

Hello Temple Sinai!

Our community Seder was a blast! The room was beautiful and well over a hundred of us had a big time singing, reading and connecting. I hope it is a tradition that grows as we create new Sinai traditions, readings and songs.

A big shout-out to all those that helped make such a successful Community Seder, especially Patti Greenfield and Stacy Gabert, who did so much work on this and were a pleasure to work with! Also thanks to Michael Levine for his help, Ibrahim Pico for setting up all those tables, Chef Worcester for his help getting the food out and organized, Jeff Grunwald for that outstanding Passover song, Mark Leopold for his voice and enthusiasm, and the Mardens and others for helping so much with getting the room so beautifully prepared. Thanks to all who came and all who cooked!

We have three special services this Shabbat, including a bar mitzvah for Adam Weinstein, so try to come to at least one of them! (Also notice that the Rabbi's Book Club meeting will be on Saturday late afternoon and so will not be a brunch, as I mistakenly put in the Tuesday newsletter, but more of a coffee klatch meets medium-high tea.) Now for the services...

SOCIAL ACTION / TIKKUN OLAM SHABBAT SERVICE

Friday, April 26—6:30pm



Want Temple Sinai to have a more vibrant social action mission?

This Friday, On April 26th, we will be having a **TIKKUN OLAM SHABBAT**, organized by our re-energized Social Action Committee under the leadership of David Shiman.



Hunger Free Vermont is Vermont's statewide nonprofit anti-hunger advocacy organization. Our mission is to end the injustice of hunger and malnutrition for all Vermonters. We invite people to work with us to develop and implement local, institutional, and systemic changes that lead to ending hunger with dignity. Executive Director Anore Horton will share some information about who is hungry in Vermont, some of the solutions Hunger Free Vermont is working on, and some ways that the Temple Sinai community can engage in our work.

PASSOVER MORNING SERVICE: SONG OF SONGS AND YIZKOR

Saturday, April 27—9:30am

MORNING FESTIVAL PRAYER SERVICE (9:30am). At Passover, it is traditional to read the **SONG OF SONGS**, and its clear celebration of springtime, something we feel in our bones here in Vermont. We will be doing a communal reading of section of the *Song of Songs*, from a new acclaimed translation by Marcia Falk. Sitting together, hearing these beautiful ancient words on universal themes can be a moving spiritual experience of language.

YIZKOR (10:30am). Just as on Yom Kippur, Jews gather at Passover and Shavu'ot to say the memorial service, *Yizkor*, for family members who have died. Please join us at around 10:30 for a *Yizkor* service. I also want to include prayers for all those who have died in attacks on houses of worship this past year. *For saying Kaddish, we need a minyan, so if you can, please come.*

ADAM WEINSTEIN BAR MITZVAH

Saturday, April 27, 3:00pm 'pre-Kiddush' 3:45 service

The congregation is invited to join with the May-Weinstein family for the celebration of Adam's becoming bar mitzvah. Adam and his family came to Temple Sinai from a local havurah, and we are excited to celebrate this rite of passage with them. Please join us for singing and celebration. There is a 'pre-Kiddush at 3, and the afternoon service begins at 3:45.

UPCOMING EVENTS

YOM HASHOAH – HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

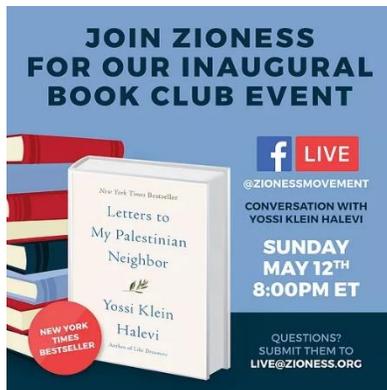
Wednesday, May 1, 7 pm, at Temple Sinai



Join Temple Sinai and Ohavi Zedek for a joint service of remembrance for Yom HaShoah. We will gather to pray and remember the six million Jews and others that died in the Holocaust. This year, we will particularly reflect on how we, as a community, are dealing personally with the current rise in anti-Semitism worldwide and its resonances. Our service will include songs, poetry, readings, personal sharing and discussion. Please mark your calendars and

join us for this important event.

RABBI'S BOOK CLUB joins ZIONESS FOR THEIR KICK OFF LETTERS TO MY PALESTINIAN NEIGHBOR by Yossi Klein Halevi



BOOK CLUB SEFER V'SEFEL (Book and a Mug (of coffee), the name of a beloved old Jerusalem used book store and café.) **Saturday, May 4—5:00pm.**

TEMPLE SINAI with ZIONESS FaceBook LIVE

Sunday, May 12--7:30pm. We gather at 7:30 to chat before the Facebook Live discussion with Yossi Klein HaLevi.

I want to have an occasional book club with any who are interested and so I thought we could jump in on this first ZIONESS book club event. Zioness is an organization that works to make sure progressive activist circles, particularly those focused on women's issues, remain open and welcoming to those who also identify as Zionists.

Yossi Klein HaLevi's *Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor* has garnered praise and criticism for its attempt to find common ground between Israeli Jews and Palestinians. It is a great opportunity for our ongoing conversations about balancing Israeli and Palestinian needs and rights, and we will deepen our discussions by considering a range of reviews about the book.

We will have **10 FREE copies of the book by Friday for the first ten people interested in joining our series of discussions of the book.** If you are interested, please let Michael Levine know!

PUTTING IN RAISED BEDS AT TEMPLE SINAI—Advisors Needed!

One of the rabbi's goals is to install some raised beds at Sinai so that we include family gardening and pollinator-plantings as part of our education program for young and old alike. Now that it is spring, it is time to get started, so the rabbi would like to get a few people with expertise/experience to serve on a temporary work group to get the beds started and make sure the soil is as alive and healthy as possible. If you would be willing to help with this, please let Michael Levine know, and we will be setting up a meeting (face to face and Zoom) very soon. Thank you!

BROADWAY KABBALAT SHABBAT

Friday, May 17—6:30pm

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!!!!