

Temple Beth Or

bulletin

September 2008 ~ Elul/Tishri 5768/5769



A VIEW FROM THE PULPIT

We Are Going to Israel – Israel is Coming to Us!

We all know that the main theme of the High Holy Days – Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur – is introspection and prayer. These are days of repentance and forgiveness, the days when we resolve from the bottom of our hearts that the coming year will be different, a clean slate, a year of renewal and reconnection.

Renewal and reconnection can extend beyond our own introspection and relationships with our loved ones; it can extend as well to our larger community, and to Israel. Israel, the national home of the Jewish people, is in crisis (I know, America is also our home, and we've been hearing about Israel's crisis for 60 years), but this is a time to be neither cynical nor uninvolved. Israel is no longer an outpost of Judaism; more Jews live there than in the United States or any other country. The challenges Israel faces are complex and seemingly intractable, but one thing is very clear: Just as at its inception 60+ years ago, Israel still has on its borders – and not far beyond – enemies who literally would rejoice were Israel to be wiped from the map, and there are radical regimes working daily toward that end. There are no guarantees that Israel will survive, either, and our own support remains crucially important.

What is the foundation stone of our support? Knowledge. So many hold pre-conceptions or assumptions ignorant of the reality that is Israel today. To help us reconnect and renew our knowledge of and relationship to Israel, our community is sponsoring a trip to Israel June 7-18, 2009. Both Rabbi Kramer and I plan to lead a magnificent trip, along with the leadership of our Federation, and jointly sponsored by our three institutions. Watch for our first mailing in September, including an itinerary replete with all the major sites, plus an array of high-level programs and briefings that lift this mission well beyond ordinary sight-seeing. This will be a family trip, and will truly be a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Incidentally, the Jewish Federation of Central Alabama has allocated a generous amount to provide a Travel Fund in helping more of our community to participate.

For those who can't wait to make a closer relationship with Israel, or just won't be able to join our community trip in June, we will soon be welcoming Inbal Reinitz into our midst. Inbal is Shimon Smith's successor and she will be arriving on September 4 as our new *sh'lichah*. Like Shimon, Inbal is a volunteer with the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem, which arranges for *sh'lichim* (pl.) to visit communities throughout the country under the auspices of local federations. Also like Shimon, Inbal will bring to us tremendous energy, along with a love of music (and dance!), and experience in working with both children and adults. Inbal will be serving our entire community, though her family background happens to include a strong connection with Israeli Reform Judaism; Inbal should therefore be very comfortable working with our new joint religious school, and in creating community forums and special events. And, if you have ever wanted an opportunity to get beyond the myths that often pervade the media and learn more about what life is really like in Israel, I am sure that Inbal will welcome lunch or dinner invitations or just opportunities to chat after one of her programs.

During these holy days, let us truly engage in the introspection, prayer and inner resolve to have a better year and be better people during the coming year, and to make a special effort to reconnect with Israel.

Sandy Lynn joins me in extending our best wishes from house to house for the New Year, 5769. *Shana Tova Tikateivu!*

Elliot L. Stevens



Celebrating Our 157th Year

ELLIOT L. STEVENS, RABBI

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Please call Gina Friday at 262-3314 to report any corrections or inaccuracies in the bulletin.

Mazel Tov!

Congratulations to

John Allen Dees & Jennifer Hackman Scot
on the event of their marriage on
August 16th.

Son of Pat and Allen Dees
Grandson of Betty Bloom

TBO President's Message

Believe it or not, the High Holy Days will be here before we know it! During the next few weeks leading up to Rosh Hashanah, it is traditional practice for us to reflect on where we are as a group and as individuals. As you take stock of yourself and look back on your accomplishments and disappointments, use this time to set goals for the year about to begin.

One goal I would like to set for our congregation is to become more spiritually connected with Temple Beth Or and the Reform Movement. While attendance at Sabbath Eve services is the main spiritual conduit for the majority of our congregation, there are numerous alternative opportunities available to each of us to be active in achieving this goal including monthly Sabbath morning services and adult education. Rabbi Stevens has masterfully planned some engaging programs in the coming months, so please refer to the calendar and announcements noted throughout this edition of our newsletter.

Our joint, community religion school successfully convened for its inaugural session on Sunday, August 17th. It was a great morning filled with excitement, positive attitudes, and smiling faces as we embarked upon this new direction in educating our youth. It is quite evident to me that we made the right decision given the socialization that is now occurring between and amongst our local Jewish youth. This factor alone was, is, and will continue to be the most important product of this process. Thank you to our school's co-directors, Lani Ashner and Sharon Berry for their efforts.

