

Temple Beth Or

bulletin

July 2009 ~ Tamuz/Av 5769

A VIEW FROM THE PULPIT



Introducing *Mishkan T'filah:* *The New Reform* *Prayer Book*

This month I am extending an invitation to our entire community.

I invite you to join me in sharing a four-week worship experience with the new prayer book recently published for the Reform Movement.

As you might have heard, *Mishkan T'filah* was introduced in 2007, and has already found ready acceptance throughout the Reform Movement. With hundreds of thousands of copies already in use, a substantial majority of Reform congregations have adopted *Mishkan T'filah* for regular worship.

Here at Temple Beth Or, we have been using the new prayer book for our Shabbat morning services since November, 2007, and its very positive reception by those who have used it has led the Board to consider its adoption for Friday night worship. John Ives was appointed to chair our evaluation process, along with a diverse committee. As part of that process, we will be using *Mishkan T'filah* for four services, starting July 10. These services will be accompanied by our wonderful organist and choir.

I encourage everyone in our community – including those who might not regularly join us for worship – to attend these four services. Experience has shown that a valid evaluation by the individual

worshiper becomes more possible after multiple uses. After the concluding service in the series, on July 31, John Ives will chair a discussion of our experience, to provide feedback to the committee. My sermon topics during July, incidentally, will mostly reflect upon some of the thematic issues that led to the creation of *Mishkan T'filah*.

Mishkan T'filah – the name means “Tabernacle of Prayer” – arose from an extensive, Movement-wide three year study of how lay persons relate to prayer and worship. The study concluded that a contemporary prayer book needs to take into account a number of trends, and to meet needs identified during the study. These needs include Hebrew texts that are fully transliterated; faithful translations in elegant, contemporary English (unlike *Gates of Prayer*, which often uses thematic paraphrase rather than translations); gender-inclusive language, and texts that provide for the diverse theological perspectives of contemporary Reform, including for those who seek a closer personal relationship with God or are wrestling with their search for the sacred. The study also concluded that a prayer book should reflect developments in contemporary Reform, including the expansion of ritual occasions, a new interest in the choreography of worship, and the influence of Jewish feminist thought on language and imagery in referring to God.

Mishkan T'filah was created to fill those needs, with a unique new design, extensive optional readings, source notes and spiritual insights on

every page, and the largest section of music texts ever to appear in a book of prayer.

In the life of any Jewish community, the prayer book is second only to the Torah in the role it plays in Jewish life, and in the reverence in which we hold it. The prayer book reflects a community's ideology, and speaks to the heart and soul of those who come to worship. In Reform Judaism the prayer book has also served to provide perhaps the centralizing focal point for the unity of the Movement. Choosing a new prayer book is therefore an awesome responsibility, and merits our full participation in the decision-making process.

American Reform Judaism has only published three official books of prayer: the *Union Prayer Book*, first published in 1895 and revised in 1922 and 1941); *Gates of Prayer*, published in 1975, and now *Mishkan T'filah*.

The *Union Prayer Book* encapsulated Reform in its “Classical” period, reflected in the Pittsburgh Platform adopted by Reform Rabbis in 1885. The UPB had a universalist orientation – it rejected such traditional Jewish notions as peoplehood, chosenness, the personal Messiah, resurrection, and a return to the Land of Israel. It deleted any references to the priesthood and the sacrificial cult, and language or references which the editors deemed to be non-rational and unimportant to modern Judaism. It also defined a more disciplined and

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choreographed service, instituting decorum and set times for congregational participation – with most of the liturgy entrusted to the rabbi as reader and to a trained choir. In the first edition, the Rabbi was even called “Minister” to emphasize the universalist message!

Although the last edition of the UPB – the one we use here at Temple Beth Or – renewed an emphasis on peoplehood, many rabbis and congregations in the 1960’s began calling for a new prayer book. After the Shoah (Holocaust) and the establishment of Israel, a strong new emphasis and pride in the Jewish people became apparent, especially after the Six-Day War and the movement to save Soviet Jewry. Many Jews became more interested in exploring ethnic and cultural roots, reflecting shifts in general society. At the same time, the practice of highly participatory and emotive styles of worship in UAHC camps was filtering into Reform congregations, along with the use of contemporary language. *Gates of Prayer*, as an anthology of themed services, attempted to reflect these changes, though it never achieved the cohesiveness or beloved status of the great *Union Prayer Book*.

I see *Mishkan T’filah* as a worthy successor to both the old *UPB* and the interim *GOP*, and believe it will, if adopted, serve our community well over coming generations.

I look forward to joining with you in this important undertaking, and to our conversation together.

