

## Hello Temple Sinai!

**THANK YOU** to the team that signed up to volunteer today at the **Ronald McDonald House**, and to the Social Action Committee for all their work to get Sinai more actively in the local community of service.

### TWO SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEKEND:

- ❖ **Songs, Schmooze and S'mores.** Back by popular demand, on **Saturday evening at 7:00pm**, we'll be having a campfire singalong. Bring chairs or blankets, bug spray, instruments, and *any food you want to grill on our new grill* (no pork/shellfish) and we'll sing familiar songs in English and Hebrew. Bring your own songs to share. A fun evening outside around the fire with **Havdalah** to close.
- ❖ **SALSA Class.** On **Sunday afternoon, June 23, from 4:00-6:00pm**, we will get a salsa lesson, demonstration, and practice with teachers from DSantos VT. Go to the newsletter or website to RSVP.

### SAFE TRAVELS to JAN KLINE as she travels to provide nursing in GAZA



Our member, Jan Kline, is going on a medical mission to Gaza with MedGlobal, an outstanding international organization. MedGlobal is composed of carefully-vetted global healthcare volunteers that go to some of the most needy places in the world to provide life-saving and life-sustaining medical services. We wish Jan safe travels, meaningful connections, and fulfillment from this difficult but sacred work. Tim and I will be meeting up with her in Jerusalem after her mission, so I am excited to learn about her experiences. Meanwhile, I wanted to share this

podcast from Hadassah called ["From Gaza to Tel Aviv"](#) (click to listen and read more about it) about two journalists that have worked together and become dear friends through all this conflict. The Israeli journalist, Jonathan Ferziger, happens to be a friend of ours and is active in an egalitarian Havurah in Tel Aviv that we try to attend whenever we are there. When Jan gets back, we look forward to her sharing her experiences with us at an upcoming service or event. Shalom. Salaam. Come back safe!

**Rabbi Edleson in Jerusalem, July 1-21.** I wanted to let you all know that I will be in Jerusalem during the first few weeks in July. The first week is vacation with Tim and my great-niece, and a visit from Jan Kline. Then I will be studying for two weeks at the Rabbinic Torah Study Seminar at the Shalom Hartmann Institute. The topic this year is **Nationalism and Tribalism in the Global Era**. This seminar brings together rabbis from all streams of Judaism to wrestle with text, God and each other, and I'm very excited to dig in. I'll be bringing a lot back to share with you.

### THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

#### KABBALAT SHABBAT

**Friday, June 21—6:30pm (Birthday Celebration PreOneg at 5:30pm)**

This Friday night we will have our standard energetic song-filled Kabbalat Shabbat, and there will still be daylight left when we're done!

## MORNING SHACHARIT SERVICE

Saturday, June 22—9:30am

Start your day off by stepping into sacred space. Our one-hour morning service is more traditional than our Friday night service, chanted mostly in Hebrew, and includes both traditional tunes and newer music. Weather permitting, we will have services in the back yard. It is a great way to become familiar with and relax into the core spiritual practice of our tradition. All are welcome.

## TORAH STUDY, *PARASHAT B'HA'ALOTCHA*

Saturday, June 22—10:30am

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.

This week we will study [\*Parashat B'ha'alotcha\*, \(Numbers 8:1–12:16\)](#)

[Parashat Naso](#). (Click for URJ's Page on this Torah Portion, with modern commentary.) Click [here for Parshat B'ha'alotcha](#) at Sefaria with clickable commentary. (Just click on any verse and a list of commentary options opens up on the left) This portion includes some details about the Menorah in the *Mishkan*, and it has the Israelites grumbling about the need for meat, which they then get in horror-movie proportions. Then to add insult to injury, Miriam and Aaron, Moses' sister and brother, turn against him. We also Moses have a total stress melt-down that I think we can all relate to.

## SONGS, SCHMOOZE, & S'MORES

Saturday, June 22—7:00pm



Join us on next Saturday evening, June 22 around the firepit for campfire songs, barbeque and s'mores

**Bring Your Own Food to grill on our new grill (no pork/shellfish)**  
**Bring a blanket or folding chairs and some bug spray**

Rabbi has a bunch of American and Hebrew camp-style songs that he can play on guitar, and he'll have the words there too. If you play an instrument and want to join in, please bring it, and if there is a camp song you just love, teach it to us!

**At 8:30pm we'll end with a short Havdalah service**

I look forward to seeing you!