

Temple Beth Or Bulletin

A VIEW FROM THE BIMAH

March 2011 ~ Adar I / Adar II 5771

SING UNTO GOD A NEW SONG

Since Biblical times, and no doubt since long before that, music and prayer have always characterized Jewish worship in equal measure. Who can imagine a service without the



sound of music? In the ancient Temple in Jerusalem, the Levites would sing the Psalms and play instruments we can only imagine – because in some cases, they are only named once in the entire Bible, without description. Though the melodies they sung cannot be known as musical notation has not come down to us, their worship must have been inspiring.

Here at Temple Beth Or our calendar this spring includes several opportunities to experience worship in different ways, with very different styles of music, each inspirational in its own way. These are:

I. A Service of Tribute to Debbie Friedman – March 18

Debbie Friedman was, simply, the most prolific composer of contemporary music for Jewish worship, and the most influential, if judged by how many of her songs have entered into the standard repertoire of temples and synagogues throughout North America and abroad. Before her death last month she had released more than 20 albums, and performed in hundreds of cities, selling out performances in Carnegie Hall and many other venues.

Debbie is credited with creating a whole new genre of contemporary, accessible Jewish music. From the beginning of her career, she has taken the prayers, teachings and melodies of the Ancient Jewish Texts and set them to contemporary music. Her songs have universal appeal in part, because they “speak” to each listener in an intimate and personal way. One of the most famous, *Mi Shebeirach* (the prayer for healing), is sung in synagogues and churches across the nation.

Debbie, and the legion of Jewish song leaders and composers whom she taught and influenced, transformed modern Jewish

worship, enabling congregations to participate in joyous and spiritual song and prayer.

Andrea Rae Markowicz, our student cantor, will co-lead this service with me in the social hall. Andrea, like Debbie Friedman, shows us new possibilities including, we hope, a new program of “Visual T’filah” now being introduced into Reform worship – visual representations of our prayers on screen, using a DVD and PowerPoint presentation. Incidentally, those who would prefer to move their Yahrzeit listing to an adjacent Shabbat should contact Gina Friday in the Temple office.

II. Choir Recognition Shabbat, March 25

Our congregation has been blessed for many years with a professional choir the equal of just about any choir in the land. Our recent Temple survey showed – as if anyone had any doubts! – how deeply loved and respected our choir is, and how central it has been to our worship here. This year, as choir director Dr. Elizabeth French completes 30 years as our director and organist, it is high time to bring the choir out front and give public expression to our gratitude and pay tribute to what they have accomplished.

This service, using the *Union Prayer Book*, will feature some of the grandest music in the choir’s repertoire. More than 80 singers have sung at TBO over these last thirty years, and some of these will be able to join us for this celebration. Members of the Gassenheimer Family – whose family originally endowed the choir and created our Choir Appreciation Fund – will be with us, along with Rabbi and Janice Baylinson; Rabbi Baylinson, who engaged Dr. French, will reminisce with us, as a plaque is presented with all 80 or so names of our Temple Singers, for display in our Temple. And, of course, we’ll conclude with a wonderful reception, thanks to Sharon McDaniel, including a special music-themed anniversary cake!

III. Montgomery Chorale to Perform Bernstein’s “Chichester” Psalms At Temple – May 6

Finally, on May 6, we will welcome back to our *bimah* the Montgomery Chorale, directed by Becky Taylor, for a special performance of Leonard Bernstein’s amazing Psalm cycle, the “Chichester” Psalms. This will be the third time (to my knowledge) that the entire Chorale has shared our *bimah* during worship – having performed part of Handel’s “Judas Maccabaeus” and Bloch’s “Sacred Service” on earlier occasions.

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Saturday, March 19 Shabbat Morning Service

Saturday morning, March 19th, 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.

**Celebrating Our
159th Year**



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Tues., Wed. & Thurs.	9-5
Friday	9-2

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When scheduling calendar events involving the Temple it is important that

you check dates with the Federation and the Temple for potential conflicts within the Jewish community. Their number is 277-5820 and you can view the community calendar at www.jewishmontgomery.org.

