

## Hello Temple Sinai!

### ***WE NEED A MINYAN ON SATURDAY MORNING SERVICES FOR A SHORT TORAH READING AND CHILD NAMING! PLEASE JOIN US!***

This Shabbat morning, we will have a slightly longer service with a short Torah reading (Shema and V'Ahavta!) so that we can have a proper child naming Gwen and Vivian Saipe, daughters of Noah and Adriana, newish members of our congregation, so please try to come and show your support. We'll have a small kiddush and nosh after. ***This means Torah study will start closer to 11:00am this week!***

And we will have **Songs, Schmooze and S'mores** on Saturday evening at 7:00pm, if it is not raining!

We had an intimate, meaningful ritual for Tisha b'Av so thanks to the Temple Sinai folks who came out for it. We wrote lamentations, offered them in the fire, sang traditional songs, and read parts of Lamentations in pairs together. I was particularly thrilled with Rabbi Jan's version of Psalm 137 (*By the Waters of Babylon we sat and wept remembering Zion....*) that fit to the tune of "I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry" by Hank Williams.

We also planted the two raised beds that start our community garden, so thanks to those that helped with that.

And we had a GREAT turn-out for High Holy Day Choir practice. I think it bodes very well for our holiday season this year. We have much that will be like last year, but also some meaningful changes to services. Remember, we are not charging for tickets, so invite your non-affiliated friends to join us. That schedule will be out very soon.

## **THIS WEEK'S SERVICES**

### **FRIDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 16**

**5:30pm—PreOneg**

**6:30pm—Kabbalat Shabbat Service**

This Shabbat, we will have our usual festive song-filled service, in English and Hebrew, so come, sing, be with community, and remember what really matters in these busy lives of ours. Here is one song we have been doing for a while, but it is always good to get a refresher!

Psalm 96: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a4xr6AK2sF8>

And here is a new niggun we will be learning in the coming months: The Crakow Niggun: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yNmjx0K-Kc>

## SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 17

### 9:30am—SHACHARIT SERVICE

This week we will also have a short Torah service to read Shema and V'ahavta together, so that we can have a proper child naming for Gwen and Vivian Saipe, daughters of Noah and Adriana. A small kiddush and nosh will follow.

It is a great way to become familiar with and relax into the core spiritual practice of our tradition. All are welcome.

### 11:00am\*—TORAH STUDY, *PARASHAT D'VARIM*

#### \*Note time change

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 our Torah study will begin its new format, with the first 45 minutes devoted to the Torah portion, and the second 45 minutes devoted to the prophetic narrative books of Joshua and Judges. *It would be great if you could read the chapters in Joshua before Torah study.* If you don't, no worries. It will be possible to catch up.

In Torah, we begin the book of Deuteronomy with [Parashat V'ETCHANAN \(Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11\)](#) (Click for URJ's Page on this Torah Portion, with modern commentary.) Click here for [Parashat D'varim at Sefaria](#) with clickable commentary. (Just click on any verse and a list of commentary options opens up on the left) Deuteronomy begins Moses final teachings to the people before they cross the Jordan. It includes different versions of things we read in Numbers and we can consider those differences.

In **THE BOOK OF JOSHUA**, we will read **CHAPTERS 3-5**. [Click here for a link to the text at Sefaria.](#) [Here's a link to the NRSV English Text.](#) We will consider, and reflect on the meaning of crossing a boundary or a barrier to enter a new part of life. Please join us.

### 7:00pm—SONGS, SCHMOOZE, AND S'MORES *WE WILL CANCEL IF RAINING*



Join us on THIS Saturday evening around the firepit for campfire songs, barbeque and s'mores. Bring Your Own Food to grill on our 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! *If you don't feel like singing, we can also talk about any topic you like: Israeli elections; Jewish activism, the meaning of Shabbat – just ask!* At 8:30pm we'll end with a short Havdalah service.

# OTHER HAPPENINGS

## SOCIAL ACTION OPPORTUNITY

### **AUGUST RECESS RALLY FOR GUN LAW REFORM**

On Sunday, August 18, at 2:00pm on Church Street in front of City Hall, *Mom's Demand Action for Common Sense Gun Laws* is having a rally and I will be one of the speakers, talking about Judaism's approach to gun laws. Here is a link to the event: <https://act.everytown.org/event/august-recess-2019/24927?akid=&source=&zip=>

## A CALL FOR ACTORS/READERS for YOM KIPPUR

This Yom Kippur, for our afternoon program, we will be doing a staged reading of Merle Feld's play, "The Closing of the Gates." This play has been performed at synagogues all over the country as it touches on the issues forgiveness, Jewish identity, family loss, and other issues in keeping with Yom Kippur. We will need **10 actors/readers** (5 men/ 5 women according to the play, but we can play with that gender line) to perform the play, and you will have the script in front of you. Once I know who, we will set up some read-throughs and rehearsals. Please let Michael know if you are interested! (Here is a link to a performance by another synagogue if you want to check it out: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B3R2TEY86bU>)

