

Temple Beth Or Bulletin

A VIEW FROM THE BIMAH

February 2013 ~ Sh'vat/Adar I 5773



One of our members recently asked me a question. The member and his or her family have been involved in our temple for generations, including on the Board and holding office – as involved in the life of Judaism and the temple, in other words, as anyone could hope.

The question was this: What does the Union do for us? Why do we spend so much money belonging to the Union when we get nothing in return?

The “Union” in question is the Union for Reform Judaism, earlier known as the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. It is the congregational arm of the Reform Movement, and one of our three primary organizational pillars, along with the Hebrew Union College (our seminary) and the Central Conference of American Rabbis (the rabbinic body, to which I belong). Temple Beth Or, as an affiliated congregation of the Reform Movement, does indeed pay substantial dues to belong to the Union; though dues are calculated on a per-family basis, and therefore less than a large congregation might pay, the question was fairly asked, and I thought my response might make for a worthwhile column. If a long-standing and active member raises the question, I suspect that few know where the money really goes.

When Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise –who founded all three national Reform

organizations – formed the Union in 1873, the assembled congregational leaders determined that a recognized rabbinical seminary was necessary if the Movement was to gain credibility and respect. Since HUC was established in 1875, fully half of the dues income received by URJ goes towards funding our seminary. With four campuses, including one in Jerusalem, the Hebrew Union College ensures that ordained rabbis have a top-level rabbinic education from a fully accredited institution; in an era of mail-order and other fly-by-night “rabbis” who can only be called fraudulent, our seminary, funded in large measure by URJ, remains the single best investment our movement has made – and is a primary reason why we are now the largest movement in the land.

The URJ has more programs and services than can be easily recounted. It created a top-notch system of Reform Jewish camps throughout the country; I am convinced that Jewish camping is the single best way to ensure the Jewish identity of our children. The URJ, through the Hebrew Union College and in cooperation with the Central Conference of American Rabbis, has created a Reform cantorate superior to any other, and professional standards for educators and administrators (and organizations to support these professions). The URJ created a

Reform Pension Plan in the 1940’s; I know of no organizational plan that is better, and for that matter no business pension plan either. The placement services that place rabbis, cantors, educators and administrators in



SHABBAT FAMILY WORSHIP AND DINNER

Friday night, February 1, join us for worship at 6 PM and a pot luck dinner after services. Please bring the following dish if your last name begins with:

- A-F Meat dish (beef or chicken)
- G-R Salad/Vegetables
- S-W Desserts

congregations replaced a prior “system” that can only be called chaotic. The Movement’s publishing programs have produced hundreds of texts and scholarly works, and works of guidance on every conceivable question of congregational governance. Just as one example: the URJ manages Transcontinental Music Publications, which publishes and distributes more Jewish music than any other source; it is an unparalleled resource.

Our dues to the URJ provide for congregational guidance in education, worship, management, leadership training, finance and a host of other areas. One specialist’s career is devoted to congregational transitions, e.g., mergers; he visited Montgomery and participated in numerous conference calls with our leadership, all without charge. Diane Weil, our next president, will soon be attending a special multi-day seminar (the Scheidt Seminar) in leadership training. The Youth Division of URJ provides full-time professional guidance, and hundreds upon hundreds of programs to help youth groups, in addition to the many youth conclaves and conferences that some of our own young people have attended.

The URJ, through the Religious Action Center it founded in Washington some decades ago, is the premier Jewish body in terms of working for social justice

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Saturday, February 9
Shabbat Morning Service



Saturday morning, February 9th, 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.

**Celebrating Our
161st Year**



ELLIOT L. STEVENS, D. D., RABBI
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Tues., Wed. & Thurs.	11-4
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Please call Gina Friday at 262-3314 to report any corrections or inaccuracies in the bulletin.

**The Jewish Federation
of Central Alabama**



*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.

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.

**TBO PRESIDENT'S
MESSAGE**

I was fortunate enough to attend the Sisterhood Sabbath services this past Friday night. Turia's singing along with Becky Taylor playing the

keyboard made the evening even more special. The music, the flowers and the service made this Sabbath that much more special. I am amazed how much our Sisterhood does for the Temple and I cannot thank you all enough for making our Temple life more enjoyable.

The Temple is experiencing more families having to travel back to Montgomery for funerals of their loved ones. These families use the Temple for funeral services as well as for a small reception in the Library. Since most of the family members moved many years ago, they have lost touch with our community and they do not know who to call for food, if needed. To help these families, the Board has decided to start a Caring Committee. We need some volunteers who are willing to be on call if needed to help bake or prepare a dish for these families that are returning to our congregation at a difficult time. We have received a small donation from a family and the Board decided to use this donation to start this fund. If you are willing to help or even chair this committee please call me at 263-7239 or send me an email at jloeb@loebandco.com. When giving a donation, please think about giving to this fund. This is one of the greatest mitzvahs that we can perform as a Temple.

