

Spring 2017 Quartely News

Laurie's Letter *Feeling the Love*

Many of you may know that anti-Semitic leaflets circulated widely in Missoula in November and December, and even more troubling, our neighbor, Glacier Jewish Community in Whitefish, MT, experienced vicious neo-Nazi trolling. The emergence of anti-Semitic activity on the national scene continues with cemetery desecration and other disturbing acts of anti-Jewish bias.

So, I'm heartened to report that Har Shalom has received numerous messages of support. In addition to the door-breaking turnout for our Dec 20 press conference with Mayor John Engen, City Council President Marilyn Marler, Sheriff T. J. McDermott, Missoulian publisher Mark Heintzelman, county officials and scores of interfaith partners, we received food, flowers, letters, cards, phone messages, and emails from near and far.

One of the most touching of these appeared on our front door: I arrived on President's Day to an empty building and noticed a colorful poster on the front door. The poster said, "Take a heart". On it were felt hearts with messages:

"We love you"

"You are important"

You matter; you are loved!"

"You rock!"

"May the sun shine on you when you need reassurance"

"Tell the negative committee in your head to shut up and sit down!"

"Be fearless in pursuit of what sets your soul on fire"

Note: Each heart has a safety pin, so you can "take a heart" as the poster directs and pin it on your jacket or hang it somewhere at home or work. Come and get one!

Then I remembered the email message I got a few weeks before:

My name is Abbie Thompson, I'm the youth coordinator for the Methodist conference in MT. We are having a large youth retreat in town this coming weekend, where we are focusing on "listening" to ourselves, the sacred, and the stories of others, to hear/see/experience where the divine is at work in the world. On Sunday, around 2:00pm, we will be going out into the community to spread "love notes" to share a message of hope and inclusion, following all of the hate and fear propaganda that has been spread in the past few months.

What I'm wondering, is if it would be okay for us to stop by your communities to leave some notes for you all? We wouldn't need someone to be there, necessarily, I just want to check-in to see if it would be okay for us to hang some positive messages from the youth on your building, or areas?

Yes, Abbie, it was wonderful that your Methodist youth group did this for us. This is truly the Divine at work in the world.

President Holly Kingsford's Column

Life at Har Shalom is about to get busy again. Our calendar follows the holiday schedule, which gives us months of peace and months of busyness.

We look forward to shenanigans and fun for Purim, with the annual party on March 11th. Then, we will be visited by the a cappella group (group voices without musical accompaniment) Pizmon on the weekend of March 17, 18 and 19: Pizmon is coming to Har Shalom for services, Torah study, Shabbat lunch and a Saturday evening public concert to benefit the Glacier Jewish Community security fund.

Pizmon describes itself as a co-ed, pluralistic Jewish a cappella group of Columbia University, Barnard College, and The Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Since its inception in 1987, Pizmon has traveled to hundreds of communities within the United States and around the world sharing a love of Jewish music and culture. Its members originate from nearly every Jewish background. They describe their purpose, "Through our identity as Jews and our love of music, we strive to be role models for Jewish youth and enhance the religious experiences of Jewish communities of all denominations."

Passover is quickly approaching on April 11th, which is the 2nd night of the holiday. The sign up will be available on the website shortly. This is an event which fills up quickly. You will want to get your registration in early to assure your place at the table.

Did you know that Har Shalom has inhabited the building at 3035 S Russell Street for TEN years this year? Planning has begun for some fun and fundraising to celebrate this great milestone. The 2nd mortgage is close to being paid off, and I look forward to a future celebration where we can burn the note for that debt. (With huge gratitude for allowing ourselves the luxury of a space dedicated to the needs of our community, as well as huge gratitude for the generosity of the community that has worked together to keep the note paid according to schedule!). Stay tuned for information on the 10-year anniversary plans as we formulate them. If you have any ideas, please bring them to the Board.

Many Jewish Community Centers across the country have been receiving false bomb threats. We are fortunate to have a very supportive local law enforcement community here in Missoula. Another event in March will be an all-day seminar where your leadership will attend an Active Shooter Preparedness



Laurie Franklin



Holly Kingsford

Workshop at the National Guard Base at the Wye. It is more important than ever that we have plans in place to keep our community safe and ensure that Har Shalom is a welcoming place to worship and learn together.

I look forward to seeing you at one or all of these upcoming activities. I will leave you with this thought-provoking quote by E. Glen Weyl, "Perhaps Passover is not a Jewish hope, but rather the Jews who are the people of Passover's hope."



