

Temple Beth Or Bulletin

A VIEW FROM THE BIMAH

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THE BROTHERHOOD OF FAITH: MEETING WITH GOVERNOR BENTLEY

Anyone who has taken on a new job knows about learning curves. Aside from figuring out where to find the paper clips and the rest room, we learn about the processes and procedures of our new position; our office and professional relationships, and our new place in the grand scheme of things. And so it is with our new governor, Robert Bentley. Since his inauguration a couple of weeks ago, Governor Bentley has become most well known for remarks he made at the Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church. Since then, he's been on quite a learning curve, as we've seen him respond to reactions his remarks generated, here and around the country.

For those who missed the news, here's what he said when he spoke at the church. Interestingly, the program lists his theme as "Hope for Unity in a Divided World," and his talk as being sponsored by the World Heritage Organization:

"There may be some people here today who do not have living within them the Holy Spirit," Bentley said. "But if you have been adopted in God's family like I have, and like you have if you're a Christian and if you're saved, and the Holy Spirit lives within you just like the Holy Spirit lives within me, then you know what that makes? It makes you and me brothers. And it makes you and me brother and sister." Then he added, "Now I will have to say that, if we don't have the same daddy, we're not brothers and sisters. So anybody here today who has not accepted Jesus Christ as their savior, I'm telling you, you're not my brother and you're not my sister, and I want to be your brother."

On their face, his comments are exclusionary, and at the least

very troubling, on three grounds. First, if you agree with the governor's religious perspective, you're in the fold; you're family. If you don't, you're out, and those who are out include Jews, Moslems, Buddhists, Hindus, Atheists and many others who shouldn't be subjected to a hierarchy of values, certainly not religious values. Second, and at least as disturbing, is his call to those outside the fold, "I want to be your brother." He seems to be saying he will love us more if we accept Jesus Christ as our personal savior. Without that, we can't be in God's family, and we cannot have a holy spirit within us unless we convert. Finally, his remarks, even though made in the context of a Black Baptist church on a day of commemoration for Martin Luther King Jr., inevitably take on political overtones because the person who made them, even within a religious setting, is a top political leader who, in describing one faith tradition as privileged, seemed to be blurring that church-state wall that has been one of the great strengths of our country.

Governor Bentley's comments highlighted an important difference between his outlook as an evangelical Baptist (that's the term he used) and Judaism – for Judaism, across the Board clearly holds, as it says in the Talmud, "The righteous of all nations have a place in the World to Come." We have no chance for salvation according to the Governor, and if we're not going to Heaven, we must be headed to the other place. My understanding of the Baptist faith, moreover, is that they take on as a sacred responsibility the task of saving us from eternal damnation.

I was very pleased, therefore, when the governor quickly agreed to meet with a delegation of Jewish leaders, and even more that he was willing, despite an impossibly crowded schedule, to devote a full hour to informal, private conversation, rather than just giving us a ceremonial moment or photo op.



Saturday, February 11 Shabbat Morning Service

Saturday morning, February 11th, Rabbi Stevens will lead a Shabbat morning service along with Student Cantor Markowicz, including Torah reading and Torah study. Service including Torah study and a light brunch will run from 9:30 – 11:15 a.m.
Guest D'var Torah: Alli Goldman, ISJL

We met Wednesday afternoon – I, Rabbi Jonathan Miller of Birmingham, a couple of lay leaders from the Birmingham Jewish Federation, an attorney active in the arena of state politics, and with Rev. Steve Jones, of Birmingham's Southside Baptist Church. We had, as they say in the jargon of diplomats, a "full and

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**Celebrating Our
159th Year**



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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

I am writing to invite your participation in a very special event at Temple Beth Or.

On Friday evening, March 25, 2011 we will be celebrating our rich choral tradition with a special service to honor our choir and its director, Dr. Elizabeth French. This service will also give us an opportunity to honor our musical heritage, and celebrate a rich tradition of choral music extending back nearly 150 years. Our history records that in 1862, on dedicating Kahl Montgomery's first house of worship, a choir accompanied by music was part of the ceremony, at that time a radical departure from the early tradition of orthodoxy for this congregation.

Later, when the Temple moved to a new facility at the corner of Sayre and Clanton Streets (1901), a large organ was installed in a loft above the bimah, which also housed a mixed choir in full view of the congregation. The use of choir and organ to accompany services has continued ever since.

Dr. French, who has led our choir for more than 30 years, is planning an extraordinary service, and we hope you can join us on this special occasion. A number of special guests will be with us, including Rabbi Emeritus David Baylinson, members of the Gassenheimer family who have endowed our choir, and temple singers who have been with us, in some cases, for thirty years and more.

We hope you will save the date and join us for this exciting event.

With every good wish,

Jenny Ives, President
Temple Beth Or

Mazel Tov!

Congratulations to Kevin Goldstein and Emily Reimer on their engagement. Kevin's parents are Karen and Craig Goldsmith. Grandmother is Joyce Srassburger.

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.

ARCHIVES FUND

*In Memory of
Carol Weil
Leo Drum*

**CAROL L. HART
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*In Memory of
Carol Weil
Shirley Beringer
Jack and Michal Hart Hillman
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Seymour Gitenstein
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*In Memory of
Carol Weil
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*Feel Better
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Joseph Eli Capilouto
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The 50th Wedding Anniversary of
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**GITENSTEIN ENDOWMENT
FUND**

*In Memory of
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PRAYER BOOK FUND

*In Memory of
Coleman and Charline Goldberg
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*In Memory of
Carol Weil
Past Sisterhood President
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**RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY
FUND**

*In Memory of
Arthur B. Beringer, Jr.
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Betty, Bob and Erik Goldberg*

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Julien M. "Sonny" Strassburger
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*In Appreciation of
Rabbi Elliot Stevens
The Gitenstein Family*

**YOUTH AND SCHOLARSHIP
FUND**

*In Memory of
Joseph Eli Capilouto
Shirley Beringer*

BIRTHDAYS

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

ANNIVERSARIES

- 3... Lorraine and Robert Lieberman
- 10. Gracie & Jack Hanchrow
- 21. Steve & LaNette Clein
- 28. Susan & Robert Kohn

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings on February 4th.