In January there was a mishap with Gina's computer and the database that Gina uses to keep up with donations was lost. Information lost included any donations made since the January bulletin was published. Please see the details under the ***Contributions to Funds*** section on the next page for more details. Please be patient if your gift was not listed this month.

The Food Festival is on Sunday, February 24th. Congregants have been busy cooking over the past few months. We are winding down. By the time you receive this bulletin, almost all the food has been baked. If you have worked hard cooking, I want to thank you. If you have yet to help, we still have some cooking to do the week of the Festival. Please volunteer. If you have not volunteered to help on the day of the Food Festival, please fill out the enclosed volunteer form and send it in. You can call Karen Goldstein, who heads up the volunteers every year. Without her, we would not have enough workers. See you at the Food Festival!

James L. "Jamie" Loeb

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.

During the second week of January the temple's congregational database and its back-up file were corrupted. As much as we can determine, all acknowledgements for donations were mailed out. However, the information for this section of the bulletin was lost.

Donations received from January 9th forward will appear in the March bulletin.

If you made a donation between December 14th and January 9th and would like it to appear in the March bulletin please contact Gina Friday at (334) 262-3314 or bethor@templebethor.net.

CONDOLENCES

Olivia Shwarts Jacobson passed away during the summer of 2012. Olivia was the sister of Elizabeth Shwarts.

BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Mark Franco
- 3 Alan Weil, Jr.
- 4 Matthew Schorr
- 5 Gilson Capilouto
- 5 Daniel Markstein
- 7 Allen Dees
- 12 Hugh Bolen
- 13 Lisa Weil
- 13 Mike Winter
- 19 Hanna Berger
- 19 Adam Finkelstein
- 21 Barbara Leet

ANNIVERSARIES

- 3Lorraine and Robert Lieberman
- 10Gracie & Jack Hanchrow
- 21Steve & LaNette Clein
- 28Susan & Robert Kohn

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings on February 1st.

YAHARZEITS

To be read 2/1/2013

- Abraham Feinman
- Irma Endel Spitzer

To be read 2/8/2013

- Dr. John Herzfeld
- Sol Katz
- Goldie Lieberman
- James L. (Jimmy) Loeb, Sr.
- Edith Scheuer Weil
- Dr. Joseph Weinrib

To be read 2/15/2013

- Bernard Bolen
- Eliot Capouya
- Simanto Franco
- Mathilde "Teal" L. Kohn
- Carol R. Loeb
- Edward A. Posner
- Edwin S. Wise, Jr.
- Cecily Wool
- Harold Yellin

To be read 2/22/2013

- Matilde Alhadeff
- Dorothy Applebaum
- Herman Blotner
- Dr. Morris Capilouto
- Carolyn Abraham May
- Gloria Haas Shwarts
- Gail Straus
- Larry Toney
- Rossie Weil

Recent Deaths

Recent Death

Betty Rose Gibian ז"ל

December 28, 2012



Aunt of Philip Bernstein

Recent Death

Hobbie Freehling ז"ל

January 4, 2013



Wife of Paul Freehling

Recent Death

Diane Abraham ז"ל

January 8, 2013



Daughter of Jack Abraham, Jr.
Sister of Jack (III) and Edward

Recent Death

Sidney Resnick ז"ל

January 25, 2013



Father of Laura Lloveras

SISTERHOOD

It was wonderful to see so many of our members that joined us for Sisterhood Shabbat. Kelly Capouya prepared a lovely wine and cheese reception before the service. Thank you to Kelly for doing such a good job.

The service was led by Sisterhood board members and the beautiful music was provided by Becky Taylor and Turia Williams. They always add so much to our services.. A special thanks to Rabbi Stevens for helping us plan this service and sharing the Bimah. He is always so supportive of Sisterhood.

Make plans to join us for Purim on Saturday February 23. Wear your costume and be a part of this fun service. Marlene Beringer is making delicious Hamentaschen . Also, put Tuesday, March 26 on your calendar for Second Night Seder. Sharon Berry, Sharon McDaniel, and Terri Finkelstein will be preparing a wonderful dinner for our service. Be sure to make your reservations early.

Susan Bernstein

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L'CHAIM LEAGUE

On Thursday, February 28th the L'Chaim League will tour the National Infantry Museum in Columbus, Ga. We will meet in the Temple parking lot at 8:45 AM and depart at 9:00 a.m. Seats are available to those who would like to car pool. Cost: Museum tour is free. We will dine for lunch at the museum restaurant, please plan accordingly. Please RSVP: 262-3314.

