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D'varim From Rabbi Poticha

Years ago a sign hanging in the baggage carousel at Israel's Ben Gurion International Airport read: "London is cultured, Bangkok is effervescent, New York is trendy, Barcelona is sexy, Prague is beautiful, Tokyo is amazing, but there's no place like home". Home and homeland are just two significant Jewish motifs. There are many more but those two appear repeatedly in our American story in relation to Israel. Consider this, you plan a trip to Israel, passport is up to date, you are packed and you leave your home to 'return' to your homeland.

The Torah (Deut. 4) presents settling in the Land of Israel and setting up a model Jewish society there as the overall national goal of the Jewish people. Torah does not consider a time when Jewish people will not be living in the Land of Israel. This concept begins with Abraham when G-d tells him to leave the land of his descendants and go to the land now known as Israel, the land "flowing with milk and honey." In the Bible, Israel's cultural, religious and national identity was formed and there its physical presence has been maintained through the centuries, even after so many were forced into exile. During the many years of dispersion, the Jewish people never severed nor forgot its bond with the Land. The land of Israel is central to Judaism. A substantial portion of Jewish law is tied to the land of Israel including the fulfillment of many of those laws only being fulfilled in Israel. It is a mitzvah (commandment) to live there, to travel there, and to pray for it; if one is exiled from it – they return to it.

The national anthem: HaTikvah – The Hope, expresses the hope that Jews will return to our homeland – Israel. That hope became more of a reality when in the 1800s Theodor Herzl and Chaim Weizman founded 'Zionism', a political movement dedicated to the creation of a Jewish State. Since the time of King David, Jerusalem has been the capitol of Israel. After years of nations fighting over Israel, the reunification of Jerusalem in 1967 not only reunited the city but also hearts and souls.

Even before statehood the Jewish people made the deserts bloom, revived the Hebrew language, built villages and towns, created a thriving society controlling its own economy and culture. Since then, Israel has become the only real democracy in the Middle East, excels in medical, computer, environmentally sustainable technologies and agricultural advancements, has absorbed tens of thousands of Jews from other countries, is at the forefront of providing humanitarian aid around the world, is second only to the U.S. in the number of startup technological companies and so much more. All that while in the shadow of an ancient history thousands of years old, in a region not friendly to her existence and a world more interested in her demise than her growth.

Why is it that Jews all over the world should care about Israel? Because Israel matters! The miracle of Israel matters, Israel's existence matters and your relationship with Israel matters. That is why you should take the opportunity to travel to Israel with members of Temple Sinai this June 2014. Leaving the USA on June 23 we will spend 10 days becoming part of the miracle of Israel. Come home to Israel with us, again or for the first time. All the information for our trip is on Temple Sinai's website: <http://www.templestinainmassapequa.org>. We have a designated email for your questions related to this trip: goisrael2014@aol.com.

At the end of the Seder we say: "Next year in Jerusalem". This year you could say: "This June in Jerusalem". Join us!

2014 Celebrate Israel Parade - JUNE 1, 2014 - 50th Anniversary!

See blue pages for schedule of services and other dates to remember!

School Calendar:

March: 2, 9, 16 (Purim Carnival at Suffolk Y/JCC), 23, 30

April: 6, (13 & 20 no school- Spring Break), 27

May: 4, 11, 18 (last day)

Principal's Note

March/April/May 2014

This time of year is a busy one as holidays follow one another closely and the school year winds down. This year, for our Purim Carnival, we will be joining with the Suffolk Y/JCC in Commack . It will be fun to be in a larger group for a different kind of experience. Our Model Seder will take place on April 6. We will be following the Massapequa School calendar and have our usual Passover break in April (no school on 4/13 & 20). We are planning a Lag B'Omer picnic on our last day of school, May 18.---We are continuing to have each class participate in the Family Services. Grade 3 will participate on April 4. During the Family Service on May 2 our teachers will be honored. Please continue to bring your children to services so they can earn as many attendance stars as possible. There will be a prize for the greatest attendance. Our Grade 7 Shabbat Dinner, their last dinner as a class, was held on 3/7 at 5:45 --- Jillian Micozzi will be celebrating her Bat Mitzvah on May 31. Avery Stevenson will be on June 14. Adam Koch is scheduled for November 15. The congregation is invited to attend all of these Shabbat morning services, which will begin at 10:15. The 7th grade students will be conducting the last service in June, when the Rabbi and Cantor are in Israel .---SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR PARENTS COMMITTEE: Chanukah party- Jen Abramowitz, Suzanne Behar, Meryl Brady, Laurie Breskin, Kathy Elfenbein, Joy Findling, Sue Micozzi, Lydia Rabitz, Tammy Rogers, and Caryn Russo; Tu B'Shevat Seder- Suzanne Behar, Joy Findling, Dawn Lesser, and Sue Micozzi for setup/cleanup, and all families for the foods; Israeli food luncheon- Suzanne Behar, Laurie Breskin, Kathy Elfenbein, and Sue Micozzi. Shalom! Lynn Rudin

