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A Memorable Mount Zion Moment

By Rita Grossman

As I was recently sitting in the Sanctuary, I recalled how I came to see our beloved Sanctuary for the first time. It was spring of 1954, a Saturday night, and Sherm and I were at a dinner in Margolis Hall as guests of my parents, Will and Nettie Blaine. The dinner was for the Temple officers, Board members, and the Building Committee for our new Temple, of which my Dad was a member, and we were there to see our brand new Sanctuary for the first time and to witness its dedication. At the end of the dinner it was announced we would now see the new Sanctuary. We all stood, the large wooden doors at the back of the Sanctuary parted, and there it was, the Sanctuary, in all its glory! People gasped, cheered, clapped, and cried! Slowly we walked into the Sanctuary, took our seats, and waited for the dedication to begin. All went well until the lighting of the Eternal Light, which was to be the official moment of dedication. But, alas, we quickly saw there was a problem with the lighting. Over and over they tried to light it, but nothing happened – no fire. Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut, who officiated, conferred and consulted with others. More attempts were made. No success. We waited and waited. Well, of course, in the end it did light, and we were all so thankful. Rabbi Plaut stepped to the Pulpit and gave an impromptu sermon on why an Eternal Light might not easily light and the responsibility we now have to keep it going. It was an evening to remember and a lesson to be learned, relevant to this very day.

Rita is a lifelong member of Mount Zion. Her father Will Blaine helped start our Daily Services at Mount Zion beginning at Chanukah 1954. Rita followed her father's lead and was honored at Chanukah 2009 for leading Daily Services for a quarter century.

L'Dor VaDor

From Generation to Generation

Mazel Tov To...

Sally and Jimmy Beloff on the birth of their granddaughter, *Hazel*, on March 16. *Hazel* is the daughter of *Emma (Beloff)* and *Alex Thelen*.

Phil and Renae Goldman on the birth of their grandsons, *Levi*, on April 3 and *Walter* on April 6. *Levi* is the son of *Joey* and *Cassidy Goldman*. *Walter* is the son *Natalie* and *Ben Peterson*.

Alex Klass on joining the Biden-Harris Administration as Deputy General Counsel for Litigation, Regulation and Enforcement at the U.S. Department of Energy.

Susanne Spitzer on marriage of her daughter *Natalie* to *Jon Li* on October 24, 2021 and the birth of her grandson, *James*, son of *Emily* and *Daniel DeSalva*.

Avalon and Zack Taylor on the birth of their son, *Ari*, on April 12.

Barbara and Steve Wolf on the birth of their granddaughter, *Lucy*, on April 18.

ZICHRONAM LIVRACHA...

May their memories be a blessing

We note with sorrow the passing of our members:

Steve Brand

Our condolences to his family, including his wife Gail Greenspoon Brand.

Rick Hauser

Our condolences to his family, including his wife Nancy Mason Hauser.

We Extend Condolences to...

Larry (Cathy) Bogolub on the death of his sister, *Ellen Bogolub*, on March 7.

Ida (Ron) Ellis on the death of her sister, *Susan Ginsburg*, on February 19.

Kathy (Tony) Flaminio on the death of her father, *David Mayer Gradwohl*, on March 10.

Steve (LoRene) Leikind on the death of his sister, *Ellen Leikind*, on March 24.

Joel (Marcia) Stone and **Cheryl (Sanford) Bemel** on the death of their father, and **Nancy Karasov** on the death of her brother, *Arthur Stone*, on March 28.

"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 **Scott Johansen** who has completed our conversion program recently and has thus chosen Judaism: **May he go from strength to strength!**

Letter from the Rabbi



"We have many faults as Jews, but amnesia is not one of them." – Isaac Bashevis Singer

On Thursday, May 5, Rachel and I will receive our Doctor of Divinity, *honoris causa*, degrees from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York City at Temple Emanuel. These degrees are bestowed twenty-five years after ordination.

This means that we have been at Mount Zion for twenty-five years! This is quite extraordinary, and we are beyond grateful. We have watched our three children grow up here and our youngest is now graduating high school. No, amnesia is not a possibility with the relationships we have developed over the years and the very walls of the synagogue holding so many stories. We are blessed to be part of such a wonderful community and work with colleagues and lay leaders whom we treasure.

We wanted to mark this special "silver" anniversary with a suitable personal gift to Mount Zion. In the sanctuary, we are replacing the red, plastic jewels atop the crown above the ark with silver spheres. This was something Herman Birnberg z"l, as chair of our Arts and Decor committee, had wanted to do because the red jewels were not part of architect Mendelsohn's vision. The silver ties into the rest of the design in the sanctuary. It will be installed by the Shabbat of Mount Zion's 165th anniversary on May 13.

We are inviting the congregation to mark this occasion by thinking not of the past but of the future. **Please consider investing in the lives of the next generation of cantors, rabbis, and educators** by contributing to a scholarship fund at our Movement's seminary, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

A past president of Mount Zion, Steve Brand, z"l, committed twenty-six years of his life to serving HUC-JIR on the Board of Overseers. Past president Bob Mast followed Steve and has served for many years as well. All Mount Zion clergy over the past century plus have been trained by HUC-JIR.

You can contribute here <https://donate.huc.edu/ldor-vador-campaign>, use [this form](#), or send a check for "L'Dor VaDor Scholarship Fund" to ATTN: Development Office, HUC-JIR, One West 4th Street, New York, NY 10012.

We look forward to many more years together.

