

# MONTHLY BULLETIN

March/April/May 2022 \* Adar 1/Adar II/Sivan \* 5782



Dear Friends,

The first topic covered in the current adult ed series, “What does Judaism say about?” was:

Abortion. I feel it gravely important that

we, as Jews and congregants, possess a clear understanding of what our faith’s position on abortion is. Now that it strongly appears that the current Supreme Court will overturn Roe v Wade, we must equip ourselves to argue for our religious rights, allowing for the practice of our faith, without governmental interference. Instead of through a conservative, non-Jewish, religious lens, would that the right to an abortion be argued on purely scientific terms? I am attaching a link at the end of this article so that we may, as a congregation, stand in unity, supporting a woman’s right to an abortion; so that we may present a cogent defense of our belief; and so that we might avail

ourselves of the use of Scripture as proof that God too, embraces life while, at the same time, allowing for abortion. Write and call your representatives to speak out against AL HB23.

*D’var acher* – Another matter:

On March 2nd, President Joe Biden, delivered his State of the Union address. During his speech, two representatives, Marjorie Taylor Greene, and Lauren Boebert, heckled the President. These two representatives have appropriated Nazi symbolism to defend their positions against mask and vaccine mandates. No Jew should be placed in a position to lend assent to their words. I trust this is something upon which we can all agree.

President Biden’s words gave hope that we are, as a nation, emerging from the grip of Covid-19. And while we might feel great relief, nearly a million U.S. citizens have died. Really, there is nothing to celebrate. Our congregation has suffered, as well. We have spoken



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ill of one another. *Sinot chinam*, baseless hatred, has festered. My friends, it is my hope that the effort we placed to separate ourselves from one another, will be overwhelmed by a constant show of gratitude that we can, safely, all be together again. For the sake of our small, and precious congregation, may we seek, and grant, forgiveness.

B’ahava – with love,

Rabbi Looper

Link referenced in the article:

<https://tinyurl.com/43exyj2p>

## Healing List

It is the custom at Beth Or to say a prayer for those in need of healing during Shabbat services. If you wish to have the name of a loved one mentioned, please call Bob at the office by Wednesday afternoon. We will keep names on our list for three weeks at a time.



## L’Chaim League:

The next Joan Loeb L’chaim Book Club meeting will be Wednesday, April 20 at 1:30 PM at Temple Beth Or. The book is “The Paris Architect” by Charles Belfourte. The book is available through the Montgomery County Public Library, from Abebooks.com, thriftbooks.com, or Amazon. Celeste Sabel will be leading the discussion. Please join in our lively discussions during our Book Club meeting.

Every year, The American Village at Montevallo, plants thousands of tulips to view and/or pick to buy. I understand that this is some sight to see. It is only 1 of 2 areas in the country that plant tulips. We will plan a trip as soon as they announce that tulips are ready. It is a beautiful to sight to see. It is a "Don't miss" event.

There will be monthly meetings as long as health conditions permit.

Looking forward to seeing you soon.

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# Thoughtful Donations

## Cemetery Fund

In Memory of Harold B. Blach, Jr.  
by *Burke Schloss*

## Floral Fund

In Memory of Harold B. Blach, Jr.  
by *Peggy and Joe Mussafer*

## General Fund

- On the Yahrzeit of Bernard Bolen  
by *Hugh B. Bolen*

- In Memory of Harold B. Blach, Jr.  
by *Rubin A. Franco*  
by *Charlotte and Joe Mussafer*  
by *Gay Winter*

- Wishing a very Happy Healthy New Year  
to Jeanette and Richard Hanan  
by *Sandra and Alan Berman*

- On the Yahrzeit of Larry Toney  
by *Terry Toney*

In Memory of Ralph Capouya  
by *Frances Capouya*

In Memory of Rita Sabel  
by *Gay Winter*

by *Marlene and Rick Beringer*  
by *Charlotte and Joe Mussafer*

by *Shirley Beringer*  
by *Susan and Joe Finklestein*

- In Honor of Shirley Beringer's 99th  
Birthday

by *Susan and Joe Finklestein*

## Greil Memorial Fund

- In Memory of Emily & Irvin  
Gassenheimer

- In Memory of Gaston & Faye Greil

- In Memory of Harold B. Blach, Jr.

- In Memory of Joan and Jimmy Loeb

- In Memory of Mary Lynne Levy

- In Memory of Rita Sabel

by *Steven J. Greil*

## Lucien Loeb Memorial

In Memory of Joan Loeb  
by *Esther F. Varon*

## Marcus Memorial

In Memory of Bubba Marcus  
by *Susan and Joe Finklestein*

## Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- In Memory of my daughter, Dr. Aviva  
Hoffman

In Memory of Vivian Hoffman  
by *Jan Hoffman*

## Social Concerns

In Memory of Harold B Blach, Jr.  
by *Charlie & Celia Dubin and Jacob and*

*Elizabeth Dubin*

## Voluntary Contribution

In Memory of our parents, Drs. Jack and  
Verna Wool and in honor and appreciation  
of Rabbi Looper

by *Rosemary Wool Jones, Tricia Wool and  
Ed Munson*

## Youth & Scholarship Fund

- Happy Birthday Bette Sue Strasburger

- On the Yahrzeits of Dr. Stanley Sheftall  
and Mrs. Jeanette Rothfeder Posner

- In Memory of Harold B. Blach, Jr.

