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by Sheila Pallay and Julius Muller

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Sunday, January 31, 1:00 p.m.
Session 1: Zoom Panel Discussion

Sunday, February 7, 1:00 p.m.
Session 2: Online screening of Commandment 613

Purchase your own copy of Light Beyond the Shadows here.

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Happy New Year! As we enter 2021, we look ahead toward better times and opportunities to be in person together!

I want to thank everyone who contributed to the Annual Appeal and sponsored questions for Jewpardy! Together, we have strengthened our community!  

See the full list of contributors on page 3.

Our 2021 Temple Sinai Auction is coming soon!

As you may recall, we delayed the 2020 Temple Sinai Auction to Spring of 2021.

When: April 2021—the online auction will begin Sunday, April 4 and culminate Saturday night, April 10th with a virtual event highlighting our elite items!

What to do now: Check out Bidding for Good to get a preview of items and be on the look-out for updates!

Mark your calendars and stay tuned!

Contact: Jill Goldberg Arnold at sinaisharonpres@gmail.com if you have items to donate or questions about the auction!

Socially distanced and Spiritually together

We welcome our new members with open arms, open hearts and open doors. And we are ready to help all of you make Temple Sinai your spiritual home.

Gary & Wendy Fox      Austin & Samantha Myerson

Our Worship Service via Zoom & Facebook

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When It’s Dark

The Rabbis teach that whether or not one joins with the congregation for the evening prayer is optional (Berachot 26a). The Rabbis were hesitant to mandate that people leave their homes at night to “make a minyan” (prayer quorum). Like most of us when we were children, the dark can be scary, and it was frightening for our ancestors to be out at night.

There are also different kinds of darkness. Darkness can mean not only the literal absence of light but also depression and anxiety. It’s hard to pray in the dark.

But also some wonderful things happen in the dark. Life pulses inside our bodies. The planet’s minerals sustain life from underground. Stars shine in the blackness of space. And amazingly, tree roots grow.

Thursday, January 28 is Tu B’shevat (the 15th of the Hebrew month of Shvat), the Jewish birthday of the trees. This holiday happens in the dead of winter for us in North America. In Israel, however, the almond trees are just starting to blossom. Tu B’shevat can be a reminder that during the darkness of winter or the bleakness of our time, life continues and will grow again before we know it.

We can acknowledge that the darkness is hard, but we can also learn from our tradition that life will return.

Cantor Becky Khitrik

Honoring MLK’s Legacy with Gospel Music

Although he wasn’t Jewish, synagogues all over North America will honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King on the Shabbat closest to MLK day. The Reverend Doctor’s legacy helped to end discriminatory practices against all minorities, including Jews. As an adult, I was amazed to learn that the deed on our home in Bethesda, MD (built in the 1930’s) prohibited ownership by Jews—a clause that wasn’t officially removed until the passage of the Civil Rights act in 1964.

Each year on Shabbat Tzedek, cantors mark the occasion by inviting gospel choirs to join for services, or by weaving African American melodies into the Jewish liturgy. While this practice of musical appropriation may seem disingenuous, an examination of the history of gospel music offers a more accepting perspective.

Many African American worshippers--and those outside of the tradition--may be shocked to learn that many songs, which they thought of as their own, were actually composed by a Euro-American. In fact, the origin of the word “gospel” was not even black, but rather belonged to two white evangelists, Dwight L. Moody and Ira D. Sankey. Yet African Americans took to these hymns, learned them by heart, and made them their own through improvising and contextualizing the music.

In graduate school, I studied AME (African Methodist Episcopal) gospel songs and hymns with Professor Dr. Melva Costen (who marched alongside Dr. King), who called this phenomenon “blackenizing”. She taught how melodies were changed by altering rhythms to emphasize different parts of text, changing the shaping of phrases, and adding blues and jazz harmonies and extended solos. She maintained that black music, even if taken from a white source, is in fact uniquely black and part of the African American experience.

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Beth Fine Nelson

Four Things You Didn’t Know About Purim

With costumes, shpiels, and lots of drinking, Purim, which starts at sundown on Thursday, February 25, is one of Judaism’s most raucous holidays. You might already know about beautiful Esther thwarting evil Haman’s plans, the custom of getting drunk and what hamantaschen are. But there may be a few things about this holiday that might surprise you.