L'shalom,

Adam Stock Spilker, Rabbi

Historical Tidbits:

Mount Zion's 165 Years by the Decades

As part of the 150th anniversary celebration of Mount Zion, "Historical Tidbits" became a regular feature in the temple bulletin. Researched and written by congregant Sally Rubinstein, these monthly columns combined a decade-by-decade summary of Mount Zion history along with important national and international events. In addition to these decade summaries, Mount Zion member Herb Scherer provided a column that focused on our current building and its architect, Eric Mendelsohn. It is interesting to note the influence of the world on our Mount Zion community in the stories that follow. On May 13 (see p. 8) we will celebrate Mount Zion's 165th Anniversary. If you would like to read these historical tidbits, they are [available on mzion.org](http://mzion.org) by searching "Historical Tidbits."

Make Shabbat Your Sanctuary

Join for Engaging, Musical, Inspiring Shabbat Services

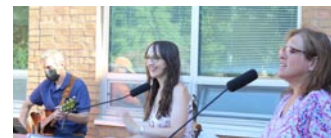
Same time every week.

Friday Night

Kabbalat Shabbat Service: 6:30 pm (until May 27) – Join in person or online ([Zoom](#); [Livestream](#); [Facebook](#))



Summer Shabbat Service Times Friday Shabbat Evening Services June 3 - September 2 at 6:00 p.m.



5:30 p.m. Kabbalat Panim – Greeting Time | 6:00 p.m. Hour-long Shabbat Service. | 7:00-7:30 p.m. Oneg Shabbat.

Saturday Morning - Now in Person!

Beginning in May, we will return to in person services for all Shabbat morning services. You may also attend via live streaming and zoom. When B'nei Mitzvah students participate in the services, you can view them on Facebook as well. We have already been in person for Shabbat evening services and Festivals since last summer. We will return to potluck lunches for Shabbat morning starting on May 14.

Torah Study: 9:00 am - Join online via [Zoom](#) (on May 14 we will also be in person)

Shabbat Shacharit (Morning) Service: 10:00 am – Join in person or online ([Zoom](#); [Livestream](#), [Facebook](#))

Tot Shabbat: 10:30 am (second Saturday of every month) *Designed for families with children from birth through 6 years old.*

Camp Send-Off Shabbat Service

Friday, June 3, 6:00 p.m. (Note time!)

All youth attending Jewish Summer Camps and Israel and Mitzvah Programs will be honored. Youth attending overnight programs will receive a special gift.



These students will be joining Rabbi Spilker who will be on faculty for a week in July: Cameron Burbey, Avital Coleman, Theo Dittberner, Isaac & Pearl Freidberg, Talia Gore, Charlie & Julie Grams, David Griffith, Evie & Miles Hutchison, Samuel Jarvis, Matan & Nadav Kanzer, Ira Leff, Asher Lindberg, Pearl McSpadden, Eliza Miller, Margaret & Siri Nathan, Nico Ostrov, Adam & Rosa Povarchuk, Jonah & Riley Rice, Becca Richman, Ben Schneider, Ari Strauss-Klein, Silas Swanson, Max Vavra, Ben & Ziva Westreich. Max Schibel and Abby Long will be joining staff as counselors.

Caring Community

We are here to help! And we welcome your support in reaching out to others. 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.

Daily Services - on Zoom!

All welcome!

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

New: If you would like to attend in person, we can arrange a service in the Chapel with a week's notice. Please contact the office.

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](#) or call 929-205-6099 and then enter the meeting ID 727 277 057.

Sundays: [Join via Zoom](#) or meeting ID 545 289 167.

The 24th Annual Communal Observance of

Tisha B'Av

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



Saturday evening, August 6

Details to come.



Every Friday afternoon as I knead the challah dough and gather the ingredients for our Shabbat dinner, I listen to the same music – Yonatan Razel’s *Sach Hakol*. The moment the opening notes of the first song waft into the kitchen, I am viscerally brought back to the first time I heard the album on our 2008 sabbatical in Jerusalem, when it was just released and climbing the charts. I relax into the sacred

routine of readying our home for Shabbat, and while my first association is with the preparations that happen in the kitchen, it lays the groundwork and sets the tone for the entirety of the special island in time that is Shabbat.

I am drawn to a wide variety of music, and many of the genres serve as soundtracks to particular memories and times in my life. There are the classic musicals of my childhood that bring me back to going to Broadway and singing on car trips with my family. There are the concerti that remind me of the years the violin was my primary instrument. There is the old world *hazzanut* (cantorial music) that first drew me to the cantorate. There is the Irish music that Adam and I enjoy together. There is the classic rock and pop music of the 80s that were the backdrop of some of my angsty teenage years. And I could go on.

Over the past years, I have made a hobby of creating playlists for various occasions. It has become a practice to put together lists for each Jewish holiday and to update and refresh them every year to include songs I may not have heard before as well as newly-written ones. I always aim for a mixture of the “traditional” songs and the new ones. I make an effort to incorporate some vocal and some instrumental. I try to include “world Jewish music” and music in various languages. And then, as each holiday approaches, I listen to the playlists in the car or the kitchen to “get in the mood.” Each holiday has a flavor, and just as the food that accompanies it is

distinct, so too is the music.

I make my playlists on Spotify, which is easy to use. You may have to download the app and create an account (there are versions for desktop, ipad and iphone/Android phones), but you do not have to pay unless you want more bells and whistles.

Here are some of the playlists I have cultivated in the past few years. I hope you enjoy them and make them part of the Jewish soundtracks of your life. Happy Listening!

