

# Temple Beth Or

## BULLETIN

November 2010 ~ Cheshvan/Kislev 5771

### A VIEW FROM THE BIMAH



## THE ELECTION

I write this on the eve of Election Day, and though it would be inappropriate to share with you my political choices, I can share with you how much I anticipate finally not having to see so many commercials, ads and those signs that litter our lawns with so many shades of red, white and blue.

Every election is polarizing, but somehow this year seems more extreme than others I remember. On the other hand, read up on American history in the 1830's or any other period – even the period of our Founding Fathers – and you will find an intensity of vitriol and nastiness and hijinks that would make any political aficionado proud – or wince. I suppose that only George Washington managed to escape election politics, as parties hadn't quite emerged yet.

It's easy to be cynical about politics and the messiness of democracy. Winston Churchill – he's the one who in 1947 said, "Democracy is the worst form of government except all those other forms that have been tried from time to time" – also said, showing his ambivalence, that "The best argument against democracy is a five-minute conversation with the average voter."

I am not cynical, but I am deeply concerned. I am concerned when great and profound issues are reduced to platitudes and sound bites. I am concerned when so much of contemporary political discourse consists of gross over-generalization rather than reasoned argument. And I am concerned with the influx into our campaigns of so many

millions of dollars from interests whose identities are hidden, but who can fund untold hours of airtime commercials that, for many, constitutes their sole source of information on the candidates they are asked to elect.

One cannot be too careful, and I am concerned that many of us just don't care enough to go beyond the sound bites and platitudes and generalizations, to learn for ourselves what our candidates really stand for.

To take but one example: Candidates often couch their appeal in terms of returning to the values of some bygone era, notably the foundation years of our country. Yet those foundation years were also contentious – maybe even more so than now – and our Founding Fathers were by no means monolithic in their views. To which values, one must ask, do we wish to return? Slavery? Voting only open to men? The values of our Constitution before the Bill of Rights was adopted? At one time, early on, only landed gentry could vote. Each of these was controversial in its day. At a time when most Americans, including some of our candidates for office, are only passingly familiar with the Bill of Rights (a recent poll showing, for example, that a majority of Americans believe the intent of our founders was that America be a "Christian" country), we owe it to ourselves and the integrity of our democratic process to read widely and understand where our candidates really stand.

Many of us, I suspect, read the newspaper that best reflects our views, and make a similar choice when we watch and listen to the news on television and radio. But consider (again, just one example): A couple of weeks ago the *Wall Street Journal* ran a front-page article on how the Republicans are pulling away from the Democrats, to the detriment of Democrats' prospects; on the same day, the *New York Times* ran an article, also on the front page, on how the Democrats were tightening the race in some key areas. Our responsibility, it seems to me, is to expose ourselves to conflicting viewpoints; political literacy demands it.

One helpful publication is *The Week*, which excerpts columns, articles and features from across the political,



## Saturday, Nov. 13 Shabbat Morning Service

Saturday morning, November 13, Rabbi Stevens will lead a Shabbat morning service, including Torah reading and Torah study. Service including Torah study and a light brunch will run from 9:30 – 11:15 a.m.

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**Celebrating Our  
159th Year**



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**TBO PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

I am pleased to inform you that we received a total of 98 Satisfaction Surveys. We appreciate your comments and your contribution toward improving the services offered at Temple Beth Or. The results were presented to the Board of Trustees at the October meeting. We will be distributing a compiled copy to each of you in a few weeks. Again, many thanks to Bob Reznikoff, Sharon McDaniel and Rabbi Stevens for their hard work. Bob worked especially hard entering each individual surveys into the computer in order to complete the report. This project could not have been completed in such a timely and professional manner without his expertise and his hard work.

Also, a special committee has been working diligently to update the existing House Rules and Regulations from 1997, which were presented to the Board of Trustees at the October meeting. Once the Board has had an opportunity to review and edit these rules, a booklet will be distributed to each Temple member along with various policies that are outlined in the Constitution. In the meantime, please remember that the existing rules from 1997 along will remain in effect. Please contact Gina Friday if you are not familiar with the existing rules and policies.

I'd like to commend our Adult Education Chairperson, Gay Winter, for the outstanding program offered earlier this month with Martin Fletcher. The sanctuary was filled to capacity with members of Temple Beth Or and members of the Montgomery community as well! Rabbi Stevens and Lawson Bryan, the minister of First United Methodist Church, did an outstanding job of presenting this program in such a well organized and entertaining manner.

Please refer to the weekly announcements as well as the bulletin for the many wonderful programs planned throughout the year. I encourage you to attend as many as possible.

Shabbat Service on Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, was dedicated to Breast Cancer Awareness month and in honor of the many cancer survivors at Temple Beth Or. The rabbi gave a beautiful sermon and many of our Temple cancer survivors joined him on the bimah. Sharon McDaniel and Robin Blitz prepared a beautiful oneg, with a pink theme and included pink lemonade as well as pink wine! This reception was enjoyed by all. Thank you to Sharon and Robin for your hard work.

It is a pleasure to serve as your president. Please let me know if I can be of service to you.

Jenny Ives

**Recent Death**

***Elizabeth Feibelman Hodes ז"ל***

**October 17, 2010**



**Aunt of Elizabeth Shwarts**

**TREE OF LIFE**

Don't forget the Tree of Life for graduations, birthdays, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs and other special times in your life. Large leaves are \$350 and small ones, \$250. Contact Sharon McDaniel or the Temple regarding purchase.

