



Chadashot K'hilah

Community News



CHANGE FOR THE NEW YEAR By Rabbi Birdie Becker

During our High Holiday prayers, we seek *t'shuvah*. This word has a complex definition. The outcome of the concept though is seeking change. If we are diligent with our prayers, they will help us make the changes within to face life, and sometimes death, in new ways. This is the purpose of prayer. It is not seeking to change God but change our relationship with God by changing our actions and thought processes. In turn, this changes our relationship with those around us as well as comfort in our own skin. If you are looking for ways to change your life, we hope you will join us as we continue to reveal our identity throughout the year in community.

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This may prove to be a difficult year for community. The divisiveness of the country threatens to permeate every household and we are a household, a family. We strive to look out for one another and keep each other in meaningful prayer. We knowingly disagree on issues and enjoy the give and take. It is the old-fashioned way of expanding dialogue. We can take pride in now having years-long experience in working through and with multiple views. We even find common ground from time to time.

As we reflect on our personal lives during the month of Elul and plan for the coming year, so too we reflect on the life of our community: what has been and what might be. The Shabbat services are friendly, lively and interactive. The off-site discussions have been highly successful: good food, intense, respectful disagreements as we explore topics of the day based on Jewish text. The minor holidays have brought more families together to engage in ceremonies and see our school children participate and perform. The Purim carnival has been an added bonus for fun and funds for the school. The High Holidays lets us renew our souls as well as our acquaintances with some we have missed in all our comings and goings during the year. We love getting together, but in an effort to meet other desires and needs we are expanding our offerings for the coming year to see what might work.

Our first gathering for a family mini-service and Israeli dancing was fast and fun -filled. The earlier time had a bonus – I drove home with my eyes still open. If you missed this opportunity, keep your eyes open for the next one. After the High Holidays, we will have a variety of services, programs and celebrations. I look forward to seeing you often in the coming year.

L'Shana Tovah U'metuka

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Michael Atlas-Acuña



Summer is officially over and now we have to start thinking about the High Holidays, which are right around the corner. While the Holidays are a time for reflection, they are also the time when we ask for donations to help us fund the operations of the congregation. Thanks to your generosity in the past, we are in a better financial situation than last year at this time.

That being said, this year we are setting a goal to raise \$6,000. By now you might be asking why \$6,000? \$6,000 is the balance on the new boiler we purchased in 2014. We financed \$15,000 and have done well paying down the principal. The Board would like to be debt free, and paying the balance of the boiler would achieve that goal. I will be focusing on this throughout the holiday period, so this is just a heads up.

I want to remind everyone that in large congregations you would have to purchase tickets to attend High Holiday Services, so the fact that Temple Emanuel does not charge for seating is a blessing. I know that we don't have the large membership, but what we do have is a more intimate and personal synagogue, which is why we usually have individuals from Colorado Springs and other communities come to Temple Emanuel. Being able to donate what is comfortable for you is much better than having to purchase a ticket, and it's a personal choice.

Many of you donate to other organizations, which is a strong Jewish value. All I ask is that you put Temple Emanuel on your list.

May we all be inscribed for a year of health, happiness, sweetness, blessings and peace.

Shana Tova,

Michael



Temple Emanuel Mission Statement

Temple Emanuel of Pueblo is a small congregation that strives to create a family atmosphere. Our mission is to foster Jewish identity and ensure the survival of Judaism in a small community.

Todah Rabbah!

Thanks to all who contributed to Temple Emanuel in the last few months:

- Roya Rotchel
- Becky Espinoza
- Drs. Haydee & Gregorio Kort
- Harvey Herzog
- Julia Vean
- Michael Kamin
- Francis Thompson
- Rebecca Boxer
- Old Historic Northside Organization



תודה רבה

Congregational Meeting

Temple Emanuel held its annual congregational dinner Sunday, August 21. Reports were heard of the past year's accomplishments, and goals were set for 5777. All officers and board members were retained.

