

Temple Beth Or Bulletin

A VIEW FROM THE BIMAH

January 2012 ~ Tevet/Sh'vat 5772



I write this having just returned from what could well have been the largest Jewish assembly ever – the Biennial convention of

the Union for Reform Judaism [URJ]. With nearly 6,000 Jewish leaders from throughout North America, Israel and elsewhere, the convention attested to the health, excitement and vitality that characterizes today's Reform. Reform Judaism is now by far the largest expression of Judaism, and is also the largest liberal religious movement of any denomination in North America.

One cannot imagine how validating and inspiring it is to worship and sing with more than 5,000 fellow Reform Jews; or to attend a Shabbat dinner with that same number singing the songs in one voice; or to attend some of literally hundreds of sessions covering every academic and practical field imaginable, and realize by the absolute wealth of offerings emanating from our Movement that Reform is not only thriving, but continuing to energize and lead the Jewish world.

I use the word "lead" advisedly. We celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Religious Action Center, a unique Jewish institution in which we should all take great pride. Both the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 were written in their conference room. The Soviet Jewry movement was largely born there, and the National Conference of Soviet Jewry was housed at the RAC in their early days. America's concern with Darfur; with equal rights for women – and gays and lesbians and workers and just about anyone else who has been downtrodden or oppressed – was fostered and led by the RAC as much as by any other organization; the RAC, together with Martin Luther King, Jr. and other black leaders, organized the March on

Washington. Indeed President Barak Obama, in speaking to our convention, said that without Reform Judaism's Religious Action Center, he probably would not have been standing there as president.

I have heard some of our members decry the social action focus of our Movement as too politicized, or too liberal, or even as antithetical to their sense of what the term "religion" signifies. My own feeling is the opposite – that the work of the RAC and Reform Judaism itself carry on the prophetic tradition as no one else does, and must continue to do so as part of our very *raison d'être*.

President Obama's address was electrifying, especially when he recognized the NFTY contingent and hundreds of our leading Reform Jewish youth screamed in unison. After giving a wonderful D'var Torah including appropriate (and well pronounced) Hebrew references, the president spoke of America's relationship with Israel.

President Obama stated his strong support for a two-state solution – a strong, secure Israel, and an independent Palestine. He is frustrated at the state of the peace process, but averred that peace and the process toward peace cannot be imposed; they must be negotiated by the parties. He said "My vision begins with a strong, secure state of Israel; we share bonds of values and interests, and stand with Israel as a Jewish democratic state. Ehud Barak, Israel's defense minister, also spoke to our conference, and said much the same thing, saying "that no administration has done more for Israeli security than this one." Both Ehud Barak and Barak Obama pointed out that under this administration, the United States has provided more funding than any other in history, including an advanced missile defense system. Obama also noted that his administration has forged alliances that

have led to the hardest hitting sanctions Iran has ever faced. In pointing to other examples, he said that his administration saw to the dispatch of fire-fighting units to fight the fires around Haifa, and also saw to the security of Israelis in Cairo during riots around the Israeli Embassy there in the midst of the Egyptian revolution. "The United States has defended Israel in forums around the world," he said, and the Israeli defense minister noted the many vetoes taken by the U.S. before the United Nations. To be sure, some of President Obama's remarks seemed like boiler-plate campaign rhetoric – but I found the content to be cogent, credible and comforting.

I will be reporting on other aspects of the convention in other ways, to our congregation and our Board, in coming days. I look forward in particular to sharing some programs and insights I learned in the workshops I attended, in particular in such areas as website management, streaming video of worship services, and other practical areas of interest – including one program that shared the "cohabitation" experiences of several congregations that had learned to live with each other.

My only disappointment is that I was alone in representing our congregation. Even the Reform congregation in Dothan, a third our size, sent four delegates. I do believe that there is a relationship between the strength of our own community and our awareness of and participation in the larger world of Reform Judaism. I unhesitatingly encourage each of you to consider joining me at the next Biennial, set for mid-December, 2013 in San Diego.

