

# Temple Beth Or

bulletin

January 2009 ~ Tevet/Shevat 5769



## A VIEW FROM THE PULPIT

### Exercising Rabbinic Discretion

One of the privileges and responsibilities of serving as rabbi in a community is the management of the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund. Having received some questions about how this important fund operates, I thought I would share with you my perception of how this fund may appropriately be used, and some of my experiences in responding to requests.

First, the Discretionary Fund is not a fund of the rabbi, though it carries the title "Rabbi's Discretionary Fund." It is a fund of the congregation, which receives tax-deductible contributions from members, or others who wish to support its purpose. It is also not truly discretionary; its use is restricted to charitable purposes, either agencies that themselves are set up to receive tax-deductible contributions, or individuals who have financial need. Thus the Discretionary Fund cannot be used by a rabbi for convention registration fees or professional dues or even to purchase professional books which the rabbi might find helpful in his or her work. The fund most certainly cannot be used for any personal purposes or benefit of the rabbi.

My practice has been to make donations to agencies whose work I support. This year I have done this in consultation with Louisa Weinrib, who chairs the temple's Social Concerns Committee. Together we have identified agencies who work locally, nationally or internationally, including Israel, and we have included agencies working both within and outside of the Jewish community. Many of these have come to us for assistance; others have been identified by us. We have also balanced these allocations against the fund-raising done during the High Holy Days and at Thanksgiving.

Here is a list of agencies supported this year by the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund: Jewish Children's Regional Service; Montgomery Chorale; Family sunshine Center; MAZON; Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life; Central Alabama Laubach Literacy Council, Jewish Federation of Central Alabama, Hebrew Union College General Fund; Henry S. Jacobs Camp, and American Jewish Archives.

In addition, I have made several allocations this year to individuals in need, where people have come to me in confidence and need help in facing particular situations. Combining all of the above purposes, the Fund has spent approximately \$3,000 in 2008, which is about equal to the donations the fund has received.

The Rabbi's Discretionary Fund depends solely upon contributions, and does not receive funds from the congregational budget. Donations are always welcome, through the temple office, and may be made in honor or memorial of anyone, as with any of the temple funds. A complete list of temple funds is available on our new website, at [templebethor.net](http://templebethor.net), along with a form to use in making donations.

Contributing to those in need, in whatever way you do it, exemplifies the finest values our Judaism teaches. Wherever you give, providing something for others should for each of us be a regular part of what we do and who we are.

*Elliot L. Stevens*



### **Saturday, January 10 Monthly Shabbat Morning Service**

Saturday morning, January 10, Rabbi Stevens will lead a monthly Shabbat morning service, including Torah reading and Torah study. Services including Torah study and a light brunch will run from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.



## Celebrating Our 157th Year

ELLIOT L. STEVENS, D. D., RABBI  
David A. Baylinson, D.D., Rabbi Emeritus

### Temple Beth Or Officers

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### Office Hours

**Monday** ..... **CLOSED**  
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**Fridays** ..... **9-2**

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

### **BEDTIME BUNDLES**

Temple members donated 33 bundles for children under the care of Child Protect.

Louisa Weinrib

### **MEALS ON WHEELS**

Next cooking for MACOA is January 12<sup>th</sup>. In December we produced 100 meals.

## TBO President's Message

*"Mitzvah" is one of the basic principles of Judaism. This particular time of year offers many opportunities for everyone to participate in a variety of Mitzvah Projects. Personally there is nothing more gratifying than contributing time, work, basic necessities, or providing hope to those less fortunate, especially during the holiday season where the effects of such actions seem somewhat magnified. I am proud to see the significant Mitzvah provided by our own congregants recently through the Bedtime Bundles Program, MACOA Meals On Wheels, or assisting the Salvation Army with providing a holiday meal. Whether adopting a family to provide them with basic needs or even fulfilling their "wish list" or cooking for the needy, these charitable efforts are the foundation of our Jewish heritage in which we must continually engage ourselves.*

