

Temple Beth Or Bulletin

A VIEW FROM THE BIMAH

January 2011 ~ Tevet/Sh'vat 5771



Now that the results of our congregational survey are in, I, our officers and Board members, committee chairs and others will be reviewing what we have learned, and seeing how we can best use these results to effect changes that reflect the views and perceived needs of our members. If you haven't already read through the excellent summary

prepared by Robert Reznikoff, I urge you to do so.

Some of our members' views, not surprisingly, are contradicted by others, as when some members laud the sermons prepared by your rabbi, while others [a smaller number, fortunately!] are not quite so favorable.

Somewhere along the way, in discussing the field of survey research, I came across the "17% rule," which holds that no matter what anyone does or stands for, 17% will react negatively. The challenge becomes not just to discern the will of the majority, but also to reflect and respond to strongly felt minority views, even the views of a single member. We at Temple Beth Or pride ourselves in fostering a community as the "big tent" within which all can feel welcome, and thrive.

In this column, I would like to share my views in response to a minority view concerning sermons and politics. In doing so, I invite you to open a dialogue, and share points of view that we can publish (anonymously, if you wish) in a subsequent bulletin. My email address is: rabiels@templebethor.net.

At first thought, staying away from politics while preaching seems perfectly appropriate. Many of us regard our sanctuary on Shabbat as just that – a sanctuary, a safe haven, a place of refuge from the concerns of the outside world. We want to focus on matters of the spirit, listen or sing along with spiritually moving music, and hear an uplifting sermon that can move us to a new level or understanding or spiritual connection with Judaism and

our rich heritage. Politics, it would seem at first blush, would be the least appropriate subject for a Shabbat sermon.

Yet Judaism has always seen any distinction between sacred and profane to be a false distinction. Judaism, all the way back to the days of Torah, has always viewed our values as essentially worthless if not played out in terms of action in the world. Unlike many Christian denominations that emphasize belief and creed, Judaism has always left religious matters to the individual, while caring deeply about what we do and how we live. In receiving the Torah at Mt. Sinai, the Torah has the ancient Israelites as saying, "We will do and we will hear" – not the other way around, but starting with action and only then with understanding.

Our prophets, too, were emphatic that ritual, sacrifices and expressions of religious sentiment were insignificant next to applying our values to make the world a better place for all – not just for Jews, but for all humanity. Ethics and social justice and economic justice are not just for armchair theoreticians, but part and parcel of what it means to be a Jew. If asked what the term "good Jew" means to me, a large part of my response would be the way we apply the values we teach and hold dear to the problems of today's world.

What I wonder is this: Could our respondent who objected to politics in sermons be objecting not to the issues, but to some implied endorsement, however implicit, of a candidate or political party? If I speak out in trying to apply Jewish values to issues relating to the environment or immigration law or bio-medical ethics, I do believe that seeing these issues through a Jewish lens – and perhaps learning some texts along the way – is legitimate, because I believe deeply that Judaism stands for something and, inevitably, that "something" has societal implications. I do not intend to imply the endorsement of a candidate or party. Our political parties respond to these issues each in their own way, and I bring

not endorsement, but a Jewish lens to their response on any given issue. My conclusion, as a rabbi, is that I have an obligation to teach Judaism and identify ways that those teachings can influence our behavior as responsible citizens.

Elliot L. Stevens



Saturday, January 15 Shabbat Morning Service

Saturday morning, January 15, Rabbi Stevens will lead a Shabbat morning service along with Student Cantor Markowicz, including Torah reading, Torah study, and a **BABY NAMING for Alyssa Rose Kaplan**. Service including Torah study and a light brunch will run from 9:30 – 11:15 a.m.

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**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.

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.

TBO PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There was a meeting on December 12, 2010, of the Montgomery Kol Ami Religious School principals (Terri Finkelstein and Sandy Cauthen), Religion School board chairs from TBO and AIEA, (Sharon Berry and Fern Shinbaum), Presidents of TBO and AIEA (Raymond Cohen and myself), Incoming Presidents of both congregations (Jamie Loeb and Joel Cohen), as well as Rabbi Stevens and Rabbi Kramer. This was the first scheduled meeting to give the leaders of both congregations an opportunity to have a review of the previous semester as well as a round table discussion about the goals, policies and other issues regarding the Religious School. We determined that this group would always meet twice a year prior to the beginning of each semester. Also, we determined that future people in the above mentioned positions would continue this schedule in an effort to have continued dialogue between the two congregations.

