

## **RITUAL COMMITTEE**

**December 2023**

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The Morning and afternoon services have been ongoing with almost perfect success. The Koffee Klatch directly after the morning service that starts at 8:30 and continues every day, Sunday through Friday has been well attended and is enhanced by a d'var torah by Rabbi Kamens on Sunday morning and a continuing lesson on the history of prayer and the development of the synagogue the rest of the week. The evening service starts at 5:00 PM, Sunday through Thursday.

Starting Thursday, December 21, 2023 and continuing every Thursday during the winter season, Rabbi Philip Lazowski, a seasonal member and a well-known author, will be teaching a short lesson on Pirke Avot, The Ethics of our Fathers. It will be both interesting and educational.

The sessions are followed with discussions about anything. Please take advantage of this time to shmooz and meet fellow congregants and the rabbi. Thanks to Pearl Laroff, Gayle Savitz and David Weissman, an earthly enticement is to enjoy breakfast at the Koffee Klatch every Thursday and a breakfast with bagels and lox every Friday.

Our committee is responsible for assuring the capable presentations of the p'sukai d'zimra and the haftara every Shabbat and holiday and the presence of substitutes at the absence of our clergy. Volunteers for the p'sukai d'zimra and haftara are welcome. Contact the office or this committee.

On behalf of the entire congregation, we wish to give thanks and great appreciation to Paulette Ballin and Barbara Abramowitz for arranging all the honors for the high holidays. We are no less thankful to Tony Krisman and his hard working ushers for keeping the services running smoothly.

Special Shabbatot are planned throughout the year recognizing various committees and developments. The schedule is posted on the bulletin board in the lobby. If you wish to participate, please contact the office or the Ritual Chairman at [TASritual@comcast.net](mailto:TASritual@comcast.net).

### Promotional events

Congregants are welcome to celebrate the bar or bat mitzvah of grandchildren with aliyot and sponsorship on Shabbat in honor of the occasion.

As it is realized that life begins again at age 70, the celebration of a second bar mitzvah at age 83 is encouraged. If you are interested, assistance will be available through the Ritual Committee.