Rabbi Elliot Stevens

TBO President’s Message

I hope that this edition of the Temple’s newsletter finds everyone enjoying their summer with family and friends. The pace of activity at Temple Beth Or tends to slow down during this time of year and so does attendance at Friday evening services. However, I would like to request that you attend as many services as possible during the month of July in order to experience using the new Reform Prayerbook that the Rabbi referred to in his comments on page one. It is vital that every congregant be involved and heard in this process, so that we can make an informed and accurate decision based upon what our congregants want in their worship experience!

I want to congratulate Danielle Berry, Jeff Herring, and Jonathan Capouya who were confirmed at our first joint confirmation service held on May 29 at Temple Beth Or. I also want to thank both Rabbi Stevens and Rabbi Kramer for planning and leading the joint confirmation service which I have received many positive comments on.

Lastly, I want to thank Gracie Hanchrow and Richard Hanan on behalf of the entire congregation for their dedicated service on the Board of Trustees. I know they are both departing the board, but will continue to serve the congregation for many years to come.

Sincerely!

Morris E. Capouya

Recycling - A Refresher Course

What can we put into the orange recycling bag for the city sanitation to pick up?

1. Paper, including newspapers, letters, magazine, catalogues, cardboard. NOT plasticized containers, such as orange juice or frozen meals come in.
2. Glass - NO GLASS at this time.
3. Aluminum and steel cans. Please have them clean.
4. Plastic (clean) with the numbers 1 or 2 in the recycling triangle on the bottom of the container.

For questions call the Montgomery Municipal recycling office at 241-2925.

If you shred sensitive papers, DO NOT put the SHREDS in the orange bag, but take them to the Humane Shelter (for animal cages) near Gunter AFB.



MACOA Report

We’ll be cooking for MACOA's Frozen Meals program on the below date at 9 AM.

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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.

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

Monthly Shabbat Morning Service

There will no Saturday morning services during the month of July. Saturday morning service will begin again at the end of August.

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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*Happy Birthday
Janice Baylinson
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*In Memory of
Abbott Brand Walton, Jr.
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Birthday and Anniversary Blessings
on July 10th.

GENERAL FUND

*In Memory of
Victor E. Hanan
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Andrew Friedman's Bar Mitzvah
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COMMUNITY FUND**

*In Memory of
Victor E. Hanan
Burke Schloss*

BIRTHDAYS

- 7.....Michael Goldner
- 8.....Allan Pirtle
- 9.....Anita Reznikoff
- 11.....Gene Harris
- 12.....Mae Cohen
- 20.....Jeff Blitz
- 21.....Robert Weil II
- 22.....Pete Ginsburg
- 23.....Celeste Sabel Haynie
- 24.....Felice Cohen
- 24.....Burke Schloss
- 24.....Jean Weil
- 25.....Matilde Scheuer
- 30.....Suzanne Coleman
- 30.....Susan King
- 31.....David Berry

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2Carol & Jamie Loeb
- 6Clare Weil & Bob Weisberg
- 10Dawn & Adam Schloss
- 11Alison & Greg Williamson
- 28Marlene & Rick Beringer
- 29Barbara & Ronnie Leet
- 30Jenny & John Ives

⚡ **YAHRZEITS** ⚡

To be read 7/3/2009
Sultana Capilouto
Robert L. Cooper, Jr.
Faye Stamm Greil
Eugene Heilpern
Alex Marion
Diana Kahn Weil
Sigmund Weil

To be read 7/10/2009
Tommie Moses Coleman
Ethel E. Hallman
Ann Marks
Nathan Popkin
Selma M. Wampold

To be read 7/17/2009
Anna Stiller Anshel
Rebecca Sherman Blotner
Michael Deutsch
Louise Finklestein
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Carolyn Endel Printz
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To be read 7/24/2009
David R. Baylinson
Margaret Cohn Bonfield
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To be read 7/31/2009
Philip W. Bernstein, Sr.
Joan Baim Blach
Lillian Rosenbluth Miller
Mose Moscovitz
Gertrude S. Weinrib

MONTGOMERY SET TO WELCOME NEW SHALIACH

We have just learned that Yuval Katz has accepted an offer made by the Jewish Federation of Central Alabama to service as *shaliach* to the Montgomery Jewish community during the coming year. While a date has not yet been set for his arrival, Yuval will most likely be in Montgomery by mid-summer, initially for a one-year term.

Yuval has ample experience in youth, community and group work, including working with youth from abroad, and in planning educational and special educational programs. Most recently, he achieved the rank of First Sergeant in the IDF, serving in Israeli Intelligence. Aside from his strong interest in guitar, Yuval's hobbies including reading, writing, swimming, hiking and anything involving music. As part of his transition to his work in Montgomery, Yuval has had extensive conversations with Shimon Smith, who served as shaliach here from 2006 – 2008.

