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אור חדש על ציון תאיר  
ונזכה כלנו מהרה לאורו

*Or chadash al Tziyon ta'ir\**

Shine a new light, a light upon Israel  
shine that light on our souls.

Shine a new light on our generation  
and we will shine that light for all to know.



\*Part of a prayer from the morning liturgy with lyrics following by songwriter Rick Recht.

**Yisrael**

**Israel**

**ישראל**

**Wrestling with our Relationship**

# L'Dor VaDor

From Generation to Generation

## Mazel Tov To...

Our members who will celebrate a milestone anniversary in November and December: **Steve Chortek & Erin Stein, David & Carol Epstein, James & Wendy Shapiro, Larry & Margie Solomon, Woody Smith & Elena Izaksonas, Rami Derhy & Heidi Wessel-Derhy, Steve Warch & Alex Klass, Stewart Woodman & Berry Holz, Mark & Renee Frisch, John Plano & Shelley Robbins, Harry Brull & Myra Barrett.**

**Stuart Appelbaum** and **Jean King Appelbaum** on the birth of their grandson, *Theo*, on September 4 and their grandson, *MacCallum "Mac"*, on October 9.

**Amy Josefa Ariel** who was ordained as a rabbi on June 30th by the Jewish Spiritual Leaders Institute.

**George** and **Barbara Barany** on the birth of their granddaughter, *Adina*, in December.

**Rick** and **Beth Keyworth** on the birth of their grandson, *Rafael*, on October 16.

**Adina Lebowitz (Phil Margolis)** and **Rob Lebowitz (Esther Adler)** on the marriage of their son *Daniel* to *Meghan Ballard* on September 2.

**Amy Rosenberg** and **John Sulciner** on their marriage on October 18.

**Jack** and **Andrea Silverman**, on the marriage of their daughter *Abby* to *Ben Wolfson* on October 7.

## ZICHRONAM LIVRACHA...

*May their memories be a blessing*

*We note with sorrow the passing of our members:*

**Herbert Fantle**

*Our condolences to his family, including his wife, Betty Fantle.*

**Mary Lou Peilen**

*Our condolences to her family.*

**Mordecai Shallom**

*Our condolences to his family, including his wife Esther "Elsie" Shallom.*

## We Extend Condolences to...

**Shaked Danai (Charley Smith)** on the death of her father, *Tzvika Danai*, on October 17.

**Mitch (Terry) Lancman** and **Mishelle (Jason) Berglund**, on the death of their mother, *Sybil Lancman*, on August 25.

**Kathy (Harold) Katz** on the death of her mother, *Carol Brickley*, on September 30.

The family of **Harding "Bud" Orren**, who passed away on September 28.

**Bonnie Resnick (Alan Milavetz)**, on the death of her sister, *Heidi Resnick*, on September 12.

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

## Letter from the Rabbi



The first time I visited Israel was a 10-week summer teen trip in 1974. I lived on a Kibbutz, studied Hebrew, picked pears and saw the sights. I fell in love with the land and the people, the pioneer spirit, and the simpler life. In those days we wrote home on tissue thin aerograms, toilet paper was like crepe paper (the aerograms would have been preferable) and there was only one department store in the whole country. I returned for a gap year in 1980, then again for my first year of Rabbinic School in 1983. I came back again two more times during Rabbinic School,

to teach during the summers on the Reform Movement's Kibbutzim Yahel and Lotan.

And then I got busy with Real Life, and didn't return to Israel for another 26 years, when I had the opportunity to tour with a group of rabbinic colleagues. In some ways, it was all the same; the feeling of coming home, the ease of being in a place where Judaism is lived every day, the sight and feel of the ancient stones, the vivid colors and scents of the open marketplace, the blooming desert. But in other ways I barely recognized it - it seems Israel had grown up while I wasn't looking. It had become a real place: with modern conveniences, shopping malls, (including Ikea), high tech industry, and complex problems.

I determined not to let another generation pass before going to Israel again, and Rob and I have tried to return at least every other year, if not every year. This year I get to go twice!! In December Rob and I will go, and I am thrilled that our daughters are joining us this time. And then I get to go again in late June, WITH YOU (I hope.) I have the great good fortune of leading this year's **MOUNT ZION CONGREGATIONAL ISRAEL TRIP**, and I would love for you to join me and other friends from Mount Zion on this 13-day adventure.

If it will be your first time, it would be value added to travel with your Mount Zion Temple community. Members who have gone on previous trips have returned with stronger bonds not only to Israel, but also to Mount Zion.

If you have been to Israel before, but it has been a while, trust me - it is time to return and see how much Israel has changed, and yet how it remains timeless.

The trip is for people of all ages, singles, couples, or families, and we can adjust the itinerary to meet the needs and interests of our group. You can see details about the trip including cost, tentative itinerary, and how to sign up by searching "Israel Trip 2019" at [mzion.org](http://mzion.org) or by picking up a flyer at the synagogue.

Throughout the coming year our programming and educational focus will be on Israel; we will be exploring the challenges inherent in our relationship with her. What better way to conclude the year than by exploring the land and people in person, in all its complexity and beauty, with your Mount Zion Temple family.

*Esther Adler, Rabbi*

## 5779 Yom Kippur Fast Appeal

*Yeshar koach to our community for the tzedakah raised for these organizations:*

MZ Cemetery \$932	Jewish Community Action \$632
Jeremiah Project \$948	Neighborhood House \$1,460
Nechama \$3,097	Mazon \$1,149
	ARZA Campaign for Religious Freedom \$4,901
	YOZMA \$742

## Total Tzedakah Raised:

5778 \$10,175	5777 \$10,070
5776 \$10,698	5775 \$7,492



# Make Shabbat Your Sanctuary

## Congregational Shabbat Chanukah Dinner and Chanukiah Challenge

**Friday December 7, beginning at 5:15 p.m.**

**Sponsored by Women of Mount Zion Temple (WMZT)**

*The first night of Chanukah is Sunday, December 2 / 25 Kislev*



See p. 15 for details.

## Honoring Dr. Jerry Brakke

**Friday, November 9, 7:30 pm**

We honor Dr. Jerry Brakke's 36 years of service as Mount Zion's pianist and organist.

See p. 4 for details.



## Jewish Feminism in a Post-Feminist Age:

**A conversation with Judith Plaskow**

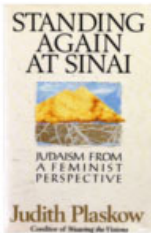
**Friday, November 2**

6:30 Shabbat Services

7:30 Oneg Shabbat

7:45 Lecture and Conversation by Judith Plaskow

Co-sponsored by the Hamline University Wesley Center for Spirituality, Service and Social Justice



*Judith Plaskow is professor emerita of religious studies at Manhattan College and a Jewish feminist theologian.*

## Tot Shabbat

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

**Hakarat HaTov: Giving Thanks!**

Saturday, November 10, 10:30 a.m.

**Chanukapalooza!**

Saturday, December 8, 10:30 a.m.

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

## Daily Services

**Going strong after 64 years!**

Monday-Thursday, 5:45-6:00 pm; Sunday, 9:30-9:45 am.

Led by members of our congregation in the Harris Chapel.

Please contact Janet at 651-482-9951 / janetkampf@hotmail.com or John Mast at 612-270-6191 / johnlmast@yahoo.com if you would like to help lead (can be a one-time commitment to four services in a month).

## November

### Friday Shabbat Evening Services

**November 2, 6:30 pm**

Shir Tzion Participates  
Guest Speaker: Judith Plaskow

**November 9, 7:30 pm**

Professional Quartet  
Honoring Jerry Brakke (p. 4)

**November 16, 7:30 pm**

Birthday Blessings

**November 23, 7:30 pm**

Celebrate Shabbat!

**November 30, 7:30 pm**

Celebrate Shabbat!

