

Report to Har Shalom Board February 12, 2019 Rabbi Laurie Franklin
Activities from January 9 to present

***Abstract:** Celebrated my smicha (ordination) on January 13, 2019. Nice tribute ad from Har Shalom (see program). Working with Pat Cohen to mount a membership drive. Purim party planning underway with Holly Kingsford. Weekly Shabbaton planning continues. First session of "Becoming Jewish" 2019 took place this week. Summer camp grants for Atidaynu and Har Shalom kids. Spoke with County Commissioner Josh Slotnick re Har Shalom's tax situation. Personal notes on yahrtzeit letters are effective in connecting with people (see attached). . Nice note from Winter family re Hanukkiah lighting (see attached). Moving ahead with positive steps toward enhanced communication with board, as recommended in Sunday 12/9 retreat report from Empower MT Executive Director Heidi Wallace.*

Services

- Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv 1/18
- Shabbat Shacharit 2/2

Torah Study

- ~~Torah study with Hebrew 1/19~~ (sick)
- Regular Torah study 1/19 (sick)

Special Observances and Events

- Tu B'shvat Seder 1/20
- Community Resiliency Model workshop with Dana Eisenberg, host 1/27

Atidaynu

- Created Torah-chanting recordings for B-mitz student and grandmother
- Atidaynu sessions 1/27, 2/10
- Using rabbi discretionary fund to create grants for summer camp tuition assistance for Atidaynu and HS member children. Four children involved, so far. Feb 15 is deadline for parents to request grant. Expect to disburse ~\$300/per child to help with summer camp costs.

Adult Ed

- Beit Midrash
 - 1/28, Spiritual Basis of Our Holidays
- Becoming Jewish 2/11

Development, Pastoral, Outreach, and Greater Community

- Weekly office hours
- Emergency pastoral appointment
- Emails and phone calls
- Press interview regarding anti-Semitic leaflets in Missoula 2/8 (see also "Coming Up")

- Wedding planning, ketubah proofreading 1/29, 2/5, 2/10
- SALAM, planning for Celebrate Islam Week 2/5
- Montanans for Immigrant Justice (MIJ) postcard session and panel 2/6
- MIC Voices 4 Housing assembly 2/7
- MIJ monthly meeting 2/10

Administrative and Planning

- Hand-written, personal notes for Yahrtzeit letters (see attachments)
- Membership Open House planning with Pat Cohen 2/5
- Purim party planning with Holly Kingsford 2/5
- Missoula Mishkan Milestone
 - Planning with Holly K., Bert C., Rebecca Pettit, Paul K 1/23, 1/31, 2/6
 - Planning with Josh Slotnick 2/7
- Thank you card to sponsors of dishwasher installation (with Beth Jaffe)
- Rabbi Liaison Committee 2/12

Professional

- Attended Ohalah Rabbinic Conference Jan 13-17
 - Rabbinic ordination, livestream:
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W6i--lCU5k8>
 - My short dvar at 17:45
 - My long dvar at 47:00
 - Program booklet, including Har Shalom's lovely tribute ad https://aleph.org/sites/default/files/aop_smicha_ceremony_2019_program_book.pdf
 - Ohalah Conference invited presenter and service leader

Coming up

- Congregational message and op ed re anti-Semitic leaflets in Missoula
- "No Border Wall" clergy and community vigil Wed 2/13 12:15 to 12:45 pm at Federal courthouse in Missoula
- Rosa Salamanca, Senior Conciliation Specialist, Community Relations Service, U.S. Department of Justice contacted me again about offering a forum at Har Shalom, Protecting Our Houses of Worship (POHW), to be held at HS, now postponed to either March or April because of Federal government partial shutdown. Now, planning is postponed until after Feb 15 because of the possibility of second shutdown.