



High Holy Days Schedule Set

Also In the Messenger:

- ✧ **Chanting Circle**
- ✧ **RH 2.0**
- ✧ **Hebrew School starts**

The end of another beautiful summer is approaching. As Jews, after we prepare our children to go back to school, we then begin another kind of preparation---for the High Holy Days. This is not a physical preparation (although there are dinners, family visits, and other such arrangements to be made), but a spiritual one. We ponder the year that was,



make amends for our behavior, and finally look forward to the year that will be.

The Holy Days always fall at the same time on the Jewish calendar, but are different every year on the secular calendar.

Here is the Holy Day schedule at Temple Hesed:

Selichot: Saturday, September 16-study at

8:30 p.m., service at 9 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah Evening: Wednesday, September 20 at 8 p.m. Rosh Hashanah evening sermon: "Reimagining Reform: Practice Makes OK."

Installation of Officers and Board

Rosh Hashanah Morning: Thursday, September 21 at 10 a.m. Sermon: "Reimagining Freedom: Look up!"

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Yom Kippur Study Session: Akiva – Ancient and Modern

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It was a time when the whole world was changing rapidly.

Forms of religion that had been around for thousands of years no longer seemed relevant. The nation was split apart into different factions that agreed very seldom and took offense very often.

People resisted a government that they felt was ignoring who they were and devaluing their lives, and which was promoting torture as a way to deal with the resistance.



Rabbi Akiva

Does any of that sound familiar? Even though Rabbi Akiva, one of the most famous rabbis ever to have lived, died 19 centuries ago, his life, his teachings, and his stories all speak to us today.

So this Yom Kippur afternoon, September 30, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., we'll explore how this ancient rabbi can give us insight into our modern times.

Everyone is welcome to join us for this study session. All texts will be studied in English.

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Rabbinical Reflections — Rabbi Daniel J. Swartz

WHAT'S NEW?



The building won't be new — to the contrary at least a possibility that this could be our last High Holy Days in this building. The prayerbook won't be new — the Reform movement does have a new High Holy Day prayerbook (actually, prayerbooks, since Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur each have their own volume), but we haven't decided to make that move yet. The Torah readings are the same, and for the most part, the music will be as well. Even most of the faces aren't new, though I for one have a new wrinkle or two, as well as some hairs that have newly become, in my father's euphemism, "very pale blond."

So what's new about the New Year? To find out, we need to turn from the external to the internal, from that which can be seen to that which can only be known through intellectual, emotional, and spiritual exploration. But even that doesn't suffice to explain what's new. For every one of us can choose to behave and believe in new ways at any given moment.

We can so choose — but most of the time, we don't. It's not just physical bodies that have inertia — changing our spiritual

course is much more difficult than changing the direction our car is traveling. Typically, it takes crisis to provoke change — a heart attack to finally convince someone to exercise, an accident to address a drinking problem. But by the time a crisis comes around, it's often too late to change.

So, over the course of hundreds of years, Judaism devised rituals, symbols, prayers, even sounds that are designed to provoke change without an external crisis, to help us turn things around before the crash, rather than trying merely to repair what's broken after the crash occurs. Some of these ancient rituals and symbols are just as powerful today as when they were first devised. You don't need to know all the rich layers of meaning to be moved by the sound of the shofar, for example. Fasting quite literally hits us in the gut, whether or not we have been focusing on what self-sacrifice might mean. They propel us out of inertia, giving us a chance to change, to live in a new way, with renewed vigor.

And yet, in every generation, something that once moved souls no longer does. This is the real reason behind Reform Ju-

daism — not to fashion "Jewish Lite," nor to make it "easier" to be Jewish, but to keep Judaism alive, so that the possibility of turning things around remains real.