Esther was a vegetarian or at least a flexitarian. According to Midrash, while Queen Esther lived in the court of King Ahasuerus, she followed a vegetarian diet consisting largely of legumes so that she would not break the laws of kashrut (dietary laws). For this reason, there is a tradition of eating beans and peas on Purim.

You are supposed to find a go-between to deliver your mishloach manot, the gift baskets traditionally exchanged with friends and family on Purim. The verse in the Book of Esther about mishloach manot stipulates that we should send gifts to one another, not just give gifts to one another. As a result, it’s better to send your packets of goodies to a friend via a messenger, than to just give them outright. Anyone can act as a go between, so feel free to recruit the postal service to help you deliver gifts.

Hamantaschen might have been designed to symbolize Haman’s hat or his ear pockets or something more feminist.

Some say the three corners of these cookies represent the three patriarchs whose power weakened Haman and gave strength to Esther to save the Jews. Another theory, because the German word tasche means “pouch” or “pocket,” the cookies could signify Haman’s pockets and the money he offered the king for permission to kill the Jews. Whichever theory you choose I am glad hamantaschen are a part of the celebration of Purim!

The Jewish calendar has a regular leap year with two months of Adar (but only one Purim, which falls during the second Adar).

To ensure that the holidays remain in their mandated seasons, the Jewish calendar was adjusted to accommodate the 11-day difference between the lunar and solar years. In the 4th century C.E., Hillel scheduled an extra month at the end of the biblical year. The biblical year begins in spring with Nissan and ends with Adar.

Coming to Erev Shabbat Services this January

Friday, January 15, 7:30 p.m.
Heather Klein, Guest Soloist

American soprano and Yiddish chanteuse Heather Klein follows her passion of “painting pictures” with her voice – interpreting and inhabiting characters and bringing stories to life. Ms. Klein wrote and composed a show about her grandmother’s immigrant journey called *Shanghai Angel*, with music arranged by her collaborator Joshua Horowitz (Verestski Pass).

Heather serves as cantorial soloist at Temple Sinai in Las Vegas, where she also produces Yiddish Las Vegas.

Friday, January 22, 7:30 p.m.
Hadassah Margolis, Guest Speaker

Hadassah Margolis, MSW, LICSW, is a clinical social worker and the Lead Therapist at McLean’s Spirituality and Mental Health Department, where she has helped develop the hospital’s first-ever Spirituality and Treatment groups.

Ms. Margolis is also a staff clinician at the Brandeis Counseling Center. Hadassah is a 2020 Commonwealth Heroine and was a 2019 CJP Chai in the Hub honoree.

Saturday, January 16 & February 20
4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Join Cantor Becky to sing, schmooze, and make havdalah - an opportunity to connect with each other over Zoom as we say goodbye to Shabbat.

Meeting ID: 953 011 3877
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SINAI READS
Sunday, January 24
9:30 a.m.

Do you know that feeling: you finished a book and you just have to talk about it with someone? Join us on Zoom for a discussion on the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, *American Pastoral* by Philip Roth.

Seymour "Swede" Levov—a legendary high school athlete, a devoted family man, a hard worker, the prosperous inheritor of his father’s Newark glove factory comes of age in thriving, triumphant postwar America. But everything he loves is lost when the country begins to run amok in the turbulent 1960s.

With vigorous realism, Roth takes us back to the conflicts and violent transitions of the 1960s.

This is a book about loving and hating America. It’s a book about wanting to belong and refusing to belong to America.

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Exploring Our Jewish Past and Future

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Sign up now to attend two online programs about this new book by Temple Sinai member Sheila Pallay and its connection to Temple Sinai’s Torah Restoration Project

These programs are free, but your generous donation is welcome.

Pre-registration for both sessions is required.

Session 1: Sunday, January 31, 2021, 1:00 p.m.
Zoom Panel Discussion

Virtual live discussion of the new book, Light Beyond the Shadows, featuring:
- Photographer/author and Temple Sinai member Sheila Pallay
- Czech genealogist and co-author Julius Müller
- Memorial Scrolls Trust (MST) Trustee Lois Roman
- Samples of Sheila’s evocative photos
- Remembrances of the 13-week journey that led to the book’s publication.

