

Temple Beth Or

bulletin

November 2009 ~ Cheshvan/Kislev 5770

A VIEW FROM THE BIMAH



Though a life-long Reform Jew who is committed to the principles of personal autonomy and a rational approach to my religion and to Jewish observance, I have in recent years

become fascinated by our Jewish mystical tradition. Though long considered to be something of an esoteric backwater, it turns out that Judaism's mystical tradition has been at the center of Jewish life for most of the last two thousand years. One cannot truly understand Judaism's history or our approach to tradition, theology, philosophy or practice without some understanding of Jewish mysticism. I will be going through an exploration of Jewish mysticism this coming spring with a seminar I'll be offering at Huntingdon College, and plan to offer a parallel series here at Temple Beth Or.

One aspect I find intriguing is the kabbalists' notion of how God relates to the universe. On the one hand, God is termed the *Ein Sof*, which literally means "without end" or "infinity." This implies that God does not have location – God is co-extensive with the entire universe, literally infinite in time and space. More, God is not separate from the universe but is, in some

sense, the universe itself. In other words, everything that is, whether animate or inanimate, including you, me, every animal and every insect, is part of God. The mystics thus understand that everything we do, every act and deed throughout the day, literally has cosmic significance. If you so much as swat a fly, who knows what the ripple effect might be – as in the Dr. Seuss book which starts with a bug that went "kerchoo," leading to consequences throughout the town.

Nothing is exempt from the principle of unintended consequences. Take our own health, for example. Many of us exercise or diet or try to stay away from harmful products. If asked, we would probably talk in terms of how important it is to take care of ourselves, to live longer and healthier lives and so forth. But view the question through the prism of Jewish mysticism and its teachings of cosmic significance, and we realize that the impact of our choices goes far beyond ourselves or our families. Those of us who don't exercise, or don't diet, or don't refrain from putting poisonous products into our bodies, have an impact on our families, our co-workers, our friends and, ultimately, on society as a whole. Those of us who don't care what we eat should care that our future health problems will impact those we know and love, and many who we can't imagine

would be impacted by the choices we make.

We are heading into a season of holidays, get-togethers and, inevitably, some major meals and parties. We should all have a wonderful Thanksgiving and holiday season, and our celebrations should be ones of joy in the presence of loved ones. From a Jewish perspective, however, I submit that we have an obligation to overlay our celebrations with an awareness of how many lives are touched by what we do and how we act. Judaism teaches that these obligations – *mitzvoth*, we call them – do indeed have cosmic significance. An old Jewish saying, reflecting this perspective, "he who saves a single life, it is as if he saved the entire world." Let us resolve, then, for the sake of ourselves, our loved ones and our world, to lead a more healthy life style and pay more attention to what we eat – as part of our understanding of what constitutes *mitzvah* – and in so doing, help in some small way to establish a better world. In short, take care of yourselves, and happy Thanksgiving!

Elliot L. Stevens

Joint Thanksgiving Service with
First United Methodist Church

Tuesday, November 24th ♦ 7 PM ♦ At Temple Beth Or

(see page 7 for details)

Shabbat Morning Services

Saturday morning, November 21st, Rabbi Stevens (along with Student Cantor Andrea Marcowicz) 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.



Celebrating Our 158th Year

ELLIOT L. STEVENS, D. D., RABBI
 Andrea Rae Markowicz, *Student Cantor*
 David A. Baylinson, D.D., *Rabbi Emeritus*

Temple Beth Or Officers

- Morris Capouya *President*
- Jenny Ives *Vice-President: Programs*
- Jamie Loeb *Vice-President: Finance*
- Steve Wallace *Treasurer*
- Corinne C. Capilouto *Secretary*
- Alan Weil, Jr. *Immediate Past President*

Board of Trustees

- Gay Winter *Adult Education*
- Lynne Ginsburg *Arts, Decorations & Archives*
- Sharon McDaniel *Attendance & Hospitality*
- Charles Strasburger *Cemetery*
- Rusty Levy *Grounds*
- Ricky Loeb *House*
- Karen Goldstein *Membership*
- Kent Long *Men's Club President*
- Sharon Berry *Religion School & Library*
- Lisa Weil *Sisterhood President*
- Louisa Weinrib *Social Concerns/L'Chaim League*
- Joy Kaplan *Youth & Scholarship*

Temple Beth Or Staff

- Gina Friday *Temple Administrator*
- Andrea Rae Markowicz *Student Cantor*
- Sharon Berry *Religion School Director*
- Linda Smith *L'Chaim League*
- Walter Osborne *Maintenance Manager*
- Elizabeth French *Organist & Choir Director*

Office Hours

Monday	CLOSED
Tues., Wed. & Thurs.	9-5
Fridays	9-2

2246 Narrow Lane Road • Montgomery, AL 36106

(334) 262-3314 Tel ☆ (334) 263-5183 Fax

Office: bethor@templebethor.net
 Rabbi: rabiels@templebethor.net
www.templebethor.net

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

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!

