

**January 2020**

 **Tevet 3, 5780 – Shevat 5, 5780**

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**RABBI JUDY’S MESSAGE**

Bob and I just returned from an incredible trip to Athens, the Greek islands, Cyprus and Israel. It was a magnificent trip. Can’t wait to share it with you….so, on Saturday, January 25th at 10:30 am in the multi-purpose room, I will share a presentation about the trip. We will visit Athens, Santorini, Symi, Patmos, Rhodes (where we visited their Holocaust memorial and synagogue), Cyprus, and Israel. This will take the place of Torah Study that day. I hope you will join us!

Also, our Community Chanukah Celebration was over the top! We received a grant from the National Center to Encourage Judaism to advertise three events at the Temple that are open to the community so that we can share our traditions and holidays with our neighbors. And, did it ever work. We had about 120 people in attendance at our Chanukah celebration and dinner on Friday, December 27th. The room looked so festive with balloons, dreydls and menorahs at each table and a gorgeous flower arrangement sent to us by our friend, Phyllis Gordon. The food was plentiful and yummy and included brisket, latkes, green beans, macaroni and cheese, sufganiyot (jelly donuts) and various other side dishes brought by congregants. No one went away hungry and everyone learned about and enjoyed celebrating both Shabbat and Chanukah. It was a huge success. Our next event will be our Community Seder on April 10th.

Many thanks to all those who helped make this event a success: Shirley, Alan and GayNell Barth, Mike Rhymes (head latke chef), Bill Levinson, Rachel Allen, Mark Albritton, Marlee Ginsburgh, Chadd Harper, Olivia Bonner, Chris Leonard, Amy Jo Jones and all those in the congregation who brought food.

As you may have heard, the Kallah has been postponed. Our plans right now are to host a special Shabbat weekend in the Fall at the Temple. We will hold a special Saturday morning Shabbat service followed by a Kiddush lunch. Then we will have fun activities and learning opportunities in the afternoon followed by Havdalah, dinner and a movie. We will come together again Sunday morning for a bagel bar and concluding activity. We hope that more people in the congregation will be a part of this community building event. More details to follow…

**Rabbi Judy’s Message Continued**

Also, The Museum at the Temple is now listed on Trip Advisor as an attraction in Northeast Louisiana for all to see. You can see the page at this link <https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g40319-d19330392-Reviews-Temple_B_Nai_Israel-Monroe_Louisiana.html>

If you would like to leave a review, please do. This will help to let more people know about the museum and increase visitation.

I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe, healthy and peaceful New Year! I look forward to seeing you the weekend of January 24-25.

Rabbi Judy

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**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

I hope everyone enjoyed their Chanukah celebrations, whether you celebrated at home, with family, or joined us at the Community Chanukah Celebration at the Temple.

The Community Chanukah Celebration at the Temple was a great success. There were about 120 people in attendance. When making their reservations, many of the members from the community expressed how excited they were to attend the celebration. After the event, we received comments from our guests that they enjoyed the services, learned a little more about Judaism and appreciated us opening the event to the community. There were even a couple of people that had to cancel at the last minute due to illness and wanted to make sure they were included on our email list.

I want to thank everyone that contributed to the event, including setting up, preparing food, serving food and cleaning up. A big thank you goes to the Men’s Club, the National Center to Encourage Judaism and congregation members for furnishing the food. Also, thank you to Rabbi Judy for making the service fun and informative for everyone.

I wish everyone a joyous and prosperous new year!

Alan Barth, President

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**SERVICE SCHEDULE**

January 3rd Kash Schriefer

January 10th Bill Levinson

January 17th Deb Roa

January 24th Rabbi Judy

January 31st TBA

 Lay leaders are subject to change.

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**SISTERHOOD NEWS**

SISTERHOOD VALENTINE LUNCHEON

Tuesday, February 4th

11:30 a.m.

Bayou DeSiard Country Club

Please call or email Betsy with your reservation by noon on Thursday, January 30.

**Note**: If you are not a member of Bayou DeSiard Country Club, you must pay by credit card. They do not accept cash not checks.

