

Temple Beth Or Bulletin

A VIEW FROM THE BIMAH

March 2013 ~ Adar I/Nisan 5773



I've taken great enjoyment this year – and learned a lot about our community – through my participation in Leadership Montgomery. After an initial two-day leadership training retreat last August, I've devoted

one very full day each month to Leadership Montgomery, gaining a perspective on Montgomery's strengths and challenges that otherwise would not have been possible.

Each of these days has a theme, such as health care; law enforcement; government; social justice and urban development. In February the theme was education. Each member of our Leadership Montgomery "class" spent a couple of hours with a school principal, covering most of Montgomery's public and private schools, followed by intensive sessions on financial and educational challenges; new programmatic initiatives and discussions with heads of agencies working on behalf of our schools – including the Executive Director of the Alabama School Superintendents Association; the superintendent of Montgomery's Public School System (Barbara Thompson), the head of Teach for America and a number of others.

Our public schools face daunting,

even overwhelming challenges leading many local families to conclude that only a private education can provide a shot at success (however defined) after graduation. Yet the bright spots are many, and I believe that there is a growing gap between perception and reality. Some examples:

- Alabama's state pre-k program, "First Class," is ranked #1 in the nation for quality, by the National Institute for Early Education Research. They ranked Alabama's pre-k program with a perfect rating of "10."
- Career Academies in the public school system have created partnerships among the schools, universities and business community in such career areas as technology, business, manufacturing, education, health sciences and hospitality, among others.
- The public magnet schools are top-rated by any standard – Loveless [LAMP] is the #1 high school in Alabama – and 13th best in America – while Forest Avenue is the #1 elementary school in Alabama.
- MPS has launched a new International Baccalaureat program,
- Teach for America opened a new partnership with MPS that is

starting to create a new culture in the schools they serve – among students, faculty and administration,

- Standardized scores such as SAT and National Merit are up substantially compared

with a few years ago, as are AP offerings and scholarship awards,

The importance of education and the innovative work being done in this area cannot be over-emphasized. I chair a task force within Leadership Montgomery that has been surveying thousands of juniors, seniors and graduate students in eight local colleges and universities to determine why graduating seniors choose to establish roots here and raise families – or locate elsewhere. With nearly a thousand responses (so far), the top factor – more than job opportunities or crime or cultural offerings, cost-of-living or the climate – is education. University graduates and young professionals rate the quality of public school education as their highest priority in seeking a place to live.

Unfortunately, this is where we shortchange ourselves. Simply put, if we wish our community to be more attractive to young graduates, we would collectively need to support public education on a much higher level than we now do. I am supposing that keeping taxes low is tempting for empty-nesters or those whose kids are in private schools, and I assume that a major cultural shift would be necessary to put public education on our list of priorities, but I just don't see any alternative if we wish to describe Montgomery as something other than an "aging community." Great work is being done by great people, and they deserve our support. I welcome your comments.

Rabbi Elliot Stevens

Saturday, March 9
Shabbat Morning Service



Saturday morning, March 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.

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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.

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 do not need to tell you how successful this year's Food Festival was. By 1:30 we had sold out of all the hot food and baked goods. Starting at 9 o'clock when the doors opened until

the last food was served, we had a steady stream of supporters. Corporal Roscoe Taylor, the police officer who has directed our traffic for more than five years, said he did not remember a year with this much traffic.

I want to take this time to thank all of you for your help. Jenny Ives and her committee did a fantastic job preparing the food, the Collectibles and Treasure Market and the Temple for the Festival. I am not going to mention names because I know I will inadvertently leave someone out. I know everyone is tired and wiped out from Sunday but believe it or not for this committee there is still some work that has to be done. In the next few weeks, there will be a wrap up meeting to go over this year's Festival and see what needs to be added, deleted and tweaked for next year's Festival. Then we will take a few months off before we begin work on next year's Festival.

These Festivals do not happen without a lot of commitment and hard work of dedicated congregants. After the High Holy Days the meetings to plan and schedule the next Festival begin. It is literally months in the making. Cooking committee chairs have to be found, cooking dates have to be set and the chairs have to find people to help as well as purchase all the ingredients needed for their committee. This year we had people graciously step up to chair committees for the first time. Please join the committee and you will be amazed at what we can do together.

This year we were really blessed with a beautiful Sunday sandwiched between rainy days, a loving community to support our Festival and wonderful congregants who made the community feel welcomed. Thank you again for all your help.