Holy Day Music

[Elul: Preparing for the High Holy Days](#)

[High Holy Day Music](#)

[Sukkot: Season of Our Joy](#)

[Happy Chanukah Mount Zion!](#)

[Tu Bishvat Higia](#)

[Purim Fun!](#)

[Passover Music](#)

Mount Zion Repertoire +

[MZ Cantors’ Jewish Music Playlist](#)

[Shir Tzion Rocks!](#)

General Jewish Music Categories

[Jewish String Quartet Music](#)

[Jewish Harp Music](#)

[Jewish Songs and Niggunim for Anxious Times](#)

[Italian Jewish Music](#)

These playlist can also be found at mzion.org/mount-zion-music-playlists or by searching our website for Mount Zion Music Playlists.

Rachel Stock Spilker, Cantor

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

Margaret Corey and Adam Petitti
and their daughter Maya

David Goldstein and Jolena Zabel
and their son Ezra

Rachel Lipkin and Mindy Benowitz

Paula and Michael Pergament

Adam and Dawn Rothman
and their children Zach and Lev

Randy Singer
and his children Jacob and Sofia

Laura Voldahl

Danielle Walden

An invitation for members who joined since February 2020

New Member Shabbat Tea & Nosh

Shabbat afternoon, Saturday, May 21, 4:00 – 6:00 pm
Rabbi and Cantor Spilker’s Home

Please come to Rabbi and Cantor Spilker’s backyard for a special time. We will have tea and nosh with clergy and staff, synagogue leadership, and all members who joined Mount Zion since 2020. Together,



we will celebrate the end of Shabbat, welcome the new week, and get to know each other in person! Please come with your entire household for a time of connection. Contact Shai Avny at savny@mzion.org with questions.

From the President



Youth—to purposely change the quote—is far from wasted on the young.

Abby Gore, Mount Zion's Youth Engagement Associate, worked with young adult congregants to create a video of their reflections on their Mount Zion past and their Jewish future as a part of the Kivvun La'Atid Task Force's evening of study of the engagement of youth and young adult Jews.

The Chair of the Religious School Committee, Chad Weinstein, played that video for the committee as a demonstration of, "Why we do what we do." That got me thinking.

One of the most powerful aspects of membership in a community of faith is the work with young people, providing their education, and their experiences. Over the years, I have worked on behalf of the children of Mount Zion families by serving on the Board of Directors, the Religious School Committee, and by teaching religious school. (I've taught at every congregation at which I've been a member. I HIGHLY recommend it! Ask Sue Summit, our Religious School Director, if you would like to know more.) But beyond what I've done, there is so much I have witnessed-sometimes as a parent but more often as a congregant-that has connected me to the power of growing up at Mount Zion. There are so many opportunities to experience and lessons to be learned being a child in our congregation! And that's not to say every experience is positive, or that every child has plans to attend rabbinical yeshiva! But those aren't the goals of a congregation, in my view. Dr. Chaim Ginott said, "Children are like wet cement: whatever falls on them makes an impression." I used to tell my students (4th grade, a survey of Jewish Life Cycle Events) that my part in the classroom was to help prepare them to eventually decide just what kind of Jewish life they want to live. A simplistic way to describe what distinguishes Reform Jews from other branches of Judaism is choice. What better work-as teachers, parents, and community members-than to give our young people the tools to make the decisions and choices that will best serve them, make them happy, and prepare them to be engaged and educated members of *Klal Yisrael*, the Jewish People.

While reading through the statements written by the 2020 Confirmation class (who just recently went through their Covid-delayed ceremony) I was struck by a paragraph from Will Steinhacker's essay. With his permission, I'll end this column with his words:

"At this point in my life, Judaism's most significant purpose in my life is the community it creates for me. I feel most connected to it when I can practice it in a community that I know cares about one another, and despite their differences, feel connected through the religion we chose to pursue. Being Jewish can mean so many different things; religion, culture, ethnicity, and I don't believe there is any single right way to be a Jew. That being said, the one right we can do by one another as Jews is working towards feeling that sense of community as a whole. No matter what role Judaism might play in my life down the road, whether I grow closer or further away, knowing that I'll always have a place in Mount Zion, and hopefully in other Synagogues around the country is a reassurance for which I am extremely grateful."

Michael Wall, President

Mount Zion's L'Chaim 5782 Annual Campaign

Thank you to all who have contributed to our Mount Zion L'Chaim 5782 Annual Campaign celebrating the 165th Anniversary of Mount Zion Temple. We're proud to report that more than 177 households have participated and your generosity has raised over \$130,000 so far! Last year, we had 239 households who donated, so we have a ways to go to meet our participation goal!



There is still time to contribute. All who participate by May 11 will have their names included in this year's Annual Report to be published in May. Please visit our website mzion.org/donate to participate. The goal for our Annual Campaign is broad participation; all contributions are welcome from \$10 on up. Thank you!

Lija Greenseid, *Chair, Giving Committee*



Welcome New Board Members Todah to outgoing Board Members Nominating Committee Report 2022

The following people have been nominated in accordance with Article XV, section 4 of the bylaws to serve as Directors for a two year term from June 2022 – May 2024. They are eligible to run for a second two year term in 2024.

Ben Gillman
Sophia Lipset Dean
Michael Tortorello
Mia Nosanow

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 2022 – May 2024. They are ineligible for additional consecutive terms as Directors.