Atidaynu News

Atidaynu means "Our Future"

We continue to have a full house each month for Atidaynu! We are learning a few new dances, having some great parent and kid conversations and engaging in more community minded activities. The children decorated a Tu B'Shevat tree that was displayed during the community seder, we made tzedakah boxes and are donating the money we collect to the YWCA, and we will be making Shelach Manot baskets for Family Promise. We're looking forward to the Purim party and spring!

Hebrew is coming along, but once a month is just not enough for our older children who are getting ready to begin b'nei mitzvah studies. Do you have some time and a little Hebrew knowledge you can share? Please contact Sheehan and we will work out a small group study day for interested families. We always welcome new faces! If you are interested in Atidaynu or have questions, please don't hesitate to write: sheehan@har-shalom.org or call 406/642-6527.

Passover Seder

Tuesday, April 11, 5:30 pm

We're all looking forward to the turning of the seasons and welcoming spring. With the warmer days and greener views, we also welcome the Passover holiday. Please come to Har Shalom to celebrate with us on the second night, Tuesday, April 11 at 5:30 pm. We'll be enjoying a delicious catered dinner by Bravo Catering and once again share the history of this time with our beloved rabbinic intern, Laurie Franklin. For additional information and to order your tickets, please visit this link. Ticket purchase is easy using our Paypal account right on the website, or mail your check to P.O. Box 3715, Missoula, MT 59806.

Looking Back Dances of Universal Peace, Crane folding, Atidaynu baking for Family Promise, Hanukkah party, Hanukiah lighting, MLK Day Rally, Tu B'shvat seder.

Looking to the Future Shabbat Around America, Purim party, Pizmon here for the weekend, Dances of Universal Peace, Pesach Seder.

Todah Rabah

Hanukkah helpers: Jack Cohen and Paul Kingford for creating the magnificent Hanukkah party "stage", Bert Chessin and Chutzpah! for Klezmer melodies and dance music, Dave Jolles for theatrical amusement, the latke makers (forgive us if we are unable to mention all the names) Sherry Kolenda, Bert Chessin, Toba Winston and more, may they be blessed. Holly Kingsford for homemade sufganiyot, and all the set up and take-down mavens.



To those who helped seal the Har Shalom building roof before the snow!

David Cox, Jack Cohen, Dave Jolles, Pau Kingsford, Paul Running Crane, plus Matt Erekson and the LDS crew.

To counter anti-Semitic incidents: Empower MT for the Jan 8 Family and Adult workshop to counter anti-Semitic incidents. The Cranium, and especially Bonnie Tarses, for bringing us the inspiration and folding-power to fold 1000 cranes for peace and harmony.

Yahrzeits

ADAR

2 (Feb 28) Betsy Ellen Glass
Holly Kingsford's sister
2 (Feb 28) Michael Hendricks
Z'Eva Singer's husband
3 (March 1) Ethel Cohen
Jackie Cohen's mother
3 (March 1) Albert Belsky
Jill Belsky's father
12 (March 10) George Lorincezi
Kate Soukonnikov's father
14 (March 12) Victor Tevah
Anita Aronofsky's father
14 (March 12) William
Rosenberg
Ed Rosenberg's father

Todah Rabah

... to those who contributed to our successful Matching Funds Campaign! Thank you for making our annual second mortgage payment so we can continue being a strong presence within the Montana community.

Carolyn Abbott
Suzanne Aboufadi
Helen Abrahamson
Philip & Elaine Alman
Nina Alviar
Carl Arky
David Aronofsky

Donations & Tributes

We would like to thank all members who sent in contributions ahead of regularly scheduled payments. We were able to make all necessary payments over the summer.

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Mona Bachmann
Bruce Barrett
Lance & Fern Glass Boyd
Alice & Charles Charmann

19 (March 17) Dr. Zangwill H. Freed
Joan Kuchel's father
21 (March 19) Sophie Goren
Carolyn Goren's mother
27 (March 25) Gabriel Jolles
David Jolles' father
28 (March 26) David Kooris
Jeff Kooris' father

NISSAN

21 (April 17) Edward Cohen
Jackie Cohen's father

IYAR

17 (May 13) Meyer Tuchinsky
Toba Winston's father
20 (May 16) Gary Glass
Holly Kingsford's father
28 (May 24) Irving Rosen
Sherry Kolenda's father
28 (May 24) Harriet Blake
Beverly Loomis' Mother

SIVAN

4 (May 29) John M. Winston
Toba and Laura Winston's
spouse/father

Bruce Barrett
Richard Berman
Jessie Bier
Dr. Marshall & Tonia Bloom
Albert Borgmann
Margaret Bostick
Broadmoor
Sarah Brodsky
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Toba M. Winston
Gary Wolf

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Jack & Pat Cohen
Patricia Hogan
Linda Leffman

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