

What Happened Feb. 22 through March 14?

Four three weeks in a row, the kahal enjoyed different kinds of Torah from the Rabbi Forester's regular divrei Torah, as described below:

2/22- Parashat Mishpatim

This was Cozy Shabbat. The Talmud Torah students sat on the bimah and Rabbi Forester told the story "Challahs in the Ark" to everyone and linked it to the Torah reading (story originally told by Reb Moshe Hagiz in his book Mishnat Chachamim).

2/29- Parashat Terumah

Rabbi Forester led a congregational Torah study related to the weekly parashah, using this source sheet: www.sefaria.org/sheets/221567.

One upshot was a recommendation from the Ritual Committee that all people--not only males--be invited to cover their heads in our building.

3/7- Parashat Terumah/ Shabbat Zakhor

Leslie Greenspan delivered a special d'var about the new siddur she has nearly completed for us to use at shiva homes. She explained how the new language she employs in her work will foster more of a meeting of Heaven and Earth when we come together to support one another at times of mourning. Karen Shevet Dinah is graciously underwriting this project in honor of her recent milestone birthday.

3/14- Parashat Ki Tissa/ Shabbat Parah

This was the last day we gathered as a community before the quarantine began. As services were curtailed, and Rabbi Forester was out sick, there was no d'var Torah outside of what she had prepared to introduce the Torah readings and the haftarah.

Beginning March 21, the Rabbi will strive to upload a weekly sermon as much as possible.