

MONTHLY BULLETIN

August/September 2019 * Tamuz/Av/Elul * 5779/5780



Sermon delivered on Friday, July 19

My most cherished characterization of Judaism is, “two Jews, three opinions.” We may intuit from this that disagreement is an essential, but negative, characteristic of our religion. However, divergence of opinion actually speaks to a positive

strength of our faith. It speaks of a willingness and ability to see things from many perspectives, even opposing points of view. The rabbis declared of these perceived conflicts: “*Eilu v’eilu divrei Elohim*” – this and that are the words of God.” All opinions must coexist. True, Judaism has established rules. Also true is that Judaism has rules to get around rules. We, as did the ancient sages, have our disagreements, our points of conflict and contention. Still, coexistence, the maintaining of community, exceeds any sectarian dispute. At least that is the ideal. We are to bless, rather than to curse. We are to seek peace, rather than to pursue dispute.

In this week’s Torah portion, *Balak*, the *Sefat Emet* commenting on the Midianite seer, *Balaam*, who is summoned to curse the Israelites, quotes two passages from Psalms. The first passage: “The Lord is wrathful each day” (ps. 7:12), he explains, means that God’s “wrath lasts only for a moment, since it also says [in the second passage from Psalms]: “The compassion of God is all the day long.” (Ps. 52:3). The goal of the wicked, according to the *Sefat Emet*, is to exploit that moment of divine wrath. The goal of the righteous, he teaches, is to succeed in finding grace and filling the world with compassion to counter the wicked.

This past week we have witnessed words that many characterize as racist, while many others view as appropriate and deserving. I struggle to grant the imprimatur of justice to words which I find dangerous and divisive. Nonetheless I am wanting not to demonize those who disagree with me or with whom I disagree. I believe that the problem with President Trump’s tweet and the subsequent defense of his opinion of Representatives Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Rashida Tlaib, Ayanna Pressley and Ilhan Omar is not what it says about him. We have all

formed opinions of what we will accept or deny, defend or attack.

The danger I find with the President’s tweet and follow-up is that a moment of wrath is destroying our ability as a nation, and even small distinct communities and families, to exist in a compassionate and forgiving manner. Moreover, it is not “a” moment, but rather another upon another moment of wrath.

Rabbi Arthur Green, commenting on the *Sefat Emet*, notes that there is a “*kabbalistic* idea that evil as well as good has its root in God.” God, as it were, is said to be in conflict – struggling against that moment of divine wrath. Green rhetorically asks “what does it mean that God struggles with an inner moment of divine anger, wrath, or impatience? Among other things, it means that we in our very imperfection, amid our own messy and imperfect lives, are images of God. Only a God who knows an inner wrath with which He is not content, can be with us as we struggle each day for the little victories of love and grace over impatience and anger.”

As Jews it is essential that we allow for conflict, wrath and impatience with others: two Jews, three opinions. Judaism certainly does not command that we all agree with one another. It does, however, demand that we seek to live with compassion and respect for others. It does require us to struggle against the impulse of anger, and reinforces the necessity to maintain community.

In this week’s portion, 24,000 Israelites are said to have died of a plague because they separated themselves from the community. As I watch our nation being pulled in opposing directions, and people clinging vociferously to their beliefs and interpretation of events, I worry that our democracy is crumbling amid a force that chooses curse over blessing. As a small Jewish community, I hope that we will always value who we are as a congregation above how we may disagree politically.



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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2 Bari Levin
2 Jack Hanchrow
9 Jean Schloss
10 Harriette Dorosin
11 Mark Mussafer
12 Jamie Loeb
13 Corinne Capilouto
14 Louisa Weinrib
14 Sam Kaufman
16 Jacob Dubin
16 Alan Bloom
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27 Jenny Ives
28 Dawn Schloss
29 Micki Beth Stiller
31 Bob Weisberg

AUG ANNIVERSARIES

14..... Herb & Esther Scheuer
17..... Philip & Susan Bernstein
17..... Alan & Myrna Rothfeder
18..... Robert & Barbara
Shinpaugh
19..... Craig & Karen Goldstein
20..... David & Sharon Berry
20..... Micki Beth & Laura Stiller
24..... Morris & Kelly Capouya
28..... Bruce & Karen Lieberman
31..... David Weinrib &
Elizabeth Wahl

SEPT BIRTHDAYS

4 David Baylinton
5 Susan Finklestein
6 Liza Kaufman
7 Lew Nyman
9 Norma Michelson
9 Scott Harris
11 Joe Mussafer
13 Russell Levy
16 Keith Sabel
18 Bobby Kohn
19 Natalie Mussafer
23 Terry Toney
24 Bert Loeb
24 Susan Kohn
26 Joy Kaplan
26 Jeanette Hanan
30 Kathleen Roberts

SEPT ANNIVERSARIES

4..... Ralph & Frances Capouya
5..... Alan & Diane Weil
8..... Bill & Julie Goolsby
19..... Robert & Rochelle Kohn
24..... Michael & Maxine Goldner

**Birthday and
Anniversary Blessings
on August 2 and
September 6**

TORAH TUESDAYS *at Temple Beth Or*

Beginning on Tuesday, July 9, I invite you to join in a conversation of the week's Torah portion. We will meet in the library from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. As we read the Torah text with curiosity, we will reference commentary and consider our own perspectives as we discuss the meaning of each portion.