Andrea Berg
Warren Cohen
Dan Schibel
Laura Waxman

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

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Konstan, *Chair*

Rabbi Gary Zola

Profiles in American Jewish Courage

Friday, May 13

5:00 pm **Kabbalat Panim** - Greeting Time
Hors d'oeuvres

5:30 pm Mount Zion's **Annual Meeting**

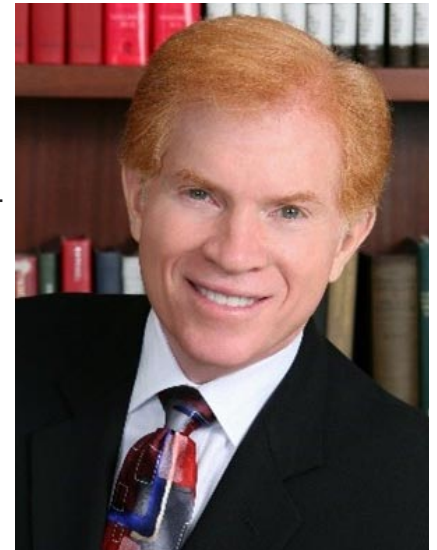
6:30 pm **Shabbat Service**

Pulpit Guest: **Rabbi Gary Zola** speaking on:

Profiles in American Jewish Courage: Mount Zion's 165th Anniversary in Context

Rabbi Gary Zola, Ph.D. is the Executive Director of the Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives and the Edward M. Ackerman Family Distinguished Professor of the American Jewish Experience and Reform Jewish History, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Cincinnati, Ohio.

On this Shabbat, Rabbi and Cantor Spilker will be marking their twenty-five years at Mount Zion. They will have just received their Doctor of Divinity, *honoris causa*, degrees from HUC-JIR on May 5 in New York. They are inviting the congregation to support our Reform Movement's seminary HUC-JIR on this occasion. [Support HUC-JIR in honor of Rabbi and Cantor Spilker's 25 years of leadership at donate.huc.edu/ldor-vador-campaign.](https://donate.huc.edu/ldor-vador-campaign)



Shabbat (Saturday), May 14

9:00 am **Torah Study** *Dr. Zola will also participate in [Torah Study \(in person and online\)](#).*

What this week's Torah portion can teach us about American Jewish History

More than a century ago, a remarkably talented satirist and writer names Gershon Rosenzweig (1861-1914) composed Hebrew commentaries on many of the weekly Torah portion as well as topical parodies on Jewish holidays. Rosenzweig's commentaries and poems shed light not only on Torah, but also on the trials and tribulations of life as a Jewish immigrant in America during the early years of the twentieth century. Dr. Zola will introduce us to this little-known material and, in doing so, we will study the Torah and the American Jewish past.

4:00 pm **At B'nai Israel (Rochester)**

Profiles in American Jewish Courage: American Jewry and the Fight for Life, Liberty & the Pursuit of Happiness

Dr. Zola's visit to Minnesota is a partnership between Mount Zion and B'nai Israel in Rochester. On Shabbat afternoon, Dr. Zola will speak at B'nai Israel. Join in person or online. All the details are here: bnaisraelmn.org.

Dr. Zola's visit to Mount Zion and B'nai Israel is sponsored in memory of Dr. Jesse and Marjorie Edwards, z"l.

Rabbi Daniel G. Zemel

Melamed Lecture in Liberal Religion

Friday, June 17

5:30 pm **Kabbalat Panim** - Greeting Time
Light hors d'oeuvres

6:00 pm **Shabbat Service**

Outside on our ZaiKaner-Perwien Terrace, weather permitting



Pulpit Guest: Rabbi Daniel G. Zemel speaking on:

The Future of the American Synagogue

Our 40th Melamed Family Lecture in Liberal Religion

Rabbi Zemel has been the senior rabbi of Temple Micah, Washington, DC, since 1983. Over the years, he has been involved in numerous community and Jewish organizations but derives greatest satisfaction from being a founder of Micah House, a group home for formerly homeless women in recovery from addiction. His twenty-year involvement with Synagogue 2000 was instrumental in shaping his vision of synagogue life and the role of rabbi. Rabbi Zemel's wife, Louise, is a member of the Melamed family, and one of their children, Ronit, taught in the religious school 2011-15.

The Melamed Board Room



Louis Melamed was president of Mount Zion when he passed away in 1959. To honor his memory, his wife Sylvia and her children supported the creation of this board room, which was originally dedicated on April 28, 1968. The board room was later rededicated to the memory of Sylvia (d. 1978) and their son, Maurice "Mort" Melamed (d. 1987).

In 2020 the board room was updated and modernized through a generous gift by Marjorie Melamed Sherman, daughter of Louis and Sylvia, and 1948 confirmand at Mount Zion.

We are grateful for Marjorie Sherman's generosity and look forward to welcoming her and her family for this special Shabbat.

You are cordially invited to

MOUNT ZION'S 166TH ANNUAL MEETING

Friday, May 13, 5:30 pm

5:00 pm **Kabbalat Panim** - Greeting Time - *Hors d'oeuvres*

5:30 pm Mount Zion's **Annual Meeting**

Our Annual Meeting will include honoring our Volunteer of the Year, Robert Garfinkle, reflections by President Michael Wall and Rabbi Spilker on this past year, appreciation to outgoing Board members and committee chairs, installation of new Board members, and a presentation of the FY23 Budget.

Honoring our Volunteer of the Year

Robert Garfinkle



Robert, his spouse Susan Koch, and their son Isaac joined Mount Zion in 2000. Robert's service to our beloved community runs both deep and long, and many of you know him through his work on Mount Zion's Caring Community, the Mount Zion Board, and other Temple initiatives.

Robert spent eight years on the Mount Zion Board of Directors (two years as a Director and six years on the Executive Committee). Robert was the Board Treasurer during the pandemic, helping guide Mount Zion's finances with efficiency and grace during a very difficult time. He was part of the core organizing group for the Make Firm Our Steps endowment campaign, and recently served as

the project manager for the commemorative artwork for the project. Robert worked with the artist Amy Reichert and the congregation to develop and install the artwork that was dedicated just a few weeks ago.

Currently, Robert is the Kehillah Council facilitator, working closely with lay leaders and clergy to engage the Board and congregation in future planning and visioning.

