

Temple Beth Or Bulletin

A VIEW FROM THE BIMAH

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OBAMA IN JERUSALEM March 22, 2013

I've been asked a number of times over these last several days my reaction to President Obama's visit this week to Israel. This was his first visit as president, and like many of you I've been following reports of his various speeches and meetings there and the reactions of government officials, pundits and commentators.

The president's agenda included personal talks with top-level Israeli and Palestinian leaders, as well as a major address to the Israeli public, aside from certain ceremonial functions such as his visit to the Holocaust memorial Yad Vashem and laying wreaths on the graves of several Zionist leaders at the Mt. Herzl cemetery. But aside from the substance of his remarks and meetings, he also went to Israel to correct a widespread apprehension that this American president is "soft" on Israel, and doesn't have the same commitment to Israel's security and Israel's interests as his predecessors.

I've always believed that accusation to be false, and have shared that from the pulpit before. I recall his address to the 5,000 Reform Movement leaders who attended the Union for Reform Judaism Biennial in Washington a little more than a year ago, when he made statements as definitively, clearly and unequivocally as any he made this week in Israel; any lingering doubts were allayed when Ehud Barak, Israel's Defense Minister who spoke at that same conference, said that ties had never been stronger and Israel's security had never been greater than under this president. And we heard also from Michael Oren, Israel's Ambassador to the United States, who said that Obama had met eleven times with Prime Minister Netanyahu – with Ambassador Oren sitting in each time – and their personal ties were warm, congenial and with good humor despite their sometimes different approaches. It was Michael Oren who told us that accusations of softness leveled against President Obama were, in his opinion, politically motivated but without substance.

Nonetheless, the president's agenda in

Jerusalem had to be one of both style and substance.

Some of the political theater was simply amusing. On arrival on the airport tarmac, Obama and Netanyahu greeted each other with warmth, each outdoing the other in the way they held arms, gripped shoulders, and awkwardly hugged. Walking down a formal review line, Obama kept wanting to stop and approach the greeting line; Netanyahu had to keep urging him to keep to the script. Obama made a hit by removing his jacket and flinging it over his shoulders, whereupon Netanyahu hitched up his pants, looked a bit pained, and took his own jacket off for the cameras.

Obama's primary speech was to a gathering of 2,000 Israelis, primarily young adults, and broadcast to a countrywide audience. It was a tour de force – fervent, passionate, and inspiring. He stressed America's "unbreakable" alliance with Israel and support for Israel in facing the threat from Iran's suspected nuclear weapons program, and he also spoke to the threat and instability sparked by the Arab Spring. He reaffirmed, to vigorous applause, that the United States is determined to prevent a nuclear-armed Iran by any means necessary, and in private meetings with Israel's defense establishment he reportedly laid out in some detail not just America's intent, but active planning now underway in the event that military action becomes necessary. He said, "Iran must not get a nuclear weapon. This is not a danger that can be contained. America will do what we must to prevent a nuclear-armed Iran."

When it comes to Iran, the biggest difference between Obama and Netanyahu seems to be one of timetable. Israel feels that stopping Iran is a matter of urgency, and the window of opportunity might already be closed. The United States, with its vastly greater resources, seems in much less of a hurry to initiate action. Israel's concern is that the U.S might stall so long that Obama might no longer be able to deliver on his promise.

In his talks and speeches, after showing his deep understanding of Israel's heritage and history, Obama also urged his audiences to be empathetic to Palestinian aspirations – to see the world through their eyes, too. He

referred to Israel in speaking of Palestinian aspirations: "Israel," he said, "is rooted not just in history and tradition, but also in a simple and profound idea: the idea that people deserve to be free in a land of their own." And here, too, the applause was prolonged, as it was in the same speech when he called for the establishment of "an independent and viable Palestine." And the president noted that Israeli settlement projects make it very difficult to square with a two-state solution, though significantly he did not demand cessation of this activity.

Alon Pinkas, a senior columnist with Haaretz, wrote that President Obama achieved his objectives: to project U.S. power; to reaffirm the American-Israeli alliance; to send a message to Iran, and renew a serious and discreet dialogue on Iran, and to present a vision for an Israeli-Palestinian peace agreement. But most of all, according to Pinkas, the president came to correct a wrong and set right a huge distortion – a "travesty," he called it – having to do with the gap between reality and how President Obama has been perceived. He found Obama's big speech to be, in his words, "broad, nuanced, compassionate, realistic and an example of extraordinary statesmanship."

So what comes next? Mahmoud Abbas, the president of the Palestinian Authority on the West Bank, spoke in front of president Obama and made several references to the two-state solution – an independent Israel next to an independent Palestine. He spoke of peace and security and legitimacy for two countries. On the other hand, he reiterated that Palestinian independence can only be along the borders before the Six Day War in 1967, with a capital in East Jerusalem. Those borders represent, of course, the cease-fire lines of 1949, which resulted from Israel's being attached by all its neighbors during its struggle for independence; the so-called West Bank is really meaningless, in other words, without proper negotiations. On the third hand, if there is a third hand, Abbas omitted – maybe for the first time – the usual insistence that Israel make commitments on settlements even before any negotiations can begin. But on the fourth hand, Abbas's

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predecessor Yassir Arafat could have had an established, independent state on 90% of that same land, and rejected Israel's offer out of hand.