### Saturday Shabbat Morning Services

**November 3, 10:00 am**

Chayei Sarah – Gen. 24:53-25:18\*  
Maurice Kolodny, Bar Mitzvah

**November 10, 10:00 am**

Tol'dot – Gen. 27:28-28:9\*  
Celebrate Shabbat!

**November 17, 10:00 am**

Vayeitzei – Gen. 31:17-32:3\*  
Joseph Woods-Weisman, Bar Mitzvah

**November 24, 10:00 am**

Vayishlach – Gen. 35:16-36:43\*  
Celebrate Shabbat!

## December

### Friday Shabbat Evening Services

**December 7, 6:30 p.m.**

Congregational Shabbat Dinner and Chanukiah Challenge

**December 14, 7:30 pm**

Professional Quartet

**December 21, 7:30 pm**

Birthday Blessings

**December 28, 7:30 pm**

Celebrate Shabbat!

### Saturday Shabbat Morning Services

**December 1, 10:00 am**

Vayeishev – Gen. 39:1-40:23\*  
Simon Amnuel, Bar Mitzvah

**December 8, 10:00 am**

Mikeitz – Gen. 43:16-44:17\*  
Celebrate Shabbat!

**December 15, 10:00 am**

Vayigash – Gen. 46:28-47:27\*  
Celebrate Shabbat!

**December 22, 10:00 am**

Vay'chi – Gen. 49:27-50:26\*  
Bea Tortorello, Bat Mitzvah

**December 29, 10:00 am**

Sh'mot – Ex. 4:18-6:1\*  
Eli Peres, Bar Mitzvah

## Torah Study on Shabbat Morning

**9:00 am** Drop in any Shabbat to study the week's Torah portion. \*Using a triennial [3 year] cycle, we are reading the last third this year.

## Childcare

Mount Zion offers complimentary childcare in a safe, child-friendly environment on Friday evenings during Shabbat services and Saturday morning services when there is a Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Reservations are not necessary, but we suggest that parents or guardians of infants or children with special needs notify Mount Zion in advance. Feel free to drop by room 102 and check out our wonderful facility and staff!



On Friday, November 9th, we at Mount Zion have the opportunity to honor Dr. Jerry Brakke, our longtime pianist and organist, for his 36 (double chai!) years of service to our community. Sir Gerald Moore wrote in his book *The Unashamed Accompanist*: "It's a great regret to me that people, I'm convinced, do not listen properly when they listen to a song. They do not take in the piano part. But I have a much more personal reason for regretting this attitude toward the accompanist. And that is that I would like people to realize...ahem...well, what extremely important people we accompanists are." No one who has heard Jerry play at Mount Zion could fail to appreciate what an extremely important person Jerry has been to our community over the past 36 years. I invite you to join us for services and a festive oneg that evening to honor his remarkable contribution to our community's musical history.

*Jennifer Strauss-Klein, Cantor*

## Trope Troupe

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

**Today Rabah to our September/October Ba'alei Korei (chanting Torah):** Paul Bagdade, Alex Chan, Marjorie Dana-Levine, Karen Gjerstad, Sally Glick, Siana Goodwin, Harriet Gutherz, Abbey Kanzer, Amy Kaufman, Jason Kaufman, David Knapp, Michael Kuhne, Bill Lancman, Yuval Lerman, Steve Levin, Orrin Mann, John Mast, Laura Mathews, Abraham Mogelson, Rebecca Richman, Shelley Robbins, Marilyn Salmon, Brian Serle, Sydney Sheinfeld, Dan Steinhacker, Tobi Tanzer, Benjamin Wallen, Jennifer Wallen

**Today Rabah to our September/October Haftarah Chanters:** Karmit Bulman, Shel Finver, Siana Goodwin, Eric Lund, Yasmine Moideen, Alex Moore, Brian Serle

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

# Honoring Dr. Jerry Brakke

**Friday, November 9, 7:30 pm**

We honor Dr. Jerry Brakke's 36 years of service as Mount Zion's pianist and organist.



Jerry's role in our community's musical life has been inestimable. From 1982 to this past May, he has adorned our Shabbat, High Holy Day, and Festival services and added beauty to b'nei mitzvah, wedding, and funeral services.

**Please honor his enduring contribution to Mount Zion's worship by joining us for services.**

Kol Tzion, Shir Chants, and our professional quartet will sing a musical tribute to Jerry, and after services, a festive oneg will be held in his honor.

# From the President



## 5779 Rosh Hashanah Remarks

Time and again, we read and speak the words of the *Mishkan T'fillah*: "Days pass and years vanish and we walk sightless among miracles."

These words jar us. We are meant to push against them. Prove the author wrong. In that spirit of pushing against, I want to acknowledge just some of the miracles that surround us, and to say thank you to and on behalf of the Mount Zion community.

- Thank you to/for our clergy: Rabbi and Cantor Spilker have devoted the last 20 years of their lives to enriching our lives in every way that matters; Cantor Strauss – Klein guides our music program deftly while expressing in song what cannot be expressed as powerfully any other way: longing, beauty, and the sacred. This year we especially offer our thanks to Rabbi Adler who is celebrating Chai (18) years at MZ. Rabbi Adler combines wisdom and humility throughout her ministry. Her sermons pull you out of complacency while her flute passages take you to deep and true peace. I am so happy to say that this coming year we will get a chance to celebrate her Chai anniversary at Mount Zion!
- Thank you to/for our staff. They are dedicated professionals bound to Mount Zion, committed to excellence, and they show it every day in ways small and large, visible and invisible.
- Thank you to/for our religious school. We have a religious school that is the envy of our community. It is fun, it is varied, it is inclusive, and it successfully retains students as they move into their teen years and can so often be pulled in other directions.
- Thank you to/for us. We are taking care of each other, we are laughing together, learning together, growing together, and repairing the world together. In that vein, this Rosh Hashana, led by our new Congregational Engagement Director Shai Avny, we are introducing Mount Zion Small Groups. These groups will form around interests, needs, geography, life stage, or profession, and will meet at homes, offices, or anywhere. These groups are designed to connect us one to the other, deepening our relationships and our experience of joy and meaning.
- Thank you to/for the generations of Mount Zion members who came before us and who shepherded this community to this moment. They sacrificed and planned and dreamed so that we could gather in this sanctuary, anchored safely in the past and poised to serve Jews well into the future.
- Thank you, G\_d, on this Rosh Hashana, for helping us see that wherever we gaze the bush burns unconsumed.

These next words are hard. It has not been our culture to talk about money, and I am about to skirt close to violating that *minhag* (accepted tradition). Bear with me.

As we begin a new year, I am asking you to express your gratitude through giving. To give thoughtfully and generously when Mount Zion asks. Don't give out of habit. Don't give out of guilt. Don't give halfheartedly. But fully within your means. Give with your heart. Give boldly. And give with love – because generosity is more than an expression

of gratitude; it is an expression of love. Look around you. It is everywhere. We lovingly maintain our building, teach Torah to new generations, teach Hebrew to our children, and pass along our traditions.

This is the love of a steward and we have expressed that love for over 160 years. There is no stopping. There is no stepping away from our traditions, our building, and our bounty borne from the sacrifice of those who dreamed before us and for us.

We lovingly innovate. We reimagine scripture, introduce new melodies, and expand our understanding of what it means to be Jewish. Through our strategic plan, we lovingly envision a future for our temple as a beacon growing in connectedness, creating and tending pathways in for everyone from every walk of life, at every stage of life, whether Jew or fellow traveler.

This is the love of a dreamer. And we have expressed this love for over 160 years viewing ourselves as ancestors of those to come. There is no stopping. There is no stepping away from our dreams. They seed the future ensuring a legacy for those who exist now only in our dreams.

**As we begin a new year, I am asking you to express your gratitude through giving... Giving brings joy.**

If gratitude is a breathing in and experiencing the blessings all around us, then generosity is a breathing out and experiencing the power to be a blessing in the lives of others.

