

Hello Temple Sinai!

Happy PASSOVER! I hope the season brings you joy, connection, comfort foods, and a celebration of being free, and a sense of connection with all those who struggle for greater personal and communal freedom. To that end, please check out the Tikkun Olam Shabbat on April 23 (more below).

We had a great community weekend celebrating **Emma Marden's** becoming bat mitzvah. Emma did a fantastic job, chanting beautifully and finding relevance and insight in a very daunting Torah portion. It was my first bat mitzvah at Temple Sinai and it meant a lot to me, and I'm very proud of Emma.

Mazal Tov to Emma and her family.

We have an active season coming up, starting with our community seder this coming Saturday evening. I'm looking forward to sharing my first Pesach with you. I'm putting links to several Passover tunes later in this email, so if you want to listen to them ahead of time, you can.

I also want to thank **Eliza and David Weisberger** for all their work and creativity on the playroom murals. They are beyond what I could have ever imagined. We made great progress on Sunday, but there is more beauty to come. I find it inspiring, and it makes me dream of having more fun art projects in our future.

Please note that **WE WILL NOT BE HAVING FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES THIS SHABBAT, BECAUSE IT IS THE FIRST NIGHT OF PASSOVER.** We will be having Passover Morning Services and a Passover Yizkor Memorial Service; the details are below.

SERVICES THIS SHABBAT

FRIDAY NIGHT, APRIL 19—NO SERVICE (first night of Passover)

SATURDAY, APRIL 20—9:30am to 11:00am
PESACH FESTIVAL SERVICE WITH SINGING OF HALLEL

Saturday morning we will be having a special festival service in honor of Passover. It will include much of our weekly Shabbat morning service, but will have special songs and prayers for Passover, and includes the chanting of Hallel, one of my personal favorite parts of Jewish liturgy, and one that dates back to ancient times. We will not have a Torah reading, but instead we will have a discussion of the Torah portion. Please join us.



PLEASE NOTE: There is **NO TORAH STUDY** this Saturday. Here is a [link to the Union of Reform Judaism's page on the reading for this Passover](#), including modern reflections on it.



HAPPY



PASSOVER!

SATURDAY EVENING, APRIL 20—5:00pm COMMUNITY PASSOVER POTLUCK SEDER

We will be celebrating seder together with lots of songs, thought-provoking readings, and discussion, in new Haggadah that I put together for us. You should have registered by now and please sign up through Sign-Up Genius for food. We are asking for a \$10 donation per family to cover some of the expenses, but of course, more if you can, less if you can't. If you have any questions, please email them to passover@templesinaivt.org.

FRIDAY NIGHT, APRIL 26—6:30pm TIKKUN OLAM SHABBAT SERVICE

Passover reminds us of our duty to help others find freedom and make the world a better place. Our Social Action Committee has organized its first **Tikkun Olam Sabbath** aimed at introducing ourselves as well as two organizations engaged in social action work in Vermont: **Hunger Free Vermont** and **Migrant Justice**. Their representatives will talk about what they do and what we can do to help them in their work. There will be time for questions and more discussion during the ONEG. We want Sinai to be a leader in social justice and Tikun Olam, so please join us and be part of the conversation and plan.



SATURDAY, APRIL 27—9:30 am – 11 am PASSOVER AND YIZKOR SERVICES

In Jewish tradition, we gather four times a year to remember our beloved dead: Yom Kippur, the last day of Passover, Shemini Atzeret after Sukkot, and on Shavuot. This year, we will have this traditional Passover YIZKOR service, so all those who wish to come and remember their loved ones who have passed should try to come. (Even though for us as Reform Jews, Friday is actually the last day of Passover, in order to also honor Shabbat and make it so those who work during the week can attend, we are having our service on Saturday morning.) It will be a Shabbat and Festival Service with our usual chanting and singing, but at **around 10:30** we will have our Yizkor service for anyone who has lost a parent, child, or sibling. Please join us for the entire service, or if you like, you can certainly come just for Yizkor at 10:30. The service will mark our official end of Passover for our community.



A SAMPLING OF PASSOVER TUNES

Our Community Seder will include familiar Freedom and Passover songs, the Grunwald family Passover Song, a parody Passover Songs. Below are links to some of the more traditional Passover songs we will do in case you want to listen to them ahead of time to familiarize yourself. Enjoy (I apologize if some of the arrangements are cheesy; they are what I could find on YouTube.)

