

# Temple Beth Or Bulletin

October 2011 ~ Tishrei/Cheshvan 5772

This is a Premier Event that you will not want to miss!  
**DAN NICHOLS AND THE TRIBE OF JUDAH TOGETHER IN CONCERT!**

**SAT., OCTOBER 15, 7:30 P.M.**

**Dan Nichols:** Dan Nichols is one of the most renowned and admired Jewish composers and singers on the scene today. Since his debut album release in 1996, his band's music – in turns moving and energizing – has been embraced by youth and adults across the country at numerous live performances. His music epitomizes the mixture of modern rock and Judaism, on universal themes of social justice, our relationship with God, and the dreams of humanity. Many of his songs have become staples of contemporary Jewish liturgy.



**The Tribe of Judah:** Founded in October of 1997, Tribe of Judah is a visible student organization on the campus of Alabama State University. Their focus is to share a

message of hope and encouragement to the inner city and surrounding counties. This group is composed of approximately 25 college students who are committed and dedicated to expressing themselves through the creativity of performing arts. They are diverse in the arts displaying their skills in the areas of singing, stepping, dancing, drama and poetry. The Tribe of Judah's exhilarating style and energetic moves capture the attention of all their audiences.

**THIS BLOCKBUSTER EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL WITHOUT CHARGE!**

**The Dan Nichols RV Tour is sponsored by URJ Camp Jacobs. Co-sponsored in Montgomery by the Rothschild-Blachschleger Lecture and Culture Fund of Temple Beth Or and the Jewish Federation of Central Alabama**



## A VIEW FROM THE BIMAH



"But we don't do that!"

I hear this with some frequency – every time someone attends services at Temple Beth Or wearing a *kippah*, or we read a particular prayer in Hebrew, someone is bound to remark that our temple's practices are no longer in keeping with the norms of Reform Judaism.

Now, as reported at our last Annual Meeting and mentioned in recent bulletins, demographic realities in our community have led the Boards of Temple Beth Or and Agudath Israel \*

Etz Ahayem to open discussions between our two congregations toward an eventual collaboration. While no decisions have yet been made – nor will they be until the discussion process includes our respective memberships – the very decision to open this item on our agenda has led some to express concerns over what any collaboration might mean in terms of the ideology and practice of Reform, in the context of our community in Montgomery. Even among those who laud the opening of discussions and recognize their necessity, some wonder whether the outcome will compromise our commitment to Reform Judaism.

In sharing my thoughts, let me share my perspective on what Reform Judaism

stands for. Our leadership has clearly stated that our core values will never be compromised. Here is what that means to me.

First, Reform Judaism stands for individual autonomy in decision making. One could argue whether this is a good thing or not – after all, autonomy implies that we reject defined limits and boundaries – but autonomy has been Reform's central pillar for two centuries now, and this will never change.

Second, Reform Judaism stands for egalitarianism. Men and women have been considered to be religiously equal for more than a century. Reform long

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**Celebrating Our  
160th Year**



ELLIOT L. STEVENS, D. D., RABBI  
David A. Baylinson, D.D., *Rabbi Emeritus*

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**Office Hours**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>Tues., Wed. &amp; Thurs.</b>	<b>9-5</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9-2</b>

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*Please call Gina Friday at 262-3314 to report any corrections or inaccuracies in the bulletin.*



*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).*

**TBO PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Members,

As the New Year begins, I want to thank each of you for your continued support of Temple Beth Or.

Active membership is the lifeblood of the Temple. It is so important that we all continue to give our time and our financial support.

I'd like take this opportunity to remind you that making a donation to one of the Special Funds is a beautiful way for members to honor their friends and other congregants for birthdays, anniversaries or in memory of the death of a loved one. The recipient of the honor of the donation as well as the person donating will receive an acknowledgment from the Temple. You may also make a donation anonymously. These donations are used to offset the expense the Temple incurs for the sanctuary flowers, religion school, youth scholarships and regional meetings, grounds beautification, prayer books, and other worthwhile causes or expenses that may not otherwise be a normal budgeted item. We also have a Rabbi's Discretionary Fund that allows our rabbi an opportunity to make donations to worthwhile causes of his choice in the community or to provide emergency support for those in need.

We are so fortunate to have committed Temple members that volunteer countless hours to the Temple. It is so energizing to come to the Temple during the middle of the week and see so many people volunteering, visiting, cooking and working in the kitchen. It's especially wonderful to see so many familiar and new faces at Friday night services. Our rabbi does a beautiful job of preparing meaningful and thought provoking sermons. I encourage you to attend these services regularly.

I look forward to seeing you and your family during this High Holy Day season.

L' Shana Tova!

Jenny Ives  
President

**Recent Deaths**



**Saturday, October 22,  
Shabbat Morning  
Service**

Saturday morning, October 22, Rabbi Stevens will lead a Shabbat morning service, including Torah reading and Torah study. Service including Torah study and a light brunch will run from 9:30 – 11:15 a.m.

