

Report to Har Shalom Board November 12, 2019 Rabbi Laurie Franklin
Activities from September 11 to present (2 month summary)

Abstract: Holidays and chagim were rich in content. Shabbaton was warm, celebratory, and spiritually elevating, and although final accounting is not complete, appears to have raised funds for our "Fund for the Future". MCPS anti-bias working group is now forming, second meeting in planning for January. Selah, newly formed music leadership group, is leading once-a-month chanting services for Kabbalat Shabbat as of September. Missoula Ministerial Association Interfaith Thanksgiving service to benefit Family Promise, 7 pm, 11/27: I will lead Psalm 92 song with help from several Har Shalomians. Planning to participate in Dec. 7 Parade of Lights, and planning for Hanukkah events, cards to congregation, Roxy Theater Fiddler on the Roof sing-along, Dec 15.

Services

- Kabbalat Shabbat 9/13, 9/20-with Selah
- High Holidays and Chagim

Sat Sept 21	8 pm	Leil Selichot Candlelight Service
Sun Sept 29	6:30pm	Erev Rosh Hashana
Mon Sept 30	9 am	Children's Rosh Hashana Service & Mini-Oneg
	10 am	Rosh Hashana I service, followed by Oneg & Tashlich
	~2 pm	Tashlich at Boone & Crocket Club
Tues Oct 1	8 am	Rosh Hashana II Contemplative Service, Oneg & Tashlich
Fri Oct 4		First Friday, no service (Note schedule change)
Sat Oct 5	9:30 am	First Saturday Shabbat Shuva service (Note schedule change)
	12 noon	Torah study at Har Shalom
Sun Oct 6	8:50 to 10 am	Yom Kippur Mikveh at Lolo Hot Springs
Tues Oct 8	6:30 pm	Kol Nidre
Wed Oct 9	9 am	Children's Yom Kippur Service
	10 am	Yom Kippur Morning Service
<i>Yom Kippur menucha (rest)</i>		
	3 pm	Cheshbon Hanefesh at Mincha (Soul Accounting, a time for study & reflection)
	4:30 pm	Yizkor/Ma'riv/Neilah
	7:45 pm	Havdallah & Break the Fast
Sun Oct 13	10 am	Build & Decorate Sukkah at Har Shalom
Mon Oct 21	5:30 pm	Simchat Torah Dinner, Homemade Soup & Salad
	6:30-7:30 pm	Simchat Torah Celebration

- 4th Friday 4 All, 10/25
- Shalom Missoula services:
 - 10/18, with Selah
 - 10/19 Shabbat Shacharit
 - 10/20 Hoshana Rabah

Education

- **Youth:** Atidaynu sessions 10/6, 10/20, 11/3, 11/17
- **Adult**
 - Torah study with Hebrew: No Sept or Oct session due to High Holidays and Shabbaton, respectively, 11/16 (coming up)
 - Continuing Beit Midrash, Mondays 10/7, 10/14, 11/18 (coming up)
 - Selah rehearsals 9/17, 10/16, 11/13. Mentoring sessions with Rabbi Ruth Gan Kagan 9/15, 10/23, 11/18 (coming up)

- Torah trop lessons, individual, ongoing

Special Events

- Shalom Missoula Shabbaton: 10/18 to 10/20: services, meals, Jazz at the Mountain, Leiser's Footsteps tour, Israeli folk dancing and dance film
- Film and book signing by and about Holocaust survivor Leon Malmed at Roxy, 10/ 22
- Took personal leave Nov 1 through Nov 11

Har Shalom Administrative Planning

- Shalom Missoula Planning meetings 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23
- Shabbaton Kid's Camp rehearsal and planning, 10/4
- Membership planning with board member Karen Tempkin, 10/25
- Handwritten, personal notes for Yahrtzeit letters (monthly)
- Weekly meet up with President David Cox (almost weekly in Sept, Oct, Nov)

Pastoral, Outreach, and Greater Community

- **Pastoral** (details are confidential)
 - Individual sessions with congregants
 - Hospital visit
 - Phone calls and emails
- **Greater Community**
 - **Special events**
 - Opening, Leiser's Footsteps Sept 15
 - Missoula Together Sept 22, organizer and participant. Participating were 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. (see additional background material below)
 - Sermon, Center for Spiritual life, Hamilton, MT, 9/22
 - Montana Association of Rabbis, three planning sessions and meeting with Senator Steve Daines re negative comments about immigrants and people of color and non-Western ethnicity. 10/2, 10/3
 - Missoula Together, wrap-up meeting, 10/15
 - MIC Core Leadership Team 11/12: Creating broad-based community organizing structures to counter bias and foster inclusion. Next Action Network meeting Dec 10. Two trainings planned for January and February.
 - Coming up: Parade of Lights, Dec 7
 - Coming up: Fiddler on the Roof sing-along at the Roxy, Dec 15
 - **Antisemitism**
 - **Missoula County Public Schools:** Newly forming anti-bias working group, 10/14: MCPS Communications Director Hatton Littman; MCPS Executive Director of Teaching and Learning Elise Guest; MCPS Response to Intervention Coordinator, Carol Ewen; Empower MT Executive Director Heidi Wallace; Mansfield Center, Deena Mansour; ADL Education Coordinator Scottie Nash; Associate Regional Director ADL Pacific Northwest Kendall Kosai; Har Shalom member and Civil Rights Compliance Officer for the Montana University System Jessica Weltman about establishing an approach to anti-

Semitism and general bias in the schools. Next meeting will be in January, with additional invited participants.

- **Lolo Schools:** 10/24 Planning session with middle school teacher Dave Christensen about keynote presentation for anti-bias session with students on Dec 11.
- **Press:**
 - UM Kaiman, 9/19 re Missoula Together
 - Missoulian, 10/15 re Installation, Shabbaton

Ruach

- Family Heritage Candlesticks from Janet Smith, St. Louis, MO: I accepted on behalf of Har Shalom. Now in-house.

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