



Lake Placid Synagogue Newsletter

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Fall 2015

From the Desk of the Adirondacker Fall 2015

This fall promises to be truly breathtaking. The trees are beginning to change and the colors are showing. I look forward to one of the brightest and fullest falls that I have experienced here in the past twenty three years. And now the leaves are falling and the temperatures are dropping.

It is nearly winter. The snows will soon fall and the tops of the Adirondacks will be covered with a mantle of white. Winter is breathtakingly beautiful. Life goes on and the pressures of daily life keep us moving on our hectic schedules. Life is busy as we go about our usual business of living. At each step there are decisions which need to be made. Like Dorothy on the Yellow Brick Road we have to decide which fork in the road to take. We seldom have the luxury of having a scarecrow available, and when we do the answer is pointing in both directions. At one fork Dorothy gets help from a sign which says: 'If you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what you always got.'

The road less traveled by us in our humdrum life often leads to some other place. In the Talmud it says that any road will get you there if you do not know where you are going. Seek the goals in life and the obstacles will take care of themselves.

In Roman times a certain rabbi was persecuted by a general. He was asked numerous questions which he managed to answer, and thus preserve his community and his life. One day the Roman general thought up a new question which he asked the rabbi. "Rabbi, I have a dove in my hands which are behind my back. Is the dove alive or dead." The rabbi thought quickly. If he said the dove was alive all the general had to do was wring the neck of the dove and it would be dead. If he said it was dead all the general had to do was bring the dove out from behind his back and show it alive. Either way the answer would be wrong. So the rabbi replied: "The answer is in your hands."

Acknowledging that the answer is in our hands is an assumption of responsibility on our part. How we live and fare in the next year is up to us and the decisions we make.

I look forward to seeing you at services.

With best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous 5776.

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JOIN US FOR SHABBAT SERVICES AND POTLUCK DINNER THE THIRD FRIDAY EVENING OF EACH MONTH AT 6:30PM

Oct. 2, Succoth Service & Potluck 6:30pm
Oct. 9, Family Shabbat at member's home 6pm
Oct. 16, Shabbat Service & Potluck 6:30pm
Nov. 13, Family Shabbat at member's home 6pm
Nov. 20, Shabbat Service & Potluck 6:30pm
Dec. 6, Chanukah Latke Party 6:00pm
Dec. 11, Family Shabbat at member's home 6pm
Dec 18, Shabbat Service & Potluck 6:30pm

President's Message – Fall 2015

With the holidays over I get to breathe a little. But just a little. As always, High Holidays were a time to renew and refresh our outlook, a time to reflect on the past and look forward to next year. There are many people to thank for their help during these days... Rabbi Alec Friedmann for his leadership and great sermons; Cantor Maurice Singer for his excellent chanting; Gabbi Neil Miller for his continued assistance; Margie Philo for the lovely flowers on the bima; and Steve Erman and Margo Gold for a yummy break fast.

Every time I step into the synagogue I feel a warmth. This warmth does not come from the building - it comes from the people. What a great community we have. Where else can perfect strangers walk in, be greeted by the locals and made to feel so welcome. It was almost 10 years ago that I was one of those strangers. Now I look at our members as my extended family. If you have not been here for some time I invite you to come back home.

Sue Semegram, President

Family Shabbat at a member's home beginning Friday evening Oct. 9th, 6pm.

Our Family Shabbats will resume this month. We hold family oriented Shabbat Potlucks on the second Friday of the month. For the next 3 months they will be at the home of Beth and Frank Brunner. Please contact Sue at sue@lakeplacidsynagogue.org or Jordanna Mallach jmallach77@gmail.com with any questions and for the address.

Activities will start around 6:00 with Kiddush around 6:30 and dinner to follow.

Oct 9: make Sukkah's out of popsicle sticks and pipe cleaners

Nov 13: learn about the 10 Commandments

Dec 11: make Beeswax Hanukah candles and Hanukah window decorations

As with all of the Family Pot Lucks hosted by the Lake Placid Synagogue Community these events are open to all families with an interest in Judaism. We encourage you to share this invitation with anyone who you think might be interested in attending.

Our membership letters went out in June. 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. 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.

