

Temple Beth Or Bulletin

A VIEW FROM THE BIMAH

April 2012 ~ Nisan/Iyyar 5772



Our members are usually not shy about sharing their points of view with me. After one of my sermons, or sometimes in response to a bulletin article, one or another member will share with me his or her opinion that I “really hit a home run,” or “blew it.” Sometimes I’m advised to stay away from certain topics as too political – the rabbi’s comments should be spiritually uplifting; others urge me to speak out more on issues of the day – noting that this is precisely what rabbis are called upon to do.

One member expressed ongoing disappointment that rabbis speak as often as we do about the Holocaust. This person indicated that I was “better” than some of my predecessors in this regard, but nonetheless entirely too much attention was being given to the Holocaust, for several reasons: first, because the Holocaust is already receding into history, two or three generations having already passed; second, because we need to focus our energies and talents and emotions on the many contemporary issues we face and, finally, because there have been and continue to be other examples of genocide, and why do we almost seem to take a perverse pride in pointing to “the” Holocaust as if somehow our experiences warrants the extra attention?

Let me take the last first. I’ll admit that the Holocaust looms large in my consciousness, maybe in part because I lost members of an extended family whom I never knew; or maybe it’s because I’m so aware of how few of us Jews there really are. But one fact transcends all others: though there is no hierarchy of suffering, and shouldn’t be, the Holocaust is the only event in the world’s history where the entire apparatus of a country, from its top leadership through hundreds of thousands everywhere in its

bureaucracy, worked together with the explicit, conscientiously developed aim of extirpating all Jews, everywhere. And they almost succeeded. We Jews have an obligation, it seems to me – yes, an obligation – to learn what we can, and what went wrong in a nation deemed as having one of the most advanced civilizations anywhere. We have an obligation to learn, to teach and to bear witness, for the Holocaust above all other genocides affects the very humanity of all, and has profound implications for us all. And it is precisely because the number of survivors is now down to a very precious few that our obligation becomes more immediate, and incumbent upon us all.

All of this seems self-evident to me, especially when I look at a high school text book on world history, and see a total of maybe two paragraphs on the Second World War, of which maybe a sentence is devoted to the Holocaust.

This month we observe Yom Hashoah, on the 27th of Nisan [April 19], set to coincide with the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising in 1943. Aside from several commemorative events here in Montgomery, there will also be a special service on Sunday afternoon, April 15, at 3:00 p.m. This service, the Interfaith Holocaust Memorial Service, is sponsored by Interfaith Montgomery, a clergy group representing a dozen or more denominations and faith groups. This will be our third such service, held alternatively here and at Agudath Israel * Etz Ahayem. These services have proved to be meaningful, at times emotional, and very important in the context of our interfaith relationships. I urge our members to support this moving event with your presence.

I also urge your attendance on Tuesday evening, April 3, at the Davis Theater, when Mona Golabek will perform her dramatization of her mother’s experi-

ence as one of the Holocaust orphans saved by the “kindertransport” that took thousands of young children to safe haven in England during the war. This concert, which is free and open to our entire community, is offered in conjunction with Mona’s leadership of a program in Montgomery’s public schools, wherein all public school 9th graders (and hundreds of children in private schools) will read her book with her mother’s story, and hear one of several daytime concerts with Mona at the Davis Theater. Please bring your friends to this historic and very inspiring event.

I write this article on the eve of Passover. Passover celebrates not just the geographic, physical movement from slavery to freedom, but also symbolizes our spiritual movement from degradation to spiritual redemption. Passover’s tie with the Holocaust and every other historic struggle for freedom is obvious. From my family to you and yours, may this be a sweet, uplifting and healthy Passover season.

Elliot 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.

**Celebrating Our
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**The Jewish Federation
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*When scheduling
calendar events
involving the
Temple it is*

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



Sat, April 14 ■
Shabbat Morning
Service

Saturday morning,
April 14, 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.

TBO PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our 9th Temple Beth Or Food Festival was a tremendous success and what a testament to Bubba Marcus! Bubba was the force behind the extraordinary work that began early last year. He set the tone with his enthusiasm and wonderful ability to create an energy level that was so evident throughout the entire preparation time.

