

# Temple Beth Or

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## A VIEW FROM THE PULPIT



Every year at Rosh Hashanah – can the High Holy Days already be upon us? – we read one of the best-known

stories in the entire Torah, the tale of Abraham’s test of faith known as “The Binding of Isaac.” Abraham is called upon by God to sacrifice his beloved son, but at the last moment his hand is stayed when he hears the voice of an angel calling out not to harm Isaac, “for now I know that you fear God.” Abraham then hears a noise behind him, and discovers a ram caught by its horns in a thicket; he sacrifices the ram in Isaac’s stead.

Abraham was so moved by this experience (as was Isaac, we assume, though the Torah is silent on *his* reaction!), that he gives that place a special name: Adonai-yireh. Literally, the name means “Adonai will see.” The Torah explains the name as the basis of a saying (Gen. 22:14), “On the mount of the Lord there is vision.”

Our commentators have speculated on what this might mean. Does it refer to Abraham’s vision, his insight into a new perception of God? Is it God’s own vision (“Adonai will see”), on the future of the Jewish people? Is it anyone’s vision – anyone who ascends “the mount of the Lord,” and develops new perspectives, new understandings? Is the ability to have a vision available only to those who climb mountains (as with those who ascend to consult gurus and seek solutions to long-ingrained problems)?

I would hope that the ability to have vision doesn’t depend upon a miraculous outcome to a trauma as great as feeling compelled to sacrifice your own child! Yet, in truth, having vision doesn’t come easily. Most of us, truth be told, don’t usually dwell in the realm of visioning; we devote our days to the agenda of the day, without giving much thought to the long-term, let alone developing a long-term vision of where we want to be, and create a life road-map for getting there. Our days are full, whether through the obligations we take on or through the many optional activities that attract our attention; creating a vision is somehow just below the radar, and never at the top of our list of daily priorities.

I suggest that, for the coming round of High Holy Days, we devote our thoughts not just to past behavior and the wrongs we might have committed to others, or the times we strayed from the mark of righteous behavior; nor should we restrict our introspection and prayer to an examination of the present; rather, let us metaphorically ascend the mountain, and see if we can have vision. One of the primary images of the High Holy Days is the image of judgment – God reviewing each of us to determine who shall live, and who shall die. In the biblical *Book of Proverbs* (29:18), we read: “Where there is no vision, the people shall perish.” What could be a more fitting theme as part of the work we do during the Holy Days?

Visioning is important for corporations, governments and congregations; it is also important for

families and individuals. The task is easily described – to redefine what we seek out of life, to review our long-term goals, to put short-term actions in a larger perspective, and assess whether our daily activities, taken together, are moving us toward the goals to which we aspire. More challenging, perhaps, is the habit of examining our current behavior or our priorities of the moment against our long-range vision. If our priority of the moment doesn’t match our vision, are we able to change or adapt accordingly?

I find myself drawn to the question in my own work as a rabbi, as I review my goals for serving Temple Beth Or, in terms of our education programs, our modes of worship, our relationships with our neighbors in the interfaith community, our very identity as the locus of our Jewish community. I warmly invite your participation in dialogue and conversation, and I always welcome an opportunity to meet with any member of our community (let’s do lunch!) as we move forward during the coming year.

Visioning is not just a process that happens once, only to return to the back burner. Ideally, it represents a way of life, a way of putting what we do and how we feel into a healthy perspective. The prophet Joel said, “Your old shall dream dreams, your young shall see visions.” I disagree: We should never lose the sense of being atop the mountain, with the view of Abraham and God, together looking toward a better future.

Rabbi Elliot Stevens



## Celebrating Our 158th Year

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

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or inaccuracies in the bulletin.*



### **Shabbat Morning Service**

Saturday mornings August 8  
and August 29, Rabbi Stevens  
will lead a Shabbat morning  
service, including Torah reading  
and Torah study. Service  
including Torah study and a  
light brunch will run from  
9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

## TBO President’s Message

We have experienced a significant spike in attendance during Sabbath Eve Services during July! Presumably, this is due to our piloting the use of a new prayer book for our members to consider using on a permanent basis. Whatever the case may be, I am happy to see our congregants worshipping together and enjoying each other’s company this summer at the Temple. If you have not had a chance to come to one of the services to experience the new prayer book, our final “piloting” service will be on Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. After the conclusion of the service, we will host a forum in order for you to provide your comments and feelings to Temple leadership about the prospect of adopting *Mishkan T’filah* for weekly use in our services. Please make every effort to attend.

