

Hello Temple Sinai!

I am sorry I've been away two Shabbats in a row, but the JCVT Summit was outstanding and I'm glad I was able to lead services and a Torah Study at the Shabbaton, and participate in some great workshops on Sunday. Congratulations to Susan Leff on the success of the summit!

PASSOVER is coming up, so register ASAP (by 5:00pm TODAY) to come to our Community Seder. I am going to do my best to make it fun, meaningful, and participatory. This year, in the name of intergenerational cooperation, I want to ask all of our members who are retired to sing "Mah Nishtanah" along with the youngest ones. [CLICK HERE](#) for the link so you can practice.

And speaking of Passover, on Sunday, from 11am-3pm, we will be getting the play room ready, so the younger ones can enjoy it when they tire of the Seder. And from 4pm-6pm, we will learn to sing some of the Passover songs to help make your Seder and our Community Seder more song-filled and harmonious. If you like to sing, or play an instrument, come join us!

SERVICES THIS SHABBAT

FRIDAY NIGHT, APRIL 5—6:30pm

KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES for SHABBAT HAGADOL

Sorry for the misprint in the newsletter, but this week is NOT a Folk Shabbat. This Shabbat we will be celebrating Emma Marden becoming Bat Mitzvah, and it is "Shabbat haGadol" the "Great Sabbath," which is the special name for the Shabbat before Passover. Back in the day, rabbis only gave sermons a few times a year, and the one before Passover was usually the longest one, as it reviewed all the details of Passover observance. We will enjoy our usual song-filled service, and while I will NOT be giving a long sermon, it will be related to Passover observance. Oneg (refreshments and schmoozing) after will be in our "lounge" and school, as the Marden family visitors, many of whom have travelled a long way to come, will be having a family dinner in the Social Hall. It promises to be a fun service and a great way to celebrate our community.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6—10:00am—NOTE THE LATER TIME FOR A BAT MITZVAH
EMMA MARDEN'S BAT MITZVAH—SHABBAT MORNING PRAYERS**

Please join us to celebrate Emma Marden being called to the Torah as *bat mitzvah*. It will truly be a Shabbat HaGadol, a 'great Sabbath.'" She will be reading from the Torah portion called *M'tzarah*. After the service, please join us for a lunch in honor of Emma in our Social Hall.

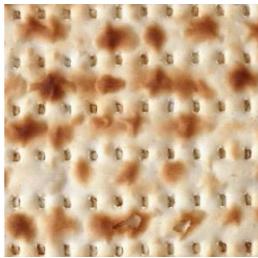
PLEASE NOTE: There is NO TORAH STUDY this Saturday. Here is a [link to the Union of Reform Judaism's page on Parashat M'tzarah](#), including modern reflections on it.

SUNDAY

APRIL 14, 11:00am-3:00pm

FINISH THE PLAYROOM!

We all agree we want to attract more young families with children, and one way to help is to make our synagogue and school more engaging for children. A fun playroom/childcare space is key to that goal. We need your help to finish setting it up and painting so we have a childcare and play space for Passover Seder. Pizza lunch will be served and child care is possible if you let us know.



APRIL 14, 4:00pm-6:00pm

CHOIR, UKULELE, and INSTRUMENT PRACTICE FOR PASSOVER SEDER

Want to learn to sing or play some fun songs for Passover? Want to make some of the singing at Seder more harmonious? Wanna play Ukulele? Join us to learn songs and harmonies for some of the songs for our community Seder. It is a great way to enhance your experience at Seder while making Seder better for all.

SAVE THE DATE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1—7:00pm at Temple Sinai
YOM haSHOAH, HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

We join with Ohavi Zedek to honor those who died and reflect on its meaning to us, the living.

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!!!! If you love to sing show tunes, let Rabbi know, as we will be having rehearsals soon!