



Lake Placid Synagogue Newsletter

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Summer 2016

From the Desk of the Adirondacker Summer 2016

The days are already getting shorter and we are beginning our preparations for services and activities to welcome the new year of 5775. As I look back I find it hard to believe that this will be the twenty third year that I will be leading services here in Lake Placid.

This is the time of year the challenges and opportunities for Jewish renewal and enhancement are almost here. The congregation will come back into the synagogue from their current enjoyment of the open air, forests, lakes and streams that have drawn us closer to nature and to God in the good weather. As the leaves begin to turn to bright orange they reflect the fire in our hearts. In a few months we will have a need to turn inward and prepare for the indoor season, when the synagogue will be a haven from the outside world and the weather.

At the High Holiday season we look back on the past year and examine our actions so that we can learn from the past and set a new course for ourselves in the new year. The accent of Rosh Hashanah is self-improvement and making this a better world for all. We aim to reach "at-one-ment" with our God, our families, friends and neighbors - and ourselves - by Yom Kippur, the day of Atonement. We should not kid ourselves that this is an easy task. For me it involves pain and regret for those things which I regard as failures and half-hearted attempts. There is also joy and satisfaction in looking at the successes and accomplishments of the past year. Our tradition teaches that we have to pursue tikkun olam - the repair of the world, or our small piece of it, and we are not free to decide to do nothing.

I pray that you will join me in this tikkun olam, in the synagogue, in the town, in the Adirondacks and in the world. The congregation needs each of us to be involved and active in our own way, so that Judaism can have a viable, living and meaningful presence in this wonderful, precious corner of the world.

I hope that you have all have a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you at services, and social occasions.

With best wishes for a happy, healthy, successful summer and a sweet new year.

leshannah tovah tikateivu - may you be inscribed for a good year,

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**JOIN US FOR SHABBAT SERVICES WEEKLY AT 8PM FOR THE SUMMER.**

Summer Services 8pm, Fridays, July 1st – August 26th
August 20th Bar Mitzvah of Solomon Rosner
September 18th Annual Meeting and brunch, 10am
September 20th Shabbat Service and potluck 6:30pm
October 2nd Erev Rosh Hashanah 7:30pm
October 3rd & 4th Rosh Hashanah 9am
October 11th Kol Nidre 7pm
October 12th Yom Kippur 9am
Family Shabbats at member's homes resume in Nov.

President's Message – Summer 2016

We are handicap accessible! We have been discussing this for so many years. Now it is a reality. No one will ever again not be able to attend our services because they cannot get into the building. Over the past years we have really made vast upgrades to the facilities including new doors, new windows and now our ramp which shows the community that we really care about our "home".

Come see for yourself! A building is just a building without people coming and using it. While we have so much going on over the summer, we look forward to resuming our family Shabbats at member's homes. These have been very well attended including our youngest children. We will resume this in November.

Our membership letter will be in the mail shortly asking for your support. We want to keep the building full of activity. I hope you will all dig deep and help us to maintain our little piece of heaven here in the Adirondacks.

Sue Semegram, President

High Holiday Schedule Rosh Hashanah:

Sunday	October 2 nd	Eve:	7:30 pm
Monday	October 3 rd	Morning:	9:00 am
		Torah Service:	10:00 am
Tuesday	October 4 th	Taschlich at the LP Boat Launch	4:00 pm
		Morning:	9:00 am
		Torah Service:	10:00 am

Yom Kippur:

Tuesday	October 11 th	Kol Nidre:	7:00 pm
Wednesday	October 12 th	Morning:	9:00 am
		Torah Service:	10:00 am
		Ne'ilah:	6:00 pm

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. Sukkot is the Jewish Harvest Festival, also called the Feast of Tabernacle. Simchat Torah follows immediately after Sukkot. We rejoice and sing with the Torahs, for the reestablishment of our covenant with the Torah.

YARTZEITS 2016 5776-5777



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.

