Chevre,

This is my first bulletin article of 2021. Thanks to Tina and David for not only putting together the bulletin each month in a professional and artistic manner, but they let me have the end of my two-week vacation by David writing a beautiful article for the January bulletin.

We owe both Tina and David for not only producing our bulletin, but for creating our wonderful Website (aieamontgomery.org) and a fantastic new logo for Agudath Israel Etz Ahayem. And they help Linda put out the weekly announcements … what have I missed? David and Tina, thank you for all you do for our congregation.

Looking forward to a very hopeful 2021 where we will see the end of the pandemic sometime before the fall and maybe well before that if we keep practicing safe distancing, wear our masks AND get the vaccine.

During the pandemic, it has been reiterated time and time again that many families are suffering. They are not able to visit their loved ones as they lay sick or even dying of Covid 19 in hospital ICUs around the country (and world).

Not all are dying of Covid, but what gets lost in the endless talk of Coronavirus statistics is that people are dying for other reasons as well.

Early in December, Fran Fleischman ended her heroic years long fight against cancer.

And then in early January, we lost a friend to all of us, Ronnie Rosen. You cannot think of him and not smile.

Both Fran and Ronnie made us glad for life itself.

In mid-December, we lost another light in the darkness of winter. Jeanie Graetz, widow of civil rights activist Robert Graetz died.

Robert Graetz died in September of 2020. He was the only white minister in the MIA (Montgomery Improvement Association) which organized the Bus Boycott in the mid-1950s.

Jeanie and Bob's house was bombed three times. The last bomb did not detonate - it would have taken out the entire neighborhood. They were very special to me. I participated in memorials for Bob and Jeanie. Following is what I wrote for Jeanie's memorial.

My wife Irene and daughter Adena conspired against me a month ago and reserved a comfort dog for me.

Last week, Adena delivered my comfort dog - a very cute 6-week-old Labradoodle.

Not sure why they thought that I needed a comfort dog. Turns out they know me better than I know me.

I have been mourning a loss since December 16, but could not articulate it. Evidently I carried the loss for all to see - except me.

So, here I am with this adorable little ball of energy with razor sharp puppy teeth.

I found myself in a dilemma - what do I call her?

I immediately thought that I would call her Jeanie. But Jeanie did not like to be called Jeanie in public. She insisted on being introduced as ... Mrs. Robert Graetz.

That's a long name for a dog. "Mrs. Robert Graetz, time for dinner. Mrs. Robert Graetz, time to take a walk. Mrs. Robert Graetz ... you get it.

Thinking about what Jeanie meant to me, I chose to name the puppy (CONTINUED ON PAGE 2)
after the mother of humankind - Eve - Chavah in Hebrew. I decided on a slightly different formulation of the name and call the puppy Chayah - Hebrew for life. This way, I can keep Jeanie in my life. I had a very different relationship with Jeanie than I did with Bob.

Bob was like a brother to me. We talked about anything - just like brothers do. Jeanie on the other hand was like a mother to me. I know Bob and Jeanie had a lot of kids and they didn't need another one. Blame Jeanie for that.

My own mother died in 1987 and I had been rudderless until I met the Graetzs. I got to know Jeanie when Bob became very sick, finding it difficult to communicate.

Jeanie always wanted to know the details of the good I was doing in the world. She not only encouraged me to get involved in more things, but also harangued me into doing it. I learned to just say yes.

She was such a good soul without any apparent vices. Eventually, I learned several surprising things about Jeanie. One item made me sad and one made me laugh.

We often talked about Jewish holidays and about forgiveness - both giving and receiving. I asked her if there was anyone that she hated and could not forgive. I expected her to say no. But she said there was one person. It was the Klansman who placed the third bomb outside their house, the bomb that did not explode. Her entire family was inside the house and would have been killed had he constructed the bomb correctly. Jeanie harbored hate from that moment on, even after this person died. I shudder to think about the pain and fear Bob and Jeanie and their children had to endure during the Bus Boycott and after.