YAHARZEITS

To be read 2/4/2011

- Abraham Feinman
- Dr. John Herzfeld
- Sol Katz
- James L. (Jimmy) Loeb, Sr.
- Irma Endel Spitzer
- Dr. Joseph Weinrib

To be read 2/11/2011

- Eliot Capouya
- Simanto Franco
- Goldie Lieberman
- Nancy Riley
- Edith Scheuer Weil

To be read 2/18/2011

- Matilde Alhadeff
- Bernard Bolen
- 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 2/25/2011

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

L'Chaim League

On **Tuesday, February 15th**, go back in time with the movie "Making Trouble." This is a look at Fannie Brice, Gilda Radner, Joan Rivers and other Jewish Women of Comedy. This movie has received great reviews and has been viewed by many Jewish organizations as part of fundraising events. There is no charge for the movie. Our members will make the lunch. The cost is \$7.50 per person, and will be held at AI*EA at 11:30 am.

Reservations are needed by Feb. 12th.

A visit to the **Dunaway Gardens in Newnan, Ga.** is scheduled for Tuesday, March 22nd. Established by famous stage actress, Hetty Jane Dunaway, the gardens were a famous gathering in the 20's, 30's, and 40's. The gardens were used as a training ground for producers, directors, and performers on the 25 acre estate. Forgotten and overgrown for many years, restoration began in 2000 and the gardens re-opened in 2005. It will be a 45 minute walking tour with golf carts available. We will have lunch nearby. This is a must-see trip.

Look forward to seeing all of you at one or all of these fun events.

Linda R. Smith

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BEDTIME BUNDLES

We were blown away by the amount of goods donated for Child Protect from the Bedtime Bundles project. Special thanks to Sharon Berry for requiring kids attending the Youth Group lock-in weekend in November to bring items for this effort.

We collected:

- 30 pairs of pajamas
- 3 decorative pillows
- 1 polartec blanket throw
- 4 pillow cases
- 6 pairs of slippers
- 22 books
- 8 journals
- 12 pkgs. of hair ribbons/elastics/barettes and 14 combs
- 17 pkgs. socks and 5 pkgs.

- underpants
- 35 toothbrushes, 21 toothpastes, and dental kits
- 8 coloring books and 2 pkgs of construction paper
- 16 pkgs. crayons and coloring pens
- 6 pkgs. pencils
- 3 dolls and 21 toys

The people at Child Protect are excited and grateful. Thanks to all who donated, and to Marlon Cotton for helping Mike and me sort and carry out all this treasure.

Louisa Weinrib

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YOUTH GROUP

The Camp Jenny Raffle was a huge success. We would like to congratulate our Gift Basket raffle winners : Francis Capouya (Hanukkah Dinner raffle); Barry & Diane Blondheim; Bella Smith; and our grand prize winner of the Flat Screen T.V. this year is Sharon McDaniel.

Thank you to all who participated in the Camp Jenny Raffle this year. With your generous contributions we are able to donate over \$2,300 toward Camp Jenny. Thank You!

Danielle Berry, Jeff Herring, and Sara Crowe; chaperoned by Sharon Berry, attended the NFTY-SAR Winter Kallah at Temple Kol Emeth in Marietta, GA. There were 231 teens from the NFTY-SAR Region that attended this event.

If you are interested in helping to chaperone the next NFTY-SAR event to be held April 29-May 1 in Charlotte, NC, please contact Sharon Berry at daberry40@netscape.net or call 290-0445.

February 6: Bowling and Lunch at Ace Bowling Center in Montgomery at 1 PM.

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SISTERHOOD

In January we celebrated Sisterhood Shabbat featuring special music lead by our student cantor, Andrea Rae Markowicz, accompanied by Becky Taylor on the keyboard and Alan Pirtle

on the violin. The combined voices of Andrea and Turia Williams were absolutely inspirational. The beautiful sounds of Hanna Berger's flute was a very special treat. Sisterhood vice-presidents, Carol Loeb and Jaime Loeb, participated in the service and held the open Torah for Andrea to chant the Torah portion that contains "Miriam's Song" (the Mi Chamocha) that we sing during each service. Rabbi Stevens' sermon informed us of women who have made a difference in our Jewish history.

We thank Esther Scheuer for organizing a beautiful reception. We especially thank our members who step forward and answer "yes" when asked to help with our functions.

The Southeast District President of Women of Reform Judaism, Andrea Cannon, will join our Sisterhood meeting on February 1st when we plan to decide our continued membership in WRJ. This is an important decision and we hope you will be there to share your opinion. **Lunch will be provided by Sisterhood.** Please contact me to make your reservation.

Marlene Beringer, President
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FROM THE LIBRARY

We continue highlighting some of the new titles in the library collection:

This Is a Soul: the Mission of Rick Hodes by Marilyn Berger. "Whoever saves a life, it is considered as if he saved the entire world." Rick Hodes is a doctor who went to Africa over 20 years ago to work in Mother Teresa's clinic in Addis Ababa, and 28 years later he is still there, helping care for people who are among the most in need, and along the way, adopting several children.

Quiches, Kugels, and Couscous: My Search for Jewish Cooking in France by Joan Nathan. A starred review in Publishers Weekly, Joan Nathan's latest book is a "... well-researched, fascinating cookbook encapsulates

2,000 years of Jewish history in France. Nathan, the James Beard Award-winning doyenne of Jewish cooking ... applies her culinary detective skills to sniffing out the Jewish influence on French cuisine, and vice versa ... (her) multi-layered, narrative approach makes this treasury of tempting flavors an entertaining and compelling read."

Annexed by Sharon Dogar. Written for grade 9 and up This novel tells the Anne Frank story from the perspective of 15-year-old Peter van Pels, who along with his parents shared the famous attic to hide from the Nazis. School Library Journal states that "...readers are enlightened and deeply moved ... Annexed is a superb addition to the Holocaust literature, and should not be missed."

