

Temple Beth Or

bulletin

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A VIEW FROM THE BIMAH

BAR AND BAT MITZVAH – NOT JUST FOR CHILDREN!

Earlier in my rabbinate I served a very small part-time congregation in a rural area about two hours north of New York City. Perhaps the most memorable service there was one Shabbat when I called to the Torah a gentleman in his mid-70's in celebration of his bar mitzvah. As one who had been highly assimilated in his younger years (as an executive on Wall Street), this first *aliyah* of his life was a moving and emotional experience for all, representing his reconnection with Judaism after many years on the periphery. We now offer the same opportunity here in Montgomery.

In one sense, the characterization of a bar mitzvah as an event continues a common misunderstanding, along the lines of phrases like "I was bar-mitzvahed" or even "she had a bat mitzvah," as if bar/bat mitzvah is a noun or a verb. But bar mitzvah (or bat mitzvah) is neither; rather, it is a status that one achieves in Judaism by virtue of reaching a certain age. In other words, in Jewish tradition one becomes "bar mitzvah" even without any ceremony, service or ritual. One *becomes* "bar mitzvah" or "bat mitzvah" as a state of being.

What does this mean? In Jewish practice, certain *mitzvot* – commandments, or sacred obligations – come into play at the age of religious maturity. For example, before the age of 13 one may fast on Yom Kippur; after the age of 13, if one takes these practices and obligations seriously, one must fast. The age of religious majority also brings certain privileges: children may not be called to the Torah until the age of 13, but are eligible from the age of 13 on; these provisions, which traditionally applied to boys, were extended to girls first with the Reconstructionist Movement in the 1920's, later also in Reform and Conservative Judaism.

Shabbat Morning Services

Saturday morning, January 30th, Rabbi Stevens (along with Student Cantor Andrea Markowicz) will lead a Shabbat morning service (*see corresponding article on page 4*), including Torah reading and Torah study. Service including Torah study and a light brunch will run from 9:30 – 11:15 a.m.

The tradition of marking the transition to religious maturity with a special service and celebration go back only a few hundred years, originating in Poland and elsewhere in Eastern Europe.



But aside from understanding bar/bat mitzvah on an intellectual plain, think of what it means emotionally. Here is a ritual that everyone can love; one that can move us to tears and touch the soul as few rituals in Jewish life can. With all the planning and hard work, we celebrate the achievement of succeeding at a challenge, but also our reconnection with and pride in our Judaism in ways that we may find surprisingly profound. And, of course, there will have to be plenty of food!

Here at Temple Beth Or there are many adults who, for one reason or another, have not yet been called to the Torah for an *aliyah*, or learned to read from the Torah or from our Hebrew prayers. **Accordingly, I plan to offer a bar/bat mitzvah class for adults. This class will conclude with a group service, sharing in the reading of that week's Torah portion. It should be a grand occasion – a real celebration. This class will offer participants the opportunity to learn to read Hebrew, then read prayers and the Torah itself, and prepare a suitable teaching of Torah commentary. We will meet weekly, perhaps for 12-18 months (with some breaks!).** If you just want to learn to read Hebrew, by the way, you are welcome to attend just those classes, if you wish; if you already read Hebrew but haven't yet read Torah or had an *aliyah*, you are welcome to attend just that part. It would be great if we can create a group of students who together go through this program.

Our next bar mitzvah, by the way, is coming up on March 6 as Jack Loeb is called to read Torah and recite the appropriate prayers for the first time.

To join this new program, please RSVP to Gina Friday (bethor@templebethor.net) or directly to me (Rabiels@templebethor.net) no later than Tuesday January 19. I will then survey the group as to availability, and call a first organizational meeting in early February.



Celebrating Our 158th Year

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

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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!

TBO PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Shalom,

I hope that everyone enjoyed special moments with family and friends over this past holiday season. The Temple hosted our annual Thanksgiving service with First United Methodist Church followed by a wonderful reception that was praised by our guests and members alike. A few weeks later, we held our annual Chanukah Shabbat and Latke Dinner at the Temple which was very well-attended. We listened to wonderful melodies sung by Cantor Markowicz while munching on the finest latkes in town. Both of these events were very successful and I want to officially offer my sincere gratitude to the Sisterhood Committees responsible for the hospitality (and food) provided at each of these key events.

