Neighb.org/volunteer to fill out a volunteer application or email Volunteer Engagement Specialist, Rah Bridwell at rbridwell@neighb.org.

Can you help distribute fresh produce to St. Paul families?

Starting in July Neighborhood House hosts produce distributions four times a month at three different locations in St. Paul at the Wellstone Center, Dayton's Bluff Elementary and John Johnson Elementary.

Volunteer shifts are on Tuesdays from 1-5 p.m. and Wednesdays from 11 a.m.- 3 p.m. Read more and sign up for a shift at Neighb.org/volunteer

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**Shavuot, Confirmation,
 and Tikkun Leil Shavuot**
 Sunday, May 16 - Monday, May 17 / 6 Sivan
See p. 9 & 10 for details.

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**Mount Zion's Annual Meeting and
 Installation/Gratitude Shabbat!**

165TH ANNUAL MEETING - Tuesday, May 11, 7:00 pm
Gratitude Shabbat Service - Friday, May 14, 6:00 pm
See p. 4 for details.



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