

Temple Beth Or Bulletin

A VIEW FROM THE BIMAH

July 2012 ~ Tamuz/Av 5772



My column this month is adapted from a sermon I gave a few weeks ago, having to do with Judaism and the Reform Movement in Israel. I regard the subject as of some importance, hence the unusual repetition in this column.

Let me start the discussion with the story of Miri Gold. Miri Gold grew up in Detroit, in an intensely Jewish family with strong ties to Conservative Judaism. Committed as she was to Jewish learning and to Israel, she demonstrated her commitment by making aliyah to Israel, where she has been for the last 35 years.

In Israel, as you probably know, there are many religious factions, and even the general category of “ultra” Orthodox has endless variations, with each one looking down upon those who are less “ultra,” and looking over their right shoulder at those who look down on them.

Miri moved in a different direction – non-Orthodox, but retaining strong ties to her Judaism. In Israel, where “non-Orthodox” Judaism is where Reform and Conservative Judaism reside, Miri decided to enter the rabbinate, and to do so under the auspices of Reform Judaism. She entered Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem, going through their intense five-year post-graduate program, and received her ordination in 1999, only the third woman to be ordained in Israel. She is as knowledgeable about Judaism as any rabbi; she is traditional in her practice, her Hebrew is flawless [unlike mine!], and I know her as a compassionate, empathetic and very effective colleague.

But Miri – Rabbi Gold – had one strong disability, at least in terms of her rabbinate in Israel: She is not ultra-Orthodox, which has relegated her to the status of *persona non grata* among those holding religious power in Israel. In other words, take a look at the cartoon in this week’s handout.

In Israel, where immigrants came from over a hundred different countries, it’s not surprising that every government since Israel’s independence has been a coalition from among a dozen or more parties. When

Ben Gurion assembled his first coalition, agreed to cede substantial power to the Orthodox parties in matters of Jewish status in return for their support in other areas, and it’s been that way ever since. In Israel, the Reform and Conservative Movements, working closely together, have brought case after case before Israel’s Supreme Court seeking rights in matters of marriage, divorce, conversion and burial that have been denied them.

Miri Gold became rabbi of Kehilat Birkat Shalom [translate: Community of the Blessing of Peace] on Kibbutz Gezer. Rabbis in Israel are not paid by members of congregations as they are here; they are largely paid out of government funds, contributions and, in the case of Reform rabbis, they receive stipends from the Reform Movement through the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism. But Reform and Conservative rabbis were deemed by the Orthodox rabbinate to be ineligible to receive government funds.

In 2005, Rabbi Gold petitioned the Supreme Court of Israel to recognize her as the official rabbi of her community and to receive a salary, on the same basis as Orthodox rabbis serving in the regional council that includes her kibbutz.

Here in the U.S., cases involving rights are often supported by the ACLU, or the Southern Poverty Law Center; in Israel, the premier agency supporting rights cases happens to be the IRAC – the Israel Religious Action Center.

The Israel Religious Action Center has had some amazing achievements. These include major legal victories recognizing Reform and Conservative conversions; rulings that gender segregation on public buses is illegal, and securing the first ever state funded Reform and Conservative synagogue buildings. In 2010 their legal team won a case to guarantee municipal funding and half a million shekels to fund activities for the Jerusalem Open House, the city’s LGBT community center. Though the IRAC is an arm of Reform Judaism and one in which I take great pride as a Reform Jew, they even won a case defending the rights of an Orthodox man who was not hired because he observed the Sabbath, thereby setting a

precedent that bars employment discrimination based on religious preferences. IRAC has been the leader in the fight to approve civil weddings in Israel outside of Orthodox aegis, and like the SPLC here, the IRAC has been a leading voice to eliminate racism and incitement to violence, backed up by a growing cadre of professionals and volunteers throughout Israel.

