

Temple Beth Or

bulletin

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A VIEW FROM THE BIMAH



Following the catastrophic earthquake in Haiti, in which at last count upwards of 150,000 or more persons lost their lives, countries throughout the world began the extremely challenging rescue and aid work, on almost unprecedented a scale, that has captivated all who have been following this most dramatic story.

Many hundreds of millions of dollars have been raised, with airlines and ships finally being able to unload supplies around the clock.

Israel was among the first responders. The first major Israeli team to arrive was a medical response field unit of the Israel Defense Forces [IDF]. Within a day of the disaster, the IDF had set up a well-equipped field hospital, and had brought in military and civilian medical personnel, rescue teams, search dogs and supplies. Later, the Magen David Adom - Israel's version of the Red Cross - brought in paramedics overland from the Dominican Republic when they couldn't land in Port-au-Prince, and set up field hospitals in conjunction with the Norwegian Red Cross. A group from the Israeli disaster relief organization ZAKA, which had a team in Mexico following a helicopter crash there, was soon on the scene, as was the Fast Israeli Rescue and Search Team [FIRST]; the Jerusalem AIDS Project, Isra-Aid, the Pirchey Refua-Israeli Youth Medical Cadets and others, supplementing the major aid efforts of the American Jewish Committee, B'nai B'rith International, UJA-Federation, the American

Jewish denominational movements and many others.

Of course, countries around the world responded similarly, for the most part, but with this exception: Israel is the only country, to my knowledge, which has been castigated for these efforts. Israel is

the only country of which I am aware whose motivation has been questioned; indeed Israel has been accused of duplicity by extremists who are using the Internet to circulate the notion that Israel's sole motivation has been to redirect the world's attention away from Israel's presumed treatment of Palestinians. Using Google, you can quickly locate any number of websites hell-bent on ruining Israel's reputation, no matter the facts. The deplorable way that the truth is bent to fill extremists' pre-existing assumptions is another example of how the "big lie" coupled with the Internet can give currency to even the most contemptible ideas.

Once again, I call to mind one of my favorite definitions, that of the zealot, which I believe I first saw in the Devil's Dictionary by Ambrose Bierce: A zealot is one whose passionate views on a subject are inversely proportional to his or her knowledge of it.

Another canard circulating recently is that Israel, as national policy, kills Palestinians to harvest their organs. A hospital in Tel Aviv acknowledges that in the early 1990's, they would use corneas and sometimes other organs after a patient's death, without seeking proper permissions. These corneas and other organs came from Jews, Christians and Arabs, and the program was discontinued after the Israeli government learned about it. But death squads? Targeting Palestinians? National policy? There isn't a shred of evidence, yet the charges circulate. One is reminded of the charges that health care legislation before Congress would lead to "death panels" in this country.

Such extremism, in any guise, rarely has anything to do with truth or justice; is rarely productive and only leads to further disunity and anger, whether on how Israel and her neighbors relate to each other, or how we relate to each other on the dysfunctional American political scene.

I am not advocating that those with strongly-held views modify their views. I do advocate, as the Jewish way, that we form our views judiciously, take care to evaluate seemingly wild claims, and be moderate in our discourse.

Shabbat Morning Services

Saturday morning, February 13th, Rabbi Stevens will lead a child friendly Shabbat morning service (*see corresponding article on page 4*) and a regular service on February 27, along with Student Cantor Andrea Rae Markowicz. Services include Torah study and a light brunch which will run from 9:30 – 11:15 a.m.



Celebrating Our 158th Year

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

It seems to me that while we live in an advanced information age complete with numerous modes of communication, our Temple community must strive for communication that is "High Touch." This concept does not involve some new technological device, but does involve the ability to empathize with one another, to foster meaningful human interaction, and to pursue some purpose and meaning in our Judaism. I admit that I am one who needs to relax the analytical, calculating portion of my brain and let the creative and empathetic side come alive.