**Contributions to Funds**

We greatly appreciate the people who support Temple Beth Or by remembering and honoring their friends and loved ones through their generous contributions. Those that are received after the 20th of the month will be in the next bulletin.

**BAYLINSON ART FUND**

*In Memory of  
Ina "Wennie" Booker  
Sharon McDaniel*

**EDA AND ISIDORE WEIL**

*In honor of my mother, Lisa  
Drew Weil*

**ENDOWMENT FUND**

*In Memory of  
Ina "Wennie" Booker  
Charlotte and Joe Mussafer*

**FLORAL FUND**

*In Memory of  
Ina "Wennie" Booker  
Robin and Jeff Blitz*

**GENERAL FUND**

*In Memory of  
Ina "Wennie" Booker  
Marlene and Rick Beringer  
Charlotte Goldberg*

*In Memory of  
Jeanette Rothfeder Posner  
Marlene and Rick Beringer*

*In Memory of  
Rae Kreisman Selber  
Mr. Mandel Selber, Jr.*

**LUCIEN LOEB FUND**

*90th Birthday Wishes  
Betty Bloom  
Joan Loeb*

*Get Well Wishes  
Bubba Marcus  
Joan Loeb*

**RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

*In Memory of  
Donald Horwitz  
Joan Hanan*

*In Honor of  
Rabbi Elliot Stevens  
David and Beverly Lipton*

**SOCIAL CONCERNS**

*In Memory of  
Ina "Wennie" Booker  
Alan and Diane Weil*

*In Memory of  
Coleman Goldberg  
Alan and Diane Weil*

*In Memory of  
Julien M. "Sonny" Strassburger  
Jane and Jack Naftel*

**YOUTH AND SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**90th Birthday Wishes**

*Betty Bloom  
Louisa and Michael Weinrib*

*In Memory of  
Ina "Wennie" Booker  
Joe and Corinne Capilouto  
Bette Sue and Charlie Strasburger*

*In Memory of  
Donald Horwitz  
Alan and Diane Weil*

*In Memory of  
Jeanette Rothfeder Posner  
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Bern, Butler, Capilouto, and Massey CPA*

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Joan Hanan*

*Liza and Sam Kaufman  
McDaniel and Associates, P.C.  
Mary B. Montgomery  
Charlotte and Joe Mussafer  
Susan and Alvin Stauber  
Bette Sue and Charlie Strasburger  
Alan and Diane Weil  
Louisa and Michael Weinrib*

**Birthday and Anniversary  
Blessings  
on November 12th.**

**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 ..... Andy Weil
- 19 ..... Morris Capouya
- 20 ..... John Ives
- 21 ..... LaNette Clein

- 25 ..... Elliot Cohen
- 26 ..... Sharon Benn
- 26 ..... Robert Shinpaugh
- 29 ..... Robert Weil

**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

**YAHARZEITS**

**To be read 11/5/2010**

Isaac Capelouto  
Colson Perry Coleman  
Carolyn R. Drum  
Mildred Horowitz  
Kalman Shwartz, Sr.  
Harry Stiller

**To be read 11/12/2010**

Irving R. Bean  
Theresa G. Bernstein  
Helen Diamant  
Phyllis Franco  
Emily Hurt  
Terri Berlin Meredith

**To be read 11/19/2010**

Edna Jane Bloom  
Isabelle D. Goldberg  
Reuben Herzfeld  
Bertha Kaufman  
Samuel Kaufman  
Milton Long  
Louis Charles Neumann  
Jeannette Nyman

**To be read 11/26/2010**

Charles C. Cahn  
Bernice Clein  
Bernard Eric Hanan  
Diana G. Hanan  
Alma Happ  
Beatrice Feinberg Levy  
Jack Loeb, Sr.  
Julius Simon Marks  
Marcelle Sabel Moers

## L'CHAIM LEAGUE

Join us on **Thursday, November 11th**, as we venture over to Warm Springs, Ga. to tour FDR'S Little White House and lunch at the Bullock House. We will depart from TBO parking lot at 8:30 AM. Cost of the tour is \$6.00, and lunch will be your responsibility. We have drivers in place. All you need to do is **send your check for the tour by Nov. 8th**. Your check is your reservation.

**Thursday, Dec. 2nd**, is the date set for our annual Chanukah luncheon at the Capital City Club at 11:30 AM. Reserve your spot now. We will continue the drive to collect new items to send to the B'nai Brith Home in Memphis, Tenn., as our Chanukah project. We will visit our home-bound community members during Chanukah **Tuesday, November 30th, and Friday, December 3rd**. If you would like to go along for any of these visits, please let me know. Hoping you all have a happy Thanksgiving. And, join in any Tuesday for Yoga at TBO at 9 AM.

We're looking forward to many more exciting programs beginning in January.

Linda R. Smith

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## Youth Group

The Temple Youth Group (Booty) and AIEA's Youth Group (MUSY) will be hosting a youth "lock-in" to be held at Temple Beth Or from November 5-6. Adult Chaperones are welcome to participate in this event. **We will be accepting donations of candy, cookies, chips, and nuts**. You may drop off your donations to Gina at the Temple. We will need help in preparing for our dinner, lunch, and breakfast for our participants; to volunteer please contact Sharon Berry at [daberry40@netscape.net](mailto:daberry40@netscape.net) or 290-0445.

