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Labor Day Tag Sale

Please help us have a successful fundraiser for the temple by donating your gently used household items for the Labor Day Monday Tag Sale being held in the parking lot of the temple. You may bring your items (no clothing, please) to the temple on Sunday, September 2nd. Consider items that are in your home you no longer use and are taking up space; fashion accessories are appropriate too. Please also consider patronizing the sale on Monday between 9:00-3:00PM

We are also seeking volunteers to help beforehand or at the sale. If you would like to help, please contact Marilyn Kyle at VCMarilyn@gmail.com or 828-963-7575

President's Message.....

Good but not great blueberry season. Great berries, but just not enough of them to satisfy the demand. Now, lets see— I think there is some minor news about some building. It's coming to me know— The Temple of the High Country had a dedication service.

Due to some fool who just happens to run a Jewish Christmas tree farm, telling a representative of the press that the whole world was invited, we had 360 people there and of course only 260 chairs. But thanks to Ruth Etkin, being fast on her feet, we were able to scrap our carefully laid plans for a Torah parade on the parking lot and just do everything in the building.

The President of the Temple, who I believe owns a Jewish Christmas tree farm, gave an address on the two major du-

ties of the President which would have had the congregation rolling in the aisles, but for the fact that the aisles were full of people and there was no room to roll around in. I tried to thank people but of course some people were left out, others were not thanked enough, so I think I added some names to my special club. The club of those who were Unhappy with me. It is not a very exclusive club. In this particular presidential message I have decided not to thank anyone for anything.

Those who attended the dedication and the Friday night and Saturday services since then know that we now have a building of unsurpassed beauty and functionality. I might add that on a personal level I have worshiped and laid Tfillan there and I believe our building

is conducive to the religious impulse. Anyone that wishes to join our Thursday 8:00 AM minyon, is welcome.

Since the rather awesome dedication we have had two guest rabbis who have both brought in large crowds to the Schaefer Center. Last Saturday we even had a Rabbi who was just traveling through and stopped in for services. She was able to help Peter Cohen a bit in his Torah commentary. That was really neat.

There are still things being done to the synagogue. We are still working on phone and computer service. The kitchen is being worked on and the lighting system is being tweaked. Members of the board are keeping a sharp eye out for beer cans and people

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Sisterhood News.....

TOHC Sisterhood Sisterhood members can take pride in our involvement in the Temple Dedication evening on June 22, 2012. Our members were active in many important functions, including helping to ready the building before that night, parking assistance, working in the kitchen before the service to prepare a beautiful Oneg Shabbat, and cleaning up

afterwards. Thank you to all who volunteered their time. As many of you already know, we held a tremendously successful *Kitchen Shower* for the new Temple kitchen at Sorrentos in Banner Elk on July 22. Previous to that event, Leigh Girard did an awesome job creating a "wish list" of items and also keeping track as our many donations came in. Sis-

terhood members have been extremely generous (as always) by giving monetary donations as well as the actual items on our list. We want to thank everyone who donated towards making our kitchen spectacular. There will be many events in the future where we will take advantage of our wonderfully equipped kitchen.

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parking there who should not. So far all seems manageable. Zodie and I have several talks with Boone police about security. Cameras are being considered as are lighting arrangements.

People have very generously leaped forward to help out with the nuts and bolts of taking care of a two million dollar building. As I mentioned earlier I am not thanking anyone in this message, but I will mention that the gentler sex is doing most of the heavy lifting.

At one of our Friday night services we were presented with an oil powdered Ner Tamid. This Eternal Light was buried in Bavaria during the Holocaust and returned to a mem-

ber of the congregation by a German lady. The Adler Family in a rather moving presentation, has loaned this artifact to the congregation where it joins our Holocaust Torah, also on an indefinite loan, as a reminder of God's everlasting promise to the Jewish people. "I will be your God, and you shall be my people."

Our new prayer book, a shorter gender neutral version of the Gates of Prayer, seems to be working out OK. But all should remember that the THC minchag is that service leaders, who are volunteers, are given leeway to choose the formats of the service.

At our most recent Friday night services I was ap-

proached by two gentlemen who were former presidents of their congregations. I was informed by one that the job of President should rightfully go to someone who has a fatal disease and only one year left to live. The job will insure that that year will be the longest year of their life. I replied to this gentleman that building the Temple had also coincided with a full audit of my Christmas tree farm. Yes, it was a very long year.

The other ex president informed me that if we change the toilet paper I will get two phone calls at home. One will be, "The new toilet paper is not soft enough." The other

will be, "I refuse to be a member of a temple that uses double thickness toilet paper." On the more positive side I was informed that the job of EX president is like being a grandfather. All the fun and none of the responsibilities. So I am keeping my eye on the prize. I am told that many shuls even have a parking space titled, "ex president."

