

# Temple Beth Or Bulletin

A VIEW FROM THE BIMAH

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## Welcoming the Stranger in Our Midst

A couple of weeks ago, a local TV news station asked me and other local clergy

leaders to comment on Alabama's new immigration law, which is set to take effect September 1.

My first thought was to decline the invitation. I'm not expert on immigration law, and was not in a position to say something credible, for example, on economic consequences – after all, even leading economists' views are often in utter conflict with each other.

The interviewer, however, was clearly seeking a religious response, and I was pleased at the opportunity to frame a response in terms of Jewish values.

My own family is an immigrant family. Who among us can say otherwise? In my case, my family arrived with millions of others a century ago, before America closed its doors.

American immigration policy has long reflected the tension between those who seek to welcome new immigrants and those who seek to limit their entry into the United States. And Judaism, it turns out, has a good deal to say on this subject.

The Torah teaches us to reach out to and care for vulnerable populations, including non-citizens and resident aliens. In Leviticus 25 we read, "If your brother, being in straits, comes under your authority, and you hold him as though a resident alien, let him live by your side." We are repeatedly commanded to care for the needy within our extended family: "If there is a needy person among you," we read in Deuteronomy 15, "one of your kinsmen

in any of your settlements...do not harden your heart and shut your hand against your needy kinsman. Rather, you must open your hand and lend him sufficient for whatever he needs." Rabbinic Judaism also entitled non-Jewish individuals to financial and emotional support from the Jewish community in order to create a harmonious society: "Our rabbis have taught," reads a text in the Talmud, "we support the poor of the non-Jew along with the poor of Israel, and visit the sick of the non-Jew along with the sick of Israel, and bury the poor of the non-Jew along with the dead of Israel, in the interests of peace."

We Jews know what it is to be forced across a border, whether in search of food, or a safe haven from persecution, or to flee for our lives when expelled from a country we thought was home. During a period of drought and famine in Israel, Joseph was welcomed by the king of Egypt, from where he was able to save his family by bringing them down to a new land. Later, the Torah recalls the lesson of slavery in Egypt with these words (Leviticus 19): "When a stranger resides with you in your land, you shall not wrong him. The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as one of your citizens; you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt." The Book of Ruth personalizes the required response of the Jewish community toward the immigrant; impoverished upon arrival in her new land, she gleaned alongside full Israelite citizens who are also in need.

We Jews have seen every side of the immigration question: In the Middle Ages we were expelled from one country after another over the course of hundreds of years. In every case we were somehow able to find a safe haven, welcomed by a king or prince or sultan who didn't worry about visas

quotas. Later, America itself proved to be that haven – until the door was mostly shut in 1924 – for millions of impoverished Jews from the Pale of Settlement in Eastern Europe or Ukraine or Russia, arriving like my great-grandparents destitute and hungry on our shores. *In each and every case, for centuries on end, the new arrivals took care of their own, and within a generation were adding immeasurably to the wealth and vitality of the country that took them in.*

Today's American immigration policy seems so inequitable. Chronic backlogs keep families separated for many years. Employment-based visas are available in numbers too small to meet either employer demands or accommodate the laborers available for work. The humanitarian challenge is staggering, in terms of health care, education and basic social services for the 12 to 15 million individuals living in the U.S. without legal status. Domestic security is actually undermined, it seems to me, when so many people living in the shadows of society are unable or unwilling to work cooperatively with law enforcement agencies.

Just this week, the *Los Angeles Times* reported that farmers in Georgia are still looking for 11,000 workers to harvest crops this year, saying they can't find enough help because of a new state law cracking down on illegal immigrants. Apparently few citizens are applying for jobs picking crops, though that state's unemployment rate hovers around ten percent.

While welcoming the stranger within our midst is a core Jewish value, another is that laws must strive to balance justice and mercy; the Jewish legal system has exemplified this since biblical times. In the context of such a complex matter as illegal immigration, this would imply a dual approach

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**Celebrating Our  
160th Year**



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**TBO PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Congregants,

I'm excited about the upcoming year. We have an energized board and have established committees that are already working hard for the Temple. If you are interested in serving on one of the committees, please contact the Chairperson. Involvement in Temple life is fun and rewarding.

