



MOUNTAIN SYNAGOGUE

Mailing Address: PO Box 504, Franklin, NC 28744
Email: MountainSynagogue@gmail.com
Website: www.MountainSynagogueWNC.com
Phone: (828) 634-1312

APRIL 2023



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:

mountainsynagogue@gmail.com

NEXT SHABBAT SERVICE

Saturday, April 8th at 10:00am – (April Service Moved Due to our Passover Seder And Yosi in Town – Services will resume in May on the 3rd Saturday of the Month.)
Services are held on the third Saturday of 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
David Lieberman
Ann Ferman
Wendy Newman
Jim Fierberg
Tom Geirhart
Barbara Dardick
Richie Aaron
Edith Finegold
3. **Yahrzeit Donations** (Received by the 15th of the previous month):
Bobbi + Mike Serra for Bobbi's Mother, Anna Whittemore
Lee Berger for her in-laws, Dr. Edward J. Berger and Elizabeth M. Berger
4. **General Donations**
William + Joan Bernstein
5. **Member Celebrations This Month**
Birthdays:
Dr. Charles Beck, Tonielle Reed
and Kirk Dornbush
Anniversaries:
Mike + Deb Arnold
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.*]

Joel + Laurie Edelson purchased two leaves, in honor of their Granddaughters Leah Schott & Hannah Schott
7. **Memorial Plaques**
Memorial plaques which placed in our social hall are \$50 per name for an engraved, permanent remembrance.

Joel and Laurie Edelson: Fours plaques for their parents, Rose + Leonard Edelson and William and Rita DuFresne
8. **New Members**
Zev Haselkorn
9. **Volunteers**

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Joel Edelson
President

In late February, a very special presentation was made in Hayesville, NC at the American Legion Hall. Our own Security Officer, Dan Wickersham, volunteered to represent Mountain Synagogue as no one else could attend. We are so grateful that he did.

This was a presentation of the Chapel of Four Chaplains, and here is the story:

Early on Feb. 3, 1943, an enemy torpedo struck the Army transport vessel the *Dorchester*, as it carried 902 officers and enlisted men, Navy armed guards, merchant seamen and civilian workers in the North Atlantic. The Coast Guard cutter escorts *Comanche* and *Escanaba* rescued 230 men at sea.

As the *Dorchester* took on water, four Army chaplains – Lt. George L. Fox (Methodist), Lt Alexander D. Goode (Jewish), Lt. John P. Washington (Roman Catholic), and Lt. Clark V. Poling (Dutch reformed) – calmed frightened soldiers, aided the wounded and guided the disoriented toward safety.

On deck, they opened a storage locker and began distributing life jackets. When there were no more available, the chaplains removed their own life jackets and gave them to four young men. "It was the finest thing I have ever seen or hope to see this side of heaven", said John Ladd, a survivor.

As the ship went down, men in rafts saw the four chaplains, arms linked and braced against the slanting deck, singing hymns and praying.

Congress attempted to confer the Medal of Honor on the chaplains but was prevented by strict requirements of the heroism under fire policy. It authorized a one-time posthumous Special Medal for Heroism, awarded by President Eisenhower in 1961; it was intended to have the same weight and importance as the Medal of Honor.

Every year, American Legion posts nationwide commemorate the selfless acts of the Four Chaplains on or near Feb.3, which was designated the Four Chaplains Day by Congress in 1948. Through interfaith services, memorial ceremonies and other solemn events, members of the American Legion Family lead their communities in honoring the chaplains and the 668 other men who died when the *Dorchester* sank.

Founded in 1951, the Chapel of Four Chaplains located in Philadelphia, encourages and supports these observances, and recognizes selfless service to community, nation and humanity through its Legion of Honor award program.

Well done, Dan. And thank you, for representing us.

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 \$15.00 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.

PASSOVER SEDER

We will be having a Passover Seder on April 6th at our Social Hall facility, starting at 5:00pm. Thank you to all who have registered for this wonderful event!

CONDOLENCES – A PAST PRESIDENT

Mountain Synagogue expresses its sympathy and condolences to the Katz family and friends for their loss and one of our former Presidents, Leo Katz. Donations in his memory are welcomed.

OUR SYNAGOGUE WEBSITE

www.MountainSynagogueWNC.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 Harvey Morse, our Safety Director at: harvey@probate.com or (828) 631-0000

AED/CPR/Stop The Bleed Class Can YOU save a life?

This class will be offered at our actual cost to synagogue members (\$65) who would like to learn life saving techniques. It is highly recommended that everyone have this training, not only for an emergency at the synagogue, but in case of an incident anywhere or anytime.

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

If enough members sign up, we can do a lunch together first, and make it both a social and educational event!

You can call or register online at: www.wecancarry.com (A price discount adjustment will be automatically made for members from \$100 down to \$65 per person). If you are interested, please contact Harvey Morse for details. harvey@probate.com or (828) 631-0000

2023 MEMBERSHIP DUES

The deadline for paying your 2023 dues is April 15th. Those who have not renewed will be removed from our rolls, our mailing lists and our next directory. WE NEED YOU TO REMAIN!

ATTENTION MEMBERS FROM THE HIGHLANDS!

We are discussing a special Torah event to be held in your area. Please let us know if you would be interested in attending as we can only do this with a nice turnout. Email Norma Schulam: normaschulam5@gmail.com

WWW.MOUNTAINSYNAGOGUEWNC.COM | CALL: 828-634-1312 |
EMAIL: MountainSynagogue@gmail.com