While we are on the topic of communication, it is very important for all congregants to:

1. Push information "upstream" to Temple management and leadership regarding another congregant's poor health, unfortunate circumstances and joyous occasions so that we are all informed about such matters in order for us to reach out, lend a helping hand or share in their joy or sorrow. We all make a difference in each others' lives.
2. Broadcast the date and time of our Annual Food Festival to the greater Montgomery community so they can join us and experience the delectable delights our tradition has to offer and shop in our newly-expanded Treasure market.

All the best,

Morris E. Capouya

Carol Hart's telephone number in Atlanta is

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Mazel Tov!

To Gaby Capp on the January 14th birth of her great-grandson Hanan Eli Miller.

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.

CAROL LOBMAN HART FUND

*In Honor of
Carol Hart
Sharon McDaniel*

*In Honor of
Carol Hart's Birthday
Frances and Ralph Capouya*

FLORAL FUND

*In Honor of the 85th Birthday of
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PRAYERBOOK FUND

*In Memory of
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**SAMUEL SCHLOSS
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*In Memory of H. Klein, Babs Klein and
Samuel Schloss
Burke Schloss*

**Birthday and Anniversary Blessings
on February 5th.**

ANNIVERSARIES

- 10. Gracie & Jack Hanchrow
- 21. Steve & LaNette Clein
- 28. Susan & Robert Kohn

BIRTHDAYS

- 3.....Mark Franco
- 3.....Alan Weil, Jr.
- 5.....Gilson Capilouto
- 5.....Daniel Markstein
- 7.....Allen Dees
- 9.....Tony Piel
- 12.....Hugh Bolen
- 13.....Elna Behrman
- 13.....Lisa Weil
- 13.....Mike Winter
- 19.....Hanna Berger
- 19.....Adam Finkelstein
- 21.....Andrew Kromis
- 21.....Barbara Leet
- 25.....Elsa Herzfeld

Mazel Tov!

To Natalie Mussafer for being one of four nominees for Birmingham Jewish Federation's 2009 Volunteer of the Year award.

♫ Yahrzeits ♫

To be read 2/5/2010

- Abraham Feinman
- Dr. John Herzfeld
- Sol Katz
- Dr. Joseph Weinrib

To be read 2/12/2010

- Bernard Bolen
- Simanto Franco
- Nancy Riley
- Edith Scheuer Weil

To be read 2/19/2010

- Matilde Alhadeff
- Mathilde "Teal" L. Kohn
- Carol R. Loeb
- Carolyn Abraham May
- Edward A. Posner
- Gloria Haas Shwarts
- Larry Toney
- Rossie Weil
- Edwin S. Wise, Jr.
- Cecily Wool
- Harold Yellin

To be read 2/26/2010

- Dorothy Applebaum
- Beulah "Bollie" Avzaradel
- Zipora Baylinson
- Samuel Blitz
- Herman Blotner
- Dr. Morris Capilouto
- Louise Cooper
- Anna Green Gitenstein
- Edith Kahn Himan
- Morris Reznikoff

Recent Death

Fortunee De Botton ז"ל

January 4, 2010



Sister of Gaby Capp

2010 Jewish Food Festival
and Treasure Market
Featuring the new
Collectible Market •
February 21, 2010
9 AM until 2 PM

Please make plans to attend this year's Food Festival. The food items have been increased and the Treasure Market has been expanded to include four more rooms of collectible items which include antiques, furniture, accessory items, handmade items as well as bolts of beautiful designer fabric.

We appreciate the people who have graciously volunteered to help with our event this year. A special appreciation reception will be held in the Treasure Market and Collectible Boutique in early February for the volunteers to view the various items that will be for sale. Invitations will be sent by the first week of February. If you have not sent a confirmation to Karen Goldstein in order to secure your volunteer position, please do so immediately.

We graciously appreciate the generous donations from Publix, Sterling Bank, Regions Bank, Aliant Bank, the Montgomery Advertiser and Coca Cola. We appreciate the Silver Skillet donation from Joan S. Loeb.

Please note that we will not be accepting items for the Treasure Market and Collectible Boutique beyond January 31st in order to display and price the items.

Jenny Ives
Food Festival Chair
Vice President Programs

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.

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.

The CD along with a transliteration sheet is now available without charge on the information table outside the Sanctuary. Come by the Temple office and pick up your copy -- and sing along during our next service with Cantor Markowicz!

