High Holy Day Services: in Person and Streaming

High Holy Day Service Schedule

For the most part, the schedule for the High Holy Days this year will be the same as last year. Because people have indicated a preference for earlier Shabbat services, however, we will be taking a poll to see if next year we should move evening services to 7 p.m. Please let us know what you think!

- **S’lichot:** Saturday, September 17, Study — Listening to the Still Small Voice, 9 p.m.; S’lichot Service 9:30 p.m.
- **Erev Rosh Hashanah:** Sunday, September 25, 8 p.m., followed by outdoors apples and honey
- **Rosh Hashanah Morning:** Monday, September 26, 10 a.m.
- **Tashlich:** Monday, September 26, immediately following morning services (about noon), Lake Scranton
- **RH2 Chanting Circle:** Tuesday, September 27, 10 a.m.
- **Memorial Service:** Sunday, October 2, 11 a.m., Temple Hesed Cemetery, Dunmore
- **Erev Yom Kippur — Kol Nidre:** Tuesday, October 4, 8 p.m.
- **Yom Kippur Morning:** Wednesday, October 5, 10 a.m.
- **Yom Kippur Afternoon Study:** Wednesday, October 5, 3 p.m. — “Cancelling vs. Yom Kippur: Can People Really change?”
- **Yom Kippur Afternoon/Yizkor/N’ielah Service:** Wednesday, October 5, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m., followed by “grab and go” break-fast
- **Sukkot Service:** Friday, October 14, 5 p.m., at Temple Israel

There will be no zoom link for S’lichot, Tashlich or the memorial service at the Temple Hesed cemetery. The zoom link for the RH2 Chanting Circle is https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84943306838?pwd=RUUwM2Rlam90eDhYUHpOdEs1UEJZdz09
Or from the Zoom app, enter Meeting ID: 849 4330 6838 and Passcode: Tshuvah.

For all other services, the zoom link will be https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82690214129?pwd=OUpldjZEeFk4dFVheXNvYj9Ja0taZz09
Or from the Zoom app, enter Meeting ID: 826 9021 4129 and Passcode: 5783.

Remember — because there won’t be “screen sharing,” anyone planning to attend on zoom needs to contact the office to sign out prayerbooks for home use during services.
Donations to Temple

Major credit or debit cards accepted.
Minimum $10 donation for acknowledgment in the Messenger.
To donate contact Marlene Gianzanti, Temple Administrator at 570-344-7201

UPDATE ON CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

We thank all of our Temple Hesed families who have responded so generously to date to our request for help with the funding of the necessary replacement of our old HVAC system and the sorely-needed repaving of our parking lot.

We are so proud and grateful that we have such wonderful members who have pitched in to ease the burden on our Building Fund, which our previous members so wisely established for such purposes. Now it is our turn to continue their legacy to provide for the future of our beloved Temple.

This is an ongoing campaign, so feel free to donate whenever you are comfortable and whatever amount fits into your budget. It will all make a difference and will be gratefully appreciated for years to come.

Below, you will see the growing list of names that we are thanking at this time. We truly appreciate you all!

In Hesed,
Esther Adelman, Co-President

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My thanks to Esther Adelman
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In Memory of Audrey Harrell
Esther B. Adelman

Thank you to Rabbi Swartz for a beautiful tribute to Audrey Harrell
Esther B. Adelman

Thank you to Marlene, Suzy, Ed, Joe and Larry for their kindness.
Esther B. Adelman
A Journey into Times

When I was growing up, I used to love stories and movies where explorers somehow found hidden or lost islands and suddenly discovered a place “that time forgot,” populated by dinosaurs and other long-extinct beasts. And I regularly daydreamed about finding, if not a living dinosaur, at least a long-hidden sea cave filled with trilobites and ancient nautiloids.

Of course, none of those day-dreams came true, and the more I learned about geology, paleontology, evolution and mass extinctions, the more I realized that there is no place where time doesn’t march on.

But, as my recent journey through the Grand Canyon reminded me, there are places where we, with a little science and a lot of imagination, can peer back into time. Or rather, into times, plural. In some places in the canyon, I could on one shore run my hand over black, glassy Vishnu Schist, polished and carved into intricate nooks, crannies, and flutes by water and debris. It glistened in the sun like something new and fresh, but it was over two billion years old.

