



Lake Placid Synagogue Newsletter

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Summer 2017

From the Desk of the Adirondacker

The days are already getting shorter and we are beginning our preparations for services and activities to welcome the new year of 5778. As I look back I find it hard to believe that this will be the twenty fourth 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 am offering educational classes this summer on Sunday evenings. See details elsewhere in this newsletter.

I hope that you 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,

Alec H. Friedmann
Rabbi

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**JOIN US FOR SHABBAT SERVICE EVERY
FRIDAY EVENING AT 8PM FOR JULY &
AUGUST**

July 14th, 21st, 28th, August 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
8pm – Summer Service
Sept. 10th – 10am Annual meeting and brunch
Sept. 20th, 21st, 22nd - Rosh Hashanah
Sept. 29th, 30th - Yom Kippur
October 6th – 6:30pm Sukkot/Simchat Torah
October 20th – 6:30pm Shabbat Service and Potluck

President's Message – Summer 2017

The construction is complete and what a huge transformation it is! We went from 1950's tired, old and falling apart to 2017 modern and beautiful in just a few months. Now when you enter the synagogue instead of seeing a drab, old kitchen you see a sleek, new one. The new cabinets are much larger than the old ones and hold much more, so right now they look quite bare inside. The bathrooms have been reconfigured to be unisex and one is handicap accessible. We even moved the door to what had been the men's room to be on the side instead of opening in the middle of the social hall. Pictures are at the end of the newsletter, but it is much more impressive to see for yourself. Don't be a stranger!

Sue Semegram, President

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

High Holiday Schedule**Rosh Hashanah:**

Sunday	September 21 st	Eve:	7:30 pm
Monday	September 22 nd	Morning:	9:00 am
		Torah Service:	10:00 am
	Taschlich at the LP Boat Launch		4:00 pm
Tuesday	September 23 rd	Morning:	9:00 am
		Torah Service:	10:00 am

Yom Kippur:

Tuesday	September 29 th	Kol Nidre:	7:00 pm
Wednesday	September 30 th	Morning:	9:00 am
		Torah Service:	10:00 am
		Ne'ilah:	6:00 pm

Sukkot/Simchat Torah

Friday	October 6 th	Pot luck and service	6:30pm
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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.

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Yahrzeit Candle/Yizkor Service

There are 4 times a year when Jews light a special candle, called a Yahrzeit 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 Yahrzeit 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 YAHRTZEIT 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 16 July 10
Tammuz 17 July 11
Tammuz 18 July 12
Tammuz 22 July 16
Tammuz 23 July 17
Tammuz 25 July 19
Tammuz 26 July 20

Barton Samuel Levy
Charlotte Gross
Walter Ralph Gelles
Jane R. Heimerdinger
Ester Black
Lawrence Dodge
Sam Sagan
Alice Loewy
Eugene Spitzer

Elul 3
Elul 4
Elul 5
Elul 8
Elul 9
Elul 11
Elul 13
Elul 14
Elul 19

August 25
August 26
August 27
August 30
August 31
September 2
September 4
September 5
September 10

Herta Blum Flatter
Suzanne Schrier Heimerdinger
Morris Messe
Ruth Kobel
Daniel Scheer
Julia Volpert Wotman
Lester Cautin
Leon Dreyer
Jenny Michelman
Minnie Schoenfeld
Lonciu Hailpern
Ana Hailpern
Aaron Blank
Isadore Kobel
Norman Meyer
Douglas E Johnstone
Simon Meyer
Harvey N. Samuels

AV

Av 1 July 24
Av 3 July 26
Av 6 July 29
Av 8 July 31
Av 11 August 3

Howard Cooper
Edith Sachsenhaus
Celia Samuels
Esther Spiro Prager
Eva Urfirer
Adolph Silberstein
Laura Weiss Hernad

Elul 21
Elul 22
Elul 23
Elul 24
Elul 28
Elul 29

September 12
September 13
September 14
September 15
September 19
September 20

Av 12 August 4

Simone Lipton
Markus Maier
Benjamin Goodrich
Abba Messe

TISHRI

Tishri 1
Tishri 2
Tishri 3
Tishri 4
Tishri 9
Tishri 10

September 21
September 22
September 23
September 24
September 29
September 30

Av 13 August 5
Av 17 August 9
Av 18 August 10
Av 19 August 11

Jane Tanzer
Mae Frankel
Selma Nisson
Nellie Feinberg
Max Bloomberg
Morris Herman
Maurice L. Gottfried

Av 21 August 13
Av 23 August 15

Lotty Hailpern
Blanche Leff
Yetta Siebenberg

Av 25 August 17

Minnie Lebovitz
Jim Davis

Av 27 August 19 Isreal Chayyim ben Menaches Tzvi
Av 29 August 21 Rabbi Alfred H. Kahn
Av 30 August 22 Sarah Goldstein

Tishri 11
Tishri 13
Tishri 18
Tishri 19
Tishri 20

October 1
October 3
October 8
October 9
October 10

Herb Chatzky
Isadore Urfirer
Minna Rosner
Golda Cautin
Jacques Hailpern
Ben Cohn
Leon Eisen
Irving Nisson
Hannah Feinberg
Freda Zorn Sherman
Bernard Volpert
Adolph Van Dam
Ben Balsam
Lorna Surkolom Goldstein
Ann Panick
Freda Effenbach
Carol Schrier Gelles
Emmily Bartholomew Sheer
Mose H. Ginsberg

ELUL

Elul 1 August 23

Haim Agus

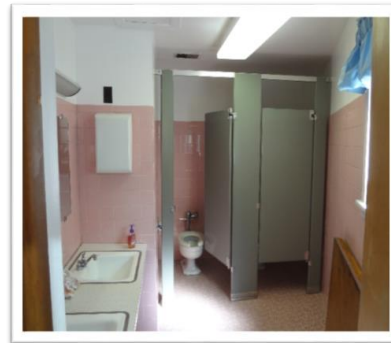
Sunday Evening Study Group led by Rabbi Friedmann. Sundays July 16th – August 27th at 7:00 p.m.
We will explore the concepts and principles of Judaism through the book: "Here I Am" by Jonathan Safran Foer, a New York Times best seller. Please get a copy and read up to page 71. Look forward to seeing you.

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 5th. 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.

Old



New

