

# Temple Beth Or Bulletin

A VIEW FROM THE BIMAH

May 2012 ~ Iyyar/Sivan 5772



As I write this, I'm in the middle of a brilliant and provocative book – *The Invention of the Jewish People* by Israeli scholar and

professor of history Shlomo Sand. This controversial work, roundly praised and condemned during its months on best-seller lists in Israel, presents a radically different history than the one we grew up with, leading toward some challenging views as to the future of Israel and Arab-Israeli relations.

With meticulous scholarship Sand shows that most of what we've learned about our history is based on myth. The foundation myth of a people who became a great nation in Egypt, until Moses led them away from Israel toward the Promised Land (stopping along the way for the revelation of Torah at Mt. Sinai) is unsupported by any evidence outside the biblical account itself. The great kingdom of King David, and the greater empire of King Solomon, were later inventions written for political purposes, and unsupported by the extensive archaeological explorations undertaken in Israel. The idea that our "people" was exiled after the Temple's destruction by the Roman Empire in the year 70, populating centers around the Mediterranean who

longed for a return, is contradicted, according to Sand, by extensive evidence that most of the Mediterranean Jewish communities had converted to Judaism, and had never been exiled – and that the myth of a forced exile was actually a Christian theological construct in support of their own purposes, and not reflected in Jewish sources until centuries later.

In other words, the whole idea of our being a "people" is a myth. According to Sand, notions of Judaism as a "people" or "nation" as we think of those terms today are relatively recent in Jewish life; Israel today uses these myths for its own political purposes; its textbooks and works of respected scholars alike ignore or misread the evidence that has been growing for a generation or more.

As I said at the outset, this work is highly controversial, and would probably make for a good "book review" discussion at some point in our community.

Then there is the question of the Palestinians. Many Israelis, including in their political leadership, have long held that the notion of a "Palestinian people" is the real myth. I remember Gold Meir saying that publicly and explicitly. That, too, has been my view, as I've reviewed Middle East history in some detail, finding that none of the administrative districts of the Ottoman Empire, nor the mandates defined in the peace accords after the First World War, nor the various white papers and other inter-war proposals very mention such a people. Areas today regarded as so well-defined as to be almost sacrosanct, e.g., the West Bank, are mere cease-fire

lines (1949) having no standing in international law; the Palestinians historically were indistinguishable from Jordanians or other neighbors in the Arab world (Jordan itself never existed historically; it was created by the Great Powers for their own great power interests).

Yet today, as I've said from the pulpit, the Palestinians do exist, and have achieved a national identity – with their own sense of history and future; their own culture, music, idioms and sense of heritage, and they deserve a state alongside Israel, negotiated with Israel.

For I've concluded that the nature of national myth as myth is not nearly important as the sense of shared identity and peoplehood – ethnos – that legitimizes a national character regardless of historical accuracy. It doesn't matter, in other words, whether Moses encountered God on Mt. Sinai, or what the nature of that encounter might have been: we Jews share our foundational myth so deeply that it has defined who we are in ways that transcend what the scholars can teach us. I love to study our history from a scholarly perspective, and I love the world of commentary and midrash, though some might deem that world a fantasy.

Just as we Jews and lovers of Israel demand that Palestinians learn and appreciate our unique historical perspective, so must we seek to learn theirs, from their point of view, for only by understanding the history and myth of the "other" can we ever hope to negotiate a secure and lasting peace.

Elliot Stevens



Saturday, May 5  
Shabbat Morning  
Service

Saturday morning,  
May 5, 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.

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*When scheduling  
calendar events  
involving the  
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*important that you check dates with the  
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conflicts within the Jewish community.  
Their number is 277-5820 and you can  
view the community calendar at  
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**DONATE YOUR ORCHID**

Don't discard your spent orchids. Once your orchid has finished flowering please consider donating it to the Temple. Our current stock of orchids is several years old and is in need of replacing. Feel free to Drop your orchids off at any time. If we're closed just leave them at the side or back door.



