

# Temple Beth Or

bulletin

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## A VIEW FROM THE PULPIT

The Talmud reports a story about Rabbi Akiba, who lived about 1,900 years ago.

“Once Rabbi Eliezer came before the ark and recited the 24 blessings said on fast days, as a plea for rain, but his prayer was not answered. Rabbi Akiba then came before the ark and exclaimed, ‘Our Father, our King, we have no king but you; our Father, our King, have mercy upon us, for Your own sake!’ whereupon the rain fell.”

When Rabbi Akiba composed this beloved prayer, *Avinu Malkeinu*, he undoubtedly didn’t realize that the prayer would become one of the central and enduring parts of our liturgy on the High Holy Days. Individual lines in the prayer have changed over the years – our Reform version strangely omits the line ‘we have no King but You’ – but the concluding lines are universally the same: “our Father, our King, be gracious and answer us, for we have little merit. Treat us generously and with kindness, and be our help.”

Akiba, pleading “we have little merit,” threw himself on God’s mercy, and we do the same; we pray “*Aseh imanu tzedakah va’chesed, v’hoshi-einu*,” “Grant us, God, righteousness and mercy – not because we deserve it but only because You are You and we are what we are: Help us!

The High Holy Days are now upon us, and I am intrigued at the notion of being “saved” in Judaism. Jewish communities of Western Europe in the 19<sup>th</sup> century thought they would be saved by modernity and the Enlightenment. They became bona fide citizens, entered universities and professions, worked hard and fought patriotically in Europe’s wars – and discovered in Germany that their patriotism and their Nobel Prizes did not save them. In this country we carried the banner of liberalism and human decency, and emphasized our common heritage as part of a “Jewish-Christian” tradition, downplaying our peoplehood – yet tens of millions in this country think of ours as a Christian nation, and tolerate Jews only as part of God’s eventual plan to return the Messiah. We American Jews are also at utter odds with much of the Third World’s embrace of terrorism as an instrument for revolutionary change – including a rabid anti-Israel bias that unceasingly calls for Israel’s destruction. And the voices of Holocaust-deniers will not be stilled. No, we seem to have little merit. *Ein banu ma’asim*. Our credentials are used up.

The message of Yom Kippur is that when all else fails, God remains. Being Jewish and behaving like a Jew remains. Doing mitzvot remains. We have no need to apologize for being alive, for being Jews, or for ordering our lives on the abiding foundations of Jewish living.

The Avinu Malkeinu ends, “*Asei imanu tzedaka va’chesed...v’hoshieinu*.” *Imanu*. “Do justice and mercy with us, and save us.” “With us.” The prayer teaches us that we are God’s partners. If we want God to do justice and act with mercy, then that’s what we must do. We must not give up on repairing the world, nor must we give up on learning about Judaism and grounding our lives in Jewish principles and action. This Yom Kippur, let us return not just to a renewed commitment to live righteously, but to return to Judaism as a core commitment of our lives.

*Elliot L. Stevens*



## Celebrating Our 157th Year

**ELLIOT L. STEVENS, RABBI**

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## Recent Death

***Josephine Baum***  
 (September 5, 2008)

## TBO President's Message

*The publishing of this month's newsletter occurs during what is commonly referred to as the "Days of Awe" which are our most sacred days of the year. This period of time from Rosh Hashanah until Yom Kippur is when we complete our self-examination, ask for repentance and ask to be inscribed in the book of life for another year. It is my wish that all of us emerge from this spiritual highlight with a renewed sense of spirit, compassion, and thankfulness.*

*We kicked off our fall event season in September with a brief summation of Sephardic music and culture offered by Dr. Mark Kligman of the Hebrew Union College in New York. Dr. Kligman's knowledge of the subject matter was impeccable and I appreciate his attempt to condense such a vast amount of material into a short talk. We followed up this adult education opportunity with a Sephardic Sabbath Eve Service which included authentic Sephardic chants, melodies, and music performed by Rabbi Stevens, the Temple Beth Or Choir, and Jeff Herring. Upon the conclusion of our service, everyone was treated to a grand reception including the world-renowned Sephardic pastries and specialties all made locally in Montgomery, Alabama. Many thanks are due to Rabbi Stevens for orchestrating Sephardic Week and to the Sephardic Reception Committee Co-Chairs, Corinne Capilouto and Frances Capouya and their baking team members.*