The NEXT big event on our calendar is our Annual Food Festival and Treasure Market. I am looking forward to having another highly successful event this year as we have a few new items in store for our guests. However, we need every Temple Family to commit their time, resources and energy in support of this vital Temple fundraising and outreach project. There are opportunities to assist with baking or cooking during the weeks leading up to the event, so please note the schedules published within this bulletin. We also need help leading up to and on the day of the event, so volunteer now by contacting Karen Goldstein. If you can't volunteer, then there are other avenues in which you can make a difference by becoming a sponsor of the Food Festival.

Our religious school has just completed the first semester of its school year under the direction of our co-directors, Sharon Berry and Lani Ashner. The Temple hosted the first semester in our facility and the second semester will be hosted at Agudath Israel-Etz Ahayem. We have had a great start to the year and I am confident that we are effectively delivering quality Jewish Education to our youth. I want to thank all the educational staff for their successful efforts.

Best regards,

Morris E. Capouya

Dear Temple Family,

**Thank you for all the support,
 energy and love you have given me
 all these years. I have a smile on
 my face from all the smiles
 (and hugs) you have given me.**

**With love,
 Carol ♥**

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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.

BEDTIME BUNDLES

Donation
Carol and Jamie Loeb

BLANCHE WINTER FUND

Speedy Recovery
Joe Epstein
Gay and Irving Winter

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In Honor of
Carol Hart's 85th Birthday
Kay and Marge Koch & Pat Sloane
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Carol and Jamie Loeb
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Wishing you happiness in your new adventure.
Roz Caplan and Ed Simon

In Honor of
Carol Hart's Birthday and
We will miss you!
Babette and Charles Wampold

In Honor of
Carol Hart's 39th Birthday!
Karen and Lew Nyman

GENERAL FUND

Speedy Recovery
Jim McDonald
Dr. Laurie J. Weil and
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In Appreciation of
Dr. Tommy Wool
Eve Loeb and Jim McDonald

GENERAL FUND

In Honor of
Marion Shinbaum's Birthday
Roz Caplan and Ed Simon

In Memory of
Dr. Morris N. Capouya
Anne and Herman Franco

L'CHAIM LEAGUE
In Honor of
Bubba Marcus' Birthday
Joan and Jim Loeb

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In Honor of
Carol Hart's Birthday
Gay and Irving Winter

In Memory of
Barbara Marcus and
Debbie Marcus
Gay and Irving Winter

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B. Frank Loeb (Husband)
Joan S. Loeb

In Memory of
Elsie W. Rubin (Mother)
Joan S. Loeb

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

The Memory of our parents,
H. Victor and Ann Kerns
Susan Kerns, Janice LeBlanc,
David Kerns

SELMA MARCUS FUND

In Honor of
Bubba Marcus' Birthday
Phyllis Applefield

TREE OF LIFE
In Honor of
Mrs. Carol Hart
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Robin Blitz
Corinne C. Capilouto
Pat Dees

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Peggy Mussafer
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Laurie Jean Weil
Lisa Weil

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings
on January 8th.

ANNIVERSARIES

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

BIRTHDAYS

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

Friday • January 1
6 PM

During the Shabbat service, the children of Laura Lloveras will receive their Hebrew names. A reception will follow the service

⚡ YAHARZEITS ⚡

To be read 1/1/2010

Anna Roswald Abraham
Sylvan Robert Cohn
Martha Drum
Sylvan Ives
Bernice Loeb Levy
Joseph Neuman

To be read 1/8/2010

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

To be read 1/15/2010

Hermann Berger
Beryl Cohen
Simon Hertz
Dr. Aviva Hoffmann
Bertha Model
Clara G. Mussafer
Ben Neuman
Bert C. Weil, Sr.

To be read 1/22/2010

Bertha S. Abraham
Eli Cohen
Leo J. Drum, Sr.
Jake Feinman
David R. Franco
Irma Oppenheimer Haas
Eli Hanan
Joseph Hanchrow
Amelia Levine
Irma Levy
Myrtle Kaufman Loeb
Eva Marco
Faye Leving Shum

To be read 1/29/2010

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

FOOD FESTIVAL
FEBRUARY 21, 2010

“Of course they know I’ll be there to help”or do we?