Elliot L. Stevens

**Celebrating Our
160th Year**



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| Monday | CLOSED |
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**The Jewish Federation
of Central Alabama**



*When scheduling
calendar events
involving the*

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

TBO PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

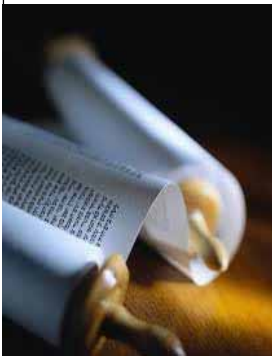
Dear Members,

In the most recent issue of Reform Judaism, I read many responses submitted to a Think Tank Conversation and I continued to read one statement over and over. *“As I age, I feel less and less connected to my Jewish community, and less and less valued.”* As your president, I hope that the leadership at Temple Beth Or is doing everything we can to ensure that each member feels connected to the Temple and valued by our Temple community and family. I can assure you that we work hard to hopefully address the needs of our members but if we are not, I commit to you that we will be available to you and do our best to make you feel valued.

If we are not meeting your needs, please let us know. If you (or someone you know) is sick and in need of a friendship Temple visit or a visit from the rabbi, please let us know. If you feel disconnected and there is something you think we can do to address these issues, please let us know. The Temple Beth Or Board has members that want you to know that your opinion is important and we will value your opinion. Please always feel free to share your feelings with any of us. We are here to serve you.

Warm regards,

Jenny Ives
President



**Saturday, January 7,
Shabbat Morning
Service**

Saturday morning, January 7, 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.

HERITAGE SHABBAT

Friday ♦ January 20th ♦ 6:00 PM

Please join us on January 20th when we will use the familiar pages of the Union Prayer Book and classical Reform music in this special Shabbat service.

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.

FLORAL FUND

Belated Congrats to Bette Sue Strasburger on your 2011 Volunteer of the Year award
Lisa and Andy Weil

In Memory of Carol Weil
Lisa and Andy Weil

Happy 80th Birthday
Janice Baylinson
Lisa and Andy Weil

In Memory of Robert Heilpern
Lisa and Andy Weil

In Honor of
The 50th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Mussafer
Lisa and Andy Weil

Happy Birthday Uncle Bobby
Lisa and Andy Weil

In Honor of
Ralph Capouya's 85th Birthday
Jenny and John Ives

In Honor of
Richard and Jeanette Hanan
Jenny and John Ives

GENERAL FUND

In Memory of
Flora Jackson Hanchrow
Peggy and Maurice Mussafer

In Memory of
Flora Jackson Hanchrow
The Kimerling Family: David, Mary, Alex, Whitney, Katherine and Steven Bromberg

Wishing Richard and Jeanette Hanan a happy New Year and a year filled with good health and happiness
Sandra and Alan Berman

In Honor of the Jews in Israel
Donna Lisa Samuel

L'CHAIM LEAGUE

In Memory of Harold Gubin
In Memory of Marilyn Rosen
Tammy Saperstein

In Honor of
Ralph Capouya's 85th Birthday
Tammy Saperstein

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In Memory of Isabelle Goldberg
Betty, Bob and Erik Goldberg

