

Temple Beth Or

bulletin

November 2008 ~ Cheshvan/Kislev 5769



A VIEW FROM THE PULPIT

The Web Beckons

As I write this article, I recall earlier milestones in the formative years of the electronic revolution – at least in terms of my personal experience: the first time I held an electronic calculator (1972), an amazing \$60 device the size of a book that could do the four functions of simple math; standing with some colleagues around the first fax machine we had ever seen, watching a test scribble someone far away had written slowly emerge from a telephone (!); playing with an early primitive home computer (remember the Commodore 64?), while reading that one day such devices would be able to communicate with each other. Now it is hard to imagine life without the resources this technological revolution has provided.

Thanks to a prodigious months-long effort, we are days away from launching Temple Beth Or's new website. The site will replace our current site at www.templebethor.net probably before the middle of November. We will include the actual launch date in our weekly email posting.

The new site offers features we hope you will find useful and easy to access, including calendar and contact information. It provides new and greatly expanded material on Reform Judaism, the history of Temple Beth Or, our rabbi, staff and lay leadership, material on Shabbat and other Jewish holidays, life-cycle events, and a "Save the Date" notice for future events. Our current bulletin is posted - in full color! - along with a growing archive of recent bulletins. Potential donors can learn about our temple funds and ways to donate, while those interested in mitzvah projects and other volunteer work can read about these opportunities. Our various constituencies – L'Chaim League, Sisterhood, Men's Club and Youth Groups – each have a section describing their activities, again with live e-mail links to be in touch. Visitors to the site can learn about the Blachschleger Library, adult education programs and the religious school, and review "Your Jewish Library" to see a suggested list of basic Judaic books for the home library – all of which are also available in the Blachschleger Library.

What makes the site especially content-rich is the material provided by the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ), the national congregational body of Reform Judaism; various URJ departments provide a huge amount of content, frequently updated, to affiliated congregational websites. In looking up holidays or youth group programs or mitzvah projects or just about anything else, many pages of our site are supplemented by URJ-provided content in a way that provides major resources on every aspect of Judaism.

There's more: Don't miss the page of links including to: the major national organizations of Reform Judaism (including the Religious Action Center in Washington); Jewish news sources in this country and Israel; Jewish informational websites - including the complete text of the classic *Jewish Encyclopedia*; sites devoted to children; and even several sites devoted to Jewish humor.

Our Board will consider proposals to create a members'-only site; other proposals to enable contributions, including dues payments, directly from the site are being evaluated. Some pages are not quite completed as this bulletin goes to press. But I am proud that our new website is as fine as any congregational website in the country, and express on behalf of us all profound gratitude to my wife Sandy Lynn who spearheaded this wonderful contribution to the life of our congregation.

Elliot L. Stevens



Celebrating Our 157th Year

ELLIOT L. STEVENS, RABBI

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TBO President's Message

I hope that everyone found inspiration, energy, and a renewed spirit during our High Holiday Services as we embrace the New Year before us. Many thanks are owed to Rabbi Stevens for all of his planning, preparation, thoughts and leadership during this special period in our Temple's annual cycle. I also want to offer my appreciation to those of you who participated in our services.

The Jewish Festival services that commenced after High Holidays were highlighted by the consecration of our new religion school youth, a complete "unrolling" of the Torah and celebratory dancing during the Simchat Torah service in the Baylinson Social Hall. I want to offer a hearty Mazel Tov to the following students and their families as they embark upon their Jewish education:

*Isabella Capouya
 Ben Harris
 Cindy Kaufman
 Lily Lieberman*

The planning and cooking has commenced for the 2009 Food Festival. Don't hesitate to get involved in assisting when a member of the organizing committee calls on you! There are a host of opportunities to help leading up to and on the day of the event.

As with my Rosh Hashanah message I ask everyone to reflect on how fortunate we are to be members of this wonderful congregation and ask each member to commit to making a greater spiritual, educational, emotional, volunteer, and financial commitment to Temple Beth Or in the New Year.

