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YIDDISH FOOD FESTIVAL 2009: PRELIMINARY REPORT

The 4th Annual Yiddish Food Festival was successful! Our outreach to the community was terrific. While a specific count was not done, our committee believes between 700 and 800 attendees enjoyed the activities during the six hour event. Please check the Mt. Sinai internet page next week. Sunday May 31st at 12:30 the post Festival meeting to critique and evaluate the 2009 event will be held. Our committee urges everyone to attend and share their thoughts. We request with your comments and criticisms, also present suggestions you believe could correct the problem. Our Yiddish Food Festival is a learning process.

Please thank the six members who agreed to serve on the Festival Committee: Roslyne Kaufman, Rayette Reese, Helen Zigmund, Dr. Georgia Young, Bea Montross and Doreen Glotzer. A special note of appreciation goes to Dorothy Feldman, Phyllis Bloomberg, Dr. Jason Bloomberg, Jeff Weinstein and Joe Golden. Each of them handled important tasks that contributed to our success.

Our members and guests throughly enjoyed the music provided by the Boulder Klezmer Consort. Sheldon Sands was thrilled with our turnout and the crowds' enthusiasm. Howard Rodack was a great master of ceremonies. The tours conducted by Jason Bloomberg and Rabbi were well attended. The small Sanctuary was full for each Hassidic Tales presentation by Rabbi Moon. Georgia Young reported that the gift shop did solid business. Our community truly supported and enjoyed themselves. And, our first attempt to sell food items and beverages in the backyard worked without any major glitches.

It took 110 people to set up Saturday evening and run the show on Sunday, May 17th. Mt Sinai members including Rabbi Moon and her fiancé Andy, (Rabbi Moon and Andy did a great job! Please thank them.) Volunteers from outside our Congregation included the Christian community, the ROTC and commander Ralph Summermain from Central High school, and visiting family and friends of members. Every one of these volunteers had an enjoyable experience and wants to help with the next Yiddish Food Festival.

ALL OF THE PEOPLE WHO ATTENDED THIS YEAR ARE AWARE THAT WE COULD HAVE SOLD PLENTY MORE CABBAGE ROLLS, LATKES AND PASTRIES!!!!

Our "thank you" ads will be in three newspapers next week.

Bills are still being paid. We hope to provide the expenses and final numbers at our next meeting. At that time we will also announce the recipients of the 10% of net proceeds donation.

Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Yiddish Food Festival

Movie Night,

Saturday, May 30th, at 7 PM.

Our movie will be **American Splendor**, based on the graphic novel by Harvey Pekar (one of the authors featured in the Jewish Graphic Novel series held in Laramie last fall). American Splendor is the story of a working class every man (Harvey Pekar), who is also a first class curmudgeon. Pekar finds love, family, and his creative voice through the underground comic books he creates, but he still can't find the quicker supermarket checkout line. Ordinary life can be pretty complex! The real Harvey and his wife Joyce appear in the movie, along with comic book renderings of the couple and cameos by some of Harvey's closest friends. This is a hilarious and heartwarming film you will be sure to enjoy!

American Splendor was the winner of the Grand Jury Prize at the 2003 Sundance Film Festival and also the winner of the International Critics Award at the 2003 Cannes Film Festival.

Popcorn, drinks, and other goodies will be available during and after the movie. Havdalah will follow the movie.

Hope to see you there!

Phyllis



Help Needed

We are looking for anyone who is interested in teaching Sunday school as a teacher or substitute teacher. Please contact Nate Breen or myself for the fall semester.

Morris Gardner
Education Committee Chair



ARINNA'S ARENA

Dear Congregants,

Our Yiddish Food Festival this year was an incredibly successful event. To everyone who participated, you deserve many thanks! It would not have been possible without all of us pitching in to make it work. In addition to Mt. Sinai members, we had a huge number of volunteers from the larger Cheyenne community. With all of this teamwork, we produced a fun-filled occasion, created significant outreach to the non-Jewish community, and raised money for our synagogue.

What is the secret behind this success? We were all working for a larger cause. Each person donated their unique abilities and talents. Some were able to do the heavy lifting, others had expertise in grant writing or publicity; still others shared their knowledge of how to run a large event. Differences in age, religion, and philosophy melted away when it came to moving furniture, packaging sandwiches and selling shekels. The focus of all of these efforts was on the end result, not on the personalities of the people involved.

Many different people make up our congregation at Mt. Sinai. There are long-standing members and those who have recently joined; some identify as Conservative, others as Reform. People come to services and events for differing reasons: the teaching, the opportunity to pray, the music, the dancing, or the friendships. We are one congregation with many diverse perspectives and elements. Most importantly, it takes all of us to keep the synagogue a vibrant place of Jewish learning and culture.

Diversity of thought and opinion is what makes us a 'rich' congregation. I see it when we have our Sunday teachings. I see it when we have our discussions during Friday night services and on Shabbat afternoons, and I see it in the variety of activities that we have ongoing at Mt. Sinai.

Appreciating differences does not mean that we are in agreement with each other on every issue or circumstance, and in fact, that would be somewhat boring. Appreciating differences means continuously trying to understand each other's perspectives and respecting those perspectives, even if they do not always make sense to us.

What we accomplished at this year's festival was simply amazing. The teamwork among our congregants and with our community at large gave us a wonderful model of what cooperation and diversity of thought can accomplish when it is allowed to foster.

Let us continue to hold on to that vision and build on our strengths. May God grace us with *sh'lom bayit*, peace in our house and peace in our synagogue.

