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*How beautiful are your tents, O Jacob, your dwelling places, O Israel!  
Like valleys they spread out, like gardens beside a river, like aloes planted  
by Adonai, like cedars beside the waters. Water will flow from their  
buckets; their seed will have abundant water.*

*- Numbers 24:5-7*

**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 June, July, or August: **Brooks & Terri Edwards, Warren & Susanne Cohen, Chris & Nora Gordon, Chris Brunelle & Serena Zabin, Robert & Jeni Alcakovic, Arnie & Judy Brier, Michael & Bobbie Elle, Jules & Janice Goldstein, John & Hannah Riederer, Charles & Jeanne Herzog, Avram & Shellina Scheiner, Howard & Paula Roston, Michael Stiffman & Pita Adam, Bob & Mary Mersky, Michael & Jennifer Wall, Daniel & Laura Zelle, Al & Jill Levin, Howie & Emily Paper, Larry & Cathy Bogolub, Jonathan & Ketzela Marsh, Jared Miller & Ellen Thompson, Marcia Woods-Weisman & Dylan Woods-Weisman, Harriet Guthertz & Laura Mathews, Philip & Nancy Margolis, Eric & Sue Lund, Michael & Sylvia Lotz, Jeff Schiff & Dori Schmalzle, Liddy Rich & Amy Ariel, Mike & Jeanie Folger, Steve & Ruth Kirsch, Joel Miller & Nancy Ribeiro-Miller, Jeff & Debby Arrigoni, Fred Haeusler & Leslie Martin, Adam Lindberg & Michelle Livingston.**

**Sarah Schaleger** on the birth of her granddaughter, *Devorah*, on May 1.

**D. Marcos and Talia Vital** on the birth of their daughter, *Adina*, on April 15.

Mount Zion Teens Elected to our NFTY Regional Board: **Maddie Bagdade** (Religious/Cultural VP), **Hannah Banwell** (Programming VP), **Elijah Rothstein** (Social Action VP).

*"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 **Bruce Noyes** who has completed our conversion program in the past weeks and has thus chosen Judaism: **May he go from strength to strength!**

### ZICHRONAM LIVRACHA... May their memories be a blessing

We note with sorrow the passing of our member:

**Vigdor "Vic" Grossman**

Our condolences to his family,  
including his loving friend Lucy Smith.

### We Extend Condolences to...

**Debra Allerhand-Kool** on the death of her father, *Melvin Allerhand*, on April 23.

**Erwin Farkas** on the death of his brother, *Zoltan Farkas*.

**Tracy Fischman** on the death of her father, *Ken Fischman*, on May 4

**Martha Starr (David Bucholz)** on the death of her mother, *Tobie Starr*, on March 13.

## Rabbi Spilker's Annual Meeting D'var Torah



These remarks were delivered at the Annual Meeting on May 10, 2019.

There is a crazy but beautiful story in the Talmud of Moses encountering God affixing crowns to the letters of the Torah. When Moses asks why God would be doing such a thing, he is told that the crowns would provide a guide to future generations to connect new teachings and laws to Moses at Sinai. Even the new would be faithfully connected to the past.

Moses doesn't get it.

So, God sends Moses into the future, into the academy of Rabbi Akiva. To do so God instructs Moses to *turn back around* to see what would happen in the future. Moses לאחור turns back to look forward and finds himself in the class of Rabbi Akiva who is teaching the class how to interpret those crowns in the Torah in extraordinary and innovative ways. Akiva ends his teaching by saying, "This I learned from Moses my teacher." (Talmud, *Menuchot* 29b). What is innovative in Judaism is connected authentically to the past.

Think about "turning back to look into the future" as Moses did. Professor Eugene Mihaly teaches that it is, of course, only by our turning around behind us that we can fully and most faithfully look ahead to develop a vision for the future. And we must do so even if that vision represents, as it must at certain times, a significant break from how we have always done things.

Any vision and planning for the future depends on respecting and honoring the past. The new President of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Dr. Andrew Rehfeld recently taught: "The problem is that it's not always clear what we should remember and carry with us, and what we should forget and leave behind."

At Mount Zion, it is not only because we are the oldest synagogue in the Upper Midwest that we have a responsibility to honor the past. We need to strengthen time-tested ways of being as a synagogue even as we seek to engage newer generations differently.

Rabbi Sidney Schwartz was recently in the Twin Cities meeting with community leaders about his ideas of moving toward a Jewish Renaissance. He shared the themes of this renaissance, which are worthy of deeper reflection in the months to come. Tonight, I will share his top two themes briefly: 1) **Authenticity**. To reach people today, we need to provide the real deal, to raise the bar, not lower it, by providing wisdom, social justice opportunities, community and multiple entry points to living a life of sacred purpose. 2) **Relationships**. It is all about *panim el panim*, face to face encounters which can be on-line as well as in-person. Mount Zion's own 2014 Strategic Plan is called "Strengthening Connections" which highlighted relationships as one of the cornerstones of our work building for the future. In our recent 2019 "Strengthening the Future" plan, the number one goal is this kind of engagement.

So we are already building. The boldest outcome from these strategic plans was a new position, our Congregational Engagement Director. With Shai Avny at the helm, so much is happening on multiple fronts:

- We wanted Shai to focus on **MZ Connect**, the new portal for engagement at Mount Zion and the most visible part of our Engagement strategy. The purpose of MZ Connect is to centralize program and engagement offerings online and facilitate in-person and online engagement. The potential of MZ Connect keeps expanding.
  - The cornerstone initiative of MZ Connect is our new **MZ Small Groups**.
    - ◻ 23 groups are on the books. 19 groups are active. Over 120 different people are participating in the groups!
    - ◻ Check out the new MZ Connect portal at [mzion.org](http://mzion.org) under "Connect."
- Shai has had coffee or lunch or **connected personally and in-depth with nearly 100 congregants** so far. (Please read his column on p. 9 and give him a call or email.)
- Besides several new ways of connecting from gift giving on Purim, *Mishloach Manot*, to Shabbat at Home to Young Adult gatherings, Shai's most significant effort was working with several super-volunteers to successfully transition **Caring Community** from its founder and super, super-volunteer Judi Marshall. No small feat.

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## Make Shabbat Your Sanctuary

# Summer Shabbat Service Times

### Friday Shabbat Evening Services

June 8 - August 31 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 Shabbat Morning Services

**June 1, 10:00 a.m.**

*B'chukotai – Lev. 27:1-34\**

Leo & Sebastian Brunelle, B'nei Mitzvah

**June 8, 10:00 a.m.**

*B'midbar – Num. 3:14-4:20\**

Celebrate Shabbat!