Best Regards,

Morris E. Capouya

BIRTHDAYS

1 Alan Rothfeder	12 Arnold Finkelstein
4 Bob Goldberg	15 Nancy Benis
6 Sylvia Levy	18 Andy Weil
7 Rick Beringer	19 Morris Capouya
8 Marlene Beringer	20 John Ives
8 Adam Schloss	25 Elliot Cohen
9 Mary Cahn	26 Sharon Benn
10 Gaby Capp	26 Robert Shinpaugh
11 Ralph Capouya	29 Robert Weil
	30 Sigmund Diamant

ANNIVERSARIES

7 Terri & Adam Finkelstein
 8 Erin & Bob Sommer
 14 Sari & Michael Capilouto
 14 Terri & Kenny Capouya
 20 Anne & Herman Franco
 22 Carolyn & Nikki Rothschild
 26 Eleanor & Richard Kohn
 26 Gay & Irving Winter
 27 Karen & Lew Nyman
 28 Bari & Joe Levin

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.

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In Memory of Virginia Weil

Shirley B. Beringer
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BLANCHE WINTER FUND

In Memory of Josephine Baum

Gay and Irving Winter

CEMETERY FUND

Commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Isaac Winter's Death
Gay and Irving Winter

FLORAL FUND

In Memory of Virginia Weil

Jim McDonald &
Eve Loeb
Bette Sue and Charlie Strasburger

Speedy Recovery

Bette Sue Strasburger
Jim McDonald & Eve Loeb

In Memory of Josephine Baum

Shirley B. Beringer
Roz Caplan and Ed Simon
Jim McDonald & Eve Loeb

Mazel Tov to Kathie and Raymond Cohen on their recent marriage.

Lisa and Andy Weil

In Memory of Josephine Baum Jeannette Capouya Allan Gassenheimer Irvin Gassenheimer, Jr.

Jimmie Sabel
Lisa and Andy Weil

The Memory of

Lisa and Andy Weil

Mazel Tov to Charlotte Mussafer and Raymond Cohen for being chosen as one of MACOA's Seniors of Distinction.

Lisa and Andy Weil

Speedy Recoveries

Bette Sue and Charlie Strasburger
Lisa and Andy Weil

GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUND

In Memory of Virginia Weil

Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Allen
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Helen and Joe Badt
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Beck
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Anne and Hal Bloom
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The Loving Memory of Isaac May

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Birthdays and Anniversary

Blessings

on November 7th.

GITENSTEIN FOUNDATION

In Honor of

Carol Hart

Rabbi Elliot Stevens

Gina Friday

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The Memory of

Anna Gitenstein

Mr. Adolph Weil

Ann & Seymour Gitenstein Foundation

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In honor of Marks Marcus's grandchildren's Bat & Bar Mitzvahs
Roz Caplan and Ed Simon

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Dr. Morris Capouya's

95th Birthday

Bob and Betty Goldberg

In Appreciation of Rabbi Stevens

Kelly L. Hayes

In Memory of Virginia Weil

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Loeb, Jr.

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COMMUNITY FUND

In Memory of

Virginia Weil

Burke Schloss

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION

In Memory of

Josephine Baum

Larry Baum

YOUTH AND SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Speedy Recovery

Bette Sue Strasburger

Shirley B. Beringer

Recent Death

Virginia Weil

ז"ל



October 2, 2008

Survived by husband Robert S. Weil and children, Virginia Ann Weil, Rosalind Weil Markstein and Robert S. Weil, II

♫ YAHRZEITS ♫

To be read 11/7/2008

Isaac Capelouto
Carolyn R. Drum
Phyllis Franco
Mildred Horowitz
Emily Hurt
Terri Berlin Meredith
Harry Stiller

To be read 11/14/2008

Irving R. Bean
Theresa G. Bernstein
Helen Diamant
Bertha Kaufman
Samuel Kaufman

To be read 11/21/2008

Edna Jane Bloom
Charles C. Cahn
Bernice Clein
Isabelle D. Goldberg
Diana G. Hanan
Reuben Herzfeld
Jack Loeb, Sr.
Milton Long
Louis Charles Neumann

To be read 11/28/2008

Bernard Eric Hanan
Alma Happ
Beatrice Feinberg Levy
Lucien S. Loeb
Julius Simon Marks
Michelle Sabel Moers
Peggy Simon
Leonel Weil

A Note from Lynne

Please consider the Floral Fund for your next donation.

