

Rabbi's Column – November 18, 2019

People sometimes complain that Jewish holiday schedules are a bit confusing. I have discovered that for me, American holiday weekends are equally confusing. When I worked in December 2018 to schedule the 2019-2020 Religious School sessions, I used a couple of shortcuts. For example, the fourth Sunday in November I did not schedule any Religious School, but I did schedule it for the first Sunday in December. Most years, that shortcut works. This year, the fourth Sunday comes before the fourth Thursday. I'll see if I can remember to check for this the next time it shows up.

There is a party this week on Tuesday night to celebrate the birth, health and Brit Milah of Noam and Abby's son. While it starts about 6:30 p.m., I am teaching at that time, so I will not be there until around 8:30 p.m., bringing the celebrational pamphlet (which requires some audience participation) and naming certificate with me. Mazal Tov to the whole family!

I was able to contact the Governor's office this week. The message I conveyed is that there is no single representative of the Jews in Wyoming. I do not represent all the Jews in the state, and neither does anyone else. I also suggested that if it works out, it might be better to go at different times to each community in Wyoming with Jews, and maybe go to Jewish events being run by the communities which are open to the general community.

As the season of slipperiness continues, please continue to be very careful and considerate.