

December 19, 2018
11-12 Tevet 5779

Hello Temple Sinai !

It's been weeks since we've had a regular Friday night service, so I must admit I'm really looking forward to just such a service this week. It seems like a good time of year to find warmth in the familiar. I know many of you might be heading out of town, so safe journey!

Here are the services this Shabbat: *Note the "Chinese Take-Out and a Movie" on December 25.*

KABBALAT SHABBAT FRIDAY, DEC 21 AT 6:30pm

Our joyful song-filled welcoming of Shabbat, and a sermon or discussion about this week's Torah portion, the last one in Genesis. We'll consider that Joseph was completely assimilated into Egypt, and his brothers wanted to stay, yet there was a longing to return home to the sacred place of their ancestors. How does this tension manifest in our lives as Jews and Americans? What does it tell us about the human condition? Kiddush and Oneg to follow.

Here is one song I'll be sharing, by Naomi Shemer – [Sheleg Al Iri /Snow on my City](#)

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE SATURDAY, DEC 22 AT 9:30am

We will also return to our regular Shabbat morning prayers. As many of you experienced last week at the school service (thank you for coming), the Shabbat morning service has some outstanding melodies that help us celebrate the original day off. It is one hour, mostly chanted in Hebrew with occasional reading in English. This is a great service to learn in as well, so it is for everyone regardless of Hebrew skills.

TORAH STUDY SATURDAY, DEC 22 AT 10:30am

This week's Torah portion (parashat hashavu'ah), [VAYEHI](#) is the finale of Genesis, when Jacob and Joseph die, leaving the people in Egypt. Here is a link to [the Reform movements page of commentaries on the portion](#)

JOIN US – BRING FRIENDS! CHINESE TAKE-OUT AND A MOVIE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25 1:00pm



[Here is the link to a few questions about your food needs, and movie choice.](#)

An important Jewish American Christmas

tradition - for decades, Jews in cities all over the continent have gathered at local Chinese restaurants on Christmas day, and then, attended the temple of film. We're bringing them home by ordering Chinese take-out, and watching a movie at the synagogue.

The leading movies are *The Young Frankenstein*, *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*, *Funny Girl*, and *Fiddler on the Roof*.

We'll start gathering at 1:00pm, have some appetizers, and wait till everyone is back from delivering meals to those in need to start the film. Invite your friends. We're asking for \$5 per family to help cover the food costs.

Also, bring any board games you would like to play. Mah-jongg anyone?