

# Temple Beth Or

bulletin

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## ***Shana! Tova!***

## A VIEW FROM THE PULPIT

Jewish tradition perceptively sets our New Year at the end of the summer. Our

return to school and work, or our shift from summer activities with the approach of cooler weather in the fall can give us a sense of renewal, and an opportunity to assess where we are in our personal lives, our relationships, and our actions in the larger community. The season of renewal is at hand; reviewing where we have come from and how we intend to move forward is serious business.

This year, the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Reform Judaism gives us a special opportunity to appreciate the achievements of Reform and explore the challenges and opportunities facing the next generation.

Two hundred years ago, Rabbi Israel Friedlander presided over a small German congregation in Seesen. Neither he nor anyone else had yet heard the terms “Reform,” “Conservative” or “Orthodox” Judaism. But as the Jews of Western Europe emerged from the pre-modern world and the ghetto into the world of the Enlightenment, some had begun to search for a more contemporary expression of Judaism. Those who had begun to enter the university, work in a profession, own land or engage in business began to transcend the traditional depressed state of European Jewry and join modern society. Many liked what they saw, and wanted their synagogues to reflect their new entry into society, especially in worship.

Rabbi Friedlander, the first Reform rabbi, began to reform worship in Seesen by eliminating repetitions in the service, introducing prayers and sermons in German and eliminating references to angels and animal sacrifices. Within ten years, the German reformers had introduced Confirmation – for both boys and girls! – German hymns and organ music, and mixed seating. The Reform Movement was on its way, and hasn’t looked back, each generation re-examining its past and re-creating Judaism for the perceived needs of future generations.

Two hundred years on, we can celebrate our contributions to world Jewry even as we contemplate the daunting challenges we face moving forward. This year, I am pleased to announce several guest speakers and special programs to help us commemorate the bicentennial of Reform:

On Friday evening, October 30, Rabbi Walter Homolka will share Shabbat worship with us and speak on the origins of Reform in Germany, and the resurgence of German Reform Judaism in our day – a phenomenon in which Rabbi Homolka plays a key role, as founder and Chancellor of the Abraham Geiger College in Potsdam, the first Reform rabbinic seminary since before the Holocaust. Rabbi Homolka, who has been recognized in Germany with many well-publicized honors and awards, just received an honorary doctorate from Hebrew Union College; he has just ordained the first graduating rabbis from Geiger, each of whom is now

building communities in central and eastern Europe that haven’t had rabbinic service in decades. Rabbi Homolka will also be with us for more informal conversation with us on Shabbat morning, October 31.

On May 13, we anticipate a superb program with Rabbis Gary Zola and Jeffrey Salkin; the evening will include a hosted dinner open to the community. Rabbi Zola is director of the American Jewish Archives and one of our premier historians of American Judaism; Rabbi Salkin is a brilliant commentator and prognosticator on the current scene and the future of Judaism. I’ll be moderating a conversation with my colleagues, and you’re all invited to join in.

Then, on May 14, our choir and our student cantor Andrea Markowicz will join in presenting a retrospective service covering 200 years of our liturgical and musical traditions. We are also discussing, that Saturday night, a concert presentation of music that goes far beyond selections used in worship. I express our collective gratitude to the Carol Hart Fund for making this special celebration possible.

In the meantime, let me take this opportunity, on behalf of myself and Sandy Lynn, to wish you and yours a healthy, happy and satisfying year in 5770, from our house to yours.

Elliot L. Stevens



## Celebrating Our 158th Year

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

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## TBO President's Message

The recent focus of the vast majority of congregational presidents has been declining revenue and the multitude of strategies to increase or provoke new streams of income. In a recent article, the following points from a congregational leader resonated within me:

“...the Temple is necessary to our lives as Jews; it is where we learn, worship with other Jews, and educate our children... the Temple keeps Judaism alive as a religion – not simply a lifestyle.”