TBO President's Message

Shalom,

During the past summer, I appointed a special committee to study the adoption of a new prayer book for use in everyday worship at Temple Beth Or. After a series of piloting services that many of you attended, the committee met, and recommended to the Board that our congregation adopt the new book, Mishkan T'Filah. The Board has since voted on and passed the recommendation of the committee. Therefore, we will embark on our first official use of Mishkan T'Filah this month on Friday, November 20th. The committee also recommended that we should be deliberate with this change and that the transition process should occur over a series of months. The Ritual and Advisory Committee led by John Ives will consult with the Rabbi and oversee the prayer book's introduction and initial usage. Should you have any comments or questions about the new prayer book, please do not hesitate to speak with Rabbi Stevens, me or John Ives.

It is less than four months until our annual Food Festival!! It is imperative that every congregant get involved and contribute their time, talent, money, and goods to this event in order for it to continue to be a success. There is plenty of information within this publication and on the Temple's website regarding opportunities to volunteer and contribute. Please do not wait until the day of the event and ACT NOW!

We have a great lineup of special events scheduled during the month of November beginning with a presentation by Charles Bronfman, a renowned business leader and philanthropist. Later in the month, Student Cantor Markowicz will be with us on the weekend of November 20-22, 2009. That weekend will be kicked off with Shabbat service at 6 PM followed by a "pot luck" dinner that will start at 7 PM. The following Tuesday at 7 PM, we will host First United Methodist at our annual Thanksgiving Service. Please make every effort to attend these and the other events listed in this month's newsletter.

Regards,

Morris E. Capouya

MACOA Report

We will be cooking for MACOA on Monday November 16 at 9:00 AM.

Did you remember to drop children's books off at the Temple for Jack Loeb's Mitzvah Project?

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.

BLANCHE WINTER FUND

In Memory of
Dr. Morris N. Capouya
Gay and Irving Winter

FLORAL FUND

Good Health to
Richard Hanan
Lisa and Andy Weil

Happy Birthday
Hal Bloom
Lisa and Andy Weil

In Memory of
Dr. Morris N. Capouya
Robin and Jeff Blitz

Happy Special Birthday
Isaac Cohen
Richard and Jeanette Hanan

GENERAL FUND

In Memory of
Phyllis Franco
Anne and Herman Franco
Rubin A. Franco

In Honor of
Mrs. Charlotte Mussafer
Anne and Herman Franco

In Memory of
Dr. Morris N. Capouya
Rubin A. Franco

L'CHAIM LEAGUE

In Memory of
Marjorie B. Julian
Esther S. Labovitz

In Honor of
Loraine Rice Oppenheimer's
90th Birthday
Mrs. Mathilde K. Cohen

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In Memory of
Dr. Morris N. Capouya
Alan and Diane Weil

PRAYERBOOK FUND

In Memory of
Selma Marcus
Barbara Marcus
Debbie Marcus
Marks Marcus

In Memory of
Frieda Kahn Berger
Hermann Berger
Hanna Berger

In Honor of
Betty Roswald Bloom
Edna Jane Bloom
Hal W. Bloom, Sr.
Patricia Bloom Dees
Mr. and Mrs. Hal W. Bloom, Jr. and
Family

In Honor of
Hal W. Bloom, Jr.
His Family

In Memory of my beloved husband
Sylvan Robert (Bobby) Cohn
Peggy L. Cohn

In Memory of
David and Olga Franco
Phyllis G. Franco
Raymond and Helen Goodman
Rubin A. Franco

In Memory of
Eli R. Capouya
Louna Capouya
Jenny Nussbaum
Sam Nussbaum
Dr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Capouya

In Memory of
Faye and Gaston Greil
Steven J. Greil

In appreciation of our parents
Reuben & Hermine Herzfeld
Joseph & Gertrude Weinrib
Louisa and Michael Weinrib

In Memory of
Morris and Pauline Reznikoff
Morris and Martha Stone
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reznikoff

SAMUEL SCHLOSS **COMMUNITY FUND**

In Memory of
Dr. Morris N. Capouya
Burke Schloss

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings
on November 13th.

----- ANNIVERSARIES

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

----- BIRTHDAYS

1 Alan Rothfeder
4 Robert Goldberg
7 Rick Beringer
8 Marlene Beringer
8 Adam Schloss
9 Mary Cahn
10 Gaby Capp
11 Ralph Capouya
12 Arnold Finkelstein
16 Jarred Kaplan
18 Adolph Weil, III
19 Morris Capouya
20 John Ives
21 LaNette Clein
25 Elliot Cohen
26 Sharon Benn
26 Robert Shinpaugh
29 Robert Weil
30 Sigmund Diamant

Recent Death

Richard Finkelstein ר"ז

October 7, 2009



Brother of
Arnold Finkelstein

♫ YAHRZEITS ♫

To be read 11/6/2009

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

To be read 11/13/2009

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

To be read 11/20/2009

Edna Jane Bloom
Charles C. Cahn
Bernice Clein
Isabelle D. Goldberg
Diana G. Hanan
Reuben Herzfeld
Bertha Kaufman
Milton Long
Louis Charles Neumann
Jeannette Nyman

To be read 11/27/2009

Bernard Eric Hanan
Alma Happ
Beatrice Feinberg Levy
Jack Loeb, Sr.
Julius Simon Marks
Michelle Sabel Moers

~ ~ ~

YOUTH GROUP

BOOTY will be participating in a Habitat for Humanity project coordinated by Yuval Katz, our wonderful Shaliach, on Sunday, November 1st at 1:30 pm. If you are interested in participating in this event please contact Sharon Berry at (334) 415-9145 or daberry40@netscape.net.