**June 15, 10:00 a.m.**

*Naso – Num. 7:1-7:89\**

Ezra Mogelson, Bar Mitzvah

**June 22, 10:00 a.m.**

*B'haalot'cha – Num. 10:35-12:16\**

Nathan Frisch, Bar Mitzvah

**June 29, 10:00 a.m.**

*Sh'lach L'cha – Num. 15:8-15:41\**

Adam Griffith, Bar Mitzvah

**July 6, 10:00 a.m.**

*Korach – Num. 17:25-18:32\**

Bernardo Akerman-Knopf, Bar Mitzvah

**July 13, 10:00 a.m.**

*Chukkat – Num. 21:11-22:1\**

Celebrate Shabbat!

**July 20, 10:00 a.m.**

*Balak – Num. 23:27-25:9\**

Celebrate Shabbat!

**July 27, 10:00 a.m.**

*Pinchas – Num. 28:16-30:1\**

Camden Paper, Bar Mitzvah

**August 3, 10:00 a.m.**

*Matot/Masei – Num. 33:50-36:13\**

Yana Hamilton, Bat Mitzvah

**August 10, 10:00 a.m.**

*Devarim – Deut. 2:31-3:22\**

Shabbat Hazon

Celebrate Shabbat!

**August 17, 10:00 a.m.**

*Va-et'chanan – Deut. 5:1-7:11\**

Shabbat Nachamu

Celebrate Shabbat!

**August 24, 10:00 a.m.**

*Eikev – Deut. 10:12-11:25\**

Samuel Cohen, Bar Mitzvah

**August 31, 10:00 a.m.**

*R'eh – Deut. 15:1-16:17\**

Alexander Bagdade, 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, in room 102. Reservations are not necessary, but we suggest that parents or guardians of infants or children with special needs notify in advance.

### Civil Rights Tour Presentation

Friday, June 14, 6:00 pm during Shabbat Services

Cantor Spilker will give a short presentation about Mount Zion's Civil Rights Tour last March.



### Daily Services

**Going strong after 64 years! All welcome!**

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).

### Come Celebrate Mount Zion's Tzedek (Justice) Volunteers at Shabbat Services

Friday, August 23, 6:00 pm

This special Shabbat will honor and recognize the social justice efforts that you make happen across our congregation. If you have participated in any social justice work through Project HOME/June Shelter, Women of Mount Zion Temple, Brotherhood, the Tzedek Committee, youth group, or the Religious School, we want to celebrate your important work and reflect together about what else we can do to bring about *tikkun olam* (repair of the world).





On August 10th we observe Tisha B'Av, the Ninth of Av, which commemorates the destruction of the two ancient Temples in Jerusalem. Reform Judaism has historically been ambivalent about this traditional day of mourning and fasting. Rabbi Mark Warshofsky writes: "Reform theology has not generally looked upon the loss of the Temple and the expulsion of the people of Israel from its land as a catastrophe to be lamented by liberal Jews." Indeed, some early Reform thinkers celebrated the event, for it was at this point in Jewish history when Judaism became "portable;" we were forced to reconcile with the fact that the Temple and its sacrificial system of worship could no longer serve as our primary conduit for a relationship with God. Rather than worship being centralized in Jerusalem, in a single place, we could carry that possibility of connection with us wherever we went.

Accordingly, for many years I didn't feel much of a connection with Tisha B'Av. While I intellectually recognized that it also marks many other historical tragedies inflicted on the Jewish people, I tended to associate it more with the site of the Temple, and the seemingly constant controversy over access to the Temple Mount and Kotel. Although I immediately fell in love with Israel, my first experiences there as an adult—my Birthright trip and my year in cantorial school—served as bookends to the second intifada, and this, together with the struggle of the Women of the Wall, led me to link the Temple site with tension and violence.

I suspect that many have similar associations, or at least may find Tisha B'Av less accessible than other Jewish holy days. Nevertheless, it provides us with a powerful opportunity to delve unabashedly into our suffering, both communal and personal, and learn the power of re-experiencing the trauma of loss and the hope of renewal. The central text is the anguish-filled litany of Eicha (Lamentations). Yet this text ends with hope, words so central that they are chanted at every Torah service and throughout the High Holy Days: "Take us back, Adonai, and we shall return: renew our days as of old!" There is hope to be found after destruction, and we experience this both in ritual and the calendar as we turn from Tisha B'Av to Rosh Hashanah, the period known as the seven weeks of consolation. Once again, Judaism gives us the means of dealing with destruction, consolation, and renewal, what Rabbi Simon Jacobson calls "the mystery of eternity that has held us together through centuries of upheaval." This year, if it is not already your practice, I encourage you to experience Tisha B'Av, and integrate it into your own understanding of this cycle of loss and renewal.

*Jennifer Strauss-Klein, Cantor*

The 21st Annual Communal Observance of

## Tisha B'Av

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

**Saturday, August 10 / 9 Av**

at Temple of Aaron

**9:45 pm** Teaching

**10:15 pm** Maariv & Eicha (Lamentations) Reading and Songs

Sponsored by Beth Jacob Congregation, Mount Zion Temple, Temple of Aaron



## Choirs at Mount Zion

### Come sing with us!



### Shir Tzion, for 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> graders

Led by Cantor Spilker

- ♪ Meets on Sunday when there is Religious School, 9-9:30 a.m.
- ♪ Participates in services the first Friday of every month
- ♪ Choir Camp - Sunday, September 15 - lunch at 12:15 p.m. followed by extended rehearsal/repertoire learning until 2:15 p.m.

### Shir Chants, for 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders

Led by Cantor Strauss-Klein

- ♪ Meets on Sunday when there is Religious School, 8:45-9:15 a.m.
- ♪ Participates in services regularly throughout the year
- ♪ Choir Camp - Sunday, September 15 - lunch at 12:15 p.m. followed by extended rehearsal/repertoire learning until 2:15 p.m.

### Kol Tzion, for adults

Led by Cantor Strauss-Klein

- ♪ Meets on select Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30 pm
- ♪ Participates in a variety of events throughout the year

Questions? Interested? Contact Cantor Strauss-Klein  
jstraussklein@mzion.org or Cantor Spilker rspilker@mzion.org.



