

Rabbi's Column – July 22, 2019

One of the sayings from the Ethics of the Sages is, slightly paraphrased: You, yourself, are not required to complete any worthwhile task - and being unable to complete the task does not allow you to stop working on it.

One of the worthwhile tasks coming up is that of High Holyday services. Over the past few years, I have functioned as both Rabbi and Cantor, with some help from members of the community in various places. This year I will be making use of a lot more help, and probably sitting for a lot more of the service than is my normal pattern. Exactly what that all looks like is still to be determined. So if you are a poet, or have a nice singing voice and would like to help lead a prayer or two, please let Jeff Weinstein, Jason Bloomberg or myself know.

There is an issue with some of our neighbors to the north. You may have heard that Blackjewel Mines closed overnight a few weeks ago. The families have been scrambling to help continue to feed their children, so some of the foodbanks in the area have been raising funds to help do so. Here is a link:

http://fbr.convio.net/site/TR/OngoingVirtualFoodDrive/General?team_id=9450&pg=team&fr_id=1250

This would be in addition to our regularly scheduled food drive. By next week I hope to have a list of what the COMEA kitchen staff project to be needed when the drive ends in mid-August. Should they, due to Frontier Days largesse, have no needs, then the items will be brought to one of the other agencies in town which focus on the hungry and homeless.

Andrea and I thank you all for the continuing help and support as I progress through the various stages of figuring out what is going on medically with my and getting it resolved.