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AUGUST CALENDAR

AUGUST 4TH- NADEYA & HEZEKIAH JR. TRUNK PARTY

AUGUST 10TH- SPEAKERS: ELDER ALEX AND LADY MICHELLE MARQUEZ

AUGUST 17TH- SPEAKER: TBD

AUGUST 24TH- SPEAKERS: ELDER AND LADY RODRIGUEZ

AUGUST 31ST- LADIES OF DIGNITY MEETING

AUGUST 31ST- SPEAKERS: LADY NATISHNA & LADY RUT EVANS

PRAYER AND VISITATION LIST

RABBI & DR. BOWEN

**Please call before visiting*

ALL BETHEL EMOT & MINISTRY

ALL MILITARY FAMILIES

RABBI MARVIN MATHEWS

LADY CATHY BERRY

ALL FAMILIES TRAVELING DURING SUMMER MONTHS

MEADOWS SPRINGS

THE KIRKLAND FAMILY

B'NAI ADATH KOL BETH YISRAEL

845 GERMANTOWN PIKE

THE MILLER FAMILY

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Charles Register, Jr.
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Tangela McClam
Hezekiah Grimmage Jr.
Robert Eckells
Ava Bell
Kameron Allen
Titangela McClam
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Ebram Evans
Cali Green
Yael Howze



THIS MONTH IN **BLACK HISTORY**

BY: BUNA BEN YOSEF



- **August 7, 1907: Dr. Ralph J. Bunche first African American Nobel Prize winner, born**
- **August 10, 1989: General Colin Powell is nominated Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, the first African American to hold the post**
- **August 11, 1872: Dr. Solomon Carter Fuller, acknowledged as first Black psychiatrist, born**
- **August 23, 1926: Carter Woodson, historian, author, inaugurates Negro History**
- **August 27, 1963: W.E.B. DuBois, scholar, civil rights activists, and founding father of the NAACP, dies**
- **August 28, 1963: Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., delivers "I Have A Dream" speech during March on Washington, DC**

Torah Readings

PARSHA MATOT/MASEI

NUMBERS 33:50 -NUMBERS 36:1-13

HAFTORAH: JER. 2:4-28

PARSHA DEVARIM

DUET. 2:31-34—DUET. 3:15-22

HAFTORAH: ISAIAH 1:1-27

PARSHA VAETCHANAN

DUET. 5:1-18—DUET. 7:1-11

HAFTORAH: ISAIAH 40:1-26

PARSHA EIKEV

DUET. 10:12-15—DUET. 11:16-21

HAFTORAH: ISAIAH 49:14-51:3

PARSHA RE'EH

DEUT. 15:1-6—NUMBERS 28:9-15

HAFTORAH: ISAIAH 66:1-24



ROSH CHODESH

AUGUST 31, 2019

*** service begins promptly at 6:30p**

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JEWISH EXPONENT

— WHAT IT MEANS TO BE JEWISH IN PHILADELPHIA —



In June, several U.S. lawmakers formed the Black-Jewish Congressional Caucus with a goal of bringing African Americans and Jews together to combat white supremacist ideology. It's that mission of unity and commonality that Rabbi Earl Bowen Jr. spoke about on July 22 at Adath Israel.

Bowen is familiar with the subject matter, having worked in 2018 at Gratz College as an instructor, where he taught a course titled "Historical Origins and Developmental Patterns of African American Jewry."

In his lecture, part of the Golden Slipper Gems summer series, he touched upon the role African American Jews play in the larger Jewish community and the history of Philadelphia's black Jewish community.

Bowen traced the origins of black Jews in America, noting that the first African American Jewish communities formed in the latter half of the 19th century.

The ancestors of those people had been slaves taken to the United States and converted to Christianity. At the time, they began to equate biblical stories about the plight of the Jewish people as slaves in Egypt to their own experiences. Slowly, they began to adopt Jewish customs, starting their own congregations in the early 1900s. "It's very hard to adopt a religion of people who have been oppressing you for all these years, and all of a sudden look to their God as a 'savior,'" Bowen said of Christianity and the search for alternative belief systems.

Previously, black Jews were mostly those who had adopted the customs and practices of Jewish slave owners.

Bowen said there is a bit of evidence to support the idea of some slaves were Hebrews before they were brought to the United States. That culture, however, was destroyed along with the rest of the cultural identities of the slaves. So, in a sense, Bowen said, blacks embracing Judaism is a revitalization of that point of view and a continuation of history that was once lost.

Philadelphia is home to Congregation Temple Beth'El, a predominantly African American synagogue in West Oak Lane. Bowen serves as its associate rabbi, in addition to his job as a behavioral therapist in Lincoln University's Office of Student Affairs.

The synagogue was founded by Louise Dailey, the daughter of a Baptist minister. In the 1940s, she worked as a housekeeper in a Jewish home in Philadelphia, where she learned about Judaism. Inspired, she started to practice the religion in her home and soon attracted others. Eventually, the group grew large enough to buy a building and start a synagogue. Today, her daughter (also Bowen's wife), Rabbi Debra Bowen, leads the congregation.

The congregation faced discrimination in the early days. Bowen said they struggled to find vendors who would sell them Judaica. And many of the Torahs obtained were old and worn and even illegible in portions. But over the years, the congregation has been accepted into the wider Jewish community.