I am pleased to inform you that there are currently 33 children enrolled in Religious School from TBO and 13 students enrolled from AIEA. The principals explained the curriculum and presented the new Handbook which will be distributed soon and we adopted a Supervision Guideline that will be distributed as well. Next semester will include a session on bullying, which will be presented in an age-appropriate manner.

We are excited about the continued success of Kol Ami and so grateful to have such a dedicated staff of religious teachers and principals.

Best wishes,
Jenny Ives

Recent Death

Carol Weil ז"ל

December 12, 2010



Mother of Clare Weil
Grandfather of
Diana Lacey

Recent Death

Seymour Gitenstein

ז"ל

December 16, 2010



Mother of Bobbie,
Susan and Mark

Recent Death

*Eileen K.
Ronning ז"ל*

November 19, 2010



Mother of
Carol Ronning

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.

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In Memory of

Debbie Marcus and Barbara Marcus
Barbara and Robert Shinsaugh

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In Memory of Joe Capilouto

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Happy Birthday Carol Hart
Happy Birthday Bubba Marcus
Alan Weil, Sr.

In Memory of Carol Weil
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Happy Birthday
Rubin Franco
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In Memory of
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Wishing you a happy New Year and a year filled with good health and happiness Mr. and Mrs.
Richard Hanan
Sandra and Alan Berman

GITENSTEIN ENDOWMENT

In Memory of Seymour Gitenstein
Alan and Diane Weil

In Honor of Carol Hart
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In Memory of Joe Capilouto
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In Memory of
Debbie Marcus and Barbara Marcus
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In Memory of Joe Capilouto
Ricky and Jamie Loeb

Good Health Tom Sheehan
(Liza Kaufman's Brother)
Kathie and Raymond Cohen

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings
on January 7th.

BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Linda Herzfeld
- 4 Joseph Levin, Jr.
- 6 Peggy Mussafer
- 7 Ruth Rosenthal
- 10 Bette Sue Strasburger
- 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

ANNIVERSARIES

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

YAHREZEITS

To be read 1/7/2011

Arthur B. Beringer, Jr.
Gilson Capilouto
Morris Levy
Myron C. Lobman, Jr.
Carol W. Rothschild
Elise F. Shwarts
Adolph Weil, Sr.

To be read 1/14/2011

Hermann Berger
Beryl Cohen
Simon Hertz
Sophie Oppenheimer Hertz
Dr. Aviva Hoffman
Bertha Model
Clara G. Mussafer
Helen Jane Uhlman
Bert C. Weil, Sr.

To be read 1/21/2011

Bertha S. Abraham
Albert Capp
Eli Cohen
Jake Feinman
David R. Franco
Irma Oppenheimer Haas
Joseph Hanchrow
Amelia Levine
Irma Levy
Myrtle Kaufman Loeb
Eva Marco
Ben Neuman
Faye Leving Shum

To be read 1/28/2011

Albert Abraham
Henry L. Abraham
Samuel Alan Behrman
Rabbi Eugene Blachschleger
Betty Coleman
Leo J. Drum, Sr.
Eli Hanan
Bernard Horowitz
Manuel Segell

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L'CHAIM LEAGUE

Join with us, on *Tuesday, January 11th*, at TBO as we are entertained by Virginia Whitfield and Jack Galassini. This will be a **Potluck Lunch**. We ask that each of you bring: salad, meat, or vegetable dish that will feed 4 - 6. The time is 11:30 a.m., and there is no charge for this event.

Tuesday, February 15th, is the date for lunch and a movie at AIEA. The movie will be *Making Trouble*, which is the story of the rise of Jewish women comedians. The lunch will be prepared by our members. The time for this event will be 11:30 a.m., and the charge is \$7.50 per person.

YOGA CLASSES WILL BE AT AIEA for the months of **JANUARY AND FEBRUARY**. The time will remain the same - 9:00 am - 10:00 am. Patricia Blondheim has certainly made a difference in the lives of those of us that have attended these classes. Even if you have never been, you can start at any time. Hoping to see you all soon.

Linda R Smith

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SISTERHOOD

Thanks to Jamie Loeb, Sisterhood hosted a well-attended, fun, delicious Chanukah Dinner. It was great seeing families and friends lighting menorahs together while enjoying dinner and Susan Bernstein's famous potato latkes. Thanks to all who helped fry latkes and assisted Jamie.

Sisterhood also participated in the Holiday Open House at Old Alabama Town. Tammy Saperstein planned activities, Rabbi Stevens and "Elad the Maccabee" told the story of Chanukah to many young people of the community and, of course, we had fun playing dreidel.

We look forward to our annual Sisterhood Shabbat on January 14th. Our student cantor, Andrea Rae Markowicz and Rabbi Stevens will lead us in a special musical service followed by a reception chaired by Esther Scheuer. Please join us.