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## SOCIAL CONCERNS

### It's Time For Bedtime Bundles

In early November we will place a playpen in the Temple foyer for our Bedtime Bundles collection to benefit Child Protect, the agency that helps children who have been abused or molested.

Last year we had a good response to the appeal, and the morning after we delivered the donations, the director of Child Protect, Jannah Bailey, called to tell me that the timing was perfect because that morning the police brought in 2 children wearing pajamas covered with their parents' blood, having witnessed their parents murder in their home. The children could pick out new pajamas and other personal items and turn their bloody PJs over to the police for their investigation.

The idea is to buy all new and unused items children ages 6-14 can use at bedtime. Keep the items separate and unwrapped, instead of "bundling" as we did the first year. Please make your purchases appeal to girls and boys of all races.

You should buy the following items, plus anything else you can think of:

Bedtime story books, journals, pencils, coloring sets, crayons, sketch pads, pajamas, underpants, socks, pillow cases, wash cloths, fleece throws, toothpaste and tooth brushes, slippers, dolls and toys (the agency gives each child a stuffed animal, so we don't need to supply those), hair ornaments, shoe laces.

Be generous for these unfortunate children. Thank you!

Louisa Weinrib, Social Concerns  
Chairman  
262-6155

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## from the Library

As we come into the holiday season, for this month's column we highlight a selection of titles from the library's cookbook collection. If you are looking for ideas on how to spend some enjoyable time in the kitchen with your children or grandchildren, we have some titles to offer there, as well.

***The Book of Jewish Food: An Odyssey from Samarkand to New York*** by Claudia Roden. (699 ROD 1996)

***The Children's Jewish Holiday Kitchen: 70 Ways to Have Fun with Your Kids and Make Your Family's Celebrations Special*** by Joan Nathan, illustrated by Brooke Scudder. (699.1 NAT 1995)

***Dairy Gourmet: The Secret Recipes from Tastebuds Gourmet Café and Flower Shop*** by Sarah M. Lasry, photographs by Estee Gestetner. (699.9 LAS 2006)

***Fast & Festive Meals for the Jewish Holidays: Complete Menus, Rituals, and Party-Planning Ideas for Every Holiday of the Year*** by Marlene Sorosky, in collaboration with Joanne Neuman and Debbie Shahvar. (699.1 SOR 1997)

***Jewish Cookery: In Accordance with Jewish Dietary Laws*** by Leah W. Leonard. (699.9 LEO 1949)

***Jewish Cooking in America*** by Joan Nathan. (699.9 NAT 1998)

***Jewish Holiday Treats: Recipes and Crafts for the Whole Family*** by Joan Zoloth, with photographs by Lisa Hubbard. (699 ZOL)

***Kosher Light: Your Traditional Jewish Favorites Cooked Healthy*** by Zillah Bahar with a forward by Rabbi Joel Landau. (699.3 BAH 1998)

***Light Jewish Holiday Desserts*** by Penny Wantuck Eisenberg. (699.3 EIS 1999)

***Mother and Daughter Jewish Cooking: Two Generations of Jewish Women Share Traditional and Contemporary Recipes*** by Evelyn Rose and Judi Rose. (699 ROS 2000)

***Nechama Cohen's Enliteded Kosher Cooking: More than 250 Good-Carb, Healthy-Fat, Sugar-Free Recipes, from the Simple to the Elegant*** by Nechama Cohen. (699.9 COH 2006)

***Sephardic Cooking: 600 Recipes Created in Exotic Sephardic Kitchens from Morocco to India*** by Copeland Marks. (699.2 MAR 1992)

***Sephardic Flavors: Jewish Cooking of the Mediterranean*** by Joyce Goldstein, photographs by Beatriz de Costa. (699.2 GOL 2000)

***The World of Jewish Desserts: More than 400 Delectable Recipes from Jewish Communities from Alsace to India*** by Gil Marks. (699.9 MAR 2000)

Eric A. Kidwell, MLS

**SISTERHOOD**

Sisterhood really appreciates all of you who supported our Carnegie Deli Cheesecake sale. If you would like to help distribute them, please contact Lisa Weil. She has done a great job with this fundraiser.

We want to wish everyone a very happy healthy Thanksgiving followed shortly by Chanukah. Please make plans to join us for a fabulous Chanukah Dinner on December 3rd (see ad on this page). Please make your reservations early and don't forget to visit the Gift Shop for all of your Chanukah needs. Peggy Cohn has done a great job stocking the shop with a variety of items. See you at Temple,

Marlene Beringer  
President

**UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA HILLEL**

The University of Alabama Hillel is sponsoring a recruitment weekend, November 12th - 14th for Jewish high school juniors and seniors to visit the Tuscaloosa campus. Recruitment Weekend is an opportunity for prospective students to experience campus life at Alabama as guests of Hillel. The weekend will include a VIP campus tour, Shabbat dinner with entertainment by campus groups, a football tailgate party, tickets to the UA - Mississippi State game and Sunday brunch. For more information, email bamahillel@gmail.com.

Chanukah Shabbat  
with Family and Friends



**Friday, December 3**

There will be a special Chanukah worship service and candle lighting, which will begin at 6 PM. Please bring your favorite Chanukah Menorah and candles.

Following the service will be our annual Sisterhood Latke Dinner.

\$10 for Adults; \$6 for Children 10 & under, free for children under 5.