SHABBAT ALIVE! YOUTH
GROUP SERVICE SET FOR
FEBRUARY 19 AT TBO

Experience Shabbat worship in a new way, as our Temple Youth Group plans a most unusual service for February 19. Following the model known as "Shabbat Alive!" as experienced in other communities, this will be a largely musical service, using music and settings familiar to our young people who attend Reform summer camps, conclaves and Shabbaton programs, or are active in temple youth groups. Shabbat alive! services are joyous and engaging, and should appeal to anyone who is young or young at heart of any age. Ours will be accompanied by several guitars, mandolin, violin, keyboard, drum and two soloists, under direction of Becky Taylor, Director of the Montgomery Chorale. It should be quite an evening!!

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

February Calendar:

2/7 - 9:30am - 12 noon at AIEA

2/14 - NO SCHOOL

2/21 - NO SCHOOL

2/28 - 9:30 am - 12 noon at AIEA
(All school Purim Celebration)

Lani Ashner and I would like to thank our teachers for their hard work and dedication to Kol Ami Religious School and their students. If you would like to volunteer to be part of our outstanding team of Religious School Educators for next year, please contact Sharon Berry at daberry40@netscape.net or call 290-0445.

Sharon Berry

YOUTH GROUP

BOOTY would like to thank everyone in our community who participated in and donated to our Camp Jenny Raffle. With your generous donations we have raised over \$2,500. Camp Jenny campers will benefit greatly from

this most generous donation. THANK YOU!!!

Camp Jenny Raffle winners this year are: **Gaby Capp** (Flat Screen T.V.), **Mitchell & Sharon Allen** (Sports Gift Basket), **Rabbi Stevens** (Pamper Yourself Gift Basket), **Mark & Natalie Mussafer** (Date Night Gift Basket), **Karen Nyman** (Rise & Shine Gift Basket), and **Emily Allen** (Shabbat Gift Basket).

Congratulations to all of our winners and thank you again for supporting Camp Jenny.

Sharon Berry
BOOTY Advisor

YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

Danielle Berry, BOOTY President, and Sara Crowe just returned from Winter Kallah. It was held at the Davis Academy in Atlanta, GA. There were 176 NFTY teens that attended. It was an amazing weekend! The teens made over 1,750 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches that were passed out to the homeless of Atlanta. They also donated numerous food gift cards for the homeless.

Hatikvah Kallah, for the 7th & 8th graders, will be from March 12-14 at Temple Kol Emeth in Marietta, GA. Please contact Sharon Berry if you are interested in attending.

The next BOOTY event will take place on Feb. 7th at 1 PM at TBO. Hope to see you all there. The youth group will be making kugel with Diane Weil in support of the Food Festival. THANK YOU DIANE!!!

L'CHAIM LEAGUE

On **February 16th**, join us at Mr. G's to enjoy a presentation of skin care and makeovers by a skilled team of professionals. Lunch time is 11:30 AM with the program ongoing during lunch. The cost will be \$12.50 pp.

Upcoming programs include: a day trip to Gees Bend, learning how to bake strudel, a presentation by our members

who visited the Galapagos Islands, and so much more. Our programs have something to offer for everyone. We welcome you all.

LISTEN UP DRIVERS AND RIDERS

L'Chaim League is trying a new project, matching drivers to potential riders, who are intimidated driving after dark. Here's how it works: If you can transport someone who lives near you or en-route to the Temple, (when you are attending services or events), send your name to Linda Smith. If you wish transportation, send your name, address and phone number to Linda who will pass that on to drivers. We will evaluate the program in 6 months to see if all are pleased.

Linda R. Smith

from the Library

In the next couple of weeks we'll be sending off a long-awaited new book order. You should be hearing from us in the March bulletin with reviews of some of the new titles, fiction and non-fiction, that have arrived.

