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I Have a Dream.

The dreams of Joseph and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



by Rabbi Zari Sussman

The words "I have a dream" carry deep significance in both Jewish and American history. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s iconic 1963 speech is famous, but did you know that dreams also play a crucial role in the Torah, particularly in the story of Joseph?

In the bible, Joseph has prophetic, if not problematic dreams. He dreams of a future where he rises above his brothers and rules them. His brothers respond to this dream by selling Joseph into slavery. His dreams seem impossible yet, through perseverance and faith, Joseph rises out of slavery and his dreams are fulfilled in ways he could not have imagined.

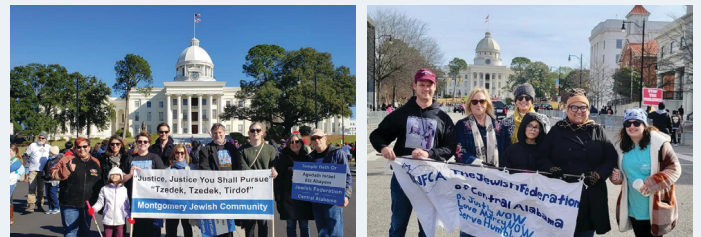
In his speech, Dr. King envisioned a world where all people are judged by their character, not the color of their skin. Like Joseph, his dream faced enormous opposition, but it inspired a movement toward justice and equality that continues to this day.

The dreams of Joseph and Dr. King are not just stories of individuals — they are calls to action for all of us. They remind us that dreams of a better future often emerge in the face of adversity.

As we reflect on their dreams, we are challenged to ask: What is the dream that God has placed in our hearts? What can we do, with faith and perseverance, to help bring that dream into reality?

While celebrating Martin Luther King day on January 20, let us strive to make our own dreams of justice, kindness and peace a transformative force in our lives and in the world.

MLK Day Parade MONDAY, JANUARY 20



Join the JFCA as we walk to the Capitol in the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade Monday, January 20. Line-up for begins at 7:30 a.m. at Troy University Montgomery. The parade begins at 9 a.m.



For questions or details contact Tara at 334-490-8600 or tara@myJFCA.org

Rabbi Zari Sussman

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Message from the President



Dearest Congregation,

I am pleased to announce Rabbi Sussman will renew her contract for another year as will Cantor Baron. During the next year and a half, we will have many decisions to make concerning the future of our beloved Agudath Israel Etz Ahayem and the Montgomery Jewish Community. Please participate, whether it be a phone call, a meeting or serving on a committee. Your voice is important.

In 2025, let us all show our support by being involved in services and special events at the synagogue. I would like for our congregation to commit to a community service project. If you have any ideas, please let me know. It feels good to help others and it is our Jewish duty.

Our prayers continue for the hostages and our beloved Israel.

Happy new year and much love,
Barbara

RABBI SUSSMAN'S SCHEDULE

Dates the Rabbi is in Montgomery:

JANUARY 22 - FEBRUARY 5
No services Jan 31 - Feb 2. The Rabbi is at Southern Schmooze

FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 5

MARCH 13 - 14

MARCH 26 - APRIL 16

APRIL 30 - MAY 14

MAY 28 - JUNE 11

The dates the Rabbi is in Montgomery highlighted in blue.

JANUARY

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Member News ...



Mazel Tov!

Lydia Francine

Born December 17

Daughter of
**Helene & Jacob
Lassin**



Southern Schumpoze

at Ramah Darom

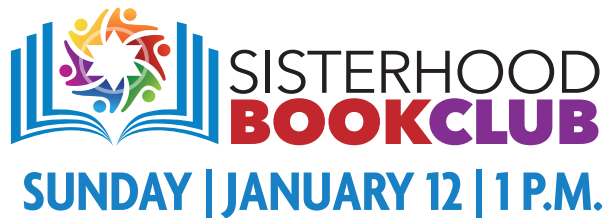
Join our congregation in the North Georgia mountains for a fun-filled weekend together and a chance to schmooze with other Jewish communities from around the Southeast.



Jan 31-Feb 2, 2025

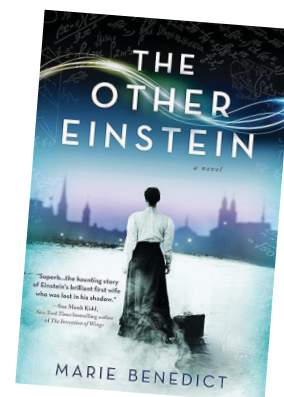


Learn more at ramahdarom.org/schmooze



At the home of Carolyn Bern

January's book is "The Other Einstein"
by Marie Benedict.



