

B'nai Israel

September - November 2017

Fall 2017

Tishrei - Cheshvan 5778

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THE TIMES, THEY ARE

A-CHAINGIN'

Evening services now begin

at 7:30 pm

instead of 7:00.

UPCOMING SHABBAT EVENING SERVICES

September 15*

October 13*

(Simchat Torah)

October 20

November 17

December 15*

EVENING SERVICES BEGIN PROMPTLY AT

7:30

* Lay-led service

Other services by Student Rabbi Deborah Goldberg

TORAH STUDY

Every Saturday at 10 AM (except when Saturday services conflict)

President's Message

Shalom! I hope everyone had a great summer. As autumn approaches and we return to our regular school and work activities, let's look toward the weeks ahead, and further.

We welcome our student rabbi for the year, Debora Goldberg. Deborah's first visit was the weekend of August 25, and she'll next be joining us for Rosh Hashanah on September 20.

Jen Curry and I recently attended the Had'racha seminar for lay leaders of small congregations. We're looking forward to putting our new skills to work by offering more opportunities for worship, youth involvement, and other ways to breathe even more life into our already lively little congregation. See Jen's article in this bulletin.

We bid a fond farewell to Travis and Emma Dillon and their family as they begin their new adventure in Missoula, MT. Travis has been instrumental in continuing our regular Torah studies, and he and Emma both have taken point in directing our children's education programs. Temple Har Shalom is indeed fortunate to have you, and we wish you all the best.

Finally, some of you may have heard that there's a new rabbi in town. Rabbi Jamie Serber and her husband Brad have moved to Grand Forks, where Brad will be heading the Public Speaking program at UND. Jamie is a graduate of Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, and

HIGH HOLY DAYS SCHEDULE



Rosh Hashanah

Sept 20, 7:30pm: Evening Service. Oneq following services

Sept 21, 10:00 am : Morning service. Lunch at the Leichter's following service

5:00 pm: Taschlich Service, Lincoln Park boat ramp

Yom Kippur

Sept 29, 7:30 pm: Kol Nidre Service

Sept 30, 10:00 am: Yom Kippur Morning Service. Adult discussion follows

4:00 pm: Mincha Service

5:30 pm: Yizkhor, Neilah Service

Please join us for Break the Fast in the social hall following services.

was ordained there in June. Although B'nai Israel has no formal arrangements with Rabbi Serber, we are excited to welcome her and Brad to our community.

Let's all have a fantastic year as we worship and grow together.

--Bert Garwood, President

LAY LEADERS ATTEND HAD'RACHA SEMINAR



by Jen Curry

Imagine a place where you're surrounded by fellow Jews, steeped in the awe-inspiring energy of hundreds of proud Jewish teenagers, and on the same campus as some of the most dedicated and experienced Jewish educators and rabbis of the Reform Judaism movement. Now put this place in the beautiful woods, on a lovely lake in the summer! Sounds great?! It was!

Bert Garwood and I had the privilege and honor to attend the Had'rachah Seminar for Lay Leaders in Oconomowoc, WI in early August. The word Had'rachah has roots that translate to "path leader". This program was developed for lay leaders in Small Congregations (250 families or less), with 1 or no clergy members on staff. We quickly learned that their idea of "small" would make us closer to a "mirco congregation" (that's the new term I'm trying to coin, pass it on!).

The program taught us how a prayer service is organized, from the nuts and bolts of why things are in certain places, to the best practices used by those who have led services many times. We also had the opportunity to daven twice a day, often with a group of teenage campers, which exposed us to new melodies and ways to move through a prayer service. They put us and our classmates to the test, and we led services in a unique outdoor chapel.

We also learned about both birth and death life cycle events, and how to help facilitate Torah learning for ourselves and most of all, those in our congregations (you guys!) While it is most joyous to welcome a new baby to the covenant, we also had hands-on experience in helping grieving families to memorialize their loved ones.

Perhaps most importantly, Had'rachah helped connect B'nai Israel to our larger Jewish community. We had the skilled guidance of Rabbi David Fine, and his co-leader, Jewish Educator Lisa Lieberman Barzilai through the program; as well as sessions led by regional rabbis. We were also blessed to learn with our fellow lay-leaders, with whom we've kept in touch. All were extremely gracious in insisting we all reach out to them and to each other if we ever need anything when we're serving our congregations. And we're committed to extending that to you! Please don't hesitate to reach out, we're happy to share our learnings, and excited to vitalize our congregational life!