She had one other vice. Last year Jeanie told me she was a thief. If I have the story correct she learned braille from a blind roommate in school and started teaching it to other blind students. To demonstrate, she used an ancient braille typing machine to write a letter to my granddaughter Daphna, who is learning braille. Jeanie visited the Nixon White House for a celebration of teaching the blind - or something like that. During the visit she was in the bathroom, saw soap with the presidential seal and took it. When I asked her to show me the evidence, she said, with a slight grin, that she didn’t know where the soap was.

Jeanie surprised me every time she told me a story about herself. She always wanted to know about my family, how Daphna was adapting to online school and if she was still learning braille.

She always made sure I gave Bob a blessing. The day before he died, he opened his eyes and recognized me. Jeanie and I cried and Bob smiled.

The last time I visited Jeanie she told me that there was a song that she wanted to sing to me. Her youngest daughter Carolyn was visiting and I recorded two songs she sang. I think Carolyn might have posted the recording on Facebook. Pardon me if I get any of the words wrong, but there is a message in it for all of us.

If I wounded any soul today,
If I have caused one foot to go astray,
If I have walked in my own willful way,
Dear Lord, forgive.
Forgive the sins I have confessed to Thee,
Forgive the secret sins I do not see,
O Love may guide me and my Kingdom be.
Amein, Amein.

Jeanie, I love you and miss you. Give Bob a hug from me.

Shalom,
Rav Malki
Yahrzeits

Remembering loved ones we have lost.

May G-d give comfort to the families along with all the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

FEBRUARY 6 - 12 | 24 - 30 SHEVAT
- Sam Feldman
  Remembered by Mickey Feldman & Mark Kallick
- Albert Seigel
- Isaac H. Cohen
  Remembered by Michael Cohen, Joel Cohen, David Cohen & Raymond Cohen
- Lillian "Nana" Thresher
- Harry Labovitz
  Remembered by Esther S. Labovitz, Neal Labovitz, Jerald Labovitz & Albert Labovitz
- Lowell McManama
  Remembered by Tina McManama
- Hazel Aronov
  Remembered by Joy Blondheim
- Joy Dahan
  Remembered by Suzanne Hrubala
- Dorothy Shapiro
- Yom Tov B Toranto
- Rose Axelrod
- Jack I. Cohen
- Rose Bralower Gitenstein
- Gertrude K. Goodman
- Maurice Schulwolf
- Frank Turner

FEBRUARY 13 -19 / 1-7 ADAR
- Rachel Finkelstein
- Morris Franco
- Albert S. Israel
- Bertha Katz
- Natalie Mosco
  Remembered by Chris Ginsburg
- Eliot Capouya
  Remembered by Terri Capouya, Neilson Capouya, Kenny Capouya & Morris Capouya
- Hymie Ehrlich
  Remembered by Jerald Labovitz
- Fannie Frolich
- Harry Raymon
  Remembered by Edward Raymon
- Barbara Ann Rosen
  Remembered by Linda Smith
- Julia Rosenberg
- Beverly Wallock
- Rose Katz Heller Klein
- Leon Segall
  Remembered by Janice Segall
- Joseph Weinstock
  Remembered by Jerald Labovitz
- Reubin Nissin Hanan
- Samuel Lebow
- Harry Meirovitz

- Marty Sternberg
  Remembered by Carolyn Roberts
- Israel J. Tarica
- Ralph Elizondo
  Remembered by Irene Kramer
- Henry Heller
  Remembered by Michael Mandelbaum
- Philip Pincus
  Remembered by Fern Shinbaum
- Samuel A. Rubin
  Remembered by Nathan Friedlander
- Arthur Rubinstein
- Rebecca Schwartz
- Harry Snyder
- Mathilda Alhadeff
- Abraham J. Camhi
- Abraham R. Franco
- Charles Strasburger
  Remembered by Lani Ashner