Checks should be made payable to:  
Temple Beth Or Sisterhood  
Please send your check as your reservation by  
Tuesday, November 27th to Sharon McDaniel, 2632 Old

## IT'S SHABBAT – TIME TO READ TORAH

Reading and studying Torah on Shabbat has been a core Jewish activity and value since antiquity. This year, responding to suggestions from some TBO members, Rabbi Stevens will periodically read from the Torah and share some teaching during Friday night Shabbat services.



For those who long to hear words of Torah and enjoy Torah services, the next in this occasional series will be on Friday, November 12, at the usual start time of 6:00 p.m. Future dates are December 10, January 7, February 11, March 11, April 1.

## Welcome New Temple Member

**Turia Starke Williams**  
9256 Springwood Court  
Montgomery, AL 36117  
coloraturia@gmail.com  
260-2477

Be sure to update your membership directory.



## L'Chaim League Day Trip Sneak Preview

L'Chaim League visits  
**FDR's The Little White House in Warm Springs,  
Georgia on Nov. 11**

Franklin Delano Roosevelt built the Little White House in 1932 while governor of New York, prior to being inaugurated as president in 1933. He first came to Warm Springs in 1924 hoping to find a cure for the infantile paralysis (polio) that had struck him in 1921.

Visitors can tour FDR's home, which has been carefully preserved very much as he left it, the servants and guest quarters, and the nearby pools complex that first brought the future president to Warm Springs.

Contact Linda Smith at 262-3314 to make your reservation. More details will be mailed to L'Chaim Members.



## Thanksgiving Morning November 25th, 2010

at the Levite Jewish Community Center  
3960 Montclair Road ♦ Birmingham 35213

**10k at 8:30 am and a 1 mile Fun Run at  
9:45 am**

For more race information and to register online, please visit [www.bhamjcc.org](http://www.bhamjcc.org)

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*Proceeds benefit  
activities at the LJCC  
and Childhood Cancer  
Research Fund at  
Children's Hospital.*



economic and cultural landscape, both domestic and foreign. A few minutes with such a publication can be extremely helpful in broadening perspectives. Websites devoted to fact-checking and myth-piercing are also helpful.

Finally, there is a Jewish perspective. On most major issues on today’s political and economic agenda, there is a Jewish perspective. I believe a legitimate part of our process is to ask ourselves, in thinking about issues, what our Jewish tradition has to teach us. Leviticus 19, or the insights of our prophets, would be a good place to start. Talk about ancient values! We have learned and taught much over the centuries, and these values shouldn’t only be relegated to the classroom.

The late columnist and author Bill Vaughan once said, “A citizen of America will cross the ocean to fight for democracy, but won’t cross the street to vote in a national election.” Cynical, yes, but his comment teaches a powerful lesson about our responsibility, and what patriotism really means – to participate in the process, no matter what our views (of course he also said, “A real patriot is the one who gets a parking ticket and rejoices that the system works).

So vote early and vote often, and together, let us celebrate the system we have, and make it work.

Elliot L. Stevens

*Our congratulations to new member **Turia Stark Williams** for her excellent performance as lead soprano in “Carmina Burana.” This event was held on October 15th and featured the Montgomery Ballet and the Montgomery Chorale.*

benefited are: Easter Seals, Wesley Gardens, AHEPA house, Family Guidance (Parkview Adult), Sunshine Center, and the V.A. Hospital. Please continue to help these residents enjoy recent copies of magazines by dropping yours off at the Temple. Magazines should be no more than 6 months old and in very good condition. [Magazines collected to date: 704]

### FAMILY FRIENDLY SERVICES

especially for babies, toddlers, kids, moms, dads and grandparents too!

**5:00 - 5:30 PM in the Library**

- November 12
- December 10
- \*January 14, 2011
- \*February 11
- March 11
- April 1
- \*May 13
- June 10



Jeff Herring will accompany on all services with the exception of 1/14/10.

\*Accompanied by Student Cantor Andrea Rae Markowicz.

### MAGAZINE PROJECT

Bette Sue Strasburger and her grandchildren, Meagan and Nathan Ashner are collecting magazines for local organizations. Some of the organizations that have

*TBO’s youth group, **BOOTY**, learn to make Challah.*



### NEED HELP GETTING AROUND DURING SERVICES?

A wheelchair and walker are stored in the coat closet and available to members and guests during Temple events.



# Simchat Torah 2010



**MAZON IS** Corners of Our Fields •  
 • Hunger Relief • Food Pantries •  
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 • Sustenance • Food Banks •  
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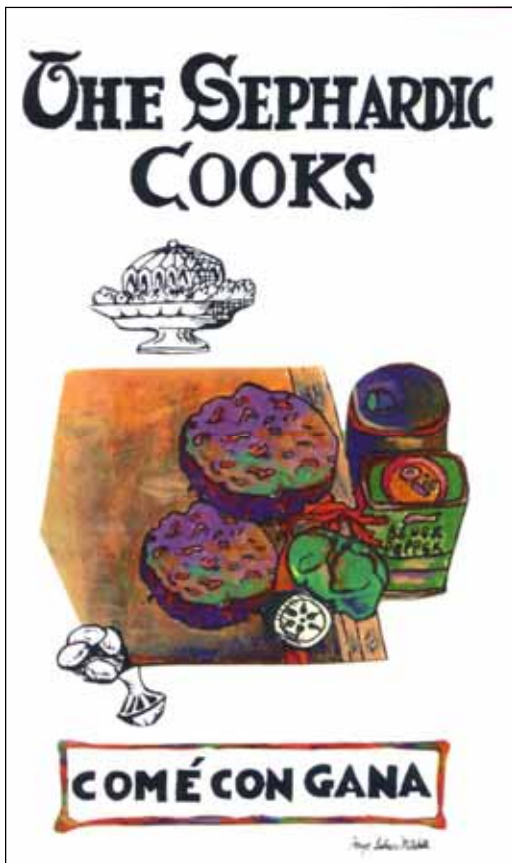
## FOOD FESTIVAL COOKING SCHEDULE