**TBO PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

This is my second article regarding the Food Festival. Last month, I noted that Rabbi Stevens' report mentioned the continuation of the Food Festival especially since 2013 will be the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this event. Last week was the "wrap up" meeting of the committee chairs. This year was a huge success financially and there was a large crowd. The general consensus of the group will surprise you but came as no surprise to us. Most everyone at the meeting is just tired of carrying the majority of the load for the hard work of preparation and cooking without committed help from all members of the congregation.

In addition to providing the Temple with much needed funds for operations, the Food Festival gives Temple members a chance to work together on a regular basis but, as stated in the Rabbi's report, it gives us an opportunity to open our doors to the community to let them experience Jewish foods and an opportunity to learn more about our religion and culture. It saddens me to think that there may not be another Food Festival but I know that unless radical changes are made, the same people cannot continue to do this job.

We will be meeting again in June to discuss the future of this event, so I am asking you to let us know now if you are willing to participate in a larger capacity toward the continuation of having a Food Festival. Are you willing to chair a committee? Are you willing to commit to a regular schedule of baking or cooking for several days? Are you willing to participate in the full week long job of preparation prior to the date of the Food Festival?

I am asking that each member take a proactive approach and contact me if you are willing to do your share by helping more than just the day of the event. I'd appreciate an email or a telephone call advising me of your commitment.

Thank you,

Jenny Ives  
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**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](mailto: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.*

**FLORAL FUND**

*Good Health*

*Jeanette Hanan*

*Kathie and Raymond Cohen*

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**ANNIVERSARIES**

- 4 ..... Jean & Steve Schloss
- 5 ..... Sandy Lynn & Rabbi Elliot Stevens
- 25 ..... Sandi & Allen Stern
- 31 ..... Aimee & Scott Harris
- 31 ..... Jamie & Ricky Loeb

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**BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 .....James Nathan
- 1 .....Lisa Newcomb
- 1 .....Joanne Shum
- 2 .....Ronald Shum
- 7 .....Richard Kohn
- 7 .....Leonard Michelson
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- 12 .....Lynne Ginsburg
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- 13 .....Steven Greil
- 13 .....Alison Williamson
- 15 .....Larry Capilouto
- 16 .....Susan Bernstein
- 16 .....Eve Loeb
- 17 .....Jean Harris
- 19 .....Babette Wampold
- 20 .....David Franco
- 20 .....Julie Goolsby
- 27 .....Alan Levy
- 28 .....Terri Finkelstein
- 28 .....Allen Stern
- 30 .....Janice Baylinson
- 31 .....LeAnne Wallace

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings on May 4.

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**YAHARZEITS**

**To be read 5/4/2012**

- Chester Goldberg
- Ben Lieberman
- Helen Weil Loeb
- Beatrice K. Schneiderman
- Milton Schnitt
- Betty Wolf

**To be read 5/11/2012**

- Ruth F. Byck
- Louna Capilouto
- Irma Gore
- Perry Mendel
- Thomas Moers
- Herbert L. Sandler
- Norma K. Sheftall Shapiro
- Hilda Slager
- Milton Winter
- Sarah Ruth Yancy

**To be read 5/18/2012**

- Eunice Copeland
- Pearle M. Feinman
- Jennie Freehling
- Gaston J. Greil
- Helen Horowitz
- Lillian Leet
- Rose Rosenbluth
- Ben Schafer
- Morris Stone

**To be read 5/25/2012**

- Henry Abraham
- Jules Adler
- Elizabeth W. Baylinson
- Allegra P. Cohen

Make plans to attend Temple Beth Or's Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 20th.

Details on Page 9.