That is the goal of the High Holy Days at Temple Hesed — to shape a living Judaism that helps us to give our lives the shape we wish. To aid in this task, I've created several new ways into the New Year, which are described throughout this edition of the Messenger — a Chanting Circle focused on "Turning in Love," a special three-part class (based in part on Rabbi Alan Lew's book, *This is Real, and You are Completely Unprepared: The Days of Awe as a Journey of Transformation*) culminating in Selichot, and a chance to explore Rosh Hashanah from a different angle in our RH 2.0 program. I hope you'll try at least one of these, so that we can all find something new in our lives, something that will help all of us to have a good and sweet New Year.

Rabbi Daniel Swartz

Presidents' Page

By Esther Adelman, Co-President



This Could Be a Pivotal Year, but We Need You

Steve Seitchik and I have agreed to continue in the positions of Co-Presidents for another year. We feel that this will be a pivotal year in the life of Temple Hesed, and since we have both been so invested for so long, it was natural for us to want to be a part of what's happening by offering our experience. However, we cannot and should not lead alone. We offer our sincere thanks to the dedicated officers and board members who play such a large part in the life of the Temple. They stand behind us and besides us, offering their own wisdom and experience to make our job easier.



Steve Seitchik

Now I'd like to repeat some of my words from last year, since they still apply:

"In all religious denominations, Judaism included, there is less and less interest in organized religious institutions. Temple Hesed has not escaped this trend. In this case, it's *not* comforting to know that we are not alone. Steve and I feel that it is our *obligation* to make certain that our congregation continues as a vibrant part of our lives and of the lives of generations to come, just as those before us ensured our survival. We can't do it alone, or even with the core group of dedicated members who constantly step up to the plate to do anything that is asked of them.

We all know what we have here. It's not the building, although it is beautiful and functional and has certainly served us well over the years. It's *you*, the members, who make Temple Hesed what we are. We are indeed the Temple of Loving-kindness. This is reflected in what we do and how we are perceived.

Since our membership numbers are waning, it is more important than ever for *all* of us to participate in some way in the life of our beloved Temple. Please make an effort to get involved by helping out with a social event, joining a committee, attending a class of the Rabbi's, working on a fund-raiser, coming to Shabbat services, sponsoring an oneg."

Rabbi Swartz has detailed a plan for the coming year's programs. Most of them are traditional events, but some are new. The common thread will be the need for volunteers. Of course, there is usually food involved. (That's what we Jews do, right?) What's Purim without a dinner before the shpiel? What's Tu B'Shevat without the seder? What's Succot without dessert in the succah? You get the idea. If we don't have people to coordinate these events, they will not happen. Free up Rabbi Swartz so that he has more time to do what a Rabbi should be doing.

Again, we'd love to hear from you. Perhaps there's something that you'd like to see happen here, something that's never been done before, whether religiously, educationally, or just for fun. New ideas are always welcomed. We Reform Jews are all about progress and improvement. Feel free to contact us. My email address is ebabunny@aol.com. Steve may be reached at seitchiks@verizon.net.

L'Shana Tova!

Esther Adelman



September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 SERVICES 8 p.m.	2 Chanting Circle 10:30 a.m.
3	4	5 Selichot class 7pm	6	7	8 SERVICES 6 p.m.	9
10	11	12 Selichot class 7pm	13	14	15 SERVICES 8 p.m.	16 Selichot Study—8:30 p.m. Service—9 p.m.
17	18	19	20 Rosh Hashanah Eve Svc. 8 p.m. Installation Board	21 Rosh Hashanah 10 a.m. Taslich-5 p.m. @ S.Abington Park	22 RH 2.0 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Shuvah SERVICES 8 p.m.	23
24 Cemetery Service 11 a.m. @ Dunmore Only	25	26	27 Board Meeting at 6 pm	28	29 Kol Nidre SERVICES 8 p.m.	30 Yom Kippur Service 10 a.m. & 3 p.m. Study 1-3 p.m.

