

**Report to Har Shalom Board September 10, 2019** Rabbi Laurie Franklin  
**Activities from August 13 to present**

***Abstract:** Rabbinic contract now in final form. Working on High Holidays, Selah, Shabbaton, and Missoula Together. Also, anticipating short film showing at the Roxy by Leon Malmud, Holocaust survivor, on Tuesday October 22.*

**Services**

- Kabbalat Shabbat 8/16, 8/30
- First Saturday Shabbat Shacharit 9/7, with David Jolles

**Education**

**Youth**

- Atidaynu: Calendar planning with Jeremy Smith, Jessica Weltman
- Atidaynu bulletin board
- Atidaynu siddur revision
- New alphabet friezes for kitchen, classroom and library

**Adult**

- Torah study with Hebrew 8/17
- “Becoming Jewish” beit din date for six congregants, coming up Sept 29
- Continuing Beit Midrash, Mondays 8/19, 8/26, 9/9
- Selah rehearsal 9/17, mentoring sessions with Rabbi Ruth Gan Kagan 8/22, coming up 9/15
- Mending and Healing, Wednesday coming up Sept 18

**Special Events**

- Rosh Chodesh Elul Musical Mikveh 9/1
- Planning for film short showing, Q & A, & book signing about Holocaust survivor Leon Malmud at Roxy, 7 pm, Tues Oct 22

**Administrative Planning**

- Handwritten, personal notes for Yahrtzeit letters (every month)
- Weekly meet up with President David Cox (almost weekly)

**Missoula Mishkan Milestone aka “Shalom Missoula”**

- Weekly planning with Holly K., Bert C., Rebecca Pettit, Paul K, David C., Karen T.
- Publicity now out via weekly and Facebook event
- Planning house parties and business appeal to raise additional funds.

**Development, Pastoral, Outreach, and Greater Community**

**Pastoral**

- Family domestic abuse situation, continue to provide support
- Individual work with congregants

**Ruach**

- Esther Weltman, mother of Jessica Weltman, brought us a second Torah on August 21. This is a gift to us from Temple Israel of Godfrey, IL, which is closing its doors.

- Candlesticks from similar source have been offered to us as well. I accepted on behalf of Har Shalom.

## **Greater Community**

### **Antisemitism**

#### **City of Missoula**

- Continuing collaboration to mount event “Missoula Together”(see description below), Sept 22 Caras Park 1 to 4 pm.
- Participating are Mayor Engen, Missoula rabbis and clergy, Arts Missoula, Empower MT, Soft Landing, IRC, ZACC. Har Shalom board member Bert Chessin coordinating tour of “Missoula’s Jewish Treasures” exhibit at Unseen Missoula Museum as part of event.

#### **Missoula County Public Schools**

- Met with new MCPS Superintendent Rob Watson, Communications Director Hatton Littman, and Executive Director of Teaching and Learning Elise Guest on Aug 7 about establishing an approach to anti-Semitism in the schools. ADL and Empower MT may be involved. Jessica Weltman has offered to support the ongoing conversation and brings special skills as a lawyer and the Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action Director at UM.

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### **Event: Missoula Together**

#### **Where: Caras Park**

#### **When: Sunday September 22, 1 to 4 pm**

#### **What: Join Missoula Friends and Neighbors to Celebrate All of Our Traditions**

We will assemble at Caras Park on the afternoon of Sunday September 22 from 1 to 4 pm for three hours of inspiration: music, dance, games, art, museum tours, and general celebration!

Missoula Together is the result of a collective dream of the Mayor’s office, local clergy, and local advocacy organizations to mount an event that celebrates ALL of us and shares our traditions and our special histories in the City of Missoula.

It grew out of recent history: In early 2019, a significant flurry of antisemitic leaflets and graffiti appeared in Missoula and the Bitterroot Valley. Private residences and the university campus were leafleted, and several churches found antisemitic fliers taped to their doors.

We harnessed our collective outrage to do something positive and express our love for and commitment to the many cultures and religious traditions that contribute to the rich fabric of Missoula community life. By sharing who we are, we will dispel fear and false myths about “the other” and build community together. And so, **Missoula Together** was born!

Please join us for the first annual event to experience the joy and harmony of many cultures cooperating.

#### **Hour 1:**

Gamelon Procession, Salish Welcoming Prayer, Congolese Choir, Mayor’s Proclamation and community speakers

#### **Hour 2:**

Community Art Project, Jewish History Exhibit Tours (Hammond Arcade), Traditional Salish Children’s games, Highland Pipers, People Bingo, community speakers

#### **Hour 3:**

Round Dance with drum circle and traditional song, Art Project, Jewish History Museum tours, Salish Children’s Games, Youth Leaders, Closing Ceremony