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

November 2 .....Rugelach ..... Maxine Goldner  
 November 4 .....Rugelach ..... Maxine Goldner  
 November 16\* ....Rugelach ..... Maxine Goldner

\* - This date is reserved on an "if needed" basis.





*The Sephardic Cooks* cookbook is now available through the Temple office for \$20.00. All proceeds go toward the Food Festival.

Student Cantor Andrea Rae Markowicz Weekends:	
December 3	April 29
January 14	May 13
February 11	June 4
March 18	
On her weekends in Montgomery Cantor Markowicz will usually participate in Friday night Shabbat services, Saturday morning Shabbat services and Religious School on Sundays.	



## ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR 2010 – 2011

Get ready for an outstanding calendar of offerings, featuring guest speakers, cultural programs and Rabbi Stevens, who is preparing several new classes for the fall season.

### GUEST SPEAKERS

The Rothschild-Blachschleger Lecture series, featuring noted authors, will be bringing four speakers this year to Montgomery. All programs will begin at 7:00 p.m., but note that the dates as listed are still subject to confirmation:

November 3, 2010, best-selling author Tom Segev, whose most recent book is *Simon Wiesenthal: the Life and Legends*.

January 12, 2011, *NY Times* columnist Marjorie Rosen, author of *Boom Town: How Wal\*Mart Transformed an All-American Town Into an International Community*.

May 11, 2011, the leading authority on suicide bombings, Mordechai D. Dzikansky, author of *Terrorist Cop: the NYPD Jewish Cop Who Traveled the World to Stop Terrorism*.

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### STUDY OPPORTUNITIES WITH RABBI STEVENS

#### BASICS OVER BREAKFAST

This basic survey of Judaism runs for nine sessions, starting October 7. Take a whirlwind tour of Jewish history, learn about Jewish traditions on life cycle events and the Jewish calendar, study the main religious themes of Jewish tradition, and ask as many questions as you wish.

Sessions run from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m., and include a continental breakfast. **By Advance Registration: Please register with Gina Friday at the TBO office.**

Hebrew bonus session: For those who want to learn to read Hebrew, now's your chance. You CAN learn to read in just nine sessions, from 9:00 – 9:30 a.m. following the class in Basic Judaism.

#### FUTURE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Rabbi Stevens is also preparing a 6-part series on Midrash, running October through January; a three-part class on the "Tanya," one of the foremost masters of Hassidic mysticism, and a three-part class on ethical dilemmas, set for next spring. All Midrash classes are Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.:

*Remaining classes:*

November 17, **Part II:** Noah

December 15, **Part III:** Abraham & Sarah.

January 5, **Part IV:** Jacob.

January 26, **Part V:** Joseph.

February 16. **Part VI:** Moses.

*Watch for details!*

# Premiere Event!

**Noted Israeli Author, Tom Segev to speak at Temple Beth Or**

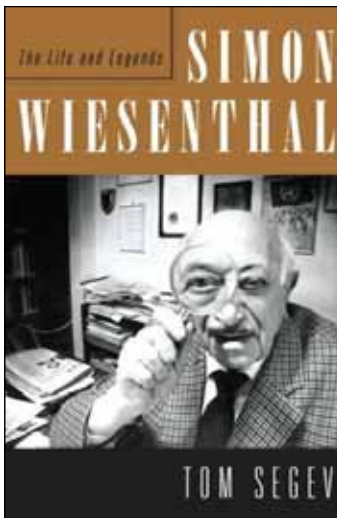
**Wednesday • November 3 • 7 PM**

The Rothschild/Blachschleger Lecture Series is pleased to announce the forthcoming visit of Tom Segev, a leading Israeli historian, author and journalist; Segev will be speaking on his critically acclaimed new book *Simon Wiesenthal: The Life and Legends*. The program, offered without charge, is open to the community.

Tom Segev, who writes a weekly column in *Ha'aretz*, Israel's leading daily newspaper, is the author of *The Seventh Million: The Israelis and the Holocaust* and other path-breaking books, including *One Palestine, Complete*, which was one of the *New York Times*' ten best books of 2000 and winner of a National Jewish Book Award. Segev is associated with Israel's so-called "new historians," a group challenging many of the country's traditional narratives. His history of the Six Day War (2006) has been described by the historian Saul Friedlander as "probably the best book on those most fateful days in the history of Israel."

His latest volume is the definitive biography on Simon Wiesenthal, the legendary "Nazi hunter." Wiesenthal, a hero in the eyes of many, has also been attacked for his unrelenting pursuit of the past, and sometimes for his aggressive methods in pursuit of former perpetrators.

