

Tuesday Tidbits

~November 17, 2020~

ZOOMTINI FUN!

What a fun time we had at our first Zoomtini! Jeanette Waterman planned a fun evening that took on a life of its own. Once we got together the conversations, stories and laughs just started flowing. Thank you Jeanette for planning our get together. For those of you who couldn't make it please plan to attend the next one. It's obvious we all miss each other and it was a great way to reconnect.

CONGRATULATIONS ANNA SOGOL!

The University of Alabama, School of Social Work presented the Dean's Scholars Award to Anna Sogol during Honors Day in April. Congratulations Anna on this receiving this distinguished award. Your temple family is proud of you. Anna is the daughter of Joel and Angie Sogol.

YOUR TEMPLE BOARD

Our next temple board meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 11. Along with our regular temple business we are always reevaluating the virus and possibility of when is an appropriate time to start meeting in person again. As always, the safety and well-being of our Temple members is at the forefront of Temple decisions and the need to be proactive is in the best interest of our members. We always welcome your feedback on this topic and any other thoughts you would like to share with your board. Send your thoughts to templemanuel.tuscaloosa@gmail.com

Please welcome Emily Hoskins - our latest new member! Emily is a delightful person who works at The University of Alabama. She found us through our website, and we are just beginning to get to know her better. Emily has been added to all of our contact lists, and we look forward to spending time with her in person when the Covid-19 situation allows us to do that. She has been invited to drop in for all of our ZOOM activities, and we hope you will be able to "see" her there soon.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR RABBI

Dear Friends:

As I/we prepare for our weekly Shabbat Service and Torah Study on Zoom (Friday evening and Sunday morning), I am reminded of how very much I miss being in our beautiful Temple building and seeing you in person and shaking your hand or giving you a hug. We are not only a *kehilat kadosh*/a holy congregation, but we are *am Yisrael*/the people of Israel-the Jewish people, *k'lal Yisrael*/the world-wide community of Jews, but more importantly, *mishpakhat Yisrael*/the Jewish family.

I know you miss your own family as I miss mine. Practicing appropriate social distancing and masking, we are, sadly, unable to simply get into our cars and visit with each other or fly to them or them to us if they are further away. G-d willing, this too shall pass though none of us know when, though as of late promising things and announcements appear on the horizon.

Given these new realities—our so-called “new normal”—what then should we do, can we do? For one, the telephone and email are easily friendly: Now is the occasion to call/chat with/send a text to someone with whom you have not recently connected—family and/or friend. Skype may be old school; Zoom is not. Why not easily and personally set up a Zoom family and friends chat room to check-in and find out how each other is doing? Also, Facetime is incredible and highly recommended.

As a congregational family, I urge you to join us on Zoom Friday Evening at 6:00 for one hour. Our Worship Service is informal, participatory, and enjoyable. And, yes, our laughter is contagious! Even distantly, we are genuinely enjoying each other's company.

Sunday morning at 10:00, we are continuing to explore our Holy Torah by way of the weekly Torah Portion (after the High Holy Days, we began again and are still in the Book of Genesis). Here, too, our conversations are informal, regularly drawing upon each other's knowledge, insights, and experiences to make sense of our ancient and invaluable centerpiece of our Jewish Religious Faith, Heritage and Tradition. Come join us as we learn from each other.

And, lastly, or course, it is as it has always been in moments of crises we draw upon our *siddur*/our prayerbook for words of comfort. If you do not have one at home, thankfully, Joanna Jacobs has posted the online PDF link in our “Tuesday Tidbits”. In the quiet of your own moment, why not let these beautiful and enduring words speak directly to you as they echo across the generations?

As always,

Rabbi Steve Jacobs



Don't forget to shop Sisterhood's Chanukah Shop this year!

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**Zoom Shabbat Service | Friday, November 20, 2020 | 6PM - 7PM**

Join here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89547739615>

Temple Emanu-El Meeting ID: 895 4773 9615

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

**Zoom Virtual Torah Study | Sunday, November 22, 2020 | 10AM - 11AM**

Join here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87870980013>

Temple Emanu-El Meeting ID: 878 7098 0013

**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/>  
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#### **Yahrzheits:**

##### **Nov 20-21**

Pauline Leicht 11 15 2003

Libby Kay 11 15 2009

Lena Rosen 11 16 1984

Ann McConnell 11 17 1994

Edna Jane Bloom 11 18 1951

Harry Lesser 11 18 1954

Rita Kilstein 11 20 1997



**This week's Torah Portion:** [Tol'dot](#)

*The Generations [of Isaac]*

Genesis 25:19–28:9

**Haftarah:** Malachi 1:1-2:7

This is the line of Isaac son of Abraham: Abraham begot Isaac. - Genesis 25:19

## SUMMARY

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- Rebekah has twins, Esau and Jacob. (25:19-26)
- Esau gives Jacob his birthright in exchange for some stew. (25:27-34)
- King Abimelech is led to think that Rebekah is Isaac's sister and later finds out that she is really his wife. (26:1-16)
- Isaac plans to bless Esau, his firstborn. Rebekah and Jacob deceive Isaac so that Jacob receives the blessing. (27:1-29)
- Esau threatens to kill Jacob, who then flees to Haran. (27:30-45)

**PODCAST ON TOL'DOT**

**ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF TOL'DOT**