

# Temple Beth Or Bulletin

A VIEW FROM THE BIMAH

March 2012 ~ Adar/Nisan 5772



One of the great treasures of American Judaism is the 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Y in New York – the flagship institution of the Young

Men's and Young Women's Hebrew Association. Why do I mention the Y in New York?

For some years now, the 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Y has sponsored programs of the highest caliber, attracting hundreds to their auditorium to see speakers, debates and cultural offerings. Their speakers have included past presidents; past and sitting members of the cabinet and justices on the Supreme Court; major literary and political figures, columnists and opinion makers, as well as cultural offerings featuring soloists, chamber groups and others.

The 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Y programs are also now available via satellite to communities around the country, using technology that enables "live" participation, in real time, including opportunities to raise questions to the speakers. Our Jewish Federation of Central Alabama cosponsored a site in Montgomery for a couple of years, in cooperation with Alabama State University, using ASU's

Tech Center in East Montgomery.

Now Temple Beth Or will become a site for 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Y programming. Through a generous anonymous donation, our Temple will soon be able to bring in some of these top-quality programs, supplementing our Rothschild-Blachschleger Lecture series – indeed, under the sponsorship of the Rothschild-Blachschleger Lecture and Culture Fund that for many years now has enabled us to offer great speakers and other programs for our entire community. We have a growing reputation for the community programming we do and I, for one, take great pride in how these offerings have enhanced our reputation and for some of the relationships we've made.

There's more: the anonymous donations we have received include a generous gift to our Blachschleger Library – for library management, library programming and new acquisitions. You might not know that the Jewish Libraries Association has granted our Temple Library full accreditation; I believe we have the smallest Temple library in the country to have achieved full accreditation from the JLA.

One of our goals for the Blachschleger Library is to augment printed materials – books and periodicals – with new access to electronic materials via the Internet. For example, the Internet makes available an almost unlimited number of lectures, webinars and course materials, including classroom lectures on YouTube by professors at major universities. The Reform Movement alone offers webinars, for free or a small fee, on many areas of Jewish life and practice, including practical guidance for educators and congregational leaders, or discussions on issues of interest.

The Library is already on "the Net," with both wired and wireless connections. Upgrading for the above purpose – turning our Library into an on-line learning center – will, I hope, lead to increased use of our very special facility.

By the way, I and Eric Kidwell, our librarian, would welcome and appreciate any suggestions for books and periodicals, either particular titles or general areas of interest.

Elliot L. Stevens

## PASSOVER ON SHABBAT

SHORT SHABBAT SERVICE TO PRECEDE SEDER

This year, for the first time in years, the first night of Passover falls on Shabbat – Friday evening, April 6. That weekend, even more rarely, is also Easter weekend.

The Temple Beth Or Ritual Committee, chaired by Marlene Beringer, has decided that this year's congregational Seder will be held on that Friday, at the usual service start time of 6:00 p.m. (seating available starting at 5:30 p.m.).

For those who would otherwise miss Shabbat in the sanctuary, an abbreviated service will be held from 5:15 to 5:45 p.m. This will also provide an opportunity for those who wish to say Kaddish in the context of a service.

## BOOK REVIEW – DR. STEVE KUSSIN

When I first saw Dr. Kussin's clever book title – *Doctor, Your Patient Will See You Now*, -- I thought the book might be on the light side, perhaps humorous or frivolous. On reading the book, however, I concluded that this is a most important and worthwhile guide to medical practices, and the pitfalls that await those who are unprepared. Dr. Kussin, set to speak at TBO on March 1 (see page 6), guides us through every aspect of the medical experience, from the waiting room through routine care, but also emergency care and everything in between. His tips on avoiding medical errors, and how to keep track of how records are kept (or mis-kept), or how to manage the administration of tests, procedures and medications, are cogent and, potentially, life-saving. This is an extremely important book. I recommend it for all, and hope you can make his presentation here on the first. Capitol Book will also be with us to handle sales and signing.

– Elliot Stevens

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Their number is 277-5820 and you can  
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Sat, March 3 ▪  
Shabbat Morning  
Service

Saturday morning,  
March 3rd, Rabbi

Stevens will lead a Shabbat morning service.  
Service will run from 9:30 – 11:15 a.m. and  
include Torah study  
and a light brunch.