**Sally Golumb ז"ל**

August 14, 2011



**Marilyn Rosen ז"ל**

September 11, 2011

**Mother of Linda Smith**



**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 Birthday  
Rabbi David Baylinson  
Peggy Cohn*

**BLANCHE WINTER FUND**

*In Memory of  
Blanche Landau Winter  
Mae Winter and Elliot Cohen*

**ENDOWMENT FUND**

*In Memory of  
Allan Pirtle  
Alan and Diane Weil*

**FLORAL FUND**

*In Memory of  
Marilyn Rosen  
Lynne and Pete Ginsburg*

**GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUND**

*The Loving Memory  
Isaac May  
Rebecca L. May*

**GENERAL FUND**

*In Memory of  
Allan Pirtle  
Marlene and Rick Beringer  
  
In Honor of  
Beatrice Yellin's 92nd Birthday  
Marlene and Rick Beringer*

*In Memory of  
Marilyn Rosen  
Marlene and Rick Beringer*

**L'CHAIM LEAGUE**

*In Memory of  
Marilyn Rosen  
Alan and Diane Weil*

**RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

*In Memory of  
Marilyn Rosen  
Jenny and John Ives  
  
In Memory of  
Morris Goldberg  
Betty, Bob and Erik Goldberg  
  
In Honor of  
Rabbi Elliot Stevens  
The Ladies of Sisterhood*

**SELMA MARCUS FUND**  
*In Honor of my old friends for a  
Happy and Healthy New Year*

*Sara Matile Schwarz*

**YOUTH AND  
SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

*In Memory of  
Allan Pirtle  
Gaby Capp*

*In Honor of  
Raymond Cohen's 80th Birthday  
Myrna and Alan Rothfeder*

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**BIRTHDAYS**

- 3.....Lorraine Lieberman
- 5.....Herb Scheuer, Jr.
- 9.....Betty Goldberg
- 10.....Karen Nyman
- 18.....Isaac Cohen
- 18.....Erin Sommer
- 28.....Tricia Wool
- 29.....Bob Herzfeld
- 29.....Bruce Lieberman
- 29.....David Weinrib
- 30.....Pat Dees
- 30.....Bill Goolsby

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Birthday and Anniversary Blessings  
on October 14th.

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**ANNIVERSARIES**

- 2.....Anita & Bob Reznikoff
- 3.....Lisa & Andy Weil
- 8.....Susan & Joe Finklestein
- 8.....Linda & Bob Herzfeld
- 12.....Mary Lynne & Jim Levy
- 13.....Mae & Elliot Cohen
- 30.....Lynne & Stephen Weinrib

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**YAHARZEITS**

**To be Read 10/7/2011**

- Dorothy Jacobson
- Jennie B. Monsky
- Celia Diskin Neuman
- Helene A. Sabel
- Sonia Schedrow
- Caroline Moog Strassburger
- Virginia Loeb Weil
- Dr. Jack Wool

**To be Read 10/14/2011**

- Abe S. Monsky
- Ethel Sandler
- Sydelle Strickler
- Bert Weil

**To be Read 10/21/2011**

- Kevin Michael Goolsby
- Herman "Dick" Loeb, Jr.
- Dr. Bernard Mount
- Julius Rice
- Helen Jane Uhlman

**To be Read 10/28/2011**

- Frances Eisenberg
- Saul Ginsburg
- Joyce Happ
- Burghardt H. Klein
- Marie Ullman Levy
- Herman Loeb, Sr.
- Roberta Savler Lysaght
- Dr. Melvin Rosenthal
- Rae Kreisman Selber

**Recent Death**

Allan Pirtle ז"ל  
September 18, 2011



## WELCOME TO TBO

It is a truism that the lifeblood of any congregation is its membership. Adding a new individual or family to our membership rolls is truly a cause for celebration.

This fall, at least eight new individuals and families are joining us, and our cause for celebration is great indeed.

They are young and senior citizens; individuals and families, from diverse backgrounds, and include newcomers to the Montgomery area as well as some who have been here for many years.

We take this opportunity to thank Susan Finkelstein, our indefatigable Membership Chair, for her good work in bringing these new memberships to a successful conclusion.

Please join us on Friday evening, October 28th for our New Member Shabbat, and welcome those who are joining our Temple Beth Or community.

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## TO: FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AT TEMPLE BETH OR

Shalom,

Although you've probably seen our recent notices that Dan Nichols will be headlining a concert at Temple Beth Or on Saturday evening, October 15 – performing along with Tribe of Judah, the AUM gospel choir – I am writing now with a very special invitation to meet Dan Nichols over pizza before the public concert.

This private gathering was suggested by Jonathan Cohen [J. C.], director of URJ Camp Jacobs, the primary sponsor of the Dan Nichols Sukkot RV Tour that is bringing him to us in Montgomery. Dan, as you might know, is one of the great Jewish song leaders and composers on the scene today. He regularly fills large concert halls with his infectious, exciting music, and having him here is quite a coup. J. C. suggested we invite families with school-age children for a

pre-concert gathering, and we thought that was a grand idea.

The concert starts at 7:30 p.m. Our pizza-with-Dan will run 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Temple Library.

*Please let me know –  
Rabiels@templebethor.net, or 334-262-3314 – of your plans to attend, and with which children.* RSVP date is October 10.

I look forward to seeing you!

Best to all,  
Rabbi Elliot L. Stevens

PS. For the 7:30 concert itself, I encourage your kids to bring their friends. This will be a blockbuster event!

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## SISTERHOOD

Sisterhood is off to a busy start this Fall. We had a really fun gathering for our opening meeting at Aimee Harris's house for Cocktails and Conversation.

Corinne Capilouto arranged a beautiful and scrumptious Rosh Hashanah reception. We're participating in the Cancer Wellness Foundation of Central Alabama fundraiser by selling cookbooks and items from our gift shop as well as taking orders for cheesecakes. We look forward to a wonderful-always break-the-fast at the conclusion of Yom Kippur, thanks to Susan Finklestein. Please join as we continue to celebrate our Fall holidays of Sukkot and Simchat Torah.

