

Temple Beth Or Bulletin

A VIEW FROM THE BIMAH

February 2016 ~ Sh'vat/Adar I 5776



One of the more enjoyable aspects of my rabbinate is being invited to speak about Judaism before church and community groups – though it's a challenge to summarize everything there is to know about Judaism in 30 or so minutes!

I always leave time after my presentation for questions and discussion. One of the more common questions has to do with the split between Judaism and Christianity. Responding to that question gives me an opportunity to talk about how Judaism is portrayed in the New Testament – mis-portrayed might be the better word – and the virulent anti-Jewishness that emerged from the way the story was told. Many hundreds of years of acrimony followed right into the modern era.

How wonderful to contemplate, therefore, how far we have come in recent years in terms of Catholic-Jewish relations, and generally in our interfaith relations. It was just 50 years ago that Pope Paul VI convened the Second Vatican Council, which adopted its "Declaration on the Relation of the Church with Non-Christian Religions," including the Church's renunciation of deicide as an eternal charge of damnation against all Jews. The declaration of changed Church policy to absolve Jews of guilt passed by a vote of 2,221 to 88 at that Council, attesting to how far the worldwide Church had evolved.

Today's Church continues its efforts at reconciliation and outreach,

unprecedented in earlier generations. Just this past December – a week before Christmas – Pope Francis declared a new Church teaching: "The Catholic Church neither conducts nor supports any specific institutional mission work directed towards Jews. The new policy was published by the Pontifical Commission for Religious Relations, but was clearly at the directive of the Pope.

How historic a change is this? Though the Catholic Church is only one stream of Christian faith, the change does represent an historic shift. Since the time of St. Paul, the conversion of the Jews has been, for many Christians, a longed-for mark of the end of history, the prelude to the Messianic Age. The implications are therefore not just historic as a teaching, but also theologically and politically. Across the centuries, the Christian impulse to convert Jews erected not only pillars of anti-Semitism but also underlying structures of biological racism, white supremacy, and Western contempt for, among others, Arabs and Muslims.. In other words, the Catholic Church, under Pope Francis, is attempting to cure Western civilization of the illness that it caused over the centuries.

The many manifestations of Christian contempt for Jews—medieval disputations; forced sermons; ghetto imprisonment; restrictions on employment, ownership, and social status—were actually intended as pressures to bring about conversion. Inevitably, such coercive measures turned violent, starting with Crusader mobs crying "Convert or die!" and extending right through the Holocaust.

Pope Francis has also taken some very practical steps towards reconciliation, including his recent visit to the Tempio Maggiore, Rome's great synagogue, and his discussions there with Italy's Chief Rabbi. Not long ago such a visit would have been unthinkable, let alone the genuine warmth of their embrace. As Rabbi David Rosen (director for interreligious affairs for the American Jewish Committee) said, "Francis's visit to the synagogue will be far closer to a family reunion precisely because the blessed new positive Catholic-Jewish relationship has become almost normative, and Francis is overwhelmingly seen as a true friend of the Jewish people, which indeed he is."

And now we have yet another historic event – Pope Francis's 3-hour meeting last month with Patriarch Kirill, head of the Russian Orthodox Church – the first such meeting in nearly 1,000 years! Though they will likely not resolve their theological issues nor agree on which church has primacy over the other (given the old political rule that "nobody votes himself out of business"), just the fact that they can call each other brothers in face and work towards understanding through dialogue and respect represents yet another sea change among major faiths. "Finally!" Pope Francis said as he embraced Patriarch Kirill in a private room at Havana's airport where their encounter took place. "We are brothers," he said.

All this is worth celebrating on multiple levels, but what comes to my mind is this: In a world that seems almost unredeemingly polarized, especially in our own country's political climate, we see that respect, understanding and at least a reconciliation of attitudes is possible. We would do well, I think, to emulate the leadership of those who reach out, unafraid and with courage. Respectful dialogue seems woefully absent in our world these days. Recent overtures by the Pope stand out as a shining light. Elliot Stevens



Saturday, March 5
Shabbat Morning Service

Saturday morning, March 5,
Rabbi Stevens will lead a Shabbat morning service. Service will run from 9:30 – 11:15 a.m. and include Torah study and a light brunch.