Murder Mystery Evening- Thank you to all who participated, and thank you to Roni who made a beautiful basket to raffle off. We all had a good time and I am happy to say that we had a nice turn out from Temple Sinai. All together we had 93 people attend, so even though this was not meant to be a fund raiser we actually made some money for our temple. I will not know how much until I have a meeting with the Beth El group to figure out our exact costs.

A special shout out goes to our rabbi for playing the rabbi during our wedding, Michael Eichen our shaddy groom, Andrea Feinstein our doctor/stripper and key suspect, and our adorable Ellen Tietlebaum, the cutest 8 year old flower girl I have ever seen. You played your parts to perfection.

President's Note---As the snowflakes fall and the temperature drops, we all search for a place that is warm and sheltering , a place of comfort and friendship. How lucky we are to have found that place in Temple Sinai.

Through the cold and blistery weather we have come together for Shabbat services to be warmed by the glow of the Shabbat candles and the beauty and meaning of our Cantor's song, and our Rabbi's sermons and inspiration.---We celebrated the life and contributions of Martin Luther King. We were privileged to honor the Scouts at a recent Shabbat service.---Our hearts are warmed when our school children and their teachers help to lead our Shabbat services- what a thrill and a joy to pray with them ,to sing with them and to watch the children grow and flourish. ---As the weather begins to change and the snowflakes no longer fall, we welcome you to continue worshiping with us in that warm and sheltering place called Temple Sinai. Come share in our celebration of Purim, come join us as our school children continue to lead Shabbat services. Be apart of the Temple Sinai tradition,walk with us in the Israeli day parade. Come experience the beauty of Shabbat under the Stars. ---Our warm and welcoming home is here , no matter what the season. Please come join us and feel the warmth from the Shabbat candles and the warmth in our hearts. Shabbat Shalom

Onegs March - 7 -Ringlen Family - 14- Purim - 21 - Cantor Green & Haberly Baby Naming - 28 -Rudin Family **April** - 4-3rd Grade Class -11- Lesser Family - 18 - Passover (Ringlen & Kulakaoff Family) - 25 - Teitelbaum/Stern Family pre wedding celebration **May** - 2- Teacher Appreciation (Parents Comm.) - 9- Feinstein Family - 16 Installation of Board - 23 - Rabitz Family -30- Jillian Micozze Bar Mitzvah

Purim at Temple Sinai 14 March We celebrated our holiday of Purim during Shabbat worship. This holiday of fun and revelry is also frightening. It reminds us that there are those who seek our destruction. It also reminds us that within our ranks are those who can preserve our identity. The Book of Esther commemorates a time when the Jewish People living in Persia were saved from disaster. ---We are commanded to eat, drink and be merry. We are also commanded to send gifts of food (mishloach manot) and to make charitable contributions. We ate hamentaschen, representing Haman's 3-cornered hat.

Pesach /Passover-Pesach /Passover begins Monday night 14 April at sundown or on the Hebrew calendar: the 15th of Nissan. Pesach is one of the three major festivals with both historical and agricultural significance. The primary observances of Pesach are related to the Exodus from Egypt after 430 years of slavery.---One of the significant observances involves not eating or owning any chametz (foods with leavening). On the first (of the eight nights) families and friends perform the special ritual of the Pesach meal called the "seder", from the Hebrew word meaning: "order" because there is a specific order to the rituals, prayers and songs of the seder. With specific foods on the seder plate we are reminded of the slavery our ancestors endured and the season of spring. Of the eight days, the first two and the last two are considered "holy days".

Our religious school model seder will be on 6 April during religious school. Shabbat HaGadol Shabbat immediately preceding Pesach) is 11 April @ 8:00PM.

Yom HaShoah -Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day is the 27th of Nissan, this year falling on the night of 27 April-28 April. It is on this day that the world commemorates the six million Jews and five million others who perish during the Holocaust as a result of the actions carried out by Nazi Germany and it accessories during World War II.---This year Temple Sinai will join several neighboring synagogues in a communal commemoration on Sunday night, 27 April. Watch your emails for further details.

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