Mazel tov! The Temple Beth Or members responded and met the challenge from the James L. Loeb, Sr. Family to grow the Endowment Fund. The Loeb Family made a generous gift of \$125,000 to the Endowment Fund and said that amount would be matched if our Temple members would pledge/donate \$250,000 by February 4, 2012. You answered the call and over the next five years, the Endowment Fund will grow by a minimum of half a million dollars.

On behalf of the Endowment committee, thank you for making this happen, but, in truth, this is just a beginning. The Endowment Fund is now and will continue to be important to our annual budget process. By the deadline we had pledges of \$258,000, but we welcome additional pledges/donations. Our Endowment Fund must be an on-going process as we plan for the financial future of Temple Beth Or.

To those who pledged during the “challenge campaign” and made this a reality we are grateful for your generosity and support:

Alvin and Sharon Benn  
Rick and Marlene Beringer  
Corinne Capilouto  
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Warmest regards,  
*Diane Hanan Weil*  
V.P. Finance

**JEWISH FOOD FESTIVAL IS  
SUNDAY, MARCH 11<sup>th</sup>!!**

**Contributions to Funds**

We greatly appreciate the people who support Temple Beth Or by remembering and honoring their friends and loved ones through their generous contributions.

Those that are received **after the 20th of the month** will be in the next bulletin.

**ARCHIVES AND HISTORY FUND**

**Congratulations to Al Benn on his awards**  
Micki Beth Stiller

**In Memory of Leo J. Drum, Jr.**  
Micki Beth Stiller  
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**ANNIVERSARIES**

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

**SELMA MARCUS MEMORIAL**

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**BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 ..... Kelly Capouya
- 3 ..... Tommy Wool
- 4 ..... Bob Sommer
- 6 ..... Corinne Capilouto
- 6 ..... Hobbie Freehling
- 6 ..... Evalynn Monsky
- 7 ..... Robin Blitz
- 7 ..... Laurie Weil
- 10 ..... Betty Loeb
- 15 ..... Michael Capilouto
- 15 ..... Karen Goldstein
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- 23 ..... Sharon McDaniel
- 24 ..... Clare Weil
- 29 ..... Beverly Bolen
- 30 ..... Peggy Cohn
- 31 ..... Lee Hanan
- 31 ..... Celia Wool

Birthdays and Anniversary Blessings on March 2nd.

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**YAHARZEITS**

**To be read 3/2/2012**

- Zipora Baylinson
- Samuel Blitz
- Louise Cooper
- Dr. Howard J. Goldstein
- Sidney W. Kohl
- Simon Nyman
- Fred Richard
- Janis Sabel
- Martha L. Stone
- Ann Tillinger

**To be read 3/9/2012**

- Dr. I. E. Capilouto
- Annie Golomb
- Raymond and Helen Goodman
- H. Van E. Hart
- Bessie Moscovitz
- Alan Rice
- Richard Adler Rothschild
- Bernice Schulwolf
- Leo K. Shwarts

**To be read 3/16/2012**

- Alex Jacob Cohn
- Natalie Moster Davis
- Van Eaton Hart
- Susie Neumann Warren

**To be read 3/23/2012**

- Jay Coleman
- Roslyn Eagle
- Walker Hobbie, Jr.
- Dorothy L. Klein
- Beatrice (Dee Dee) Kohn
- Alphonse Levy
- Evelyn Richard Loeb
- Regina Kahn Loeb
- Benjamin Sheftall
- Bert Worth
- Cheryl Rothfeder Zindler

**To be read 3/30/2012**

- Mathilda I. Cohen
- Mildred Ginsburg
- Myron C. Lobman
- Seymour M. Schafer

## L'CHAIM LEAGUE

Thirty four of us recently had the pleasure of hearing Peggy Mussafer speak to us about all the art events around our City, and how to enjoy them. She really overwhelmed us all with her knowledge of the many cultural aspects that we are offered, and found out how very many venues are available to us.

A book review on "*In the Garden of Beasts*" by Erik Larson, will be presented by Rabbi Stevens on **Tuesday, March 27th**, at 2:00 PM at Temple Beth Or. The book is now available in the Temple Library, if you would like to read it before the event. It is a very interesting story of the first Ambassador appointed by the United States to Germany during Hitler's reign. There is no charge for this event. I will need a **reservation by March 23rd**, so that I can prepare the right amount of food. Please email:

lchaimleague2246@yahoo.com or call: 262-3314 to make your reservation.

