



# CHAI TIMES

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## Temple of the High Country

### *A Message from our President....*

Surely it cannot be that time again. High Holy Days cannot be in the offing so soon. Should I trust the calendar and my lying eyes or rather hold fast to my conviction that the summer has just begun? Perhaps it is the cold and rainy weather that has beset us in the High Country. Or perhaps it is the ceaseless rush of activities in the High Country Jewish Community. Events has followed event with such rapidity that I feel like a leaf in a mighty torrent. I am thankful that I have Eleanor to guide me from one thing to the next. In a way I am missing my postal job. As I drove around the highways and

byways of Meat Camp, I always had time to let my thoughts drift to wherever they might go and so I could slowly digest and savor the tumultuous events that we in this modern age are subject to. But now I am retired and on my lovely farm, and the farm is like the sea, beautiful, awesome, endless, but unforgiving. Perhaps one day I will achieve some serenity with Nature and then my mind can drift unvexed as I amble on my sixteen acres. But for now I hear only the tiny voices in my head; "Mow me, herbicide me, fertilize me, prune me, protect me from Elongate Scale, cut me down with the chain saw." What

a ceaseless cacophony it is. But I know that fall is truly coming. .

This brings us back to High Holy Days. They are fast approaching and with them, the opportunity when we can if for only the briefest moment, confide in, and appeal to the God who adopted the strange and fractious desert tribe who are our progenitors. We can put aside the hurly burly for the sacred. We can clear the decks for a little chat with the Lord. And even If we have our doubts in the Divine Presence, then we can hold up a mirror to ourselves and gaze fearfully at our own reflection. Do we meet our own standards? Would

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### *Sisterhood News....*

Over this past summer, the Sisterhood has enjoyed meeting monthly in various locations. On **July 13th** we met at the library and had guest speaker Peter Petschauer, from ASU, who spoke about his life as a boy in Germany during WWII.

On **August 10th**, Ruth Et-

kin gave a talk on numerology and superstition in Jewish life.

For our next meeting which will be held on **September 14th** we will be going to the Hayes Center for the Performing Arts in Blowing Rock at 2 pm where we will see the film "Blessed is the Match: The Hannah Senesh Story. Feel free to contact us if you would like

to go.

The **October** meeting will be on the 11th at the home of Leigh Girard, 500 Appalachian Drive in Boone. New officers will be elected and plans for the year ahead discussed. Contact Ann Pace at [paceaj@umkc.edu](mailto:paceaj@umkc.edu) for more details or to join the Sisterhood

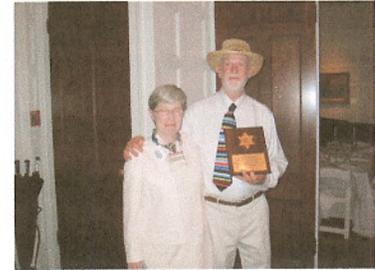
## A Message from our President cont'd....

those who brought us into this world and now are gone from us, if they could speak, would their words be words of approval? Understanding? A schedule appears elsewhere in this newsletter. The old Boone Jewish Community is slowly wrestling itself into the Temple of the High Country. Our holocaust Torah is now on display in the ASU Belk Library. Fundraising for the new Temple continues at a furious pace and with amazing success. (What concerning the new Temple is not amazing?) And most

important of all, the Shabbat service continues, the Hebrew School continues, the celebrations of Jewish life continue. That is what a Jewish Community is all about.

The agricultural committee of the Temple has planted petunias at the sign on Poplar Grove road. Kraut Creek flows placidly and unknowingly to the sea. Our home site is awaiting our coming. And we are coming.

Chuck Lieberman,  
President



Eleanor and Chuck Lieberman at Westglow Resort

## Joys and Celebrations....

What a surprise.. Rachel Siegel was elected Vice President of the Avery High School Drama Club and will be starring in their performance of Huckleberry Finn running Nov 5-8th .

Mazel Tov to Marilyn and Neil Ramo on the birth of their granddaughter Adelais (Addie) Mariette Ramo born April 19, 2009 to parent Natalie and Alex Ramo.