Please contact **Karen Goldstein (265-1145 or kackaboo@gmail.com)** to let her know the dates and areas of your preference for working during the week and day of the Food Festival. Karen spends countless hours arranging the schedules and we appreciate knowing ahead of time. Contact the Temple if you need a form.

Please bring articles for the Treasure or Collectible Market to the Temple during January.

Our sincere appreciation goes to everyone that have been working on preparing for this event and to those that have already submitted their volunteer information.

On behalf of the entire committee for the Food Festival, I thank you.

Jenny Ives

L’CHAIM LEAGUE

Tuesday, January 19th is the date set for a book review by Rabbi Stevens at Temple Beth Or at 11:30. The book, ***The Thirteen Petalled Rose***, is now available at the Temple Office. A deli lunch from Chappy's will be served and the cost is \$7.50 pp. Please make your reservation today for this very interesting program.

Upcoming programs for 2010 include: visit with a local artist, learning how to bake strudel, day trip to Gees Bend, Cosmetic makeover, and a featured presentation from our members who visited the Galapagos Islands.

There is something that all of you can enjoy. We look forward to an exciting year of interesting trips, presentations, and speakers.

Linda R. Smith

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Kol Ami Religious School students had a fun time as we celebrated Chanukah on Dec. 6th at AIEA. When students return from winter break, we will resume classes at Agudath Israel Etz-Ahayem per our merger agreement.

Please note the following religious school schedule for the month of January:

Jan. 3 - NO SCHOOL

Jan. 10 - Religious School resumes at AIEA from 9:30 am - 12 noon

Jan. 17 - NO SCHOOL (MLK DAY)

Jan. 24 - Religious School at AIEA from 9: 30 am - 12 noon

Jan. 31 - Religious School at AIEA from 9:30 am - 12 noon

If you would like to be a volunteer for our religious school program, please contact Sharon Berry at (334) 290-0445 or daberry40@netscape.net.

CHILD-FRIENDLY SHABBAT
SERVICE PLANNED FOR
FEBRUARY 13

Rabbi Stevens has announced plans for a special young-peoples’ service on Shabbat morning, February 13, starting at 9:30 a.m. The service will be accompanied by Yuval Katz, our Israeli Shaliach, and our own Jeffrey Herring, using songs heard each summer throughout the system of Reform Movement camps. This upbeat, participatory service should be of particular interest to our grade-school kids (and their families!), and will include brunch after the service.

Our speaker that morning will be Jonathan Cohen, universally known as J.C. He has directed the Jacobs Camp in Utica, Mississippi, for many years, turning it into a first-class facility with a top-notch program. J.C.'s goal – and ours – is to encourage more of our young people to sign up this summer for a Jewish camp, as one of the very best

ways to create and foster Jewish identity and literally to help ensure the survival of Judaism. Generous financial support is available, and will be outlined during the program. The service and program should conclude by 11:15 a.m.

YOUTH GROUP

It's not too late to purchase a raffle ticket for BOOTY's annual **Camp Jenny** fundraiser. **Prize winners will be drawn on January 10th.** You do not have to be present to win. The **Tickets are \$10 each.** You may purchase as many tickets as you like to increase your chances of winning the following **Themed baskets: Pamper Yourself, Date Night, Sports Fan, Rise & Shine and Shabbat for Two.** **Thanks to the generosity of a special family, we will also add a Flat Screen T.V. to our prizes.** Prize winners will be drawn on January 10th and contacted. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Danielle Berry at 290-0445, or via Gina at the Temple office. Visit www.campjenny.org for more information.

NFTY-SAR Winter Kallah (for 9th - 12th graders) will take place at the Davis Academy in Atlanta, GA from Jan. 15th -18th. Please contact Sharon Berry at 290-0445 or daberry40@netscape.net to register.

Yuval Katz will be organizing a Habitat for Humanity project slotted for Jan. 31st. Please contact Yuval at 224-4220 or yuvalkatzi@gmail.com if you are interested in participating.