I would also like to remind you to review the weekly calendar and try to attend the many exciting and educational programs being held at the Temple.

We are quite proud of our website. I encourage you to visit our website at [www.templebethor.net](http://www.templebethor.net) where you can review the Temple calendar as well as be reminded of the events as well as the holiday schedules. I continue to be amazed at the talent of Sandy Lynn Stevens as she makes the various updates to our website. We have some great and exciting opportunities for use of our website and will keep you informed as we make the updates.

Please also take time to review the various funds available for donations. A beautiful way to honor someone is by making a donation to the Flower Fund for a particular Shabbat service. Again, thank you for allowing me to serve as your president for the next year.

Warmest regards,

**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](http://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.

**Mazel Tov!**

to Elizabeth Shwarts for the birth of her granddaughter on May 14, 2011.

**Elisa Maria Shwarts**

Parents are Olga and Aaron Shwarts

**Contributions to Funds**

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

**BAYLINSON ART FUND**

*Happy 80th Birthday  
Janice Baylinson  
Stephen Coleman*

**BLANCHE WINTER FUND**

*In Memory of  
Mary Hobbie Cahn  
Gay and Irving Winter*

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Mary Hobbie Cahn  
Gay and Irving Winter*

*In Memory of  
Robert Heilpern  
Gay and Irving Winter*

**CAROL L. HART  
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*In Memory of  
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**GENERAL FUND**  
*Continued Good Health to  
Gina Friday  
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**RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

*The Memory of  
Sumner David Goldberg  
Betty, Bob and Erik Goldberg*

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**BIRTHDAYS**

- 5.....Heather Shinpaugh
- 7.....Michael Goldner
- 8.....Allan Pirtle
- 9.....Anita Reznikoff
- 11.....Gene Harris
- 12.....Mae Cohen
- 20.....Jeff Blitz
- 22.....Pete Ginsburg
- 23.....Celeste Sabel
- 24.....Felice Cohen
- 24.....Burke Schloss
- 24.....Jean Weil
- 25.....Matilde Scheuer
- 30.....Susan King
- 30.....Suzanne Soloff
- 31.....David Berry
- 31.....Steve Clein

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Birthday and Anniversary Blessings  
on July 1st.

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**ANNIVERSARIES**

- 2.....Carol & Jamie Loeb
- 6.....Clare & Bob Weil
- 10.....Dawn & Adam Schloss
- 11.....Alison & Greg Williamson
- 28.....Marlene & Rick Beringer
- 29.....Barbara & Ronnie Leet
- 30.....Jenny & John Ives

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**YAHARZEITS**

**To be read 7/1/2011**

Robert L. Cooper, Jr.  
Alex Marion  
Sigmund Weil

**To be read 7/8/2011**

Faye Stamm Greil  
Ethel E. Hallman  
Ann Marks  
Diana Kahn Weil

**To be read 7/15/2011**

Anna Stiller Anshel  
Rebecca Sherman Blotner  
Tommie Moses Coleman  
Louise Finklestein  
Joseph J. Levin, Sr.  
Nathan Popkin  
Gilbert Ross  
Mary Jane Schiffman Wallace

**To be read 7/22/2011**

David R. Baylinson  
Margaret Cohn Bonfield  
CSM Robert J. Crowe  
Michael Deutsch  
Norma L. Hobbie  
Carolyn Endel Printz  
Nellie Weil

**To be read 7/29/2011**

Philip W. Bernstein, Sr.  
Joan Baim Blach  
Babs Klein Heilpern  
Mose Moscovitz  
Gertrude S. Weinrib

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Shalom Everyone,

What a wonderful year we had at Kol Ami. The school year has flown by quickly and I can't believe it is already over. We had a smooth first year as co-principals. We enjoyed ourselves and both of us will be returning next year. Thank you all for your support in our many activities as well as the encouragement you have passed our way.

