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

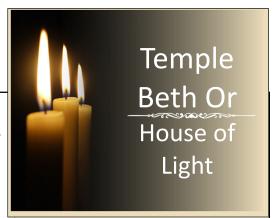
we, as Jews and congregants, possess a clear understanding of what our faith's position on abortion is. Now that it strongly appears that the current Supreme Court will overturn Roe v Wade, we must equip ourselves to argue for our religious rights, allowing for the practice of our faith, without governmental 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



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.

Linda R. Smith Executive Director Ichaimleague2246@yahoo.com Celebrating 170 years - April 12, 1852



Scott Looper, Rabbi David A. Baylinson, D. D., Rabbi Emeritus

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As of 3/4/22 - The Reopening Committee decided that vaccines and social distancing are still required for Shabbat Services, but masks are not.

We are still early in the New Year and it has been an eventful year domestically and globally. Our country has seen another spike in Covid cases from the Omicron variant during the month of January; inflation and the markets are roiling from all the uncertainty of how the Fed will address inflation; and now the escalation in the conflict between Russia and the Ukraine. Undoubtedly all of these events have us feeling uneasy. We can only hope and pray that our leadership and those of alliances will stand together and prevail in their efforts to prevent further and wider conflict. "God bless our country; may it be a stronghold of peace..."

I want to thank you all for your patience in our approach to dealing with Covid, and I extend my appreciation to Mae Cohen and her Reopening committee. They have done a great deal of work keeping us posted and making recommendations on protocols. So far, the committee has been ahead of the curve. These protocols, while more stringent than at other communities, are designed to keep us safe and to protect one another as a community should do. We all miss the events and the various gatherings at temple outside of services. They have been a unifying force and a rallying point for us in the past, and I ask for your continued patience as we continue to navigate these difficult times. I am confident we will see better times soon.

On a happy note, we have hired Bob Harris who will succeed Gina as she will be retiring. Gina is working with Bob in transitioning her duties to him. Please join me in welcoming Bob to the Temple. With energy and enthusiasm he is eager to learn more about the Temple operations and also about our religion.

We all will all deeply miss Gina's presence at our temple as she has been so dedicated to our smooth operations and really became the face of Temple Beth Or. Her devotion and love her for our temple community has been so evident over her 15 years of service. She has become family!. I know you join me in wishing Gina the very best in her well deserved retirement, but she won't be a stranger!

Thank you for all your support!

Andy



Sunday, May 22

4:00 PM Meeting

Quorum required to conduct business. Members Only.

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 זייל **December 12, 2021** Grandmother of Mark Sabel

Harold B. Blach, Jr. זייל 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

- Bonnie Varon
- 2 2 3 Kelly Capouya Tommy Wool
- 4 Bob Sommer
- 6 Evalynn Duncan
- 7 Robin Blitz
- Laurie Weil 8
- Akiko Bloom
- John Seitz
- 10 Josh Mandell
- 10 Betty B. Loeb
- Michael Capilouto 15
- 15 Karen Goldstein
- 16 Myrna Rothfeder
- 19 Ira Weil
- 20 Amy Vaughn
- Philip W. Bernstein 20
- Terri Capouya 22
- 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

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

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

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

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

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

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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"