This state-of-the art facility tells the story of the United States Army Infantryman, from the fields of the American Revolution to the sands of Afghanistan. The museum houses an amazing display of artifacts from all

eras of American history and contains numerous interactive multimedia exhibits, bringing our nation's past to life through the latest in technological innovation. **Don't miss out on this event, call today with your reservation.**

Save the Date

**March 14th, 12 noon at the Temple.
Lunch & Movie: "Broadway Musicals
- A Jewish Legacy."**

Sharon Berry, L'Chaim League
Director

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SHALIACH NEWS

Political. If asked to describe my time in America since arriving in Montgomery, that is how I would do so with one word. My time here has been full of politics.

It all started with the Republican party looking for a candidate, then a presidential campaign that was full of interesting twists up until the end and only then, only now - my favorite political drama- the Israeli elections.

It was fun to witness the American democracy at its best. It was exciting to see the system with my own eyes from the field level, for the very first time. It was fascinating to begin to understand the two party system, the federal structure, the importance of the debates, how detailed they are and much more. I saw how the people divide themselves between the candidates and parties and how far apart each group is from the other. I saw a run that was sleepy at the beginning changing into a last minute calls, ads and speeches. It was especially interesting to see what it is like when you vote for a person and not only for a party, among a lot of other differences between the system here and the one I know from home.

During the presidential campaign here, Binyamin Netanyahu decided to go to early elections in Israel a few

months earlier than originally planned. That's how I found myself spending way too much time reading political columns both in America and Israel. The elections started in a similar way, with a nominee with a big lead sure of his ability to win the next elections and continue for another 4 years. But in Israel, surveys are almost always wrong (something we need to check one day) and slowly the race started to warm up.

It was fun watching the systems at the same time, to witness the differences for better and worse and try to figure out which system is better and why (don't hold your breath - I don't have an answer yet). After such a long period of time full of politics, I think I've overdosed and I'm happy the election period is over in both countries.

Before going further I want to stop for a second and explain the Israeli system. The different parties have a list of candidates they want to get into the Knesset, and according to the amount of votes they get, they get seats. The total count of seats is 120, the same number as in the HaKnesset Hagdola that led the people of Israel in the past. After the people vote (everyone over 18 with no differences), the president calls the party leader with most chances to build a coalition and tells him to do so.

As I just mentioned, the Israeli elections are finally over and the outcome is really interesting. What started as an easy win for the Likud Party ended with a different political map. Likud is still the biggest party, but not by the numbers they hoped for and Netanyahu will have tough times trying to build a coalition from the 12 other parties making it into the Knesset. The right wing block that was around 50 seats when the campaign began fell to around 40. The left wing bloc fell short as well, but the true winner of these elections

is the political center and the new leader of that bloc - Yair Lapid.

Currently, according to the numbers and party leaders' statements, the person with most chances to build a coalition is Netanyahu, however Netanyahu won't be able to do so without the new party - Yesh Atid and its leader - Lapid.

Yair, the son of former Minister of Justice Yossef Lapid, is the new star of Israeli politics. Yair started working as a journalist for Bamahane, the IDF Magazine, many years ago while a soldier. Later he became the most famous person in Israel after he became the anchor of the Friday night news show on the biggest channel in Israel. While doing so, he understood that Israel was being led to a bad place with sectarian parties, taking care only of their own interests, and decided to go into politics. He started a new party and said he doesn't want anyone from the Knesset to join him. He brought only new faces and names into his new party. He put on the fight for equal service in the IDF for ultra-orthodox on his agenda and getting them into the

workforce. He spoke about a pluralist country and trying to make life easier in Israel for those who contribute more.

Now is when the story gets interesting. Will Lapid do as promised and demand to create a coalition with no Ultra-orthodox parties? Will he give up and let them join?

In the 65 years of history the ultra-orthodox parties - Shas and Yahadot Hatorah were in every coalition beside one short term. Is Netanyahu strong enough and will he take the risk of leaving them out to include the new party, when the price can be losing their support on the next elections?

The Israeli public voted not about the conflict, not even the economic situation. The people voted for curing our community. If nothing changes in a few years, there will be a majority of non-zionist people between the Jordan River and the sea (Palestinians, Israeli-Arabs and Haredim) and we can't allow that to happen. We need to get those communities to become vital

members of the country, to get them involved, to get them to care more about the country and our future. To help them see themselves as Israelis.

A coalition that would leave the Ultra-orthodox outside could create that change by taking the religion back to Zionist hands, by promoting pluralistic ideals and openness.

It really is a historic opportunity but now, after the people have spoken, the ball is in the hands of our leaders and they need to take that mandate from voters and show fearlessness in making those steps and not only think of their political survival.

