



# MOUNTAIN SYNAGOGUE

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Shanah Tovah! שנה טובה



### Our Tree of Life

Leaves are now available at \$54 each (three times Chai) and large stones (only 11 available) that will be mounted at the base are \$500 each, engraving included. Contact us for details:

[ms.treasurer79@gmail.com](mailto:ms.treasurer79@gmail.com)

### NEXT SHABBAT SERVICE

Saturday, September 16th at 10:00am (See below)  
Services are held on the third Saturday of each month both in-person and on Zoom.

### High Holiday Schedule

September 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm + September 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am  
September 16<sup>th</sup>, Tashlich 1:30pm at Lake Emory dock  
September 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm + September 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am  
September 25<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm: Neilah, Yiskor + Concluding Service  
September 25<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm Break-the Fast

For those members who prefer to attend via Zoom, please use the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87289809710>



**Yosi Knight**  
Our Spiritual Leader

*Please watch your email and our website for notices regarding dates and times of services, which will be conducted both in-person and live online via Zoom.*

## **NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Have some news to share with our members? We want it all! Contact our newsletter editor, Harvey Morse at [harvey@probate.com](mailto:harvey@probate.com)
2. **Mi Shebeirach (Prayers for the ill)**  
Ann Ferman  
Wendy Newman  
Jim Fierberg  
Richie Aaron  
Edith Finegold  
Alan Escovitz  
Benjamin Newman, MD  
Connie Chesser  
Michael Serra
3. **Yahrzeit Donations**  
(Received by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the prior month)  
Harvey Morse for Grandmother, Anna Altshuler, brother Bennett Morse and cousin Louie Morse  
Norma Schulman for her Stepfather, Samuel Epstein and her Mother-In-Law, Lillian Schulman  
Mike Arnold for his Father, Garlon Arnold
4. **General Donations**  
Shayna Sinrich, Norma Schulman for a speedy recovery for Mike Serra,  
Elizabeth Hinckley for a prayer book
5. **Member Celebrations This Month**  
**Birthdays:**  
Bonnie Jersolow, Kristin Rabinowitz, Deb Arnold, Gary Sinrich, and Elizabeth Goldstein  
**Anniversaries:**  
None
6. **Tree Of Life Leaf Purchases**  
Leaves are \$54, and Stones are \$500 each. [Our Tree of Life is for celebrations, family or personal events of note, not memorials].  
  
Donna Sinrich for Gary Sinrich's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday
7. **Memorial Plaques**  
Memorial plaques which are placed in our Social Hall are \$50 per name for an engraved, permanent remembrance.  
  
None
8. **Celebrations**  
**Birthdays:**  
Maury Burstein, Joan Berman, Barbara Meltzer, Dan Strohl, Dylan Lunsik

## **VICE - PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Harvey Morse  
Vice-President  
Safety Director + Deputy Sheriff

### **SAFETY MESSAGE**

As we continue to witness a distressing rise in antisemitic incidents, it has become crucial for members of the Jewish community to increase their knowledge and awareness of synagogue safety. Jewish safety training is an essential step toward safeguarding ourselves and our places of worship against threats and acts of hate. By equipping ourselves with the necessary skills and knowledge, we can actively contribute to countering antisemitism and ensuring the protection of our community's physical and spiritual well-being.

Antisemitism is an age-old prejudice and hatred against Jewish individuals; however, its resurgence in recent years has caused grave concern worldwide. From hateful rhetoric and discriminatory acts to violent attacks, antisemitism poses a real and pressing threat to Jewish individuals and their sense of security. Synagogues, being significant symbols of Jewish faith and heritage, have become targets for these acts of hatred, emphasizing the urgent need for community members to engage in Jewish safety training.

Our training opportunities in conjunction with other synagogues in greater WNC through national providers, provide members with the expertise and skills necessary to prevent, identify, and respond effectively to potential threats. Learning about risk assessment, emergency protocols, and proper communication channels significantly enhance one's ability to handle critical situations. By attending safety trainings, individuals become proactive participants in ensuring the security of their synagogue and community.