36 Arguments for the Existence of God: A Work of Fiction by Rebecca Goldstein. Another starred review from Publishers Weekly. "An atheist with a soul is in for a lot of soul-searching in MacArthur genius Goldstein's rollicking latest ... Cass Seltzer, a university professor specializing in the psychology of religion, hits the big time with a bestselling book and an offer to teach at Harvard—quite a step up from his current position at Frankfurter University. While waiting for his girlfriend to return from a conference, Cass receives an unexpected visit from Roz Margolis, whom he dated 20 years earlier and who looks as good now as she ever did. Her secret: dedicating her substantial smarts to unlocking the secrets of immortality. Cass's recent success and Roz's sudden appearance send him into contemplation of the tumultuous events of his past, involving his former mentor, his failed first marriage and a young mathematical prodigy whose talent may go unrealized, culminating in a standing-room-only debate with a formidable opponent where Cass must reconcile his new, unfamiliar life with his experience of himself. Irreverent and witty, Goldstein seamlessly weaves philosophy into this lively and colorful chronicle of intellectual and emotional struggles."

Eric A. Kidwell, MLS

THE MAGAZINE HUNTERS

would like to thank everyone who has donated magazines for so many people to enjoy. As of today, we have delivered over 1500 magazines to Caravita, The Cedars, Easter Seals, Sunshine Center, VA Hospital, Wesley Gardens, AHEPA Apartments and Parkview Adult Center. We have seen how much the residents of these homes and its visitors appreciate the magazines. We thank you for your continued support to this worthy cause. We will continue to collect magazines throughout the year of 2011. The residents greatly appreciate your contributions, so keep the magazines coming!

Thank you again,

Meagan Ashner
Nathan Ashner
Bette Sue Strasburger

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RELIGION SCHOOL

Is it really almost February? I honestly don't know where the time goes!

It was great to see everyone back after the long winter break! I know our teachers have a lot in store for this semester.

I'd like to thank the Eilat (Ruby Goldfield & Danielle Berry) and Tel Aviv (Emily Allen, Ina Orange and Chelsea Cauthen) classes and their parents for putting on a BEAUTIFUL Tu Bshevat Seder. The tables and decorations were lovely (and many handmade by our students) and there was such a wide variety of symbolic foods to sample. The Rabbis led us in prayer and made sure that there was plenty for us to think about as we celebrated. Thank you also to Joel and Blake Cohen, for digging the hole, in which we all helped to plant a new apple tree!

We also welcomed JC Cohen, the director from the Henry S. Jacobs Camp. If you were unable to make it to his presentation, there is information available at the Temple as well as on their website: <http://jacobs.urjcamp.org>.

February brings with it A LOT of learning opportunities:

The weekend of **February 11th**, we will welcome back our fellow from the Institute of Southern Jewish Life, Alli Goldman. Alli will participate in services at AIEA on Friday evening, and at TBO on Saturday morning. Sunday, during religious school, she will be leading programs for both the teachers and students that deal with the topic of "**bullying**." Bullying is a serious issue that is being addressed in schools around the country. We want to be proactive in ensuring a positive and safe learning environment. Parents are welcome to attend those sessions, and may call me for more information.

The weekend of **February 20th**, we will have our first **Family Education Day**—which is what it sounds like: the whole family learning together! We will spend some time as a large group, and then we will split into smaller groups. The younger students will work with their family members at making a family crest—showcasing what they value as a family, what they like about being a family, and some of what they like to do together. The older students will break into groups and face a "moral dilemma" and work with each other and their families to come to terms with an ethical solution—problem solving at its best! We will have bagels and coffee to begin, a snack during the morning, and we will all come together to end with a worship service. Please plan to join us!

Please note, we will be **off** on **February 27th**, due to the Jewish Food Festival. See you all soon!

Terri Finkelstein
Co-Principal, Kol Ami Religious
School

PURIM PICTONARY – AND MEGILLAH MAYHEM

Saturday ♦ March 19 ♦ 4 PM

Join Rabbi Stevens and Student Cantor Andrea Rae Markowicz for this year's Family Purim Service!

This year's highlights include:

- Parade of costumes [adults and children!]
- Noisy reading of the *Megillah*, with more sound effects than absolutely necessary!
- Purim Pictionary (Family Edition), with prizes for all
- Fresh Hamantaschen



JEWISH ETHICAL DILEMMAS: WAR, SOCIAL JUSTICE, SEX AND INTIMACY – RABBI'S CLASS TO BEGIN IN MARCH

From the time of the prophets on – indeed, all the way back to the days of Torah – Judaism has provided guidance on both public and private behavior; issues of social and economic justice, international relations, education, family life and personal behavior can all be studied and debated from the perspective of traditional Jewish texts. In this course of three classes, we will explore some contemporary ethical dilemmas through the lens of Jewish tradition. Classes will meet on alternate Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. in the Blachschleger Library at TBO, starting March 17. The subjects are:

WAR: Is it morally acceptable to use surveillance and profiling to protect national security? Should war only be used in self-defense? Is torture in times of war morally acceptable?
[Thursday March 17]

SOCIAL JUSTICE: Are hate crimes legislation and affirmative action fair? Is the death penalty morally acceptable? What sacrifices must we make to protect the environment?
[Thursday, March 31]

SEX AND INTIMACY: Are you obligated to tell your partner if you want to have sex with someone else? Is it morally acceptable to be a stripper or prostitute? Must you tell your partner if you get pregnant or have an STD? [Thursday, April 14]



AI♦EA ADULT EDUCATION

Mondays, February 7, 14, 21, 28
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

Tuesday, Feb. 15th • 11:30 AM • AIEA



L'Chaim League shows the movie "Making Trouble." This is a look at Fannie Brice, Gilda Radner, Joan Rivers and other Jewish Women of Comedy. The cost is \$7.50 per person.

Reservations are needed by Feb. 12th.

NEW TBO ADULT EDUCATION COURSE HIGHLIGHTS "THE TANYA"

Three-class program to study one of the greatest works of Hasidic Mysticism

The Tanya (literally: "It was taught") is an early work of Hasidic philosophy, by Rabbi Shneur Zalman of Liadi, the founder of Chabad Hasidism, first published in 1797. It comprises five sections that define Hasidic mystical psychology and theology as a handbook for daily spiritual life in Jewish observance.

