



## ***Lake Placid Synagogue Newsletter***

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Summer 2014

### **From the Desk of the Adirondacker Summer 2014**

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 first 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 two month 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 EVERY FRIDAY  
EVENING THROUGHOUT JULY & AUGUST AT 8PM**

Aug. 10, Annual Meeting and Brunch, 10am

Aug. 23, Bat Mitzvah Rachel Rosner 10am

Sept. 24, Erev Rosh Hashanah 7:30pm

Sept. 25, 26, Rosh Hashanah 9am

Oct. 3, Kol Nidrei 7pm

Oct 4, Yom Kippur 9am

Oct. 17, Sukkot/Simchat Torah Shabbat Potluck 6:30pm

### **President's Message – Summer 2014**

Our little synagogue continues to thrive in this sanctuary we call the Adirondacks. I anticipate a wonderful summer with warm afternoons and cool evenings. The area is already bustling with activities. Horse Shows, Ironman, Sinfonietta and much more. There is so much to do in the High Peaks. 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. With so much to do, you might not want to leave the area.

As you know, our windows have been replaced. I am very pleased to report that we raised the full cost of the replacement and we are already feeling the benefits as the sanctuary was much warmer this past winter. Thank you to all who donated. A plaque will be going up in the sanctuary soon.

So now we are on to our next set of projects. Some of our sidewalks have deteriorated or shifted, everyone who drives by sees the leaning retaining wall and our parking lot is in sad shape. Additionally, the rectory needs the trim painted and needs a new bathroom as it is the original one from 1959. We are just starting the bidding process on these and hope to move on some of this right away.

Of course we will have to pay for the renovations. Your membership letters will be in the mail shortly. 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 or at High Holidays.

Sue Semegram, President

### **Annual Meeting and Brunch – Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup> 10am**

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

### **Bat Mitzvah – Rachel Rosner – Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> 10am**

The congregation is invited to celebrate with the Rosner family as Rachel is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah. Since the children are our future I am so happy to see our youngsters take part in this coming of age.

***Loon Lake Live!*** Returns to the LP Synagogue on Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30pm

This group brings classical chamber music and interactive workshops to Franklin and Essex counties via professional musicians from throughout North America and Europe. Audience members can expect fine performances of small ensemble classical music with spoken commentary about each selection. These programs are accessible to people of all ages and delivered in an informal environment with a chance to meet and speak with the musicians afterward. The evening's selections will include music by Mozart, Ponce, and Loeffler for oboe and strings. All *Loon Lake Live!* events are free of charge and open to everyone. Donations in any amount are of course gratefully accepted. See you there. For more information visit <http://www.loonlakelive.org/home>.

# YARTZEITS 2014 5774/5775



## 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](mailto:sue@lakeplacidsynagogue.org)

<b>TAMMUZ 3</b>	July 1	Dora Sussman
Tammuz 9	July 7	Helen Effenbach
Tammuz 10	July 8	Leon Tanzer
Tammuz 11	July 9	Hilda Mayman
Tammuz 12	July 10	Irving Mendelson
Tammuz 13	July 11	Gussie Fellman
Tammuz 15	July 13	Lena Dreyer
Tammuz 16	July 14	Joe Gingsberg
Tammuz 18	July 16	Isaac N. Feinberg
Tammuz 22	July 20	Dr. Sol Rosner
Tammuz 23	July 21	Barton Samuel Levy
Tammuz 25	July 23	Ester Black
Tammuz 26	July 24	Lawrence Dodge
<b>AV 3</b>	July 30	Sam Sagan
Av 6	August 2	Alice Loewy
Av 8	August 4	Eugene Spitzer
Av 11	August 7	Edith Sachsenhaus
Av 12	August 8	Celia Samuels
Av 12	August 8	Esther Spiro Prager
Av 13	August 9	Eva Urfirer
Av 17	August 13	Adolph Silberstein
Av 18	August 14	Laura Weiss Hernad
Av 19	August 15	Markus Maier
Av 21	August 17	Benjamin Goodrich
Av 23	August 19	Abba Messe
Av 25	August 21	Jane Tanzer
Av 27	August 23	Mae Frankel
Av 29	August 25	Selma Nisson
Av 30	August 26	Nellie Feinberg
<b>ELUL 1</b>	August 27	Max Bloomberg
Elul 3	August 29	Morris Herman
Elul 4	August 30	Maurice L. Gottfried
Elul 5	August 31	Lotty Hailpern
Elul 8	September 3	Blanche Leff
Elul 9	September 4	Yetta Siebenberg
Elul 11	September 6	Minnie Lebovitz
Elul 13	September 8	Jim Davis
Elul 14	September 9	Isreal Chayyim ben Menaches Tzvi
Elul 19	September 14	Rabbi Alfred H. Kahn
Elul 21	September 16	Sarah Goldstein
Elul 22	September 17	Haim Agus
Elul 23	September 18	Suzanne Schrier Heimerdinger
Elul 24	September 19	Morris Messe
Elul 28	September 23	Ruth Kobel
Elul 29	September 24	Daniel Scheer
<b>TISHRI 1</b>	September 25	Julia Volpert Wotman
Tishri 2	September 26	Lester Cautin
Tishri 3	September 27	Leon Dreyer
Tishri 4	September 28	Jenny Michelman
		Minnie Schoenfeld
		Lonciu Hailpern
		Ana Hailpern
		Aaron Blank
		Isadore Kobel
		Norman Meyer
		Douglas E Johnstone
		Simon Meyer
		Harvey N. Samuels
		Herb Chatzky
		Isadore Urfirer
		Minna Rosner
		Golda Cautin
		Jacques Hailpern
		Ben Cohn
		Leon Eisen
		Irving Nisson
		Hannah Feinberg
		Freda Zorn Sherman

## We are on our SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE

Every Friday evening, July 4<sup>th</sup> to Aug 29<sup>th</sup> at 8pm.

### High Holiday Schedule **Rosh Hasanah**



Wednesday	September 24 <sup>th</sup>	Evening	7:30pm
Thursday	September 25 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	9am
		Torah Service	10am
		Taschlich at the LP Boat Launch	4pm
Friday	September 26 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	9am
		Torah Service	10am

### **Yom Kippur**

Friday	October 3 <sup>d</sup>	Kol Nidre	7pm
Saturday	October 4 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	9am
		Torah Service	10am
		Ne'ilah	6pm

### **Sukkot/Simchat Torah**

Friday	October 17 <sup>th</sup>	Shabbat Service & Pot Luck	6:30pm
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Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are not as early this year as last 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 go out in July. We will need your Yizkor book listings returned as soon as possible. Deadline is Wednesday, September 3. 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](mailto:sue@lakeplacidsynagogue.org).

**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.

**Shabbat Services**, Friday evenings, 8pm, July 4th, 11th, 18th 25th, Aug. 1st, 8th, 15th 22nd, 29th

**Loon Lake Live!** Sunday, August 3rd 7:30pm

**Annual Meeting** and brunch August 10<sup>th</sup> 10am

**Bat Mitzvah** Rachel Rosner August 23 10am

**High Holidays** Rosh Hashanah Sept. 24th 7:30pm, 25th & 26th 9am, Yom Kippur Oct. 3d 7pm, 4th 9am