



Joint Adult Education Committee



On Sunday, April 15, at 10:00 am, at Temple Israel, the Temple Israel/Temple Concord Adult Education Group presents its next Brunch Program of our 2017-2018 series: **"The corners of our fields" – VINES, urban farming, the Omer, and other Jewish agricultural traditions.** The program features **Kaitlyn Sirna** of VINES, along with **Rabbi Goldman-Wartell** of Temple Concord, and **Rabbi Brown** of Temple Israel.



Agriculture was the basis of early Jewish life, and it addressed extensively in the Torah, Mishnah, Talmud and beyond.

As we count the Omers of grain each day from Passover to Shavuot, we welcome both spring and the construction of the new VINES community garden located on the grounds of Temple Israel. It is a perfect time to take a look at the planting, the new garden, and what we can infuse into our soil from Judaism.

Enjoy a morning devoted to growth and growing!

Volunteers Improving Neighborhood Environments (VINES) has been a powerful initiative dedicated to "grow food and grow community". Its first Vestal garden, the Deerfield Place Community Garden (located at Temple Israel) is expected to break ground this spring. Kaitlyn Sirna, Community Garden and Youth Program Manager will present an overview of VINES and its plans for Deerfield Place.

Kaitlyn joined the VINES team in the spring of 2017. Her knowledge of farm life comes from her family farm in northeast Ohio, where her parents are first generation farmers. Kaitlyn has spearheaded farmers markets, coordinated CSAs and worked in the community at Cornell Cooperative Extension. Kaitlyn has a BA in English from DePaul University, and is pursuing a Masters in Sustainable Communities at Binghamton University, focusing on the role culture plays in food and food accessibility.

Cost of the brunch is \$5/person. Please call or email the Temple Israel office to make reservations (titammy@stny.twcbc.com).

We look forward to seeing you.