

# Hello Temple Sinai!

I want to thank everyone who celebrate Tu B'Shevat Seder this past Sunday. I especially want to thank all the people who help set it up: the **Intro to Judaism Class** that provided overflowing bowl of nuts, fruits, and helps set it up; to the "tots" who made tree sculptures with **Saragail Benjamin** and that became the centerpiece on the seder table; and to **Beth Damon** for the beautiful flowers and olive branches that graced the tables, and to **Patty Greenfield, Steve Greenfield, Jan Kline** and others who did most of the prep and then helped clean up.

Speaking of Tu B'Shevat, Tim and I arrived in Israel today, and indeed – the almond tree were blooming- the more sure sign that it is the season of Tu B'Shevat. **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.

So a few things you should know:

**PLEASE PLEASE VOTE** in the current **World Zionist Congress**



**elections, and if it suits you, vote ARZA/REFORM.** And If you could forward the 'thank you for voting' to [info@templesinaivt.org](mailto: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,**

**Control + Click button to VOTE**

**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.**

# Purim.



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**PURIM: A STORYTELLER'S COMEDY SHOW**  
**Saturday. March 14. 6pm. Temple Sinai.**

**WE NEED FUN STORYTELLERS!**

*The Scroll of Esther is 10 Chapters, each action packed, and we want you to step up and take one chapter and tell it to us in any way you like. Make it your own. Get together with friends, get your family and kids to act out the parts, use radio show noise effects, write a song; use charades for key words, or just read the story: it is funny and dramatic all on its own. We need 9 NINE groups or individuals to take a chapter; we'll read the 10<sup>th</sup> together.*

Email [administrator@templesinaivt.org](mailto:administrator@templesinaivt.org) with "Purim Storyteller" in the subject line. If you want a particular chapter, mention that, but we will have to do our best to distribute the chapters so it is covered. This will be done as "dinner theater" or "Moth style" as we have our meal together groggers in hand.

**SAVE THE DATE: PURIM SATURDAY MARCH 14 6 PM**

*Fun for all ages*

**6 PM - APPETIZERS, GAMES, GROGGER-MAKING, DRINKS**

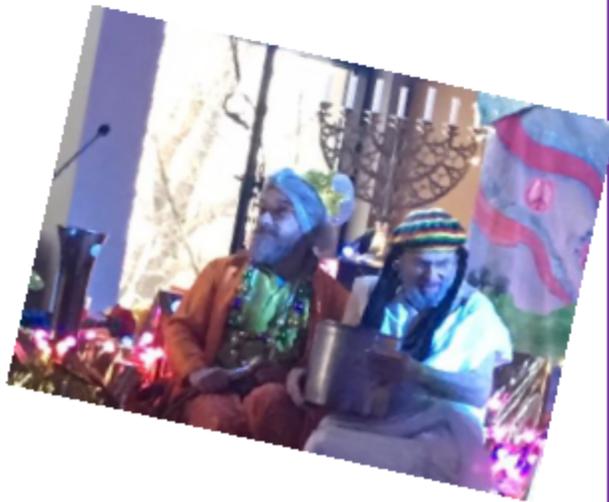
- Play Gaga, Twister or other games; Make your own noise-maker

**7 PM - FESTIVE DINNER**

- Kids' Parade of Costumes with prizes!
- Adult Parade of Costumes with prizes!
- TELLING OF OF BOOK OF ESTHER

**8 PM - DESSERT AND DANCING.**

We'll have dessert and a short dance party in the Sanctuary with the new sound system. Fun Israeli and US Dance hits.



## THIS WEEK'S SHABBAT SERVICES –

- **GRADE 4 & 5 FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE:** Potluck 5:30; service 6:30. Judy Alexander and teachers will be leading the service. Please join us to show support to our younger members.

- **SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE Saturday morning 9:30 am**  
Our usual Saturday morning service, chanted mostly in Hebrew. It is a lovely way to start the day.
- **TORAH STUDY Saturday morning 10:30 am.**  
**Parashat Yitro. Exodus 18:1–20:23**  
Join our Torah Study where we combine the scholarly and the traditional, and together consider how these ancient words can have meaning in our lives. Here is a link to the [Reform movements page on Yitro](#) with commentary for tween, teens and adults. Here is a link to the [Sefaria page on Yitro](#) in both Hebrew and English with commentary.

That's all for now. Time to nap to try and heal from jetlag.  
Shalom from Jerusalem.