Best Regards,

Morris E. Capouya

Recent Death

Carolyn Dees
 (August 9, 2008)

Sister of Allen Dees
 Grandmother of Laura & Sam Levy

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.

BLANCHE WINTER FUND

*In Memory of Jeannette Capouya
In Memory of Irvin Gassenheimer, Jr.
Gay and Irving Winter*

CAROL LOBMAN HART EDUCATIONAL FUND

*Jo Baum's Birthday
Joyce & Gil Walker*

*In Memory of Jeannette Capouya
In Memory of Irvin Gassenheimer, Jr.
Peggy Cohn*

*Speedy Recovery and Continued
Good Health to Nick Ashner
Peggy Cohn*

*Special Birthday of Josephine Baum
Special Birthday of Oscar Cohen
Peggy Cohn*

*Mazel Tov to Kathy and Raymond
Cohen on their recent marriage.
Peggy Cohn*

DISCRETIONARY FUND

*In gratitude for Danielle Berry's
volunteer work for the rabbi
Elliot L. Stevens*

FLORAL FUND

*In Honor of the Marriage of
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Cohen
Charlotte and Joe Mussafer*

FLORAL FUND

*In Memory of Jeannette Capouya
In Memory of Irvin Gassenheimer, Jr.
Charlotte and Joe Mussafer*

GASTON AND FAYE

GREIL FUND

*In Memory of Irvin Gassenheimer, Jr.
Steven and Gail Greil*

GENERAL FUND

*In Memory of Irvin Gassenheimer, Jr.
Herbert & Mary Lynne Levy
Ken and Celia Wool
Robert Mayer, Jr.*

*Jo Baum's Birthday
Sara Matile Schwarz*

*In Honor of my Friends for a Happy
and Healthy New Year.
Sara Matile Schwarz*

YOUTH AND SCHOLARSHIP FUND

*In Memory of Irvin Gassenheimer, Jr.
Mrs. Shirley Beringer*

SEPT BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Hal Bloom, Jr.
2 Ilene Baylinson
4 David Baylinson
5 Susan Finklestein
6 Liza Kaufman
7 Lew Nyman
8 Morris Capouya
9 Scott Harris
9 Norma Michelson
10 Joyce Gassenheimer
11 Joe Mussafer
12 Anne Levin
13 Russell Levy
15 Regina Capilouto
16 Keith Sabel
18 Bobby Kohn
18 Irving Winter
20 Stewart Applebaum
20 Inbal Reinitz
23 Charlie Strasburger
23 Terry Toney
24 Betty Bloom
24 Susan Kohn
24 Bert Loeb
26 Jeanette Hanan
30 Bob Reznikoff
30 Kathleen Roberts

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Birthday and Anniversary
Blessings
on September 5th.

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Corinne & Joe Capilouto
4 Frances & Ralph Capouya
5 Diane & Alan Weil
6 Robin & Andrew Kromis
8 Julie & William Goolsby
14 Norma & Leonard Michelson
24 Maxine & Michael Goldner
25 Lilly & Tim Dowling

YAHARZEITS

To be read 9/5/2008

Leo Finkelstein
Arthur S. Hertz
Pryor Hurt
Isaac May
Elise Salama
Joseph Salama
Hilda Shinpaugh
Julia Wise

To be read 9/12/2008

Manny Applebaum
Elaine E. Drum
Clare C. Hertz
Victor Levine
Jennye Nussbaum
Ben Tillinger
William Aaron Wallace

To be read 9/19/2008

Rhoda Dreyus Abraham
Gusta Barth Baim
Bertha Barlow
Carol Loeb Dresner
Rebekah Katz
Joseph B. Loeb
Sam Nusbaum
Luna Piha
David S. Savler
Herbert M. Scheuer, Sr.
Quenby Sameth Schulman
Pat Simon
Edith P. Stiller
Dr. Peter D. Weinrib

To be read 9/26/2008

Cornelis Haanschoten
Hal W. Bloom, Sr.

L'Chaim League

Opening Luncheon is set for **Tuesday, September 23rd** at 12:00, TBO. Clare Weil and her ensemble will perform for us. The lunch will be catered by Jeanne Weller. The cost is \$14.00 pp. **Make your reservations now.**

Susan Willis will provide us with a lively presentation about ASF programs on **Thursday, October 23rd**, at TBO. Lunch details and costs will be provided later.