Sisterhood has replaced the black-out lining on the social hall window and will soon have the interior stage curtains in place and shared the expense of having the kitchen cleaned. Sisterhood needs your assistance. The only way we can fund our projects is to have a successful fundraiser. Please do your part by ordering cheesecakes.... Carnegie Deli Cheesecakes are THE BEST and make wonderful gifts.

Sisterhood does what it can to support our Temple. Please support Sisterhood.

Marlene Beringer,  
Sisterhood President

## L'CHAIM LEAGUE

**The Tango/Luncheon** is being re-scheduled for October.

If you would like to assist in the Cook-Day on Thursday, Oct. 27th, please let me know. We will be preparing a Thanksgiving Feast at the TBO kitchen, to be served to the senior residents of Capitol Heights II in November. We have a prepared menu and recipes ready to follow.

November 15th, is the date for the Thanksgiving Lunch/Bingo. If you would like to volunteer to help serve or call bingo, please let me know.

The annual Chanukah Luncheon ends our year, in December.

We welcome our newest members: Jenny and John Ives, Sharon and Mitchell Allen, Micki Beth Stiller, Jean and Steve Schloss, Liza and Sam Kaufman. If you have missed previous programs, we welcome you to participate in these upcoming events.

Linda R. Smith  
Director

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## SHALIACH NEWS

Hello y'all,

My name is Ori Tal and I will be the Shaliach for the community for the upcoming year.

I'm 23 years old and I come from a small town in the center of Israel called GaneyTikva.

I have 2 sisters and a brother.

I'm a big sports fan and I think that I've got to the right place for that. I used to play and coach basketball and during my army time I served as a field reporter for the IDF magazine – 'Bamahane'.

After finishing my duties I went on a long trip in America where I worked as a counselor in a Jewish summer camp in Texas, traveled the southwest area and then I flew out to South America for 6 months of backpacking and experiencing new cultures.

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**2011 High Holy Day Service Times**

**Saturday, September 24**

S'l'icht Service ..... 6:00 PM

**Wednesday, September 28**

Rosh Hashanah Eve ..... 7:30 PM

*Followed by our Annual Reception*

**Thursday, September 29**

Rosh Hashanah Morning ..... 10:00 AM

Children's Service in Library ..... 10:30 AM

Tashlich at Montgomery Museum Pond ..... 1:00 PM

**Friday, September 30**

Shabbat Shuvah ..... 6:00 PM

**Sunday, October 2**

Cemetery Memorial Services

Eternal Rest Cemetery ..... 9:30 AM

Etz Ahayem Cemetery (new section) ..... 10:30 AM

Etz Ahayem Cemetery (old section) ..... 11:00 AM

**Friday, October 7**

Kol Nidrei Eve ..... 7:30 PM

**Saturday, October 8**

Yom Kippur Morning ..... 10:00 AM

Rabbi's Discussion ..... 12:00 PM

Children's Service ..... 2:30 PM

Afternoon Service ..... 3:30 PM

Memorial Service ..... appx. 4:15 PM

Concluding Service ..... 5 PM

*Followed by Break Fast (appx. 5:45 PM)*



**High Holy Day Sermon Topics**

Erev Rosh Hashanah: THE FUTURE OF AMERICAN JUDAISM

Rosh Hashanah morning: THE FLAWED HEROES OF BIBLICAL JUDAISM

Shabbat Shuvah: IS SPIRITUALITY THE ANSWER?

Kol Nidrei: NEVER THE TWAIN? WHAT WE BELIEVE; WHAT WE SAY, AND WHAT WE DO

Yom Kippur morning: GOD, TORAH AND ISRAEL: SEEKING A COMMON GROUND

Yom Kippur Discussion: THE MUSAR MOVEMENT OF ISRAEL SALANTER

Yizkor: THE BLESSING OF MEMORY



**HIGH HOLY HOLIDAYS - SOCIAL CONCERNS**

The Social Concerns function of Temple is funded by donations, and not by a line in the budget. As our activities have increased, we need to replenish the resources available.

This year you will find an envelope in your High Holy Days prayerbook, and we are asking you to return it with a generous donation to the office by the end of October.

The Social Concerns Committee carries out the following: collecting "bedtime bundles" for Child Protect, cooking and freezing 100 meals monthly for MACOA for 10 months each year, outreach to homebound members in the congregation, and *ad hoc* responses to community emergencies.

Please be generous! Thank you.

For questions, call Susan Bernstein at 281-4340.



October 1, 2011 at Frazer United Methodist Church from 11am-4:30pm – this floral exhibition and vendor fair at Montgomery’s Frazer United Methodist Church supports **Cancer Wellness Foundation of Central Alabama’s** mission of helping local cancer patients in need. The theme of the day focuses on holiday preparations – from traditional fall and football decorating to creepy Halloween surprises, homey Thanksgiving

treats, creative Hanukkah accessories to the most elegant Christmas trimmings. There will be live demonstrations by talented floral designers and opportunities to take their beautiful creations home! With the holidays just around the corner, there will be lots to see...lots to learn...lots to buy! Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. To purchase in advance call 334.273.2279.



**DONATIONS NEEDED**

Are you tired of polishing those silver pieces at your house? If so, please consider donating your silver trays and serving pieces to the temple. Several of the Temple’s trays are in need of re-silvering which is cost prohibitive. We’re especially in need of larger trays. Your generous donations will be greatly appreciated.