Robert is proud of the work he's been able to be a part of over this year and decade. The time on the Board and Executive Committee, especially, has afforded Robert the opportunity to help steer Mount Zion's present and future. He speaks warmly and respectfully of the lay leaders, clergy, and staff that have so impressed him for their commitment and dedication to Mount Zion. He encourages other congregants to get involved in Temple activities as a way of enriching their Mount Zion experience.

Honoring Outgoing Committee Chairs – *Todah Rabah!*

Ellen Konstan has served as convener of our Nominating Committee since 2002! Susan Robiner will be taking over next year. **Phil Goldman** is passing the baton of leading our Opening Task Force to Julie Ostrowsky and **Shirly Tramer Lerman** has served many years as Israel Committee chair.

We are also grateful for our outgoing Board Members: **Sarah Carpenter, Dave Dubinsky, Savannah Hanson, and Ira Kipp** and long-serving committee members, **Sandy Weisberg** (Budget Committee) and Ira Kipp (Building and Grounds, Israel, and Safety Committees).

6:30 pm **Shabbat Service** with Pulpit Guest: **Rabbi Gary Zola** (see p. 6)

Shavuot / Confirmation

Saturday, June 4 / 6 Sivan

7:30 pm Shavuot/Confirmation Service

Our 2022/5782 Confirmation Class

Bernardo Reuven Akerman-Knopf

Simon Vincent Amnuel

Alexander Ethan Bagdade

Eli David Berg

Sonia D. Brunelle

Lilith S. Brunelle

Tyler Cole Burbey

Ashley Ann Denenholz

Sarah Eden Finlay

Arija Mynette Greenseid

Adam Brent Griffith

Dina Shoshanah Kaufman

Julia Margaret Levin

Eliana Morgan Mann

Ezra Kvoles Mogelson

Elly Rebecca Schibel

Riley Morris Spieler

Raymond Joseph Strauss

Henry Nicholas Strauss-Klein

Beatrix Geneva Tortorello

Elizabeth Rose Wickard

Mazel tov!

Tikkun Leil Shavuot

Join us for Torah Study on the Festival of Shavuot

9:00 pm - Midnight

Program information will be shared in Mid-May.

Sunday, June 5 / 6 Sivan

10:00 am Shavuot Festival Service

(with Yizkor prayers)

Counting the Omer with Mount Zion



Join the members of our Mount Zion Sunday Mussar Va'ad in an uplifting practice of marking each day between Passover and Shavuot with an inspiration that raises our awareness and guides us in the practice of cultivating a wise heart. Tune in to [Mount Zion Conversations Group](#) on Facebook each day.



Shavuot is the Jewish festival marking the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai and occurs seven weeks after Passover. At Mount Zion, we celebrate Shavuot by honoring our confirmands (10th graders) at a service on Erev Shavuot. Following the confirmation service, we have a Tikkun Leil Shavuot service, which has a different Torah Study theme each year. On Shavuot morning, we have a Festival Service that includes Yizkor prayers which are said four times a year – at each season - in memory of loved ones. For more information, go to reformjudaism.org or myjewishlearning.com.

Todah Rabah! Thank you!

This artwork honors contributors to Make Firm Our Steps, Mount Zion Temple's first endowment campaign (2019–2021). The campaign's name was excerpted from one of the blessings in "The Miracles of Daily Life" prayer, awakening us to gratitude for the myriad blessings in our lives. The recognition panel, designed by Amy Reichert, includes the names of every individual and family who contributed to the campaign. The colored strips distinguish different levels of giving, and, together, they create the whole that is our Mount Zion community.

[You can see the brochure here.](#)



At its February, 2019 meeting, Mount Zion's Board of Directors approved undertaking a \$5 million endowment campaign, the first such effort in the Temple's 163-year history. The Make Firm Our Steps campaign represented a once-in-a-generation opportunity to invest in Mount Zion's future. It established the L'Dor VaDor ("Generation to Generation") Endowment Fund, which will provide a permanent and predictable source of unrestricted revenue to support all that Mount Zion does. Thanks to generous donors, our successful campaign raised \$5.4 million in endowment that will ultimately generate \$200,000 – \$250,000 in fully expendable revenue each year.

Yom HaMishpacha

Honoring those who raised us on this Mother's Day

Sunday, May 8 - 7 Iyar - at Mount Zion

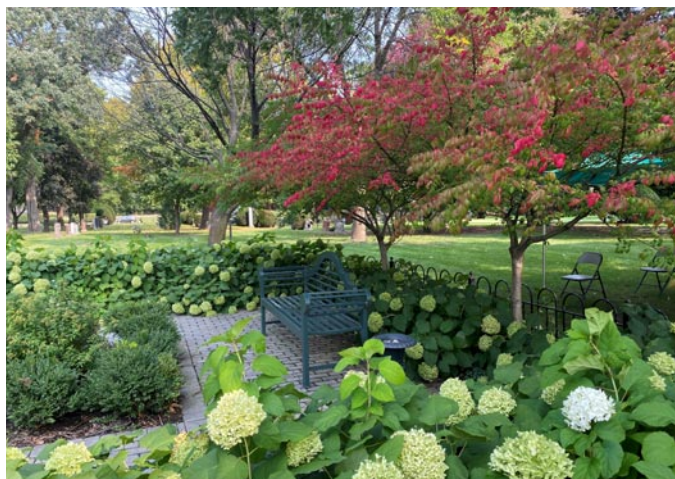
10:30 a.m. Complimentary Brunch

Sponsored by Brotherhood

Bring your family – why wait in a line at a restaurant? The brunch is complimentary, but we are asking for RSVPs in advance. If you need help with RSVPing, please contact the office.

