Want to join or start a new MZ Small Group?

Go to **MZ Connect**
(mzion.org/connect) for more information.

*MZ Connect was awarded at the North America URJ (Reform Movement) Biennial in December.

Some of our MZ Small Group leaders.
Who is a Jew or What is Judaism - Which is the Question?

For many years, the Jewish community has wrestled with the question, “Who is a Jew?” In 1983 the Reform Movement made a radical move. As described by Rabbi Dana Kaplan, our upcoming scholar in residence, “Contrary to nearly 2,000 years of tradition, the resolution accepted the Jewish identity of children of Jewish fathers and non-Jewish mothers under certain circumstances.” Come learn from Rabbi Kaplan (p. 13).

For now, I want to consider a different question, raised by President Trump’s December executive order declaring anti-semitism to be covered under Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Title VI prohibits discrimination “on the ground of race, color, or national origin.” The obvious question, which I am also not going to address is “Is it good for the Jews?” although I encourage you to consider it. I want to discuss a much more fundamental question raised by this order: What is Judaism?

When the executive order first hit the news, the CNN headline was: “Trump Administration, Citing Anti-Semitism on College Campuses, to Interpret Judaism as a Nationality.” That wasn’t quite accurate, but if the President is going to be determining what Judaism is, it seems we ought to figure it out for ourselves first. I raised the question with the Confirmation class and with folks at Shabbat Morning services. There are many possible answers, and our members expressed widely divergent opinions.

Is Judaism a religion? Undoubtedly, yes, it is “an organized system of beliefs.” On the other hand, there are many, many Jews who don’t go to synagogue or practice any of the rituals, or even believe in God, and yet still consider themselves Jews. Clearly, then, there is more to being Jewish than just a religion.

Are Jews a nation? According to the Torah, yes, we are, in the ancient sense that we are a group of people with a common history and destiny. On the other hand, in the modern understanding of a territorial or political entity considering Jews a nation can and has led to accusations of dual loyalty for Jews in the diaspora.

Is Judaism a culture or ethnic group? There are certainly cultural aspects, and for many, Judaism is entirely cultural as opposed to religious. On the other hand, Persian or Morrocan Jews are more likely to eat bourekas than bagels, and curse in Arabic rather than Yiddish. So, if anything it is a variety of cultures or ethnicities.

Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz offers another paradigm: We Jews are an extended family. Like a family, we hold each other to the very highest standards, and we don’t always agree with each other, yet we bristle when someone else unfairly criticizes us. When members of our family suffer, we feel their pain. When a family member does something illegal or immoral, we all feel the shame. And when a family member accomplishes something significant, we all share their pride. One can be born into a family, or join it. Sadly, one can also leave a family.

You are reading this article because either you are Jewish, or care about someone who is. But what does that really mean to you? What is it you are a part of, and whose job is it to determine that? I’d love to know your thoughts! Feel free to write me at eadler@mzion.org.

Esther Adler, Rabbi

*See “What is Judaism” at www.jewfaq.org for a full version of this argument.

Coffee with the Clergy

Sundays from 10-10:30 am Sisterhood Lounge (back of Harris Chapel)

Stop by for a conversation and nosh with the clergy. They will have a brief teaching about Reform Judaism.

- January 26 – Rabbi Adler – What does RJ say about God?
- February 23 – Cantor Spilker – What does RJ say about Torah?
- March 15 – Rabbi Spilker – What does RJ say about Israel?
- April 26 – Cantor Strauss-Klein - What does RJ say about Ritual?
Make Shabbat Your Sanctuary

Monthly Services in Margolis Hall
Visual T'filah - January 17, 7:30 pm
Shabbat for the Soul - February 21, 7:30 pm

Spend Shabbat with Friends!
Congregational Shabbat Dinner
February 7, Dinner: 5 p.m.; Service: 6:30 p.m.
Cost before Jan 27: $12 adults; $6 kids (11 and under)
Cost after Jan 27: $15 adults; $8 kids

This Shabbat Dinner has been generously subsidized by Brotherhood.*
(The unsubsidized cost is $23 adults; $12 kids)
Register at www.mzion.nirsham.com/events. For more information, contact the office at office@mzion.org or 651-698-3881.

*Keeping our dinners affordable is a goal because they are opportunities for community building and celebrating Jewishly together. We are grateful for Brotherhood’s support. We are also seeking individual donors for future dinners; please be in touch with Larry (lsolomon@mzion.org) if you’d like to help.

Shabbat Morning Learners’ Services
Saturdays, January 11, February 8, March 14, April 4 at 10 am
All are welcome! As part of our B’nei Mitzvah Sefer Seminar program, we will have 4 Shabbat morning services with a focus on learning the meaning behind the order of the service and deepening our understanding of the prayers. The service, led by Rabbi Adler, is informal and interactive, and will enhance your experience of Shabbat Services in general. The service is followed by a potluck kiddush lunch.

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February 2020

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Celebrate Shabbat!

January 10, 7:30 pm
Professional Quartet

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Food for Thought (p. 16)
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Visual T'filah
Birthday Blessings

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Celebrate Shabbat!

January 31, 7:30 pm
Pulpit Guest: Rabbi Dana Evan Kaplan

Saturday Shabbat Morning Services
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Vayigash - Genesis 44:18-45:27*
Gabriel Fink, Bar Mitzvah

January 11, 10:00 am
Vayehi - Gen. 47:28-48:22*
Shabbat Learners’ Service

January 18, 10:00 am
Sh'mot - Ex. 1:1-2:25*
Celebrate Shabbat!