**GUEST SPEAKER:**

**AUTHOR RABBI JAMIE KORNGOLD**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 7:00 P.M.**

Rabbi Korngold is an ordained Reform rabbi and the founder and executive director of the Adventure Rabbi Program, based in Boulder, Colorado. She is nationally recognized for her innovative work combining religion and nature, as well as for her cutting-edge use of technology.



Rabbi Jamie Korngold is the author of *The God Upgrade: Finding Your 21st-Century Spirituality in Judaism’s 5,000-Year-Old Tradition* (Jewish Lights, April 2011), as well as the best-selling book *God in the Wilderness* (Doubleday 2008), which is now in its third printing. Her first children’s book, *Sadie’s Sukkah Breakfast* (Kar Ben, August 2011 ) received stellar reviews and has already sold over 15,000 copies.

A favorite of the media, she has been featured by Good Morning America, USA Today, NPR, the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Ski as well as many other outlets.

Rabbi Korngold is an athlete and a scholar. She completed the Leadville Trail 100, a hundred-mile running race, in less than thirty hours and was ranked fourth in the nation for telemark mogul skiing. She is a graduate of Cornell University’s natural resources program and received her masters and ordination from Hebrew Union College.

Rabbi Korngold is best known for her ability to make Judaism relevant, meaningful, and accessible and therefore opening the doors back to Judaism for thousands of disenfranchised Jews. Through her nature-based approach to religion, she is able to bridge the gap between scientific thought and religion, healing a fissure that often disrupts spiritual paths.

She lives in Boulder, Colorado, with her husband and two daughters.

*Sponsored by the Rothschild-Blachschleger Lecture Series.*

## Welcome to our newest members!

Carmen and. Robert Blau  
331 Center Drive - Maxwell AFB  
Montgomery, AL 36113  
356-2839

Dr. Phillip Golomb  
3817 Lockwood Lane  
Montgomery, AL 36111  
263-3900

### More new members to be announced next month!

Be sure to join us on October 28th for our  
New Member Shabbat Service at 6 PM.  
A wine and cheese reception will follow service.



#### NEWEST ARRIVAL

Hunter Louise Connolly  
Born September 20th  
5:26 am ✧ 6 lbs. 12oz.

Grandparents are Robin and  
Andy Kromis



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

September 30  
November 4  
December 2  
January 6  
February 3  
March 2  
April 13  
May 4  
June 1

*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.*

#### 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, October 14th**, at the usual start time of 6:00 p.m. Remaining dates are: November 11, December 9, January 13, February 10, March 9, April 20, May 18, June 15



#### 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.

# *Make Your 2011 Holiday Special!!!*

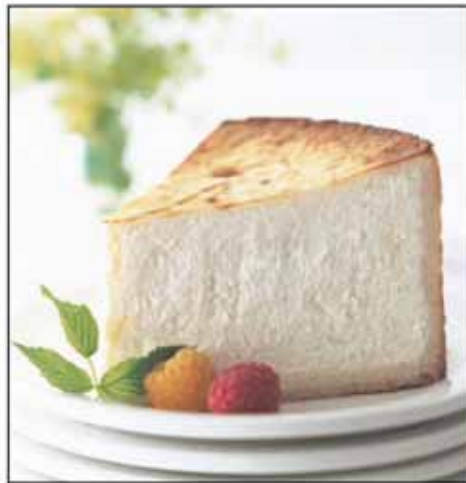
**Temple Beth Or Sisterhood presents...**

Direct from New York...

## **Carnegie Deli Cheesecake**

*Thank you for your  
continued support!*

*Marlene Beringer  
Lisa Weil*



***Still the  
Sweetest  
Deal in Town!***

From the Carnegie Deli in New York City, this classic cheesecake has been a New York tradition since 1937, and the favorite of cheesecake fans everywhere! This dense and creamy cheesecake has only the very finest ingredients for that unique, New York style taste and texture: pure cream cheese, thick sour cream, natural vanilla, and that crumbled, crunchy butter cookie crust. Undeniably the favorite, from your first bite to the last, this is New York's finest!

**Pick-up will be 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., November 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, at the Temple.**

**Located at 2246 Narrow Lane Road, 36106 \* (334) 262-3314**

*(across from Montgomery Country Club golf course)*

**Just in time for the holidays!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home/Work#: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please Print***

\_\_\_\_\_ # of 6" Cheesecakes (yields 10-12 slices) @ \$20 each / \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total

\_\_\_\_\_ # of 8" Cheesecakes (yields 12-14 slices) @ \$30 each / \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total

**Orders and checks must be received by October 28, 2011**

Make checks payable to: Temple Beth Or Sisterhood

**Send your check to:  
Marlene Beringer  
2200 Wentworth Drive  
Montgomery, AL 36106  
(334) 272-6688  
sisterhoodtbo@gmail.com**



ago rejected a hierarchy that differentiates among descendants of priests, Levites and common folk, or created a special status for first-born sons. Reform holds that we all have the same rights, privileges and responsibilities from a religious perspective, regardless of sexual orientation. Egalitarianism will never change.