I would like to thank each of the parents that volunteered to help out or brought items for our special programs, without you, they would not have been a success. You and your attitude are a vital part of what makes our school run so smoothly, again, thank you. Thank you to our teachers for your dedication and time as well as your willingness to "go with the flow" for our frequent visitors, you are all such a blessing to this community. Thanks also to our Madrichim (young role models) who really made this a fulfilled year for the children. Jeff Herring and Danielle Berry brought in great music, Chelsea Cauthen and Allison Lloveras taught Aleph Bet yoga and told captivating stories. All our Madrichim assisted with and took turns teaching classes throughout the year. Our Madrichim program is one Terri and I are very proud of and hope that future confirmands will consider joining us in sharing the love of Judaism with the younger children. The role of a Jewish educator shouldn't be taken lightly and we are proud of the educators we have in our community.

I would also like to thank our students who, each week challenged us with questions and participated with love and joy for all things

Jewish. I love each and every one of our children and pray they will have nothing but fond memories of their Jewish education here at Kol Ami.

This school year was full of visitors. We were fortunate to have the two cantors; Randall and Andrea visit and sing with and for us on several occasions. Having the cantors with us made our prayers rich and full, it was such a blessing to have them. We also had Elijah at our Pesach Seder, Judah the Maccabee during Hanukkah and frequent visits from Captain Israel in our classrooms. All of which were brought to us by Elad, our wonderful Shaliach. He also set up skype opportunities between the confirmation class and children of the same age in Israel on several occasions. How wonderful it is to be able to share an international classroom. Elad is going to be sorely missed next year. We thank him for an entertaining year and wish him many blessings as he returns home to Israel.

The children collected \$100 Tzadakah for the first semester of school which we donated to the JNF Children's Forrest to replace the trees that burned this year. We will be donating the Tzadakah from the second semester to the disaster relief fund for the families that lost their homes in the recent storms.

Our end of the year ceremony was a spectacular affair. The four year old through Kindergarten classes sang with Jeff and Danielle. This performance tickled our hearts and we really enjoyed it. The second through fifth grades learned a dance to a popular Israeli Independence Day song taught by none other than Elie Lazar of the Montgomery Ballet. Thanks Elie for taking time out of your busy schedule to teach the children the dance. It was definitely one of the highlights of the

day, they did a wonderful job. The cantors put on a spirited concert loaded with joyful songs that filled our hearts with pride for Israel and "her" accomplishments.

I would like to thank the Federation who joined us in our celebration by bringing in hot dogs, hamburgers, condiments and grills to help us celebrate not only the wonderful school year we had, but also Israeli Independence Day. Thanks also to Matthew Orange for bringing the moon walk for the children to play in as well as supervising their play time, it was a hit!

As you can see, our school year was packed full of fun as well as learning and we really appreciate our community for supporting Kol Ami in our desire to bring up good, godly, educated Jewish children here in Montgomery, Alabama.

Many blessings to you all!  
Have a safe, fun summer,

Sandy Cauthen  
Terri Finkelstein

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## FROM THE LIBRARY

This month we're mentioning a few of the short story collections we have in the library:

*Apples from the Desert: Selected Stories* by Savyon Liebrecht. Israeli author Savyon Liebrecht shares a collection of stories concerned with the personal interactions between Jews and Arabs to "how Israelis deal with each other." Liebrecht is the daughter of Holocaust survivors, so as might be expected, that event is a common thread in many of her stories. A second strong theme is "the position of women in modern Israeli society ... many women ... in Liebracht's stories are in oppressive

marriages with men who neglect, ridicule, and sometimes physically abuse them.” As one reviewer has stated, “There is nothing subtle about Liebrecht’s stories ... (h) owever, anyone interested in the literature coming out of Israel today will find Savyon Liebrecht’s window on the land and the people illuminating, if sometimes uncomfortable reading.”

*Awake in the Dark: Stories* by Shira Nayman. Nayman is a clinical psychologist, which comes through in both her writing style and in her themes. *Awake in the Dark* is her debut collection of stories that focuses on how “... the children of Holocaust victims and participants coming to terms with family secrets.” *The Atlantic Monthly* called these stories “(a) haunting excursion into the past...Each story is a literary page-turner with a classic O. Henry twist,” and the *San Francisco Chronicle* stated that “*Awake in the Dark* quietly and forcefully insists that despite every wish to remain asleep, comforted by unconsciousness, we are all much better served by opening our eyes to the truth.”