Giving represents a chance to make a difference. To steward this beautiful and ancient faith and to help it realize and assure its relevance in this century and every century to come. We can all make a difference and it starts right here in this neighborhood shul.

Giving engenders hope. The hope that springs from participation. *Hope is not the condition or cause of action. Hope is the consequence of action. And those who fail in hope should act, practically or conceptually, so that they may hope.*" (Cornell West). Spectatorship breeds futility. Action breeds hope.

Giving brings joy. The joy of building something, rebuilding something. The joy of being needed; the joy of experiencing a greater purpose. This is the joy of the sandbag crew; the joy of the person with dirty fingernails.

Yeats reminded us that *All things fall and are built again, And those that build them again are gay.*

Finally, in this crazy world (and I would suggest that the world has always been crazy and always will be) maybe there is no acceptable alternative to giving. We need and will always need a *bet tefillah* (House of prayer), a *bet Midrash* (house of study), a *bet Kneset* (house of gathering); in short, we need and will always need Mount Zion. And it will survive and thrive only through our bold generosity.

As I said earlier, this is hard. Thank you for accepting these words in the spirit in which they are offered.

Martin Buber taught that nothing is inherently sacred or profane. Rather, the profane can be transformed in to the holy by the human act of hallowing.

If we give out of love and with a sense of purpose and belonging, we hallow the act of giving and it becomes sacred.

Thank you for giving with your heart. Thank you for listening with your heart. L'Shana Tova.

*Susan Robiner, President*



# Our Bodies, Our Souls

## 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Jewish Retreat for Women

January 25, 4:00 pm - January 26, 8:00 pm (optional 2<sup>nd</sup> night stay)

### The Joy of Welcoming the Stranger: Connecting with Self, Others and God

#### Top Ten Reasons To Attend OBOS This Year:

- 1. Connect** – Meet and build new friendships with interesting, engaging, creative, women from their 20s-80s in a fun, casual setting
  - 2. Relax** – Enjoy time to unwind, let go, and breathe more deeply as you nestle into a woodland lodge. Maybe even schedule a massage!
  - 3. Uplift** – Participate in creative services looking out onto beautiful nature. Listen to the voices of 50 women singing together in prayerful services.
  - 4. Nourish** – Allow the retreat staff to prepare you four delicious meals. We will do our best to honor specific dietary needs.
  - 5. Rejuvenate** – You choose how you spend your time: inspiring Shabbat services, interesting workshops, walking in the woods, a Shabbat nap, creative art projects, shmoozing, quiet meditation or getting a massage. This retreat is for YOU!
  - 6. Learn** – In addition to our fantastic clergy, Rabbi Esther Adler and Cantor Rachel Stock Spilker, we are blessed to have scholar-in-residence, Michele Rusinko, with us! Michele is an internationally known teacher, choreographer, dancer and writer, and a member of Mount Zion. Together, our talented leaders will engage us in inspiring, playful and meaningful workshops to learn more about ourselves, each other and our world.
  - 7. Inspire** – Led by dynamic and talented songleader Wendy Goldberg, melodies, harmonies, and music weave throughout our retreat. Sing, dance, listen and enjoy the sounds of women's voices rising together!
  - 8. Affirm** – Enjoy an environment that affirms each person's unique gifts. The positive, friendly atmosphere of the retreat welcomes new participants and helps everyone feel part of the larger community of women at Mount Zion.
  - 9. Comfort** – The retreat takes place in lovely Stillwater, MN at the peaceful Dunrovin Retreat Center, located on 50 acres along the St. Croix River. You may choose a single or double room. Linens and towels are provided.
  - 10. Discover** – Come find out what makes this Shabbaton one of the greatest offerings for women of any age at Mount Zion Temple!
- Cost**, includes lodging for one night, four delicious meals, and all programming:
- \$170 – Early-bird for Mount Zion members now through December 21.
  - \$190 – Non-members as well as members registering after December 21.
  - \$40 – Additional fee for those wishing to stay for a second night & depart on Sunday.

Confidential financial assistance is available to members. Contact Cantor Rachel Stock Spilker at 651-698-3881 or [rspilker@mzion.org](mailto:rspilker@mzion.org) for assistance.

**Register at [mzion.org](http://mzion.org).**

*OBOS is made possible, in part, by a generous donation from the Women of Mount Zion.*

# MZ Small Groups



On Rosh Hashanah this year, we launched MZ Small Groups, groups formed around interests, needs, geography, life stage, or profession. We opened in September with four groups.

We will be launching new groups on November 14 with an email to the congregation. There are already at least 10 new groups set to begin, with a variety of themes like music, genealogy, food, movies, games, meditation, parenting, theater, and grandparents. All of the information will be at [mzion.org](http://mzion.org). Each group page has the option to email the group leader any question about the group, and find out if it fits you. If the group has events set up, those will also be listed on their page.

If you still don't find a group that's right for you, consider starting your own! For additional questions, please contact Shai Avny [savny@mzion.org](mailto:savny@mzion.org).

To keep up to date with the latest MZ Small Groups:  
**[mzion.org/connect/mz-small-groups](http://mzion.org/connect/mz-small-groups)**



## Mount Zion's *It's Your Legacy* Program

Both lay leaders and Mount Zion staff are constantly thinking about the future of Mount Zion and the greater Jewish community. We speak with Temple members to assess their needs and work with staff to determine how we can best support our members and community. We reflect often on what Mount Zion needs today – and what it will need three, five, and ten years from now. We always try to look at the big picture.

While the Annual Giving Campaign is what supports us today and provides the foundation for our annual operating budgets, bequests and legacy gifts are what will sustain us in the future.

Please consider speaking with us about the many ways you can leave a legacy to Mount Zion and to the greater Jewish community. We'd love to add your name to the list of our other Legacy donors.

For more information on the Legacy campaign, please contact Larry Solomon, Executive Director at 651-698-3881 or [lsolomon@mzion.org](mailto:lsolomon@mzion.org)



## Honoring Rabbi Adler

18 Years Serving Mount Zion



Contributions to L'Chaim 5779 Annual Campaign honor Rabbi Adler's tenure at Mount Zion. All gifts will fund Mount Zion's essential needs in our annual budget.

Please consider donating today. Secure giving can be done online at [mzion.org](http://mzion.org) or you can send a check with L'Chaim 5779 in the memo line. If you have questions, you can contact Jana Nelson, 651-269-4381, [jnelson@mzion.org](mailto:jnelson@mzion.org).

## Nominating Committee for The Board of Directors

The Nominating Committee meets in late January to prepare a slate of Officers and Directors for a congregational vote at the Annual Meeting. At the November Board of Directors meeting, the President will present 12 names to the Board for participation on the Committee. (12 more come from the previous year's committee for a total of 24 participants). The Committee should be representative of the entire congregation, so that we can put together a Board that represents everyone. If you would like to be part of this important process, contact President Susan Robiner at [susan.robiner@gmail.com](mailto:susan.robiner@gmail.com) or Chair Ellen Konstan at [ellen.konstan@gmail.com](mailto:ellen.konstan@gmail.com).

# Religious School News

"IM EIN KEMACH, EIN TORAH;  
IM EIN TORAH, EIN KEMACH." (PIRKEI AVOT)

## Bread and Torah

November 18

**Without sustenance, there can be no Torah;  
Without Torah there can be no sustenance.**

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, religious school students will learn about the interrelationship between bread and Torah. They will spend school time preparing bags of food and household goods for single mothers and their children living at Jeremiah Program, one of Mount Zion's Tzedek partner organizations. Parent/Guardian volunteers are needed! To participate in the mitzvah that feeds families in need, contact Tymina Howerton at [thowerton@mzion.org](mailto:thowerton@mzion.org).