Reserve your space for Session 1
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZclc-6sqz0oHINfI-WpcQ-Qg52DAmM58cxO

Session 2: Sunday, February 7, 2021, 1:00 p.m.
Online screening of Commandment 613

This 23-minute documentary highlights the sacred work of sofer STaM (Torah scribe) Rabbi Kevin Hale as he restores Torah scrolls saved in Czechoslovakia during the Shoah. A live Q&A with filmmakers Miriam Lewin and Randi Cecchine, photographer Sheila Pallay, and Rabbi Hale follows.

Reserve your space for Session 2
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMscuqqjkrHtBBiHAcF4i0vTMXZWS5xhZ

Purchase your own copy of Light Beyond the Shadows

Our friend and Temple member Sheila Pallay has generously donated 100 copies of this book.

Minimum donation $25: $10 will benefit Temple Sinai and $15 will be donated to The Memorial Scrolls Trust.

Purchase Light Beyond the Shadows on PayPal
Purchase on Chaverweb

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Rabbi’s Study Class
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Soul Searching: Lessons from Bachya Ibn Pakuda

Join us on Zoom.
https://zoom.us/j/3697230846
Password: Bagels
MainSpring Thanks

Temple Sinai serves guests of the MainSpring House in Brockton on the second Sunday of every month. Servers and meals are always needed. If you are able to contribute time or meals, please contact:

Susie Cashton at suzcashton@gmail.com or Sue Greenfield at daisysue22@comcast.net

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“Anything that’s human is mentionable and anything that is mentionable can be more manageable. When we can talk about our feelings, they become less overwhelming, less upsetting and less scary” (Fred Rogers)

What do Goldie Hawn, Sophie Turner, Pink, Bruce Springsteen, Ariana Grande and Adele have in common? They all have lived experience with Mental Illness.

There are millions of people both famous and just plain “regular” who have a diagnosis of Mental Illness or Substance Use Disorder: many of those in our community, in our congregation, in our family. This has become even more prevalent during the isolation, uncertainty and fear brought on by the pandemic.

At Temple Sinai, we want everyone to know that we are here to welcome and support all congregants without judgment and without stigma.

Throughout the year and beyond, we hope you will join us as we explore, learn and share. To that end, please join us Friday, January 22, as we welcome the return of Hadassah Margolis as our guest speaker at our Erev Shabbat service.

Hadassah is a Social Worker and the lead therapist at McLean Hospital Spirituality and Mental Health Department and has a strong background in Judaism and Jewish learning. She is uniquely qualified to bring her experience to her clients and to our bima.

On a lighter note, if you’re in the mood for a laugh and want to see how someone with significant depression can find light and laughter, you can watch “The Great Depresh” on HBO (or selected shorts on YouTube).

Gary Gulman is a stand-up comedian who is funny and smart and his subject matter focuses on everyday life, pop culture, Judaism and Mental Illness. And he’s from Massachusetts!

Although, our temple community is not able to provide direct services, we are here to be a resource if necessary and most of all we are a place to feel welcome and safe.
Acknowledge and Celebrate
Israel's Diversity

Bob Soffer

Many people, including many American Jews, still incorrectly view Israel as a land primarily for white European Ashkenazi Jews. The reality is that the modern state of Israel was established for all Jews from all over the world. The ethnic cleansing of 850,000 Jews from Iran and a number of Arab countries that began in 1948 accelerated the influx of Mizrahi Jews to Israel. Mizrahi Jews are Jews of Middle Eastern and North African heritage and their presence in Israel, along with the Sephardim, now means that less than one-third of Israeli Jews are of white European Ashkenazi descent. This wonderful diversity of skin color, customs and religious practices of Jewish Israelis is one of the country's greatest strengths.

Diversity in America is growing and Jews have been at the forefront of embracing differences and shared goals. However, American Jews also have an obligation to learn about and acknowledge the wonderful diversity in Israel and not allow anti-Zionists to create hate by framing the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in terms of race. In that regard, it now has been clearly demonstrated that anti-Israel media bias and anti-Zionist indoctrination on college campuses have contributed greatly to the rise of Jew-hatred in America. This Jew-hatred has social justice implications because, in order for us to help others we must ensure first that we have a safe and vibrant Jewish community and this means working for social justice for Jews and not only for others.

Temple Sinai’s Israel Action Committee welcomes the opportunity to work with congregants and others to address anti-Zionism and related issues.