Youth Group members mark your calendars for Feb. 7th, 1 pm at TBO. The Youth Group will be making Kugel with Diane Weil for the Food Festival. The Food Festival will be held on Feb. 21st from 9am -3pm. Let's do our part by signing up with your BOOTY President, Danielle Berry, to help sell drinks at the Food Festival. We will also need Youth Group volunteers to help raffle off a gift basket during the Food Festival to help raise money for our Youth Group account.

SISTERHOOD

Okay so where has 2009 gone?! It is so hard to believe that the new calendar year is here. I know that for me it has been a fun year and Sisterhood has been a big part of the excitement. I want to thank Jaime and Ricky Loeb for a special Chanukah Dinner. It was fun, colorful, lively and I could go on and on with this but you get the picture. What a treat!!! To our famous latke chef, Susan Bernstein, do you realize how much we all look forward to your latkes? Many, many thanks for being the best latke chef. There were lots of helpers in the kitchen and we are all grateful to all of you.

Sisterhood participated in an open house at Old Alabama Town and we had a blast!!! Tammy Saperstein organized this for sisterhood and we are most appreciative. The look on the children's faces as they sat on the floor with Marlene Beringer playing the dreidle game was so cute. Rabbi came down with Yuval and helped light the menorahs and sing songs. The children jumping up and down and being human dreidels was very cute. We hope to make this an annual Sisterhood project so be sure to look for it again next year.

Our Sisterhood Sabbath is on January 29th and I hope you will all join us. We have worked hard planning this special service. We have worked with Andrea and have come up with a unique service and we hope for a really good turnout. Please support your sisterhood as we are the backbone and worker bees of the Temple and it is always nice to show support to these ladies.

Once again I want to mention how successful our cheesecake fundraiser was and we want everyone to know that we have chosen to use the money we raised to buy new tables for the social hall. We will keep you posted on that and the other projects we plan to support with this fundraiser. We do need for everyone to be a part of this fundraising effort so that we can continue to prosper. Email addresses for perspective supporters will be a big help and Marlene Beringer has a wonderful list, ARB44@aol.com. So

when you think of someone who needs to be contacted next year, please forward their name and info on to her. Wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy 2010!

My Very Best Always,
Lisa

MUSIC CD OF TBO SELECTIONS NOW AVAILABLE

During her visit with us in November, our student cantor Andrea Rae Markowicz recorded some of the selections we use during Shabbat services at Temple Beth Or; she was accompanied by Jeff Herring, a TBO member and regional NFTY song-leader; Jeff has become a regular accompanist for our Shabbat morning services.

A CD will be available without charge by January 15th. Come by the Temple office and pick up or reserve your copy -- and sing along during our next service with Cantor Markowicz!

RABBI'S ROUNDTABLE CONTINUES

Rabbi Stevens has been holding periodic "Rabbi's Roundtable" luncheon discussions with small, randomly-selected groups of members. The goal of these sessions has been to enable members of Temple Beth Or and Rabbi Stevens to engage in informal discussion, and just to get to know each other in ways that aren't possible in larger settings. To date approximately a third of TBO members have been invited.

If you have a particular interest in attending one of these sooner than might otherwise be the case, please be in touch with Gina Friday at the TBO office so that she can schedule you in. Members are also encouraged to contact Rabbi Stevens for personal meetings at any time.

TRYOUTS ON FOR TBO PURIM SHPIEL!

This year's Purim celebration features an all-star cast of...YOU! On Saturday evening, February 27, we will celebrate Purim with the usual noise and hilarity, but with two added bonuses: Cantor Markowicz will be with us, and she and Rabbi Stevens will be co-directing a "shpiel" -- the traditional comedic take-off on the story of Purim. Modern shpiels don't require more than minimal scenery, props or acting skill, but do require a sense of fun in acting out a ridiculous and short script -- with lyrics set to familiar songs (remember "Peanut Butter Poppy Seeds" to the tune of supercalifragilisticexpialidocious?).

Please let Rabbi Stevens know of your interest (Rabbiels@templebethor.net). Aside from Purim on February 27, two rehearsals are planned: Saturday afternoon, January 30 (during Cantor Markowicz's next visit with us) and Saturday afternoon, February 27, just before Purim. Rabbi and Cantor will both take on roles; we hope you do too!