January 25, 10:00 am
Vaera - Ex. 6:2-7:7*
Celebrate Shabbat!

February

Friday Shabbat Evening Services

February 1, 10:00 am
Bo - Ex. 10:1-11:3*
Celebrate Shabbat!

February 8, 10:00 am
Bshalach - Ex. 13:17-15:26*
Shabbat Shira - Song of the Sea
Shabbat Learners’ Service

February 15, 10:00 am
Yitro - Ex. 18:1-27 & Ex. 20:1-14*
Celebrate Shabbat!

February 22, 10:00 am
Mishpatim - Ex. 21:1-22:3*
Shabbat Shekalim
Sydney Zimmerman, Bat Mitzvah

February 29, 10:00 am
Trumah - Ex. 25:1-40*
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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 first third this year.

Daily Services 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.
Trope Troupe
Todah Rabah to our November & December:
Ba’alei Korei (chanting Torah): Madeline Bagdade, Charles Brailovsky, Siana Goodwin, Harriet Gutherz, Gabby Harmoning, Zelda Harmoning, Abbey Kanzer, Heather Luepker, Tony Mogelson, Sarah Parker, Dan Ries, Shelley Robbins, Ben Wallen
Haftarah Chanters: Siana Goodwin, Abby Gore, Netta Hardin, Alex Klass
To sign up e-mail Cantor Strauss-Klein jstraussklein@mzion.org.

Mental Health Task Force
Mount Zion’s pioneering Mental Health Task Force (MHTF) began meeting in August 2017 with the mission of providing resources and education for Mount Zion congregants and staff to promote inclusion and support mental and spiritual health. We collaborate and support one another in fulfilling this mission and continuing to chip away at the stigma surrounding mental health. The Task Force typically meets for an hour and a half every other month. We welcome your ideas as we plan upcoming activities and programming related to mental health. We’re also looking to recruit more members from the Mount Zion congregation to join us in this exciting and important work.

If you have suggestions for the Task Force or are interested in joining us, please email Al Levin at allevin18@yahoo.com.

Shabbat at Home
Friday, February 28

Shabbat at Home is just that: a Shabbat we set aside to invite people into our homes (or to go to someone else’s home) for a more intimate Shabbat experience.

We are seeking families who are willing to host a Shabbat Dinner.

(If that thought makes you break out in the cold sweats, fear not: there are many online sources we can make available to help you host. For those of you with a Shabbat ritual that works for you, we invite you to share that ritual with your guests. Potluck dining is, of course, perfectly acceptable!)

If you are interested and able to host or wish to be a guest, please contact Shai Avny at savny@mzion.org.

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), clergy, or staff.
A paradox:
During my term as president I am at Mount Zion far more frequently than I was before I became president. At the same time, the activities I used to do quite often before I became president – quietly attending Friday night services, participating in tzdekh committee meetings or Saturday morning Torah study – I do far less frequently. Yet, those were the places where I found the greatest connections to Jewish life and spirituality, so I had to create those connections elsewhere. I also knew that I would need an intentional Jewish grounding, something that would keep me tethered to the roots of Judaism, if I were to fulfill this role with the integrity it warrants. Luckily, mussar fills both needs.

According to Greg Marcus of American Mussar, mussar is a “virtues-based approach to Jewish ethics and character development.” A group of people – called a va’ad – meet periodically to discuss one particular virtue – called a middah – and plan for the middah by identifying a touchstone phrase, a simple, achievable practice, and a commitment to journaling. (If you are interested in a short, accessible article that provides initial background on mussar, I encourage you to read Marcus’ article, “What is Mussar?” from the website myjewishlearning.com.)

Mussar is an old Jewish practice; however, I came to it only recently through the thoughtful instruction of Julie Dean, my va’ad’s leader. When Julie put out the call for people who might be interested in studying and practicing Mussar, Mandy and I were quick to say yes. We were both interested in learning more about this Jewish practice and to see how it might deepen our lives as Jews. Our group – which predated the current Mount Zion small group effort but could have served as a model – began meeting in the fall of 2015. Many of that original group remains.

So mussar provides me with that Jewish grounding; equally important is how mussar has kept me connected.

When I meet with the group every two weeks, we come together to share the joys and struggles of our lives. We sing and talk, we might cry, we’ll definitely laugh. We learn, not only from the Jewish texts we read, but also from one another. We lament our shortcomings when it comes to practicing Mussar (in other words, when it comes to practicing life), and at the same time we rededicate ourselves to the next middah, the next day, the next effort. If I am honest, there are Sunday afternoons when I do not want to drive into Uptown to the va’ad; however, I am never disappointed once I am there. I always leave feeling a little better, a bit more whole, a bit more alive.

I often tell people that Mount Zion is the only Jewish home I have ever known (which isn’t entirely true, a quick shout-out to my friends at Jewish Community Action!). Now, though, I think of my va’ad as my chavurah, my small community within the community. That group makes me a better person, and I hope I contribute to their development as well. If home is where we can grow into our best selves, my va’ad is at the very least a large room in my Jewish home (quite possibly its kitchen!).