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Cecile Smith – January 20th Phyllis Marcus – January 22nd

Carly Laudenheimer – January 22nd (5 years) Tanya Speyrer – January 22nd

Michelleh Hikam – January 26th Ron Israel – January 27th

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**YAHRZEIT**

**JANUARY 3RD**

 Esther B. Masur Wilma Zavelo Marx

 Joe Schendle Paul Fink

**JANUARY 10TH**

 Hettie Lowentritt Eugene Cahn 6-9

 Anna Rubin Raphael 1-20 Bessye L. Stern

 Herman Masur 1-11 Abe Froug 1-7

 Sam Smith Doniel Weil

 Lillian Heninger Philip Wilenzick

 Louis Flemin Tola Rosenberg 5-19

**JANUARY 17TH**

Maurice Roby Manuel Slipakoff

Sanford Halperin 5-16 Dula Mae Roby

Max Strauss Carl Goettinger

Yetta Leibowitz Leopold Hirsch

Maude Selig 2-7 Joan Halperin 5-17

Stanley Shlosman Otto Haas 4-16

Harriet Kern David Masur 1-5

Joe Doernberg Etta Levine

**JANUARY 24TH**

 Clem Heninger Stella Heninger

 Virginia Marx Dora Israel

 Moise King Dr. Fred Marx

 Sol Arthur Stern Jakob Strauss

 Ralph Marks Dr. Samuel Lewis

 Sam Zavelo 1-8 Alan Blumenthal 2-6

**JANUARY 31ST**

 Leonard Lemle 3-7 Louis Weinberg

 Carol Marx Ida Scherck Bogen 3-19

 Rachel Rosenberg Marvin Carlie

 Louise Z. Hakim 6-2 Edgar Masur 1-4

 Abraham Blumenthal 2-5 Louis Masur 1-2

 David Masur Morris B. Rosen

 Sol Rosenberg 5-20 Sam Rubin, Sr.

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**MEN’S CLUB**

Thank you to everyone that helped with the Community Chanukah Celebration. We especially appreciate all the “honorary Men’s Club” members that helped preparing and serving the food, as well as setting up and cleaning up before and after the event. We were proud to open this event to the community and were excited by the great response. Our appreciation goes to all the congregation members (and even a few guests) who brought food to share.

The next Men’s Club meeting is Sunday, January 12, 2020.

Alan Barth, President

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**RITUAL AND WORSHIP**

Thank you to Kash Schriefer , Bob Eisenstadt and Deb Roa for leading services in December. As always, your services were inspiring and informative. Best wishes to Bob on his retirement and relocation to South Carolina. Please come visit us when you can.

Michael Masur and Penny Masur, son and daughter of Charles and the late Janet Masur, are the newest members of our congregation. Welcome to Temple B’nai Israel. We look forward to seeing you when are in Monroe

The Chanukah Celebration was a resounding success. We had about 120 people attend. A special thank you goes to the Men’s Club for making the latkes, which were delicious. Thank you to all that attended and brought food to share. There was plenty of food for everyone. We had a great kitchen crew helping make the latkes, getting the food ready and putting it out on the serving line, and helping with clean up. Thank to everyone that helped make this a successful and memorable event.

Mike Rhymes, Chair

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**ARCHIVES/MUSEUM NEWS**

The Precious Legacy Museum is one of 10 museums participating in *Monroe Museum Month.* A schedule of special events taking place at the museums will be sent by email as soon as it is available. At the first museum you visit, you will be given a “passport” which you should have stamped at each museum you visit. If you visit a minimum of 6 museums during January, you will be entered in the drawing for a gift basket. There will also be a photo contest where you can send in pictures of the museums for prizes. Please contact me for questions.

A framed poster of Anne Frank is now included in the Holocaust exhibit. Additional items will be included by the end of January.

If you have ideas for the museum, please don’t hesitate to contact me. The Precious Legacy Archives/Museum belongs to everyone.

Sandra Blate, Director

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**CHANUKAH 2019**

 