So Far So Close-

Alabama and Dimona lighting Chanukah Candles together!

The distance between the city of Dimona and the city of Montgomery in Alabama US is 10,637 KM. So what do these two cities have in common?

First the year 1955 is a very significant year for both cities.

For Dimona this is the year the city was founded.

For Montgomery this is the year when Rosa Parks refused to give her bus seat to a white man as required by the law, leading to the famous bus boycott until the law was changed.

The two cities had one more thing in common. They are both part of the "Network- Dimona Partnership 2000" project- one of 46 similar Partnerships between Jewish Communities abroad and regions in Israel. The Partnership 2000 project is a joint effort of the "Jewish Federations of North America," "Keren Hayesod" and the "Jewish Agency for Israel."

On Sunday, Dec 13, students from both cities joined together for a Chanukah Candle lighting event. Students from Dimona and students from Kol-Ami religious school connected via Skype at 10:00 a.m. Montgomery time for a warm Chanukah festival.

Each participant from both sides discussed briefly what Chanukah means for his or her family. Both sides lighted the Chanukah candles and sang the Chanukah songs.

Hila from Dimona was happy to connect to Jewish teens


who live thousands miles away. Allison Lloveras from Montgomery said: "to me, Chanukah is a time to be with family and enjoy the time you spend with them. It's a time to be thankful for each other."

In the special language of Partnership 2000 another "Bridge for Connections" is formed. The candle lighting event and the letters sent few a days ago from Dimona to Montgomery, will strengthen a special bond between the two cities.

Many people in both cities contributed to the success of this event and I would like to thank them all:

In Montgomery: Yuval Katz - Jewish Agency Shaliach in the Jewish Federation of Central Alabama; Lani Asher and Sharon Berry- Principals in the religious school; Rabbi Scott Kramer and Rabbi Elliot Stevens. In Dimona: Uri and Moran from NET@Dimona.

Yamit Alfasi from Dimona

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| <p>Many thanks to Kathleen Roberts and Linda Smith for keeping the Temple office open while Gina took a few days off.</p> |  |
| <p><i>(If you know someone who's done something nice for our Temple, please email or call Gina with their name and good deed.)</i></p> | |

SCHEDULE FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF MISHKAN T'FILAH

Following is a list of Friday night services in which *Mishkan T'filah*, the new Reform prayer book, will be used. Our student cantor, Andrea Rae Markowicz, will be with us on January 29, February 26, March 12, April 9 and May 14. On March 12, we will be using the *Union Prayer Book*.

From May on, we'll be using *Mishkan T'filah* full time, although we will be continuing our periodic use of the *Union Prayer Book*.

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| January 15 | March 5 | April 16 |
| January 29 | March 19 | April 30 |
| February 19 | March 29 | |
| February 26 | April 9 | |

| Student Cantor Andrea Rae Markowicz Weekends: | |
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| <p>January 29-31 February 26-28 March 12-14 April 9 - 11 May 14 - 16</p> | <p>(Cantor Markowicz will usually participate in Friday night Shabbat services, Saturday morning Shabbat services and Religious School on Sundays.)</p> |

1. L'Chaim League's Chanukah Luncheon; 2. Sisterhood at Old Alabama Town.; 3. TBO's Chanukah Dinner



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7 notes in every musical scale:



On January 2010, 7 young Israelis will amaze you!



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Save the dates! 16 and 17 of January!

NOTED SCHOLAR AND LINGUIST
TO SPEAK AT TEMPLE

Joel M. Hoffman

Tuesday • February 9 • 7 PM • TBO

Joel M. Hoffman, PhD, an expert in translation, Hebrew, and the Bible, is a much sought-after speaker who presents to dozens of popular and academic audiences each year. He holds a Ph.D. in linguistics and has served on the faculties of Brandeis University and Hebrew Union College.



Dr. Hoffman is the chief translator for the popular 10-volume series, My People's Prayer Book (winner of the National Jewish Book Award) and for My People's Passover Haggadah, both from Jewish Lights Publishing. He is the author of the critically acclaimed *In the Beginning: A Short History of the Hebrew Language* (NYU Press). He writes a biweekly column on Hebrew for the Jerusalem Post.