BOOTY and USY came together and had an awesome time on Sunday, Oct. 18th, bowling at ACE. We had a total of 15 youth. ☺

Thanks to all who participated.

SISTERHOOD

Who's ready for the holidays? Not me, but they will be here before we know it!! We are trying to help you check off one of your responsibilities by getting everyone to order cheesecakes for their special occasions. What a wonderful dessert to serve for the holidays or just to enjoy!!!! Please, we need your help to make this a successful fundraiser and to be able to continue the support that we as Sisterhood give to "our" Temple.

We have had a very active New Year at the Temple and there have been many ladies who have come forward and helped with our many different events. I want to thank Susan Finklestein for her lovely and delicious Break Fast. And to the many ladies, who either set up, baked or brought goodies. The food was really good, but the fellowship was even better. For those of you, who have never partaken in this special event, treat yourself next year!! IT WILL WARM YOUR HEART!

Since our last correspondence we have had a beautiful Sukkot hosted by Linda Herzfeld and Suzanne Coleman and Simchat Torah which was hosted by Betty Goldberg. Both events were lots of fun and very well attended. The next big event for Sisterhood is our joint Thanksgiving service with First United Methodist Church on Tuesday, November 24th, at our Temple. This is a beautiful service and I look forward to seeing all of you there.

My Very Best Always,

Lisa Weil

~ ~ ~

SOCIAL CONCERNS PROJECT

Child Protect is enthusiastic about TBO members repeating this holiday season the Bedtime Bundles project for local victims of child abuse and molestation. There were 500 such children seen by the agency in the past year 10/08 - 9/09.

This time the agency asks that we, in effect, "unbundle" the bundles, and have

the items delivered loose, so that the agency can give out to children more selectively, or let the children themselves choose what they want. We will have a playpen in the Temple lobby during November and December for members to deposit new items for children ages 6-14, both boys and girls:

- pajamas
- socks
- combs and brushes
- magic washcloths (from Dollar Tree)
- soaps
- toothpaste, toothbrushes
- shoelaces
- pillowcases (plain and child themes)
- books
- journals
- pads, pencils, crayons
- other appropriate kid things

If you prefer to donate money, we will do the shopping for you! For questions, contact Louisa Weinrib 262-6155. Thank you very much.

~ ~ ~

from the Library
November 2009

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

Moment: Established by Elie Wiesel in 1975, it is now published by the Center for Creative Change. Wiesel named the magazine after *Der Moment*, which was an independent Jewish newspaper in Warsaw, Poland that ceased publication in 1939.

Moment covers, from an independent viewpoint, Jewish politics, culture and religion. The current (September/October) issue includes the cover article "From Arab to Palestinian Israeli, One Family's Changing Identity," as well as "Great Jewish Films," an article by an Israeli bioethicist on what Judaism has to say about the American health care debate, and an interesting article in the "Talk of the Table" column titled "The Pomegranate: A Rich and Holy History." *Moment's* web site can be found at <http://www.momentmag.com>.

continued on next page

Reform Judaism: Is a quarterly publication of the Union for Reform Judaism. It strives to convey the creativity, diversity, and dynamism of Reform Judaism. The magazine "... covers developments within (the Reform) movement while interpreting world events and Jewish tradition from a Reform perspective... Feature stories are controversial, probing problems, exploring solutions, teaching, and inspiring. A special "Focus On" educational section presents multiple perspectives on a specific theme--- Jewish ritual, history, beliefs, and issues---to stimulate further reading, study, and discussion. Subjects covered include: Jewish history, ethics, the Holocaust, Israel and Zionism, Jewish movements, family, texts, holidays, theology, and more... (L)ifestyle columns showcase contentious opinions and model programs and services which enhance Jewish life." The current issue cover story is "Earthcare: An Ethical Culture Designed to Save Our Planet & Ourselves." The featured story is by Joshua Garroway and is titled "Apocalypse Then," in which Garroway proposes that Jesus believed the world would soon end and thus preached accordingly. *Reform Judaism's* web site can be found at <http://www.reformjudaismmag.org>.

Eric A. Kidwell, MLS

~ ~ ~

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Our ISJL Fellow, Allison Goldman, will be visiting our community Nov. 20-22.