Blessings,

Rabbi Arinna Moon

Sermons and Teachings

The Rabbi's sermons and selected teachings are available on the website on the Rabbi's page. Go to www.mtsinaicheyenne.org.

How to Reach the Rabbi:

The Rabbi will be in town June 11 - 14 & 25 - 28. She can be reached any time on her cell phone: (307) 630-1926 or by email: ravleahshira@gmail.com.

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David Lerner and Wyoming Network

Join us for:

Thursday, May 28, 8:00 p.m. Tikkun Leil Shavuot (study session for the festival)

Yitzker (memorial service), Saturday morning, May 30

Movie Night Saturday, May 30 - 7:00
American Splendor

Mah Jongg Sunday, May 31, 3 - 4:30

Friday Shabbat Service 7:00 p.m.

Saturday Shabbat Service 9:00 a.m.

Saturday study group when Rabbi is in town 3:30 p.m.

The Sisterhood Meeting

The second Sunday of the month.

The Synagogue Board Meeting

The third Wednesday of the month.

Recent Donors

Evelynn Smith – in memory of Mildred Anon
Irwin Pasternack
Marv & Dorothy Wolf – pledge
Roz Kaufman – pledge
Hershel Shapiro – in memory of Abraham Shapiro
Harlan Ribnik – pledge
Jeff & Mary Weinstein – pledge
Dorothy Feldman – pledge
Mark & Susan Feldman – pledge



From *Why I am a Jew* by Edmond Fleg

I am a Jew because born of Israel and having lost it, I felt it revive within me more alive than I am myself.

I am a Jew because born of Israel, and having found it again, I would have it live after me even more alive than it is within me.

I am a Jew because the faith of Israel demands no abdication of my mind.

I am a Jew because the faith of Israel asks every possible sacrifice of my soul.

I am a Jew because in all places where there are tears and suffering the Jew weeps.

I am a Jew because in every age when the cry of despair is heard the Jew hopes.

I am a Jew because the message of Israel is the most ancient and the most modern.

I am a Jew because Israel's promise is a universal promise.

I am a Jew because for Israel the world is not finished; men will complete it.

I am a Jew because for Israel man is not yet created: men are creating him.

I am a Jew because Israel places Man and his Unity above nations and above Israel itself.

I am a Jew because above Man, image of the Divine Unity, Israel places the unity which is divine.

A volunteer is needed to take over the Kehilla. If you have always wanted to be an editor or have a knack for desktop publishing, here is your chance.

June Yahrzeits

Abraham Shapiro – Tuesday, June 2 – 10 Sivan
Mary G. Hudes – Tuesday, June 2 – 10 Sivan
Helen Neyhart – Thursday, June 4 – 12 Sivan
Samuel Shapiro – Thursday, June 4 – 12 Sivan
Louis Friedman – Friday, June 5 – 13 Sivan
Rose Schwartz – Saturday, June 6 – 14 Sivan
Bessie Pollock – Saturday, June 6 – 14 Sivan
David Veta – Sunday, June 7 – 15 Sivan
Harry Gillman – Sunday, June 7 – 15 Sivan
Charles Brill – Monday, June 8 – 16 Sivan
Jacob Marchick – Tuesday, June 9 – 17 Sivan
Michael L. Wynn – Wednesday, June 10 – 18 Sivan
Leah Levin – Thursday, June 11 – 19 Sivan
Eva Smith – Thursday, June 11 – 19 Sivan
Louis Garlet – Thursday, June 11 – 19 Sivan
Rose Faingold – Sunday, June 14 – 22 Sivan
Ben Feiner – Sunday, June 14 – 22 Sivan
Dora Feinstein – Wednesday, June 17 – 25 Sivan
David Sidelman – Wednesday, June 17 – 25 Sivan
Barnett Davis – Thursday, June 18 – 26 Sivan
Philip Kuperstein – Friday, June 19 – 27 Sivan
Abe Silverstein – Saturday, June 20 – 28 Sivan
Charles N. Bronstein – Sunday, June 21 – 29 Sivan
Kenneth Handler – Wednesday, June 24 – 2 Tammuz
Sylvia Strimling – Thursday, June 25 – 3 Tammuz
Leonard Strimling – Thursday, June 25 – 3 Tammuz
Sam Shuman – Saturday, June 27 – 5 Tammuz
Harry Lozabnick – Tuesday, June 30 – 8 Tammuz
Ester Snyder – Tuesday, June 30 – 8 Tammuz

Wish List Is this your mitzvah? Please consider a donation for one or more of the following items.

Teacher's texts for Adult Hebrew \$40 • Friday night congregational dinner \$75 • Case of wine for Kiddush \$50

Toner cartridge for the printer \$90 • Toner cartridge for the copier \$150 • Color laser printer \$400

I would like to make the following donation to Mt. Sinai Congregation:

My name _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

anniversary • birth • graduation • appreciation • birthday • marriage • bar or bat mitzvah

The contribution amount _____

Make checks payable to Mt. Sinai Congregation and mail to P.O. Box 1012, Cheyenne, WY 82003

The following is a list of funds to which contributions can be made. Please circle your choice.

B'nai B'rith • Gift Shop • Library • Yiddish Food Festival • Rabbi Fund • Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Endowment Fund • Trust Fund • Building Fund • Cemetery Fund • Uri Neil Window Fund

Other _____

Please send acknowledgment to _____

To donate to Sisterhood, Hadassah, or Jewish Women International contact Lila Gallensky.

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