On the other shore, I could walk into a canyon where flash floods had carved a slice into the “Great Unconformity,” where, through geological processes still shrouded in mystery, hundreds of millions of years of rock vanished, where one can touch missing time. Then, if you climbed up that canyon wall, you could see pictographs, recording the stories and legends of the Pueblo peoples from more than a thousand years ago.

All of this has led me to spend a lot of time thinking about time. So, not, too surprisingly, that’s what I’ll be talking about on the High Holy Days.

On **Erev Rosh Hashanah**, I’ll talk about some realizations I’ve had in the past year about how there both is and isn’t enough time. On **Rosh Hashanah morning**, instead of reading from the middle of Genesis about the story of Isaac or Ishmael, we’ll read from the beginning. Then I’ll reflect on deep time, understandings (and misunderstandings) of evolution and how we construct meaning in our lives.

Then on **Kol Nidre, the Sabbath of Sabbaths**, I’ll talk about the importance of Sabbath-time, of stepping back and unplugging. Or as the Jewish and Buddhist teacher, Sylvia Boorstein, often says, “don’t just do something, sit there!”

And finally, on **Yom Kippur morning**, I’ll teach a somewhat contradictory lesson — how both our Jewish values and the times we live in call for us to engage. I hope you will feel these explorations will be a good use of your time!

But most of all, I am looking forward to time together. I know things aren’t back to “normal,” and perhaps they never will be. But at least we will be able to gather together in something that’s closer to High Holy Days of the past. And together, we will experience the unique quality of time that is at the root of our tradition, especially during the Days of Awe — a mixture of a connection to the past and a deep awareness of the holy nature of this present moment.

L’shanah tovah!
As we look forward to the High Holy Days, we mark the beginning of our next fiscal year on September 1, 2022. We welcome three new board members and thank those continuing for their dedication.

Here is the current board list for 2022-2023:

Co-Presidents: Esther Adelman, Cheryl Friedman, Steven Seitchik

Secretary: Jennifer Novak

Assistant Secretary: Joan Davis

Treasurer: Jeffrey Leventhal

Continuing Board Members: Kenny Ganz, Judith Golden, Robert Hersh, Donna Kostiak, Carol Leventhal, Josh Levine.

New Board Members: Susan Kalman, Randy Levine, Jay Shechter

We thank Natalie Gelb, Paula Kane, and Loren Selznick, who have rotated off after their years of dedicated service.

Good Things are happening Around Our Building

Thanks to the work of Judie Golden, we have received a grant to help fund the replacement of our ailing HVAC system. The Jewish Federation of NEPA has awarded us $48,000 to be paid over a two-year period; $24,000 has already been received.

We thank Executive Director Daniel Chajfec, the members of the Grants Committee, and the Board of Directors for their generous response to our needs. (Due to a problem with parts being on backorder, the actual work will be delayed for some time. We’ll keep you updated.)

The parking lot is finished! The previous contractor substantially increased their bid, but we signed a new contract with Sproul Construction, who did a great job in a very timely manner.

We have an unexpected tenant utilizing our downstairs classrooms for the next year. The DePaul School for Dyslexia, formerly run by Allied Services, will now be operated by the Friendship House. They will be serving about 40 students, and feel that they have found a good temporary home at Temple Hesed. Thank you to Bob Ulberg and Steve Seitchik, who led them to our door.

Some months ago, the directors of the Oppenheim Fund inquired about possibly granting us funds for a named project that "we would like to see happen".

We responded with an idea to refurbish our lobby to make it more welcoming and comfortable. They have agreed, so watch for the changes over the next several months. Sprucing up the painting and installing new furniture and accessories will be part of this most welcome improvement.

The Oppenheim family has, throughout several generations, provided Temple Hesed with committed leadership and generosity. With the death of Jane Oppenheim, and because the last two generations are no longer in the area, the line has ended for us, but their continuous dedication will not be forgotten.

Esther Adelman
Sander J. Levinson, M.D., 78, a Highly-Regarded Physician and expert on Pulmonary Diseases

Sander J. Levinson, M.D., 78, of South Abington Township, died July 25 in Regional Hospital of Scranton. He is survived by his wife, the former Kimberly A. Kalafut.

Born in Scranton, son of the late Dr. Jerome G. and Gatell Moskovitz Levinson, he was a graduate of Scranton Central High School, Class of 1961. He went on to study at the University of Scranton and Temple University where he attained his B.S. in Biology. He later graduated from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia where he received his Doctorate of Medicine in 1969.

