

# TEMPLE SINAI SERVICES AND CLASSES

Day	Date	Time	Description
Fri	10/2	6:30 pm Service	<b>SUKKOT/SHABBAT SERVICE.</b> Instead of our usual Kabbalat Shabbat service, we will celebrate Sukkot with a service that include special prayers and songs of the holiday, include some from Hallel. Join us!
Sat	10/3	9:30 am	<b>SUKKOT SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE</b> This week, our 1-hour morning service will substitute Hallel for the preliminary morning prayers. Please join us to honor the holiday of Sukkot.
Sat	10/3	10:30 am	<b>TORAH STUDY WITH RABBI EDLESON</b> This week, we will look at the Torah Portion traditionally read on Sukkot, and we will look at some of <i>Kohelet</i> (Ecclesiastes) that is traditionally read during Sukkot. All are welcome regardless of background.
<b>S U K K O T</b>		Come decorate, tie a ribbon or other. See details below.	
Sat	10/3		<b>No FACEBOOK LIVE Havdalah this Week</b>
Sat	10/11	11-1	<b>SAVE THE DATE: SIMCHAT TORAH EVENT.</b> We are planning an event for Simchat Torah, in person outside weather permitting. There will be a walk with the Torahs, and a presentation to remind us of those suffering from mental illness at this time of fragility. We will send more details when they are ready.



## THANK YOU TEMPLE SINAI!

Thanks to all of you who joined us for our virtual High Holy Day services, and thanks for all the nice messages. We owe so much to David Punia, David Wright and James Valastro for setting up the cameras, sound and technology to move between shots, share slides, and make the service as engaging as possible given the limitations of the screen. It was nice to be together with Mark and Deb Leopold, Wendy Valastro and Roy Feldman, and my Tim who made the music possible. Really, I don't have words for how grateful I am for their gift to our community. To Elaine Punia for camera work, and Stacie Gabert who coordinated so much, and to all of you who attended – *todah rabah*. It is not a High Holy Day we will soon forget!

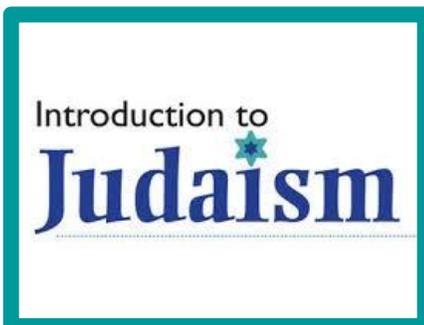
## SUKKOT – SIMCHAT TORAH

We will have Sukkot services this Friday night and Saturday Morning, with special songs for Sukkot and from Hallel. Next Saturday morning, **Nov 10 at 10:00 AM**, we will have a special holiday service for Sukkot, with Torah reading, songs from Hallel, and a short Yizkor service. Please join us to honor Shabbat and Sukkot.

I confess that while I worked hard to plan the summer up through Yom Kippur, when it came to Simchat Torah, I really had not worked it out at all. We know we can't be together squeezed in our small Sukkah, and dancing and singing with the Torahs seems unwise even with masks, so I am working with some others on ideas for some sort of in person activity outside (weather permitting) on Sunday, Oct 11. I will send you more details when they are ready.

On the other hand, *we have booked Nefesh Mountain LIVE for Simchat Torah next year, God willing.*

## INTRO TO JUDAISM COURSE



November 1st - March 7, 2021  
Sundays, 4pm - 6pm

I will be offering my "Intro to Judaism" course beginning on Nov 1. It is a 15-week, honest, open, and in depth intro to Judaism in its many forms, but with a focus on Reform and Progressive Judaism. We will consider Jewish custom, culture, religion, philosophy, texts, and world view of

Judaism today. Rabbi Edleson has taught comparative religion on the college level, and this course will combine traditional Jewish sources with modern scholarly insights. It is a great course for Jews wanting to learn more about their tradition (many of us stop after our bar or bat mitzvah), for interfaith couples, and for those interested in conversion. We will start via Zoom, and determine when we feel safe meeting in person given the pandemic. The course is free (other than books) for Sinai members, and costs \$50-100 sliding scale for all others. Scholarships are available.

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