From Rabbi Stevens's report to the Board of Trustees: "Though the final financial results might not be in, I was very gratified at the positive impact the Festival has on our community and on interfaith relations. One cannot overestimate the importance of having many hundreds of guests visit our temple and come away not just with good food, but having had a very positive experience. Exhausting though the festival was for those who labored for so long putting it together, it was so gratifying to see the contagious smiles on our guests' faces; many of them return year after year, coming from 100 or more miles away specifically to attend. The good will we generate cannot be overestimated. Next year will be our 10th Jewish Food Festival. I urge us to find a way to continue, at least for this 10th anniversary. For my own rabbinic sessions in the sanctuary, our three scheduled sessions had to be expanded to four, with nearly 100 guests in all being introduced to Judaism in this fashion. Ori Tal, our shaliach, participated throughout, and was very helpful."

And from Frances Capouya's report to the Board of Trustees: "I just wanted to share my thoughts on the food festival--Hope Bubba was looking down as his planning helped make it a huge success--The people that helped were amazing--the energy in the preparation was unequaled --It should be gratefully acknowledged by the congregation as it was a grand effort and the reward was in the success! To all the cooks--KUDOS. A **MAGNIFICENT PERFORMANCE**. Take a bow and a pat on the back. Hopefully, we all appreciate your tireless work!"

And finally, on behalf of Jamie and myself, I want to thank the committee leaders, bakers and cooks that worked for months standing in the kitchen as they cooked, sliced, diced, cleaned, organized the table arrangements, insured deliveries were made in a timely manner, pricing items, soliciting donations, coordinating the advertising and going into the community to spread the word so the event would be a success. I certainly appreciate the congregants that come together for the day of the Food Festival and work each year, but our very humble thanks go to the ones who were at the Temple day in and day out. I am hopeful that other congregants will "step up to the plate" and give more of themselves for more than just one day. Without the people behind the scenes, we would not have a Food Festival.

Jenny Ives, President

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

If you plan to donate marketable securities to Temple Beth Or for payment of your annual dues or to make a donation, please contact Gina Friday at 262-3314 or via email at bethor@templebethor.net to provide you with the transfer information for you to provide to your financial institution.

Contributions to Funds

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

CAROL LOBMAN HART EDUCATIONAL FUND

*Happy 60th Birthday
Clare Weil*

Alison and Greg Williamson

FLORAL FUND

*Happy Birthday
Sharon McDaniel
Lisa and Andy Weil*

*In Honor of Diane
Weil's first half marathon
Katie Wetherbee*

GENERAL FUND

*In Memory of
Leo J. Drum, Jr.
Philip and Susan Bernstein*

*In Memory of
Marks "Bubba" Marcus
Philip and Susan Bernstein*

*Happy Belated Birthday
Ralph Capouya
Philip and Susan Bernstein*

*In Memory of
Victor Haber
Philip and Susan Bernstein*

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

*In Honor of the
50th Anniversary of Lorraine and
Bob Lieberman
Micki Beth Stilller*

*In Honor of
Rabbi Elliot Stevens
Katie Wetherbee*

*In Honor of the Yahrzeit of
Roslyn Eagle, mother of Judy E. Appel
Judy and Sam Appel*

SAMUEL SCHLOSS COMMUNITY FUND

*In Memory of
Leo J. Drum, Jr.
Burke Schloss*

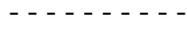
SELMA MARCUS MEMORIAL

*In Memory of
Marks "Bubba" Marcus
From his friend and "twin," Carol Hart

In Memory of Victor Haber
Marie C. Berlin*

ANNIVERSARIES

- 7Lynne & Pete Ginsburg
- 21Elise & Terry Toney
- 25Anne & Hal Bloom
- 26June & Seymour Cohn
- 30Betty & Robert Goldberg



BIRTHDAYS

- 1Anne Franco
- 6Paul Freehling
- 6Lee Freibaum
- 7James Levy
- 7Alexandra Levy
- 8Aimee Harris
- 9Robert Lieberman
- 11Joan Loeb
- 11Elliot Stevens
- 12Lucille Goldsmith
- 13Sandi Stern
- 14Anna Stevens
- 16Frances Capouya
- 16Alison Hanan Berman
- 17Alan Weil, Sr.
- 21Steve Wallace
- 22Ricky Loeb
- 22Maurice Mussafer
- 22Sandy Lynn Stevens
- 25Alvin Benn
- 25Steve Schloss
- 26Steve Coleman
- 29Ronnie Leet
- 30Hermine Herzfeld



Passover, April 6 - 13

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings on April 20th. An ice-cream reception follows this service in honor of Celia and Charlie Dubin's anniversary.