This Temple's leadership and staff have done and will continue to do an excellent job in controlling our expenses to the extent we can. It is not possible to make further cost reductions without reducing services and that is not an option we wish to explore! Therefore, the key to our fiscal stability is revenue. In hard economic times it is somewhat difficult to increase our members' dues. Therefore, I am asking that if you are *able* to increase your dues, please consider doing so. If you may be contemplating a capital gift to Temple Beth Or, I welcome the opportunity to discuss with you the capital improvement projects that are in need of funding.

I appreciate the interest and attention that many congregants had in the series of worship services utilizing the recently released Reform Siddur, Mishkan T'Filah. As of the writing of this message, the special committee is currently analyzing the feedback from our members in order to determine the proper course of action with regard to adopting the new prayer book for primary use at The Temple.

Finally, the Days of Awe are upon us. During this time when all Jews look inward, plan changes based upon the prior year's experiences, and become a better person in the year ahead I hope that each of you enjoy this most solemn and significant time of year.

L'Shana Tova,

Morris E. Capouya  
President

## Mazel Tov!

Congratulations to  
**Dr. Jeff and Gisele Pirofsky**  
on the marriage of their daughter  
**Melissa E. Pirofsky** to  
**Chambers C. Ricketts**  
on August 8, 2009.

## MACOA Report

Our cooking dates have been postponed until the kitchen is operable. We will post the new dates as soon as we can. Thanks to all who participate in the worthwhile project.

## FLORAL

If anyone is willing to do flowers for a Friday service please call Lynne Ginsburg at 265-6299. Dates available:

September 11 • October 9, 23  
Nov. 6, 20 • Dec. 4, 18

### **Contributions to Funds**

We greatly appreciate the people who support Temple Beth Or by remembering and honoring their friends and loved ones through their generous contributions.

Those that are received after the 20th of the month will be in the next bulletin.

### **ARCHIVES AND HISTORY FUND**

*In Memory of  
Marjorie Julian  
Leo J. Drum, Jr.*

### **BLANCHE WINTER FUND**

*In Memory of  
Regina Capilouto  
Marjorie Julian  
Gay and Irving Winter*

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

*In Memory of  
Regina Capilouto  
Shirley Beringer  
Carol Hart*

*In Memory of  
Marjorie Julian  
Carol Hart*

### **FLORAL FUND**

*In Memory of  
Regina Capilouto  
Robin and Jeff Blitz  
Charlotte and Joe Mussafer*

*Good Health to  
Charlotte Mussafer  
Joan Hanan*

*Roz Caplan and Ed Simon  
Lisa and Andy Weil*

*Good Health  
Susan and Philip Bernstein  
Lisa and Andy Weil*

*In Memory of  
Marjorie Julian  
Lisa and Andy Weil*

*In Memory of  
Victor E. Hanan  
Lisa and Andy Weil*

*Happy Birthday  
Rabbi David Baylinson  
Lisa and Andy Weil*

### **GENERAL FUND**

*In Memory of  
Marjorie Julian  
Becky May*

### **GENERAL FUND**

*In Gratitude to our  
Engagement Party Hosts  
Teri Aronov  
Marlene & Rick Beringer  
Diane & Barry Blondheim  
Joy & Dickie Blondheim  
Corinne & Larry Capilouto  
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Dale & Olan Evans  
Toby & Warren Gewant  
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Lynne & Pete Ginsburg  
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Suzanne & Alun Harris  
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Marc Labovitz & Rachel Denbo*

### **GENERAL FUND**

*In Honor of our daughter Melissa's  
marriage to Chambers Ricketts  
Jeff and Gisele Pirofsky*

### **SELMA MARCUS FUND**

*In Memory of  
Regina Capilouto  
Mr. Marks Marcus*

*In Memory of  
Sylvia Levy  
Mr. Marks Marcus*

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Birthday and Anniversary Blessings  
on September 11th.