It is my hope that every Mount Zion member finds their small group with whom they can connect. Whether it is through a formal association with an MZ Small Group or the informal gatherings that I see happening everywhere at Mount Zion: the Margolis Lounge on a Sunday morning, one of the Torah studies, any of the classes we offer, or that special table during Friday night oneg where you know you can sit, eat a sweet, and see a friend. There are opportunities everywhere. Take a step toward connection, and you, too, might feel the difference.

Michael Kuhne, President

An Invitation for New Members!

New Member Havdalah
Saturday, February 8, 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. Contact Shai Avny at savny@mzion.org with questions.

5780 Yom Kippur Fast Appeal
Yesher koach to our community for the tzedakah raised for these organizations:

- MZ Cemetery $810
- Jeremiah Project $827
- Nechama $1,887
- Jewish Community Action $1,098
- Neighborhood House $2,120

- Mazon $1,131
- ARZA $353
- YOZMA, Congregation
- Modini Israel $372

Neighborhood House Food Drive
We collected 2,674 pounds of food and household items for Neighborhood House.
The Clara Margolis Women’s Leadership Fund

We are pleased to announce that Philip and Nancy Margolis have established the Clara Margolis Women’s Leadership Fund. Phil is the son of late Rabbi Harry S. and Clara Margolis. Our social hall is in memory of Rabbi Margolis’ over two decades of service to our congregation in the early 20th century. Clara Margolis was equally extraordinary in the kinds of programming and caring she provided for our members. The Fund will honor her memory. We are grateful to Phil and Nancy who currently live in Ann Arbor, Michigan and have been members of Mount Zion for 75 years!

The stated purpose of the Fund is to grant scholarships to women of Mount Zion to attend conferences, programs and events (including the Women’s Retreat-Our Bodies, Our Souls) for personal, professional, and/or leadership development. For now, the Fund will incentivize young women in their 20s and 30s to attend the Our Bodies, Our Souls weekend retreat. For more information, contact Cantor Spilker, rspilker@mzion.org.

Bat Mitzvah

Sydney Zimmerman
February 22, 2020

Sydney Zimmerman is the daughter of Jonathan Zimmerman & Nicole Omann and Rachel Zimmerman Scobie & Tim Scobie. She is the granddaughter of Judith Zimmerman, Warren & MaryAnn Zimmerman, Jack & Sarah Garrett and Lesley & Dwayne Wolterstorff. She has an older brother, Dylan, and a younger sister, Emma. She is in the 7th grade at St. Paul Academy where she enjoys Spanish, social studies and hanging out with her friends. She is on the soccer, basketball and track teams and loves to travel the world. In honor of her Bat Mitzvah, Sydney will be donating a portion of her gift money to Project Home where she has served as a shelter volunteer for many years.

Mount Zion L’Chaim 5780 Annual Campaign

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Annual Campaign. If not, there is still time to be part of this movement that supports the programs and activities that make us a diverse and active Jewish community. Please contribute today on our website (mzion.org).

We’re excited to announce a new event this year — a thank you event for all who participate in the Annual Campaign.

Light Lunch and Ice Cream Social
Sunday, May 17, 11:30 am-1:00 pm
After the Religious School end-of-year assembly
With a special presentation by MPR’s Cube Critics on the Top Jewish Movies of All Time
DJ and Games for kids.

Our members Stephanie Curtis and Euan Kerr are the original MPR Cube Critics who have provided of entertaining and witty insight into the cinematic scene. They will provide a light and enjoyable presentation of the top Jewish films of all time. See if your favorite is on their list! All are invited first to have lunch, then listen to the presentation. Kids are welcome to the program or to hang out in Margolis Hall with a DJ and games with staff supervision. Afterwards all can indulge in some amazing ice cream!
Friday, February 21 & Saturday, February 22

**Friday**

6:00 pm - DeafYoga for Everyone
Mount Zion member Jessalyn Akerman-Frank will lead us in the embodied practice of yoga. You will rely on visual cues, touch, and floor tapping as you follow Jessalyn's lead through a low impact yoga class. All are welcome, no experience (and no sign language!) required.

Jessalyn is a certified yoga teacher who regularly teaches yoga in her Deaf community. She is also Director of Community and Civic Engagement at the Commission for Deaf, DeafBlind and Hard of Hearing for the State of Minnesota.

7:30 pm - D’var Torah
During the Shabbat evening service, Sarah McVicar, Chair of Mount Zion’s Accessibility and Inclusion Committee, will share words of Torah as they relate to disability inclusion and creative expression.

**Saturday**

1:30 pm - Art for Everyone
Artist and teacher Robin Getsug and Mount Zion congregant and crafter Laurie Hadler will lead this workshop for participants to create mandalas with Jewish symbolism in a variety of media.
PURIM at Mount Zion: The Best Jewish Holiday for All Ages!

Purim commemorates the story of Esther, who rescued the Jews of ancient Persia (now Iran) from persecution. Traditions include dressing in costume and eating hamantaschen (triangular stuffed pastries). It is our Spring time (!) chance for some fun!

Sunday, March 8

10:00 – 11:00 am - A Frozen Chosen Purim Sing-Along
Hoo-hoo! Big Purim Blowout! For the first time in forever we’ll be doing a Frozen Chosen Purim! Join us for a Frozen-themed sing-along and silly service!

11:00 – 1:00 pm - Purim Carnival
Open to everyone! Invite your friends!