We hope all the ladies of the congregation will plan to attend a special Sisterhood Luncheon meeting on Tuesday, February 1st at 11:45 at the Temple. We need to make a decision regarding our continued affiliation with Women of Reform Judaism. This is an important decision and we need YOUR vote. Lunch will be provided by Sisterhood, but we request your reservation so we know how many of you to serve. Please call Marlene with your reservation at 272-6688 or email to Sisterhoodtbo@gmail.com.

Marlene Beringer
Sisterhood President

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RELIGION SCHOOL

Whew! The first semester seemed to go by so quickly! I think we had a wonderful fall at Kol Ami. There have been so many good classes and experiences this year! We thank Agudath Israel Etz Ahayem for housing us these past two semesters, and we look forward to reconvening in Temple Beth Or on *January 9th*.

On *January 23rd*, we have a very special day planned. We will observe Tu B'Shevat with a special Seder and tree planting (watch for information) and we will welcome J. C. Cohen from the Henry S. Jacobs Camp. Immediately following school, we will have a special pizza lunch and ice cream sundae bar and listen to a special presentation about Jacobs Camp. PLEASE make plans to attend, and to show our congregation's support of Jacobs Camp. We will send out invitations in the next couple of weeks.

We welcomed Alli Goldman from the Institute of Southern Jewish Life. Alli participated in services at Temple Beth Or on Friday evening and Agudath Israel on Saturday morning. She attended a Havdallah program Saturday evening and she had a program with our teachers Sunday morning. We will welcome her back in February.

A couple of weeks ago we had a fabulous Chanukah program that included our families. There were doughnuts (sufganiyot), a special

service and Chanukah story, games and crafts, and lunch to end the day! Thank you to the Galilee (Lani & Nick Ashner) and Haifa (Joel Cohen & Michelle Skiba) classes for providing the food and help for our celebration.

We want to thank all of our teachers, including David Berry and Tammy Saperstein, for such dedication. We also welcome Suzanne Soloff as a new teacher.

We are excited about our second semester, and I hope that you all enjoy your holidays and vacation.

See you in 2011!

Terri Finkelstein
Co-Principal, Kol Ami Religious School

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YOUTH GROUP

Congratulations to Frances Capouya on her winning the Prize Gift Basket at the Chanukah dinner.

Thank you to all who supported our kick-off raffle during the Chanukah dinner in support of Camp Jenny. We will continue to sell raffle tickets through January 9th. Prizes include two fabulous Gift Baskets and a Flat Screen T.V. Winners will be drawn on January 10th and contacted. Please contact Danielle Berry at 290-0445 to purchase your \$10 raffle ticket. Visit www.campienny.org for more information.

The next scheduled Youth Group event will take place on January 9th at 1:00 p.m. at Ace Bowling Center.

NFTY-SAR Winter Kallah will take place January 14th - 17th in Marietta, GA.

A special thanks to the Men's Club for supporting the Youth Group.

For additional information regarding joining youth group or volunteering as a chaperone, please email:

Sharon Berry
BOOTY Advisor
daberry40@netscape.net

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FROM THE LIBRARY

It is odd typing “2011” ... is it that time already? For this month’s column we review a few of the new titles highlighted in last month’s bulletin. As you may recall, many of these titles were selected by the Jewish Book Council for this year’s (or I guess technically, it is now *last year’s*) Jewish Book Month.

Terrorist Cop: The NYPD Jewish Cop Who Traveled the World to Stop Terrorism by Mordecai Dzikansky and Robert Slater. Mr. Dzikansky is scheduled to speak here at the temple next spring. He is now retired, Detective First Class, from the New York City Police Department. His experiences, first as a patrol officer, then in homicide and various detective squads, led him to serve as lead investigator of the newly formed Torah Task Force (1993), working in Israel as the first NYPD Intelligence Division Overseas Liaison to the national police of Israel. In this, his first book, he recounts his experiences going undercover to apprehend Torah thieves and serve as an investigator on a number of high-profile murders and assassinations. After 9/11, Dzikansky was sent to Israel in an effort to further protect New York from further terrorist attacks and in the process he became an authority on suicide bombing. His professional success did not come without a personal cost, as Dzikansky describes his fight to overcome severe Post-traumatic Stress Disorder.