*It was great to see everyone who attended our annual Chanukah Celebration on the first night of Chanukah. We had a great crowd! We were treated to a delicious meal including a "healthy" supply of Latkes. We enjoyed wonderful music, great conversation with friends and family and there were lots of crafts for the children (young and old alike). Thanks to all congregants who organized, cooked, and otherwise assisted in this great effort.*

*I want to make you aware of two special events that are fast approaching on our Temple calendar. Sisterhood's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner and Dance on January 24, 2009 and our Jewish Food Festival and Treasure Market on February 22, 2009. Both of these programs are special undertakings that need your support and you can refer to the details of each noted within this month's newsletter.*

*In closing, I want to offer a special thank you on behalf of our congregation to our dedicated staff, Gina Friday and Walter Osborne.*

*Best Regards,*

*Morris E. Capouya*

### **FLORAL THANKS**

Many thanks to Peggy Mussafer for creating the beautiful, permanent floral arrangements for the sanctuary.

Also, many thanks to the Gassenheimer family for the donation of the beautiful flowers for services on November 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Recently Deceased**

**Otis Vinson** ז"ל

Deceased December 14, 2008



*Former Custodian at TBO*

### **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.

#### **BAYLINSON ART FUND**

*The Memory of  
Virginia Weil  
Adolph Weil, Jr.  
Jimmie Sabel*

Jane F. Rothschild & Mario Castura

#### **BLACHSCHLEGER LIBRARY FUND**

*In Memory of  
Irvin Gassenheimer, Jr.  
Carol Weil Rothschild*

Jane F. Rothschild & Mario Castura

#### **BLANCHE WINTER FUND**

*Good Health  
Mike Winter*

Joe and Corinne Capilouto

#### **BUILDING FUND**

*The Memory of  
Debbie Marcus and  
Barbara Marcus*

Barbara and Robert Shinpaugh

*In Memory of  
Myron J. Rothschild*

Jane F. Rothschild & Mario Castura

*In Honor of Rubin  
Franco's Birthday  
Robin and Jeff Blitz*

#### **ENDOWMENT FUND**

*In Memory of  
Joyce Gassenheimer  
Joe and Corinne Capilouto*

#### **GROUNDS BEAUTIFICATION FUND**

*In Memory of  
Sam Lapidus  
Charlotte and Joe Mussafer*

*In Honor of Rubin  
Franco's Birthday  
Charlotte and Joe Mussafer*

*In Memory of  
Virginia Weil  
Charlotte and Joe Mussafer*

#### **VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION**

*In Memory of  
Paula Cynamon  
Charles and Dawn Cynamon*

### **FLORAL FUND**

*In Honor of Uncle Rubin  
Franco's 80th Birthday  
Corinne and Larry Capilouto*

*In Honor of Rubin  
Franco's Birthday  
Marie C. Berlin  
Regina Capilouto  
Frances and Ralph Capouya  
Richard and Jeanette Hanan  
Peggy and Maurice Mussafer  
Mr. Alan Weil, Sr.*

*In Memory of  
Josephine Baum  
Jane F. Rothschild & Mario Castura  
Charlotte and Joe Mussafer  
Peggy and Maurice Mussafer  
Mr. Alan Weil, Sr.*

*In Memory of Allan and  
Joyce Gassenheimer  
Jane F. Rothschild & Mario Castura*

*In Memory of  
Virginia Weil  
Peggy and Maurice Mussafer  
Mr. Alan Weil, Sr.*

*In Memory of  
Joyce Gassenheimer  
Charlotte and Joe Mussafer  
Peggy and Maurice Mussafer  
Mr. Alan Weil, Sr.*

*In Memory of Irvin Gassenheimer, Jr.  
Mr. Alan Weil, Sr.*

*The Memory of  
Jimmie Sabel  
Charlotte and Joe Mussafer  
Peggy and Maurice Mussafer*

*Good Health to  
Charles & Bette Sue Strasburger  
Richard and Jeanette Hanan*

#### **SELMA MARCUS FUND**

*In Honor of Rubin  
Franco's Birthday  
Marks Marcus*

*In Memory of  
Joyce Gassenheimer  
Marks Marcus*

#### **YOUTH AND SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

*In Memory of  
Sam Lapidus  
Rosi and Michael Smith*

### **GENERAL FUND**

*In Memory of  
Virginia Weil  
Allen and Patty Baker  
Ellen Cleary  
Marjorie B. Julian*