YAHARZEITS

To be read 4/6/2012
Janice Wolf Capilouto
Zelda Franco
Abraham Rothfeder

To be read 4/13/2012
Elizabeth Feinman
Arthur Freehling
Louis M. Kaufman
Charles A. Kohn, Jr.
Ruth R. Rothschild
Jane Hoskins Sheehan

To be read 4/20/2012
Gertrude Stern Behrman
Lillian Brownstein
David Byck
Marilyn Carleton
Victor E. Hanan
Dr. David B. Monsky
Carolyn Rice
Samuel Leopold Schloss
Florian Strassburger

To be read 4/27/2012
Isaac Alhadeff
Anna Bean
Louna Capouya
Nathan Lobman
Richard "Dick" Newman
Herbert Rice
Roslyn H. Schulwolf
Meyer Shum
Ira K. Weil, Sr.

L'CHAIM LEAGUE

Join us, on **Thursday, April 19th**, as we travel over to Sylacauga for the **Marble Festival**. We will tour a local marble quarry, have lunch, and then wander through Blue Bell Park, to observe the sculptors (some from Italy) as they mold their art objects. We will leave the TBO parking lot at 7:30 a.m. that morning. Please let me know as soon as possible, if you would like to attend, so that I can line up enough drivers.

Tuesday, May 15th, is the date set for an adventure to Birmingham to tour the Aldridge Gardens. We will have lunch at the nearby Galleria area, and then proceed over to the gardens, where we will have a tour of their grounds. During this time, local artists will be painting as we walk along the pathways. We will depart the TBO parking lot at 9:00 a.m. that day.

In **June**, we will be showing a documentary, featuring **Babette Wampold's Great-Grandfather: Samuel Ullman**. Her grandfather, who was from Birmingham, had a great influence in Japanese culture. His poetry and writings were well-woven into Japanese lives. Learn how this came to be, because of General MacArthur's influence. More information will be forth-coming. Our trips are fun, and our events are meaningful. We would love to have you be a part of any or all of these events.

Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Linda R. Smith

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SISTERHOOD

Thanks to Joy Kaplan and the wonderful Food Festival bakery items we had a fabulous reception for Huntingdon College students. There were additional students traveling on the Civil Rights tour from New York who joined us.

Jamie Loeb and Jean Schloss are planning a very special first-night Passover Community Seder. Please

make your reservations early and celebrate a very special holiday with the Temple family.

We hope everyone will attend our closing luncheon in May. Joan and Carol Loeb are planning an interesting interactive program and a delicious lunch. Don't miss it!

Marlene Beringer
President

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SHALIACH NEWS

Mourning to celebration.

This month of April is full of important Jewish dates. On April 6th we will gather around the seder table to read the Hagada, the story of the Israelite's miraculous exodus from Egyptian slavery. Of course, Egyptian slavery was not the only low point in our history, and in the weeks that follow we as the Jewish community will come together to commemorate three other important events in Jewish history.

After we finish eating matzah-ball soup, gefilte fish and other questionable foods, our thoughts turn to another low point in our story, the Holocaust. Around the world we will share the stories and lessons of this tragic event, we will light candles, mourn the great loss to our community, teach, learn and take moments of silence.

It is no coincidence that the date for the Holocaust Memorial Day (Yom HaShoah) is so close to Passover. The date was chosen to commemorate the anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising which took place on Erev Passover. Because we can't have a memorial day on the same day as Pesach, and because Yom Hashoah deserves its own day, a date right after Passover was chosen. Each year we remember these tragic events of the Shoah on the 27th of Nissan. This year is special because the 27 of Nissan, happens to fall on the secular anniversary of the uprising, April 19th.