*An Hour in Paradise: Stories* by Joan Leegant. A first collection of stories (ten in all) from Leegant, this volume shares “... stories about Jewish characters both young and old, secular and Orthodox, as they address questions of faith, love and change.” *Publishers Weekly* states that “(t)hroughout these stories, Leegant reveals herself to be an empathic, gifted creator of people and worlds. Thought-provoking and funny, touching and disturbing, this is an auspicious debut.”

*Best Contemporary Jewish Writing* edited by Michael Lerner. Published in 2001, this collection includes stories written between 1994 and

2000. Lerner has selected fiction, essays and poetry that “... connect or reflect ‘the fundamental Jewish project of healing and transformation, both personal transformation (*tikkun atzmi*) and healing of the world (*tikkun olam*).” Also included is a list of what has been identified as the 100 best contemporary Jewish books published since 1985, and available in English. Among the authors whose work is included in this collection are Adrienne Rich, Phillip Roth, Naomi Wolf, Steve Greenberg, Robert Pinsky, Marge Percy, Yehuda Amichai, and Anita Diamant. Lerner is founder of *Tikkun* magazine.

Eric A. Kidwell, MLS

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#### L'CHAIM LEAGUE

What a fabulous time everyone had at Jamie and Ricky Loeb's lake home. This event was such a big hit, that we will repeat it next year.

**Tuesday, July 12th**, join us at TBO as we cook, taste, and share recipes. You may bake that day, or bring something, or just come and taste everything. If you'd like to bring your favorite potholder or apron or even a funny recipe, you will get a prize. Time is set for 12 PM. There is no charge for this event, but I do need to know if you are coming, **so make your reservation by July 8th.**

The musical: *South Pacific* is being presented by the Millbrook Depot Players. A group of us will be attending the performance on July 28th at 7:30 PM. If you would like to go, let me know.

An exhibit titled: “**A Fine Romance: Jewish Songwriters, American Songs, 1910-1965**” will

be on display at the library in Columbus Miss. from July 14th - August 25th. If anyone is interested in seeing this exhibit, I will try and arrange a trip over there.

The office of Child Protect is where we will meet on **Thursday, August 25th**. The director, Jannah Bailey, will make a presentation on this very important organization. The origin of this institution, is deep-rooted within our community. We will meet at their office on Perry Street at 10 AM, and have lunch afterwards at a nearby restaurant.

The opening luncheon is quickly approaching along with plans to visit a nearby Crafts Fair and a return to Gees Bend. We would love to have you join in at anytime and be a part of our group.

Linda R. Smith  
Director

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#### SISTERHOOD

Sisterhood hopes you are all having a great summer while our leadership is busy getting ready for next year's service to Temple. We have filled most chairperson slots for the coming year, but we are always looking for volunteers to help with our receptions, dinners, and fundraiser. Please say “yes” when you are called or simply contact me or any of the other officers if you would like to volunteer in a large or small way. You will find that being active in Sisterhood will be fulfilling for you and will make a stronger Sisterhood for our Temple. When your membership envelope arrives, please respond promptly and join Temple Beth Or Sisterhood.

Marlene Beringer, President

## SUMMER ADULT EDUCATION

**July 7, 7:00 p.m.**

### THE PLATFORMS OF REFORM JUDAISM: FROM CLASSICAL REFORM TO POST- DENOMINATIONALISM

The American Reform rabbinate has adopted five major platforms, from the famous Pittsburgh Platform of 1885 to the "New Pittsburgh" platform of 1999. Each has tried to describe what Reform Judaism teaches and stands for on the major themes of Jewish life: God, Torah, Israel, the nature of the Jewish people, the concept of "mitzvah" and the social values we espouse. This session will trace how Reform has seen itself over the years and help us to locate where we stand – what can we accept, and what views would we find unacceptable.

