

Sabbatical Frequently Asked Questions (Short Version)

Who do I call if I have an emergency?

Nancy Kelly is serving as the contact person in case of a death or serious illness. In case of emergency, you can reach her at 622-4076. Several local rabbis have volunteered to be available to officiate at funerals and support families through the grieving process. We also have a dedicated group of volunteers under the leadership of Susan Bakaley Marshall who can help those who are ill with visits or meals.

Note: Nancy is out of town November 27th-December 3rd and December 28th-January 3rd. If an emergency arises during those dates, contact Ellen Freed: 207-485-0325.

Will Rabbi Asch be in contact with us during her sabbatical? Will she check email or answer her phone?

Rabbi Asch will not be checking in on the synagogue during her absence. One goal of the sabbatical is for Rabbi Asch to have the ability to step back from the day-to-day work of the synagogue to gain distance and clarity. This will help her return refreshed and renewed.

Email: Rabbi Asch will not be checking her email during her sabbatical. Please do not send her emails. If you forget and email her, you will receive a detailed “away” message directing you who to contact in her absence. When Rabbi Asch returns to work, she will delete all emails in her inbox without reading them.

Phone Calls and Texts: Rabbi Asch will also not be answering calls or texts to her emergency cell phone. Temple President Chuck Cohen will be in touch with Rabbi Asch if an emergency arises which the board feels needs her attention.

Social Media: Rabbi Asch will not be checking social media during absence and will not see your posts or Facebook messages.

Who do I contact with questions about the sabbatical?

You may speak with Temple President Chuck Cohen (youguy@roadrunner.com).

Who will be in charge of what during sabbatical?

To contact any of the people below, please reach out to Darlene in the Temple Office (bethelaugusta@gmail.com, 207-622-7450). She will put you in touch with the appropriate person. Also check the weekly emails for contact information.

Sabbatical Committee: Fran Rudoff, Chris Zinck and Jay Collins will be serving as the sabbatical committee and making sure that everything runs smoothly while Rabbi Asch is away.

Discretionary Fund: Rev. Carie Johnsen

Death and Serious Illness: Nancy Kelly is the contact person and will put you in touch with a rabbi.

Hebrew School: Amy Bley and Bria Watson

Newsletter: Amy Bley and Chris Myers Asch

Pastoral Care: Susan Bakaley Marshall

Rides to Temple Events: Mike Drickey and Thea Zinck.

Services: Jay Collins

Torah Study: Cree Krull

Weekly Email: Cree Krull