

We're gearing up for a big weekend.

Here's the schedule:

### **Thursday, December 3, 7 9 p.m.: Restorative Justice, Judaism, and Us**

This evening we'll follow up on last month's well-received program on Restorative Justice. This time we'll focus a little bit more inward as we examine where Restorative Justice intersects with Jewish traditions and teachings. As we ask our questions and deepen our understanding we'll be better able to come to our own conclusions about how this new (and old) approach to justice could be important for our social justice work and our own community.

**Friday, December 4, 12 noon: Lunch and Learn Ask the Rabbi.** Come to Iris Seligs home in Damariscotta for a brown-bag lunch (beverages provided) and bring your questions or discussion topics for Rabbi Margalit. Casual chat, many topics up for discussion. RSVP to Iris: 207-380-3880; [iselig@roadrunner.com](mailto:iselig@roadrunner.com).

### **Shabbat Focus on Social Justice**

During this Shabbat we will take a social justice perspective on the Torah readings and on the upcoming holiday of Chanukah. What lessons can we learn from the Torah and Jewish traditions that translate into more justice, fairness, and peace in our own communities, our country, and the world?

### **Friday, December 4, 7 p.m.: Shabbat Services with Rabbi Margalit, Dessert Oneg, and Discussion**

After services we'll have a potluck dessert oneg and talk about Social Justice Lessons from the Story of Joseph: Families and conflict, sexual harassment, prison, economic exploitation, and more.

### **Saturday, December 5, 10 a.m.: Shabbat Services with Rabbi Margalit, followed by Lunch Oneg and Social Justice Talk**

After services (see below) we'll have a luncheon sponsored by board member Shelley Kushner, and talk about Social Justice Lessons from Chanukah: Minorities, Religious Freedom, and Hope in Dark Times.

**Services: Song and Study** During our services this Shabbat we will step back from our usual rhythm of prayer and take some time as much time as we need to learn the songs, their melodies and words, their meanings and pitch. We'll still cover the bases of our prayer services, but we'll stop long enough to make sure that everyone learns the melodies and feels comfortable singing along. You already know the melodies? Great! Come along and help by adding your voice. It will make it easier for others to learn. You don't like the melodies we're singing? Let us know. We'll try your favorites. Join us for this learning, singing service.

### **Saturday, December 5, approximately 1 p.m.: Shabbat Learning These Are the Words**

Beginning at around 1 p.m., we'll continue our focus on Hebrew and ideas using Arthur Green's book *These Are the Words*, which gives short, two-page definitions of key Hebrew terms. It's a good way to learn some Hebrew and central concepts of Jewish thought at the same time!

Questions? Email or call the shul. Hope to see you this weekend!

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