NOVEMBER RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DATES:

- Nov. 1 - 9:30 am at TBO
- Nov. 8 - 9:30 am at TBO
- Nov. 15 - 9:30 am at TBO
- Nov. 22 - 9:30 am at TBO
- Nov. 29 - **NO SCHOOL**

L'CHAIM LEAGUE

Friday, November 20th is the date set for a glass blowing demonstration, with lunch following at Chez Lulu and visit to The Allegria Glass Studio. All of this has been put together by Sue Rouso Jaffe, who will be joining us in Birmingham for this event. There is no charge for the event. Lunch will be your responsibility. We will depart from the TBO parking lot at 8:30 a.m. So I will have enough drivers in place, **PLEASE! CALL IMMEDIATELY TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT.**

Our annual **Chanukah Luncheon** this year will be on Tuesday, **December 15th** at 12:00 at **City Grille**. They are opening the restaurant just for us. As we did previously, we ask that you bring new clothing items to be donated to the B'nai B'rith Nursing Home in Memphis, Tennessee. A box will be set up at the Temple for anyone wishing to drop off anything prior to the luncheon.

There are many exciting programs in the works for next year. Join in at anytime. We'd love to see you at all or any of our events.

Linda R. Smith

~ ~ ~

Greetings from the Men's Club!

On Sunday, October 18th, we screened the movie *Defiance*, starring Daniel Craig. We had twenty people in attendance. Special thanks to Lew Nyman for setting up the equipment and running the movie. Thanks also to Lew and his wife Karen for providing the refreshments. And very special thanks to JoJo Durham for providing some very tasty homemade Thai food! Since the Men's Club now owns our own multimedia projector and movie screen, we will be showing more movies. Furthermore, after the Men's Club purchases and shows a movie, the movie will be donated to the Temple Library for TBO members to enjoy.

Our annual Men's Club Shabbat will be Feb. 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

~ ~ ~

MISHKAN T'FILAH HAS ARRIVED!

Following the decision by the Board of Trustees at the end of August to purchase additional copies of the new Reform prayer book, *Mishkan T'filah*, for regular use, the order was placed, and our new books arrived at the end of October.

Mishkan T'filah will be used for the first time in regular worship on Friday evening, November 20 -- a special service that will also feature our student cantor, Andrea Rae Markowicz, who will be working with our choir for the first time. Services will be followed by a pot-luck congregational dinner, complete with family blessings and Shabbat singing around our tables. It should be quite an evening.

In the meantime, members should have received a mailing inviting sponsorships for the new books. These sponsorships will be recognized with custom-made bookplates in honor or memorial; details are available from Gina Friday at the temple office, or on our website. *Mishkan T'filah* has already been used for all of our Shabbat morning services since November, 2007.

TREE OF LIFE

Don't forget the Tree of Life for graduations, birthdays, Bar/Bat Mitzvah's and other special times in your life. Large leaves are \$350 and small ones, \$250.

Contact Carol Hart or the Temple regarding purchase.

Cheesecake

To our Temple members,

Cheesecake sales have not been as good as we would like!!! This is your very last opportunity to do something good for "our" Temple. As we come out of this recession we need you to either buy cheesecake(s) or make a contribution to Sisterhood.

I will be placing our very last order on Monday, November 2nd at 10:00 a.m.

Sisterhood is responsible for all the onegs, many dinners, receptions and the kitchen. Without you, our member's help, we would not be able to do these things.

Please call my cell, 324-9000 by Sunday evening, November 1st and we will get your order placed!

Our deepest thanks.

Lisa Weil
Sisterhood President

~ ~ ~

NEWS FROM OUR EXTENDED FAMILY

From time to time some news comes our way that we would like to share with our "extended family" -- the members of Temple Beth Or. Whether a brief item of note or a more extended anecdote, please continue to send family news to Gina Friday. Here's an example, a note sent to Rabbi Stevens from his son Daniel, who is based in San Francisco with the emergency responsiveness division of the Dept. of Homeland Security. Daniel writes from Saipan, where he had been posted to prepare for an oncoming typhoon:

"The experience was great! I was definitely concerned when the storm was 24 hours out and we were looking at a direct hit from a cat 5 with gusts around 200 MPH. Especially since CNN was showing the devastation from Typhoon Parma, which had just destroyed the Philippines. There were only 4 people on the island from FEMA, with about 50 in Guam ready to take the hour flight north after the storm

passed. They were never needed in the end, but it was comforting to know the support was right there. The whole thing was really watching FEMA at its best. Between Samoa and the Typhoon we moved more resources around the world in an incredibly short time period... and we also were able to cut resources incredibly fast once the storm passed, which saved millions of dollars in transporting satellite and medical equipment from Washington State, Hawaii, and the East Coast. It's incredibly challenging to prepare and plan for this type of scenario; too much or too little and you're in trouble and you constantly have to juggle the probability of a direct hit. It's not like the Gulf of Mexico where you know 100% it's going to land somewhere and all resources are relatively close by. I was Deputy plans chief and had the night shift, which means I was the primary coordinator with headquarters. It was a big step for me and I loved it!!

"The only down time I had was one afternoon in Saipan after the storm passed, amazing island with a lot of WWII history. We went to suicide cliff where 1000's of Japanese killed themselves in fear of being dishonorably captured by Americans. The beaches were beautiful, and incredibly warm. On the way back I had a ten hour lay over in Japan so I took a high speed train to Tokyo, just enough time for lunch!! Pretty cool. No word on further deployments to Samoa, I think they have the situation under control and have moved from response to recovery, which calms things down a lot.