Upon completion of his studies, Dr. Levinson fulfilled his postgraduate training at both Thomas Jefferson University and Temple University Hospitals in 1974, after which he returned home to Scranton and began his career as a pulmonary specialist at Mercy Hospital and Moses Taylor Hospital where he remained until 2011. While there, Dr. Levinson held numerous appointments and he served as Chairman of the Medical Staff Credential Committee, Director and Chairman of Intensive Care Committee, Director of the Coal Workers’ Respiratory Disease Clinic, and Director of Respiratory Care Services and Pulmonary Function Laboratory at both facilities. He additionally was active with care services at Community Medical Center for over 30 years and served as medical director at the Jewish Home of Eastern Pennsylvania since 1976. He was a member of the Executive Board of the Lackawanna County Medical Society and a corporate member of the board for Pennsylvania Blue Shield for many years, and upon closing his medical practice in 2011, he was appointed as Chief Medical Officer at Regional Hospital of Scranton.

As well as his exemplary work in the field of medicine, Dr. Levinson held several teaching appointments as professor at Temple University School of Medicine and Luzerne County Community College, and was a highly regarded lecturer on pulmonary diseases. He was a guest speaker at the U.S. Department of Labor where he articulated the studies being done on the course of pathogens and disease that affected those working within the coal mining industry. Most recently, Dr. Levinson lectured at the Commonwealth Medical College with primary focus on pulmonary function, evaluation, and treatment. He also served as Medical Consultant for the United States Department of Labor, Medical Advisor for the Office of Hearings and Appeals within the Social Security Administration for nearly 30 years, and even served as an expert witness in various court hearings. In addition to his participation in the operatives of a vast number of medical organizations, Dr. Levinson was a member Temple Hesed in Scranton.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by daughters Lisa Feldman and husband Andrew of Florida, and Melissa Zyats of South Abington Township; sons Michael Levinson of Florida, and Jared Levinson of Brooklyn, NY; grandchildren Sydney and Max Feldman of Florida, and Rita Zyats of South Abington Township; his brother Dr. Nat E. Levinson and wife Nancy of North Abington Township; as well as nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by his brother, Edward Levinson. Sander will always remain in memory with his infamous whistle hummed and known by heart to all of his children.

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**HIGH HOLY DAY HONORS**

Many of you have already responded to the email previously sent out to the congregation, but as a reminder, the following is a list of the honors that are available if you are attending in person. Please indicate which services that you will be attending, as well as what types of honors that you would be comfortable having. Please choose several options, so that I have some flexibility when I put the services together. *(If any of your family members would also like to participate, we’d love to include them. Please indicate the same information for them.)*

Depending on the response, you may be asked for more than one honor.

- Hebrew Prayers
- English Readings
- Opening/Closing Ark
- Carrying Torah
- Undressing/Dressing Torah

**Esther Adelman**

[ebabunny@aol.com](mailto:ebabunny@aol.com)
Special Prayerbooks for the Month Before Rosh Hashanah!

This year, we will be using a special prayerbook for the entire month of September — Mishkan Ha-Lev, the dwelling-place of the heart.

It’s filled with beautiful, inspirational readings designed to help us prepare spiritually for the High Holy Days.

The Reform Movement recently came out with a large print edition of Mishkan Ha-Lev that will be available at Temple Hesed services for the first time.

This is also the prayerbook we use for our S’lichot services.

Though we’ll be using a special prayerbook, the timing of our Shabbat services is the same as usual — 6 p.m. on September 2 and 7 p.m. on all the other Friday nights.

We’ll also be using our usual Zoom link, https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89442525110?pwd=T1U0a0x1RjhoSnNPYXp4S2R4UG9tQT09
Or from the zoom app, enter Meeting ID: 894 4252 5110 and Passcode: Hesed

Cancel Culture and Yom Kippur

For our Yom Kippur afternoon study session this year, Rabbi Daniel will look at how “cancel culture” does and does not jibe with the philosophy behind Yom Kippur.

Recently, there have been calls to “cancel” a variety of famous people — politicians, athletes, musicians, artists and so on — for a variety of perceived or actual misdeeds.

But Yom Kippur at its root stands for the notion of forgiveness on the one hand and the belief that everyone can change for the better on the other. What does it take to be beyond forgiveness? And should we ever give up on a person’s ability to change?

Join us for this special study session, hear from traditional sources, and share your opinions.