In early June the Israeli Supreme Court ruled on the Miri Gold case. I am pleased to report that she will be the first non-orthodox rabbi to be paid by the State of Israel. She follows in the footsteps of another Reform rabbi who was admitted into membership on a different regional rabbinic council, after another case brought by the Israel Religious Action Center.

Slowly, slowly, in other words, the Reform Movement is leading the way toward a more inclusive, democratic Israeli society. As my colleague Rabbi Dan Allen, executive director of ARZA said [and I’ll get back to ARZA in a moment], “Israel’s Declaration of Independence guaranteed religious freedom; but it has to be that this freedom is for all Israelis, Jewish as well as Christian and Muslim. This decision brings us closer to the day where this will be the reality in Israel rather than the ideal.”

I’ve mentioned the Hebrew Union College, which has by now ordained dozens of native Israelis for service in Israel’s Reform rabbinate; the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism, which oversees nearly 40 Reform congregations in Israel, two kibbutzim and other bodies that serve over 100,000 Reform Jews in Israel, and the Israel Religious Action Center. One other body bears mention, and that’s ARZA – the Association of Reform Zionists of America. If Israel is the front line where Reform is struggling for rights and recognition, ARZA, based in New York, is the back-office operation.

In Israel, the struggle for rights and recognition is, let’s face it, based on power and perceived power. It’s great that an indigenous Reform Judaism is finally taking root in Israel, and thriving; it’s great that

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**Celebrating Our
161st Year**



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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.*

TBO PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The first order of business as the Temple President is to write the monthly article for the bulletin. I must warn you that I am not a great writer, which means my articles will probably be short. Unfortunately for Gina that also will mean I will not be as timely on submitting my articles as she would like.

I am excited about beginning my Presidency. Temple Beth Or is so active. As we have talked to URJ and CCAR they tell us that most congregations do not have as many programs as we do. We have the Rabbi's learning series, the Rothschild-Blachslager Lecture Series, Live from 92nd Street Y. If you have not attended any of these, please do. They are great learning opportunities. We also hear that most congregations would be envious about the number of members attending our Friday night services. We are so lucky to have members who are interested in their Judaism and the Temple. Over the next two years, I would like to see attendance at our education series and services increase.

In her last articles Jenny Ives mentioned the Food Festival and the need for volunteers. Jenny and a group of dedicated members are working to revamp the Festival to keep it viable and relevant for the community. The Food Festival is an important outreach to the Montgomery Community. We have people who have attended all of the Festivals and really look forward to them. This year's Festival will be in February. In order to make the Festival a success we need your help throughout the year as well as the day of the Festival. We need members to volunteer to bake. Come join us in the kitchen.

Before I finish I want to tell you about changes that are being made in the office. We are finally moving our records to a computer system. This will streamline the records of the office. In the next couple of weeks we will be installing a donated computer server that will facilitate entering and keeping our records centrally. You will hear more about this as we transition on to the new system.

If you have not been to the Temple in while, please come join us. If there are areas you would like to suggest some changes please call or send me an email.

James L. "Jamie" Loeb, Jr.

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.

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EDUCATIONAL FUND

*In Memory of Verna Wool
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ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Carol & Jamie Loeb
- 6..... Clare Weil & Bob Weisberg
- 10 Dawn & Adam Schloss
- 11 Alison & Greg Williamson
- 14..... Angela and Edward Abraham
- 28 Marlene & Rick Beringer
- 29 Barbara & Ronnie Leet
- 30 Jenny & John Ives

BIRTHDAYS

- 5Heather Shinpaugh
- 7Michael Goldner
- 11Gene Harris
- 12.....Mae Cohen
- 20.....Jeff Blitz
- 22.....Angela Abraham
- 22.....Pete Ginsburg
- 23.....Celeste Sabel
- 24.....Felice Cohen
- 24.....Burke Schloss
- 24.....Jean Weil
- 25.....Matilde Scheuer
- 30.....Susan King
- 30.....Suzanne Soloff
- 31.....David Berry
- 31.....Steve Clein

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings on July 6.