Bridal Shower

In Honor of

Samantha Address

SUNDAY
JANUARY 26
2 PM | Nancy Shinbaum
2147 Vaughn Lane
Montgomery
334-546-5606

Samantha has requested guests bring gift cards for the young ladies at Tallapoosa County Girls Ranch. (Suggested Gift Cards: Target, Old Navy, Kohl's, Sephora, Ulta Beauty, Amazon)

RSVP at aicamontgomery.org



About the Tallapoosa County Girls Ranch

Opened in 1973, the Tallapoosa County Girls Ranch campus consists of 5 ranch homes, 2 staff houses, an office, chapel, gym, pool, pond, and various support buildings. The Ranchers (the girls) attend Reeltown School and involved in various extra-curricular activities. They are active in youth programs and attend local churches. Ranch highlights include annual beach trip, day at the water park, spa day, various camp experiences, Atlanta Braves game, Columbus Cottonmouths hockey game, fashion show, nursing home ministry, church food ministry, and visits to Children's Hospital.



Sisterhood

by Co-Leaders Emily Allen & Elaine Kirkpatrick

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Dale Evans

KITCHEN

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Linda Smith

SHIVA PANTRY

Linda Smith

TRIBUTE FUNDS

Emily Allen

D'VAR TORAH

Irene Kramer

BOOK CLUB

Yvette Hochberg

We hope this finds you well. And we hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving with friends and family.

As we approach the holiday season, I wanted to reach out to share some updates with you.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our Hanukkah event this year due to unforeseen circumstances. We are truly sorry that it didn't work out. We are already looking ahead and planning to have a festive celebration in 2025. Your understanding and support means a lot to us.

In the meantime, I am excited to remind you about our next event - the Sisterhood Book Club

meeting January 12 at 1 p.m. It will be hosted at the home of Carolyn Bern. We will be diving into "The Other Einstein" by Marie Benedict. I can't wait to hear everyone's thoughts on this intriguing story.

Looking further ahead, we are in the planning stages for our Sisterhood Shabbat. More details will be shared soon, so please stay tuned!

As we continue to celebrate the beauty of the season, I hope you had a happy Hanukkah filled with joy and light. We look forward to seeing everyone in 2025. Please stay safe and well.

'Tzedakah Funds

GENERAL FUND

Thank you for our spring 2024 visit
Wilma Odell

In memory of Betty Ehrlich
Albert and Debbie Labovitz

In memory of Morris Segall
Janice and Hazel Segall

In memory of Betty Ehrlich
Tricia Wool

In memory of Ruth McManama
Tina McManama

In memory of Kathleen Golson
Ira Kupferberg

In memory of LeRoy Zaslowsky
David Zaslowsky

BUILDING IMPROVEMENT FUND

In memory of Sol Koenigsberg
Janice Segall and Richard Koenigsberg

In memory of Betty Ehrlich
Barbara Handmacher

SHIVA PANTRY

In memory of Jennie Brenner
Jeffrey Brenner

In memory of Solomon Varon
Esther Varon

SHINBAUM FAMILY HEALTH FUND

In memory of Betty Ehrlich
Jaunia Pearson

PRAYER BOOK FUND

In memory of Isaac Allen
Michael and Lynne Herman

NACE ALLEN YOUTH FUND

In memory of Ronnie Rosen
Emily Allen Rosen

SECURITY

Donation
Janice Prescott and Warren Simons

Yahrzeits



Remembering Loved Ones We Have Lost

*Agudath Israel Etz Ahayem Members
we have lost and our Members' Love Ones.*

December 28 - January 3

☆ **BARBARA BRENNER**
Remembered by Irving Brenner and Jeffrey Brenner

☆ **ELI ISAAC HAIM**

☆ **MAX L. MENDEL**

☆ **IRIS CICUREL**

☆ **GERTRUDE GOLDSTON**

☆ **ABE EMPEL**
Remembered by Jay Empel

☆ **LOUIS GELLERMAN**

☆ **HYMAN W. SILVERBERG**

☆ **RICK GOLDSTEIN**
Remembered by Lisa Segall

☆ **HAIM MOUSIFIR**

☆ **JACOB RUDNICK**
Remembered by Leslie Rudnick

☆ **SAUL BRUCHIS**
Remembered by Marcus Bruchis

☆ **ETHEL RAYMON**
Remembered by Edward Raymon

☆ **PHILIP STERN**

☆ **SARA RAE BERLIN**

☆ **FANNY FLEISCHMAN**
Remembered by Diane Logan

☆ **ANN ROSE BERMAN**

☆ **SAM BRENNER**
Remembered by Irving Brenner and Jeffrey Brenner

☆ **ELI CAPOUYA**
Remembered by Frances Capouya

☆ **PHYLLIS DANIELS**
Remembered by Kathy Hess

☆ **RACHEL MOON**
Remembered by Ira and Ramona Kupferberg

January 4 - 10

☆ **VICTORIA G CAPELOTO**

☆ **GIORA SHKEDI**
Remembered by Jerald Labovitz

☆ **ISADORE STEINBERG**

☆ **AARON ARONOV**
Remembered by Jake Aronov and Owen Aronov

☆ **ROSE ELIZABETH BAKER**

☆ **DAVID BRENNER**
Remembered by Irving Brenner and Jeffrey Brenner

☆ **LILYAN K. GINSBURG**
Remembered by David Herman, Judy Shujman, Stanley Herman, Mallory Sterrett, and Michael Herman