### Hebrew School (Grades 2-6): Fall Goal Setting Conference Sunday, November 18



Parents/guardians will have the opportunity to set learning goals with their child's Hebrew teacher. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity! This is the only Hebrew conference day for the 2018-19 school year.

## Lower School Shabbatonim

Students in each class join together for a Shabbat of learning, bonding, and fun at Mount Zion. Shabbatonim offer students a unique and unforgettable way to create community within their class through a Shabbat experience. The Shabbaton will begin and end with family pieces, with plenty of time reserved for class bonding, fun, and learning!

### Sixth Grade Shabbaton

Saturday, Nov. 10, 9:45 am - Sunday, Nov. 11, 11:15 am

### Fourth Grade Shabbaton

Friday, Nov. 30, 6:00 pm - Saturday, Dec. 1, 3:15 pm

### Third Grade Shabbaton

Saturday, December 15, 9:45-5:30 pm

### Fifth Grade Shabbaton

Friday, Feb. 1, 4:45 pm - Saturday, Feb. 2, 4:45 pm

## Religious School Calendar Highlights

- Nov. 4** Change Clocks Back 1 Hour  
9:45 a.m. 7th Grade Sacred Choices  
Parent/Guardian Meeting  
12:20 p.m. Noar Tzion at the Science Museum
- Nov. 7** 7:30 p.m. 11th & 12th Grade Lirdof Tzedek Class
- Nov. 10-11** 6th Grade Family Retreat
- Nov. 11** 12:30 p.m. SPORTY Chanukah Baking Event
- Nov. 16-18** 8th/9th Grade Torah & Teva Shabbaton
- Nov. 18** Bread and Torah Family Mitzvah Day  
Hebrew School Conferences (Grades 2-6)  
All-School T'filah & Song Session  
12:15 p.m. Noar Tzion  
Make-Your-Own-Pizza & Painting Party
- Nov. 21 & 25** NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break
- Nov. 28** 7:30 p.m. 11th & 12th Grade Lirdof Tzedek Class
- Nov. 30-Dec. 1** Grade 4 Shabbaton
- Dec. 1** SPORTY Chanu-Craft Event
- Dec. 2** 10:45 a.m. Sacred Choices Make-Up Meeting  
12:15 p.m. Noar Tzion - Chanukah Party  
12:15 p.m. JYG Peer-Led Event  
Chanukah Begins at Sundown
- Dec. 5** 7:30 p.m. 11th & 12th Grade Lirdof Tzedek Class
- Dec. 7** 5:15 p.m. Family Shabbat Chanukah Dinner,  
Chanukah Challenge & Service
- Dec. 9** Zlateh the Goat will Visit Religious School  
11:45 am All-School T'filah &  
Chanukah Song Session
- Dec. 15** 9:45 a.m. Grade 3 Shabbaton  
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service & Sefer Seminar  
SPORTY Ice Skating Event
- Dec. 19** 7:30 p.m. 11th & 12th Grade Lirdof Tzedek Class
- Dec. 23-Jan. 2** Winter Break - No School
- Jan. 4-6** NFTY-NO Winter Kallah
- Jan. 6** Hebrew School Resumes  
9:45 a.m. 6th Grade D'var Torah Workshop &  
Interfaith Family Conversation
- Jan. 9** Chai School Tri II Begins

### SCHOOL CLOSING DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

Please tune to WCCO for Hebrew and Religious School closings (WCCO AM Radio 830, WCCO TV Channel 4, [www.WCCO.com](http://www.WCCO.com))



Snow cancellations will also be posted on the [mzion.org](http://mzion.org) home page, Mount Zion Facebook page, and you will receive a text message. Cancellation decisions will be made by: 1:30 p.m. for Wednesday Session I, 4:30 p.m. for Wednesday Session II, 8:00 a.m. for Sunday Session.



# Youth Engagement News

## NFTY Convention in Dallas

Registration is now open! Visit: [nftyconvention.org](http://nftyconvention.org) to register or contact Elyse Heise at [ehaise@mzion.org](mailto:ehaise@mzion.org) for info or financial assistance.

## Summer Camp at OSRUI

Registration is now open. Go to [mzion.org/learn/summer-camp](http://mzion.org/learn/summer-camp) for all info. Contact Elyse Heise at [ehaise@mzion.org](mailto:ehaise@mzion.org) with questions.

## Shabbatonim

### Torah and Teva: 8th/9th Grade Shabbaton!

**Friday, November 16 – Sunday, November 18**

Meet at Mount Zion at 4pm on Friday for a weekend at the beautiful Audobon Center of the North Woods in Sandstone, MN. Explore the outdoors, challenge yourself, and celebrate Shabbat with your friends! Bus returns to Mount Zion at 1:30pm on Sunday.

## Youth Groups

### Noar Tzion (4th-6th grade youth group)

#### Pizza + Painting Party

**Sunday, November 18, 12:15 p.m.**

Build your own pizza, make some artwork and decorate delicious cookies with Noar Tzion!

#### Chanukah party!

**Sunday, December 2, 12:15 p.m.**

Celebrate Chanukah with Noar Tzion with lunch, games, art and other special activities!

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

#### Exploring the Science Museum!

**Sunday, November 4, 12:20 - 3:45 p.m.**

Fossils, microscopes, and machines - oh my! We will have lunch at Mount Zion and head to the Science Museum of Minnesota!

#### Peer-Led Event

**Sunday, December 2, 12:15 – 2:30 p.m.**

Just like a SPORTY event, this event will be planned and run by your peers! We can't wait to see what the JYG advisory committee comes up with for this Chanukah celebration!

### SPORTY (9-12th grade youth group)

#### Chanukah Baking event

**Sunday, November 11, 12:30 - 3:30 pm at Mount Zion**

Bake Chanukah foods while we film a mock reality cooking show!

#### Chanu-Craft

**Saturday, December 1, Time TBA at Mount Zion**

Come to Mount Zion and learn to make some AMAZING gifts. Lego Mezuzahs, upcycled jewelry. Great fun and great gifts! Just in time for Chanukah!

#### Ice Skating!

**Saturday, December 15, Time TBA at Mount Zion**

Come Ice Skating with SPORTY in downtown St. Paul.

# Young Adults of MZ (YAMZ)

## The Great Israeli Cook-Off

**Thursday, November 29, 7:00 pm at Mount Zion**



Do you like to eat? Do you like to eat real Israeli food (or maybe try it for the first time)? How about making new friends? Well, now's your chance! If you answered yes to any of these questions, we'd love to see you at next month's Great Israeli Cook Off.

Join other young adults and Mount Zion's new Congregational Engagement Director, Shai Avny, as he shares his top secret recipes for falafel and hummus. Make sure you come hungry for food and laughs, as we'll be cooking up plenty of both!

This event is free, but please RSVP to Adam Bahr at [adbahr@gmail.com](mailto:adbahr@gmail.com) by November 26 so we know how many people to expect. We're excited to see you there!

## Accessibility and Inclusion

**"Mount Zion is a welcoming and inclusive spiritual home"**

— Mount Zion Vision statement

Did you know that Mount Zion has a committee that works on accessibility and inclusion related to disability? Our committee includes congregants, clergy, and staff who are committed to making Mount Zion a place in which everyone who wants to can participate as fully as possible and knows that they truly belong at Mount Zion. Creating an accessible and inclusive congregation is really about all of us thinking and working together, welcoming one another, and learning about and from one another. We have a few open spots on our committee; if you want to get involved and contribute some time and energy toward our work of continuing to build an accessible and inclusive congregation, please contact Joan Ostrove ([ostrove@macalester.edu](mailto:ostrove@macalester.edu) or 651-334-5286 [voice or text]) or Cantor Spilker ([rspilker@mzion.org](mailto:rspilker@mzion.org) or 651-698-3881). If you can offer some time but can't commit to being on the committee, we would welcome your specific participation in planning upcoming events for Jewish Disability and Inclusion Awareness Month (JDAIM) in February. We are working on programming for the weekend of February 22nd related to autism, and would love to have a few more people join us to help plan the events.