*In Honor of Rubin  
Franco's Birthday  
Anne and Herman Franco  
Jerry and Denise Marcus*

*Good Health to  
Charles & Bette Sue Strasburger  
Esther S. Labovitz*

*In Memory of  
Joyce Gassenheimer  
Marjorie B. Julian  
Laurie Jean Weil and Tommy Wool*

*In Honor of Rubin  
Franco's 80th Birthday  
Lisa & David Bercu Family  
Lan and Douglas Bercu Family  
Lynn & Ira Krumholz Family*

*The Memory of  
Jimmie Sabel  
Marjorie B. Julian*

*Happy Chanukah  
Jeanette and Richard Hanan  
Sandra and Alan Berman*

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

*Happy Holidays  
Rabbi and Sandy Lynn Stevens  
Charlotte and Joe Mussafer*

*In Memory of  
Joyce Gassenheimer  
Ellen and Ralph Loeb*

*Good Health to  
Charles & Bette Sue Strasburger  
Joe and Corinne Capilouto*

*In Honor of Rubin  
Franco's Birthday  
Sonny and Joyce Strassburger*

*In Honor of  
Rabbi Stevens  
Susan McGuire*

## BIRTHDAYS

3.....Eliot Capouya  
3.....Linda Herzfeld  
4.....Joseph Levin, Jr.  
6.....Peggy Mussafer  
7.....Ruth Rosenthal  
10.....Bette Sue Strasburger  
11.....Michael Behrman  
12.....Elizabeth Wahls  
13.....Nikki Rothschild  
14.....Richard Hanan  
18.....Elise Toney  
22.....Carolyn Rothschild  
23.....Rita Sabel  
26.....Herman Franco  
27.....Jane Rothschild  
27.....Deanna Sumner  
28.....Mario Castura  
28.....Diane Weil  
29.....Joe Capilouto  
29.....Jason Wein  
30.....Maxine Goldner  
30.....Florence Savler

## ANNIVERSARIES

7.....Jane Rothschild & Mario Castura  
16.....Robin & Jeff Blitz  
17.....Corinne & Larry Capilouto

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Birthday and Anniversary Blessings  
on January 2nd.

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## ♫ YAHRZEITS ♫

### To be read 1/2/2009

Sylvan Robert Cohn  
Martha Drum  
Sylvan Ives  
Bernice Loeb Levy  
Elise F. Shwarts

### To be read 1/9/2009

Hermann Berger  
Arthur B. Beringer, Jr.  
Gilson Capilouto  
Sophie Oppenheimer Hertz  
Morris Levy  
Myron Lobman, Jr.  
Carol W. Rothschild  
Helen Jane Uhlman  
Adolph Weil, Sr.

### To be read 1/16/2009

Bertha S. Abraham  
Beryl Cohen  
Simon Hertz  
Dr. Aviva Hoffman  
Amelia Levine  
Bertha Model  
Clara G. Mussafer  
Ben Neuman  
Bert C. Weil, Sr.

### To be read 1/23/2009

Samuel Alan Behrman  
Eli Cohen  
Leo J. Drum, Sr.  
Jake Feinman  
David R. Franco  
Irma Oppenheimer Haas  
Eli Hanan  
Joseph Hanchrow  
Irma Levy  
Myrtle Kaufman Loeb  
Eva Marco  
Faye Leving Shum

### To be read 1/30/2009

Albert Abraham  
Henry L. Abraham  
Rabbi Eugene Blachschleger  
Betty Coleman  
Bernard Horowitz  
Manuel Segell  
Irma Endel Spitzer

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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 December 25th, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Men's Club will be volunteering our time to serve food at the Salvation Army kitchen on Bell St. All who have signed up will meet at the Bell St. Salvation Army facility at 10:45 a.m. If you wish to volunteer, there is a sign-up sheet on the table outside the Temple office. You may also call the office to have your name added to the list.