To allow us enough time for discussion, I ask that you read the Torah portion in advance of each class and note any questions, insights, or challenges with which the text presents you. We will begin with the study of *Chukat*, Numbers 19:1-22:1. The following week's portion is *Balak*, Numbers 22:2-25:9.

The weekly portions can be found online at reformjudaism.org/learning. This will be an ongoing class, pausing only around holiday (Jewish and secular) observance.

The sage *Ben Bag Bag* wrote, "Turn it round and round, for everything is within it." I look forward to sharing in the process of discovery and learning with you.

Rabbi Looper



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For the Respite Care program at First
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Yahrzeits

To be read August 2

7/28/2019Philip W. Bernstein, Sr.
7/29/2019Gertrude S. Weinrib

To be read August 9

8/05/2019Emilie E. Strasburger
8/06/2019Albert Endel
8/06/2019David Adler Loeb

To be read August 16

8/12/2019David I. Cohen
8/13/2019Frank Happ
8/13/2019David Mussafer
8/14/2019Sally Golumb
8/16/2019Myrtle Endel
8/16/2019Morris Goldberg
8/17/2019Pauline Schrier
8/17/2019Theresa Monteiro Soares

To be read August 23

8/18/2019Lina Levine
8/20/2019Jack Abraham
8/20/2019Jean Weil
8/20/2019Blanche Landau Winter
8/23/2019Louis B. Levi

To be read August 30

8/25/2019Judith Stark
8/27/2019Nissim and Esther
Capouya
8/27/2019Louis J. Shapiro
8/29/2019Florence Goldstein
8/30/2019Mrs. Beatrice Shaffer
Gordon
8/30/2019Kimberly Strassburger
8/31/2019Pryor Hurt

To be read September 6

9/01/2019Hilda Shinpaugh
9/01/2019Julia Wise
9/04/2019Elise Salama
9/04/2019Joseph Salama
9/05/2019Norman Pirofsky
9/06/2019Isaac May
9/06/2019Mr. Nace Varon
9/07/2019Mr. Morton Sussman
9/07/2019William Aaron Wallace

To be read September 13

9/08/2019Norman Dorosin
9/12/2019Ben Tillinger
9/13/2019Jennye Nussbaum
9/14/2019Gusta Barth Baim
9/14/2019Pat Simon

To be read September 20

9/15/2019Edith P. Stiller
9/16/2019Carol Loeb Dresner
9/16/2019Claudia Richard Manley
9/16/2019Quenby Sameth
Schulman
9/17/2019Rebekah Katz
9/18/2019Rhoda Dreyfus Abraham
9/18/2019Joseph B. Loeb
9/19/2019Sam Nusbaum
9/20/2019Herbert M. Scheuer, Sr.
9/20/2019Dr. Peter D. Weinrib

To be read September 27

9/23/2019Hal W. Bloom, Sr.
9/23/2019Max Dorosin
9/25/2019Virgil Stark
9/26/2019Dr. Morris N. Capouya
9/26/2019Mae Wilzin Landau
9/27/2019Flora Jackson Hanchrow
9/28/2019Mark Sabel

*Photo from L'Chaim League's
luncheon on July 10.*



President's Message • July 2019

I hope that this edition of the Temple's newsletter finds everyone enjoying their summer with family and friends. The pace of activity at Temple Beth Or tends to slow down during this time of year, but Temple Leadership is always working to ensure that our congregation is an ethical stronghold in all its pursuits and dealings. The following is a list of current Officers and Board Members:

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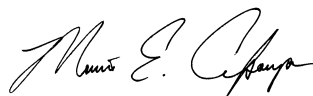
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 Lew Nyman Men's Club Co-President


This dedicated team of congregants will be working with me on several initiatives during the next fiscal year, including landscape renovations and enhancements to our front yard and front entrances, Temple governance and administration improvements, leadership recruiting, additional congregational programming, and security enhancements.

I want to congratulate Rabbi Looper for having completed his first year of service with Temple Beth Or, and I look forward to his spiritual leadership, warmth and vision for many years to come.

Lastly, on behalf of the entire congregation, I want to thank Scott Harris for his dedicated service on the Board of Trustees. I know he is departing the Board, but will hopefully continue to serve the congregation for many years to come.