Dan"



A few words from New Member Heather Shinpaugh

Although I currently live in NC, I have memories of a loving, spiritual connection with my TBO Family and heritage. As a USAF daughter, I was fortunate to return from Germany to Montgomery in 1983, in time to continue my studies with Rabbi Baylinson and observe my Bat Mitzvah at TBO. I work as a Senior Assistant Director in the Scholarships and Student Aid Office at UNC-Chapel Hill, and am looking forward to performing in Compiegne, France in November, with a select group from Theatre in the Park, a community theatre in Raleigh.

I look forward to reading the next bulletin. It helps bring a little bit of "home" to me in NC.

Thanks again!

Heather Shinpaugh
(Daughter to Robert and
Barbara Shinpaugh)

~ ~ ~

This is a letter that was
sent to TBO.

"September 29, 2009

Temple Beth Or
2246 Narrow Lane Road
Montgomery, AL 36106

Dear Rabbi Stevens, President
Capouya, and Congregation of Temple
Beth Or:

I wanted to take a minute to write and thank you for the opportunity to visit Temple Beth Or during the recent Yom Kippur services. It has been many years since I have attended High Holiday services and must admit that I was a little reluctant to attend a Temple I was unfamiliar with. However, I was very impressed with your web site and the open invitation offered to everyone for all services. I wanted you to know how glad I was that I attended the services and how much I appreciated your "open door" policy.

continued on next page



Celebrate Carol Hart's
85th birthday at a special
Oneg Shabbat in her honor
Friday, December 4, 2009
at Temple Beth Or

6:00 Shabbat Service
7:00 The Oneg and
Birthday Celebration
Hors d'oeuvres and wine

given by:

Michal and Jack Hillman
Alice and Brian Wertheim
Julian and Gail Hart
Van and Jeri Hart

*Thank
you*

Many thanks to Mae Cohen for
mailing out the Yahrzeit notices
each week.

(If you know someone who's done
something nice for our Temple, please
email or call Gina with their
name and good deed.)



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

COVERED DISH DINNER

**Come have dinner together after the 6 PM
service on November 20th.**

**Please bring the following dish if your last
name begins with:**

- A-E Dessert**
- F-K Meat dish (beef or chicken)**
- L-R Salad**
- S-W Vegetable**

I was also very impressed to see that
your collection efforts during the
holidays were centered on collecting for
the needs of your outreach programs
and not just on the needs of the temple.

Please accept the enclosed donations as
a small expression of my gratitude. I
will leave it up to you where you feel
the donation to your Social Justice Fund
would be needed the most. Please
accept the other donation for your
General Fund.

Sincerely,

Dennis L. Golden
Auburn, Alabama"

THANKSGIVING A TIME TO BE GENEROUS

As we make our plans to spend
Thanksgiving with family and loved
ones, many of us are also planning to
gather at Temple on Tuesday evening,
November 24, for a beautiful interfaith
service with our friends from the First
United Methodist Church. The service
should be wonderful, but should also
move us to acts of *tzedakah* – giving of
ourselves and sharing some of what we
have with those in need.

During the service, those attending will

find donation envelopes tucked into
their prayer books. Rather than openly
“passing the plate,” participants will be
encouraged to tuck something into their
envelope (cash or check) during the
course of the service, for deposit in a
donation box at the conclusion of the
service. Several agencies doing good
work locally and globally will be listed
so that personal preferences can be
expressed.

Giving gifts of *tzedakah* is among the
very highest social and religious
values. Let us give thanks in ways that
go far beyond not only through music
and prayer.

Welcome to our newest members!

Diane Abraham
2623 Huffman Road
Grady, Alabama 36036
Cell: 315-8341

Laura Lloveras
2104 Wynchase Drive
Prattville, AL 36067
782-3975 cell, 387-8180 work
lloveras@yahoo.com

Heather Shinpaugh
228 Bald Eagle Lane
Cary, NC 27518
(919) 618-3900
Heather_Shinpaugh@unc.edu

Edward and Angela Abraham
191 Overlook Drive
Miramar Beach, FL 32550
Edward cell 399-5501
Angela cell 399-5500
free_success@yahoo.com

Goergina and Mike Rodzman
103 Rosewood Drive
Prattville, AL 36066
Mike cell: 730-5222
Goergina cell 730-5220
m.rodzman@mac.com

Beth and Mike Thomas
9443 Broadleaf Drive
Montgomery, AL 36117
Home: 593-0898
Beth cell (808) 352-1162
mbtjthomas@gmail.com

Lorraine and Robert Lieberman
3707 Laconia Lane
Montgomery, AL 36111
Home: 281-9286
Cell 322-8862
lorrbob@knology.net

Tammy Saperstein
64 Haggerty Road
Wetumpka, AL 36093
tcsaperstein@live.com

Sherry Virgen
3404 Margaret Ann Drive
Montgomery, AL 36108
262-0906

Be sure to join us on November 13th for our
New Member Shabbat Service at 6 PM.
A wine and cheese reception will follow service.