**Celebrating Our
163rd Year**



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or inaccuracies in the bulletin.*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By now I hope you have received and been able to review the recommendations from the five Task Forces working on the possible merger with Agudath Israel-Etz Ahayem. These groups have represented you very well and it has been a pleasure working with them. They have worked together exactly as we hoped – with optimism, respect, honesty and a willingness to see another’s side and then to compromise for the good of everyone. They have worked with a goal to do what is best for the future of our Jewish community and I sincerely thank them for their time and dedication.

Currently, I am working with another organization that is involved in a major transition and something the new interim Executive Director recently said really resonated with me: to remember the words “ice tea.” As southerners we are very familiar with ice tea, but this new “ice tea” stands for: I – innovate, C- create, E – engage, T – trust, E – energy and A - attitude. I know our task forces have been using ICE TEA already!

Please make every effort to attend the special open meeting on **Sunday, March 6th at 3 p.m. at Temple Beth Or**. I ask that you bring the packet you received to the meeting, so you will have the information with you for reference during discussion and we can be more environmentally friendly. Agudath Israel-Etz Ahayem will have a meeting at the same time. The purpose of these meetings will be to discuss the recommendations of the Task Forces. It is an opportunity to ask questions and fully participate in the process as we move forward. There will be no vote. If need be the Task Forces will take suggestions for improvements back to their groups. We want to allow ample time to tweak the recommendations, but the plan is to have another meeting in May and at that time there will be a vote on “intent to merge.”

Personally, I believe the merger is the best thing to do for our Jewish community. I certainly would not have been working on it for over two and a half years if I did not. We do have a responsibility to build something positive for the future just as our ancestors did for us. At the same time, we deserve a vibrant community for us – right now.

A few weeks ago at the Tu B’Shevat Seder there were about 26 religion school students and several parents present. One could feel the energy and it was really nice to have so many there enjoying the service and each other. Similarly, it is a warmer, closer community feeling to have good attendance for Shabbat services. I want to see this regularly for all of us. Together as a merged community can be wonderful – more participation, more support. I have no illusion that this endeavor will be challenge free, but doing the right thing is not necessarily supposed to be easy. Like everything important in life, it will be worth the effort.

As I said in the letter announcing the meeting, I welcome your

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**Birthday and
Anniversary
Blessings on
March 4th.**

Contributions to Funds

We greatly appreciate the people who support Temple Beth Or by remembering and honoring their friends and loved ones through their generous contributions. Those that are received after the 20th of the month will be in the next bulletin.

Building Fund

*In Memory of Hubert Levy
Mary Lynne Levy*

Condolence Fund

*In Memory of Barbara Ann Rosen
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Floral Fund

*Happy Birthday
Corinne F. Capilouto
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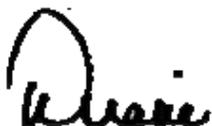
*In Honor of Temple Beth Or
Babette Barmettler*

President's message, continued from page 2.

calls, emails and comments. I encourage you to find your voice and be a part of this most important discussion. This is, indeed, a historic time for our beloved Temple Beth Or, but we cannot be stuck in the past and fail to plan for the future. I truly believe it benefits us to be proactive.

As we finish reading a book of the Torah, we recite the following: Chazak, chazak, v' nitchazeik, "Be strong, be strong and let us strengthen one another." *I wish for you strength. And I wish for you the blessing of being part of a synagogue and Jewish community where we strengthen each other and the world around us. (Rabbi Charles A. Kroloff)*

L'shalom



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Mark & Natalie Mussafer
- 6 Robert & Alison Berman
- 8 Richard & Jeanette Hanan
- 8 Tommy Wool & Laurie Weil
- 18 Daniel & Rosalind Markstein
- 23 Ward & Lisa Newcomb
- 24 David & Beverly Lipton

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Kelly Capouya
- 3 Tommy Wool
- 4 Bob Sommer
- 6 Eve Duncan
- 6 Corinne Capilouto
- 6 Anna Bern
- 7 Robin Blitz
- 7 Laurie Weil
- 8 Akiko Bloom
- 10 Betty Loeb
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- 16 Myrna Rothfeder
- 19 Ira Weil
- 20 Philip Bernstein Jr.
- 22 Gracie Hanchrow
- 23 Jeff McKinney
- 23 Sharon McDaniel
- 24 Clare Weil
- 29 Beverly Bolen
- 30 Peggy Cohn
- 31 Diana Lacey
- 31 Celia Wool
- 31 Lee Hanan