FEBRUARY 20 - 26 / 8 - 14 ADAR
- Edith Ciarletta
  Remembered by Esther Varon
- Seymore Kallick
  Remembered by Mark Kallick
- Solomon Kernish
- Sigmund Segall
  Remembered by Bobby Segall, Lisa Segall & Bob Taffat
- Rose Bardach
  Remembered by Sharon Allen
- Morris Lehman Mayer
  Remembered by Susan Sass & Jerald Labovitz
- Michael Orange
  Remembered by Mathew Orange & Steve Orange
- Sidney Werfel
- Simantov Franco
- Betty Zyskind
- Moses Cohn
- Yetta Goldblatt Cook
- Nicholas Gross
- Rachel Jaffe
- Nat Lang
  Remembered by Mickey Feldman
- Benjamin Margulis
  Remembered by Steve Lande
- Marian Shinbaum
  Remembered by Richard Shinbaum, Ken Shinbaum & Betty Ehrlich
- Consuelo "Connie" Elizondo
  Remembered by Irene Kramer
- Bella Kraselsky
- Lillian Perlman
  Remembered by Helen Bern & Jeffrey Bern
- Sara Varon Segall
  Remembered by Bobby Segall, Lisa Segall & Bob Taffat
- Bernice Shugart
- Hymie Bern
  Remembered by Arnold Finkelstein
- Ida Rouso

FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 5 / 15 - 21 ADAR
- Samuel Blitz
  Remembered by Jeff Blitz & Rhonda Blitz
- David Coolik
- Meyer Kasover
- Harold Lightenstein
- Anna Lee Litvak
  Remembered by Betty Ehrlich, Barry Ehrlich & Elaine Kirkpatrick
- Lillian Rubinstein
- Sarah Abromosn
- Dr. Isaac E. Capilouto
- Anna Golomb
- Anne Levy
  Remembered by Rita Rosenthal
- Eva Owen
  Remembered by Esther Varon
- Philip Rubinstein
- Victoria Toranto
- Shalom Travis
- Roy Emanuel
  Remembered by Mark Kallick
- Esther Cohen Lebowitz
- Miriam Reiner
- Louis Bern
  Remembered by Freddi Aronov
- Rose Butler
  Remembered by Michael Butler
- Fannie G. Goldfield
- Melanie N. Knurr
  Remembered by Werner Knurr, MD
- Rebecca Rich
  Remembered by Esther Miller
- Louis Shinbaum
- Mathilda D. Cohen
  Remembered by Marie Berlin
- Helen Weissberger
- Faye Allen
  Remembered by Mitchell Allen & Emily Allen
- Beulah Beton
  Remembered by Doris Smith
- Abraham Stamm
  Remembered by Donna Speigel

We are deeply saddened by the death of

Ronnie Rosen
Husband of Emily Allen Rosen
Brother of Linda Smith and Howard Rosen

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Tzedakah Funds

GENERAL FUND

In memory of Kathleen Golson
Keith Golson

In memory of M. Hyman Schwartz
Stephen & Briana Lande

In memory of Eric Knurr
Werner Knurr, MD

In loving memory of our sister
Sharon Segall
Nathan, Hazel & Janice

In memory of Ronnie Rosen
Sheila Guidry

Continued good health to Linda Smith
Michael & Judith Broder

In memory of Mallory Wm. Golson
Ira Kuperberg

In memory of Al Capp
Debbie Capp

In memory of Fran Fleischman
Marjorie Allen

In memory of Ronnie Rosen
Marjorie Allen

In memory of Bernadette Halko
Yvette Hochberg

In honor of the marriage of
Jill Senter & Steve Caldwell
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Donation
Myrna & Alan E. Rothfeder

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Janice, Hazel & Nathan Segall

In memory of Leon Segall
Janice, Hazel & Nathan Segall

HERMAN "CAPPY" & ALICE KLEINBERG PERPETUAL FUND

In memory of Alice V. Kleinberg
The Kleinberg Children

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Arlene & Milton Goldstein

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In memory of Linda Taffet
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In memory of Fran Fleischman
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Good health to Bobby Segall
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Good health to Bobby Segall
Rhea Schneider

In memory of my dear cousin,
Linda Segall Taffet
Rhea Schneider

In memory of Fran Fleischman
Rhea Schneider

Good health to Sherry Russ
Rhea Schneider

ARLINE MILLER SILVER FUND

In memory of Ronnie Rosen
Charles Miller

In memory of Ms. Cheryl G. Tuttel
Charles Miller

SARA AND SIGMUND SEGALL FUND

In memory of Lynn Weinstein
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Fran & John Allen Jones, III