If we learn anything from the High Holiday season, two holidays in a month just isn't enough. Only one week after the Holocaust Memorial day (this year 6

days because of Shabbat) we commemorate the ones who gave their lives fighting for Israel. After a day of mourning and national sadness in Israel, and in Jewish communities all over the world, we erupt into joyous celebration as we mark Yom Haatzmaut, Israeli Independence day.

This period of time between The Holocaust Memorial Day and *Yom Ha'atzmaot* has a special meaning. In a week, we go through modern history from the lowest point of the Jewish people from ashes and dust to independent and strength. We move from Holocaust to revival, mourning to celebration.

This special order of dates creates some tension in Israel. Only few hours separate the sadness of the Memorial Day from the celebrations and happiness of the ones those that live in Israel.

Some argue that it is not fair to the families who lost loved ones, because it is so hard to stop the sadness and immediately start celebrating when the sun goes down. Even the mourning families are torn about that subject. On one side many people argue that it reduces the importance of Yom Hazikaron when people plan their celebrations during the Memorial Day and don't really put the thought and feelings into the remembrance. But on the other side, some families say it doesn't matter because when you lose someone you think about it every day and you carry it with you all the time – and not only on the memorial day.

The reason the two dates are so close is the opposite memory reduction - it's a compilation of why they had to sacrifice their life. To emphasize that we can celebrate only because of what they did - The ones who gave all they could and more to create the Jewish state and later the ones who did it in order to protect it.

After a month thinking about Jewish history, it is only natural that April will lead us all to think about the Jewish future, and the future of the Jewish State. The near future is crucial to Israel's safety and freedom (unless something happened from the time those lines were typed to the time they were

published). Iran is still developing nuclear weapons and the free world is still struggling with stopping them. I hope that diplomacy will help and the sanctions will have the required effect, but Israel will have to be ready for anything that might come and consider all the options she has.

To sum up, I want to quote Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's speech, on the 2012 AIPAC Annual Gathering, that talked about the differences between the world on 2012 and 1944. Between the threat that Iran creates on the free world and the threat the Nazi regime posed on it. "2012 is not 1944 [...] The Jewish people are different - today we have a state of our own. And the purpose of the Jewish state is to defend Jewish lives and to secure the Jewish future". That's something we all need to remember on the month Israel is celebrating 64 years of existence.

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FROM THE LIBRARY

For the April bulletin column, we continue sharing some of the new titles recently added to the library collection.

[The Human Figure and Jewish Culture](#) by Eliane Strosberg. From the book description: "In this abundantly illustrated study, Eliane Strosberg investigates why so many modern artists of Jewish descent continued to paint the human form even as the avant-garde movement vigorously promoted abstraction. Strosberg offers a lively analysis of the work of a wide range of Jewish artists, including the immigrant painters of the Ecole de Paris, like Soutine and Modigliani; the American social realists, like Ben Shahn and Raphael Soyer; and, the masters of the postwar School of London, such as Lucian Freud and R.B. Kitaj. She concludes that even though their styles were diverse, all these artists were drawn to the human figure because it offered them a means of communicating, in secular terms, aspects of their Jewish intellectual heritage, such as their humanistic values and passion for social justice."

[The Jewish Home: A Guide for Jewish Living](#) by Daniel B. Syme. Rabbi Syme presents a book that "...explains many of the 'whys' of major Jewish holidays and life-cycle events." He explains Jewish rituals and practices, along with their symbolism and historical and cultural roots.

[Cry of the Giraffe](#) by Judie Oron. For grades 8 and up, this is based on a true story; the story of Wuditu, a 13-year-old Ethiopian Jew, who makes an exodus from Ethiopia to Israel; an ordeal that took over two years and was filled with unimaginable horror. "Giraffe" was Wuditu's nickname (due to her long neck), and Oron, a Canadian journalist, is the person who rescued the real Wuditu. *School Library Journal* states that this is "an example of masterful storytelling." While much of what Wuditu suffers will certainly be upsetting to readers, this book provides an opportunity for teachers and parents to discuss with young adults, in a manner that can offer hope, some of the evils we as humans inflict upon those around us.

