Join us for Yom Kippur Afternoon Study: Wednesday October 5 at 3 pm.

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.
To My Fellow Temple Hesed Members:

First I want to thank all of you who so generously gave to our Building Fund to help offset our huge expense for paving our driveway and our HVAC replacement. Your kindness and help are greatly appreciated.

For those of you who still haven't made a donation to this cause, would you please consider giving? Our shortfall is substantial. At the present time, our Temple Hesed Building fund's balance is only $282,000. Before we started to withdraw funds to pay for our two major projects it was about $475,000.00. What this means is that if ever Temple Hesed has a future major building issue there may not be enough funds to pay for it.

As many of you know, a steady stream of funds generated from our endowment funds has been used to offset our annual shortfall between the income brought in from our dues and our annual operating expenses. However, as one of our Investment Committee members stated, our high and aggressive rate of our withdrawals will not be sustainable for the long term future.

We would be grateful for any contributions you can make to ensure that our building and grounds remain beautiful and in safe condition.

Best wishes to you and your family for a very healthy, happy, and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,

Jeff Leventhal
Treasurer, Chairman of Temple's Investment Committee

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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

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ESTHER B. ADELMAN

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With apologies to Harry Kemelman and the Rabbi Small mysteries, it’s time for “October the Rabbi Went to Africa.” By the time you are reading this, you will have already heard my Rosh Hashanah evening sermon (at least I hope you will!) In it, I talked about how precious time is, and how I am realizing more and more that the amount of time I have to spend with different family members is finite.

I am trying to take my own words seriously, which is what led Marjorie and me to decide to accompany my father, stepmother and stepsister to Africa. Dad and Ann have been gallivanting around the globe for many years, and throughout those years, Marjorie and I have regularly said, you know, we should make sure to go on one of their adventures with them. But we never found the time. Or rather, we never made the time a high enough priority.

This spring, we finally decided that, no matter what, we were going to figure out a way to go adventuring with them. They, and my stepsister, who was already traveling with them as a COVID-postponed 50th birthday present, were thrilled to have us join them as we travel through southern Africa, first on a wildlife tour and then to see family in Cape Town. (My father’s family first stopped in Africa when they left Germany. Some cousins stayed, but my dad’s grandparents decided to journey onward to America. There weren’t boats from South Africa to America in those days, so they first went to England. Then they missed their boat to America — which turned out to be a good thing, because they were supposed to come on the Titanic!)

I’m sure I’ll have plenty of opportunities to talk about our trip — including the excitement of seeing the animals our shofars come from in the wild! But before that, I want to explain what will be happening here at Temple Hesed while I am away. We will only be cancelling one service — we won’t gather on the first Friday, October 7. On October 14, we’ll be joining with Temple Israel to celebrate Sukkot as the first part of the “People of Faith Coming Together” series that the Scranton Area Ministerium is sponsoring (see article pg. 5). Then lay leaders, first Harry and then Esther Adelman, will lead services on October 21 and 28. I hope you will come to support them!!! To avoid technical difficulties, we won’t be streaming any of these services on Zoom or YouTube.

I’m hoping that everyone will stay healthy and safe while I am gone. But if something should come up, I’ve alerted both Rabbi Miriam and my colleagues down in Kingston, who will be available should the need arise. Religious school will resume after I return, as will the chanting circle. I’ll see you when I get back — and in the meantime, I hope you seize the opportunity to spend as much time as possible with those you love!

Rabbi Daniel
We have a dozen students enrolled in our weekly school, which meets on Sundays, plus another trio of middle school students who will be going on field trips and other special activities.

And our high school Confirmation Class students — at least four at this point, with a few possible additions coming — will travel down to Washington DC for an amazing weekend at the Religious Action Center.

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.

In our first two sessions, we began learning the Hebrew alphabet (or more accurately, the alef-bet), including through some unusual methods, such as drawing letters on sand, doing “alef-bet yoga,” and baking the letters into sugar cookies!

