



MOUNTAIN SYNAGOGUE

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Rabbi Emeritus Barry Altman
Our Rabbi and spiritual leader

NEXT SERVICE- Sunday, March 28th

We are planning a unique virtual Passover service! Our goal is to have it on Zoom, Sunday, March 28th, with a screen shared Haggadah. At the appropriate time, we will break for 45 minutes to eat, and return for the concluding service. We will start at 5:00pm.

Although the Hagaddah will be on screen, we will email members an attachment with the Hagadah for those who may want to print their own copy, print books for their family, or keep it handy for our future services.

CAN NON-MEMBERS JOIN OUR ZOOM SERVICES?

Your Board is working very hard to grow Mountain Synagogue and its membership. We have made great strides this past year while keeping our membership fees extremely reasonable and without any increase.

When we send out the link for services, members can forward it to family and friends who are not members, so they may be able to experience our efforts.

If your friends would consider joining, we would be honored if they would affiliate with us and become part of our family. Have them contact: Donna Sinrich at 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. If anyone is interested in participating in a Zoom Jewish Culture Club (books, movies, TV series, etc.) please contact Mike Serra at:
Serrafamily73@comcast.net
4. **Mishaberah – Prayers for those who are ill**
Maxine Goldstein
Hal Lunsik
Michael Serra
David Bryant
Rhoda Haber
5. **Welcome To Our New Members**
Raymond & Bonnie Jeroslow
6. **Yahrzeit Donations**
Jay & Vickie Sanders for father, Sydney J. Leibo, aunt Elsie Hilda Willer & friends Lil and George Rothkopf

Gary & Donna Sinrich for her father, Myles C Webb
7. **March Birthdays**
Ray Jeroslow
Stuart Weston
Doris Dingott
Elyse Haber
8. **March Anniversaries**
Gary & Donna Sinrich
9. **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:
walknnature186@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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – JOEL EDELSON

As I write this, the sun is finally shining a bit after what seemed like an eternity of dreariness, gray, wet weather. Winter is still firmly here and we are all looking forward to the anticipation of spring and warmer weather. We are weary of this wet, cold spell we seem to be in.

Expanding on this thought, we are also weary of our situation regarding the Covid virus. Our thoughts and prayers are with those that have contracted the virus and send our mishaberach wishes to you. Many of our members have had the opportunity of receiving their first (or second) vaccinations and are ever hopeful of a life that resembles, in some regard, normal. We hope that our new normal allows more personal contact, time spent with friends, family, and the simple things we have all taken for granted.

In times of adversity, we all have choices we need to make. We can retreat, tuck our tails, and abandon hope. We can look at the way things are and say, why has this happened? Why has it happened - to me? Or, we can look at what life has given us, these life-lemons, and figure out a way to make some awesome lemonade!

Covid has created for many of us new skills and methods of communicating, whether on Zoom, Facetime, or whichever means you have found. We have expanded our reach to connect with those at a distance, or around the corner, and have developed new skills and opportunities to learn and grow.

Mountain Synagogue is no different. We, too, have expanded our methods, expanded our reach and are growing in skills we didn't know we had. In fact, we have reached new milestones in the face of this pandemic.

True, we yearn for our warm and in person services, and we are confident in knowing that they will return soon. But in the meantime, we are making giant strides forward!

We have for the first time in our history, an esteemed ordained Rabbi, Rabbi Barry Altman, to lead us in worship and prayers. We have an amazing opportunity to offer our members an

10. 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.

11. IMPORTANT SECURITY UPDATE !!

Mountain Synagogue in conjunction with all of the 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 the national Jewish security committee (SCN) as a national effort to help keep us safe when in-person services reopen and in regard to anti-Semitism. We will send you more details and the zoom link as the dates get closer. All members should plan to attend this training event.

Artist/Woodcrafter/Metal Worker Wanted!

Is there a creative person in our midst who could make the basic components for a TREE OF LIFE that will be mounted on the wall in the social hall? The Board would like to have a carved, cut or designed tree trunk with some branches to which we can add engraved leafs for all types of occasions! Birthdays, Anniversaries, Graduations, Congratulations honoring your pet, and so forth. A little piece of bark here, a branch over there, how original can you get? Please let us know if this is of interest!!

adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah opportunity - this summer! (If you want more info on this, please ask!) We have an active board of directors and have plans for several outstanding services and activities as gathering will allow.

We look forward to celebrating our upcoming Virtual Seder for Passover - don't miss it, as well as or scheduled Shabbat services. Order your matzoh now!

So, as the cold starts to depart, we keep our eyes forward and know that soon, together, we shall pray and celebrate our faith, our congregation, and our friendship.

B'shalom,

Joel

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