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

Dear Temple Beth Or Family,

Current news, whether nationally or local, continues to report that economic conditions are difficult. Difficult decisions are being made and debated on a regular basis. Many families have suffered and a "tightening of the belt" has become the norm. Religious organizations across the nation are faced with the same economic problems and religious leadership is faced with making decisions that, in years past, many of us thought we would not have to face.

Temple Beth Or has been fortunate throughout the past 160 years as many leading members have continued to provide generous support giving us a strong economic base. In addition, we've been blessed with our Endowment Fund, which has provided funds to balance the budget each year through investment interest. Unfortunately, interest rates have dropped and each year, we see a dwindling in the interest income. We have been blessed with a dedicated and talented Rabbi and staff at Temple Beth Or. We also are very blessed with the people who continue, year after year, to work tirelessly for the Annual Food Festival, which also has helped to balance our Temple budget each year.

Throughout my term as president of Temple Beth Or, many members have given me bulletins from other congregations that are participating in a Fair Share program. This program is based on the Temple providing members of the congregation with the annual operational expenses along with a chart designed for members to give a "fair share" dues amount based on their income. This is much the same as the way some churches operate with tithing.

A Fair Share program will be discussed by the Board of Trustees during the next few months and we will be forwarding information to you. I encourage you to go to the Internet "Fair Share Giving – Jewish Temples" and review the various programs that other congregations have established as their guidelines for dues.

Jenny Ives
President

Recent Death

Jane Bragg Kyle ז"ל

January 31, 2011



Former choir member and Temple secretary

Recent Death

Gail Straus ז"ל

February 20, 2011



Aunt of Alison Williamson

Contributions to Funds

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

CAROL L. HART EDUCATIONAL FUND

*In Memory of
Carol Weil
GNO Group*

FLORAL FUND

*In Honor of the
Golden Anniversary of
Maurice and Peggy Mussafer
Frances and Ralph Capouya
Carol and Vic Haber
Joan Hanan
Richard and Jeanette Hanan
Jim McDonald & Eve Loeb
Roz Caplan and Ed Simon*

GENERAL FUND

*In Memory of
Joseph Eli Capilouto
Steve and Lee Lichter*

*In Honor of the 50th Anniversary of
Maurice and Peggy Mussafer
Marlene and Rick Beringer*

PRAYERBOOK FUND

*In Honor of the 50th Anniversary of
Maurice and Peggy Mussafer
Leon and Sylvia Capouano*

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

*In Memory of
Eliot Capouya
Terri E. Capouya*

SABEL FAMILY FUND

*Happy Birthday
Rita Sabel
Marlene and Rick Beringer*

YOUTH AND SCHOLARSHIP FUND

*Many Thanks to
Bette Sue Strasburger
Dr. and Mrs. Allen Stern*

BIRTHDAYS

- 2.....Kelly Capouya
- 3.....Tommy Wool
- 4.....Bob Sommer
- 6.....Corinne F. Capilouto
- 6.....Hobbie Freehling
- 6.....Evalynn Monsky
- 7.....Robin Blitz
- 7.....Leo Drum
- 7.....Laurie Weil
- 10.....Betty Loeb
- 15.....Michael Capilouto
- 15.....Karen Goldstein
- 16.....Myrna Rothfeder
- 20.....Philip Bernstein
- 22.....Gracie Hanchrow
- 23.....Sharon McDaniel
- 24.....Clare Weil
- 29.....Beverly Bolen
- 30.....Peggy Cohn
- 31.....Lee Hanan
- 31.....Celia Wool

ANNIVERSARIES

- 8..... Jeanette & Richard Hanan
- 14..... Bette Sue & Charles
Strasburger
- 17..... Felice & Isaac Cohen
- 23..... Lisa & Ward Newcomb
- 24..... Beverly & David Lipton

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings
on March 4th.

