

THURSDAYS IN ELUL

During the month of Elul, in preparation for the High Holy Days, the clergy of Temple Sinai and Ohavi Zedek Synagogue will explore three pathways to help us achieve transformation and renewal interpersonally, spiritually, and communally.

**AUGUST 20,
7:45PM**

Teshuvah, תשובה (repentance) with Rabbi David Edleson

**AUGUST 27,
7:45PM**

Tefilah, תפילה (prayer) with Cantor Steve Zeidenberg

Link to join in:
bit.ly/ElulLearning

**SEPTEMBER 3,
7:45PM**

Tzedakah, צדקה (righteousness) with Rabbi Amy Small

**SEPTEMBER 10,
7:45PM**

Preparing for the High Holy Days: A clergy conversation with Rabbi David Edleson, Rabbi Amy Small and Cantor Steve Zeidenberg

TEMPLE SINAI SERVICES AND EVENTS

Day	Date	Time	Description
Thur	8/27	7:45	THURSDAYS IN ELUL: Class jointly with OZ With Cantor Steve Zeidenberg “TEFILAH” Prayer.
Fri	8/28	6:30 pm	KABBALAT SHABBAT- Our usual music-filled English and Hebrew service, followed by virtual Kiddush and Oneg <i>with Rabbi David Edleson and Cantor Mark Leopold</i>
Sat	8/29	9:30 am	SHACHARIT SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE Our 1-hour more traditional service, mostly sung in Hebrew, but you don't need to know Hebrew to enjoy it.
Sat	8/29	NOON <i>(note special time)</i>	<p><i>SPECIAL TORAH STUDY:</i></p> <div style="border: 2px solid orange; padding: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">RABBI BARRY BLOCK <i>author</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Mussar Torah Commentary</i></p>  <p style="font-size: small;">A brilliant approach to the weekly Torah portion through the Mussar lens! Block has created a structure allowing both those new and experienced with the Mussar to explore the sacred text of Torah in a fresh light and to bring the teachings and practice of the Mussar into one's daily life. These chapters fulfill the highest goal of Torah study, to allow the text to transform us.</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">--Rabbi Mary I. Zamore, Executive Director, Women's Rabbinic Network, Editor of <i>The Sacred Exchange: Creating a Jewish Money Ethic</i> and <i>The Sacred Table: Creating a Jewish Food Ethic</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">SATURDAY AUGUST 29 NOON</p> <p style="text-align: center;">www.templestsinai.org</p> </div> <p>Rabbi Block will introduce us to MUSSAR and the study of Torah, through this week's Parasha, <u>Ki Teitzei</u> (cntrl +click for URJ translation and commentary for all age groups)</p>
Sat	8/22	off this week	HAVDALAH on FACEBOOK LIVE

ZOOM SERVICES, CLASSES AND MEETINGS NOW REQUIRE PASSWORDS



Shalom Temple Sinai!

What a hoot and pleasure it was to have Joe Buchanan with us last Shabbat. I hope to get him up here for a hoedown when we can get back together and dance. His story of coming to Judaism, and why he is so passionate about it reminds all of us what a profound tradition we are part of.

This week, I want to INVITE ALL OF YOU TO COME TO OUR TORAH STUDY SATURDAY AT NOON. My friend, classmate, and colleague, Rabbi Barry Block will be teaching us about the Jewish ethical and spiritual tradition called MUSSAR, a movement that is growing by leaps and bounds throughout the Jewish world, and particularly in the Reform movement. Rabbi Block is the author of THE MUSSAR TORAH COMMENTARY (CCAR Press) that I will be using next year to focus our Torah Study. Learn about this Jewish approach to becoming a better version of yourself by Zooming in for this special Torah Study. ALL ARE

WELCOME!!!! Check out this 'one minute of Wonder' video by Rabbi Block featured on the CCAR (Reform Rabbis) website.

And tonight (THURSDAY), take advantage of this opportunity to learn with **Cantor Steve Zeidenberg of OZ**.



Together with OZ, we are offering "**Thursdays in Elul**", a series of four classes on three core aspects of the High Holy Days: Teshuvah, Tefilah and Tzedakah. This week's class with Cantor Zeidenberg is on **TEFILAH**, or prayer, a cantor's speciality. Steve was formerly with Congregation Beth Simchat Torah (Tim and my synagogue when we lived in New York) and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience on the holy day prayers into his teaching.

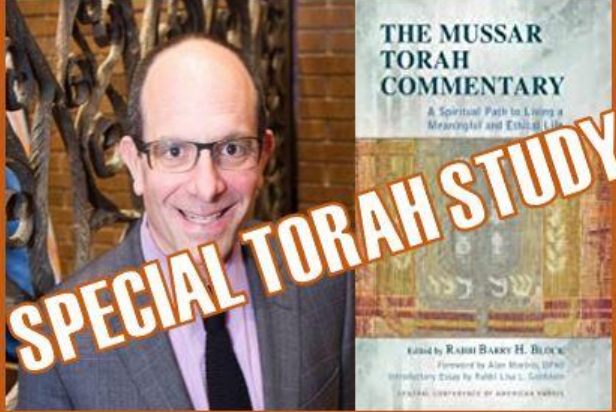
If Vermont's COVID numbers stay low, we will be sending information about some in-person activities we will be doing, such as a shofar blowing in a local park (weather permitting), or Tashlich on the water, or a campfire with smores, so stay tuned.

Shalom,

David

RABBI BARRY BLOCK *author*

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