Something Red: a Novel by Jennifer Gilmore. Set in Washington, D.C. in the 1970s, the use of “Red” in the title and the setting of Gilmore’s novel might give you a hint as to aspects of the novel. “Setting the story at the end of the Carter administration (August 1979 through March 1980) in a Washington, D.C., still enmeshed in the politics of the Cold War allows the author to include elements of the traditional family saga with an intimation of political intrigue. The surprising climax and no-cop-out resolution will appeal to readers of genre fiction ... The omniscient narration from the point of view of the four Goldsteins—Dennis and Sharon

and their children, Ben and Vanessa—presents a slow reveal of the circuitous plot ... Stylistically and thematically complex, this novel explores, from the point of view of four focal characters, the legacy of immigration on the second and third generations of a Jewish family.”

Emma’s Poem: the Voice of the Statue of Liberty by Linda Glaser with paintings by Claire A. Nivola. Written for grades 2 – 4, Glaser and Nivola present us with the story of Emma Lazarus, who, along with several notable writers of the time (whose reputations have far outlived them), was asked to submit a poem to help raise funds for the pedestal for the Statue of Liberty. The result, as we know, is one of the most loved and often quoted poems in American literature.

Devotion: a Memoir by Dani Shapiro. Shapiro received a starred review in *Publishers Weekly* for this memoir, “ ... a mid-life exploration of spirituality (that) begins with her son's difficult questions-about God, mortality and the afterlife-and Shapiro's realization that her answers are lacking, long-avoided in favor of everyday concerns. Determined to find a more satisfying set of answers, (she) seeks out the help of a yogi, a Buddhist and a rabbi, and comes away with, if not the answers to life and what comes after, an insightful and penetrating memoir that readers will instantly identify with.”

The Cookbook Collector by Allegra Goodman. As another starred review pick, *Publishers Weekly* states quite boldly that “(i)f any contemporary author deserves to wear the mantle of Jane Austen, it's Goodman, whose subtle, astute social comedies perfectly capture the quirks of human nature. This dazzling novel is Austen updated for the dot-com era, played out between 1999 and 2001 among a group of brilliant risk takers and truth seekers. Still in her 20s, Emily Bach is the CEO of Veritech, a Web-based data-storage startup in trendy Berkeley. Her boyfriend, charismatic Jonathan Tilghman, is in a race to catch up at his

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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, January 7, at the usual start time of 6:00 p.m. Future dates are February 11, March 11, April 1.



L'Chaim League's Chanukah lunch at the Capitol City Club on December 2, 2010.

SINGLES GROUP

**Attention All Jewish Singles
50 & up**

On Saturday, January 8th at 5:30 PM the Singles are meeting at Bonefish Grill at 7020 Eastchase Parkway.

If you are interested in attending contact: Carol Ronning at 279-0140.



AI☆EA ADULT EDUCATION

Mondays, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Torah Discussion 7 AM - 8 AM

Tuesday, February 1st & March 1st
Monthly Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Kramer at 12:30 PM
Lunch provided for a nominal fee



Mazel Tov!

Congratulations to Dan Weinrib, who was awarded the Joanie Pious Bayer Young Leadership Award by Birmingham Jewish Federation on Dec. 12th. The award was for Dan's involvement in the Jewish Community and in the greater Birmingham community during the 14 years he has lived there.

MEN'S CLUB MOVIE NIGHT

January 16th ◆ 4 PM

The men's club will be showing the movie "Planes, Trains and Automobiles" on Sunday Jan. 16th at 4:00 PM. It's about a marketing executive who is trying to leave New York and get home to Chicago in time for Thanksgiving. A snow storm and a fellow traveler he meets creates a nightmare journey for him.

We'll have pizza, salad, snacks and dessert and admission is free. This hilarious comedy runs 1 1/2 hours and stars Steve Martin and John Candy.





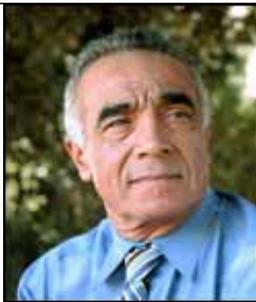
Benjamin Berry's Mitzvah Project:

I will be collecting snack foods, drink boxes, and microwaveable foods for Child Protect Services as well as dry dog or cat food and newspapers for the Humane Society. Drop boxes will be located in the Temple foyer or you can call me, Benjamin Berry, for home pick up at 290-0445. Thank you in advance for your donations.

Ben Berry

SAVE THE DATE:

Tuesday, Jan. 25
7 PM



Jewish Federation of

Central Alabama is pleased to announce that

Dr. Ra'anán Gissin

one of Israel's top strategic analysts (specializing in the Arab/Israeli conflict)

and former senior advisor to Prime Minister Ariel Sharon will speak in

Montgomery on Tuesday, January 25, at

7 PM at the home of

Lisa and Andy Weil, 3200 Colline Close.

