



Lake Placid Synagogue Newsletter

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From the Desk of the Adirondacker Summer 2013

Summer time in the Jewish calendar is empty of major holidays. None of the Biblical Holy Days fall between Shavuoth and Rosh Hashannah. Those minor holidays which do occur are all based on historical events, e.g. the 9th day of the month of Av, Tisha B'Av, is when we remember the destruction of the first and second Temples in Jerusalem. This is observed as a fast day. Historical memory is 20-20. We can see clearly what it is that happened and with the perspective of time and distance we can make some kind of sense of what happened. This is slowly becoming true of the Holocaust, although another century or two will help us with a better understanding of this major event in our history.

So what do we make of our history here in the Adirondacks as the synagogue in Lake Placid.

1879 saw the first gathering for prayer and we celebrated 120 years of Jewish presence in the Adirondacks in 1999.

1903 saw the erection of the first synagogue in Lake Placid and there will be a 110 years of physical presence in 2013. Gee that's this year.

1959 saw the dedication of the second, and our current, synagogue building – 54 (3x Chai) years ago.

Why is historical perspective so important to us as Jews? When we look back we can see where we came from, how our community developed. It gives us a sense of being, of belonging. It gives us an example of what was important to those who came before us and teaches us what is important, and where our priorities need to be.

This summer as we come together to pray and meet and eat, look around at what exists and make it a priority to be in the building and in the community. Buildings without people are just buildings. People bring them to life.

I will be teaching some of our history, culture and religion this summer on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9pm, July 11th to August 29th at the synagogue. Each evening is planned to be self-contained and designed for you to pop-in. Experience has taught that the summers in Lake Placid offer too much that is attractive for any real continuity. See this newsletter for more details.

Wishing you a happy and enjoyable summer and looking forward to seeing y'all,

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JOIN US FOR SHABBAT SERVICES EVERY
FRIDAY EVENING THROUGHOUT JULY &
AUGUST AT 8PM

July 5, 12, 19 & 26, 8PM – Shabbat Service
Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 8PM – Shabbat Service
Aug. 4th, 10am – Annual Meeting and Brunch

President's Message – July 2013

Our little synagogue continues to thrive in this sanctuary we call the Adirondacks. I anticipate a wonderful summer – if the rain stops long enough for us to enjoy the great outdoors. Actually, it will be wonderful even with the rain.

There is so much to do in this area. We have hiking, boating, swimming and more for the outdoor enthusiasts. There are concerts of all types, flea/farm markets, art studios, museums that appeal to all ages. And now we have our Thursday evening "drop-in and learn with the Rabbi" sessions. With so much to do, you might not want to leave the area.

I am very pleased to say that we have contracted to replace the sanctuary windows and do some insulation work. Since High Holidays come very early this year and we have services every Friday evening for the summer, we have opted to start this project on September 16th. It will be done before the first snowflake flies (unless fall turns out to be like the spring with snow at the end of May).

Of course we will have to pay for the new windows. Your membership letters are in the mail. Please be generous with your donations. Our synagogue is an aging building which takes a lot of money to maintain.

Hope to see you over the summer.

Sue Semegram, President

Annual Meeting and Brunch – Sunday, August 4th 10am

Join us to hear how the synagogue is doing and to re-elect the board of directors.

A bissel a Yiddish – a continuing tutorial - why "sh" is so important in Yiddish

Here is a little more of this fun list of Yiddish words that begin with "sh". More to come next time.

- SH VANTZ "Tail"- for someone who is annoying, incompetent
- SH VITZ Sweat, perspire,
- SH TUPN ARAIN To stuff (forcefully) like over eating
- SH TARK VI A FERD Strong as a horse
- SH EINER TUCHES Nice "ass!"
- SH ANDA Disgrace

YARTZEITS 2013

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Yartzeit Candle/Yizkor Service

There are 4 times a year when Jews light a special candle, called a Yartzeit Candle, in memory of loved ones who have died. Yizkor is a memorial service recited on Yom Kippur as well as the last days of Passover, Shavuot, and Sukkot. Yizkor, the Hebrew word for "remember", asks God to remember those we mourn and to grant them proper rest.