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Neil & Susan Sass

NACE ALLEN FUND

In memory of Jamella Alhadeff
Emily Allen

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Bob Taffet

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Dickie & Joy Blondheim

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Pauline Witt

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Diane & Barry Blondheim

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Lorraine Lieberman

In loving memory of our dear uncle,
Ronnie Rosen
Mona Allen

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Stephen & Briana Lande
Things are still status quo. This is the first time in many years that we will not have the Shalot Mamot Bags for Purim. We know that they will be missed and Dale did such a wonderful job in years past.

We look forward to this summer and fall to make up for all that we have missed.

Hope to see everybody real soon!

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**Sisterhood**
by Co-Presidents
Sharon Allen & Emily Allen Rosen

**L'Chaim League**
by Executive Director Linda R. Smith

L’Chaim League will be sponsoring a new community based service through Zoom! I am working out details now. This is a much needed program that will appeal to many of you.

I am sorry that I have no more that I can share at this time, but will share more soon.

Hope you all stay well and stay safe.

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**Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund**

**In memory of Fran Fleischman**
Esther Miller

**In memory of our grandparents, I.M. & Rose Baum and our parents, H. Victor & Anne Marie Bauman Kerns**
David Kerns, Janice Kerns, LeBlanc & Susan Kerns

**To the Rabbi & Rebbetzin Kramer**
Lorraine Lieberman

**In memory of Ronnie Rosen**
Arnold & Wendy Finkelstein

**To honor and thank Rabbi Kramer**
Judith & Michael Broder

**In memory of Siegmund Lang**
Mickey Feldman

**In memory of Goldie Feldman**
Mickey Feldman

**Security**

Warren Simon & Janice Prescott

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**In memory of Phyllis Weinstein**
Rabbi & Irene Kramer

**Etz Ahayem Fund**

**In memory of Eli Cohen**
Pauline Witt

**Good health to Bobby Segall**
Jo Anne & Buddy Rousso

**In memory of Isaac Cohen**
Pauline Witt

**In memory of Ronnie Rosen**
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**Backpack program**

Backpack items are being collected by Aldersgate United Methodist Church for distribution to school kids needing nutritional meals and snacks during the weekends and breaks. Drop off food donations at our Synagogue 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call before you come by to be sure someone is there.

**Requested Items:**
- Individual packs of grits, oatmeal and cereal
- Pudding cups
- Multigrain or cereal bars
- Fruit cups
- Single serve mac & cheese
- Canned tuna
- Cracker packs (peanut butter, cheese)
- Boxed fruit juice drinks
- Single serve canned carrots or green beans

Please don’t include large items - they are too heavy and won’t fit in backpacks. Thanks so much for your generosity. Our partnership with Aldersgate allows us to help disadvantaged students in our community.
AL CAPP
Al was a man who deeply loved his family and was always there for you.

Debbie Capp

ERIC KNURR
Eric, Melanie and I came to Montgomery in 1939, having escaped Germany two weeks before Kristallnacht. Contrary to most German Jews, he was orthodox and shomer Shabbos.

He was an active member of this synagogue, a faithful attendee at Friday night services and chairman of the kashrut committee for many years. At the High Holidays auction of the aliyahs, he always bid for and won the Haftorah, which he sang beautifully.

He was a hard working merchant and never accepted money from Federation, though penniless, exclaiming "Just get me a job!"

His family motto was "klein, fein, und rein" (humble, fine and clean reputation).

My father loved his adopted county, G-d, and his family.

Werner Knurr, M.D.

Rabbi Rachel Mikva
Author of Dangerous Religious Ideas
Thursday, February 18, 2021 @7:00pm

Rabbi Rachel Mikva is the Herman E. Schaalman Chair in Jewish Studies and Senior Faculty Fellow of the Interreligious Institute at the Chicago Theological Seminary. Her work is on the cutting edge of theological education and training for religious leaders who build bridges across cultural and religious differences for social transformation. As a congregational rabbi in Chicago and New York, Rabbi Mikva earned a reputation as an outspoken advocate for justice.