His latest work, *And God Said: How Translations Conceal the Bible's Original Meaning* (forthcoming February 2010 from Thomas Dunne Books/St. Martin's Press), explores how translation mistakes mask the original meaning of the Bible. It offers detailed new insight into the Ten Commandments, Psalm 23, Song of Songs, the "virgin birth" of Isaiah 7:14, and much more.

Dr. Hoffman was also involved in the design of Mishkan T'filah, and provided many elegant translations. He lives in Westchester, NY.

Jewish Federation of Central Alabama presents Israeli Deputy Consul General Sharon Kabalo

Wednesday • February 10 • 6 PM • TBO



Deputy Consul General Sharon Kabalo was appointed to the Atlanta based Consulate General of Israel to the Southeast in August, 2008. Ms. Kabalo has been a part of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the last ten years, stationed both in Israel and abroad. During her career she has served as the Second Secretary to the Israeli mission in San José, Costa Rica. Ms. Kabalo served in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to assist Israelis in high risk situations abroad, and later served as the Ministry's Coordinator of Academic Affairs.

Ms. Kabalo studied at Hebrew University, where she holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature & Linguistics, as well as a Master of Arts in Jewish Philosophy specializing in the research of mysticism.

The Deputy Consul General is a native of Jerusalem and currently lives in Atlanta with her husband and three sons.

TEMPLE BETH OR ADULT EDUCATION

INTRODUCTION TO JEWISH MYSTICISM

The Jewish mystical tradition, assumed by many modern Jews to have been only peripheral to mainstream Judaism, has in fact been central to our tradition since biblical times. Jewish mysticism has influenced Jewish philosophy, practice, liturgy and worship, and offers a vast literature. The literature of Jewish mysticism includes biblical texts, commentaries, parables, prayers and mystical testimonies, extending well into modern times. Jewish mysticism continues to influence all streams of Judaism into our own day.

This course will be led by Rabbi Stevens, and will consist of five classes:

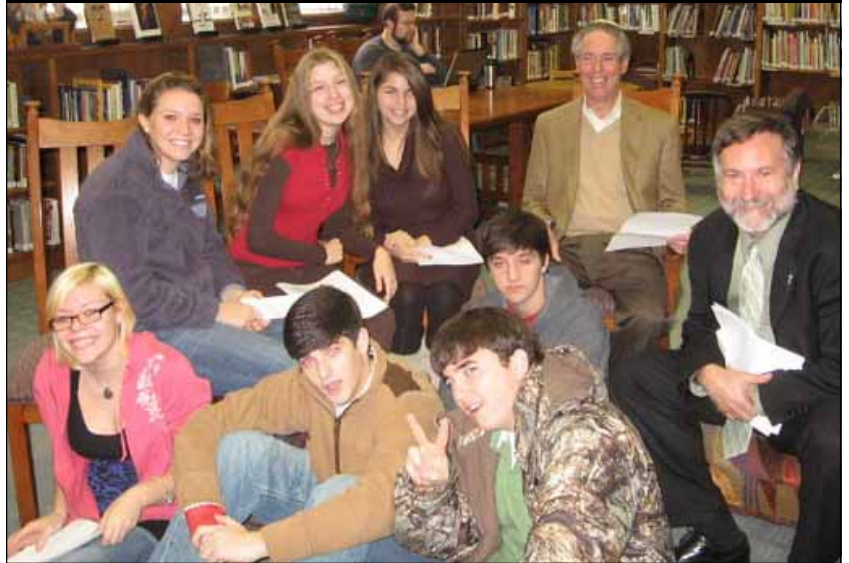
- January 6: Mysticism in the Bible
- January 20: The Origins of Kabbalah
- February 3: Lurianic Kabbalah
- February 24: Hasidism (new date)
- March 3: Mysticism Meets Modernity

All classes will convene at the temple on Wednesday evenings at 7:00, and all classes are open to the public. Bring a friend!

