

TEMPLE SINAI SERVICES AND CLASSES

Day	Date	Time	Description
Fri	10/9	6:30 pm Service	SUKKOT/SHABBAT SERVICE. Instead of our usual Kabbalat Shabbat service, we will celebrate the end of Sukkot with a service that include special prayers and songs of the holiday, include some from Hallel. Join us!
Sat	10/10	10:00 am	SUKKOT FESTIVAL MORNING SERVICE This week, we will have a full Reform morning service with Torah reading, special prayers for Sukkot, and a YIZKOR service. This will be with Mark, Wendy, Deb, Tim and I, so join us to honor the holiday of Sukkot.
Sat	10/10	10:30 am	TORAH STUDY WITH RABBI EDLESON <i>Cancelled for this week's Festival service.</i>
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Sat	10/11	11-1	WEATHER PERMITTING: SIMCHAT TORAH EVENT. 11- 11:50 NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Health) and Temple Sinai are teaming up for an awareness raising event about the challenges of living with mental illness at this time of distancing. See email for details. 11:50-12:10 Simchat Schmooze Outdoors, in person, masked, distanced. 12:10-1:00 Simchat Torah Drumming and Reading. Saragail will lead us in rhythm play, we will read the end and beginning of Torah, and dance with the Torah. See email for details.
Fri	10/16	6:30	HOMECOMING SABBATH EVENING SERVICE Mark Leopold and Wendy Valastro will lead a service from <i>Gates of Prayer</i> with some favorite melodies from that <i>siddur</i> .



HAPPY SUKKOT TEMPLE SINAI!

Congratulations to the Sisterhood on their kick-off brunch! They have been doing such good work during this pandemic, and I know they will grow from strength to strength in this new year.

Also, congratulations to Judy Alexander, Stacie Gabert, and all the teachers on the opening of our virtual Hebrew School. Yes, there were glitches, but it was a good start. We all want to be back in person, so I appreciate your willingness and patience. We will continue to send parents resources for enrichment and alternatives to do for when the Zoom is just not working.

I was away for a couple of days to go pick up this adorable new family member. Meet Mr. Ginsberg. He is an 8-week-old standard poodle, and a handful but we are having a blast getting to know him.

Tim and I will be away next week and Shabbat for a vacation, some at home with Mr. Ginsberg, and some will be in Maine, with a puppy-sitter. While I'm away, Mark and Wendy will be leading a "**Homecoming**" Shabbat evening service out of the old *Gates of Prayer*, with some old favorites. Please show your support by tuning in. I want to do a service from the *Old Union Prayer Book* sometimes in the future in part from nostalgia, but also for us to better understand how Reform Judaism has changed and evolved in terms of our liturgy over the generations.



We won't be having our usual Saturday morning service and Torah study next weekend, Oct 17th.

We do have a fun plan for **SIMCHAT TORAH** that we are celebrating this Sunday, October 11, from 11 am to 1 pm. Below are the details about that and about my upcoming **INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM COURSE**:



SIMCHAT TORAH 5781 AT TEMPLE SINAI

SUNDAY, OCT 11

11am– 1pm

**Outdoors, Masks, Distanced, Weather
Permitting**

*If you are physically able, please park
next door at the mosque, as we will be using the temple lot for the
activity.*

SCHEDULE

- 11-11:50 NAMI Torah Walk and Presentation** about the impact of the pandemic on those with mental illness.
- 11:50-12:10 SIMCHAT SAFE SCHMOOZE**
- 12:10 – 1 SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION** with Drum Play circle with Saragail Benjamin, completing the cycle of Torah Reading and distanced dancing with Torah.

DETAILS

NAMI TORAH WALK: Honor Simchat Torah and show solidarity with those struggling with mental illness in this time of separation. We will have a presentation from the National Alliance on Mental Illness, and then we will walk with the Torah's around our synagogue. NAMI is having a national walk on Oct 3, but we wanted to have ours in conjunction with Simchat Torah, in solidarity with those who are having such a hard time during this pandemic. Donations to NAMI welcome.



SIMCHAT SCHMOOZE: Just like it sounds! Hang out for a bit, catch up with friends – no agenda here.

SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION Join us to celebrate completing reading the Torah, and starting again. Temple Sinai's director of Young Families Programming and master drum circle facilitator, Saragail Benjamin, will lead us in group drum play. Then drum and dance with the Torah! Come celebrate **OUT LOUD** and **IN PERSON** (but **socially distanced!**) as we finish our cycle of readings for the year and begin again.

Great for all ages.

Fun for experienced percussionists, total beginners, and everyone in between.

Percussion instruments provided for all participants, or bring your own.

This will be a socially distanced, outdoor event. To help maintain the health and safety of the community, we request that everyone:

- ***Wear a mask.***
- ***Bring chairs for everyone in your group.***
- ***Bring wipes for wiping down instruments at the end of the celebration.***
- ***Maintain distance from one another.***

PARK AT THE MOSQUE NEXT DOOR TO TEMPLE. WE'LL BE USING OUR LOT FOR THE EVENT.

THIS EVENT WILL BE LIMITED TO 50 PARTICIPANTS.

Please pre-register for the event with Temple Administrator, Stacie Gabert: administrator@templesinaivt.org (802) 862-5125. If there are extra spaces on the day of the event, people who have not pre-registered will be admitted on a first-come, first-served basis, however, to keep everyone safe, we cannot admit more than 50 participants.

RAIN (or snow—this is VT!) CANCELS THIS EVENT.

INTRO TO JUDAISM COURSE

Introduction to
Judaism

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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