Report to Har Shalom Board from August 18 to September 15, 2020   Rabbi Laurie Franklin

Abstract
Special thanks to Paul Kingsford for helping assemble the Har Shalom Report for the Annual Meeting
- Continuing online program of learning through beit midrash, Lunch with the Rabbi (LWTR) and Torah study, will take a beit midrash/LWTR break until mid-October after holidays conclude
- Atidaynu began Sun Sept 13
- Collaborating with Rabbi Francine Roston, Glacier Jewish Community, Whitefish, for Erev Rpsh Hashanah Friday 9/18
- Collaborating with Montana Association of Rabbis (MAOR) for "Shabbat Shuva Across Montana" Friday 9/25
- New offering: Beginner Hebrew (please see attached description)
- Planning to travel between Oct 1 and October 18 and will continue all HS activities during that time.
- Digital Yizkor Book with Donna Upson

Services, Special Observances
- Musical Kabbalat Shabbat 8/21
- 4th Friday 4 All 8/28
- First Saturday Torah service with Bert, Holly 9/5
- Shiva, hybrid zoom & in-person for Susan Sather 9/2

Education, Adult and Youth
- Torah study 8/15, 8/22, 8/29, 9/12
- Beit Midrash, Mondays 8/17, 8/24, 8/31, 9/7, 9/14
- Lunch with the Rabbi, Wednesdays 8/19, 8/26, 9/2, 9/9
- Atidaynu 9/13

Har Shalom Administrative Planning
- Weekly meet-up with Past-President Holly Kingsford
- HHD calendar planning with Holly Kingsford
- Handwritten, personal notes for Yahrtzeit letters (monthly)
- Atidaynu planning meeting 8/19 with Jeremy Smith and Jessica Weltman
- Planning sessions with Rabbi Francine Roston for Erev RH 8/20, 8/27, 9/4, 9/10
- Har Shalom Annual meeting 9/13

Pastoral, Outreach, and Greater Community
- **Pastoral** (details confidential) approximately 25 interactions: Individual sessions, phone calls and emails, responses to requests for information, zoom orientation, and other services

- **Greater Community**
  - **Erev Rosh Hashanah** planning with Rabbi Francine Roston, Glacier Jewish Community
  - Montana Association of Rabbis (MAOR) planning for **Shabbat Shuva Across MT**
  - Special events and meetings
    - Rattlesnake neighbor-2-neighbor network, weekly
  - **Antisemitism:**
    - Missoula Art Museum, controversial exhibit discussions and final plan

Jewish Learning Project
Beginning Hebrew, a 10-week course
Wednesday Oct 21 to Dec 23, 6 to 7 pm, on Zoom
For complete beginners and those who are refreshing their knowledge

This class is an invitation to those who would like to learn to recognize and pronounce Hebrew letters and vowel markings. These skills are the foundation of prayer book and Biblical Hebrew fluency.

We are offering this beginner's course both as a stand-alone and as preparatory to a Biblical Hebrew class that we will offer in January 2021; it will be useful either way to anyone with a desire to learn.

We will meet every Wednesday evening, 6 to 7 pm, from mid-October to mid-December, for one hour. Each week will feature several letters and vowel markings. The last two lessons focus on special grammar and pronunciation considerations. Every lesson contains exercises that we will begin in class and you will complete at home. If you miss a week, you can use the book and accompanying audio recordings to learn the material on your own. Please purchase your own materials, both book and audio download (see links below).

Cost: First class free.
If you decide to continue: Har Shalom members $50 for the 10-week series.
Non-members: $150. By check or Paypal, http://www.har-shalom.org/make-a-donation/
Please note on check or Paypal entry, "Beginner Hebrew".
Scholarship available.

Register for the first class here: xxxxxxxxxx (I will set up a google registration form and put link here)

Class dates: Oct 21, 28   Nov 4, 11, 18, 25   Dec 2, 9, 16, 23
Rabbi Laurie is available for additional support during her regular pastoral/office hours.

Book: *Teach Yourself to Read Hebrew, REVISED EDITION*, EKS Publishing 2015, https://www.ekspublishing.com/hebrew-alphabet/teach-yourself-to-read-hebrew-book
Audio companion: https://www.ekspublishing.com/hebrew-alphabet/teach-yourself-to-read-hebrew-audio