Our student cantor, Andrea Markowicz, will be making her initial visit to Montgomery during the last weekend in August. I look forward to the new dimension she will add to our worship style over the coming months and I ask that everyone make a special effort to attend services and the reception we will host on Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup> to welcome her to Montgomery in our customary southern style. Many thanks to those congregants who have offered to assist with her housing, travel assistance, and hospitality. If you are interested in assisting the Temple in any way with the student cantor project, please contact Gracie Hanchrow.

I am happy to report that we will be publishing a new edition of our Temple Directory this coming fall which will have a complete listing of contact information for our members to refer to in addition to greetings from congregants and advertisements from local merchants. Should you be interested in placing a greeting or perhaps a professional advertisement, please contact Joyce Strassburger at 269-1049.

Best regards,

Morris E. Capouya  
President

## MACOA Report

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

August 10  
September 14  
October 12  
November 16  
December 14

## Recent Death

*Marjorie Beringer Julian ז"ל*

July 21, 2009



Sister-in-Law of Shirley Beringer  
Aunt of Rick Beringer and  
Betty Goldberg

### **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**

*Happy Anniversary  
Rabbi David and Janice Baylinson  
Peggy Cohn*

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

*Mozel Tov to  
Jenny and John Ives &  
Charlotte and Joe Mussafer  
on the birth of their  
twin grandsons  
Peggy Cohn*

#### **CEMETERY FUND**

*In Loving Memory  
B. Frank Loeb, Elsie W. Rubin,  
Charles S. Steinberg  
Joan S. Loeb*

*In Loving Memory  
Sylvia C. Levy  
The Sylvia Levy Family*

#### **FLORAL FUND**

*In Memory of  
Regina Capilouto  
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*In Memory of  
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#### **SAMUEL SCHLOSS COMMUNITY FUND**

*In Memory of  
Regina Capilouto  
Burke Schloss*

*In Honor of  
Jim Levy's 90th Birthday  
Burke Schloss*

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Birthday and Anniversary Blessings  
on August 7th.

### **BIRTHDAYS**

- 1.....Jack Abraham
- 2.....Jack Hanchrow
- 2.....Bari Levin
- 5.....Robert Heilpern
- 5.....Beverly Lipton
- 6.....Karen Weinrib
- 8.....Lynda Wool
- 9.....Jean Schloss
- 11.....Mark Mussafer
- 12.....Lauda Heilpern
- 12.....Daniel Weinrib
- 13.....Corinne Capilouto
- 14.....Sam Kaufman
- 14.....Louisa Weinrib
- 18.....Todd Aaron
- 18.....Alan Goldsmith
- 25.....Anne Bloom
- 25.....Dorothy Van Cleeff
- 25.....Lynne Weinrib
- 26.....Seymour Gitenstein
- 27.....Jenny Ives
- 28.....Dawn Schloss
- 29.....Micki Beth Stiller
- 31 Bob Weisberg

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

- 14..... Esther & Herbert Scheuer
- 17..... Susan & Philip Bernstein
- 17..... Myrna & Alan Rothfeder
- 18..... Barbara & Robert Shinpaugh
- 20..... Sharon & David Berry
- 22..... Dorothy & Jay Van Cleeff
- 24..... Kelly & Morris Capouya
- 28..... Karen & Bruce Lieberman
- 29..... Pat & Allen Dees
- 31..... Elizabeth Wahls & David Weinrib

### **Recent Death**

*Regina Piha Capilouto ז"ל*



July 12, 2009

Sister-in-Law of Joe Capilouto

### **Recent Death**

*Sylvia C. Levy ז"ל*



June 29, 2009

### **YAHARZEITS**

#### **To be read 8/7/2009**

Edward Abraham  
Albert Endel  
Jacob Koch  
Emily Rosenbluth Kohl  
Maurice Earl Kreisman  
Joseph S. Levi  
David Adler Loeb  
Emilie E. Strasburger