In Memory of Nicholas Gross
Robin and Andy Kromis

In Honor of
Shirley Beringer's 89th Birthday
Betty, Bob and Erik Goldberg

SAMUEL SCHLOSS
COMMUNITY FUND

In Memory of Marion C. Breyer
Burke Schloss

YOUTH AND SCHOLARSHIP

Happy Birthday Jeanette Hanan
Myrna and Alan Rothfeder

In Memory of
Jeanette Rothfeder Posner
Liza and Sam Kaufman

In Honor of
Ralph Capouya's 85th Birthday
Myrna and Alan Rothfeder

Happy Birthday Sharon Berry
Tammy Saperstein

BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Linda Herzfeld
- 4 Joseph Levin, Jr.
- 6 Peggy Mussafer
- 7 Ruth Rosenthal
- 10 Phillip Golomb
- 10 Bette Sue Strasburger
- 12 Elizabeth Wahls
- 13 Nikki Rothschild
- 14 Richard Hanan
- 18 Elise Toney
- 22 Carolyn Rothschild
- 23 Rita Sabel
- 26 Herman Franco
- 27 Jane Rothschild
- 27 Deanna Sumner
- 28 Mario Castura
- 28 Diane Weil
- 30 Maxine Goldner
- 30 Florence Savler

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings on January 6th.

ANNIVERSARIES

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

To be read 1/6/2012
Arthur B. Beringer, Jr.
Gilson Capilouto
Morris Levy
Myron C. Lobman, Jr.
Carol W. Rothschild
Elise F. Shwarts
Adolph Weil, Sr.

To be read 1/13/2012
Hermann Berger
Beryl Cohen
Simon Hertz
Sophie Oppenheimer Hertz
Dr. Aviva Hoffman
Bertha Model
Clara G. Mussafer
Bert C. Weil, Sr.

To be read 1/20/2012
Bertha S. Abraham
Albert Capp
Eli Cohen
David R. Franco
Irma Levy
Myrtle Kaufman Loeb
Eva Marco
Ben Neuman
Faye Levinson Shum

To be read 1/27/2012
Albert Abraham
Henry L. Abraham
Samuel Alan Behrman
Rabbi Eugene Blachschleger
Betty Coleman
Leo J. Drum, Sr.
Jake Feinman
Eli Hanan
Joseph Hanchrow
Bernard Horowitz

L'CHAIM LEAGUE

Our annual Hanukah Luncheon was held at *Michael's Table* this year with 32 in attendance. Both Rabbis entertained us with "spur of the moment" requests, and much fun was had by all.

The Archives and History Building is the site for our next tour on **Tuesday, January 17th**. The tour will include the new wing. There is no charge for the tour. Afterwards, we will have lunch at the Young House. Lunch will be your responsibility. For those of us that have not been to the Archives Building in a long while, I understand that we are in for quite a treat. We will caravan from the TBO parking lot at 9:15 AM.

Our exciting program for February will be presented by our community member, Peggy Mussafer. The date for this event is **Tuesday, February 7th** at the *Egg and I*. Peggy will guide us through her art world and how we can help it survive in our Montgomery Community. Look for more outings in the spring, that I am sure will be of interest to many of you.

We look forward to your participation in any or all of our events.

Linda R. Smith

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SISTERHOOD

Sisterhood continues its busy schedule. We participated in Old Alabama Town Holiday Open House where Rabbi Stevens and Ori

Tal told the story of Chanukah, lighted the menorah, and lead visitors in Chanukah songs. Tammy and Annie Saperstein had several art activities for the children and Susan Bernstein and Marlene Beringer played dreidels with the visitors.

Traditional jelly filled doughnuts were enjoyed by all. Our only disappointment was in the attendance; however, those who came learned about Chanukah and had a fun time.

All had a fun food-filled Chanukah celebration at Sisterhood's covered dish supper. Thanks to Jamie Loeb for organizing the event. It was enjoyed by all.

We look forward to Andrea Rae Markowicz returning for a special weekend which begins with Sisterhood Shabbat in February.

Marlene Beringer

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FROM THE LIBRARY

We're pleased to have received several new book shipments since the holidays. By the time you find this bulletin in your mailbox, many of these new titles will have been processed and made available to you. We'll be highlighting a number of titles in forthcoming bulletins, but here is a taste of what we have received:

For the genealogist: *The Encyclopedia of Jewish Genealogy, Volume I: Sources in the United States and Canada, From Generation to Generation: How to Trace Your Jewish Genealogy and*

Family History by Arthur Kurzweil, *Avotaynu Guide to Jewish Genealogy* edited by Sallyann Amdur and Sack & Gary Mokotoff, *How to Trace Your Jewish Roots* by Rabbi Jo David, *Google Your Family Tree: Unlock the Hidden Power of Google* by Daniel M. Lynch, and *Getting Started in Jewish Genealogy* (2011 edition) by Gary Mokotoff.