YAHARZEITS

To be read 7/6/2012

Robert L. Cooper, Jr.
Faye Stamm Greil
Alex Marion
Harold Straus
Diana Kahn Weil
Sigmund Weil

To be read 7/13/2012

Anna Stiller Anshel
Tommie Moses Coleman
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To be read 7/20/2012

Rebecca Sherman Blotner
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Michael Deutsch
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Carolyn Endel Printz
Charles H. Wampold, Jr.

To be read 7/27/2012

David R. Baylinson
Philip W. Bernstein, Sr.
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Mose Moscovitz
Nellie Weil

SISTERHOOD

Thank you to the members of Temple Beth Or Sisterhood for giving me the opportunity to serve as president for another term. I find great satisfaction in leading the women of this congregation. They inspire me with their hard work and dedication to Temple Beth Or. We have already started working on our plans for another year. Carol Loeb, Julie Goolsby, Jamie Loeb, and Joy Kaplan will serve as Vice Presidents and will be calling to get all of our events set up. Please say yes when they call or better yet, call one of these ladies and offer your help. These events are vital to our congregation and require a lot of woman power.

Mae Cohen is our Financial Secretary for this term and will soon be sending out information about Sisterhood dues. We want every woman in the congregation to join us. Your dues and time are so important. Karen Goldstein will serve as Secretary, Sharon McDaniel will be our Treasurer, and Marlene Beringer sits on the board as past president. As you see, we have a very strong board and we are ready to get to work for another successful year.

I look forward to working with Rabbi Stevens on projects that will benefit our Temple. He is always filled with wonderful ideas to help our congregation. We are looking into some ideas and I will let you know as soon as we have a decision. This is one important reason for your membership dues. If you have any ideas for Sisterhood projects, please let me know.

Susan Bernstein
President

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L'CHAIM LEAGUE

A documentary about the life of Samuel Ullman will be shown at **AI*EA on Tuesday, July 17th**. This event will take place at 11:30 a.m. Mr. Ullman was the great-grandfather of Babette Wampold, who will lead the discussion outlining how Mr. Ullman

had such a grand influence on Asian culture. Lunch will be served, at a cost of \$8.00 per person. Your check will be your reservation. Please be sure and let me know, by Friday, July 13th, if you will be able to attend.

The next big event will be held at the **home of Micki Beth Stiller on Tuesday, August 21st** at 10:00 a.m. Our gracious host will guide us around her home to view her artwork, and enlighten us with the stories behind the designs. After our visit, we will dine at Derk's Filet and Vine in Old Cloverdale. It is always a pleasure to have you join us at any of these events.

Linda R. Smith

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FROM THE LIBRARY

Last month we highlighted some of the titles in the temple library's film collection that are available in DVD format; however, the library still has a number of VHS titles, a format that is becoming increasingly difficult to use as fewer and fewer people continue to keep VHS players. Because of this we are looking to replace as much as we can of the library's VHS collection with DVD and are inviting anyone interested in contributing to the project to do so. Below you will find a list of films that we can currently replace along with their (Amazon) replacement cost. If you would like to help, you can do so by letting us know by the end of July which titles you would like to contribute (this will help in avoiding unnecessary duplication). You can communicate your desire to help to Gina, and the library will then place a bulk order (which will save shipping cost). And of course, if you have your own copies of any of these titles and would like to donate them, those donations are most welcomed. Thank you!