## SISTERHOOD

I have found that being an active member of Sisterhood for more than 40 years has been one of the most rewarding experiences. In my early years, I learned so much from the “elder” ladies of Sisterhood how everyone’s opinion has importance in decision-making for an organization. No matter how much one participates in the day-to-day activities, each member matters, especially in an organization our size. I hope each of you has experienced the bond that Sisterhood offers; either working on a project for Temple, cooking in the kitchen, or lighting candles at Shabbat services. If your involvement has waned recently, please volunteer, recharge yourself as well as Sisterhood.

Please join us for our Closing Luncheon on May 10<sup>th</sup> and participate in a very exciting program that Joan and Carol Loeb have planned. Send your reservation to Sharon McDaniel (see printed invitation in this bulletin).

Remember, Sisterhood is a vital part of Temple Beth Or and you are vital to Sisterhood.

Marlene Beringer, President

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## L’CHAIM LEAGUE

*The Aldridge Botanical Gardens* in Birmingham, is the setting for our next event. The gardens are near the Galleria. We will depart TBO parking lot at 9:30 a.m. on **Tuesday, May 15th**. There is no charge for the tour. Lunch will be your responsibility. As we tour the gardens, local artists will be set-up, painting along the pathways, as we tour. These gardens are well-known for their hydrangeas, but have many more blooming plants and flowers, as well. You will truly enjoy this day.

Another exciting lake adventure awaits us, on **Tuesday, July 17th** at the lake home of Carol and Jamie Loeb. We will depart the TBO parking lot at 10:00 a.m. that morning.

Babette Wampold’s documentary and lunch will be in July. We hope you will

find something that you would love to attend, and hope to see you soon!

Linda R. Smith

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## SHALIACH NEWS

As most of you already know, I went home for a little vacation, time to recharge my batteries and get ready for more work. Now that I’m back here, at the place I’m spending 2 years of my life, I started thinking about the definition of – “Home.”

What makes a place a home? Is it the place where you were born? Is it the place where you have citizenship? Is it where your family is? Where your friends are? Is it the place that you have keys too? Or maybe this is an emotional question, and home is the place where you are loved and feel safe? How would you define your home? Think about it.

When I think of home, I am thinking of different smells -- the smell of oranges from the field, the smell of a barn, the smell of food from around the world— Arabic, Eastern, European, and African food. All of those smells tell us stories of the places from where people came.

When I think of home I think of transportation, cars, buses, bicycles, all sharing the same road and honking at each other just to say hello, to take the right of way by force, to alert us of danger, or to share what we think of each other’s mothers.

When I think of home, I think of a street filled with colorful people. Soldiers on their way home, with their olive green uniforms and shiny unit pins, religious people dressed in black dancing in the street because it is a mitzvah to be happy. I hear different languages, Russian, Ethiopian, English, French, Spanish, Arabic, German, and all of those languages mingle into Hebrew, with so many accents. All are dressed so differently; some go with suits, some with jeans, some with shorts, some with dresses, some with long skirts, some with minis, and all are in the same street at the same time.

When I think of home, I am thinking of small-talk that doesn’t say anything but

then again says everything. I think of people arguing and shouting due, not to lack of respect, but because they care. I will hear people say how great it would be to move away and to actually wish for it, but then when you ask them why they don’t move, the answer will be, “Are you crazy? This is my home.”

When I think of home, I am thinking of the music playing on the radio. I can tell by listening to just two songs what the situation is, figure out the mood of the country, or know which holiday is coming up. I can hear people blaming each other for different problems, and then due to the same problems, I see the compassion and caring between those people.

When I think of home, I am thinking of my legacy, of my ancestors, of the people who gave their lives for this home, of those who prayed and wished for this home. I think of the life I have because of this home, how secure I feel due to this home, and the responsibility I have to this home.

When I think of home, I think of Israel.

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The month of May is my favorite one of the year, mostly because it’s when I celebrate my birthday. I was born on May 5, on a Thursday – the fifth day of the week, at 5 pm. I’m the 5th member of the family; the 5th grandson for my beloved grandmother, and my jersey number playing basketball was 5. I can go on and on about all the things that connect me to that number.