The Tanya is the main work of the Chabad approach to Hasidic mysticism, as it defines its general interpretation and method. Chabad Hasidic writings are typically characterized by their systematic intellectual structure, while other classic texts of general Hasidic

mysticism are usually more anecdotal in nature. The Tanya is seen in Chabad as the defining Hasidic text, and a subsequent stage of Jewish mystical evolution.

The Tanya seeks to demonstrate to the "average" Jewish man or woman that knowledge of God is there for the taking, that spiritual growth to ever higher levels is real and imminent, if one is willing to engage in the struggle. Although many view the Tanya as a work of explanation on Kabbalah or Jewish mysticism, the Tanya is first and foremost a book of advice in the practical service of God.

In this course, covering three sessions, we will read and discuss selections from

three of the five sections: "The Book of the Average Man," a guide to the psychological drama of daily Jewish spiritual life; "The Gateway of Unity and Belief," an investigation of the meaning of God's Unity in Hasidism, and the "Letter of Repentance," describing the mystical return that leads to forgiveness and an elevated spiritual place.

Classes meet Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. in the Blachschleger Library; classes should last about an hour.

Part I: Thursday, February 3

Part II: Thursday, February 17

Part III: Thursday, March 3

The 2010 Elections and the Future of the U.S. – Israel Relationship

Featuring Jeremy Becker AIPAC's Southeast Regional Political Director

Tuesday, Feb 1st at 7:00 PM
Agudath Israel ✨ Etz Ahayem Synagogue
3525 Cloverdale Rd • Montgomery, AL

HOW THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS AFFECT THE FUTURE OF THE U.S. – ISRAEL RELATIONSHIP

The results of the mid-term elections have far reaching implications in Alabama, throughout the United States and for the U.S. – Israel relationship. As the new members of the Alabama Congressional Delegation take office in Washington, the danger presented by Iran and its terrorist proxies remain as potent as ever and they continue their efforts to sabotage the attempts at invigorating the peace process. This event is your opportunity to hear an in-depth analysis of the results of the mid-term elections and learn about the most recent developments in the Middle East, the quest for lasting peace in the region, and the U.S. – Israel relationship as well as the role that the Montgomery Jewish community will have in dealing with these issues. FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT AIPAC'S SOUTHEAST REGIONAL SYNAGOGUE INITIATIVE DIRECTOR JOSHUA KARSH AT 770-541-7610 OR BY EMAIL AT JKARSH@AIPAC.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.

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR 2010 – 2011

GUEST SPEAKER

The Rothschild-Blachschleger Lecture series, featuring noted authors, has sponsored presentations by three speakers this season in 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*.

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.

Reform Movement Mourns the Passing of Debbie Friedman

The Union for Reform Judaism mourns the passing of Debbie Friedman (z"l), on January 9th. Legendary performer, composer, recording artist, teacher and passionate Jewish visionary; Debbie influenced and enriched contemporary



Jewish music in a profound way. Her music crossed generational and denominational lines and carved a powerful legacy of authentic Jewish spirituality into our daily lives.

During her illustrious 35-year career, Debbie released over 20 albums and performed in sold out concerts around the world at synagogues, churches, schools and prestigious venues such as Carnegie Hall. She received dozens of awards and was lauded by critics worldwide. The Los Angeles Times hailed her "one of the foremost figures in contemporary Jewish music" and The New York Times declared, "Debbie Friedman has created a powerful and euphoric body of work."

"By creating a whole new genre of Jewish music, Debbie was able to reintroduce authentic Jewish spirituality," said Rabbi Daniel Freedlander, vice president of the Union for Reform Judaism. "She wrote melodies that spoke to us, spoke to our intellect, spoke to our emotions."

URJ President Rabbi Eric Yoffie noted that "Debbie Friedman was an extraordinary treasure of our movement and an individual of great influence. Twenty-five years ago, North American Jews had forgotten how to sing. Debbie reminded us how to sing, she taught us how to sing. She gave us the vehicles that enabled us to sing. Then she impacted our youth and our camps and, ultimately, from there she impacted our synagogues. What happens in the synagogues of Reform Judaism today -- the voices of song -- are in large measure due to the insight, brilliance and influence of Debbie Friedman.

While Debbie's passing will be mourned by millions of followers, her music will fill the hearts of Jews for generations to come. May Debbie's memory be for a blessing and may her family and friends be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

[Article from the URJ web site.]

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

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

Applications are available through the Temple office. Please contact Sharon Berry at daberry40@netscape.net if you need further information.

FAMILY FRIENDLY SERVICES

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

*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.





*With great pride and joy
we invite you to join us as our son*

Benjamin David

is called to the Torah as a

Bar Mitzvah

Saturday, the fifth of March

*Two thousand eleven
ten o'clock in the morning*

*Temple Beth Or
2246 Narrow Lane Rd.
Montgomery, AL*

Kiddush Luncheon To Follow

*We look forward to sharing this special
occasion with you.*

David, Sharon & Danielle

SINGLES GROUP

**Attention All Jewish Singles
50 & up**

Jewish Singles 50 & Up meets at The Pub
at 10044 Chantilly Parkway, Saturday,
February 5th at 5:30



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

Food Festival

Over the past few months, preparations have been going on for this year's Food Festival. Bette Sue Strasburger, Lynn Ginsburg and many volunteers have worked hard completing the baking. We still have Challah, Kugel and Praline Matzah to bake. Everything else has been baked and placed in the freezers. We can still use your help. Check the schedule in this month bulletin for the remaining cooking schedule. I want to thank everyone who has taken time to cook this year. I have heard from a lot of people in the community that they look forward to our baked goods.

With the Food Festival only weeks away we still need your help and participation. Enclosed in the bulletin there is a Volunteer Form. Please complete the form and return it to Karen Goldstein or you can email her at kackaboo@gmail.com with your desired time and areas of preference. If you have any questions about volunteering on Sunday of the Food Festival please call Karen at 265-1145.

We also need some more items for the Treasure Market. Alan Weil, Sr. and Charlie Strasburger have been working hard to arrange all our treasures. We do not have as much as we have had in the past. I know we have all picked through our houses for items every year. Remember, we cannot use broken items or items with missing pieces. We need items that still in good working order and would look good in someone's home. We need the following items:

Lamps	Dishes
Furniture	Glass Items
Electronics	Toys

Please look through your house to see what you can give. Please call Alan Weil Sr. at 281-1737 if you have any questions or if need items to be picked up. We need these items to be turned in by February 10th.