YAHARZEITS

To be read 3/4/2011
Dr. I. E. Capilouto
Dr. Howard J. Goldstein
Sidney W. Kohl
Simon Nyman
Fred Richard
Janis Sabel
Leo K. Shwarts
Martha L. Stone
Ann Tillinger

To be read 3/11/2011
Alex Jacob Cohn
Raymond and Helen Goodman
H. Van E. Hart
Bessie Moscovitz
Julia Pake
Alan Rice
Richard Adler Rothschild
Bernice Schulwolf

To be read 3/18/2011
Natalie Moster Davis
Roslyn Eagle
Van Eaton Hart
Benjamin Sheftall
Susie Neumann Warren
Cheryl Rothfeder Zindler

To be read 3/25/2011
Jay Coleman
Walker Hobbie, Jr.
Dorothy L. Klein
Beatrice (Dee Dee) Kohn
Alphonse Levy
Evelyn Richard Loeb
Regina Kahn Loeb

The Bar Mitzvah
of Ben Berry
is on
March 5th.

SISTERHOOD

Thanks to all who attended our Sisterhood meeting and lunch in early February. Andrea Cannon, President of Southeast District, Women of Reform Judaism was with us to highlight the advantages of continuing our affiliation with WRJ. Angela Banks, district representative, also attended from Dothan. A lively discussion followed the presentation and the membership voted to table the decision until we apply for a dues reduction from WRJ. The next available time to vote on the subject will be at our meeting in May. If any of you have questions, please direct them to me. I have a lot of written material and I encourage all of you to visit the WRJ web site at www.wrj.org for more information. We have been a member of WRJ since 1981. We send \$16.50 to National and District for every \$35 in dues we collect. I hope you will all help us make this decision at our meeting in May.

Marlene Beringer, President

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L'CHAIM LEAGUE

An adventure over to La Grange, Georgia to tour the *Dunaway Gardens* is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 29th**. We will leave from TBO's parking lot at 8:00 a.m. The Dunaway Gardens are written up on the historical register and should be a beautiful place to visit at this time of year. Many different types of flowers and foliage will be blooming. We will dine at the *Redneck Gourmet* after the tour. The cost of the tour is \$10.00 and lunch will be your responsibility. Please sign up early so that transportation can be arranged for everyone.

Jasmine Hill will be our event on Friday, April 15th. We will enjoy a brown bag picnic lunch and take a tour. If you haven't been there in a while, you will be surprised with this beautiful tour.

On May 22nd, Jamie and Ricky Loeb will host us at their lake home.

YOGA CONTINUES ON. March 1st class will be held at AI*EA. Beginning, March 8th, classes will resume at TBO. Patricia Blondheim is a great instructor. You may join in at any time.

We have a lot of interesting and fun things planned, and hope all of you will enjoy being a part of these events.

Linda R. Smith

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YOUTH GROUP

Booty will meet at the Temple on March 27th at 1:00 pm for an important lunch meeting. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Danielle Berry, Jeff Herring and Sara Crowe attended a very inspirational NFTY Convention in Dallas, Texas on February 18 - 22.

The next NFTY event will take place April 29 - May 1 in Charlotte, NC. All Booty members in the 9th - 12th grades are eligible to attend.

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FROM THE LIBRARY

A few of the new novels recently added to the library:

The Frozen Rabbi by Steve Stern. A *Booklist* starred review, "A recent article in *The Jewish Review of Books* (Spring 2010) lamented the paucity of Jewish fantasy books. While there are no lions symbolizing deities, we now have *The Frozen Rabbi*. Eliezer ben Zephyr, a nineteenth century mystic, was in a meditative trance when bad weather struck, submerging him in a newly formed pond, where he froze. Bernie Karp is a twenty-first century teenager who discovers ben Zephyr in the freezer in his parents' basement. When he questions his parents, he learns that the rabbi has been handed down through the family as a sort of talisman.