*Finally, I want everyone to make special note to attend the services that will be offered during the last weekend of October as we will celebrate our Sisterhood's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and host Rabbi Sally Priesand, who was the first woman to be ordained as a Rabbi in the United States.*

*L'Shanah Tovah,*

*Morris E. Capouya*

## Mazel Tov!

*Congratulations to*

**Charlotte Mussafer**, on receiving this year's "Seniors of Achievement" award sponsored by the Montgomery Area Council on Aging (MACOA). Charlotte will be honored at a luncheon at the Capitol City Club on Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 11:30 AM at Capital City Club. The cost is \$25.00 pp. Call 263-0532 by October 15<sup>th</sup> for reservations.

### **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.

#### **ARCHIVES AND HISTORY FUND**

*In Memory of  
Josephine Baum  
Leo J. Drum, Jr.*

#### **BLACHSCHLEGER LIBRARY FUND**

*Good Health to Bette Sue Strasburger  
Good Health to Charlie Strasburger  
Louisa and Michael Weinrib*

*In Memory of  
Josephine Baum  
Louisa and Michael Weinrib*

#### **CAROL LOBMAN HART EDUCATIONAL FUND**

*In Memory of  
Josephine Baum  
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#### **ENDOWMENT FUND**

*Dr. Morris Capouya's  
95th Birthday  
Rubin A. Franco*

*In Memory of  
Josephine Baum  
Rubin A. Franco*

#### **FLORAL FUND**

*In Memory of  
Josephine Baum  
Joe and Corinne Capilouto  
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#### **GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUND**

*In Memory of  
Josephine Baum  
Lee and Evelyn Altheimer  
Philip and Susan Bernstein  
Cathie and Raymond Cohen  
Lauda L. Corwin  
Margie and Ed Jackson, Lindsey Ellerson  
Theda and Will Hill Tankersley*

*In Memory of  
Rae Kreisman Selber  
Mr. Mandel Selber, Jr.*

#### **MARCUS MEMORIAL**

*Dr. Morris Capouya's  
95th Birthday  
Marks Marcus*

*In Memory of  
Josephine Baum  
Marks Marcus*

#### **RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

*In Honor of  
Rabbi Elliot Stevens  
Beverly Lipton*

*In honor of the Rabbi  
for the naming of  
Abraham Wayne Kaufman  
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*In Memory of Josephine Baum  
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Loeb, Jr.*

#### **SAMUEL L. SCHLOSS COMMUNITY FUND**

*In Memory of  
Josephine Baum  
Burke Schloss*

### **BIRTHDAYS**

5 .....Herb Scheuer, Jr.  
9 .....Betty Goldberg  
10 .....Karen Nyman  
11 .....Carol Weil  
18 .....Isaac Cohen  
18 .....Erin Sommer  
21 .....Charles Wampold  
28 .....Tricia Wool  
29 .....Bob Herzfeld  
29 .....Bruce Lieberman  
29 .....David Weinrib  
30 .....Pat Dees  
30 .....Bill Goolsby

**Birthday and Anniversary  
Blessings  
on October 3rd.**

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

2 .....Anita & Bob Reznikoff  
3 .....Lisa & Andy Weil  
8 .....Susan & Joe Finklestein  
8 .....Linda & Bob Herzfeld  
8 .....Susan & Michael King  
12 .....Mary Lynne & Jim Levy  
30 .....Lynne & Stephen Weinrib

### **🕯 YAHRZEITS 🕯**

#### **To Be Read 10/3/2008**

Jerome Levy  
Jennie B. Monsky  
Celia Diskin Neuman  
Sonia Schedrow  
Esther Ostrov Sklar  
Dr. Jack Wool

#### **To Be Read 10/10/2008**

Dorothy Jacobson  
Helene A. Sabel  
Ethel Sandler  
Caroline Moog Strassburger

#### **To Be Read 10/17/2008**

Kevin Michael Goolsby  
Reta Manasse  
Abe S. Monsky  
Sydelle Strickler  
Bert Weil

#### **To Be Read 10/24/2008**

Sanford Benis  
Frances Eisenberg  
Allan Gassenheimer  
Saul Ginsburg  
Herman "Dick" Loeb, Jr.  
Roberta Savler Lysaght  
Dr. Bernard Mount  
Julius Rice  
Rae Kreisman Selber

#### **To Be Read 10/31/2008**

Colson Perry Coleman  
Joyce Happ  
Burghardt H. Klein  
Marie Ullman Levy  
Herman Loeb, Sr.  
Dr. Melvin Rosenthal  
Kalman Shwarts, Sr.