Sincerely,


 Morris E. Capouya


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Your contribution to the 2019 Annual Campaign will empower the Federation to save, inspire and transform lives.

SISTERHOOD

I am thrilled to be serving as our Temple Sisterhood President for another year. I am once again supported by Kelly Capouya and Alison Williamson as Vice Presidents and they have found many wonderful ladies to serve as chairwomen.

This year your Sisterhood bill again came with your Temple bill; I hope you enjoyed how easy it was to open and then how easy it was to pay!

Please continue to say “yes” when asked to help. The fall brings many opportunities to give of yourself to our Temple Sisterhood. We have the Opening Meeting, Rosh Hashanah Reception, Yom Kippur Break the Fast, Simchat Torah, Sukkot, and Chanukah Dinner, along with Shabbat candles to light.

You will be hearing more about all of these events in the coming days!

We are very fortunate to have Marlene Beringer and Lisa Weil chairing the annual Carnegie Cheesecake Fundraiser ,which will begin in September and continue through the end of October. Now is the time to find your list from previous years and add some more names. Who doesn't love cheesecake? And what an easy gift for the holidays!

Happy New Year!

Mae Cohen
TBO Sisterhood President

FEDERATION NEWS

Dear members,

After nearly two decades at Fairlane Drive in Montgomery, Federation is off to a new beginning at 3525 Cloverdale Road.

Earlier this year, we were informed that our office facility was sold to a new owner who would not be able to offer us the office rent as an in-kind donation as our previous owner did. Unfortunately our previous owner did not have other space that they could donate to us.

After discussion with our board and the leadership of both congregations, we collectively decided that we would use the vacant space in the youth center building on Agudath Israel Etz Ahayem campus, which will be rent-free.

Moving in to another rent-free space was the most fiscally responsible decision. This will allow us to continue to maximize our allocation of your donations to the Jewish causes and organizations that need it most.

Federation is committed to continuing to impartially serve the entire Central Alabama Jewish community. We are always open to your thoughts and ideas, and we are excited to begin a new chapter together for Federation and our entire Jewish community.

Tzlil McDonald, Executive Director
and Phillip Ensler, President

L'CHAIM LEAGUE

Join us at **Kendrick Farms** in Prattville for a fun outing of shopping for local produce and eating lunch, on **Wednesday, August 7**. We will carpool from TBO at 10 a.m.

The **TREE OF LIFE BOOK CLUB** (L'Chaim League sponsored) will meet on **Wednesday, August 21, 2 p.m.** at TBO. *The Nightingale* by *Kristen Hannah* is a thrilling story set during WWII. Although, it is not mandatory to read this book, it is encouraged. All members of AIEA and TBO are invited to join us at this event. Books are available at Abebooks.com, Montgomery County Public Library, and *Amazon.com*. Refreshments will be served.

Peggy Mussafer will give us a guided tour of the Montgomery Museum, and we will have lunch at the Museum Cafe on **September 11**.

Mark your calendars now: Sunday, December 8th, we will charter a bus to Atlanta and attend the **Or Veshalom Hanukkah Bazaar**. The congregants bake an entire year for this event. Coolers will be provided, and everyone can enjoy a day of fun.

L'Chaim League invites new members, friends and lifelong members to attend any and all of our events.

Linda R Smith
Executive Director
lchaimleague2246@yahoo.com

Thursday, August 15 at 5:30 PM

JFCA shows the movie, “*The Band's Visit*,” at Agudath Israel*Etz Ahayem. A band comprised of members of the Egyptian police force head to Israel to play at the inaugural ceremony of an Arab arts center, only to find themselves lost in the wrong town.

THE BAND'S VISIT

Critics Consensus

The Band's Visit is both a clever, subtle slice-of-life comedy, and poignant cross-cultural exploration.



98%

TOMATOMETER

Total Count: 117



86%

AUDIENCE SCORE

User Ratings: 13,546

We are flying in fresh lobsters from Maine and cooking them to order!

Join us for our first Lobster Fest! Proceeds from the event will benefit FUMC Montgomery's Respite Ministry and Bethany Village at Camp McDowell.

We are offering 2 options for your lobster dinner. You can choose to dine-in and enjoy a social before your seating. We will have a lively, fun atmosphere with live music to crack open your lobster with friends! Or you can choose take-out and enjoy your lobster at home, poolside or wherever you like!

Both options will include a full lobster, 2 sides, bread and dessert. Dine-in tickets will include 2 glasses of beer or wine. We will have 2 seatings for dine-in, at 6:00 PM and 7:00 PM. There will be a social for the 6:00 seating at 5:30, and at 6:30 for the 7:00 seating. Take-out will be available from 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM.

All tickets are \$35. You can pay by credit card by visiting our website or Facebook event page, or pay cash or check at the Church's front desk.

