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The Shul Spiel



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Shabbat Services:

Friday Evening Services
streaming and In-Person at
7:30pm

Saturday morning Services
Streaming and In-Person at
10:00am

Message from the President

Nothing so constant as change

For a month with no holidays we've been busy! While I miss the presence of Rabbi Sydni and Rabbi Feivel at services, I am constantly amazed at how this congregation steps up and makes our worship and events happen. This month we started off with a visit from Rabbi Yos of Magen Avraham in Israel, with much gratitude to the Federation for rekindling this relationship with a Masorti congregation after a lull due to COVID. We got to learn new tunes over shabbat and then learn with both Rabbi Yos and Rabbi Jana from BZ for 929. The following week, we got to start trying out our contingency plans for services- Torah and haftarah were both read in English, which congregants told me was meaningful to them. Of course, what we didn't know is that we were welcoming our newest member at the same time, and we were able to celebrate with the Rabbis Rubenstein and their families as Shalom Zimri was brought into the covenant the following Shabbat. We learned as soon as Shabbat was over that streaming was down, and luckily for me, it wasn't back up when I chanted all seven aliyot of the week for the first time the following Shabbat. I'm signed up again later in December- which reminds me, I need to practice. We got through 929s reading of Joshua and into our seventh book of Tanach, Judges. We've wondered who attached the Shreveport outdoor temperature to a yo yo and despite folks staying home from the weather (or feeling under the weather) made a minyan almost every time we've had a service scheduled. Thank you all for that. We've welcomed folks back to town who came to visit the cemetery, a new Jewish person at Barksdale who came to our services within a week of getting to town, and had a quick changeover in the office as we welcome Joyce Bailey back to the staff. I have never been so thankful for the rest of a Shabbat as I have been this month.

None of this would have gone as smoothly without our staff and volunteers. It's not unusual for me to say I need to do something for the shul and have someone say they can help or do the thing. Folks know I will take you at your word if you want to try to do something that you aren't sure about- we've had people lead kiddush, parts of service, or birkat hamazon after lunch. If there's something you want to try, even if it's only a page or a paragraph, let me know I'm happy to help you get ready or to be up there with you. There is nothing we do that cannot be done in English if you aren't confident in Hebrew yet. Or read 5 chapters of tanach and moderate the discussion after services (leader spots available December 10 and most of January).

Next month is full of events, but not changes. Look in the bulletin for information about our December guest Rabbi, covered dish dinner, and federation Chanukah party. I can't wait to celebrate with all of you.

Rebecca Austin, President

Religious School Report

There will be regular Religious School Sunday, December 11. **On December 11, special guest Goldy Marrus will host a Hanukah drawing with prizes!**

On **December 18**, there will not be Religious School in the morning, but in the evening at 5:30 p.m. is the **Community Hanukah party sponsored by the North Louisiana Jewish Federation. There will be dinner with latkes, songs and games - fun for all ages!**

Attendance is free but reservations are needed by December 12 at this [link](#) or by calling or texting the Federation at 318-868-1200.

Winter Break: There will not be Religious School on December 18 or 25, nor on January 1, 8 or 15. Stay tuned for volunteer opportunities on Sunday, January 15 and/or Monday, January 16. **The regular schedule for Religious School resumes on Sunday, January 22.**

It's not too early to be thinking about summer camp!

There will be a **Jacobs Camp presentation during Religious School on Sunday, January 29.** You can see Jacobs Camp programs and dates [here](#).

Camp Ramah Darom programs and dates are [here](#). On Thursday, December 15th at 8:00pm ET, Ramah is holding a [Camp Q&A session](#) for new & prospective families to meet the year-round team, take a virtual tour of Camp and learn all about Ramah Darom. There are also upcoming family-friendly and adult-only Jewish experiential programs - see the full list [here](#).

This [scholarship page](#) lists several important dates, and links to scholarships. Please apply early to all available scholarships.



A Glimpse of our
older students

Students in grades 4 through 7, along with the 8th through 10th graders in Chai 5, participated in a cemetery clean up in November at Hebrew Rest Number 2 on Texas Avenue. Everyone involved enjoyed the opportunity for learning and service. Thanks to Bill Braunig for showing the students some of the some of the memorials with historical and personal meaning, and to Candice Richardson for her guidance on proper cleaning of headstones.

News from the North Louisiana Jewish Federation

The Community Hanukkah party is Sunday, December 18 at 5:30 p.m. There will be candle lighting (BYOM – Bring Your Own Menorah if you have one), dinner including latkes, songs, and games.

The event is free and open to the public, but RSVPs (at <https://jewishnla.org/hanukah-rsvp/> or by calling 318-868-1200) are greatly appreciated. Donations are welcome, either online or at the event. Volunteers are also greatly appreciated! Help is need to decorate, make latkes, facilitate activities, and clean up afterwards. [Here is the link to sign up to volunteer](#). A link to sign up to volunteer will also be emailed

There will be a **panel discussion on Addiction and Recovery from a Jewish Perspective** on Thursday, December 22 at 6:30pm. Experts will include Rabbi Miriam Green Potok who has seven years of experience working at a Jewish residential treatment facility as a spiritual counselor, and several local individuals with personal and/or professional recovery and/or treatment experiences. Details and the opportunity to RSVP will be updated at our website, www.jewishnla.org.