In 1977, after the Likud took power for the first time, Haim Yavin, the broadcaster of the only Israeli channel back then, said "Rabotai Ma'apach!" - ladies and gentlemen, revolution. It might be that this time an ex-broadcaster can be the one that will really bring it. Together.

Ori Tal

PURIM PICTONARY – AND MEGILLAH MAYHEM

Saturday ♦ February 23 ♦ 7 PM

Join Rabbi Stevens for this year's Family Purim Service in the TBO library!

This year's highlights include:

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



**10th Annual Jewish Food Festival and
Treasure Market.
Sunday, February 24, 2013**

I would like to invite every Temple member to participate in this year's Food Festival. If you are too busy to help with the baking and cooking, we'd gladly accept your donation. Please make the check payable to Temple Beth Or and note that the check is a donation for the Food Festival. Remember – TBO Food Festival is our only Temple Fund Raising Event!

Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks and cooking. Please call today and offer your help!

Sunday, February 3rd Latkes – Please contact Jamie or Carol Loeb at 263-7269.

Sunday, February 10th Kugel – Please contact Kelly Capouya at 244-9638.

Volunteers are needed for Tuesday – Saturday morning (February 19th - 23rd) and for shifts on the day of the Food Festival.

Please contact Karen Goldstein (kackaboo@gmail.com or 265-1145) to volunteer.

Many thanks for items contributed for the Treasure and Collectible Markets. The following items remain on our wish list and we are gladly accepting these items now!

- ◇ Professionally Cleaned Ladies Evening and Cocktail Dresses/Suits
- ◇ Ladies' Accessories Costume Jewelry,
- ◇ Hats – Scarves - Evening Bags - Purses
- ◇ Toys - Lamps - Paintings – Pictures
- ◇ Furniture - in good condition

Note: Please make sure all items are clean and in working condition. Please donate large TV's to your favorite charity.

We look forward to seeing you at the Festival!

Jenny Ives, Chair

Jewish Food Festival!

What if you had a party and no one came? How can we ensure everyone knows about our Jewish Food Festival?

With *YOUR* help!

Our 10th Annual Jewish Food Festival is coming up fast. On Sunday, February 24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. we expect to have over 2,000 visitors. Of course, first they need to know about it. We can tell them with your help.

- ◆ There will be yard signs available soon. Please pick them up at the Temple and place in your front lawn. But, this will not be enough if we hope to see a crowd.

The City of Montgomery discourages the placement of yard signs on public roads and restricts them to 8' from the street. The City also expects the signs to be removed quickly after the event. So, here is what we need your help with:

- ◆ Take at least 5 additional signs and place them on well-trafficked roads no sooner than Thursday, February 21 (we don't want the City to be mad at us). Note where you placed them and pick them up by the end of day Sunday, February 24 or no later than Monday, February 25. Do not discard them. Bring them back at your convenience to the Temple (we can reuse the stakes and save money next time).

Please respect private property, of course, and do not place near storefronts without permission.

- ◆ There will also be flyers available. Please take a dozen and ask the stores you frequent to display them in their window (bring doublestick tape to facilitate placement). Please also remove them after the event.

We need your help to make this event a success; thanks in advance for your efforts!

2013 Food Festival Cooking Schedule

- ◆ Cooking time begins at 9 AM unless otherwise noted. Time and dates are subject to change so please call the Temple to confirm times.

February 3 Latkes, Jamie (Mr.) Loeb, 263-7269/
jloeb@loebandco.com

February 10 Kugel, Kelly Capouya, 244-9638/
kncapouya@gmail.com

CELEBRATE PASSOVER AT TBO!

Join your temple community on Tuesday evening, March 26, when Rabbi Stevens will lead the second-night Seder at TBO. Sponsored by Sisterhood and professionally catered, this year's Seder again uses "The Open Door," a Passover Haggadah published by the Reform Movement. Fully transliterated and beautifully illustrated, this Haggadah includes traditional and innovative blessings, gender inclusive language and all the old favorite songs as well as many new ones.

Seating will begin at 5:30 PM, with the service to begin promptly at 6:00. The entire program, including dinner, will conclude by 8:00 PM – assuming, of course, that someone finds the Afikomen! Space is limited, so reserve now. **Deadline is March 7th.**

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

Cost for reservations:

Adults: \$25.00 Adults with reservation
 Children: \$10.00 Children ages 6 – 12
 Children 5 & under are free

Please note: The Temple Sisterhood will be providing a delicious traditional Passover Seder and beef brisket dinner which will include desserts and wine (you are welcome to bring your own wine). A vegetarian option will be available. **Reservation deadline is no later than March 7th. Your check is your reservation.**

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

Sharon McDaniel
 2632 Old Orchard Lane, Montgomery, AL 36117



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PASSOVER SEDER RESERVATION FORM

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

Name(s) of adult attendees: _____

Name of child(ren) attendees: _____

Telephone: _____
 Email: _____

Seder Registration:
 _____ adults at \$25.00: \$ _____
 _____ children at \$10.00: \$ _____
Total Due: \$ _____

I would like to be seated with: _____

Your registration MUST be in by March 7th.