### **BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 ..... Hal Bloom, Jr.
- 2 ..... Ilene Baylinson
- 4 ..... David Baylinson
- 5 ..... Susan Finklestein
- 6 ..... Liza Kaufman
- 7 ..... Lew Nyman
- 8 ..... Morris Capouya
- 9 ..... Scott Harris
- 9 ..... Norma Michelson
- 11 ..... Joe Mussafer
- 12 ..... Anne Levin
- 13 ..... Russell Levy
- 16 ..... Keith Sabel
- 18 ..... Bobby Kohn
- 18 ..... Irving Winter
- 20 ..... Stewart Applebaum
- 23 ..... Charlie Strasburger
- 23 ..... Terry Toney
- 24 ..... Betty Bloom
- 24 ..... Susan Kohn
- 24 ..... Bert Loeb
- 26 ..... Jeanette Hanan
- 30 ..... Bob Reznikoff
- 30 ..... Kathleen Roberts

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1 ..... Corinne & Joe Capilouto
- 4 ..... Frances & Ralph Capouya
- 5 ..... Diane & Alan Weil
- 6 ..... Robin & Andrew Kromis
- 8 ..... Julie & William Goolsby
- 14 ..... Norma & Leonard Michelson
- 24 ..... Maxine & Michael Goldner
- 25 ..... Lilly & Tim Dowling

### **Recent Death**

*Sadie Schulwolf Simon ז"ל*

August 12, 2009



Mother of Jeffrey Simon

♫ **YAHARZEITS** ♫

**To be read 9/4/2009**

Leo Finkelstein  
Arthur S. Hertz  
Pryor Hurt  
Elise Salama  
Joseph Salama  
Hilda Shinpaugh  
Julia Wise

**To be read 9/11/2009**

Manny Applebaum  
Elaine E. Drum  
Clare C. Hertz  
Victor Levine  
Isaac May  
Ben Tillinger  
William Aaron Wallace

**To be read 9/18/09**

Rhoda Dreyfus Abraham  
Gusta Barth Baim  
Carol Loeb Dresner  
Rebekah Katz  
Joseph B. Loeb  
Claudia Richard Manley  
Sam Nusbaum  
Jennye Nussbaum  
David S. Savler  
Quenby Sameth Schulman  
Pat Simon  
Edith P. Stiller

**To be read 9/25/2009**

Bertha Barlow  
Hal W. Bloom, Sr.  
Cornelis Haanschoten  
Mae Wilzin Landau  
Herbert M. Scheuer, Sr.  
Dr. Peter D. Weinrib

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**YOUTH GROUP**

The opening meeting for BOOTY will be on Sunday, September 13th at 12:15 PM after religious school at TBO. Youth group members and potential members are encouraged to join us for lunch. NFTY-SAR Fall Kallah will be October 23-25 at The Temple in Atlanta, GA.

Danielle Berry  
BOOTY President

**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**

Thank you to all our Kol Ami Religious School teachers who have volunteered their time to teach our children this year. We have 42 religious school students and 8 confirmation students. We are excited to be in our SECOND year as Kol Ami Religious School. If you have not registered your child for religious school, please contact Sharon Berry at 290-0445 or [daberry40@netscape.net](mailto:daberry40@netscape.net).

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**L'CHAIM LEAGUE**

Don't miss this! On **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH**, we will tour the Southern Progress building in Birmingham, home of *SOUTHERN LIVING, SOUTHERN DINING, SOUTHERN COASTAL* and other, magazines. After the tour, we will eat lunch at Max's Deli in Mountain Brook. Some of the items on the menu are: matzo ball soup, chopped liver, latkes, knishes, and so much more. We will depart TBO parking lot at 7:45. Drivers are in place. All we need is you! **There is no charge for the tour, and lunch will be your responsibility. PLEASE CALL RIGHT AWAY TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT** for this adventure.

In **October**, we will host our opening luncheon. The speaker and date to be announced at a later date. In **November**, we will tour the Botanical Gardens in Birmingham. The fall foliage should be beautiful then.

We have it all - food - fun - and adventure. We'd love to see you at any or all of our events.