An equally fierce storm hits Memphis, knocking out power, and when Bernie checks on the rabbi, he has defrosted. The book starts with Bernie's discovery of the rabbi, and proceeds in alternating chapters, catching the readers up on how the rabbi got to Bernie's basement, then continuing with Bernie's changing life and the Rabbi's endeavors. Rabbi ben Zephyr acquaints himself with modern society by watching television all day. He then decides that America is lacking spirituality and convinces Bernie's father, an appliance salesman, to finance the rabbi's 'House of Enlightenment,' where he will 'peddle be-a-ti-tude,' and 'also sell a few specialty items on the side—books and talismans, red string to ward off the evil eye, everything marked up and elegantly repackaged of course.'"

Life, After by Sarah Darer Littman. From *School Library Journal*, "Gr 7 Up—In 2002 in Argentina, Dani Bensimon weathers the political and economic crisis that is dragging her middle-class Jewish family into poverty and her formerly loving father into depression. They are all still grieving over the death of her pregnant aunt and her unborn child in the 1994 terrorist bombing of the AMIA building, the Jewish community center in Buenos Aires. Many of the teen's friends have left the country, including her novio, Roberto. Eventually, the Bensimons relocate to the New York suburbs and Dani must work hard to remain the dutiful, perfect, helpful daughter ... this affecting book works in its entirety. It shows a place and part of recent history left mostly unexamined in YA literature, highlighting an act of terrorism in Argentina and a Latin American immigrant. Dani's experiences give her insight and empathy into a community suffering the aftermath of 9/11. Littman's sprinkling of Spanish words and phrases throughout gives a genuine feel to her dialogue, and her references to Jewish customs also fit smoothly into the context. This immigrant story is easy to swallow, if a bit weighty in tone, very much like Christine Gonzalez's *The Red Umbrella* (Knopf, 2010)."—Rhona

Campbell, Washington, DC Public Library(c)

To the End of the Land by David Grossman. Another *Booklist* starred review, “Acclaimed Israeli author Grossman serves up a powerful meditation on war, friendship, and family. Instead of celebrating her son Ofer’s discharge from the Israeli Army, Ora finds her life turned upside down and inside out when he reenlists and is sent back to the front for a major offensive. Unable to bear the thought of sitting alone waiting for the ‘notifiers’ to bring her bad news, the recently separated Ora decides to hike in the Galilee, where she will be both anonymous and inaccessible. Joined by her estranged best friend and former lover Avram, a recluse who never recovered from the brutality he experienced as a POW during the Yom Kippur War, she narrates the story of her doomed marriage to Ilan and her often arduous journey as a mother ... As Ora and Avram travel back and forth through time via shared memories, the toll exacted by living in a land and among a people constantly at war is excruciatingly evident. Grossman, whose own son was killed during the 2006 Israel-Lebanon conflict, writes directly from the heart in this scorching antiwar novel.” -- Margaret Flanagan

Eric A. Kidwell, MLS

Rabbi’s article, continued from cover

“Chichester Psalms” is a choral work by Leonard Bernstein for boy treble or countertenor, solo quartet, choir and orchestra. A reduction written by the composer, as we will hear it, pared down the orchestral performance forces to organ, one harp, and percussion. The text uses Psalms 100 and 108; Part 2 uses 2 and 23, and Part 3 uses 131 and 133.

The work was commissioned for the 1965 Southern Cathedrals' Festival at Chichester Cathedral by the cathedral's organist, John Birch, and the Dean, Walter Hussey. However, the world premiere took place in the Philharmonic Hall, New York on July 15, 1965 with the composer conducting. Some material was recycled from early sketches of *West Side Story*, which was initially supposed to involve a Jewish-American gang, as well as a never-completed musical version of Thornton Wilder's play *The Skin of Our Teeth*.

These opportunities are not to be missed. I look forward to seeing you on these grand occasions.

Elliot L. Stevens



Organ repair photo: the stopper has been releathered and being inserted back into a flute pipe.

grateful

February marked my fourth anniversary at TBO. I'd like to share with you a few gifts for which I am particularly grateful:

Elliot Stevens, a kind, compassionate Rabbi whose work ethic and moral compass make working with him a pleasure.

A Board of Trustees whose members work hard for their Temple, devoting untold time and effort to this community. They are always responsive to the problems and questions I throw their way, and their conscientious leadership makes it a pleasure to work with them.