Eric A. Kidwell, MLS

The Long Way Home *\$89.99
Lamb Chop's Chanukah and Passover Surprise * \$14.79
Schindler's List *\$7.85
Anne Frank Remembered *\$9.61
The Pawnbroker * \$39.95
A Taste of Chanukah: A Celebration of

the Joys & Music of the Holiday (PBS) *\$14.99
There's No Such Thing as a Chanukah Bush, Sandy Goldstein * \$18.03
Delta Jews: Jews in the Land of the Blues (Filmmakers Library) * \$21.61
Left Luggage * \$15.98
Diary of Anne Frank * \$11.75
Genesis : A Living Conversation (Bill Moyers) * \$70.16
Shop on Main Street * \$18.80
Mr. Saturday Night * \$5.00
Sophie's Choice * \$7.08
The Hiding Place * \$10.32
Frontline: Journey to the Occupied Lands (PBS) * \$54.55
They Came for Good: a History of the Jews in the United States *(2 vols.: 1654-1820, \$19.98; 1820-1880 \$18.01)
Shalom Sesame New (complete) Series \$129.30
In the Marvelous Musical Mansion (WeeSing) *10.39
Noah's Ark (The Greatest Adventure series – Hanna/ Barbera) *\$7.23
Moses (The Greatest Adventure series – Hanna/Barbera) *8.78
The Shtetl \$23.26
In Our Own Hands: the Hidden Story of the Jewish Brigade in World War II * \$19.95
Into the Arms of Strangers: Stories of the Kindertransport *\$8.96
Oh God! *\$9.99
Wonderful World of Disney Miracle at Midnight * \$10.51
Raffi in Concert with the Rise and Shine Band * \$9.99
On Golden Pond * \$8.02
One Night with the King * \$8.42
The Grey Zone *\$11.77

The L'Chaim League visits
Carol and Jamie's Loeb's home
on Lake Martin on
June 19, 2012



congregations like Beit Daniel in Tel Aviv, (where our former shaliach Shimon has served as their song leader by the way), have hundreds of people filling their sanctuary and their programs. But in the Jewish Agency and the Zionist Congresses and the offices where funding decisions and political appointments are made, the power of the American Jewish community has a very large role to play. And of all the great American Jewish organizations that send delegates to the Zionist Congresses that set the agenda and priorities of the Jewish Agency, the strongest of all is ARZA – the Association of Reform Zionists of America.

What a change since the early days of Reform Judaism, with its anti-Zionism! I was present when ARZA was founded in 1977, and it was a thrilling moment. Now, many tens of thousands of Reform Jews are

members, and ARZA's achievements are starting to tell, as when the Zionist Executive in Jerusalem appointed a Reform rabbi to head one of its major departments a few years ago.

These organizations deserve our support, and need our support. I'd be curious to know how many of us here are members of ARZA, or perhaps have even heard of it. I've been asking around a bit, and so far no one I've approached has even heard of it, though it goes back 35 years to the same year that Miri Gold first made aliyah to Israel.

I know that some of us still have reservations about Zionism. Indeed a few years ago one of our members quit, saying to me that we spend entirely too much time talking about Israel. But I submit that

supporting Reform Judaism in Israel is a mitzvah we can and should all share, regardless of our political affiliation, or how we feel about how Israel is managing its relationships with its neighbors, or even how we feel about supporting Federation. Israel is now home to more Jews than anywhere else in the world, and if Reform Judaism stands for anything, it is the religious equality of all Jews in terms of rights, privileges and obligations.

Some congregations find ways to enable their members to learn about and connect with ARZA and the other institutions that foster and support our Movement in Israel. One of my goals this coming year will be to see that this subject will be part of our agenda and our discussion as well.

Rabbi Elliot Stevens



Hannah Merson placed first place overall for her age group in the United States Snowboard Association National Championships (April 2012). Hannah is the granddaughter of Charlotte and Joe Mussafer. Her mother is Caren (Howard) Mussafer Merson from Stowe, Vermont.

Rebecca Merson, just graduated from Vermont Academy and will be attending Suffolk College in Boston, MA. Rebecca is the granddaughter of Charlotte and Joe Mussafer. Her parents are Caren and Howard Merson from Stowe, Vermont.

Mazel Tov!
To **AL BENN** on his appointment by Governor Robert Bentley to a three-year term on the Alabama Holocaust Commission.



