
E-vents from Sinai Temple

Wednesday, May 24, 2017



From Where I Stand...

The movie that more than forty of us shared last Saturday evening, “My Italian Secret,” was a Holocaust-related documentary with a happy ending. The exhibit that Janet and I saw at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston yesterday, “The Lodz Ghetto Photographs of Henryk Ross,” was an exhibition without one.

The Lodz Ghetto was a horrible place. At the time it was liberated in 1945, only 877 Jews out of the 245,000 who were interned there since 1939 remained. The mostly clandestinely taken photographs of Henryk Ross, who had been made an official photographer of the ghetto by the Nazis, tell it all. I had never seen any of them before, and I found the exhibit overwhelmingly painful. (You can read the history of the ghetto at <http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/history-and-overview-of-lodz-ghetto>).

But though the exhibit was painful, it was not something I would have avoided. In fact, the whole history of the Holocaust is something that should not ever be avoided. And not just by us. More by our children. I say that because soon the survivors, living testimony to what “man’s inhumanity to man” can *really* be about, soon will be gone. And then the only people who will remain to give testimony to what happened will be those who heard their stories.

Certainly for us as Jews, the story of the Holocaust can never be forgotten. I say that because otherwise, the cry, “Never Again,” can indeed turn out to be the possibility of an “again.”

But equally the story has to be remembered for the rest of the world as well. For us, the dictum of Hillel, “What is hateful unto you may not be done to others,” is universal. We all are witnesses. And consequently we have ever to be in the vanguard of those who work to eradicate hatred. Everywhere.

I pray daily that we succeed in that. Not only that we Jews continue as a People to exist. More so that humanity continues to exist.

--Howard Kosovske

MAZEL TOV

- To Ellen Rowles on the graduation of her daughter Natalie Rowles from Boston University Law School. Natalie will be clerking for the United States Bankruptcy Court of Massachusetts.
 - Brenna and Ron Sadowsky on the birth of their new granddaughter, Adelyn Charlotte Sadowsky born May 15. Her proud parents are Drew and Ashley Sadowsky.
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THIS WEEK

OUR SHABBAT SERVICE this Friday begins at 7:30 p.m. Our special speaker this week is our own David Morse, who recently attended the Religious Action Center gathering. If you want to know where our Reform Movement is going (and we also through our Social Action initiatives), this is a must-attend service.

Torah Study on Saturday morning, led by Rabbi Kosovske, begins promptly at 9 a.m. Join us for great learning, community, bagels and schmear, juice, coffee, and maybe even some *nosherei*.

Our Shabbat Service in the round, led by Rabbi Kosovske and Cantor Levson, begins at 10:15 a.m.

Sinai Reading Partners meet this Wednesday, May 24 at noon in the library to discuss “A Bintel Brief: Love and Longing in Old New York”. Next month we will read “Duet in Beirut” by former Mossad agent Mischka Ben-David, author of “Forbidden Love in St. Petersburg”.

NEXT WEEK

SHAVUOT IS A MAJOR JEWISH HOLIDAY and we are celebrating it big time! Here is our schedule:

TUESDAY, MAY 30th, join us for our Shavuot evening service, which will be held jointly with our sister congregation, Temple Beth-El, at 7:00 P.M. **This service will take place at Beth-El.**

TUESDAY, MAY 30th, same evening, a Tikkun Leyl Shavuot (the traditional all-night practice of study) will go on starting at 9:30 PM **at B’nai Torah**. Rabbi Katz will teach at 9:30 PM, and our own rabbi, Rabbi Kosovske, will teach at 10:30 PM. Great learning here!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31st, next morning, Rabbi Kosovske will lead our own Shavuot Morning Service at which Yizkor prayers will be recited. The service will begin at 10:30 a.m. in our sanctuary. The service will be followed by a community Shavuot Dairy luncheon at a cost of \$10 by advance reservation. You must make your reservation by tomorrow, May 25th.

AN INVITATION FROM KAREN AND DAVID MERNOFF

*We are delighted to invite you to join us
in celebrating the Aufruf (wedding blessing) of
our daughter, Erin and her fiancé, Dave
during Shabbat Services on Friday, June 2nd at 6 PM*

AN INVITATION TO A MAJOR MILESTONE EVENT

SHABBAT MORNING. JUNE 3RD, Sinai Temple cordially invites you to a **Special Kiddush Lunch** in honor of and celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of Rabbi Kosovske's ordination. The lunch will follow our 10:15 Shabbat service-in-the-round. Please join us! Make your reservation with Robin in the Temple office.

BIG TEMPLE EVENTS

SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH, 7:00 p.m. are the date and time of Sinai Temple's Annual Meeting. But come three quarter of an hour early because we will begin the evening with a Temple Family Community barbeque beginning at 6:15 p.m. Great food will be cooking here!

SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH, is the date of our wonderful travel experience. Join us as we travel by bus to the Lower East where many of our families began their lives in America. Tour the incredible Eldridge Street Synagogue, visit the Tenement Museum for a first-hand experience of a Sweatshop. and then experience a walking guided tour of the neighborhood. This is all in addition to lunch at Katz's Deli (one of the last standing old Jewish Deli's) as well as some time to explore the street life of the Lower East Side. The cost is only \$99 for adults and \$89 for those 18 and under, which includes transportation and our tours (Lunch is separate, but we will order ahead). But don't miss out. **The bus is almost full!!** For more information please contact: **Carol Tivoli**, cbtivoli112@gmail.com, or **Sarah Shtrax**, sshtrax@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

"JERUSALEM IN THE WOODS", **Saturday June 3, 4 P.M.** (after our Kiddush lunch) will be presented by Robert Bielsky, son of Jewish partisan commander Tuvia Bielsky who with his brothers saved more than 1200 Jews in the forests of Belarus. Sandisfield Arts Center,
5 Hammertown Rd. at Rte. 57. Information at www.sandisfieldartscenter.org or call (413) 258-4100.

SAICAN COMES TO SINAI on Sunday, June 25, 2-5 p.m. with a workshop on "Solar Possibilities for Houses of Worship and Non-Profits", with a presentation by Resonant Energy on how schools, houses of worship, and other non-profits can afford to be part of the energy transition when they do not qualify for tax credits offered as incentives for installing panels. For more information: Michele Marantz, mb.marantz@comcast.net, 413 567-4220 or Becky Wasserman of Resonant Energy, becky@resonant.energy, 617-326-319