You don't want to miss this upcoming event on May 15th, when we will tour the Aldridge Gardens in Birmingham. It is located near the Galleria. They have many flowers and plants in bloom and at this particular time, the hydrangeas are in bloom, which I understand is quite a site to see. Also, there will be several local artists set up along the walking trails that will be painting the scenery. There is an art gallery on site, as well. This will really be a fun day. It will begin at 9:00 AM when we will depart from the TBO parking lot. We will have lunch near the Galleria and then tour the gardens. We should arrive back by 5:00 pm. be sure and mark your calendars to attend this outing.

I look forward to seeing you soon!

Linda R Smith

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## SISTERHOOD

We are so thrilled that student cantor, Andrea Rae Markowicz was with us to celebrate Sisterhood Shabbat. Her beautiful voice made this one of the most inspirational services we have ever had. Thanks to Kelly Capouya and Karen Lieberman for a copious wine and cheese reception preceding services.

On March 7th, be sure to join us for Purim and "nosh some Hamentashen."

Please make your plans early to attend the congregational First Night Passover Seder on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Jamie Loeb and Jean Schloss are already busy planning a special evening for all.

Marlene Beringer,  
President

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## SHALIACH NEWS

Stay alert

Last month I woke up to get ready for another day at the office- I had followed my usual morning routine like every other day. When I was done, I took my cup of coffee and turned the computer on. I checked my email inbox and between the commercials and all the organizations that send me updates I had one that I wasn't expecting. It was from the security department of the Jewish Agency.

The message was short and harsh – "Don't use your cars till further notice." Why? Until when? Can we use other cars? Nothing.

I didn't understand what was going on so I called the Agency. The security officer on the other end of the line didn't give me any new information – I was just told" it's a command from the headquarters in Israel". He just said it was serious and asked for my cooperation.

I didn't give up. I started surfing the web and went to all the Israeli and American websites looking for some information. I didn't see anything interesting.

I got a call from some of my Shlichim friends, all asking if I heard anything and wondering what we should do. We all needed to head to work.

A bit later, I found a small article on an Israeli website that helped me understand what was happening. The reason for all the precaution was that Hizbullah - a terror organization from Lebanon – had blown up a bomb and tried to kill the Israeli consul in India. The car that was attacked was the wrong one. In the attacked car were a driver and the wife of another Israeli representative on her way to pick up her kids from school.

At the same time - in Tbilisi Georgia - a local worker at the Israeli embassy was driving to work. His car made a weird noise. Because the worker was aware of his workplace's sensitivity, he stopped the car and called the police. The bomb squad found a bomb attached to his car that was supposed to blow up after he got to work.

The day of the two attempts wasn't randomly chosen. It was the 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the elimination of the brain behind some of the worst terror attacks conducted by Hizbullah - *Imad Mughniyeh*. According to foreign reports, *The Mossad*, Israel's secret service was responsible for that.

The morning events got me a bit light headed. As part of our training before leaving Israel, we had a session with the head of the security department. We heard horror stories, but we weren't taking them seriously. His job was to scare us but we were not afraid, because we all have the well-known syndrome "that won't happen to me."

He told us how to check our cars before driving; how to know if someone messed with it; and how to keep us safe. But as a cynical person, I didn't follow those steps. Not even once. And suddenly today I was a bit scared. It all occurred on the other side of the world but it could have happened everywhere, even here.

The thought of checking my car every day and making sure that no one is following me or any other stuff you see

in action movies is crazy. I'm in America, the safest place in the world. I am not in a war zone so why should I be afraid? But this day is my wake up call. With the reach of the global terror we can never know where the next attack will be.

While writing these lines, no organization had declared responsibility for the bombings. I guess that if it was successful a lot would be fighting for that dubious fame. But from the date and chosen targets, we can understand that Hizbullah and their patron - Iran - are behind it.

Jewish communities and Israeli officials were Hizbullah's targets in the past. On March 17, 1992 a car bomb exploded next to the gate to the Israeli embassy in Buenos Aires - 29 people- Israelis and Argentineans lost their life. On July 18, 1994 another car exploded in Buenos Aires, only this time the target was the Jewish Community center. There, 85 people died in that terrible attack.