Of note was the decision to repeat the kosher Rosh Hashana dinner in conjunction with United Hebrew Center.

Also discussed were the security and Insurance of the Torah scrolls.

The Temple's financial status at this time is much improved over last year, due to generous donations.



Temple Emanuel is into the third year of participation in the PJ Library program, which provides free, age-appropriate books and music to families raising Jewish children, ages 6 months through 8 years. In the past two years, we have exceeded our goal number of subscribers. The most recent count is 18 children receiving books. Temple Emanuel contributes a small amount per year for each subscriber, so it is very cost-effective. Temple receives books and music as well, and now parents and grandparents can also receive materials.

Affiliation with a Jewish congregation is the aim of the program, along with getting Jewish families with young children together. PJ Library is sponsored by the Union for Reform Judaism, Women for Reform Judaism and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation. To enroll in PJ Library, go to pjlibrary.org/pueblo and sign up!

Rafuah Shelema

Temple Emanuel wishes a speedy recovery to the following members of the community members who have been ailing:

- ◆ Lois Kleiner
- ◆ Sandra Garascia
- ◆ Don Siegfried
- ◆ Sahar Rotchel
- ◆ Elsa Klaiman
- ◆ Harvey Mizel
- ◆ Kathy Carson
- ◆ Harvey Herzog
- ◆ Sandy Stein

רפואה שלמה



Shofar Blowers Arise!

If you are willing and able to blow Shofar on Rosh Hashana or Yom Kippur, please contact Rabbi Birdie at rabbibirdie@gmail.com. It's not too late!



Yizkor List



Those wishing to place new names on the Yizkor list for Yom Kippur please send the names plus your \$15 donation to Temple Emanuel, 1325 N. Grand, Pueblo, CO 81003. They need to be received by Saturday, October 8, so mail early!

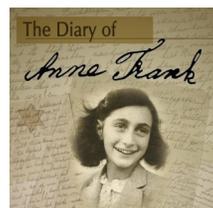


Miriam Gray to Perform!

One of our very own congregants, Miriam (Meri) Gray will play the part of Edith Frank in the Steel City Theatre Company's production of *The Diary of Anne Frank*. Performances

are scheduled for October 7, 8, 14, 15, 21 and 22 at 7:30 pm, and on October 9, 16, and 23 at 2:30 pm.

The Steel City Theatre Company is located at 241 S. Santa Fe Avenue. For more information, please call, 719-994-8298.



Religious School News

The Herzog Family Religious School is in full swing, with two new teachers and four new students. The older two classes will be adding the Prophets to their religious studies, while the younger two will concentrate on Torah, mitzvot, holidays and concepts of God. All students, of course, are studying Hebrew. The religious school is also pleased to welcome two new post-Bar Mitzvah volunteers! This makes for the largest enrollment in several years.



Once again, be looking forward to seeing the students assisting with conducting Shabbat services. The first will be a Shabbat honoring our veteran on November 11. Also on the schedule are the Chanukah food drive, Tu B'Shevat seder and Purim Carnival. It's going to be a busy 5777!

In the Service

One Shabbat morning, Rabbi Levy noticed seven-year-old David staring up at the large plaque hanging in the shul lobby. It was covered with names and small American flags were mounted on either side of it. David had been staring at the plaque for some time, so Rabbi Levy walked over to him and said quietly, "Shabbat shalom, David."



"Shabbat shalom, Rabbi," replied David, still intent on the plaque. "Rabbi, what is this?"

"Well, David, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service."

Soberly, they stood together, staring at the large plaque. Then little David, in a barely audible whisper, asked, "Which service, Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur?"

Non-Traditional Shabbat

With the success of previous non-traditional Shabbat discussions, more are on the way! Be prepared to have a brief, table-side Shabbat service followed by a lively discussion of a contemporary topic from a Jewish point of view. The first of these for 5777 is scheduled for Friday, December 9. The time, place and topic have yet to be determined, but be assured that all who attend will have plenty to say on both sides of the issue! Mark your calendars and watch for more details.