RSVP to 277-5820.



Joy and Jarred Kaplan invite you to join them for the Hebrew Naming Ceremony of their daughter

Alyssa Rose

at Shabbat Services

Saturday, January 15, 2011 at half past nine o'clock in the morning at Temple Beth Or

Brunch to follow in the Social Hall

RSVP by December 31, 2011 to Joy at 240-2567 or joy978@aol.com ♦ No gifts please

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.

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR 2010 – 2011

GUEST SPEAKERS

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

LAST EVENT OF THE SEASON:

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

BASIC JUDAISM CLASS EXTENDED

Rabbi Steven's class on Basic Judaism has been extended by two sessions. These classes, which have been meeting Thursday mornings from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. in the Temple library, are each independent, and all are welcomed whether or not they have attended prior classes in this series.

Remaining topics are:

Thursday, January 6: FINDING GOD IN JUDAISM

Thursday, January 13: THE JEWISH NOTIONS OF MESSIAH AND THE WORLD TO COME

Thursday, January 20: THE MANY DENOMINATIONS OF MODERN JUDAISM

CLASS IN HEBREW READING EXTENDED

The course in Hebrew reading has also been extended, and will now include sessions on January 6, 13 and 20. These classes meet 9:00 – 9:30 a.m., in the Temple library.

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TALES FROM THE MIDRASH

Rabbi Stevens has prepared a 6-part series on Midrash, running October through January. All Midrash classes are Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. *Remaining classes:*

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

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

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

FUTURE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

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. *Watch for details!*

Sisterhood Open Meeting on February 1st at 11:45 AM, to discuss continuing membership with Women of Reform Judaism. Lunch provided. TBO Social Hall. RSVP to Marlene Beringer.



Sandy Lynn and Rabbi Stevens, along with their daughter Alexandra, take a tour of Atlanta on Segways in December.

Alvin Steinhart Scholarships for Secondary Education are now available. Applicants must be:

- Jewish
- Members of Temple Beth Or
- Graduating High School Seniors or Current College Students

Applications will be available by the end of January. Please contact Sharon Berry at daberry40@netscape.net.

FAMILY FRIENDLY SERVICES

especially for babies, toddlers, kids, moms, dads and grandparents too! **5:00 - 5:30 PM in the Library**

*January 14, 2011, *February 11, March 11, April 1

*May 13, June 10

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

*Accompanied by Student Cantor Andrea Rae Markowicz.



Sarah Claire Loeb's Mitzvah Project

In preparation for my Bat Mitzvah, on November 5th of this year, I am working on my Mitzvah Project and would like to ask for your help. I am collecting art supplies for elementary children in the Montgomery Public Schools. So often, people forget that art is an important part of a child's education. Many art programs have had their funding cut or greatly reduced. Art has always been one of my favorite subjects, and I feel lucky to attend a school with a wonderful art program and plenty of supplies to let my creativity flow. Since many schools, or school kids, cannot afford art supplies, I have asked the public schools to give me a list of their most needed items. Will you please look at the list and bring whatever you can contribute?



-  Construction Paper
-  Colored Markers
-  Drawing paper-standard size and larger
-  Glue sticks
-  Good scissors (for left and right-handed children)
-  Painting supplies (various sizes of paint brushes, watercolor paint sets-like Prang, tempera paints-various colors)
-  Multi-cultural crayons (skin tones)
-  Stickers

Here's how you can donate:

There will be drop off bins at the Temple starting on January 10th. If you need help unloading your items, just call ahead and let Gina know. (262-3314)

If you need me to pick them up from you, please call my mom at 263-7269 and we will be glad to pick them up.

If you would prefer, a monetary contribution is welcome. Please make checks out to Montgomery Public Schools and mail to 2619 Wildwood Drive, Montgomery, AL 36111 or you may drop them off at the Temple.

This project will end on April 1, so please bring your contributions by then!

Thank you!

Sarah Claire

SAVE THE DATE
 Temple Beth Or's 2011
 Jewish Food Festival is on
Sunday, February 27th

USED COPIES OF OLD PRAYER BOOKS NOW AVAILABLE TO TBO MEMBERS

As part of the great Temple clean-up project last fall, many old prayer books no longer in use at Temple Beth Or were identified and pulled out of old storage areas.

These old books are primarily copies of

Union Prayer Book, Volume II for the High Holy Days and Gates of Prayer. The old copies of *Gates of Prayer* are in addition to newer copies that we have used until recently, and might continue to use from time to time on special occasions. Copies of Volume I of the *Union Prayer Book* are also being retained for periodic use.

