

Rabbi Harley Karz-Wagman



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and wife, Barbara

Rabbi Harley Karz-Wagman is the new spiritual leader of Mt. Sinai Synagogue. He also serves the Laramie Jewish Community Center, teaches Holocaust History at Laramie County Community College, and practices law in Cheyenne. He was ordained in 1984 through the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (Cincinnati, Ohio). He has previously served as Rabbi in Wilmington, North Carolina; Everett, Washington; and Hot Springs, Arkansas. A native of Los Angeles, he had practiced for five years as an attorney after graduating from the UCLA School of Law in 1980.

Rabbi Karz-Wagman's community activism includes organizing and teaching for Holocaust Education Committees; creating groups to celebrate diversity and fight prejudice; leadership roles in Israel advocacy, domestic violence, and interfaith education; and United Way.

His wife, Barbara, works for Wells Fargo Bank in Cheyenne. They have two sons: Daniel, a San Francisco based musician, and Noah, who works in finance in Seattle. Still living at home are their two dogs, Windy and Maya.

History of Mt. Sinai Congregation



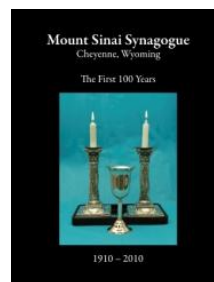
Participants in Main Sanctuary,
Centennial Celebration, June 2010

The earliest Jewish pioneers and settlers in Wyoming were immigrants from Europe seeking religious freedom. German Jewish merchants came to Cheyenne in 1867. By 1888, the congregation, Temple Emanuel, was formed.

During the early 20th century, Jewish immigrants from Eastern Europe sought more opportunities, including free land (Homestead Act). Mt. Sinai was founded in 1910, in a small house on Eddy Street (now Pioneer Avenue) and 20th Street.

Another wave of immigration came after World War II. The original building became inadequate. The new synagogue building was dedicated in 1951. In 2007, a historical marker was placed at Pioneer Avenue and 20th Street, in dedication to Mt. Sinai, the first permanent synagogue in Wyoming.

In 2010, our Membership Biography book was published and hundreds of present and past congregants attended a joyous Centennial Celebration.



Front Cover of Centennial Book

Mt. Sinai Congregation

The Next 100 Years

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Historic Marker at
Pioneer Avenue and 20th Street

Contact us for more detailed information about our many educational, cultural, social, community, and religious activities.

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Mt. Sinai Congregation remains dedicated to the maintenance and growth of Jewish religious and cultural life in Cheyenne.

Ways to Participate



Eager Attendees Waiting for Yiddish Food Festival to Begin, May 2009

Educational, Cultural, and Social:

Hebrew Language
Basic Judaism
Jewish History
Torah Study

Religious School
High School Youth Group and Education

Jewish and Israeli Folk Dancing
Jewish Cooking
Yiddish Food Festival

Film Series
Visiting Lecturers

Mah Jongg
Sisterhood
Hadassah
B'nai B'rith
High Holyday Journal

Ways to Participate



Israeli Dancers,
Yiddish Food Festival, May 2009

Community service:

Cheyenne Interfaith Council
Family Promise Program
Day of Giving

Holocaust Education and Commemoration

Holiday Packages for Warren AFB Military

Firefighters' Christmas Dinner

Ritual:

Serving a broad range of practice

Shabbat Services:

Friday evening
Saturday morning
Saturday Torah study

Holiday Celebrations and Observances

Life Cycle Events

Ways to Contribute

Membership

Endowment

Donations:

In memory of loved ones

In honor of life events

To purchase stained glass windows

To synagogue funds:

Building

Cemetery

Library

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

General

Volunteering time:

Welcoming

Events:

Yiddish Food Festival

See's Candy Sale

Passover Seder

Hanukah Party

Purim Gift Bags

Holocaust Commemoration

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