The Temple has adopted this year the format of a Yiskor booklet. There will be no charge for listing names but donations will be accepted. The old way of reading all the names aloud will no longer do. We are just too big. Be as prompt as possible in submitting names for the booklet. Please be sure and consult the list of events that is elsewhere
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Jays, Celebration and Upcoming Events...

Mazel tov to Jona Lerman on his 102 birthday.

We Remember

The Temple of the High Country family remembers with sadness and love two members of our congregation that passed away this year, Elaine Blackstone and Leonard (Lenny) Solomon. May their memories be a blessing for us all.

Our condolences go out to Carol Gross on the loss of her good friend and namesake, Carol Gross.

The annual picnic hosted by the Temple of the High Country and the High Country Havarah will take place on Sunday, August 26th from 11:30-2:00 at Wildcat Lake in Banner Elk. Please bring your

own food and utensils along with, if you wish, a dessert to share. As in the past the temple will provide watermelon and the Havarah will provide the drinks. We have reserved both pavilion with plenty of room for fun and frolic. Ending another happy and successful summer season with friends.

Ruth Etkin will introduce her beginning Hebrew class with a short series beginning Wednesday morning (time TBD) beginning August 22, 29 & September 5, 12th. These preview classes will show everyone how easy and how much fun it is to learn Hebrew. The official start of classes will begin next June. If you are interested contact Ruth Etkin at ruthetkin@aol.com

Sisterhood News continued.....

equipped kitchen.

As we move forward, we have planned an interesting assortment of programs for the remainder of the summer and fall. Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, August 19 at 2:00 PM at the Temple. Ruth Etkin has prepared a program on *Jewish kitchen traditions from the Middle East to Eastern Europe to the Lower East Side*. Of course, we have to eat, so we're

having a dessert buffet with members bringing their favorite dessert. If you haven't already RSVP'ed, please send a note to Elaine Rothenberg at erothernberg1@gmail.com or 828-355-9303. Other upcoming meetings will be a talk about Freshmen's experiences taking a course on the Holocaust, get together with Hillel women, and Our next project is a **Tag Sale**

on Labor Day Monday to raise funds for the Temple and we're asking for donations of items that you don't want taking up space in your home anymore. We are asking for household items in good condition, but not clothing. However, fashion accessories are appropriate. You can bring these items to the Temple on Sunday, September 2. The tag sale committee, lead by Marilyn

Kyle, would also like a few volunteers. If you'd like to help beforehand or at the sale, please contact Marilyn at VCMarilyn@gmail.com or 828-963-7575.

TASHLICH CEREMONY

Immediately following the Rosh Hashanah services on Monday, September 17, the Temple of the High Country conduct the traditional *Tashlich* ceremony at our own (Kraut) Creek in back of the parking lot. The ceremony is a symbolic act of self-purification, a way of "casting off" (that's what *tashlich* means) the sins of the old year. We will read a verse from Micah (copies will be provided) which says:

"...And thou will cast all thy sins into the depth of the sea...", and then throw pieces of bread crumbs into the moving water... symbolically cleansing ourselves of all transgressions committed in the past year. (Bread crumbs will be provided.) It is a centuries-old tradition and will be a nice way to end our Rosh Hashanah service.

Parking for High Holy Days

During the day services on both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kipper parking is available at the Agricultural lot located on River Street. Evening parking is available at the Senior Center parking lot located on Poplar Grove Connector. Temporary signs will be up and visible to help you locate these lots.

Just for laughs...

Sidney telephones Rabbi Levy.
He says, "Rabbi, I know tonight is Kol Nidre night, but tonight Spurs are in the European Cup quarter finals. Rabbi, I'm a life long Spurs fan. I've got to watch the Spurs game on TV."
Rabbi Levy replies, "Sidney, that's what video recorders are

for."
Sidney is surprised. "You mean I can tape Kol Nidre?"

Q: If a doctor carries a black leather bag and a plumber carries a box of tools, what does a mohel carry?
A: A bris kit.

Q: Where does Moshe hide

money from his wife Sadie?
A: Under the vacuum cleaner

Q: What do you call an uncircumcised Jew who is more than 8 days old?
A: A girl.



Happy Rosh Hashanah

Stuffed Zucchini....

