

Report to Har Shalom Board March 12, 2019 Rabbi Laurie Franklin
Activities from February 13 to present

Abstract: *Many hours dedicated to community work around issues of anti-Semitism, meeting with public officials, law enforcement, school officials, ADL, MHRN, and communicating with parents. Great MMM news: Mayor Engen will host Saturday eve Jazz Gala. Requesting personal leave (see note at end).*

Services

- Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv 2/15
- Shabbat Shacharit 3/2

Torah Study

- Torah study with Hebrew 2/16
- Regular Torah study 2/16

Special Observances and Events

- Wedding
 - Wedding planning 2/13, 2/17
 - Pre-wedding Mikveh 2/17
 - Wedding 2/18

Atidaynu

- B-Mitz preparation, 4 sessions
- Atidaynu session 2/24, 3/10
- Rabbi discretionary fund disbursement of 3 summer camp grants, \$350/each camper
- Atidaynu planning with Jeremy Smith

Adult Ed

- Beit Midrash
 - Jewish Weddings 3/4
 - Purim Megillah 3/11
- Becoming Jewish 2/25, 3/11

Development, Pastoral, Outreach, and Greater Community

- Weekly office hours
- Pastoral appointments:
 - Individual counseling
 - Baby-naming, brit milah counseling
- Emails and phone calls
- Montanans for Immigrant Justice (MIJ) courthouse rally 2/13
- Missoulian Op Ed about Anti-Semitism, with Rachel Carroll Rivas, MHRN Co-Director 2/14
- SALAM, planning for Celebrate Islam Week 2/19, 3/4
- Meet with Mayor Engen, Missoula rabbis and clergy, Har Shalom board member Bert Chessin 2/27

- Attending County Commission concerning Har Shalom tax hearing 2/27
- Meeting with MCPS Superintendent Mark Thane 2/28
- Phone conversations with local FBI and MPD intelligence
- Meeting with Hellgate High School Principal Judson Miller 3/4
- Meeting with Missoulian publisher Jim Strauss and City Editor Gwen Florio 3/4
- Meetings with MPD Crime Prevention officer Ethan Smith 2/15, 3/7
- Phone consultation with Miri Cypers, regional representative for Anti-Defamation League (ADL) 3/5
- Meeting with Cheryl and Steve Thompson about bringing Shoa survivor Leon Malmud to Missoula for screening of animated short about his family's experience in France 3/8
- Press interview regarding white nationalism 3/12
- Working with parents of Hellgate HS students (past and present) to explore options for further communication with District and Hellgate HS concerning anti-Semitism in the schools, ongoing
- Missoulian Article for Purim (to appear 3/16)

Administrative and Planning

- Hand-written, personal notes for Yahrtzeit letters (every month)
- Special Board meeting 2/19, response to anti-Semitic activities in Missoula
- Board retreat 2/24
- Purim party planning with Holly Kingsford 3/5
- Conflict resolution sessions concluded
- Missoula Mishkan Milestone
 - Weekly planning with Holly K., Bert C., Rebecca Pettit, Paul K
 - Save-the-date notices sent
 - Mayor Engen will host Jazz Gala, silent auction
 - DoubleTree will give in-kind donation to house visiting leaders & also room-block discount (will know magnitude of donation by end of this week)
- Thank you card to Dana Eisenberg for January 27 workshop, "Community Resiliency Model Training"
- Rabbi Liaison Committee 3/12

Coming up

- Rosa Salamanca, Senior Conciliation Specialist, Community Relations Service, U.S. Department of Justice contacted me again. Is conducting an assessment of local anti-Semitic activity.
- Passover program for Holy Trinity Catholic Community, 3/21
- Request personal leave
 - End of March (between March 27 and April 1) for son Owen's Masters recital.
 - Week of Monday April 15 to care for daughter after surgery. Will be back for seder, Sat April 20