### SAVE THE DATE: Friday, February 22

In recognition of JDAIM (Jewish Disability Awareness & Inclusion Month), Mount Zion member Stacy Dinner-Levin will speak about what it is like to raise and parent a child with autism.

**5:45-7:15 p.m. Food for Thought**

Scenes from Stacy's play *Autistic License*.

**7:30 p.m. Pulpit Guest: Stacy Dinner-Levin**

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# Mount Zion Temple Board of Directors

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



## Adam Bahr

Adam Bahr joined the Board of Directors in 2015 as part of his life-long belonging to Mount Zion Temple. He joined to further his passion for the welcoming, engagement-focused and community building mission of our congregation. He actively pursues this role in two ways. First, Adam is a Mental Health Task Force member of our congregation's Inclusion and Accessibility Working Group and he recently served on the planning committee for Mount Zion Temple's new Small Groups initiative. He also has been active in *Noazim* (recently rebranded as *Young Adults of Mount Zion*). Second, he enjoys being the Board Member greeter after services where his engaging words are guaranteed to bring laughter and ease of connecting among members and visitors! Adam literally grew up at Mount Zion Temple and it has always been his Jewish Home - from our congregation's Religious School through *Bar Mitzvah* and Confirmation, as well as post-confirmation trip to New York City. Adam proudly emphasized he was in one of Rabbi Spilker's first confirmation class and post confirmation trip. In addition, Adam shared, Rabbi Spilker's supported him when his mother died and later through Adam's journey towards recovery and wellness living with mental illness and addiction. This strong connection is the personal engagement experience Adam, in his way, wants to bring to the larger congregation. He often says "Life's too short to be superficial" so he encourages you to approach him to start building a real connection whenever you see him. Adam lives in Inver Grove Heights and works in I.T. for the software company INFOR.



## Elliot Krelitz

Elliot Krelitz's Mount Zion Temple roots are deep. As a child in the 1960s his Dad drove his brother and him from their White Bear Lake home to Sunday School where the required clothing for boys was sport coat and tie!! [ He still has those ties.]

Elliot was confirmed here. After a long break he returned in 1989 as an adult member; two years later he stood on the Sanctuary Bima as an adult *Bar Mitzvah*. Elliot says Judaism lives 'deep inside' him sharing he completed preparation in order to learn more Hebrew, enrich his curiosity of Jewish history and develop insights to approach civic engagement through a Jewish ethical lens. Elliot attends Friday night services and Shabbat morning Torah study regularly. Elliot also shared that the Krelitz family history in Yurberg, Lithuania is fortunately well documented by a family historian, a history that includes many family member losses during the Holocaust. Elliot and wife Liz were married at Mount Zion Temple in 1993, and children Mason (23), Claire (21) and Asher (16) have participated in both religious education and community events. Elliot's first four-year Board term was in 2005-2009 during which he served on the Membership Committee. He rejoined the Board in June 2017, accepting the invitation to participate in volunteer leadership because, in his words "it takes more than paying dues to contribute to congregational well-being"; this past June he was Shelter Leads Coordinator for our Project Home program of families experiencing homelessness. Elliot works in business-to-business technology sales, but, he disclosed, his lighter side is as a 'comedian'.



## Yvonne Lerew

Yvonne joined Mount Zion Temple upon moving to St. Paul in 2008. She currently works as Development Director of Children's Defense Fund-Minnesota and enjoys being actively involved in the lives of her adult children and grandchildren; son Todd lives in California and daughter Annette and husband Thaddeus, and their three children - Cole, Gabriel and Michal - live nearby in Shoreview and are also members of Mount Zion Temple. In 2015, Yvonne joined the Board of Directors to both broaden her understanding of our congregational community and add her perspective to conversations on community engagement including the value of multi-generational programming. She has been active with *Women's Spirituality* and *Tot Shabbat* groups and - as her grandson matured - in the *Religious School Committee*. Yvonne was raised in a secular Jewish family in New York (Westchester County). Her father and his family emigrated from Prague, Czechoslovakia in 1938, finding their way to the United States by way of England and Cuba. Her mother's side of the family emigrated from the Ukraine/Moldova in the early 1900's. Her family's history of immigration and adapting to new cultures shaped Yvonne's commitment to working for equity and opportunity. After graduating college, Yvonne moved to South Dakota where she first taught elementary school on an Indian Reservation and later managed education programs for immigrants. She was an active member of the "other" Mount Zion Temple, this one in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where she raised her children and served as religious school teacher and later as youth group advisor, as well as board member.



## Vicki Long

Vicki Long serves as a vice president of the Board of Director's Executive Committee. She believes her strength in discussions is to listen carefully and succinctly summarize multiple sides of an issue. This skill had its use, also, while serving as a member and then chair of the Religious School Committee. She applauds members of both volunteer groups for their willingness to engage thoughtfully on strategic and difficult topics working for the greater community good. Vicki's parents are her model for her Jewish community engagement, who, while raising her in Sioux Falls, SD, strengthened that community with their many volunteer efforts for the local Mount Zion Temple congregation and other civic organizations. Vicki's German-born father Fred, is a survivor of the Holocaust. His parents sent him running at the age of 10 where, after some time, he hid in a barn on a Czechoslovakian farm. The farmer later found him and hid him there for five years. She reflected on his rapid immersion in American culture when in 1952, six months after coming to the United States, he was drafted into the army. Vicki received both undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Minnesota Carlson School of Management and currently works in a financial role at Jostens. In 2009, Vicki, her husband Chuck, and their twin daughters Abby and Ellie joined Mount Zion Temple. They are now studying for their confirmation and Vicki is grateful they have a positive congregational peer group to help strengthen their Jewish religious and communal identity.



# Mount Zion's 2018-19 (5779) Focus on Israel

## A Mount Zion Community Book Read

### Kick-Off Engagement for Year-long Focus on Israel

**Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor** by Yossi Klein Halevi

Books are available in the Mount Zion office for a subsidized cost of \$5 if you attend one of the following discussion groups:

**Sunday, November 4, 10 am**

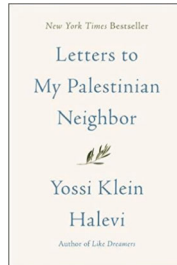
Facilitated by Michael & Hannah Kuhne

**Monday, November 5, 7 pm**

Facilitated by Jonathan Eisenthal and Charlie Levine (part of the regular Israel Book Club; all are welcome)

**Wednesday, November 7, Noon**

Facilitated by Jessica Griffith

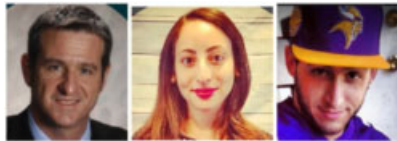


## Serving in the Army: Three first-hand views on the IDF (Israel Defense Forces)

**Wednesday, November 14, 7:30-8:45 pm**

Dessert will be served.

Nir Leshem, Shaked Danai, and Shai Rouche will talk about their IDF experience and the effect of their service on their psychological growth and character development as well as their personal view of the Israeli-Arab and Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Panel discussion with questions and answers will be facilitated by Mount Zion member Shirly Tramer.