## SAVE THE DATE!

### Student Cantor Markowicz to Return February 3-5

Andrea Rae Markowicz, who served as TBO Student Cantor 2009 – 2011, returns for a special weekend next February 3-5, featuring a Cabaret Concert and Dinner on Saturday evening, February 4.

*Watch for Details!*

## SINGLES GROUP

### Attention All Jewish Singles 50 & up

Jewish Singles 50 & Up meets at Texas Roadhouse at Eastchase on Saturday, July 23rd at 5:30 PM. If you are interested in attending contact: Carol Ronning at 279-0140.

## Congratulations !



**Danielle Berry**  
*2011 Homeschool Graduate  
of Alpha Omega Academy  
Danielle will be attending  
Virginia College in the fall.  
Parents are Sharon &  
David Berry*



*Photos from L'Chaim League's June  
7th trip to Ricky and Jamie Loeb's  
home at Lake Martin.*



## TBO MEMBER ROBERT LIEBERMAN RECEIVES FRENCH LEGION OF HONOR

On May 27<sup>th</sup>, the French Ambassador to the United States presented TBO member Robert Lieberman with the French Legion of Honor, France's highest decoration, for his participation in the liberation of France during World War 2. The ceremony took place at the High Museum in Atlanta.

Robert served in the 104<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division as a forward observer assigned to the 385<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Battalion. After basic training at Camp Carson, Colorado, his division sailed from New York and landed in Cherbourg, France in August 1944. After participating in the liberation of France, they entered Belgium in late October 1944 and continued moving east, liberating a number of villages. After the Battle of the Bulge, December 1944 to February 1945, his division entered Germany and liberated the Mittelbau-Dora concentration camp near Nordhausen, Germany (where the V-2 rockets were built), freeing the surviving prisoners.



L-R: General Larry Dudney, Georgia Army National Guard, Robert Lieberman, Francois Delattre, French Ambassador to the United States.

### 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.



### AI☆EA ADULT EDUCATION

Saturdays

July 2, 9, and 30

9:00 AM - Coffee and Conversation

12:00 PM - Brunch and Learn

*(Shabbat Service will begin at 9:30 AM)*

### T'KIAH! -- THE SOUND OF THE SHOFAR

This Rosh Hashanah, would you like to be one of those who blows the shofar? Hearing the sound of the shofar is one of the key mitzvot of our New Year observances. Help us to fulfill this mitzvah on Rosh Hashanah morning, Thursday, September 29. If you would like to learn how, contact Rabbi Stevens. No prior experience necessary.



involving not only enforcement through effective and humane border security, among other measures, but also providing a path to earned citizenship. This is the approach favored by resolution of the Union for Reform Judaism.

We might come to very different conclusions, but one thing seems to me clear: that in seeking that balance between justice and mercy, the law in this area must above all be fairly applied.

Fairness becomes impossible if every state has its own law and procedures, and if enforcement devolves down to every local police officer and every local business and every local school district. In such a complex area, and aside from any economic implications or whether or not we're involving our state in profiling, the new Alabama law undermines what I believe should be our real goal – working towards a national immigration policy that can be fairly applied to all.

Think of the fear in which these millions live – and their children, who often arrived at a very young age, out of no choice of their own, making them

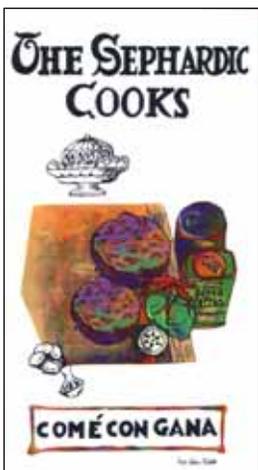
innocent victims of their parents' hope for a better life. Living in the shadows of society, they are afraid to report crimes, including domestic violence, or threats to our nation's security. They can't obtain adequate health care, even for their children, perhaps paradoxically posing an increased threat to public health.