Everyone also got a chance to try blowing the shofar, and we had a number of students who could really make it sound! Enjoy these pictures of our students — there will be many more to come!
October 1 Chanting Circle, 11:30 am — Cleansing!

Isaiah wrote (1:18) Be your sins like crimson, they can turn snow-white.” That’s one of the key purposes of Yom Kippur — spiritual cleansing. But how does that happen? That’s what we’ll explore through chant, reflection, and sharing. Because of Rabbi Daniel’s travels, there will only be one Chanting Circle in October, on the 1st at 11:30, both in person and online. To join us online, just click https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83570030002?pwd=TE8xQ2NDTi8xSk83cnRSQXFMY2IUdz09 Or from the Zoom app, enter Meeting ID: 835 7003 0002 and Passcode: Gratitude Everyone is welcome to join this diverse, supportive group — give it a try for the New Year!

People of Faith Coming Together

In our far-too divided world, it’s great to get a chance to unite. The Scranton Area Ministerium has done just that, setting up a series of opportunities for people to explore other faith communities and their houses of worship.

From October 14 to November, every weekend will have a service at a different house of worship that everyone is invited to.

Below is a listing of the dates, times, and locations, starting with the Sukkot Service at Temple Israel and concluding with the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service that Temple Hesed will once again host!

Because we want to make everyone feel safe and secure, we are asking people to register for the series. Use the QR code to go to the quick and easy registration page, or use this link: https://tiny.one/peopleoffaith

October 14
Sukkot. Friday night service. Temple Israel of Scranton — 918 East Gibson Street, Scranton, PA 18510
5:00 PM tour and Q&A
5:45 services

October 23
St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church — 310 Broadway Scranton, Pennsylvania 18505
2 PM

October 30
St. Peter’s Roman Catholic Cathedral — 315 Wyoming Ave, Scranton, PA 18503
2 PM

November 6
All Saints Sunday
St. Luke’s Episcopal Church — 233 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania 18503
10:00 AM

November 11
Islamic Center of Scranton — 1509 West Pass Avenue, Scranton, PA 18508
1pm Jumu’ah service
Confirmed.

November 18
Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. Temple Hesed, 7 pm. With dinner before hand, COVID permitting.
YAHREIHETS

September 25 – October 1
29 Elul – 5 Tishri
Service September 30

*Samuel Behar, *Mendel Harris, *Abe Shapiro,
*Dorothy Goldsmith, *Rochelle Gardner Margolis,
*Ludwig Berger, *Edward Miller, Karl Strohl, *Harry Ferber,
*Seymour E. Stahiler, *Dorothy Mendel Jacobs, *Samuel H. Frank

October 2 – 8
7 – 13 Tishri
Service October 7

*Harry Jacobs, *Hattie L. Marks, *James Swartz,

October 9 – 15
14 – 20 Tishri
Service October 14

*Family of Adolf Gabriel Winter, *Kalman Livingston,

October 16 – 22
21 – 27 Tishri
Service October 21


October 23 – 29
28 Tishri – 4 Cheshvan
October 28


October 30 – November 5
5 – 11 Cheshvan
Service November 4


Get Wells

Michael Cornfield     Rich Mates
Lynne Fragin          Chelsea Minkoff
Kenny Ganz            Harriet Noble
Larry Golden          Charlene Ostro
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“Sometimes the remedy is worse than the disease.”

From 1001 Yiddish Proverbs

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Every Voice, Every Vote

The Reform Jewish Movement’s 2022 Every Voice, Every Vote Campaign is a nonpartisan effort, grounded in our Jewish values and commitment to racial justice, to strengthen our democracy by encouraging and protecting voter participation. As Reform Jews, we believe democracy is strongest when the electorate reflects the population – and it suffers when citizens are shut out from the democratic process. Voting is how we determine our future. It is how we fulfill the Talmudic teaching that a ruler is not to be appointed unless the community is first consulted. It is our prayer. It is our voice.

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.

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