Eric A. Kidwell, MLS

SOCIAL CONCERNS

On Jan. 7th Mike and I took the Bedtime Bundles collection to Child Protect whose Director, Jannah Bailey called to say that the gift was magnificent and was timed perfectly for a horror the agency handled two mornings later: a 9 year old and a 2½ year old were brought in by the police on the morning of Saturday Jan. 9th in blood-soaked pajamas after witnessing the murder of their parents the night before. The police needed the pajamas for the crime investigation, and the children were able to select new clean pajamas from the supply we provided. Thank you to members of Temple Beth Or who contributed goods and money for this cause.

Louisa Weinrib

CONGRATULATIONS

To Ken and Corrie Long on finishing the Disney Marathon on January 10th. They both completed it in 4 hours, 57 minutes. Wow!

SISTERHOOD

In case you weren't at our Sisterhood Shabbat, you missed a lovely evening. The service was led by our Sisterhood Board with Andrea and Yuval's help. We created a warm ambiance by having the first part of the service in candle light. This was very different from what we have ever done. Except once when a hurricane came through on a Friday evening and knocked out the power. Everyone who attended services was given a candle as they entered the Sanctuary and as we processed from the back of the Sanctuary to the bimah we (the Board) paused at the beginning of each pew to light that persons candle. Then the person sitting next to them lit their candle from the already lit candle. It was a magical, warm and special service and I would like to thank the Rabbi and Andrea for helping us put this together. And to Yuval, we all appreciate your willingness to help whenever called upon and your talent. After the service Sisterhood hosted our annual Oneg that was enjoyed by all. I would like to thank my Board of Directors for making delicious hors d'oeuvres and for doing such a great job leading services. So now that I have written this article, I can only hope all of this went the way I have written as I am doing it on Monday before our service. That is what meeting a deadline is all about! I do know that we have worked hard and I know it will be a special!

Have you stopped by the Temple lately and seen all the action and excitement that Food Festival generates? I'll tell you, the sisterhood members all need a BIG pat on the back! To watch them in action in the kitchen is amazing and the baked goods they turn out are so good. It is so rewarding to be a part of the action even if it is for just a couple

of hours. I know there are others in this bulletin asking that you help during the week of Food Festival so please make the time, you'll be glad you did.

I want to take this opportunity to give one of our sisterhood members a thank you from the bottom of our hearts. I do not know if the membership of TBO realizes how much Sharon McDaniel does for our community. She is in charge of lots of activities that do not get much recognition. She is a wonderful asset not only on my board but to all here at the temple.

So I WILL see all of you at Food Festival if not before. In the meantime, be safe, stay warm and dry and know I send ...

My Very Best Always,
Lisa Weil

NEWS RELEASE – JAN. 20, 2010

Bible scholar Dr. Joel M. Hoffman to speak about acclaimed new book,

And God Said: How Translations Conceal the Bible's Original Meaning

For centuries, translations of the Bible have obscured our understanding and appreciation of the original text, contends Bible scholar Dr. Joel M. Hoffman. His new book, [*And God Said: How Translations Conceal the Bible's Original Meaning*](#), identifies and corrects those significant mistranslations.

Dr. Hoffman will speak about his new book at Temple Beth Or, 2246 Narrow Lane Rd. in Montgomery, on Tuesday, Feb. 9, at 7 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

His appearance is part of a four-city Southern States Jewish Literary Series tour coordinated by the Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life.

And God Said uncovers the often inaccurate or misleading English translations of the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament that quotes from it. Sometimes the familiar English is just misleading. Other times, the mistakes

are more substantial. But the errors are widespread. The book tackles such issues as what's wrong with the Ten Commandments (starting with the word "commandments"), the correct description of the "virgin" birth and the surprisingly modern message in the Song of Solomon.

Rabbi Harold Kushner, author of *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*, calls *And God Said* "[a] wise and important book, and a lot of fun to read." The Very Rev. Dr. James A. Kowalski, Dean of the Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine in New York, says the book "retrieves what the Bible really was and what it can be for us now."

Dr. Hoffman is an expert in translation, Hebrew and the Bible. He holds a doctorate in linguistics and has served on the faculties of Brandeis University and the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. He is the chief translator for the 10-volume series [*My People's Prayer Book*](#) (winner of the National Jewish Book Award) and [*My People's Passover Haggadah*](#). He is the author of the critically acclaimed [*In the Beginning: A Short History of the Hebrew Language*](#). He spoke about that book in a Southern States Jewish Literary Series tour to four cities in 2009. He lives in Westchester, N.Y.