## YOUTH GROUP

We had an adventurous time kayaking on the Coosa River on September 27th. We thank everyone for their participation and support. Thank you to all of the chaperones for ensuring the safety of our teens on this event.

On Saturday, October 11th @ 12:30pm the Youth Group and Men's Club would like to extend an invitation to all members to join us in decorating the outdoor Sukkah at TBO.

On Sunday, October 12th the Youth Group will be hosting a trip to Six Flags. Please RSVP to Danielle Berry, Youth Group President, at (334) 290-0445.

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## SISTERHOOD

As I sit down to write my Sisterhood article for October, I realize how fortunate we are as a congregation.

I have just come from our opening luncheon and it was lovely. There was lots of laughter, the food was wonderful and we had a fun crowd of about 30 people. We kicked off the year thanks to Joan Loeb and Ruth Rosenthal and their diligent planning. The cute football theme was a great success, and instead of a speaker we drew names from a football helmet of those attending. The lucky door prize winners were: Jean Weil (room fragrance spray from B. Barganier), Inbal Reinitz, our new Sh'lichah - who is very personable (a gift certificate from Panera Bread), Gay Winter (a dish from Jerusalem, picked up on my trip this past November), Ann Ball (dreidel from the Gift Shop), Alison Williamson (a lovely McKenzie-Childs cake plate from Klein & Son, and Carol Loeb (a beautiful silver necklace compliments of Ware's Jewelers. I want to thank those businesses and individuals who graciously contributed to our luncheon.

As you know, Rabbi Sally Preisand, the first female rabbi, will be here on October 24th for a special Shabbat

service. What better way to celebrate our Sisterhood Sabbath for this year.

Keep an eye out for a Sisterhood movie night. We'll keep you posted.

On January 24, 2009, we will have a special 60th Anniversary Dinner Dance. We will keep you informed as we have more information.

Please, everyone make plans to come meet Rabbi Preisand and share this very special Sisterhood Shabbat evening. We will have an Oneg that evening so we will need everyone's help! Let's show Rabbi Preisand how warm, loving and understanding the South and especially our congregation is here at the Temple. Now, you know what I meant by fortunate.

So, there you have it for October. It is going to be an exciting month. The Holidays are upon us and we wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year.

My best always,

Lisa Weil

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## Greetings from the Men's Club

We have a lot of exciting events coming up in the next few months, so please check the weekly bulletins for more detailed information.

On Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, the Men's Club and the Youth Group will be decorating the Sukkah in the Temple courtyard. The event will start at 12:30 p.m. and the Men's Club will be providing pizza and soft drinks. This event is open to every member of the congregation, so come out and lend a hand. Please call the Temple to RSVP so we know how much pizza to get!

On November 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m., the Men's Club will be sponsoring another Bingo Night. The Men's Club will be providing drinks and barbecue. All are invited. The world famous Stewart Applebaum will be calling the numbers! Bingo costs will be published at a later date, so save your dollars and read the weekly bulletin!

On February 13, 2009, the Men's Club will host our annual Men's Shabbat. The speaker for the Men's Shabbat will be announced later. The Men's Club will be sponsoring another Movie Night on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 7 p.m. Audio Visual support will be provided by the world famous engineer, Lew Nyman and his equally famous brother-in-law, Hal Cohen. Light snacks and drinks will be provided. We will be showing *The Line King*. *The Line King* tells the amazing story of Al Hirschfeld, creator of thousands of famous drawings of stars and celebrities for more than sixty years. Nominated for an Academy Award® for Best Documentary Feature (1996), *The Line King* celebrates Hirschfeld's many years of work for *The New York Times*, where his drawings were a centerpiece of the Sunday Arts section. All are invited and there is no charge.

