



BREAD AND TORAH

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Rabbi Linda Motzkin, *soferet* (scribe)

Rabbi Jonathan Rubenstein, bread maker

“Bread and Torah” is inspired by the famous passage in the Mishna, Pirke Avot 3:17: *Without bread there is no Torah; without Torah there is no bread.* Signifying the importance of both spiritual and physical sustenance in our tradition, **Bread and Torah Programs** are creative, hands-on learning experiences that combine traditional Jewish scribal arts and bread making with Jewish spiritual teachings and practices.

February 17-19 is the Wellington Bread and Torah Weekend Don't miss this extraordinary event!

Friday afternoon, February 17, 2:30-5:30pm

Beauty and The Yeast – Challah Baking with Rabbi Jonathan

Rabbi Jonathan will share his techniques for making challah, demonstrate various ways of braiding and decorating loaves for Shabbat and special occasions, and teach about the significance of the *mitzvah* of *hafrashat challah*.

Saturday, February 18 10:30am

Shabbat morning service with Rabbi Linda Motzkin and Rabbi Jonathan Rubenstein

Sunday, February 19

9am – Babka and Friends

Learn to make babka, and variations on this sweet yeasted dough: coffee cakes, sticky buns, and more. **Come at 9am to help mix up the dough; or come at 10am for shaping and filling.**

11am –Torah from the Earth

What are the physical materials and the various steps in the process of making a Torah scroll? Rabbi Linda will show a slide presentation and use our own Temple Sinai Torah scrolls to illustrate the methods and materials of Torah making, and to answer questions you may never have thought of asking.

1pm – Hebrew Calligraphy for Beginners (and Beyond)

Discover your inner scribe! Learn the basics of Hebrew calligraphy – the strokes from which letters are formed, sample Hebrew alphabet styles, and how to write some key Hebrew phrases.

Rabbis Linda Motzkin and Jonathan Rubenstein have been co-rabbis of Temple Sinai in Saratoga Springs, NY since 1986.

Rabbi Linda is an artist, parchment maker, and *soferet* (Hebrew scribe) and creator of the Community Torah Project: a long-term educational endeavor to produce a Torah scroll with the assistance of hundreds of volunteers in the process, from transforming deerskins into parchment to proofreading completed panels. She is also the author of several Hebrew language textbooks, including the URJ Press 4-volume Hebrew Language curriculum for adult learners.

Rabbi Jonathan is a baker and the founder of *Slice of Heaven Breads*, a non-profit, all-volunteer charitable bakery producing a variety of baked goods, supporting hunger relief and other charitable causes, and teaching the craft of bread-making from a Jewish spiritual perspective.