Wednesday, November 12th is the date set for the **Tour of the Hyundai plant** at 2:00 pm.

So many programs to choose from - pick one or all - and join in the fun. Look forward to seeing you all.

Linda R. Smith

Men's Club

Greetings from the Men's Club;

The TBO Men's Club completed our annual membership drive and the Club now has 43 members. The Men's Club will be having some events announced in the next several bulletins. We plan to host a Bingo Night that will be available to all Temple members, friends and families. We will be co-sponsoring another excellent speaker. The speaker and date are to be announced at a later time. The Club is looking for a date to have our annual Men's Club Shabbat and of course, we will be ushering again this year during the High Holy Days.

Thank you to everyone for their continued support and I hope to see you all at the Temple soon!

Men's Club President

Kent Long

Sisterhood

Happy 60th Birthday to us! Gosh it's hard to believe "our" Sisterhood is celebrating its sixtieth year. As we look around the synagogue we can be proud of the many contributions we have given to the Temple. Not just the material contributions but the many hours we have spent giving back to Beth Or.

We have such an exciting and busy year planned and we hope you will join us. Our opening luncheon which promises to be lots of fun is set for noon on Wednesday, September 17th at the Montgomery Country Club. You don't want to miss this event as it promises to be unique, not just your typical lunch and speaker. Please go ahead and make your reservation.

As I was sitting down to write this, I decided to look up the word sisterhood in the dictionary. Not that I didn't know what it meant, but to reiterate what we already know. It is a woman related to another person by a common tie or interest. We all have a comment interest as well as a tie and that tie is to be a support to our wonderful congregation and to do whatever possible for our Temple. So, let's dedicate this year to one another and to strengthening our bonds with each other.

I look forward to seeing you all very soon and wish each of you and your families a very happy and healthy New Year.

My very best,

Lisa Weil



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

I would like to thank all parents, students, and teachers for making our opening day of the Montgomery Kol Ami Religious School a successful one. We are looking forward to a wonderful year of learning. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at any time (334) 290-0445 or email at daberry40@netscape.net.

Sharon Berry
Religious School Director

SEPHARDIC SERVICE SET FOR SEPTEMBER



Mark your calendars for a very special Sephardic experience September 11-12.

On Thursday evening, September 11, Dr. Mark

Kligman will speak on Sephardic music and culture. Dr. Kligman is Professor of Jewish Musicology at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York, where he teaches in the School of Sacred Music.

Dr. Kligman specializes in the liturgical traditions of Middle Eastern Jewish communities and has published several articles on the liturgy of Syrian Jews. His work also extends to historical trends in the liturgical music of Ashkenazic and Sephardic traditions.

Then, on Friday evening, in what might be the first such experience at Temple Beth Or, we will worship in the Sephardic mode, with a selection of authentic Sephardic music for which the choir has already begun to rehearse. It promises to be a beautiful service, and will be followed by a very special reception of traditional Sephardic pastries. Don't miss it!

ADULT EDUCATION AND SPECIAL SPEAKER PROGRAMS

Special Event Speakers

Thursday, September 117 PM... Speaker **Dr. Mark Kligman** speaks on Sephardic music and culture at TBO.

Friday, October 24.....7 PM... 60th anniversary celebration of the Temple Beth Or Sisterhood, with guest speaker **Rabbi Sally J. Priesand**, the first woman rabbi.

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Community Forum

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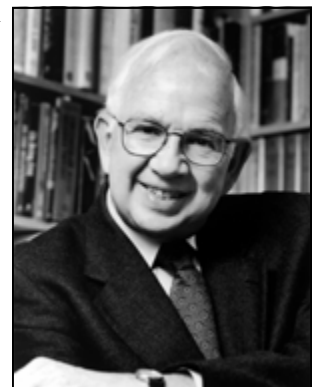
Celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Temple Beth Or Sisterhood, with guest speaker Rabbi Emerita Sally J. Priesand, the first ordained woman rabbi.

The Sisterhood of Temple Beth Or extend a special invitation to our congregants as we join together for the opportunity to welcome guest speaker Rabbi Emerita Sally J. Priesand. There is a long history of women rabbis who struggled for ordination. As the first female Rabbi to be ordained within the United States, she will relate her own personal journey. Rabbi Priesand will discuss her thinking about how female rabbis have impacted the Jewish community.

