

## Hello Temple Sinai,

I am so sorry to have been sick with the flu this past Shabbat. I was very much looking forward to it. I am so very grateful to Rabbi Jan Salzman for stepping in for Friday night at the last minute, and to Bruce Hicken, for covering Saturday morning's prayers and Torah Study. It is so nice to have such support.

We have a busy weekend coming up, with a barbeque/Rock Shabbat on Friday night, a joint-event with Ohavi Zedek on Saturday night, and Shavu'ot holiday services on Sunday morning.

For the barbeque on Friday with *our new grill*, (*Shehechyanu* will be said!) ***please bring a salad/side dish/dessert to share.***

It is hard to compete with the Rock Shabbat, and I hope we see a big crowd there, but I am hoping that you will also consider coming to one or both of our Shavu'ot events. This is one of the three important holidays (with Passover and Sukkot), and it is when this synagogue was founded and why it is called "Sinai."

On Saturday evening, let's represent at the joint-event we are doing with O.Z. I'll be leading some study, and our own Ed Carroll will be leading one (see more below). And on Sunday morning, we will have a holiday service for Shavu'ot, and a cheesecake oneg. We will read the 10 Commandments from the Torah, have a short Yizkor service for our beloved dead, (minyan needed!) and we'll reflect on the Book of Ruth, and the importance of law in a just society.

Since it is a tradition to read the Book of Ruth on Shavu'ot, here is a link. It is a complex story, with a powerful message about connection and loyalty, but also with messages about inclusivity, xenophobia, and love. [BOOK OF RUTH](#)

Without further ado, here are our services for Shabbat and Shavu'ot.

## SERVICES THIS WEEKEND

### ROCK SHABBAT

**Friday, June 7—Beginning at 5:00pm**

Join us for Rock Shabbat with Dahg, our in-house rock band! Popular tunes with a spiritual Jewish twist. Come sing along! Bring the family and friends. And come early for a community barbeque and Hebrew School Open House. We'll have **Gaga and a Bouncy castle** for the kids.

**5:00pm Barbeque and School Open House.** Say a *shehechyanu* over our new Sinai grill, and enjoy food, play, and conversation.

**6:00pm "What's New with Religious School?"** A *short* presentation on innovations and directions we are taking with our Hebrew School.

**6:30pm Rock Shabbat Services.** Fun. Informal. Family friendly. Join us.

## SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

**Saturday, June 8—9:30am**

Join us for our traditional Shabbat morning service, chanting mostly in Hebrew ! Weather permitting, we'll have services outside. Because we are having Shavu'ot Festival Services on Sunday morning, we might be a small crew (*and we will need you for minyan on Sunday*) but we will celebrate Shabbat with familiar songs and prayerful connections.

***THERE WILL NOT BE TORAH STUDY ON SATURDAY MORNING AS WE WILL BE HAVING A SHAVU'OT NIGHT OF STUDY TOGETHER WITH OHAVI ZEDEK (see below)***



Come celebrate the giving of the 10 Commandments and the founding of Temple Sinai 53 years ago! We will be having 2 events in honor of this important holiday.

## TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT – SHAVUOT NIGHT OF STUDY **Saturday, June 8—7:00 pm at Ohavi Zedek**

Temple Sinai and Ohavi Zedek are joining forces to fulfill the great Shavuot tradition of a night of study. There will be two learning sessions, each about an hour, with a short service and CHEESECAKE in the middle. Rabbi Small and Rabbi Edleson will lead a study of the BOOK OF RUTH, traditionally read on Shavu'ot, and Ed Carroll will be leading a session exploring the connection between law and holiness. Others from our two communities will lead sessions of song and study. *Lots of OZ people came to Sinai for Holocaust Remembrance, so if you can, please come to OZ to represent and learn!*

- **7:00pm** Minchah service in chant and song
- **7:30pm** Learning Session I
- **8:30pm** Ma'ariv service (brief/chanted) and Cheesecake
- **9:15pm** Learning Session II (includes Book of Ruth study)

## SHAVUOT FESTIVAL SERVICES

*With* **10 COMMANDMENTS, HALLEL, AND YIZKOR**

**Sunday, June 9—10:00am at Temple Sinai**

Join us for Shavu'ot Festival Services on Sunday morning at 10 am. We will celebrate the giving of Torah with a reading of the 10 Commandments from the Torah, and we will consider the importance and meaning of them. We will chant selection from the Hallel prayers, and we will have short Yizkor Service at noon to remember our beloved dead.

Oneg will follow with CHEESECAKE!!! **Hope to see you there.**