Also, be sure to call Gina at the Temple to schedule your cooking times for the kitchen.



MONTHLY SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

Saturday, November 8

Our monthly Shabbat morning service and study program will be Saturday morning, November 8th. This informal service, which uses 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.

Food Festival Update

Plans are under way for another exciting and profitable Food Festival. The date for this year's festival is Sunday, February 22. Put this date on your calendar because we are counting on every member to participate. Lynne Ginsburg is chairing the bakery again this year and has already started planning with each food chairperson. We will begin cooking soon so check the bulletin and Friday program to see the dates we will be in the kitchen. It is a lot of fun to get in the kitchen with all of our friends and cook so plan to join us. Karen Goldstein will be contacting you soon to place volunteers so be thinking about what you want to do.

Susan Bernstein

L'Chaim League

Tour the Hyundai Plant

November 12th at 1:45 pm. If you have never been there, you won't want to miss this opportunity for an interesting outing. There is no charge for the tour.

RESERVATIONS ARE NECESSARY. We will meet at the plant.

The Last of the Ballyhoo

performance in Union Springs is offering a matinee at 2:30 on December 7th. If you would like to attend, please call Peggy Cohn or me to make transportation arrangements. The cost of the play is \$15.00.

In December, join with us for the annual Chanukah luncheon. The location and cost will be in the upcoming Newsletter. Our Chanukah Project this year will benefit the Jewish Home in Memphis. We ask that you bring along **NEW** personal items such as: slippers, sunglasses, hats, socks, ear covers, and gloves. A box will be set up outside my office, for anyone wishing to drop off any of these items prior to the luncheon.

Set aside this date: **January 13th** for the long-awaited book review by Rabbi Kramer on "As a Driven Leaf". This will be an afternoon gathering at Agudath Israel/Etz Ahayem. Desserts and coffee will be served and there will not be any charge for this event. If you have the time, we have the program for you.

Linda R Smith

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 November 6th 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 cost for dinner and one Bingo card will be \$10.00 with additional Bingo cards available for purchase for \$5.00. Call the Temple office to make your reservation.

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 18th, 2009 at 7 p.m. 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

UNION PRAYER BOOK SERVICE SET FOR NOVEMBER 14

Continuing a recent tradition to use the *Union Prayer Book* in worship on a periodic basis, November 14 has been set for our next service in the mode of Classic Reform Judaism.

Temple Beth Or's choir has been rehearsing musical settings composed by the great Italian Jewish composer Salomone Rossi (1570 – 1628). His "Sacred Service," a collection of songs to Hebrew liturgical texts, was first published in 1622, and constitutes the earliest known published volume of harmonized Jewish music. The style is Italian Renaissance with uniquely Jewish cadences and harmonics that characterize synagogue music of that period. Rossi, a court musician to the Dukes of Mantua, was the first musically-educated Jew to devote himself to his synagogue.

The combination of this music with the beautiful texts of the *UPB* should make for a very special worship experience.

from the Library

We are very happy to report that we are back in operation computer-wise in the library. While we were not able to reclaim the entire library catalogue, we did have a recent enough back-up file that we have not lost too much data. New books are now arriving and we will look forward to featuring some of these new titles in the December column. For November, we will be highlighting some of the titles in the cooking and entertainment collections and creating a small book display in the library. As we approach Thanksgiving, perhaps the library can help with some new ideas for your holiday celebration.

Lastly, we want to apologize for the unfortunate typo in October's library column ... in the spirit of this election year, though, we have decided not to take responsibility and to just blame the gaffe on someone else (!).

