

TEMPLE SINAI SERVICES AND EVENTS

Day	Date	Time	Description
Thu	5/14	4:00-6:00pm	LAST DAY OF RELIGIOUS SCHOOL: Congratulations to our students!
Fri	5/15	5:30 PM	TOT SHABBAT FOR YOUNG FAMILIES WITH SARAGAIL BENJAMIN <i>(Link on Website)</i>
Fri	5/15	6:30	KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE <i>Oneg to follow.</i>
Sat	5/16	9:30- Noon	MORNING SERVICE and TORAH STUDY <i>(Link on Website)</i> One hour chanted Service 9:30 Torah Study 10:30 <u>Parashat B'HAR-B'CHUKOTAI</u> <i>(control+click)</i> <i>Giving the Land a Rest - The Jubilee</i>
Sat	5/16	8:00pm <i>Note Time</i>	HAVDALAH Facebook Live <i>Temple Sinai Facebook Page</i>
Sun	5/17	11 am	PARENTING THROUGH A JEWISH LENS: SESSION 3: GOD-TALK Rabbis David Edleson and Tobie Weisman <i>(Link on Website)</i>
Sun	5/17	7 pm	SUNDAY EVENING MINYAN for Yahrzeit and Mourning with OZ <i>Go to Ohavi Zedek's website, click on home image "connected" and look for the link.</i>
Thur -Sat	5/28- 5/30	All-day	<i>SAVE THE DATES:</i> SHAVU'OT SUMMIT WITH JCVT AND VERMONT JEWISH COMMUNITIES



May 13, 2020

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Shalom Temple Sinai!

I want to thank everyone who came to the Dan Nichols concert last Shabbat. I hope you can see why I am excited for him to spend a weekend with us. If you liked it, please consider making a donation to the [South Burlington Food Shelf](#). I am also talking to some up and coming musicians about doing ZOOM concerts for us this summer. I'll keep you posted.

On the same theme, I'm excited for Shavu'ot this year, (Thur-Sat, May 28-30) because Jewish Communities of Vermont is organizing a statewide Summit and Shavu'ot celebration with a combination of Zoom events, and ideas for home and outdoors away from the screen. It will culminate in a concert by **NEFESH MOUNTAIN**, a "Jewgrass" group that is dear to my heart. I grew up in Appalachia, so the sounds of Bluegrass mixed with Jewish themes and prayers brings together parts of my life that never could quite fit. I think you will love them. Also products of the Reform movement and our camps, they were the group I was going to bring to Sinai after Dan Nichols, but Susan Leff beat me to it, and I am very grateful. We'll be sending out a schedule of events soon. *If you control-click on the photo there's a video to a song you might like to whet your appetite.*



WHAT IS ANTI-SEMITISM? Although we are all rightly focused primarily on the epidemic, 2019 was the worst year in decades for anti-Semitic attacks. It is a good idea to understand this ancient conspiracy theory more fully, more complexly, and to see how it is used today on social media and among extremist groups as a motivator and group catalyst. I'll be starting up another session of **my four-week course on ANTI-SEMITISM** on **May 31 at 11:00 am**. It will explore the origins and causes of anti-Semitism, and explore both ancient and modern narrative and symbols of anti-Semitism, and see how they are being used today for a wide range of issues, particularly by White Supremacist and nationalist organizations, but also by some respected left-wing organizations. We'll also consider when legitimate criticism of Israel crosses the line into anti-Semitism. If you are interested, please email info@templesinaivt.org with Anti-Semitism Class in the subject line to let us know you are interested. The fee for the

course is \$18, which covers the cost of the book we are reading, **Bari Weiss' "HOW TO FIGHT ANTI-SEMITISM."** If you already own the book, or want to get it yourself, just let Stacie know and there is no charge for the course. The course will run 4 weeks, until June 21. Tell anyone who might want to better understand this perennial threat.

I hope to see you at an upcoming service, and if you are musical and home feeling a need for an outlet, please consider doing a song for one of our services, or sing a song at Oneg. The sound isn't perfect, but it adds a lot to see other faces and hear other voices than mine and Mark's.

Stay safe. Stay in love in life. Stay connected. Shalom, David

UPCOMING EVENTS, CLASSES, AND SERVICES AT TEMPLE SINAI

TORAH STUDY with RABBI EDLESON –

Parashat B'har and B'Chukotai Leviticus 25:1 – 27:34

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

- 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

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

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.

FOUR SUNDAYS

MAY 31, JUNE 7, 14, 21

11:00 AM- 1 PM

\$18 to cover Book

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. |