The congregation has about 200 active members. A staple of the services is music, with guitars, drums and keyboards. Congregants will even get up to dance.

"Maybe because it's part of our own culture in the African American community," said Bowen, "we believe that one way that you praise Hashem is through the music, and it resonates with people."

Bowen's main message at Adath Israel was a call for unity among all sects of the Jewish community. Just like the ideals behind the new congressional caucus, he said, it's important to come together and offer support.

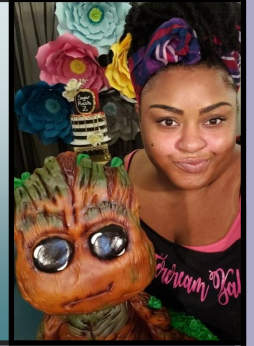
"We believe that our presence can have a very positive effect on the wider Jewish community," Bowen said. "We believe that our community, in coalition with the larger Jewish community, can represent a united force to resist some of these things that are happening. But we have to see it as our commonality and how this can be a very good thing for us to do."



**TOUNOIA MCDANIEL
OWNER**

ENTREPRENEUR SPOTLIGHT

IT'S BUTTERCREAM BABY, LLC



1. What kind of business do you have and what do you do?

* I am the owner of a home based bakery by the name of It's Buttercream Baby located in the West side of Philadelphia. I handle everything from taking orders and doing inventory shopping to baking, decorating and delivering my delicious cakes to many of my happy customers.

2. How did the idea for your business come about?

* Surprisingly I didn't grow up saying when I grow up I want to be a baker, and most days I didn't even want to be in the kitchen due to my mother and grandmother always "FORCING" me to help cook but you could always find me watching cooking shows on TV. It wasn't until I was 30 years old and one night while I was watching Cake Wars on the Food Network that my husband looked me in the eyes and said "I bet if you really try that can be you one day". A week later I made my first 2 tiered cake and have been trying to perfect my craft ever since.

3. What was the driving force for you to work for yourself?

* Anyone who truly knows me would tell you that as a little girl I hated being told what to do and that didn't change when I became an adult! After being laid off from my position working in the healthcare field for 6 years shortly after relocating my family to another state I knew enough was enough. I realized nobody would look out for my family the way I would and what better way to do that than by taking my future in my own hands and building a business that would take care of my kids and their kids to come.

4. How did you come up with the name for your business?

* It's Buttercream Baby was created during a late night session eating test samples of my Strawberry Dream cake while watching Chopped. After taking a bite Rob's first words were "Baby..... Now that's some buttercream". It's as if a light bulb went off and I screamed "It's Buttercream Baby"!

5. How do you build a successful client base?

* I have built a successful client base by using social media to stay connected with consumers across the tri-state area, posting pictures on a regular basis to let people know we are still relevant, uploading video's to keep them engaged and holding giveaways to give back to the people who have supported us from the beginning. We also rely on word of mouth because in this day and time people want to hear reviews before they decide to give your product a try and your first impression is always a lasting impression!

6. Was it hard to raise funding for your business? or What are some ways you fund your business?

* Being a home based business can be very challenging and raising funds can be even more difficult because people sometimes treat your business as if it is your hobby because its based out of your home and not an actual store so you have to get creative to get where you want to be. I typically specialize in bigger cakes such as wedding cakes but I often hold pre-sales for smaller items because I am able to save more money to go towards growing my business due to me being able to sell 100 smaller items verses 1 big cake.

7. What advice would you give others looking to start their own business?

* Be fearless and take what you want! There will be sleepless nights as well as nights you cant do anything but cry because it seem like it wont work but have confidence in your ability and know with God all things are possible! Do your research, know your competition, get your licenses/permits, open up a business account, and surround yourself with people you trust. If you start with a plan and your focused solely on your business your foundation will be unbreakable and nothing or no one will be able to break it!

8. What is it about your business that makes it unique?

* I am one out of hundreds of bakeries in the Tri-state area but what makes my business unique is that I am a self taught young baker who refuses to blend in with others, instead I chose to create my own lane and help other bakers succeed as well because there is more than enough room for us all at the top.

Mazel Tov!

Let's
CELEBRATE!

We are excited to celebrate our grad's,

NADEYA & HEZEKIAH

and all that they have accomplished!
You're invited to there trunk party

August 04, 2019 at 2:00 PM

MEMORIAL PARK
601 W. MILL STREET
QUAKERTOWN, PA 18951



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NADEYA & HEZEKIAH'S TRUNK PARTY

SWIMMING DETAILS

QUAKERTOWN MEMORIAL POOL

ADULT- \$12.00

CHILD (UNDER 18) OR SENIOR (OVER 62) \$8.00

TWILIGHT ADULT (4PM—CLOSE) \$5.00

SENIOR NOT SWIMMING -\$1.00

EVENTS- \$5.00



Happy Birthday Mi'Chaiah

July 13, 2019

6lbs 4oz -19 1/2in

Mazel Tov to Shema'yah Purnell and Family!



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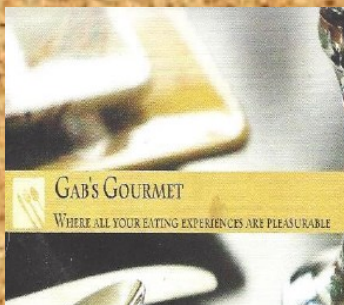
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