Services will begin at **7:00** p.m.; Rabbi Priesand will speak at 7:45 p.m., immediately following the service.

Temple Beth Or is delighted to welcome the renowned speaker and author Rabbi Harold Kushner to Montgomery.

Rabbi Harold Kushner has helped people throughout the world with his writings, including *Living a Life that Matters* and *Overcoming Life's Disappointments*. Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Israel in Natick, MA, his international bestseller, *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*, has been translated into fourteen languages. He holds six honorary degrees and has received numerous distinguishing awards, including the Christopher Medal and The Yitzhak Rabin Award. In 1995, he was honored as one of 50 people who have made the world a better place in the past 50 years. In 2007 Rabbi Kushner was given the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Jewish Book Council.



This occasion will take place at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival Stage at 7 PM on Tuesday, November 11th. This is an evening you won't want to miss, so be sure to mark this event on your calendar -- Rabbi Kushner is a favorite around the world and is sure to be a welcome and inspirational voice. The event, which is free of charge and open to the entire community, is being sponsored by the Rothschild Blachschleger Lecture series.

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES TO RESUME SEPTEMBER 6

Our monthly Shabbat morning service and study program will resume on Saturday morning, September 6. These informal services, which use the new Reform prayer book *Mishkan T'filah*, take about an hour and include Torah reading. Following the service a light brunch will be served, and we'll engage in some congenial Torah study while we nosh. With the service beginning at 9:30, we should conclude between 11:00 - 11:15. Please join us.

Temple Beth Or
welcomes our new
Sh'lichah,

Inbal
Reinitz



DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please be sure to review your family's listing in the yellow "2008 Interim Membership Directory" for any changes or corrections. Call or email Gina at bethor@templebethor.net as soon as possible with any adjustments you'd like to your listing.

Treasure Market

It's time to start collecting your items for our upcoming Treasure Market.

Be sure to save the date of Sunday, February 22, 2008!

Inbal will be arriving at the Montgomery airport on Thursday, September 4th at 3:00 PM. Please feel free to join the crowd greeting her as she arrives.

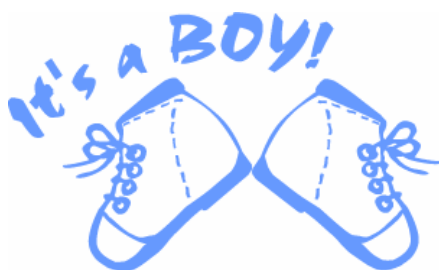
HEBREW INSTRUCTION

Private Hebrew Instruction is being offered for ages 5 years and up.

Please contact Dalia Morgenstern at daliamorgenstern@yahoo.com.

"Shamash" is the candle we use during Chanukah to light the other candles throughout the holiday. "Shamash" can be translated as "server," from a Hebrew root that connotes "using" and "usefulness."

A particularly useful Jewish website is shamash.org. What distinguishes Shamash is that Shamash does not just provide content of its own; it serves as a central portal to scores of other Jewish sites that together present about the broadest spectrum of the Jewish scene currently available. Even more important, Shamash hosts more than 200 lists -- on-line discussion forums covering every imaginable area of Jewish interest. Some of these lists have only a handful of subscribers; others have tens of thousands. Do you want to keep up with weekly Torah commentaries? You can subscribe to Reform, Conservative, Reconstructionist, Orthodox and Hassidic commentaries that arrive daily or weekly via e-mail. The portals to Jewish news in Israel include most of the daily Israeli press. Information portals provide background for text, study and practice on life-cycle, holidays and personal matters from every possible perspective. Shamash, like the candle, can serve us well, and illuminate our Judaism not just for eight days, but throughout the year.



Michael & Sari Capilouto are proud to announce the birth of their son
Isaac Willard Capilouto
Born August 5, 2008 at 7:52 AM
Weighing 8 lbs. 2 oz. - 20 in. long

Brother: Gavyn
Grandparents: Corinne & Larry Capilouto
Great Grandparents: Corinne & Joe Capilouto and Rachel Capelouto

Our Yom Kippur fast lasts 24 hours.



Hers could last a lifetime.



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S'lichot - Saturday, September 20



NAME THAT SERMON

From time to time members of the TBO community have passed along suggestions to Rabbi Stevens for a sermon topic. Rabbi has indicated that he appreciates all such suggestions, If there is a subject on which you would like to hear Rabbi Stevens's views, and which you think would make for an appropriate sermon or discussion topic, just send them in!