In the arts we've purchased *The Human Figure and Jewish Culture* by Eliane Strosberg, and *Lost Lives, Lost Art: Jewish Collectors, Nazi Art Theft, and the Quest for Justice* by Melissa Muller, Monkia Tatzkow, and Ronald S. Lauder.

Novels include *Pictures at an Exhibition* by Sara Houghteling, set in Paris during World War II; *Threads and Flames* by Esther Friesner, set in New York at the time of the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire; and *Displaced Persons* by Ghita Schwarz, a debut novel set in the aftermath of World War II with a protagonist who, recently liberated from a concentration camp, must now rebuild his life.

For history buffs we have *The Witness House: Nazis and Holocaust Survivors Sharing a Villa During the Nuremberg Trials* by Christiane Kohl, *Operation Exodus: From the Nazi Death Camps to the Promised Land: A Perilous Journey that Shaped Israel's Fate* by Gordon Thomas, and *Peace in the Making: The Menachem Begin – Anwar El-Sadat Personal Correspondence* edited by Harry Hurwitz and Yisrael Medad.

And lastly, for younger readers we have *Remarkable Park* by Bracha Goetz, a picture book about two

Jewish children who discover numerous animal friends at *Remarkable Park* (ages 4-6); and the first four titles in the Boy Sherlock Holmes series by Shane Peacock – *Eye of the Crow*, *Death in the Air*, *Vanishing Girl*, and *The Secret Fiend* (ages 10 and up), and *The Song of the Whales* by Uri Orlev (winner of the Hans Christian Andersen Medal in 1996) about a boy who moves to Israel where he learns from his grandfather an amazing and magical secret.

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SHALIACH NEWS

On December 1st 1955 Rosa Parks refused to leave her bus seat in order to make room for a white passenger. Unknowingly, Park's act of defiance (and the harsh arrest that followed) ignited a struggle that ended racial segregation in America.

Since then, the world has changed and progressed, but lately it looks like the world is taking a few steps backwards. All around the world we see religious extremists fighting freedom and liberalism and trying to take us back to different darker days. And while it happens with every religion, it happens also in the Jewish world, and in the Jewish state of Israel.

The next Rosa Parks will need to get on a bus in *Mea'a Shearim* or any other Ultra-Orthodox neighborhood in every city in Israel, sit in the front part of the bus and face the driver telling her she is not going anywhere. Not because she is African-American, only because she is a woman.

During the past few years, Ultra-Orthodox communities in Israel are keeping men and women fully separated. What started as a separation in synagogues -- while praying and wearing modest clothes -- spread to a situation in which women are being pushed out of public space and the public eye.

A man and a woman won't be seen together; it doesn't matter if they are married or brother and sister. The voice of singing women is forbidden and even young girls can't dance in an official ceremony due to anxiety. I guess that in their eyes, kids are not identified as pure and innocent as they need to be.

Big parts of the Israeli public, some of them even from the Ultra-Orthodox community, are protesting against this phenomenon that may have started by trying to keep modesty but became an acceptance of an animal urge.

Isn't the claim that a man can't control himself and concentrate while being surrounded by women admitting defeat? Are these men following a *Mitzvah* or have they just stopped using their brains and started acting like any other animal? Is it the time for an Orthodox Rosa Parks or has this whole situation maybe got out of proportion? Should we let every person live according to his own beliefs even if they clash with the basic values of democracy and pluralism that we defend so boldly? Can we tell a community how to act, even if they all believe it should be done differently? And last, is it our business to fix how they live even when it doesn't hurt us?

