

## TEMPLE SINAI SERVICES AND EVENTS

| Day          | Date          | Time       | Description   |
|--------------|---------------|------------|---|
| Fri          | 5/22          | 6:30pm     | <b>KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE</b><br><i>Oneg to follow.</i>   |
| Sat          | 5/23          | 9:30-10:30 | <b>SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE</b><br><i>(Link on Website)</i>  |
|              |               | 10:30am    | <i>SPECIAL SHAVU'OT TEXT STUDY –</i><br><b>EZEKIEL'S VISION OF THE WHEEL</b><br><a href="https://www.sefaria.org/Ezekiel.1?lang=bi">https://www.sefaria.org/Ezekiel.1?lang=bi</a><br><i>A different experience of revelation</i><br><i>The traditional Haftarah for Shavuot</i>   |
|              | 5/23          | 8:00pm     | <b>HAVDALAH</b> Facebook Live<br><i>Temple Sinai Facebook Page</i>  |
| Sat          | 5/23          | 8:00 pm    | <b>Ohavi Zedek Havdalah and Coffee House</b><br><i>Havdalah, Minyan, and musical coffee house –Sinai is invited, and several of us are performing. See Ohavi Zedek website for link.</i>  |
| Sun          | 5/24          | 11 am      | <b>PARENTING THROUGH A JEWISH LENS:<br/>SESSION 4: Self-Expression in Children</b><br>Rabbis David Edleson and Tobie Weisman<br><i>(Link on Website)</i>  |
| Sun          | 5/24          | 7:00 pm    | <b>SUNDAY EVENING MINYAN</b><br><i>Go to Ohavi Zedek's website, click on home image "connected" and look for the link.</i>  |
| Sun          | 5/24          | 5:00 pm    | <b>ROSH CHODESH SIVAN–<br/>THE BOOK OF RUTH</b><br><i>The Book of Ruth, traditionally read on Shavu'ot, is one of the key examples of women-centered literature in the Hebrew Bible. In honor of the new moon and Shavuot, let's have a cup of tea, or a G&amp;T, and together read the Book of Ruth, and reflect on its art and meaning.</i> |
| Thur<br>-Sat | 5/28-<br>5/30 | All-day    | <b>SHAVU'OT SUMMIT WITH JCVT AND<br/>VERMONT JEWISH COMMUNITIES</b><br><i>Details in email below.</i>   |
| Sat          | 6/6           | 10:00am    | <b>SAVE THE DATE:<br/>Anna Dauerman's Bat Mitzvah on ZOOM</b>   |



## Shalom Temple Sinai!

Not only the bulbs are blooming! Shavu'ot is coming, and there is a LOT happening in Vermont to celebrate. At Sinai, I'll be doing a special Torah (Haftarah, really) study of "Ezekiel's Vision" and a tea-time reading of the Book of Ruth on Sunday. Then, starting on Thursday will be the Jewish Community of Vermont's statewide virtual Summit and Concert. As part of that, Judy Alexander will be leading a class on how to make her *amazing blintzes*, and Temple Sinai and Ohavi Zedek will be leading our annual *Tikkun Leil Shavuo't*, an evening of study with clergy and teachers from our two communities starting at 7 pm (schedule details coming soon!) We will have a statewide Friday Night Service, and on Saturday morning in place of our usual service, we will be having a special statewide Musar Torah study, Hallel Chanting and Yizkor service. Then on Saturday Night, NEFESH MOUNTAIN, the outstanding "Jewgrass" group will be doing a special concert for Vermont. Please put it in your calendar! There is TONS more information at the [webpage for the SUMMIT](#).

I want to thank all the people who made the Temple Sinai Blood Drive a big success, collecting 29 units of blood with the potential of saving up to 87 lives! Thanks to David Punia and Karen Cote who organized the drive, and to our Temple Sinai mask-makers who made masks to present to all the donors! Thanks to Elaine Punia for her help with donor screening, and to Chris Cote for setup and sanitizing throughout the day. I appreciate the Social Action Committee for making the case to move forward, and the Board for supporting it. Piku'ach Nefesh – saving lives -is the highest Jewish value and it is good to see Temple Sinai making those values manifest.

In June we will be having several **bat-mitzvahs**, with only immediate family, Judy, Mark and I physically in the Sanctuary (with masks and precautions), so please join us on Zoom for these community milestones. At this time of social distancing, it would mean a lot to have people join us on ZOOM to show our support.

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

*You can't quarantine Judaism!*

## UPCOMING EVENTS, CLASSES, AND SERVICES AT TEMPLE SINAI

FRIDAY, MAY 22 6:30 PM

### **KABBALAT SHABBAT**

Our song-filled, joyful celebration of Shabbat. Oneg to follow. Here's one new song we'll be doing: (ctrl-click on picture)



SATURDAY, MAY 23, 10:30am - noon

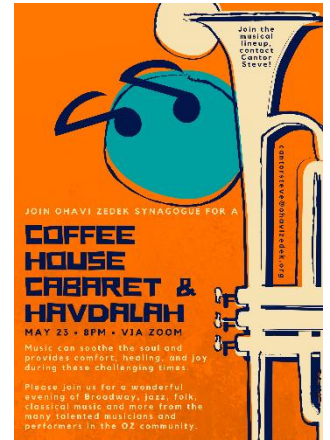
### **SPECIAL TORAH STUDY with RABBI EDLESON –**

**EZEKIEL SAW THE WHEEL** - a study of the haftarah for Shavu'ot, which offers a mystical perspective on revelation, and is read alongside the Ten Commandments. We'll consider its meaning, what scholars and rabbis say, and consider the role of this passage in Jewish mysticism and Kabbalah.