Booth Sponsorship: You can sponsor all or part of an inflatable, game, food, and more. Volunteers: We’re looking for lots of help to run all the fun activities, as well as set-up and clean-up volunteers! Choose the booth and time that works best for you. To sign up, go to mzion.nirsham.com or the bulletin board by the alley door. Questions? Contact Sue Summit ssummit@mzion.org.

Monday, March 9

5:30 - 6:30 pm - Shushan Deli
Food and drink available for purchase.

6:30 – 7:15 pm - Megillah Reading and Spirited Purim Service!

7:15 – 9:00 pm Purim Extravaganza - For Teens and Adults!
Music, more food, and fun! Watch your inbox for more details!

Mishloach Manot

What is it?
Mishloach manot are gifts of food that are sent to family, friends and others on Purim. The mitzvah of giving mishloach manot derives from the Book of Esther. It is meant to ensure that everyone has enough food for the Purim feast held later in the day, and to increase love and friendship among Jews and their neighbors. Growing up in Israel, we did this every year for as long as I can remember. It is so much fun to get mishloach manot from someone in your community, getting to see people from a different generation, and make them happy. It is also a great opportunity to get to know more people in our community.

How does it work?
Mount Zion will create a sign up in order to match others in a Mishloach Manot Exchange. Then you can make or buy items such as cookies, candy, wine, fruit, chocolate, and so much more! Usually people will put everything in a small basket and wrap it. We will provide more guidelines as it gets closer.

How do I participate?
We will have more details leading up to Purim about participating, but if you have any questions, contact Shai at savny@mzion.org.

A Congregant Testimonial:
I have to be honest - Purim (or any holiday that requires creative costumes) has never been my thing. But when Shai put out the call for a Mishloach Manot exchange, I had to sign up in the spirit of community. And I’m so glad I did! I enjoyed making hamantashen on my own for the first time, and delivering them to a congregant whom I had met many times but never really had much conversation. We stood on her driveway, on a very bright, freezing cold morning and spent lovely time together that we might not otherwise have ever done. Then I received my basket from a college student, who very thoughtfully put together a basket of treats that my family loved. Now, for the first time in my life, I look forward to Purim, and another exchange, next year!
Thank You...For Your Contributions

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Diane Wolfson
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Stephanie Wolkin
Religious School Calendar Highlights

January

Jan. 1  No Hebrew or Chai School – Winter Break
Jan. 5  Religious School Resumes
       Grade 6 Family D’var Torah Workshop & Interfaith Family Conversation
Jan. 8  Hebrew School Resumes
       Chai School Tri II Begins
Jan. 11 11:30am B’nei Mitzvah Sefer Seminar:
       Bemidbar/Numbers & Make-Up
Jan. 12 10:30am 11th/12th Grade Mahloket Matters
Jan. 17-19 Grade 7 Sacred Choices Shabbaton
Jan. 19  No Religious School—MLK weekend
Jan. 24-26 NFTY-NO Winter Kallah
Jan. 26 9:30am Grade 6 Tallit Workshop
       12:15pm Noar Tzion Event

February

Feb. 2  Jewish Disability Awareness & Inclusion Ed
       10:30am 11th/12th Grade Mahloket Matters
       12:15PM JYG Event: Snow Day!
Feb. 7  5:00pm Grade 2 Shabbat Dinner
       6:30pm Grade 2 Shabbat Service Participation
Feb. 8  11:30am B’nei Mitzvah Sefer Seminar:
       Devarim/Deuteronomy
Feb. 9  10:30am Grade 1 & 2 Tu B’Shvat Program
       10:30am 11th/12th Grade Mahloket Matters
       12:15pm SPORTY Event
Feb. 16 No Religious School—President’s Day Weekend
Feb. 21 7:30pm Jewish Disability Awareness &
       Inclusion Shabbat
Feb. 23 Grade 6 Tzitzit Tying Workshop
       10:30am 11th/12th Grade Mahloket Matters
       12:15pm Noar Tzion Event
Feb. 28-Mar 1 JYG Kallah – OSRUI
Feb. 28-Mar 2 RAC L’Taken Seminar - DC

8th & 9th Grade Chai School Electives

Israeli Cooking, Keshet Berlinsky Edry, Shicha – We will make tra-
ditional dishes of different ethnicities of people living in Israel. We
will learn about their histories and cultures through our hands.
Join me in discovering the flavors of Israel!

Jews in Popular Culture, Anna Fox – We see Jews and Jewish
references in pop culture all the time. How does media represent
Jews and Jewish identity? Do you feel these representations reflect
you as a Jew? We will explore how Jews and Judaism are presented
in pop culture through movies, television, music and social media
examples and how we react and relate to those representations.

Israeli Dance, Maya Goldbaum – From the Hora to modern day
Israeli hip hop, we will get to know the history and the culture of
Israel through dance. An awesome opportunity to get energized
while learning new and exciting dances to Israeli music.

What are you doing this summer?
From our regional Reform Jewish camp, OSRUI, to the teen social
justice program, Mitzvah Corps, everyone can find an engaging
summer opportunity perfect for them!

Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism
L’Taken Seminar – February 2018

Jewish Summer Camp Scholarship Funds
Mount Zion is fortunate to have significant funds to make Jewish
summer camp affordable.