I hope that the people in charge of these most recent attempts will be caught and that we won't wake up to another morning like that we did in February. On a different note- At the end of the month I will fly home for a little vacation. This visit home is really important for me to have some family time, especially since the Federation and I have decided to extend my stay here in Montgomery for another year. There is a lot more I want to do and one year here is just not enough. I want to thank you all for the warm welcome and for making my decision to stay much easier.

When I'm back from Israel we will have more events and the most special one is the Israeli Independence Day on May 6, 2012. If you want to take a part in the planning or volunteer to help us with the set up – please contact us at the Federation. [Orital.jfca@gmail.com](mailto:Orital.jfca@gmail.com)

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FROM THE LIBRARY

For our March column we'll highlight a few of the new titles that have arrived and are ready for borrowing. Many of these titles have received praise from the Jewish Book Council, making their list for the 2011 Jewish Book Month.

[In the Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror, and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin](#) by

Erik Larson. Larson brings us "... a vivid portrait of Berlin during the first years of Hitler's reign, brought to life through the stories of two people: William E. Dodd, who in 1933 became America's first ambassador to Hitler's regime, and his scandalously carefree daughter, Martha. Ambassador Dodd, an unassuming and scholarly man, is an odd fit among the extravagance of the Nazi elite. His frugality annoys his fellow Americans in the State Department and Dodd's growing misgivings about Hitler's ambitions fall on deaf ears among his peers, who are content to 'give Hitler everything he wants.' Martha, on the other hand, is mesmerized by the glamorous parties and the high-minded conversation of Berlin's salon society—and flings herself headlong into numerous affairs with the city's elite, most notably the head of the Gestapo and a Soviet spy." *Newsweek* reviewed it as "A stunning work of history." *The Financial Times* said it "Tells a fascinating story brilliantly well."

[Avotaynu Guide to Jewish Genealogy](#) by Sallyann Amdur Sack; Sallyann Amdur Sack; Gary Mokotoff (editors). This is considered the definitive guide for Jewish genealogical research. *Booklist* says, "What a treat for genealogists when two of today's foremost authorities on Jewish genealogical research join forces with more than 60 international experts to create a much-needed reference book. .... Designed for 'one-stop shopping' assistance, *Avotaynu Guide to Jewish Genealogy* is both a beginning and advanced guide for anyone seriously researching Jewish family lineage."

[Lost Lives, Lost Art: Jewish Collectors, Nazi Art Theft, and the Quest for](#)

[Justice](#) by Melissa Muller, et al. Unless you had a deep interest in art, you might never have heard about one of the most enduring legacies of the Second World War – the massive and systematic theft of art. Hitler was obsessed with art and as the Nazis marched through Europe one of the prime objectives was to collect (i.e. steal) works of art from the great and lesser known collections of the continent. Today, court and diplomatic battles continue to determine rightful ownership of a wide range of treasures. In *Lost Lives, Lost Art*, Muller et al. relate the stories of fifteen Jewish collectors with names such as Rothschild, Mendelssohn, Bloch-Bauer; and what befell their prized collections of paintings, manuscripts, musical instruments and other items, and the efforts that continue today to deliver justice to their heirs.

[Panorama: A Novel](#) by H. G. Adler, et al. The book description states it well: "Published for the first time in English, *Panorama* is a superb rediscovered novel of the Holocaust by a neglected modern master. One of a handful of death camp survivors to fictionalize his experiences in German, H. G. Adler is an essential author—referenced by W. G. Sebald in his classic novel *Austerlitz*, and a direct literary descendant of Kafka."

[Eye of the Crow: The Boy Sherlock Holmes, His 1st Case](#) by Shane Peacock. Peacock's series, for ages 10 and up, has won a slew of awards (including selection as a *Booklist* "Top Ten in Young Mysteries," Winner, Arthur Ellis Award for Juvenile Crime Fiction; Gold Medal Winner, *Foreward Magazine's* Book of the Year Awards; Winner, IODE's Violet Downey Book Award). "Sherlock Holmes, just thirteen, is a misfit. His highborn mother is the daughter of an aristocratic family, his father a poor Jew. Their marriage flouts tradition and makes them social pariahs in the London of the 1860s; and their son, Sherlock, bears the burden of their rebellion. Friendless, bullied at school, he belongs nowhere and has only his wits to help him make

*From the Library, continued on page 14.*

The Jewish Food Festival is March 11th.