CHARLES BRONFMAN TO SPEAK AT TEMPLE on NOV 4th

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

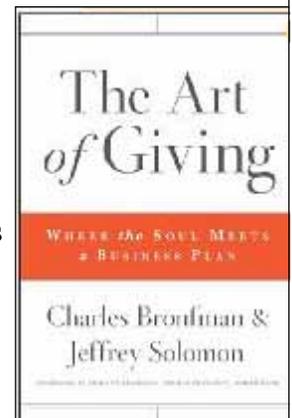
Charles Bronfman, one of the premier Jewish leaders and a renowned philanthropist, will speak at Temple Beth Or on Wednesday, November 4, at 7:00 p.m. Bronfman chairs the Andrea and Charles Bronfman Philanthropies, Inc., a family of charitable foundations operating in Israel, the U.S.A. and Canada, and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

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, and be sure to come early for the best seating. The program is open to all, and is offered without charge.



Volunteer Now

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



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

Starting now and during the next few months:

- Cooking at home (kugel or quajado)*
- Cooking/Baking at the Temple (bakery items, Challah, stuffed cabbage). Check your email and bulletins for cooking times.*
- Putting up signs*
- Being a guest on radio/television shows*

Week of:

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

First Shift
8:30 to 12:00

Second Shift
11:45 to 3:00

Day of:

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

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

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

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

All proceeds benefit the Temple General Fund.

2246 Narrow Lane Road ▪ Montgomery, Alabama 36106 ▪ (334) 262-3314

Sunday, February 21, 2009

9 AM - 3 PM

Seal here

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



Karen Goldstein
2026 Myrtlewood Drive
Montgomery, Alabama 36111

fold here

I can't wait to help!

Sign Me Up!



L'Chaim League visits Southern Progress (home of Southern Living) in Birmingham on September 15th.

Temple Beth Or Annual Food Festival - February 21, 2010

Cooking for the Temple's Annual Food Festival is revving up already! Please take a look at the calendar and see which dates you will be able to work toward making this one of the best events ever! Participating in the preparation phase of cooking is probably one of the most fun and fulfilling activities you will have on your calendar as we move into Fall and Winter.

YOU are invited to attend any or all of the dates posted for cooking. The dates are varied and include some days during the week and some days on the week-end so that everyone has an opportunity to participate. NOW is the time to make your plans to participate.

We've asked each Temple 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. 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.

We also are asking that each Temple member donate worthy items to the Treasure Market and the new Collectible Boutique.

Another great way to participate is by donating money to help offset the expense related to the event.

Thank you helping us make this a wonderful event for the community!

Jenny Ives,
Food Festival Chair
Temple Vice President



Photos left and below:

L'Chaim League's opening luncheon on October 20th featured lunch by Jennie Weller Catering and a fashion show by Henig Furs and Leather.



Montgomery Area Council on Aging 22nd Annual Seniors of Achievement Recognition Luncheon

In an effort to recognize the foundation of community support—the individual—the Montgomery Area Council On Aging each year sponsors a **Seniors of Achievement Awards Luncheon**. This year marked the 22nd year of these awards and on Oct. 21st eight seniors were honored at the Capital City Club recognition luncheon. These are individuals who have made significant contributions to their community.

Each year MACOA honors seniors who have made noteworthy contributions to the quality of life in the Montgomery area as well as one person who is recognized as the **Special Friend of MACOA**. The **Special Friend of MACOA** award was established in 1989 as an additional honor to recognize people who have contributed to the success of MACOA and its programs for seniors. The first recipient was Mary Katherine Archibald Blount for her role in MACOA's move to Jefferson Street and renovation of the facility. After that year, the award became the **Mary Katherine Archibald Blount Special Friend of MACOA** and has been awarded to 21 other individuals through 2009.

The **2009 Special Friend of MACOA** selectee is **Leo Drum** for his many contributions to the community. Alice Reynolds, a founding board member, presented the award to Leo.



Dear Temple Beth Or and the Montgomery community,

On behalf of Chimes Israel, I would like to personally thank everyone who came to the event at Carol Hart's house on October 1, 2009 and also those who were unable to attend and supported us with a donation. During the event, we enjoyed caramel cake, personal stories from the attendees, an introduction by Rabbi Stevens and a presentation about Chimes Israel, a nonprofit organization in Israel that is dedicated to improving the quality of life of people with special needs.

The evening was a resounding success! We far surpassed our goal and to date have received over \$6,500 in donations to this very worthy cause. A

big תודה רבה (*thank you*) to all those involved and we look forward to keeping you updated on our progress and success here at Chimes Israel.

Last but not least, I would like to add that next time you are in Israel, we would be thrilled to have you visit us and see firsthand the positive impact Chimes Israel has on the lives of people with special needs in Israel.

Sincerely,
Evan Hart Wertheim Resource Development - Chimes Israel
American Friends of Chimes Israel
afoci.info@gmail.com



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.

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.

TEMPLE BETH OR ADULT EDUCATION

RABBI TO OFFER COURSE IN JEWISH SEXUAL VALUES

Our Jewish tradition has much to teach us about sexual ethics and sexual behavior. Contemporary issues including birth control, abortion, homosexuality, pre-marital and extra-marital sex as well as many others are reflected in Jewish texts, often in surprising, even astonishing ways. This course includes explicit discussions and texts, and is rated "R."