So I have decided to write my favorite 5 on the next topics – things to do in Israel, things I love the most in Israel and the top 5 trivia facts anyone should know about Israel.

### 5 things to do in Israel:

1. Put a note in the western wall
2. Climb Masada
3. Visit Ben Gurion’s hut and learn about his legacy
4. Hike in Machtesh Ramon
5. And float in the Dead Sea.

**5 things I love the most about Israel:**

- 1. When you land in Israel and everyone claps
- 2. The silence of Yom Kippur
- 3. The Tzfira on the memorial days when everyone stops, stands and remembers the ones that are not with us.
- 4. The long lasting fight around the best hummus in Israel
- 5. The first time a soldier comes home wearing his uniform

**5 things everyone need to know about Israel:**

- 1. Maccabi Tel Aviv in Pro sports is the University of Alabama football team of Israel
- 2. The Dead Sea is the lowest point on the planet. - 424 meters under sea level
- 3. Israel is the only democracy in the middle east
- 4. There are 8 ethnic groups in Israel – Jews, Muslims, Christians, Circassia's, Druze, Samaritans, Bahia's and Bedouin – and they all get civil rights
- 5. 20 min drive separates 3,000 years old Jerusalem and the biggest start-ups hub outside the Silicon Valley

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**FROM THE LIBRARY**

*The Dovekeepers: A Novel* by Alice Hoffman. Hoffman’s latest novel took five years to write. Set in 70 C.E., it tells the story of four women – dovekeepers – who come to Masada to escape Roman persecution. Here we are introduced to and come to know Yael, whose mother died in childbirth and whose father never forgave her for her mother’s death; Revka, who comes to Masada with her young grandsons after she and they watched Roman soldiers brutally murder her daughter; Aziza, who raised as a boy is a warrior of great ability; and Shirah, who is well-versed in ancient magic and medicine and who possesses deep insight and power. Toni Morrison states that *The*

*Dovekeepers* is “(b)eautiful, harrowing, a major contribution to twenty-first century literature.”

*The Jewish Feminine Mystique?: Jewish Women in Postwar America*, edited by Hasia Diner, Shira Kohn and Rachel Kranson. In 1963, one of the most influential books of the twentieth century was published by a young Jewish woman named Betty Friedan, who challenged long-held beliefs that the primary role of the American woman should be that of subservient housewife. In *The Jewish Feminine Mystique?*, the editors and contributors examine “... how Jewish women sought opportunities and created images that defied the stereotypes and prescriptive ideology of the “feminine mystique” as presented by Friedan. Shuly Schwartz of *Jewish Theological Seminary* calls the book, “A marvelously fresh look at Jewish women in the post war period.” This volume of collected essays deeply enriches our understanding of the varied experiences of Jewish women in the 1950s. Reading this volume will forever transform the way the reader thinks about Jewish women, female power, and the pervasive influence of gender.”

*Muriel’s War: An American Heiress in the Nazi Resistance* by Shelia Isenberg. If you’ve seen the 1977 film *Julia*, then you are familiar with the story of Muriel Gardiner, an American woman considered to be of great intelligence and beauty and in possession of a powerful personality; all of which served her well as a member of the Austrian Resistance. Gardiner is credited with saving the lives of many Jews and anti-fascist. Many have praised Isenberg’s effort to tell this tale: “Terrible times can elicit extraordinary deeds even from ordinary people, and Muriel Gardner was anything but ordinary...[Author Sheila Isenberg sets] the story straight about this intrepid American heroine.”—*The Boston Globe*. “Performed an act of historic justice”--*The Jerusalem Post*. “Isenberg puts Gardiner's life in sharp focus--what twists in her life brought her to Vienna and ultimately to underground resistance work during and after Hitler's 1938 takeover of Austria.