[Displaced Persons: A Novel](#) by Ghita Schwarz. "Poignant and sharp, this engrossing first novel takes a ...look at a time and a people defined by deep inner strength. Recommended for a wide range of readers, and a perfect book club choice."-- *Library Journal* (starred review). Schwarz is a civil rights lawyer specializing in immigrants' rights and this, her first novel, was a finalist for the Foundation for Jewish Culture's Goldberg Prize for Outstanding Fiction. It is the story of a Polish Jew recently liberated from a concentration camp who finds himself at a camp for displaced persons in the British occupation zone post-World War II Germany. "Alone, possessing nothing but a map, a few tins of food, a toothbrush, and his identity papers, he must scrape together a new life in a chaotic community of refugees, civilians, and soldiers. Gifted with a talent for black-market trading, Pavel soon procures clothing, false documents, and a modest house, where he installs himself and a pair of fellow refugees—Fela, a young widow who

fled Poland for Russia at the outset of the war, and Chaim, a resourceful teenage boy whose smuggling skills have brought him to the Western zones. The trio soon form a makeshift family, searching for surviving relatives, railing against their circumscribed existence, and dreaming of visas to America." (from the book description)

[God vs. Gay?: The Religious Case for Equality \(Queer Action/Queer Ideas\)](#): Jay Michaelson. From *Publishers Weekly*, "Michaelson, biblical scholar and founder of the Jewish GLBT organization Nehirim, makes the case that God-versus-gay is a lie. Not only is there no conflict between being gay and being religious, but also the core values of Judaism and Christianity demand that GLBT individuals be respected and welcomed. In the first and last thirds of the work, Michaelson explores those core values and anticipates the benefits of making religion less hostile to homosexuality." In the middle section, Michaelson addresses those passages in the Bible that are most frequently used to support the argument that homosexuality is a sin. As *Library Journal* states, "He argues convincingly that the few Old Testament passages that seem to condemn homosexuality aren't actually referring to it at all, that our translations/interpretations are in error."

[Jewish Living: A Guide to Contemporary Reform Practice, Revised Edition](#): Mark Washofsky. Washofsky has provided an update to his well-regarded guide for Reform Judaism. Washofsky is a professor of Hebrew Union College, who "... leads the reader to an understanding of the whole of Jewish life – from blessing to bar/bat mitzvah, Havdalah to haftarah, and tikkunolam to tikkunLeil Shavuot."

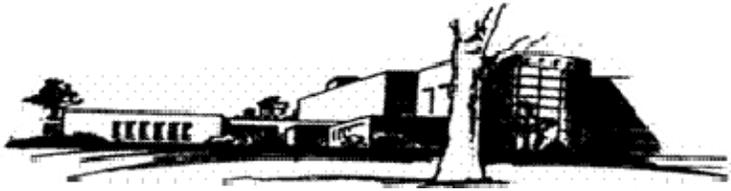
[Pictures at an Exhibition](#): Sara Houghteling. Houghteling uses historical events of World War II to weave this tale of a fictitious Jewish family living in Paris who fall victim to the Nazis' obsessive theft of artwork from private and public collections. Max Berenzon is the son of a successful gallery owner. As the Nazis approach

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160 Years!

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 - in 1873! A wine and cheese reception will precede the service.



**Kol Ami
Religious School**

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**FAMILY
FRIENDLY
SERVICES**

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

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

April 13

May 4

June 1

**Please Join Us
for the 2012
Sisterhood Closing
Luncheon**

Thursday, May 10th
11:30 am
Temple Beth Or
Social Hall

**Cooking Demonstration
by Jennie Weller!**

\$16.00 per person

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**TBO would like to
recognize any graduating
high school or college
students.**



**Please call the Temple
(262-3314) with any
graduations you might be
aware of.**

HOLOCAUST

The AUM Education Program
Wednesday, April 25

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9:30 a.m. - noon – in the Gym,
 Physical Education Complex

Admission is free and the public is invited to hear Holocaust survivors tell their stories and interact with the audience through a Q & A period.

**For additional information contact:
 Dr. Sheila Guidry at
 334-244-3268.**

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, April 20th**, at the usual start time of 6:00 p.m. Remaining dates are: May 18 and June 15

LOST AND FOUND

Three coats were left in the Temple office after the Food Festival. Check your closets to see if you left yours.

