



The Scribe

April 2025

Nisan 3 - Iyyar 2, 5785





THE RABBI'S STUDY

Rabbi Jonathan L. Jackson



When you're the rabbi, you have the privilege and joy to see the community as a whole. You get to see all the different parts of it as well as friendship groups and individuals that make it up. I get to see something that I want all of you to see, too. *We are thriving!*

In my tenure, we have officially welcomed 11 families to the membership roster, thanks to *your* hard work of being welcoming, being yourself, and sharing your love of our Jewish community and culture with the world. Those 11 families are 22 individuals. Those are two plus *minyanim* of people who add their own uniqueness to our community, and our wide array of times together.

What do I mean by a wide array of time together? Well, let me tell you. Our services have not, to the very best of my count, ever been below 11 or 12 individuals, but are usually approaching or over 20 folks. I know well that services are not everyone's cup of tea. It might sound strange for a rabbi to say; however, religion is just a part of Jewishness. We are a great culture and civilization spanning thousands of years. That's a fine fact to know, but look at what that means—we have food, art, literature, discussion, friendship, and deep learning. We are more than the religious core at our heart.

This is an exciting time at Emanu-El, our growing numbers are also attending our *Sunday Funday* activities. We have been learning to bake, we have been painting with watercolors, we will be reading from one of the wisest and most beautiful founding authors of Modern Hebrew literature, we will cook recipes from Jews around the world, and we will do so much more. You all are leading this, and you all are enjoying this. We are exploring the Jewish world together, with each other. We have meals together, we mourn and support the mourners together, we plan, we garden, we craft, and we discuss. And we do this from all over.

We are not just a little *shul* in Dothan, either. Our *active* membership and Jewish participants includes members of the armed forces who teach at the local base, and at bases in far-flung locations such as far Upstate New York and North Carolina. We have families in Enterprise, Eufala, Panama City Beach, Atlanta, south Florida, and even Israelis who recognize the importance and simple joy that we offer in coming together to be Jewish together in many different ways.

So, please keep coming. Please try something new. We aren't just a Reform temple. We are a regional home in the Wiregrass and beyond for Jews of all stripes, from all over our country, and from all over the world. Make new friends, learn something new, teach something cool, share your passion, or talk to someone who lives or believes in a way of being Jewish that you could never imagine for yourself. Come to Emanu-El and check out our activities, because **עם ישראל חי** *'am yisra'el chai*, the people of Israel lives—here.

YAHRTZEIT OBSERVANCES

April 4

Bessie Sinoff Gross
Robert Brian Nomberg
Marjorie M. Maddox
Louis Max Cohen
Alvin J. Bender
Isador Meyer Bauman

April 11

Elizabeth Downey
Lewis Prisant
Sarah Izen
Jerome Marvin Katz

April 18

Porter Downey
David Nomberg
Fannie Alice Newman
Pete Newton
Kendrick Newton

April 25

David Speilberger
Elihu Davis
Joseph Thefton Schreiber
Theresa Gannon
Frieda Greenberg Katz
Harry Shulman
Helen Rubin
Max Berman
Pearl Chapman Wexler
Elaine Berman Wynne
Felice Zweig

May the beauty of their lives shine forever, and may we always bring honor to their memories."



SIMCHAT SHABBAT

APRIL 2025

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

04 - JOHN LIFLAND

09 - BUTCH FRUMIN

17 - LUCIA SUKOFF

FRAN SEKELA

28 - LESLIE BLUMBERG

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

04 - LARRY & LAURA BLUMBERG

SIMCHAT SHABBAT IS TYPICALLY CELEBRATED ON THE FOURTH FRIDAY OF THE MONTH.