11:30 a.m. An uplifting, brief, and musical service honoring all Parents and those who raised us

The service, led by our clergy, is for all in our congregation, a way to honor or remember your parents and/or those who raised you. This year we will also welcome the youngest members of our Mount Zion community! Families with babies born or adopted since last May will be honored with a gift in a special ceremony. *This service will also be available livestreamed on our website or Facebook.*



Purchase a Cemetery Plot

Spring is coming! Now is a good time to visit our beautiful cemetery. Look around and consider buying a plot! Contact Larry Solomon at lsolomon@mzino.org or 651-698-3881 to arrange a visit and discuss how to purchase your plot(s).

Pictured to the right is our beautiful Bentson Commemorative Garden located inside the Mount Zion Temple Cemetery.

A Mount Zion Journey to Santa Fe, New Mexico

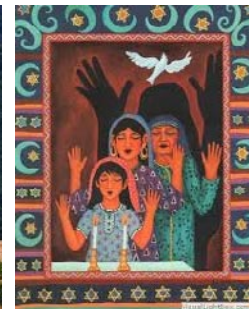
Join Cantor Spilker for a travel adventure to learn about **New Mexico's Conversos and Crypto-Jews**

June 19-24, 2022

For adults and serious learners of all ages!

in partnership with **ROAD SCHOLAR**

Experience the best of the Southwest through in-depth presentations with local experts about New Mexico's Conversos and Crypto-Jews and about Santa Fe history and culture. Enjoy field trips to an array of significant historical and cultural sites. Learn about Georgia O'Keeffe, explore world-renowned Museum Hill, and observe a traditional Native American ceremonial dance.



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B'nei Mitzvah

Adam Rush

May 7, 2022

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Adam is the son of Amy and Justin Rush and has a sister, Macy. His grandparents are Ina and Howard Pfefer and Pat and Warren Rush. He is currently attending Friendly Hills Middle School and is in 7th grade. Adam is a straight A student and excels in math. He plays the piano and enjoys spending time with family, chatting with friends, art, watching the Simpsons, and joking with others. He will be donating a portion of his gift money to Feed My Starving Children, where he has been volunteering since February and has really enjoyed it!

AJ Johansen

May 28, 2022

Picture removed online

AJ is the offspring of Laura Schauben and Scott Johansen, and the sibling of Rabbi Sam Schauvaney. They are the grandchild of Ron and Lucy Johansen. AJ is in the 7th grade at Global Arts Plus, where their favorite subject is art. AJ enjoys hanging out with their friends, gaming, and watching mysteries. AJ will be donating a portion of their B'nei Mitzvah gift money to Reclaim to support transgender youth.

Adam Povarchuk

June 18, 2022

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Adam Bram Povarchuk is the son of Valentin Povarchuk and Rebecca Povarchuk. He is the grandson of Arkadiy and Sofiya Povarchuk and has a younger sister, Rosa. Adam is in the 7th grade at Dakota Hills Middle School. His favorite subjects are science and math. Adam enjoys swimming, mountain biking, violin, and reading adventure fiction. Adam will be donating a portion of his gift money to Conservation International and Best Friends Animal Sanctuary.

Joshua Cohen

August 13, 2022

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Joshua Cohen (Hebrew name Yehoshua Tzvi) is the son of Susanne and Warren Cohen of Eagan. Josh is the grandson of Karen and Tom Wickie and Dr. Larry K. Cohen and the late Arlene Cohen. He has an older brother, Sam. Josh will be entering 8th grade at Blackhawk Middle School in Eagan this fall, where he has especially enjoyed American Studies and Science classes. Josh also really enjoys sports and he is involved in football, basketball, and lacrosse through Eastview Athletic Association. Over the past year, Josh has found a lot of meaning in volunteering at Feed My Starving Children as he worked to fulfill the mitzvah of Ma'achil R'eivim (Feeding the Hungry). Josh first learned about FMSC when volunteering with his older brother during his Bar Mitzvah preparation, and he was so moved by the stories of hunger in children all throughout the world that he wanted to continue volunteering through that organization. Josh also will be donating a portion of his gift money to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital to benefit cancer research.

Youth Engagement News

As the school year ends, I've been reflecting on our year of youth programming and engagement. At youth group events, congregational programs, and holiday celebrations, I have witnessed immense joy and so many connections forming and reforming among our youth. Some of the highlights included: our annual Noar Tzion/JYG Chocolate Seder where 25 4th-8th graders gathered, SPORTY teens leading our congregational Chanukah program, our teens joining 150 Jewish teens from across the Midwest at the first NFTY Kallah in 2 years, and celebrating Shabbat at many Shabbatonim and retreats. This year was not without challenges; our youth adapted and maximized the impact of our online programs throughout the year. Noar Tzion and JYG connected with baking, Zumba, and online games, the SPORTY board heard from guest teachers and congregational leaders during Zoom board meetings, and our Geshar Mentors creatively connected with and guided the 7th graders. As I look ahead

to next year, I'm excited for strong, meaningful, deep connections. I look forward to our older teens continuing to engage with and lead our younger teens and Lower School students as Geshar Mentors, Madrichim, and youth leaders. I aim to promote among participants a sense of ownership over their engagement, and I look forward to supporting young Jews in their increased involvement at Mount Zion and in the broader Jewish community.

Abby Gore, Youth Engagement Associate

Noar Tzion Summer Celebration - May 15, 12:15 pm

3rd-6th graders are invited for water games, summer treats, and time to connect with friends before Summer break.

SPORTY Beach Party! - May 14, 5:30-9 pm

Join your 8th-12th grade SPORTY friends at Fort Snelling Beach for games, food, and Havdalah.