Agudath Israel ☆ Etz Ahayem
Adult Education

9:00 AM, Coffee and Conversation
Torah Study – after Kiddush
Saturday, February 2, 9, 16, 23

12:00 PM, Beginning Hebrew
12:30 PM, Introduction to Judaism
Sunday, February 3, 17

6:30 PM, How to read the Bible
7:30 PM, Mishnah
Tuesday, February 12, 19



MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW!

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS SPECIAL EVENING!

☆☆ DOUBLE FEATURE NIGHT ☆☆
Agudath Israel ☆ Etz Ahayem Synagogue
February 13 ☆☆ **6 o'clock**
DINNER

FEATURING LEBANESE CUISINE
PREPARED BY CHEF MIKE "KAZ" KAZZIE*
(Paul Freehling's son-in-law)

AIYEA Social Hall

Adults \$10 Children under 10 \$5

Make reservations by February 11

Call AIYEA office 281-7394

Or email office@agudathmontgomey.com

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VISITING AUTHOR PROGRAM AND DISCUSSION

FEATURING COLUMNIST AND AUTHOR GREG DAWSON

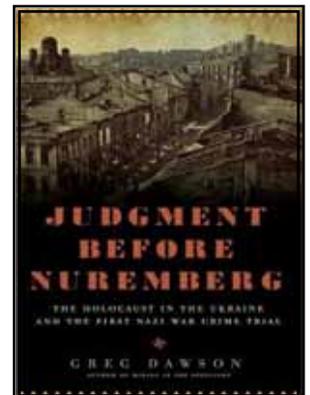
**Author of Hiding in the Spotlight:

A Musical Prodigy's Story of Survival and Judgment Before

Nuremberg: The Holocaust in the Ukraine and the First Nazi War Crimes Trial

*Major Mike Kazzie, USAF retired
now serving as, Captain Mike Kazzie
Delta Air Lines pilot of Boeing 757 and 767
jets to Europe, Africa, South America

In the Hilliard Aronov Chapel





NEW TEMPLE BETH OR ADULT ED PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS SOME OF THE GREAT CONTROVERSIES IN JEWISH LIFE TO BE LED BY RABBI STEVENS

We Jews have almost always faced threats from the outside world – from the Greek Empire to the Romans; from the religious threats and persecutions of Christians and Moslems; from the racism of anti-Semities to the anti-Israel threats from Israel’s Arab neighbors.

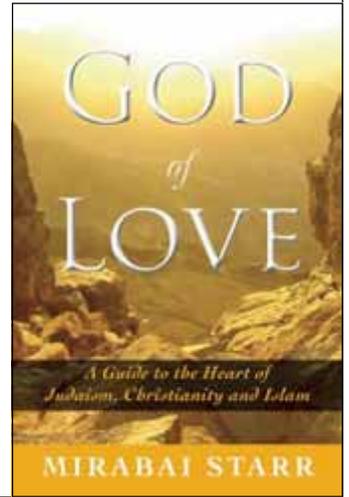
But we have also faced internal challenges, as our community has tried to define itself through the ages. From the Biblical period when priests and prophets vied for the right to define Judaism’s religious message, Judaism has never been monolithic. This course will explore five intense conflicts in Jewish life that, in some cases, came close to threatening schism. Join us at Temple Beth Or for an adult education program that will cast Jewish history in a new light, as we take up these subjects. Each class should last about an hour, and each starts at 7:00 p.m., in the Library.

- March 7, 2012:The Saducees vs. the Pharisees
- April 4, 2013.....The House of Hillel and the House of Shammai
- April 25, 2013.....The Karaites and the Rabbinites
- May 9, 2013.....The Hassidim and the Mitnagdim
- May 23, 2013.....Reform Judaism and Orthodox Judaism

AUTHOR PROGRAM WITH MIRABAI STARR, Author of *God of Love, A Guide to the Heart of Judaism, Christianity and Islam.*

Thursday, March 21, 2013 ❖ 7 PM

God of Love is Mirabai Starr’s passionate and personal exploration of the interconnected wisdom of the three Abrahamic faiths. She shares an overview of essential teachings, stories of saints and spiritual masters, prophetic calls for peace and justice, and for the first time in print, deeply engaging narratives from her own spiritual experiences. She guides readers to recognize the teachings and practices that unify rather than divide the three religions, and sheds light on the interspiritual perspective, which celebrates the Divine in all paths. It is Mirabai’s hope that this book will serve as a reminder that a dedication to loving kindness is the highest expression of faith for all three religions.



BOOKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AND SIGNING
Sponsored by the Rothschild-Blachschleger Lecture and Culture Fund of Temple Beth Or

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.

MITZVAH DAY

February 3rd, 11:30—12:30

One mitzvah leads to another

מצוה גוררת מצוה

Sponsored by the
Jewish Federation of Central
Alabama

Kol Ami religious school and the community teenagers are gathering for a Mitzvah project. Join us in the making of blankets that we will send to Sandy's victims that lost their homes and belongings. The project will be followed by a pizza party for the teenagers from 11:30 to 12:30.

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

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

Applications are available through the Temple office. Please contact Diane Weil at dianeweil@me.com if you need further information.



On January 2nd, members of the L'Chaim League visited the Stephen Rolfe Powell's *Dance with Glass* exhibit at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts.

Religion School Schedule



TBO
2/3
2/10
3/3
3/10
3/17, Passover Seder
4/7, Yom Hashoah program
4/14, Israel Independence
Day
4/21
4/28, Lag B'omer Bonfire



Jewish Federation of Central Alabama Events!

February 3rd

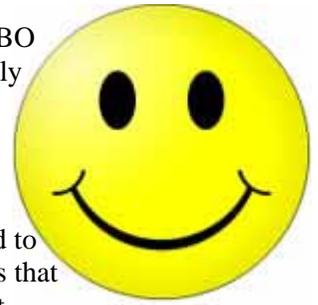
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April 14th

Save the date. Join us for an Israeli independence celebration with a Klezmer band, Israeli food and more. More details to come.

BEDTIME BUNDLES

Once again members of TBO have contributed generously to the Bedtime Bundles collection for Child Protect. Director Jannah Bailey and her colleagues were so pleased to have these items, telling us that recently the police brought



in four children who had witnessed a murder in their home. They gave the children pajamas and the oldest child exclaimed that she had never had pajamas before in her life, and that this was the best gift she ever had!

Below is a list of the items our members contributed:

- 26 sets of pajamas
- 3 pillow-and-throw sets
- 2 throws
- 1 musical stuffed animal
- 3 hooded throws
- 2 dolls
- 4 stuffed animals
- 1 polartec pants
- 3 crayon sets
- 1 package of animal pencils
- 9 packages of underpants
- 25 pairs of socks
- 1 pair of slippers
- 4 packages of lip balm
- 3 mini flash lights on carabiners
- 2 Bic pen sets of 10
- 2 coloring books
- 2 notebook/journals
- 2 suitcases with assorted items inside and throws
- 2 knit caps
- 31 books

A warm and grateful "thank you" to all who contributed so generously for this amazing agency.

Louisa H. Weinrib



Photos: Religion School celebrates Tu Bishvat at Ricky and Jamie Loeb's lake house on January 27, 2013.

92ND Y AN OPEN DOOR TO EXTRAORDINARY WORLDS™

COMING TO THE TBO BIG SCREEN:

**Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor
Thane Rosenbaum, moderator**



LIVE FROM THE 92ND STREET Y

Tuesday, February 5 - 7:00 p.m. in the Baylinson Social Hall

The appointment of Sonia Sotomayor to the United States Supreme Court electrified the nation. The first Hispanic Justice on the high court, and a Latina with a compelling life story—raised in a Bronx housing project, educated at Princeton and Yale, worked as a Manhattan prosecutor and then a federal judge—she already possessed a sterling legal career before becoming perhaps the most recognizable face on the Supreme Court. And now she is the author of a memoir, *My Beloved World*, a revealing book about the personal values and important influences that propelled this fascinating American success story.

This program, is offered without charge by the Rothschild-Blachschleger Lecture Fund. Bring your friends and neighbors!

Save the date for these future screenings:

March 4, 2013, Jeffrey Sachs and Claudia Dreifus, “Global Issues,” 7:15 p.m. CT

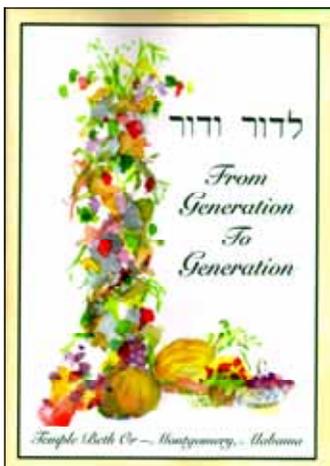
May 16, 2013, “OneVoice with Jason Alexander and Daniel Lubetzky,” 7 p.m. CT , sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Central Alabama.

