

Nice to have a little rain! We are hoping the precipitation is limited to showers during the day tomorrow so we can all enjoy Shabbat at Alford Lake.

Here's the weekend schedule. We'd love to see you! Come for all or any part of it.

Shabbat Shalom.

Saturday, August 13: Lakeside Shabbat with Rabbi Natan Margalit

Please join us for a beautiful Shabbat day with Rabbi Margalit on the shore of Alford Lake at the summer home of our hosts, Richard and Kit Aroneau.

- 10-11 a.m.: Shacharit (morning) Service, to be held outdoors, weather permitting.
- 11 a.m. - noon: Torah Reading with a discussion of Haftorah Hazon. In what ways do Isaiah's description of Israelite society resonate with our own? What lessons can we take from his prophecy?
- Noon: Potluck Dairy Lunch. Please bring a non-meat dish to share (fish is fine, too).
- Shabbat Afternoon: Family Camp Swimming, kayaking, lawn games, relaxing (bring swimsuits, towels, lifejackets).
- 5-6 p.m.: Snack, Singing, Torah Study: Pirke Avot Ethical Wisdom of the Fathers
- 7-8:30 p.m.: Potluck Dairy Dinner, followed by Havdalah under the stars.

For lunch and dinner, Richard and Kit will provide bread, drinks, and salad. Please bring a non-meat dish or a dessert to share. Directions were sent in a previous email. If you have any trouble finding the place, call Richards cell phone: 207-712-4782

Sunday, August 14, Tisha B'Av (Ninth of the month of Av) Observance, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Tisha B'Av, besides Yom Kippur, is the most important fast day in the Jewish calendar. Historically, it commemorates the destruction of both the First and Second Temples. Spiritually, it signals the beginning of our journey toward the High Holidays and a chance to break down our own walls and begin returning to our best selves.

We'll observe this solemn day with Rabbi Margalit by reading Eichah, The Book of Lamentations, followed by a discussion: What does it take for a civilization to collapse? What does it take to thrive?

Please join us for this special, meaningful observance as we take the first step into the season of the Days of Awe.

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