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UPCOMING EVENTS ✨ Shabbat Services are each Friday at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, August 65:30 PM
Torah Tuesday. Join Rabbi Looper in the library for an hour-long conversation of the week's Torah portion at 5:30 PM. Go to reformjudaism.org/learning to find the current portion.

Wednesday, August 7 10 AM
L'Chaim League visits Kendrick Farms in Prattville for lunch and shopping. Carpool leaves TBO at 10 AM.

Tuesday, August 135:30 PM
Torah Tuesday. Join Rabbi Looper in the library for an hour-long conversation of the week's Torah portion at 5:30 PM. Go to reformjudaism.org/learning to find the current portion.

Thursday, August 155:30 PM
JFCA shows the movie, "*The Band's Visit*," at Agudath Israel*Etz Ahayem. A band comprised of members of the Egyptian police force head to Israel to play at the inaugural ceremony of an Arab arts center, only to find themselves lost in the wrong town.

Tuesday, August 205:30 PM
Torah Tuesday. Join Rabbi Looper in the library for an hour-long conversation of the week's Torah portion at 5:30 PM. Go to reformjudaism.org/learning to find the current portion.

Wednesday, August 212 PM
The L'Chaim League's *Tree of life book club* meets to discuss the book, "The Nightingale" by Kristen Hannah. Reading the book is encouraged, but not mandatory. Desserts, coffee and tea will be served.

Tuesday, August 275:30 PM
Torah Tuesday. Join Rabbi Looper in the library for an hour-long conversation of the week's Torah portion at 5:30 PM. Go to reformjudaism.org/learning to find the current portion.

Tuesday, September 35:30 PM
Torah Tuesday. Join Rabbi Looper in the library for an hour-long conversation of the week's Torah portion at 5:30 PM. Go to reformjudaism.org/learning to find the current portion.

Tuesday, September 105:30 PM
Torah Tuesday. Join Rabbi Looper in the library for an hour-long conversation of the week's Torah portion at 5:30 PM. Go to reformjudaism.org/learning to find the current portion.

Wednesday, September 11 TBA
L'Chaim League visits the Montgomery Museum of Fine Art for a tour led by Peggy Mussafer. Lunch in the Museum Café.

Sunday, September 297:30 PM
Rosh Hashanah Eve Service - followed by reception.

Monday, September 30 10:30 AM
Children's Service in Library

Monday, September 30 10:00 AM
Rosh Hashanah Morning Service.

Monday, September 301:00 PM
Tashlich at Museum of Fine Arts lake. Bring your own bread!

Friday, October 46:00 PM
Shabbat Shuvah.

Sunday, October 6 9:30 AM
Cemetery Memorial Service: Eternal Rest Cemetery

The October/November bulletin will include High Holy Day information and should arrive in your homes the middle of September.

2019/5780 High Holy Day Service Times

Sunday, September 29
Rosh Hashanah Eve 7:30 PM
Followed by our Annual Reception

Monday, September 30
Rosh Hashanah Morning 10:00 AM
Children's Service in Library 10:30 AM
Tashlich at Montgomery Museum Pond..... 1:00 PM
(Bring your own bread!)

Friday, October 4
Shabbat Shuvah 6:00 PM

Sunday, October 6
Cemetery Memorial Services
Etz Ahayem Cemetery (old section) 9:00 AM
Eternal Rest Cemetery 9:30 AM

Tuesday, October 8
Kol Nidrei Eve..... 7:30 PM

Wednesday, October 9
Yom Kippur Morning 10:00 AM
Rabbi's Discussion 1:00 PM
Children's Service 2:30 PM
Afternoon Service..... 3:30 PM
Healing service, co-led with
Turia Stark Williams..... 4:15 PM
Memorial Service 5:00 PM
Concluding Service..... 5:30 PM
Break Fast sponsored by Sisterhood..... 6:15 PM

Sunday, October 13
Sukkot Decorating 12 Noon
Sukkot Service..... 6 PM

Sunday, October 20
Simchat Torah Service and Consecration..... 6 PM

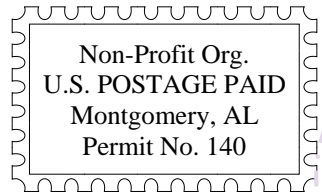
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Photo from Men's Club "Wild West Day's visit

Note from Celia Dubin:

Milt..... Charlie and I want to tell you that we and the grands had so much fun today. Our kids got so into the presentation that was staged that it was all that they could talk about. The actors stayed in character the whole time which also made it fun for everyone. They talked about it all the way home, and then told their mom and dad all about it after we returned them home.

What a fun time we hadwe'd love to do this again, sometime ! I feel sorry for those who didn't get to be there.....Celia



*L'Chaim League's
Paint & Dine event
on 6/12/19*

