

Hello Temple Sinai!

IMPORTANT: SHABBAT SHIRA PERFORMANCE POSTPONED DUE TO WEATHER

We will reschedule and let you know. Please look at the website, or check your emails about whether or not we will have regular services Friday night.

Thanks to Rabbi Michael Cohen for an outstanding shabbat of learning last week. Lifelong learning is a profoundly Jewish value, and we believe holiness resides where people engage in text. Thanks to all who attended.

Tim and I will be in Jerusalem from Feb 10-20, having some down time with friends. During that time, I will only occasionally be checking email, but the synagogue will be able to reach me if it is urgent. Just give Stacie a call.

TU B'SHEVAT SEDER Feb 9, 6-8pm

Together with participants from our Introduction to Judaism class, we will celebrate the holiday of Tu B'Shevat, Judaism's original "Earth Day", the new year for trees. We will build on a ritual created in Tzfat, Israel in the 1500's by Jews escaping the Spanish Expulsion, reflect on the powerful connections between spirituality and nature.



Tu B'Shevat Seder
CELEBRATING THE NEW YEAR OF TREES
AND ISRAEL'S SEVEN SPECIES

Sunday, February 9 6-8 pm

Building on our time with Rabbi Michael Cohen, Scholar in Residence, we will celebrate the wonders of our earth and reflect on our responsibilities to it.

The Seder will include a celebratory dinner that is also the culmination of our Introduction to Judaism Class.

PLEASE PLEASE VOTE REFORM (ARZA)



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in the current **World Zionist Congress elections**. And If you could forward the 'thank you for voting' to info@templesinaivt.org we can get a sense of how many of us have voted. Also, take a picture of the "I Voted" email and post it on social media to encourage your friends to vote. **If you are over 18, identify as Jewish, and can afford \$7.50, please vote.**

Voting is a two-step process:

1) First you register to vote, pay the \$7.50 and they send you a pin for registration; then,

2) They send you a second pin for the actual vote, either by text or email.

Read all the platforms, and vote for the one you agree with most. Please consider voting 'ARZA' Reform and Reconstructionist.

Your vote will affect where and how the Jewish agency expends funds, and whether it will support egalitarian liberal Judaism in Israel, as well as other progressive causes.

THIS WEEK'S SHABBAT SERVICES –

KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE:

WEATHER DEPENDING: check email, web, or FB for announcement.

Friday, Feb 6 6:30pm *Oneg to Follow*

Due to the predicted blizzard, we are postponing our very special *SHABBAT SHIRA* performance with Social Band, Howard Kalfus and others. We will reschedule it. We are still hoping to have regular Friday night services, weather permitting, so if the roads are good, come join us.

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES with TORAH READING

Full service; students in religious school are especially encouraged to attend.

Saturday, 10:00 am *note later time*

We will have a Shabbat Morning Service with Torah Reading this Saturday, so we will not have Torah Study afterwards. We will be reading the *Song of the Sea* from Exodus, Parashat BaShalach, and focusing on the prayers our students are expected to learn. *Check the web and email for any changes due to weather.*

TORAH STUDY – No Torah Study this week. Torah reading during services.

VOTE REFORM
#VoteReformWZC

DO YOU BELIEVE THE REFORM MOVEMENT SHOULD HAVE A STRONGER PRESENCE IN ISRAEL?

IF SO, WE'D LOVE FOR YOU TO GET INVOLVED IN THE WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS ELECTION!

The World Zionist Congress Elections are coming soon, and your vote is critical to maintaining a large Reform presence in Israel and the United States!

Your vote is the only democratic opportunity you have to influence Israeli society as we continue our efforts towards equality, pluralism and tolerance. Our congregation saw a positive voter turn out last election, but we know that we can do better.

Voting takes place online starting January 21, 2020 to March 11, 2020 and will take less than 90 seconds to participate. If you're 18+ and identify as Jewish, we hope we can count on you to vote Reform.

Intrigued? Visit the ARZA website to learn more: ARZA.org

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GET INVOLVED:

Vote Reform
World Zionist Congress Election | Jewish Agency for Israel | Reform Judaism

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