



MOUNTAIN SYNAGOGUE

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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:

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NEXT SHABBAT SERVICE

Saturday, February 18th at 10:00am

Services are now held on our winter schedule of one Saturday each month, in-person and on Zoom.

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



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 (828) 631-0000

2. **Mi Shebeirach – (Prayers for the ill)**

Phyllis Cardoza
Ann Ferman
Wendy Newman

3. **Yahrzeit Donations** (Received by the 15th of the previous month):

Ed Pomerantz for Mother, Alice Pomerantz and Grandmother Sara Mitchell
Vickie Sanders for Father, Sydney Leibo and friend, George Rothkopf
Gary + Donna Sinrich for Father, Leon Sinrich
David Snyder for Mother, Sylvia B. Snyder
Marcia Goldstein for Father, Jacob L. Goldstein and Niece, Carol Melissa Greenhut
Norma Schulman for Brother, Leonard Yospin
Marilyn + Douglas Mower for Father, Irving Solomon

4. **General Donations**

None

5. **Member Celebrations This Month**

Birthdays:

Leon Hananel

Anniversaries:

Joel + Laurie Edelson

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].

None

7. **Memorial Plaques**

Memorial plaques which will be placed in our social hall are \$50 per name for an engraved, permanent remembrance.

New Members

John Stemple

8. **Volunteers**

If you are interested in volunteering to assist our Board and synagogue, please contact President, Joel Edelson at joeledleson@yanoo.com, or Vice President Harvey Morse at harvey@probate.com

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Joel Edelson
President

An old perspective on the New Testament?

B'Shalom to all!

Have you ever tried to have a conversation with a well-versed Christian, or non-Jewish friend or acquaintance and find yourself lacking in your ability to equally match and quote scripture and verse in making a point? Their ability to “weaponize” the scripture quote by quote has left me feeling unable to continue the discussion in any meaningful way. I have found this true from time to time and felt embarrassed to the point of the needing to “leave the scene or excuse myself” as I was lacking the knowledge to offer a credible, or at least a factual, different opinion or point of view. But a good discussion needs to be based on facts!

If you are one to better prepare yourself with understanding and additional foundational understanding, here are two resources you may wish to turn to:

First, is a book I have seen (but have not read yet, so take this for what it's worth) but was discussed on All Things Considered on the NPR radio network, on this topic titled “The Jewish Annotated New Testament”, by Amy-Jill Levine and Marc Zvi Brettler.

Levine, a professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt University, and Brettler, the Dora Golding Professor of Biblical Studies at Brandeis University, now at Duke University, gathered a group of Jewish Scholars to put together the first-ever annotated version of the New Testament from an entirely Jewish perspective.

While the New Testament is constantly being re-interpreted from a variety of perspectives, including feminists, socialists, to traditionalists, even, believe it or not, from a Star-Wars prism, this is the first time that Jewish scholars have ever been involved in editing a version of the New Testament. Though much of the New Testament is not subscribed to by the Jewish faith, Levine says there's much in the New Testament that corresponds perfectly with early Jewish history.

“Much of the ethical material in the New Testament is Jewish, and much of the history presented is Jewish,” she says. They have received a lot of praise and positive reactions from the book and feel it can only help in showing and broadening each other's understanding of our respective beliefs.

Secondly, coming up on February 13, 2023, the same Marc Brettler will be a featured guest lecturer from 2-3:20 pm on this very topic. For more information, reach out to jdhomrighausen@wm.edu or go to events.wm.edu for more information. (If you miss it perhaps it will be recorded?)

There are many other podcasts and other materials on this topic available across the world wide web. Happy searching, and learning.

B'Shalom, Joel

Shabbat and High Holiday Prayer Books

As we continue to have services in-person and on 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.** These are very important to have, if you attend services online.

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. Contact Bobbi Serra at ms.treasurer79@gmail.com

NEWSLETTER EDITOR ASSISTANT

We are looking for a member who would like to assist with our monthly newsletter preparation.

Please contact Harvey Morse at harvey@probate.com for details.

SURVEY

The Board wishes to thank everyone who submitted answers to our survey, which will assist us in planning the coming year!

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SAFETY TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED

We are seeking additional members to join our synagogue safety team. Approved members will be trained in AED, CPR, Stop the Bleed, Usher/Greeters procedures, the use of pepperspray, portable radio's, our procedures, and optionally, concealed carry with a valid permit. Those who are approved will be covered under our synagogue's insurance policy. If you are interested in serving, please contact Harvey Morse, our Safety Director at: harvey@probate.com or (828) 631-0000

AED/CPR/Stop The Bleed Class

This class will be offered at cost to synagogue members who would like to learn life saving techniques. It is highly recommended that everyone have this training to save a life, not only for an emergency at the synagogue, but in case of an incident anywhere. This class is only given once or twice a year, as the instructors must bring their equipment which requires a lot of effort.

Class will be held in Maggie Valley on April 23rd, from 2:00pm – 5:00pm and seating will be limited.

If you are interested, please contact Harvey Morse for details. harvey@probate.com or (828) 631-0000

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

George Berman will be heading a new Social Committee which may include monthly lunches, dinners and other social gatherings for our members! Watch here for details and in your emails, as the committee organizes and announces its events.