

# Temple Beth Or Bulletin

A VIEW FROM THE BIMAH

September 2012 ~ Elul/Tishrei 5772/5773



In this political season, we are inundated with more political messages than absolutely necessary. The never-ending proliferation of political advertising is undoubtedly much worse in the so-called "swing" states, so in that regard I suppose we should consider ourselves lucky.

All of the various spot ads and commercials, signs and brochures have one thing in common: they all paint complex issues in stark, black-and-white slogans or sound bites that catch the ear but gloss over the nuances and complexities that characterize almost every issue on the nation's agenda.

One such issue has become part of my agenda, and I wanted to share it with you.

For the past three years, I've been honored to chair the Selection Committee of the River Region Ethics Award, sponsored by the Samaritan Counseling Center. This prestigious award recognizes small, medium and large businesses, plus non-profit agencies and individuals, and the process culminates each fall in a luncheon at the Wynlakes Country Club. Hundreds of people attend, and hear a keynote address by a nationally prominent speaker.

Herein lies the question. This year's speaker, invited many months ago, is

Dan Cathy, the President and COO of Chick-fil-A. He was invited because of Chick-fil-A's excellent reputation for ethical employee and customer relations, for its great business practices and community relations. I have only been involved with the selection process, and have no input into the speaker.

As has been widely reported in the news over the past month and more, Mr. Cathy has become the subject of controversy, for being one of America's most vocal opponents of the right of gay and lesbian couples to marry. He has reportedly donated millions since 2003 to organizations working to deny this right, including at least a couple of million this past year alone. One of his quotes, widely reported, was "I think we are inviting God's judgment on our nation when we shake our fist at him and say, 'We know better than you as to what constitutes a marriage.'"

Here's where the nuance comes in, because there are so many ways to frame the issue:

On the one hand, this could be an issue of free speech. Mr. Cathy, like myself and anyone else who considers the issue, has every right to his opinion – to hold it, to voice it, and to donate to like-minded causes. On the second hand, this could be an issue of advocating a denial of rights to others. Would we want to hear a speech from a Neo-Nazi? A member of the Ku Klux Klan? To be

sure, the issues there are different, but as a denial of rights issue we might come to a very different conclusion than on a matter of freedom of speech. Then there is the practical issue? Should we ask that Mr. Cathy be disinvited? Just make a personal decision as to whether to attend the

luncheon? Perhaps suggest that he avoid the subject and focus on the inspiring strengths of his company?

Personally, I'd be curious about the religious thinking of those who choose this particular biblical sentence, while ignoring the biblical acceptance of slavery, or biblical provisions for stoning to death those who violate the Sabbath, or not touching women during the fertile part of their monthly cycle, or on women's rights, generally precluded by biblical law.

My personal view parallels the resolutions adopted by my rabbinic body, the Central Conference of American Rabbis. Let me quote a brief excerpt from a long, nuanced position adopted by the CCAR in 1990. I agree with both the majority and minority view cited below, and see no conflict between them; the entire resolution can be found at [ccarnet.org](http://ccarnet.org):

"In Jewish tradition heterosexual, monogamous, procreative marriage is the ideal human relationship for the perpetuation of species, covenantal fulfillment, and the preservation of the Jewish people. While acknowledging that there are other human relationships which possess ethical and spiritual value and that there are some people for whom heterosexual, monogamous, procreative marriage is not a viable option or possibility, the majority of the committee reaffirms unequivocally the

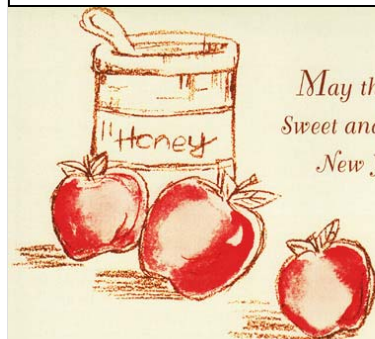
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Saturday, September 8  
Shabbat Morning  
Service

Saturday morning,

September 8, 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.