Yuval submitted the following greeting to introduce himself to our community:

The story of Yuval

Hello everybody! My name is Yuval Katz and I'm going to be the next Shaliach in the great community of Montgomery Alabama! I must say that I'm really excited and looking forward to become a part of this community and I'm sure we are going to have a great time together! I have already spoken to Rabbi Kramer and Rabbi Stevens as well as with Susan Bruchis and Diane Weil, and they were all extremely nice and welcoming. I'm sure that I'm about to find out that the entire community has these qualities as well.

Just so you'll know who I am and where I come from: I'm 22 years old and was recently released from the IDF after 3.5 years of service. I live in a small town to the south of Tel Aviv called Nes

Tziyona. I'm an only child and I have neither brothers nor sisters.

I have many hobbies, some of which you're going to experience very closely through various kinds of activities that I would prepare. I think that my passion for music is the hobby that sticks out the most. I have played guitar for more than 7 years now, and I also like singing. I enjoy music whenever I have some spare time, and my taste varies from jazz to American rock and roll and to Israeli folk songs. I also like writing of all kinds, especially creative writing.

I write poems and short stories; some of them have been published or read on different occasions. I like sports very much, and try to keep in shape. I mostly swim and run during my spare time. Languages interest me very much and I speak four of them: Hebrew, English, Arabic and Spanish.

I think that the first thing that must be kept in mind is that big term "community" consists of people first of all. That is why I think my most important goal is to get to know the people of the community. My e-mail address is yuvalkz@netvision.net.il and I would love to get any mail from you. Whether it is a question, suggestion, a tip for the upcoming year, wishes or anything else you have in mind and you want to share with me, don't be shy, and send me an e-mail. I would love to hear anything you have to say and try to give the best response possible.

Be'ezrat Hashem, we'll get to know each other more personally during the upcoming summer.

I wish you all the best,

Yuval



SISTERHOOD

Save the Date!

Sisterhood's Opening Luncheon is on September 10th. Details to follow.

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## **L'CHAIM LEAGUE**

**July 8th** is the date set that our featured speaker, Deborah Iskandar, will tell us of her worldly experiences in the art world. She is the Asian Art Curator for Sotheby's and has 14 years experience in this field. The location is at Ming's Gardens. Family style lunch includes: soup, vegetable egg roll, moo goo gai pan, beef/vegetables, chicken sesame, vegetable lo mien, drink, and fortune cookie. This will be an interesting and learning experience to hear about the world renown world of Sotheby's Auction House. Lunch will cost \$13.50 pp. **RESERVATIONS BY CHECK OR CASH ARE NECESSARY BY JULY 3rd.**

Our Outreach Program this year is hosting lunch and bingo at the AEHPA House. This is a retirement home for low income seniors. They are really looking forward to this event. We will provide everything for this activity on **Tuesday, August 18th**. Volunteers are needed to cook food, provide prizes, and set up for lunch and bingo. Call me at: 262-3314 to let me know what you would like to do.

In September, we will have a fun outing, and look forward to October when we will have our opening luncheon. Join in at anytime for any or all of these fun and rewarding activities.

Linda R Smith

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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Kol Ami Religious School is happy to announce that we will begin our **SECOND** year of school on **August 23rd** at **Temple Beth Or**. Registration and orientation will begin at **9:30 am**.

We are looking forward to an exciting school year,

Lani Ashner & Sharon Berry
Co-Principals

YOUTH GROUP

TBO & AIEA's youth groups came together on May 31st for a fun afternoon of paintball at Emerald Falls in Prattville. We are currently making plans for a camping and rafting trip. We appreciate the support and participation of all involved to make our youth group an outstanding one.

Have a safe summer,
Sharon Berry
BOOTY Advisor

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**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**

The ISJL Education Conference took place June 28-30 in Jackson, MS. We thank the Temple for the opportunity given to our teachers to attend this inspiring and educational conference.

Have a safe summer,  
Sharon Berry  
Co-Principal

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Directory Update

Please update your records to reflect Sari & Michael Capilouto's new address:

516 Sandfield Court
Montgomery, Alabama 36117
300-1831 (home)

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**Lost and Found**

A lady's coat was left at the Temple after the Annual Meeting on May 17th. Call Gina Friday at 262-3314 to claim your coat.

(This coat has not yet been claimed. Coat appearance: lightweight weather resistant, street length, gold color.)