#### **To be read 8/14/2009**

Muriel Finkelstein  
Frank Happ  
Carl Hertz  
David Mussafer  
Harold Rothman  
Charles J. Schulwolf  
Sol Schulwolf  
Eugenia Snetman

#### **To be read 8/21/2009**

Max C. Baylinson  
Philip Eisenberg  
Myrtle Endel  
Morris Goldberg  
Jane Lobman Katz  
Louis B. Levi  
Pauline Reznikoff  
Blanche Landau Winter

#### **To be read 8/28/2009**

Nissim and Esther Capouya  
Constance Cohen  
Florence Goldstein  
Selig Horowitz  
Louis J. Shapiro

## 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 a.m.**

We are looking forward to an exciting school year,

Sharon Berry & Lani Ashner  
Co-Principals

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## Temple Beth Or Annual Food Festival February 21, 2010

Our Temple's Annual Food Festival has probably become the most important, non-religious event on the Temple calendar. It calls us all to get involved, contribute our time and talents, and be a part of the Temple Beth Or team. We have assembled a wonderful committee that is excited to bring new ideas to this event seeking to make it even more successful.

Soon you will receive a form asking each member to volunteer for a specific task both in the preparation phase as well as the presentation of this event as we welcome the public to our Temple. We will be requesting that members volunteer their talent, time, cooking skills or money. Regardless of your age or physical ability, we anticipate that every person will be able to find a way to participate. Our goal for this year is 100% participation in both phases of the presentation of the Festival on February 21, 2010 to both the congregation and the local community.

Please be thinking of how you can be of service to the Temple in both the preparation and presentation of this event.

Thank you in advance for helping in this endeavor to reach our goal.

Jenny Ives  
Chair

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## L'Chaim League

On **Tuesday, August 18th**, we will prepare and serve lunch, and call bingo for the seniors at the AHEPA House on Washington Street. It is located behind the Greek Orthodox Church on Mt. Meigs Road. These seniors live in this facility based upon their income. They are thrilled that we are doing this for them. We are in need of: **prizes (\$10 value), money** to be used to purchase plates, napkins, crystal light, cups, bowls, silverware, and **volunteers** to help the day of the event to help with set-up, clean-up, and bingo. Please call me to let me know what you can do to make this a successful **Outreach Project**.

Reserve your spot now - on **Tuesday, September 15th**, we are going to tour the **Southern Progress Corp** headquarters in Birmingham, and home to *Southern Living Magazine*. This is a 45 minute tour and should be very interesting. Afterwards, we will have lunch at **Max's Deli** in the Colnade Shopping Center in Mountain Brook. They offer **homemade**: chopped liver, knishes, matzah ball soup, to name just a few "treats." This will remind you of one of your favorite New York delis. There is **no charge for the tour** and lunch will be your own responsibility. In order to ensure we have enough drivers, please let me know as soon as you can if you would like to join in on this adventure. Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Linda R Smith

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## TEMPLE BETH OR LIBRARY RECEIVES INDEFINITE LOAN OF RARE BOOKS

Temple Mishkan Israel in Selma, Alabama, has transferred 26 volumes from their library to the Blachschleger Library at Temple Beth Or. Rabbi Stevens, in meeting with Hanna Berger and with Ed Ember, president of Temple Mishkan Israel in Selma, Alabama, has arranged for the transfer of 26 books from TMI to the Blachschleger Library at Temple Beth Or. These volumes, including very rare copies of the first Reform prayer books compiled by a rabbi and published in North America in the mid-19th century, and a rare leather-bound first printing of Graetz's 6-volume History of the Jews (1891), are to be housed at TBO for safe-keeping. On visiting Selma last spring, Rabbi Stevens discovered that the declining condition of Temple Mishkan Israel had led to significant mold and mildew damage to a large proportion of the books in the rabbi's office there; TMI, with only a few members remaining in this historic and once-thriving Jewish community, hasn't had a full-time rabbi in decades. During his visit there July 23, Rabbi Stevens identified volumes of historic and Reform interest whose condition was relatively unaffected by this damage, and worth saving. Some of these volumes, including a Jewish history by Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise (institutional founder of American Reform), have detached covers and need some repair, but are otherwise relatively clean.