Linda R Smith

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**BABYSITTING**

It's time to think about your babysitting needs for the High Holy Days: Rosh Hashanah evening and morning, Kol Nidre & Yom Kippur morning. Please call the Temple at 262-3314 if you plan to use this service.

**ANNUAL FOOD FESTIVAL  
FEBRUARY 21, 2010**

Our goal this year is 100% participation by Temple members in the preparation phase that will take place during the next several months as well as the actual event on February 21, 2010. The presentation of the Jewish Food Festival is part of our effort to sustain and build relationships within our congregation and the local community. In addition, the income from the Food Festival is an integral part of our Temple's budget.

The Bakery and Kitchen committees are working on their plans for making this event successful. We will need congregants to volunteer to prepare and present the food items. A volunteer sign up form listing the various areas and detailing the type of work is included in this newsletter. A calendar will also be posted on the website as our planning progresses.

The Treasure Market committee has been working hard and is ready for donated pre-loved items. We are asking for items such as lamps, furniture, luggage, toys, books, dishes, glass items, and other various items from your home. Please make sure that the items are in good, clean condition so that the pricing can begin immediately. We would appreciate it very much if you would discard items not worthy of selling prior to bringing the donated items to the Temple.

This year, we are excited to introduce a Collectible Boutique which will showcase the following specialty items: antiques, dolls, jewelry, china, silver, embroidery, newly knitted scarves, hats or blankets, needlepoint pillows or items that are blocked but not necessarily framed, pottery, and paintings. In addition, we welcome gently worn baby or children clothing that is smocked or has embroidery on the collar. We will clean and prepare these items for selling. In order for this new addition to be successful, we will need commitments from each talented person in our congregation. A detailed list of items is included on the volunteer form. We would appreciate your commitment in

advance for items that you will make and donate in order to make this new venture a success. If you have any questions about your handmade or donated items for this event, please feel free to contact Pat Dees or me.

Thanking you in advance for your help in this endeavor,

Jenny Ives  
Vice President and  
2010 Food Festival Chair

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Greetings from the **MEN'S CLUB!**

On August 30th, 2009 the Men's Club had their annual Biscuits outing. We would like to thank the Aronov family for the use of their box seats. We had twenty people in attendance and a good time was had by all!

We have lots of events upcoming over the following year. Since the Men's Club now owns our own multimedia projector and movie screen, we will be showing more movies. On Sunday, October 18th, we will be showing the movie *Defiance*, starring Daniel Craig. The movie is a true story depicting a Jewish resistance movement in Poland during WWII. The story centers around three brothers. The movie has received excellent reviews. We will show the movie at 4 PM and there is no cost to attend. The movie is open to all members of TBO. Light refreshments will be served.

Our annual Men's Club Shabbat will be February 12th and we will host another movie night on Wednesday, April 14th.

We are also working on co-sponsoring some speakers, so please look to future bulletins for more information.

I hope to see you all at a Temple event soon!

Kent Long  
Men's Club President

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## SEPHARDIC COOKBOOK

The Food Fest is planning to add a section devoted to Sephardic recipes to our very successful cookbook, "L'Dor V'Dor, From Generation to Generation".

Please send your recipes to Louisa Weinrib or to the Temple office during the next three months. For questions call 262-6155. Thank you!

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## FROM THE LIBRARY

Continuing our focus on periodical titles available in the collection of the temple library:

You'll recall in last month's column the review of the bi-monthly newspaper *Deep South Jewish Voice*. An update to that review is that *DSJV* is no longer. It has been succeeded by *Southern Jewish Life*. This "... new incarnation of *DSJV* ... will be a monthly magazine all about the Jewish communities of the South, our unique stories and histories, personalities and celebration." The first issue of *SJL* is the August issue, which has arrived at the temple library. There is also a new web site at <http://www.sjlmag.com>.