We see what makes Gardiner human, and what makes her a hero, but most of all we see how one woman can make a difference in the lives of many. Muriel Gardiner looked fear in the face, and as Eleanor Roosevelt has said, 'we must do that which we think we cannot.'“— JoAnn Myers, chair of the Eleanor Roosevelt Center, professor of Political Science & Women's Studies at Marist College.

*The Song of the Whales* by Uri Orlev. Considered for grades 4 – 8, Orlev weaves a tale awash in magical realism and “potent lyricism.” Our protagonist Michael moves to Israel and develops a close relationship with his grandfather, a man who in addition to being an antiques dealer is also a “dream master.” As his health fails him, Michael’s grandfather passes his gift to his grandson. Awarding it a starred review, *Booklist* states that *The Song of the Whales* is “... a gentle fable of community connection, a penetrating look at the darker sides latent in people and the mutability of different kinds of love, and a heart-tugging tale about passing the generational torch from grandfather to grandson. With a clean sense that less is more, Orlev has crafted a sweetly mysterious and quietly moving read.”

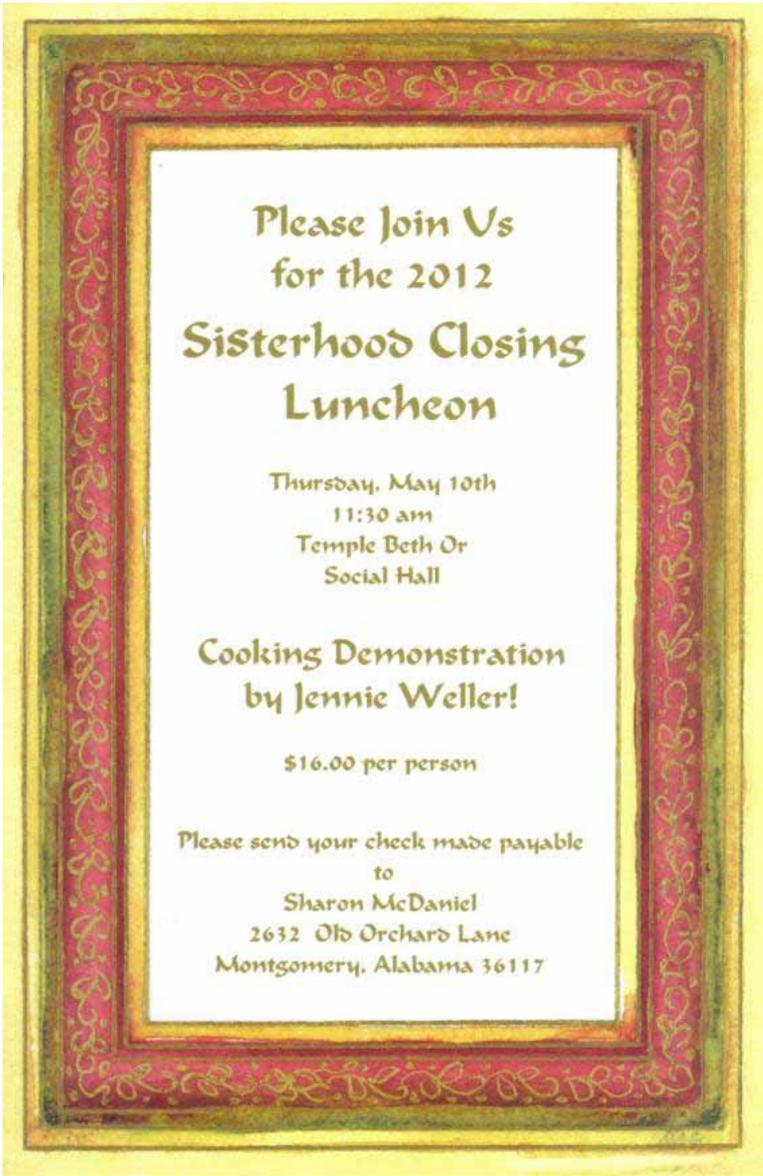
Eric A. Kidwell, MLS

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**Mother’s Day is  
Sunday, May 13th**

God couldn't be everywhere, so he created mothers.