In considering what to do with these older prayer books, the Board of Trustees has decided to make them

available to our families, at no charge. Certain particular copies, by the way, have been set aside because memorial book plates in the book indicate connections with current members; these will be offered to those particular families. The Board will then determine how best to dispose of any books that remain.

If you would like to have one or more of these used copies, please see Gina Friday in the temple office.

Israel Update - December 2010, 5770, סבת התשע"א

Shalom Y'all



A lot of things happened recently. We celebrated Hanukkah. And it was a lot of fun for me to explore the American Jewish celebration for this lovely holiday of lights. Hanukkah in

Israel has a powerful meaning because the Maccabee period was a time when Jewish people gathered together to fight against a foreign ruler who tried to enforce his culture and his fate on the Jews. The Maccabee didn't accept that and chose to resist. They liberated Jerusalem and celebrated the dedication (Hanukkah in Hebrew) of the holy Temple in Jerusalem.

Israel has had a lot of struggle in her history. We can figure that it was never easy to keep the Jewish Homeland safe for the Jewish people.

On this Hanukkah Israel suffered a massive disaster when a fire spread on Carmel Mountain range. Forty-two lives were lost in the fire, when a prison guard bus burned in the flames. Those

guards were on their way to assist the firemen struggling with the flames.

The Israeli fire departments succeeded in getting the flames under control in 82 hours with assistance sent from 18 different states mostly from Europe. Aid also came from Egypt and the Palestinian Authority and of course the US, our number one ally.

Perhaps this was our Hanukkah miracle for this year. I think it is the first time that Israel got so much support from the world since the UN vote for the establishment of the Jewish state in 1947.

This Hanukkah I also got the opportunity to implement my teaching method. As a theater buff and a Jewish educator I chose to share the Hanukkah celebration with you dressed up as Yehuda Ha'Maccabee.

I believe that when you talk with people, especially with kids (and it seems to work with adults to), in a direct way, it can be more interesting and exciting.

I'm happy to continue to share my teaching methods that I developed from my experience as a high school teacher and youth counselor.

I'm thankful for the people who made the effort to attend to my programs, and

shared their own perspective about Israel and the Zionist movement. In the coming months, I will continue with my programs, and hope to get good attendance. I want to remind you that you all are very welcome to join the Jewish Homeland Forum if you haven't yet.

To get the weekly news about Israel, send me an email with the words: "I'm in" (my email is eladarnon@gmail.com).

I can only hope for better news from Israel next time. And I hope that the Israeli government will investigate this incident thoroughly to prevent a future disaster.



Elad dressed up as Yehuda Ha'Maccabee for Hanukkah story

SPECIAL ALERT. On December 2, 2010, the worst fire in Israel's history broke out in the Carmel Mountains near Haifa, destroying 5 million trees and 12,500 acres of planted forest, natural woodland, open spaces and built-up areas. After four days of continuous fighting, the Israeli firefighters succeeded in dousing the flames, but the road to recovery has only begun.

JNF is the U.S. fundraising arm for of Friends of Israel Firefighters. You can provide firefighters with much-needed equipment and replacing supplies that were depleted during the fight. Your dollars will help purchase helmets, hoses, fire extinguishing chemicals and thermal cameras, among other emergency equipment. Donations may be mailed to: Jewish National Fund, 78 Randall Avenue, Rockville Centre, NY 11570.



Volunteer Now for Temple Beth Or's Eighth Annual Jewish Food Festival and Treasure Market



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

Starting now and during the next few months:

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

Week of:

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

Day of:

First Shift Second Shift All
8:30 to 12:00 11:45 to 3:00 Day

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

We need your items for the Treasure Market and the Collectible Market. Please deliver to the Temple, Tuesday thru Friday and specify if for Treasure Market or Collectible room. If the item is too big for you to bring in, please call Alan Weil, Sr. or Pat Dees. Contacts: Treasure Market-Alan Weil, Sr. - 281-1737 or Collectible Market-Pat Dees -272-7583

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

Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Email: _____

All proceeds benefit the Temple General Fund.

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Sunday, February 27, 2011

9 AM - 3 PM

Detach at the crease to mail. Fold, seal and stamp and it's ready to go.

Seal here

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

Karen Goldstein
2026 Myrtlewood Drive
Montgomery, Alabama 36111

fold here

I can't wait to help!

Sign Me Up!

CONTRIBUTIONS TO TEMPLE BETH OR SPECIAL FUNDS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE!

All of Temple Beth Or funds (listed below) are much appreciated ways of supporting our Temple and our Jewish community. Please consider them among the worthy recipients of your charitable donations. Each is an opportunity to follow the Jewish teaching of joining a prayerful wish or an appreciative expression to a charitable gift.