The Twin Cities Jewish Chorale sings new and rarely performed choral works

### A Fresh Look at the Past:

Choral Treasures by Minnesota Composers

**Sunday, June 2, 4:00 pm at Shir Tikvah Congregation**

Tickets: \$15/adult, \$10 Students/65+

Contact twincitiesjewishchorale@gmail.com for more info.

## Trope Troupe

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

**Todah Rabah to our May Ba'alei Korei (chanting Torah):** Ira Denenholz, Max Schibel, Jon Strauss

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



## From the President



My name is Michael Kuhne, and I am your new president. (I'll be honest: writing that does make my knees quake just a little.)

In the two years that I have had to prepare for this role, I have been the beneficiary of some wonderful tutelage. Our previous presidents – Dan Rybeck and Susan Robiner, in particular – have been models of equanimity, thoughtfulness, and optimism. The clergy has been inspiring and supportive. The current Board – and it is a remarkably talented and thoughtful group – has been open, curious, and decisive. Watching them instills me with confidence and reminds me: I am not doing any of this by myself.

I have also had the opportunity for study with others in preparation for this role. In February of 2017, I traveled to Jerusalem – my first visit to Israel! – to study for two weeks with Reform and Progressive Jews from around the world at the Beutel Leadership Institute. My roommate (and soon-to-be friend) was Nelson Brutman from Belo Horizonte, Brazil. There were lay leaders from Poland, England, Australia, Spain, Italy, and China. There was a North American presence, too, with colleagues from Alabama, California, New Jersey, and Canada. There was also a representative from our sister congregation in Modi'in, Israel. We spent the first week in a classroom attached to the Hebrew Union College; the view from the window was of the Old City's Jaffa Gate. (I will forever remember morning prayers, turning to the window, seeing the sunlight reflect on the Jerusalem stone.) The second week we spent at Lotan, a Reform kibbutz in the Negev of southern Israel. Every morning before our sessions began, I would run. Whether in Jerusalem or the desert, running is such a wonderful way to see and know a place (and there's nothing quite like watching a sunrise in the Negev). Beutel provided me with a more global perspective on what Reform Judaism looks like in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

More recently, I had the privilege of spending a long weekend at the Scheidt Seminar near Atlanta with 150 presidents or incoming presidents of Reform synagogues in North America. It was comforting to listen to my peers discussing many of the same issues that we at Mount Zion debate: membership, security, and engagement arose time and time again. Everyone was equal parts excitement and trepidation. Everyone wants to do well by their congregations. And so do I.

Two workshops, two years' worth of executive committee meetings, a couple of dozen board meetings ... I should be ready to go, right?

Well, ready or not, it's happening.

I am so honored to be Mount Zion's congregation president. This synagogue has been my family's spiritual and cultural home since 1995. I have watched my three children grow up here. I have renewed marriage vows with my beloved spouse Amanda on our lovely patio – this time under a chuppah. I have cried tears both of joy and sadness on many occasions. Here. With you. At Mount Zion.

I look forward to the next two years in this role. If you don't know me, please don't hesitate to introduce yourself to me. I would like to get to know you. If you do know me, stay close: I am going to need your support.

Be well,

*Michael Kuhne, President*

## Letter from the Rabbi

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(At the meeting, Shai shared anecdotes from the past year about relationship building and authenticity.)

**Tonight at this Annual Meeting evening we honor gifts of time and talent.** So many people give so much of themselves to make Mount Zion strong. Just think about this. Many organizations' and even synagogues' annual meetings celebrate financial giving. Our primary purpose tonight is to celebrate the giving of volunteer time from all who serve on the Board and committees to our Volunteer of the Year to our MZ Small Group leaders to ... well just read the Annual Report! This is Mount Zion's beautiful culture and it will not change. We honor and so appreciate gifts of time and spirit.

It will not change, but as we know, in addition to our volunteer efforts it takes *trumot*, financial gifts from the heart to build any community. In the months and year ahead, we will be inviting your support of our Endowment Campaign, which we are calling *Make Firm Our Steps Endowment Campaign*, to emphasize that we are strengthening the financial bedrock of our sacred home and our collective future *l'dor vador*, from generation to generation. We are at an exciting crossroads for our community, and I am your partner in ensuring our collective success. We will share more about the *Make Firm Our Steps* campaign in the Fall.

I'd like to end our Annual meeting with blessing and invite my colleagues, clergy and staff, to the *bima*. I am so grateful for their partnership. Tonight, we are honoring Rabbi Adler for her 18 extraordinary years of service to our congregation. I will share my appreciation during the service tonight. This year we have also brought comfort to her as she remembers her father Jerry who died last summer. May his memory be for a blessing. A few months ago, we celebrated with Cantor Strauss-Klein as her son Henry became Bar Mitzvah. Every year brings its sorrows and simchas. We stand by each other through them all. Every year also brings its own challenges. I want to offer a special note of gratitude to Sue Summit who has helped our community navigate staffing transitions in truly exceptional ways, many behind the scenes and through many, many hours of service, all out of love and devotion to our community. We thank you Sue. (*Sustained applause*).

Together, we - staff, clergy, lay leaders, and community members - strive to be true to our core values of *Torah*, *Avodah*, and *Gemilut Chasadim*, engaging deep learning of our morals and ideals, seeking to honor the Holy One of Blessing, and remembering it is all about kindness, bringing more loving-kindness and justice into the world.

So in the words of the Psalmist, "Let Mount Zion rejoice!" We have much to celebrate but it is not just for ourselves. We are doing all we do for the sake of the Jewish people *l'dor vador* and truly for our wider world here in our corner of Minnesota. May we continue to go *mei'chayil l'chayil*, from strength to strength.

*Adam Stock Spilker, Rabbi*



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# Shavuot

Shavuot is the Hebrew word for “weeks” and refers to the Jewish festival marking the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai, which occurs seven weeks after Passover. Shavuot, like many other Jewish holidays, began as an ancient agricultural festival that marked the end of the spring barley harvest and the beginning of the summer wheat harvest. In ancient times, Shavuot was a pilgrimage festival during which Israelites brought crop offerings to the Temple in Jerusalem. Today, it is a celebration of Torah, education, and actively choosing to participate in Jewish life.

## Saturday, June 8 / 6 Sivan

### 7:30 p.m. Shavuot/Confirmation Service

A graphic for a confirmation class. It features a blue border decorated with small blue cubes. At the top center is an illustration of a mountain with a book and a scroll. The text is centered within the border.