If you would like to discuss the above or learn more about what you can do to help, please contact: Bob Soffer at sofferrobert@gmail.com

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Hesed/Caring

The Hesed and Caring Committee is dedicated to the principle that we, as temple members, are here to send comfort and care during a traumatic time in the lives of our Temple family.

The committee strives to support the temple community during times of need by offering strength, steadfastness, and kindness and reaching out to temple members who have experienced a hardship or a death in the family.

The Hesed committee also offers a meal of comfort to be sent to the member’s home where shiva is being observed.

To be involved with this committee please contact:

Lisa Fireman - booklady50@aol.com or Sharyn Keimach - jaz513@keimach.com

Donate to the Hesed Fund here or visit: www.temple-sinai.com

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Temple Sinai has long supported the mission of JF&CS Family Table to provide kosher food, Jewish holiday items and a caring Jewish connection to those in need.

Each month our synagogue has made the commitment to collect 25 boxes of whole grain (kosher) crackers and 25 containers of raisins for distribution to families in need.

Please drop off your items at the JF&CS collection box in the temple’s lobby.

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In honor of the birth of Jack Reed Chase, grandson of Dr. & Mrs. Robert Chavez
Steve & Ellen Gilman
In memory of Marty Kantrovitz, brother of Ellie Chella
Stuart Jacoby & Margery Cohen-Jacoby
In memory of Harold "Duke" Pototsky, may his memory be a blessing.
Leo z”l & Claire Kadet
In memory of Harriet Dugatkin
In memory of Marty Kantrovitz
In memory of Meyer Levine, father of Claire Kadet
In memory of Hessa Kadet
In memory of Charlotte Bossert, sister of Claire Kadet

Hesed Fund (cont’d)
Rose Karas
In memory of my dear husband, Charles Karas
In memory of Martin Kantrovitz
In memory of Lillian Karas, my mother-in-law
Jerry & Linda Kassner
In memory of Marty Kantrovitz, loving brother & brother-in-law
Wayne Miller & Sharyn Keimach
In honor of Steve Figman’s special birthday
In memory of Marty Kantrovitz, brother of Ellie Chella
Neil & Diane Rosen
In memory of Marty Kantrovitz, brother of Ellie Chella
Rob & Pam Ross
In memory of Martin Brown, beloved father, father-in-law, and grandfather of Andrea, Stephen & Lizzie Gray
Stuart & Harriet Sherman
In memory of the beloved brother of Bobbie Grossman
Bob Stepansky & Joyce Rubino
In memory of Harvey Himmelstein
Stuart Zorn & Nancy August
In honor of the marriage of Danielle Dickerman & Sam Farkas

High Holy Days Donations
Jon & Gail Bashein
An act of tzedakah
Steven & Harriet Rubin
An act of tzedakah
David & Gayle Sudit
In appreciation of the wonderful job on the children's Rosh Hashanah service online
Bob & Eileen Wendroff
To thank Rabbi Meszler & Temple Sinai for a lovely holiday service

Holocaust Memorial Fund
Marjorie Fleisher
In memory of Harry Fleisher

Inclusion Fund
Stanley & Carrie Maltz
In memory of Jodi Maltz Fainer
### Acts of Tzedakah

#### Library Book Inscription Fund
- **Rose Karas**
  In honor of *Cindi & Ira Dickerman*, mazel tov on the wedding of Danielle & Sam
  In honor of *Jon & Gail Bashein* on the wedding of Sarah & Alex, mazel tov!
  *Mazel tov to Leo & Claire Kadan* on the births of two great-grandbabies

#### Memorial Plaques
- **Scott & Susan Adler**
- **Eugene Holt**
- **Roni Thaler**

#### Passport to Israel Fund
- **Burt & Dianne Gesserman**
  In honor of the birth of Mr. & Mrs. Peter Granoff’s granddaughter

#### Prayer Book Inscribed
- **Stuart Zorn & Nancy August**
  In honor of *Jonah Nathan’s* confirmation

#### Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund
- **William & Ellen Apfel**
  *Mazel tov* to Rabbi Meszler celebrating 15 years & one full reading of Torah
- **Jon & Gail Bashein**
  In appreciation of Rabbi Meszler for performing the very lovely wedding ceremony for Sarah & Alec
  In honor of the marriage of Myron & Laura Dickerman’s granddaughter, Danielle
- **Len & Sheryl Berkowitz**
  In appreciation of Rabbi Meszler & in memory of Bernice Reed, mother of Sheryl Berkowitz
- **David & Marlene Bohn**
  To thank Rabbi Meszler for his leadership, strength, and steady hand over these past 7 months.
  You inspire us.
- **Harris Cohen**
  In memory of Alida Cohen & Dorothy Moten
- **Linda Cohen**
  In appreciation of Rabbi Meszler