Have you signed up to volunteer?

**Kol Ami Religious School**

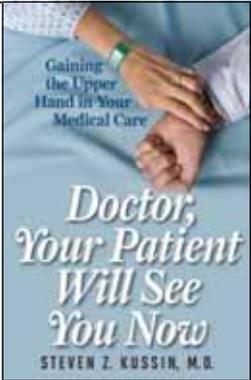
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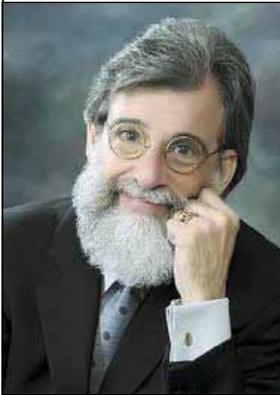
**AUTHOR PROGRAM WITH STEVE KUSSIN, M. D.**

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.

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**BOOKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE**

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**ELIJAH IS COMING!**

As some of you know, I serve on the Board of the Montgomery Chorale, the choral group that brings to Montgomery a wide repertoire of music in presentations of the highest caliber. We at TBO have been privileged to host the Montgomery Chorale during several services; the connection has been a good one. Becky Taylor, one of Montgomery's finest musicians, directs the Chorale, and has often played at special services here at Temple (her husband, Bill, has sung in our Temple Choir for many years).

The Montgomery Chorale will present Mendelssohn's oratorio "Elijah" on Sunday, March 4, at 2:30 p.m., at the First Baptist Church, 347 N. Ripley Street. This is one of the great pieces of musical literature, and will be accompanied by members of the Montgomery Symphony Orchestra, in one of the city's more magnificent settings. Gina Friday has some tickets to sell, at \$15 for adults or \$10 for seniors or students. Seating is open, and I hope to see you there!

– Elliot Stevens

**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.

Many thanks to Paul Freehling and Art's Music Shop for their help with the sound system at the Cabaret concert in January.



We Need Your Help to ensure another successful Food Festival this year!!! Please mail your volunteer form to me or take it to the Temple. You may call me:265-1145 or e-mail at [kackaboo@gmail.com](mailto:kackaboo@gmail.com) to let me know. If you would like to work in the same area you did last year, that's great. Just let me know ASAP. March 11 is fast approaching!!

Thanks for your help!!

Karen Goldstein  
(2026 Myrtlewood Dr. 36111)

## PURIM PICTONARY – AND MEGILLAH MAYHEM

Wednesday ♦ March 7 ♦ 7 PM

Join Rabbi Stevens for this year's Family Purim Service!

This year's highlights include:

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



## 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
- ♦ “Like us on Facebook at Montgomery’s Jewish Food Festival
- ♦ Telling everyone you know to come.

Please volunteer for these activities by contacting Sandy Lynn Stevens at [Sanlynn36@gmail.com](mailto:Sanlynn36@gmail.com) or 334-202-9822

## ORI'S PRESENTATION

Many thanks to Ori Tal, our Shaliach from Israel, for his splendid presentation at his recent “Café Israel” at TBO. On February 16, Ori presented a challenging subject facing Israel – the influx of thousands of refugees from Africa, who are fleeing violence, starvation, even genocide, and have found Israel to be a safe haven – even though none of them are Jewish. Israel is well-known for absorbing Jewish refugees and immigrants from around the world, but this latest wave presents new challenges – societal, demographic, economic and many other ways. Ori's presentation was well planned, articulate, cogent, and altogether impressive, accompanied by illustrative slides. About 15 attended, from both congregations, plus a few others. Those who were elsewhere that evening missed a fine program; as others come up on our calendar, whether at TBO or AIEA, hopefully more of us will avail ourselves of the programming that Ori brings to our community

Daylight Savings Time begins  
Sunday, March 11th. Food  
Festival workers need to be sure  
and move your clocks forward  
one hour on Saturday night,  
March 10th



*The Food Festival is a project for the entire congregation, so we need your help. Call Karen Goldstein for 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.*

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

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

Applications are available through the Temple office. Please contact Diane Weil at [dianeweil@me.com](mailto:dianeweil@me.com) if you need further information.



Ori Tal and children from Kol Ami Religious School plant a tree in honor of Tu B'Shevat on February 5, 2012 at AIEA.

