



MOUNTAIN SYNAGOGUE

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Rabbi Emeritus Barry Altman

Our Rabbi and spiritual leader

NEXT SERVICES: Friday, April 16th at 7:00PM

A link will be sent to all members in advance, and we hope to see you there.

ANNOUNCEMENT

We are very excited and honored to announce that Joseph "yosi" Knight, has agreed to lead our High Holiday Services this year!

Yosi has lead an exciting and diversified life living on several Kibutz's in Israel, being a paratrooper in the Israeli Defense Forces, years of teaching Hebrew and Judaic traditions at the college level, serving for a while as a Buncombe County Deputy Sheriff, graduating law school and becoming a lawyer, and serving for many years as a Buncombe County Magistrate and Judge!

CAN NON-MEMBERS JOIN OUR ZOOM SERVICES?

Members may forward our link to family and friends who are not members, so they may be able to experience our efforts. If your friends would like to affiliate with us and become part of our family, have them contact: Donna Sinrich at the below Email:

MountainSynagogue@gmail.com

Please watch your email for notices regarding services, which will be conducted temporarily via Zoom, due to the Pandemic, and the Governor's Orders restricting the size of gatherings

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Have some news to share with our members? We want it all! Contact Harvey at: harvey@probate.com
2. All Friday evening services will commence at 7:00pm henceforth, and all Saturday morning services will commence at 10:00am.

3. **Mishaberah – (Prayers for those who are ill)**

Maxine Goldstein
Michael Serra
David Bryant
Rhoda Haber
Hal Lunsik
Lesley Hughes
Vickie Sanders

4. **Welcome To Our New Members**

Barbara Singer
Kristen Eisenbraun
Laura Eisenbraun
Dan & Celeste Strohl

5. **Yahrzeit Donations**

Leah Miller for her brother, Avram Tolz

General Donations

Shayna Sinrich
Peri Gordon

6. **April Birthdays**

Charles Beck 4/13
Shirley Shrut 4/19
Kirk Dornbush 4/23

7. **Yahrzeits / Memorial Plaques**

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

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 the engraved remembrance.

8. Rabbi is working on a Bar/Bat Mitzvah class schedule for adults, which will culminate in a beautiful Shabbat Service and Oneg on Saturday, July 17th. What a magnificent way to honor your Jewish faith and fulfill a cherished centuries old tradition. You will hear more about this in the future.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – JOEL EDELSON

Shalom, y'all! As I write this message to our congregation, we welcomed the official first day of Spring, yesterday. Every year, we know that with Spring, new buds, followed by all the leaves, will emerge on the trees as our landscape will suddenly blossom into being green again. As we anticipate the spring flowers, the familiar blooms we all look forward to seeing and enjoying, so too do we look forward to our renewed abilities to return to a normalcy we have not experienced in over a year. Simple things like eating in a restaurant, without the fear or discerning look from those with or without masks. Things like going to a store, and shopping, seem like distant memories. And meeting to gather and worship together.

As our community and our nation achieve higher vaccination status and a feeling of safety and security returns, so too can we achieve our goal of holding Shabbat worship services and events in person.

Soon, our new Rabbi Altman and his wife, Nancy, will be spending six weeks of their summer with us, here in our beautiful Western North Carolina. We are excited to be planning several worship services, both in person as well as on-line, so we can emerge from this pandemic together, and safely.

As you read this, hopefully you were able to share in our

9. **IMPORTANT SECURITY PROGRAM**

Mountain Synagogue in conjunction with all of the Asheville Jewish organizations and synagogues will be hold a Zoom meeting for all members and congregants on **April 11th** and on **April 18th**, from 2:00pm – 4:00pm. This is being done through our local security task force and the national Jewish Security Committee Network (SCN) as a national effort to help keep us safe when in-person services reopen and in regard to anti-Semitism. All members should plan to attend this training event including our Safety Team.

REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY!!

PLEASE CLICK EACH LINK BELOW TO REGISTER

Register link for Situational Awareness Training (SAT): Sunday, April 11, 2:00-4:00pm. <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0tf-GrqjsvGdY0ypGVQp-GMBrlv7LqkOaE>

Register link for Countering Active Training (CATT): Sunday, April 18, 2:00-4:00pm <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYucuCqrDMpGdR1Q-A0oJiFVDI01w49Whsp>

second night's virtual Passover Seder, as well as several of our recent Shabbat services. If you haven't yet, please look for the upcoming dates. Our next virtual Shabbat service will be held on Friday evening, April 16, at 7:00 PM and a link will be sent to all members.

We look forward to seeing all our friends and fellow congregants again, in person, very soon! Till then, stay safe, be well, and most importantly stay grateful - for all our blessings!

B'Shalom,

Joel

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