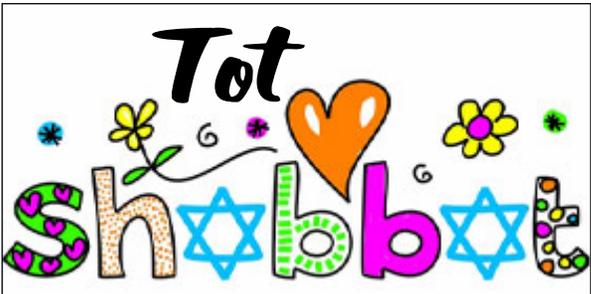
A Jewish Proverb



**Mazel Tov**

**Amanda Baim Weil**  
 daughter of Lisa and  
 Andy Weil  
 granddaughter of Mrs.  
 Adolph Weil, Jr.  
 engaged to

**Kevin Michael Sokol** of Birmingham  
 son of Ellen and Jerry Sokol



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

**May 4**  
  
**June 1**



Dani Loeb (daughter of Ricky and Jamie Loeb) qualified for the Region 8 gymnastics regionals. Dani competed in Tuscaloosa at the Alabama state gymnastic competition where she won gold and became state champion on the uneven bars. She finished silver in the all-around competition with an all-around score of 37.150.

The top 6 scoring gymnast, regardless of age, from Alabama will compete against 7 other states from the southern region. The girls will compete individually as well as a team; hopefully bringing home the team title to Alabama. Dani will join 5 team mates from around the state to proudly represent Alabama. The competition will be April 28 in Jackson Mississippi. Dani is on the platinum excel team at United Gymstars and Cheer.

**Good luck Dani!**



Hannah Soloff, daughter of Suzanne Soloff and the late Richard Soloff, and granddaughter of Robert and Lorraine Lieberman, won second place in the state level of the Letters About Literature program.

Letters About Literature is a national reading promotion program of the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, presented in partnership with Target that

challenges students to write a reflective, personal letter to an author telling how their work changed their view of the world or themselves.

Hannah is a fifth grade student at Montgomery Academy.

**Congratulations Hannah!**

many  
many  
many  
many  
many  
thanks

Many thanks to Celia and Charlie Dubin who hosted an ice cream social after service on April 20<sup>th</sup> in honor of their April 24<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

### 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.

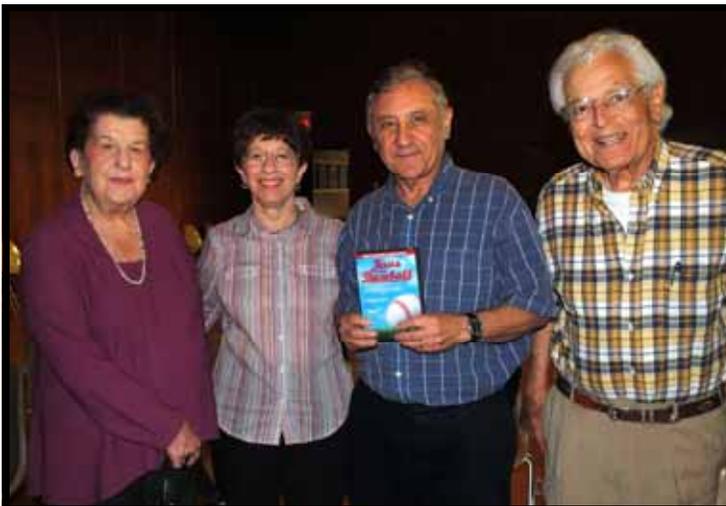
For those who long to hear words of Torah and enjoy Torah services, the next in this occasional series will be on **Friday, May 18th**, at the usual start time of 6:00 p.m. Remaining date is: June 15

### 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. Last class is on May 17th.



Enjoying the Men's Club, April 22 viewing of "Jews and Baseball" that's narrated by Dustin Hoffman are, from left are: Peggy Cohn, Karen and Lew Nyman and Walter Brenner.