Holidays 5778

Rosh Hashanah— Yom HaShoah—
Sept. 21, 2017 Apr. 12, 2018

Yom Kippur — Yom HaZikaron
Sept. 30, 2017 Apr. 18, 2018

Sukkot— Yom HaAtzmaut
Oct. 5-11, 2017 Apr. 19, 2018

Simchat Torah — Lag B'Omer —
Oct. 13, 2017 May 3, 2018

Hanukkah — Shavuot—
Dec. 13-20, 2017 May 20-21, 2018

Tu B'Shvat — Tisha B'Av—
Jan. 31, 2018 July 22, 2018

Purim— Selichot —Sept. 1

(Holidays begin at sundown the night before)

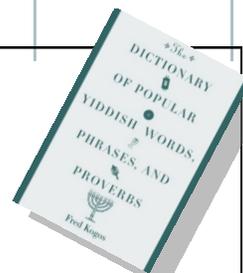
Passover—
Mar. 31-Apr. 7, 2018

YIDDISH SAYING OF THE MONTH

“If you deal with tar, expect your hands to get dirty.”



Yiddish Proverb from a book by Fred Kogos



Torah Portions

Name	Civil Date	Hebrew Date
Ki Titze	Sept. 2, 2017	11.Elul.5777
Ki Tavo	Sept. 9, 2017	18.Elul.5777
Nitzavim-Vayelech	Sept. 16, 2017	25.Elul.5777
Haazinu	Sept. 23, 2017	3 .Tishrei.5778

Backpack Program Delivers Again



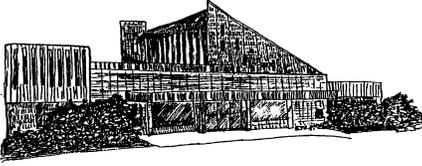
We were very happy to be able to provide 71 full backpacks to children in our community that need them the most. Thanks to all who contributed both physically and financially. In addition to the backpacks, your generous donations will allow us to provide a uniform shirt to all the students (36) at Nativity Miguel School again this year. Thanks Again. Temple Hesed Social Action Committee. Pictured, Larry Milliken, backpack chair.

Schedule for the Year – Your Help is Requested!

We've set the dates for most of Temple Hesed's major events this year – so you can put them into your calendars right now! And we've also got a list of what sort of volunteer help we need for each event – so take a look and see what you'd like to help with! Call or email the office to volunteer or make reservations.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Help needed</u>
Sukkot Family Service, fireworks, potluck	October 6	Volunteer to coordinate potluck
November Family Service, potluck	November 3	Volunteer to coordinate potluck
Hanukkah Family service, potluck, games	December 15	Dinner chair and helpers
January Family Service, potluck	November 3	Volunteer to coordinate potluck
Pre-Thanksgiving Interfaith Service	November 17	Greeters, help with Oneg Shabbat
Tu B'Shevat Seder	February 2	Help with fruit preparation
Purim carnival, dinner, and Shpiel	March 3	Dinner chair and helpers
2 nd Night Community Passover Seder	March 31	Dinner chair, chefs, and helpers
Yeast Feast/Mimouna	April 7	Set-up and cleaning volunteers
End of school year service and Potluck	May 11	Volunteer to coordinate potluck
Tikkun Shavuot Study	May 19	Help with dessert

Yahrzeits and Personal Notes



Week Ending September 2 (Service September 1)

*Leon L. Kramer, *Rose Feinstein, *Elihu Friedmann, Paula Albert, *Harry Weinberg, *Leo Swartz, *Minnie Brown, *Edward Loebenstein.

Get Well Wishes

Jane Knobel

Charlene Ostro

Emily Trunzo

Edward Snitko, Sr.

Week Ending September 9 (Service September 8)

*Henrietta A. Phillips, *Arnold Cembalest, *Barbara A. Jacobson, *Dr. Samuel Friedmann, *Max Bernstein, *Edith Schmerin, *Lillie Peck, Sol Peck, *Dorothy J. Freeman, *Louis Gold, *Nathan G. Goodman, *Blanche F. Halle, *Caroline Landau Cohn, *Bertha Jacobs, *Sylvia Gordon.