*May this be a  
Sweet and Happy  
New Year!*

**Celebrating Our  
161st Year**



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*Please call Gina Friday at 262-3314 to report any corrections or inaccuracies in the bulletin.*



*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](http://www.jewishmontgomery.org).*

**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.

**TBO PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Summer is officially over. Our kids are back in school and getting accustomed to the daily routines. Religion School just started as well and the kids are getting to know their new teachers. Soon the High Holy Days will be here. As we go through this Holiday Season, please think of the Temple. We need your help. Please volunteer on one of our many committees. This is a great way to help the Temple and get to better know your fellow congregant. In next month's bulletin, we will list the committees and the committee chairs. Please find a committee to join and call the chair. Don't wait to be called by someone to participate. If there is an area you can be of particular help, please let us know.

If you have not joined our Sisterhood or Men's Club please do. Sisterhood is responsible for all our beautiful receptions. You may contact Susan Bernstein at 281-4340 or [susanbernstein@gmail.com](mailto:susanbernstein@gmail.com) to join or volunteer to help them with all they do around the Temple. The Men's Club is a great way to meet friends and serve the Temple as well. Please contact Philip Bernstein at 281-4340 or [pbernstein@knology.net](mailto:pbernstein@knology.net) or call Pete Ginsburg at 265-6299 or [lynnepete@charter.net](mailto:lynnepete@charter.net) to join.

I also want to take this time to thank the Sisterhood and Men's Club for donating the large remote control screen that was installed on the stage of the Social Hall. Now we are able to view the 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Y Programs as well as other programs on an extra large screen in the comfort of our Social Hall. This very generous gift is a good example of what these groups do.

I look forward to seeing you and your family at our High Holy Day Services. Happy New Year and may this year's fast go easily for you.

Jamie

**Recent Deaths**

**Recent Death**

Florence Savler ל"ד

August 3, 2012



Mother of Lois Fields

**Recent Death**

Jean Kaufman Weil ז"ל

August 20, 2012



Mother of Dr. Laurie Weil,  
Jan Weil Avgar &  
Adolph "Andy" Weil

**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**

*Get Well Soon Carol Hart  
Shirley Beringer*

*In Memory of Florence Savler  
Mrs. Carol Hart*

*Happy Birthday Matile Scheuer  
Shirley Beringer*

**FLORAL FUND**

*In Memory of Blanche Winter  
Irving and Gay Winter*

*In Memory of Bobbie Walton  
Patricia and Allen Dees*

*In Honor of Jan Weil Avgar  
Kit and Rick Roth*

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*In Memory of Michael Deutsch  
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*In Memory of Verna Wool  
Lisa and Andy Weil*

**GENERAL FUND**

*In Honor of  
Alan Goldsmith's 90th Birthday  
Marlene and Rick Beringer  
Bob and Anita Reznikoff*

*In Memory of Bobbie Walton  
Marlene and Rick Beringer*

*In Memory of Florence Savler  
Marlene and Rick Beringer  
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*In Memory of Jean Weil  
Marlene and Rick Beringer  
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Theda and Will Hill Tankersley  
Mr. Mandel Selber, Jr.*

*In Memory of Verna Wool  
Jim & Mary Lynne Levy*

**GROUNDS BEAUTIFICATION**

*In Memory of Anna  
Stiller Anshel's Yahrzeit  
Micki Beth Stiller*

**RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

*In Memory of Bobbie Walton  
Lucille and Alan Goldsmith*

*In Honor of Irving Winter's  
85th Birthday  
Joan Hanan*

*In Honor of Rabbi Elliot Stevens  
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**SAMUEL SCHLOSS COMMUNITY FUND**

*In Memory of Jean Weil  
Alyce Schloss Butner  
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**YOUTH AND SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

*In Memory of Florence Savler  
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**BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 ..... Hal Bloom, Jr.
- 2 ..... Ilene Baylinson
- 4 ..... David Baylinson
- 5 ..... Susan Finklestein
- 6 ..... Liza Kaufman
- 7 ..... Lew Nyman
- 9 ..... Scott Harris
- 9 ..... Norma Michelson
- 11 ..... Joe Mussafer
- 13 ..... Russell Levy
- 16 ..... Keith Sabel
- 18 ..... Bobby Kohn
- 18 ..... Irving Winter
- 20 ..... Stewart Applebaum
- 23 ..... Charlie Strasburger
- 23 ..... Terry Toney
- 24 ..... Betty Bloom
- 24 ..... Susan Kohn
- 24 ..... Bert Loeb
- 26 ..... Jeanette Hanan
- 26 ..... Joy Kaplan
- 30 ..... Kathleen Roberts

