

Hello Temple Sinai!

It was great to see new young families at Tot Shabbat, and to do a Torah reading of the 10 Commandments at Shabbat services. We had about 30 people at our discussion about “Israel, Palestine and Anti-Semitism,” and I appreciated people’s willingness to share and to listen respectfully, and I hope others will join us at future events. This is a complex issue with lots of feelings, but one we have to make space to discuss among us so we might use our differences to know one another better and grow in community, rather than the easier choice to avoid or distance ourselves from community.

Remember, save the date for PURIM—March 23. Our Spiel will be: **“Shushan Rhapsody – The Megillah According to Queen.”** More to follow!

Here are this week’s services -

COMMUNITY SHABBAT DINNER

Friday Night, Feb 1—5:30pm

Let’s share a Shabbat meal before the 4th and 5th grade Folk Service. Bring a dish to share.

FOLK KABBALAT SHABBAT created and co-led by 4TH AND 5TH GRADE

Friday Night, Feb 1—5:30pm, Oneg to follow service

“You shall teach them to your children and your children’s children.” Our 4th and 5th graders have been working hard to plan a creative, thoughtful service that will explore some of what they’ve learned this year, and that will go with Folk Shabbat’s upbeat energy. Come, sing, and support our youth.

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES.

Saturday Morning, Feb 2—9:30am

Honor Shabbat by joining us for our uplifting, calming, chanted traditional morning service that has lots of greatest hits of Jewish music we only hear on Shabbat mornings. It lasts one hour.

TORAH STUDY SALON

Saturday Morning, Feb 2—10:30am to 12noon

PARASHAT MISHPATIM – EYE FOR AN EYE, THE STATUS OF A FETUS, SERMON ON THE MOUNT, AND MORE!!!

This week’s Torah portion is [Parashat MISHPATIM Exodus 21:1–24:18.](#)

MISHPATIM is a compendium of ethical rules and in many ways forms the foundation of Jewish ethics and law. We will consider how the different ethical ideas fit together, from ‘An Eye for an Eye’ to “You Know the Heart of the Oppressed.” We will also consider the connections and contrasts between this Torah portion and the New Testament’s “Sermon on the Mount.” We will also consider the way this portion has shaped Jewish law on the status of a fetus and the reasons to terminate a pregnancy.

Our Torah Study is inclusive and discussion-centered, where we endeavor to understand the Torah portion of the week, and relate it to the issues of the day and the issues in our lives as modern people. Join our vibrant group of people for an intellectual and spiritual reflection and exchange of ideas.