

Tuesday Tidbits

~May 18, 2021~



OUR NEXT TEMPLE PRESIDENT!



Congratulations to Joanna Jacobs for accepting the position of temple president. Joanna will serve a one year term and is presently working with our outgoing president, Jimmy Bank until she takes the reigns in August. We are grateful that Jimmy served the temple for three years representing us with a calm head, great ideas, strength when needed and a lot of good jokes! More about these two wonderful temple volunteers in future Tuesday Tidbits!

PRAYERS



Our prayers are with the people throughout the Middle East with hopes that the current crisis will come to a speedy end and the tragic loss of lives will cease as soon as possible.

YOUR BOARD IS WORKING HARD

Last night we had a lively board meeting to discuss many subjects but one in particular was the best way to reopen the temple. I think you would have been proud to have heard the shared thoughts of your board on this matter and how their goal is to ensure everyone's good health. If you have a thought you would like to share, please feel free to send it to Angela and she will pass it on to the board.

RESEARCHING JEWISH FAMILIES IN AMERICA: FOCUS ON SOUTHERN JEWISH RESOURCES

The Southern Jewish Historical Society is co-sponsoring with JewishGen the inaugural program in a series titled "Researching Jewish Families in America." The series will highlight archives, museums, and historical society collections of interest to family historians from around the country.

The inaugural talk, "Researching Jewish Families in America: Focus on Southern Jewish Resources", will be **Tuesday, May 25th at 2:00 EST (1:00 Central)**. The presentation will feature repositories with collections about the Jews of South, and will include the following panelists:

- Jeremy Katz, Director Cuba Family Archives, The Bremen Museum in Atlanta
- Dale Rosengarten, Founding Director of The Jewish Heritage Collection at the College of Charleston
- Josh Parshall, Director of the History Department, Institute of Southern Jewish Life in Jackson, Mississippi
- Anna E. Tucker, Curator, Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience in New Orleans
- Ellen Kowitt, Director of JewishGen.org's USA Research Division.

The program is free. Register here for the event link: <http://bit.ly/JewishGenTalks-SouthernUSA>

OUTDOOR SHABBAT SERVICE

We will have another outdoor Shabbat service June 4th at the temple. Services will begin at 6:00 and we ask everyone to wear a mask. There will be an oneg after services. No Zoom service that evening.

DONATIONS

Bob & Geri Stone in honor of wonderful contributions to Temple Emanu-El by Angela Lewis.

Bob & Geri Stone in honor of Rabbi Jacobs and his contributions to Tuscaloosa's Jewish Community.

ZOOM LINKS

Zoom Shabbat Service | Friday, May 21, 2021 | 6PM

Join here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84091806275>

Temple Emanu-El Meeting ID: 840 9180 6275

OR dial-in if you wish only audio: 312-626-6799

Zoom Virtual Torah Study | Sunday, May 23, 2021 | 10AM

Join here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84270807365>

Temple Emanu-El Meeting ID: 842 7080 7365

OR dial-in if you wish only audio: 312-626-6799

Here is the link for the Shabbat prayer book:

<https://www.ccarnet.org/publications/resources-repaginated/>

Yahrzeits

May 21-22

Michael Dinoff 05 17 1982

Ethel Cherry 05 19 1995

Isaac Paul Hannah 05 19 1999

Frances Goldsmith 05 20 2015



Weekly Torah Portion

[Naso](#)

Numbers 4:21–7:89

Haftarah: Judges 13:2-25

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)
- The obligations of a nazirite vow are explained. They include abstaining from alcohol and not cutting one's hair. (6:1-21)
- God tells Moses how to teach Aaron and his sons the Priestly Blessing. (6:22-27)
- Moses consecrates the Sanctuary, and the tribal chieftains bring offerings. Moses then speaks with God inside the Tent of Meeting. (7:1-89)

NOTE: Sometimes *Parashat Naso* is separated into *Naso I* and *Naso II* as follows:

Naso I (Numbers 4:21-5:31)

Naso II (Numbers 6:1-7:89)

- [PODCAST ON NASO](#)
- [ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF NASO](#)