- In Memory of Rita Sabel

by *Myrna and Alan Rothfeder*

## DEATHS

**Rita Sabel** ז"ל  
**December 12, 2021**  
Grandmother of Mark Sabel

**Harold B. Blach, Jr.** ז"ל  
**December 14, 2021**  
Father of Lisa Weil

**Eugene "Gene" Norton Harris** ז"ל  
**March 7, 2022**  
Father of Scott Harris

**Micki Looper** ז"ל  
**March 8, 2022**  
Mother of Rabbi Scott Looper

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2 Bonnie Varon  
2 Kelly Capouya  
3 Tommy Wool  
4 Bob Sommer  
6 Evalynn Duncan  
7 Robin Blitz  
7 Laurie Weil  
8 Akiko Bloom  
9 John Seitz  
10 Josh Mandell  
10 Betty B. Loeb  
15 Michael Capilouto  
15 Karen Goldstein  
16 Myrna Rothfeder  
19 Ira Weil  
20 Amy Vaughn  
20 Philip W. Bernstein  
22 Terri Capouya  
22 Gracie Hanchrow  
23 Jeff McKinney  
23 Sharon McDaniel  
24 Clare Weil  
29 Beverly Bolen  
31 Diana Lacey  
31 Celia Wool

## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

4 Mark & Natalie Mussafer  
6 Robert & Alison Berman  
8 Richard & Jeanette Hanan  
8 Tommy & Laurie Wool

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 Anne Franco  
3 Edward Munson  
6 Paul Freehling  
7 James H. Levy  
8 Aimee Harris  
12 Scott Looper  
12 Lucille Adler  
13 Sandi Stern  
16 Alison Berman  
16 Jo Anne Rousso  
16 Frances Capouya  
20 Peter Prielaidda  
21 Steve Wallace  
22 Maurice D. Mussafer  
22 Sandy Lynn Stevens  
22 Herman Loeb  
25 Alvin Benn  
25 B. Stephen Schloss  
26 Stephen Coleman  
27 Jeff Pirofsky  
30 Joseph Finklestein  
30 Jonathan Bleiberg

## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

7 Pete & Lynne Ginsburg  
29 Charlie & Celia Dubin  
30 Bob & Betty Goldberg

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

1 James Nathan  
1 Joanne Shum  
2 Ronald Shum  
4 Kathie Cohen  
5 Christopher Smith  
7 Richard Kohn  
12 Gay Winter  
12 Lynne Ginsburg  
13 Alison Williamson  
13 Steven Greil  
15 E. Larry Capilouto  
16 Susan Bernstein  
16 Eve B. Loeb  
17 Jean Harris  
17 Charlie Dubin  
19 Babette Wampold  
20 Julie Goolsby  
25 Jeff Miller  
26 Alexis Vaughn  
27 Rosemary Jones  
28 Allen Stern  
30 Janice Baylinson  
31 LeAnne Wallace

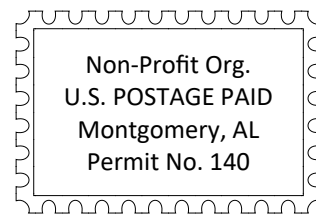
## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

4 Steve & Jean Schloss  
7 Jeff & Deborah Miller  
18 Pete & Pam Hitchcock  
25 Allen & Sandi Stern  
31 Scott & Aimee Harris  
31 Ricky & Jamie Loeb

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## RETIREMENT PARTY

Gina Friday is retiring and we're celebrating in the Temple Courtyard with a hot dog fête on May 15 @ 5:30PM. (Rain date is May 22.)

**Alvin Steinhart Scholarships** for Postsecondary Education are now available. Applicants must be:

- Jewish
- Members of Temple Beth Or
- Graduating High School Seniors or Current College Students

Applications are available through the Temple office. Deadline for submission is April 1st.

Hello Everyone,

You may have noticed a new name in the position for Administrator on documents. That's me! I wanted to take a moment and introduce myself to everyone associated with Temple Beth Or.



After graduating from college, I joined the Army (Go Army, Beat Navy). I retired from the Army as a Logistics Officer and worked several jobs in retail in the Charlotte, NC area until I met the love of my life, Betsey Mauk from Perrysburg, OH. We married in 2002. She has been employed with Merrill Lynch for over 40 years.

We moved to Wetumpka in 2006 thinking we would be here for a few years and move on. Little did we know we have decided this will be our final home!

We have two fantastic grandchildren – Nolan (8) and Emma (5) living in Charlotte, NC with my son Brian and his wife, Grethel.

My hobbies include: martial arts, photography and wood carving – and doing what my wife tells me to do!

Gina's departure will leave a big hole in our hearts. She provided the Temple exceptional support not because this was a job – it was because she loves her extended Temple family. With her training, I will follow the example she has set.

Bob Harris, Temple Administrator AKA "The New Guy"