*The Jerusalem Report*: As the magazine states, its objective is to give full coverage to Israel, the Middle East and the Jewish world. The current (August 31) issue includes a cover story on the rebuilding of Jewish life in New Orleans post-Katrina, in addition to regular columns on Israel, Palestinian Affairs, the Jewish World, Business, the Arts, Books, in addition to a Viewpoints sections and contributions from a number of columnists. As with most publications today, the *JR* also has a web site (<http://www.jpost.com>), which provides extensive current and archival coverage of issues and topics of interest to the Jewish (and non-Jewish) world.

*Tikkun*: The title provides the reader good insight into the scope of this magazine. Tikkun = to mend, repair, and transform the world. Tikkun "... print(s) articles on social theory,

religion/spirituality, social change, contemporary American and global politics and economics, ecology, culture, psychology, and Israel/Palestine. What (*Tikkun*) look(s) for in such pieces are perspectives that interrogate the politics of their subject matter in ways which both advance the pursuit of tikkun olam - social justice and the repair of the world - and break down issues of contemporary concern in completely new and thoughtful ways. (The magazine) support(s) a progressive spirituality, but ... welcomes ideas that challenge established orthodoxies in all spheres of thought and all conceptions of politics, including challenging progressive politics. (*Tikkun*) also challenge(s) 'common sense' and every form of 'being realistic' and welcome(s) the most utopian ideas and the uncovering and challenging aspects of thought, culture, or social organization that have convinced people that our world cannot be reconstructed on the basis of love, generosity, non-violence, social justice, caring for Nature, and awe and wonder at the grandeur of the universe." (<http://www.tikkun.org>)

*Lilith*: As the subtitle of the magazine states, *Lilith* is "independent, Jewish and frankly feminist" and is a "nonprofit publishing adventure, a magnet for women of all ages and backgrounds, fastening them to their Jewish identity with a hook, a clasp, a snap. *Lilith* is this magazine, plus a lively website, the Lilith blog, and cross-generational Lilith salons meeting in more than 80 cities." (<http://www.lilith.org>)

Eric A. Kidwell, MLS



**DONATION RECEIVED FOR  
RUACH AND SPIRITUAL  
RENEWAL**

Temple Beth Or has received a very special donation, designated for "Ruach and Spiritual Renewal." This anonymous donation was made by one of our families with the intent to expand the possibilities for meaningful, uplifting contemporary worship at the Temple. The donation will be used from time to time to engage vocal and instrumental musicians to accompany worship and for related purposes, including the creation of new worship opportunities in keeping with its designated purpose.

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**CHARITABLE GIVING FOR  
THE HIGH HOLY HOLIDAYS**

This year, in the spirit of the High Holy Days, the Social Concerns Committee is recommending that members donate through the Temple to any of the following charities. Envelopes for this purpose will be in the pews during the High Holy services, and can be left at the office during this period.

**Montgomery Area Food Bank** serves 25 counties through feeding programs of established charities and churches and mobile pantries.

**Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life**, formerly known as the Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience

**Jewish Children's Regional Service** provides scholarships, camperships, and therapies for needy Jewish children in seven southern states.

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

**Central Alabama Laubach Literacy Council** provides assistance free to adult learners to improve their basic reading, writing and spelling skills.

**AHEPA HOUSE**

Dear all,

Just wanted you to know how successful the luncheon/bingo was, and because of your contributions, it was a big hit! I wish to thank you all for all the food you provided, the prizes that were donated, and the volunteers. This effort involved 20 of our members. I have heard nothing but sincere thanks for our efforts. It could not have worked as well without all of your help.

Thanks again for helping me coordinate and put on such a great event!

Linda R Smith

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**CHIMES ISRAEL**

Carol Hart would like to invite you to her home on Thursday evening, October 1st, 8 PM, for dessert and to listen to her grandson Evan Hart Wertheim speak on Chimes Israel. Chimes Israel is one of the premier organizations in Israel making a difference in the lives of people with special needs.