Former major league pitcher Alan Koch of Prattville holds a Detroit Tigers baseball cap with Hebrew letters on it at a viewing of "Jews and Baseball" on April 22. L-R: Steve Clein and Milt Livingston.

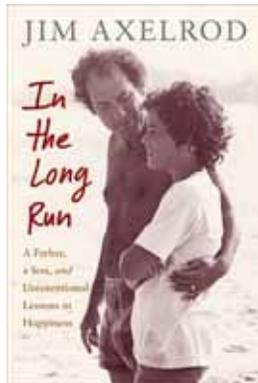
## ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

### 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.*



## AI\*EA ADULT EDUCATION

**SATURDAYS**

9:00 AM  
**Coffee and Conversation**  
May 5, 12, 19, 26

30 minutes after kiddush -  
**Brunch and Learn**

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

### Adult education program at Agudath Israel

**Introduction to Judaism - May 14 and 21**

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.

*NOW AT TEMPLE BETH OR!*



In May The Upper East Side Comes to Montgomery

Temple Beth Or Proudly Announces

The 92nd Street Y via satellite!

This series of learning opportunities is sponsored by the Rothschild-Blachschleger Lecture Series. This lecture is FREE and is open to all members of the congregation, their families and friends, and the entire Montgomery community. Please join us!

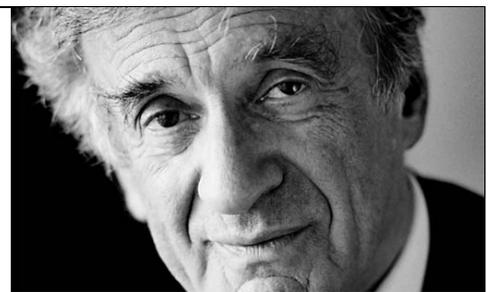
To help us plan for this event, **please RSVP** by leaving a voicemail at 334-625-8440 (local to Montgomery) or email [bethor@templebethor.net](mailto:bethor@templebethor.net). If you have questions regarding this event please contact Gina Friday at (334) 262-3314.

Wednesday ◆ May 16 ◆ 7 PM ◆ TBO

**ELIE WIESEL - Return to the Akeda - Why I love Isaac**

You know the biblical story of Abraham's near-sacrifice of his son, Isaac. But do you know why this tale is relevant today?

Elie Wiesel takes a contemporary look at fathers and sons, sacrifice and sorrow, and why we can't be silent in the face of human suffering.



# Temple Beth Or

2012

ANNUAL  
MEETING

Sunday, May 21

4:00 PM Reception

4:30 PM Meeting

Quorum required to conduct  
business.