Happy 4th of July!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY NOW AVAILABLE WANTED: YAHRZEIT COORDINATOR

Those who memorialize their loved ones by coming to Temple to recite Kaddish on the Yahrzeit [anniversary] of their passing appreciate the advance notifications they receive as the Yahrzeit date approaches. Mae Cohen has been coordinating these Yahrzeit notifications, filling this important volunteer position with warmth, tact and attention to detail. We are grateful for her dedication.

As Mae's tenure as Yahrzeit coordinator comes to an end, we seek a volunteer who can take over this important task. This person will work closely with Gina to handle the Yahrzeit notices. Mae Cohen will be available for guidance. If you are interested, please call Gina Friday at the temple office, 334-262-3314. Many thanks.

Religion School Schedule



AIEA

8/19, Opening Day

8/26

9/9

9/23

9/30, Sukkot Celebration

10/14

10/21

10/28

11/4

12/2

12/9, Chanukah Celebration

12/16, Last Day at AIEA

Helen Suzman Exhibit & panel discussion The Rosa Parks Museum

**Thursday, June 28 and July 12
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM**

Helen Suzman, the iconic South African leader who devoted her life to the fight against apartheid, is the focus of a graphic panel exhibition HELEN SUZMAN: Fighter for Human Rights. She visited Nelson Mandela numerous times in prison, and was at his side when he signed the new constitution in 1996.



Noted for her strong criticism of the governing National Party's policies of apartheid at a time when this was almost unknown amongst whites, she found herself even more of an outsider by virtue of being an English-speaking Jewish woman in a Parliament dominated by Calvinist Afrikaner men. She spent a total of 36 years in Parliament in which she defended the right to freedom of expression for all South Africans.

Suzman was a member of the South African Parliament for 36 years, from 1953-1989. She was the sole opposition voice condemning apartheid during the 13-year period (1961-1974) when she was the governing body's only member of the Progressive Party. The exhibition explores nearly four decades of Suzman's life and vision through photographs, personal letters, quotations from speeches and news articles.

Suzman was nominated twice for the Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of her contribution to the pursuit of justice in South Africa. She received the United Nations Award of the International League for Human Rights in 1978. In 1989, Queen Elizabeth conferred on her an Honorary Dame Commander (Civil Division) of the Order of the British Empire. Suzman died on January 1, 2009, at the age of 91. Flags across South Africa were flown at half-mast while tributes poured in from around the world.

Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Central Alabama and the Rosa Parks Museum.



RABBI'S SUMMER SERMON SERIES

Some of the most important and colorful figures in our long Jewish history are almost completely unknown to today's Jews. Names like Abraham, Miriam and Moses are well known, and the name Maimonides might still ring a bell, but some individuals who literally saved Judaism or changed the course of history are long forgotten.

This summer sermon series will present six such individuals (the first is a small group), highlighting some of Judaism's "greats," while drawing out a moral or life lessons that can still guide us today.

The series, six in number, includes the following sermon topics:

- ◆ The daughters of Zelophehad – young women who stood up to Moses, advocated the rights of women, and won! (July 6)
- ◆ Yochanan ben Zakkai – who feigned his death as Rome was destroying Jerusalem, saving both himself and Judaism (July 20)
- ◆ Saadiah Gaon – who invented Jewish philosophy, established the Jewish calendar, put down the Karaites and secured the power of the exilarchate (July 27)
- ◆ Donna Gracia Mendes – who devised and financed an amazing escape route for hundreds of Jews fleeing Spain and Portugal after the expulsion (August 3)
- ◆ Azariah dei Rossi – the only Jewish historian between Josephus and the modern era, whose works were banned and burned, even as he was excommunicated (August 10)
- ◆ Shabbatai Zvi – who declared himself the long-awaited Jewish messiah in 1666, leading Jewish communities throughout Europe into an unprecedented frenzy (August 24).