Friday, March 4, 6 PM

**Shabbat Service.
TORAH READING AND
D'VAR TORAH.**

YAHARZEITS

To be read March 4

- 2/28/2016 Wiley Hutto Levin
- 2/28/2016 Fred Richard
- 2/29/2016 Edward Franco
- 3/1/2016 Sidney W. Kohl
- 3/2/2016 Simon Nyman
- 3/2/2016 Janis Sabel
- 3/3/2016 Dr. Howard J. Goldstein
- 3/3/2016 Ann Tillinger
- 3/4/2016 Dr. I. E. Capilouto
- 3/5/2016 Leo K. Shwarts

To be read March 11

- 3/6/2016 Raymond and Helen Goodman
- 3/6/2016 Bessie Moscovitz
- 3/6/2016 Alan Rice
- 3/6/2016 Richard Adler Rothschild
- 3/7/2016 Annie Golomb
- 3/8/2016 Robert Scott Gordon
- 3/8/2016 H. Van E. Hart
- 3/10/2016 Bernice Schulwolf
- 3/12/2016 Clare Burke
- 3/12/2016 Alex Jacob Cohn
- 3/12/2016 Diana K. Unterspan

To be read March 18

- 3/16/2016 Susie Neumann Warren
- 3/17/2016 Natalie Moster Davis
- 3/17/2016 Van Eaton Hart
- 3/17/2016 Charles Weisberg
- 3/18/2016 Benjamin Sheftall
- 3/18/2016 Cheryl Rothfeder Zindler
- 3/19/2016 Roslyn Eagle

To be read March 25

- 3/21/2016 Benjamin Benis
- 3/21/2016 Jay Coleman
- 3/21/2016 Alphonse Levy
- 3/22/2016 Walker Hobbie, Jr.
- 3/22/2016 Bert Worth
- 3/23/2016 Regina Kahn Loeb
- 3/23/2016 Evelyn Richard Loeb
- 3/24/2016 Dorothy L. Klein
- 3/24/2016 Beatrice (Dee Dee) Kohn

SISTERHOOD

Most of February was dedicated to our Food Festival. A huge thank you to everyone for another successful year. It seems to grow each year and it's wonderful that we open our Temple to the community.

Huntingdon College Night is March 11th. Please plan to attend as we host students and teachers from Huntingdon. The sanctuary will be full so let's show our guests a warm welcome. A reception will follow. This year we will celebrate Purim with AIEA at AIEA on March 23rd. Wear your costume and come join in the festivities. I am so proud of Dana Korem who put together a Tzedakah Purim project for IDF soldiers. Dana's goal was to send 100 packages and the last count was over 250! Thanks Dana and I'm thrilled that TBO Sisterhood was able to make a contribution.

We will host our joint luncheon with the ladies of AIEA in early April. Susan Bernstein and Marlene Beringer are planning a fun get together that is always enjoyed by all who attend. Details to follow.

Thank you for all that you do and I look forward to seeing you at Temple.

Karen Goldstein
Sisterhood President

TBO would like to recognize any graduating high school or college students.



Please call the Temple (262-3314) with any graduations you might be aware of.

L'CHAIM LEAGUE

Tuesday, March 15th is a tour of the antebellum home: **Gaineswood in Demopolis, Al**. The approximate drive time is 2 hours, 1 hour for the tour and lunch there in Demopolis. The cost of the tour is \$6.00. Lunch will be each individual's responsibility. We will depart TBO parking lot at 9:00 a.m. that morning. **Drivers are wanted.** Please let me know right away, if you would like to attend, and if you would like to drive. This home is on the National Register, and I understand it is quite something to see.

On **April 5th**, join us to hear our featured speaker, Dr. Laurie Weil, discusses her upbringing as a Jew in Montgomery Al. This topic is not only interesting for others to hear, but for those of us, that grew up here, as well. This topic will bring back many memories. Our lunch will be prepared by Peppertree. Please **save the dates** for both of these events. You'll be glad you did. We look forward to seeing you at any of our events and gatherings.

Linda Smith
lchaimleague2246@yahoo.com

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FROM THE LIBRARY

As many of you know, there is a decades-long standing relationship between Temple Beth Or and its neighbor Huntingdon College, and recently, as yet another example of how the two institutions continue to work together, the Temple and the Library of Huntingdon have entered into an agreement that will now allow Huntingdon students and faculty to have access to the collections housed in the temple library.

