

TEMPLE SINAI SERVICES AND EVENTS

Day	Date	Time	Description
Fri	7/10	6:30 pm	KABBALAT SHABBAT and SERVICE. <i>Oneg to Follow</i>
Sat	7/11	9:30-10:30	MORNING SHACHARIT SERVICE <i>(Link on website; same password)</i> One hour, chanted service, to honor Shabbat.
Sat	7/11	10:30-12	TORAH STUDY : <u>PARASHAT PINCHAS</u> <i>(Link on website; same password)</i> The Red Tent; Pinchas snaps into action while others are paralyzed; Passing leadership to the next generation
Sat	7/11	9:00 pm	HAVDALAH Facebook Live <i>Temple Sinai Facebook Page</i>
Sat	7/18	7:30 pm	ANNEXATION 101 with Union of Reform Judaism  We will watch the video together and then talk about it together. <i>(If you can't make it, I will send out a link afterwards.)</i> <i>Havdalah to Follow</i>
Thu	7/30	9:00 pm	SAVE THE DATE – TISHA b'AV LAMENTATIONS: Writing our Loss
Fri	7/31	6:30pm	SAVE THE DATE - SHABBAT w/ EVAN TRAYLOR* Sermon and Talk Back Session On Jews, Race, and Inclusivity  *URJ Presidential Fellow for Millennial Engagement; President of NFTY, URJ Board member, Co-founder of Hillel International Student Cabinet
Sun	8/16, 23,30	11:00am-1:00 pm	SAVE THE DATE - A TASTE OF JUDAISM 3 classes on Jewish spirituality, values and community. Part I of Intro to Judaism
Fri	8/21-22	7:30 pm	SAVE THE DATE – Shabbat/Rosh Hodesh ELUL Concert JOE BUCHANON <i>Americana with a Jewish Soul (see email)</i> 
Sat	8/29	Noon-1:30pm	SAVE THE DATE: MUSSAR TORAH STUDY WITH RABBI BARRY BLOCK, author of A MUSSAR TORAH COMMENTARY. 

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17 Tammuz 5780

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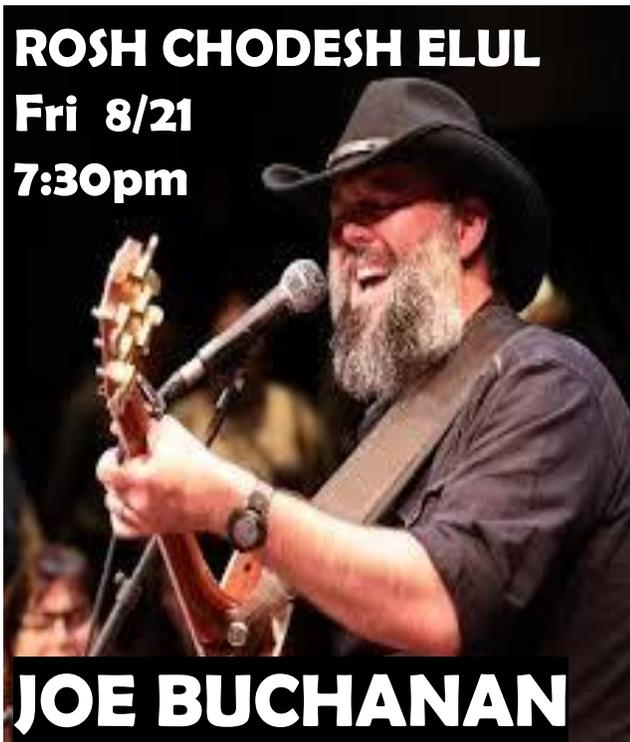
Shalom Temple Sinai!

In the next weeks, I will be sending you more information about how we will be celebrating and honoring the High Holy Days this year. I will be sharing a range of resources - recordings, live Zoom services, videos, guided meditations, podcasts, discussions, nature walks and other modalities - to help us engage the period of *t'shuvah*, repentance and renewal more fully this year, even though we can't come together in the same way. I believe that since we have to change the way we approach the holidays this year, we are being given an opportunity learn new ways to engage the themes of the holy days. I am very excited that to kick off the period of the High Holy Days, we will be celebrating Rosh Chodesh Elul, the New Moon of Elul (marking the beginning of the preparation for the High Holy Days) with a special concert from Joe Buchanan. Joe, a Texan who is a Jew-by-choice, brings a strong Americana/Southern Folk style to his Jewish spirituality, and shares stories of his own spiritual journey and sense of *t'shuvah* along the way.

