



DAN NICHOLS CONCERT FOR TEMPLE SINAI THIS FRIDAY NIGHT!!

Dan Nichols
SHABBAT CONCERT
 Temple Sinai
 Friday, May 8
 6:30 Ma'ariv 7pm Concert

ZOOM: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/148242561>

TEMPLE SINAI SERVICES AND EVENTS

Day	Date	Time	Description
Fri	5/8	6:30-8:30pm	<p>DAN NICHOLS CONCERT (following short service) <i>(Link on Website)</i> Service at 6:30. DAN NICHOLS CONCERT at 7:00 pm</p> 
Sat	5/9	9:30-Noon	<p>MORNING SERVICE and TORAH STUDY <i>(Link on Website)</i> One hour chanted Service 9:30 Torah Study 10:30 <u>Parashat Emor</u> <i>(control+click)</i> COUNTING THE OMER; LIVING IN BETWEEN WHAT WAS AND WHAT WILL BE</p>
Sat	5/9	8:00pm <i>Note Time</i>	<p>HAVDALAH Facebook Live <i>Temple Sinai Facebook Page</i></p>
Sun	5/10	7 pm	<p>SUNDAY EVENING MINYAN for Yahrzeit and Mourning with OZ Go to Ohavi Zedek's website, click on home image "connected" and look for the link.</p>
Fri	5/15	5:30 PM	<p>TOT SHABBAT FOR YOUNG FAMILIES WITH SARAGAIL BENJAMIN</p>
Fri	5/15	6:30 PM	<p>KABBALAT SHABBAT</p>



Shalom Temple Sinai!

As many of you know, I am a big **Dan Nichol**'s fan so I'm excited about the concert he is doing for us this Friday night. He'll be coming back when we can reschedule an in-person Shabbat of song and study, but this is lovely way for Temple Sinai to start getting to know Dan and his music. For a decade, Dan has been the most popular musician at Reform NFTY camps around North America, and some larger synagogues have endowed funds for him to come each year for a period to work with their congregations on prayer, music, and developing a genuine and real spiritual life in the face of doubt.

I wanted to share an **epiphany** I had in December at the Union of Reform Judaism **Biennial** in Chicago. Several thousand Reform Jews, including lots of teenage and young adult leaders from NFTY Camps, were packed in a big convention hall for **Friday night services** and song session, and Dan Nichols was leading key parts of the service. The songs he did were a mix of English and Hebrew lyrics, and I like his music so I was enjoying them. But then I noticed that the **loudest voices singing were from the youth**, and when I looked across the crowds at them, I could see that some were crying, some had huge smiles, many had arms around each other and all had their hearts and souls into the music and the words. As many of you know, I love Hebrew and Hebrew songs, but of course Hebrew can be a barrier for us to really connect with the meaning of the words. Dan, I realized, had managed to create **English words that people could connect to**, and through his work at synagogues and at camps, he had taught a generation of **Jews to open up spiritually**, to give themselves permission to openly express their faith and their love with emotion and passion. I had grown up in classical Reform synagogues where showing an emotional connection during prayer was rare, and frankly, seen as suspect. We were supposed to do the prayers, be polite, but not show ourselves to be *too religious*. What I saw at the biennial was Reform Jews comfortable being engaged in prayer, being moved by connection to each other and God, and showing that openly to each other. It was a **beautiful thing**, the thing that moved me most during that conference.

Over ZOOM, I don't think anyone could capture that same energy and passion of being in the room together physically, but I hope this concert helps us continue opening up spiritually, like the flowers beginning to bloom around us, and learn how to pray openly and unabashedly. Please come to the concert and encourage friends to come. And if you like it, consider making a donation to the [South Burlington Food Shelf](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS, CLASSES, AND SERVICES AT TEMPLE SINAI

TORAH STUDY with RABBI EDLESON –

Parashat Emor Leviticus 21:1–24:23

Here is a [link to the Reform Movement's page on this portion](#), and here is a [link to Sefaria's text with commentary](#).

PARENTING THROUGH A JEWISH LENS II

Next Class: Sunday, May 17 11am – noon

Rabbi David Edleson and Rabbi Tobie Weisman are co-teaching a Parenting through a Jewish Lens class on Zoom that will continue on Sunday, May 17 from 11-noon. Teaching will be based on a curriculum designed by Hebrew College in Boston. This will be a text-based discussion class from ancient and modern Jewish sources. Texts will be sent out in advance of each class. Each week will focus on a different topic.

- Sunday, May 17: G'd Talk and Spirituality
- Sunday, May 24: Making Space for Self Expression
- At a date in the near future, we will have an in-person meal together focusing on Hopes and Dreams for Our Children.

Co-sponsored by Jewish Communities of Vermont and Temple Sinai.

Please RSVP to: Rabbi Tobie Weisman at rebtobie@jcv.org.

NEED HELP YOURSELF? Help with shopping, pressing repairs at your home, pet care, etc.? Contact the Chaverim @ chaverim@templesinaivt.org or the Social Action Committee @ tikkun-olam@templesinaivt.org

UPCOMING: 4-CLASS COURSE ON ANTI-SEMITISM

Many people that couldn't take the course I offered in the winter on Anti-Semitism have asked if I would offer it again. I am planning to offer it in the early summer again, by ZOOM. With the recent anti-Semitic signs and slogans and protests against the restrictions and stay-at-home guidelines to reduce COVID infection, it seems this topic is as important as ever.

Please let [Stacie Gabert](#) know if you are interested, and whether you prefer the class to be on Sunday evening, a weekday evening, or a weekday afternoon. I will choose a time based on when the most people will be able to take it.

ANTI-SEMITISM:

What is it?

Where does it come from?

What do we do about it?

A four-part class with Rabbi Edleson



Are you interested in learning more about the sources, causes, and history of anti-Semitism and to better understand some of the events happening around us.

We will explore anti-Semitism in early writings of Christianity, in medieval literature, and in modern times. We will use Bari Weiss' book *How to Fight Anti-Semitism* as our core text, but we will also read from David Nirenberg's *Anti-Judaism*, Kathleen Belew's *Bring the War Home*, and early Zionist and civil rights writings on the subject. We will also look at modern online forms of anti-Semitism. In the final session, we will focus on what actions we might take and strategies employ in addressing the current rise in anti-Semitism and other forms of hate.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE LET [STACIE GABERT](#) KNOW, AND WHETHER YOU PREFER A SUNDAY EVENING, A WEEKDAY EVENING, OR A WEEKDAY AFTERNOON. DEPENDING ON PREFERENCES, I WILL SET THE DATES AND LET ALL THOSE INTERESTED KNOW. CLASSES WILL BEGIN AFTER SHAVU'OT, IN EARLY JUNE.

The class is \$18 to cover the cost of the book, but please register by emailing Stacie (info@templesinaivt.org) or calling the office at 802-863-5125, so that we can order the right number.

MI SHEBEIRACH LIST: As we all get through this together, we would like to ask you to keep us informed about any illnesses and recoveries in your family. We will use this in our *mi shebeirach* prayers (prayers for healing) but also to follow up and see how you are and if there is anything we can help with. Just send emails to our **Chaverim Committee** (*chaverim* = “friends” or members”) chaverim@templesinaivt.org