So that students and faculty can know what resources are available, the temple library's electronic catalogue has been copied (and will periodically be updated) and placed on a designated computer at the Huntingdon library. Students and faculty wishing to borrow items from the TBO library will use this computer to locate specific titles and then pass their requests along to a member of the Huntingdon library faculty or staff. The items will then be retrieved from the temple library (most often within 24 hours).

On the afternoon of January 26, the temple library committee hosted a reception for Huntingdon faculty to introduce them to the TBO library. Present were Mrs. Joan Loeb, chair of the committee, temple president Diane Weil, and Rabbi Stevens. In addition to members of the religion faculty and the library faculty, the areas of English, Teacher Education, and Chemistry were represented. We were also joined by Huntingdon student Lexie Ofe, a reporter from the college newspaper.

Eric A. Kidwell, MLS

**STUDY OPPORTUNITIES WITH
RABBI STEVENS**

Rabbi Stevens hosts five adult education sessions that will explore contemporary issues in such areas as medical ethics; technology; social and business issues; ritual, Jewish identity and others. **A GUIDE TO THE COMPLEX.** Remaining classes are Tuesdays at 12:00 PM

- March 1, Class 3.Issues of Social Justice
- March 8, Class 4.Issues of Money and Economics
- March 15, Class 5.Issues of Interpersonal Ethics

**ADULT EDUCATION SERIES ON THE HOLOCAUST
ALTERNATE TUESDAYS AT NOON, STARTING MARCH 29**

The Holocaust [Shoah in Hebrew, “conflagration”] was the single most destructive event in Jewish history and, as the only example where the entire apparatus of a state was explicitly directed toward the world-wide extirpation of an entire people, unique in human experience. The study of the Holocaust must address disturbing and difficult questions raised by that experience. What can we learn from the long history of anti-Semitism? Who made the decision for the “final solution”? Could the Jews have done more to protect themselves? Why was the Pope silent, and was his silence justified? Should the Allies have bombed Auschwitz? How ethical were the Judenrate [Jewish Councils within the ghettos]?

This class will be in five parts:

- Session I: The Origins and History of Anti-Semitism [March 29]
- Session II: The Rise of Nazism [April 12]
- Session III: The Nazi Regime Through Kristallnacht [April 26]
- Session IV: The Shoah [May 10]
- Session V: The Aftermath of the Holocaust [May 24]

All sessions will be led by Rabbi Stevens and are open to all at no charge; classes meet in the Blachschleger Library on alternate Tuesdays, 12-1 p.m.

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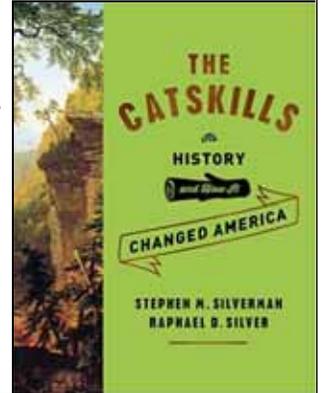


GUEST AUTHOR:

Thursday, March 17, 7 PM

Jewish Book Council author Stephen M. Silverman discusses his book *The Catskills: Its History and How It Changed America* telling of the turning points that made the Catskills so vital to the development of America.

Sponsored by the Rothschild-Blachschleger Lecture and Culture Series.



Review: Publishers Weekly, 08/31/2015

Borscht-Belt frolics are but a part of the cultural innovations nurtured in upstate New York’s scenic Catskill mountain range, according to this lively illustrated history. Journalist Silverman (David Lean) and the late filmmaker Silver explore the region’s contributions to American literature (it’s the setting for Washington Irving’s Rip Van Winkle yarn and James Fenimore Cooper’s frontier sagas), art (it inspired the Hudson River School of effulgent landscape painting), and politics (it saw a revolt by tenant farmers against landlords in the 1840s and is now a hotbed of antifracking activism). Much of the book follows the Catskills’ role as incubator of the hospitality and entertainment industries, from the 19th-century Catskill Mountain House, whose sublime views made guests weep, to the area’s 20th-century heyday as Jewish New York’s vacation mecca, when it forged the model of immersive Las Vegas–style resorts and spawned generations of entertainers from Sid Caesar to Jerry Seinfeld. At the cultural antipode, the Catskills also hosted the 1969 Woodstock rock festival. Stuffed with interesting sidebars and biographical sketches, the authors’ loose-limbed text meanders along many an intriguing byway of quaint and forgotten lore. Readers will enjoy this absorbing browse through a multifaceted regional history that’s deeper than its surface glitz might suggest. Color photos.

