

Schedule of Events

4:30pm

Self-guided tours of the Rabbi Robert J. Eisen Beit Midrash

5:00pm

Beit Midrash dedication in the Sanctuary

5:30pm

Mincha/Ma'ariv Services in the Sanctuary

6:00pm

Chanukkiah lighting & sing-a-long in the Sanctuary

6:15pm

Dinner in the Sukkah area outside

Rabbi Sara Metz

Cantorial Soloist Nichole Chorny

Rabbi Emeritus Robert J. Eisen

Rabbi Emeritus Arthur Oleisky z"l

President Evelyn Sigafus

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Dedication of the Rabbi Robert J. Eisen Beit Midrash

Sunday, December 5, 2021 • 1/2 Tevet 5782



Hineh Ma Tov U'ma Na'im

*Hi-neh ma tov u-ma na-im
She-vet a-chim gam ya-chad.*

How good and pleasant it is
For brothers & sisters to sit together.

President Evelyn Sigafus Remarks

Responsive Reading:

In this place ... may all who come here seek God;
*In this place ... may all who study here learn to convert thoughts into
faith and words into deeds;*

In this place ... may all who grow here draw closer to our people;
In this place ... may all who play here be bound to other human beings;

In this place ... may all who dream here become transformed, deepened,
elevated, enabled and ennobled;
May they all find their dreams fulfilled ... in this place.

Rabbi Emeritus Robert J. Eisen Remarks

Responsive Reading:

May the door of this *Beit Midrash* be wide enough to receive all who
hunger for love, and all who are lonely for fellowship.
*May it welcome all who have cares to unburden, thanks to express,
hopes to nurture.*

May the door of this *Beit Midrash* be narrow enough to shut out pettiness
and pride, envy and enmity.
May its threshold be no stumbling block to young or straying feet.

May it be too high to admit complacency, selfishness, and harshness.
*May this Beit Midrash be, for all who enter, the doorway to a richer and
more meaningful life.*

Bless This House

Bless this house for we are all together
Bless us all we may not meet again.
Think of all the happiness we found here.
Take it home and share it with a friend.

Come along, sing a song
And you'll never say goodbye.
And you'll see and agree
Friendships won will never die.

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Reader:

To dedicate is to set apart for a religious purpose, to consecrate. To
dedicate is to commit to a particular course of thought or action. We
stand here today in this place which is dedicated and through which
we may become dedicated.

May those who play and learn here become worthy inheritors of a
great tradition and many new beginnings.

May those who work and grow here articulate the beliefs and values
upon which our world rests: study, prayer and acts of loving kindness.

Vicki & Phillip Pepper Remarks

Community:

*May we be worthy to remember this moment. We are here not merely to
dedicate stone and metal, wood and plaster. We are here to rededicate
ourselves to the ancient visions which are awaiting the commitment of
our lives. We are here to rededicate ourselves to the continuation of our
people from one generation to the next. L'Dor VaDor: We are part of the
unfolding creation of the world that links us with the Eternal and helps
us to recall our past and embrace a future of inspired life.*

Special Guest Remarks

Community:

*May the One who blessed our ancestors, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob,
Sarah, Rebekah and Leah, bless you who have given your time, your
means and your devotion that this place be made a sacred place. May
the Holy one grant you strength and vigor and continue to prosper the
work of your hands. Amen.*

Rabbi Metz Remarks & Hanging of the Mezuzah

Closing Remarks