After reviewing these holdings with Dr. Eric Kidwell, TBO's librarian, the rarest books will be housed in our temple's showcase; housing of the others is under discussion, but all of these volumes will be listed in our catalogue with notes indicating this long-term loan. We are grateful for the opportunity to house these volumes in our library.

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### **from the Library**

For the next few monthly columns we'll focus on some of the titles in the periodicals collection of the temple library.

*The International Jerusalem Post*: A weekly newspaper that is directed toward an overseas readership, the *International Jerusalem Post* provides expansive coverage of news stories from the Middle East, opinion pieces, coverage of Israeli society and culture, including book reviews and food, as well as a classifieds section that includes real estate listings (in case you are looking for a penthouse apartment in Jerusalem for \$1,100,000 USD). Its companion web site, which contains much more content, can be found at [www.jpost.com](http://www.jpost.com).

*Deep South Jewish Voice*: With its stated philosophy to "... link the Jewish communities of the Deep South, to tell you the fascinating stories of one another, and to document and preserve the news of events large and small, all a part of the rich culture of Southern Jewry," this bi-monthly newspaper is an eclectic resource for keeping abreast of what is going on in the Jewish South (the cover story of the July issues is about the rebuilding of the Mississippi Gulf Coast's Beth Israel synagogue). Columns include regional news and the arts, real estate, legal news, technology, and cooking. Its companion web site can be found at [www.dsJV.com](http://www.dsJV.com).

*Forward*: Founded in the late 1800s originally as a Yiddish newspaper (today it is published both in Yiddish and English), *Forward* is considered a publication with a more liberal leaning in its commentary and analysis. Its companion web site at [www.forward.com](http://www.forward.com), provides access to both English and Yiddish editions. National and international coverage of issues is provided, as is the newspaper mainstays of art and culture and the "Forward Forum" for editorials and opinion letters. The July 24, issue includes an article on Mohamed Hawary, professor of Hebrew Studies and Jewish Thought at Ain Shams University in Egypt.

Eric A. Kidwell, MLS



### **AN EVENING WITH YUVAL & SHIMON**

Join us for a very special evening on Thursday, August 20.

Shimon Smith, our community shaliach from Israel for 2006 – 2008, returns to Montgomery for a limited "engagement" – an evening of fun, reminiscences, and lots of singing.



But that's not all! Yuval Katz, our new shaliach for the coming year, will be with us, having just arrived the prior week from Israel. Join us at Temple Beth Or to welcome Yuval into our midst, even as we renew connections with Shimon.

The evening starts at 6:00 in the TBO Baylinson Social Hall, with vegetarian pizza and salad.

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### **Sisterhood**

August, the dog days of summer and the only way to stay cool is to be inside; which means writing this article is a pleasure. We, the executive board have met this summer and have been busy filling our committee positions. We welcome everyone's help so please feel free to let me or one of our vice presidents, Carol Loeb or Marlene Beringer know that you would like to help.

The big news I want to let everyone, not just sisterhood members, know is that we are going to be selling Carnegie Deli cheesecakes as our fundraiser this fall. We are going to need everyone's help to make this successful. We will begin taking orders in early September and plan to have them delivered before Thanksgiving.

Have a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing everyone in September.

My Very Best,  
Lisa



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).

**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.**

## MEET STUDENT CANTOR ANDREA RAE MARKOWICZ



Student Cantor Andrea Marcowicz

Student Cantor Markowicz joins us for her first Shabbat in Montgomery August 28-30. She will co-lead Shabbat services with Rabbi Stevens on Friday night, accompanied by Becky Taylor, followed by a reception; on Shabbat morning, Andrea Rae will co-lead the service, accompanied by our new shaliach, Yuval Katz, on the guitar. Then, on Sunday morning, Andrea Rae will lead a children's service during the Kol Ami religious school.

