



MT. SINAI CONGREGATION

UPCOMING EVENTS/SERVICES

- 9/4 Friday Night Shabbat 7PM
- 9/9 Book Club 12PM/Board Meeting 7PM
- 9/18 Erev Rosh Hashana 7PM
- 9/19 Rosh Hashana 10AM
Family Service 3PM
- 9/25 Shabbat Shuvah 7PM
- 9/27 Kol Nidre 7PM
- 9/28 Yom Kippur 10AM
Family Service 3PM

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Ours is a calendar replete with repetition. Like it or not, the High Holy Days recur with regularity, rushing closer regardless of requirements to write sermons, much less resolve to be better people in the year to come. In previous renditions ‘round this circle of life, we approached the season with reserve; Elul, that is the month prior to Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur, is traditionally a time to review days past, reconsider ways to improve, and reset with a clean slate. Under normal circumstances, Elul would be a good time to make amends for any transgressions by visiting with friends and family and beginning the task of apology.

And yet, we do not find ourselves in normal circumstances. The experience of visiting others is complicated by restrictions for safety and relocation to accommodate distance. Many of us have been so secluded, that even if we had the option to be in company, we would not have sufficient experience of recent social blunders to need make restitution at all. The solution to this exemption is not to skip the High Holy days, but rather to revise our expectations.

The promise of repetition afforded by our calendar, though it feels circular, is in fact more like a spiral. Like the way our young family members review the lessons and Hebrew words learned last year in Religious School, so too may we recogitate on what we have previously encountered. Yet, with each cycle of the year, we do not simply reiterate; a new year affords the chance to delve deeper, aim higher, and amplify our previous efforts.

May this holy time be one of renewal for us. Let us remember where we have been in recent months, the feelings of fear and seclusion, and let us reflect on how we may grow from here. May we come together for rejuvenation, revelation, and reclamation of our most important truths. Even if the form of our worship looks different from our previous memories, I believe we can retain the community that holds us together, revamp the spirit of our prayer, and return, in time, to our sacred home.

Shana Tova U'metuka,

Rabbi Benjamin Altshuler



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

Yes! Although religious school will be very different this year, we will be meeting on Sundays from 10 am to 12 pm. The difference is that it will be on Zoom. You will receive a link each Sunday for your children. Because students will then be sent into a "breakout" room I'm hoping that each of your children will be on an ipad, a tablet, or a computer. We will meet with Rabbi Benj for a 15 minute service as usual and then go to our "rooms."

You will be receiving a box of supplies for your children. Assuming you have the usual markers, pencils, scissors in your home, the box will include specific supplies needed for artwork and special projects included in the teacher's plans.

The calendar will be included in the weekly emails and the monthly bulletins. You will notice that we are only meeting twice a month. This is out of concern for the amount of screen time per week our children are being exposed to. In December the religious school committee will evaluate if we are able to return to our classrooms, which will be cleaned and ready to go.

If you have any questions, please contact Marsha at 715-571-2295 or marshastella@yahoo.com.

Our first Sunday is October 4th. See you there!

Birthdays

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9/1 Willemina Kadoch

Nathaniel Laden

9/7 Camille Kadoch

9/10 Hanah Chip

9/11 Madeleine Resnick

9/12 Cameila Chaney

9/15 Aaron Kadoch

9/19 Julia Weiser

9/22 Elizabeth Levine

9/23 Jerry Mortensen

9/24 Emma Rothweiler

9/26 Julie Goga

9/28 Arleen Wurman



DONATIONS

- Debbie Ginsburg, in memory of her mother, Alice Troffer
- Jerry Louis, in appreciation for his family's yahrzeits
- Evvie Martin, in memory of her father, Louis Deutch
- Lawrence and Pamela Leviton
- Ed and Jeanie Semon, in memory of Ben & Hattie Semon and Sam & Susan Gassman
- Marian Greenburg and Richard Tierney to the Cantorial Fund.

WELCOME!

Welcome new member Jessica Kreczner!

Welcome (back) returning member Pam Galowich!

Welcome to our new Custodian Chuck Bouwma!



Yahrzeits

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| 9/1 | Nathan Deutch Wayne Koehler | 9/17 | Mike Greenwald Pat Gaddis Fern Rosen |
| 9/2 | Dorothy Cohen | 9/18 | Sam Katz |
| 9/3 | Irving Chaiken | 9/19 | Terry Fagan Evelyn Solomonov |
| 9/4 | Joy Kramer | 9/21 | Herbert Ladin |
| 9/6 | Samuel Cohen | 9/22 | Henry Natarus Lillian Rosen |
| 9/9 | Milford Blonsky | 9/23 | Simon Procupez |
| 9/10 | Sandra Barbara Gordon | 9/24 | Esther Deutch |
| 9/11 | Mike Ladin Ralph Mirman | 9/25 | Sandy Rotter Martha Schweisheimer |
| 9/12 | Billie Mess Herman Nemzoff | 9/27 | Rose Hoffman Anita Louis |
| 9/13 | Minnie Cohen Ann Cohodas | 9/28 | David Solomonov |
| 9/14 | Esro Elkon | 9/29 | Lucille Shapiro Ahrens |
| 9/15 | George Troffer | | |
| 9/16 | Marsha Goldberg Harry Stein | | |