Ingredients:

6 large Zucchini's, cut in half lengthwise, seeds scraped out
1 cup chicken stock
3/4 cup plain couscous
1 Tblsp olive oil
1Lb ground beef
1 can (15oz) petite cut diced tomatoes

1/4 cup parsley leaves, chopped

1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese

Preheat oven to 400*. Coat a nonstick baking sheet with cooking spray. Set aside

In a small saucepan, bring chicken stock to a boil. Remove from heat and stir in couscous. Cover and let stand

for 5 min and then, fluff with a fork.

In a medium sauté pan, heat the olive oil over medium heat. Stir in the ground beef breaking up small pieces with a wooden spoon. Drain and place in a large bowl, add the couscous, tomatoes and parsley.

Place zucchini on baking

sheet, cut side up, season with salt & pepper. Fill the zucchini with the couscous mixture.

Bake for about 20 minutes or until the zucchini is tender. Sprinkle with the mozzarella and place under a broiler for 2-3 minutes until browned. Serve immediately

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First Annual Meeting at our new temple- September 9, 2012

All members are invited to attend this year's general membership meeting. The meeting will be held at the temple on Sunday, September 9th at 10AM.

The meeting will include elections of officers for the coming year. Our current officers have expressed an interest in continuing, but any member in good standing may run for office. To be considered by the nominating committee for President, Vice-President, Secretary, or Treasurer call Stan Etkin (828-963-5167) or Eleanor Lieberman (828-264-5738) by August 22nd. Nominations from the floor on the day of the annual meeting are always in order. Please note that only executive officers are running this year. Terms of current board members will be expiring next year and the follow year.



*Wishing you a happy and
blessed new year*

President's Message continued.....

in this newsletter. An amazing amount of things are going on. The old saw about "build it and they will come" seems to have some credence.

The first Ironweed have bloomed on the farm and I am now rebuilding the tollbooth next to my swinging bridge. The old one blew into the branch. Do not worry, the toll will remain at ten cent. Frank Girard, the inspector general of the Temple suggested the construction of a wooden retaining wall to stop subsidence at my trout pond. I have been working on this for six months. It is half done. The garden is boun-

tiful and the Christmas trees look pretty good except for the beginnings of an Elongate Hemlock Scale infestation. Nothing new there. May God watch over you and yours. Hope to see you all on Friday nights.

Chuck Lieberman

Pres. THC

**TEMPLE OF THE HIGH COUNTRY
BOONE, NORTH CAROLINA
HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES – 2012/5773**

The New Year will be quickly upon us and the Ritual Committee, in its preparation for the upcoming High Holy Day Services, is once again looking for any and all volunteers who would be interested in participating in these services. Whatever level of participation you may be interested in is both welcomed and encouraged. Please use the attached form to indicate what you would like to do and at which service(s) you wish to participate.

Do not be shy; there are English readings, as well as Hebrew readings (both of varying lengths). Additionally, if there is any part of the liturgy in which you have a particular interest (i.e., a specific prayer or reading you want included, or done in a specific manner), please do not hesitate to speak to Chuck (828-264-5738) or Peter Cohen (864-882-0161/home or 864-650-5497/cell), who will again be leading our services.

All we ask is for your prompt return of the attached form (to Chuck, Peter, a Board Member at Friday evening services, or a telephone call - please no later than September 12), and that you are careful to be present at the proper service(s) in plenty of time before your scheduled participation. If this is not possible, due to illness or other unforeseen emergency, we trust you will make every effort to contact either Peter or a member of the Ritual Committee as soon as possible to ensure smooth running of the services.

The services will be held at our new home, The Temple of the High Country (1043 King Street, at the corner of King St. and Poplar Grove Connector in downtown Boone). We are looking forward to an exciting New Year. If there is any way we can make these services more meaningful for you, let us hear from you in the next few weeks.

L'Shannah tovah tikateivu,

The Temple Board

RETURN TO/OR PHONE:

Temple of the High Country
Boone Jewish Community
P.O. Box 2895
Boone, NC 28607

-or-

Dr. Peter Cohen
175 Dodd Farm Road
Seneca, SC 29672
(864) 882-0161; (864) 650-5497

Name _____ Evening Phone # _____

Check the service(s) during which you would like to participate:

☐ Rosh HaShanah, September 16
Sunday, 7:30pm

☐ Yom Kippur, September 26
Wednesday, 9:30am

☐ Rosh HaShanah, September 17
Monday, 9:30am

☐ Yom Kippur, September 26
Wednesday, 2:00pm

☐ Yom Kippur, September 25
Tuesday, 7:30pm

☐ Yom Kippur, September 26
Wednesday, 5:45pm

Please list the type of participation in which you are interested:

☐ English passage

☐ Hebrew passage

☐ Other, please specify _____