

TEMPLE EMANU-EL
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D'VAR TORAH GIVEN AUGUST 2 BY RYAN MURPHY



The end of the double parshas of Matos/Masei sees the Jewish people encamped on the eastern bank of the Jordan River. This is the high watermark of Moshe Rabbeinu's leadership throughout the wandering in the desert. The remaining book of the Torah, Deuteronomy, is Moses' final testament to the Jewish people. When they finally do cross the river and enter the Promised Land, it will be with Joshua as their leader and not Moses, who was brought by God to witness a glimpse of the Promised Land from Mount Nebo but cursed never to set foot in it himself.

I want to thank the Rabbi for allowing me to share some chizzuk with you all. My journey with you has come to an end. By the grace of God I have completed Flight School and on Thursday, August 8th, I graduated and moved onward to Fort Liberty in North Carolina. To be clear, this is not goodbye, but "see you later" as I anticipate returning in a few years' time for the Captain's Course. In the meantime, I have a charge for this community while I'm gone.

Since I've lived in the Wiregrass and worked at Fort Novosel, I've worked with the Rabbi and other members of the shul to connect with Jewish soldiers on the base as well as with the Jewish students of the Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine. I've seen glimpses of the Promised Land – together we've brought soldiers and medical students to the shul for holidays, worked to provide mezuzahs, tefillin, and sefarim for those in need, and shared fellowship over delicious home-cooked meals.

My charge to you today is this: build on the progress we've made so far. Cast a wide net and catch all the Jews of this area with thick cords of love. Welcome those who may not yet be Jews themselves but are sincerely seeking to restore a long-lost family legacy or feel the same call of Abraham, Jethro, Ruth, and so many after them: the call to reject false idols for the truth of the one God and to embrace His law and His people as their own. You don't need to be the rabbi or know Hebrew or be perfect in your observance, as it's brought down in the name of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, "if you only know aleph, teach aleph to someone who knows nothing" ([Available online here.](#))

The Jews who come through Fort Novosel or ACOM to find themselves lonely in this area are not as lucky as I – with few notable exceptions, they did not grow up as I did with everyday suffused by Torah and mitzvos. Try as I have in the past, I've found I could sooner live on Mars than I could stop living as a Jew. This is not so for everyone.

The military in general and for some reason aviation in particular is full of people who want to "save your soul" from whatever by convincing you to adopt their beliefs. As I am sure that you are well aware, this is not helped living as we do in the buckle of the Bible Belt. Even those who do not fall victim to this spiritual predation find themselves unable, afraid, or God forbid ashamed to live proudly as the Jews that they are and always will be.

Our religion isn't about securing personal salvation from eternal hellfire.

It's about family, community, culture, a shared history and a shared future.

It's the smell of cooking filling the kitchen before a holiday.

It's a handshake and a "good Shabbos" with your friends at shul.

It's throwing candy at a Bar Mitzvah, it's bentching after a good meal, it's putting a nickel in the tzedakah box every morning.

It's the sound of the shofar, the grager, the smack of the aravos on Hoshana Rabbah. The smell of the spices at Havdalah, the weight of the lulav and esrog in your hands, the sight of candles reflecting off the window behind the chanukiah. The sweet taste of honey, the bitter taste of horseradish, the non-taste of matzah.

It's running from the bees which inevitably swarm the sukkah for the open wine and babka.

It's the gnawing feeling in your stomach that starts around 3:30 PM on Yom Kippur.

It's breaking the fast with a bagel with nova lox and scallion cream cheese and a Dr. Brown's black cherry cream soda.

It's welcoming the stranger and feeding the hungry because nobody knows how it feels to be a hungry stranger better than the Jews.

It's visiting the sick and comforting the mourner and knowing others will do the same for you when you're sick or mourning.

It's working your fingers to the bone to provide the best possible education for your children.

It's the miracle of Israel, where after two thousand years Jews of every shape and color from every corner of the world returned to rebuild our homeland.

It's standing to hear the Ten Commandments and almost-hearing the thunder from Mount Sinai in the distance.