SAVE THE DATE: Monday, March 4th at 7:15 PM.

92nd Street Y Program: JEFFREY SACHS AND CLAUDIA DREIFUS, "GLOBAL ISSUES" on TBO's big screen - in the Baylinson Social Hall. Sponsored by the Rothschild-Blachschleger Lecture Series. Bring your family and friends.



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and civil rights and liberties. No other Movement comes close. Their “Consultation on Conscience” and youth programs are nationally acclaimed.

Beyond its own work, the URJ represents us before other national and international bodies – both Jewish and non-Jewish. Though this work is largely unknown to us (unless we read about it in the URJ monthly *Reform Judaism*), its importance cannot be over-estimated. Its participation in umbrella bodies such as the World Union for Progressive Judaism bring a liberal Jewish message – and organizational leadership – to more

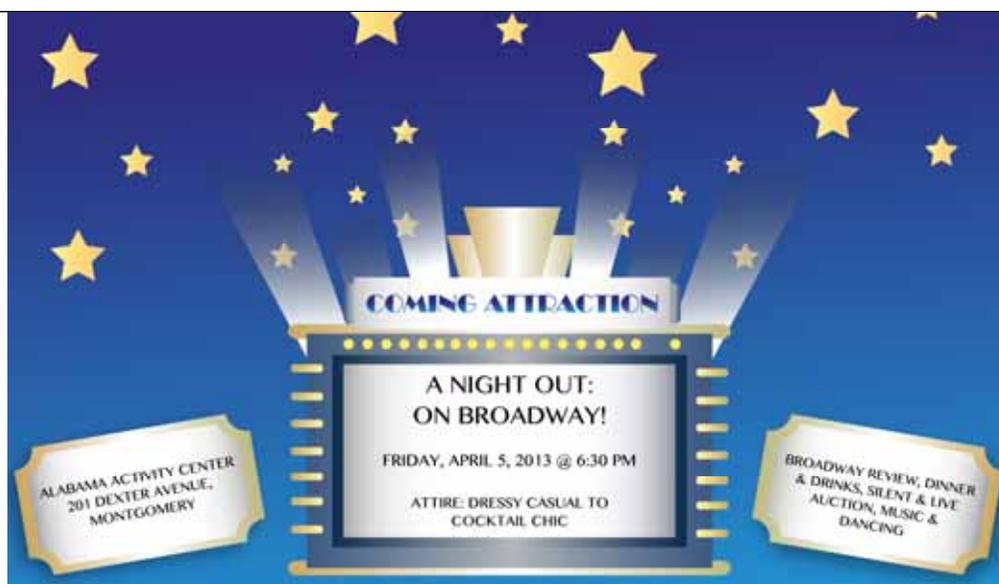
than 40 countries around the world, and works on our behalf in Israel to secure liberal Judaism there and the rights of all Jews in Israel and everywhere.

The last part is not quantifiable, but is at least as important as any program or service. The Union for Reform Judaism authenticates who we are. It fosters our vision of the future. Reform Judaism is not just about the autonomy of each congregation; it is about shaping a message and creating an identity and articulating an ideology. It is about Reform Judaism standing for something.

Many of our members are explicit that their primary concern is local – with

our congregation, and with our community. I hear expressions that we need to keep our financial resources local as well, and not pay dues to a national organization. I believe that, were we to follow that path, we would be the poorer for having done so. Personally, I believe that involving ourselves more rather than less with the national and international bodies of Judaism would strengthen us, and redound to our benefit. Just ask a kid who has returned from one of the URJ camps.

Rabbi Elliot Stevens



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And Beyond!

Friday, March 1, 6 PM, Classical Service with Union Prayer Book.

Monday, March 4, 7:15 PM, 92nd Street Y Program: JEFFREY SACHS AND CLAUDIA DREIFUS, "GLOBAL ISSUES" on TBO's big screen - in the Baylinson Social Hall. Sponsored by the Rothschild-Blachschleger Lecture Series. Bring your family and friends.

Thursday, March 7, 7 PM, Rabbi Stevens's five-part series on great controversies in Jewish life. Topic: The Saducees vs. the Pharisees.

Friday, March 8, 5 PM, Family Chavurah "Tot" Shabbat service in the Blachschleger Library - suitable for children of all ages.

Saturday, March 9, 9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Rabbi Stevens. Light brunch served.

Thursday, March 14, Noon, Classic movie showing in TBO's Rothschild Blachschleger Library. Movie: "Broadway Musicals - A Jewish Legacy."

Friday, March 15, 6 PM, Shabbat Service. Huntingdon College Night. Reception follows.