And last but not least, on April 23rd, 2009 the Men's Club will be co-sponsoring a talk by bestselling authors Thomas Cathcart and Daniel Klein. The subject of their talk will be their bestselling book, "Plato and a Platypus Walk Into a Bar: Understanding Philosophy Through Jokes." Their talk is a not-so-reverent crash course through the great philosophical thinkers and traditions, from Metaphysics to Logic. All are invited and there is no charge.

I hope to see everyone soon at a Temple event,

Kent Long  
Men's Club President

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**Please note that  
Shabbat service for  
Friday evening,  
October 24th  
begins at 7 PM.**

TBO ADULT EDUCATION AND SPECIAL SPEAKER PROGRAMS

Special Event Speakers

**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.

**Tuesday, November 11..... 7 PM....**Guest Speaker: **Rabbi Harold Kushner**. Alabama Shakespeare Festival Stage. "Overcoming Life's Disappointments." Sponsored by the Rothschild-Blachschleger Lecture Series.

**Thursday, December 4 ..... 7 PM.....**Guest Speaker: **Avi Beker** on Judaism and Chosenness.

Community Forum Series

**Tuesday, October 14..... 7 PM.....** "The Coming Election: Issues Facing the Candidates - And the Electorate."

**Tuesday, November 18..... 7 PM.....** "Why our bills cannot become laws." Speaker Hal Bloom, who has worked with government for 30 years.

**Tuesday, December 9 ..... 7 PM.....** Ellen Brooks, Montgomery District Attorney speaks about a new initiative, "Helping Montgomery Families Initiatives" aimed at reducing truancy and behavior problems in Montgomery's youth.



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. on October 24th; 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 11<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

We want to thank Amanda Rainey from the (ISJL) Institute of Southern Jewish Life for presenting a very informative teacher workshop.

We would like to acknowledge and thank Lani Ashner for all of her hard work and dedication to the merger of our religious schools. We will miss her as co-principal. We would like to extend our gratitude to the Montgomery Kol Ami teachers, students, parents, and administration for their patience and flexibility as we continue to make changes for the improvement of our school.

**Consecration** for the Kol Ami Kindergarten students from Temple Beth Or will take place during the Simchat Torah Service at TBO on **Monday, October 20th at 6:30pm**. The Consecration students this year are: Isabella Capouya, Ben Harris, Cindy Kaufman, and Lily Lieberman. We encourage everyone to attend this very special acknowledgement of religious education.

### L'Chaim League

Get all the details about the upcoming performances at **ASF**, when **Susan Willis** makes her presentation **October 23rd** at TBO at 12:00 PM. This will be a deli lunch by Chappys. The cost is \$7.50 pp. For anyone that has been or would like to re-visit Hyundai, the **Hyundai Tour is Wednesday, November 12th** at 2:00 PM.

For our **Chanukah** luncheon this year, our clothing project benefits the Jewish Home in Memphis. Join

us as we dine in a new location. Would love for all of you to participate in these fun activities.

Linda R Smith

### THE GIFT OF MUSIC

Temple Beth Or has received a wonderful gift from the family of Morris N. Capouya in memory of Jeannette Capouya -- a full-size, professional quality electronic Yamaha keyboard. This keyboard should serve us well in offering occasional services in alternate formats, as well as during less formal events. Four services have already been scheduled between November and May using the new keyboard, with Becky Taylor on the keyboard and Bill Taylor as soloist. Watch future bulletins for details. Thanks too to Paul Freehling at Art's Music Shop for his generous pricing to help enable this purchase.

### COOKING FOR MACOA

Volunteers are cooking meals to be frozen for MACOA one Monday or Friday each month in the Temple kitchen. On Sept. 15th Susan Bernstein, Marlene Beringer, Lynne Ginsburg, Maxine Goldner, Diane Weil and Louisa Weinrib prepared spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans and pound cake for 50 people. We are considering expanding this to 100 meals.

Inevitably, there will be absences, so if you want to cook for this community mitzvah, please contact Susan Bernstein who is coordinating this effort. The next cook date is Oct. 13th.



Sukkot

Monday, October 13

from the Library  
October 2008

If you have been wondering why you haven't seen a library column in the last two monthly temple newsletters, it is because we've been experiencing technical difficulties -- namely the library computer decided it had labored long enough and it was time to permanently retire on us. With a dead computer, no book cataloguing could take place, since the online catalogue and processing software resided on this one machine.