Learn more: mzion.org/learn/summer-camp. Deadline for our
summer camp scholarships is February 28, 2020.
Youth Engagement News

Shabbatonim

Sacred Choices Aleph Shabbaton
Friday, January 18 - Sunday, January 20 at Camp St. Croix
Sacred Choices is our comprehensive sex ed curriculum framed in Reform Jewish values. This Shabbaton is something that makes Mount Zion unique in the Jewish world, is one of the most important parts of the 7th grade year, and is something 7th graders will remember for their entire lives. Don’t miss out!

Youth Groups

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

Sip and Paint
Sunday, January 26, 12:15 - 2:15 pm
Meet new Noar Tzion advisor Lily Alexandroff and make some beautiful art while sipping hot cocoa.

Movie Day
Sunday, February 23, 12:15 - 2:15 pm
Watch a movie, hang out with friends and eat some popcorn and other delicious snacks!

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

Snow day!
Sunday, February 2, 12:15 - 2:30 pm
JYG will be playing in the snow, drinking hot coca, doing snow art and snow building projects. Don’t forget to bring your snow pants.

JYG Kallah
February 28 - March 1
Join Jewish 7th and 8th graders from all of the mid west at the annual JYG kallah held at OSRUI. This is a great opportunity to make new friends, connect with old friends and have a super fun weekend.

SPORTY (9-12th grade youth group)

NFTY Northern Winter Kallah
January 24 - 26 at Shir Tikvah
Join Jewish high schoolers from all over Minnesota and Wisconsin. This will be a weekend full of fun, learning, social action and more!

Tu BiSh’vat Gardening Event
February 9
Even though it is still snowy here in Minnesota, we will be celebrating the birthday of the trees by planting our own mini gardens that we will be able to have ready to transfer outside by the time that it is warm out!

Women of Mount Zion Temple

Shabbat Afternoon Picnic at Como Conservatory
Saturday, Jan. 11 at 12:30pm at the Zobota Café

Wine, a little Wisdom, and Mosaics!
Feb. 18, 7pm in Margolis Hall
Sue Koch will help us make small pendants using either mosaic techniques or by embellishing printed materials. We will supply all of the materials, including the wine and goodies to eat. The activity is appropriate for everyone, regardless of art experience. Many of us enjoyed this activity at last year’s Our Bodies Our Souls retreat, so we are excited to have Sue bring it back for this event.

Hamentaschen baking and sales
Prepare to have fun in the kitchen with Sally Glick baking hamentaschen and then buy all the hamentaschen you and your family and friends need. Watch the Mount Zion website and This Week at Mount Zion for the dates. Baking questions, please contact Sally Glick at sallyoglick@gmail.com. Hamentaschen will be $6/bag.

Brotherhood

Brotherhood Roundup

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 light dinner. Next meeting dates are January 28, February 25, March 31, April 28, May 26 and June 30.

The Bagel Bar
Please join us in the Summit Avenue lobby for hot coffee or cocoa, fresh bagels and lox, and other treats every Sunday when there is religious school. Thanks to your donations, Brotherhood has been able to support many programs at Mount Zion.

Dessert and Game Night
Saturday, February 15, 6:30 pm.
Watch for this annual winter event when we arrive with shared desserts and our favorite games and activities. From Monopoly to Poker to Mah Jongg it is a fun evening for all. Co-sponsored by Begegenen. (See p. 5)

Other Upcoming Events

Friday, March 27 - Brotherhood Shabbat takes place, featuring readers, musicians and a choir from the Brotherhood, and the presentation of the “Mensch of the Year” award.

Mother’s Day Brunch - Sunday, May 10, 10:30-11:30 am.
Held at Temple, this is a big event with Mothers and spouses enjoying a big complimentary breakfast.

Friday before Memorial Day, May 22 – We go to lunch together, then place flags at veteran’s graves at the Mount Zion Cemetery.

Men’s Retreat, June 12-14 - We are excited to be moving our retreat to the Dunrovin Retreat Center just north of Stillwater. Details to come.

Sunday, June 7 - Grand Old Days parking on MZ lot

Warm personal regards,
Bruce R Matza, Brotherhood President

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)

Snow cancellations will also be posted on the 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.
March Food Drive

All contributions received by Neighborhood House by April 12 will be eligible for a matching donation through the Minnesota Food Share Program. Please give generously!

March 1 - April 12
How YOU can make a difference in combating Hunger in Minnesota

• Your gift of $36 can feed a family of 4 for a week!
  Give online: mzion.nirsham.com/form/donate.
• Drop off food donations March 1 - April 12 at the Mount Zion Mitzvah Food Shelf Project table. A complete list of needed items will be at the food donation table located in the main lobby.

Questions? Contact Sue Grupe at 651-503-1382 or susangrupe@comcast.net.

Mount Zion to Host a Naturalization Ceremony

Wednesday, January 8, 10:00 am

If you have ever attended a naturalization ceremony when individuals become citizens of the United States, you know what a powerful event it can be. If you haven’t had the pleasure, here is your chance!

Sponsored by Mount Zion’s Tzedek Committee.

MZ Small Groups
We have so many new and continuing MZ Small Groups. Still looking for yours? Go to mzion.org/connect.

Spotlight on Grandparents and Grandkids Together Kick-off Meeting
Sunday, January 19, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
(MLK weekend)

Grandparents and Grandchildren - from preK/K to approximately 5th grade - will go to Destination Winter. There is a big snow slide and ice skating at Saints stadium. We will spend about an hour, from 11 -12, followed by lunch/hot chocolate together somewhere nearby. If it’s a super-frigid polar vortex type of day, an alternative activity will be to go to one of the museums in St Paul instead.