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

Friday • April 13 • 6 PM

160th Anniversary Service with Union Prayer Book. Sermon topic: Whence Come We? Where Are We? Whither Go We? Rabbis Baylinson and Stevens Debate the Future of Kahl Montgomery. A wine and cheese reception will precede the service.

**Jewish Food Festival Lawn Signs Now Available!**

Please do your part in getting the word out and pick up a lawn sign (or 2!) to display.

**Jewish Food Festival  
& Treasure Market**

**TEMPLE BETH OR**  
2246 Narrow Lane Road

**Sunday, March 11, 2012**  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM



Rabbi Stevens accompanies Andrea Rae Markowicz during her Cabaret performance on February 4th.

**Mazel Tov!**

Sarah Claire Loeb has been nominated to the National Young Leaders State Conference, which takes place over four days in mid-March, in Birmingham.

# CELEBRATE PASSOVER AT TBO!

Join your temple community on Friday evening, April 6, when Rabbi Stevens will lead the first-night Seder at TBO. Sponsored by Sisterhood and professionally catered, this year's Seder again uses "The Open Door," a Passover Haggadah published by the Reform Movement. Fully transliterated and beautifully illustrated, this Haggadah includes traditional and innovative blessings, gender inclusive language and all the old favorite songs as well as many new ones.

Seating will begin at 5:30 PM, with the service to begin promptly at 6:00. The entire program, including dinner, will conclude by 8:00 PM – assuming, of course, that someone finds the Afikomen! Space is limited, so reserve now. **Deadline is March 27.**

*For those who would otherwise miss Shabbat in the sanctuary, an abbreviated service will be held from 5:15 to 5:45 p.m. This will also provide an opportunity for those who wish to say Kaddish in the context of a service.*

## Cost for reservations:

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

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

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

Sharon McDaniel  
 2632 Old Orchard Lane, Montgomery, AL 36117

**We look forward to having you with us!**



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

## PASSOVER SEDER RESERVATION FORM

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

Name(s) of adult attendees: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of child(ren) attendees: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Seder Registration:**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ adults at \$22.50: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ children at \$16.50: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Total Due:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to be seated with: \_\_\_\_\_

**Your registration MUST be in by March 27th.**

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**Kahl Montgomery**  
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Montgomery, AL 36106



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**Montgomery, Alabama 36117-2410**

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# What is Passover?



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

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

Thursday • March 15 • 7 PM

JFCA's Shaliach's Café Israel at AIEA hosted by Ori Tal. Topic to be announced.



HUNTINGDON COLLEGE  
NIGHT AT TEMPLE BETH OR

Once again, Temple Beth Or welcomes religion students and faculty of Huntingdon College to our temple for a program of discussion and worship,

followed by a reception. This long-standing custom has proven to be important to both communities.

On Friday evening, March 30, Rabbi Stevens will make an opening presentation to our guests at 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The students and faculty in the Department of Religion will then join us for services, after which our Sisterhood will host a reception open to all. Please welcome our guests, and join us for this special service.



Sunday • March 25 • 3 PM

JFCA's Shaliach event:

**Film Club at TBO.**

Movie to be announced.

IT'S SHABBAT - TIME  
TO READ TORAH



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

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

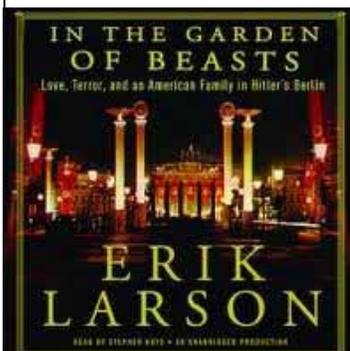
**SINGLES GROUP**

Attention All Jewish Singles \* 50 & up

**Saturday, March 10 at 5:30 PM**, Jewish Singles 50 & Up meets at Carrabba's Italian Grill on the Eastern Boulevard. If you are interested in attending contact: Carol Ronning at 279-0140.



Tuesday • March 27 • 2 PM



L'Chaim League Book Review at TBO. Rabbi Stevens reviews the book "In the Garden of Beasts." No charge. Coffee and desserts will be served.



**FAMILY FRIENDLY SERVICES**

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

**5:00 - 5:30 PM in the Library**

- March 2
- April 13
- May 4
- June 1

## ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

### SPECIAL EVENTS

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.

### 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 has prepared 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. Class schedule: February 2, 9, 16, 23; March 8, 15, 22, 29; April 5, 19.