Third, Reform Judaism affirms both modernity and tradition. Reform was born out of the Enlightenment, embracing modern culture – arts, sciences and humanities, and an enlightened spirit of open inquiry – but Reform also is rooted in traditional Jewish values and the traditions of our people. Today’s Reform Judaism sees nothing antithetical about standing in the dual worlds of modernity and tradition; learning from any part of our tradition, whether from philosophy or Talmudic texts or the world of Jewish mysticism in no way undermines our critical faculties or reduces our rationality. One can be Reform and study Talmud, or recite a prayer in Hebrew, or observe Shabbat; standing within tradition from a modern perspective does not make us Conservative or Orthodox. Our commitment to learning, open inquiry and a “big tent” approach to Judaism will also not change.

One could cite other Reform perspectives. Once uncomfortable with Zionism, today’s Reform supports Israel, and the building up of liberal Jewish communities in dozens of countries throughout the world. Reform has also, more than any other stream of American Judaism, been in the forefront of applying traditional Jewish teachings to issues of social justice and this, too, will not change.

Our “core values” includes the way we worship. I and our lay leadership are committed to Reform Judaism, and, that our styles of worship will not change, nor will we introduce traditional prayers calling for restoration of animal sacrifices, or eliminating the matriarchs, or praying for a messiah or resurrection of the dead.

One could argue that Judaism has *always* been Reform, in the sense that Judaism adapts and changes to the needs of each new generation. Absent change, we stagnate and our religion risks petrification. As Leonard Fein once said, “Reform is a verb.” Changes there will be, for the sake of strengthening our future, but knowing that our temple is in the hands of its superb leadership gives me confidence that any changes we face will help us to secure our future and pass a much stronger community on to our heirs in the next generation.

Elliot L. Stevens

**COMING SOON!**

**Carnegie**  
**DELI**  
**CHEESECAKES**

Please support Sisterhood’s Fundraiser by purchasing a cheesecake. See form to the left.



**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 Dinner and Cabaret Benefit on Saturday evening, February 4.

***Watch for Details!***

***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.***



# AI☆EA ADULT EDUCATION

**SATURDAYS**

9:00 AM -

**Coffee and Conversation**  
October 1, 15, 22, 29

30 minutes after kiddush - **Brunch and Learn** on October 1, 15, 22, 29

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

## Adult education program at Agudath Israel

**Introduction to Judaism** - October, 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Join Rabbi Kramer on Monday evenings from 7 PM to 8:30 PM for an "Introduction to Judaism" class. Open to all members of the Montgomery Jewish community and to those that are thinking of joining the Jewish community.



**Kol Ami Religious School**

**Meets at TBO**

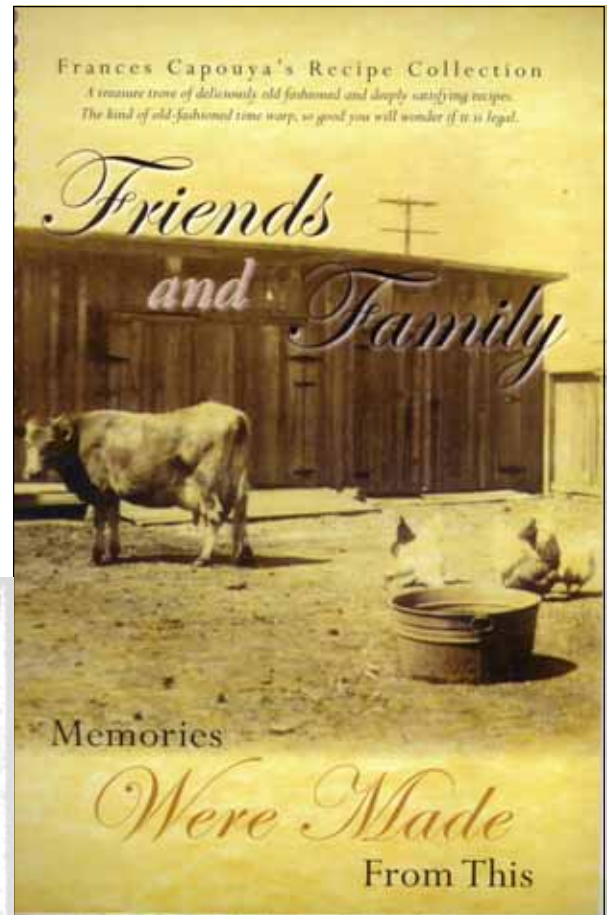
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- 10/30
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- 12/11

### SINGLES GROUP

**Attention All Jewish Singles \* 50 & up**

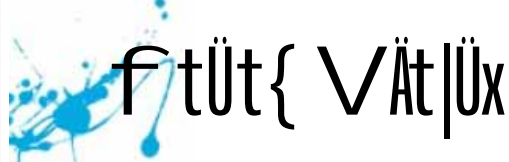
Jewish Singles 50 & Up meets at LongHorn Steak House at 2295 Cobbs Ford Road in Prattville on Saturday, October 22nd at 5:30 PM. If you are interested in

attending contact:  
Carol Ronning  
at 279-0140.



**COOKBOOKS HAVE ARRIVED!**  
Frances Capouya has written a family cookbook and is generously giving the proceeds from the upcoming second printing to the Temple. The cost of the cookbook is \$30. Call or email Gina at the Temple (262.3314/bethor@templebethor.net) if you'd like to purchase a copy.