On February 13, 2009, the Men's Club will host our annual Men's Shabbat. The speaker will be Col. Kobi Regev, Senior Israeli Air Force Officer at the US Air Force Air War College. 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 see everyone soon at a Temple event,

Kent Long, Men's Club President

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## SISTERHOOD

It is true that many hands make light work, and the best example of this is the wonderful help we get each year from the many volunteers who assist with the preparations for the Family Chanukah Dinner. From making latkes, to setting tables, serving and helping out in the kitchen, all of them are our most valuable resource. **THANK YOU TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU!** This year's dinner, held on December 21<sup>st</sup>, was an overwhelming success with many of our Temple family attending and enjoying the food and the joyful music provided by Becky Taylor. It was wonderful to see so many children along with parents and grandparents enjoying the evening.

Sisterhood's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner and Dancing is coming up on January 24<sup>th</sup>. We hope you'll make plans to join us.

The wine will be flowing, the food in abundance and wonderful music for your listening (and dancing) enjoyment. Please make your reservations as soon as possible by sending your check to Marlene Beringer (or at least by letting her know). It's a night you won't want to miss as we will have a special treat, guest ballroom dancers to dance with you.

As we begin a New Year (aren't we lucky to be able to celebrate the New Year TWICE?) may we all re-dedicate ourselves to even greater connection with our congregation, our family and our heritage.

Happy New Year and my best always,

Lisa Weil

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### L'Chaim League

If you missed it, *"THE" Chanukah Luncheon* was a hit! The food at Mr. G's was outstanding. There were 34 members in attendance, and a great time was had by all. The two door prizes that were donated by Peggy Cohn from the Temple Beth Or Gift Shop and Irene Kramer from the Agudath Israel\*Etz Ahayem Gift Shop were beautiful dreidels won by Louisa Weinrib and Ina Orange. We collected two large boxes for the Nursing Home in Memphis, and I am sure they were well received. Our next scheduled event is **Tuesday, Feb. 17th**. This is the long awaited book review of *As a Driven Leaf*, as presented by Rabbi Kramer. This will take place at Agudath Israel\*Etz Ahayem at 2:30pm. There is no charge for this event, and desserts and coffee will be served. **March, April, and May**, will be months to remember. We will go to the Hills and Dales Gardens at Calloway Gardens, Ride the Riverboat, and tour Jasmine Hills. Watch your newsletters for further details on all of our upcoming events. Join in on any of these fun activities or all of them. We welcome you all.

Linda R. Smith

### FOOD FESTIVAL

We are starting our countdown to Food Festival. Yes, it is only two months away. Be sure you have February 22 on your calendar. We have so much left to do, so join us in the kitchen to help prepare the food. Sometimes we even have a few crumbs to taste. Cooking dates are in the monthly bulletin and the Friday flier. Karen Goldstein will be contacting you to place volunteers. We need everyone to help so go ahead and give Karen a call to choose your spot. Look in your closets and drawers and bring those special items for the Treasure Market. Alan Weil is working to get the items organized. He may need a little help so give him a call. This is a wonderful; time to share with the community so I know we can count on your help.

Susan Bernstein

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### Religious School

Montgomery Kol Ami Religious School and Confirmation will begin classes at TBO on January 4th, per our merger agreement with AIEA. Our time schedule will remain the same, 9:30 am - 12 noon for Religious School, and 9:30 am - 11:15 am for Confirmation Class. January classes will be meet on January 4th, 11th, & 25th. **Please note that classes will not be held on January 18th.**

Thank you to our board members for the approval of new updates to our Religious School wing.

Sharon Berry  
Co-Principal

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### YOUTH GROUP

Thank you to all Youth Group members involved in volunteering to help out with the **Chanukah dinner and Camp Jenny Raffle kick-off** to include Jonathan and Abi Capouya, Sara Crowe, Jack Loeb, and Anna Stevens. Thanks to Joy Kaplan, Youth Group Board Member, and her husband Jared, for supervising this event.