Location: The home of Carol Hart, 3110 Sutton Drive, Montgomery Please RSVP to Carol Hart by phone 281-5461 or by e-mail to hart.honey@gmail.com

About Chimes Israel:

Chimes Israel's mission is to improve the quality of life of people with special needs in Israel and assist our clients in developing to their fullest potential, so that each may live the most independent and rewarding life possible. We operate 18 different programs for these special citizens, providing services regardless of religion, gender, age or ethnicity. Chimes Israel has a strong focus on working with the adult population through sheltered workshops, supported employment, inter-social skills, leisure activities and other programs that are geared towards increasing independent behavior. Additionally, we operate several centers for infants with developmental delays as well as several

after-school special education programs for school-aged children. Further information can be found on their website at [www.chimesisrael.org.il](http://www.chimesisrael.org.il).

If you're able to make a donation to this worthwhile cause, please make your check out to Chimes Israel and mail to Carol Hart at the above address.

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**SISTERHOOD**

Happy New Year! I always look forward to this time of the year as it is a warm and loving time, filled with much happiness and many reflections. A new year is upon us and after a long hot summer it is so nice to know we will all be with one another during the High Holy Days, whether at services or in each others thoughts. It would be such a blessing/mitzvah if you do not see someone you thought you might see during the holidays; to pick up the telephone and let them know you are thinking about them! If for one reason or another some of our congregants will not be able to be with us, please make them feel warm and loved by calling to just wish them well. It will make you feel good too.

Sisterhood executive committee is off to a great start and we are looking forward to the rest of our membership joining us! We have an exciting year planned and will start it off with an opening luncheon on Thursday, September 10th, at 11:30 at Cafe M. I hope all of you have received your pretty invitation by now, and have made your reservation to join us at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts. If you didn't receive your invitation or have misplaced it, it is not too late to make your reservation. The cost is \$15.00 and should be sent to Marlene Beringer, 2200 Wentworth Drive, Montgomery, AL 36106. Charlotte Mussafer has planned a wonderful lunch with a docent tour to follow. Please ladies make every effort to attend as it is always nice to start the year off with a good crowd; and in such a beautiful setting.

As I mentioned in last month's bulletin

article, sisterhood has decided to sell Carnegie Deli cheesecakes as our fundraiser this year. This has been very successful and profitable in the past with only a few people doing all the work. So if we all would get behind this project imagine what we could actually accomplish! Let's put it this way; What does the congregation need? If my memory serves me correctly, the year we sold cheesecakes was the same year sisterhood replaced the cushions in the sanctuary. We will be sending flyers out soon and I hope each of you will help us!!! Our sale will take place during the months of September and October for Thanksgiving delivery. What a wonderful way to say Thank You or I LOVE YOU to someone you care about, and what an even better way to go ahead and take care of a few Hanukkah gifts. My theory, the best way to someone's heart is through their tummy!!!!!!!!!!!!

My wish for everyone is a Happy and Healthy New Year. You are all a blessing to me! I look forward to seeing each of you at "OUR" Temple.

My Very Best Always,  
Lisa

## ARRIVING IN MONTGOMERY

After an exhausting flight I have landed in Montgomery to the warm welcome of my new fellow community members. Being on land made me think that this is going to be a good chance for me to get some sleep, realize the unbelievable step I have just done and enjoy some fried chicken.

Two weeks later, I am trying to look back on all the things that happened and it seems like what I did only yesterday was such a long time ago. Right after I landed I had a dinner with the president and vice president of the federation, followed by a breakfast the next day, then a lunch with both Rabbis, a dinner with my host family, pot luck dinner and the list just goes on and on. I thought I was in charge of arranging all kinds of events for the community when it turned out that the community already planned a whole bunch of them for me. So while trying to figure out where I need to be (and be how to be there on time), I also got to learn more about the

American southern Jewish culture. Like every good thing it evolves around three elements: hospitality, family and food (not necessarily in this order). And I guess people knew I'm a fan of swimming, because on certain days you can only swim your way through the air of Montgomery.

One of the most exciting events that happened to me so far was the visit of Shimon Smith, the previous Shaliach in Montgomery. We have already met in Israel before I got to Montgomery and became friends. Shimon showed me around, gave me some really good tips and all those little guidelines to make everything easier for me. One of the peaks of his visit was an event held for us in Temple Beth Or with a lot of singing and good spirits. Equally important were the services held on Agudath Israel-Etz Ahayem synagogue that really taught me how a musical service should look like.