Marlon Cotton, whose can-do attitude, positive nature and willingness to do whatever needs doing make my job much easier. His love for the Temple and its members is inspiring.

And finally, a Temple membership through which I have formed so many meaningful relationships. I can't begin to say enough about how much I adore "my" members, who offer both their assistance and friendship so freely. I am especially grateful for these relationships.

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your Temple family.

Gina Friday

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 STEVENS’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, March 7, 14, 21
Torah Discussion
7 AM - 8 AM

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



AI☆EA ADULT EDUCATION

Rabbi Kramer will be starting an Introduction to Judaism class beginning March 8 at 12:30 PM and meeting approximately every other week and will include a light lunch. Each class we will watch a 30 minute video on the topic of that class and then have a discussion on that topic. A fellow classmate of Rabbi Kramer's in Rabbinical School has put together this DVD series and should make for very interesting discussions. No previous knowledge or Hebrew is required; only your presence.

Dates of classes will be:
March 8, 22
April 12, 28 (Thursday)
May 12 (Thursday), 24, 31
June 14, 28

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

CONCERT AT TEMPLE BETH OR: Pizmon brings a capella energy to Montgomery

Wednesday ♦ March 16 ♦ 7 PM

Pizmon, a 16-voice a capella choir from Columbia University, Barnard College and the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, will perform for audiences of all faiths on March 16, 7 p.m., at Temple Beth Or in Montgomery. The concert is hosted by Temple Beth Or, the Jewish Federation of Central Alabama and HandsOn River Region, a program of the Volunteer and Information Center.

Pizmon is a coed choir coming to Montgomery as part of its 2011 Musical Outreach Initiative tour from Atlanta to New Orleans. Since 1990, the 16 Pizmon members have traveled across the globe during their Spring Break to spread their spirit, song and Jewish unity to others. They sing a variety of genres, including liturgical pieces, Israeli rock and pop, English parodies, Yiddish classics, and children's songs.

Past Musical Outreach Initiative destinations have included Ukraine, Poland, Hungary, Israel, England, France, Germany, Argentina, and various regions of the United States. In 2010, Pizmon traveled to both thriving and struggling Jewish communities in Wales and England. The group’s trips are funded exclusively by regional concerts, CD sales which will be sold following the performance, and donations.

Donations will be accepted the night of the performance to benefit Pizmon and HandsOn River Region. HandsOn uses donations to support its volunteer program and service projects. Each year, HandsOn River Region connects about 10,000 volunteers to area needs and manages service projects that benefit the community.



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.

Photos from L'Chaim League's "Lunch and a Movie" on February 15, 2010



JFCA's President, Mark Sabel along with performer Vanessa Hidary, who performed at the Rosa Parks Museum on February 17th.

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.

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*.

LOST AND FOUND

A black, fuzzy, fringed scarf was left at the Temple after a cooking day. The scarf can be picked up from the Temple office.

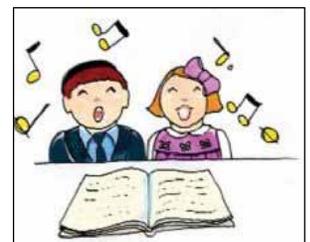
FAMILY FRIENDLY SERVICES

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

March 11, April 1, *May 13, June 10

Jeff Herring will accompany all services.

*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*

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

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 Kabuki Japanese Steak House at 783z4 Vaughn Road. If you are interested in attending contact: Carol Ronning at 279-0140.



Tel Aviv Conflict Jerusalem Peacetalks Gaza Strip

Jewish Homeland Forum



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Maccabi Flotilla West Bank Iranian Threat IDF Settlement

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 are drop off bins at the Temple . 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



TBO ISRAEL TRIP SET FOR 2012! INITIAL REFUNDABLE RESERVATIONS DUE APRIL 1

For all of our members who have been asking about a Temple-sponsored trip to Israel, the opportunity has arrived!