We had a wonderful time honoring Chuck Lieberman for his many years of dedicated service to our Temple at Roland's of Westglow Spa and Resort. We listened to beautiful music performed by violinist Gil Morgenstern and pianist Donald Ber-

man.

We had a special guest Rabbi Dan Daniel Levin, of Temple Beth El of Boca Raton, lead our Shabbat service. We received a letter from him which said " I was very excited to share Shabbat with TOHC. I was impressed by their deep investment in their Judaism and the congregation. I hope that many others will be inspired to make a permanent home for the Jewish community. I am pleased that Temple Beth El will pledge \$10,000 to help in the completion of the project."

Bravo to Bonnie and Jamie Schaefer, Brenda Boozer and everyone who worked

so hard to bring Marvin Hamlich to our small town of Banner Elk for a sold out show where 750 helped raise funds for the new Synagogue.

Special thanks to Sandi and Leonard Solomon for their very generous pledge of \$250,000 toward building our dream



Rabbi Levin and his wife Aimee

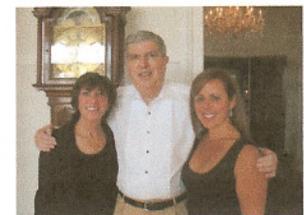
## Upcoming Events....

Please join on **September 10th** at 2 pm for a ceremony to Consecrate the Jewish section of Mount Lawn Cemetery .

On **September 13-16** the Hayes Performing Arts Center will be hosting the Jewish Film Festival. Films will be shown at 2 pm and 7pm daily and admission is \$5.00 per person. For movie titles visit [www.hayescenter.org](http://www.hayescenter.org)

Rosh Hashanah services are **Friday September 18 at 7:30 pm** and **Saturday September 19 at 10 am**. Yom Kipper services are **Sunday September 27 at 7:30** and **Monday September 28 at 10 am**.

Stop by and visit our booth at Hard Lox... a Jewish street festival in Asheville on **Sunday October 18**



Bonnie, Marvin Hamlich and Jamie



Leonard Solomon with Marvin Hamlich

Sandi and

## Words from our Torah Scholar....

### KING JOSIAH and DEUTERONOMY

The book of Deuteronomy, "Sefer-Devarim", consists entirely of the last speech of Moses who tells the history of Israel during the Exodus and the forty years in the desert, thus repeats the three preceding books of the Torah: Exodus, Leviticus and Numbers.

Deuteronomy was found in the course of repairs to the Temple in Jerusalem ordered by Josiah, king of Judea (622 B. C.).

The book is thought to be written centuries before it was found. It was hidden in the Temple in Jerusalem at the time of the

Assyrian invasion of Israel, one hundred years earlier.

The newly found book, called "The Book of the Law" emphasizes the laws of ritual and especially the centralization of cult, which was not at all observed.

In fact, the country was flooded with foreign worshipers and rituals, especially in Northern Israel, which remained under the religious and cultural Assyrian impact after the Assyrian conquest.

Various Solar and Astral Mesopotamian cults spread the belief in the power of the moon and the stars over the fate of people and events happening on earth. In addition, there were many other native pagan cults introduced by the previous king of Judea,

Menashe, as well as very long standing Canaanite rituals, which included the common practice of sacrificing children.

King Josiah was fearful: unless he'll rectify the situation, Judea's fate could be the same as the Northern Kingdom of Israel which was destroyed 100 years previously as God's punishment.

Indeed, in 721 B.C. Northern Israel was conquered by the Assyrian empire. Its cities, including the capital, Samaria, were destroyed, and the royal family with a part of the people of Israel (the 10 tribes) were taken to exile.

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## Just for Laughs....

Two beggars are sitting on the pavement in Ireland. One is holding a large Cross and the other a large Star of David. Both are holding hats to collect contributions. As people walk by, they lift their noses at the guy holding the Star of David but drop money in the other guy's hat. Soon one hat is nearly full whilst the other hat is empty.