James L. "Jamie" Loeb

**Birthday and Anniversary
Blessings on March 8th.**

**INTERFAITH HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL SERVICE SET
FOR AGUDATH ISRAEL✪ETZ AHAYEM**

Interfaith Montgomery, representing dozens of clergy from across a large part of Montgomery's religious spectrum, is cosponsoring this year's 4th annual interfaith Holocaust memorial service, in conjunction with Agudath Israel Etz Ahayem Synagogue and Temple Beth Or. This year's observance is set for Sunday afternoon, April 7th at 3:00 p.m., and will take place at Agudath Israel✪Etz Ahayem. Guest soloist, Turia Stark Williams.

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



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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*In Memory of my father, David R. Franco
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In Memory of Diane Abraham
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SOCIAL CONCERNS
***For Good Deeds being
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BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Kelly Capouya
- 3 Tommy Wool
- 4 Bob Sommer
- 6 Corinne Capilouto
- 6 Evalynn Monsky
- 7 Robin Blitz
- 7 Laurie Weil
- 8 Akiko Bloom
- 10 Betty Loeb
- 15 Michael Capilouto
- 15 Karen Goldstein
- 16 Myrna Rothfeder
- 18 Norman Dorosin
- 19 Ira Weil
- 20 Philip Bernstein
- 22 Gracie Hanchrow
- 23 Sharon McDaniel
- 24 Clare Weil
- 29 Beverly Bolen
- 30 Peggy Cohn
- 31 Lee Hanan
- 31 Celia Wool

Recent Death

Isaac Cohen ז"ל

January 31, 2013



Husband of Felice, Father of Elliot, Brother of Raymond Cohen, Grandfather of Elliot Cohen & David Cohen

Recent Death

Miriam Weisberg ז"ל

February 20, 2013



Mother of Bob Weisberg

ANNIVERSARIES

8.....Jeanette & Richard Hanan
14.....Bette Sue & Charles
Strasburger
23.....Lisa & Ward Newcomb
24.....Beverly & David Lipton

YAHARZEITS

To be read 3/1/2013

Beulah "Bollie" Avzaradel
Zipora Baylinson
Samuel Blitz
Louise Cooper
Sidney W. Kohl
Simon Nyman
Fred Richard
Janis Sabel

To be read 3/8/2013

Dr. I. E. Capilouto
Dr. Howard J. Goldstein
Annie Golomb
Raymond and Helen Goodman
H. Van E. Hart
Bessie Moscovitz
Alan Rice
Richard Adler Rothschild
Leo K. Shwarts
Ann Tillinger

To be read 3/15/2013

Alex Jacob Cohn
Bernice Schulwolf
Susie Neumann Warren

To be read 3/22/2013

Jay Coleman
Natalie Moster Davis
Roslyn Eagle
Van Eaton Hart
Walker Hobbie, Jr.
Alphonse Levy
Evelyn Richard Loeb
Regina Kahn Loeb
Benjamin Sheftall
Bert Worth
Cheryl Rothfeder Zindler

To be read 3/29/2013

Mathilda I. Cohen
Mildred Ginsburg
Dorothy L. Klein
Beatrice (Dee Dee) Kohn
Myron C. Lobman

SISTERHOOD

Sisterhood is happy to report that we have purchased a new washing machine and a new clothes dryer for the kitchen. Because of our successful fund raiser this year we were able to purchase these appliances.

Be sure to make your reservations for Second Night Seder on March 26. Reservations must be made by March 7th. Reservations will not be accepted after this date. Your check is your reservation. The cost is \$25.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children ages 6 to 12. Children five and under are free.

Susan Bernstein

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L'CHAIM LEAGUE

Please come out and join the L'Chaim League as we deliver early Passover baskets to our home-bound members on **Tuesday, March 5th and Thursday, March 7th**. We will **depart from the Temple at 1:00 p.m. Please call the temple to volunteer.**

On Thursday, March 14th at 12 noon at the temple, the L'Chaim League will offer **lunch and the documentary film, *Broadway Musicals: A Jewish Legacy***. This film examines the unique role of Jewish composers and lyricists in the creation of the modern American musical. It showcases the work of legends such as Irving Berlin, George and Ira Gershwin, and Stephen Sondheim, just to name a few. This is a highly sought after film that you won't want to miss. **Reservations are \$8.00 per person. Please mail your check today as your reservation, payable to: Temple Beth Or.**