☆ **ROSA ABROMSON**

☆ **EDWARD CLEIN**

☆ **JOSEPH FLEISCHMAN**
Remembered by Diane Logan and Sherry Rush

☆ **HOBBIE FREEHLING**
Remembered by Paul Freehling

☆ **INA ORANGE**
Remembered by Mathew Orange and Steve Orange

☆ **IDA KISHNER**

☆ **MINNIE SEGALL**
Remembered by Bobby Segall and family
Bob and Robin Taffett and family

☆ **ISAAC SCHWARTZ**

☆ **BEN SHARKER**
Remembered by Cindy Sharker

☆ **YECHIEL MANDELBAUM**

☆ **JERRE MCMANAMA, SR.**
Remembered by Tina McManama

☆ **REGINA MANDEL MILLER**

☆ **OSCAR SCHOENBAUM**
Remembered by Jake Aronov, Owen Aronov, and Olan Evans

☆ **ABRAHAM WASSERMAN**
Remembered by Linda Smith and Emily Allen

January 11 - 17

☆ **MAURICE (RED) BELL**

☆ **SOPHIE OSHRY**
Remembered by Steve Kermish

☆ **ELIAS ROSEN**

☆ **FANNIE SCHULWOLF**

☆ **ROSE S. HORN**

- ☆ **PEARL E. TORANTO**
Remembered by Leon Capouano
- ☆ **JENNIE SALDINGER**
Remembered by Rosi Smith
- ☆ **ISRAEL EHRlich**
Remembered by Elaine Kirkpatrick and Barry Ehrlich
- ☆ **ROBERT ALLEN MARTIN**
- ☆ **ANNA IDA SAUERMAN**
- ☆ **HAIM BRONSHTEN**
- ☆ **GILSON CAPILOUTO**
- ☆ **LOEB KRASELSKY**
- ☆ **ALBERT BERG**
- ☆ **ALAN MARTIN**
Remembered by Rita Martin
- ☆ **DR. NACE R. COHEN**
Remembered by Leon Capouano
- ☆ **ESTHER KAUFMAN**
Remembered by Marjorie Allen
- ☆ **JOE MILLER**
Remembered by Jack London
- ☆ **JOSEPH BENJAMIN SHARKER**
Remembered by Cindy Sharker and Gail Sharker

January 18 - 25

- ☆ **ALICE KLEINBERG**
Remembered by Rhea Schnieder, Billy Klein, Bobby Segall
- ☆ **ELIZABETH STENGER**
- ☆ **MOSES J. BERMAN**
- ☆ **JAMELLA ALHADEFF**
Remembered by Emily Allen and Mitchell Allen
- ☆ **EZRA AXELROD**
- ☆ **ROSA BETON**
- ☆ **ALBERT DAVID CAPELOTO**
- ☆ **ELI COHEN**
Remembered by Raymond Cohen, David Ray Cohen, Joel Cohen, and Michael Cohen
- ☆ **ISAAC SAUL KREISMAN**
- ☆ **THELMA MENDEL**
Remembered by Nan Lavin
- ☆ **BELLE KERMISH**
Remembered by Steve Kermish
- ☆ **ERIC KNURR**
Remembered by Dr. Werner Knurr

- ☆ **SIDNEY BESSER**
- ☆ **BERTHA MARGULIS**
Remembered by Steve Lande
- ☆ **RONNIE ROSEN**
Remembered by Linda Smith and Emily Allen
- ☆ **SIDNEY ROSEN**
Remembered by Linda Smith and Emily Allen
- ☆ **M. HYMAN SCHWARTZ**
Remembered by Steve Lande