***Mitzvah Day
Information
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Temple Beth Or Mitzvah Day

in partnership with the Social Justice and Membership Committees

Saturday, April 2, 2016



MITZVAH DAY



Save Saturday, April 2 for a very special experience at Temple Beth Or – Mitzvah Day! That’s the day we’ll be volunteering in groups around town in keeping with the Jewish value of *Tikkun Olam* – making our world a better place.

Our Social Concerns Committee (Corinne C. Capilouto, chair) and Membership Committee (Steve Clein and Bob Weisberg, co-chairs) have made arrangements with a number of agencies in Montgomery who look forward to our volunteer program. Mitzvah Day projects have been identified suitable for teenagers through our elders and everyone in between. Special bonus: after an afternoon of volunteer service, we’ll gather back at Temple for a reception. What a wonderful way to spend a Shabbat – and get connected with each other!

The registration page is on the next page. Use it to register, or watch for the on-line form. We can - all of us together - make the world a better place. So take a moment to become part of our 1st Mitzvah Day!

HUNTINGDON COLLEGE NIGHT AT TBO - MARCH 11

Once again, Temple Beth Or welcomes religion students and faculty of Huntingdon College to our temple for a program of discussion and worship, followed by a reception. This long-standing custom has proven to be important to both communities.

On Friday evening, March 11, Rabbi Stevens will make an opening presentation to our guests at 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The students and faculty in the Department of Religion will then join us for services, after which our Sisterhood will host a reception open to all. Please welcome our guests, and join us for this special service.



Temple Beth Or Mitzvah Day 2016 Sign-Up. Mitzvah Day 2016 is on Saturday, April 2, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., with a reception following at TBO beginning at 4:15. You will receive confirmation and more information about your volunteer assignment prior to April 2.

Please send your registration for Mitzvah Day by March 15th!

Note: Spouses or families who want to work together at one location are encouraged to use just one form for sign-up. In cases where family members wish to participate in Mitzvah Day, but at different volunteer sites, each individual should submit his/her own form.

Contact for Family: _____

Phone number _____ Email Address _____

___ I am signing up for myself only ___ I am signing up as part of a group ___ Number of volunteers

Other volunteer names: _____

If registering for any group members under the age of 18, please use the online form at templebethor.net

Volunteer Opportunities: Mark your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices below:

Family Sunshine Center (858 South Court Street) - About: The Family Sunshine Center exists to end family violence and sexual assault and foster hope and healing in seven Alabama counties. *Work: Assemble Counseling Center Packets*

Friendship Mission (312 Chisholm Street) - About: Friendship Mission provides shelter for homeless women and children. *Work: To be determined*

Girl Scouts of Southern Alabama - About: Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place! *Work: Stuffing envelopes, filing and other similar office-type tasks*

Service Dogs Alabama - (We will meet at our recently purchased property in Hope Hull, about a 10-minute drive on I-65S from Montgomery) *Work: Cooking*

Hospice of Montgomery (1111 Holloway Park) - About: Hospice of Montgomery offers physical, spiritual, and emotional support to end-of-life patients and their families. *Work: Clerical tasks and art projects to make patient gifts*

Tails End Thrift Store at Humane Society of Elmore County (255 Central Plank Road (Hwy 9), Wetumpka) About: The Humane Society works to insure the best possible quality of life for animals, to prevent cruelty to animals, to stop pet overpopulation, and to strive for the humane care, treatment, and well-being of all animals. *Work: Sort donations and organize clothing racks in thrift store and visit with shelter animals.*

House to House (1623 Mobile Road) - About: The mission of House to House is to partner with Common Ground to transform the Washington Park area and its residents by participating in many forms of neighborhood redevelopment. *Work: To be determined*

MACOA Frozen Meals Program (At TBO) - *Work: Food preparation. Work starts at 1:30.*

Many congregations host a Mitzvah Day program once a year, or every other year, but this is new to us! If you know of any organizations that we may want to include in future years - or if you have any other suggestions regarding Mitzvah Day - please let us know: _____

If you are unable to participate, please consider making a direct donation to TBO for Mitzvah Day 2016 so we may continue helping these worthy organizations. Enter a donation amount in the field below, and you will receive a billing statement reflecting this amount. (As always, all such donations are tax deductible.) \$ _____

Form should be returned to Corinne C. Capilouto, 9809 Wynchase Circle, Montgomery, 36117, or capteek@bellsouth.net. You may also drop it off at the Temple office. Registration deadline is March 15.

CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

Each child of a member in good standing of Temple Beth Or is eligible for financial assistance to offset the registration fee to attend an overnight Jewish Youth camp. Each camper shall be eligible for up to \$500 to attend a four-week session or \$250 to attend a two-week session. All financial awards are at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors of Temple Beth Or.

Contact the Temple office for an application.
APPLICATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 15TH.

Alvin Steinhart Scholarships for Postsecondary Education are now available. Applicants must be:

- Jewish
- Members of Temple Beth Or
- Graduating High School Seniors or Current College Students

Applications are available through the Temple office. Deadline for submission is April 1st. Please contact Diane Weil at dianeweil@me.com if you need further information.



Hosted by JFCA's Sh'lichah

Dana Korem

March 15 ■ 7:00 PM at AIEA

Topic: IDF Education Corps



Information on
an upcoming
new Youth
Group!



Sixty years after fleeing Vienna, Maria Altmann (Helen Mirren), an elderly Jewish woman, attempts to reclaim family possessions that were seized by the Nazis. Among them is a famous portrait of Maria's beloved Aunt Adele: Gustave Klimt's "Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer I." With the help of young lawyer Randy Schoenberg (Ryan Reynolds), Maria embarks upon a lengthy legal battle to recover this painting and several others, but it will not be easy, for Austria considers them national treasures.

CELEBRATE PASSOVER AT TBO!

Join your temple community on Friday evening, April 22, when Rabbi Stevens will lead the first-night Seder at TBO. Sponsored by Sisterhood and professionally catered, this year's Seder again uses "The Open Door," a Passover Haggadah published by the Reform Movement. Fully transliterated and beautifully illustrated, this Haggadah includes traditional and innovative blessings, gender inclusive language and all the old favorite songs as well as many new ones.

Seating will begin at 5:30 PM, with the service to begin promptly at 6:00. The entire program, including dinner, will conclude by 8:00 PM – assuming, of course, that someone finds the Afikomen! Space is limited, so reserve now. **Deadline is April 13th.**

For those who would otherwise miss Shabbat in the sanctuary, an abbreviated service will be held from 5:15 to 5:45 p.m. This will also provide an opportunity for those who wish to say Kaddish in the context of a service.

Cost for reservations:

Adults: \$25.00 Adults
Children: \$10.00 Children ages 6 – 12
Children 5 & under are free

Please note: The Temple Sisterhood will be providing a delicious traditional Passover Seder and dinner which will include desserts and wine (you are welcome to bring your own kosher wine). **Reservation deadline is no later than April 13th. Your check is your reservation.**

Send checks payable to **Temple Beth Or Sisterhood** to:

Sharon McDaniel
2632 Old Orchard Lane, Montgomery, AL 36117



We look forward to having you with us!

PASSOVER SEDER RESERVATION FORM

Send checks payable to
Temple Beth Or Sisterhood to:
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2632 Old Orchard Lane
Montgomery, AL 36117

Name(s) of adult attendees: _____

Name of child(ren) attendees: _____

Telephone: _____
Email: _____

Seder Registration:

_____ adults at \$25.00: \$ _____
_____ children at \$10.00: \$ _____
Total Due: \$ _____

I would like to be seated with: _____

Your registration MUST be in by April 13th.

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What is Passover?



Pesach, known as Passover in English, is a major Jewish spring festival, commemorating the Exodus from Egypt over 3,000 years ago. The ritual observance of this holiday centers around a special home service called the seder (meaning “order”) and a festive meal; the prohibition of chametz (leaven); and the eating of matzah (an unleavened bread). On the eve of the fifteenth day of Nisan in the Hebrew calendar, we read from a book called the hagaddah, meaning “telling,” which contains the order of prayers, rituals, readings and songs for the Pesach seder. The Pesach seder is the only ritual meal in the Jewish calendar year for which such an order is prescribed, hence its name.

The seder has a number of scriptural bases. Exodus 12:3-11 describes the meal of lamb, unleavened bread, and bitter herbs which the Israelites ate just prior to the Exodus. In addition, three separate passages in Exodus (12:26-7, 13:8, 13:14) and one in Deuteronomy (6:20-21) enunciate the duty of the parents to tell the story of the Exodus to their children. The seder plate contains various symbolic foods referred to in the seder itself.