Looking ahead to our event on **April 18th at Temple Beth Or at 2:00 p.m.:** The L'Chaim League will sponsor **guest speaker Janice Rothschild Blumberg**. She will be speaking on her book, *Prophet in a Time of Priests: Rabbi "Alphabet" Browne 1845-1929*. Janice is an author and

speaker on American Jewish history. A native of Atlanta who lived for many years in Washington D.C., Blumberg experienced Jewish history first-hand as the wife, now widow, of two outspoken Jewish leaders: **Rabbi Jacob M. Rothschild of Atlanta (spiritual leader of The Temple when it was bombed in 1958 and friend of Martin Luther King, Jr.) and David M. Blumberg of Knoxville, TN (civic leader and international president of B'nai B'rith)**. Her previous books include *One Voice: Rabbi Jacob M. Rothschild and the Troubled South* (1984) and *As But a Day, The First Hundred Years* (1967, rev. 1987). She has written articles for the *Encyclopedia Judaica* and *The Atlanta Journal and Constitution Sunday Magazine* and is a regular columnist for *The Jewish Georgian*. She served as president for the Southern Jewish Historical Society.

You can order *Prophet in a Time of Priests: Rabbi "Alphabet" Browne 1845-1929*, by **Janice Rothschild Blumberg** through Amazon.com for \$21.24 or contact Sharon Berry at the temple and she will place the order for you. **Deadline for placing your book order with L'Chaim League is April 1st.** Janice will take time after the event to sign your books. To RSVP to this event please call the temple at 262-3314 or email lchaimleague2246@yahoo.com.

Sharon Berry, L'Chaim League Director

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SHALIACH NEWS

This month I contemplated addressing several topics and it became impossible for me to decide which one I wanted to share and which I wanted to put on the shelf. After this metaphorical struggle, I came to the conclusion that it would be best for me to write a little bit about each topic.

As some of you know, I just returned from spending Mardi Gras in New Orleans. Everyone there was wearing

costumes, people were happy and they walked around full of holiday spirit. As I was walking through the French Quarter, I realized that the festivities felt very much like those in Israel celebrating Purim. I have been asked many times, mostly by the religious school, about what Israel does during the holidays and now I feel like I have found the perfect comparison. It's not Halloween that reminds me of Purim, it's Mardi Gras. Every year on Purim, I wear my costume and drive to one of the Tel Aviv street parties, Everyone is happy, sometimes from having a bit too much to drink but it's a mitzvah so it's okay; costume competitions are everywhere. It's the most I've felt at home since coming to America- and I loved it.

The second topic is the new Knesset members that have just started their term, forty-seven new members out of one hundred and twenty. It is a big change for Israel's political system. Israel is going through an interesting change in the way that it observes Judaism. Many people that come from secular homes are delving into the religious aspect of Judaism, including Ruth Calderon. Ruth founded a secular Yeshiva in Tel Aviv and now she is a new Knesset member on behalf of the Yesh Atid party. In her first speech to Parliament, she decided to talk about the Talmud.

"I am convinced that studying the great works of Hebrew and Jewish culture are crucial to construct a new Hebrew culture for Israel. It is impossible to stride toward the future without knowing where we came from and who we are, without knowing, intimately and in every particular, the sublime as well as the outrageous and the ridiculous. [...] The Torah is not the property of one movement or another. It is a gift that every one of us received, and we

have all been granted the opportunity to meditate upon it as we create the realities of our lives. Nobody took the Talmud and rabbinic literature from us. We gave it away, with our own hands, when it seemed that another task was more important and urgent: building a state, raising an army, developing agriculture and industry, etc. The time has come to reappropriate what is ours, to delight in the cultural riches that wait for us, for our eyes, our imaginations, our creativity. [...] I aspire to bring about a situation in which Torah study is the heritage of all Israel, in which the Torah is accessible to all who wish to study it, in which all young citizens of Israel take part in Torah study as well as military and civil service. Together we will build this home and avoid disappointment. [...] I long for the day when the state's resources are distributed fairly and equally to every Torah scholar, man or woman, based on the quality of their study, not their communal affiliation, when secular and pluralistic yeshivot, batei midrash, and organizations win fair and equal support in comparison to Orthodox and Haredi batei midrash. Through scholarly envy and healthy competition, the Torah will be magnified and glorified."

I hope that politics won't get in the way and KM Calderon will be allowed to make a difference.