**Our 2019/5779 Confirmation Class**

*Maddie Bagdade  
Isaac Berlin  
Julian Brunelle  
Anna Dreyfus  
Maren Fossum-Wernick  
Bill Lincman  
Sam Levine  
Talya Levitt  
Abby Long  
Ellie Long  
Lucy Pramas  
Jenny Ries  
Elijah Rothstein  
Emmet Tanzer-Tragatsch  
Max Wall  
Sadie Wall  
Benjamin Wallen*

### Tikkun Leil Shavuot

*Join us for Torah Study on the Festival of Shavuot*

9:30 pm - Midnight

9:30 pm Shavuot Oneg - Cheesecake

10:00 pm **Place and Displacement:**

**I stand with Ruth**



We will explore and reflect on the immigrant experience through the contexts of our own experiences and characters in the Book of Ruth.

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

## Sunday, June 9 / 6 Sivan

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



# Mount Zion Community Summer Picnic

## Sunday, August 18, 11 am - 2 pm

at Indian Mounds Regional Park (10 Mounds Blvd., Saint Paul)

*Sponsored by Women of Mount Zion, Brotherhood, and Begegenen*

Food and beverages are free! The park features a picnic area, play area, BBQ grills, hiking and biking trails, public art, and more.

**Do you have kids under 16 years old?** We will have 3 different activities for kids lead by the Mount Zion Teens.

**Love BBQ?** Suggest to us your favorite food to BBQ and it might be on the menu.

**There is a fully accessible restroom.** For other concerns or questions about accessibility, contact Brian Serle 612-251-5045 or [bksrle@yahoo.com](mailto:bksrle@yahoo.com).



## Join Mount Zion and J-Pride in the Ashley Rukes Pride Parade Sunday, June 23, 11 am - 2pm

**Everyone welcome!**

**This is our 15<sup>th</sup> year parading with J-Pride!**

Please join our Mount Zion community, as we march down Hennepin Ave.

Haven't missed a year? That's Fabulous! Never been to Pride before? This is your year! Wear a J-Pride shirt, a Jewish youth group shirt, or a J-Pride Sticker and walk, dance the "Hora on Hennepin," and celebrate together! As always, **EVERYONE** is welcome! Friends, Partners, Parents, Spouses, Teens, All Ages of Adults, Kids with an Adult!

Contact Jayce Koester, J-Pride Program Coordinator, at 612-481-1037 or [jkoester@jfcsmpls.org](mailto:jkoester@jfcsmpls.org). J-Pride will have a table all day at Loring Park on June 23.

**We are saving a spot for you!**

# Religious School News



Thank you all for another extraordinary year here at Mount Zion. Serving as your Religious School Director has been a privilege and an honor. Those of you who were at our Yom Acharon closing service saw just how many teachers, advocates, madrichim, support staff and volunteers are involved in providing formal and informal educational opportunities to our students and their families. All told, we invited 105 individuals up to the bima to be recognized for their roles in passing our Jewish traditions *L'dor v'dor* (from generation to generation).

This year, Yom Acharon fell during the week we read the Torah portion, *B'har*, which can be found in the book of Vayikra (Leviticus), Chapter 25, Verse 1 to Chapter 26, Verse 2. *B'har* is Hebrew for "on the mount." We learn that on Mount Sinai, God told Moses to tell the Israelites the law of the Sabbatical year for the land. *Six years you may sow your field, and in the SEVENTH year the land shall have a Sabbath of complete rest, a Sabbath of Adonai during which you shall not sow the fields or prune your vineyard.*

Does this sound familiar? *Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the SEVENTH day is a Sabbath to Adonai your God.* This pattern of work and rest is vital for the well-being of the land, and for our own bodies, minds and souls. In Pirkei Avot (the teachings of our ances-

tors), we learn, "You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to desist from it." While we cannot desist, there is true merit in resting from time to time to regain our strength and perspective to continue our work. I like to call this period of Jewish time of rest, reJEWvenation.

And here we are concluding another year of hard work at our religious school. Over the summer, while we are scattered about at various summer camps, traveling, visiting family and friends, we will have experiences that will enhance the work we will continue together in the Jewish Year 5780.

The clergy and staff will be here at Mount Zion with hopes that you will visit from time to time; perhaps each Shabbat. We will be preparing for the upcoming school and Jewish year at a slower, more relaxing pace than during the frenetic period from Rosh HaShanah to Shavuot. We each will, in our own ways, find time to reJEWvenate between today and when we assemble again for Yom Rishon (the first day of the school year), 16 Shabbatot from now. I plan to make this a **Summer of Shabbatot**, during which I will celebrate each Shabbat in a unique and holy way, and I challenge you to do the same. I have many exciting plans for reJEWvenating each Shabbat. Watch Facebook and Instagram for weekly updates!

May you be blessed as you go on your way,

*Sue Summit, Religious School Director*

## Register for Religious School Today!

2019-2020 Religious School Registration at [mzion.org](http://mzion.org) (bottom right of homepage)! If you have any questions about the registration process, please contact Tymina Howerton, Administrative Coordinator, [office@mzion.org](mailto:office@mzion.org).

### Lower School Fall Dates

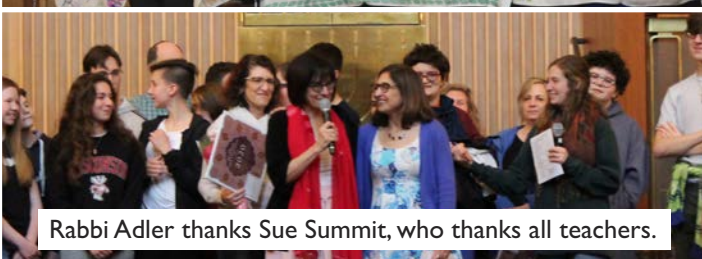
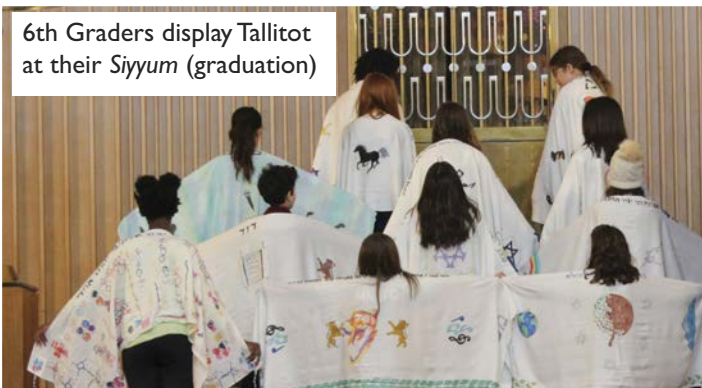
**Sunday, September 15**

Yom Rishon—First Sunday of Religious School

**Wednesday, September 18**

First Night of Hebrew School

6th Graders display Tallitot at their Siyyum (graduation)



Rabbi Adler thanks Sue Summit, who thanks all teachers.