You're invited to attend Rabbi Kramer's Torah Study at Agudath Israel ✪ Etz Ahayem on Mondays at 7 PM

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

Skype Broadcast with Dimona, Israel on December 13, 2009



J Shaliach Calendar

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.

Tuesday, January 19, 7 PM, JFCA's Shaliach presents Conversational Hebrew for adults at 7 PM. Café Israel to begin at 7:30 PM. Yuval will give a lecture about Israeli Humor. Location AIEA.

Saturday, January 23, 7 PM, Havdalah service and JFCA's Shaliach event at AIEA: Film Club presents the movie "The Case for Israel: Democracy's Outpost." A landmark documentary film with Alan Dershowitz.

Sunday, January 24, 12 PM, Yuval Katz and Ian Katz will discuss the program, Birthright Israel. Ian is a community member who has made the trip and will tell us about his personal experience. Held at AIEA following religious school.

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

Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, interviewed by Nina Totenberg

Thursday • January 28 • 7 PM • AUM TechnaCenter

Ruth Bader Ginsburg was nominated by President Clinton as associate justice of the United States Supreme Court in June 1993, and took the oath of office in August 1993. Prior to her appointment, she served on the bench of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. She was a professor of law at Columbia University and earlier served on the law faculty at Rutgers. She has also taught at many other law schools in the U.S. and abroad. Ginsburg holds a BA from Cornell University, and received her JD from Columbia Law School. In 1971, she was instrumental in launching the Women's Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union. Throughout the '70s, she litigated a series of cases solidifying a constitutional principle against gender-based discrimination. Ginsburg has written widely in the areas of civil procedure, conflict of laws, constitutional law, and comparative law.



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Beyond January!

Tuesday, February 2, 7 PM, JFCA's Shaliach presents Conversational Hebrew for adults at 7 PM. Café Israel to begin at 7:30 PM. Location AIEA.

Wednesday, February 3, 7 PM, Adult Ed: Introduction to Jewish Mysticism: Class 3 of 5: Lurianic Kabbalah.

Sunday, February 7, 9:30 AM, Religious School at AIEA.

Sunday, February 7, 1 PM, Youth Group makes kugel with Diane Weil.

Tuesday, February 9, 7 PM, Dr. Joel Hoffman, Noted Scholar and Linguist to speak at TBO.

Wednesday, February 10, 6 PM, JFCA Sponsored event:

Lecture by the Israeli Vice Consul. Sponsored by JFCA. Location TBO.

Friday, February 12, 6 PM, Men's Club Shabbat. Guest Speaker, Dr. Wick Many, Program Director and Professor of Medicine, Discipline of Infectious Diseases at the UAB School of Medicine Health Center in Montgomery. Selected topics of bio-medical ethics will be discussed.

Saturday, February 13, 9:30 AM, Child friendly Shabbat morning service with guest speaker Jonathan Cohen from the Jacobs Camp. Yuval Katz will accompany.

Saturday, February 13, 7 PM, Havdalah service and JFCA's Shaliach event at TBO: Film Club presents a movie (to be announced).

Tuesday, February 16, 7 PM, JFCA's Shaliach presents Conversational Hebrew for adults at 7 PM. Café Israel to begin at 7:30 PM. Location AIEA.

Sunday, February 21, 9 AM - 3 PM, Jewish Food Festival.

Wednesday, February 24, 7 PM, Adult Ed: Introduction to Jewish Mysticism: Class 4 of 5: Hasidism.

Friday, February 26, 6 PM, Shabbat Youth Service with Student Cantor Markowicz. Pot luck dinner to follow at 7 PM.

Saturday, February 27, TBA (afternoon), Second rehearsal for "shpiel" (Purim).

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

Saturday, February 27, 6 PM, Purim Celebration with Cantor Markowicz with a comedic "shpiel."

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

Tuesday, March 2, 7:15 PM, NY's 92nd Street Y Satellite broadcast of "Rabbi Capers Funnye in Conversation with Ari L. Goldman. Funnye is Michelle Obama's first cousin, he holds a pulpit on the South Side of Chicago, and is the first African American rabbi to serve on the Chicago Board of Rabbis."

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Wednesday, March 3, 7 PM, Adult Ed: Introduction to Jewish

Mysticism: Class 5 of 5: Mysticism Meets Modernity.