The Israel Trip

Were you hoping to join Federation on last year's trip to Israel which was unfortunately cancelled? Well, good news! Rabbi Feivel, through his organization Freelance Judaism, is putting on that very trip in February 2023, and YOU get first priority. This trip will be open to the public, have a maximum of 30 participants and slots will fill on a first-come, first-serve basis, so SAVE THE DATE today: February 6th -16th, 2023. For more in formation, please contact feivel@freelancejudaism.com.

Gift Shop

The Gift Shop has several beautiful items for Hanukkah.
Please stop by from 9am to 1pm Monday - Friday.

December Celebrations



Harriet Dechowitz	December 1
Aleksei Jeanmard	December 5
Rabbi Foster Kawaler	December 9
Anne Lachman-Marsala	December 13
Kari Dicken	December 14
Jason Oller	December 14
Jennifer Goodpaster	December 16
Miguel Padin	December 19
Lesley Padilla	December 21
Laurie S. Feigenbaum	December 23
Daila Reisman	December 25
Lee Sands	December 27
Susan Gross	December 29
Leo Laventhal	December 30

Yasher Koach to our Oneg Sponsors

Bernard & Dorothy Lobel	In honor of Dorothy's Birthday	December 2/3
Jason Oller		December 9/10
Open and available		December 16/17
David & Susan Gross	In honor of Susan's Birthday	December 30/31

Shabbat Shalom

December Schedule of Readings



Saturday, December 3	D'var Torah Haftarah	Ben Sour Howard Lippton
Saturday, December 10 (read by Rebecca Austin)	D'var Torah Haftarah	Pamela Hebert (Rebecca Austin)
Saturday, December 17	D'var Torah Haftarah	Elliott Goldman
Saturday, December 24	Torah Reading Haftarah	R. Miriam
Saturday, December 31	Torah Reading Haftarah	Pamerla Hebert

Red River Radio Eternal Echoes for Hanukkah

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(KDAQ 89.9 in Shreveport)

Redriverradio.org

Tuesday, December 20, A Great Miracle Happened There 12:00pm -1:00pm

Tuesday, December 20, Candles Burning Brightly 1:00pm -2:00pm

Wednesday, December 21, Hanukkah Stories 2:00pm-3:00pm

Itzhak Periman presents music and history about songs of Hanukkah

Monday, December 26, 12:00pm-2:00pm

December Yahrzeits

Week of December 1 - 3

Eric Wiener

Week of December 4-10

Irvin Levine
Jay Goldberg
Louis Bayer
Sam Toys
Goldie Gelfand
Irvin Kassof
Jake Rubenstein
Paul Shapiro
Harry Yellen
Ida Gross

Week of December 11-17

Jerry Levine
Mary Cohen
Carly Adler
Sam Kottle
Jean Druker
Louise McClendon

Week of December 18-24

Rose Vedlitz
Jake Evensky
Samuel Fox
Dorothy Suckle
Morris Yellen
Leonard Lazarus
Dorothy Rosenfeld

Week of December 25-31

Casey Nicole Colley
Libbie Bliss Abramson
Charles Yellen
Leah Schorr
George Bersin
Martha Rochelson
Leon Abramson
Velvel Shifra
Rabbi Ronald Goldstein
Willie Vedlitz

HaMakom y'nathem etkhem
B'tokh shaar aveilei tzion
virushalyaim

May the Omnipresent bring comfort
to their family and friends among
all the mourners of Zion
and Jerusalem.

Donations

In Beloved Memory of:

Paul Shapiro
Bettie Cahn Alcus Levy
Lillie Black
Rose & Willie Vedlitz
Mary Toys
Goldy Marrus
Joseph Goldman
Rose Lincove Vogel
Manuel Lincove
Daniel Lincove
Arnold Lincove
Ella Feldman
Steven Soffer
Shirley Sperling
Celia Organick
Leah Schorr
Leah Schorr
Leah Schorr
George Bersin
Leon Abramson
Velvel Shifra
Rabbi Ronald Myron Goldstein

In Honor of:

Shalom Rubinstein
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David & Sandra Ginsburg's
50th Wedding Anniversary

By:

Jackie Fleschman
Berte Muslow
Berte Muslow
Arnold Vedlitz
Elliott & Sharon Goldman
Elliott & Sharon Goldman
Elliott & Sharon Goldman
Janice Epstein
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Allen Organick & Ellen Soffer
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Paula Cornelious
Ronald Schorr
Mark & Kim Cornelious
Edwin Bersin
Marcia Spielberger
Louise Amy Vermillion

By:

Joe & Sherri Baca
David & Sandra Ginsburg

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