TODAH RABBAH

- Thank you to Tara W. and Marsha S. for weeding the garden.
- Thank you to our custodian Ken B. for his years of service! We wish him well in his retirement.
- Thanks to Randy Chip, Jessie Musicant, Peter Rotter, Donna Stapleton and Rabbi Benj for volunteering to teach our children on Sunday mornings.
- Thank you to our committees and Rabbi Benj for working so hard to prepare us for an unprecedented year!



FROM THE RITUAL COMMITTEE

Like everything else this year, we will all remember these High Holidays are different from any we've experienced before. We've been working with Rabbi Benj for the past few months to create what we hope will be meaningful service opportunities we can all experience safely. Mt. Sinai is very lucky to have a wonderful new rabbi who has great ideas and is intellectually flexible and technologically comfortable enough to meet the challenges of helping us connect with our Jewish values and our spiritual center during a pandemic. He has been a joy to work with and we are excited for you all to get to know him better over the holidays and the years to come.

The program we have put together consists of a mix of pre-recorded streamed services, Zoom services and discussions and in-person Tashlich outdoor services as well as opportunities for individual and family reflection time in the sanctuary. Links for our streamed services will stay live, which gives congregants flexibility with their time. It's impossible to be late to a prerecorded service. Our Zoom services and discussions will allow us to see each other and interact without putting anyone's health at risk. There will be a few Tashlich services in different areas through the Days of Awe which will allow us to see each other in person, even if we need to stay at least six feet apart and wear masks. And for families wanting to spend some meditative time in the sanctuary and in front of the Ark, Rabbi Benj is happy to facilitate that, just call the synagogue to schedule a time.

If you need help with the technology, please reach out to Kristin or Marian or to any one of us and we will get you connected with someone who can help. Holiday prayer books are available for check out from the synagogue. If you live outside the Wausau area and would like to check out a prayer book, please let Kristin know.

The holidays will be different this year. Some things will be harder, others may be easier. We hope they will be deeply meaningful and that we will be able to treasure the time we spend together even though we are far apart.

Your ritual committee, Tara Woolpy, Melanie Kuolt, Marsha Stella, Donna Stapleton, Barb Rothweiler, Janet Cohodas, Mike Kolasinski, Robert Kreczner and Gail Skelton

| TORAH PORTIONS | | |
|----------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| 9/5 | Ki Tavo | Deut. 26:1-29:8 |
| 9/12 | Nitzavim-Vayeilech | Deut 29:9–31:30 |
| 9/19 | Rosh HaShanah | Gen. 21:1-34 & Num. 29:1-6 |
| 9/26 | Ha'Azinu | Deut. 32:1-32:52 |



BOOK CLUB 2020-2021

Book Club meets every 1st Wednesday at noon! Click [HERE](#) for more details

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| October 14, 2020 | The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane | Lisa See | Fiction |
| November 11, 2020 | Spies of No Country | Matti Friedman | Non-Fiction |
| December 9, 2020 | Still Here | Lara Vapnyr | Fiction |
| January 13, 2021 | The Hare With Amber Eyes: A Hidden Inheritance | Edmund de Waal | Non-Fiction |
| February 10, 2021 | Memento Park | Mark Sarvas | Fiction |
| March 10, 2021 | Birth: The Surprising History of How We Are Born | Tina Cassidy | Non-Fiction |
| April 14, 2021 | Talking to Strangers | Malcolm Gladwell | Non-Fiction |
| May 12, 2021 | The Gifted School | Bruce Holsinger | Fiction |
| June 9, 2021 | Fierce Attachments | Vivian Gornick | Non-Fiction |
| July 14, 2021 | The Mathematician's Shiva | Stuart Rojstaczer | Fiction |
| August 11, 2021 | Behold the Dreamers | Imbolo Mbue | Fiction |
| September 8, 2021 | Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI | David Grann | Non-Fiction |

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-----------------------------------|--|-----|---------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|---|
| 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | | | | | 7pm - Virtual | Parashat Ki Tavo |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| Labor Day | | | 12pm - Book Club 7pm - Board | | | Parashat |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| | | | | | Rosh Hashana Eve 7pm - Erev Rosh | Rosh Hashana 10am - Rosh 3pm - Rosh |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| Rosh Hashana | Gedaliah Fast | | | | 7pm - Shabbat | Parashat Ha'Azinu |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Yom Kippur Eve 7pm - Kol Nidre | Yom Kippur 10am - Yom 3pm - Yom Kippur | | | | | |



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