

# THE KEHILLA

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## November Events

Rabbi Moon will be in Cheyenne:

November 20th through November 23rd

Dance class – November 16 at 1:30 pm

Board meeting – November 19 at 7:00 pm

Dinner at the synagogue – November 21 at 5:30 pm

Study session with the Rabbi – November 22 at 3:00 pm

Havdalah and Film – November 22 at 7:00 pm

Cemetery committee meeting at Nagle Warren – November 23 at 8:30 am

Intro to Judaism class – November 23 at 10:00 am

Bea's Dance class – November 23 at 1:30 pm



## Building & Grounds To Do List

Please list thing that need to be done — DO NOT tell Jimmy — give them to Joe Golden to handle

*Synagogues are run by those who participate.*

## November Birthdays

Rabbi Arinna Moon

Ya'el McLoud

Phyllis Bloomberg

## See's Candy Sale

We are offering the usual favorites and some new choices for Chanukah. Many of the selections are now Kosher – Dairy. We continue to keep our prices as low as possible, which makes this delicious candy also quite the bargain.

Orders will be available for pick up at the Synagogue beginning Sunday, November 30. Pick up hours will be Sunday through Thursday from 10 AM to 4 PM. For those unable to come to the Synagogue, orders can be delivered.

As usual, additional candy will be available to sample and purchase during the above pick up hours. The Gift Shop will also be open during much of the sale. The date of the Annual Gift Shop Open House will be announced in the near future.

This is the Sisterhood's big fundraiser, and we appreciate the assistance of everyone – men, women, and children! If you would like to help sell candy, need an order form for your office, or would be available to help out during the pick up days, please contact any Sisterhood member or call the office.

## Reminder

As you probably know an Aliyah is given to honor a member of the congregation. It is also a means of raising money for the many expenses of the synagogue. If you feel inclined to make a donation for this endeavor it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for participating in the High Holy Day services.

Lester Weinstein



## Arinna's Arena

Dear Congregants,

With the High Holy Days and the Festivals behind us, we enter the month of November. Gone is the excitement of building and eating in our wonderful *sukkah*, learning to shake the *lulav* and dancing with the Torah scrolls. November this year corresponds almost completely with the Hebrew month of Heshvan. While holidays and festivals are scattered throughout the Jewish year, the exception is the month of Heshvan. Because of this, the month has been termed Marheshvan, bitter Heshvan, since it lacks a holiday. However, the term “mar” can also be read as “mister,” which is interpreted in the *midrash* to mean that this poor month without a holiday is compensated by receiving special respect!

Perhaps because there are no Jewish holidays in it, the Hebrew month of Heshvan has been declared Jewish Social Action Month, an initiative endorsed by the Israeli Knesset. Maimonides teaches us that we are obligated to be more scrupulous in fulfilling the *mitzvah* of pursuing justice than any other positive *mitzvah*, because the pursuit of justice is the sign of a righteous person, the seed of Abraham our ancestor, as it is said, “For I know him that he will command his children to pursue justice” (Genesis 18:19). Pursuing justice is the *sine qua non* of membership in the Jewish people and the act that binds us to our founding ancestor Abraham. In pursuing justice during Heshvan, and throughout the year, we reconnect ourselves to the very essence of what makes us Jewish.

I'd like to suggest that during the month of Heshvan, each of us choose one injustice that we feel passionate about and commit to working on it for the next twelve months. Lest you feel daunted by the task, remember the words of Rabbi Tarfon: “You are not required to complete the work, but neither are you at liberty to abstain from it.”

There is so much to choose from, it almost doesn't matter where we begin. What is important is that we begin somewhere. Whether it is feeding the hungry, working to end domestic violence, or addressing the situation in Darfur, there is an issue that will resonate with each one of us. Start by reading up on the issue in newspapers, magazines and/or on the internet. Find local organizations that deal with the problem you have chosen.

Attend meetings and connect with other people who are working on the same issue. Contact your elected government representatives. Your efforts can make a difference in people's lives and help to bring healing to the parts of our world that are broken. By Heshvan next year, you will have a reinvigorated sense of the role that justice plays in making Judaism meaningful.

With blessings,  
Rabbi Arinna Moon  
*u'metukah*. May you have a good and sweet year.

Rabbi Arinna Moon



Rabbi Moon and her sister Amy  
at the Old West Museum

## Recent Donors

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*Thank You*

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Donations made in memory of Joe Gardner  
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Millie Veta

*Gratefully acknowledging  
and thanking you for your kind  
expression of sympathy*

*Dear Members,*

*Thank you very much for your support  
and compassion during the loss of my  
Father, The fruit basket was beautiful.*

*Love Morris & Family*



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

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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

Sisterhood • Hadassah • Jewish Women International

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please send acknowledgment to \_\_\_\_\_



**The Synagogue Board Meeting** The third Wednesday of the month

Deadline for next issue is the third Tuesday of the month. Letters and comments are welcome!



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