Eric A. Kidwell, MLS
Brenda Kerwin, MLIS

Scheduled Food Festival Cooking Dates

Nov. 9th. Rugelach –
Contact: Anita Reznikoff

Nov. 16th. Cabbage –
Contact: Corrie Long

Dec. 14th: Rugelach –
Contact: Anita Reznikoff

Jan 4th: Rugelach –
Contact: Anita Reznikoff (this date optional)

Cooking begins at 9 AM.

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

One of the treasured traditions at Temple Beth Or has been the annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, held jointly with First United Methodist Church. Our custom has been to alternate hosting between Temple and Church, with the “guest” rabbi or minister preaching. Last year, Rev. Lawson Bryan, senior minister at FUMC, offered a splendid sermon to accompany the beautiful service and choral accompaniments, as we expressed our individual and community thanks.

This year’s service will be at the church, on Tuesday evening, November 25, at 7 p.m. Rabbi Stevens will preach. Services will be followed by a reception sponsored by the church, and all are invited.

SPECIAL SERVICE SET WITH BECKY AND BILL TAYLOR

A real treat is in store for us on November 7!

Our service this Shabbat will be accompanied by Becky Taylor, as we dedicate a beautiful new electronic keyboard donated to Temple Beth Or by the Capouya family, as a memorial to Jeannette Capouya.

Along with the use of our new instrument, we will be singing a wonderful selection of contemporary Jewish music – some familiar and some new. These settings have been chosen for their singability, with the goal of congregational participation. If you would like to experience Reform Jewish worship in a new way, this will be one service you won’t want to miss.

The musical settings, many of which are used at Camps Coleman and Jacobs, provide a terrific way for our young people to begin learning our prayers; children should find this service a good entry point into

contemporary worship.

Becky, who holds a Master of Music degree in organ performance and choral conducting, is director of the Montgomery Chorale. While organist at Christ Episcopal Church, she prepared the choruses for the world premiere of a work by renowned composer Gunther Schüller celebrating the birthday of Martin Luther King. Becky’s current position is Director of Music Ministries and Choirmaster at Church of the Ascension here in Montgomery. Our new instrument is a Yamaha “stage piano,” model CP300.

Bill Taylor is a consummate musician who is comfortable singing in many genres. His has been the baritone voice in our weekly Shabbat choir for many years.

This special service is the first of four scheduled with Bill and Becky Taylor between now and May.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

I would like to welcome Michelle Skiba as our new co-principal of Montgomery Kol Ami Religious School. Much gratitude goes to Joel Cohen for his continued support.

Rabbi Stevens gave our Consecration students a wonderful welcome into their formal Jewish learning. Thank you to Rabbi Stevens and all who attended in making our Consecration service a memorable one. Thank you to Marlene Beringer, Shirley Beringer, Betty Goldberg, and the sisterhood for providing a wonderful reception.

Please note that Religious School **will not** take place on November 9th, 23rd, or 30th.

For questions regarding Religious School, please contact Sharon Berry, Principal, at 290-0445 or email at daberry40@netscape.net.

YOUTH GROUP

Thank you to the Youth Group Members, Men’s Club, and all who attended the construction of our Temple Sukkah for Sukkot services. We had a wonderful time! Thank you to the Men’s Club for providing our lunch.

Sharon Berry
Youth Group Advisor

Our joint Youth Group trip with USY (Union for Synagogue Youth) to Six Flags was incredibly fun! We would like to thank all the chaperones and drivers that made our trip a safe and successful one.

We thank the Junior Youth Group for their constant support and participation in BOOTY.

Jeff Herring (V.P. of BOOTY) and I would like to encourage all teen members of BOOTY to become active in your Youth Group. We just returned from NFTY (National Federation of Temple Youth) Fall Kallah at Temple Emanu-EL in Atlanta, Georgia. It was an amazing experience; 154 teens from Alabama, Georgia, Florida, and South Carolina together for a fun weekend of learning and growing together. If you would like to join Youth Group or have questions regarding future conventions, please contact Danielle Berry, BOOTY President at 290-0445.