## Israel's Milestones and Their Meanings

Mondays, 7-9 pm taught by Rabbi Spilker

An iEngage Hartman Institute Program

Cost for the series: \$36 Member / \$72 Public

**Nov 12:** 1947 – The United Nations Partition Plan:

The Jews in the World

**Nov 26:** 1967 -The Six Day War: Power, Land and God

**Jan 14:** Judea and Samaria: Occupation or Liberation

**Jan 26:** One State, Two States: Moral Red Lines

**TBD:** Jerusalem of God, Prayer and Peoplehood

## Classes by Arie Zmora

**Wednesday nights, 7:45-9:15 pm**

Cost per class: \$54 Member / \$100 Public (scholarships available)

**Arab-Israeli Conflict since 1917: Israeli and Palestinian Narratives** - Jan 9-Feb 27

**Israeli Democracy under Stress: What is Israel's Political System?** - Mar 6-May 15

# Myth-Conceptions Series:

Who are the Jewish Organizations speaking about Israel? What are the myths about each organization? What are the realities?

All sessions held at Mount Zion Temple moderated by Rabbi Spilker.

## IfNotNow

**Guest Speakers: Leah Soule, Ari Jahiel, and Ethan Levin**

Sunday, December 2, 10-11:30 a.m.

IfNotNow says: "We are building a Jewish community that recognizes we cannot be free absent the freedom of Palestinians. We seek to end American Jewish support for the occupation. We are grounded in the values of the Jewish tradition."



## Jewish Agency (JAFI)

Date: TBD

Since 1929, The Jewish Agency for Israel has been working to secure a vibrant Jewish future.

They were instrumental in founding and building the State of Israel and continue to serve as the main link between the Jewish state and Jewish communities everywhere.



## Jewish National Fund

Guest Speaker: Laura Salzer

Friday, January 25, 7:30 pm

(during Shabbat services).

The organization that gives all generations of Jews a unique voice in building a prosperous future for the land of Israel and its people.



## ARZA

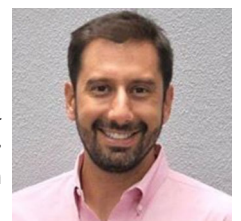
**Guest Speaker: Rabbi Josh Weinberg**

Executive Director

Friday, April 12, 7:30 pm

(during Shabbat services).

The Association of Reform Zionists of America is part of an international network of like-minded, progressive Jewish voices, working in unison, to build a better Israel.



## Heading Home A Tale of Team Israel

Special Guests: Team Israel star **Josh Zeid** and  
MLB Reporter **Jonathan Mayo**

**Sunday, January 13**

Tickets: \$10/adult; \$5 child

Two Showings:

**11:30 am at Mount Zion**

Tickets at [mzion.org](http://mzion.org).

*We will end Religious School early this day.*

**7:30 pm at the St. Paul JCC**

Ticket information to come.



This documentary is about a team of nice Jewish baseball players takes on the world. *Heading Home: The Tale of Team Israel* is the David-and-Goliath story of Israel's national baseball team as it competes for the first time in the World Baseball Classic.

### Day-Long Jewish Silent Meditation Retreat

**Sun, Dec. 16, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Talmud Torah of St. Paul**

\$75 or \$50 for Hineni Supporters

Led by *Sara Lynn Newberger*

Join us for a day of contemplation as we practice walking and sitting meditation, chanting, silent eating, and heart-centered Torah study. Register at [tssp.org](http://tssp.org).

### Contemplative Chanting

Second Wednesday of the month, 7:00-8:00 p.m. at Mount Zion  
Nov 14, Dec 12, Jan 9, Feb 13, March 13, April 10, May 8, June 12

Led by *Sara Lynn Newberger*. Co-sponsored with *Beth Jacob*

Chanting helps to clear the mind of chatter, open the doors of the heart, and focus attention on the present moment. Drop in, no experience necessary.

## The Other Peace Process

**Inter-religious Dialogue in the Service of Peace**  
**Sunday, November 11 at 1:00 pm**

**Rabbi Dr. Ron Kronish**

*Founder and long-time Director of the Interreligious Coordinating Council in Israel (ICCI)*

The David Cobin Memorial Lecture

**Rabbi Ron Kronish** organizer, activist, writer, teacher, brings with him years of experience working in interfaith and peace-building efforts in Israel. His articles can be found at [ronkronish.com](http://ronkronish.com).



**David Cobin**, in addition to being an active participant in Jewish life in St. Paul, was for 33 years a Professor of Law at Hamline University School of Law. Bringing together those he cared for to celebrate and learn was David's way of life. It was natural, therefore, that Jewish law students found a place around his dinner table on Jewish holidays. It also made sense that he would feel the need to establish and direct the Hamline-Hebrew University Program, **Conflict Resolution from Religious Traditions**. The program, in which Ron Kronish has taught since its inception, brings together faculty and students from Minnesota, Israel and around the world. It continues under the auspices of Mitchell-Hamline School of Law and is directed by Mitchell-Hamline School of Law Professor Sharon Press.

*This lecture is sponsored by Beth Jacob Congregation through the David Cobin Fund for Caring and co-sponsored by Mount Zion Temple, Talmud Torah of St Paul, and Hineni.*

## Library Happenings

**Chanukah Favorites**, *Bob Epstein, Librarian*

We are approaching the holiday of Chanukah, and the library has dozens of children's books on this holiday! Here is a selection from among those titles. Publishers now feature favorite characters in holiday books. There is *Disney's Winnie-the-Pooh and the Hanukkah Dreidel*, and Alyssa Capucilli's *Happy Hanukkah, Biscuit!*. There are titles by fondly remembered children's authors, such as Tomie de Paola's *My First Chanukah*. Chanukah seems to lend itself to humor; for instance: probably my all-time favorite children's story: Eric Kimmel's *Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins*. Kimmel also wrote *The Magic Dreidels*, among several others. Another of Kimmel's efforts, *The Chanukkah Guest* was re-issued with new illustrations as *Hanukkah Bear*. One of the funniest parodies is Esme Raji Codell's *Hanukkah, Shmanukkah!* There are also story anthologies such as Kimmel's *A Hanukkah Treasury*, and Karen Hesse's *The Stone Lamp*. There are so many more – please come to the library – we'll be happy to help you read more about it! Chag Sameach and Happy Chanukah!

**The Library Committee is looking for new members!**

Contact Larry Solomon ([lsolomon@mzion.org](mailto:lsolomon@mzion.org)) or Bob Epstein ([librarian@mzion.org](mailto:librarian@mzion.org)) for more information.

# Travel with Mount Zion!

## Family Trip to Israel

June 19 – July 1

Led By Rabbi Esther Adler  
From \$3,999 (Land only)

### Highlights:

- A journey of inspiration and education
- Experience Israel from ancient history to high-tech innovation
- Jerusalem, Masada, and much more: encounter authentic Israel
- Explore the diversity, challenges, and triumphs of the nation
- Bond with partner communities in Israel
- Outstanding tour educators and speakers
- Israel in style: quality service and seamless logistics

### What's Included:

- 10 nights' accommodation at select hotels
- 10 days of touring in a luxury, air-conditioned bus with licensed, English speaking tour educator
- Youth counselor on guiding days.
- 1 group transfer and assistance to and from the airport
- All site entrance fees and program fees as per itinerary
- Meals: daily breakfast 1 lunch and 5 dinners
- Tips for tour educator, driver and youth counselor.
- Portage at the airport and hotels

## Trip Information Meeting

Sunday, November 4, 11:30-12:30 pm at Mount Zion



## Highlights of the Civil Rights Movement: A Jewish Tour of the South

Thursday, March 14 -  
Sunday, March 17

Led by Cantor Rachel Stock Spilker

Travel with Cantor Spilker and Etgar 36 on an inspiring journey to Atlanta, Montgomery, and Selma. Visit historic sites, learn about people and events that shaped the early Civil Rights Movement, celebrate Shabbat in a Montgomery synagogue, attend a service at Ebenezer Baptist Church, and much more. **Limited space, registration on a first come first serve basis.**

The full trip cost is \$940\*. The amount is based on double occupancy. Please add \$195 for a single room. First payment deadline – \$470 by Dec 15. Please fill out the registration form on [mzion.org](http://mzion.org) and mail a check, payable to Etgar 36, to Mount Zion Temple (Attn: Julie Beckman, 1300 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105). Unfortunately we cannot take credit card payments.