A priest watches and then approaches the men. He turns to the guy with the Star of David and says, "Don't you realize that this is a Christian country? You'll never get any contributions in this country hold-

ing a Star of David."

The guy holding the Star of David then turns to the guy holding the Cross and says, "Hymie, look who's trying to teach us Marketing."

There is a big controversy on the Jewish view of when life begins. In Jewish tradition, the fetus is not considered viable until it graduates from medical school.

When the doctor called Mrs. Liebenbaum to tell her that her check came back, she replied, "So did my arthritis."

A Jewish boy comes home from school and tells his mother he has a part in the play. She asks, "What part is it?" The boy says, "I play the part of the Jewish husband." The mother scowls and says, "Go back and tell the teacher you want a speaking part."

Where does a Jewish husband hide money from his wife? A: Under the vacuum cleaner.

Jewish telegram: "Begin worrying. Details to follow."

## Happy New Year....

The board of the Temple of the High Country is looking forward to a wonderful new year. As we look back at our past year, we reflect upon a year of growth and excitement. We received an incredible donation from Bonnie and Jamie Schaefer which enabled us to purchase a piece of land on Kings Street. We have had enormous success with our capital campaign and we are continuing to receive donations for our building fund on a daily basis. We have had wonderful fundraisers including the evening with Marvin Hamlich which was an incredible and

magical event. We are excited about continuing this project and our journey towards our new home. We are looking forward to holding many pertinent and important programs in a space that is our own. As we grow, our capabilities grow as well. This year we are looking forward to increasing our membership and reaching out to unaffiliated Jews in the High Country. We are hoping that our Hebrew School grows and flourishes as our generous President Chuck Lieberman continues to give his heart and soul to our children. We are planning to implement some social

action programs and we are sure that we will have a stronger and more active sisterhood. We are happy to be able to work with our Hillel students as we watch that organization grow as well. We have watched our services grow this summer and we have seen new faces participating in leading services and reviewing the parsha. Yes, we have grown and we will continue to grow. We welcome all of you to help us in any way that you would like to and we invite you to join a committee and get involved. Lets make this new year even better than the last.

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**We're on the web!**  
**[www.templeofthehighcountry.org](http://www.templeofthehighcountry.org)**

Thanks to all our members for their participation and financial support, especially those who have joined the BJC/THC for the first time this year. If you have Jewish friends or neighbors, encourage them to join as well. Services are held every Friday night at 7pm. Until our temple is built, we rent the social hall of St. Luke's Church, which is behind the Earthfare Grocery store in Boone.

If you have not done so already, be sure that our secretary has your email address. Erika can be reached at [elsqx4@charter.net](mailto:elsqx4@charter.net). Your email address will only be used to send you community news.

Enclosed you will find the High Holiday Schedule Participation Form. Please fill it out and return it to Peter Cohen.

Be a "Lox Angel" for the Break the Fast  
Each year the our Break the Fast committee invites members to contribute desserts for the Break the Fast. Community response is great and the desserts are much appreciated. But there is one item on the buffet that is even more popular than dessert - that's lox. The BJC/THC usually buys a couple pounds and it disappears really quickly. So this year as an alternative to dessert (or in addition), consider buying some lox or whitefish. You know it will be welcome.



## Words from our Torah Scholar...cont'd

To escape the same punishment, king Josiah of Judea swept the country with a major reform. All foreign cults were destroyed and all their priests and personnel put to death.

He took control of what was the Northern Kingdom of Israel, as far as the northern Galilee, taking advantage of the weakening of Assyria. He destroyed all the altars, temples and other cult places, especially the long time rival temple of Beth-El. He centralized all public worship in the Jerusalem Temple, and invited all rural priests to come to Jerusalem to be part of the Temple clergy.

By taking control of Israel he brought back together the two kingdoms: Israel (the Northern Kingdom) and the Southern

kingdom of Judea united under one king, with Jerusalem as the only cultural and political center, and the most important result: Deuteronomy law became the official recognized law of state.

**Katia Lioz**

**Temple of the High Country—Member**