

**September 2020**

**Elul 12, 5780 – Tishrei 12, 5781**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**RABBI JUDY’S MESSAGE**

Well, this has been quite a year and 5780 is going out with a bang. I am so sorry that so many of us were impacted by Hurricane Laura, but I am so thankful that most of us only sustained minimal damage and that we are were safe and physically protected from the storm. If anyone in our congregation needs assistance, please let me, Shirley or Alan know. Our local Jewish Federation and the Jewish Federation in New Orleans have both reached out to us and are here to help. Please let us know. All information will be kept in strict confidence.

I have created special services for the Holy Days that I hope will be meaningful and uplifting. These will be sent to everyone who has email. You can print them for each service or look at them on your computer. Shirley will also be printing copies of the services for those who attend at Temple or want to pick up copies.

During Rosh Hashanah Day, I will be giving a sermon titled, “Reflect, Re-evaluate, Renew.” In the sermon, I will share with you 10 statements that we can all complete in the 10 days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. I wanted to list them here so that you can begin your personal journey toward reflection, re-evaluation and renewal:

* By this time next year, I will complete:
* By this time next year, I will give/share:
* By this time next year, I will explore:
* By this time next year, I will organize:
* By this time next year, I will use less:
* By this time next year, I will remember:

**Rabbi Judy’s Message Continued**

* By this time next year, I will stand up for:
* By this time next year, I will ask:
* By this time next year, I will be more cautious about:
* By this time next year, I will change the way I:

I will see you on Zoom in about a week. In the meantime, I hope you are all able to clean-up; get power, water, internet and phone service restored; stay healthy and be in your place worshipping with us for the High Holy Days.

Rabbi Judy

~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

**HIGH HOLY DAYS**

Due to an abundance of caution, the Board has decided that High Holy Days will be held via Zoom. Rabbi Judy will conduct each of the services from Alexandria. The service schedule is at the back of the newsletter. We will stream the services on the projection screen at the Temple for those that would like to attend in a sacred setting.

Extreme safety protocols will be in place for those attending service at the Temple. Family group may sit together but must be 6 feet from the next family group. Additional protocols are listed below.

We will be using single-use prayer books for each service. These will be emailed to everyone in our group email. A hard copy will be sent to each member who does not have an email address. If you prefer to have a hard copy mailed to you, instead of through email, please contact the office. There will be extra copies available at the Temple.

If you have any questions regarding prayer books or services, please contact the office or me at 318-547-4319.

Alan Barth, President

~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

**SAFETY PROTOCOLS**

* Masks must be worn at all times, please bring your own mask, disposable ones are available should you forget yours.
* Social distancing – each family group must be seated 6 feet from the next family – unavailable seats will be blocked off.
* No standing in the building to socialize – please go to the park lot and maintain your social distancing.
* Temperatures will be checked before you enter the building – if you have a fever, you will not be allowed to enter.
* Touchless hand sanitizer dispensers are located in the lobby near the doors and in the hall near the bathrooms.
* Prayer books will be a single-use copy for each service – please take the book home with you or drop in the trash receptacle in the lobby.
* Public use areas will be sanitized after each service.

~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

**SERVICE SCHEDULE**

September 4th

September 11th  Rabbi Judy

September 18th (Rosh Hashanah) Rabbi Judy

September 25th Mike Rhymes

 Services will be held in person at the Temple, as well as livestreamed or on the Zoom platform, as appropriate.

~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Jay & Susan Marx September 19th 50 years

John & Jennifer Allen September 22nd 9 years

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Seph Dickinson – September 5th (13 years)

Edward Hakim – September 7th Phrose Raphael – September 9th Jerry Lang– September 10th Penny Masur – September 11th Sara Israel – September 16th Pam Rosenberg – September 21st Sharon Hakim – September 22nd Carl Aron – September 23rd Bob Ginsburg – September 30th

Congratulations to **Louise and Wesley Moore** on the birth of their baby boy. John Maddox Moore was born on July 23, 2020. **Joseph and Sharon Hakim** are the proud grandparents.

~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

**DONATIONS**

**General Fund**

Prayers for Recovery

Natalian Carter

~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

**THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS**

There were lots of volunteers out on Saturday, September 5th cleaning up the debris from Hurricane Laura. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, including some members of the ULM women’s basketball team, St. Paul’s United Methodist Church, including members of several other churches in Monroe, and Susan Jones did a fantastic job cleaning up the debris around the Temple. If you see any of these volunteers, please be sure to tell them you appreciate their hard work.

~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

**NORTH LOUISIANA JEWISH FEDERATION**

**Trouble Getting Online for the Holidays?**

Or know someone else who is? We're here to help! In this new age of digital and distanced community, with services and programs online, having access to the internet is becoming more and more important. If you or someone you know needs some support getting online, please don't hesitate to reach out. Let your Rabbi know or reach out to us directly: (318) 868-1200

**Mark Your Calendars**

The Wiener Brothers film has officially been POSTPONED. Due to safety concerns regarding the pandemic, the film is no longer able to be hosted at the Strand Theatre. Instead, the film be will be screened in an online format on November 12th. We will update you once we have more details for the screening.