LET'S GET READY
TO HEAR
THE MEGILLAH!!!!

Temple Beth Or
and
Agudath Israel Etz Ahayem

Wednesday, March 23, 2016, 6:00 PM
at Agudath Israel ☆ Etz Ahayem Synagogue
3525 Cloverdale Road

SPAGHETTI PURIM Dinner
with a Costume Parade and Costume Contest
FOLLOWING THE MEGILLAH READING!!!



Call or E-mail Agudath Israel ☆ Etz Ahayem for
reservations by Thursday, March 17
281-7394 or office@agudathmontgomery.com

Adults: \$10.00

Children 7-13: \$7:00

All children 6 and under are FREE!





Friday • March 25 • 6 PM

Men's Club Shabbat. Reception precedes at 5:15 PM. Guest speaker is Thomas Hinds who had been Music Director and Conductor of the Montgomery Symphony Orchestra for 32 years. Soloist, Turia Stark Williams.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Sunday • March 6 • 3 PM

Informational meeting to discuss potential merger. Members only.

MERGER

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 13th.



JUMP into JACOBS *SAVE THE DATES!*
at **FAMILY CAMP 2016**

March 11 – 13, 2016

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3/27
4/3
4/10
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5/1
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Future events !

Tuesday, April 5, 11:30 AM, L'Chaim League luncheon at Temple Beth Or. Guest speaker is Laurie Weil.

Wednesday, April 6, 9:30 - Noon, AUM Holocaust Education Program. Location: AUM Athletic Complex.

Friday, April 8, 6 PM, Shabbat Service. TORAH READING AND D'VAR TORAH.

Saturday, April 9, 9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Rabbi Stevens. Light brunch served.

Tuesday, April 12, 12 PM, Rabbi Stevens hosts five adult education sessions on the Holocaust. Session II: The Rise of Nazism.

Friday, April 22, 5:15 PM, First Seder. Seating will begin at 5:30 PM, with the service to begin promptly at 6:00. Shabbat worship: 5:15 - 5:45 PM.

Tuesday, April 26, 12 PM, Rabbi Stevens hosts five adult education sessions on the Holocaust. Session III: The Nazi Regime Through Kristallnacht.

Tuesday, April 26, 5:45 PM, Temple Beth Or Board Meeting.

Sunday, May 1, 3:30 PM, Community Interfaith Holocaust Memorial Service at TBO.

Friday, May 6, 6 PM, Shabbat service in the social hall followed by a cold pot-luck supper. If your name begins with A-Q please bring a vegetable or salad. If R-Z please bring a dessert. Temple will provide meat and drinks.

Tuesday, May 10, 12 PM, Rabbi Stevens hosts five adult education sessions on the Holocaust. Session IV: The Shoah.

Tuesday, May 10, 7 PM, Yom Hazikaron - Israel Memorial Day commemoration at AIEA.

Saturday, May 14, 10 AM, 2016: Isabella Capouya's Bat Mitzvah.

Sunday, May 15, 5 PM - 8 PM, JFCA Israel Independence Celebration at Wynlakes Country Club.

Friday, May 20, 6 PM, Shabbat Service. TORAH READING AND D'VAR TORAH.

Tuesday, May 24, 12 PM, Rabbi Stevens hosts five adult education sessions on the Holocaust. Session V: The Aftermath of the Holocaust.

Tuesday, May 24, 5:45 PM, Temple Beth Or Board Meeting.

Thursday, May 26, 6:16 PM, Reception and Annual Meeting at 6:15 PM. Reception with heavy h'orderves precedes at 5:30 PM. Members only.

Friday, June 10, 6 PM, Shabbat Service. TORAH READING AND D'VAR TORAH.

Saturday, June 18, 9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Rabbi Stevens. Light brunch served.

Saturday, August 27, 10 AM, 2016: Nathan McKinney's Bar Mitzvah.

Sunday, October 2, 7:30 PM, Rosh Hashanah Eve Service - followed by Annual Reception.

Monday, October 3, 1:00 PM, Tashlich at Museum of Fine Arts lake. Bring your own bread!

Monday, October 3, 10:00 AM, Rosh Hashanah Morning Service.

Monday, October 3, 10:30 AM, Children's Service in Library

Friday, October 7, 6:00 PM, Shabbat Shuvah.