In honor of Black History Month, Rabbi Mikva will speak on Jews and race. She will explore biblical and rabbinical ideas on this topic as well as the challenges for navigating race in America today.

RSVP-tzlil.jfca@gmail.com
or: 334-277-5820
February Calendar

1. Monday, February 1 | 19 Shevat
   Minyan ~ 7:15 a.m.

4. Thursday, February 4 | 22 Shevat
   Minyan ~ 7:15 a.m.

5. Friday, February 5 | 23 Shevat
   Kabbalat Shabbat ~ 6 p.m.
   Candle lighting 5:05 p.m.

6. Saturday, February 6 | 24 Shevat
   Shabbat Services ~ 9:30 a.m.
   Havdalah Services ~ 7 p.m.

7. Sunday, February 7 | 25 Shevat
   Rabbi Elliot L. Stevens Kol Ami Religious School ~ 9:30 a.m.

8. Monday, February 8 | 26 Shevat
   Minyan ~ 7:15 a.m.

11. Thursday, February 11 | 29 Shevat
    Minyan ~ 7:15 a.m.

12. Friday, February 12 | 30 Shevat
    Kabbalat Shabbat ~ 6 p.m.
    Candle lighting 5:11 p.m.

13. Saturday, February 13 | 1 Adar
    Shabbat Services ~ 9:30 a.m.
    Havdalah Services ~ 7 p.m.

14. Sunday, February 14 | 2 Adar
    Rabbi Elliot L. Stevens Kol Ami Religious School ~ 9:30 a.m.

15. Monday, February 15 | 3 Adar
    Minyan ~ 7:15 a.m.

18. Thursday, February 18 | 6 Adar
    Minyan ~ 7:15 a.m.

19. Friday, February 19 | 7 Adar
    Kabbalat Shabbat ~ 6 p.m.
    Candle lighting 5:17 p.m.

20. Saturday, February 20 | 8 Adar
    Shabbat Services ~ 9:30 a.m.
    Havdalah Services ~ 7 p.m.

21. Sunday, February 21 | 9 Adar
    Rabbi Elliot L. Stevens Kol Ami Religious School ~ 9:30 a.m.

22. Monday, February 22 | 10 Adar
    Minyan ~ 7:15 a.m.

25. Thursday, February 25 | 13 Adar
    Minyan ~ 7:15 a.m.
    Purim ~ 6 p.m.

26. Friday, February 26 | 14 Adar
    Kabbalat Shabbat ~ 6 p.m.
    Candle lighting 5:23 p.m.

27. Saturday, February 27 | 15 Adar
    Shabbat Services ~ 9:30 a.m.
    Havdalah Services ~ 7 p.m.

28. Sunday, February 28 | 16 Adar
    Rabbi Elliot L. Stevens Kol Ami Religious School ~ 9:30 a.m.

Birthdays

5. Dr. Gilson Capilouto
5. Gail Sharker
8. David Ehrlich
9. Julie Hackel
10. Russell Goldfinger
11. Richard Labovitz
11. Renee Plata
12. William Richardson
12. David Zaslasky
13. Jonathan Capouya
14. David Feldman
14. Branden Greenberg
15. Asher Hagel
15. Shirley Hasson
15. Max Whitney
16. Hilly Blondheim
18. Michael Bruchis
18. Diane Hasson
18. Lee McDougall
20. Samye Kermish
23. Zoe Zaslasky Weil
24. Nora Lavin Brown
24. Perry Lavin
25. Carrie McKinney
25. Marsha Orange
28. Robin Greenberg

FEDERATION ONEG

Miss the fellowship of the Oneg?
Join the Central Alabama Jewish Community for a virtual Zoom Shabbat Oneg every Friday at 7 p.m. for a 30-minute meet, mingle and shmooz!

Once a month Federation will provide a box lunch for attendees and lead an hour of conversation about your life, Israel, Jewish life, the holidays and other interesting topics!

Details will be available on the Federation website at JewishMontgomery.org or the Jewish Federation of Central Alabama Facebook page at facebook.com/thejfca