The Southern States Jewish Literary Series presents talks and book signings by distinguished authors. The series is coordinated by the Jackson, Miss.-based ISJL, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing educational and rabbinic services to Jewish communities, documenting and preserving the rich history of the Southern Jewish Experience and promoting a Jewish cultural presence throughout a 13-state region.

Signed books will be available for sale. For more information or to order *And God Said: How Translations Conceal the Bible's Original Meaning*, contact the local synagogue or ISJL Director of Programming Andy Muchin, (601) 362-6357 or amuchin@isjl.org.

"DANCE ME TO THE END OF LOVE," a ballet inspired by Jewish and Israeli themes and music

The Montgomery Ballet, the Capital's Official Dance Company, will present a ballet on Israeli and Jewish themes, as part of the dance company's "**Premier Evenings**" at the Davis Theater in downtown Montgomery, during the weekend of February 19th and 20th at 7:30 PM. A special performance for the Jewish community, Temple and Synagogue members will be on **February 20th**. Montgomery Ballet will offer discounted tickets and a reception at 6:30 PM at **Nobel's Restaurant** prior to the performance.

Israeli born **Elie Lazar**, the Montgomery Ballet's Artistic Director and resident choreographer will present the Montgomery Ballet's premier "**Dance Me to the End of Love.**" Tickets are available through the Temple and Synagogue offices.

"**Dance Me to the End of Love**" is drawn from Mr. Lazar's rich Israeli background and creative energy using traditional Jewish music including Klezmer, folk themes, familiar songs, and liturgical music as well as the Andrews Sister's hit "*Bei Mir Bist Du Schein.*" This is Mr. Lazar's third season at the helm of the Montgomery Ballet. He has earned a reputation for bringing the level of the professional company to new heights and for expanding the repertoire and number of performances in the Capital and also on tour throughout the state. Montgomery Ballet has been invited to perform in Italy during this summer and will thus expand the performance season internationally.

The twenty members of the Montgomery Ballet are chosen for their talent and enthusiasm and are sure to be a success with seasoned ballet-goers and first-timers, alike. The Company offers a refreshing approach to ballet as the performances are compelling and intimate theatrical experiences.

Take a look at some of the items available in this year's Food Festival Collectible Boutique.



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*.

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



SHABBAT FAMILY
WORSHIP AND
DINNER WITH
CANTOR MARKOWICZ

Friday night, February 26, join us for worship at 6 PM and a pot luck dinner after services. Please bring the following dish if your last name begins with:

- A-F **Meat dish (beef or chicken)**
- G-R **Salad/Vegetables**
- S-W **Desserts**

TEMPLE BETH OR'S



Food Festival and
Treasure Market

Sunday
February 21, 2010

9 AM - 3 PM

ADULT EDUCATION TURNS TO KOHELET

Kohelet - the biblical Book of Ecclesiastes - contains some of the most familiar biblical texts, as well as some that are unfamiliar, even surprising. Many of these texts are profound in their wisdom; others are profoundly troubling - at times theologically challenging, at times moving and inspirational.

We will study Ecclesiastes in three sessions, using a translation in contemporary, gender-inclusive English, along with both traditional and modern commentaries. This class will provide us with a new way to look at these ancient texts from Jewish wisdom literature.

Classes meet at Temple Beth Or Tuesdays at 1 p.m., on February 9, February 23 and March 16, and you are welcome to bring your own lunch (we'll provide the iced tea!).

Rabbi Elliot Stevens

NOTED SCHOLAR AND LINGUIST TO SPEAK AT TEMPLE

Joel M. Hoffman

Tuesday • Feb 9 • 7:30 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*.

Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Kramer at Agudath Israel ✨ Etz Ahayem on Thursday, February 18th at 12:00 noon.



Lunch is provided.

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Shaliach Calendar

Tuesday, February 2, 7 PM, JFCA's Shaliach presents Conversational Hebrew for adults at 7 PM. Café Israel to begin at 7:30 PM. Lecture given by Israeli pilot, Lt. Col. Yahel Patishi, regarding the Israeli rescue mission to Turkey after the 1999 earthquake. Location AIEA.