January 26-31

- ☆ **FELICE COHEN**
Remembered by Richard Hanan
- ☆ **MALLORY GOLSON**
Remembered by Ira and Ramona Kupferberg, Leslie Capp and Lisa McDonald
- ☆ **SIEGMUND LANG**
Remembered by Mickey Feldman
- ☆ **SARAH COHN**
- ☆ **BUDDY KALICK**
Remembered by Mark Kallick
- ☆ **JERRE MCMANAMA, JR.**
Remembered by Tina McManama
- ☆ **RAE SCHWARTZ MIRSKY**
Remembered by Ken Shinbaum
- ☆ **MEYER OBERSTEIN**
- ☆ **PAULINE OBERSTEIN**
- ☆ **JACK SILVERMAN**
- ☆ **DAVID CAPOUANO**
- ☆ **ESTHER KERMISH GOLDSTEIN**
Remembered by Steve Kermish
- ☆ **TILLIE FINKELSTEIN**
- ☆ **HELEN HELD**
- ☆ **ANNA STEINBERG**
- ☆ **MARJORIE ARONOV**
Remembered by Jake Aronov and Owen Aronov
- ☆ **DAVID R. FRANCO**
Remembered by Rubin Franco
- ☆ **DAN BLITZ**
Remembered by Jeff Blitz
- ☆ **GEORGE THOMAS FELT**
- ☆ **BEN GOLTSMAN**

January Calendar

- 2** THURSDAY, JANUARY 2 | 2 TEVET
Minyan - 7:15 a.m.
- 3** FRIDAY, JANUARY 3 | 3 TEVET
Kabbalat Shabbat - 6 p.m.
- 4** SATURDAY, JANUARY 4 | 4 TEVET
Shabbat Services - 9:30 a.m.
- 5** SUNDAY, JANUARY 5 | 5 TEVET
Rabbi Elliot L. Stevens Kol Ami
Religious School ~ 9:30 a.m.
- 6** MONDAY, JANUARY 6 | 6 TEVET
Minyan - 7:15 a.m.
- 9** THURSDAY, JANUARY 9 | 9 TEVET
Minyan - 7:15 a.m.
- 10** FRIDAY, JANUARY 10 | 10 TEVET
Kabbalat Shabbat - 6 p.m. Zoom
- 11** SATURDAY, JANUARY 11 | 11 TEVET
Shabbat Service - 9:30 a.m. Zoom
- 12** SUNDAY, JANUARY 12 | 12 TEVET
Rabbi Elliot L. Stevens Kol Ami
Religious School - 9:30 a.m.
Sisterhood Book Club
Carolyn Bern's home - 1 p.m.
- 13** MONDAY, JANUARY 13 | 13 TEVET
Minyan - 7:15 a.m.
- 16** THURSDAY, JANUARY 16 | 16 TEVET
Minyan - 7:15 a.m.
- 17** FRIDAY, JANUARY 17 | 17 TEVET
Kabbalat Shabbat - 6 p.m. - Zoom
- 18** SATURDAY, JANUARY 18 | 18 TEVET
Shabbat Service - 9:30 a.m. - Zoom
- 19** SUNDAY, JANUARY 19 | 19 TEVET
Rabbi Elliot L. Stevens Kol Ami
Religious School - 9:30 a.m.
- 20** MONDAY, JANUARY 20 | 20 TEVET
Minyan - 7:15 a.m.


- 23** THURSDAY, JANUARY 23 | 23 TEVET
Minyan - 7:15 a.m.
- 24** FRIDAY, JANUARY 24 | 24 TEVET
Kabbalat Shabbat - 6 p.m.
- 25** SATURDAY, JANUARY 25 | 25 TEVET
Shabbat Service - 9:30 a.m.
- 26** SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 | TEVET 26
Rabbi Elliot L. Stevens Kol Ami
Religious School ~ 9:30 a.m.
- 27** MONDAY, JANUARY 27 | TEVET 27
Minyan - 7:15 a.m.
- 30** THURSDAY, JANUARY 30 | 30 TEVET
Minyan - 7:15 a.m.
- 31** FRIDAY, JANUARY 31 | 31 TEVET
No Services - Rabbi and congregants will
be at Southern Schmooze

BIRTHDAYS


- 01 Debbie Capp
- 01 Phillip Ensler
- 03 Leon Capouano
- 05 Esther Varon
- 05 Lois Weissman
- 06 Steve Kermish
- 06 Elaine Raymon
- 10 Luke Bunn
- 11 Alan Franco
- 11 Alan Rosenthal
- 12 Samuel Davis
- 12 Esther Miller
- 13 David Skiba
- 13 Joshua Zaslowsky
- 14 Richard Hanan
- 16 Morris Capp
- 17 Stan Leibowitz
- 20 Dr. Olan Evans
- 21 Marion Varon
- 21 Ashlee Whitney
- 27 Hayley Cohen
- 29 Adam Butler
- 30 Michelle Capouya

ANNIVERSARIES

- 01 Ken & Fern Shinbaum
- 02 Stan & Charli Leibowitz
- 03 Morris & Carol Capouano
- 04 Michael & Lois Butler
- 07 Neil & Susan Sass
- 16 Jeff & Robin Blitz
- 17 Larry & Corinne Capilouto
- 19 Roy & Jaclyn Glasner



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