Making a gift through a will or as part of a planned giving program is an excellent way to support the future of TBO. We can help by arranging for free assistance from individuals knowledgeable about how such gifts are made. Contact the Temple office for more information. All donations to the Temple are tax-deductible. Contributions should be made out to "Temple Beth Or," with a notation of the desired fund with the payment.

ALVIN STEINHART

SCHOLARSHIP FUND: To award scholarship toward College tuition for members of the Temple and /or community

BERNIECE AND EUGENE

BLACHSCHLEGER LIBRARY FUND: Provides book and materials for the Blachschleger Library and Archives

BLANCHE LANDAU WINTER

RELIGION SCHOOL FUND: Contributing to the support and maintenance of the Religion School

CAROL LOBMAN HART

EDUCATIONAL FUND: Provides for educational opportunities for the Religion School and Faculty, and the Congregation

CEMETERY FUND

Provides for the perpetual care of Eternal Rest and Land of Peace Cemeteries of Kahl Montgomery

CONTINGENCY FUND: Used for special needs of the Congregation over and above General Fund Budget

EDA AND ISIDORE WEIL FUND:

Provides Religion School Scholarship and Attendance Awards

FLORAL FUND: Provides altar flowers for all Sabbaths, Holy Days, Festivals and Special Occasions

GASTON AND FAYE GREIL

MEMORIAL FUND: Established and supports the Chair of Jewish Studies at Huntingdon College

GENERAL FUND: Provides for the day-to-day operation of the Temple.

GROUNDS BEAUTIFICATION FUND: To provide for beautification of the Temple ground

HISTORICAL FUND: For the purpose of assembling and classifying historical data for Temple Beth Or Archives

KAHL MONTGOMERY BUILDING

FUND: Established for the purpose of renovations and special needs of the Temple Beth Or Building

KAHL MONTGOMERY

ENDOWMENT FUND: This fund is established through bequests to be used for the benefit of Temple Beth Or

LUCIEN S. LOEB MEMORIAL

FUND: For the establishment and maintenance of programs for Senior Citizens of Temple Beth Or and the Jewish community of Montgomery

PRAYER BOOK FUND: For the purchase of Sabbath, Festival and Holy Days prayer books and printing of special services

RABBI DAVID A. BAYLINSON

ART FUND: To provide Judaica Art objects for the beautification of Temple Beth Or

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND:

Allows the Rabbi to make charitable contributions at his discretion for both Temple and Community needs and to assist with necessary help

SABEL FAMILY FUND:

Contributing to the support and maintenance of Congregation Kahl Montgomery

SAMUEL L. SCHLOSS

COMMUNITY FUND: For special community projects

SELMA MARCUS MEMORIAL

FUND: Provides scholarships for leadership, song leading and other training sessions for Temple Youth members

SEYMOUR GITENSTEIN

ENDOWMENT FUND: Providing for those members unable to pay Temple dues

SOCIAL CONCERNS FUND: To promote a spirit of charity and social involvement in the congregation and the community

TEMPLE ETZ AHAYEM

MEMORIAL FUND: For the Temple Youth Group or allied Jewish Youth causes

YOUTH AND SCHOLARSHIP

FUND: Provides scholarships to NFTY-Southern Area Region conventions, camps and other requirements of Temple Youth

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.

Beyond January!

Tuesday, February 1, 11:45 AM, Sisterhood open meeting to discuss continuing membership with Women of Reform Judaism. Lunch provided. TBO Social Hall. RSVP to Marlene Beringer.

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

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

Friday, February 11, 6 PM, Men's Club Shabbat Service with Rabbi Stevens and Student Cantor Andrea Rae Markowicz. Wine and cheese reception to follow.

Friday, February 11, 6 PM, Shabbat Service. TORAH READING AND D'VAR TORAH.

Saturday, February 12, 9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Student Cantor Markowicz. Light brunch served. Allison Goldman, Education Fellow with Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life will participate.

Sunday, February 13, 9:30 AM, Kol Ami Religion School at TBO. Allison Goldman, Education Fellow with Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life will participate.

Tuesday, February 15, 11:30 AM, L'Chaim League sponsors "Lunch and a Movie." Enjoy lunch and watch the movie, "Making Trouble" at Agudath Israel*Etz Ahayem.

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.

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

Friday, March 11, 6 PM, Shabbat Service. TORAH READING AND D'VAR TORAH.

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

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

Saturday, March 19, 9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Student Cantor Markowicz. Light brunch served.

Friday, March 25, 6 PM, SING UNTO GOD! – TBO celebrates Choir's 30 years of excellence with a gala Shabbat tribute.