Big Plans for Temple Hesed Religious School!

Over the course of the pandemic, despite all the loss and suffering, Temple Hesed had few positive trends.

The first was that, instead of one or two people inquiring about conversion, Rabbi Daniel had a dozen people study with him, some of whom have now completed the conversion process.

The second was that we now have enough students to revive our Religious School, with programs for young children, b’nai mitzvah aged students, and high schoolers.

Our young students, who began meeting once a month last year, will now be coming together on three Sundays a month.

The first gathering each month will be a family program, with parents accompanying their children as they learn about traditions through music, crafts and food. On each of the other two Sundays, our young students will spend half their time learning Hebrew and half exploring Jewish traditions, values and holidays.

Our b’nai mitzvah aged students (in addition to their bar and bat mitzvah studies) will have several day trips and special experiences over the course of the year.

And our high school students will travel down to Washington, D.C. for an amazing weekend at the Religious Action Center, where they will be joined by hundreds of Jewish students from across the U.S. learning about Judaism and social justice, and then taking what they have learned and speaking about it with their Representatives and Senators.

We are still welcoming new and additional students. So if you have children in these age ranges or know of families that do, please let the Temple office know so that Rabbi Daniel can reach out — the more the merrier!
September Chanting Circles, including RH2: Re-tuning Your Moral Compass

As the High Holy Days approach, we are supposed to start the process of “heshbon ha-nefesh,” an accounting of the soul.

For our September chanting circles, which include not only Saturday September 3, 10, 17, and 24, all at 11:30 a.m., but also RH2, at 10 a.m. on September 27, we’ll explore chants and spiritual practices that help us with a key part of that accounting process — “re-tuning our moral compass.”

Throughout our lives, our ideas about right and wrong, our life’s direction and priorities, shift and evolve. It’s important to take time every now and then to reflect on that and to make sure that our “moral compass” really is aligned with our deepest values.

September 3 and 27 will be both in-person and online, while the others will only be online.

Reform Jewish Movement Statement on the Presbyterian Church (USA)’s Declaration of Israel as an Apartheid State

July 13, 2022 - The Reform Jewish Movement strongly condemns Presbyterian Church (USA)’s declaration falsely charging that Israel is an apartheid state, with the passage of Amendment INT-02 at its recent General Assembly. The Reform Movement is equally appalled that the Church entertained a recommendation to remove the term “antisemitism” from its official lexicon, preferring the term “anti-Jewish,” as it is universally accepted that ‘antisemitism’ refers specifically to the hatred of the Jewish people. This is not the first time that an egregious statement on Israel has been made by PCUSA leadership, and we can clearly see that this is part of a pattern. Earlier this year in his reflection for Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend, the Church’s highest official, Stated Clerk Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson II, described Israel’s treatment of Palestinians as, “21st-century slavery.”

The Reform Movement condemns these libelous mischaracterizations of the Jewish State, which carry with them a significant risk of increased antisemitism in the United States and worldwide.

The accusation of ‘apartheid’ is flawed, as the distinguishing factor determining the legal system in the West Bank is based on nationality and citizenship, not racial hierarchy, skin color, religious, or ethnic measures. Positioning the conflict in racial terms is simply wrong and is unhelpful in bringing this conflict to resolution. PCUSA and other international organizations continuously fail to recognize the context of Israel/Palestine, as they do not address Israel’s security concerns or the call by many of Israel’s neighbors - including the Palestinians - to bring an end to the Jewish State.

While the North American Reform Movement has a long-standing policy of opposition to Israeli settlements, we deeply regret that the PCUSA has taken an entirely unhelpful, even counterproductive, approach toward achieving a two-state solution. We acknowledge that the occupation regularly causes hardship to Palestinians, and to that end, we have repeatedly called for negotiations to establish two states for two peoples.

Reform Jews across North America enjoy warm relationships with local Presbyterian clergy and laity, many of whom have chosen to dissociate themselves from the national body. We will continue to nurture those relationships, engaging our friends and partners honestly and candidly to share our hurt, anger, and disappointment. Reform rabbis, cantors, and lay leaders will work with our Presbyterian partners to build a greater understanding of the Jewish people’s commitment to Israel, as well as a more accurate and nuanced understanding of its ongoing conflicts, its vulnerability to antisemitism, and our shared concern for the welfare of the Palestinian people. We call on PCUSA to retract their resolution.
Ceil G. Rydzewski, 71, was an avid equestrian, golfer and fundraiser

Ceil G. Rydzewski, 71, of Factoryville, died July 5. She is survived by her husband, Atty. Joseph Rydzewski. They had celebrated 47 years of marriage on Feb. 1, 2022.