As you all know, this is only the beginning, and I would love to get to know each and every one of you personally. If you need anything – I'm here for you! Don't hesitate and contact me on [yuvalkatzi@gmail.com](mailto:yuvalkatzi@gmail.com) or through my mobile phone – 334-224-4420.  
*Yuval Katz*



Yuval's Greeting Committee as he arrives at the Montgomery Airport on August 12th.

**August 20, 2009**

An evening of music and fun with Shimon Smith and welcome to the new Shaliach, Yuval Katz.



L - R: Yuval Katz, Jeff Herring, Shimon Smith



## TEMPLE BETH OR ADULT EDUCATION

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### RABBI'S CLASS ON SACRIFICE

One of the most important and well-known stories in all of Torah is the story of the Binding of Isaac, in Genesis 22. This dramatic story recounts God's test of Abraham by commanding Abraham to sacrifice his only son Isaac; at the last, dramatic moment God stays Abraham's hand, whereupon Abraham sacrifices a ram in Isaac's stead.

The Binding of Isaac is considered by our tradition to be such an important expression of faith that we read it each year on Rosh Hashanah. Yet we rarely have a chance, especially in the context of a worship service, to study the text and learn from the many commentaries.

I invite you to join me on Thursday afternoon, September 17, at 1:00 p.m. for a study of Genesis 22 with rabbinic commentaries. This class, just prior to the onset of Rosh Hashanah, will enable us to hear the portion with new perspectives from our rabbinic tradition. Given the many, often conflicting views on the meaning of the story, we should be in for quite a good discussion. I hope you can join us.

### Jewish Federation of Central Alabama presents NY's 92nd Street Y Satellite broadcast: **The Spitzer Lecture: Paul Krugman in Conversation with Charlie Rose**



Tuesday • September 22nd • 7 PM • AUM TechnCenter

Nobel prize-winning economist Paul Krugman and Emmy award-winning journalist Charlie Rose discuss how the current economic crisis parallels the Great Depression and explains how we can avoid catastrophe.

Krugman is the author of the bestseller, *The Return of Depression Economics* and *The Crisis of 2008*, which gives clear advice on how to contain the crisis and turn around the world economy. Krugman writes a twice weekly op-ed column for *The New York Times* and a blog named for his book *The Conscience of a Liberal*. He teaches economics at Princeton University. Rose has been praised as "one of America's premier interviewers." He is the host of *Charlie Rose*, the nightly PBS program that engages the world's best thinkers, writers, politicians, athletes, entertainers, business leaders, scientists and other newsmakers.

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You're invited to attend Rabbi Kramer's Torah Study at Agudath Israel ✪ Etz Ahayem on Mondays at 6:30 PM.

To see other AI✪EA events go to [www.agudathmontgomery.com](http://www.agudathmontgomery.com) and click on *calendar*.

### Jewish Federation of Central Alabama presents

## Duo Dmitri

Wednesday • September 16th • 7 PM • TBO

A native of Moscow (Russia), LUBA AGRANOVSKY and DMITRI KASYUK are graduates of the Gnessin Academy of Music in Moscow and the winners of numerous Russian piano and flute competitions. They moved to Jerusalem in 1990 with their very young daughter, with the assistance of the Jewish Agency.



Ms. Agranovsky and Mr. Kasyuk came to USA in 1997, where they continue the education and musical career including Ms. Agranovsky appearances with Philadelphia Orchestra Chamber Music Series (1998-1999, 1999-2000) and Mr. Kasyuk performances as a Principal flutist in Spoleto Festival, Italy (1998, 1999). In addition Duo has given more than 200 recitals throughout the US. Dmitri and Luba tell their poignant and touching story, interwoven with their beautiful music. Their long awaited CD entitled "Timeless Classics" is now available and a must for all music lovers.