Temporary Address

Bette Sue and Charlie
Strasburger
7171 Buffalo Speedway #814
Houston, TX 77025

EMAIL ADDRESSES

Did you know that weekly emails are sent out updating members of upcoming events at Temple Beth Or? We can also email the monthly bulletin to you. Please share your email address with us at bethor@templebethor.net so we can keep you current on activities happening at temple.

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 abuse and molestation 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; 98 per cent of them concerned allegations of sex abuse. Immediately on entering the building to be interviewed by staff and police, each child is given 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, a storybook, and anything else you can think of that is appropriate. The pillowcase should be tied with new shoelaces, and labeled with the form below (attached with a safety pin) that says for what age group and gender the Bundle is aimed.

Safety pin this form to bundle.



Fill a new pillowcase with items greatly needed by children at Child Protect.

Please tie you "Bedtime Bundle" with two new shoelaces, check off the items included, and safety pin this form to your bundle.

This bedtime bundle includes the following newly purchased items:

- _____ Underwear
- _____ Pajamas
- _____ Socks
- _____ Child's toothbrush
- _____ Toothpaste
- _____ Storybook
- _____ Other

Size _____ (ages infant through chil's size 14)

Gender: _____ Boy _____ Girl

If you would like to buy a storybook at Capital Book and News at 1140 Fairview Avenue, the staff there is aware of our project and can help you select a book from their attractive inventory.

In general, youth sizes correspond to the age of the child, e.g. girls's size 6 for age six, etc. "Small" corresponds to 6-7, "medium" to 8-9, and "large" to 10-12.

We think that families will enjoy shopping together for items to help frightened children in their time of crisis. If anyone does not want to contribute 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 of the Temple to receive and display the Bundles. We hope we can make this an ongoing project since the need is so great, or at least an annual Holiday mitzvah for the Temple community

For questions, please call Louisa Weinrib at 262-6155



TEMPLE BETH OR PRESENTS

THE BEST-SELLING AUTHOR OF
"OVERCOMING LIFE'S DISAPPOINTMENTS"

RABBI HAROLD KUSHNER



Tuesday, November 11th ♦ 7 PM

on the
Alabama Shakespeare Festival Stage

Admission is Free

*A full house is expected.
Please arrive early to ensure seating.*

★ *The Youth Groups of AIEA & TBO* ★

Will Be Hosting a Concert by:

"The Music of Shlock Rock"

When: Sunday, Nov. 2, 2008.

Where: Agudath Israel-Etz Ahayem
3525 Cloverdale Road, 36111

Time: Concert will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Jewish Continuity Through Music

Jewish Identity...
Jewish Awareness...
Jewish Pride...

Jewish Education

SHLOCK ROCK®



Tickets: Can be purchased in advance for \$10.00 each at AIEA or TBO, \$12.00 each if purchased at the door.

Concession stand will open at 5:00 p.m., hamburgers, hot dogs, chips & drinks can be purchased. Proceeds will benefit AIEA & TBO Youth Groups.

To make your reservations, please contact Joel Cohen at 221-0355, or Sharon Berry at 290-0445.

TBO ADULT EDUCATION AND SPECIAL SPEAKER PROGRAMS

Special Event Speakers

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, 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.

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.

SISTERHOOD

What a wonderful 60th Sisterhood Shabbat we just celebrated. For those of you who missed being with us you missed a treat. Rabbi Sally Priesand was very interesting and we had lots of fun sharing our southern hospitality with her. She was most appreciative. When it comes to helping out I couldn't ask for a more wonderful executive board. To those of you who were involved with the Oneg, my sincere thanks.

