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## Message from Rabbi Judy

It is summer. It is getting warmer and many of you are going on vacations visiting family and seeing new and exciting things. I wish everyone a safe and pleasant summer.

I will be with you the weekend of June 9-11. I will be staying for the entire weekend this trip because Rabbi Barb Moskow from the Kallah Project will be visiting with us that weekend to hold preliminary meetings for planning our first congregational kallah (retreat). If you recall, we were one of 5 congregations in the country to receive a grant from the Kallah Project. This grant will enable us to hold three retreats – one in 2018, one in 2019 and one in 2020. These retreats will be held somewhere away from Monroe, but within driving distance. They will begin on Friday before Shabbat and end Sunday before lunch. They will be open to our entire membership – all ages. These retreats will allow us to build community, create spirituality and increase our Jewish knowledge. And, our first retreat will coincide with the 150<sup>th</sup> year of the congregation. What a great year it will be!

Rabbi Moskow will be arriving Friday afternoon, June 9<sup>th</sup> and will attend Friday evening services where she will give a brief D'var Torah and tell us more about the Kallah Project. We will then have a Shabbat dinner in the social hall where we can visit a little more with her and each other.

**Message from Rabbi Judy continued**

On Sunday, June 11, our steering committee will meet with Rabbi Moskow from 10 am until noon. After this we will break for a dairy lunch and there will be time for questions or individual meetings with Rabbi Moskow to discuss specific parts of the program. It is at this time that we will determine what kind of help we will need to make the first retreat happen. I am sure we will need people who are interested in being part of committees that will include: worship, publicity, photography, orientation packets, food, registration, hospitality, social programs, art/craft projects, family programming, etc. If you would like to help on any of these committees, please let me or Bob Eisenstadt know. Remember...if everyone helps a little...no one has to do a lot. I hope you will volunteer to be a part of this exciting program. See you soon!

Rabbi Judy ☺



**Annual Meeting**

Mike Rhymes and Joseph Hakim were re-elected to the Board.

- New officers are:            Bob Eisenstadt, President
- Deb Roa, Vice-President
- Alan Barth, Treasurer & Men’s Club President
- Other Board Members:    Betsy Laudenheimer, Sisterhood President
- Mike Rhymes
- Joseph Hakim
- Bill Rhymes
- Ron Israel



**As the Rabbi stated in her message, we will be having Shabbat dinner with Rabbi Barb Moskow on June 9<sup>th</sup> following services. Please RSVP to the office if you are planning to attend dinner. We need to plan how much food to make.**



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# Y A H R Z E I T

## JUNE 2nd

Hyman Israel Seligman

Emma Jane Ullman

## JUNE 9th

Leslie Leibowitz  
Rose Marie Album  
Mack Kittay

Carolyn Masur  
Sydney Erlanger

## JUNE 16th

Jacob Gerson  
Sam Ruttenberg  
Lena Greenberg  
Louis Marcovitz

Simon K Heninger  
Mau Leiber Kahn  
Louis Blotner

## JUNE 23<sup>rd</sup>

Shirley Stein  
Elmer Marshall  
Rose Cohen  
Joan King

Hyman Levine  
Polly Shlosman  
Elmer Lerner

## JUNE 30th

Lois Saber  
Sam Botko  
Bernard Schwelling  
David Marx  
Sidonie Haas

Novie Kern  
Harold Renaud  
Patricia Kaplan Sugar  
Zelina Lillian Moss  
Ralph Raphael

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## SERVICE SCHEDULE

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| JUNE 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Bob Eisenstadt       |
| JUNE 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Rabbi Judy Ginsburgh |
| JUNE 16 <sup>th</sup> | Rabbi Salem Pearce   |
| JUNE 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Mike Rhymes          |
| JUNE 30 <sup>th</sup> | Bill Levinson        |

Lay leaders are subject to change.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

### HAPPY ANIVERSARY

Annie and Peter Richardson	June 7 <sup>th</sup>	32 years
Morris & Melinda Mintz	June 12th	40 years
Deb and John Roa	June 14th	31 years
Don and Pam Laudenheimer	June 25th	40 years

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jay Marx – June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Grant Goza – June 16th
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## MEN'S CLUB

NO MEETINGS JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST

If you have not yet paid your dues, please do so as soon as possible. They can be sent to the Temple, Attn: Men's Club.

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## ARCHIVE/MUSEUM NEWS

Below are 9 ways to celebrate Judaism all year long. How would you answer these statements? Here are some possible answers

1. *Visit a Jewish Museum or visit a site of Jewish interest.*  
Visit the precious legacy museum.
2. *Eat something Jewish.*  
Challah
3. *Learn more about North American Jewish History.*  
Read Emma Lazarus' poem at the base of the Statue of Liberty.
4. *Read something Jewish.*  
Read the "Forward" newspaper. (Copies are located on the table at the back of the Sanctuary)
5. *Research your family's history*  
There's no time like to present to start.
6. *Watch something Jewish.*  
Watch the "Goldbergs".
7. *Raise your voice Jewishly.*  
Write a letter to a congressman.
8. *Become a member of a synagogue.*  
Be active in the Jewish community
9. *Support your favorite Jewish organization.*  
Make a donation to your Precious Legacy archives and Museum.

November 3-5, the Southern Jewish History Society will hold their annual conference in Cincinnati, Ohio. The host institution for the convention is The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives located on the campus of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. Cincinnati, Ohio is the city where our reform movement became a reality.

National Jewish Book Award winner, Haya Leah Molnar's first book is UNDER A RED SKY. She talks about her childhood in communist Romania. Her grandparents and uncle, as well as, she and her parents were among the 400,000 Jewish people allowed to immigrate to Israel and finally to America. This book is located in the library and is available to be checked out.

**Archive/Museum new continued**

We have prepared a brochure that will advertise our Precious Legacy Museum. This brochure will be distributed to the Monroe/West Monroe Visitor’s Center. It will also be available at the organizations in The Magic Circle, a group of places to visit in Northeast Louisiana that are in a 100 mile radius of Poverty Point. This project came to fruition for our congregation, as the result of our involvement in The Magic Circle. I want to personally thank our intern, Caitlin Struth , Rabbi Judy and the members of the Board of Trustees for their involvement in making our brochure a reality. Special thanks go to Joseph Hakim taking the responsibility for the printing. I hope that every member of the congregation will be excited when you see it.



**Rabbinic Intern Salem Pearce from the Institute of Southern Jewish Life will be leading services on June 16<sup>th</sup>.** Salem Pearce was born and raised in Houston and went to school at the University of Texas at Austin, where she earned a B.A. in Classics. After three years teaching Latin at an all-girls boarding school in North Carolina, Salem spent many years fundraising for a variety of non-profits in Washington, D.C. She is now entering her final year as a rabbinical student at Hebrew College in Boston. She serves on the board of T’ruah and has been a fellow at Rabbis Without Borders and American Jewish World Service. She also volunteers at Mayyim Hayyim Community Mikveh and Community Hevre Kadisha in Boston. She enjoys running and reading nonfiction.



**T-SHIRTS AND CAPS FOR SALE**

The Men’s Club has caps and a very limited number of t-shirts embroidered with Temple B’Nai Isreal, Monroe, LA and the Star of David, that are on sale for \$15 each. T-shirt sizes are one size Medium, one size Large and two size XXL. They will be on display in the lobby. To purchase, please contact the office.

Would make a great Father’s Day gift!!