A Yartzeit Candle is lit at sundown on...

The first night of Yom Kippur

The night of Shemini Atzeret
(the 8th night of Sukkot)

The second night of Shavuot

The last night of Passover

Yizkor service takes place the following day.

TAMMUZ

Tammuz 23	July 1	Sam Sagan
Tammuz 25	July 3	Alice Loewy
Tammuz 26	July 4	Eugene Spitzer

AV

Av 3	July 10	Edith Sachsenhaus
Av 6	July 13	Celia Samuels
Av 8	July 15	Esther Spiro Prager
Av 11	July 18	Eva Urfirer
		Adolph Silberstein
		Laura Weiss Hernad
Av 12	July 19	Markus Maier
		Benjamin Goodrich
		Abba Messe
Av 17	July 24	Mae Frankel
Av 18	July 25	Selma Nisson
Av 19	July 26	Nellie Feinberg
		Max Bloomberg
		Morris Herman
Av 21	July 28	Maurice L. Gottfried
Av 23	July 30	Lotty Hailpern
		Blanche Leff
		Yetta Siebenberg
Av 25	August 1	Minnie Lebovitz
		Jim Davis
Av 27	August 3	Isreal Chayyim ben Menaches Tzvi
Av 29	August 5	Rabbi Alfred H. Kahn
Av 30	August 6	Sarah Goldstein

ELUL

Elul 1	August 7	Haim Agus
Elul 3	August 9	Suzanne Schrier Heimerdinger
Elul 4	August 10	Morris Messe
Elul 5	August 11	Ruth Kobel
Elul 8	August 14	Daniel Scheer
Elul 9	August 15	Julia Volpert Wotman
Elul 11	August 17	Lester Cautin
Elul 13	August 19	Leon Dreyer
Elul 14	August 20	Jenny Michelman
Elul 19	August 25	Minnie Schoenfeld
		Lonciu Hailpern
Elul 21	August 27	Ana Hailpern
		Aaron Blank
Elul 22	August 28	Isadore Kobel
Elul 23	August 29	Norman Meyer
Elul 24	August 30	Douglas E Johnstone

Each issue of the newsletter contains YARTZEIT observances of individuals that have some connection to the temple. We would appreciate your help by carefully reviewing the list and advising us of any additions or corrections. If your loved ones names do not appear please send the correct information including the exact date so it can be converted to the Hebrew date. We would be honored to publish their names. Please email this to Sue at: sue@lakeplacidsynagogue.org

Drop-in and Learn with the Rabbi – Thursday nights, 7:30pm to 9:00pm, July 11th through August 29th

Have you ever wondered why we say the prayers we say and do the rituals we do? We all have questions, perhaps we can find some answers together directed by our very learned Rabbi. Drop by the synagogue for the entire session, or part of the session. Don't want to commit to every Thursday evening – not a problem. Just come when you can. There is no fee for these sessions. Some of the topics we plan to discuss include:

- The prayer book, construction and meaning
- The prayer book and the High Holy Days
- Ritual and customs: High Holy Days, Festivals, Shabbat and every day
- The changes in Jewish Religion over the last three millennia
- What do I, You, Us, believe

You might just find some answers, or perhaps you will have more questions. See you there.

We are on our SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE

Every Friday evening, July 5th to Aug 30th at 8pm.

High Holiday Schedule



September 4 th	Erev Rosh Hashanah	7:30pm
September 5 th and 6 th	Rosh Hashanah	9am
September 13 th	Kol Nidre	7pm
September 14 th	Yom Kippur	9am

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are very early this year. The Jewish High Holy Days are observed during the 10 day period between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Rosh Hashanah means "head of the year" and is commonly known as the Jewish New Year. It is the day on which the year number changes, but unlike secular New Year celebrations, Rosh Hashanah is a solemn and holy time. It occurs on the first and second days of Tishri, the seventh month of the Jewish calendar, which falls in September or October. Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, is the most solemn day of the Jewish year and is observed on the tenth day of Tishri.

Watch your mail for our membership letters which went out at the end of June. We will need your Yizkor book listings returned as soon as possible. Deadline is Wednesday, August 14th.

Shabbat Services every Friday evening, 8pm for July & August
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