Kadesh Ur'chatz / Order of Seder

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RFiDtkToPfc>

Vehi She'amda

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7HbOG5Vw-hQ>

Avadim Hayinu

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4JpUvn9DGgM>

B'tzeit Yisrael

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4JpUvn9DGgM>

Ozi V'Zimrat Yah

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xgsj5oh18KU>

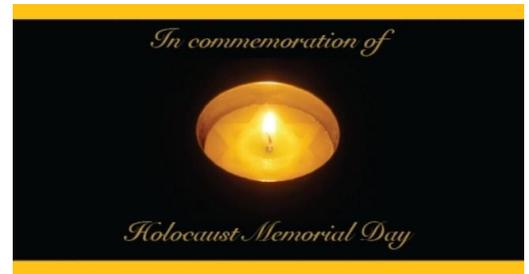
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WEDNESDAY MAY 1—7:00 pm

YOM haSHOAH, HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE At TEMPLE SINAI, JOINTLY WITH OHAVI ZEDEK

With the rise in anti-Semitism in the US and across Europe, we wanted to renew our practice of having joint Yom HaShoah services with Ohavi Zedek. This year the service will be at Temple Sinai, so

it is *very important that we have a strong showing from our community!* This year, the service will focus on our need as a Jewish community to remember the Holocaust, and to remember the lessons for what we are experiencing today. The service will be led by Rabbi David Edleson and Rabbi Amy Small, and include singers and readers from both congregations, as well as time for discussion and sharing. Please mark your calendar to come to this moving expression of grief and support within community.

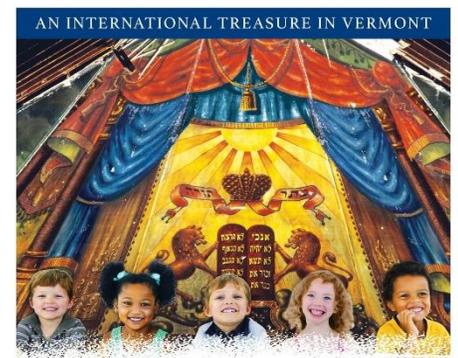


SUNDAY, MAY 5—2:00pm to 5:00pm

THE LOST MURAL IMMIGRANT VOICES LECTURE HENIA LEWIN (Featured Speaker)

The Lost Mural Immigrant Voices Project is pleased to welcome Henia Lewin, a holocaust survivor from Kovno Lithuania whose unique story includes being saved by Lithuanian Christians. This event will be held at Ohavi Zedek Synagogue on Sunday, May 5. Click below to hear Henia Lewin on The Moth Story which will air April 17-22 on NPR. Henia's part of the program begins around minute 36:25, so you can advance the player if you are not interested in listening to the entire broadcast.

[CLICK HERE TO LISTEN](#)



The Lost Mural Immigrant Voices Project is pleased to welcome:

Henia Lewin

"A Survivor's Mission: Preserving Yiddish Language and Literature"

SUNDAY, MAY 5th, 2019, 2pm to 5pm

The event is FREE to the public.

Donations gladly accepted.

Yiddish Music & Refreshments to follow:
Brian Perkins & the ONE Band

Event to be held at:

Ohavi Zedek Synagogue
188 North Prospect Street
Burlington, VT 05401

Henia Lewin is a holocaust survivor from Kovno, Lithuania whose unique story includes being saved by Lithuanian Christians. She has dedicated her life to preserving Yiddish language and literature. She has taught Hebrew and Yiddish at the University of Vermont, U. Mass., and Hampshire College. She is a recipient of the prestigious Governor's Award for Outstanding Jewish Educator in North America. Henia has been featured with National Public Radio's "The Moth: Live On Stage," many times. She was the first Goldfish Chair and Yiddish scholar at the National Yiddish Book Center in Amherst, Massachusetts.

For more information
visit www.lostmural.org

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FRIDAY, MAY 17—6:30pm

BROADWAY KABBALAT SHABBAT

Sing in the Sabbath with show tunes! Bring your friends! We will sing in the Sabbath in Hebrew and English to familiar Broadway show tunes by Jewish Composers! Sound of Music! Fiddler on the Roof! West Side Story! Chorus Line! Camelot! And more!!!!