Religious School News

Join us for Yom Acharon The Last Day of School! Sunday, May 22

9:30 am Students Attend Class

10:30 am Religious School Celebrations
(Parents/Guardians and Congregants invited)

11:45 am 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!

2022-2023 Religious School Registration Registration Information Will Be Sent via Email

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



Consecration

Friday, May 6

6:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service

This year, we will consecrate students who have joined our school since Fall of 2020. During this special Friday evening Shabbat Service, our newest students will receive their mini-Torah scrolls, consecration certificates and a special blessing under the chuppah.



MAZEL TOV

MOUNT ZION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

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May

May 5	4-6:30 p.m. Community Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration at Sabes JCC
May 6	6:30 p.m. Consecration Ceremony/ Kabbalat Shabbat Service
May 8	10:30 a.m. Yom Mishpacha – Family Day Brunch 11:30 a.m. Musical Service & Welcoming Babies
May 11	5:45 p.m. 9th Gr. Parent/Guardian Meeting
May 18	Erev Lag B'Omer & Last day of Wednesday Classes
May 22	Yom Acharon—Last Day of Religious School 9:30 a.m. Students attend class 10:30 a.m. Closing Ceremony - 2nd Gr. Hagigah (Celebration) & 6th Gr. Dalet Siyyum (Graduation) 11:30 a.m. End of School/Community Picnic

June

June 3	6:00 p.m. Shabbat & Camp Send-Off Service
June 8	7:30 p.m. Erev Shavuot & Confirmation Service

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Chai School Graduation and Senior Send-off



We celebrated the graduation of our Chai School students and honored all High School seniors (see p. 13 for the names of all seniors). Max Schibel (with microphone) was awarded the annual Julie Lazor Memorial award for the student who exemplifies the ideals of Judaism.

Returning this Summer! Mount Zion Community Midsummer Picnic!

Friends and Family are all welcome!

Sunday, August 21, 11:30 am - 2:30 pm

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.



Brotherhood presents a newly imagined Mount Zion Men's Retreat

Mussar for Men: Improving the Relationships in Your Life to Self, Others, and the Divine

Friday-Sunday, June 10-12

New closer location - Dunrovin Retreat Center (near Stillwater)

Registration information available at mzion.org.



This will be a weekend of camaraderie, spirituality, and enjoying the great outdoors especially designed for men of all ages from 20s on up!

Some activities and sessions include:

- Learn about and experience Mussar, Judaism's thousand-year-old practice of character development
- Fish on the St. Croix River (bring your gear)
- Join in on conversations about substantive topics in our lives
- Take time to enjoy the quiet and serenity of the retreat grounds
- Bike, yoga, hike, play cards and games, and schmooze!
- Celebrate Shabbat with a musical, interactive service and study
- Watch "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood," a film about Mr. Rogers starring Tom Hanks, and discuss its messages for us
- Relax and make new friends from Mount Zion
- Optional bike ride to and from the retreat starting from Mount Zion

Cost: \$245 (full weekend); \$95 (first time participants), \$45 (first time participants under age 40). If you need special accommodations or have questions, please contact: Bruce Matza at BruceMatza@InnovationsInManagement.com or Adam Garen at adamgaren@gmail.com.



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 30, 11:00 a.m.*

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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 30, 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.



Women of Mount Zion Temple

The Mount Zion Temple Garage Sale is back for 2022!

Join us for a **Garage Sale Planning Meeting** on **Tuesday, May 10 at 6:30pm** at Mount Zion.
Bring your friends! Everyone is welcome!

The garage sale is back and will be bigger and better than ever so start cleaning out your closets! We are looking for people to help set-up, help during the sale and to help pack-up what's left. Please contact Penny Druker pdruker@comcast.net with questions or to help or to schedule a pick-up.



Collection and Set-up Dates

Sun.	July 24	10-6pm
Mon.	July 25	10-8pm
Tue.	July 26	10-8pm
Wed.	July 27	10-8pm
Thu.	July 28	10-8pm
Fri.	July 29	10-4pm
Sun.	July 31	10-6pm
Mon.	Aug 1	10-8pm
Tue.	Aug 2	10-8pm

Sale Dates

Wed.	Aug. 3	6-9pm Opening Night \$5
Thu.	Aug. 4	12-7pm
Fri.	Aug. 5	1-4pm
Sun.	Aug. 7	3-6pm
Mon.	Aug. 8	2-7pm
Tue.	Aug. 9	10-7pm
Wed.	Aug. 10	10-8pm Half-Price Day
Thu.	Aug. 11	12-7pm Bag Day



Women of Mount Zion Temple Closing Meeting Featuring our new member Rachel Lipkin in Concert!

Sunday, May 15, 10:30 am at Mount Zion

Singer, composer and musician. She enjoys all types of music and began composing Jewish liturgical music in 2010 after being inspired at the Hava Nashira Jewish music program at OSRUI. Rachel is a member of both Shir Tikvah and Mount Zion, and a beloved attendee at Our Bodies Our Souls.

Please join us for brunch, listen to Rachel sing and chat with new friends as well as those you've known forever. Everyone is welcome!

Co-sponsored by the Women of Mount Zion Temple and the Mount Zion Temple Brotherhood.

This is a free event. For more information contact pegk56@comcast.net.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, June 13, 2:00 - 7:00 pm

Our blood drives are recognized for our warm and welcoming approach. Appreciation to donors is expressed through the volunteer efforts of congregants while working the blood drive. Donors can also register at redcrossblood.org and enter SP Circle of Faith to schedule an appointment with us at Mount Zion. Or call 1-800 RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Our goal is 38 units per drive; double red cell donations count as two units. If we have 38 units collected, we will be able to save 114 lives!