Pat Dees and Jenny Ives are putting this year's Collectible Boutique together. We still need Collectible items. These include:

Antiques	Picture Frames
Original Artwork	Needlepoint items (Framed, blocked-pillows, pictures)

Please call Pat Dees at 272-7583, with questions regarding the Collectible Items. Remember, Items for both the Treasure Market and the Collectible Boutique can be left in the hallway outside of the Youth Lounge.

On behalf of the Food Festival, I want to thank you for your participation to make this year's Food Festival a success. I look forward to seeing you on Sunday February 27th.

Jamie Loeb
Food Festival Chair

January 28, 2011. Below is an important update from the Joint Distribution Committee on the Jewish community in Tunisia, which has been in the headlines. I encourage you to review this and to share it with others in your community.

Best wishes,
Richard A. Klein
Network Associate Director - Southeast Regional Director
Network of Independent Communities
The Jewish Federations of North America

With turbulent political events occurring in Tunisia, we share with you how the situation is impacting the small, but vibrant Jewish community there.

Tunisia is essentially shut down by a general strike, with massive anti-government demonstrations appearing everywhere. But the Jewish community -- 300-500 in Tunis, 100 in Zarzis, 60-80 living in Sfax and Sousse, and approximately 1,000 Jews on the island of Djerba -- is not the focus of any demonstration thus far.

As a precaution, police buses now block the entrance to the Jewish Quarter in Djerba. Although there was a large demonstration of workers in nearby Houmt Souk today --- Jewish life in Djerba remains calm and continues almost as usual.

The government has intensified heavy police protection for the Grand Synagogue of Tunis and the central building of the Jewish community. A massive street demonstration on the main boulevard passed by the synagogue without incident; the focus of the protesters remains the current government.

Security forces protecting the Jewish Old Age Home in La Goulette have been increased; no incidents have been reported.

All schools and universities were shut down earlier this week as a precaution against violence and protest vandalism. Although the Jewish schools in Djerba continue to function normally, the Chabad School in downtown Tunis closed so that it would not be viewed as different from any other educational establishment there. Prayer services at the school continue as usual.

Yechiel Bar-Chaim, JDC's Country Director for Tunisia, reports his main concern for the small 100-member Jewish community in Zarzis on the Tunisian mainland.

On Thursday, four non-Jewish civilians were killed during the protests there and a Jewish shop was among the many that were looted in the city center. Their funerals today will most probably be followed by an outpouring of public grief and anger.

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

The Jews of Zarzis live in a two-square block area just off the town center, surrounded by their synagogue, Jewish schools, the mikveh, and the place where chickens are kashered. On an adjoining street are the jewelry stores where most of the members of the Jewish community earn their living.

Until today this self-imposed “ghetto without walls” was carefully protected 24/7 by the Tunisian police. But the police have simply disappeared from the streets of Zarzis and the army presence there is basically a passive one. In fact the police have reportedly disappeared in many places throughout Tunisia. But the Jews in Zarzis will be vulnerable if the demonstrations after the funerals take a wrong turn. And in fact, four Jewish families from the town have already taken temporary refuge in Djerba.

JDC has been active in Tunisia since 1950, but Jewish communal life there dates back at least 2,300 years, when 30,000 Jews were forced to move from Palestine to Tunisia by the Romans under the Emperor Titus. After World War II, estimates of the size of the Jewish population in Tunisia range from 105,000 to several times that number. The community declined to 23,000 by the end of 1967 and to 9,000 by 1990. And so we call its estimated 1,500 members a remnant, yet still thriving Jewish community.

We will continue to monitor the situation closely and will update you periodically.



Mazel Tov to Myrna and Alan Rothfeder on the B'nai Mitzvahs of their twin grandchildren, Austin and Cassidy Rothfeder and to their parents Andrew and Sara Rothfeder. The family traveled to Israel together and the ceremony took place at the south Wall in Jerusalem, Israel.
[L-R, Myrna and Alan Rothfeder, Andrew, Austin, Cassidy and Sara Rothfeder; Susie and Arnold Bierman (in-laws)]

Men's Club Shabbat
Friday, February 11th ✧ 6 PM



You are cordially invited to attend
the Men's Club Shabbat Service
with Rabbi Stevens and
Student Cantor Andrea Rae
Markowicz on Friday night,
February 11th at 6 PM.
Guest Speaker will be Lt. Col.
Shaul Arnon, Israeli Air Force.
Reception to follow.



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

Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life



Adult Education Webinars

Twice a month we will be offering unique adult learning opportunities. We will offer two different types of webinars: one track will be taught by various ISJL professionals and cover a specialized topic; the other track will be taught by our education staff and will cover topics especially pertinent to teachers.

ISJL Professionals

“Full Exposure: A Revealing Picture of the Jewish Engagement with Tattooing”

Rabbi Marshal Klaven, ISJL Director of Rabbinic Services

Tuesday, February 8, 2011, 7:00pm (CST)

“Not to Be Taken Lightly: Paula Ackerman & Temple Beth Israel of Meridian, Mississippi”

Dr. Stuart Rockoff, ISJL Director of History Department

Tuesday, March 8, 2011, 7:00pm (CST)

“Dayeinu: Is Giving and Gratitude Enough?”

Malkie Schwartz, ISJL Director of Department of Community Engagement

Tuesday, April 12, 2011, 7:00pm (CST)

“A Brief History of Yiddish”

Josh Parshall, ISJL Oral Historian

Tuesday, May 10, 2011, 7:00pm (CST)

ISJL Education Department

“Beyond Alef Bet: Tapping into the Intention of Tefillah”

Rachel Stern, ISJL Director of Education Department, Mark Swick, ISJL Education Fellow

Sunday, February 20, 2011, 1:00pm (CST)

“It is Not in the Heavens: The Text of Teaching”

Jordan Magidson, ISJL Associate Director of Education Department, Alex Glass, ISJL Education Fellow

Sunday, March 20, 2011, 1:00pm (CST)

“Coexistence in the Classroom”

Alli Goldman, Molly Glazer (ISJL Education Fellows)

Sunday, April 17, 2011, 1:00pm (CST)

“Building a Classroom Community”

Emily Andes, Michelle Blumenthal, Lauren Fredman (ISJL Education Fellows)

Sunday, May 15, 2011, 1:00pm (CST)

- All webinars are free of charge.
- Access to a computer with internet capabilities is necessary.
- To sign up or for more information, email seriksen@isjl.org or call Jordan Magidson at 601-362-6357.



