



Carnegie Shul Chatter

October 10, 2017



Upcoming Services

Shemini Atzeras

Thursday , October 12

Morning Service 9:20 am

Yizkor 11:00 am

Musaf 11:40 am

Simchas Torah

Friday, October 13

Morning Service 9:20 am

Shabbas

Saturday, October 14

Morning Service 9:20 am

So Many Holidays

What a busy month! First we have Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. Ten days later we have Yom Kippur, the solemn Day of Atonement. Less than a week after Yom Kippur comes Sukkos, and then, the seventh and eighth days of Sukkos are the holidays of Shimini Atzeres and Simchas Torah. A lot of holidays in just a few short weeks.

So which is my favorite?

Well, I guess I like Yom Kippur the best, because it gives me a chance to seek forgiveness for my sins, but the one I really enjoy celebrating is Simchas Torah – The Rejoicing of the Torah!

I remember, as a child, going to Shul on Simchas Torah. The men would all receive aliyahs and would parade and dance through the

We Need You

The Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle, on October 1, ran a story about the upcoming closing on December 31 of Temple Hadar Israel in New Castle, whose origins date back to 1894.

The following week, *The Chronicle* ran another article about a shul closing, this time the shul being Beth Israel Center in Pleasant Hills, a shul that had been around since 1958.

What happened to these shuls? Declining, aging memberships made it hard to achieve minyans, and the shuls were forced to close their doors.

We cannot let that happen here!

Our membership is also aging and attendance is falling, but most weeks we still get a minyan. Most weeks, but not all.

The Carnegie Shul is a bargain. The dues are low, there is no charge for High Holiday tickets, and our volunteers do an excellent job keeping things going.

Dr. Larry Block, our President, leads most services and does a wonderful job conducting the services and delivering meaningful sermons.

But our members have to be the ones to keep this shul going. We need you to come to services so we can read the Torah and so mourners can say Kaddish.

Please do not let this shul die. Come to a minyan. It does not have to be every week, but why not try once a month?

We really do need you.

sanctuary carrying the Torahs. Then, we children would parade around the Shul waving our paper flags with the Torah depicted upon them.

Finally came the best part of all – we would all receive a big, crispy red delicious apple and a chocolate bar. How could any holiday beat that?

Now, as an adult, I love Simchas Torah for an even more important reason than the apples and the chocolate bars. I love it because it celebrates the Torah, God's greatest gift to mankind, and the constant continuity of Torah, for on Simchas Torah we conclude one Torah cycle and immediately begin anew with the reading of the Book of Genesis.

There is one part of Simchas Torah that I must admit I find to be very sad. It comes from the reading of the final parshah of the Torah, Vezot Haberachah. This parshah tells how Moses ascended Mount Nebo to gaze upon the Promised Land to which he would not be allowed entrance. "Moses the servant of G-d died there in the Land of Moab by the mouth of G-d... and no man knows his burial place to this day." And the Torah concludes, "There arose not a prophet since in Israel like Moses whom G-d knew face to face... and in all the mighty hand and the great awesome things which Moses did before the eyes of all Israel."

So sad that this greatest of all men never was permitted to enter the Promised Land, but Moses was, after all, still a man, and not God, and God deemed it necessary for Joshua to lead this next generation of Jews into their new home.

Yahrzeit Plaques

Commemorate a loved one by dedicating a yahrzeit plaque in his or her memory at the Carnegie Shul. These beautiful plaques, mounted on the sanctuary walls, are lit on the loved one's yahrzeit, Yom Kippur, and days when Yizkor is recited. The names are also read aloud from the Bimah during services on the Sabbath of the yahrzeit and on Yom Kippur. To purchase a plaque, for only \$175, please email Mike Roteman at mrmike777@yahoo.com.



Please consider sponsoring a Kiddush in honor or in memory of a loved one, for only \$36. Your sponsorship will be announced from the bimah and in the weekly Chatter. To sponsor a Kiddush, email mrmike777@yahoo.com.



SOUTH HILLS

JEWISH FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL

SIMMONS FARM

170 SIMMONS RD.
MCMURRAY, PA

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

12:30-3:30 PM

\$5 PER PERSON with advance purchase through OCTOBER 5
\$10 per person after OCTOBER 6 (Registration limited to first 300 people)

ADMISSION INCLUDES

PICNIC LUNCH — 12:30-2:00 PM

(Dietary Laws Observed)

HAYRIDE, PUMPKIN PICKING,
HAY/CORN MAZES,
FIRE TRUCK SLIDES,
PETTING ZOO,
& MORE!

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To register & for more information: southhillsjewishpittsburgh.org or (412) 697-6647

Host Committee: Jen Cohen, Bonnie Gordon, Kate Louik, Mussie Rosenblum



ISRAEL AT 70:

LOOKING BACK, LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, October 15 • 7:30-9:00 pm

JCC Squirrel Hill 5738 Forbes Avenue

DANI DAYAN, Consul General of Israel in New York, will address issues including: Religious pluralism in Israel and the diaspora; Iran, Hezbollah, Hamas, and other security threats to the State of Israel; and the Prime Minister's most recent trips to Africa and Latin America.

To register or for more information visit

www.jfedpgh.org/dani-dayan

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