

Hello Temple Sinai!

Thank you to everyone that made the **Red Cross Blood Drive** successful, particularly **David Punia and Karen Cote**, and to everyone that helped deliver **Meals on Wheels** on Christmas day, and particularly to **Jeff Solomon** who coordinated all the logistics. It is good to be part of a community that puts our values into practice. Thank you.

Thanks also to my **Intro to Judaism class** for making *latkes* and *sufganiyot* to take to Ru'ach Hamaqom for first night of Hanukkah, and to all the Sinai folks that showed up to celebrate there or at the statewide party at the Zen Barn on Monday night.

But wait.....there's.....



MORE HANUKKAH!! *(there are links to Hanukkah music videos near the end of this email)*

Fri, December 27 -

Service with Kaddish 5:30.

Dinner at 6.

GREAT BRISKET BAKEOFF

We will have a *very short service* with kaddish at **5:30**, and then we will have a festive community dinner, light candles, and sing Hanukkah songs. A great event for families. Bring you best brisket! And we will be singing Hanukkah songs and Sabbath table songs to celebrate.

Sat, December 28 7 pm

A SPIRITUAL HANUKKAH CELEBRATION.

This year, on the last night of Hanukkah, come gather with us, **BRING YOUR MENORAHS** if you have, and together we will light candles and sing as we reflect on loss, hope, freedom, courage, and the power to make light in the darkness. Light oneg to follow.

THIS WEEK'S SHABBAT SERVICES –

- **KABBALAT SHABBAT** *See Great Brisket Bakeoff above*

Kaddish will be at 5:50.

- **SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES**

Saturday, December 21—9:30 am

A one-hour, peaceful chanted service, mostly in Hebrew, with a focus on the “greatest hits” of Shabbat Shacharit services, plus some new tunes - a great way to get to know the service and start your day. All are welcome.

• TORAH STUDY – PARASHAT MIKETZ Saturday 10:30 am

How do we know when someone tells us something that is true? This week, we get Pharaoh's dreams, Joseph's solutions and his incognito reunion with his brothers.

[Parashat Miketz Genesis 41:1-44:17](#) (Click for URJ's Page on this Torah Portion, with modern commentary.) Click here for [Parashat Miketz at Sefaria](#) with clickable commentary. (Just click on any verse and a list of commentary options opens up on the left). We will also be looking at a parallel story in [Daniel Chapter 2](#). The study will be led by Rabbi Edleson.

JCOGS

As I said last week, even though I am organizing a Sinai Trip to Israel (either this coming spring or next fall; details coming soon), JCOGS in Stowe is having a trip this summer with Rabbi Fainsilber so if you know people who might be interested in going this summer with that group, here is the [link](#).

HANUKKAH MUSIC VIDEOS FOR KIDS AND ADULTS

(There are a growing number of Jewish a capella groups that are doing fun Hanukkah songs and videos. Two of the most prolific groups, Maccabeats and Six Thirteen, are all male. The Fountainheads are a mixed group. I could not find an all women's group with Hanukkah videos on; if you do, please share those with me!)

A Capella and Vocal Groups good for all ages

• MACCABEATS NEW ONE FOR THIS YEAR- [“Pan Fry”](#)

• SIX THIRTEEN NEW ONE: [“Stars Wars Hanukkah”](#)

- Maccabeats “Candlelight” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qSJCSR4MuhU>
- Six Thirteen “Bohemian Hanukkah” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9P30ckBf1wk>
- Fountainhead “Light up the Night” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GJdm3c83L0w>
- Six Thirteen “Hanerot Halelu” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A0K9M6lCeZw>
- Maccabeats “Latka Recipe” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fg51la8Yayc>
- Maccabeats “Shine” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QfieP6H47lc>
- Maccabeats “A Hamilton Hanukkah” (with intro by Pres. Barak Obama)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qWcd-K8_X34
- Six Thirteen “Shake it off” (Hanukkah) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NoHp2Rq8sMI>
- Six Thirteen “Chozen” (from Frozen) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iwBuNtd4xAY>

Two Videos For Adults

- Detox, “This is How We Jew It” (for those who love RuPaul's Drag Race and drag camp humor) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=trbfeXG1zyl>

- **Matisyahu “Miracle”** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gv-7WdpB72o>