### Chai School Fall Dates

**Wednesday, September 18**

First Night of Chai School



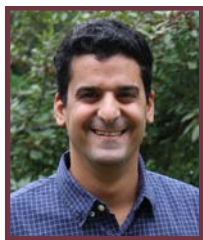
7th & 12th Graders lead Birkat Hamazon.



Seniors at Chai School Graduation.



# A Message from our Congregational Engagement Director



People ask me, "What do you do at MZ?" The answer, of course, is Congregational Engagement Director. "Well, what does an Engagement Director do?" My role is a fairly new one in the Jewish community. In my opinion, it's one of the most important functions in any social organization. Think about the word "Engagement." We want to be engaged in our kids' lives, with our friends,

and in our community. Life can get hectic, busy, and challenging; work, kids, family, partners. I see my position as helping members develop and implement plans and strategies to bond and build relationships through shared interests and passions, to grow and flourish through small groups initiatives, community activities, and major events.

I believe that building new relationships at MZ is a way to make our lives easier and more joyful. Go meet one congregant for coffee or for a walk by the river for one hour without your kids, partner, or cell phone. You will find out that you have a lot more in common than you think, and it will likely be the highlight of your day. Next time you come to MZ, you might see this congregant and I promise you, it is going to feel much nicer to see another person you know. You might find yourself having dinner with your new friend's family or doing more activities together. If you need help reaching out to different people in our community, please let me know. I would love to help make introductions.

I've been at MZ almost a year now, and it has been a great year. I was fortunate to find my way to MZ and meet some of the greatest people. The congregation is inspiring, kind, welcoming, fun, and motivated to grow. It has been an honor to connect with the MZ community. Even though my education, skills and background met the criteria for the job, I did not anticipate how much I would learn and become enriched by working with you. I have met incredible people and believe me, you don't want to miss out on the opportunity to expand your community of friends here.

When I started my job, the main focus for me was launching MZ Small Groups, followed by helping with the Caring Community, Young Adults, Israel Kivvun and more. Lucky for me, I started in a year focusing on Israel. I have quite a bit of experience on the subject. I learned so much about different Jewish organizations and how they work independently and together, respectfully, in spite of often very differing points of view. The Israel Kivvun members created and implemented a great program for our community, and we are so fortunate for their dedication and hard work.

As a Jewish person who lives in Minnesota, I support Israel. It is not my goal to persuade congregants to think like me. But I do believe that when the Israeli Government makes decisions that affect the Jewish community as a whole, and sometimes even challenge our most treasured values and beliefs and freedom of religious expression, that we must speak out and work together to send the message loud and clear. I am very excited about the steps that the Israel Kivvun mindfully took to offer our congregants educational opportunities and different discussion forums with knowledgeable people from all aspects of interest. It was very heartening to see how this topic was covered with respect, enthusiasm, and free expression.

In the next few months, I am going to be more involved in our teen programs. We, of course, all agree that they are the future of our Jewish Community and MZ. We want to create a safe and fun place for them to grow, find inspiration and, no doubt, inspire us, because they are amazing!

Reach out to me with any questions and ideas. I have lots of ways to help you reach the right resource or create something new.

Enjoy the spring and summer (I'm told it's coming). Send me an email ([savny@mzion.org](mailto:savny@mzion.org)) and let's meet for coffee or ice cream.

*Shai Avny,  
Congregational Engagement Director*

## Please Invite Your Friends and Acquaintances to Meet Mount Zion!

### An Open House and Brunch for Unaffiliated Jews in Our Community

**Sunday, September 15, 10:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.**

Mount Zion's annual Open House has been extremely successful in introducing our Temple to those seeking a welcoming and vibrant Jewish spiritual home. Please invite those you know who are unaffiliated so they can:

- ✧ Discover 160+ years of Mount Zion's rich history.
- ✧ Learn about different opportunities for young adults and young families
- ✧ Learn about Mount Zion's dedication to worship, learning, & social justice.
- ✧ Meet our clergy, lay leaders, and Temple members.
- ✧ Tour our building and religious school.
- ✧ Get a taste of our various organizations and activities.

**Attendees can RSVP at [mzion.org](http://mzion.org) or contact Shai Avny with questions at [savny@mzion.org](mailto:savny@mzion.org) or 651-698-3881.**

**Complimentary High Holy Days nametags (tickets) will be given to Open House guests.**

Childcare Provided.



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## A Generous Gift from the Women of Mount Zion Temple



At the 163rd Annual Meeting, held on Friday, May 10, the Women of Mount Zion Temple presented a very generous donation to Mount Zion. The Women of Mount Zion Temple gave funding for a new temple telephone system, as well as a new sound system that can be used both in Margolis Hall and on the Perwein-ZaiKaner Terrace.

The telephone system will not only improve communications for calls coming into and out of the building, but will also allow telephones to be installed in all of the school wing classrooms for communication between classrooms and between the office and classrooms. There will also be a button on the new telephones to direct dial 911 in emergency situations. These features are great additions to our safety and security systems (and were recommended by the Mount Zion Safety Committee).

A new sound system will improve the sound in Margolis Hall for “Shabbat for the Soul” and “Visual “T’filah” services, as well as all programs and events held in the hall. This portable sound system will also be used on the Terrace for Friday night Shabbat services during the summer and other events held on the patio.

Both of these new systems are wonderful enhancements to Mount Zion and will benefit all members and guests. We are very grateful for the Women of Mount Zion Temple for all that they do and contribute to our community!

# Volunteers Needed!

## Mount Zion Garage Sale

Run by the Women of Mount Zion Temple.

*For volunteer dates, see p. 13.*



Moms, Dads, Guardians, and Grandparents of B'nei Mitzvah or Confirmands: Service requirements by high schools may also be fulfilled through this work! Certificates of service will be available for volunteer hours.

**Join us for a BBQ for all volunteers on Sunday, July 21 at 1:00 p.m.**

Thank you so much for being involved in our community. We are looking forward to a superb garage sale!