MI SHEBERACH

A PRAYER FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING

EDA FELDMAN

PETER FELDMAN

SARA LOZANO

GILBERT LOZANO

MIKE STUFFEL

KATHY STOUT

JEMIESE CRAWFORD

MARCUS WOODWORTH

ADAM JETTER

JUDY ANN DEAL

DEAN MITCHELL

GABE TUFANO

PHILLIP RAY

JOE RUGGIERO

ERIC GILMORE

EDDA BECK-GILMORE

BEVERLY BUGDA

ALLEN MANNING

PAT GLAZER

DOTTIE BROWN

DEBRA SANSONE

BERYL COSSIN

LISA HOLLAND

ROBERTA MARBLESTONE

LENARD CARROLL

JOHN LITTLE HAWK

PAT WOOD

ROSE CANIGLIA

STEPHANIE OWENS

MARCIA FAULK

ARTHUR KRAUT

HELEN CATES

TODD DERRICK

DOUG SHUMATE

DAVID & DENISE CLEVELAND

JERRY & MIRIAM HOUSER

TEMPLE EMANU-EL TZEDEKAH, MITZVAHS & MAZELS

TEMPLE EMANU-EL GENERAL FUND

Dianna Sue Bryant (2)

Larry Padro

Yahrzeit of Emilia Gomez

Stuart Brown

In honor of Barbara Minsky (and Leon)

TEMPLE EMANU-EL CEMETERY FUND

Beth, Steven Schaffer

Yahrzeits of Barnett Schaffer,

Morris Polis

RABBI DISCRETIONARY FUND

Anonymous Donation

In honor of Barbara Minsky

Pamela Ross

Anonymous Donation

EDWARD RUDDERMAN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Sandra Gulledge

Yahrzeits of Philip T. Rudderman, Mary Turner, Morris Turner, Mark Lewis

Lisa Lewis

Yahrzeits of Mark Lewis, Morris Turner, Mary Turner, Philip Rudderman, Frank Turner



Neighbor Night at Temple Emanu-El

Friday, April 4 at 7:00 pm



YOU ARE INVITED TO COME AND LEARN ABOUT
YOUR JEWISH NEIGHBORS AS WE SHARE OUR
CULTURE, TRADITIONS, AND COMMUNITY WITH
YOU, OUR FRIENDS IN DOTHAN.

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Passover Seder

April 12

RSVP by April 7

**No reservations
accepted after deadline**





**Painting
with Luci**

**Sunday
April 6**

Sunday Fundays

**at Temple Emanu-El
1:30pm - 3:30pm**

**NO SUNDAY FUNDAY
APRIL 13 (YOM TOV PASSOVER)**





**Baking with Karen
Sunday, April 27**



SEE YOU THERE!



April 2025

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|--|--------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 Ft. Novosel Services 6:30pm | 4  | 5 Saturday Morning Services 9:30am Torah Study 10:30am |
| 6 Painting w/Luci 1:30pm | 7 | 8 | 9 Board Meeting 7:00pm | 10 | 11 Chanting Services 6:15pm Shabbat Services 7pm | 12  Passover Seder April 12 RSVP by April 7 No reservations accepted after deadline |
| 13 Yom Tov Passover | 14 Yom Tov Passover 2 | 15 Passover 3 | 16 Passover 4 | 17 Passover 5 | 18 Passover 6 Shabbat Services 7pm | 19 Passover 7 Torah Study 10:30am |
| 20 Passover 8 Books w/Barbara 1:30pm | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 Yom Hashoah Memorial Service 6:30pm | 25 Chanting Services 6:15pm Shabbat Services 7pm | 26 Torah Study 10:30am |
| 27 Baking w/Karen 1:30pm | 28 Rosh Chodesh Iyyar | 29 | 30 Yom Hazikaron | May 1 Israeli Independence Day | | |



TEMPLE EMANU-EL
Dothan, Alabama

Notes

Passover begins sundown Sat., April 12
 Passover ends sundown Sun., April 20
 Shabbat Hagadol - April 11
 NO SUNDAY FUNDAY - April 13
 Yom Hashoah Service @ Temple Emanu-El
 Baking Challah with Karen - April 27

TEMPLE EMANU-EL LEADERSHIP 2024-2025



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