

Tuesday Tidbits

~May 26, 2020~

From Your Temple Board of Trustees

Temple Emanu-El's Board of Trustees met on Thursday, May 21st, via ZOOM to discuss assorted options for keeping our congregation healthy, safe and connected during the summer and fall. Every week seems to bring new challenges with regard to the spread of Covid-19 on a local, state and regional level. After some discussion, the Board decided the wisest course of action is to maintain our virtual Shabbat services throughout the summer, and begin planning for virtual services and Religious School activities in the fall in case that proves necessary. You are invited to offer your thoughts and opinions to any Board member with regard to this issue, as well as suggestions or concerns you might have regarding other topics. We definitely welcome your input!

The Board will be meeting regularly throughout the summer to monitor this situation, as we continue our efforts to take care of the temple building, respond to members' expressed needs and complete a proposed slate of officers and Board members. The slate, as well as a tentative budget, will be offered for consideration and (hopefully) approval by the congregation at a virtual meeting planned for August. The Nominating Committee (Murray Silverstone, Joanna Jacobs and Stacey Bullock) and Pam DeWitt worked very hard to assemble a slate of willing volunteers to serve our congregation. Please make a point of thanking them for their efforts and our nominees for agreeing to serve! We are still in need of a President. If you are interested in this position, please contact Jimmy Bank to learn more about what the job entails. During the past 2-4 years, the Board redistributed many of the President's responsibilities to other officers and committees. As a result, you may find the position to require far less time and work than you might imagine.

Finally, we have heard from several Jewish families who are relocating to Tuscaloosa over the summer. We will do our best to welcome them "Covid-19 Style" and invite them to join our temple family. If you hear about new Jewish families in town, please contact our Membership Committee Chair, David Shankman, or any temple officer so we can give them a warm welcome to Tuscaloosa.

Please stay safe and healthy!

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## Virtual Shabbat Services

Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> , 6:00 pm

Click on the link below to join us!

Friday Night Shabbat Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89547739615>

Meeting ID: 895 4773 9615

Or phone-in: 312-626-6799

**Virtual Torah Study Class**  
**Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am**  
Click on the link below to join us this week!

Torah Study Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87870980013>  
Meeting ID: 878 7098 0013  
Or phone-in: **312-626-6799**

**UPDATE ON SHELLY ROSENZWEIG**

Thoughts and prayers to Shelly Rosenzweig who has tested positive for the Covid 19 virus. Marianne took him to the DCH Emergency Room this morning where they decided to keep him overnight. They will administer fluids and provide oxygen to assist in his recovery. They don't see him needing anything more than a little supportive treatment which is good news. Shelly was exposed to the virus as he was assisting his sister who is recuperating from a stroke. We are thrilled that Marianne's test was negative and she is feeling well. Marianne and Shelly, we are here for you if you need anything! Sending lots of temple love to both of you and Shelly's sister!

**Yahrzheits**

**May 29-30**

Ida Kofman 05 24 0001  
Herbert Fleck 05 25 2000  
Jerry Isaacson 05 27 2008  
Louis Weisel 05 28 1953  
Morris Rosenzweig 05 28 1988  
Herman Meyers 05 28 1995  
Velvel Stabiner 05 30 1938  
Charles Lavigne 05 30 1965  
Fannie Cohen 05 30 1974  
Hattie Raymon 05 30 1986  
Arthur Rosen 05 30 1991  
Isadore Blume 05 30 1995

**June 5-6**

Harry Brodsky 06 01 1958  
Milton Sogol 06 01 2011  
Florence Spiro 06 03 1968  
Margaret Stone 06 03 2000

**This week's Torah portion: Naso I**

**Take a Census**  
**Numbers 4:21-5:31**

*The Eternal One spoke to Moses: "Take a census of the Gershonites also, by their ancestral house and by their clans." - Numbers 4:21-22*

**SUMMARY:**

- A census of the Gershonites, Merarites, and Koathites between the ages of thirty and fifty is conducted and their duties in the Tabernacle are detailed. (4:21-49)
- God speaks to Moses concerning what to do with ritually unclean people, repentant individuals, and those who are suspected of adultery. (5:1-31)