Mr. Segev will begin his talk at 7:00 p.m. This event will be co-moderated by Rabbi Stevens and Dr. Robin Gunther, chair of the Dept. of Language and Literature at Huntingdon College. She is also Associate Professor of English, and currently teaching a course on Holocaust literature at Huntingdon. Following the program, books will be available for purchase and inscription by the author.



Co-moderators for the Martin Fletcher event will be Dr. Robin Gunther (L) of Huntingdon College and Rabbi Elliot Stevens (R) of Temple Beth Or.

This event will include a book signing and copies of the book will also be available for purchase.

*(Books may be purchased in advance at Capitol Book & News at 1140 E. Fairview Avenue.)*

## KOL AMI RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

### Meets at AIEA

10/31

11/7

11/14

11/21 - no classes

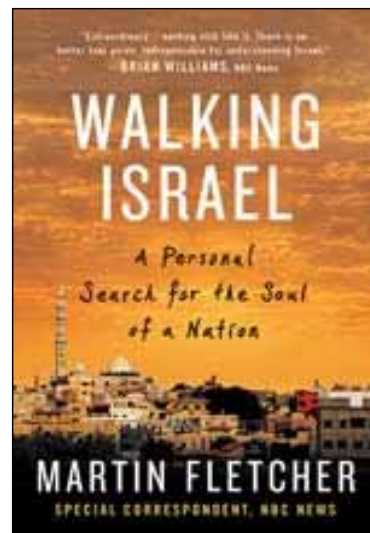
11/28 - no classes

12/5 - All-school Chanukah program and party (families welcome) and Torah Tots

12/12 (last day at AI-EA)

## Sisterhood Gift Shop

The Temple Sisterhood Gift Shop carries a wide variety of Judaic and Israeli items including art, books, ritual objects, jewelry, toys and gifts. Stop by and browse our extensive collection of mezuzot, Shabbat candlesticks, Bar and Bat Mitzvah gifts, and many, many other beautiful and meaningful Judaica items.



We have one autographed copy of Martin Fletcher's book available for \$20.00.

Contact Gina at the Temple office to purchase.

# 2010 Hanukkah Hoopla



Sunday, Nov. 14 Starting at 11 A.M.

## Agudath Israel ☆ Etz Ahayem Social Hall

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*When scheduling calendar events involving the Temple it is important that you check dates with the Federation and the Temple for potential conflicts within the Jewish community. Their number is 277-5820 and you can view the community calendar at [www.jewishmontgomery.org](http://www.jewishmontgomery.org).*

**We would like to know.** Please call the temple office when a family member is in the hospital or ailing. Too often we find out about illnesses, crises and hospitalizations long after they occur. This is a missed opportunity for the calls and visits the rabbi would like to share. Please let the temple know if there is a concern in your family or another congregation family (with their permission).

**We need your help in order to offer ours.**

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## Jewish Homeland Forum

Do you want to keep updated about Israel?  
Would you like to get to know the daily life in your Jewish homeland?  
Do you want to get these updates from a personal Israeli perspective?

### Join the Jewish Homeland Forum

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For more details call Elad: 334-224-4220

Maccabi Flotilla West Bank Iranian Threat IDF Settlement

### Upcoming Turkish-Jewish events

**Oct. 31 - Nov. 10** – “Ladino: The Legacy of a Minority.” An exhibition commemorating more than 500 years of Jewish-Turkish history, on display at the Birmingham International Center, 1728 Fifth Avenue North. (FYI: The exhibit is free to see, but a reception on Oct. 31 at 3 p.m. is for BIC members and invited guests.)

**Nov. 23 – Dec. 4** – “Ladino: The Legacy of a Minority.” An exhibition commemorating more than 500 years of Jewish-Turkish history, on display in Auburn at the Auburn University Student Center. Reception at 3 pm on November 29.

**Nov. 10, 7-10 p.m.** – A screening of the film “Desperate Hours” about Turkey’s role in the Holocaust. Reception and discussion with the filmmaker, Victoria Barrett, at the Emmet O’Neal Library, 50 Oak Street, Mountain Brook. <http://www.shenandoahfilm.com/dh.htm> (Event is open and free to everyone.)

**Nov. 16, 5:30-7:30 p.m.** – Sephardic/Turkish cooking demonstration, discussion and book signing with well-known chef Sheilah Kaufman, author of “The Turkish Cookbook.” At the Birmingham International Center. Free and open to everyone.)

**Nov. 19, 5:30-7:30** – Book signing and discussion: “Noah’s Wife” written by Birmingham writer Theresa Thorne. Set in ancient Turkey, the novel is about the life of Noah’s wife. (At the BIC). <http://www.tkthorne.com/> For more information about these and other events, contact the BIC at 205.252.7652 or [www.bic-al.org](http://www.bic-al.org).

## Israel Update

October 2010, 5770, חשוון התש"ע

### Shalom Y'all



It's been almost two months since I came to Montgomery, and I must say that I like it!

People smile at each other; I get warm invitations from friends in the

community to spend evenings together. It feels almost like Home (but still no place like home).

This month I'm starting to organize my shaliach programs, I am really hoping for good participation. The first event of November is going to be Creative Writing Inspired by Jerusalem workshop. Highly recommended if you want to get some spiritual breeze from the Holy Land, to improve or get new skills for creative writing. You have got to try this!

I'm also starting Hebrew conversational classes which will be every Sunday after Sunday School at AI\*EA, together with Shahar the Israeli dancer from Montgomery Ballet. Hope to see you there.