#### Donations for September / October
- **Harris Cohen**
  In memory of Alida Cohen & Dorothy Moten
- **Linda Cohen**
  In appreciation of Rabbi Meszler

### Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund (cont’d)
- **Michael & Kathryn Cope**
  In honor of *Jason Cope & Sarah Katz* becoming engaged
  In memory of *Martin Kantrowitz*, brother of Ellie Chella
- **Myron & Laura Dickerman**
  In appreciation of *Danielle & Sam’s* beautiful and most meaningful wedding service
- **Deborah Dubowy & John Qualters**
  To thank Rabbi Meszler for the beautiful High Holy Day services
- **Marjorie Feinberg & family**
  In memory of *Bill Feinberg* & to thank Rabbi Meszler for leading a beautiful service for our family
- **Edmond & Carolyn Furlong**
  In honor of Rabbi Meszler & Cantor Khitrik for leading such meaningful & connecting High Holiday services
- **Harvey & Karen Gordon**
  In memory of *Irving Gordon*, loving father & grandfather
  In memory of Craig Wiseman, loving brother & uncle
- **Sol & Donna Green**
  In honor of Jared Abramson & Benjamin Goldberg, becoming B’nai Mitzvah & to thank Rabbi Meszler & Cantor Becky for guiding the boys during this incredibly trying time
- **Elliot & Barbara Grupp**
  In honor of our grandson Matthew becoming a Bar Mitzvah
- **Paul & Erinn Lesser**
  In memory of *Billy Feinberg*, father of Susan Caplan
- **Richard Meszler**
  An act of tzedakah
- **Harley Pascar**
  In memory of Sandy Pascar
- **Ellen Penniman**
  In appreciation of Rabbi Meszler
  In memory of Beth Riddle, my mother
Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund (cont’d)
Marty & Marcia Richards
  In memory of Leo H. Richards, father of Marty
  In memory of Dora Peggy Rodman, mother of Marcia
  Mazel tov to Jon & Gail Bashein on the marriage of
  Sarah to Alex Eidelman
Len & Nancy Sacon
  In memory of Julie Sacon, Nathan Sacon, Yetta Sacon,
  Stanley Sacon, Franklin Witherel, Helen Witherel,
  Carl Witherel
Myrna Schultz
  In memory of Billy Feinberg, father of Susan Caplan
Audrey Wilson
  In appreciation of the High Holy Day services
Marge Zeman
  In memory of Irving Zeman, David Zeman, Rose Zeman,
  Leonard Zeman, Esther Pomerantz, Julius Pomerantz
Jeffrey & Isabel Zupan
  An act of tzedakah

Safety & Security Fund
Elliot & Barbara Grupp
  Best wishes to Ronald Rubin for a speedy recovery.
  Wishing Suzan & you a very happy & healthy
  New Year

School Fundraiser and Donations
Scott & Natalie Harelick
  An act of tzedakah

Social Action Fund (cont’d)
Rose Karas
  In memory of Rebecca Koretsky, my dear mother
  In memory of Sue Liben, my sister
  In memory of my dear brother, Harry Koretsky
Neal & Cheryl Oppen
  In honor of the engagement of Caleb Engelbourg to
  Carly Lippman
Neil & Diane Rosen
  In memory of Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Torah Fund
Shelley Kahalas
  In honor of the birth of Sandra Levy’s
  great-granddaughter, Harley
  In memory of Tom Cole

Tree of Life
Michael & Beth Berkley
Caplan/Feinberg Family

Social Action Fund
Jon & Gail Bashein
  In honor of the birth of Samuel James, grandson of
  Ellen Wasserman
Scott & Carol Brown
  Mazel tov to Ellen Wasserman on the birth of her
  grandson, Samuel James
Leslie Goldberg
  In honor of the B’nai Mitzvah of Madeline & Benjamin,
  grandchildren of Karen & Shelly Singer
  In memory of my father, Edwin Orell
The Endowment Fund for the sustenance of Temple Sinai was established to meet the future needs of Temple Sinai as they occur. It was hoped that the Temple Membership would make donations and the Fund principal would grow so that there would be ample money available when those needs might arise.