Marvin Kirtz replaces the leather on a pneumatic expression motor from TBO's organ. There are 24 of these and the leather is being replaced on each one.



Steve Hedstrom installs new leather on one of five bellows that provides wind to the organ. The organ, which is 50 years old, is undergoing its first major "facelift" since being installed in 1961.

CONVENIENT RECYCLING LOCATIONS - NO GLASS at any location

City Owned Containers (Serviced by Wesson Recycling)

- Fresh Anointing House of Worship – 4870 Woodley Road – Paper Products, Cardboard, Aluminum & Steel Cans, #1 & #2 Plastics
- Messiah Lutheran Church ELCA – 6670 Vaughn Road – Aluminum & Steel Cans, #1 & #2 Plastics
- Aldersgate United Methodist Church – 6610 Vaughn Road – Paper Products, Cardboard, Aluminum & Steel Cans, #1 & #2 Plastics (Two Containers)
- Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church – 2673 Fisk Road – Paper Products and Cardboard
- Brewbaker Junior High School – 4425 Brewbaker Drive – Paper Products, Cardboard, Aluminum & Steel Cans, #1 & #2 Plastics (Two Containers)
- Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Montgomery – 2810 Atlanta Highway – Paper Products & Cardboard

Paper Products, Cardboard, Aluminum & Steel Cans, #1 & #2 Plastics

JB Waste Connections Containers (Privately Owned)

- Garrett Elementary School – 555 McLemore Road
- Capitol Heights Jr. High School – 116 Federal Drive
- Bellingrath Jr. High School – 3488 South Court Street
- McKee Elementary School – 4017 McInnis Road
- Floyd Middle Magnet School – 3444 LeBron Road
- Jefferson Davis High School – 3420 Carter Hill Road
- Frazer Memorial United Methodist Church – 6000 Atlanta Highway (Two Containers)
- Church of the Holy Spirit – 8570 Vaughn Road (Four Containers)
- Hampstead – Taylor Road (across from Taylor Lakes) (Three Containers)

Newspapers and Magazines Only

Mt. Scrap Containers (Privately Owned)

- Eastern Hills Baptist Church – 3604 Pleasant Ridge Road
- Garrett Elementary School – 555 McLemore Road
- Capitol Heights Junior High School – 116 Federal Drive
- Maggie Street Baptist Church – 642 Maggie Street
- Bellingrath Junior High School – 3488 South Court Street
- Southlawn Middle School – 5333 Mobile Highway
- McKee Elementary School – 4017 McInnis Road
- Floyd Middle Magnet School – 3444 LeBron Road
- Forest Avenue Academic Magnet – 1700 West Fifth Street
- Bear Exploration Center – 2525 Churchill Drive
- Church of the Holy Comforter – 2911 Woodley Road
- Jefferson Davis High School – 3420 Carter Hill Road
- Frazer Memorial United Methodist Church – 6000 Atlanta Highway
- St. James United Methodist Church – 9045 Vaughn Road
- Messiah Lutheran Church ELCA – 6670 Vaughn Road

Paper Products, Cardboard and Aluminum Cans Only

Saturday Drop-Off Locations

(1st & 3rd Saturday – 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.)

- Halcyon Elementary – 1501 Parkview Drive
- Goodwyn Jr. High – 209 Perry Hill Road
- Dannelly Elementary – 3425 Carter Hill Road
- Wares Ferry Elementary – 6425 Wares Ferry Road
- Peter Crump Elementary – 3510 Woodley Road
- Bellingrath Jr. High – 3488 South Court Street
- Southlawn Middle School – 5333 Mobile Highway

Newspapers Only

Southeast Paper Containers (Privately Owned)

- Dalraida United Methodist Church – 3817 Atlanta Highway
- Capitol Heights United Methodist Church – 2000 Winona Avenue

Israel Update - February, 2011 שבט התשע"א

I watch the Israeli news
Video shows me how the Labor Party collapses
Enthusiastic Journalist asking questions
And I just think to myself
How I miss my mother language
To hear Hebrew on the news again,
I am far from home
But close to the media topics
Even more then I used to,
Lebanon is in danger again
Hezbollah is asking to take control
And I fear for our northern borders
When extremist Muslims call for power
We are under threat.
We just celebrated the secular New Year
(Even though it is not a Jewish celebration)
There is a time to celebrate with your own people
And time to celebrate with others.

This month we celebrate Tu Bishvat
The New Year of the trees.
I remember when I was in kindergarten
Our teacher showed us
The JNF (Jewish National Fund)
Collection Box
And she said:
"Every shekel
That you put in this box
Will redeem the land
In our country."
And I was very excited to know
That each one of us could help
With just a little pocket money
And that's how

Shekel after shekel
The land flourished.
I ask you to join
In a prayer
For our new secular year
And our new year of the trees.
I hope lots of new trees will be planted

First in the Carmel Mountain
To help this beautiful landscape recover
And then through all Israel
From the Golan Heights
To the Negev
Because in Israel
The desert also gets a chance
To flourish,
I want to send a prayer
From loving Jewish hearts
To help the land recover
And keep her from fire
Or any disaster
To assist the Knesset
To make the right decisions
To keep Israel peaceful and safe,
We also hope the people in our neighboring countries
Will make the right decisions
To avoid extremists
And to use their common sense.
I hope you all join me
As we celebrate this holiday of nature
With wishes for a better world
Through the Jewish concept of Tikun Olam.



Elad Arnon
Israeli Shaliach
JFCA

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.



Virginia Whitfield with Irving and Gay Winter during the L'Chaim League luncheon on January 11th.

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.

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!

frank” discussion.

The governor was well briefed for the meeting. He had read a beautifully worded letter from Rabbi Miller and other expressions, and he opened his remarks in a very direct way.