We are happy to report that not only has a new Dell computer arrived, but TWO new computers will soon be up and running in the library. This second Dell will be the "pubic" computer and will allow users of the library to access the online catalogue. We are hoping that in the near future we will be able to move the catalogue to a web-based version that will allow it to be accessed from anywhere anyone has Internet availability (and in the meantime that the catalogue residing on the dead computer can be transferred to the new machine -- otherwise, we will be have to start anew with building the online catalogue).

We look forward to getting back on track and being able to report about new items added to the collection in forthcoming columns.

Eric A. Kidwell, MLS  
Brenda Kerwin, MLIS

INTRO TO BASIC  
HEBREW TO BE OFFERED  
BY RABBI

For those who want to learn to read Hebrew, Rabbi Stevens will convene a weekly class starting October 15. The class will focus not on conversational Hebrew, but on the basics of deciphering the Hebrew alphabet, with the goal of becoming comfortable in reading Hebrew texts.

The class will follow his weekly class -also starting October 15 -- on Basic Judaism. The Basic Judaism class will run from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. most weeks until mid-January. The class in Basic Hebrew will run from 7:00 - 7:30 p.m., and will run beyond January depending on the class's progress. Materials and a more detailed schedule will be provided during the first class. Pre-registration is requested for either or both classes, and there is no charge. To register, please contact Gina Friday at the temple office, 262-3314, or at [bethor@templebethor.net](mailto:bethor@templebethor.net).

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DONATIONS NEEDED

Are you tired of polishing those silver pieces at your house? If so, please consider donating your silver trays and serving pieces to the temple. Your generous donations will be greatly appreciated.



HEBREW CLASSES

We are excited to be able to offer a Hebrew Class for 4th grade students and up. Inbal Reinitz, our new Shlichah, will be conducting Hebrew Classes at TBO. Classes will be held on Wednesdays **from 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm.**

To register your child, please contact Sharon Berry at (334) 290-0445, or email at [daberry40@netscape.net](mailto:daberry40@netscape.net).

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MONTGOMERY  
COMMUNITY TRIP TO  
ISRAEL -- THE  
EXPERIENCE OF A  
LIFETIME

Plans are now set for the first community trip to Israel jointly sponsored by Temple Beth Or, Congregation Agudath Israel / Etz Ahayem and the Jewish Federation of Central Alabama. Between June 7 and June 17, 2009, we will follow an amazing itinerary throughout Israel, including programs, briefings and learning experiences with top teachers, guides and officials to give us a broader and deeper look at the triumphs and challenges facing Israeli society. This will not be your usual tour!

Brochures have now been distributed to our respective memberships. If you have not received yours, contact Gina Friday at the temple office. **Registration deposits are due now to secure the space we will need; don't delay!**

L'hitra-ot birushalayem -- see you in Jerusalem!

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URJ Henry S. Jacobs  
Camp Press Release

**September 15, 2008**

Utica, Mississippi – The URJ Henry S. Jacobs Camp is excited to announce that 2009 will be our fortieth summer serving the Jewish community of the Deep South and beyond! On August 8, 2009, Jacobs will be holding its Fortieth Anniversary Reunion at Camp.

In conjunction with our Fortieth Anniversary Reunion, Jacobs will be holding its first-ever Alumni Family Camp. The Alumni Family Camp, which is for out-of-region alumni with camp-age children, will be held on August 5-9, 2009. Children will get a full camp experience, complete with great counselors, great camp activities, and a Shabbat experience. And, their parents will also get to take part in all that camp has to offer – reliving fond camp memories, and experiencing how Jacobs continues to impact lives. We know alumni who have moved out of region wonder if their children would fit in at Jacobs as campers – this is a great way to get that question answered.

For more information, please contact the Camp either by phone (601) 885-6042 or email [jacobscamp@urj.org](mailto:jacobscamp@urj.org). Also, check out our website [www.jacobs.urjcamps.org](http://www.jacobs.urjcamps.org) for updates.