Sign up will be available online this summer. If you have any questions, please contact Penny Druker at [pdruker@comcast.net](mailto:pdruker@comcast.net) or 651-488-5261 or Ilona Rouda at 651-260-2966.

## Thank you to all the generous supporters of the L'Chaim 5779 Annual Campaign in honor of Rabbi Adler's 18 years at Mount Zion.



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**Todah Rabah!**



# Women of Mount Zion Temple

## 2019 Mount Zion



### Donation Days:

July 21 & July 28: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

July 22-25: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

July 26: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

### Sale Dates:

Opening Night - July 31, 6 - 9:30 p.m. (\$5 entry fee)

August 1, 4 Noon - 6 pm

August 2, Noon - 4 pm

August 4, Noon - 6 pm

August 7 & 8, 4 - 8 pm

August 9, 12 - 4 pm Half Priced day

August 11, 3 - 6 pm Bag Day

Things that we do not take: Large Appliances, Televisions, CDs, DVDs, VHS players, Computers, Monitors, Printers, VHS tapes, Typewriters, Mattresses. If you have any questions or want to schedule a pick up, contact Penny Druker at [PDruker@comcast.net](mailto:PDruker@comcast.net) or 612-750-4797.

# High Holy Days 2019

## Selichot – Elul 22

Saturday, September 21 – Evening Service

## Rosh Hashanah – Tishrei 1

Sunday, September 29 – Evening Service

Monday, September 30 – Day Services

## Yom Kippur – Tishrei 10

Tuesday, October 8 – Kol Nidre Evening

Wednesday, October 9 – Day Services

## Sukkot – Tishrei 15

Monday, October 14 – Morning Service

## Simchat Torah – Tishrei 22

Sunday, October 20 – Evening Service

Monday, October 21 – Morning Service (Yizkor)

# Judy Sharken Simon

## Member of Mount Zion Legacy Circle



We had the pleasure of talking recently with Judy Sharken Simon at her office at the St. Paul Jewish Federation. A native of Highland Park, IL, and the youngest of four siblings, Judy grew up in a Reform synagogue on Chicago's North Shore. She studied at Michigan State and the University of Minnesota before she began her career in organizational development. She has spent her career so far serving non-profit organizations. One was at HECUA (the Higher Education Consortium for Urban Affairs) of St. Paul, which focuses on helping college students learn about and study issues of social justice locally and abroad. Another was at St. Paul's Wilder Foundation, a sponsor of many programs that create lasting, positive change rooted in people through direct services, research and community building. For the past three years, she has served as the Planning Director for our Jewish Federation. Judy's husband Chris is an electrical engineer, and they have two daughters, Tahlia and Maya. Tahlia is a graduate of Mount Zion's Religious School. Tahlia recently graduated from the University of Iowa, where her sister Maya is a sophomore. (Go Hawkeyes!) Judy has been involved in planning and facilitating our Kehillah Councils, as well as strategic planning here at Mount Zion. She sees Mount Zion as an authentic

and welcoming spiritual home. She likes the congregation's embrace of people from all walks of Jewish life, including interfaith couples. Judy has joined Mount Zion's Legacy Circle by making a Legacy gift to our congregation. Although it will be many years before it comes to fruition, the gift from Judy will help Mount Zion continue to be a place where people with a wide variety of backgrounds and beliefs can be comfortable.

If you have questions about how to become a Legacy Circle member and ensure the future of Mount Zion, please contact Larry Solomon at [lsolomon@mzion.org](mailto:lsolomon@mzion.org) or call him at the Mount Zion office.

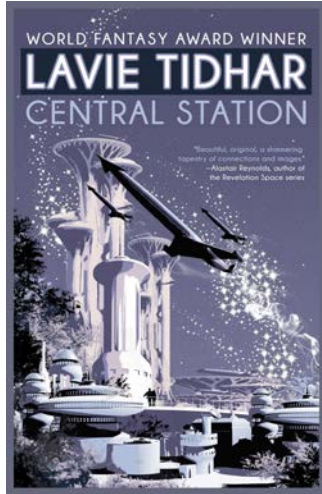


## Israel Book Club

### **Central Station** by Lavie Tidhar

**Monday, July 1, 7:00 pm**

Winner of the World Fantasy Award, this story takes place in Tel Aviv several centuries in the future where the most prominent feature in the skyline is no longer Shalom Meir Tower, but Central Station, an hourglass shaped spaceport reaching hundreds of stories into the sky. From the book jacket: "When (Israeli) Boris Aaron Chong reluctantly returns to Central Station from Mars, he finds (Tel Aviv in) utter chaos. His ex-lover is raising a child who taps into minds with the touch of a finger. Boris's father has a multi-generational mind-plague. His space-faring cousin is infatuated with a cyborg robotnik. And an erratic data vampire has followed Boris home..." Mount Zion Library has a copy of the book. Questions, email Jonathan Eisenthal at [johnnyirondale@gmail.com](mailto:johnnyirondale@gmail.com)



## St. Croix Boating Night

Thursday, June 13, 6:30-8:30 pm

Sponsored by Brotherhood.

This is a **FREE EVENT**, open to all members of Mount Zion and their families. We'll bring the food as we sail down the St. Croix River in two pontoon boats, with a complimentary dinner of sandwiches and snacks. Please bring your favorite beverages. Be sure to register at [mzion.org](http://mzion.org) as space is limited.

Questions? Contact Bruce Matza at 651-337-2543.



## Caring Community

### **We'll be here for you...**

Caring Community supports Mount Zion congregants in times of challenge and joy. We can provide meals, rides, visits, shiva support, or work with you in other ways. While it can be very difficult to ask for help, it is a mitzvah and a gift to others to give them the opportunity, and strengthens our community.

Please reach out to us: our Congregational Engagement Director Shai Avny ([savny@mzion.org](mailto:savny@mzion.org)), clergy, or staff. If you hear of someone in need, let them know that we provide this support, or if appropriate, let us know. Let us know too if you would like to be a helper when needs arise.

**Mount Zion cares!**

## Library Happenings

**Thank you to everyone who attended the Bloom Library's 90th Anniversary celebration on April 28.**



Thank you to my committee members for their participation, to Rabbi Spilker for his introduction, to the Bloom family for their many decades of support, and to Fred Amram for his wonderful talk! All of you made this a memorable occasion.

Thank you to all of our members who have helped improve the library collection by their donations of books and magazines this past year.

During this summer I will continue my efforts to upgrade and update the library. Have a wonderful summer! See you in the Fall!

