

Report to Har Shalom Board August 13, 2019 Rabbi Laurie Franklin
Activities from July 12 to present

Abstract: *Working collaboratively to lead services. Full-steam ahead on High Holidays, Shabbaton, and "Missoula Together". Holding beit midrash, "Mending and Healing", one-on-one counseling, and meetings from home because I am not driving. Medical limitations remain the same as last month, with need to take things one day at a time.*

Services

- Kabbalat Shabbat July 12
- First Saturday Shabbat Shacharit Aug 3, with David Jolles
- (Coming Up: Services Aug 16, Aug 30)

Education

Youth

- Bmitz prep Micah Jaffe
- Atidaynu: Calendar planning with Jeremy Smith
- Atidaynu bulletin board

Adult

- Torah study with Hebrew and regular Torah study, coming up Aug 17
- Continuing "Becoming Jewish", setting conversion beit din dates for six congregants
- Continuing Beit Midrash, Mondays
- Mending and Healing, Wednesday coming up August 14

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.
- Publicity now out via weekly and Facebook event

Development, Pastoral, Outreach, and Greater Community

• Pastoral

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

• Har Shalom Development

Membership

- Fall open house
- New member welcome

Ruach

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

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.

Human Rights

- **Lights for Liberty Vigil**, in support of children and families of immigrants and asylum seekers, invited speaker July 12

Missoula Together

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 screeds affixed 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!

This year, 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, food, art, museum tours, and general celebration!

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

If your organization would like to participate, please contact: rabbilaurie@har-shalom.org