

Hello Temple Sinai!

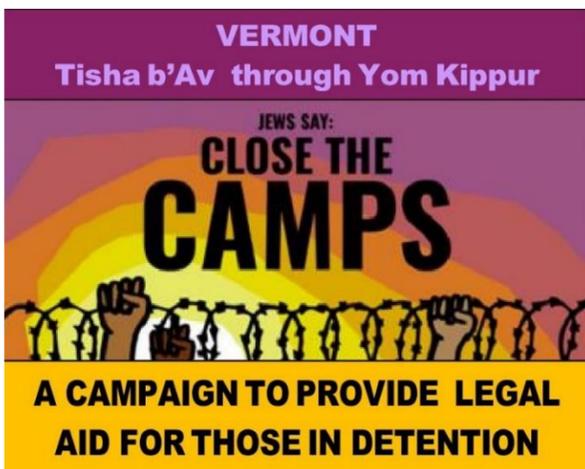
I want to first apologize to anyone who has emailed me and didn't get a prompt response. Recently, my volume of email was extremely high, many from group activities for the synagogue, and some messages simply got lost in the deluge. It is always my intention to get right back to you, so if you wrote me and didn't hear back, please let me know. As we approach the High Holy Days, I want to apologize and ask your forgiveness and patience.

Also, on this 18th anniversary of September 11, we remember those who died and we should pause and reflect on the changes in our nation and world since those attacks. How is the America we live in today rooted in that tragic day 18 years ago?

There is a lot going on, so here is a list of what is in this email:

1. [FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN FOR LEGAL AID FOR THOSE IN DENTENTION](#). (Hint: only a few have donated, so please consider giving something)
2. [ADULT B'NEI MITZVAH CLASSES](#) are starting soon.
3. [SHABBAT SERVICES INCLUDING GREENBERG BABY NAMING](#)
4. [SELICHOT SERVICE NEXT WEEK](#)
5. [INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM COURSE BEGINS NOVEMBER 3](#)

GIVE TO OUR CAMPAIGN FOR REFUGEES



WE NEED TO DO BETTER!

Let's show that the Vermont Jewish Community, and Temple Sinai will offer not just 'thoughts and prayers' but much needed funding to help those in need of legal aid. *(control/click on image to go to campaign!)*

<https://fundly.com/raising-funds-for-legal-aid-to-help-those-in-detention-a-ca>

ADULT B'NEI MITZVAH CLASSES

GENERAL CLASSES: Sept 18 and 25; Nov 6 and 20; Dec 18.

One of my disappointments last year was that I didn't succeed in getting an adult b'nei mitzvah class going, despite great interest from you. I was determined not to have that happen again, so here is the basic info to get started.



The General Classes will consider the meaning of a bat or bar mitzvah, and explore the concept of 'hiyuv' or duty to the Jewish people and the mitzvot in the context of Reform Judaism. We will also explore the Sabbath Service in more depth and discuss issues of Jewish theology.

Since a good part of the bat or bar mitzvah is reading Torah, Judy Alexander will be offering courses for you to learn that.

HEBREW FOR BEGINNERS

Thursdays, 7:00-8:30pm.

Oct 17-Dec 19; Jan 9, 16 (final class)

If you struggle to read Hebrew or never learned, come to this class to kickstart your learning!

TORAH CANTILLATION FOR ADULTS with 6th GRADE RS CLASS:

Thursdays, 6:15-6:35 pm

Oct 17,24; Nov 7, 14,21; Dec 5,12, 19.

As our young b'nei mitzvah learn to chant Torah, you can learn with them, a great opportunity for inter-generational learning.

TORAH CANTILLATION BOOT CAMP

TBD

We will also set up a couple of longer 'bootcamp' workshops for those who want to learn Torah cantillation in a more concentrated way.

SERVICES THIS SHABBAT

KABBALAT SHABBAT WITH GREENBERG BABY NAMING

Friday, 6:30pm

Our usual song filled celebratory Friday service, but this time with a short Torah reading and Baby Naming for David and Jane Greenberg's new grandson Sterling. Please join us to celebrate his naming and for Oneg afterward.

SATURDAY MORNING SHACHARIT SERVICE, 9:30am

Our more traditional service, chanted mostly in Hebrew, and including some of the 'greatest hits' of Jewish song. 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 KI TETZE*

Saturday 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.

In Torah, we begin the book of Deuteronomy with [Parashat SHOFTIM \(Deuteronomy 21:10 – 25:19\)](#) (*Click for URJ's Page on this Torah Portion, with modern commentary.*) Click here for [Parashat SHOFTIM at Sefaria](#) with clickable commentary. (Just click on any verse and a list of commentary options opens up on the left) This portion is a collection of laws focused on going to war, and with a collection of laws including rape, rebellious children, and loans.

In **THE BOOK OF JOSHUA**, we will read **CHAPTERS 11-12**. [Click here for a link to the text at Sefaria.](#) We will consider the ancient city of HAZOR, and what has been learned about it through archeology. Please join us.

SAVE THE DATE - S'LICHOT SERVICES

Saturday, Sept 21, 7:00pm

Make plans to join us for the special service of S'lichot (songs of forgiveness) that mark the opening of the Yomim Nora'im, the Days of Awe that culminate in Yom Kippur. This service includes haunting melodies and prayers for forgiveness, and we will consider where we have missed the mark in our lives during the past year.

KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN JUDAISM?

INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM COURSE with Rabbi Edleson



Temple Sinai, South Burlington, VT

An 15-session course for anyone who wants to gain a deeper understanding of Jewish life.

Sundays at 4:00PM • Beginning November 3rd

For more information, please contact: Intro@URJ.org or 646.793.3196

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Jewish Life in Your Life

Support for Introduction to Judaism is provided by the National Center to Encourage Judaism.

This course given in 15 sessions, mostly on Sunday afternoons (still time for a good ski!) is perfect for those interested in learning more about Judaism from a Reform perspective. Dating someone Jewish? Thinking of converting? Jewish but not raised with much information? This is the class for you! [Click here to register!](#)