In discussing such issues, I would comment on one more thing – the language of hate that has taken over the discussion. Much of our public discourse these days is filled with extremist rhetoric and the use of stereotypes and outright bigotry to target immigrants and hold them responsible for most of our societal ills. Neo-Nazis and the Ku Klux Klan, as documented by the Anti-Defamation League, exploit the immigration issue to advance their own agenda, as they position themselves as legitimate, mainstream advocates against illegal immigration in America. Immigrants and foreigners are demonized and dehumanized by racial slander; under the guise of being advocacy groups, many other hate groups have succeeded in fomenting fear and spreading unfounded propaganda.

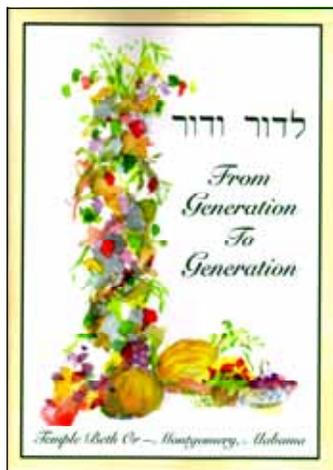
Immigrants have been described with every epithet imaginable; that even one of them – that even one child – could be a decent human being is to some beyond the realm of possibility.

We Jews have a long tradition of seeking a balance between justice and mercy. We must not succumb to this hate, or this racism. We should know better. "When a stranger resides with you in your land, you shall not wrong him. The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as one of your citizens; you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt." As the debate continues toward what must become a new national policy, let ours be the voice of moderation, of reason and enlightenment in keeping with the finest impulses and traditions of our people.

Elliot L. Stevens



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



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

**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.**

**CUT THIS OUT, PUT IT ON YOUR 'FRIDGE**

**SAVE THE DATE**

Temple Beth Or's  
2012 Food Festival is  
**Sunday, February 19th**

*The Food Festival is a project for the entire congregation, so we need your help. Call Susan Finklestein if you want to volunteer for baking. Call Karen Goldstein for other volunteer opportunities.*

*Are you downsizing or cleaning out your home? Please remember the Temple and our Collectable and Treasure Market. We would love any of your pre-loved items. Just call Pat Dees at 399-1212 for collectibles and she will pick up your items. Call Alan Weil, Sr. (281-1737) or Charlie Strasburger (279-7059) for Treasure Market item donations.*

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## **Interfaith Montgomery - Community Dialogue**

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### **Be Part of a New Beginning**

**We invite your participation for an opening meeting – July 5, 2011**

*Interfaith Montgomery – Community Dialogue* invites your participation in a new program of community dialogue, set to begin on Tuesday, July 5, in the auditorium of the Montgomery City/County Library, at 245 High Street. This opening program will begin at 6:30 p.m. Rabbi Stevens, who co-chairs a parallel interfaith clergy group called Interfaith Montgomery, will keynote the meeting.

This new forum offers an opportunity for clergy and lay persons of all faiths to engage in interfaith dialogue by attending regular public events, as a successor to programs that had been offered some years ago by the Children of Abraham, disbanded in 2007.

Becky Goff, creator and coordinator of this new organization, offers this guideline for those who would

be interested to participate. Participants  
Wish to grow in wisdom, compassion and caring for “others”  
Believe that ever-deeper, more respectful conversation is crucial to personal and world peace  
Respect that what is shared among traditions is more universal and profound than what divides  
Is comfortable to represent one’s tradition, and expects to deepen their roots through understanding of the teachings of others’

Becky Goff may be reached at 334-277-1873 for more details or to respond to questions.

**RABBI'S ROUNDTABLE – THE SUMMER SERIES CONTINUES**

*The roundtable scheduled for July has been cancelled.*

Join Rabbi Stevens for a bring-your-own lunch [we'll supply the drinks] to discuss issues in the news; a Jewish perspective on life's dilemmas, or questions you've always wanted to ask a rabbi.



This informal gathering August 9 will also be a time just to catch up together over a light lunch, and share what's on your mind. The session starts at

noon in the library, and will last about an hour.

Think of **Temple Beth Or Gift Shop** when shopping for weddings, birthdays, Passover, housewarmings and other simchas. We now have gift items from Gary Rosenthal, Quest and our new artist Michael Aram, whose work is primarily in metal, glass and granite.