Balance payment deadline — \$470 by Feb 1.

Airfare is not included in the cost of the trip and should be purchased by each individual participant. PLEASE PURCHASE TRIP INSURANCE! Minimum of 25 participants.

### Cancellation policy:

Cancellation before December 15 – Full refund.

Cancellation between December 15 and January 31 – \$50 fee.

Cancellations after January 31 – NO REFUND.

*\*Price includes all meals [beginning with Friday breakfast and ending with Sunday breakfast, includes entrée and non-alcoholic drink; alcoholic drinks, appetizers, and desserts are extra], all ground transportation, hotels, admissions and programming costs.*

**Contact Cantor Spilker at [rspilker@mzion.org](mailto:rspilker@mzion.org) with questions or to let her know you're interested in joining this trip!**





# Happy Chanukah



First Night of Chanukah: Sunday, December 2 / 25 Kislev

Questions about Chanukah? Go to: [mzion.org](http://mzion.org) and [myjewishlearning.com](http://myjewishlearning.com)

## Shabbat Chanukah for all Ages!

**Friday, December 7** — *All are welcome to any part of the evening.*

**5:15 pm (promptly)**

### Congregational Shabbat Chanukah Dinner!

*Sponsored by Women of Mount Zion Temple (WMZT). Food will include salads, latkes, hummus and veggies, cheese platters, and macaroni and cheese. Gluten-free and Dairy-free options available.*

**Cost by November 30:** \$8 adults; \$5 kids (12 and under).

**Cost after November 30:** \$12 adults; \$5 kids

We will sing. We will light. We will play dreidel.

Bring your own Chanukiah / Menorah to light if you wish!

**6:30 pm**

### Shabbat Chanukah Services and *Chanukiah Challenge Awards!*

After our Chanukah and Shabbat candle lighting in Margolis Hall, we will continue with a festive service in the Sanctuary that will be done by 7:30 pm.

## Chanukiah Challenge

**During Shabbat Services, Friday, December 7**

**Chanukiah Challenge:** We challenge children and all interested adults to come up with the cleverest, wildest, wackiest, lightest-up-thenightest, Chanukah menorah for our Chanukiah Challenge. Use any material you want. Make it large or small. It doesn't have to work, but it must look like a chanukiah. Adults may help! All entries must be brought to the Temple office by Wednesday, December 5.

Make sure your own name is attached to your entry and ... **please name your chanukiah!** (Examples: CeeDees Chanukah Lights! (made of CDs); Sew many candles, sew little time... (made of thread spindles); Happy ChanIKEA! (made of many parts!).



Every entry receives a prize and a certificate! Show us what you can do and enter the Chanukiah Challenge 5779.

# B'nei Mitzvah

Joseph Woods-Weisman

November 17, 2018

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**J**oseph Ezra Woods-Weisman is the son of Marcia and Dylan Woods-Weisman. He is the grandson of Edward and Janice Weisman z"l; Suzanne Woods z"l; James Hazard z"l; and John and Jean Allen. Joseph is a 7th grader at Justice Page Middle School in Minneapolis. Joseph's favorite classes are History and Physical Education. He loves playing Blackhawks soccer, playing keyboards in the School of Rock performance band, bowling in the Sun Ray USBC bowling league and playing basketball. He is looking forward to traveling to Israel this summer to celebrate being a Bar Mitzvah. His Tzedakah Project is to volunteer at the Shalom Home, so that he can entertain and hang out with the residents. He has learned a lot through this year of preparing for his Bar Mitzvah, including the fact that his Jewish Heritage is something that will stick with him for his entire life. Joseph plans to donate a portion of his gift money to NECHAMA (Jewish Response to Disaster) to help Hurricane Victims.

Bea Tortorello

December 22, 2018

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**B**ea Tortorello is the daughter of Michael Tortorello and Stephanie Curtis. Her grandparents are Kathy and Bob Curtis, of Arden Hills; Myrna Tortorello and Eric Candrea, of New York; and Frank and Barbara Tortorello, of Pennsylvania. She has a younger brother named Bear, and they both attend Capitol Hill Gifted and Talented Magnet. A seventh grader, Bea enjoys ELA (English), science, and math. Out of school she likes to draw, play soccer, listen to musicals, and read fantasy and realistic fiction. She is also on swim team, where she enjoys freestyle (front crawl). For her bat mitzvah project, she is interested in working on environmental issues such as climate change and preserving state parks. At Mount Zion, Bea sings in the older choir; Shir Chants; helps out as the assistant for Shir Tzion, the younger choir; and works as a 2nd grade madricha on Sundays and a KULAM advocate on Wednesdays.

Simon Amnuel

December 1, 2018

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**S**imon is the son of Alexander "Sasha" Amnuel and Stephanie Lonetti, and the grandson to Gary and Claudia Lonetti, and Tsodik (of blessed memory) and Miryam Amnuel. Simon has a sister, Cecilia (16) and brother Dylan (18). He is a 7th grader at Capitol Hill Magnet School in St. Paul, MN. His favorite subjects are Science, English and Web Design. He enjoys playing soccer for the St. Paul Blackhawks and Capitol Hill, as well as Midway baseball. He loves animals, enjoys the outdoors and playing with his dog Zora Rain. He is giving a portion of his gift money to the St Paul Humane Society where he spent time for his Mitzvah Project.

Elijah Peres

December 29, 2018

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**E**lijah (Eli) Peres is the son of Rebecca and Rene Schwengber. He is a brother to Gabby, Zelda, Bobby and Charlotte. His is the grandson of Jill Wilson, Bob and Betsy Wilson and Laura Torres. Eli is a 7th grader at St. Paul Academy where he enjoys playing the cello and is on the soccer and basketball teams. He enjoys the internet with a keen interest in Fortnite and Youtube. When not on a screen, Eli is a connoisseur of chicken nuggets. Eli will be donating a portion of his Bar Mitzvah gifts to the ACLU.

## Yesher koach to the B'nei Mitzvah Class of 2017-18

In honor of their B'nei Mitzvah, families contributed to a fund instead of giving individual gifts to classmates. They raised \$6124; half of this will be saved for them to give as their Confirmation Class gift in 10th grade. The other half (\$3062) will be given now to the organization the students chose in 7th grade: *Nechama: A Jewish Response to Disaster*. Well done/kol hakavod!

# Women of Mount Zion Temple

## Chanukah Mart

Chanukah is December 2 – 10

### Hours:

**Wednesdays, 5:30pm-7:30pm:** Nov 7, 14, 28, Dec 5 & 12

**Friday, 1 hour before services:** Nov 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Dec 7 & 14

**Sundays, 9:30am-12:30pm:** Nov 4, 11, 18, Dec 2 & 9

**5th Annual Dreidel Friday is Nov 23, 3:30pm-7:30pm**

Spin for your discount and have fun!

## Honoring the Women of Mount Zion Temple

**Friday, November 16, 7:30 p.m.**

We will honor our 2018 Woman of Valor: Penny Druker, for her work as our Garage Sale Chair.

## Red Cross Blood Drive

**Friday, November 28, 2:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

Donation times are between 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. 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 and the wonderful matzah ball soup, veggies, fruits, and desserts. Donors can also register at [redcross-blood.org](http://redcross-blood.org) and enter sponsor code is 4008. Our goal is 55 units per drive; double red cell donations count as two units. For details or to volunteer, contact Maureen Davidson at 651-645-9244.

## Theater Season is Back at the Orpheum!

*A Bronx Tale*, Feb. 21 \$45.00

*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, March 14 \$45.00

*Hello Dolly with Betty Buckley*, April 21 \$45.00

*Dear Evan Hansen*, June 9 72.00

*Fiddler on the Roof*, July 31 \$45.00

Call Toba at 952-953-0228 or e-mail at [tmlazor@charter.net](mailto:tmlazor@charter.net).