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US AS OUR DAUGHTER



IS CALLED TO THE TORAH AS A BAT MITZVAH

SATURDAY, THE FIFTH OF NOVEMBER,  
TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN AT TEN O'CLOCK  
IN THE MORNING

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LUNCHEON FOLLOWING SERVICES

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## ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS TAKING SHAPE FOR 2011 – 2012

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

### SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday, October 15, 7:30 PM, **Concert** at TBO with Dan Nichols, one of the most beloved and influential Jewish contemporary musicians in North America. Co-Sponsored by Rothschild-Blachschleger Lecture Series, JFCA and URJ Camp Jacobs.

Thursday, October 27, 7 PM, **Guest Speaker:** Rabbi Jamie Korngold, author of *THE GOD UPGRADE*. Sponsored by the Rothschild-Blachschleger Lecture Series.

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### STUDY OPPORTUNITIES WITH RABBI STEVENS

#### JUDAISM BASICS & BASIC HEBREW

This basic survey of Judaism runs for ten sessions, starting October 27. Take a whirlwind tour of Jewish history, learn about Jewish traditions on life cycle events and the Jewish calendar, study the main religious themes of Jewish tradition, and ask as many questions as you wish.

Sessions run from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. **By Advance Registration: Please register with Gina Friday at the TBO office.**

Dates and topics are:

- Oct. 27 ..... Overview of Judaism
- Nov. 3 ..... A Whirlwind Tour of Jewish History
- Nov. 10 ..... The Basic Texts of Judaism
- Nov. 17 ..... Lifecycle: Birth through Bar Mitzvah
- Dec. 1 ..... Lifecycle: Marriage and Divorce
- Dec. 8 ..... Lifecycle: Illness, death, mourning
- Jan. 5 ..... Holidays: Shabbat and Festivals
- Jan. 12 ..... Holidays: Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur
- Jan. 19 ..... Holidays: Minor holidays (Chanukah, Purim, etc.)
- Jan. 26 ..... Modern Judaism: Israel; Denominations

**Hebrew bonus session:** For those who want to learn to read Hebrew, now's your chance. You CAN learn to read in just ten sessions, from 9:30 – 10:00 a.m. following the class in Basic Judaism.

## ADULT EDUCATION SERIES ON THE HOLOCAUST

The Holocaust [*Shoah* in Hebrew, “conflagration”] was the single most destructive event in Jewish history and, as the only example where the entire apparatus of a state was explicitly directed toward the world-wide extirpation of an entire people, unique in human experience.

The study of the Holocaust must address disturbing and difficult questions raised by that experience. What can we learn from the long history of anti-Semitism? Who made the decision for the “final solution”? Could the Jews have done more to protect themselves? Why was the Pope silent, and was his silence justified? Should the Allies have bombed Auschwitz? How ethical were the Judenrate [Jewish Councils within the ghettos]?

This class will be in three parts:

Session I: The Origins and History of Anti-Semitism [November 3]

Session II: The Rise of Nazism through Krystallnacht [November 17]

Session III: The War Against the Jews and the World's Response [Dec. 1]

All sessions will be led by Rabbi Stevens and are open to all at no charge in the Social Hall at Temple Beth Or.  
Thursday evenings, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.



Allison Lloveras (R) and her roommate, Shivani (L) in their room at Austin College



Elad Arnon (former JFCA Shaliach) and Nirit on their wedding date, August 24th.



Hannah Soloff, Dani Loeb and Juliet Lloveras on the first day of Kol Ami Religious School



Bottom: Sisterhood's "Conversation & Cocktails event on September 14th at Aimee Harris' home.



I'm happy to be here, to learn about your community, to teach you about mine, and to try and strengthen the bond between Israel and Jews all around the planet.

But what does it mean to "strengthen" this bond?

Just a few days before arriving here in Montgomery, the first Israeli to ever serve as a shaliach told me this powerful story.

He told of the first meeting of a group of NFTY kids from America with a group of Israeli kids, over lunch. At first, you couldn't tell the difference between them, they were all wearing jeans and T-shirts, some had earrings, some had long hair, but they looked basically the same.

At the end of the meal, the rabbi of the NFTY group led "The Birkat," and then for the first time the difference between the kids became suddenly apparent.

The Israeli kids asked what is this? The American kids answered in shock, "It's the blessing you say after meals." "They started singing and the Israeli kids looking at them and couldn't understand what was going on?"

After the prayer, the American kids asked, "What kind of Jews are you that you don't know Birkat? Do you ever pray? Did you ever go to a synagogue?"

The Israeli kids fired back with questions. "Do you really know the meaning of what you just sang? Did you understand the lyrics? Where are you going to be in a year from now, in college? I'm going to be in the army, to protect the only Jewish state. What kind of a Jew are you?"

I don't think there are kinds of Jews. We are all the sons and daughters of Abraham. We just grow up in different places, but we were all raised by the same Jewish values and we share the same 'history' – the same Jewish memory.

It's a fascinating time for Israel today. The public has awakened up from their long sleep and people are becoming active in creating change. I look forward to see where it will lead us and

if we are facing a real change in our society.

And I hope that at the end of this year we will also see a change and we will understand more about each other and the gap of knowledge will be smaller.

I would love to answer any questions, to talk about every subject and to help with anything you need.

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### LIBRARY

As the weather (hopefully) begins to turn cooler, we'll use this month's column to highlight a few anthology titles in the library collection that could make for a nice "curling up with a good book and a cup of coffee (or tea)" time.

*Mystery Midrash: An Anthology of Jewish Mystery & Detective Fiction*, edited by Lawrence W. Raphael.