The problem starts in the public

spaces: when people's lives are being controlled by extremists, from both sides. Maybe all we need to do is to respect and accept each other and to learn how to live together side by side. One side will keep certain modesty when around the other, while the second side will stop looking at women only as sexual objects and accept their right to be equal to men.

Looking at the IDF (Israel Defense Force), which is composed from a variety of publics in Israel, people are trying to find a solution that will please both sides. On one side, the IDF is operating special units that allow religious soldiers go through their entire service without seeing a woman around them.

That's the same organization that allows and even encourages women to be pilots, combat soldiers and every other role and rank they desire.

This bipolarity has existed in the IDF for several years, now having reached a boiling point -- what should they do? Will they choose full separation or full mixture?

Ori Tal

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Please join us for a

Benefit Dinner and

Cabaret

"Love Makes The World Go 'Round"



Inspiration from Broadway composers and beyond featuring **ANDREA RAE MARKOWICZ** accompanied by **Becky Taylor**

Saturday evening, February 4, 2012

7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall of Temple Beth Or

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| Dinner and Concert | One ticket | \$40 |
| Dinner and Concert | Pair of tickets | \$75 |
| Dinner and Concert | Per table of 8* | \$300 |
| Concert Only | One ticket ** | \$25 |

- * Table reservations of 8 must be paid with one check.
- ** Concert only tickets (seated in chairs without tables) and admission is at 8 p.m.

RSVP by Monday, January 25 to Gina Friday at Temple Beth Or 2246 Narrow Lane Road, Montgomery 36106. Your check is your reservation.

Iced tea and water included. Wine will be available to purchase.
Children under 12 are not admitted; babysitting is available upon advance request.

IT TAKES ALL OF US! JEWISH FOOD FESTIVAL March 11, 2012

We will have our wonderful baked goods, hot plates and treasured items.

What we need is a crowd to make a success.

Please help in getting the word out by:

- ◆Placing signs on your lawn
- ◆Asking local stores to display our flyers
- ◆Telling everyone you know to come.

Please volunteer for these activities by contacting Sandy Lynn Stevens at Sanlynn36@gmail.com or 334-202-9822



L-R: Rev. Nathan Attwood, Rev. Jay Cooper, Rabbi Elliot Stevens, Rev. Dr. Lawson Bryan and Rev. David Saliba during the joint Thanksgiving Service with First United Methodist Church on November 22, 2011 at Temple Beth Or.



SHABBAT FAMILY WORSHIP AND POT LUCK DINNER

Friday night, January 13, join us for worship at 6 PM and a pot luck dinner after services. Please bring the following dish if your last name begins with:

- A-F Meat dish (beef or chicken)
- G-R Salad/Vegetables
- S-W Desserts

Welcome to our newest member!

Katie Wetherbee



FAMILY FRIENDLY SERVICES

especially for babies, toddlers, kids, moms, dads and grandparents too!

5:00 - 5:30 PM in the Library

- January 6
- February 3
- March 2
- April 13
- May 4
- June 1

IT'S SHABBAT – TIME TO READ TORAH

Reading and studying Torah on Shabbat has been a core Jewish activity and value since antiquity. This year, responding to suggestions from some TBO members, Rabbi Stevens will periodically read from the Torah and share some teaching during Friday night Shabbat services.



For those who long to hear words of Torah and enjoy Torah services, the next in this occasional series will be on **Friday, January 13th**, at the usual start time of 6:00 p.m. Remaining dates are: February 10 (this date cancelled), March 9, April 20, May 18, June 15

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.