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You can see these photos in color by viewing the bulletin on our web site at **www.templebethor.net**



**L'Chaim League
Riverboat Cruise
May 28, 2009**



Mazel Tov! Scott Waters, grandson of Al and Sharon Benn, had reason to smile June 20 following his bar mitzvah at Beth Chaverim Reform Congregation in Ashburn, Va. Congratulating him were his cousin, Alexis Rogers, right, and her friend, Erika Gribbon.

Mazel Tov! Seth Thomas Denney

High School Valedictorian
National Merit Commended Scholar
Presidential Scholar Candidate

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Heartfelt Congratulations From  
Grandparents Barbara and Robert Shinpaugh  
*plus* kudos to your Parents and Sister  
Michelle, Jeff, & Katie Denney



## TEMPLE BETH OR ADULT EDUCATION

### INTRODUCING THE PROPHETS

The biblical books of the Hebrew prophets are among the most beloved and spiritually meaningful writings we have. Many passages in the Jewish prayer book derive from these writings; indeed, the words attributed to Isaiah, Jeremiah, Amos, Hosea and the other prophets constitute perhaps the best known literature in the world, after the stories of Torah.

The prophetic period lasted for hundreds of years over the first millennium BCE. This course of five classes will present some historic background; discuss the nature of prophesy from a Jewish perspective, and read selected passages and commentaries.

Classes will meet in the Blachschleger Library at Temple Beth Or, Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.; each class should be about an hour.

**July 8:** The prophetic period in the context of Jewish history, the nature of prophesy, and selected readings to illustrate the prophetic method.

**July 15:** The prophecies of the three Isaiahs.

**July 22:** The prophet Jeremiah: His life and writings.

**July 29:** The prophet Ezekial and his mystical visions.

**August 5:** The “minor” prophets, including Amos and Hosea.



### Beyond July!

Wednesday, August 05, 2009, **Wednesday, August 5, 7 PM**, Adult Ed: Introducing the Prophets - The “minor” prophets, including Amos and Hosea.

Friday, August 07, 2009, **Friday, August 7, 6 PM**, Shabbat Service.

Friday, August 14, 2009, **Friday, August 14, 6 PM**, Shabbat Service.

Tuesday, August 18, 2009, **Thursday, August 18, Noon**, L'Chaim League hosts lunch for AHEPA House.

Friday, August 21, 2009, **Friday, August 21, 6 PM**, Shabbat Service.

Friday, August 28, 2009, **Friday, August 28, 6 PM**, Student Cantor Andrea Rae Marcowicz's first service at TBO. Becky Taylor accompanies. Reception follows.

Saturday, August 29, 2009, **Saturday, August 29, 9:30 AM**, Monthly Shabbat morning service with Student Cantor Marcowicz. Light brunch served.

Friday, September 04, 2009, **Friday, September 04, 6 PM**, Shabbat Service.

Thursday, September 10, 2009, **Thursday, September 10, Noon**, Sisterhood Opening Luncheon. Location TBA.

**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).**



#### TBO Members

Please contact the Temple if you're interested in blowing the shofar during the High Holy Days.

# July 2009

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| 5   | 6                                                                                  | 7   | 8<br><i>Noon</i><br><i>L'Chaim League</i><br><i>Luncheon at</i><br><i>Ming's Garden</i><br><br><i>Adult Ed:</i><br><i>Introducing the</i><br><i>Prophets</i><br>7 PM | 9   | 10<br><i>Shabbat Service</i><br><i>with Mishkan</i><br><i>T'filah.</i><br><i>Birthday/Anniv.</i><br><i>Blessings</i><br>6 PM           | 11  |
| 12  | 13<br><i>Cooking for</i><br><i>MACOA's Frozen</i><br><i>Meals' Program</i><br>9 AM | 14  | 15<br><i>Adult Ed:</i><br><i>The prophecies of</i><br><i>the three Isaiahs</i><br>7 PM                                                                               | 16  | 17<br><i>Shabbat Service</i><br><i>with Mishkan</i><br><i>T'filah.</i><br>6 PM                                                         | 18  |
| 19  | 20                                                                                 | 21  | 22<br><i>Adult Ed:</i><br><i>The prophet</i><br><i>Jeremiah</i><br>7 PM                                                                                              | 23  | 24<br><i>Shabbat Service</i><br><i>with Mishkan</i><br><i>T'filah.</i><br>6 PM                                                         | 25  |
| 26  | 27                                                                                 | 28  | 29<br><i>Adult Ed:</i><br><i>The prophet</i><br><i>Ezekial</i><br>7 PM                                                                                               | 30  | 31<br><i>Shabbat Service</i><br><i>with Mishkan</i><br><i>T'filah followed by</i><br><i>feedback and</i><br><i>discussion.</i><br>6 PM |     |

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