GIVE BLOOD
You can make a difference.



Social Action Update

Tzedek = Justice

Justice, Justice!

Tzedek Committee continues its pursuit of Justice as the days lengthen. We are focused on racial justice, climate justice and the welcoming of refugees and asylum seekers. Our racial justice work has been in the forefront. We continue to build on the four-part conversation on race that we sponsored last Fall and deepened at our January retreat. A heartfelt thanks to all who have participated in these efforts. We are currently engaging in one-to-one conversations, working to strengthen our relationships, build trust, and share our visions for equity and inclusivity. We are linking our work on racial justice and relationship building to Mount Zion's Kivvun La'Atid: Mount Zion 2040. We also hope to sponsor a summer book read—so stay tuned!

Our co-chair, Vic Rosenthal, was appointed to serve on the St. Paul Legislative Advisory Commission on Reparations for Descendants of Chattel Slavery. This is an exciting and long overdue project. Many of you joined us at the MLK Shabbat Food for Thought this past winter as we heard how reparations work on behalf of Jewish victims of Nazi persecution can help us build workable plans for reparations work in Minnesota. The proposal for a permanent commission will be presented to the City Council in June.

We are also working on an initiative, SPARK, to fund early childcare in Saint Paul. This will include a petition drive to put this program on the ballot in November for St. Paul voters. There are likely to be opportunities, especially for St. Paul members, to sign the petition and collect additional signatures so St. Paul voters can decide whether the city will have a new publicly subsidized childcare program for low to moderate income residents of St. Paul.

Tzedek Committee created a Target gift registry and call for donations to welcome Afghan refugees this past year. This was a huge success. The registry is now undergoing reconstruction as we prepare to welcome refugees from Ukraine in the coming months.

Our climate justice work has resulted in a new MZ Small Group headed by Leslie Martin, from our Tzedek leadership team. Plans for climate justice are underway and Sukkot events are already being discussed. We will be announcing summer opportunities as well.

Remember, all are welcome at our monthly Tzedek meetings!

Diana Dean and Vic Rosenthal, *Tzedek Committee Co-chairs*

Accessibility and Inclusion

As we look forward to warmer weather ahead, the Accessibility and Inclusion Committee also takes a look back to share highlights of this past February's Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance and Inclusion Month (JDAIM). JDAIM 2022 at Mount Zion kicked off with an interactive musical Shabbat celebration with members of Jewish Family and Children's Service of Minneapolis' (JFCS) Caring Connections program that provides opportunities for 'people of all abilities to participate fully in Jewish life.' JDAIM also featured our talented Accessibility & Inclusion Committee member Monique Garcia's d'var Torah sharing her personal journey of faith as a person with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). To read or watch Monique's powerful d'var Torah, please visit: mzion.org.

We are also delighted to be continuing our work with JFCS Inclusion Program Manager Stacey Spencer and JDAIM co-founder Shelly Christensen. We will participate in a consultation on the current progress and future directions of accessibility and inclusion at Mount Zion.

Finally, as always, we welcome you to join us! To join, contact us, and learn more about our work please visit our Accessibility and Inclusion webpage at mzion.org or contact Cantor Spilker or committee chair Sarah McVicar (mcvicasm@gmail.com). May you stay safe, well and connected this summer!

Important Volunteer Opportunity!

We are looking for a few good people to be Shomrim. Could it be you?



For the past few years, a group of Mount Zion members have stood by the front doors at every service, program, and Religious School day. They are our watchers, shomrim in Hebrew. As we have returned to the building for almost all services and programs (as well as

providing online options), we are looking for new volunteers to join our Shomrim Corps.

Shomrim are our first greeters, providing a joyful and welcoming entrance to Mount Zion. Shomrim are also trained for safety and security but are not expected to do anything extraordinary. Shomrim are needed for Friday and Saturday services and for Wednesday and Sunday religious school class times.

There will be a training on Tuesday, June 14, 6:00 pm

Thank you for considering this important and honored role at Mount Zion. Questions or to sign up, contact Larry Solomon (lsolomon@mzion.org or 651-698-3881) or Safety and Security Committee Chair, Dan Schibel, (dan.schibel@gmail.com).

Thank You for Your Generosity!

Mount Zion raised a total of \$20,724

for Neighborhood House's March Food Drive. Our goal was to raise \$20,000. We are so grateful to everyone who donated for helping us meet our goal!



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Summer Shabbat Eve Service Times



Every Friday night, from June 3 - September 2
 5:30 pm Kabbalat Panim (Greeting time)
 6:00 pm Shabbat Services
 7:00 pm Oneg

You are cordially invited to
Mount Zion's Annual Meeting
Friday, May 13, 5:30 p.m.
Celebrating Mount Zion's 165th Anniversary

5:00 pm **Kabbalat Panim** (Greeting Time) *Hors d'oeuvres*
 5:30 pm **Annual Meeting**
 6:30 pm **Shabbat Services**
 with Pulpit Guest **Rabbi Gary Zola**

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Shavuot/Confirmation

Saturday night - Sunday, June 4 & 5

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Rabbi Zs at MZ!

Rabbi Gary Zola – May 13

Rabbi Daniel G. Zemel – June 17

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Profiles in American Jewish Courage

Friday, May 13 and Saturday May 14

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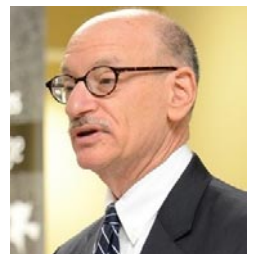
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The Future of the American Synagogue

Our 40th Melamed Family Lecture in Liberal Judaism

Friday, June 17

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