We have had a very busy fall and I would be remiss if I didn't thank those of you who have stepped up when asked to help. Our lovely Oneg for Rosh Hashanah was chaired by Charlotte Mussafer and enjoyed by all. We then had a scrumptious Break the Fast which was hosted by Susan Finkelstein and Joy Kaplan with Alison Williamson's help. The following week, Lisa Newcomb along with Marlene Beringer treated us to a wonderful reception of dried fruits, nuts and other goodies for Sukkot. It was a beautiful service under the stars. Betty Goldberg took on Simchat Torah with a little help from her sister-in-law, Marlene. It was Betty's first reception and if those of you who have never done one were to ask Betty, she would tell you that taking on a reception is really very gratifying.

So there you have it, our busy and fulfilling month of October. Our next event will be the Chanukah dinner,

probably Sunday, the 21st of December. Please everyone; try to come for this fun and delicious evening.

One more very important note, to celebrate our 60th Anniversary we have planned a dinner dance for Saturday evening, January 24, 2009. We will host it at the Temple and are busy making plans as I write. I hope you will all come celebrate this wonderful occasion.

The last bit of kudos I would like to pass on it to our tireless and always smiling Oz! Thank you for all that you do to help us. You are the backbone of "our temple." We all think the world of you.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

My very best always,

Lisa Weil

Address Change

Your Members' Directory was mailed at the same time as this bulletin. Please let us know if you have not received it as of November 1st.

Please make the following address change in your directory:

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Beyond November!

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 Initiative," aimed at reducing truancy and behavior problems in Montgomery's youth.

Sunday, December 21, 5:30 PM, 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

Wednesday, 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.

Monday, March 9, 2009, 6 PM, Purim Celebration.

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

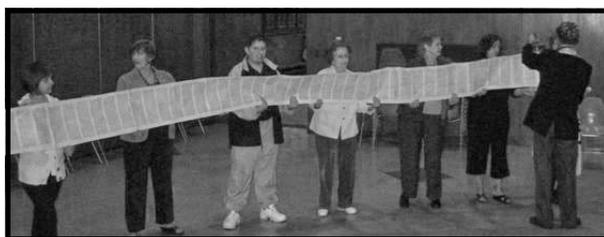
Wednesday, April 8, 2009, Dawn, We will celebrate Birkat Hachama -- the Blessing of the Sun -- at DAWN on Wednesday, April 8. This is only the third time in over 5,000 years that this holiday falls on the day that Passover begins!

Thursday, April 23, 2009, 7 PM, Guest Speakers: Cathcart and Klein. The subject of their talk will be their bestselling book, "Plato and a Platypus Walk Into a Bar: Understanding Philosophy Through Jokes". Sponsored by Men's Club.

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

Simchat Torah Celebration

October 21, 2008



November 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 <i>"The Music of Shlock Rock."</i> AIEA 5:30 PM	3	4	5	6 <i>Bingo Night</i> 7 PM	7 <i>Shabbat Service</i> 6 PM	8 <i>Shabbat Morning Service</i> 9:30 AM
9	10	11 <i>Rabbi Harold Kushner at ASF</i> 7 PM	12 <i>L'Chaim League tours Hyundai</i> 1:45 PM	13	14 <i>Shabbat Service with Union Prayer Book</i> 6 PM	15
16	17	18 <i>Community Forum: Why Our Bills Cannot Become Laws.</i> 7 PM	19	20	21 <i>Shabbat Service</i> 6 PM	22
23	24	25 <i>Joint Thanksgiving Service at FUMC</i> 7 PM	26	27	28 <i>Shabbat Service</i> 6 PM	29
30				<hr/> <i>Office Closed for Thanksgiving</i> <hr/>		



The Men's Club Presents
Bingo!

Thursday, November 6th, 7 PM

There will be a charge of \$10.00 per person which includes dinner and one bingo card.

There will be a \$5.00 charge for each additional card.

Call the Temple (262-3314) for reservations!

COMMUNITY FORUM

Tuesday, November 18 - 7 PM

"Why Our Bills Cannot Become Laws." Speaker Hal Bloom, who has worked with government for 30 years. Bring your friends.

Bring a friend!

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.

The Temple Beth Or office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 27th and 28th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

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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