**Volunteer Opportunity**

Love movies? Have fond memories of the North Louisiana Jewish Film Festival? Well... great news! We're bringing it back! We are exploring both virtual and in-person options for our film screenings to provide the best Jewish film entertainment around. However, before we can deliver, we need your help:

We're calling for volunteers to sit on a movie selection committee to help us choose the films to present in our film festival revival. Interested? Please reach out to our Program Director Rabbi Feivel: programming@jewishnla.org

~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

**YAHRZEIT**

**SEPTEMBER 4TH**

 Robert Galitzen Philip Alan Leibowitz 5-4

 Lena Lemle Rosa Lieber

 Meyer Weldman Edward Barth

**SEPTEMBER 11TH**

 Bessie Tolchinsky

**SEPTEMBER 18TH**

Judy Laudenheimer William B. Levinson

Annette Masur 2-4 Saul Mintz

Albert Perlstein 2-16

**SEPTEMBER 25TH**

 Joseph Cahn Marion Lewis

 Jack Ansell, Jr. Kurt Fisher 6-8

 Irving King 5-10 Bernard Marcus

 Max Weinberg Katie Oser Berman

Julius Cahn, Jr. 3-20 Pauline Masur Krantz 1-13

Gretel Haas Janowski

**SEPTEMBER 30TH**

 Gussie Dante Phillip Fishman

 Scott Jeffrey Mason

The numbers following a name is the location of their plaque on the Memorial Board in the Foyer. The first number represents the column. The second number represents the position in the column. The lights on both sides of the plaque are light during the week of their Yahrzeit. If you would like to have your loved one remembered with a bronze plaque on the memorial board, order forms are available at the Temple.

~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

**NEW ADULT STUDY PROGRAM BEGINNING IN OCTOBER**

Beginning in October, Rabbi Judy will begin a new program of Torah study for adults in our congregation (or anywhere else) called **Chai Mitzvah**. Being Jewish means you learn and do, all your life. Our tradition teaches that the world is sustained by three things: Torah (learning), Avodah (spirituality) and Gemilut Chassodim (social action). That is…head, heart and hand.

Chai Mitzvah is a program of adult learning that will last for twelve months. We will offer this course of learning during Torah Study when Rabbi Judy visits (Saturday at 10:30 am). For those who do want to come in person, we will also offer the program on Zoom on the Sunday following our Torah study day. This will allow anyone, anywhere to sign up to attend this program.

Chai Mitzvah has five basic components:

* Group learning – meeting monthly on a set curriculum chosen by Rabbi Judy
* Independent Study – something you would like to learn more about in Jewish life, history, culture, etc.
* Ritual – choosing a ritual or spiritual practice to incorporate into your life
* Social Action – choosing either individually, or as a group, to commit to a local volunteer opportunity
* Celebrate at the end of the study program acknowledging the journey with some sort of celebration

Topics that will be included in the program this year are: Adult Rites of Passage; Tzedakah/Philanthropy; Individual & Community; Interpersonal Relationships; Mindfulness; New Insights to the Passover Seder; Israel and the Jewish Spirit; Gratitude; Judaism and the Environment; Leadership; Death & Loss; Fall Holidays. All study will be based on Torah and liturgy.

Participants who finish the program receive a certificate from Chai Mitzvah, and a tree planted in their honor courtesy of Jewish National Fund’s collaboration with Chai Mitzvah.

If you have any questions or wish to sign up, please contact Rabbi Judy at judy@rabbijudymusic.com. We will begin the program on Saturday, October 17 (in person) and Sunday, October 18 (online). **You must register with Rabbi Judy in order to be a part of the program**. Please register early and by September 25 at the latest. Others who do not wish to make the commitment to attend regularly are welcome to sit in on sessions either in person or online. Just let us know.

~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

**HIGH HOLY DAYS**

Rosh Hashanah Evening, Friday, September 18, 2020

 Services at Temple 7 pm

Rosh Hashanah Day, Saturday, September 19, 2020

 Services at Temple 10 am

 Memorial Service at Cemetery (by Mike Rhymes) 2 pm

Yom Kippur Evening (Kol Nidre), Sunday, September 27, 2020

 Services at the Temple 7 pm

Yom Kippur Day, Monday, September 28, 2020

 Services at Temple 10 am

 Yizkor/Concluding/Havdalah Services 4 pm

There are no tickets required for our services. However, it is a mitzvah to donate to your synagogue during the High Holy Days. We encourage visitors and members to make a High Holy Day contribution if you feel so moved.

 ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~