RSVP or questions? Contact Yvonne Lerew, ylerew@gmail.com.

30th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Breakfast

A fundraiser for UNCF Twin Cities to help more students get to and through college

Eric H. Holder, Jr.
30th Annual
Holiday Breakfast
January 20, 2020
Rise Up
Reform Judaism: A Life of Meaning

A Scholar-in-Residence Weekend with Rabbi Dana Evan Kaplan, Ph.D.

Thursday-Sunday, January 30-February 2, 2020

Reflections of the past as we prepare for the future of Reform Judaism in 21st century America.

Thursday, January 30 (12-1:00 pm)
Rashi Study on Genesis, Downtown Minneapolis
Jacob as Harbinger of Reform Judaism

Shabbat, January 31 (Friday 7:30 pm)
Reform Judaism: A Life of Meaning

Shabbat, February 1 (Saturday, Noon Lunch & Learn)
American Religion in the New Millennium
Living in the context of Americans’ four views of God.

Saturday Evening (5 pm: Program for Adults in 20s/30s)

Sunday, February 2 (10-11:30 am)
What Makes Reform Judaism ‘Reform’ and not ‘Conservative’?
And how do we make informed, Jewish decisions?
We will look at slides of synagogue architecture since 1900 as a jumping off point for discussing changing patterns of belief and behavior.

Dana Evan Kaplan is a rabbi, scholar, writer, speaker, and organizational consultant. He is currently the Rabbi of Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley in Sun City, Arizona. Previously he has served congregations in Alabama, Jamaica, and South Africa. Rabbi Kaplan is the author and editor of several books, including most recently A Life of Meaning: Embracing Reform Judaism’s Sacred Path. It is a collection of short, entertaining articles by a broad range of the most important Reform rabbinic thinkers active today. The book provides a range of perspectives on modern Judaism, describing theological and practical ways to find purpose in life, both as individuals and as a community.
The best way to see your values in action in Israel is by…

**Voting in the World Zionist Congress Election every five years.**

Open to any Jewish person outside of Israel over 18 years old. Please vote for the Reform Movement slate (ARZA) which includes Rabbi Spilker. Delegates will attend the World Zionist Congress in Israel in late 2020. Voting online will be from January 21 to March 11, 2020. Look for more information by email.

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**SINCE 2013**

THE NUMBER OF ISRAELI JEWS WHO IDENTIFY WITH THE REFORM MOVEMENT HAS MORE THAN DOUBLED.

3.9% 2013  
8% 2018

Statistics from The Jewish People Policy Institute (JPPI) Poll

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LET'S CONTINUE CHANGING WHAT IT MEANS TO BE JEWISH IN THE JEWISH STATE.

Learn more about the what the World Zionist Election means for the Reform Movement around the world. Visit arza.org for more information.

☑️ #VoteReformWZC  
World Zionist Congress Election  
January 21 - March 11, 2020
MUSSAR AT MOUNT ZION
2019-20 / 5780

The World of Mussar is opening before you ... and you are invited to enter.

Mussar may best be described as “Jewish spiritual ethics” and has been practiced for centuries by people who sought to cultivate and strengthen the qualities of the inner mensch. There are no pre-requisites nor is Hebrew required.

Come join in small group study as we explore Jewish teachings on humility, gratitude, equanimity, patience, order, and honor among others – and discover how we can improve these qualities in our own lives. Conversations will be in a safe, supportive, exciting, and collaborative environment.

Mussar for Parents/Guardians/Grandparents
Cantor Jennifer Strauss-Klein

Using the American Mussar curriculum and the book The Spiritual Practice of Good Actions: Finding Balance Through the Soul Traits of Mussar by Greg Marcus, Cantor Strauss-Klein will lead interested parents and grandparents in a journey of connecting Jewish wisdom to parenting. Together, we will study six core middot (soul traits), engage in group discussion, and share our personal practices. We will discuss how these soul traits impact ourselves, show up in our relationships to our kid(s), our partner/spouse, and in our parenting styles. Come be a part of this meaningful learning circle!

When? Sunday mornings (9:45-11:00 am) at Mount Zion
Jan 12 (Humility) Jan 26 (Patience) Feb 9 (Gratitude)
Feb 23 (Compassion) Mar 1 (Order) Mar 15 (Equanimity)

Cost: The fee per person – including a book, materials, and webinars for the year is based on American Mussar’s charge for use of their program materials. We are offering a sliding scale. Choose the fee that feels most comfortable for you: $54 (scholarship option) or $108 (our true costs) or $180 (sustainer option). Additional support is available from our clergy.

Sign up at mzion.org.

Why Your Vote in the WZC Election is Critical to Progressive Judaism in Israel.

Friday, March 6
Following Shabbat Services (approx. 7:45 pm)

You can vote if you are 18 years or older, self-identify as Jewish, agree to the Jerusalem Program, the official platform of the WZO and the Zionist Movement, and pay a minimal processing fee.