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- 4 ..... Frances & Ralph Capouya
- 5 ..... Diane & Alan Weil
- 6 ..... Robin & Andrew Kromis
- 8 ..... Julie & William Goolsby
- 14 ..... Norma & Leonard Michelson
- 24 ..... Maxine & Michael Goldner

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Birthday and Anniversary Blessings  
on September 1.  
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**YAHARZEITS**

**To be read 9/7/2012**

- Arthur S. Hertz
- Clare C. Hertz
- Isaac May
- Norman Pirofsky
- Elise Salama
- Joseph Salama
- William Aaron Wallace

**To be read 9/14/2012**

- Manny Applebaum
- Gusta Barth Baim
- Jenny Nussbaum
- Pat Simon
- Edith P. Stiller
- Ben Tillinger

**To be read 9/21/2012**

- Rhoda Dreyfus Abraham
- Carol Loeb Dresner
- Rebekah Katz
- oseph B. Loeb
- Claudia Richard Manley
- Sam Nusbaum
- Herbert M. Scheuer, Sr.
- Louis Schorr
- Quenby Sameth Schulman
- Dr. Peter D. Weinrib

**To be read 9/28/2012**

- Hal W. Bloom, Sr.
- Dr. Morris N. Capouya
- Mae Wilzin Landau
- Mark Sabel

## SISTERHOOD

Best wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year from your Sisterhood Board. We will begin our new year with our Sisterhood Opening Meeting at the home of Aimee Harris on Wednesday, September 5 at 5:30. Join us for cocktails and conversation. This was a really fun way to start our year last year so I hope you will make plans to join us. Please call Aimee with your reservation.

Following the Rosh Hashanah eve service on Sunday, September 16, please join us for a reception chaired by Bette Sue Strasburger and Corinne Capilouto. This is always a great time to spread New Year good wishes. We will also have apples and honey in the social hall at the close of Rosh Hashanah service on Monday.

At the close of Yom Kippur services on Wednesday, September 26, join us for Break Fast in the social hall hosted by Susan Finkelstein. All are welcome to attend.

We are hoping that all women in the congregation will join Sisterhood. Mae Cohen has sent out membership notices. The more members we have the more we can do for the Temple. Thank you to all of you that have already joined and have agreed to participate in events.

Susan Bernstein,  
President

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## L'CHAIM LEAGUE

Holiday visits to the home-bound community members, will be on Thursday, September 6th and Sunday, September 9th. We would love for you to join us as we deliver gift baskets that will include home-

made Challahs, lovingly made by Esther B Labovitz, along with other goodies. These visits are so enjoyable and uplifting not only to the residents we visit, but for us, as well.

The Opening Luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, October 16th at the home of Louisa and Mike Weinrib. The luncheon will be catered and our featured speaker will be Jerry Thrash from Rosemont Gardens. Jerry will demonstrate how to make flower arrangements. Please bring your own vase, and we will supply the flowers.

We will have other exciting programs to complete our year, and would certainly enjoy your participation at all or any of the events that you would like to attend. All of us would like to extend to all of you a very happy and healthy New Year.

Linda R. Smith

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## FROM THE LIBRARY

If you've visited the temple in the last few weeks you've notice a table set out by the fellowship hall showcasing some of the books from the library. This is an effort by the new temple library committee to help increase awareness of the materials to be found in the library ... some new, some not so new. On your next visit, take some time and browse the table ... and the library.

Speaking of browsing the library, just how are the books and other materials arranged? Most of you are familiar with the Dewey Decimal System. It's the system many of us grew up with, used by our school libraries and public libraries, but the temple library uses a different classification system.