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

Sunday, March 7, 9:30 AM, Religious School at AIEA.

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 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.

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

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.

Sunday, April 11, 9:30 AM, Religious School at AIEA.

Wednesday, April 14, 7 PM, Movie: To be announced.

Sponsored by the Men's Club.

Thursday, April 15, 7 PM, NY's 92nd Street Y Satellite broadcast of "A World in Crisis: What Are Our Moral Obligations?" Sponsored by JFCA and AUM. Location AUM TechnaCenter.

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

Sunday, April 18, 9:30 AM, Religious School at AIEA.

Sunday, April 25, 9:30 AM, Religious School at AIEA.

Sunday, May 2, 9:30 AM, Religious School at AIEA.

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

Thursday, May 13, 6 PM, Guest Speakers Rabbis Jeffrey Salkin and Gary Zola. Dinner to follow.

Friday, May 14, 6 PM, Shabbat Service celebrating 200 years of Reform Judaism with Guest Speaker Jeffrey Salkin. Student Cantor Markowicz's last visit. Choir will accompany. Wine and Cheese precedes at 5:30 PM.

Saturday, May 15, 9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Student Cantor Markowicz. Light brunch served.

Sunday, May 16, 9:30 AM, Last Day of Kol Ami School at AIEA.

Wednesday, May 19, 6:30 PM, Confirmation/Shavuot Service at Agudath Israel.

Sunday, May 23, 4 PM, Reception and Annual Meeting. Members only.

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.

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.

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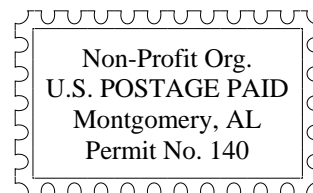
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| | | | | | 1 6 PM Shabbat Service (reception follows) | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 7 PM Adult Ed: Mysticism in the Bible. | 7 | 8 6 PM Shabbat Service | 9 9:30 AM Shabbat morning service and Torah study. |
| 10 9:30 AM Religious School at AIEA. | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 6 PM Shabbat Service | 16 6 PM JFCA's Fab 7 event at TBO. |
| 17 6 PM JFCA presents Israeli Folklore activities at Agudath Israel. | 18 | 19 11:30 AM L'Chaim: book review at TBO At AIEA 7PM Hebrew 7:30 Café Israel | 20 7 PM, Adult Ed: The Origins of Kabbalah. | 21 | 22 6 PM Shabbat Service | 23 7 PM, Havdalah service and JFCA's Shaliach movie night at TBO. |
| 24 9:30 AM Religious School at AIEA. Noon-Yuval leads discussion of Birthright Israel. | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 7 PM, NY's 92nd Street Y broadcast of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, interview. AUM TechnaCenter. | 29 6 PM Sisterhood Shabbat and Shabbat Shira Service with Student Cantor Markowicz. | 30 9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service. 5 PM, Havdalah Healing Service and Reception at TBO. |
| 31 9:30 AM, Religious School at AIEA. | | | | | | Reminder The Jewish Food Festival is Sunday, February 21st. |

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



Food Festival and Treasure Market

Sunday
February 21, 2010



Do write the date on your calendar. You will not only help the Temple, but you will enjoy seeing so many of your friends and neighbors.

Remaining Food Festival Cooking Dates

Cooking time begins at 9 AM unless otherwise noted. Time and dates are subject to change so please call the Temple to confirm times.

- 1/12.....Mondelbrot Lynne
- 1/15.....Praline Matzah Diane W.
- 1/17.....Challah Marlene
- 1/18.....Rugelach Corrie
- 1/24 1 pm...Strudel..... Susan F.
- 1/25.....Rugelach Corrie
- 1/26 1 pm...Strudel..... Susan F.
- 1/31.....Latkes..... Susan B.
- 2/2Mondelbrot Lynne
- 2/7 1 pm....Kugel..... Diane W.
- 2/8.....Challah Marlene



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

The Temple will open at 4 PM for service.

LOST AND FOUND

An umbrella with Tuscany scenes, some make-up, and a small pillbox have been left at the Temple. Please let us know if any of these items belong to you.