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SERVICES

Erev Shavuot Services, with Ten Commandments and the Book of Ruth – 8:00 p.m., Sunday, June 1

Shavuot Mincha/Yizkor Services – 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 3

Friday Shabbat Services – 7:30 p.m., June 6, 13, 20 and 27

Saturday Shabbat Services – 10:00 a.m., June 7 and 21

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Board Meeting – Wednesday, June 18, at 7:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Book Club – Sunday, June 1, at 10:30 a.m. (see page 10 for details)

Bingo – Sunday, June 1, at 1:00 p.m. Doors open at 12:00 p.m. (see page 10 for details)

Shavuot Dairy Potluck and Tikkun Leil Shavuot – Sunday, June 1, at 6:00 p.m. (see page 7 for details)

Pride Shabbat – Friday, June 13, at 7:30 p.m. (see page 8 for details)

Knitting Club – Wednesday, June 18, at 10:30 a.m.

Coffee and Conversation with the Rabbi – Wednesday, June 18, at 3:00 p.m.

A Celebration of Appreciation Dinner and Program honoring Cantor Jill Pakman – Friday, June 27. Dinner at 5:30 p.m., Shabbat Services and Program at 7:30 p.m. (see page 5 for details)

Sisterhood Meeting at Bnai Shalom – Sunday, June 29, at 11:00 a.m.

Annual Congregational Meeting – Sunday, July 13, at 10:00 a.m. (see pages 3 and 4 for more details)



A Word From Rabbi Adrienne

Shalom to my Bnai Shalom family!

As you know, at the end of the month, after 22 years as Cantor of Temple Covenant of Peace and then Congregation Bnai Shalom, Cantor Jill will retire and move on to her next adventures. I feel very lucky to have been with Cantor Jill for her final year here. She has made my first year a joy and has been a wonderful partner. I will miss sharing the Bima with her each week and talking about the music we will bring to our community.

A Cantor serves in so many roles for the members of a community. Cantor Jill has enriched all of us with her talent, care and commitment. She has led our prayers with heart and *kavanah* (intention) and inspired us with her beautiful voice. She has created the perfect balance of chanting, traditional melodies and newly composed music, making our services accessible to all. She has taught us and our children, sharing her extensive knowledge and scholarship to bring us the wisdom of Torah. But the greatest gift she has given us is the gift of her love and friendship. We will miss her.

When we finish studying a tractate of Talmud, we say “*Hadran Alach*” — “We will return to you.” This Aramaic prayer reminds us that goodbyes and farewells do not need to be final; they are part of a cycle of closeness and distance. Just as we turn the Torah again and again, finding new lessons and inspirations in its words each year, so do we return to each other, again and again, deepening our relationships with each connection.

Borrowing the words of *Hadran Alach*: We will return to you, Cantor Jill, and you will return to us. Our mind is on you, Cantor Jill, and your mind is on us. We will not forget you, Cantor Jill, and you will not forget us.

I hope you will join us for Shabbat on June 27th to celebrate the many gifts we have received from Cantor Jill, to thank her, and to wish her well on her journey.

L'hitra'ot v'Todah Rabah – 'Till we meet again... and thank you,

Rabbi Adrienne :)
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