First, he apologized. He said, “Anyone who is not able to apologize is not much of a leader.” He said he had, naively, assumed that his words would remain private in the context of a Baptist church, where “brothers and sisters” is a known religious term for those of that faith. He told us he didn’t realize that a reporter was present, though he agreed when one of us reminded him that these days all you need is a cell ‘phone and in effect a reporter is present; nothing, any longer, is private. I spoke of how, with the best of intentions, the words we use can be heard in very different ways, and described how certain expressions raise memories for Jews of a long history of persecution and suffering, a history almost completely unknown to Christians. The governor expressed deep regret that his words were hurtful, and attested forcefully his intent and heartfelt commitment to be governor of all the people in Alabama – reminding us that he had made that point several times in his inaugural address earlier that day. He seemed to speak from the heart.

Governor Bentley also spoke of the separation of church and state, and stated that his commitment to that wall was inviolate. In his words, “wrapping Christianity in the American flag is wrong.” He said that his religious beliefs would never intrude into his work as governor; he would retain his core beliefs until the day of his death – nobody would ask anything otherwise – but he would keep his private life as an evangelical Christian separate.

Then he paused, looked thoughtful, and said, “Well, there is, of course, abortion.” He then candidly spoke about how core beliefs, in truth, can’t be ignored in the conduct of office.

My own assessment is that the governor’s learning curve has moved him to a new level of understanding, at least an understanding of the political

and human reality that words have meaning, and one must be very, very careful, even in a seemingly semi-private context. As Governor Bentley said, “Words can start wars, or heal the broken heart.” I do not for a moment believe that he spoke out of any malice, and there wasn’t any hint of prejudice or anti-Semitism. I take him at his word that he misspoke, and that his regret is sincere. We all spoke of how important it will be to keep the dialogue going, and what a blessing it was to be able to have this conversation. And then, when the press came in, the governor repeated his apology in the most public way possible, in front of media that fed the news throughout the country.

Have you been following the reactions since then? These days, every story gets blogged with comments, and you can often find, with a quick Internet search, hundreds of them. Many are truly off the wall, but let me share just a few, from the *Advertiser* website...

“I don’t know why he felt a need to apologize for his comments. Who cares that some people got offended? The people complaining about his comments are the same people who have said spanking a child is illegal and feel that their thoughts and beliefs are the only ones that are right. I wish someone could tell me when the minority started over ruling the majority. I feel basically the same way he does and I’m not apologizing to anyone, especially to a Muslim. Have the Muslims condemned their own for what they are doing? I think not.”

Here’s another:

“I’m amazed by how many fall prey so quickly to the loud noise of anti-Christian bigotry. Bentley is a Christian, who made his “brothers and sisters” remarks to fellow Christians in a Christian church. Everyone there knew what he meant. His “brothers and sisters” remarks only became an issue because anti-Christian spinmeisters decided to make it an issue. And because Christianity is the only faith available for ridicule in 2011. There was nothing inappropriate about what he said.”

Finally, here’s a posting on one of these threaded discussions, and someone else’s response:

One poster wrote: “He still doesn’t get it! He is speaking in a church on his inauguration and he thought his comments were ‘private’?! You are the Governor of the State of Alabama, not the Alabama Baptist Association. I was always taught that we are all God’s children.”

To which someone else responded: “Well, you were taught wrong...because the Bible says that there are some that are the children of the devil... John 8:44: “Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.”

I believe that this matter has come to a successful conclusion, but such postings as these show that, beneath the surface, and not too far beneath, either, there remain profound differences, and we should not be lulled into complacency. Too many times an issue arises and our response is, “it’s not a big deal; just let it go.” The *Advertiser* today quotes people as saying things like: “I see really nothing wrong with what he said. I think it was innocent, and people are trying to make a mountain out of a molehill,” and “Give it up, anti-Christian bigotry machine.” These remarks stand in strong contrast to Governor Bentley’s sincere apology. They demonstrate that some people will never make their way up that learning curve. I believe, however, that we must never shy away from doing what we can to help them along.

Standing by is indeed sometimes the best strategy, but had we not voiced our concern over Governor Bentley’s Dexter Church remarks, we would have missed the opportunity to open up an interfaith dialogue, and I was grateful to have been a participant in this opportunity. Given the possibilities for how this story might have unfolded, it’s hard to imagine a better outcome.

Elliot L. Stevens

Beyond February!

Thursday, March 3, 1 PM, Three-class program to study one of the greatest works of Hasidic Mysticism, The Tanya. Part 3 of 3.

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.

Thursday, March 17, 1 PM, Adult Ed class on Jewish Ethical Dilemmas meets in the Blachschleger Library. Topic: War.

Friday, March 18, 6 PM, Shabbat Service 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.

Saturday, March 19, 4 PM, Purim Service - Costumes (adults, too!), Purim Pictionary, the famous Megillah and Hamentaschen! Student Cantor Andrea Rae Markowicz participates.

Tuesday, March 22, 8 AM, L'Chaim Leagues visits Dunaway Gardens in Newman, Georgia.

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

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

Thursday, March 31, 1 PM, Adult Ed class on Jewish Ethical Dilemmas meets in the Blachschleger Library. Topic: Social Justice.

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. TORAH READING AND D'VAR TORAH.

Friday, April 1, 6 PM, Shabbat service.

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

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

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

Thursday, April 14, 1 PM, Adult Ed class on Jewish Ethical Dilemmas meets in the Blachschleger Library. Topic: Sex and Intimacy.

Tuesday, April 19, 5:30 PM, Second Seder. Seating will begin at 5:00 PM, with the service to begin promptly at 5:30.

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.

Sunday, May 1, 2 PM, Interfaith Holocaust Memorial Service at Agudath Israel*Etz Ahayem.

Sunday, May 1, TBA, BOOTY: Closing Activity, Six Flags over Georgia. Date to be determined.

Wednesday, May 11, 7 PM, Guest Speaker and author, Mordechai Dzikansky, is the world's leading authority on suicide bombings. His memoir, set for publication in January, 2011, is "Terrorist Cop:

The NYPD Jewish Cop Who Traveled the World to Stop Terrorism."

Friday, May 13, 5 PM, Family Chavurah Shabbat service in the Blachschleger Library - suitable for children of all ages.

