

April 2023 Temple Anshe Emeth e-Newsletter

**ANSHE EMETH'S BUILDING IS 100! COME CELEBRATE!!**

**SERVICES, LUNCH, A CLASS AND THEN AN OPEN HOUSE!**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 15**

**10 am – Shabbat Service** - In-person and on Zoom. Last service with Rabbi Anna.

**Carry-in (dairy) lunch** to follow, ending by 12:30 pm

**1:00 pm – Judaism 101 class** that Rabbi Anna will teach, in person and on Zoom. This is offered to the public (and congregants, of course).

*Rabbinic Intern, Anna Burke, will lead an engaging lesson on the fundamentals of Judaism: exploring sacred Jewish texts and how they function in Jewish life; learning about the Jewish calendar, holidays and the rituals and traditions associated with each. Additionally, she will cover the denominations of Judaism and their respective theology and practices. Registration is needed at [ansheemeth@gmail.com](mailto:ansheemeth@gmail.com) for in-person attendance of the class or the Zoom link, but not for the open house.*

**2:30 – 3:30pm – Centennial Open House** (starting with the finish of the class above) to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Temple building!

*Zoom link at the end of the e-newsletter along with further building history.*

*Please let us know if you will be staying through the open house and would like to help serve as a host: [ansheemeth@gmail.com](mailto:ansheemeth@gmail.com)*

**YAHREZEITS FOR APRIL.... IN BLESSED MEMORY!**

**Jackson Hogenkamp, Harry Max Asher, Lil Feinstein, Florence Kastner, Lillian Katz, Rusty Litchfield, Hortense Louis, Joseph Shuchat.**

**MISHEBERACH Prayers for Healing:**

**Neal Schmidt and family, David Ferrell, Jamie-Sue Ferrell**

## MESSAGE FROM RABBINIC INTERN ANNA BURKE:

And the women dancing with their timbrels

Followed Miriam as she sang her song!"

Many families across the country have added "Miriam's Song" by Debbie Friedman to their seders, rejoicing with Miriam in the Israelites' freedom from slavery. We celebrate Miriam for her leadership in caring for the people of Israel throughout the Passover story by watching over her brother at the Nile and teaching the Israelites how to praise G-d at the Red Sea. Though she hardly appears in the Torah, when she dies, the well that had been providing water to the Israelites in the wilderness dries up. According to the Talmud, the well appeared before the Israelites *because* of Miriam's merit in the tale of the exodus from Egypt: "Three good sustainers rose up for the Jewish people during the exodus from Egypt, and they are: Moses, Aaron and Miriam. And three good gifts were given from Heaven through their agency, and these are they: The well of water, the pillar of cloud, and the manna. He elaborates: The well was given to the Jewish people in the merit of Miriam; the pillar of cloud was in the merit of Aaron; and the manna in the merit of Moses. When Miriam died the well disappeared, as it is stated: 'And Miriam died there' (Numbers 20:1), and it says thereafter in the next verse: 'And there was no water for the congregation' (Numbers 20:2)" (BT Ta'anit 9a). Just as Miriam had metaphorically been sustaining the people of Israel through her acts of kindness, so too she sustained them physically through the well.

Miriam's role as caregiver and sustainer for the people of Israel in one of their most challenging and triumphant moments was crucial, even though her role was quieter and more subtle than that of her brothers Moses and Aaron. As we recount our ancestors' enslavement and subsequent freedom, let us also reflect on the significance of our leading female character, a woman celebrated and remembered for leading on the sidelines through trying times. This Passover, as we commemorate our freedom from slavery and envision a world in which all who are oppressed will be free, let us also add "*Miriam Han'viah*" to our seders when we sing "*Eliyahu Hanavi*." May Miriam be present with us as well, leading us to help and healing.

MIRYAM HAN'VIAH – MIRIAM THE PROPHET

*by Rabbi Leila Gal Berner*

עוֹז וְזִמְרָה בַּיָּדָה,  
מִרְיָם תִּרְקֹד אֶתְנִי  
לְהַגְדִּיל זְמֶרֶת עוֹלָם.  
מִרְיָם תִּרְקֹד אֶתְנִי  
לְתַקֵּן אֶת הָעוֹלָם.  
בְּמַהֲרָה בְּיָמֵינוּ הִיא תְּבִיאֵנוּ  
אֶל מִי הַיְּשׁוּעָה.

*Miryam han'viah —  
oz v'zimrah b'yadah.  
Miryam tirkod itanu  
l'hagdil zimrat olam;  
Miryam tirkod itanu  
l'takein et haolam.  
Bimheirah v'yameinu hi  
t'vieinu  
el mei haishua.*

Miriam the prophet—the power of song is in her hand.  
Miriam will dance among us and the music will be heard far and wide.  
Miriam will dance among us to mend our world of suffering.  
May she lead us, in our time, without delay, to the waters of help and healing.

***Wishing you a Sweet Pesach.***

### **WELCOME:**

**Beau and Megan Shaw, NY City**

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

Friday, May 5, 7:30 PM – We are fortunate to have Jese Shell to lay lead services. Oneg to follow (and 27<sup>th</sup> birthday party for Jese!)

### **WITH GRATEFUL THANKS NEAR AND FAR:**

**Cory & Sharon Lemmon, Covington, OH**

**Judie and David Thomson, Newton MA**

**Francine Shuchat Shaw, NY City**

### **MORE ON TEMPLE BUILDING HISTORY:**

The congregation, which has been continuously operating since 1858, is pleased to announce an Open House to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dedication of its building on **Saturday, April 15 from 2:30 – 3:30 PM**. Congregation Anshe Emeth's house of worship, at 320 Caldwell St., on the edge of the Caldwell Historic District, was dedicated on April 2, 1923. Previously, worship services were held in various locations in Piqua. Anshe Emeth translates as "People of Truth".

Building the new synagogue cost approximately \$20,000, which is approximately \$350,000 in today's dollars. Half of the necessary funds were donated by Leo Flesh in memory of his father, Harry Flesh, a founding member. The other \$10,000 was raised by a wide collection of individuals, four bake sales, four dinners and a series of rummage sales and raffles. The fundraising was done by members of Anshe Emeth Sisterhood which was formerly known as the Ladies' Aid Society. The efforts of the Sisterhood helped to ensure the new synagogue could be created free of debt.

There were approximately 250 people, including many non-Jews, at the dedication in April 1923. Fannie Louis, wife of the president in 1923, Meyer Louis, was chosen to light the *ner tamid* (the Eternal Light) located at the front of the sanctuary. With the growth of the Sunday School in the 1950's, a kitchen and social hall at the back of the building were added in 1958.

*With thanks to Austin Reid, for his easy access to our history in the Jewish Virtual Library,  
<https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/a-history-of-jewish-life-in-the-upper-miami-valley>*

## **: JOIN IN PERSON OR ZOOM.... ZOOM LINK HERE:**

### **To Join Zoom Service:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/7643723318?pwd=STJIR1drNXFoL29XRGw0L1AzMThxQT09>

### **Or go to your Zoom App and put in this information:**

**Meeting ID: 764 372 3318 Passcode: 0092**

**Or simply dial by your location: 646 876 9923 US (New York)**

When prompted, put in for the Meeting ID: 764 372 3318 and push #Passcode: 0092 and push #