To me, it is only after you experience these things you realize Hashem and Torah is the foundation upon which it all rests and the glue which holds it all together. The Rambam brings down that every Jew has the potential within him or herself to be as righteous as Moses and Miriam. (Mishneh Torah, Hilchos Teshuvah 5:2) My charge to you all is with the Rabbi as your Joshua, cross the Jordan and vigorously search for every last Jew in the Wiregrass to help them unlock their potential.

Thank you all so much for your welcoming and kindness throughout my time in Flight School -- it should be God's will that this community should go from strength to strength and only reveal more Godliness in a part of the world where it is so very needed.

GENTLEMEN OF EMANU-EL

TEMPLE EMANU-EL BROTHERHOOD FALL MEETING





SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 22
10:00 AM

JOIN US AT
PANERA BREAD




3515 Ross Clark Cir.
Dothan



Annual Caring & Maintenance of
Ward-Wilson Memory Hill Cemetery


Sunday, October 6 at 9:00 am

Join the Brotherhood for an important and
time-honored Temple tradition.

Please bring cleaning supplies, such as rags,
a scrub brush, and a bucket.

We will meet at the Jewish burial ground at
Memory Hill Cemetery, located at
2390 Hartford Hwy., Dothan

Empty Bowls of Dothan will host
a class for Temple Emanu-El
Monday, September 9 at 6:30 PM.



If you are interested in attending,
please RSVP to Jean Cooper by September 3.

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SISTERHOOD MEETING

Kosher corned beef sandwiches will be provided. Please bring a beverage.



All ladies of Emanu-El are invited!

SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 15
12 - 2 PM*
FELLOWSHIP HALL

Please RSVP by Tuesday, September 10.

*Note time change.



ROSH HASHANAH LUNCHEON OCTOBER 3

FOLLOWING RH MORNING SERVICES
\$20/ADULT; \$10/CHILD (UNDER 13)
PLEASE RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 27

L'Ghanah Tovah!

YOM KIPPUR BREAK THE FAST OCTOBER 12

FOLLOWING YK SERVICES THAT AFTERNOON
\$10/ADULT; \$6/CHILD (UNDER 13)
PLEASE RSVP BY OCTOBER 4

YAHRTZEIT OBSERVANCES

September 6

Beatrice Rosenberg Blumberg
Simmie Blumenfeld

September 13

Benjamin Greenfield
David Blumberg
Sylvia Polis Schaffer
Sharon Rainbow Elstein
Samuel Greenberg
Ann Kastenbaum Dobbie
Bernard Bieber

September 20

Paul Banker, Sr.
Abraham Alprin
Ida Shugerman
Kate Meyers Rosenberg
Herman Blumberg

September 27

Arthur David Leon Minsky
Rella G. Schlanger
Moses Berk
Samuel Winokur
Irene Minsky
Jerold Samuel Schreiber
Maurice Golsen
Ann Joseph Blumenfeld
Issac Marblestone
Beatrice Ginsberg

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

SIMCHAT SHABBAT

SEPTEMBER 2024

CELEBRATE WITH JOY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

07 - MIRIAM MARRERO
10 - RYAN MURPHY
20 - JACK BLUMENFELD
22 - ROBERTA MARBLESTONE
23 - GABRIEL CUMMING
25 - GARY WAKSTEIN

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

10 - FELIX & KATERYNA FELDMAN

MI SHEBERACH

A PRAYER FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING

EDA FELDMAN	MARY PLUNKETT
PETER FELDMAN	JOE RUGGIERO
SARA LOZANO	EDDA BECK-GILMORE
GERALDINE CARROLL	LISA CARROLL
HERNANDEZ FAMILY	REGINA STEVENS
GILBERT LOZANO	SANDY & JOHN HODGE
MIKE STUFFEL	ABBY SPARKMAN
ALICE TODD	ANNA JAMES
TODD HENRIKSON	BEVERLY BUGDA
KATHY STOUT	ALLEN MANNING
JINIESE CRAWFORD	RICHARD KARCH
MARCUS WOODWORTH	PAT GLAZER
ADAM JETTER	DOTTIE BROWN
JUDY ANN DEAL	BOBBY MARTIN
DEAN MITCHELL	BARBARA MINSKY
GABE TUFANO	DEBRA SANSONE
PHILLIP RAY	מרים רות בת בעלה
JANE YECHLI	

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

PLEASE CONTACT THE TEMPLE
OFFICE WITH CHANGES TO THE
MI SHEBERACH LIST.