Thursday, March 21, 7 PM, Guest Speaker: Mirabi Starr, author of GOD OF LOVE; A GUIDE TO THE HEART OF JUDAISM, CHRISTIANITY AND ISLAM. Sponsored by the Rothschild-Blachschleger Lecture Series.

Tuesday, March 26, 5:30 PM, Second Seder. Seating will begin at 5:00 PM, with the service to begin promptly at 5:30.

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

Friday, March 29, 6 PM, Shabbat Service. TORAH READING AND D'VAR TORAH.

Thursday, April 4, 7 PM, Rabbi Stevens's five-part series on great controversies in Jewish life. Topic: The House of Hillel and the House of Shammai.

Friday, April 5, 5:30 PM, A wine and cheese reception precedes the Shabbat Service. Adult visitors from Berkshire Chavurah join us.

Sunday, April 7, 3 PM, Interfaith Shoah Memorial Service at Agudath Israel*Etz Ahayem.

Friday, April 12, 5 PM, Family Chavurah "Tot" Shabbat service in the Blachschleger Library - suitable for children of all ages.

Sunday, April 14, TBA, Save the date. Join the Jewish Federation of Central Alabama for an Israeli

independence celebration with a Klezmer band, Israeli food and more. More details to follow.

Thursday, April 18, 2 PM, Guest Speaker, Janice Rothschild will speak on her new book Rabbi Alphabet Browne: Prophet in Time of Priests. Janice Rothschild is the widow of the late Rabbi Jacob Rothschild, who was senior rabbi at The Temple in Atlanta during the Civil Rights Era. Program will be held in the Baylinson Social Hall. Sponsored by the Lucien Loeb L'Chaim League.

Thursday, April 25, 7 PM, Rabbi Stevens's five-part series on great controversies in Jewish life. Topic: The Karaites and the Rabbinites.

Friday, April 26, 6 PM, Shabbat Service. TORAH READING AND D'VAR TORAH.

Thursday, May 9, 7 PM, Rabbi Stevens's five-part series on great controversies in Jewish life. Topic: The Hassidim and the Mitnagdim.

Friday, May 10, 5 PM, Family Chavurah "Tot" Shabbat service in the Blachschleger Library - suitable for children of all ages.

Saturday, May 11, 9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Rabbi Stevens. Light brunch served.

Tuesday, May 14, 7 PM, Erev Shavuot Family Service, including a reading of the Book of Ruth and a light dairy repast.

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

Thursday, May 16, 7 PM, 92nd Street Y Program: "ONEVOICE WITH JASON ALEXANDER AND DANIEL LUBETZKY" on TBO's big screen - in the Baylinson Social Hall. Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Central Alabama (JFCA). Bring your family and friends.

Thursday, May 23, 7 PM, Rabbi Stevens's five-part series on great controversies in Jewish life. Topic: Reform Judaism and Orthodox Judaism.

Heritage Shabbat

Friday ♦ March 1st ♦ 6:00 PM

Please join us on March 1st when we will use the familiar pages of the Union Prayer Book and classical Reform music in this special Shabbat service.

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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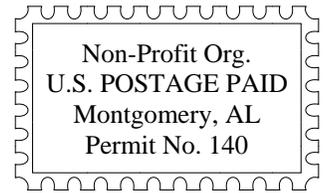
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>6 PM Family Shabbat Service A pot luck supper follows service.</i>	2
3 <i>9:30 AM, Kol Ami Religious School at TBO. 11:30 Mitzvah Project</i>	4	5	6	7	8 <i>5 PM, Family Chavurah Shabbat service 6 PM Shabbat Service</i>	9 <i>9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Rabbi Stevens. Light brunch served</i>
10 <i>9:30 AM, Kol Ami Religious School at TBO.</i>	11	12	13	14	15 <i>6 PM Shabbat Service</i>	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 <i>6 PM Shabbat Service TORAH READING AND D'VAR TORAH</i>	23 <i>7 PM, Purim Service - Costumes (adults, too!), Purim Pranks, the famous Megillah & Hamentaschen! In the TBO Library.</i>
24 <i>9 AM - 3 PM, Temple Beth Or's 10th Annual Jewish Food Festival</i> 	25	26	27	28 <i>9 AM, L'Chaim League will visit the National Infantry Museum in Columbus, GA., departing from the Temple at 9:00 a.m.</i>		

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**Important -
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During the second week of January the temple's congregational database was corrupted. The back-up file could also not be retrieved. The most current, intact back-up was in August of 2012. If any of your contact information has changed since then, please contact Gina at (334) 262-3314 or bethor@templebethor.net to update your record. This will include information such as address, telephone, and email. The databases for yahrzeits, birthdays and anniversaries were not effected.

**Sunday, February 24
9 AM—3 PM**