Camp Jenny was founded in memory of a beautiful young woman and her short, but powerful life. Jenny Rosenthal, from Montgomery, Alabama, died in the fall of 1987 from injuries sustained in a car accident. Jenny was a girl, who spent many summers as a camper at Camp Coleman. She experienced new friendships and the inspiration that a camp setting can offer. In memory of Jenny Rosenthal, Camp Jenny was founded by her friends in the spring of 1988.

Camp Jenny, held at URJ Camp Coleman every Memorial Day weekend, strives to provide deserving children an opportunity to set goals in their life and to give them hope for a bright future in a fun, loving, safe and secure atmosphere. Camp Jenny exists through the fundraising efforts of Temple Youth Groups in the URJ Southeast Region and generous donations from Camp Coleman. Visit [www.campjenny.org](http://www.campjenny.org).

“BOOTY,” Beth Or Organization of Temple Youth, would like to extend our heart felt gratitude for your generous contributions in 2007. Over **\$4,000.00** was donated to Camp Jenny last year. This means that your contributions made it possible to send over **10 deserving children** to Camp Jenny.

*To continue our support of Camp Jenny, “BOOTY” is selling raffle tickets now through January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Cost per raffle ticket is \$10.00. You are encouraged to purchase as many as you like. Items in this year's raffle include a Flat Screen Television, Alabama Shakespeare Tickets for 2, Dinner Tickets for 2, and a Mystery Grab Bag. Winners will be selected on January 25<sup>th</sup> and contacted.*

**You can purchase your Camp Jenny Raffle tickets at the Temple office, or by contacting Danielle Berry at 290-0445.** Please make checks payable to **Temple Beth Or Youth Group**. All proceeds will go to Camp Jenny. **Thank you for your generous contributions, and for keeping Camp Jenny a memory that will last a life time in the hearts of those children that have the opportunity to experience it.**

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**YOUTH GROUP**

**MEMBERS:** NFTY-SAR Winter Regionals & Elections - January 16-19 - KKBE - Charleston, SC. Youth Group members interested in running for NFTY-SAR's 2009-2010 Regional Board, or attending the Winter Regionals, please contact Sharon Berry at 290-0445.

**NFTY CONVENTION:** Join hundreds of Jewish teens from across the country in a once in a lifetime experience! NFTY Convention is February 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> in Washington, DC. You do not want to miss this event! Visit [www.nfty.org/convention](http://www.nfty.org/convention).

**CAMP JENNY:** If you are interested in volunteering at Camp Jenny in May, please contact Danielle Berry at 290-0445, volunteer applications are now being accepted through January 9th, visit [www.campjenny.org](http://www.campjenny.org).

Sharon Berry

**Community Forum Program**

**Tuesday, January 13, 2009, 7 PM**

ISSUES IN LEGAL ETHICS, with James McLain, Esq., General Counsel of the Alabama State Bar.

James Anthony ("Tony") McLain is General Counsel of the Alabama State Bar. Upon leaving the Attorney General's Office in 1979, he entered the private practice of law as a partner in the law firm of McLain & Hampton. In 1988, he went to work as Assistant General Counsel for the Alabama State Bar. In 1995, he was selected by the Board of Bar Commissioners of the Alabama State Bar as General Counsel. He is a member of the Alabama State Bar, the American Bar Association, the Center for Professional Responsibility of the American Bar Association, and the National Organization of Bar Counsel. He obtained his undergraduate degree from Auburn

Cooking Dates	
Sun, Jan 04	Rugelach
Sun, Jan 11	Hamentashen
Tue, Jan 13	Mondel Bread
Wed, Jan 14	Mondel Bread
Sun, Jan 18	Hamentashen
Mon, Jan 19	Challah
Sun, Jan 25	Hamentashen-if needed
Mon, Jan 26	Challah
Sun, Feb. 1	Cabbage
Mon, Feb. 2	Cabbage
Sun, Feb 08	Latkes

Cooking Starts at 9 AM

University in 1974 and his Juris Doctorate from the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University in 1977. He recently completed a two-year term as President of the Cumberland School of Law National Alumni Association and was named as Cumberland's Distinguished Alumnus 2007. He has served as adjunct faculty at Auburn University Montgomery and Huntingdon College, as professor for the Cumberland School of Law Durham Study Abroad Program, and as guest faculty at Bahcesehir University in Istanbul, Turkey

**Rabbinic Commentaries on the Stories of Torah**

An old rabbinic maxim says of the Torah: "Turn it and turn it again, for everything is in it." In this class we will turn to traditional and modern commentaries on some of the most beloved stories of Torah – from the Creation through our patriarchs and matriarchs, the descent of Joseph and the Israelites into Egypt, the redemption from slavery under the leadership of Moses, and the giving of Torah on Mt. Sinai.