SHARING WITH THOSE IN NEED --  
TZEDAKAH GIFTS FOR  
THE HOLY DAYS

As a caring community, and in keeping with Reform Judaism's generations-long emphasis on social justice and repairing our damaged world, our Social Concerns Committee (Louisa Weinrib, chair) has selected five agencies suggested for us to support during these High Holy Days.

This year, as you enter the sanctuary for evening services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, you will find an envelope in your prayer book pre-addressed to Temple Beth Or, along with a card listing five opportunities for giving. You will be asked to take these home and consider making a generous donation to the agency of your choice. If you check off more than one agency, your gift will be divided; undesignated checks will be divided proportionately based on the balances raised. The agencies are:

**AID TO INMATE MOTHERS:** provides books and tapes for women in prison to read bedtime stories to their children left at home.

**MONTGOMERY AIDS OUTREACH:** provides medical care for poor HIV/AIDS patients in 23 counties, and prevention education for ages 5-seniors.

**MONTGOMERY AREA FOOD BANK:** serves 25 counties through feeding programs of established charities and churches and mobile pantries.

**FAMILY SUNSHINE CENTER:** serves the needs of victims of domestic abuse.

**CENTRAL ALABAMA LAUBACH LITERACY COUNCIL** provides assistance free to adult learners to improve their basic reading, writing and spelling skills.

NEW SOCIAL CONCERNS  
PROJECT: Bedtime Bundles

During the months of November and December, the Board and the Social Concerns Committee are inviting all members to participate in making Bedtime Bundles for the child victims of sex abuse handled by Child Protect.

Located in Mike Weinrib's former medical office on South Perry Street, Child Protect's region is Montgomery, Autauga, Elmore and Chilton Counties. Last year they interviewed 451 children, mostly girls between the ages of 6 and 12 years, and 98 per cent of them concerned allegations of sex abuse. Immediately on entering the building the staff gives each child a teddy bear to have and to hug.

After coming to Child Protect, these children go into foster care, and, according to Director Jannah Bailey, they have nothing to call their own, so they will be thrilled to have one of these Bedtime Bundles.

Temple members are to buy new pillow cases which will appeal to children (race-neutral, please), and into them put all new items: toothbrush, toothpaste, pajamas, underpants, socks, small stuffed animal, storybook, etc. The pillow cases should be tied with shoelaces, and labeled with a note that says for what age group and gender the Bundle is appropriate. There will be more details in the TBO November Bulletin.

We think that families will enjoy shopping together for items to go into the Bedtime Bundles. If anyone does not want to compile an entire Bundle, or wants to contribute money for this purpose, L'Chaim League will put together partial bundles or do the shopping necessary. Please feel free to go that route. There will be a crib set up in the lobby to receive and display the Bundles. We hope we can make this an ongoing project, or at least an annual Holiday mitzvah for the Temple community.

**For questions on above projects, please call Louisa Weinrib at 262-6155.**

**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.**



## OUR THANKS ARE DUE...

We extend our warm thanks and appreciation to those who provided such a magnificent Sephardic reception:

**Co-chairs:** Corinne F. Capilouto and Frances Capouya

**Decorations:** Peggy Mussafer

**Bakers and Servers:** Corinne C. Capilouto, Michael Capilouto, Kelly Capouya, Terri E. Capouya, Terri K. Capouya, Gaby Capp, Elliot Cohen, Felice Cohen, Ann Franco, David Franco, Lila Franco, Patty Franco, Rubin Franco, Jeanette Hanan, Joan Hanan, Lee Hanan, Richard Hanan, Gracie

Hanchrow, Charlotte Mussafer, Esther Scheuer, Erin Sommer, Diane Weil.



### Leaves for Life Cycle Events on our Tree of Life

Our Temple is proud to possess the Eytz Chaim, our "Tree of Life." This original sculpture is permanently displayed in the Temple Beth Or lobby. The branches of the tree contain leaves which can be inscribed to highlight or commemorate such joyous events as births, weddings, anniversaries, bar and bat mitzvahs, graduations or simply to honor parents, family or friends. Share your happy occasions by inscribing your family "Simchas" on our temple's "Tree of Life." This will be a permanent dedication to the meaningful and happy events that touch our lives. The price per leaf is \$250.00 for small leaves and \$350.00 for large leaves. Contact Carol Hart or the Temple regarding purchase.