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

TAMMUZ

Tammuz 1	July 7	Rose L. Berg	Av 23	August 27	Yetta Siebenberg
Tammuz 3	July 9	Dora Sussman	Av 25	August 29	Minnie Lebovitz
		Helen Effenbach			Jim Davis
Tammuz 9	July 15	Leon Tanzer	Av 27	August 31	Isreal Chayyim ben Menaches Tzvi
		Hilda Mayman	Av 29	September 2	Rabbi Alfred H. Kahn
Tammuz 10	July 16	Irving Mendelson	Av 30	September 3	Sarah Goldstein
		Gussie Fellman	ELUL		
Tammuz 11	July 17	Lena Dreyer	Elul 1	September 4	Haim Agus
Tammuz 12	July 18	Joe Gingsberg	Elul 3	September 6	Suzanne Schrier Heimerdinger
		Jeanette Rosenberg	Elul 4	September 7	Morris Messe
Tammuz 13	July 19	Isaac N. Feinberg	Elul 5	September 8	Ruth Kobel
Tammuz 15	July 21	Dr. Sol Rosner	Elul 8	September 11	Daniel Scheer
Tammuz 16	July 22	Barton Samuel Levy	Elul 9	September 12	Julia Volpert Wotman
Tammuz 17	July 23	Walter Ralph Gelles	Elul 11	September 14	Lester Cautin
		Jane R. Heimerdinger	Elul 13	September 16	Leon Dreyer
Tammuz 18	July 24	Ester Black	Elul 14	September 17	Jenny Michelman
Tammuz 22	July 28	Lawrence Dodge	Elul 19	September 22	Minnie Schoenfeld
Tammuz 23	July 29	Sam Sagan			Lonciu Hailpern
Tammuz 25	July 31	Alice Loewy	Elul 21	September 24	Ana Hailpern
Tammuz 26	August 1	Eugene Spitzer			Aaron Blank
AV			Elul 22	September 25	Isadore Kobel
Av 1	August 5	Howard Cooper	Elul 23	September 26	Norman Meyer
Av 3	August 7	Edith Sachsenhaus	Elul 24	September 27	Douglas E Johnstone
Av 6	August 10	Celia Samuels	Elul 28	October 1	Simon Meyer
Av 8	August 12	Esther Spiro Prager	Elul 29	October 2	Harvey N. Samuels
Av 11	August 15	Eva Urfirer	TISHRI		
		Adolph Silberstein	Tishri 1	October 3	Herb Chatzky
		Laura Weiss Hernad			Isadore Urfirer
Av 12	August 16	Markus Maier	Tishri 2	October 4	Minna Rosner
		Benjamin Goodrich			Golda Cautin
		Abba Messe	Tishri 3	October 5	Jacques Hailpern
Av 13	August 17	Jane Tanzer			Ben Cohn
Av 17	August 21	Mae Frankel			Leon Eisen
Av 18	August 22	Selma Nisson	Tishri 4	October 6	Irving Nisson
Av 19	August 23	Nellie Feinberg			Hannah Feinberg
		Max Bloomberg	Tishri 9	October 11	Freda Zorn Sherman
		Morris Herman	Tishri 10	October 12	Bernard Volpert
Av 21	August 25	Maurice L. Gottfried			Adolph Van Dam
Av 23	August 27	Lotty Hailpern	Tishri 11	October 13	Ben Balsam
		Blanche Leff			Lorna Surkin Goldstein

North Country Shabbat at the historic Tupper Lake Synagogue. Saturday morning August 27. Details will be emailed.

Annual Meeting and Brunch for paid members. Sunday September 18th 10am.

A time for Tzedakah As we abstain from food on Yom Kippur, we must add meaning to our fast of repentance, and to the words of Isaiah that we read on this day: "Is this not the fast I have chosen...to share your bread with the hungry?" As we search within ourselves during these High Holy Days, we must also reach outward, seeking to act in ways that give greater meaning to our prayers for forgiveness. The Book of Leviticus tells us to leave the corners of our fields and the gleanings of our harvest for the poor and the stranger. Through our tzedakah we give new life to the ancient Jewish tradition of feeding the hungry. And we deepen the meaning of our Yom Kippur fast by helping to ease the involuntary fast of millions in our country and our world, whose hunger will not end at sundown.

At this time of self-examination, we remember our hungry brothers and sisters by bringing nonperishable food to the synagogue which we will donate to the local food bank. As you gather with friends and family to break your daylong fast, see that you also help break the fast of another. I ask you to share your fast with the hungry this year by giving to an appeal that collects food for those in need both here in our community and beyond. One of these is MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger, which helps feed hungry people everywhere. Closer to home is the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York. Give what you and your family would have spent on food for this one day, or give any amount that you feel is appropriate. Remember that Leviticus did not tell us the size of the corners of our fields to be left for the poor and the stranger. That element - measuring our own generosity - is left to each of us. Your act of *chesed*, of loving kindness, will help ease the hunger of millions of people for whom fasting brings not meaning, but pain.

Our membership letters go out in July. We will need your Yizkor book listings returned as soon as possible. Deadline is September 12th. If you have not yet renewed your membership, please do so as soon as possible. If you are not a member, please consider joining. Our dues are extremely low at \$500. If you do not choose to join as a full member, please consider making a donation to help us maintain our haven here in the Adirondacks. If you did not receive a letter and would like one, please call me at 518-523-5611 or email me at sue@lakeplacidsynagogue.org.



Don Hulnick assists me with the ribbon cutting for our new ramp. Railings are being added. Come see for yourself.