TEMPLE EMANU-EL TZEDAKAH, MITZVAHS & MAZELS

TEMPLE EMANU-EL GENERAL FUND

Katherine Julius
On the Yahrzeit of Avrum Julius

Gary Wakstein
On the Yahrzeit of Hy Wakstein

Lisa Lewis
On the Yahrzeit of Abe Rudderman
On the Yahrzeit of Bertha Turner

Dianna Sue Bryant
In Support of Israel

CEMETERY FUND

Jack Blumenfeld
On the Yahrzeit of Barbara Blumenfeld

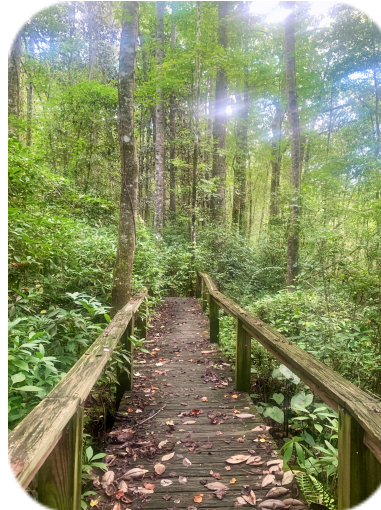
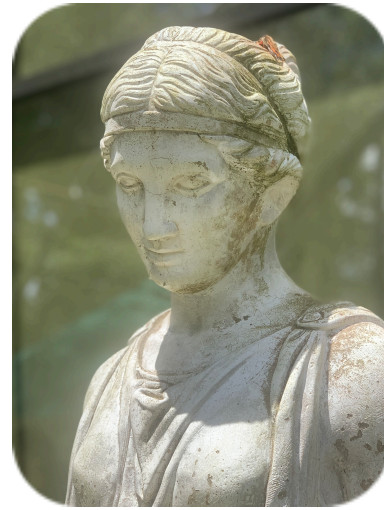


RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Barbara Minsky
On the Yahrzeit of Elaine F.M. Minsky
On the Yahrzeit of Louis Smilowitz
On the Continued Recoveries of Gloria Block, Lenard & Lisa Carroll
In Honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Noa Lessin
In Honor of the Marriage of Nicole & Erik Rofe

MAZEL TOV!

1LT Ryan Murphy
On His Graduation - with Honors - from U.S. Army Flight School



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SEP 1	2 Labor Day Temple Office Closed	3	TEMPLE EMANU-EL SERVICE & EVENT CALENDAR		6 Chanting Service 6:15 - 6:45 pm Shabbat Service 7 pm	7 Morning Service 9:30 am Torah Study 10:30 am
8	9 Empty Bowls Class 6:30 pm	10	11 Board Meeting 7 pm	12	13 Shabbat Service 7 pm	14 Torah Study 10:30 am
15 Sisterhood Meeting 12 - 2 pm	16	17	18	19	20 Chanting Service 6:15 - 6:45 pm Shabbat Service 7 pm	21 Torah Study 10:30 am
22 Brotherhood Meeting Panera Bread 10 am	DATES TO REMEMBER Memory Hill Maintenance October 6 Kol Nidre October 11 Yom Kippur October 12 Sukkot October 16 Religious School Starts October 20 Simchat Torah October 25			26	27	28 <i>Leil Selichot</i> Torah Study 10:30 am
29	30	OCT 1	OCT 2 <i>Erev Rosh Hashanah</i>	OCT 3 <i>Rosh Hashanah</i>	OCT 4 Chanting Service 6:15 - 6:45 pm Shabbat Service 7 pm	OCT 5 Morning Service 9:30 am Torah Study 10:30 am



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