Friday, May 13, 6 PM, Shabbat Service with Rabbi Stevens and Student Cantor Andrea Rae Markowicz. Jeffrey Herring will be called to read Torah as a Bar Mitzvah.

Saturday, May 14, 9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Student Cantor

Markowicz. Light brunch served.

Saturday, May 14, 7 PM, CANTORIAL CONCERT with Andrea Rae Markowicz here at TBO.

Thursday, May 26, 5 Days, BOOTY: Camp Jenny 2011 at Camp Coleman in Georgia. (This event is for 9th-12th graders: application must be submitted and accepted.)

Sunday, June 5, 7 PM, Confirmation Service at Agudath Israel*Etz Ahayem.

Tuesday, June 7, 7 PM, Shavuot Service
Wednesday, June 8, All Day, TBO Office closed for Shavuot.

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

Friday, June 10, 6 PM, Classical Service with Union Prayer Book.

Saturday, September 24, 7 PM, S'lichot Service.

Wednesday, September 28, 7:30 PM, Rosh Hashanah Eve Service - followed by Annual Reception

Thursday, September 29, 1 PM, Tashlich at Montgomery Museum Pond.

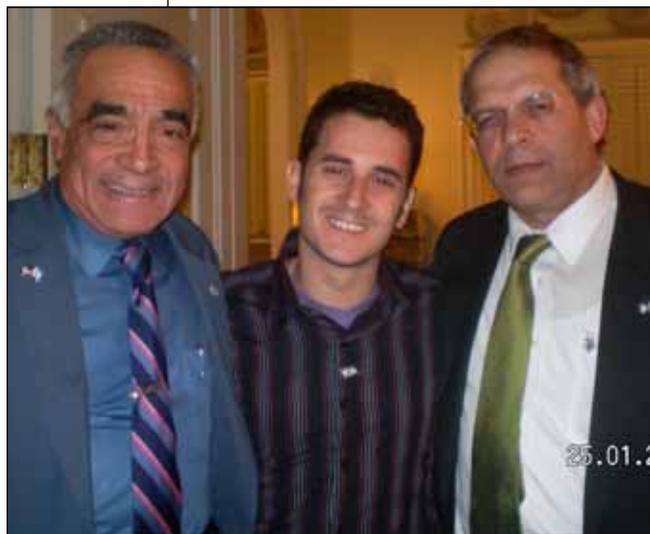
Thursday, September 29, 10 AM, Rosh Hashanah Morning Service

Thursday, September 29, 10:30 AM, Children's Service in Library

Thursday, September 29, All Day, TBO Office closed for Rosh Hashanah.

Friday, September 30, 6 PM, Shabbat Shuvah.

Sunday, October 2, 9:30 AM, Cemetery Memorial Service: Eternal Rest Cemetery



L-R: Dr. Ra'nnan Gissin, Israeli analyst and personal advisor to former Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, JFCA Shaliach Elad Arnon, Ronnie Porat, Israeli JNF Emissary at the JFCA sponsored event at Lisa and Andy Weil's home on January 25th.

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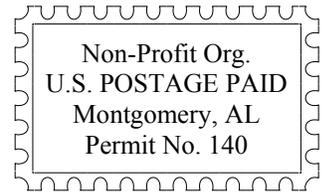
Want an updated look at what's going on at Temple? Go to www.templebethor.net.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 11:45 AM, Sisterhood open meeting to discuss continuing membership with Women of Reform Judaism.	2	3 1 PM, Three-class program to study one of the greatest works of Hasidic Mysticism, The Tanya. Part 1 of 3.	4	5 5:30 PM, Jewish Singles 50 & Up meets at The Pub
6 9:30 AM, Kol Ami Religious School at TBO 1 PM BOOTY: Roller Skating at Looney's.	7	8	9	10	11 5 PM, Family Chavurah Shabbat service in the Blachschleger Library 6 PM, Men's Club Shabbat Service Speaker: Lt. Col. Shaul Arnon, IAF.	12 9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Student Cantor Markowicz.
13 9:30 AM, Kol Ami Religion School at TBO.	14	15 11:30 AM, L'Chaim League sponsors "Lunch and a Movie" at AIEA.	16 7 PM, Adult Ed: Rabbi Stevens offers a six-part series TALES FROM THE MIDRASH; Part VI: Moses.	17 1 PM, Three-class program to study one of the greatest works of Hasidic Mysticism, The Tanya. Part 2 of 3.	18	19
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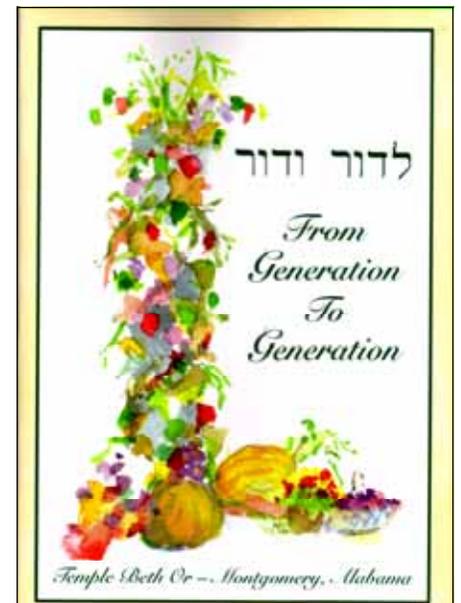
IT'S HERE	<p>Temple Beth Or's 2011 Jewish Food Festival is on Sunday, February 27th From 9 AM - 3 PM</p>
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Meets at TBO

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



Copies of the Temple cookbook are available for \$20.00 plus tax.

Food Festival Cooking Schedule

Time and dates are subject to change so please call the Temple to confirm times.

February 3.....	1:00 PM	Prep Challah	Marlene Beringer
February 4.....	10 AM.....	Challah	Marlene Beringer
February 7.....	9 AM.....	Kugel.....	Diane Weil
February 10.....	9:30 AM	Cabbage.....	Sandy Lynn Stevens
February 11.....	9 AM.....	Praline Matzah	Diane Weil
February 13.....	9 AM.....	Latkes	Susan Bernstein

Items completed: Rugelach, strudel, honey cakes, mandel bread