### AI☆EA ADULT EDUCATION

#### SATURDAYS

9:00 AM  
**Coffee and Conversation**  
March 10, 17, 24, 31

30 minutes after kiddush - **Brunch and Learn** on March 10, 17, 24, 31

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

#### Adult education program at Agudath Israel

**Introduction to Judaism - March 12, 19, 26**

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.

Felix Mendelssohn's

# ELIJAH

Sunday, March 4, 2012 – 2:30 p.m.  
First Baptist Church, Montgomery, AL

## The Montgomery Chorale

*With Special Guest Orchestra*

Tickets: \$15 for adults, \$10 for students/seniors (65+)  
Purchase online: [www.montgomerychorale.org](http://www.montgomerychorale.org)  
or call (334) 265-3737

*Gina Friday has a limited number of tickets in the TBO office.*

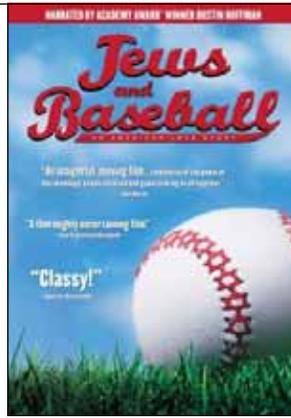
Sunday • April 22 • 4 PM

TBO Men's Club presents an afternoon movie

## *Jews and Baseball*

narrated by Dustin Hoffman

**Celebrates the contributions of Jewish major leaguers and the special meaning that baseball has had in the lives of American Jews.**



*Photos from L'Chaim League's luncheon on February 7th where Peggy Mussafer was the guest speaker.*

Refreshments served. TBO Social Hall.



## Beyond March!

**Tuesday, April 3, 7 PM**, Mona Golabek - The Children of Willesden Lane - Public concert at the Davis Theatre.

**Thursday, April 5, 5 PM**, Adult Ed: Rabbi's class on Talmud. An ongoing, weekly 1-hour class for beginners.

**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. Sermon topic: Whence Come We? Where Are We? Whither Go We? Rabbis Baylinson and Stevens Debate the Future of Kahl Montgomery. A wine and cheese reception will precede the 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.

**Sunday, April 15, 2 PM**, Community Interfaith Holocaust Memorial Service at TBO.

**Thursday, April 19, 5 PM**, Adult Ed: Rabbi's class on Talmud. An ongoing, weekly 1-hour class for beginners

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

**Sunday, April 22, 4 PM**, The Men's Club will be showing the movie "Jews and Baseball," narrated by Dustin Hoffman. Refreshments served. TBO Social Hall.

**Wednesday, April 25, 9:30 AM**, 2012 AUM Holocaust Education Program. Featuring Holocaust Survivor testimony/ audience interaction with Max Herzl and Max Steinmetz. Location: AUM Physical Education Complex gym. Contact Dr. Sheila Guidry for information at 244-3268.

**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.

**Tuesday, May 15, 9:00 AM**, L'Chaim League visits Aldridge Gardens in Birmingham. Depart TBO at 9 AM.

**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.

**Wednesday, September 26, All Day**, TBO Office closed for Yom Kippur.

**Tuesday, March 26, All Day**, TBO Office closed for Passover.

**Wednesday, May 15, All Day**, TBO Office closed for Shavuot.

**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](http://www.templebethor.net).**

*From the Library, continued from page 5.*

his way." We also have the other titles (three so far) in the series: *Death in the Air*, *Vanishing Girl*, and *The Secret Fiend*.

[The Morning Star: A Novel](#) by Andre Schwarze-Bart, translated by Julie Rose. This novel was discovered after the death of its acclaimed author. Its setting is the year 3000. "... (T)he earth has been obliterated by a nuclear war. One survivor uncovers chests filled with manuscripts that document a human massacre occurring one thousand years earlier. The central narrative shifts to the Polish village of Podhoretz, and chronicles the life of Haim Shuster, descendent of the town's fabled rabbi who is rumored to have hosted the prophet Elijah. Sensitive and inquisitive Haim possesses a gift that links him, in music and religion, to his lineage. When Nazi troops enter 1939 Poland, Haim's family is cruelly

separated, leaving him to care for his three young brothers. While Haim becomes increasingly disillusioned with God and humanity, he struggles to survive in the Warsaw Ghetto and, subsequently, Auschwitz. Years later, Haim, much older and expecting a child of his own, struggles to reconcile the horrors of the Holocaust with the weight of his oscillating spirit. Schwarz-Bart's tale is a delicate, necessary portrait, wavering between faith and disbelief, reconciliation and doubt." --Leah Strauss. *The Jewish Review of Books* calls it "Exquisite . . . A celebration of life in all its transience... The most hopeful work of Holocaust literature that I have read."