Sunday, October 9, 10:30 AM, Cemetery Memorial Service: Etz Ahayem Cemetery (new section)

Sunday, October 9, 11:00 AM, Cemetery Memorial Service: Etz Ahayem Cemetery (old section)

Sunday, October 9, 9:30 AM, Cemetery Memorial Service: Eternal Rest Cemetery

Tuesday, October 11, 7:30 PM, Kol Nidrei Eve.

Wednesday, October 12, 10:00 AM, Yom Kippur Morning.

Wednesday, October 12, 12:00 PM, Rabbi's Discussion.

Wednesday, October 12, 2:30 PM, Yom Kippur Children's Service

Wednesday, October 12, 3:30 PM, Yom Kippur Afternoon Service

Wednesday, October 12, 4:15 PM, Healing Service.

Wednesday, October 12, 5:00 PM, Yizkor [Memorial] Service.

Wednesday, October 12, 5:30 PM, N'ilah [Concluding]

Wednesday, October 12, 6:15 PM, Congregational Break Fast; sponsored by Sisterhood

Sunday, October 16, 4:00 PM, Hosted by Temple Beth Or. The Jewish community is invited. Decorating of the Sukkah, games, lunch, live music, and other fun activities. We are hoping to have many of the young adults attend this event. No RSVP is needed.

Sunday, October 16, 6:00 PM, Sukkot service. This service will be held outdoors at our TBO sukkah; join us as we celebrate together with worship and a symbolic meal inside our sukkah.

Sunday, October 23, 6:00 PM, Simchat Torah Celebration.

The Jewish Federation
of Central Alabama



When scheduling
calendar events
involving the
Temple it is

important that you check dates with the
Federation and the Temple for potential
conflicts within the Jewish community. Their
number is 277-5820, and you can view the
community calendar at
www.jewishmontgomery.org.

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guests during Temple events.

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donation envelopes
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office so they may be
reused.*

We would like to know. Please call the temple office when a family member is in the hospital or ailing. Too often we find out about illnesses, crises and hospitalizations long after they occur. This is a missed opportunity for the calls and visits the rabbi would like to share. Please let the temple know if there is a concern in your family or another congregation family (with their permission).

We need your help in order to offer ours.

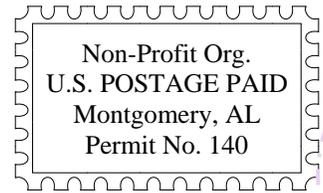
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>12:00 PM, Adult Ed: Rabbi Stevens offers a five-part series A GUIDE TO THE COMPLEX</i>	2	3	4 <i>6 PM, Shabbat Service. TORAH READING AND D'VAR TORAH.</i>	5 <i>9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Rabbi Stevens. Light brunch served</i>
6 <i>9:30 AM, Religion School at AIEA</i> <i>3 PM, Informational meeting to discuss potential merger. Members only.</i>	7	8 <i>12:00 PM, Adult Ed: Rabbi Stevens offers a five-part series A GUIDE TO THE COMPLEX</i>	9	10	11 <i>6 PM, Huntingdon College Night Shabbat Service and reception</i>	12
13 <i>9:30 AM, Religion School at AIEA Purim Carnival</i> <i>3 PM, The Men's Club will be showing the movie "Woman in Gold" with Helen Mirren.</i>	14	15 <i>12:00 PM, Adult Ed: Rabbi Stevens offers a five-part series A GUIDE TO THE COMPLEX</i>	16	17 <i>7 PM, Jewish Book Council author Stephen M. Silverman discusses his book "The Catskills: Its History and How It Changed America"</i>	18 <i>6:00 PM Shabbat Service</i>	19
20 <i>9:30 AM, Religion School at AIEA</i>	21	22 <i>5:45 PM, Temple Beth Or Board Meeting</i>	23	24	25 <i>6:00 PM Men's Club Shabbat Service. Guest speaker, Thomas Hinds.</i>	26
27 <i>9:30 AM, Religion School at AIEA</i>	28	29 <i>12:00 PM, Adult Ed: Rabbi Stevens offers a five-part series on the Holocaust.</i>	30	31		

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wants **YOU**
To
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for
Mitzvah Day!
Saturday, April 2
1 - 4 p.m.
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**INFORMATIONAL
MEETING**

Sunday • March 6 • 3 PM

Informational meeting to discuss
potential merger.
Members only.

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