Training fosters a strong sense of collective responsibility and unity within the Jewish community. By coming together to enhance our knowledge of synagogue safety, we create a network of informed individuals who can support and protect one another. This sense of unity bolsters our ability to respond cohesively in emergency situations, which we pray will never occur, by mitigating potential risks.

Investing your time and effort in our safety efforts not only equips you with practical skills but also fosters a deeper understanding of the historical context and implications of antisemitism. By engaging in these programs, members gain valuable insights into the ideology behind hatred and prejudice, allowing for more informed discussions and the prevention of the spread of misinformation. Education and awareness are essential tools in combatting antisemitism, ultimately leading to a more inclusive and tolerant society.

Given the concerning rise in antisemitic incidents in recent years, and especially as the High Holidays are upon us, Jewish safety training has become an essential component in protecting our community and securing our synagogues.

Moreover, these programs promote education, raise awareness, and foster community resilience. Let us not wait for tragedy to strike before taking action. Instead, let us empower ourselves, educate our members, and work collectively to combat antisemitism and promote synagogue

*Anniversaries:*

Michael + Bobbi Serra  
Dr. Charles + Lorna Beck

## 9. New Members This Month

None

### Shabbat and High Holiday Prayer Books and for those who attend services with us online

As we continue to have services in-person and online via Zoom, having your own prayer books at home is important to follow along. **Our Mishkan t'Filah prayer books are available for \$40 each. Our new High Holiday Mahzor's are available for \$40 each.**

Books will no longer be offered after this month!

Shipping is \$15.00 for either one or two books. If interested, please send your name, address and which book(s) you want, together with payment to Mountain Synagogue, PO Box 504, Franklin, NC 28744. Contact Bobbi Serra at [ms.treasurer79@gmail.com](mailto:ms.treasurer79@gmail.com)

### HAVE A COMPUTER? DO YOU ENJOY WRITING? USE MICROSOFT WORD?

We are looking for a member who would like to assist with our monthly newsletter. Please contact Harvey Morse at [harvey@probate.com](mailto:harvey@probate.com) for details.

### MEMBERS SEPTEMBER'S SOCIAL EVENT!

Saturday September 9th at 5:00pm there will be a member's dinner at:

**GRAFF'S TAVERN**  
579 Depot Street  
Franklin, NC

**RSVP REQUIRED** to George Berman  
by Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>  
828-524-9463 or Email:  
[jrbgib1994@frontier.com](mailto:jrbgib1994@frontier.com)

safety. Only then can we ensure the well-being and protection of future generations.

We continually offer these FREE trainings online, in addition to in-person CPR and Stop Bleeding courses, yet sadly, very few take advantage of our efforts. Sessions last about an hour, and we strongly urge you to participate when you receive notice to register or attend an event. They are interesting, thought provoking and educational.

**Mountain Synagogue belongs to a security network that includes the Security Teams of all Jewish organizations in our area, including Asheville, Boone, and Hickory, and we meet monthly to discuss national and local issues.**

REMEMBER: Should you see anything out of the ordinary before, during or after services, please bring it to our security guards' attention as well as mine. If possible, notate the date, time, and location, then take some photos! We share our information with other synagogues in our network.

Be safe, be vigilant, be observant, look around where you are, but not down at your cellphone!

## Shanah Tovah!

Harvey Morse  
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828-631-0000

### RESERVATIONS FOR OUR HIGH HOLIDAY BREAK THE FAST

Our traditional break the fast which is FREE for members, \$15 pp for non-members, will be held after Yom Kippur services on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

Please **RSVP** to Norma Schulman  
by September 11<sup>TH</sup>  
(828) 545-8956 or [NormaSchulman5@gmail.com](mailto:NormaSchulman5@gmail.com)

### SAFETY TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED

We are continually seeking additional members to join our synagogue Safety Team. Approved members will receive appropriate training and will be covered by our insurance policy. If you are interested in serving, please contact our Safety Director at:  
[harvey@probate.com](mailto:harvey@probate.com)

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