I've got a very good presentation on Israel. So please let me know if you can connect me with any entities that may be interested about life in Israel (geography, politics and Jewish

Historical Narratives). I am also available to share this presentation in your home with any friends you may want to invite.

So you got a Shaliach who looking forward to share the Israeli experience with you!

Elad Arnon

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This month October 20th it is going to be the 15-year anniversary of the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

He was the fifth Prime Minister of Israel, serving two terms in office, 1974–1977 and 1992 until his assassination in 1995. Under his command, the IDF achieved victory over Egypt, Syria and Jordan in the Six-Day War in 1967.

He was assassinated by right-wing Israeli radical Yigal Amir, who was opposed to Rabin's signing of the Oslo Accords. Rabin was the first native-born prime minister of Israel, a man who had been in Israeli public life for more than 40 years. His astonishingly successful military record, no-nonsense speaking style, gravelly voice and oddly shy little smile were as familiar to Israelis as would be the mannerisms of a favorite uncle.

Bill Clinton was a dear friend to Rabin and said at his funeral: "Yitzhak Rabin lived the history of Israel. Throughout every trial and triumph, the struggle for

independence, the wars for survival, the pursuit of peace, and in all he served on the front lines. "

Rabin said in his last speech at a peace rally in Tel Aviv November 4th, 1995 (the same night he was murdered):

"I was a military man for twenty-seven years. I fought as long as there were no prospects for peace. Today I believe that there are prospects for peace, great prospects ", and also: "Violence is not the way of the State of Israel". For me it sounds very unusual for a veteran general to make such a claim. but that was Yitzhak Rabin and many young Israeli s believed in his brave leadership.

On Monday October 18th Rabin's daughter, Dalia Rabin told Ynet (Israeli news website): "Fifteen years have gone by since the murder and those who enlist today do not even remember where they were on that horrible night... the night on which Israeli democracy was almost killed."

People in Israel are controversial about the memorial day for Rabin, because his insistence to continue the negotiations with the Palestinians according to Oslo agreements, even though, attacks from Arab terror groups continued almost every week.

At this point we come to the discussion about politics and the conflict. But before we get into this, we have got to remember Rabin was a loving family man, an Israeli War Hero and a brave Statesman.

## AI\*EA ADULT EDUCATION

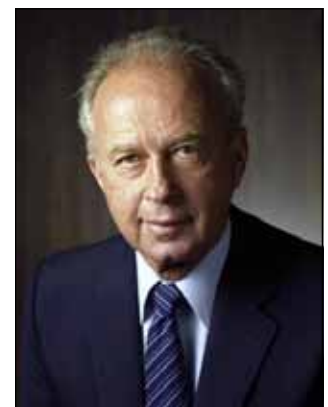
**Mondays, October 4, 11, 18, 25**  
**Torah Study – Parashat HaShavuah**  
**(Torah Portion of the Week)**  
**7:00 – 8:30pm (Weekly)**

**Tuesday, October 12**  
**Monthly Lunch and Learn with**  
**Rabbi Kramer at 12:30 PM**  
**Lunch provided for a nominal fee**



## Yitzhak Rabin 1922 – 1995

War Hero, and a Statesman who was murdered in his last battle to achieve Peace



## Beyond November!

**Thursday, December 2, 9 AM - 9:30 AM**, Adult Ed: Learn to Read Hebrew. A 9-week course. Part VII.

**Thursday, December 2, 11:30 AM**, L'Chaim League's Chanukah Luncheon at Capitol City Club.

**Thursday, December 2, 8 AM - 9 AM**, Adult Ed: BACK TO THE BASICS. This 9-week course covers the basics of Judaism. Also, a great class for those considering conversion. By Advance Registration.

**Friday, December 3, TBA**, L'Chaim League members will visit homebound community members. Contact Linda Smith at 262-3314 if you would like to participate.

**Friday, December 3, 6 PM**, Chanukah family service and dinner with Rabbi Stevens and Student Cantor Andrea Rae Markowicz.

**Friday, December 3, 6 PM**, BOOTY Kicks-off Camp Jenny Raffle at TBO's Chanukah family service at TBO.

**Saturday, December 4, 9:30 AM**, Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Rabbi Stevens and Student Cantor Markowicz. Light brunch served.

**Sunday, December 5, 9:30 AM**, Kol Ami Religious School at AIEA. Hanukkah Hoopla. Student Cantors Levin and Markowicz participate.

**Thursday, December 9, 8 AM - 9 AM**, Adult Ed: BACK TO THE BASICS. This 9-week course covers the basics of Judaism. Also, a great class for those considering conversion. By Advance Registration.

**Thursday, December 9, 9 AM - 9:30 AM**, Adult Ed: Learn to Read Hebrew. A 9-week course. Part VIII.

**Friday, December 10, 5 PM**, Family Chavurah Shabbat service in the Blachschleger Library - suitable for children of all ages.

**Wednesday, December 15, 7 PM**, Adult Ed: Rabbi Stevens offers a six-part series TALES FROM THE MIDRASH; imaginative stories and parables illuminate some of the great heroes of Torah. Part III: Abraham & Sarah.

**Thursday, December 16, 9 AM - 9:30 AM**, Adult Ed: Learn to Read Hebrew. A 9-week course. Part IX.

**Thursday, December 16, 8 AM - 9 AM**, Adult Ed: BACK TO THE BASICS. This 9-week course covers the basics of Judaism. Also, a great class for those considering conversion. By Advance Registration.