Elazar was created by David and Daniel Elazar specifically for

libraries of Judaica. It was first published as a library classification system in 1962, and is now in its third edition. Here is a basic breakdown of how the system is applied:

**000s** - Torah and Tanakh (Bible)  
**100s** - Classical Judaica - Talmud Midrash  
**200s** - Observance and Practice (holidays)  
**300s** - Jewish Education  
**400s** - Languages  
**500s** - Literature (Fiction - 560s)  
**600s** - Community, Society and the Arts (including cookbooks, health and wellness issues, marriage and the family, some social issues)  
**700s** - History, Geography and Biography (including Holocaust)  
**800s** - Israel, Zionism and the Middle East  
**900s** - General Works, Encyclopedia, Atlas

The children's and young adult collections are also catalogued using the Elazar system (with some modifications); however, these collections are shelved by general subject matter (such as holidays, folktales, historical fiction, Torah, Jewish life, etc.) to make them more accessible to their young users.

Films and music (videos, DVDs, CDs) are also catalogued using Elazar but are shelved together by format in a section near the library doors. Magazines and newspapers can be found in this same area.

Eric A. Kidwell, MLS



**Apples and Honey will be served after the Rosh Hashanah morning service. We hope you will join us.**

# HIGH HOLY DAY INFORMATION

## 2012 High Holy Day Service Times

### Saturday, September 15

S'lichot Service ..... 6:00 PM

### Sunday, September 16

Rosh Hashanah Eve ..... 7:30 PM

*Followed by our Annual Reception*

### Monday, September 17

Rosh Hashanah Morning ..... 10:00 AM

Children's Service in Library ..... 10:30 AM

Tashlich at Montgomery Museum Pond ..... 1:00 PM

*(Bring your own bread.)*

### Friday, September 21

Shabbat Shuvah ..... 6:00 PM

### Sunday, September 23

Cemetery Memorial Services

Eternal Rest Cemetery ..... 9:30 AM

Etz Ahayem Cemetery (new section) ..... 10:30 AM

Etz Ahayem Cemetery (old section) ..... 11:00 AM

### Tuesday, September 25

Kol Nidrei Eve ..... 7:30 PM

### Wednesday, September 26

Yom Kippur Morning ..... 10:00 AM

Rabbi's Discussion ..... 12:00 PM

Children's Service ..... 2:30 PM

Afternoon Service ..... 3:30 PM

Memorial Service ..... ca. 4:15 PM

Concluding Service ..... 5 PM

*Followed by Break Fast (appx 5:45 PM)*

**TASHLICH - AT THE POND ON ROSH HASHAHAN**  
Join us for Tashlich ["casting off"] on Rosh Hashanah afternoon as we symbolically cast off our sins into the waters at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts – accompanied by a blast of the great shofar. Tashlich, a brief ceremony, is based on Micah 7:18-20: "You will cast all their sins into the depths of the sea." Bring your own bread of any kind [multigrain for complex sins; waffles for sins of indecision; pumpernickel for dark sins, sourdough for ill-temperedness, etc.].



Shabbat Service on Friday, September 14th to include changing of the Torah covers for the High Holy Day services

## Babysitting for the High Holy Day Services

It's time to think about your babysitting needs for the High Holy Days: Rosh Hashanah evening and morning, Kol Nidre & Yom Kippur morning. Please call the Temple at 262-3314 if you'll need to use this service.

## 2012/5773 High Holy Day Sermon Topics

Erev Rosh Hashanah: JUDAISM'S "STATE OF THE UNION"

Rosh Hashanah Morning: RETELLING THE STORY OF CREATION

Shabbat Shuvah: RUMOR HAS IT

Kol Nidrei: MODIM ANACHNU LACH

Yom Kippur Morning: THE SAGA OF JONAH AND THE BIG FISH

Yom Kippur Discussion: THE EVOLUTION OF GOD

Yizkor: WHAT DOES IT MEAN WHEN WE RECITE "KADDISH"?



## HIGH HOLY HOLIDAYS - SOCIAL CONCERNS

The Social Concerns function of Temple is funded by donations, and not by a line in the budget. As our activities have increased, we need to replenish the resources available.

This year you will find an envelope in your High Holy Days prayerbook, and we are asking you to return it with a generous donation to the office by the end of October.

The Social Concerns Committee carries out the following: collecting "bedtime bundles" for Child Protect, cooking and freezing meals for MACOA, outreach to homebound members in the congregation, and *ad hoc* responses to community emergencies.