The third topic is the Israeli Independence Day celebration. The JFCA is working hard to set up a great event this year. We will have Israeli food, a Klezmer band, activities for children, and more. I hope that everyone can join us and R.S.V.P. as soon as possible, as seating is limited. The event will take place at Wynlakes Country Club on April 14th at 4:30 P.M. If you have any questions, you are welcome to call us at the Federation

office at 334-277-5820 or orital.jfca@gmail.com.

FROM THE LIBRARY

We've just received several shipments of new book and film titles for the library. We'll be highlighting some of these over the next several issues of the temple bulletin.

New Films on DVD

Wallenberg: A Hero's Story
Sophie's Choice
The Secrets
God Is Great and I'm Not Arranged
The Impossible Spy
David & Layla

New Books

Blood to Remember: American Poets on the Holocaust (revised second edition) edited by Charles Fishman

Torah of the Earth: Volume 1 by Arthur Waskow

On the Chocolate Trail: A Delicious Adventure Connecting Jews, Religions, History, Travel, Rituals and Recipes to the Magic of Cacao by Rabbi Deborah R. Prinz

Tough Questions Jews Ask: A Young Adult's Guide to Building a Jewish Life (second edition) by Edward Feinstein

God & the Big Bang: Discovering Harmony Between Science and Spirituality by Daniel Chanan Matt

Passover, Second Edition: The Family Guide to Spiritual Celebration by Ron Wolfson,

Remembering My Pet: A Kid's Own Spiritual Remembering Workbook for When a Pet Dies by Nechama Liss-Levinson, et al.

Righteous Indignation: A Jewish Call for Justice by Margie Klein, et al.

Eric A. Kidwell, MLS

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.**

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

We look forward to having you with us!



Detach at the crease to mail.

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.

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When you have the right people, doing the right job, for the right reason, you will always be successful!

From the bottom of my heart, I thank each and every Temple member for the role you played in making this year's Food Festival a success.

Once again, we stuck together like glue, we had a lot of fun and we all enjoyed our day of showcasing our Temple in the best light possible for the entire congregation and community.

I can't wait until next year to work side by side with the most wonderful new and old friends of my life.

Jenny Ives,
2013 Food Festival Chair

THANKS TO OUR
NEIGHBORS!

One of the more important goals of our annual Jewish Food Festival is to foster good communal and interfaith relations. Temple Beth Or rabbis have for many years regarded their work in interfaith dialogue and understanding to be a priority. Rabbi Stevens has continued that tradition through his participation in Interfaith Montgomery and his ongoing work in speaking to church groups and community forums, leading communal seders at area churches and in other public arenas.

Our strong interfaith relationships were visibly in evidence this year as a number of area churches welcomed our placement of Food Festival banners on their property. We would like to thank the following churches for supporting our Festival and helping it to achieve success: Messiah Lutheran Church (Rev. Randy Jones); Church of the Holy Spirit (Father Patrick Driscoll); Old ShipAME Zion Church (Rev. Kathy McFadden); First Christian Church / Disciples of Christ [Rev. Susan Diamond]; Church of the Ascension [Rev. John Coleman], and Unitarian Universalist Church [Rev. Sunshine Wolff]. We also extend our warm thanks to Huntingdon College for their ongoing support.



Jewish Food Festival





NEW TEMPLE BETH OR ADULT ED PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS SOME OF THE GREAT CONTROVERSIES IN JEWISH LIFE, 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-Semitism 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, 2012The 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

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

Gallon Containers Needed

The Temple needs your gallon containers. During the times our freezers are empty we need to keep dense product in them so the freezers aren’t constantly cooling air. Our contact at Goodwin Brothers says that water is the best medium for helping to maintaining a consistent air temperature in the freezers. Please drop off your clean gallon milk/tea/orange containers at the Temple office. If it’s after hours just leave them at the back door.

We’re in need of approximately **40** containers. When that goal is reached this ad will no longer appear.

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

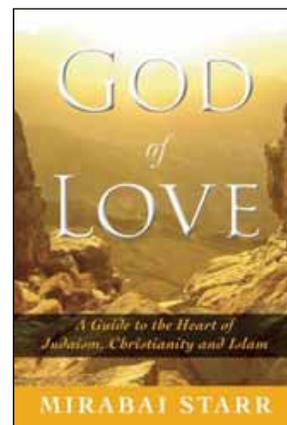
- Jewish
- Members of Temple Beth Or
 - Graduating High School Seniors or Current College Students

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

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

ISRAELI INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, APRIL 14 ☆ 4:30 – 7:30

WYNLAKES COUNTRY CLUB BALL ROOM AND TERRACE



Come join us as we joyfully celebrate Jewish Culture and Israeli Independence Day with food, music and dancing. Performing will be **Ezekiel's Wheels**, winners of Best Klezmer Ensemble and the Audience Pick Award in Amsterdam's 2012 International Jewish Music Festival and first

place award in the 2012 Boston "Klezmer Idol" competition.