*Light blue fleece jacket with hood
 Black fleece jacket (no hood)
 Boiled wool coat, mid-thigh length*

INTERFAITH HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL SERVICE SET FOR TBO

Interfaith Montgomery, representing dozens of clergy from across a large part of Montgomery's religious spectrum, is cosponsoring this year's 3rd annual interfaith Holocaust memorial service, in conjunction with Agudath Israel Etz Ahayem Synagogue and Temple Beth Or. This year's observance is set for Sunday afternoon, April 15 at 3:00 p.m., and will take place at Temple Beth Or.



This service complements other Holocaust memorial events in town – the AUM educational program, the commemorative event sponsored each year by the Alabama Holocaust Commission, and a parallel event at Maxwell. This is the only event, however, set as an interfaith service.

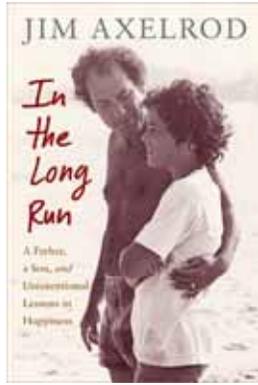
MAGAZINE PROJECT

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.

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

SPECIAL EVENTS

Thursday, May 3, 7 PM, **Guest Speaker:** Jim Axelrod: **IN THE LONG RUN: A Father, a Son, and Unintentional Lessons in Happiness.**



Jim Axelrod, a national correspondent for CBS News, talks about how his late father inspired him to run the New York Marathon in 2009. In the *Long Run: A Father, a Son, and Unintentional Lessons in Happiness* is an account of his effort to run the New York Marathon and beat his father's time—at age 46, his father finished in 3:29:58. Along the way, he confronts his listing marriage, career upsets caused by the changing television news industry, shin splints, and a badly timed kidney stone.

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 suitable for beginners in Talmud. We will explore together selected texts - in English! - and together learn to follow Talmudic argument.

Classes are scheduled most Thursdays from 5 - 6 PM. Remaining classes are April 5, 19.



AIEA ADULT EDUCATION

SATURDAYS

9:00 AM
Coffee and Conversation
April 21st

30 minutes after kiddush - **Brunch and Learn** on April 21st.

(Shabbat Service will begin at 9:30 AM)

Adult education program at Agudath Israel

Introduction to Judaism - April 16, 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.

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 if you need further information.



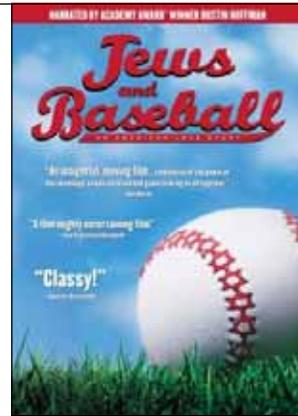
Sunday • April 22 • 4 PM

TBO Men's Club presents an afternoon movie

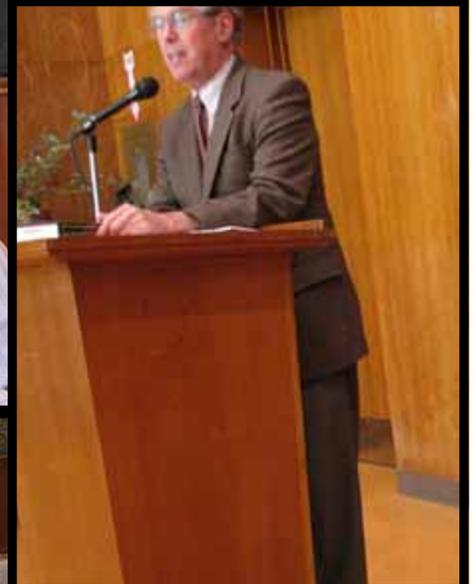
Jews and Baseball

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.



Refreshments served. TBO Social Hall.



Photos from L'Chaim League's book review event on March 27th.

Beyond April!

Thursday, May 3, 7 PM, Guest Speaker: Author 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.

Thursday, May 10, 11:30 AM, Sisterhood closing luncheon in the Social Hall at TBO.

Tuesday, May 15, 9 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.

Tuesday, June 19, 11:30 AM, L'Chaim League movie and lunch at Agudath Israel*Etz Ahayem.

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.

Thursday, September 5, All Day, TBO Office closed for Rosh Hashanah.

Thursday, September 19, All Day, TBO Office closed for Sukkot.