Facilities Use Guidelines

The Board of Trustees approved a new Facilities Use Guidelines, which replaces the previous guideline dated 1997, regarding the use of the Temple & Social Hall during the April 24, 2012 Board Meeting.

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

We'll be updating the Temple Beth Or membership directory soon. If you did not receive a card updating your information please contact the TBO office.

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.



**AI☆EA
ADULT EDUCATION**

SATURDAYS

9:00 AM
Coffee and Conversation
July 14, 21, 28

30 minutes after kiddush -
Brunch and Learn

(Shabbat Service will begin at 9:30 AM)

**Adult education program at
Agudath Israel**

Introduction to Judaism - July 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 who are thinking of joining the Jewish community.

**Leaves for Life Cycle
Events on our
Tree of Life**

Our Temple is proud to possess our “Tree of Life.” This original sculpture is permanently displayed in the Temple Beth Or lobby. The branches of the tree contain leaves which can be inscribed to highlight or commemorate such joyous events as births, weddings, anniversaries, bar and bat mitzvahs, graduations or simply to honor parents, family or friends. Share your happy occasions by inscribing your family “Simchas” on our temple’s “Tree of Life.” This will be a permanent dedication to the meaningful and happy events that touch our lives. The price per leaf is \$250.00 for small leaves and \$350.00 for large leaves. Contact Sharon McDaniel or the Temple regarding purchase.



Young Adult party held at Susan and Philip Bernstein’s home on June 3rd.

Beyond July!

Friday, August 3, 6 PM, RABBI'S SUMMER SERMON SERIES -- Donna Gracia Mendes – who devised and financed an amazing escape route for hundreds of Jews fleeing Spain and Portugal after the expulsion.

Friday, August 10, 6 PM, RABBI'S SUMMER SERMON SERIES -- Azariah dei Rossi – the only Jewish historian between Josephus and the modern era, whose works were banned and burned, even as he was excommunicated.

Sunday, August 12, 6:05 PM, For Men's Club Members. Biscuits Day at the Ballpark. Reservations Required. Sign-up sheet outside sanctuary.

Tuesday, August 21, 10 AM, L'Chaim League visits the home of Micki Beth Stiller. Lunch to follow at Derk's Filet & Vine in Old Cloverdale.

Friday, August 24, 6 PM, RABBI'S SUMMER SERMON SERIES -- Shabbatai Zvi – who declared himself the long-awaited Jewish messiah in 1666, leading Jewish communities throughout Europe into an unprecedented frenzy.

Thursday, September 6, Noon, Sisterhood opening luncheon. (Date tentative.)

Saturday, September 15, 6 PM, S'lichot Service.

Sunday, September 16, 7:30 PM, Rosh Hashanah Eve Service - followed by Annual Reception. Sermon topic: JUDAISM'S "STATE OF THE UNION."

Monday, September 17, All Day, TBO Office closed for Rosh Hashanah.

Monday, September 17, 10 AM, Rosh Hashanah Morning Service. Sermon topic: RETELLING THE STORY OF CREATION.

Monday, September 17, 10:30 AM, Children's Service in Library

Monday, September 17, 1 PM, Tashlich at Museum of Fine Arts lake. Bring your own bread.

Friday, September 21, 6 PM, Shabbat Shuvah. Sermon topic: RUMOR HAS IT

Sunday, September 23, 9:30 AM, Cemetery Memorial Service: Eternal Rest Cemetery

Sunday, September 23, 10:30 AM, Cemetery Memorial Service: Etz Ahayem Cemetery (new section)

Sunday, September 23, 11 AM, Cemetery Memorial Service: Etz Ahayem Cemetery (old section)

Tuesday, September 25, 7:30 PM, Kol Nidrei Eve. Sermon topic: MODIM ANACHNU LACH.

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

Wednesday, September 26, 10 AM, Yom Kippur Morning. Sermon topic: THE SAGA OF JONAH AND THE BIG FISH.