This course will be presented in three parts, on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m., in the Temple Library:

(FINAL TOPIC) November 11: "Contemporary Issues and Jewish Sexual Values"

You're invited to attend Rabbi Kramer's Torah Study at Agudath Israel ✪ Etz Ahayem on Mondays at 7 PM (excluding November 2nd and 23rd).

also

Rabbi Kramer will have a Lunch & Learn at Noon on November 12th at the Synagogue.

To see other AI✪EA events go to www.agudathmontgomery.com and click on *calendar*.

Jewish Federation of Central Alabama presents NY's 92nd Street Y Satellite broadcast:



The Coming Commercial Revolution in the Muslim World

Monday • December 7 • 7 PM • AUM TechnaCenter

Vali Nasr, a senior fellow for Middle Eastern studies at the Council on Foreign Relations, argues that the great battle for the soul of the Middle East will be fought not over religion, but over business and capitalism. Learn why extremism has become such a problem, how regional stability can evolve, and how Middle East-U.S. relations can be dramatically improved.

Sponsored by JFCA and AUM. Location AUM TechnaCenter.

J FCA Shaliach Calendar **Saturday, October 31, 7 PM,** Havdalah service and JFCA's Shaliach event at TBO: Film Club presents "Ushpizin."

Tuesday, November 3, 7 PM, Yuval presents Conversational Hebrew for adults at 7 PM. Café Israel to begin at 7:30 PM. Topic: Operation "Cast Lead" (Gaza War). Presented by Lt. Col Liho Hakoen, IDF pilot. Location AIEA.

Saturday, Nov. 14, 7 PM, Havdalah service and JFCA's Shaliach event at AIEA: Film Club presents the movie "Walk on Water." Eyal, an Israeli Mossad agent, is given the mission to track down and kill the very old Alfred Himmelman, an ex-Nazi officer, who might still be alive. Pretending to be a tourist guide, he befriends his grandson Axel, in Israel to visit his sister Pia. The two men set out on a tour of the country during which, Axel challenges Eyal's values. Rated R for some language including sexual references, and for brief nudity.

Saturday, Dec. 12, 7 PM, Havdalah service and JFCA's Shaliach event: Film Club at TBO (movie to be announced).

Tuesday, December 15, 7 PM, Yuval presents Conversational Hebrew for adults at 7 PM. Café Israel to begin at 7:30 PM. Topic: Life in the Israeli Kibbutz. Presented by Tair Patishi (wife of an Israeli pilot). Location AIEA.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

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



Kol Ami Religious School

Meets at TBO
September 13, 27
October 4, 18, 25
November 1, 8, 15, 22
December 13

Student Cantor Andrea Rae Markowicz Weekends:

November 20 - 22	(Cantor Markowicz
December 18 - 20	will usually participate
January 29-31	in Friday night Shabbat
February 26-28	services, Saturday
March 12-14	morning Shabbat
April 9 - 11	services and Religious
May 14 - 16	School on Sundays.)

Mark Gitenstein (*son of TBO member, Dr. Seymour Gitenstein*)
Ambassador to Romania

Mark Gitenstein was sworn in as U.S. Ambassador to Romania on July 29, 2009. Before accepting President Obama's nomination to serve as U.S. Ambassador to Romania, Mark Gitenstein was a non-resident senior fellow in governance studies at the Brookings Institution, where he specialized in issues related to national security and civil liberties. He was also a partner at the Washington office of the multi-national firm Mayer Brown LLP.

Previously, Ambassador Gitenstein worked as a Senate staff member for 17 years - both for Senator Biden as Committee Counsel and as Chief Counsel for the Senate Judiciary Committee. He is the author of *Matters of Principle*, an award winning book on his experience managing the Judiciary Committee staff during the confirmation battle over the nomination of Robert Bork to the Supreme Court in 1987.



Ambassador Gitenstein has been selected by his peers several times for inclusion in "Best Lawyers in America." He holds a bachelors degree from Duke University and a law degree from Georgetown University. Ambassador Gitenstein's great grandparents emigrated from Romania to the U.S. in the late 19th century, making him the first U.S. Ambassador to Romania with Romanian heritage.

He is married and has three children and two grandsons.

Beyond November!

Sunday, December 6, 11 AM, Religious School at AIEA.
Hannukah Hoopla.

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.

Saturday, December 12, 7 PM, Havdalah service and JFCA's Shaliach event: Film Club at TBO (movie to be announced).

Tuesday, December 15, 12:00 PM, L'Chaim League's Chanukah Luncheon at City Grille. Bring donated clothing items for the B'nai Brith Nursing Home in Memphis.

Tuesday, December 15, 7 PM, JFCA's Shaliach event: Yuval presents Café Israel at AIEA. Conversational Hebrew for adults at 7 PM. Lecture or discussion to begin at 7:30 PM.

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 and Torah study with Student Cantor Markowicz. Light brunch served.