Week Ending September 16 (Service September 15)

*Samuel H. Harris, *Nathalie Joel, *Wolf Ackerman, *Isaiah C. Rosenthal, Benjamin Weinberg, Rose Seiber, Sarah Woll, Kenneth Brown, *Milton Adelman, *Sadie Lerner, *Cal D. Malcom, *Haydee L. Oettinger.

First Friday on the Second Friday!

Due to scheduling conflicts, our "First Friday" early service will actually be happening on the second Friday in September – September 8th, at 6 p.m.

The September 1st service will be a regular 8 p.m. service, with Ed Snitko leading the music.

Week Ending September 23 (Service September 22)

*Miriam. W. Ackerman, *Joseph Leventhal, *Manny Cohen, Delbert Wooden, *Isidore Krotosky, *Sanford S. Mitteldorf, *Lily Seagaard, *Yetta Goldberg, *Solomon Goldsmith, *Gertrude Cembalest, *Sara G. Roos, *Dora Feldman.

Week Ending September 30 (Service September 29)

*Louis I. Alperin, *Irving M. Pincus, *Harry Kroll, *Samuel Behar, *Mendel Harris, *Abe Shapiro, *Ludwig Berger, *Edward Miller, George Goldenziel, *Henry Friedmann, *Family of Adolf Gabriel Winter, *Harry Ferber, *Seymour E. Stahler, *Dorothy Mendel Jacobs.

Reimagining Torah, Worship and Acts of Hesed: Selichot plus Two!

What do you think of when you hear the word Torah? How about Ritual, or Worship, or Prayer? They may have positive or negative connotations for you – but odds are, your answer wasn't "something that was made for me, to help me." And yet, that answer is now and has always been a key part of the Jewish way of looking at life.

Think how different your relation to something like "Torah" would be if, in addition to meanings such as ancient laws, or founding myths, or a sacred object hidden away in the ark, it was something with a personal connection, a connection that spoke directly to you. Or if prayer or Jewish rituals seem arcane, perhaps puzzling, and certainly distant from your daily life – how different it could be if suddenly, the prayers were about your deepest yearnings, your core struggles.

At the High Holy Days and then throughout this year, Rabbi Daniel is going to highlight ways that we can reimagine our connections with Judaism, the community, and the Divine. To help us get ready for the High Holy Days, we're going to start with a look at the three things that our tradition says the world stands upon: Torah, Worship, and Acts of Hesed.

We usually begin that preparation for the High Holy Days with the lovely, meditative practice of Selichot. But this year, to give us a bit more time for exploration, we have two classes prior to Selichot, and then a program and service on Selichot itself, all held at Temple Hesed. They are as follows:

On Tuesday, September 5th, at 7 p.m., we'll "reimagine Torah." We'll read some key texts with this question in mind: what healing, help or comfort can this passage bring to my life right now?

On Tuesday, September 12th, at 7 p.m., we'll "reimagine Ritual." We'll explore how acts like lighting candles, putting up a mezuzah, or saying a blessing help us become more present to our lives and help our lives feel richer and more meaningful.

Then on Selichot itself, Saturday, September 16th, at 8:30, we'll "reimagine Prayer." We'll try to make prayer less about words on the page and more about the yearnings of the heart, both in our study session and during the Selichot service itself.

Join us for one session or all three – all are free and open to the public.

High Holy Days Continued

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Tashlich: 5 p.m. at South Abington Park

Shabbat Shuvah: Friday, September 22 at 8 p.m.

Cemetery Memorial Service: Sunday, September 24 at 11 a.m. at Dunmore Cemetery

Kol Nidre: Friday, September 29 at 8 p.m. Sermon: "Reimagining Success: An Oath Fulfilled."

Yom Kippur Morning: Saturday, September 30 at 10 a.m. Sermon: "Reimagining Hesed: How to be Civil in Uncivil Times."

Study with Rabbi Swartz: "Rabbi Akiva: Ancient & Modern." 1-3 p.m..-

Yom Kippur Afternoon: Saturday, September 30 at 3 p.m.

Children's services (for ages 4-8) will be held downstairs during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur morning services.