This event will be held at Temple Beth Or on Wednesday, September 16th at 7 PM.

## ADULT EDUCATION: "CRITICAL MORAL ISSUES OF OUR TIME"

LAST CLASS in the "Critical Moral Issues of Our Time" series: September 8th, "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? Class will begin at 1 PM in the Blachschleger Library and last about an hour.

### Beyond September!

**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.

**Sunday, October 18, 4 PM**, Movie Night: "Defiance," starring Daniel Craig. Sponsored by Men's Club. Light snacks and drinks.

**Friday, October 23, 6 PM**, Classical Reform Service with the Union Prayer Book.

**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.

**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 20, 6:30 PM**, Shabbat Service with Student Cantor Markowicz preceded by a pot luck dinner at 5:30 PM.

**Saturday, November 21, 9:30 AM**, Shabbat morning service with Student Cantor Markowicz. Light brunch served.

**Tuesday, November 24, 7 PM**, Joint Thanksgiving Service with First United Methodist Church. Held at TBO. Reception follows.

**Sunday, December 6, 9:30 AM**, Religious School at AIEA. Hannukah Hoopla. Time unknown.

**Monday, December 7, 7:15 PM**, NY's 92nd Street Y Satellite broadcast of "The Coming Commercial Revolution in the Muslim World." Sponsored by JFCA and AUM. Location AUM TechnaCenter.

**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.

**Saturday, January 9, 9:30 AM**, Shabbat Morning Service. Light brunch served.

**Thursday, January 21, 7 PM**, Guest Speaker, David Lehman author of A FINE ROMANCE: JEWISH SONGWRITERS, AMERICAN SONGS.

**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.

**Friday, February 12, 6 PM**, Men's Club Shabbat.

**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.

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).



Photos are from L'Chaim's AHEPA Luncheon on August 18th.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 6 PM Shabbat Service	5
6	7	8 1 pm Adult Ed: "Judaism and the Body."	9	10 11:30 AM Sisterhood Opening Luncheon, Café M.	11 6 PM Shabbat Service Birthday and Anniversary Blessings. Changing of the Torah covers.	12
13	14	15 8 AM L'Chaim departs for Southern Living Head- Quarters.	16 7 PM JFCA presents Dmitri Duo at TBO	17 1 PM Adult Ed: Study of Genesis 22 with rabbinic commentaries.	18 7:30 PM Rosh Hashanah Eve Service followed by Annual Reception.	19 10 AM RH Morning Service 10:30 AM Children's Service
20 Cemetery Services 9:30 AM Eternal Rest 10:30 AM Etz Ahayem (new) 11 AM Etz Ahayem (old)	21	22 7 PM NY's 92nd St. Y broadcast of economist Paul Krugman AUM TechnaCenter	23	24	25 6 PM Shabbat Shuvah	26
27 7:30 PM Kol Nidrei Eve Service	28 Yom Kippur  10 AM Morning 12 PM Discussion 2:30 PM Children 3:30 PM Memorial 4 PM Concluding Break Fast Follows	29	30			<b>Save the Date!</b>  Jewish Food Festival  February 21, 2010

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**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  
Led by Dave Berry ..... 10:30 AM

**Sunday, September 20**

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

**Friday, September 25**

Shabbat Shuvah ..... 6:00 PM

**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*

**High Holy Day's Sermon Topics**

Rosh Hashanah Evening: **WHAT ARE YOU WORTH?**

Rosh Hashanah Morning: **HAGAR AND ISHMAEL**

Yom Kippur Evening [Kol Nidrei]: **THE VOICE OF SILENCE**

Yom Kippur Morning: **WORSHIP AND SACRIFICE**

Yom Kippur Rabbi's Discussion: **RELIGIOUS DOUBT**

Shabbat Shuva sermon topic: **COMING HOME**

**Kol Ami  
Religious School**

**Meets at TBO**

August 30  
September 13, 27  
October 4, 18, 25  
November 1, 8, 15, 22  
December 13