David Bernstein is a founding member of Kibbutz Yahel the first Reform Movement Kibbutz in Israel where he made Aliyah in 1979. For 20 years he worked with the Jewish Agency as Director of the Partnership and Overseas Relations Department, and was a founder and Director of the Partnership 2000 project, which partnered 45 Israeli cities and regional councils with Jewish Communities throughout the world. Since 2014, David has been part of the senior professional team of the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism.
Food for Thought
Learn and Nosh before Shabbat Services

Friday, January 17
5:45 - 6:15 p.m. Food before the Thought
6:15 - 7:15 p.m. Food for Thought Discussions

Friday, February 14
5:45 - 6:15 p.m. Food before the Thought
6:15 - 7:15 p.m. Food for Thought Discussions

Intersections:
Racism and Anti-Semitism
Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend

Guest Speakers:
Attorney General Keith Ellison
and Rep. Frank Hornstein

Keith and Frank will address the increase in Hate Crimes and broader issues of racism and antisemitism in our community. The Tzedek committee is committed to deepening our congregational conversations about, and responses to, racial injustice. We hope that honoring the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in this way will inspire us throughout the year and strengthen our work on this urgent issue.

Building a Jewish Home,
Creating a Jewish Family
Mondays, January 27 - February 10, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Rabbi Adam Stock Spilker
$36 members/$50 public per person

Ready to take a positive step in your life?
• Explore ways to bring Jewish traditions into your home in a judgement-free class.
• Hear from others about their decisions or practices.
• Make practical (small) decisions about holidays, values, and even artwork to hang on your walls.
• This open, guided class is for interfaith, same-faith, mixed roots, or single households.

What does it mean to have a “Jewish” home? This three-part class is for couples or single heads of households, who want an open and structured way to reflect. The emphasis of the class will be on making choices that are right for you after study and discussion on key questions of Jewish life. Examples: What Jewish values will we emphasize? What books and periodicals and art will be in our home? What rituals will we incorporate? What will Shabbat look like in our home?

Israel Book Club
Monday, January 6, 7:00 pm
We will be discussing Thou Shalt Innovate, by Avi Jorisch.
Join us as we discuss this engaging text that brings us up to the current moment in technology developments taking place in Israel. Each chapter, written for the layman, tackles a different invention or product, and as a whole the book reflects the incredible spectrum of creative problem solving taking place in Israel's business sphere. Copies available at Mount Zion library and from internet booksellers.

Questions, call, phone, text, Jonathan Eisenthal @ 651-260-6263, or johnnyirondale@gmail.com.

Authors’ Night
Hear a panel of local Jewish authors talk about their works, ranging from fiction to non-fiction, and from personal memoirs and children's books to academic publications. For those of us who may still harboring the dream of writing their own Great American (Jewish) Novel. Sponsored by Begegenen (Mount Zion active adults) and sure to be of interest to any and all ages.

Text Me: Ancient Jewish Wisdom Meets Contemporary Technology
A Digital Book Club
Thursdays, February 29, 27, & March 5, 7:30 pm
Read and discuss the contents of Text Me: Ancient Jewish Wisdom Meets Contemporary Technology with its author Rabbi Jeffrey Schein from the comfort of your own home. Cost and Registration: This class is free to Mount Zion members; the book can be purchased at a discounted price by registering for class with Sheridan Zuther (sherzuther@hotmail.com).
ENgage:
An Evening of Jewish Learning

Saturday, January 18, 7:00 p.m. at Talmud Torah of St. Paul
$25 in advance; $30 at the door (under 30 - free)

First-rate teachers, wonderful learning, wide-ranging topics – from cerebral to hands-on!
Round out the evening with schmoozing, live music, and refreshments…and all that in the middle of the winter. Registration starts in mid-December at ttsp.org.
Co-sponsors: Hineni and St. Paul JCC.

Library Happenings

New in the Library:

Emily Barton’s *The Book of Esther* is a tour de force – a reimagining of World War II in an alternate universe in which the elder daughter of Khazaria’s Chief Policy Advisor perceives the existential threat that Germania is to her country, and who, knowing she will not be taken seriously as a woman, seeks out some fabled kabbalists to transform her into the man who can rally her country in time to save it. Alan Furst’s *Under Occupation* follows French mystery writer Paul Ricard when he accidentally becomes part of the Resistance, and, without formal training, becomes an asset of the British Special Operations Executive in a perilous time. Francine Klagsbrun brings Golda Meir to life in *Lioness*, a biography of Israel’s only woman prime minister. Moriel Rothman-Zecher’s *Sadness is a White Bird* is a tale of a young Israeli soldier writing from his military cell to his two Palestinian friends, twin brother and sister Laith and Nimreen. Rothman-Zecher’s ability to paint the murky atmosphere of Palestinian-Israeli reality is stunning, moving, and heartbreaking. In *Rachel’s Legacy*, the sequel to *The Keeper of Secrets*, the story of the Horowitz family from pre-war Berlin to the present is plumbed by Dr. Kobi Voight, who is reading the Hebrew wartime letters of one of his mother’s friends, who is known only as Ruby, a woman forced to give up her infant daughter while fighting alongside the Resistance in World War II Berlin. Finally, there is Shemi Zarhin’s Israeli novel, *Some Day*, the life of Shlomi, a culinary savant, only seven when we first meet him, following his complicated life and loves over the decades, and limned through the lens of Israeli day-to-day life, history, and more prosaically through the life and history of his family and loved ones. These, and other recently published materials, are available in the Library – come on in - we’ll be happy to help you read more about it!