Please be generous! Thank you.

centrality of this ideal and its special status as *kiddushin*. To the extent that sexual orientation is a matter of choice, the majority of the committee affirms that heterosexuality is the only appropriate Jewish choice for fulfilling one's covenantal obligations.

“A minority of the committee dissents, affirming the equal possibility of covenantal fulfillment in homosexual and heterosexual relationships. The relationship, not the gender, should determine its Jewish value -- *Kiddushin*.”

“The committee strongly endorses the view that all Jews are religiously equal regardless of their sexual orientation. We are aware of loving and committed relationships between people of the same sex. Issues such as the religious status of these relationships as well as the creation of special ceremonies are matters of continuing discussion and differences of opinion.”

No decision has yet been made with regard to Mr. Cathy's speech at the awards luncheon. I am very pleased that the leadership of the Samaritan Counseling Center is devoting much discussion as to how to proceed, and that they take the issue very seriously. I have shared my view that I see the issue as the latest in a long line progressing from women's suffrage; equal employment opportunities; the Civil Rights Movement and other rights that were opposed over the last century, contentious in their day but now taken for granted. But I also know how divisive a disinvitation might prove to be.

Thinking deeply about delicate and sensitive issues is what we Jews do during this season of the High Holy Days. Whatever issues you face during this season of holiness and blessing, let us pledge at least to look beyond the blurbs and sound bites, and introspect. The Hebrew for “repentance” really means “turning in new directions,” and that might involve behavior, stands, issues and relationships. I pray that we take this season seriously, and work for a better world.

My best for a joyous and redemptive New Year, from my family to you and yours.

## Men's Club at a Biscuit's game on August 12th.



**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?

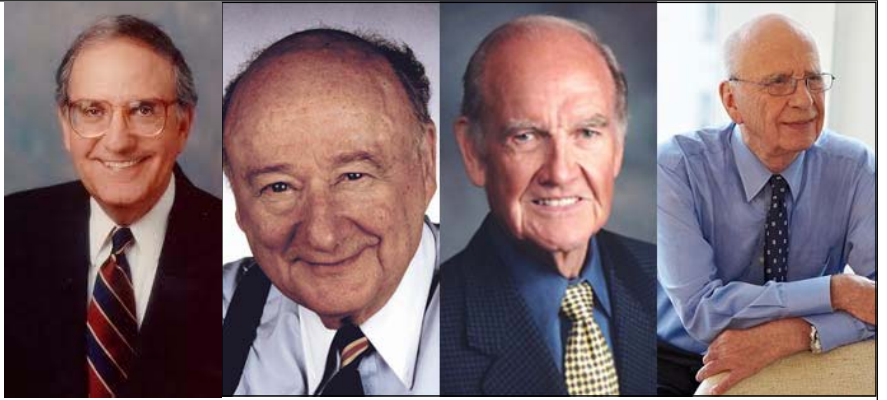
A wheelchair and walker are stored in the coat closet and available to members and guests during Temple events.

L'Chaim League visits Micki Beth Stiller's home on August 21st.  
(To see these pictures in color visit our website at [www.templebethor.net](http://www.templebethor.net).)



COMING TO THE TBO BIG  
SCREEN:  
KOCH, MITCHELL, MURDOCH  
AND VOLCKER –  
LIVE FROM THE 92<sup>ND</sup> STREET Y

**Thursday, September 13**  
**6:30 p.m. in the**  
**Baylinson Social Hall**



This fall's first program in the *Live From NY's 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Y* series brings us four famous octogenarians: NY's former **Mayor Ed Koch**; **Senator George Mitchell**, **Rupert Murdoch**, and former Federal Reserve chairman **Paul Volcker** for an extraordinary discussion on aging in America. The panel, interviewed by radio host Leonard Lopate, will share their collective wisdom for young retirees, in the context of life expectancies now approaching the mid-80's.