Please remember that High Holy Day tickets are a *privilege of membership* at Temple Hesed. Tickets have been sent only to those members who are in good standing. This means that *any dues balances must be paid prior to the Holy Days*. You will be required to show your tickets at the door of the sanctuary.

If you have out-of-town guests, they will be admitted to services as a courtesy if they have a letter from their congregation. Otherwise, you must call Marlene at the Temple office (570-344-7201) to make arrangements.

I wish you a 5778 full of *hesed* (loving-kindness), *simchah* (happiness), and *shalom* (peace).

Esther Adelman,
Worship Chair

PS: We NEED VOLUNTEERS to coordinate the Sweet New Year (Rosh Hashanah Evening) and Break the Fast (Yom Kippur Afternoon) tables.

URJ 'Deeply Troubled' by Part of Trump's Statement on Charlottesville Auto Attack

August 12, 2017; New York, NY – Rabbi Rick Jacobs, President of the Union for Reform Judaism, issued this statement in response to the deadly violence at the white supremacist hate march in Charlottesville, VA:

The vile presence and rhetoric of the neo-Nazis who marched this weekend in Charlottesville is a reminder of the ever-present need for people of good will to stand strong, to speak loudly against hate, and act both to delegitimize those who spread such messages and to mitigate the harm done to the commonweal of our nation and to those that are the targets of hate messages.

Racist, anti-Semitic, and xenophobic views have no place in a society that cherishes freedom and liberty for all. The right to speak and to hold repugnant views is not a right to circumscribe the ability of others to live in peace and security. Torch-lit marches of hate evoke the KKK; the image of a heavily armed "militia" standing among the neo-Nazi protestors should send an alarm to every person of good conscience in our nation.



Rabbi Rick Jacobs

*Once again hate has killed; we mourn the loss of life and those injured in the violence. We call on all, no matter what their views, to eschew violence and condemn in the strongest **terms** the car attack that killed and injured protestors.*

We commend the opening of President Trump's statement condemning the "egregious display of hatred, bigotry and violence" but are deeply troubled by the moral equivalence evident in President Trump's statement today. White supremacists

wielding Nazi flags and spewing racist vitriol need to be specifically condemned, not only violence and hate "on many sides." If our leaders can't call out this virulent strand of hate we will surely fail to stop it.

As we bid farewell to the Sabbath, we pray that the week to come will be filled with calm and safety, and that those who have committed crimes will be brought to justice.



A Proud Member of the URJ

Rabbis Will Skip New Year's Call to Trump

(From RAC)

The High Holy Days are an opportunity for reflection and introspection. As the leaders of major denominations in American Jewish life, we have been deeply engaged in both, considering the events of the Jewish year that is ending and preparing spiritually for the year to come.

In so doing, we have thoughtfully and prayerfully considered whether to continue the practice in recent years of playing key roles in organizing a conference call for the President of the United States to bring High Holiday greetings to American rabbis. We have concluded that President Trump's statements during and after the tragic events in Charlottesville are so lacking in moral leadership and empathy for the victims of racial and religious hatred that we cannot organize such a call this year.

The President's words have given succor to those who advocate anti-Semitism,



racism, and xenophobia. Responsibility for the violence that occurred in Charlottesville, including the death of Heather Heyer, does not lie with many sides but with one side: the Nazis, alt-right and white supremacists who brought their hate to a peaceful community. They must be roundly condemned

at all levels.

The High Holy Days are a season of t'shuva for us all, an opportunity for each of us to examine our own words and deeds through the lens of America's ongoing struggle with racism. Our tradition teaches us that humanity is fallible yet also capable of change. We pray that President Trump will recognize and remedy the grave error he has made in abetting the voices of hatred. We pray that those who traffic in anti-Semitism, racism, and xenophobia will see that there is no place for such pernicious philosophies in a civilized society. And we pray that 5778 will be a year of peace for all.