-Bob Epstein, Librarian

Learn Hebrew This Year!

Follow synagogue services, be more involved in your children’s Jewish education, or simply enhance your own ties to Judaism.

Tuition (includes all materials): $75 members/$100 non-members (Minimum of five students).
To register, go to mzion.org.

Fast-Tracking Your Hebrew Literacy

Keys to Demystifying our Prayers and Torah

Taught by Siana Goodwin

Sundays, January 5 – March 8, 9:45 - 11:00 am
(eight classes)

Even without extensive formal Hebrew study, by using translations and understanding Hebrew structure, recurring patterns of prefixes, suffixes, and conjunctions, Hebrew roots and how to use a Hebrew dictionary, it’s possible to proceed from mystification to meaning.

“As someone who chants sacred text frequently, I’ve found that both the ease of decoding a text and my pleasure in learning is enhanced by understanding the text. In this class I’ll share techniques that I’ve picked up along the way.” - Siana

Beginning Adult Hebrew, Part II

Taught by Siana Goodwin

Wednesdays, January 22 - April 1, 6:00 - 7:15 p.m.
(ten classes)

Building on familiarity with the aleph-bet, emphasis will be on developing ease in reading Hebrew and introducing basic elements of Hebrew construction and grammar.
Begegenen!

For Active Adults
Formerly Prime Timers

For more information about the group or questions about any events, contact Begegenen Chair Phil Goldman at pgold1926@gmail.com or 651-491-0864.

We’ve had several great events over the last month! In addition to the above “Just a Dog” presentation, we had a sell out group attend “The Band’s Visit” in December, and a group of eight Begegenen members volunteered to fully staff the meal service at Union Gospel Mission on Christmas night. If you would like to participate in or have ideas future events, contact Phil Goldman.

Upcoming Events

Game Night
Saturday, February 15, 6:30 pm

Along with Brotherhood, Begegenen will be cosponsoring this jam-packed evening this year, and will provide a Mount Zion Trivia segment aimed at testing the knowledge of our members and friends - stay tuned!

Mystical Imprints:
Marc Chagall, Ben-Zion and Ben Shahn
Sunday, February 16, 1 pm

See the print work of three prominent 20th century Jewish artists born in the Russian Empire, including Chagall’s Bible series, Ben-Zion’s portfolio “The 36 Unknown”, and Shahn’s iconic “The Alphabet of Creation. Mount Zion’s active adults will be taking a tour of this current exhibit at the museum, before the exhibit closes in March. We will have our own personal docent led tour - and more!

Food for Thought: The Miracle of McKinley
Friday March 13, 6:15 pm

Kate Dietrick, Archivist, Berman Upper Midwest Jewish Archives

Hear the story of how the National Council of Jewish Women, including many from Mount Zion, began a pre-K program in the 1960’s at the Rondo area McKinley school that later became a model for the nationwide Head Start program.

Social Action Update

Tzedek = Justice

The Tzedek Committee continues to work on a number of projects as we commit ourselves to the effort of repairing our world. We are excited to announce that Keith Ellison and Frank Hornstein will join us on MLK Shabbat, January 17, 2020 at the MZ Food for Thought before Shabbat services (see p. 16). Our guest speakers will address the increase in Hate Crimes and broader issues of racism and antisemitism in our community. The Tzedek committee is committed to deepening our congregational conversations about, and responses to, racial injustice. We hope that honoring the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in this way will inspire us throughout the year and strengthen our work on this urgent issue.

Our on-going projects include partnering with Interfaith Action’s Opportunity St. Paul. Opportunity Saint Paul matches dedicated volunteers with partner nonprofit organizations that have proven records of effectively addressing barriers to economic mobility. Mount Zion volunteers will work with Neighborhood House in adult education and after-school homework help for students. We already have six volunteers committed to this work and we welcome others to join us in this effort.

In November, we hosted a showing of the film Jim Crow of the North, which details how housing discrimination was (and is) a serious problem in the Twin Cities. Throughout the coming months, Tzedek committee members will continue to work on housing justice in the Twin Cities and we invite all in the MZ community to join us in these efforts.

Tzedek Committee continues its work on immigrant justice and climate justice and we look forward to hosting events and identifying upcoming opportunities for action on these issues.

Generally speaking, our committee meets the first Sunday of each month at 12:30 pm at Mount Zion and we welcome new members. Next meeting is January 5 at 12:30 pm. For more information about Opportunity St. Paul or any of the other work we are doing, please email Diana Dean, dianamdean@msn.com or Vic Rosenthal, vic.rosenthal@gmail.com.

March Food Drive

It’s not too early to think about the March Food Drive. Neighborhood House has two food “markets” where participants can choose foods that are healthy and culturally-appropriate for their families. These markets are often the best hope for families who need help making ends meet, especially during winter months when heating bills can mount up and stretch budgets to the limit. To learn more about Mount Zion’s efforts with the March Food Drive, see p. 12.
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Shabbat at Home
Friday, February 28

See p. 4 for details.

PURIM
Sunday, March 8
10 am - Frozen Chosen Sing-Along
11 am - Purim Carnival

Monday, March 9
5:30 pm - Shushan Deli
6:30 pm - Megillah Reading and Spirited Purim Service
7:15 pm - Purim for Teens and Adults!
See p. 8 for details.

Please Vote!
Your chance to have your values reflected in Israel!
See p. 14 for details.