COMING TO THE TBO BIG SCREEN:  
**Michael Oren with Thane Rosenbaum**  
LIVE FROM THE 92<sup>ND</sup> STREET Y

**Tuesday, October 16**  
**7:00 p.m. in the Baylinson Social Hall**



*Live From NY's 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Y* series brings us one of the most passionate and articulate defenders of the State of Israel; Michael Oren is an American born historian, an award-winning, best-selling author, a veteran of Israel's Defense Forces, and Israel's current Ambassador to the United States. Michael Oren is author of *Six Days of War and Power, Faith, and Fantasy*. Thane Rosenbaum is a novelist and law professor at Fordham University and the director of the Forum on Law, Culture and Society.

## NEWS FROM L'CHAIM

### Good Bye to Linda!

After the first shock, the L'Chaim League Board could only wish Linda good luck in her new endeavor, which is a great opportunity for her. Linda's office as executive director of the L'Chaim League has been beneficial to its membership. Creative programs, holiday visits to nursing homes and shut-ins and her enthusiastic leadership have increased the number of members of the organization as well as participation.

"The offer was too good to refuse," said Linda. Harold's Jewelers asked that Linda, who is very knowledgeable in the field of gems, come to help him sell his jewelry. Linda has given the board a month's notice and has enlisted the aid of Sharon Berry to replace her. Linda will keep her usual hours until September 6th and will be there to help when needed. Visits over the holidays to shut-ins will continue with Linda's help. Programs are scheduled through the end of the year. Sharon will begin approximately a month to six weeks after September 6th. Be sure to attend the October 16th opening luncheon at Louisa and Mike Weinrib's house when we can all thank Linda for her superb leadership.



**STUDY OPPORTUNITIES WITH  
RABBI STEVENS**

**JUDAISM BASICS & BASIC HEBREW**

This basic survey of Judaism runs for eleven sessions, starting October 9. Take a whirlwind tour of Jewish history, learn about Jewish traditions on life cycle events and the Jewish calendar, study the main religious themes of Jewish tradition, and ask as many questions as you wish.

Sessions run from 4 - 5 PM. **By Advance Registration: Please register with Gina Friday at the TBO office.**

- October 9** ..... Overview of Judaism.
- October 16** ..... A Whirlwind Tour of Jewish History.
- October 23** ..... The Basic Texts of Judaism.
- October 30** ..... The Basic Texts of Judaism.
- November 6** ..... Lifecycle: Birth through Bar Mitzvah.
- November 13** ..... Lifecycle: Marriage and Divorce.
- November 27** ..... Lifecycle: Illness, death, mourning.
- December 4** ..... Holidays: Shabbat and Festivals.
- December 11**     Holidays: Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.
- December 18**     Holidays: Minor holidays (Chanukah, Purim, etc.).
- January 8** ..... Modern Judaism: Israel; Denominations.

**Hebrew bonus session:** For those who want to learn to read Hebrew, now's your chance. You CAN learn to read in just ten sessions, from 5 - 5:30 PM following the class in Basic Judaism.



**AI☆EA  
ADULT EDUCATION**

**SATURDAYS**

9:00 AM  
**Coffee and Conversation**  
September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

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

**AMAZING WOMEN IN  
THE JEWISH BIBLE –  
A NEW ADULT EDUCATION SERIES**

Starting on Thursday evening, October 25, Rabbi Stevens will be offering a five-part series on biblical women – as seen through the eyes of rabbinic commentaries and midrash. The early rabbis knew how to “spin” a story to enhance – or destroy! – a reputation, or to create a good yarn on sometimes sparse material. We will discover, as we read these commentaries, the “back stories” of these women, and learn from their personalities that were all too human. The five sessions which will start at **7 PM** are:

- REBECCA .....October 25
- DINAH .....November 15
- DEBORAH and YA
- EL .....December 13
- BATHSHEBA .....January 3
- RUTH .....January 24

All programs are offered without charge.  
Bring your friends!

**TASTE OF JUDAISM COMING TO MONTGOMERY**

Since its inception by the Reform Movement more than fifteen years ago, some 90,000 persons have experienced the “Taste of Judaism” program, which will now be available for the first time in Montgomery.

“Taste of Judaism” is a free, three-session class for beginners — Jewish or not — that explores the topics of Jewish spirituality, ethics and community values. This class is designed for those who would like to explore or re-explore the foundations of our tradition and are looking for an entry into Jewish life.

*A Taste of Judaism* has achieved remarkable success with unaffiliated Jews, those who are not Jewish but who are interested in learning about Judaism, interfaith couples and their families and those considering conversion.