Thursday, September 26, All Day, TBO Office closed for Simchat Torah.

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.

From the Library, continued from page 5.

Paris the family flees to the South of France after hiding as many of the art treasures from their gallery as they can. Upon returning to Paris they find the gallery destroyed and the masterpieces missing. Max, with his father's apprentice Rose, join together to find the paintings. Houghteling bases the character of Rose on the real-life curator Rose Valland, "... whose documentation helped repatriate thousands of paintings. Houghteling's vivid descriptions of paintings and their power add to the allure of this impressive debut novel." (*Booklist*)

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If you have accumulated unused Temple Beth Or donation envelopes please feel free to drop them off at the Temple office so they may be reused.

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information about the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) where you can receive the latest travel updates and information!

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The travel and contact information you enter into our Smart Traveler Enrollment Program will make it easier for consular officers in U.S. embassies and consulates around the world to contact you and your loved ones during an emergency—including situations where your family or friends in the U.S. are having problems trying to contact you with important news.



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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 <i>7 PM, Mona Golabek performs - The Children of Willesden Lane - Free public concert at the Davis Theatre.</i>	4	5 <i>5 PM, Adult Ed: Rabbi's class on Talmud. An ongoing, weekly 1-hour class suitable for beginners.</i>	6 <i>Shabbat worship: 5:15 - 5:45 PM. 6 PM, First Seder. Seating will begin at 5:30 PM, with the service to begin promptly at 6:00.</i>	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 <i>5 PM, Family Shabbat service 6 PM, 160th Anniversary Service with Union Prayer Book. A wine and cheese reception will precede the service.</i>	14 <i>9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Rabbi Stevens. Light brunch served.</i>
15 <i>9:30 AM, Kol Ami Religious School at AIEA 3 PM, Community Interfaith Holocaust Memorial Service at TBO.</i>	16	17	18	19 <i>8:30 AM, L'Chaim League visits the Marble Festival in Sylacauga. 5 PM, Adult Ed: Rabbi's class on Talmud.</i>	20 <i>6 PM, Shabbat Service. D'VAR TORAH. Birthday & Anniversary Blessings. Ice-cream reception follows service.</i>	21
22 <i>9:30 AM, Kol Ami Religious School at AIEA 4 PM, The Men's Club will be showing the movie "Jews and Baseball."</i>	23	24	25 <i>9:30 AM, 2012 AUM Holocaust Education Program.</i>	26	27 <i>6 PM Shabbat Service</i>	28
29	30					

TBO office closed for Passover. Building will open at 5 PM.

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.

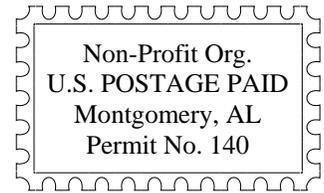
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A wheelchair and walker are stored in the coat closet and available to members and guests during Temple events.

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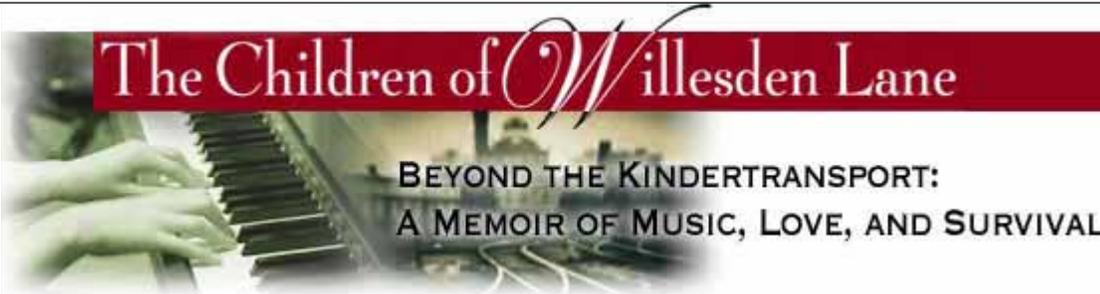
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	<p>MONA GOLABEK TO OFFER FREE COMMUNITY CONCERT</p> <p>In 1939, just as the Nazi regime was entering its most</p>
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virulent phase, a Kindertransport was arranged to bring thousands of young Jewish 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 9th 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.