Andrea Rae Markowicz has an extraordinarily diverse background. Now in her second year at the School of Sacred Music of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York, Ms. Markowicz has an extensive background in music, both secular and liturgical, Jewish education and youth work. She holds a Master's degree from The Cleveland Institute of Music and a Bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan, both in Voice

Performance. Prior to beginning her studies at HUC-JIR she has served as Cantorial Soloist at Central Synagogue of NYC, Temple Sinai of Long Island, Temple Shomer Emunim in Sylvania, OH, and Congregation Agudath B'nai Israel in Lorain, OH, in addition to other Jewish related musical activities here and in Israel. Andrea will be visiting Montgomery monthly, beginning in August, through May 2010. During these visits she will co-lead services on Friday night and Shabbat morning, and participate in the Kol Ami Religious School on Sunday mornings, as well as at various holidays and special events.

A professional singer based in New York, she is a member of Actors Equity Association (AEA) and the American Guild of Musical Artists (AGMA). Concert performances include: several performances around the country, including a performance in Atlanta as part of the Martin Luther King Jr birthday remembrance celebration, of Burton Beerman's *TIKVAH: A CONCERT OF HOPE, ENLIGHTENMENT & REMEMBRANCE*, inspired by the writings of her grandfather, Philip Markowicz, a Holocaust survivor and Torah scholar; *LAKOL Z'MAN: TO EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON*, featuring a world premiere composition by Hazzan Gerald Cohen; guest artist with Israel's Ra'anana Symphonette during its US tour; and the concert inaugurating the new house of worship for Congregation B'nai Israel in Toledo, OH. She has toured Israel as Abigail Adams in *1776* with Israel Musicals; and the USA with *CAMELOT*, starring Robert Goulet, and as Meip Gies in the original cast of the musical *ANNE FRANK: A VOICE HEARD*. NYC credits include Carnegie Hall in *NOEL COWARD'S CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION*, Radio City Music Hall for the live national network broadcast of *The ESPY AWARDS*, and various Off-Broadway and Off-Off Broadway productions including *Queen Vashti* in the premiere of the musical *ESTHER: QUEEN OF PERSIA*. Some favorite USA Regional credits are *FIDDLER ON THE ROOF* (*Hodel*), *GUYS AND DOLLS* (*Sarah Brown*), *OVER THE MOON WITH GILBERT AND SULLIVAN* (*Marion Terry*), *THE MAGIC FLUTE* (*Papagena*), *RUDDIGORE* (*Rose Maybud*), *THE BOYFRIEND* (*Polly Browne*), *THE MIKADO* (*Peep Bo*), Tessa in *THE GONDOLIERS*, and lead soloist in Andrew Lloyd Webber's *MUSIC OF THE NIGHT* and Cameron Mackintosh's *ENCORE, MR. PRODUCER!*



## CONGRATULATIONS

to parents, Natalie and Mark Mussafer,  
grandparents Jenny and John Ives, Charlotte  
and Joe Mussafer on the birth of

**Jacob Elliott Mussafer  
&  
Evan Russell Mussafer**

Born Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup>

(photograph is from bris)

## **CHARLES BRONFMAN TO SPEAK AT TEMPLE**

### **Leading Philanthropist to Speak on “The Art of Giving: Where the Soul Meets a Business Plan”**

Charles Bronfman, one of the premier Jewish leaders and a renowned philanthropist, will speak at Temple Beth Or on Wednesday, November 4, at 7:00 p.m. Bronfman chairs the Andrea and Charles Bronfman Philanthropies, Inc., a family of charitable foundations operating in Israel, the U.S.A. and Canada, and he will be sharing his presentation with Dr. Jeffrey Solomon, president of Bronfman Philanthropies.

Their talk will share the wisdom of Bronfman’s lifetime in philanthropy, as described in a forthcoming book Bronfman has co-authored with Dr. Solomon. This book, to be published in 2010, is called “The Art of Giving: Where the Soul Meets a Business Plan.” It is aimed at two audiences: The first consists of heads and executives of agencies seeking guidance in structuring a campaign. The second consists of potential donors who seek guidance in planning their own giving, including financial and tax consequences.