Mr. Ori Tal, our young Israeli Emissary will talk about the rich cultural community he has experienced in Central Alabama. He will also talk about our important relations with our brothers and sisters in Israel.

RSVP by April 11th. Checks can be sent to the **Jewish Federation of Central Alabama: JFCA, PO Box 20058, Montgomery, AL, 36120-0058.** We can take credit or debit cards over the phone, or you can pay at the door the day of the event. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children

to cover the cost of food and entertainment.

Inquiries and reservations can be made by sending an email to mail.jfca@gmail.com, or you can call Susan McGuire or Ori Tal at 334-277-5820.

Agudath Israel – Etz Ahayem Texas Hold'Em Poker Tournament March 10, 2013



\$100 Donation To Play—

\$50 rebuy within the 1st hour ONLY

1:00 P.M. Doors Open

1:30 P.M. Rules Read -- 2:00 P.M. First Deal

Mah Jong for the Ladies - \$40 donation to play Prizes for Winners!

Complimentary snacks and soft drinks.

To reserve your seat, please call

Linda at 281-7394 or Barry Ehrlich at 263-6123.

We would like to know. Please call the temple office when a family member is in the hospital or ailing. Too often we find out about illnesses, crises and hospitalizations long after they occur. This is a missed opportunity for the calls and visits the rabbi would like to share. Please let the temple know if there is a concern in your family or another congregation family (with their permission).

We need your help in order to offer ours.

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Monday, March 4 - 7:15 p.m. in the Baylinson Social Hall

Jeffrey Sachs, “probably the most important economist in the world” according to *The New York Times*, joins Claudia Dreifus to explore the biggest obstacles to getting the very basics—food, shelter, medicine—to the world’s neediest.

This talk is part of “Global Issues,” a series of talks on the most critical global issues including health, human rights and an inclusive and sustainable global market economy, led by *New York Times* columnist Claudia Dreifus.

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.



Purim 2013

Agudath Israel ☆ Etz Ahayem Adult Education

Saturday, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

9:00 AM, **Pirkei Avot**

(Ethics of our Ancestors)

Torah Study – after Kiddush

Sunday, March 3, 10, 24, 31

12:00 PM, Beginning Hebrew

12:30 PM, Introduction to Judaism

Tuesday, March 5, 12

6:30 PM, How to read the Bible

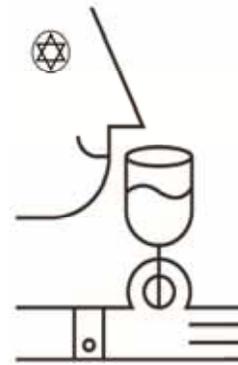
7:30 PM, Mishnah



Young Jewish Social

Montgomery has more young Jews than you think! As part of our efforts to grow and

nurture the Jewish community in Montgomery, the Federation and the synagogues will be sponsoring events where young Jews can hang out and have a good time together. Jews (and significant others) ages 21-50 will be socializing at the home of Josh and



Quin Segall, 2511 Wildwood Dr. on March 9 at 7 p.m. Come enjoy adult beverages and hors d'oeuvres, hang out with old friends and make some new ones.

RABBI "ALPHABET" BROWNE DESCENDANT TO SPEAK IN MONTGOMERY

L'Chaim League To Host Program on April 18

If you look at a list of rabbis who served Temple Beth Or over the years, you will come across the name "Rabbi E. B. M. Browne, 1869 – 1870." It turns out that Rabbi Browne – known as "Alphabet" Browne due to the long string of academic degrees after his names – was one of the most colorful and controversial figures in American Jewish history. Though long obscure, his story has been brought to life by author Janice Rothschild Blumberg, who will speak at Temple on Thursday, April 18, at 2:00 p.m. Janice, a direct descendant of Rabbi Browne, is also the widow of Rabbi Jacob Rothschild who served The Temple in Atlanta for many years; she has also written a book about his rabbinate there during the Civil Rights Era, including the bombing of The Temple.