Return to Love: September 2nd Chanting Circle

Elul, the Jewish month before Rosh Hashanah, is said to be an acronym for “Ani L’dodi V’dodi Li, a verse from the Song of Songs (6:3) meaning “I am my beloved’s and my beloved is mine.”

Instead of approaching the New Year with trepidation about the future or gloom about the past, we have the opportunity to return to love. Love for the Divine, love for life, love for each other, and love for ourselves.



So in September’s Chanting Circle, on Saturday the 2nd at 10:30 a.m., we will focus on chants that help us reconnect to all those levels of love. And through that reconnection, we can enter the New Year with energy and hope. As always, everyone, of any faith, (or none in particular) is welcome and there is no cost. Join this supportive, welcoming group for a relaxing, inspiring hour.

RH 2.0 September 22nd at 10:30 a.m.

Most Reform congregations long ago gave up the “second day” of holy days, for a variety of reasons. They seemed pointless in an age of accurate calendars, they could make holy days feel like burdens, and, perhaps most importantly of all, few people saw the point of repeating the exact same thing two days in a row.

So why is Temple Hesed doing something to commemorate the second day of Rosh Hashanah, at 10:30 a.m.? Because we won’t be doing the “same thing.”

Think of it as RH 2.0 – a chance to look at the New Year from a completely different angle. We will dispense entirely with prayer books, sit in a circle, and have a chance to ask and answer questions together. Such as:

- What does the shofar really symbolize?
- Why do we read about Abraham and Isaac, about Hannah and Samuel, on the New Year?
- Where did these prayers come from and how have they changed?
- Why isn’t there a New Year in the Torah?
- And why does it say that we blow the shofar in the 7th month if we’re just starting the year?

Through music, study, and discussion, we’ll try to answer these questions and many more.

Along the way, we hope each participant will begin to answer for herself or himself a much larger question: how can I become the person I want to be during the coming year?

So join us for RH 2.0 – it’s free and open to the public.



Temple Hesed/Temple Israel Hebrew School Begins This Month

Our third year of a joint Temple Hesed/Temple Israel Hebrew school is about to get underway!

Our opening session will be on September 12th, where we not only make New Year's cards in Hebrew but also do a Rosh Hashanah "Seder," a custom from North Africa, where we will eat foods symbolic of blessings for the year.

Then we'll launch our topic for the year: Prayer: why and how do we do it?

While our Hebrew School is for families that are members of one of the two Temples, we do welcome non-member families to visit and see what we do – so if you know of anyone with children in 3rd through 7th grade, please invite them or pass their names on to Rabbi Daniel.



Rabbi Marches in Washington, D.C. for Human Rights and Justice



Marchers gather at the base of the MLK statue on the mall in Washington, DC



An RAC pre-march worship service at a hotel ballroom hears from Rev. Al Sharpton, march organizer

Rabbis Daniel and Marjorie joined hundreds of other clergy in a march for human rights Aug. 28 in Washington D.C. The march marked the 54th Anniversary of the Rev. Martin Luther King's "I have a dream" speech. Rabbi Jonah Dov Pesner, executive director of the Religious Action Center, told the marchers, "The chants we heard not three weeks ago in Charlottesville and the threats levied against the Reform Jewish congregation there have reminded us of the tragic truth that anti-Semitism and white supremacy are deeply intertwined."

Temple Hesed wishes you:

L'shana Tova Tikatevu! (Wishing us all a good year.)

Hesed, Hallah and Honey

Continuing a Rosh Hashanah fund-raising tradition started by Roseann Alperin (O.B.M.), former Temple Hesed Sisterhood president, Hesed, Hallah and Honey, benefits Temple programs and continues Roseann's good work.