ROSH CHODESH ELUL

Fri 8/21

7:30pm



JOE BUCHANAN

LINKS TO THREE **JOE BUCHANAN SONGS**

- [UNBROKEN](#)
- [RETURN](#)
- [L'CHU NERANENA](#)

The following day, Joe will also be doing a **Brunch & Learn** for Temple Sinai Members, talking about spirituality, and his journey from his Christian roots to Judaism.

Next Saturday evening, before Havdalah, we will have a learning session about the current plans Israeli plans for and debate regarding **ANNEXATION** of West Bank territories. This is of great concern to many American Jews, and to learn more about it, we will view together a recent webinar on the issues, featuring: SHIRA EFRON, Policy Advisor to the Israel Policy Forum; MICHAEL KOPLow, Policy Director of the Israel Policy Forum; and RABBI JOSH WEINBERG, Executive Director of ARZA, and VP for Israel and Reform Zionism at the URJ.

If you would like to read the World Reform Movements combined statement on the prospect of annexation, click [HERE](#).

The graphic is a promotional poster for a webinar. On the left, a dark blue diagonal banner contains the text: 'ANNEXATION WATCH' with a logo, 'ISRAEL POLICY FORUM', 'West Bank Annexation 101', 'Understanding the Ramifications', 'Wednesday, June 10 | 3pm ET / 12pm PT', and 'Registration at ipf.li/june10'. At the bottom of the banner are logos for 'UNION for REFORM JUDAISM', 'ARZA', 'CCAR', and 'AMERICAN CONFERENCE of CANTORS'. On the right, three speaker portraits are shown with their names and titles: Shira Efron (Policy Advisor, Israel Policy Forum), Michael Koplow (Policy Director, Israel Policy Forum), and Rabbi Josh Weinberg (Executive Director, ARZA; Vice President for Israel and Reform Zionism, URJ). The background of the right side shows a cityscape.

For those who can't join us for our discussion of the issue before and after watching the webinar (59 minutes), I will be sending out a link to the video.

JULY 30/31



TISHA b'AV this year is on JULY 30. It is a tradition to gather in the synagogue, late in the evening, and sitting on the floor with only candles for lighting, reading the **Book of Lamentations**.

This year has been a year of upheaval, of illness and loss. I want to invite you to take the next weeks to **write your own personal lamentations** about your sense of loss in the last months. These can be quite short, prose, poetry or music, or they could be longer pieces. I would like for us to share reading these on the night of Tisha B'Av, from our homes, with candles lit, so that our lamentations of loss can join our people's ancient lamentation recited on this day. Our evening will include a service for those who have passed from COVID.

JULY 31: The next evening is Shabbat, and we will have a very special guest doing the D'VAR that evening: **[EVAN TRAYLOR](#)**.

Evan will be sharing his experiences on being the descendant of both slaves and Holocaust survivors, and on being a Jew of color in today's world.



He has been the URJ Presidential Fellow for Millennial Engagement; President of NFTY, URJ Board member, Co-founder of Hillel International Student Cabinet, and will be starting his rabbinical studies at HUC this fall. During Oneg, Evan will be leading a talk-back session, a discussion on issues of race, identity, inclusivity, and navigating the complexity today's Jewish world.

Please join us for Shabbat services and Torah Study. I know people are suffering from Zoom overload (and I am with you!) it is really nice to see one another and to take a break from all the tsuris around us to remember to be grateful for creation and for community.

Shalom,

David

August 16, 23, 30

11am - 1 pm

A TASTE OF JUDAISM

THREE FREE WEEKLY CLASSES

Spirituality ✧ Values ✧ Community

with **Rabbi David Edleson**



Join us for this great opportunity for interfaith families or unaffiliated Jews interested in engaging again with Judaism, or people who are just curious to learn more. We will consider the Jewish view of human nature, covenant, prayer, and our final class will explore the upcoming High Holy Days.

Just email info@templesinaivt.org so we can put you on our list, and we will send along more information in the near future.

See you on Shabbat! Shalom,

David