### Rosh Hashanah Begins



Monday, September 29th

The Jewish Historical Society of South Carolina invites all congregants to register and attend its Annual Meeting, October 25 – 26 in Charleston, entitled "Jewish Genealogy: Explore your Family Tree."

Through lectures and hands-on workshops led by nationally renowned genealogists Karen S. Franklin of the Leo Baeck Institute, and Dr. Stephen Pl. Morse, creator of "One-Step" genealogy, the meeting offers participants – whether beginners or advanced students – opportunities to explore their family origins.

Call (843) 953-3918 for more information, or register online at [www.jhssc.org](http://www.jhssc.org).

*Bring a friend!*

### COMMUNITY FORUM

Tuesday, October 14th - 7 PM

"The Coming Election: Issues Facing the Candidates - And the Electorate."

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](http://www.jewishmontgomery.org).*

## Beyond October!

**Thursday, November 6, 7 PM**, Bingo Night. Sponsored by Men's Club.

**Tuesday, November 11, 7 PM**, Guest Speaker: Rabbi Harold Kushner. Alabama Shakespeare Festival Stage. "Overcoming Life's Disappointments." Sponsored by the Rothschild-Blachschleger Lecture Series.

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

**Tuesday, November 18, 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 4, 7 PM**, Guest Speaker: Avi Beker on Judaism and Chosenness.

**Tuesday, December 9, 7 PM**, TBO Community Forum: Ellen Brooks, Montgomery District Attorney speaks about a new initiative, "Helping Montgomery Families Initiatives" aimed at reducing truancy and behavior problems in Montgomery's youth.

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

**Saturday, January 24, 2009, TBA**, Sisterhood's 60th Anniversary Dinner Dance at TBO.

**Friday, February 13, 2009, 6 PM**, Men's Club Shabbat

**Monday, February 18, 2009, 7 PM**, Movie Night: "The Line King: The Al Hirschfeld Story." Sponsored by Men's Club.

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

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

## Sermon Titles for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur

**Rosh Hashanah Evening:** OUR NATIONAL AGENDA

**Rosh Hashanah Morning:** ISAAC THE BRIDGE

**Shabbat Shuvah** [Friday night service between RH and YK]: OUR INNER DIALOGUE, presented by Rabbi Stevens and Jenny Ives

**Kol Nidrei:** A TRACE OF SOMETHING

**Yom Kippur Morning:** THIS LIFE OF YOURS

**Rabbi's Discussion** following Yom Kippur Morning Service: SIN, SACRIFICE AND AN INSCRUTABLE GOD



*Sharon Benn  
and  
Gina Friday  
enjoying the  
Okra Festival  
in Burkeville  
on  
August 30th*

# YOM KIPPUR

Begins on Wednesday, October 8th

## 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.

# October 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>Sept. 29</i>  7:30 PM: RH Eve Service followed by Annual Reception	<i>Sept. 30</i>  10 AM: RH Morning Service  10:30 AM: Children's Service	1	2	3  Shabbat Shuvah 6 pm	4
5  Cemetery Services 9:30: Eternal Rest 10:30: Etz Ahayem New Section 11:00: Etz Ahayem Old Section	6	7	8  7:30 PM Kol Nidrei Eve	9  10:00: Service 12:00: Rabbi's Discussion 2:30: Children's Service 3:30: Memorial Service 4:00: Conclusion Break Fast follows	10  6 PM Shabbat Service	11  12:30 PM Sukkah Decorating
12  Youth Group's trip to Six Flags	13  9:30 AM MACOA Cooking  6:30 PM Sukkot Family Service	14  7 PM Community Forum: "The Coming Election."	15  6 PM Basic Judaism Class	16	17  6 PM Shabbat Service	18
19	20  6:30 PM Simchat Torah Celebration and Consecration	21	22  6 PM Basic Judaism Class	23  Noon L'Chaim League: Speaker Susan Willis from ASF @ TBO	24  7 PM Shabbat Service with Rabbi Sally Priesand <i>(note time change)</i>	25  9:30 AM Shabbat morning service and Torah study co-led with Rabbi Sally Priesand
26	27	28	29  6 PM Basic Judaism Class	30	31  6 PM Shabbat 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.

**High Holy Day Service Times**

**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 Nidrei 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*



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