Welcome, Student Rabbi Deborah Goldberg



Deborah Goldberg grew up in Deerfield, Illinois, and spent her summers as a camper and staff member at URJ Camp OSRUI in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. Prior to starting rabbinical school at HUC-JIR, Deborah served as the Teen Programs Coordinator at the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs in Chicago, Illinois. In this role, she managed all aspects of JCUA's teens social justice program, Or Tzedek. Before working for JCUA, Deborah was an Eisdendrath Legislative Assistant at the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism in Washington, D.C. Deborah graduated from Washington University in St. Louis in 2013 with majors in history and political science. When she's not working or studying, Deborah can be found hiking through a national park or reading a good book. She is so excited to get to know everyone in the B'nai Israel community throughout this next year!

HEBREW READING CLASS

Rabbi Jamie Serber is offering adult beginning Hebrew lessons, starting in October.

For information on the classes, book, schedule, and fees, please e-mail Rabbi Jamie at: rabbijamie17@gmail.com



Board Statement on Charlottesville

The vile presence and rhetoric of the neo-Nazis who marched in Charlottesville is a reminder of the ever-present need for people of good will to stand strong, to speak loudly against hate, and act both to delegitimize those who spread such messages and to mitigate the harm done to our nation and to those that are the targets of hate messages.

Racist, anti-Semitic, and xenophobic views have no place in a society that cherishes freedom and liberty for all. The right to speak and to hold repugnant views is not a right to circumscribe the ability of others to live in peace and security. Torch-lit marches of hate evoke the KKK; the image of a heavily armed "militia" standing among the neo-Nazi protesters should send an alarm to every person of good conscience in our nation.

B'nai Israel Synagogue is supportive of the "Love Wins" rally that was held August 19 in Grand Forks. B'nai Israel is proud to be part of the fabric of our community and pleased our members and our neighbors have committed to speaking out against the racism that is both present and being emboldened in this new America.

In Charlottesville, hate has killed as it has so often before. We mourn the loss of life and those injured in this most recent act of violence. We call on all, no matter what their views, to eschew violence and condemn in the strongest terms hate and bigotry.

--B'nai Israel Board of Directors



October 3, 7:00 PM. Board meets in the Social Hall. Board meetings are open to all members. To add an item to the agenda, please contact the president, Bert Garwood at garwood@gra.midco.net

December 16, HANUKKAH PARTY!! Details will be in the next bulletin.

Jewish Ways to Help After Hurricane Harvey

As the full magnitude of the devastation caused by Hurricane Harvey becomes clear, the Reform Jewish community is mobilizing to provide support to those impacted by this powerful storm. Our prayers are with those in harm's way, including the brave first responders who put their lives on the line to help their neighbors.

B'nai Israel will be sending funds to aid the recovery efforts. You can join us and step up to help provide relief by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/urj-harvey-relief>

Or e-mail HarveyResponse@urj.org

*To Remember is
to Keep Alive*



Morris Gershman	Tishrei 02	Sophie Rosenstock	Tishrei 23
Fanny Haberman	Tishrei 02	Betty Helen Schilling	Tishrei 25
Nathan Heller	Tishrei 03	Sam Cooper	Tishrei 26
Anne G. Sorsky	Tishrei 04	Denise Freeman	Tishrei 26
William Meretsky	Tishrei 05	Rose Rubin	Tishrei 30
Sam Radoff	Tishrei 05	Sam Kessler	Cheshvan 06
Harry Meretsky	Tishrei 06	Simon Heller	Cheshvan 08
Toby Dickel	Tishrei 08	Morris Gutnik	Cheshvan 14
Rebecca Heller	Tishrei 08	Sarah Gull	Cheshvan 15
Abe Frankel	Tishrei 09	Mildred Kessler	Cheshvan 16
Albert Frankel	Tishrei 09	Barney David Gutnik	Cheshvan 18
Dorothy Heller	Tishrei 09	Arthur Banick	Cheshvan 20
Lowenthal Family	Tishrei 10	Gussie Seeger	Cheshvan 20
Alex Lieberman	Tishrei 10	Jacob Freedman	Cheshvan 22
Joseph Mandel	Tishrei 10	Max Kanovsky	Cheshvan 23
Evelyn Silverman	Tishrei 12	James Howard Levine	Cheshvan 24
Miles Rubin	Tishrei 14	Ben Kaufman	Cheshvan 27
Benjamin Papermaster	Tishrei 15	Morris Lizst	Cheshvan 27
Dina Stern	Tishrei 15	David Grossman	Cheshvan 28
Sarah Micklin	Tishrei 16	Jennie Pollman	Cheshvan 29
Robert Palay	Tishrei 18	First year of mourning for Betty Bialik	