



Har Shalom

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July–Aug '10

To Israel, To Har Shalom, To Life! *by Laurie Franklin*

I'm writing this as I fly on the second of three flights that will take me to Israel for the first time. It doesn't seem quite real yet; I should be jumping out of my skin with excitement, but I'm not. Instead, I feel a great calm. It's time: it's the next step in a personal journey into Judaism that began when I moved to Missoula in 2002 and slowly and steadily became involved in the community life of Har Shalom.

This personal journey also led me to another "destination": serving as Har Shalom's lay leader. Last October at the Har Shalom annual meeting (heads up, the next one is August 29!), the membership voted to empower the Board to hire me as a part-time lay leader. Although we have had good experiences with the Hebrew Union College (HUC) rabbinic interns Ellie Steinman (Now Rabbi Steinman), Rachel Ackerman, and most recently, Callie Souther, the membership was ready to create a position for an in-house, local leadership presence and leave the HUC student rabbi program.

This spring, beginning May 15, I formally stepped into that new role. Boy, am I lucky! I'm honored to have gained the confidence and support of my fellow Har Shalomians over the last four years of service leading, officiating at life cycle events, celebrating holidays, and teaching and learning about Judaism.

I owe so much to Har Shalom for providing financial resources and encouragement to attend Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) music and leadership workshops. I'm also grateful to the URJ for scholarships and mentoring. I thank Soul Train, the Israeli organization sponsoring me to participate in the Jewish leadership and Hebrew education trip in Israel (and sends us camp counselors, musicians, mimes, and filmmakers). I thank my partner, Sandy Ross, for supporting me as best friend, mate, and fellow traveler. Finally, I thank all of you who have shared your ideas, opinions, and dreams with me! In the coming year, we will think deeply, creatively, and joyfully to make community together; to learn, to pray, to dance, to work for peace and justice. Har Shalom is a place for all of us to explore our connection with Jewishness, no matter who we are, where we come from, and what we practice.

President's Note *by Bert Chessin*

It is July and the hills and prairie are holding onto some green a little bit longer. Our attentions are turned outward – toward the lake, the river, the cooler forest, and the friends and family who are not as fortunate to experience this place the year through. Meanwhile, Har Shalom stands a little quieter awaiting the rush of community that will occur in a couple of months. Each Shabbat service brings another new face or family, either passing through, new to the community or just exploring this place we call Har Shalom. We are thankful to be here and the sense of community is becoming a bit more rooted with each passing month.

We take note of the changing relationship with the Reform movement's Hebrew Union College. It has been a wonderful connection with future rabbis Callie Souther, Rachel Ackerman, and Ellie Steinman over the past 5 years, but now we have cut that cord and our own Laurie Franklin continues to blossom as spiritual leader. The board is also exploring options to bring in outside scholars and rabbis for a week or weekend to enrich and strengthen our connections with Jewish traditions and to ride waves of Jewish insight.

What is it that makes Congregation Har Shalom a place to be Jewish? To be Jewish means

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High Holy Days 2010

Selichot

- Sat 9/4
Selichot service 9pm

Rosh Hashanah

- Wed 9/8
Erev Rosh Hashanah 7pm
- Th 9/9
Children's service 9am
Morning service 10am

Shabbat Shuvah

- Fri 9/10
Kabbalat Shabbat 7pm
- Sat 9/11
Shabbat Shacharit 11am

Yom Kippur

- Fri 9/17
Kol Nidre 7pm
- Sat 9/18
Children's service 9am
Morning Service 10am
Yizkor 6pm,
Afternoon service and
Neilah 6:30pm
Havdallah 8:45pm
Breaking of the Fast

Community gatherings coming up – don't miss out!

- **Mon Aug 9** Day Camp begins 9am – 3pm
- **Sun Aug 15** Brunch and Beautification for High Holy Days 10am – 3pm
- **Sun Aug 22** Har Shalom Annual Picnic 4pm – 8pm (location TBA)
- **Sun Aug 29** Har Shalom Annual Meeting Brunch 10am, Business Meeting 11am

Har Shalom now has a Facebook page!

As we slowly crawl into the 21st century, Har Shalom now has a page on Facebook where we post news and share info on the Jewish world. Once you "like" us, you can also post photos, comments and ideas about HS. Check it out at "Congregation Har Shalom."

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something different to each one of us, but it probably includes more than one of the following elements – to be with fellow Jews at a Chanukah, Purim, or Passover gathering; joining in a Shabbat, High Holiday, or other ritual service; attending a cultural program with a Jewish artist or expert; connecting our children to Judaism through Atidaynu or summer camp; honoring our loved ones and departed family through attending a yizkor service, saying kaddish, or donating to the congregation; joining a social gathering with others in our community whether at Har Shalom, at a local park, or in a congregant's home; or representing Har Shalom to the broad Missoula and Western Montana communities through work on social justice. This list is far from complete.