The program, slated for late September and early October at Temple Beth Or, will be offered by Rabbi Stevens. By design, the program is not available to temple members or affiliated Jews, but members are encouraged to identify potential candidates who might have an interest.

Our program is chaired by our member Katie Wetherbee, herself a Jew by choice who has volunteered to administer this program. Funding is provided by the Union for Reform Judaism. Katie may be contacted at 334-625-8154, or via email at TasteJudaismMontgomery@gmail.com.

## And Beyond!

**Sunday, October 7, 6 PM**, Simchat Torah Celebration.  
**Tuesday, October 9, 4 PM**, Basic Judaism with Rabbi Stevens begins at 4:00 PM. Class one: Overview of Judaism. A 30-minute Basic Hebrew class follows at 5:00 PM.  
**Friday, October 12, 5 PM**, Family Chavurah Shabbat service in the Blachschleger Library - suitable for children of all ages.  
**Saturday, October 13, 9:30 AM**, Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Rabbi Stevens. Light brunch served.  
**Tuesday, October 16, 11:30 AM**, L'Chaim League's Opening Luncheon at the home of Louisa and Mike Weinrib. There will be a program and lunch will be served.  
**Tuesday, October 16, 4 PM**, Basic Judaism with Rabbi Stevens 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 16, 7 PM**, 92nd Street Y Program: MICHAEL OREN WITH THANE ROSENBAUM on TBO's big screen - in the Baylinson Social Hall. Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Central Alabama. Bring your family and friends.  
**Tuesday, October 23, 4 PM**, Basic Judaism with Rabbi Stevens 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. Topic: REBECCA.  
**Friday, October 26, 6 PM**, Shabbat Service. TORAH READING AND D'VAR TORAH.  
**Tuesday, October 30, 4 PM**, Basic Judaism with Rabbi Stevens begins at 4:00 PM. Class four: The Basic Texts of Judaism. A 30-minute Basic Hebrew class follows at 5:00 PM.  
**Sunday, November 4, 6:30 PM**, 92nd Street Y Program: ERIC KANDEL & ELIE WIESEL WITH DR. GAIL SALTZ: MIND, BODY AND SOUL on TBO's big screen - in the Baylinson Social Hall. Sponsored by the Rothschild-Blachschleger Lecture Series.

Bring your family and friends.  
**Tuesday, November 6, 4 PM**, Basic Judaism with Rabbi Stevens begins at 4:00 PM. Class five: Lifecycle: Birth through Bar Mitzvah. A 30-minute Basic Hebrew class follows at 5:00 PM.  
**Friday, November 9, 5 PM**, Family Chavurah Shabbat service in the Blachschleger Library - suitable for children of all ages.  
**Saturday, November 10, 9:30 AM**, Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Rabbi Stevens. Light brunch served.  
**Tuesday, November 13, 4 PM**, Basic Judaism with Rabbi Stevens 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. Topic: DINAH.  
**Tuesday, November 20, 7 PM**, Joint Thanksgiving Service with First United Methodist Church and Church of the Ascension. Held at FUMC. Reception follows.  
**Friday, November 23, 6 PM**, Shabbat Service. TORAH READING AND D'VAR TORAH.  
**Tuesday, November 27, 4 PM**, Basic Judaism with Rabbi Stevens 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**, Basic Judaism with Rabbi Stevens begins at 4:00 PM. Class eight: Holidays: Shabbat and Festivals. A 30-minute Basic Hebrew class follows at 5:00 PM.  
**Friday, December 7, 5 PM**, Family Chavurah Shabbat service in the Blachschleger Library - suitable for children of all ages.  
**Saturday, December 8, 6 PM**, Annual Chanukah Service & Dinner.  
**Saturday, December 8, 9:30 AM**, Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Rabbi Stevens. Light brunch served.  
**Tuesday, December 11, 11 AM**, L'Chaim League's Chanukah Luncheon at Mr. G's Restaurant.