**Kol Ami
Religious School**

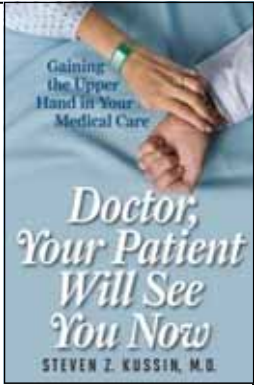
**In January school
starts at AIEA**

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1/22
1/29
2/5
2/12
2/26
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3/18
4/15
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5/13
5/20

**AUTHOR PROGRAM WITH
STEVE KUSSIN, M. D.**

Author of *Doctor, Your Patient Will See You Now: Gaining the Upper Hand in Your Medical Care*

Thursday, March 1, 2012 ■ 7 PM



Patients increasingly and correctly feel that they are on their own in an impersonal and dangerous medical system. Offering an insider's perspective, Kussin's book teaches readers how to be better patients in order to get better care, offers access to industrial-strength resources, and promotes an attitude that will prevent alienation and manipulation. The guidance offered in this book will empower the healthy and prevent error and misadventures in the ill. Doctor, Your Patient Will See You Now enables patients to arrive at their own valid and authentic opinions and act on them in partnership with their clinicians or, if necessary, independently.



BOOKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

Sponsored by the Rothschild-Blachschleger Lecture and Culture Fund of Temple Beth Or

Food Festival Cooking Schedule

Cooking time begins at 9 AM unless otherwise noted. Time and dates are subject to change so please call the Temple to confirm times.

- January 10 Curabies.....Lynne Ginsburg
- January 11 Curabies.....Lynne Ginsburg
- January 20 Rugalah.....Maxine Goldner
- January 24..... Rugalah.....Maxine Goldner
- January 26..... Rugalah.....Maxine Goldner

(Confirm dates and times by checking the Temple's website at www.templebethor.net or by calling the Temple office at 262-3314)

MAGAZINE PROJECT

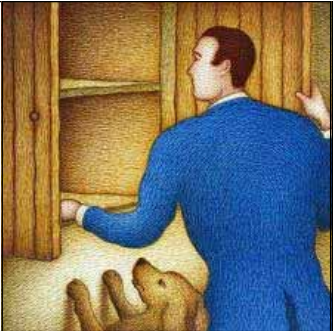
Bette Sue Strasburger and her grandchildren, Meagan and Nathan Ashner, are collecting magazines for local organizations. Some of the organizations that have benefited are: Easter Seals, Wesley Gardens, AHEPA house, Family Guidance (Parkview Adult), Sunshine Center, The Cedars, Cara Vita and the V.A.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

Cupboards are bare. Let's fill up the Treasure Market

URGENT: Items needed.

Money donations are also needed to defray expenses - advertising, baking and signs.

We thank all members who give.



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



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

Starting now and during the next few months:

- Putting up signs
- Being a guest on radio/television shows

Week of:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Helping in kitchen on Tuesday | <input type="checkbox"/> Setting up tables, decorations, signs inside) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Helping in kitchen on Wednesday | <input type="checkbox"/> Setting up in Treasure Market |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Helping in kitchen on Thursday | <input type="checkbox"/> Packaging bakery items on Saturday |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Helping in kitchen on Friday | <input type="checkbox"/> Help with anything needed |

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

Day of:

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

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

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

Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Email: _____

All proceeds benefit the Temple General Fund.

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Sunday, March 11, 2012

9 AM - 3 PM

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

Seal here

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

Karen Goldstein
2026 Myrtlewood Drive
Montgomery, Alabama 36111

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I can't wait to help!

Sign Me Up!

The text "Sign Me Up!" is rendered in a large, bold, sans-serif font. The letters are filled with a vertical gradient from dark brown at the top to bright yellow at the bottom. Below the main text is a smaller, semi-transparent version of the same text, creating a shadow effect. The shadow is slightly offset to the right and bottom, giving the impression of the text floating above a surface.

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS TAKING SHAPE FOR 2012

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday, February 4, 7 PM, **Dinner and Cabaret Benefit** with Andrea Rae Markowicz. Advance reservations required. (More information on page 6.)

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. (More information on page 8.)

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.