Charles Bronfman founded, together with Michael Steinhardt, Birthright Israel, a program which provides a free, educational travel experience to Israel for young Jewish adults aged 18 to 26. Bronfman is also responsible for the Charles Bronfman Prize, honoring individuals for their humanitarian contributions. Bronfman was a founding co-chairman of Historica, producers of the Heritage Minutes series of television shorts. From November 1997 until July 2002, Bronfman was the Chairman of the Board of Koor Industries, one of Israel’s largest investment holding companies. He is the co-chairman of the McGill Institute for the Study of Canada. From 1999 to 2001, Bronfman was the first Chairman of the United Jewish Communities, the merged North American organization comprising United Jewish Appeal, the Council of Jewish Federations and United Israel Appeal. He is a former Co-Chairman of the Seagram Company Ltd.

If you have been active in philanthropy, whether as a giver or with an interest in a better understanding of how philanthropy works and what motivates givers to give – or if you are interested in hearing one of the leading figures on the Jewish scene today – you should make plans to attend this program.

Please note: Community interest in this program will be high, and we expect a “sell-out” attendance. Please RSVP to Gina Friday (262-3314) or [bethor@templebethor.net](mailto:bethor@templebethor.net), and be sure to come early for the best seating. The program is open to all, and is offered without charge.



### **Mazel Tov to Carol Hart on the birth of two great-grandchildren.**

(L) Mack Schwartzwald, born June 13, 2009,

(R) Layla Klehr, born May 2, 2009.



**On Sunday, August 23rd, from  
9:30 AM - 12 Noon you are invited to  
enjoy a cup of coffee and biscotti while  
you browse and shop  
Temple Beth Or's Sisterhood Gift Shop**



**Beautiful Judaic items for you and your family**



**Bar and bat mitzvah gifts**

**Wedding and anniversary gifts**

**Hostess gifts**

**Shabbat candlesticks**

**Kiddish cups**

**Large selection of menorahs**

**Beautiful jewelry**

**Ellis Island dolls**



**Many items will be on sale only the morning of August 23rd.**

**Come One Come All For a Back to School and  
Back to Shul Welcome!**



**SHALOM!**





## **RABBI TO OFFER CLASSES ON “CRITICAL MORAL ISSUES OF OUR TIME”**

Rabbi Stevens has announced a new series of classes on contemporary moral dilemmas. These classes will convene on Tuesday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. in the Blachschleger Library at Temple Beth Or, and should last about an hour. Each class will look at some of our classic Jewish texts, and apply those texts to some of the critical issues of our time.

August 20: “JUDAISM AND MONEY”: How do we know when we have enough? Too much? Is it okay to be wealthy? What are we obligated to do with our money? How much are we supposed to give to charity? Can Jewish charitable institutions accept money that may be “tainted”? How big a role should income play in our identity, in our life plan, in our pursuit of happiness?

August 27: ‘JUDAISM AND POWER’: How do we use power once we've gained it? Is it completely for our individual benefit, or do we use it to help our neighborhoods, or society at large? What kinds of decisions must CEOs and business owners make regarding suppliers and customers? How should bosses treat workers? Teachers treat students? Parents treat children? Government treat citizens?

September 8: “JUDAISM AND THE BODY”: What are our obligations and rights to our own bodies? What does Judaism say about tattoos? Piercings? About our obligations to exercise and eat properly? What about smoking? Alcohol? Who owns our organs? What about our eggs and sperm? How do we make decisions in the context of limited resources? Why do so many young Jews suffer from eating disorders?

PLEASE NOTE: An excellent resource, for those who would like to do some advance reading for these classes, is a series of softcover books covering these themes published by Jewish Publication Society of America. The series is *Jewish Choices, Jewish Voices*, co-edited by Louis E. Newmsn and Rabbi Elliot N. Dorff; each volume on the above themes is \$16.00 from JPS at 1.800.234.3151.

