



MOUNTAIN SYNAGOGUE

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Yosi Knight
Our Spiritual Leader

THANK YOU YOSI!

Our Board and congregation thanks and appreciation to Yosi Knight for doing a wonderful job during the High Holidays as our Spiritual Leader. In addition to the services themselves, his insightful explanations as to various Torah portions and Prayers added to the meaningfulness and understanding of this solemn holiday. We look forward to many more religious events and Shabbat Services under his guidance!

NEXT SERVICES – 3rd Shabbat of the month

October 16 - Saturday
November 20 - Saturday
December 18 – Saturday
(Services start at 10:00am)

For those members who might prefer to attend via Zoom, please watch your email for the link!

Please watch your email for notices regarding services, which will be conducted both in-person and via Zoom, due to the Covid outbreak.

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 or call: (828) 631-0000
2. All Friday evening services will begin at 7:00pm and all Saturday morning services will start at 10:00am.
3. We are in need of a laptop computer for our Zoom services. If you have one to donate or wish to purchase one for the synagogue, please contact Harvey at: (828) 631-0000
4. **Mishaberah – (Prayers for those who are ill)**
Jim Fierburg
David Bryant
Rhoda Haber
Hal Lunsik
Libby Katzenson
Phyllis Cardoza
Richie Aaron
Mike Arnold
George Berman
Maxine Goldstein
Leslie Hughes
5. **Yahrzeit Information**
We are updating our list of member's family Yahrzeits. Please send the names, your relationship to the deceased and the dates of death to Vickie Sanders. Her email is: walknature186@yahoo.com
6. **Yahrzeit Donations**
Harvey Morse in memory of brother, Bennett Morse
Rhoda Haber in memory of Leslie Finkelstein, Son in Law
7. **HIGH HOLIDAY DONATIONS**
Harvey Morse
John and Shari Rall
Marty Rosenfield and Donna Woods
Norma Schulman
Joel and Laurie Edelson
Terri Baker
Ed Pomerantz
Marshall and Glenda Greenman
Victory Baptist Church
Chuck Auster and Mayer Lumbres
Judy Meyers
Mike and Bobbi Serra
Mike and Deb Arnold
8. **October Birthdays**
Robert Rosenfeld
Hal Lunsik
Allan Baer
Kristen Eisenbraun
Shayna Sinrich
Stephanie Lunsik
9. **Welcome To Our New Members**
Leo and Karen Katz
Gina Eandi
Allan and Terri Baer
Chuck Auster and Mayer Lumbres

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sharing our Kol Nidre Thoughts With You

Dear Members, It's time for the Kol Nidre appeal from the temple president. That's me! For those that do not know me, my name is Joel Edelson.

So how do I encourage each one of you to open your pockets and make a pledge, and hopefully a very generous pledge this year? That's a great question. Anyone out there have the answer? Okay, I think I do. It's very important to me and many of you out there that Mountain Synagogue has a strong and viable future. Why is there some doubt about that future? Let me tell you why.

It's a fact that the number of Jewish families living in our area is on the decline and many of those Jewish families who do move in believe, unlike all of you, that they have no need for a synagogue. That thinking, of course, could potentially lead to the end of synagogue life as we know it. But, as most of you know, synagogue life, whether you attend one or two days a year or every week of the year, is vital to us to maintain our Jewish identity. For 41 years - Mountain Synagogue is that place. Our synagogue serves to bring Jews together – for worship, study, and community.

Each of us has our own reasons for being a member of Mountain Synagogue. In the spirit of Jewish tradition, if I asked everyone here for your reasons, I'd get many, many different answers.

To me, Mountain Synagogue is the place where our members are being taught to love and embrace Judaism and enjoy the many wonderful holidays and traditions our religion boasts.

To me, Mountain Synagogue is the place where we can celebrate together holidays, mitzvahs (like adult b'nai mitzvahs) and other joyous occasions.