Born in Scranton, daughter of the late George Schneider and Lois Fogel May and stepdaughter of the late Richard May, she was a graduate of the Grier School for Girls in Tyrone, Pa., and went on to attend C.W. Post University in Long Island, thereafter obtaining her master's degree in social work from New York University. She had been a member of Temple Hesed in Scranton.

Ceil was an avid equestrian, having competed in numerous events throughout her life. She was lovingly known by the younger riders as "Mama Ceil" and often held high standards for herself as well as her students. She was an incredible golfer, mother, gardener, chef, entertainer, host, tennis player, prankster, interior designer, storyteller and "Noni" to her four grandchildren. Ceil was a longtime member of the Glen Oak Country Club serving as women's golf chairman for a number of years. She was a member of Junior League and served on the board of directors for the Amos Towers B'nai B'rith Senior Housing. Ceil has chaired numerous successful Fundraisers for charitable and religious organizations and will be missed by many.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by their children, Ellen Rydzewski and husband, Peter Ritchie, of Studio City, Calif.; Eric Rydzewski and wife, Grace, of Grand Junction, Colo.; and Sarah Leavelsley and husband, Brett, of Clarks Summit; grandchildren, Cameron and Hunter Leavesley, and Greydon and Archer Ritchie; as well as her sisters, Edye Schneider, of Scranton; and Tina Schneider, of Takoma Park, Md.; her uncle, Atty. Irwin Schneider, of Fleetville; as well as many cousins, friends and extended family.

A graveside funeral service was conducted in Temple Hesed Cemetery, West Warren Street, Dunmore, by Rabbi Daniel Swartz.

Audrey Harrell, 86, Loved to Sing

Audrey A. Harrell of Scranton and formerly of Staten Island passed away Aug. 10 at Hospice of the Sacred Heart in Dunmore.

Born in Scranton, she was the daughter of the late Frank A. and Anna Durdon Mostek and was an active member of Temple Hesed, Scranton. Before retirement, she was a secretary for Maid-Rite Steak Company in Dunmore. Following retirement, she worked at TJ Maxx in Dickson City.

Audrey had a flair for fashion and enjoyed shopping and a good hat. She had an exceptional singing voice and loved the opera. She enjoyed celebrating traditional ethnic Christmas Eve dinners with her family. Her cats, Follow, Precious, Sparkle, Shy and Mommy cat were her biggest joy.

Audrey's family wishes to thank Rabbi Daniel Swartz, friends, Marlene and Bernice, "Cousin Michael," neighbor Ryan and Hospice of the Sacred Heart for all of their care and compassion.

Surviving are a sister, Lois Berry and husband, Edward, Scranton; a brother, Frank W. Mostek and wife, Carolyn, Springville; niece, Chris Berry Slocum and husband, George; a nephew, David Berry and wife, Tami; great-nieces, nephews and cousins.

Private services were held at Abington Hills Cemetery.
Yahrzeits

August 28 – September 3
1 – 7 Elul

Service September 2


September 4 – 10
8 – 14 Elul

Service September 9


September 11 – 17
15 – 21 Elul

Service September 16


September 18 – 24
22 – 28 Elul

Service September 23


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Atty. Irwin Schneider, 91, was Past Temple President

Atty. Irwin Schneider, 91, of Fleetville, died Aug. 23 in Celebration Villa of Mid Valley in Peckville. He and his wife, the former Sandra Alston, would have celebrated 40 years of marriage on Oct. 16.

Born in Bronx, N.Y., son of the late Herman and Elsie Knapp Schneider, he was a 1952 graduate of the University of Scranton and he obtained his Juris Doctorate degree from Dickinson School of Law in 1955. He served as the assistant district attorney for Lackawanna County, and in 1965, Irwin became partner in Nogi, O'Malley, Harris and Schneider, P.C., later acting as managing partner and chief litigator for the firm. By 1990, he had formed the partnership of Schneider, Goffer & Hickey, P.C. and later developed Irwin Schneider & Associates, P.C., where he remained until his retirement. Throughout his career, he also contributed to an array of legal publications on the subjects of liability, practice and procedure.