SATURDAY, MAY 23 8:00 PM

### **HAVDALAH - FACEBOOK LIVE**

Join Rabbi Edleson and Tim on FaceBook Live for a short Havdalah service and counting of the Omer. Then jump over to Ohavi Zedek's Havdalah and Coffee House for a relaxed evening of music.



SUNDAY, MAY 24 11AM – NOON

### **PARENTING THROUGH A JEWISH LENS II**

Rabbi David Edleson and Rabbi Tobie Weisman

- Making Space for Self-Expression

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

Please RSVP to: Rabbi Tobie Weisman at [rebtobie@jcv.org](mailto:rebtobie@jcv.org).

### **SPECIAL EVENT FOR ROSH CHODESH SIVAN–**



### **TEA AND THE BOOK OF RUTH**

SUNDAY, MAY 25 5:00 pm

The Book of Ruth, traditionally read on Shavu'ot, is one of the key examples of women-centered literature in the Hebrew Bible. The story of Ruth, Naomi and their unbreakable bond has inspired for millennia,

and the book also carries a powerful message of inclusion across borders and between peoples. After a day hiking or gardening, make yourself a cup of tea, or a G&T In honor of the new moon of Sivan and Shavuot, we'll have a cup of tea, or a G&T, and read the Book of Ruth, and reflect on its art and meaning. Relax, listen to the story, and reflect on the meaning of friendship and connection at this time of physical distance.

# JEWISH COMMUNITIES OF VERMONT SHAVU'OT SUMMIT

THURSDAY, MAY 28-30



*Vermont Virtual Summit  
and Shavuot Celebration*  
*May 28-30*

The Vermont Jewish Community is Collaborating  
for a Celebration that includes:

- \*Live Virtual Concert with Nefesh Mountain
- \*Musical Services
- \*Nature Activities you can do on your own
- \*Variety of classes from cooking to art to Torah

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JCVT summit 2020  
Jewish Communities of Vermont

Vermont Jewish Communities around the state are offering a collective festival during Shavuot that brings hope, resilience, and state-wide connection. Online and nature activities offered throughout the holiday are open to all—come for all or part, download activities and don't miss the special featured concert with [Nefesh Mountain](#) Saturday night on Facebook live. For details of the whole event go to <https://jewishcommunitiesofvermont.org/vermontshavuotsummit/>

Offerings by communities throughout Vermont including: JCVT, Living Tree Alliance, Jewish Community of Greater Stowe, (JCOGS), Ruach HaMaqom, Ohavi Zedek, Rutland Jewish Center, Temple Israel of Manchester, Beth Jacob, Havurah of Addison county, and Congregations Beth El of Bennington and St. Johnsbury, Brattleboro Jewish Community, and Temple Sinai.

We are pleased to announce that Zen Barn in Waterbury will be offering Shavuot special meals for pick up during the weekend.

**THURSDAY, MAY 28 7:00 PM**

**TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT**

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE SHAVUOT!

**Tikkun Leil Shavuot, Ohavi Zedek & Temple Sinai**  
Thursday, May 28, 7:00pm

**Shavuot Service**  
Friday, May 29, 9:15am

**Shavuot Shabbat Morning service & yizkor**  
Saturday, May 30, 9:15am


Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat, May 29 will be together with JCVT.

Motzei Shabbat Nefesh Mountain concert via Zoom, details to follow!

Join us from home via Zoom!  
More Information on Shavuot celebrations with the Jewish Communities of Vermont, coming soon!

**SATURDAY, MAY 30, 10:00AM**

**JCVT SUMMIT: TORAH STUDY, HALLEL SINGING (10:00) AND YIZKOR SERVICE (10:45)** or *Yomtov Service with Ohavi Zedek.*



**HALLEL-lujah!**

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**HALLEL, meaning "Praise," is a beautiful, uplifting part of many holiday services. It includes Psalms 113-118 sung to some of the most popular and most varied melodies in Jewish prayer.**

**This year, for Shavu'ot in this time of social distancing, we are bringing together cantors, rabbis, and Jewish leaders from across Vermont to lead a statewide singing of Hallel. We'll share melodies, express our gratitude for these lives we are given, for the beauty of the world around us, and for the Creator.**

**Join us at 10:00 AM on Shabbat, May 30 on ZOOM to sing our gratitude.**

**MAY 31, JUNE 7,14,21 11AM – 1 PM**

**ANTI-SEMITISM:** A 4-part course on the origins and uses of anti-Semitism, particularly as it relates to our current environment.

## **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**

Register by emailing Stacie ([info@templesinaivt.org](mailto:info@templesinaivt.org)) or calling the office at 802-863-5125. Given that the office is closed, please order the Bari Weiss book on your own. If you can't get it, we have copies we can leave at the door of the synagogue for you at cost.