Wednesday, February 10, 7 PM, JFCA Sponsored event: Lecture by the Israeli Vice Consul. Sponsored by JFCA. Location TBO.

Saturday, February 13, 7 PM, Havdalah service and JFCA's Shaliach event at TBO: Film Club presents the movie "Broken Wings." Daphne and her four children try to cope with the abrupt death of husband/father. As the family seems to fall apart, a sudden incident gives them a chance to heal their 'broken wings'.

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.

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

Rabbi Capers Funnye In Conversation with Ari L. Goldman

Tuesday • March 7 • 7:15 PM • AUM TechnaCenter

Rabbi Funnye, Michelle Obama's first cousin, holds a pulpit on the South Side of Chicago and is the first African American rabbi to serve on the Chicago Board of Rabbis. Hear about his journey to Judaism, his leadership in Be'chol Lashon working with Black, Asian, Latino and mixed race Jews to strengthen the global Jewish people, as well as a few inside stories about the First Family.

Ari L. Goldman is the author of *The Search for God at Harvard* and other books. He teaches religion and journalism at Columbia.

Sponsored by JFCA and AUM. Location AUM TechnaCenter.



Beyond February!

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." Sponsored by JFCA and AUM. Location AUM TechnaCenter.

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.

Tuesday, March 16, 1 PM, Adult Ed: Class 3 of 3. Discussion on Kohelet - the biblical Book of Ecclesiastes.

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, 6 PM, Men's Club presents the movie: "The Shop on Main Street," which won the Academy Award for best foreign film in 1965. Substantial appetizers to be served.

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.

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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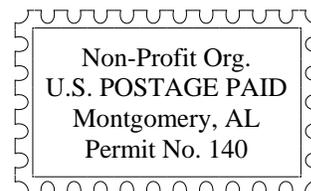
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 At AIEA: 7PM Hebrew 7:30 Café Israel	3 7 PM Adult Ed: Lurianic Kabbalah.	4	5 6 PM Shabbat Service	6
7 9:30 AM Religious School at AIEA. 1 PM Youth Group makes kugel at TBO.	8	9 1 PM Adult Ed: Kohelet - the biblical Book of Ecclesiastes. 7:30 PM Guest Speaker: Dr. Joel Hoffman	10 7 PM: Lecture by the Israeli Vice Consul. Sponsored by JFCA. Location TBO.	11	12 6 PM: Men's Club Shabbat. Guest speaker, Dr. Wick Many	13 9:30 AM Child friendly Shabbat morning service. 7 PM Havdalah service. Yuval shows the movie "Broken Wings."
14	15	16 11:30 AM L'Chaim League meets at Mr. G's At AIEA: 7PM Hebrew 7:30 Café Israel	17	18	19 6 PM Shabbat Alive! Youth Service	20 7:30 PM Montgomery Ballet at Davis Theatre - Israeli theme.
21 9 AM - 3 PM JEWISH FOOD FESTIVAL	22	23 1 PM Adult Ed: Kohelet - the biblical Book of Ecclesiastes.	24 7 pm Adult Ed: Hasidism	25	26 6 PM Shabbat Family Service 7 PM Pot Luck Dinner.	27 9:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service 6 PM Purim Celebration with a comedic "shpiel."
					Student Cantor Andrea Rae Markowicz Weekend	
28 9:30 AM Religious School at AIEA.						

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Food Festival and Treasure Market
& Collectible Boutique



Sunday
February 21, 2010
9 AM - 3 PM

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.



SHABBAT FAMILY
WORSHIP AND
DINNER WITH
CANTOR MARKOWICZ

Friday night, February 26, join us for worship at 6 PM and a pot luck dinner after services. Please bring the following dish if your last name begins with:

- A-F Meat dish (beef or chicken)**
- G-R Salad/Vegetables**
- S-W Desserts**

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.

- 2/7 1 pm.....Kugel..... Diane W.
- 2/8.....Challah..... Marlene

**Student Cantor
Andrea Rae Markowicz Weekends:**

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