## **TEMPLE BETH OR ADULT EDUCATION**

### **INTRODUCING THE PROPHETS - Last class on August 5th.**

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. (Completed)

**July 15:** The prophecies of the three Isaiahs. (Completed)

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

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

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



## Beyond August!

**Friday, September 4, 6 PM**, Shabbat Service.  
**Tuesday, September 8, 1 PM**, Adult Ed: "Judaism and the Body."  
**Thursday, September 10, Noon**, Sisterhood Opening Luncheon. Location TBA.  
**Friday, September 11, 6 PM**, Shabbat Service.  
**Sunday, September 13, 9:30 AM**, Religious School at TBO  
**Tuesday, September 15, 8 AM**, L'Chaim League tours the Birmingham headquarters of Southern Living Magazine. Depart TBO at 8 AM.  
**Tuesday, September 22, 7 PM**, NY's 92nd Street Y Satellite broadcast of Nobel prize-winning economist Paul Krugman. Sponsored by JFCA and AUM. Location AUM TechnaCenter.  
**Friday, September 25, 6 PM**, Shabbat Shuvah.  
**Sunday, September 27, 9:30 AM**, Religious School at TBO  
**Friday, October 2, 6 PM**, Shabbat Service.  
**Sunday, October 4, 9:30 AM**, Religious School at TBO  
**Friday, October 9, 6 PM**, Simchat Torah and Shabbat Service with Student Cantor Markowicz. Consecration of new students beginning their religious education at Kol Ami.  
**Saturday, October 10, 9:30 AM**, Shabbat morning service with Student Cantor Markowicz. Light brunch served.  
**Friday, October 16, 6 PM**, Shabbat Service.  
**Sunday, October 18, 9:30 AM**, Religious School at TBO  
**Sunday, October 18, 6:30 PM**, NY's 92nd Street Y Satellite broadcast of consumer advocate Ralph Nader. Sponsored by JFCA and AUM. Location AUM TechnaCenter.  
**Friday, October 23, 6 PM**, Classical Reform Service with the Union Prayer Book.  
**Sunday, October 25, 9:30 AM**, Religious School at TBO  
**Thursday, October 29, 7 PM**, NY's 92nd Street Y Satellite broadcast of "Alan Dershowitz vs. Dennis Prager: The Left, the Right and Judaism in America." Sponsored by JFCA and AUM. Location AUM TechnaCenter.  
**Friday, October 30, 6 PM**, Shabbat Service with guest speaker Rabbi Walter Homolka, Chancellor, Abraham Geiger Rabbinical Seminary, Potsdam, Germany. Topic: ON THE BICENTENNIAL OF REFORM JUDAISM, BUILDING TOWARD A NEW FUTURE. Wine and cheese precedes at 5:30 PM.  
**Saturday, October 31, 9:30 AM**, Shabbat Morning Service. Light brunch served.  
**Sunday, November 1, 9:30 AM**, Religious School at TBO  
**Wednesday, November 4, 7 PM**, Guest Speaker Charles Bronfman. "WHO SAID GIVING AWAY MONEY IS EASY? LESSONS FROM THE FRONT ON HAVING AN IMPACT THROUGH PHILANTHROPY."  
**November 5 - 8**, , URJ Biennial in Toronto.  
**Friday, November 6, 6 PM**, Shabbat Service.  
**Sunday, November 8, 9:30 AM**, Religious School at TBO  
**Friday, November 13, 6 PM**, Shabbat Service.  
**Sunday, November 15, 9:30 AM**, Religious School at TBO  
**Friday, November 20, 6 PM**, Shabbat Service with Student Cantor Markowicz followed by a pot luck dinner at 7 PM.  
**Saturday, November 21, 9:30 AM**, Shabbat morning service with Student Cantor Markowicz. Light brunch served.  
**Sunday, November 22, 9:30 AM**, Religious School at TBO  
**Tuesday, November 24, 7 PM**, Joint Thanksgiving Service with First United Methodist Church. Held at TBO. Reception follows.  
**Friday, November 27, 6 PM**, Shabbat Service.  
**Friday, December 4, 6 PM**, Shabbat Service.  
**Sunday, December 6, 9:30 AM**, Religious School at AIEA.  
**Friday, December 11, 6 PM**, Shabbat Service.  
**Sunday, December 13, 9:30 AM**, Religious School at TBO  
**Friday, December 18, 6 PM**, Annual Chanukah dinner and informal service, accompanied by Student Cantor Markowicz.  
**Saturday, December 19, 9:30 AM**, Shabbat morning service with Student Cantor Markowicz. Light brunch served.  
**Friday, December 25, 6 PM**, Shabbat Service.  
**Friday, January 1, 6 PM**, Shabbat Service.  
**Friday, January 8, 6 PM**, Shabbat Service.  
**Saturday, January 9, 9:30 AM**, Shabbat Morning Service. Light brunch served.  
**Sunday, January 10, 9:30 AM**, Religious School at AIEA.  
**Friday, January 15, 6 PM**, Shabbat Service.  
**Friday, January 22, 6 PM**, Shabbat Service.  
**Sunday, January 24, 9:30 AM**, Religious School at AIEA.  
**Friday, January 29, 6 PM**, Sisterhood Shabbat and Shabbat Shira Service with Student Cantor Markowicz. Choir accompanies.  
**Saturday, January 30, 9:30 AM**, Shabbat morning service with Student Cantor Markowicz. Light brunch served.  
**Saturday, January 30, 5 PM**, Havdalah Healing Service and Reception.  
**Sunday, January 31, 9:30 AM**, Religious School at AIEA.  
**Friday, February 5, 6 PM**, Shabbat Service.  
**Sunday, February 7, 9:30 AM**, Religious School at AIEA.  
**Friday, February 12, 6 PM**, Shabbat Service.  
**Friday, February 19, 6 PM**, Shabbat Service.  
**Sunday, February 21, 2010, 9 AM - 3 PM**, Jewish Food Festival.  
**Friday, February 26, 6 PM**, Shabbat Youth Service with Student Cantor Markowicz. Pot luck dinner to follow at 7 PM.  
**Saturday, February 27, 9:30 AM**, Shabbat morning service with Student Cantor Markowicz. Light brunch served.  
**Saturday, February 27, 6 PM**, Purim Celebration.  
**Sunday, February 28, 9:30 AM**, Religious School at AIEA.  
**Friday, March 5, 6 PM**, Shabbat Service.  
**Saturday, March 6, 10 AM**, Jack Loeb's Bar Mitzvah and Shabbat morning service.  
**Sunday, March 7, 9:30 AM**, Religious School at AIEA.  
**Friday, March 12, 6 PM**, Shabbat Service.  
**Sunday, March 14, 9:30 AM**, Religious School at AIEA.  
**Thursday, March 18, 7 PM**, Guest speaker, David Kushner, author of *Levittown: Two Families, One Tycoon, and the Fight*