Planning has begun for an 11-day trip (9 nights in Israel, plus a travel day on either end), March 12-22, 2012. Our flights will be non-stop from Atlanta - Tel Aviv.

This trip, which will be open to all members of Temple Beth Or and their extended families, will feature these and many other highlights:

- Caesarea
- Tel Dan Nature Reserve
- Jeep tour of Golan Heights
- Safed
- Rosh Hanika
- Acre's Crusader city
- Haifa, including a Druse village
- Mount Carmel
- Jerusalem, including Shabbat
- and the Old City
- City of David
- Hezekiah's water tunnel
- YadVashem
- Dead Sea, including a camel ride and Masada
- BeitGuvrin caves (archaeological dig)
- Israel Museum
- . . . and many more

Hotels will be 4-star, except for 2 nights in a fine kibbutz guest house in northern Israel. The program will also include several dinners and evening programs with scholars and programs of Israeli culture.

While cost projections are not yet set, initial estimates are approximately \$2600 per person [double occupancy] for the land package, plus about \$1500 for the air. Add-on options will also be available. These estimated costs are based on 20 participants; include a pro-rata share to cover Rabbi Stevens's expenses, and will be finalized after we have a better indication of interest.

To proceed with our planning, we **MUST** have a solid indication of interest by April 1, 2011. To do so, please send your check for \$100 per person payable to Temple Beth Or no later than Tuesday, March 1. These are not yet deposits -- they are fully-refundable expressions of intent. Deposits and initial reservations will be by brochure later in the spring.

For more information, and for comments on the itinerary, please contact Rabbi Stevens.

CELEBRATE PASSOVER AT TBO!

Join your temple community on Tuesday evening, April 19, when Rabbi Stevens will lead the second-night Seder at TBO. Sponsored by Sisterhood and professionally catered, this year's Seder again uses "The Open Door," a Passover Haggadah published by the Reform Movement. Fully transliterated and beautifully illustrated, this Haggadah includes traditional and innovative blessings, gender inclusive language and all the old favorite songs as well as many new ones.

Seating will begin at 5:00 PM, with the service to begin promptly at 5:30.

The entire program, including dinner, will conclude by 7:30 PM – assuming, of course, that someone finds the Afikomen!

Space is limited, so reserve now. **Deadline is April 5.**

Cost for reservations received by April 5

Adults: \$22.50 Adults with reservation by April 5
 Children: \$16.50 Children ages 3 – 13 with reservation by April 5
 Children 1-2 are free

[Add \$2.00 per reservation received after April 5.]

Please note: The Temple Sisterhood is providing Manischewitz wine for each table, or you may bring your own.

Send checks payable to **Temple Beth Or Sisterhood** to:

Sharon McDaniel
 2632 Old Orchard Lane, Montgomery, AL 36117

We look forward to having you with us!



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

PASSOVER SEDER RESERVATION FORM

Send checks payable to
Temple Beth Or Sisterhood to:
 Sharon McDaniel
 2632 Old Orchard Lane
 Montgomery, AL 36117

Name(s) of adult attendees: _____

 Name of child(ren) attendees: _____

 Telephone: _____
 Email: _____

Registration Fee Breakdown:

_____ adults at \$22.50: \$ _____
 _____ children at \$16.50: \$ _____
 ADD \$2.00 per person after April 5th \$ _____
Total Due: \$ _____

I would like to be seated with: _____

Your registration MUST be in by April 5th.

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What is Passover?



Pesach, known as Passover in English, is a major Jewish spring festival, commemorating the Exodus from Egypt over 3,000 years ago. The ritual observance of this holiday centers around a special home service called the seder (meaning "order") and a festive meal; the prohibition of chametz (leaven); and the eating of matzah (an unleavened bread). On the eve of the fifteenth day of Nisan in the Hebrew calendar, we read from a book called the hagaddah, meaning "telling," which contains the order of prayers, rituals, readings and songs for the Pesach seder. The Pesach seder is the only ritual meal in the Jewish calendar year for which such an order is prescribed, hence its name.