Classes, which will be led by Rabbi Stevens, will meet for 10 sessions on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m., starting on January 21 and continuing through the middle of April. Classes will last one hour. Check our Calendar for specific class dates.

Our texts for this class will include the classical commentaries of such luminaries as Rashi and Maimonides; collections of midrash, and modern commentaries reflecting traditional, Conservative and Reform points of view. It should be quite a ride!

Registration is requested so that sufficient materials will be available. To register, please contact Gina Friday or call the temple office, 262-3314.



Left: Susan Bernstein and Diane Weil with a "few" of the latkes from the Family Chanukah Dinner.

**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.**

Detach here to return to Karen Goldstein. Fold, seal and stamp and it's ready to go.

# Volunteer Now

for Temple Beth Or's Sixth Annual  
Jewish Food Festival and Treasure Market



*Please select the items which interest you and which shift you prefer:*

**Starting now and during the next few months:**

- Cooking at home (kugel or quajado)
- Cooking/Baking at the Temple (bakery items, Challah, stuffed cabbage)
- Putting up signs
- Being a guest on radio/television shows

**Week of:**

- Helping in kitchen on Tuesday
- Helping in kitchen on Wednesday
- Helping in kitchen on Thursday
- Helping in kitchen on Friday
- Setting up tables, decorations, signs (inside)
- Setting up in Treasure Market
- Packaging bakery items on Saturday

**First Shift**  
**8:30 to 12:00**

**Second Shift**  
**11:45 to 3:00**

**Day of:**

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|---|-------|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Selling tickets                | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Selling cookbooks              | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Selling in the bakery          | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Serving lunch                  | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Helping in the Treasure Market | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clean-up                       | _____ | _____ |

We also need your items for the Treasure Market. Please deliver to the Temple, Tuesday thru Friday  
Alan Weil, Sr. (281-1737) with questions.

**Please mail or drop this form off at the Temple office as soon as possible.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

All proceeds benefit the Temple General Fund.

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**Sunday, February 22, 2009**

**9 AM - 3 PM**

Seal here

**Kahl Montgomery**  
**Temple Beth Or**  
2246 Narrow Lane Road  
Montgomery, AL 36106

Place  
Postage  
Here

Karen Goldstein  
2026 Myrtlewood Drive  
Montgomery, Alabama 36111

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**Sign Me Up!**



# Temple Beth Or Library Newsletter

January 2009

## *from the Library*

Happy New Year! And as we approach the new year, we'd like to take this opportunity to remind anyone who may have items that have been away from the library for some time, to consider returning them at their earliest convenience. We would like to confirm that they are not lost and need to be considered for replacement.

We continue to process the most recent shipment of new books, so this January column will highlight a few more of these titles.

*Yellow Star* by Jennifer Gor: This semi-biographical account (based upon the childhood of the author's aunt) tells the story of the Nazi-occupation of Poland and of the girl who was one of only twelve children to survive the Lodz Ghetto. Intended for grades 5 through 9, *School Library Journal* called *Yellow Star* "... a standout in the genre of Holocaust literature" and *Booklist* gave it a starred review.

*While Standing on One Foot: Puzzle Stories and Wisdom Tales from the Jewish Tradition* by Nina Jaffe and Steve Zeitlin: Considered for grades 3 through 6, this book includes adaptations of seventeen classic tales and brings them to a young reading audience. This collection lends itself to group discussion because the authors have constructed each tale to include a pause where the teller sums up the dilemma of the tale and asks the reader what (s)he would do in the same situation. *Publishers Weekly* gave *While Standing on One Foot* a starred review.