Laura and Myron Dickerman set up the Endowment Fund in appreciation of all that Temple Sinai has meant to them, their children, and their grandchildren over the years, with the desire to make sure that the Temple would continue to be here for future generations.

It is the hope that the Temple Membership will make donations to the Fund so that the principal will grow and provide the needed and necessary finances if and when the Temple needs should arise. Only a small portion of the fund growth may be used each year so as not to deplete the principal. When you send a donation to someone, each $10 contribution you make to this Fund will aid in achieving this goal.

“Blessed are the builders.” Supporting this Fund will continue to bolster the strength of Temple Sinai into the future.

Donate at: www.temple-sinai.com

Jon Nelson - Youth Advisor

Even though we haven't been able to meet in person because of the pandemic, our TASTY teens have been able to stay connected through our bi-weekly "Tailored TASTY" Zoom sessions.

Every two weeks, a few of our TASTY Board members come up with and facilitate a really cool virtual event for our teens. It's been a lot of fun and we'd love for you to join us.

Especially during these unprecedented times, social action is more important than ever. Some of our TASTY teens have answered the call... helping to get the vote out during our Presidential election, assisting at our annual Temple Sinai Blood Drive and by making sandwiches to feed the hungry! We're very proud of our great group of teens and all they do for our community!

Here's the link for our TASTY Facebook Page. It's a good place to keep up with what activities are happening in our teen community:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/2233349653/

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Mazel Tov

To Ken & Karen Moore on the marriage of their son, Douglas, to Samantha Baldus on November 6

To Jenna & Josh Cohen on the birth of their daughter, Estelle Devra on November 12

To Bill & Ellen Apfel on the birth of their grandson, Leander (Leo) Sidney, to Dan Apfel & Emily Reiss on November 17

To Ronni Hochman on the birth of her grandson, Benjamin Manuel Eiben, to Julie & Guille Eiben on December 14

Condolence

To Beth Oknin on the death of her mother, Barbara Rosen, on November 3

To Claire Kadet on the passing of her husband, Leo Kadet, a longtime Temple Sinai member and dear friend, on November 5

To Beth & Steve Haase on the death of their uncle, Edward Neiterman, on November 11

To Howie Green on the death of his brother, Kenneth Green, on November 14

To Larry Okstein on the death of his father, Alan Okstein, on November 15

To Gordie Sands on the death of his mother, Joan Sands, on November 16

To the Silva family on the death of past custodian and longtime friend, Licerio Silva on November 21; Licerio served as our custodian for over 10 years and viewed Temple Sinai as his extended family.

To Jeri Heinberg on the death of her husband, Dr. Charles “Chick” Heinberg, on December 21

Cantor Becky Khitrik (Cont’d)

Honoring MLK’s Legacy with Gospel Music

Each class with Dr. Costen was filled with a lot of singing. At first, I felt inauthentic, a white girl who loved the melodies, but wasn’t born with the language to fully speak them. But one day, Dr. Costen smiled at me and pronounced that I would lead everyone in singing “Go Down Moses” which as it happens was potentially composed by the white reverend L.C. Lockwood, and I felt a tease. We went around a circle of chairs, taking turns singing. Me, a Korean Evangelical, my friend who would later become a minister of the UCC Church, and yes, some students from the AME tradition whose mother tongue was gospel.

Music is music is music -- and when our respective traditions preach universal messages of freedom and human dignity, there are no wrong ways to sing.
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Shabbat Candle Lighting Times
for January & February

| Jan. | 1  | 8  | 15 | 22 | 29 |
|      | 4:05 | 4:11 | 4:19 | 4:28 | 4:37 |
| Feb. | 5  | 12 | 19 | 26 |
|      | 4:46 | 4:55 | 5:04 | 5:13 |

COMEDY NIGHT

FEATURING COMEDIAN ROBERT MAC

Saturday, February 27
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. via Zoom

Robert Mac is smart, delightful, and original. He was the grand-prize winner of Comedy Central’s national stand-up competition and has appeared on Last Comic Standing, Comedy Central, and many shows that have since gone off the air. He’s performed at the prestigious Just For Laughs comedy festival in Montreal, the San Francisco Comedy Competition, and the Boston Comedy Festival, to name a few.

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