The seder has a number of scriptural bases. Exodus 12:3-11 describes the meal of lamb, unleavened bread, and bitter herbs which the Israelites ate just prior to the Exodus. In addition, three separate passages in Exodus (12:26-7, 13:8, 13:14) and one in Deuteronomy (6:20-21) enunciate the duty of the parents to tell the story of the Exodus to their children. The seder plate contains various symbolic foods referred to in the seder itself.

ISRAEL UPDATE

February 2011, 5770, אדר א'
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Shalom Y'all

This month the headlines were flooded with information about radical developments in the Middle East, as young people demand change in the Arab world.

I think that now more than ever we can see that Israel is the only democracy in the Middle East (except Turkey, which is not an Arab country). Maybe the Arab people finally understand it is time to change, and bring new voices of freedom to end the tyrannical regimes in their homelands.

It started in Tunisia when an explosive wave of street protests ousted the authoritarian president, Zine el-Abidine Ben Ali.

The end of Ben Ali's 23-year rule inspired young Egyptians to rise up for their rights.

After 18 days of mass demonstrations against Mubark's regime, the Egyptian president stepped down, leaving the nation in the hands of its powerful military.

Fueled by social media, the protests

spread to Iran and Bahrain. Anti-government sentiment has also manifested itself on the streets of Algeria, Jordan, Syria and Yemen.

I can only hope that the claim for new governments will bring freedom and democracy to the Middle East and put an end to poverty and ignorance.

This month we read in the book of Exodus about the foundation of the Mishcan (the Tabernacle) as the center of Jewish worship in the desert after the exodus from Egypt. King Solomon established the Holy Temple in Jerusalem according to the spiritual concept of the Mishcan. The Jewish people have continued through history to keep the faith of their heritage by directing prayers to Jerusalem, as the homeland of the covenant with God.

The current situation in the Middle East leads me to think of our history. Israel had a lot of struggles between different groups. In the Biblical period, the land of Israel was divided between two kingdoms. Upon Solomon's death, his son Rehoboam, succeeded him as king, and ten of the Tribes of Israel refused to accept him as king, causing the United Monarchy to split and form the Northern

people have a lot of disagreements. A good example is the Knesset, but I believe that the story of Exodus still inspires us to keep our connections to each other as a Jewish peoplehood. Although we have a lot of inner conflicts, we all want to keep singing: "Am Yisra-eil chai".

Adar is the month of happiness and joy, and we have a special Hebrew saying for this month: "*Mishenichnas Adar marbin b'simcha*" (When Adar comes, joy is increased).

I wish for this coming month of Adar to be happy and cheerful as it should be.

I wish for the Arab people to get their freedom from fundamental and tyrannical regimes, and hope that the new order to come to our "geographical neighborhood" will be peaceful and right. Maybe peace will finally come. "Yavo shalom al Israel" (peace will come to Israel).

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.

Kingdom of Israel ruled by Jeroboam, while Rehoboam continued to reign in the Southern Kingdom of Judah. During the period of Hellenism the land split again between the Hasmoneans. The conflicts continued through Jewish communities in Diaspora, especially between the Rabbis.

Even today, the Jewish

Sisterhood Gift Shop

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

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 March!

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 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.

Friday, April 15, 11 AM, L'Chaim League visits Jasmine Hill Gardens. Picnic lunch and tour.

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.

Friday, May 6, 6 PM, A special Musical Shabbat service featuring Leonard Bernstein's Chichester Psalms, performed by the Montgomery Chorale.

Tuesday, May 10, Noon, Sisterhood Closing Luncheon at TBO.

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.

Saturday, May 14, 9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Student Cantor Markowicz. Light brunch served. Jeffrey Herring's Bar Mitzvah.

Sunday, May 22, 11:00 AM, L'Chaim League event at Ricky and Jamie Loeb's home on Lake Martin.

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.)

Saturday, June 4, 7 PM, CANTORIAL CONCERT with Andrea Rae Markowicz here at TBO.