-Bob Epstein, Librarian

## Accessibility & Inclusion

Looking for some good summer reading? Check out some of the many Jewish - and disability - related books in our very own library at Mount Zion. Here are some recommendations from the Accessibility and Inclusion Committee:

Gottlieb, Eli. *Best Boy: A Novel*

Cohen, Brad. *Front of The Class: How Tourette Syndrome Made Me the Teacher I Never Had*

Levy, Chava Willig. *A Life Not With Standing: A Memoir*

As always, if you are interested in joining our efforts to make Mount Zion an inclusive, accessible, and welcoming space for everyone, please be in touch with Cantor Spilker or Joan Ostrove ([ostrove@macalester.edu](mailto:ostrove@macalester.edu)). If you have suggestions or requests for making Mount Zion even more accessible and welcoming to you, either of us would be happy to hear from you.

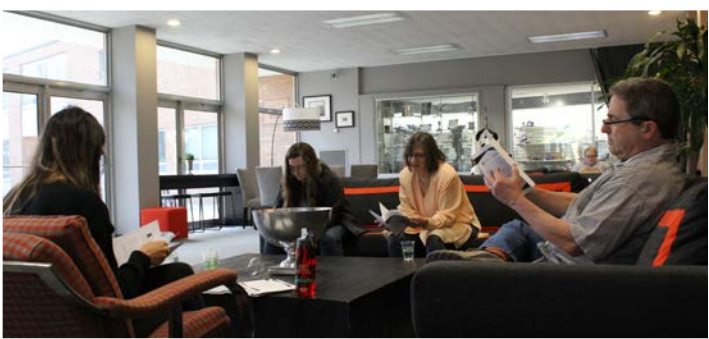
### **Accessibility at Mount Zion**

We strive to make all our programs and services accessible to all. If you have any accessibility requests for a particular event or service, please let us know as far in advance as possible by contacting Larry Solomon at [lsolomon@mzion.org](mailto:lsolomon@mzion.org) or 651-638-3881.



# Culminating our Year of Israel: Learning and Talking Together

Z. Willard Finberg Congregational Education Day - May 5, 2019



## Israeli Musician-in-Residence: **Dror Sinai**



# B'nei Mitzvah

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## Ezra Mogelson *June 15, 2019*

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**Ezra** Mogelson is the son of Laura and Tony Mogelson. He is the grandson of Martha and Larry Kvols, Judy and Buster Radel, and the late Jack Mogelson, of blessed memory. Ezra has an older brother Wyatt. He is in the 7th Grade at Friendly Hills Middle School. Ezra's favorite subjects in school are Math, Science, and Reading. Ezra loves to play basketball and soccer. In honor of his Bar Mitzvah he will be donating a portion of his gift money to Neighborhood House in Saint Paul, where he volunteers.

## Adam Griffith *June 29, 2019*

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**Adam** (Adam Moshe) is the son of Jessica and Brent Griffith, and the older brother of David Griffith. His grandparents are Myra and Murray Helfer, Alan and Suzanne Gross, Charlotte Griffith, and Alan and Kay (z"l) Griffith. He will be entering eighth grade at Friends School of Minnesota, where his favorite subjects are science and math. Adam plays drums and enjoys music, watching movies and YouTube, and playing Fortnite. He also is a madrich in the fourth-grade Hebrew class. Adam will donate a portion of his gift money to the food shelf at Neighborhood House, where he volunteered this winter.

## Bernardo Akerman-Knopf *July 6, 2019*

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**Bernardo** (Ben) is the son of Lys and Jessalyn Akerman-Frank and Elise and Amy Knopf. He is the grandson of Lucia and (Bernardo) Akerman, Lana and Morris Knopf, Debbie and (Raymond) Fettig, and Eleanor and (Waybrun, Jr) Hebert. He has an older brother, Sam and a loving, blended family that includes Sarah, Elizabeth, Rebekah, Katelyn, Anthony Frank, and Ryle. Ben will be in the 8th grade at Open World Learning Secondary School in Saint Paul, MN. He likes participating in the Temple's activities and love being a part of the Temple community. He has three dogs and two cats.

## Yana Hamilton *August 3, 2019*

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**Yana** Hamilton is the daughter of Laura Waxman and Shaan Hamilton. She is the granddaughter of Anita and Bernard Waxman and Uve and Neil Hamilton. Yana is a 7th grader at Chippewa Middle School. She likes playing guitar, singing in her school's choir and glee club, climbing on rock climbing walls, hanging out with friends, and going on walks and bike rides with her family. For her service hours, she volunteered at Second Harvest Heartland, where she helped pack food to be delivered to food shelves across Minnesota. She will be donating to Second Harvest in honor of her Bat Mitzvah.

## Nathan Frisch *June 22, 2019*

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**Nathan** James Georel Frisch is the child of Loren and Shelly Frisch. His grandparents are Gerry and Gail Frisch, Wayne and Kay Goldsworthy. He has an older brother and sister Tasha and Max. He is in the 7th grade at Heritage Estem Middle School. His favorite subject is Math. He is on the swim team and does traveling baseball in his free time. He enjoys Boy scouts and video games as well. His Mitzvah project is Feed My Starving Children and it was selected because it is the first thing that came to his mind because its fun. This is where he will be directing his funds as well. He learned not to procrastinate from this experience.

## Camden Paper *July 27, 2019*

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**Camden** Paper is the son of Marc and Sarah Paper and the grandson of Rita and Steve Paper as well Susan and John (in memory) Egbers. He has two siblings, Ayla (9) and Kallen (6) and is currently finishing 7th grade at Blackhawk Middle School in Eagan. Camden's interests include basketball, basketball and when he's not playing PS4, basketball. His Mitzvah project included volunteering at a retirement home in Bloomington where he spent time with residents playing cards and telling stories. In honor of his Bar Mitzvah he will be donating a portion of his gift money to help kids who don't have access to sports equipment.

## Samuel Cohen *August 24, 2019*

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**Samuel** (Shmuel Eliahu) is the son of Susanne and Warren Cohen and older brother of Joshua. He is the grandson of Arlene and Dr. Larry Cohen and Karen and Thomas Wickie. Sam will be entering 8th grade at Black Hawk Middle School in Eagan. Sam's favorite subjects in school are math and science. Sam has participated in the Future Cities Competition the past two years, his team looks to improve on their MN state top 5 finish in the coming year. Outside of school Sam loves cooking, training for boxing at MN Top Team, and attending camp at OSRUI over the summer. Looking forward, Sam has his sights set on becoming an astronaut and raising a family. For his Mitzvah Project, Sam volunteered at Feed My Starving Children packaging food for children suffering from hunger and malnutrition across the globe. Sam plans to donate a portion of his Bar Mitzvah money to Feed My Starving Children, and the Jeremiah Program, a local organization that supports single mothers pursuing a career-track, college education.