Raphael brings us a collection of work by such authors as Stuart Kaminsky, Howard Engel, Tony Brill, Richard Fliegel, Faye Kellerman, Ronald Levitsky, Michael Kahn, and Batya Yagur. Raphael states that "there is something essentially Jewish about mystery fiction." *Publishers Weekly* says, "Despite their Jewish themes, these stories have an ecumenical appeal: to Raphael, Mazel Tov!"

*America and I: Short Stories by American Jewish Women Writers*, edited by Joyce Antler. An "absorbing collection . . . powerful and deeply moving," states *Publisher Weekly*. Antler organizes this anthology by time period: "From the Ghetto and Beyond: 1900-1929," "Troubles in the New World: 1930-1959," "Wider Glimpses: 1960-1979," and "The Past as Present: The 1990s" (this volume was published in 1991). In all, twenty-three stories are included.

*8 Great Hebrew Short Novels*, edited by Alan Lelchuk and Gershon Shaked. Lelchuk and Shaked include works from eight Hebrew authors: S.Y. Agnon, Yosef Haim Brenner, Uri Nissan Gnessin, Yehoshua Kenaz, Amos Oz, Yitzhak Shami, David Vogel,

and A.B. Yehoshua. The editors emphasize in their introduction that the select of novels was based upon literary merit and not "historical place in Hebrew literature." They go on to say, "Our aim is to draw attention specifically to these outstanding writers and their distinct contributions in the novella form . . .". Lelchuk and Shaked make a firm point that in compiling this collection they are attempting to correct "the false view" that Hebrew literature can only be viewed within the socio-political context of Israel.

*Best Contemporary Jewish Writing*, edited by Michael Lerner. Lerner is founder of *Tikkun* magazine, and in this anthology brings together the work (a mixture of poetry, essay, fiction, memoir) of such writers as Adrienne Rich, Phillip Roth, Naomi Wolf, Yehuha Amichai, as well as such public figures as Joe Lieberman. He states that his selection is based upon the intent to bring together writing that connects or reflects "the fundamental Jewish project of healing and transformation, both personal transformation (*tikkun atzmi*) and healing of the world (*tikkun olam*)," and that "(t)aken as a whole, this volume admirably integrates the personal and political concerns of contemporary Judaism, and provides something for just about everyone to agree with--and, perhaps more importantly, disagree with."

Eric A. Kidwell, MLS

## Beyond October!

**Thursday, November 3, 8:30 AM**, Study with Rabbi Stevens. Basic Judaism begins at 8:30 AM. Class two: A Whirlwind Tour of Jewish History. A 30-minute Basic Hebrew class follows at 9:30 AM.

**Thursday, November 3, 7 PM**, Adult Ed: Study of the Holocaust. Session I: The Origins and History of Anti-Semitism. TBO Social Hall.

**Friday, November 4, 5 PM**, Family Chavurah Shabbat service in the Blachschleger Library - suitable for children of all ages.

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

**Thursday, November 10, 8:30 AM**, Study with Rabbi Stevens. Basic Judaism begins at 8:30 AM. Class three: The Basic Texts of Judaism. A 30-minute Basic Hebrew class follows at 9:30 AM.

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

**Tuesday, November 15, 11:30 AM**, L'Chaim League's Thanksgiving lunch and bingo for Capital Heights Place.

**Thursday, November 17, 7 PM**, Adult Ed: Study of the Holocaust. Session II: The Rise of Nazism through Krystallnacht. TBO Social Hall.

**Thursday, November 17, 8:30 AM**, Study with Rabbi Stevens. Basic Judaism begins at 8:30 AM. Class four: Lifecycle: Birth through Bar Mitzvah. A 30-minute Basic Hebrew class follows at 9:30 AM.

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

**Thursday, December 1, 7 PM**, Adult Ed: Study of the Holocaust. Session III: The War Against the Jews and the World's Response TBO Social Hall.

**Thursday, December 1, 8:30 AM**, Study with Rabbi Stevens. Basic Judaism begins at 8:30 AM. Class five: Lifecycle: Marriage and Divorce. A 30-minute Basic Hebrew class follows at 9:30 AM.

**Friday, December 2, 5 PM**, Family Chavurah Shabbat service in the Blachschleger Library - suitable for children of all ages.

**Saturday, December 3, 9:30 AM**, Shabbat morning service and Torah study with

Rabbi Stevens. Light brunch served.

**Thursday, December 8, 7:30 PM**, Guest Speaker: Rabbi Michael Cook, author of MODERN JEWS ENGAGE THE NEW TESTAMENT: Enhancing Jewish Well-Being in a Christian Environment. Sponsored by the Rothschild-Blachschleger Lecture Series. Location: Ligon Chapel, Flower Hall at Huntingdon College. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

**Thursday, December 8, 8:30 AM**, Study with Rabbi Stevens. Basic Judaism begins at 8:30 AM. Class six: Lifecycle: Illness, death, mourning. A 30-minute Basic Hebrew class follows at 9:30 AM.

**Friday, December 9, 6 PM**, Shabbat Service. TORAH READING AND D'VAR TORAH.

**Thursday, January 5, 8:30 AM**, Study with Rabbi Stevens. Basic Judaism begins at 8:30 AM. Class seven:

Holidays: Shabbat and Festivals. A 30-minute Basic Hebrew class follows at 9:30 AM.

**Friday, January 6, 5 PM**, Family Chavurah Shabbat service in the Blachschleger Library - suitable for children of all ages.

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

**Thursday, January 12, 8:30 AM**, Study with Rabbi Stevens. Basic Judaism begins at 8:30 AM. Class eight: Holidays: Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. A 30-minute Basic Hebrew class follows at 9:30 AM.