Sunday, March 27, 1 PM, BOOTY: Lunch and get-together at TBO.

Friday, April 1, 5 PM, Family Chavurah Shabbat service in the Blachschleger Library - suitable for children of all ages.

Friday, April 1, 6 PM, Shabbat service.

Friday, April 1, TBA, BOOTY: J-Serve Community Service Project. Date to be determined.

Friday, April 1, 6 PM, Shabbat Service. TORAH READING AND D'VAR TORAH.

Saturday, April 2, 9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service. Light brunch served.

Friday, April 8, 6 PM, Shabbat Service. Huntingdon College Night. Reception follows.

Tuesday, April 19, All Day, TBO Office closed for Passover.

Friday, April 29, 3 Days, BOOTY: NFTY-SAR Spring Kallah 2011, Charlotte, NC. (This event is for 9th-12th graders.)

Friday, April 29, 6 PM, Shabbat Service with Rabbi Stevens and Student Cantor Andrea Rae Markowicz.

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

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data-security company, ISIS, in Cambridge, Mass. Emily is low-key, pragmatic, kind, serene—the polar opposite of her beloved younger sister, Jess, a crazed post grad who works at an antiquarian bookstore owned by a retired Microsoft millionaire. When Emily confides her company's new secret project to Jonathan as a proof of her love, the stage is set for issues of loyalty and trust, greed, and the allure of power. What is actually valuable, Goodman's characters ponder: a company's stock, a person's promise, a forest of redwoods, a collection of rare cookbooks?"

Eric A. Kidwell, MLS

MAGAZINE PROJECT

Bette Sue Strasburger and her grandchildren, Meagan and Nathan Ashner, are collecting magazines for local organizations. Some of the organizations that have benefited are: Easter Seals, Wesley Gardens, AHEPA house, Family Guidance (Parkview Adult), Sunshine Center, The Cedars, Cara Vita 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.

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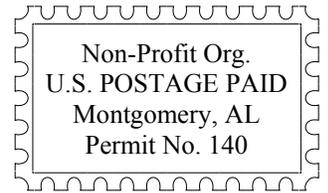
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 7 PM, Adult Ed: Rabbi Stevens offers a six-part series TALES FROM THE MIDRASH; Part IV: Jacob	6 8 AM - 9 AM, Adult Ed: BACK TO THE BASICS. 9 AM - 9:30 AM, Adult Ed: Learn to Read Hebrew. Part IX.	7 6 PM, Shabbat Service. TORAH READING AND D'VAR TORAH.	8 5:30 PM, Jewish Singles 50 & Up meets at Bonefish Grill
9 9:30 AM, Kol Ami Religious School at TBO. 1 PM, BOOTY: Bowling and lunch at Ace in Montgomery.	10	11 11:30 AM, L'Chaim League Lunch at TBO. 7 PM, Exploratory meeting to discuss possible TBO trip to Israel.	12	13 8 AM - 9 AM, Adult Ed: BACK TO THE BASICS. 9 AM - 9:30 AM, Adult Ed: Learn to Read Hebrew. Part X.	14 5 PM, Family Chavurah Shabbat service in the library 6 PM, Shabbat Shirah and Sisterhood.	15 9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service with Rabbi Stevens and Student Cantor Markowicz, including a BABY NAMING for Alyssa Rose Kaplan.
16 4 PM, The Men's Club will be showing the movie "Planes, Trains and Automobiles."	17	18	19	20 8 AM - 9 AM, Adult Ed: BACK TO THE BASICS. 9 AM - 9:30 AM, Adult Ed: Learn to Read Hebrew. Part XI.	21 6 PM, Shabbat Service.	22
23 9:30 AM, Kol Ami Religious School at TBO. Pizza/ice cream lunch and Camp Jacobs presentation with Jonathan Cohen, Director.	24	25	26 7 PM, Adult Ed: Rabbi Stevens offers a six-part series TALES FROM THE MIDRASH; Part V: Joseph	27	28 6 PM, Shabbat Service.	29
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**KOL AMI
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**

Meets at TBO

1/9
1/23
1/30
2/6
2/13

**Student Cantor
Andrea Rae Markowicz Weekends:**

January 14	April 29
February 11	May 13
March 18	June 4

On her weekends in Montgomery Cantor Markowicz will usually participate in Friday night Shabbat services, Saturday morning Shabbat services and Religious School on Sundays.

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.

January 13**Macaroons..... Carol Loeb

** - Starts at 9:30 AM.

Items completed: Rugelach, strudel, honey cakes

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To
Generation*

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