STUDY OPPORTUNITIES WITH RABBI STEVENS

DIP A TOE IN THE SEA OF TALMUD!

The Talmud, that vast compilation of Jewish law, commentary and midrash, has often been called a sea. The Babylonian Talmud, completed around 500 C.E., is the primary compilation of Jewish law and tradition, and became the basis for later legal codes that have governed traditional Jewish life ever since. The term “sea” is apt, as one can easily get lost in the byways of rabbinic discussion. One recent edition, published by Art Scroll, comes to 73 thick volumes.

Rabbi Stevens is preparing a class for beginners in Talmud. We will explore together selected texts – in English! – and together learn to follow Talmudic argument.

Our first class will be on Thursday, January 26, from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m., and continuing on most Thursdays at that hour. Classes will continue as long as there is interest; no prior swimming experience is necessary. Watch for details!

JUDAISM BASICS & BASIC HEBREW

This basic survey of Judaism runs for 11 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.**

Remaining dates and topics are:

- Jan. 5 Lifecycle: Illness, death, mourning.
- Jan. 12 Holidays: Shabbat and Festivals.
- Jan. 19 Holidays: Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.
- Jan. 26 Holidays: Minor holidays (Chanukah, Purim, etc.).

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.

Old Alabama Town Holiday Open House

December 12, 2011





AI☆EA ADULT EDUCATION

SATURDAYS

9:00 AM -
Coffee and Conversation
January 7, 14, 21, 28

30 minutes after kiddush - **Brunch and Learn** on January 7, 14, 21, 28

(Shabbat Service will begin at 9:30 AM)

Adult education program at Agudath Israel

Introduction to Judaism - January 9, 23, 30

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.



Hosted by JFCA's Shaliach, Ori Tal

January 12 ▪ 7:00 PM ▪ Café Israel ▪ AIEA



Topic: "Start Up Nation: The Story of Israel's Economic Miracle" by Dan Senor and Saul Singer.
Location AIEA

START-UP NATION addresses the trillion dollar question: How is it that Israel-- a country of 7.1 million, only 60 years old, surrounded by enemies, in a constant state of war since its founding, with no natural resources-- produces more start-up companies than large, peaceful, and stable nations like Japan, China, India, Korea, Canada and the UK?

With the savvy of foreign policy insiders, Senor and Singer examine the lessons of the country's adversity-driven culture, which flattens hierarchy and elevates informality-- all backed up by government policies focused on innovation. In a world where economies as diverse as Ireland, Singapore and Dubai have tried to re-create the "Israel effect", there are entrepreneurial lessons well worth noting. As America reboots its own economy and can-do spirit, there's never been a better time to look at this remarkable and resilient nation for some impressive, surprising clues.



Photos from L'Chaim League's Chanukah Luncheon at Michael's Table on Dec. 13th



JFCA presents an afternoon movie

A Matter of Size

A group of overweight people from the Israeli city of Ramla are fed up with the sanctity of diets and the 'Dictatorship of the Thinness' of the diet workshop they participate in. Herzl an obese guy, starts to work as a dish washer in a Japanese restaurant in Israel, where he is exposed to the world of Sumo through Kitano, the restaurant manager and former Sumo coach in Japan. Herzl falls in love with the Sumo world and wants Kitano to be the Sumo coach of his obese friends. Herzl and his friends leave the diet group, and enter the world of sumo, where fat people like them are honored and appreciated. Through sumo they are connecting to themselves and to their fat body, each one in his own way.



Join the Jewish Federation of Central Alabama and Ori, our Shaliach, for Movie Afternoon at Temple Beth Or on Sunday, January 29 at 3:00 p.m. for a showing of this award-winning movie.