**Friday, January 13, 6 PM**, Shabbat Service. TORAH READING AND D'VAR TORAH.

**Thursday, January 19, 8:30 AM**, Study with Rabbi Stevens. Basic Judaism begins at 8:30 AM. Class nine: Holidays: Minor holidays (Chanukah, Purim, etc.). A 30-minute Basic Hebrew class follows at 9:30 AM.

**Friday, January 20, 6 PM**, Classical Service with Union Prayer Book.

**Thursday, January 26, 8:30 AM**, Study with Rabbi Stevens. Basic Judaism begins at 8:30 AM. Class ten: Modern Judaism: Israel; Denominations. A 30-minute Basic Hebrew class follows at 9:30 AM.

**Friday, February 3, 5 PM**, Family Chavurah Shabbat service in the Blachschleger Library - suitable for children

of all ages.

**Saturday, February 4, 7 PM**, Dinner and Cabaret Benefit with Andrea Rae Markowicz. Advance reservations required.

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

**Friday, February 10, 6 PM**, Shabbat Service. TORAH READING AND D'VAR TORAH.

**Thursday, March 1, 7 PM**, Guest Speaker: Steve Kussin: DOCTOR, YOUR PATIENT WILL SEE YOU NOW: Gaining the Upper Hand in Your Medical Care. Sponsored by the Rothschild-Blachschleger Lecture Series.

**Friday, March 2, 5 PM**, Family Chavurah Shabbat service in the Blachschleger Library - suitable for children of all ages.

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

**Wednesday, March 7, TBA**, Purim Service - Costumes (adults, too!), Purim Pictionary, the famous Megillah and Hamentaschen!

**Friday, March 9, 6 PM**, Shabbat Service. TORAH READING AND D'VAR TORAH.

**Sunday, March 11, 9 AM - 3 PM**, Temple Beth Or's Annual Jewish Food Festival.

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

**Friday, April 13, 6 PM**, A 160th Anniversary of Temple Beth Or special Shabbat service. Union Prayerbook Service.

**Friday, April 13, All Day**, TBO Office closed for 7th day of Passover.

**Saturday, April 14, 9:30 AM**, Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Rabbi Stevens. Light brunch served.

**Friday, April 20, 6 PM**, Shabbat Service. TORAH READING AND D'VAR TORAH.

**Thursday, May 3, 7 PM**, Guest Speaker: Jim Axelrod: IN THE LONG RUN: A Father, a Son, and Unintentional Lessons in Happiness. Sponsored by the Rothschild-Blachschleger Lecture Series.

**Friday, May 4, 5 PM**, Family Chavurah Shabbat service in the Blachschleger Library - suitable for children of all ages.

**Saturday, May 5, 9:30 AM**, Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Rabbi Stevens. 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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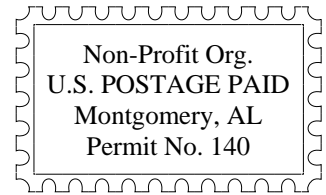
Want an updated look at what's going on at Temple? Go to [www.templebethor.net](http://www.templebethor.net).

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:30 Kol Ami Cemetery Services 9:30 AM Eternal Rest 10:30 AM Etz Ahayem Cemetery (new section) 11 AM Etz Ahayem (old section)	3	4	5 7:30 AM, L'Chaim Leagues visits Belle Chevre, home of hand-crafted fine French style goat's milk cheese in Elkmont, Alabama.	6	7 October 7, 7:30 PM, Kol Nidrei Eve.	8 10 AM, YK Morning 12 PM, Discussion. 2:30 PM, Children's 3:30 PM, Afternoon Service 4:15 PM, Memorial Service. 5 PM, Concluding Service followed by Break Fast
9	10	11	12 6 PM, Sukkot service. This service will be held outdoors at our TBO sukkah.	13 TBO Office closed for Sukkot.	14 6 PM, Shabbat Service. TORAH READING AND D'VAR TORAH. Jeff Herring accompanies.	15 7:30 PM, Concert at TBO with Dan Nichols
16 9:30 AM, Kol Ami Religious School at TBO	17	18	19 6 PM, Simchat Torah Celebration.	20 TBO Office closed for Simchat Torah.	21 6 PM Shabbat Service	22 9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Rabbi Stevens.
23 9:30 AM, Kol Ami Religious School at TBO	24 Monday, October 24, 7 PM, JFCA presents 2 guest speakers: 1) Moshe Yeshayahu, ; and 2) Jennifer Kraft. Location TBA.	25	26	27 8:30 AM, Basic Judaism 9:30 AM Basic Hebrew class. 12 PM L'Chaim League cooks 7 PM, Guest Speaker: Rabbi Jamie Korngold	28 6 PM, New Member Shabbat. Wine and cheese reception follows service.	29
30 9:30 AM, Kol Ami Religious School at TBO	31					

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## Thanksgiving Morning November 24, 2011

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

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

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

*In observance of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sam Lapidus Montclair Run, the  
35<sup>th</sup> Annual Montclair Run,  
We celebrate the life of  
Sam Lapidus --  
His love of fitness and  
the LJCC, his love of  
family and friends,  
His love of Life,  
Which he lived to the  
fullest.*



*The TBO Office will be  
closed on  
Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> for  
Sukkot and on  
Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> for  
Simchat Torah.*

With Tribe of Judah

October 15th at TBO