

Hello Temple Sinai –

Due to the High Holy Days, this email will serve as our newsletter and Rabbi's email for this week. We are a VERY active synagogue in the next weeks, so instead of my usual format, I'm going to start with listing the upcoming events; the details of each will be after the list.

Friday	Oct 11	6:30pm	Friday Night Services
Saturday	Oct 12	9:30am	Shabbat Morning Services
Saturday	Oct 12	10:30am	Torah Study
Saturday	Oct 12	7:00pm	Harvest Hoedown and Fundraiser
Monday	Oct 14	10:00am	Sukkot Services
Tuesday	Oct 15	6:00pm	Dinner in the Sukkah

SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday	Oct 19	10:00am	BAT MITZVAH of Ariel Toohey
Sunday	Oct 20	9:30am	SISTERHOOD kick-off brunch
Sunday	Oct 20	5:30pm	SIMHAT TORAH dinner/service

TODAH RABA- THANK YOUs FOR HIGH HOLY DAYS

I want to offer my profound gratitude to everyone who did so much to make the High Holy Days so successful – to everyone: TODAH RABA

RABBI MANAGEMENT

✧ I need to start by thanking **TIM OWINGS**, for keeping me sane, supporting me endlessly, showing up constantly, for being an outstanding *hagbah* Torah Lifter, and for keeping me honest. I could not do this without him.

MUSIC:

- ✧ **MARK LEOPOLD** for being such a good partner in planning and helping with choir and with *his tireless work on all the services*.
- ✧ The **CHOIR**, for spending every Sunday afternoon for the past months learning the music.
- ✧ **WENDY VELASTRO** for keyboard, for patience and flexibility, and for all her help with choir rehearsals.
- ✧ **MEG COSABOOM** for directing the choir, and for her patience as we made changes.
- ✧ **HANNAH WEISS AND MOLLY MURTHA** for their beautiful rendition of Leonard Cohen's, "If it by Your Will"
- ✧ **FRAN PEPPERMAN TAYLOR** for the exquisite violin.
- ✧ **HOWARD KALFUS, JOEL GOLDBERG, AND JEFF BOWERS** for being the 'stage band' for the songs on Rosh HaShanah evening.

SOUND

✧ **DAVID WRIGHT** for providing all the equipment and organizing the sound system, which I made almost impossible by putting services in the round. I don't know what we would do without David and all his help!

SERVICES

- ✧ **DEB LEOPOLD** for lovingly sewing the High Holy Day ark curtain.
- ✧ **SARAGAIL BENJAMIN** for leading children's services.
- ✧ **JUDY ALEXANDER, BRUCE CHALMER, BRUCE HICKEN, AND MARK LEOPOLD** for chanting Torah and Haftarah.
- ✧ **DAVID SHIMAN, FELICIA KORNBLUH, and the SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE** for all their work arranging the excellent afternoon discussion on refugees with **PABLO BOSE**, and for the **PAPER BAG FOOD DRIVE**
- ✧ **BETH DAMON and GINNY GREENBLOTT** for the beautiful flowers.
- ✧ All the **Torah carriers, Torah dressers, and readers**, who added so much to the service.

ONEG and BREAKFAST

- ✧ **CHERYL RUBIN** and her team for the excellent BREAK FAST.
- ✧ **PATTY GREENFIELD AND THE BOARD** for Rosh HaShanah Oneg.
- ✧ **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE** for the Kiddush on Rosh HaShanah day.

LOGISTICS, FACILITIES, AND HANDOUTS

- ✧ **MICHAEL LEVINE** for all the logistics, handouts, envelopes, and working behind the scenes to organize so many moving parts.
- ✧ **IBRAHIM PECO** for all his work setting and resetting the sanctuary with all the changes I tried out this year.

To those and so many more, thank you, **AND TO THE ENTIRE CONGREGATION THAT PARTICIPATED SO FULLY, TODAH RABA!**

SHABBAT SERVICES

KABBALAT SHABBAT—Friday, Oct 11, 6:30pm

Join us for our regular, song-filled Friday night services followed by Oneg.

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES—Saturday, Oct 12, 9:30am

A one-hour, peaceful chanted service, mostly in Hebrew.

TORAH STUDY—PARASHAT HA'AZINU—Saturday, Oct 12, 10:30am

In Torah, we begin the book of Deuteronomy with [Parashat Ha'azinu \(Deuteronomy 32\)](#) (Click for URJ's Page on this Torah Portion, with modern commentary.) Click here for [Parashat Ha'azinu at Sefaria](#) with clickable commentary. (Just click on any verse and a list of commentary options opens up on the left). HA'AZINU is an ancient poem of Moses, in which Moses begs God to be allowed to live to enter the Promised Land. It raises some very interesting theological questions about fate and free will.

In **THE BOOK OF JOSHUA**, we will read **CHAPTERS 19:40 – 20:9** [Click here for a link to the text at Sefaria.](#) We will focus on the idea of CITIES OF REFUGE for criminals fleeing from families out for revenge.

NEXT SHABBAT: BAT MITZVAH of ARIEL TOOHEY, 10:00 am

We will have a full Torah service to celebrate Ariel's bat mitzvah. All are invited to celebrate and show her your support!

SUKKOT and SIMCHAT TORAH

SUKKOT SERVICES—Monday, Oct 14, 10:00am

In Biblical times, Sukkot was the biggest holiday festival of them all, and here in Vermont, with the change of leaves and the end of harvest, it is particularly meaningful. We will meet at 10 am and have Festival Services with Hallel. We will not be doing a Torah Reading, so the service should last about 90 minutes. We need a minyan, so if you can make it, it would be great to have you. Sukkah blessings to follow!



DINNER IN THE SUKKAH—Tuesday, Oct 15, 6:00pm

(Sponsored by the Brotherhood) All are welcome to a Pot Luck Dinner in the Sukkah.

Please bring a **soup or main course to share**. Warm clothing is a very good idea 😊. Rain or Shine!

SIMCHAT TORAH—Sunday, Oct 20

Pot Luck Dinner 5:30 pm. Services 6:30 pm

(Sinai together with Ruach HaMaqom and Rabbi Jan Salzman)

COME CELEBRATE AND DANCE WITH THE TORAH! Simchat Torah is not just for kids, but is a great festive celebration for adults, too! We will read the end of Deuteronomy and immediately begin Genesis, and we will together see the Torah unfurled so you can see where highlights (and maybe your bar/bat mitzvah portion!) are in the scroll. Then we will dance with our Torahs to live and recorded music. If after the High Holy Days, you think letting loose and having some fun in temple is a good idea, please plan to come! We will also have the consecration of our Hebrew school students, and join together for a pot luck after. (kosher-style pot-luck, **bring a dish to share**)

INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM COURSE with Rabbi Edleson

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SCHOOL NEWS

Week beginning October 10, 2019

This week is brought to you by the letter Dalet



Some Dalet words:

Dvash - Honey דבֿשׁ



Delet - Door דֿלת



Degel - Flag דֿגל Dahg - Fish דג



This Sunday our 7-8 Grade Chai Group is heading to the Living Tree Alliance Farm to learn about Sukkot. On October 17 our Torah Chanting class begins for the 6th Grade class, adults are welcome to join. And on the 20th, at 5:30, we have a fun Simchat Torah celebration where we Consecrate our newest students, dance with the Torah, and have a jolly good time!