**Friday, December 17, 6 PM**, Classical Service with Union Prayer Book.

**Wednesday, January 5, 7 PM**, Adult Ed: Rabbi Stevens offers a six-part series TALES FROM THE MIDRASH; imaginative stories and parables illuminate some of the great heroes of Torah. Part IV: Jacob.

**Wednesday, January 12, 7 PM**, Guest Speaker and author, Marjorie Rosen, a former editor at The New York Times Magazine; her latest of book is "Boom Town: How Wal\*Mart Transformed an All-American Town Into an International Community."

**Friday, January 14, 4 Days**, BOOTY: NFTY-SAR Winter Regional at Temple Kol Emeth in Marietta, GA (This event is for 9th - 12th graders).

**Friday, January 14, 6 PM**, Shabbat Shirah and Sisterhood Shabbat with Rabbi Stevens and Student Cantor Andrea Rae Markowicz..

**Friday, January 14, 5 PM**, Family Chavurah Shabbat service in the Blachschleger Library - suitable for children of all ages.

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

**Wednesday, January 19, 6 PM**, Seder Tu Bishevat - a celebration for the whole family.

**Thursday, January 20, 1 PM**, BOOTY: Bowling and lunch at Ace in Montgomery.

**Sunday, January 23, 9:30 AM**, Kol Ami Religious School at TBO. Pizza/ice cream lunch and Camp Jacobs presentation with Jonathan Cohen.

**Wednesday, January 26, 7 PM**, Adult Ed: Rabbi Stevens offers a six-part series TALES FROM THE MIDRASH; imaginative stories and parables illuminate some of the great heroes of Torah. Part V: Joseph.

**Sunday, February 6, 9:30 AM**, Kol Ami Religious School at TBO.

**Friday, February 11, 6 PM**, Shabbat Service with Rabbi Stevens and Student Cantor Andrea Rae Markowicz..

**Friday, February 11, 5 PM**, Family Chavurah Shabbat service in the Blachschleger Library - suitable for children of all ages.

**Saturday, February 12, 9:30 AM**, Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Student Cantor Markowicz. Light brunch served.

**Wednesday, February 16, 7 PM**, Adult Ed: Rabbi Stevens offers a six-part series TALES FROM THE MIDRASH; imaginative stories and parables illuminate some of the great heroes of Torah. Part VI: Moses.

**Thursday, February 17, TBA**, BOOTY: Roller Skating at Looney's.

**Friday, February 18, 4 Days**, BOOTY: February 18-22: NFTY Convention 2011 in Dallas, TX (This event is for 9th -12th graders).

**Sunday, February 27, 9 AM - 3 PM**, Jewish Food Festival

**Friday, March 4, 3 Days**, BOOTY: NFTY-SAR Hatikvah Kallah 2011 in Columbia, SC (Adult chaperone needed.) This event is for 7th & 8th graders. Ninth-12th graders may apply to be organizers of this event.

**Saturday, March 5, 10 AM**, Shabbat Morning Service and Ben Berry's Bar Mitzvah. Student Cantor Markowicz participates.

**Friday, March 11, 6 PM**, Classical Service with Union Prayer Book.

**Friday, March 11, 5 PM**, Family Chavurah Shabbat service in the Blachschleger Library - suitable for children of all ages.

**Friday, March 18, 6 PM**, Shabbat Service with Purim portion with Rabbi Stevens and Student Cantor Andrea Rae Markowicz..

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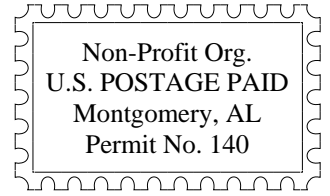
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 7 PM Guest Speaker author Tom Segev	4 8 AM - 9 AM, Adult Ed: BACK TO THE BASICS. 9 AM - 9:30 AM, Adult Ed: Learn to Read Hebrew. Part V.	5 6 PM, Shabbat Service.  7:30 PM, BOOTY: Jewish Youth Group Community Lock-in.	6
7 9:30 AM Kol Ami Religion School  2 PM, Hadassah fund- raiser at Kathie Cohen's home.	8	9	10 7 PM, Adult Ed: Rabbi Stevens offers a six-part series TALES FROM THE MIDRASH; Part II. Noah.	11 8 AM - 9 AM, Adult Ed: BACK TO THE BASICS. 9 AM - 9:30 AM, Adult Ed: Learn to Read Hebrew. Part VI. 8:30 AM, L'Chaim League visits Warm Springs,	12 5 PM, Family Chavurah Shabbat service in the library  6 PM, Shabbat Service.	13 9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service and Torah study.
14 9:30 AM Kol Ami Religion School  11 AM, Hanukkah Hoopla at AI-EA.	15	16	17	18	19 6 PM, Shabbat Service.	20
21	22	23 7 PM, Joint Thanksgiving Service with First United Methodist Church. Held at FUMC.	24	25 Thanksgiving Day	26 6 PM, Shabbat Service.	27
28	29	30 L'Chaim League members will visit homebound community members.				

**Office closed for  
Thanksgiving holiday**

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**Please note that Temple Beth Or's administrative office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 25 & 26 in honor of the Thanksgiving holiday. The building will open at 4:00 PM on Friday for Shabbat service.**