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and

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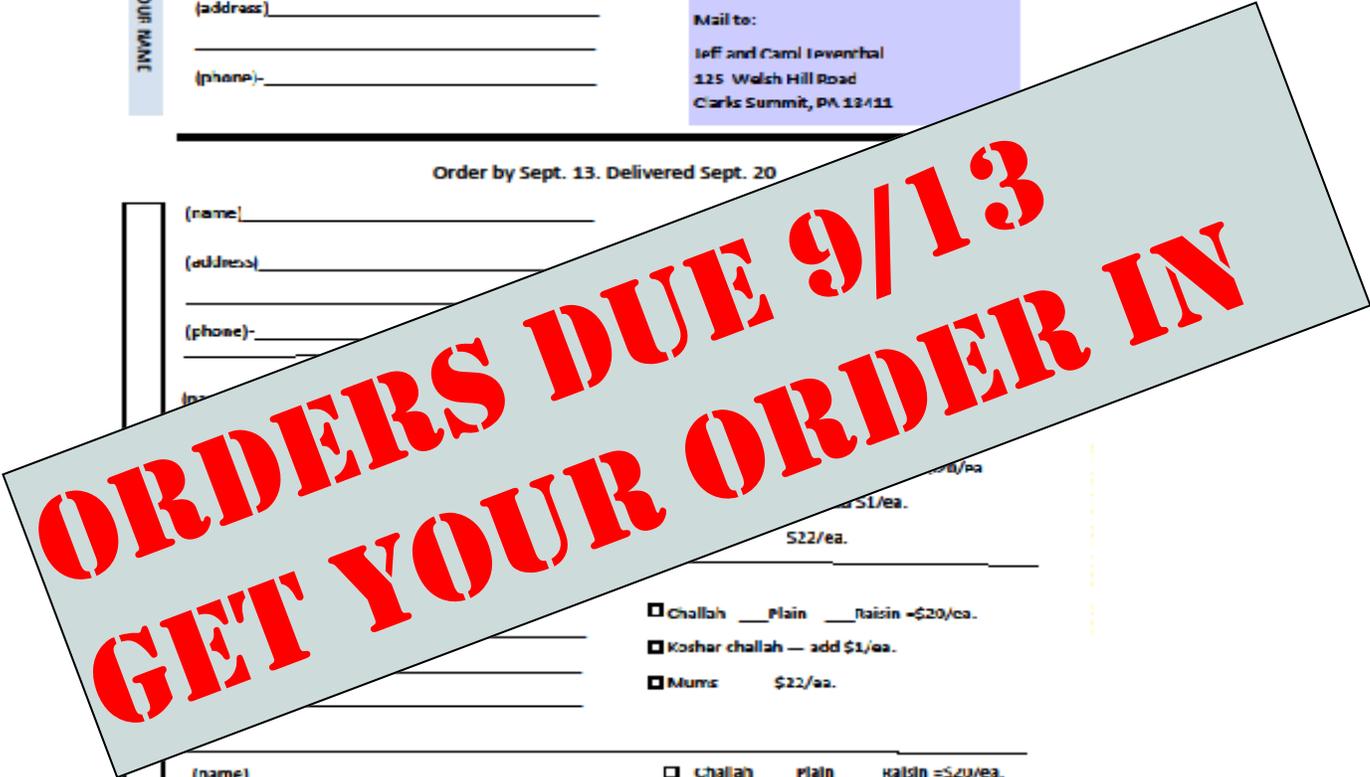
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Temple Hesed, a Reform Synagogue founded Aug. 20, 1860, is Scranton's first and oldest Jewish congregation. It is one of the earliest congregations to join the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, now the Union for Reform Judaism. It has been a member since Dec. 12, 1874.

The synagogue serves the needs of individuals and families in Lackawanna County and surrounding areas. Situated on Knox Road, off Lake Scranton Road in the East Mountain section of Scranton, the current building opened in 1973. Temple Hesed operates a cemetery on West Warren Street in Dunmore.

The office is open Tuesday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Friday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Rabbi Swartz is happy to set appointments at any convenient time. Contact him to set a time. The rabbi also has "drop-in" hours every Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Friday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The Rabbi holds these times open for visits or calls for which an appointment was not or could not be made.

The Temple Hesed Cemetery is open for visitation six days a week. Visitation hours are: Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m. till dusk and it is closed for Shabbat on Saturday. For more information, call the office.



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