Rabbi Browne was an amazing prodigy whose Jewish scholarship so impressed Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise, the organizer of American Reform Judaism, that Wise privately ordained Browne decades before Wise founded the Hebrew Union College. Browne, a great orator, served many communities both north and south, especially Atlanta where he was founding rabbi at The Temple. Mired in controversy and forced to respond to allegations that were probably false (Browne was also an attorney), he had to leave a prominent rabbinate, and died in relative obscurity.

Janice Rothschild Blumberg – who herself has a number of ties to our community, including her friendship with the Baylinsons – wrote *Prophet in a Time of Priests: Rabbi 'Alphabet' Browne 1845-1929* to share this great story. **Janice will be pleased to sign books during her visit, but these must be ordered in advance through Amazon. Let Sharon Berry know if you would prefer that L'Chaim League order on your behalf.**

Author
**Janice
Rothschild
Blumberg**

Thursday, April 18, 2 PM
Book Talk & Signing

And Beyond!

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. Turia Starke Williams soloist.

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.

Friday, May 24, 6 PM, Shabbat Service. TORAH READING AND D'VAR TORAH.

Friday, June 7, 5 PM, Family Chavurah "Tot" Shabbat service in the Blachschleger Library - suitable for children of all ages.

Friday, June 7, 6 PM, Classical Service with Union Prayer Book.

Saturday, June 8, 9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Rabbi Stevens. Light brunch served.

Friday, June 28, 6 PM, Shabbat Service. TORAH READING AND D'VAR TORAH.

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

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

Thursday, September 26, All Day, TBO Office closed



Students from our Kol Ami religious school busy making blankets that will be sent to the victims of Hurricane Sandy. Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Central Alabama, the project netted ten blankets surely welcome to those who lost their homes and belongings.

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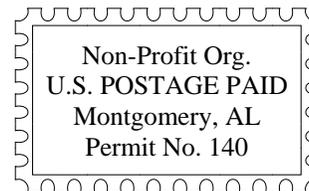
Want an updated look at what's going on at Temple? Go to www.templebethor.net.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6 PM Classical Service with Union Prayer Book	2
3 9:30 AM, Kol Ami Religious School at TBO.	4 7:15 PM, 92nd Street Y Program: JEFFREY SACHS "GLOBAL ISSUES" TBO Social Hall.	5 1 PM L'Chaim members deliver Passover baskets to home-bound.	6	7 1 PM L'Chaim members deliver Passover baskets to home-bound. 7 PM, Rabbi Stevens's five-part series on great controversies in Jewish life	8 5 PM, Family Chavurah Shabbat service 6 PM Shabbat Service	9 9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service and Torah study. 7 PM Young Jewish Social at Josh and Quin Segal's home. Sponsored by JFCA.
10 9:30 AM, Kol Ami Religious School at TBO.	11	12	13	14 12 PM, L'Chaim League's of the movie: "Broadway Musicals - A Jewish Legacy."	15 6 PM, Shabbat Service. Huntingdon College Night. Reception follows.	16
17 9:30 AM, Kol Ami Religious School at TBO. Passover Seder	18	19	20	21 7 PM, Guest Speaker: Mirabai Starr	22 6 PM Shabbat Service	23
24	25	26 Second Seder. Seating will begin at 5:30 PM, with the service to begin promptly at 6:00. (Office will be closed for Passover.)	27	28	29 6 PM Shabbat Service. TORAH READING AND D'VAR TORAH.	30
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3/17, Passover Seder

4/7, Yom Hashoah program

4/14, Israel Independence

Day

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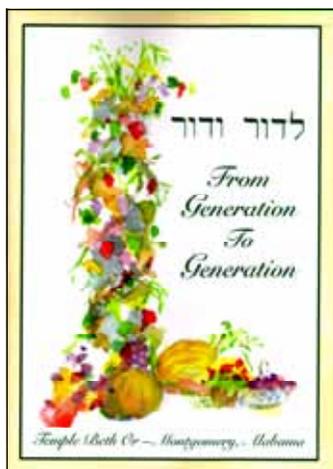
4/28, Lag B'omer

5/5, Last Day of School!

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.



From Generation to Generation cookbooks are available for \$22.00.

WE NEED YOUR SPENT ORCHIDS.



Please donate your spent orchids to the temple. A number of ours were **damaged by a freeze** in December and our numbers have dwindled. Feel free to drop your orchids off at any time.