**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).**

The Montgomery Chorale presents  
**This Enchanted Evening**  
 Sunday, September 23, 2012  
 3-7 pm at Jim Scott's Lake Garden  
 If you've seen it, you'll want to go back. If you've not seen the garden like this. If you haven't seen it, you must.  
 A fundraiser for the Montgomery Chorale  
**Giving Levels: General Admission**  
 \$100 per person  
 Bring a blanket or chairs and your own picnic supper.

**Garden Table:** Host a table for 6-8 people \$ 1,000  
 Gather some friends and bring your own elegant picnic, dining at your reserved table on the grounds.

**Sponsorship Table**  
 Host a table for 8 people with a catered supper, including wine \$2,500  
 Be listed as a sponsor of the Chorale performance of your choice  
*(Includes Season Tickets to all 39 Season Chorale performances)*

Gala Concert at 6 pm  
 Featuring the Montgomery Chorale Soprano Soloists, Dancers  
 A pre-concert surprise with Brass Quartet Piano & Guitar accompaniment, post-concert fun!  
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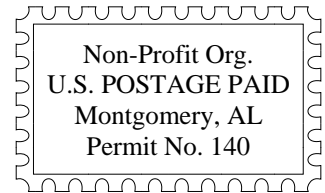
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 5:30 PM, Sisterhood opening meeting at Aimee Harris's home.	6	7 5 PM, Family Chavurah Shabbat service in the Blachschleger Library  6 PM Shabbat Service	8 9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Rabbi Stevens. Light brunch served.
9 9:30 AM, Kol Ami Religious School at AIEA.	10	11	12	13 6:30 PM, 92nd Street Y Program: COMING TO THE TBO BIG SCREEN: KOCH, MURDOCH AND VOLCKER	14 6 PM Shabbat Service	15 6 PM, S'lichot Service.
16 7:30 PM, Rosh Hashanah Eve Service - followed by Annual Reception.	17 10 AM, Rosh Hashanah Morning Service. 10:30 AM, Children's Service in Library  1 PM, Tashlich at Montgomery Museum Pond.	18	19	20	21 6 PM Shabbat Shuvah	22
23 9:30 Kol Ami AIEA Cemetery Services 9:30 AM Eternal Rest 10:30 AM Etz Ahayem Cemetery (new section) 11 AM Etz Ahayem (old section)	24	25 7:30 PM, Kol Nidrei Eve.	26 10 AM, YK Morning 12 PM, Discussion. 2:30 PM, Children's 3:30 PM, Afternoon Service 4:15 PM, Memorial Service. 5 PM, Concluding Service followed by Break Fast	27	28 6 PM, Shabbat Service. TORAH READING AND D'VAR TORAH.	29
30 9:30 AM, Kol Ami Religious School at AIEA. Sukkot Celebration  6 PM, Sukkot service. This service will be held outdoors at our TBO sukkah						

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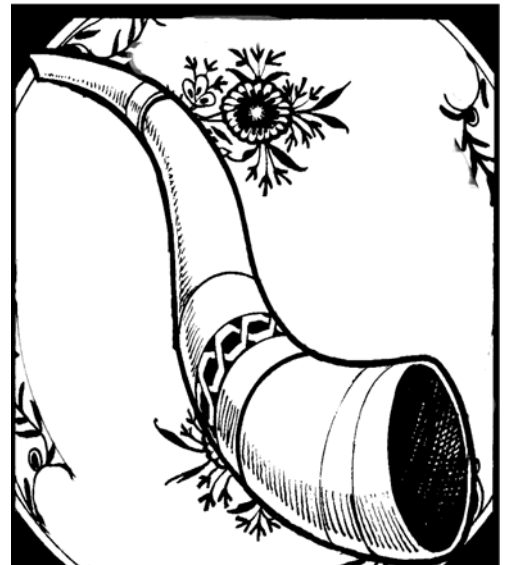
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## L' Shanah Tovah

Have a sweet year!



Religion School Schedule
AIEA
8/19, Opening Day
8/26
9/9
9/23
9/30, Sukkot Celebration



# YOM KIPPUR

BEGINS AT SUNDOWN  
ON TUES, SEPT. 25



### The upcoming Jewish Food Festival is

**February 24, 2013**

Committee chairs are needed. Please contact Jenny Ives (546-2521 c, 263-4984 h, [jjives@charter.net](mailto:jjives@charter.net)) if you're willing to help.