

There is a lot going on during the next couple of months within the community as a whole as well as within Mount Sinai. Next week the religious community will voice some support for not building another detention center in Wyoming. Some of you will remember that during WWII there was a Japanese detention camp in the state. There will be a prayer vigil on Martin Luther King, Jr. day at 10 AM in front of the Cheyenne ICE office at 308 West 21st Street. This timing was chosen to enable those present to also participate in the annual MLK walk from the depot to the Capitol building. Some further details on the issues involved are contained in these links:
http://trib.com/news/state-and-regional/private-prison-company-pursuing-wyoming-immigration-detention-center-has-troubled/article_2cabcb90-00ae-5e9b-9860-718751fbca01.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&utm_campaign=user-share

<http://www.wyofile.com/immigration-jail-isnt-prison-meads-spokesperson-says/>

<https://news.vice.com/article/texas-private-prison-left-uninhabitable-after-immigrant-detainees-riot-over-poor-conditions>

There is also a bit of news coming out of Israel. All countries retain the ability to decide who gets to enter, and who gets to stay. That being said, sometimes you wonder what the people in power are thinking. In case you missed it, Israel has decided to avoid letting certain members of various "Boycott, Divestment and Sanction" groups (and groups whose philosophy seems similar to the leadership) enter the country. To rephrase the negativity I feel in a positive fashion - May it be God's will that people who disagree in how something should be accomplished (or even in what should be accomplished in the first place) will not consider each other enemies; may it also be God's will that no individual or group will desire the destruction of another individual, group or country.