Our board has been discussing all these in light of making our Jewish identity more communal. Is our building a way to identify who we are? What activities need to be strengthened, initiated, modified or terminated? Which efforts are possible or greatly enhanced by having a building? We welcome and encourage your participation and support in this journey.

You will be receiving a membership letter shortly. We have firmed up membership responsibilities of all congregants and the board and have laid out a plan to build a stronger base upon which to afford our building. Realities of the commitment we made to buy and stay in the building are not going away. There is still a lot of hard work to do. In truth the best way to bring peace, i.e. make whole, and peace of mind to this venture we call Har Shalom is to actively engage as individuals through participation and financial support and as a community through taking care of each other; honoring our traditions in the broadest sense of tzedakah, ritual and education, and building sustainable communities.

We are an evolving collection of wonderful families and fine individuals. When you climb a mountain, float a river, share a summer spread, or photograph a wildflower, find a moment to include Har Shalom in your thoughts. Make the best of the rest of the summer and we look forward to seeing your bright eyes and warm smiles in the near future.

Yahrzeits

The Yahrzeit is the anniversary of a loved one's death according to the Hebrew calendar. The civil date varies from year to year. The current year's civil date is listed first, followed by the Hebrew date, then the anniversary. Yahrzeit candles should be lit the evening before the date specified. This is because the Jewish day actually begins at sundown on the previous night. It is customary to make a donation to the synagogue in remembrance. May the memory of your loved ones be a blessing.

Special Note: Please email info@har-shalom.org if you have changes or additions. Thank you.

— JULY

- 22, Betty Ann Schreiber, 11 Av, Aug 14, 1997 (Sheryl Alexander's mother)
- 27, Barbara Goren, 16 Av, Aug 21, 2005 (Carolyn Goren's sister)
- 30, Dora Spector, 19 Av, Aug. 6, 2004 (Ellen Silverglat's mother)

— AUGUST

- 1, Averil Sherman, 21 Av, July 30, 1964 (Suzanne Aboulfadl's mother)
- 1, Morris L. Goren, 21 Av, Aug 15, 1968 (Carolyn Goren's father)
- 27, Ann Goldberg, 17 Elul, Sept. 17, 2000 (Richard Goldberg's mother)

Contributions *(Donations made after newsletter deadline will be reported in the next issue.)*

General Operating Fund and Building Maintenance

Geoffrey Hill, for shabbat services

Retire the Mortgage

Barb Gross
Earl and Bertha Pruyin Foundation
Laurie Franklin and Sandy Ross
Richard Auerbach, IMO Sharon Auerbach
Toba Winston

Honors and Memorials

Scott White, IHO Sigrun Kuefner's
70th birthday

Esther and Joel Weltman IMO Joseph
Berezin



UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

All events, unless otherwise noted, are at Cong. Har Shalom, 3035 S. Russell St., Missoula
Snacks are provided before our Shabbat service; if you arrive early you are invited to have a nosh with us.

JULY

- Fri Jul 2** Kabbalat Shabbat 6pm and Kiddush
Sat Jul 3 Torah Study 10am – 12pm
Sun Jul 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY
Wed Jul 7 No Chevruta, Israeli violinist Lior Kaminetsky performs at 7:30pm.
Fri Jul 9 Kabbalat Shabbat 6pm and Kiddush
Sat Jul 10 Torah Study 10am – 12pm
Tue Jul 13 Har Shalom Board Meeting 6pm – 8pm
Wed Jul 14 Chevruta Talmud Study 7:30pm – 9pm
Fri Jul 16 Kabbalat Shabbat 6pm and Kiddush
Sat Jul 17 Torah Study 10am – 12pm
Mon Jul 19 Tisha Bav Text Study: Lamentations 7:30pm – 9pm
Wed Jul 21 Chevruta Talmud Study 7:30pm – 9pm
Fri Jul 23 Kabbalat Shabbat and Kiddush 6pm – 8:30pm
Sat Jul 24 Torah Study 10am – 11am
Shabbat Shacharit followed by Oneg 11am – 12:30pm
Wed Jul 28 No Chevruta this week
Fri Jul 30 Kabbalat Shabbat 6pm and Kiddush
Sat Jul 31 Torah Study 10am – 12pm

AUGUST

- Wed Aug 4** No Chevruta this week
Fri Aug 6 Kabbalat Shabbat 6pm and Kiddush
Sat Aug 7 Torah Study 10am – 12pm
Mon Aug 9 Day Camp 9am – 3pm

- Tue Aug 10** Day Camp 9am – 3pm
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Tue Aug 17 Day Camp 9am – 3pm
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