MOVIE REVIEW A MATTER OF SIZE By Daniel M. Kimmel. Israeli cinema is not known for its broad comedies, but that may have to change after *A Matter of Size*, which is both very broad and very funny. Herzl (Itzik Cohen) weighs over 300 pounds and is the shame of his weight loss class as he keeps gaining weight even as he supposedly diets. He's so big, he says, that kids used to mock him as Mt. Herzl. When he's demoted as salad bar chef to a spot out of the public eye, he quits and ends up with a job at a Japanese restaurant. There he discovers sumo wrestling which feature oversize grapplers who are treated in Japan with great respect. (Daniel M. Kimmel, a Boston-based film critic and author, reviews Jewish films for the Advocate. He lectures widely on a variety of film-related topics and can be reached at daniel.kimmel@rcn.com.)



Beyond January!

Thursday, February 2, 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.

Thursday, February 2, 5 PM, Adult Ed: DIP A TOE IN THE SEA OF TALMUD. An ongoing, weekly 1-hour class for beginners

Friday, February 3, 5 PM, Family Chavurah Shabbat service in the Blachschleger Library - suitable for children of all ages.

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

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

Tuesday, February 7, 11:30 AM, L'Chaim League luncheon. Guest Speaker is Peggy Mussafer. At the Egg and I.

Thursday, February 9, 5 PM, Adult Ed: DIP A TOE IN THE SEA OF TALMUD. An ongoing, weekly 1-hour class for beginners

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

Thursday, February 16, 5 PM, Adult Ed: DIP A TOE IN THE SEA OF TALMUD. An ongoing, weekly 1-hour class for beginners

Thursday, February 16, 7 PM, JFCA's Shaliach's Café Israel at AIEA hosted by Ori Tal. Topic to be announced.

Thursday, February 23, 5 PM, Adult Ed: DIP A TOE IN THE SEA OF

TALMUD. An ongoing, weekly 1-hour class for beginners

Sunday, February 26, 3 PM, JFCA's Shaliach, Ori Tal, shows a movie (to be announced) at Agudath Israel*Etz Ahayem.

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 Pranks, 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 6, 6 PM, First Seder. Seating will begin at 5:30 PM, with the service to begin promptly at 6:00.

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

Friday, April 13, 6 PM, 160th Anniversary Service with Union Prayer Book. Service preceded by wine and cheese reception at 5:30 p.m.

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.

Sunday, April 22, 4 PM, Community Interfaith Holocaust Memorial Service at TBO.

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.

Friday, May 18, 6 PM, Shabbat Service. TORAH READING AND D'VAR TORAH.

Thursday, May 24, 7 PM, Confirmation Service at Temple Beth Or.

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

Saturday, June 2, 9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Rabbi Stevens. Light brunch served.

Friday, June 15, 6 PM, Shabbat Service. TORAH READING AND D'VAR TORAH.

Thursday, July 12, Noon, L'Chaim League event, "Cook/Share/Taste" at Temple Beth Or. Details to come.

Be sure to check upcoming bulletins for possible date changes and more information. You may also consult the TBO website for additional information at www.templebethor.net.

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.

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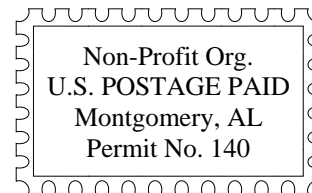
Want an updated look at what's going on at Temple? Go to www.templebethor.net.

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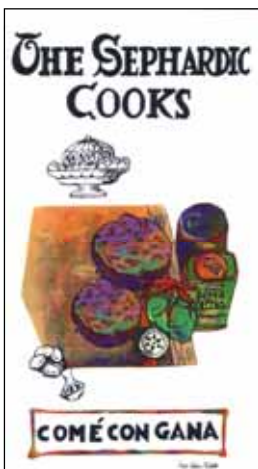
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Frances Capouya has written a family cookbook and is generously giving the proceeds from the upcoming second printing to the Temple. The cost of the cookbook is \$30. Call or email Gina at the Temple (262.3314/bethor@templebethor.net) if you'd like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



Cookbooks to the left are available for \$22.00.