High Holy Day Service Times

Saturday, September 20

S'lichot at AI✡EA..... 7:00 PM
Dramatic presentation and S'lichot at Agudath Israel✡Etz Ahayem

Monday, September 29

Rosh Hashanah Eve 7:30 PM
Followed by our Annual Reception

Tuesday, September 30

Rosh Hashanah Morning 10:00 AM
Children's Service in Library
led by David Berry 10:30 AM

Friday, October 3

Shabbat Shuvah 6:00 PM

Sunday, October 5

Cemetery Memorial Services
Eternal Rest Cemetery 9:30 AM
Etz Ahayem Cemetery (new section) ... 10:30 AM
Etz Ahayem Cemetery (old section)..... 11:00 AM

Wednesday, October 8

Kol Nidre Eve..... 7:30 PM

Thursday, October 9

Yom Kippur Morning..... 10:00 AM
Rabbi's Discussion 12:00 PM
Children's Service 2:30 PM
Memorial Service 3:30 PM
Afternoon Concluding Services 4:00 PM
Followed by Break the Fast Dinner

L'Shanah Tovah

May you have
a year of
sweetness
and joy!



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the DATE!
NOVEMBER 20-23, 2008



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SCHEDULED HIGHLIGHTS

- Workshops & Consultations with the Union's Professional Staff
- Pre-Biennial Social Action Program
- Thursday Night Desert Reception & Concert
- Saturday Night Performance by *Seeds of Sun*
- Volunteer Biennial Choir
- Fund for Reform Judaism (FRJ) Reception
- Affinity Meals
- Shabbat Study Meals led by the Union's Professional Staff
- Historical Shabbat Experience
- Judaic & Israeli Vendors
- Hands-on Social Action Projects
- Special Art Project with Artist in Residence Jaime Cojoc
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A PLAY ON THE GATES -- AND AN HOUR OF DRAMA

This year, Temple Beth Or and Agudath Israel Etz Ahayem are cosponsoring a very special program for S'lichot.

S'lichot, penitential prayers recited on the Saturday night before Rosh Hashanah, and often accompanied by discussion and study, begins to set our mood for the introspection and prayer that characterize the Holy Days. This year, on Saturday evening, September 20, the heart of our observance will be a staged dramatization of Merle Feld's moving play, *the Gates are Closing*.

The play takes place in a synagogue on Yom Kippur -- evening, the following morning, and late afternoon. The action follows 8 main characters spanning a wide range of ages, backgrounds and professions as they grapple with issues of identity, meaning loyalty, betrayal, repentance and forgiveness on this most somber of days. *The Gates of Closing* had its first staged reading at the Jewish Repertory Theatre in May 1986, was a finalist in the Cleveland JCC National Playwriting Competition and also occasioned a New Jersey State council on the Arts fellowship for the playwright. Since that time it has been presented in over 200 synagogues and college campuses across North America and abroad.

Our cast includes members of both congregations; Rabbi Stevens plays a disaffected young Israeli. The play will be followed by discussion and a brief S'lichot service.

Join us at Agudath Israel Etz Ahayem on September 20, at 7:00 p.m.

Social Concerns

MACOA (Montgomery Area Council on Aging) needs drivers for their Meals on Wheels project. Drivers will go in pairs to take meals to shut-ins within the By-Pass, for about 1 hour a month, and to neighborhoods the drivers feel comfortable in. There is a training session to attend before starting.

MACOA also needs frozen meals, including soups, that people who live outside the zone for Meals on Wheels come to pick up downtown themselves. These may be cooked and packaged in MACOA's own containers at the temple or synagogue, or in members' homes, and we will pick them up from you.

These projects are enthusiastically endorsed by Beth Or, Agudath Israel ☆ Etz Ahayem, and L'Chaim League. For questions, call Louisa Weinrib at 262-6155.

Alan Hackel, AI☆EA
Linda Smith, L'Chaim League
Louisa Weinrib, TBO

Bring a friend!

COMMUNITY FORUM

September 9th - 7 PM

Speaker, **Linda Segrest**, Director of Hospice Services
for Baptist Health

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.

Beyond September!

Thursday, October 09, 2008, TBA, Break the Fast Dinner.

Monday, October 13, 2008, 6:30 PM, Sukkot Family Service.