Summary of Fall Holiday Dates (All in October!) at Temple Emanuel unless otherwise noted

◆ Sunday, October 2	Erev Rosh Hashana Dinner	6:00 pm
	Erev Rosh Hashana Joint Service	7:30 pm
◆ Monday, October 3	Rosh Hashana Service	9:30 am
◆	Taschlich	12:30 pm Mineral Palace Park
◆ Tuesday, October 11	Erev Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre	6:30 pm
◆ Wednesday, October 12	Yom Kippur Services	9:30 am and all day
◆ Sunday, October 16	Sukkah building and decorating	10:30 am
	Erev Sukkot	Begins at sunset
◆ Friday, October 21	Sukkot Potluck/Simchat Torah Observed	6:30 pm
	Consecration of New Religious School Students	



Adult Hebrew Class Returns

Have you wanted to learn to read Hebrew, but never had the opportunity? Here's your opportunity. Adult Hebrew class meets Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Temple Emanuel social hall. The Hebrew being studied is for prayer book and Torah. The cost is \$45 for the year, plus the cost of additional books if needed. If you haven't yet enrolled, it's not too late. Contact Helena at 719-406-3233.





Calendar



Sunday, October 2, 2016
No Religious School
Erev Rosh Hashana
Community Kosher Dinner
6:00 pm
Temple Emanuel Social Hall
Erev Rosh Hashana Service
7:30 pm
Monday, October 3, 2016
Rosh Hashana
9:30 am
Taschlich
Mineral Palace Park
12:15 pm (time approximate)

Friday, October 7, 2016
Shabbat Shuva Potluck & Service
6:30 pm

Sunday, October 9, 2016
Religious School
10:30 am

Tuesday, October 11, 2016
Erev Yom Kippur
Kol Nidre
6:30 pm

Wednesday, October 12, 2016
Yom Kippur
9:30 am

Friday, October 14, 2016
Shabbat Service
7:30 pm

Sunday, October 16, 2016
Religious School
Build & Decorate Sukkah
10:30 am
Erev Sukkot

Friday, October 21, 2016
Sukkot Potluck & Short Service
Followed by observance of
Simchat Torah
6:30 pm

Sunday, October 23, 2016
Religious School
10:30 am

Monday, October 24, 2016
Shemini Atzeret

Tuesday, October 25, 2016
Simchat Torah (actual)

Friday, October 28, 2016
Shabbat Service
7:30 pm

Sunday, October 30, 2016
Religious School
10:30 am

Friday, November 4, 2016
Shabbat Potluck & Short Service
6:30 pm

Sunday, November 6, 2016
Religious School

Friday, November 11, 2016
Veterans Day
Student Led Shabbat Service
In Honor of Veterans
With Rabbi Birdie Becker
7:30 pm

Sunday, November 13, 2016
Religious School
10:30 am

Friday, November 18, 2016
Shabbat Service
7:30 pm

Sunday, November 20, 2016
Religious School
10:30 am

Thursday, November 24, 2016
Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 25, 2016
Shabbat Service
7:30 pm.

Sunday, November 27, 2016
No Religious School
Thanksgiving Break

Friday, December 2, 2016
Shabbat Potluck & Short Service
6:30 pm

Sunday, December 4, 2016
Religious School
10:30 am

Friday, December 9, 2016
Non-traditional Shabbat
With Rabbi Birdie Becker
Time and Location
To Be Determined

Sunday, December 11, 2016
Religious School
10:30 am

Friday, December 16, 2016
Shabbat Service
7:30 pm

Friday, December 23, 2016
Shabbat Service
7:30 pm

Sunday, December 24, 2016
First Night of Chanukah

Sunday, December 25, 2016
No Religious School-Winter Break

Friday, December 30, 2016
Chanukah Latke Party
6:30 pm

Sunday, January 1, 2016
No Religious School-Winter Break

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