YARTZEITS 2015 5776



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

TISHRI

Tishri 24	October 7	Ann Brodsky
Tishri 27	October 10	Ida W. Shevach
Tishri 28	October 11	Lewis H. Berg Lily Kinberg

CHESHVAN

Cheshvan 1	October 14	Grace Volpert
Cheshvan 5	October 18	Moses Feinberg Aviva Kupperman
Cheshvan 6	October 19	Harry Fendrick
Cheshvan 8	October 21	Abe Kobel
Cheshvan 9	October 22	Morris Edelberg
Cheshvan 10	October 23	Mark Effenbach
Cheshvan 17	October 30	Kate Auslander
Cheshvan 18	October 31	Ezra Feinberg
Cheshvan 21	November 3	Margaret Klein Harold Miller
Cheshvan 22	November 4	Aline Feinberg Jennie Schwartz
Cheshvan 25	November 7	Samuel Volpert, MD
Cheshvan 26	November 8	Irving Krinowitz
Cheshvan 27	November 9	Samuel Hailpern
Cheshvan 29	November 11	Herman Levine

KISLEV

Kislev 1	November 13	Jules Feather Anna Zak Arlan
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Kislev 7	November 19	Judah Koltz
Kislev 11	November 23	Sarah Feather
Kislev 12	November 24	Agnes E. Sadov
Kislev 13	November 25	Sadie Messe
Kislev 23	December 5	Abraham I. Spiro Mollie Streichler Meyer Laskin
Kislev 25	December 7	Joel Kameron
Kislev 26	December 8	Phil Gingold
Kislev 28	December 10	Bartholomew H. Ring
Kislev 30	December 12	Jeanette Cone
TEVET		
Tevet 3	December 15	Edith M Agus
Tevet 5	December 17	Ross Bloch
Tevet 6	December 18	Joseph Durst
Tevet 8	December 20	Renee H. Ring Sally Zaharia
Tevet 9	December 21	Jennie Blank
Tevet 10	December 22	Rae Sheckley
Tevet 11	December 23	Fanny Feinberg
Tevet 12	December 24	Meyer Finkelstein
Tevet 13	December 25	Saul Amarel
Tevet 16	December 28	Jacob Kaplan
Tevet 18	December 30	Ernest Mayman Lillian Weinstein
Tevet 21	January 2	Joseph Samuels

Chanukah Latke's & Chinese Food Party, Sunday, Dec.6th, 6pm

Since our past few parties were such a success, we will repeat the Chinese Food. Our own Latke King, Steve Erman, will once again be frying the Latkes for everyone to enjoy at the synagogue. Everyone is invited to join us in a community Chanukah lighting followed by our Latke/Chinese Food Party complete with dreidels and gelt for all. Bring your menorah or use ours and, of course, bring the kids.



Sweet Potato Latkes

2 lg. cooked sweet potatoes, mashed
2 eggs, beaten
2 carrots, grated and lightly steamed
1 lg. zucchini, grated
6 tbsp. flour
3/4 tsp. salt
1/4 cup olive oil

Mix all ingredients except oil. In non-stick large skillet, heat olive oil over low heat for 2 minutes. Drop 2 tablespoons of the sweet potato mixture into hot oil. Use spatula to flatten pancakes slightly. Cook each pancake for 3-4 minutes until golden brown. Flip and cook for another 1-2 minutes. Test for doneness. Serve immediately or keep warm and crunchy in a 250°F oven.

Brisket is not the same as Corned Beef! (Author unknown) Final excerpt:

Growing up Jewish:

- If you are Jewish, and grew up in a city with a large Jewish population, the following will invoke heartfelt memories.
- You were as tall as your grandmother by the age of seven.
- You were as tall as your grandfather by age seven and a half.
- You never knew anyone whose last name didn't end in one of 5 standard suffixes (berg, baum, man, stein and witz).
- You were surprised to discover that wine doesn't always taste like cranberry sauce.
- You can look at gefilte fish and not turn green.
- When your mother smacked you really hard, she continued to make you feel bad for hurting her hand.
- You can understand Yiddish but you can't speak it.
- You know how to pronounce numerous Yiddish words and use them correctly in context, yet you don't know exactly what they mean. Kaynahurra.
- You're still angry at your parents for not speaking both Yiddish and English to you when you were a baby.
- You have at least one ancestor who is somehow related to your spouse's ancestor.
- You thought speaking loud was normal.
- You considered your Bar or Bat Mitzvah a "Get Out of Hebrew School Free" card.
- You think eating half a jar of dill pickles is a wholesome snack.
- You're compelled to mention your grandmother's "steel cannonballs" upon seeing fluffy matzo balls served at restaurants.
- Your mother or grandmother took personal pride when a Jew was noted for some accomplishment (showbiz, medicine, politics, etc.) and was ashamed and embarrassed when a Jew was accused of a crime as if they were relatives.
- You thought only non-Jews went to sleep away colleges. Jews went to city schools... unless they had scholarships or made an Ivy League school.
- And finally, you knew that Sunday night and the night after any Jewish holiday was designated for Chinese food.
Zei gezunt!!