Tuesday, October 14, 2008, 7 PM, Community Forum: "The Coming Election: Issues Facing the Candidates - And the Electorate," participants to be determined.

Wednesday, October 15, 2008, 6 PM, Basic Judaism class on Wednesday evenings. Call the Temple office to register.

Monday, October 20, 2008, 6:30 PM, Simchat Torah Celebration and Consecration.

Thursday, October 23, 2008, Noon, L'Chaim League, Guest Speaker Susan Willis from Alabama Shakespeare Festival at TBO. Lunch included.

Friday, October 24, 2008, 7 PM, 60th anniversary celebration of the Temple Beth Or Sisterhood, with guest speaker Rabbi Sally J. Priesand, the first woman rabbi.

Saturday, October 25, 2008, 9:30 AM, A special Shabbat morning service with Rabbi Stevens and co-led with Rabbi Sally Priesand.

Tuesday, November 11, 2008, 7 PM, Guest Speaker: Rabbi Harold Kushner. Alabama Shakespeare Festival Stage.

Wednesday, November 12, 2008, 2 PM, L'Chaim League tours the Hyundai Plant.

Tuesday, November 18, 2008, 7 PM, Community Forum: "Why our bills cannot become laws." Speaker Hal Bloom, who has worked with government for 30 years. Bring your friends.

Thursday, December 04, 2008, 7 PM, Guest Speaker: Avi Beker

Saturday, December 20, 2008, TBA, Pre-Chanukah Chanukah Dinner and Celebration.

Thursday, January 08, 2009, 7 PM, Guest Speaker: Sherre Hirsch

Friday, January 23, 2009, 6 PM, Sisterhood Shabbat.

Sunday, February 22, 2009, 9 AM - 3 PM, Jewish Food Festival.

Monday, March 09, 2009, 6 PM, Purim Celebration.

Thursday, March 19, 2009, 7 PM, Guest Speaker: Ellen Feldman

Wednesday, April 08, 2009, Dawn, We will celebrate Birkat Hachama -- the Blessing of the Sun -- at DAWN on Wednesday, April 8. This is only the third time in over 5,000 years that this holiday falls on the day that Passover begins!

Thursday, April 23, 2009, 7 PM, Guest Speakers: Cathcart and Klein

Thursday, May 07, 2009, 7 PM, Guest Speaker: Deborah Carr

Be sure to check upcoming bulletins for possible date changes and more information.

RABBI STEVENS OFFERS CLASS IN BASIC JUDAISM

Starting on Wednesday evening, October 15 and continuing (with a few exceptions) through January 7, 2009, Rabbi Stevens will be offering a weekly class in Basic Judaism. This class, open to members and non-members alike, will cover the basic themes and practices of Judaism, including an overview of history; life-cycle, holy days and festivals, Jewish approaches to God, the concept of *mitzvah*, and Judaism's sacred literature.

This would be a good class for those contemplating conversion, although there are no pre-conditions or requirements for those who register, other than a desire to deepen one's knowledge and experience. But if you know of potential candidates for conversion or others in the community who might find this class of interest, please extend an invitation to join us.

Registration (without fee) should be made with Gina Friday at the office, 262-3314. Questions may be addressed to Rabbi Stevens.

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.

September 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 6 PM Shabbat Service Birthday & Anniversary Blessings	6 9:30 AM Morning Shabbat and light brunch
7	8	9 7 PM Community Forum: Speaker Linda Segrest	10	11 7 PM Speaker: Dr. Mark Kligman	12 6 PM Sephardic Service	13
14	15	16	17 Noon Sisterhood Opening Luncheon Mgm Country Club	18	19 6 PM Shabbat Service	20 7 PM Joint S'lichot Service and play "the Gates are Closing" at AI-EA
21	22	23 Noon L'Chaim League's Opening Luncheon at TBO	24	25	26 6 PM Shabbat Service	27
28	29 7:30 PM Rosh Hashanah Eve and Annual Reception	30 10 AM Rosh Hashanah Morning Service 10:30 AM Children's Service				

The Staff, Officers and Board of Trustees of Temple Beth Or wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year.
May you be inscribed in the Book of Life.

Sephardic Reception

Don't miss the Sephardic Reception which follows Shabbat service on September 12th. Traditional Sephardic pastries and appetizers will be served.



The TBO Sisterhood Gift Shop provides a service to our congregation and helps fund the work of TBO's Sisterhood. Please support us with your patronage.

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