[King Solomon and the Bee](#) by Dalia Hardof Renberg, with illustrations by Ruth Heller. For ages 5 and up, this charming picture book is an adaptation of a traditional King Solomon legend (the author uses a story in *And It Came to Pass* by Hayyim Nahman Bialik as the

basis for her retelling). Solomon is able to converse with animals and after being stung by a bee, the little culprit begs forgiveness with the promise to do a favor for the king. The bee fulfills his promise when he assists the king in passing a test given by the Queen of Sheba.

[The Other Schindlers: Why Some People Chose to Save Jews in the Holocaust](#) by Agnes Grunwald-Spier, with a forward by Sir Martin Gilbert. *Jewish Book World* tells us that *The Other Schindlers* "Provides new insight into why these people were willing to risk so much to help the most vulnerable. . . . from their heroic actions we can learn the full resonance of the human spirit . . . an inspiring book that helps us piece together a portrait of the exemplars of moral courage during the Holocaust and their motivations." Grunwald-Spier is herself a Holocaust survivor.

# March 2012

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**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.**

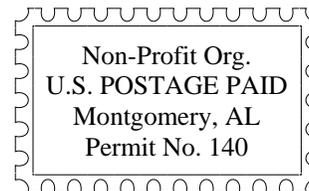
## NEED HELP GETTING AROUND DURING SERVICES?

A wheelchair and walker are stored in the coat closet and available to members and guests during Temple events.

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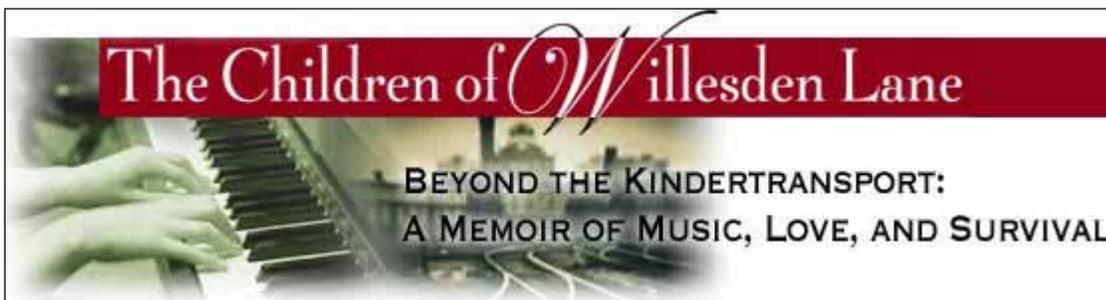


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March 11, 2012



MONA GOLABEK TO  
OFFER FREE  
COMMUNITY  
CONCERT

In 1939, just as the Nazi regime was entering its most

virulent phase, a Kindertransport was arranged to bring thousands of young Jewish children – instant orphans – to safe haven in England. One of these, Lisa Golabek, was a promising young piano student from Vienna, who went on to become a renowned concert pianist.

Her daughter Mona, a concert pianist in her own right, has created a concert dramatization of her mother’s amazing saga, and will be performing at the Davis Theater on Tuesday evening, April 3, at 7:00 p.m. The concert is offered to our community without charge.

Mona’s book about her mother’s life, *The Children of Willesden Lane*, has been adopted by Montgomery Public Schools for a unique city-wide read by all 9<sup>th</sup> graders in the district. Students at several area private schools are also participating.

Mona will be performing for the students in three separate daytime concerts at Davis Theater that week, in a program supported by the City Council, the Mayor’s office, and the public school system. Students will be receiving these books at no charge, sponsored by the Southern Poverty Law Center, the Jewish Federation of Central Alabama, Temple Beth Or and Agudath Israel \* Etz Ahayem Synagogue.

Mona performed selections from her work several months ago at TBO; her work is dramatic, inspiring, and extremely moving. This program is a must-see.