No payment due until 5 weeks before performance.

# Prime Timers

**Members 55 and older**

**WORD** - This interactive game meets bi-monthly on Mondays, 1:30-2:30 pm. Come play our version of Password on Nov 5, 19, Dec 3, 17.

## Ageless Grace® with Pola Rest

**Monday, November 12, 1:30-2:30 pm**

An exercise program that helps your brain as well as your body. Ageless Grace is done seated and to music. Come as you are and be prepared to have fun!

## Chanukah Party with Gift Exchange

**Wednesday, December 5, 11:30 am**

Potluck lunch with a gift exchange. Please bring a dish to share. Brian Serle will lead us in the songs of Chanukah.

If you are interested in learning more about the Prime Timers, please contact a Jill Spanier at 651-493-1959 or [js020907@gmail.com](mailto:js020907@gmail.com)

# Brotherhood

## Upcoming Brotherhood Events for 2018-19

**Bagel sales resumed** in September and take place every Sunday when there is religious school.

Please join us in the Summit Avenue lobby for hot coffee or cocoa, fresh bagels and lox, and other treats. Men of Mount Zion take turns selling bagels to students and their parents in the Temple lobby. Bagel sales help to fund the many ways we support Mount Zion. Please volunteer to run the Bagel Bar during the coming season. Contact Bruce Noyes at [brucenoyes@gmail.com](mailto:brucenoyes@gmail.com) and he will get you into the schedule. **Many thanks to Arnie Krohn** for his years of service in running bagel sales. How will he possibly enjoy Arizona without the cold and the snow?

**Monthly Brotherhood Meetings** - We meet the last Tuesday of each month at Mount Zion from 6:30-7:30. Join us as we plan our programs and enjoy a complimentary dinner of pizza and salad. Next meeting dates are: 11/27, 1/29, 2/26, 3/26, 4/30 – Elections and annual budget, 5/28, 6/25.

**Dessert and Game Night Saturday, January 12, 2019 7:00-9:00 PM.** A fun time of game and food for kids of all ages!

**Brotherhood Honored at Shabbat** takes place on **Friday, March 22, 2019**, featuring readers, musicians and a choir from the Brotherhood, and the presentation of the “Mensch of the Year” award.

**Mother’s Day Brunch** at the Temple is a big event, with mothers and spouses enjoying a big complimentary breakfast. Put it on your calendar for **Sunday, May 13, 2019 10:30-11:30 AM.**

**Men’s Retreat, May 17-19, 2019 – Save the Date!**

**Memorial Day Flag Placement: Friday before Memorial Day, May 24, 2019** – We go to lunch together, then place flags at veteran’s graves at the Mount Zion Cemetery.

**Grand Old Day parking - Sunday, June 2, 2019.** A major fundraising opportunity for our Temple.

**Mount Zion Family Picnic – August 2019**

“Always check *Iton Tziyon* – the Mount Zion newsletter - and *This Week at Mount Zion* for times and dates for Brotherhood events”

B'Shalom,

Brian Serle, *Brotherhood President*

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# Social Action Update

**Tzedek = Justice**

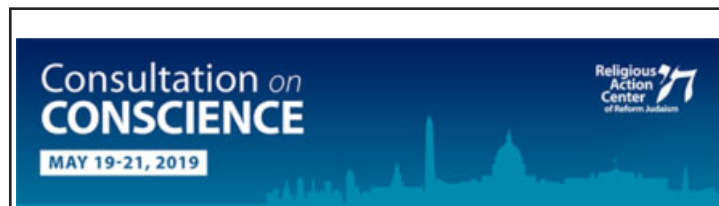
## Naturalization Ceremony

**Wednesday, December 5, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. at Mount Zion**

The Tzedek Committee is excited to announce that Mount Zion Temple will host a naturalization ceremony for new U. S. citizens. We expect anywhere between 150 and 200 new US citizens to be sworn in during the ceremony, and you are welcome to attend. If you have never witnessed a naturalization ceremony, it is a sight to behold. The enthusiasm and gratitude of those involved is palpable, and we hope you can find the time to witness this uplifting event.

## Minneapolis Homeless Encampment

Many of you have either heard about or driven by the Minneapolis Homeless Encampment also known as the Wall of the Forgotten Natives. I have also received requests from congregants asking how best to help. A web site has been created which includes the best ways to help through donations of money or needed items to the Native American organizations that are supporting the encampment. If you are interested in providing support please go to this web site [www.franklinhiawathacamp.org](http://www.franklinhiawathacamp.org) and scroll down to "How to Help" We learn from the Lakota language that: Mitakuy Oyas'in - We are all related. Your support to our forgotten relatives is truly a mitzvah.



The Religious Action Center (RAC) of Reform Judaism hosts a conference titled "Consultation on Conscience", every two years bringing together Jewish advocates and allies from across the US in a powerful movement of collective reflection, conversation and action. In 2017 twelve Mount Zion members attended as one of the largest delegations in the nation. It was from that attendance that our congregation moved forward in joining other Reform Congregations in signing on to the Brit Olam prioritizing three main areas of advocacy, criminal justice reform, immigration justice and transgender rights. In addition this year Mount Zion also joined the RAC's campaign for civic engagement.

It would be exciting to strengthen these movements within our congregation by having another large delegation join us in Washington DC from May 19-21, 2019.

If you register between November 1-23 the registration is \$249 as compared to \$349 through January 30 at which time it goes up to \$499 and then \$599 after April 8.

We will be discussing this further at the next Tzedek meeting which takes place on November 4, 12:30 pm in the library of Mount Zion. Please join us if you have any questions or would like to learn more.

More details at [rac.org/consultation-conscience-2017](http://rac.org/consultation-conscience-2017).

Please feel free to contact Deb Moses with any further questions at [dmosesstpaul@gmail.com](mailto:dmosesstpaul@gmail.com) or 612-730-3092.

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

Suzanne Carlson  
and her kids Milo and Tillie

Leslie Chudnoff

Joshua & Jordana Dorn, and their kids Isaac & Kylie

Maria & Matt Fiereck, and their son Mason

Jacob Kraus & Kimberly Preminger

Jonas Mendelsohn & Joice Garcia

Ben & Kiki Gillman, and their kids Caleb, Chase, & Colton

Jane Hutchison, and her kids Jonah, Evie, and Miles

Howard & Elaine Kuretsky

Ketzela & Jonathan Marsh, and their kids Adaya and Amitai

Nancy Rosen

Andy Schmidt & Rachel White

Robert Shumer

Eric & Jen Silverman, and their kids Tamar & Maya

Aaron Leff & Emily Slagle, and their kids Ira & Avram

Jon Socha

Sarah & Matt Vavra, and their kids Gabriel & Maximillian

## An Invitation for New Members!

### New Member Havdalah

Saturday, February 2, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Rabbi and Cantor Spilker's Home

Please come to Rabbi and Cantor Spilker's home for a special Havdalah with clergy and staff, temple leadership, and members who joined Mount Zion in 2018/19. Together, we will celebrate the transition from Shabbat to the new week, and from strangers to friends. Child care will be provided.

Questions? Contact Ellen Konstan [ellen.konstan@gmail.com](mailto:ellen.konstan@gmail.com).



## Caring Community

### Mount Zion Cares!

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

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

To get help contact either Rabbi Adler at [eadler@mzion.org](mailto:eadler@mzion.org) or Cantor Spilker at [rspilker@mzion.org](mailto:rspilker@mzion.org) or call 651-698-3881.

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## Travel with MZ

### Israel

June 19 - July 1, 2019

### Civil Rights South

March 14-17, 2019

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**Welcome  
to our new  
members!**

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## Honoring Dr. Jerry Brakke

Friday, Nov 9, 7:30 pm



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See p. 15 for details.