*Jews: the Essence and Character of a People* by Arthur Hertzberg and Aron Hirt-Manheimer: In this book the authors attempt to define those things which ALL Jews possess. As *Publishers Weekly* stated in its review, "In a deeply felt, controversial study, the authors ... contend that there is a definable Jewish character that has been manifested in Jews over the centuries. They identify three core components of this reputed personality profile: the self-image of affirming Jews as a chosen people; Jews as a house divided, a fractious group with a history of internal strife; and Jews as the quintessential outsiders in Western civilization."

*Irreconcilable Differences? A Learning Resource for Jews and Christians* edited by David F. Sandmel, Rosann M. Catalano and Christopher M. Leighton: The authors of the ten chapters included in this book are Jewish and Christian educators who explore eight basic questions that rest at the core of understanding between Jews and Christians, including "Do Jews and Christians worship the same God?", "Do Jews and Christians read the Bible the same way?", "What is the place of the land of Israel for Jews and Christians?" and "Are the irreconcilable differences between Jews and Christians a blessing, a curse, or both?"

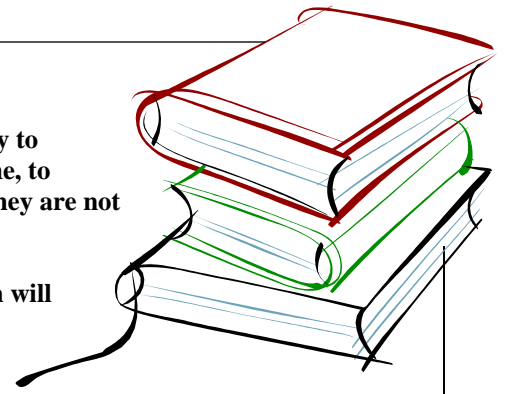
*The Empress of Weehawken* by Irene Dische: "Dische evokes human failings so skillfully that readers will catch themselves laughing at mankind at its cruelest and darkest." (*Publishers Weekly*)

*From Krakow to Krypton: Jews and Comic Books* by Arie Kaplan: An exploration of the integral role Jews have played in the creation of the comic book and the graphic novel, and indeed, the entire comic culture. Superman, Batman, *MAD Magazine* were all created by Jews, and those are just three of the many. Full of illustrations and intriguing facts, this book should entertain both the comic aficionado, the person with a casual interest in the genre, and the reader who is interested in popular culture.

*Vivaldi's Virgins* by Barbara Quick: Set in 18<sup>th</sup> century Venice, this novel introduces us to Anna Maria del Violin, an elite musician living, who having been abandoned as an infant, has been raised living in a founding home. None other than Antonio Vivaldi is her teacher. As she matures, Anna yearns to learn of her mother and where she comes from. Quick paints a picture of Venice in all its splendor and darkness.

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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).



## **TBO ADULT EDUCATION AND SPECIAL SPEAKER PROGRAMS**

### **Community Forum Series**

**Tuesday, January 13 ..... 7 PM.....** ISSUES IN LEGAL ETHICS, with James McLain, Esq., General Counsel of the Alabama State Bar.

### **BASIC JUDAISM**

Please join us for our last Basic Judaism class on **January 7th** from 6 PM to 7 PM. Topic: Denominations in Judaism and Modern Israel. Guests welcome.

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### **SEARCHING FOR SOUL, MUSINGS ON MESSIAH**

This month Rabbi Stevens offers two special adult education discussions, in addition to his evening classes on Basic Judaism and Commentaries.

On **January 15th**, we will explore "The Jewish Concept of the Soul." The soul has been the subject of much speculation in Judaism, ultimately conveying a very positive message of optimism and the meaning of life. The class begins at 1:00 p.m. in the library.

On **January 29th**, the Messiah will be our subject. While often thought of as a Christian topic centered around Jesus, the concept originated in Judaism and, in one form or another, has been a mainstay of Jewish theology ever since. The class begins at 1:00 p.m. in the library.

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Rabbinic Commentaries on the Stories of Torah. Classes will meet **Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.**, starting on January 21 and continuing through the middle of April (with a break during Passover). Classes will last one hour.