## B'nei Mitzvah



Alexander Bagdade

August 31, 2019

**Alex** (Yehuda Acharon) is the son of Paul and Jennifer Bagdade and brother to Madeline. He is the grandson of Mitchell and Susan Kaplan, and Charles and Gail Bagdade. Alex is in the 7th grade at Capitol Hill, and his favorite subjects are math and English. Alex enjoys robotics, playing tennis, biking, baking and reading. He is in the choir at Mount Zion and at his school. He serves as a Madrich at Mt. Zion, is on the robotics team at Capitol Hill, and plays piano. In honor of his Bar Mitzvah, Alex volunteered with Jewish Family Service of St. Paul's (JFS) Passover for All program, providing Passover supplies to help low-income and isolated Jews celebrate Passover. Alex will donate a portion of his gift money to JFS.

## Begegenen!

### For Active Adults

*Formerly Prime Timers*

Calling all B'GeeGee's! (thanks to Steve Levin for the new Begegenen nickname!)

We hope to provide several opportunities for gatherings this summer. If you are not already on the Begegenen email list, contact Phil Goldman (pgold1926@gmail.com) to have your email added.

Specific events and dates this summer will be selected by means of Doodle polls and other planning tools, and announced through *This Week at Mount Zion*, the Shabbat card, and the listserv. We will plan to facilitate participation by helping to arrange for carpooling.

Current options include:

### Music in the Park

Check out the current schedule at Como Park (stpaul.gov, under Parks & Recreation) as well as other locations. Preferences for one or more concerts will be selected via Doodle polls.



### Ethnic Festivals

Throughout the cities, festivals provide an ideal opportunity to experience other religions, cultures, food, music, and dance. Listed below are just a few of the many events that go on in and around Saint Paul. Let Phil know if you know of other festivals we might include, and stayed tuned for the Doodle poll here as well.



**Aug 18-19** St. George Greek Summer Festival, Summit Avenue

**Aug 24-25** Egyptian Coptic Festival; St Mary's Coptic Orthodox Church, South Saint Paul

**Sept 14-15** Armenian Festival; Saint Sahag Church, St. Paul

**Sept 15** Czech and Slovak Festival, Sokol Minnesota, St. Paul

Contact Phil at pgold1926@gmail.com with questions.

## Brotherhood

### Brotherhood 2019-20 Officers

**President:** Brian Serle

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**Past presidents:** Shel Finver, Richard Newmark, Ira Kipp

**Treasurer:** Charles Stander

**VP Bagel Sales:** Bruce Noyes

**Bagel sales.** We want to thank all our volunteers and to everyone who visited our Bagel Bar to buy bagels and lox, hot chocolate and coffee. Thanks to your donations, Brotherhood has been able to support various programs at Mount Zion. Thank you especially to **Bruce Noyes**, who managed this enterprise into a very successful and profitable program for us.

**Mother's Day Brunch** at the Temple was a big event, with mothers and their loved ones enjoying a **big complimentary breakfast**. Thank you all for attending this annual traditional event, and thanks to all our volunteers who helped to set up and serve.

**8th Annual Men's Retreat** was a great success. A big thank you to **Bruce Matza**, for planning and facilitating the whole weekend. Thanks also to **Jonathan Eisenthal**, who led us in meaningful worship, **Phil Goldman** for teaching us Rashi; **Shel Finver**, **Rick Linsk**, **Glenn Hardin**, and **Brad Elkin**, for excellent chanting of Torah and Haftarah, and to **Shai Avny**, our wonderful Congregational Engagement Director, who shared his stories of Israel and life in the IDF (Israel Defense Force).

**Grand Old Day parking** - Sunday, June 2. A major fundraising opportunity for our Temple. Come help us park cars and make money for the Temple! Thanks, **Jeff Summit**, for managing this event!

### Mount Zion St. Croix Boating Night

**June 13, 6:30-8:30 pm This is a FREE**

**EVENT**, open to all members of Mount Zion and their families. We'll bring the food as we sail down the St. Croix River in two pontoon boats, with a complimentary dinner of sandwiches and snacks. Please bring your favorite beverages. Be sure to register at mzion.org as space is limited.



**Mount Zion Family Picnic – Sunday, August 18** – great food, entertainment...bring your entire family for a **complimentary barbecue** sponsored by Women of Mount Zion Temple, Brotherhood, and Begegenen (formerly Prime Timers).

### Have a terrific summer!

B'Shalom,

Brian Serle, Brotherhood President

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# Mount Zion at the Reform Movement's Consultation on Conscience

(Run by the Religious Action Center)

## May 19 -21

Seven Mount Zion members (*Janet Kampf, Tom Marver, Jessica Griffith, Danielle Salus, Michael Kuhne, Sam Schauvaney, and Rabbi Spilker*) joined 1200 people for an inspiring few days at the Consultation on Conscience in Washington DC. We talked about our country, our values, and what we need to do.

This was the largest turnout ever for this biennial Reform Movement conference. Join the next one Apr 25-27, 2021. Better yet, join the larger URJ Biennial in Chicago this December (see p. 4)





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## Summer Shabbat Eve Service Times

Every Friday night, From Memorial Day to Labor Day  
**May 31 - August 30 at 6 p.m.**



The 21st Annual Communal Observance of

## Tisha B'Av

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



**Saturday, August 10 / 9 Av**  
at Temple of Aaron

**9:45 pm** Teaching

**10:15 pm** Maariv & Eicha (Lamentations) Reading and Songs

Sponsored by Beth Jacob Congregation, Mount Zion Temple, Temple of Aaron

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## Shavuot

**Saturday - Sunday, June 8 & 9**

See page 6 for details.



**This Shavuot,  
I stand with Ruth.**

## MZ Community Summer Picnic

**Sunday, August 18, 11 am - 2 pm**

at Indian Mounds Regional Park (10 Mounds Blvd., Saint Paul)  
Sponsored by Women of Mount Zion, Brotherhood, and Begegenen

Food and beverages are free! The park features a picnic area, play area, BBQ grills, hiking and biking trails, public art, and more.

See p. 7 for details.