Wednesday, September 26, 12 PM, Rabbi's Discussion. Sermon topic: THE EVOLUTION OF GOD.

Wednesday, September 26, 2:30 PM, Children's Service

Wednesday, September 26, 3:30 PM, Afternoon Service
Wednesday, September 26, 4:15 PM (appx.), Memorial Service. WHAT DOES IT MEAN WHEN WE RECITE "KADDISH"?

Wednesday, September 26, 5 PM, Concluding Service followed by Break Fast.

Tuesday, October 9, 4 PM, Study with Rabbi Stevens. Basic Judaism begins at 4:00 PM. Class one: Overview of Judaism. A 30-minute Basic Hebrew class follows at 5:00 PM.

Tuesday, October 16, 4 PM, Study with Rabbi Stevens. Basic Judaism begins at 4:00 PM. Class two: A Whirlwind Tour of Jewish History. A 30-minute Basic Hebrew class follows at 5:00 PM.

Tuesday, October 23, 4 PM, Study with Rabbi Stevens. Basic Judaism begins at 4:00 PM. Class three: The Basic Texts of Judaism. A 30-minute Basic Hebrew class follows at 5:00 PM.

Thursday, October 25, 7 PM, Rabbi Stevens five-part series on Women in the Hebrew Bible: Insights from Midrash and Commentaries. Details to follow.

Tuesday, October 30, 4 PM, Study with Rabbi Stevens. Basic Judaism begins at 4:00 PM. Class four: The Basic Texts of Judaism. A 30-minute Basic Hebrew class follows at 5:00 PM.

Tuesday, November 6, 4 PM, Study with Rabbi Stevens. Basic Judaism begins at 4:00 PM. Class five: Lifecycle: Birth through Bar Mitzvah. A 30-minute Basic Hebrew class follows at 5:00 PM.

Tuesday, November 13, 4 PM, Study with Rabbi Stevens. Basic Judaism begins at 4:00 PM. Class six: Lifecycle: Marriage and Divorce. A 30-minute Basic Hebrew class follows at 5:00 PM.

Thursday, November 15, 7 PM, Rabbi Stevens five-part series on Women in the Hebrew Bible: Insights from Midrash and Commentaries. Details to follow.

Tuesday, November 27, 4 PM, Study with Rabbi Stevens. Basic Judaism begins at 4:00 PM. Class seven: Lifecycle: Illness, death, mourning. A 30-minute Basic Hebrew class follows at 5:00 PM.

Tuesday, December 4, 4 PM, Study with Rabbi Stevens. Basic Judaism begins at 4:00 PM. Class eight: Holidays: Shabbat and Festivals. A 30-minute Basic Hebrew class follows at 5:00 PM.

Tuesday, December 11, 4 PM, Study with Rabbi Stevens. Basic Judaism begins at 4:00 PM. Class nine: Holidays: Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. A 30-minute Basic Hebrew class follows at 5:00 PM.

Thursday, December 13, 7 PM, Rabbi Stevens five-part series on Women in the Hebrew Bible: Insights from Midrash and Commentaries. Details to follow.

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.

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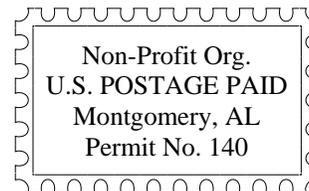
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 <i>6 PM Shabbat Service (Summer Sermon Series)</i>	7
8	9	10	11	12 <i>7 - 8:30 PM, Community Interest: Helen Suzman Exhibit & panel discussion at the Rosa Parks Museum</i>	13 <i>6 PM Shabbat Service</i>	14
15	16	17 <i>11:30 AM, L'Chaim League movie and lunch at Agudath Israel*Etz Ahayem.</i>	18	19	20 <i>6 PM Shabbat Service (Summer Sermon Series)</i>	21
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