Members Only

**Kol Ami  
Religious School**

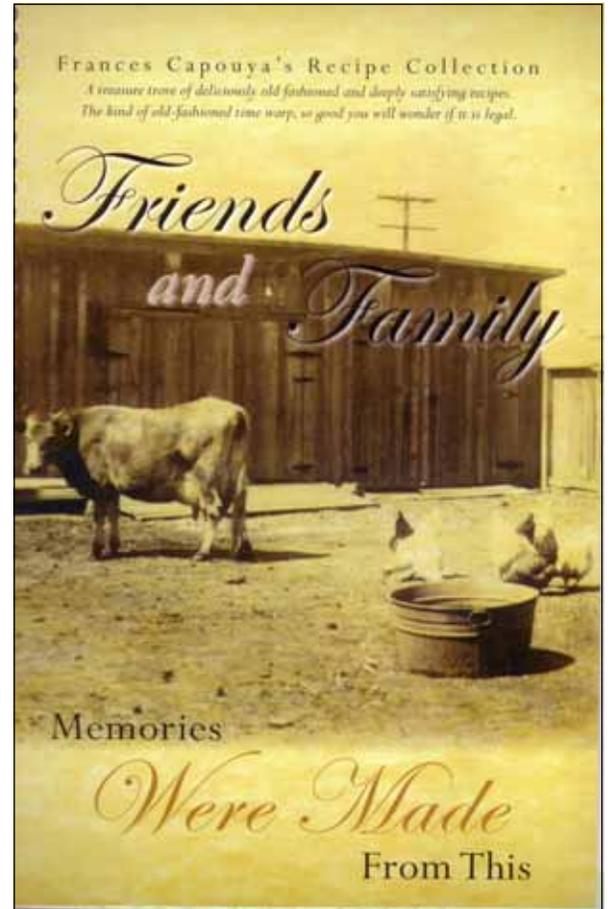
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5/6  
5/13  
5/20

## Board Action from the April 24, 2012 Meeting.

Your Board of Trustees approved a new  
Facilities Use Guidelines, which  
replaces the previous guideline dated  
1997, regarding the use of the Temple  
& Social Hall.

Copies of the Guidelines are available  
from the office or can  
be emailed to you.



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. **NOTE:  
ONLY A FEW COPIES REMAIN!**

## Beyond May!

**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.  
**Tuesday, July 17, 11:30 AM,** L'Chaim League movie and lunch at Agudath Israel\*Etz Ahayem.  
**Sunday, August 12, 6:05 PM,** For Men's Club Members. Biscuits Day at the Ballpark. Reservations Required. Sign-up sheet outside sanctuary.  
**Wednesday, September 26, All Day,** TBO Office closed for Yom Kippur.

**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).**

### 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*



Students from New York City visit TBO on March 30, 2012.

*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.*

### 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.

### **SINAI TEMPLE CELEBRATES ITS 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY IN 2013**

Sinai Temple, Michigan City, Indiana is planning a lovely "homecoming" weekend in summer 2013 to celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

If you are a prior member or have had contact with our Temple, we are looking for YOU. Please contact us for further information.

Don & Caryn Glossinger – [caryn43@comcast.net](mailto:caryn43@comcast.net) or 219-874-4477.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 7 PM, Guest Speaker: Author Jim Axelrod: <i>IN THE LONG RUN: A Father, a Son, &amp; Unintentional Lessons in Happiness.</i>	4  5 PM Family Shabbat service  6 PM Shabbat Service	5  9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Rabbi Stevens. Light brunch served.
6  9:30 AM, Kol Ami Religious School at AIEA	7	8	9	10  11:30 AM, Sisterhood closing luncheon in the Social Hall at TBO.	11  6 PM Shabbat Service	12
13  9:30 AM Kol Ami Religious School at AIEA	14	15  9 AM L'Chaim League visits Aldridge Gardens in Birmingham	16  7 PM, Lecture by ELIE WIESEL - "Return to the Akeda - Why I love Isaac" via the 92nd St. Y by satellite.	17  5 PM, Adult Ed: Rabbi's class on Talmud.	18  6 PM Shabbat Service. TORAH READING AND D'VAR TORAH.	19
20  9:30 AM Last Day of Religious School at AIEA  4 PM Reception 4:30 PM Annual Meeting	21	22	23	24  7 PM Confirmation Service at Temple Beth Or.	25  6 PM Shabbat Service	26
27	28	29	30	31		

**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).

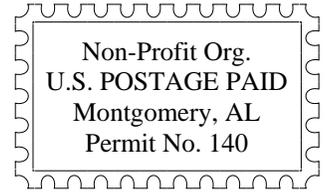
***We need your help in order to offer ours.***

### 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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