To me, Mountain Synagogue is the place to come together to support others in crisis, to rally together to help others in need, and console one another when a loss of a loved one must be confronted.

To me, Mountain Synagogue is the place where we meet new friends, experience friendship, and have a sense of belonging.

To me, Mountain Synagogue is the place where we come to address larger Jewish concerns by addressing anti-Semitism, engaging in Tikkun Olam – through our participation in the Macon County Interfaith Coalition, and worship together to improve the nature of our society and the world.

10. Memorial Plaques

There is no better way to honor the memory of a deceased loved one than purchasing a memorial plaque which will be placed in our social hall. The cost is only \$50 per name for an engraved, permanent remembrance.

Public Relations Person Needed

We are seeking a volunteer to represent Mountain Synagogue, who will visit or contact newspapers, hospitals, nursing facilities, Realtors, Chambers of Commerce and so forth, to make them aware of our existence and possibly hand out literature for them to distribute. If you are interested or would like to put a committee together to handle this task, please contact our corresponding secretary, Norma Schulman at n.schulman@frontier.com

PRAYER BOOKS

Our Mishkan t'Filah prayer books are available for \$40 each. Our new High Holiday Mahzor's are available for \$40 each.

Shipping is \$5.00 for one or two books. If interested, please send your name, address and which books you want together with payment to Mountain Synagogue, PO Box 504, Franklin, NC 28744. (Books may be picked up in person during services to avoid the shipping costs).

NEW ORLEANS

Visiting New Orleans? The MUSEUM OF THE SOUTHERN JEWISH EXPERIENCE has opened! It explores the many ways that Jews of the American South influenced and were influenced by the distinct cultural heritage of their communities, through exhibits, collections and programs. It's website is: www.msje.org

818 Howard Ave, New Orleans, LA 70113

WEBSITE UPDATE

Our website has now been updated with a link to copies of all 2021 previous newsletters by Harvey Morse, with the assistance of his nephew Ari Morse. www.MountainSynagogueWNC.com

To me, Mountain Synagogue is the place where we form a new link in the chain of Jewish tradition carrying on historic values for future generations to inherit.

Mountain Synagogue is, in essence, a community, a special community consisting of all of us – of which we are all a part of – and which plays an important role in our lives.

It's hard to be Jewish alone. Through a congregation, one's Jewish life experience is enhanced and expanded by partnering with a community that is lasting and offers a rich menu of experiences throughout the year. That is what a Synagogue like Mountain Synagogue is all about – a place to provide for the spiritual, communal and educational needs of every generation of Jews.

Dues barely get us by each year. It's your Kol Nidre pledges and continuing membership that will take us into the future. If you leave it up to others, sooner or later, there will no longer be any others and Jewish life as we now experience it here at Mountain Synagogue may come to an end. Now, I don't want to scare anyone into thinking that Mountain Synagogue is about to shut down. It's not – and I expect it will be here for many, many more years to come. But, it's important, that we not take that for granted

So once again I ask each of you to be generous this year when you make your Kol Nidre pledge.

Do it for yourselves. Do it for your family. Do it for your children. Do it for your grandchildren, and Do it for the generations to come. L'Shana Tova and thank you!

Joel Edelson, President

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES

Healing Solutions Counseling at Jewish Family Services has expanded our reach! We are now permanently offering telehealth counseling appointments with our licensed clinicians, who specialize in treating depression, anxiety, parenting challenges, grief, trauma, adjustment disorders, relationship problems, stress management, healthy aging, and LGBTQ+ support. Our therapy sessions are safe, private, and confidential. We will always meet you where you are. JFS accepts most Medicare, BCBS, United Healthcare, Cigna, Humana, and Aetna. Please inquire about other insurance. Sliding scale fees are available based on income to those who are uninsured.

Call 828-253-2900 or email info@jfswno.org for more information. You can also get started by downloading client paperwork [here](#).

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