**UPCOMING MEN'S CLUB EVENT**



The next Men's Club event will be the Biscuits vs. Jackson Generals (Seattle Mariners) baseball game on Saturday, July 30th at 7:05 PM.

We'll be watching the game from the Aronov box at the Biscuit's stadium. Tickets are limited and available on a first-come, first-serve basis. You must be a current, paid member to attend and may invite one guest.

Call the Temple at 262-3314 to reserve your ticket or a sign-up sheet is available outside the sanctuary.

**Beyond July!**

**August 9, 12 PM, RABBI'S ROUNDTABLE – SUMMER DISCUSSION SERIES.** Join Rabbi Stevens for a bring-your-own lunch [we'll supply the drinks] to discuss issues in the news; a Jewish perspective on life's dilemmas, or questions you've always wanted to ask a rabbi.

**Thursday, August 25, 10 AM, L'Chaim League** visits Child Protect office for presentation. Lunch to follow nearby.

**Saturday, September 10, 9:30 AM,** Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Rabbi Stevens. Light brunch served.

**Tuesday, September 13, 11:30 AM,** L'Chaim League's Opening Luncheon and Tango Dance Program.

**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, All Day, TBO Office** closed for Rosh Hashanah.

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

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

**Thursday, September 29, 10 AM,** Rosh

Hashanah Morning Service

**Friday, September 30, 6 PM,** Shabbat Shuvah.

**Saturday, October 1, 9:30 AM,** Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Rabbi Stevens. Light brunch served.

**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.

**Saturday, October 8, 2:30 PM,** Children's Service

**Saturday, October 8, 3:30 PM,** Memorial Service

**Saturday, October 8, 4 PM,** Afternoon & Concluding Services followed by Break Fast.

**Wednesday, October 12, 6 PM,** Sukkot service. This service will be held outdoors

at our TBO sukkah; join us as we celebrate together with worship and a symbolic meal inside our sukkah.

**Thursday, October 13, All Day,** TBO Office closed for Sukkot.

**Wednesday, October 19, 6 PM,** Simchat Torah Celebration.

**Thursday, October 20, All Day,** TBO Office closed for Simchat Torah.

**Saturday, November 5, 10 AM,** Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Rabbi Stevens. Sarah Claire Loeb's Bat Mitzvah. Lunch to follow.

**Tuesday, November 22, 7 PM,** Joint Thanksgiving Service with First United Methodist Church. Held at TBO. Reception follows.

**Saturday, December 3, 9:30 AM,** Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Rabbi Stevens. Light brunch served.

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**Saturday, January 7, 9:30 AM,** Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Rabbi Stevens. Light brunch served.

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

**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.

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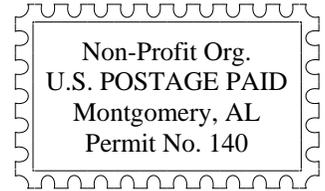
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7 7 PM, Adult Education: THE PLATFORMS OF REFORM JUDAISM: FROM CLASSICAL REFORM TO POST- DENOMINATION	8 6 PM Shabbat Service	9
10	11	12 Noon, L'Chaim League event, "Cook/Share/ Taste."	13	14	15 6 PM Shabbat Service	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 6 PM Shabbat Service	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 6 PM Shabbat Service	30 7:00 PM, For Men's Club Members. Biscuits Day at the Ballpark.
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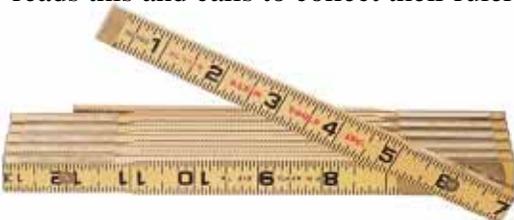
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## LOST AND FOUND

### Finally Found

A wooden – folding type ruler.

Months ago someone mentioned that they lost a wooden, folding ruler during Food Festival days. It has just now been found, but unfortunately our memories have faded as to who asked about it. We hope the owner reads this and calls to collect their ruler.



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