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

Sunday, October 2, 10:30 AM, Cemetery Memorial Service: Etz Ahayem Cemetery (new section)

Sunday, October 2, 11 AM, Cemetery Memorial Service: Etz Ahayem Cemetery (old section)

Friday, October 7, 7:30 PM, Kol Nidrei Eve

Saturday, October 8, 10 AM, Yom Kippur Morning

Saturday, October 8, 12 PM, Rabbi's Discussion.

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, March 11, at the usual start time of 6:00 p.m. Future date: April 1.

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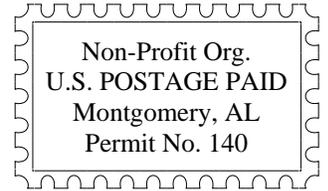
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 1 PM, Three-class program to study one of the greatest works of Hasidic Mysticism, <i>The Tanya</i> . Part 3 of 3.	4 6 PM Shabbat Service	5 10 AM, Shabbat Morning Service and Ben Berry's Bar Mitzvah.
6 9:30 AM, Kol Ami Religion School and Torah Tots at TBO.	7	8	9	10	11 5 PM, Family Chavurah Shabbat service in the Blachschleger Library 6 PM Shabbat Service and Torah reading	12 5:30 PM, Jewish Singles 50 & Up meets at Kabuki Japanese Steak House.
13	14	15	16 7 PM, Temple Beth Or hosts the a cappella singing group, Pizmon.	17 1 PM, Adult Ed class on Jewish Ethical Dilemmas meets in the Blachschleger Library. Topic: War.	18 6 PM, Shabbat Service with Rabbi Stevens and Student Cantor Andrea Rae Markowicz with a musical tribute to Debbie Friedman. Held in Social Hall.	19 9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Student Cantor Markowicz. 4 PM, Purim Service
20	21	22	23	24	25 6 PM, SING UNTO GOD! – TBO celebrates Choir's 30 years of excellence with a gala Shabbat tribute. Union Prayer Book service.	26
27 9:30 AM, Kol Ami Religion School at TBO. 1 PM, BOOTY: Lunch and get-together at TBO.	28	29 8 AM, L'Chaim Leagues visits Dunaway Gardens in Newman, Georgia.	30	31 1 PM, Adult Ed class on Jewish Ethical Dilemmas meets in the Blachschleger Library. Topic: Social Justice.		

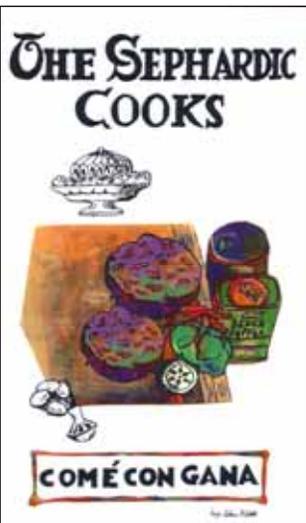
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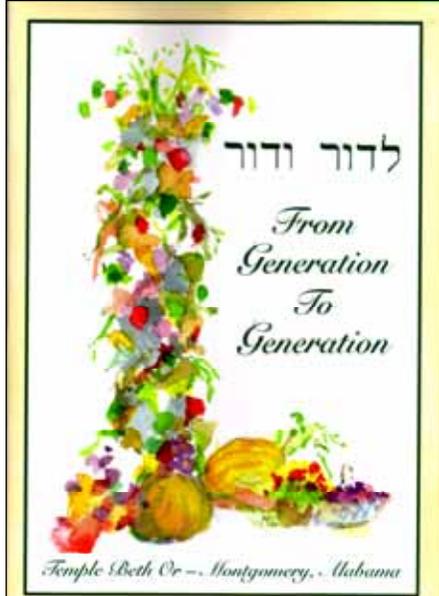


The Sephardic Cooks cookbook is now available through the Temple office for \$20.00. All proceeds go toward the Food Festival.

Student Cantor Andrea Rae Markowicz Weekends:	
March 18 April 29	May 13 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.	

**KOL AMI
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
9:30 - NOON**

Meets at TBO
3/6 Torah Tots
3/13 No School
3/20 No School
3/27 School meets



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