**Be sure to check upcoming bulletins for possible date changes and more information.  
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 <i>Adult Ed: The "minor" prophets. 7 PM</i>	6	7 5:30 PM <i>Wine and Cheese Shabbat Service with Mishkan T'filah. Feedback and discussion. 6 PM</i>	8 <i>Shabbat morning service 9:30 AM</i>
9	10	11	12	13	14 <i>Shabbat Service 6 PM</i>	15
16	17	18 <i>L'Chaim League hosts lunch for AHEPA House Noon</i>	19	20 <i>Adult Ed: "Judaism and Money." 1 PM</i>  <i>Music with Shimon and Yuval. 6 PM</i>	21 <i>Shabbat Service 6 PM</i>	22
23 <i>Kol Ami Religious School Opening Day at TBO 9:30 AM</i>	24	25	26	27 <i>Adult Ed: "Judaism and Power." 1 PM</i>	28 <i>Shabbat Service Student Cantor's Andrea Rae Markowicz's 1st service. 6 PM</i>	29 <i>Shabbat Morning Service with Student Cantor. 9:30 AM</i>
30 <i>Religious School at TBO</i>	31					<p><i>Save the Date!</i></p> <p><i>Jewish Food Festival</i></p> <p><i>February 21, 2010</i></p>

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**Meets at TBO**

- August 23
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- November 1
- November 8
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- November 22
- December 13

**Meets at AIEA**

- December 6
- January 10
- January 24
- January 31
- February 7
- February 28
- March 7
- March 14
- March 28
- April 11
- April 18
- April 25
- May 2
- May 16

**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.

**2009 High Holy Day Service Times**

**Friday, September 18**

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

**Saturday, September 19**

Rosh Hashanah Morning ..... 10:00 AM  
 Children’s Service in Library ..... 10:30 AM

**Friday, September 25**

Shabbat Shuvah.....6:00 PM

**Sunday, September 27**

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

**Sunday, September 27**

Kol Nidrei Eve .....7:30 PM

**Monday, September 28**

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*