[**TOPICS: January 21**, The Creation. • **Jan 28**, Noah. • **Feb 04**, The Binding of Isaac. • **Feb 11**, Jacob and Esau. • **Feb 25**, Potipher's wife. • **Mar 04**, Burning Bush. • **Mar 11**, The Exodus. • **Mar 25**, Theophany at Sinai. • **Apr 01**, Golden Calf. • **Apr 15**, Death of Moses.]

### **Beyond January!**

**Wednesday, Feb 04, 6:30 PM**, Rabbi's class on Commentaries: The Binding of Isaac. Class will last one hour.

**Wednesday, Feb 11, 6:30 PM**, Rabbi's class on Commentaries: Jacob and Esau. Class will last one hour.

**Friday, February 13, 6 PM**, Men's Club Shabbat. Speaker will be Col. Kobi Regev, Senior Israeli Air Force Officer at the US Air Force Air War College.

**Saturday, February 14, 9:30 AM**, Monthly Shabbat Morning Service. Light brunch served.

**Tuesday, February 17, 2:30 PM**, L'Chaim League Book Review of "As a Driven Leaf." No charge. Coffee and desserts will be served.

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

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

**Wednesday, Feb 25, 6:30 PM**, Rabbi's class on Commentaries: Potipher's wife. Class will last one hour.

**Wednesday, Mar 04, 6:30 PM**, Rabbi's class on Commentaries: Burning Bush. Class will last one hour.

**Friday, March 6, 6 PM**, Rabbi Selig Salkowitz will speak Friday night, March 6 (guest sermon).

**Saturday, March 7, 9:30 AM**, A special Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Rabbi Stevens and co-led with Rabbi Selig Salkowitz. Light brunch served.

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

**Wednesday, Mar 11, 6:30 PM**, Rabbi's class on Commentaries: The Exodus. Class will last one hour.

**Thursday, March 19, 7 PM**, Guest Speaker: Ellen Feldman.

**Wednesday, Mar 25, 6:30 PM**, Rabbi's class on Commentaries: Theophany at Sinai. Class will last one hour.

**Wednesday, Apr 01, 6:30 PM**, Rabbi's class on Commentaries: Golden Calf. Class will last one hour.

**Wednesday, April 8, 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!

**Be sure to check upcoming bulletins for possible date changes and more information.  
You may also consult the TBO website for additional information at [www.templebethor.net](http://www.templebethor.net).**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 <i>Religion School &amp; Confirmation Class</i> 9:30 AM	5	6	7 <i>Basic Judaism Class</i> 6 PM	8	9 <i>Shabbat Service</i> 6 PM	10 <i>Shabbat Morning Service</i> 9:30 AM
11 <i>Religion School &amp; Confirmation Class</i> 9:30 AM	12 <i>Cooking for MACOA</i> 9 AM	13 <i>Community Forum: Issues in Legal Ethics.</i> 7 PM	14	15 <i>Adult Ed: "The Jewish Concept of Soul."</i> 1 PM	16 <i>Shabbat Service</i> 6 PM	17
18	19	20	21 <i>Commentaries Class: "The Creation."</i> 6:30 PM	22	23 <i>Shabbat Service</i> 6 PM	24 <i>Sisterhood's 60th Anniversary Dinner Dance</i> 7 PM
25 <i>Religion School &amp; Confirmation Class</i> 9:30 AM	26	27	28 <i>Commentaries Class: "Noah."</i> 6:30 PM	29 <i>Adult Ed: "The Jewish Concept of Messiah."</i> 1 PM	30 <i>Shabbat Service</i> 6 PM	31

*Sisterhood of Temple Beth Or*

cordially invites you  
to celebrate our

*60th Anniversary*

**Dinner and Dancing**

**Saturday, January 24, 2009  
7:00 PM**

**Temple Beth Or**

\$25 per person

Please send checks by January 15th to

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Cocktail Attire

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The Temple Beth Or office will be closed on Thursday, January 1st.

Just as an FYI – Gina Friday will be on vacation from December 29th – January 2nd. Office hours from Tuesday – Friday of that week will be 9 AM – noon. All efforts will be made to keep the office open and the phones staffed during her absence.

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