Atty. Schneider was involved with numerous professional associations, and additionally held many positions of leadership within an array of legal boards.

Aside from his professional contributions, Atty. Schneider was involved with many religious and civic organizations. He served as past president of the Scranton Lackawanna Jewish Federation, Temple Hesed, and the Amos Lodge of B'nai B'rith, where he was also the recipient of the Man of the Year Award in 1991. He was a former member of the Glen Oak Country Club, the Country Club of Scranton and the Scranton Canoe Club.

In addition to his wife, Sandra, Irwin is survived by daughters, Linda Jones and husband, Jeff, of Dickson City; Atty. Elizabeth Rothenberg and husband, Atty. Howard, of Clarks Summit; Bertye Dietrick and husband, Timothy, of Fleetville; and Atty. Wendy Schneider Sebring, of Fleetville; grandchildren, Jimmy Wharton, Atty. David Rothenberg, Atty. Debbie Rothenberg, Justin Dietrick, Atty. Andy Dietrick and Sophie Sebring; great-grandsons, Jack and Nicholas (Nico) O'Connor; nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his son, Brian Schneider; granddaughter, Janet Rothenberg; sister, Sondra Schneider; brother, George Schneider; niece, Ceil Rydzewski; and his first wife, Ann Nogi.

A graveside service was conducted in Temple Israel Cemetery, West Warren Street, Dunmore, by Rabbi Swartz.

S’lchot and Tashlich

Come check out what you’ve been missing!

The whole High Holy Day season begins with meditative, reflective experience known as “S’lchot,” which means “prayers of forgiveness.”

Though it is traditionally held at midnight (because the late night was seen as particularly fertile for introspection), we start at 9 p.m., on Saturday, September 17, with a brief study session. This year, we’ll discuss how we can become more attuned to the “Still Small Voice” that the prophet Elijah heard.

After our study, we gather in the main sanctuary for a service that culminates with the dressing of the Torah scrolls in their High Holy Day finery, as well as the first Shofar blast of the season (and we’ve sometimes gone out for donuts afterwards, whose round shape symbolizes the cycle of the year).

Tashlich, which means “casting out,” is a metaphorical ritual designed to help us start the New Year with a clean slate.

We symbolically cast out bread crumbs and whatever has gathered in our pockets, with the intention that we use this occasion to cast out bad habits and problematic ways of thinking.

This year, as we did last year, we will hold Tashlich immediately after the Rosh Hashanah morning service concludes, at about noon on Monday, September 26.

People can walk down from Temple Hesed to Lake Scranton or drive and park there.

People who didn’t attend the morning service, such as families with young children, are most welcome to join us as well!

Tashlich is a brief, family-friendly outdoors ritual — so give it a try if you haven’t yet.
A fault-finder complains that even the bride is too pretty.

From 1001 Yiddish Proverbs

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Protocols For Your Health

We’re doing our best to ensure that our services are both safe and comfortable to the greatest extent possible.

To do that, we will have several protocols in place that we ask everyone to respect.

First of all, to help with social distancing, there will be no ushers handing out books — books will be on a table for everyone to pick up for themselves. As we did last year, we will block out every other row. We strongly encourage masking, but we will not be requiring it this year.

We will, however, reserve the entire left half of the sanctuary (as you face the ark from the seats) for people who will be wearing masks at all times. To reduce close contact, Rabbi Daniel will not be shaking everyone’s hands at the end of services, and we won’t have our usual Oneg on Erev Rosh Hashanah. We will, however, have a table outside with challah, apples, and individual packets of honey.

For break-fast, we will have “grab and go” snacks for everyone, as we did last year.

And please, if you are feeling at all unwell or are running a fever, join us online rather than in person, to keep everyone safe.

Because of heightened concerns about antisemitism, we will have security for all services. Please make sure to coordinate any guests with the Temple office well in advance, as we will be alerting security about anyone we don’t recognize.

For those who choose to join us online, every service (except S’lichot, Tashlich and the cemetery memorial service) will be available on Zoom. But instead of “screen sharing,” we will be asking people to check out prayerbooks in advance to take home, and then return them after the High Holy Days are over. This will greatly simplify the running of the services themselves. If you plan to join online, please call the office as soon as possible to set up a time to pick up your prayerbooks.

ABOUT TEMPLE HESED:

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.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, appointments should be made for all meetings with the rabbi.

The Temple Hesed Cemetery is open for visitation six days a week. Visitaton 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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