

HISTORIC B'NAI JACOB SYNAGOGUE



Nissley at Water Streets

Middletown, Pennsylvania 17057

SUMMER 2018 NEWSLETTER

Services Calendar

Erev Rosh Hashana (5779):

Sun. Sept. 9 - 7:00 p.m.

Rosh Hashana:

Mon. Sept. 10 - 9:15 a.m.

Erev Yom Kippur

Kol Nidre:

Tues. Sept. 18 - 7:00 p.m.

Yom Kippur

Wed. Sept. 19 - 9:15 a.m.

Yizkor Service - 11:00 a.m.

Mincha - 5:00 p.m.

Ne'eila - 6:00 p.m.

Break-the-Fast - after sundown

Shabbos Service

Fri. Oct. 5 - 7:30 p.m.

Shabbos Service for Veterans:

Fri. Nov. 9 - 7:30 p.m.

Shabbos Service:

Fri. Dec. 7 - 7:30 p.m.

Hanukah Party

Sun., Dec. 9 - Noon

REMEMBERING AND HONORING OUR DEAD DEPARTED

Yizkor prayers are recited four times a year during special services to remember and honor our dear departed held on *Yom Kippur*, *Shemini Atzeret*, the last day of *Passover*, and on *Shavuot*. Our Shul also prepares a special Yizkor Book of Remembrance for our Yizkor Service on Yom Kippur, when we also read the names of all of our dead departed. In addition to our Yizkor prayers, we remember and honor our dear departed by visiting their graves and leaving tokens of our visits to remind others of our gratitude for those lives. While some Shuls in our area have established cemeteries for their Congregations and others, our Shul has no cemetery. There is one Jewish cemetery in our area (the Arbeiter Cemetery) that is not owned by a Shul but is being cared for locally in the spirit of extending the mitzvah of *chesed shel emet* to those who no longer have anyone else.

Many Jewish cemeteries throughout Central Pennsylvania are no longer managed by their founding Shuls and are now being managed by the Jewish Community Foundation of Central Pennsylvania, with the Foundation's Cemetery Committee of volunteers making regular inspections of the cemeteries to check for maintenance issues and needed repairs. The Foundation provides checklists for these inspections and the inspectors also take photos of the sites for reference and historical records. These inspections provide volunteers not only with the opportunity to extend the mitzvah of *chesed shel emet* to these entrusted places but also to make a connection with the Jewish Life of other communities. Interested volunteers can contact Paulette Keifer at the Foundation (Phone: (717) 236-9555 Ext. 1). You can also check out the International Jewish Cemetery Project website: iajgsjewishcemeteryproject.org.

Orstein Scholarship



Marissa Redline is the winner of the 2018 Ida Betty Orstein - Historic B'nai Jacob Scholarship at Middletown High School. It is awarded annually to a graduating senior who has overcome challenges.

While in 9th grade, Marissa woke up one morning unable to move her body and was diagnosed at the hospital with Conversion Disorder. After several weeks of medications and therapy at the hospital, she was able to return home where she received continuing physical and occupational therapy. Finally, she was able to return to school. While she initially had to use a walker to get around the building, she eventually had a full recovery. She is planning to enroll this Fall at Penn State Harrisburg to major in Computer Science.

THANK YOU

Our Shul's thanks and recognition to The Jewish Community Foundation of Central Pennsylvania through the Harrisburg Haverim Society and to the Lorena Feidt Lemons Endowment Fund of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities for grants used to purchase a serving cart and install an auxiliary heater and door for our Social Hall. Our Shul Treasurer, Larry Kapenstein, prepared the grant proposals.

LOCAL NEWS

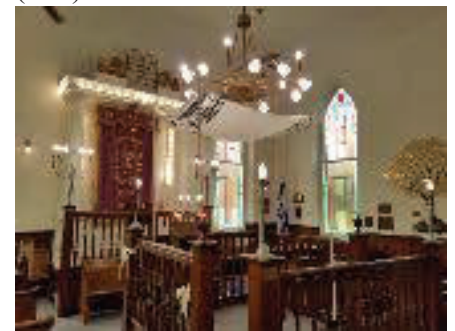
- The neighborhood around the Shul is still developing in anticipation of the relocation of the local AMTRAK Station, close to the Airport and the Ann Street Bridge. Due to delays in the required relocation of tracks (with a cost of about \$9 Million), work on the new station itself is not expected to begin until 2020. The new Middletown Station Project includes a 400-space parking area, space for shops and a hotel, and a pedestrian bridge over Route 230.
- A new pizza shop (a branch of Tony's Pizza in Highspire) as well as a Chinese restaurant (Hong's Wok) have opened just across from the Shul in the shopping area next to the new AT&T Store. There is one remaining vacant storefront at the end of that section across from the Wells Fargo Bank, but the Dollar Store has closed at the other end (next to The Hop Yard Sports Bar). The new Comfort Inn and Suites Harrisburg Airport-Hershey South, with 87 rooms, including 31 suites, as well as a saltwater indoor pool, opened across Route 230 near the Airport access road.

ENDOWMENT FUND

Last Summer, as announced in our Summer 2017 Newsletter, our Shul established the Historic B'nai Jacob Endowment Fund. Several members of our Congregation have already submitted Letters of Intent to participate in and/or made direct contributions to the Endowment Fund. The Fund provides income to supplement and not replace annual giving to the Shul's general fund. For more information and the Letter of Intent form, see the Shul Website's Endowment Fund link.

SIMCHAS AT THE SHUL

Our Shul is available for weddings, bar/bat mitzvahs and other simchas. For information on rates and dates, contact our Shul Treasurer/Shamus Larry Kapenstein either by email at lkap@com-cast.net or by phone at (717) 512-7135.



Historic B'nai Jacob Synagogue is located in Middletown, Pennsylvania, near the Harrisburg International Airport.

If you have news that you want to share or would like to be added to our mailing list, PLEASE send that information through the e-mail link at: <http://www.b-nai-jacob.org>

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