Saturday, January 9, 9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service and Torah study. Light brunch served.

Saturday, January 16, 6 PM, JFCA's Fab 7 event. Join us at Temple Beth Or for a discussion with a panel of 7 Shlichim about being a woman in Israel.

Sunday, January 17, 6 PM, JFCA presents Israeli Folklore activities with music, dancing and cooking at Agudath Israel.

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, 5 PM, Havdalah Healing Service and Reception.

Saturday, January 30, 9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Student Cantor Markowicz. Light brunch served.

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

Sunday, February 21, 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, 6 PM, Purim Celebration.

Saturday, February 27, 9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Student Cantor Markowicz. Light brunch served.

Sunday, February 28, 9:30 AM, Religious School at AIEA.

Saturday, March 6, 10 AM, Jack Loeb's Bar Mitzvah and Shabbat morning service.

Thursday, March 18, 7 PM, Guest speaker, David Kushner, author of *Levittown: Two Families, One Tycoon, and the Fight for Civil Rights in America's Legendary Suburb*. Guests welcome.

Friday, March 19, 6 PM, Shabbat Service with Student Cantor Markowicz. Choir will accompany.

Saturday, March 20, 9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Student Cantor Markowicz. Light brunch served.

Friday, April 9, 6 PM, Shabbat Service with Student Cantor Markowicz including a Yom Hashoah observance.

Saturday, April 10, 9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Student Cantor Markowicz. Light brunch served.

Wednesday, April 14, 7 PM, Movie: To be announced. Sponsored by the Men's Club.

Friday, April 16, 6 PM, Shabbat Service. Huntingdon College Night.

Thursday, May 6, Noon, Sisterhood Closing Luncheon. Location TBA.

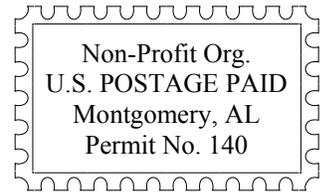
Thursday, May 13, 6 PM, Guest Speakers Rabbis Jeffrey Salkin

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.

November 2009

Want an updated look at what's going on at Temple? Go to www.templebethor.net.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 1:30 PM Teens join Yuval Katz at Habitat for Humanity Project.	2	3 7 PM Yuval Katz presents Café Israel at AIEA.	4 7 PM Guest Speaker: Charles Bronfman	5	6 6 PM Shabbat Service	7
8 9:30 AM Religious School at TBO	9	10	11 7 PM Adult Ed: "Contemporary Issues and Jewish Sexual Values."	12	13 6 PM New Member Shabbat Service. Birthday and anniversary blessings. Wine and cheese follows.	14 7 PM Havdalah service and JFCA's Shaliach Film Club at AIEA
15 9:30 AM Religious School at TBO	16	17	18	19 → On Nov. 20th L'Chaim League visits The Allegria Glass Studio in Birmingham.	20 6 PM Shabbat Service with Student Cantor Andrea Markowicz 7 PM Pot Luck Dinner (See the 19th for more events)	21 9:30 AM Shabbat morning service and Torah study.
22 9:30 AM Religious School at TBO	23	24 7 PM, Joint Thanksgiving Service with First United Methodist Church. Reception follows.	25	26	27 6 PM Shabbat Service	28
29	30					



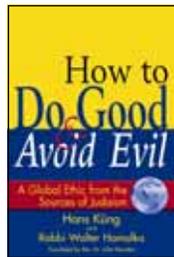
ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

www.templebethor.net

Please note that Temple Beth Or's administrative office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 26 & 27 in honor of the Thanksgiving holiday. The building will open at 4:00 PM on Friday for Shabbat service.

Last Notice!

Remaining Food Festival Cooking Dates		
<i>Cooking time begins at 9 AM unless otherwise noted. Time and dates are subject to change so please call the Temple to confirm times.</i>		
10/23.....	Cabbage	Sandy Lynn
11/1.....	Hamantashen.....	Alison
11/8.....	Hamantashen.....	Alison
11/15.....	Cabbage	Sandy Lynn
1/10.....	Hamantashen.....	Alison
1/15.....	Praline Matzah....	Diane W.
1/31.....	Latkes.....	Susan B.
2/5/.....	Kugel.....	Diane W.



Shabbat Guest Speaker
 Rabbi Walter Homolka

The Shabbat Service on **Friday, October 30th at 6 p.m.** will feature guest speaker Rabbi Walter Homolka, Chancellor, Abraham Geiger Rabbinical Seminary, Potsdam, Germany. He will speak on: **THE BICENTENNIAL OF REFORM JUDAISM, BUILDING TOWARD A NEW FUTURE.** Sponsored by the Carol Lobman Hart Educational Fund. A wine and cheese reception will precede at 5:30 PM.

Saturday, October 31, 9:30 AM

Shabbat Morning Service. Saturday morning, October 31, Rabbi Stevens will lead a Shabbat morning service along with Rabbi Walter Homolka, including Torah reading and Torah study. Service begins at 9:30 AM and will conclude with a Kiddush luncheon which will include tuna salad, blintz soufflé, lox and bagels and other tasty items.