And all of this is not even to mention Hamas in the Gaza Strip, and even more radical groups there. So long as Hamas continuously and publicly and explicitly describes its very *raison d'être* as the complete destruction of Israel, I don't see how any negotiation can really be called "good faith."

So does any good come of this visit? Just before departing Israel for a visit with the King of Jordan, Obama witnessed Prime Minister Netanyahu as he made a call to the Prime Minister of Turkey, Recep Tayyip Erdogan. Israel's relations with Turkey, once cordial and very important to both countries, had been severed in 2010 when Israel bungled a raid on a humanitarian ship going from Turkey to Gaza; something like nine people were killed. In today's call, Netanyahu apologized to Turkey, and Erdogan accepted the apology. President Obama then got on the call, the upshot of which was that Turkey and Israel as of today have restored their full relations, including the exchange of ambassadors and full recognition. Economically and strategically, this move alone was worth the trip and the personal diplomacy.

Ultimately, however, American diplomacy and aid dollars and strategic defense support can only go so far. Some analysts note that America's interests in the Middle East are altogether on the wane, and will continue to ebb in coming years, first, because America is much less dependent on Middle East oil than was the case even a few years ago and, second, because America's primary strategic concern has now shifted to the Far East, especially in our relations with China, Japan and Korea. But even without such a strategic shift, no power can force an Israeli-Palestinian peace, especially when there is so much distrust, fear and hatred, and so much extremism among both Moslems and the ultra-nationalist Jewish settlers who declare that there is no point in a peace with Palestinians over land promised to the Jews by God.

I asked our Shaliach, Ori Tal, what he thought about the peace process, and he cast his answer in very simple terms: If the Palestinians were to lay down their arms, there would be peace. If Israel were to lay down its arms, it would be destroyed. This sounds simplistic, but I don't think Ori is wrong. The world puts such pressure on Israel to compromise and make concessions – even before getting to the table – but the context always must return to the fundamental need for assurance that Israel – however the borders are finally determined – is a legitimate state. All the legitimate hopes and dreams and aspirations that Palestinians have to be out from under the yoke of occupation truly depend upon that affirmation. As the great Rabbi Hillel used to say, "All the rest is commentary."

(Rabbi Stevens's Sermon from March 22, 2013)

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings on April 12th.

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SISTERHOOD

A very special thanks to Terri Finkelstein, Sharon McDaniel, and Sharon Berry for preparing a beautiful and delicious Passover dinner. These ladies spent many hours planning and cook this meal to make it a special event for our congregations. We had a wonderful and meaningful service.

We always look forward to Huntingdon College Night. Alison Williams and Lynne Ginsburg presented a lovely reception with delicious food to honor our guests. This is always a special night with our long connection to Huntingdon.

Agudath Israel Sisterhood has invited our Sisterhood for a joint brunch on April 21st. We hope to make this an annual event with our friends at Agudath Israel. When your invitation arrives please respond as soon as possible so they can make plans. Send your RSVP to Valerie Cohen who is chairing this event.

Our closing meeting will be on Thursday, May 9 at my home, 3312 Highridge Ct. This will be a 5:00 Wine and Cheese meeting to make plans for another year. There is no charge for this event. Please make plans to attend.

Susan Bernstein

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L'CHAIM LEAGUE

On **April 18th @ 2:00 p.m. at the Temple: 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.

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SHALIACH NEWS

Last month universities around America and Europe noted the "Israeli Apartheid week." This is theater of the absurd that tries to demolish Israel in the public eye.

I want to share with all of you parts of what I wrote for a pro-Israel event at Alabama State University:

There's a famous quote by the German Pastor, Martin Niemoller from 1946, referring to the German people's apathy during the holocaust, a quote which later inspired the civil right activists to act:

First they came for the socialists and I didn't speak out because I wasn't a socialist.

Then they came for the trade unionists, and I didn't speak out because I wasn't a trade unionist.

Then they came for the Jews, and I didn't speak out because I wasn't a Jew.

Then they came for me, and there was no one left to speak for me.

Being Israeli makes perfect sense for me being a Pro-Israeli activist, but why should you, ASU students, care about what's happening halfway around the world in the Middle East?

Your only obligation as citizens is to care about other people in need, the same way citizens of every race and religion took part in the civil rights movement even though it wasn't "their fight." This is what makes us better people.

Moreover, there is a ripple effect which affects us all. When something happens in one side of the world, there are implications everywhere. For example - when Iran is trying to get a stronger hold on its surrounding countries, it will affect the price you pay for a gallon of gas.

Being an informed activist poses challenges. You can't base your opinions on internet memes or think of a well-edited YouTube video as a hard fact. You should read and inquire as much as you can before you take a stand and choose sides, and even then you always need to consider if you have made the right choice.

With so much information out there, it's sometimes hard to know what's right and what is not. If there is a secret agenda or who is behind that post you just read.

A great example of this is the Arab Spring revolution in Egypt which erupted two years ago. When the protesters arrived by the masses to Tahrir Square the western media went wild with excitement, marveling on this long awaited wave of democracy in the Arabic countries.

Eventually we've learned that elections alone cannot create a democracy. Extremists are in power and pulling the leverage. There is a new reality in Egypt, a reality where personal security is almost extinct. The Coptic-Christian minority is fleeing the country, Islamic-Sharia law is being enforced and the economy is collapsing. The freedom chants the crowds were yelling and dreaming about have vanished.

In the midst of the revolution, experts who warned of these outcomes were

called pessimists.

No one wanted to hear that the first law to change after the revolution in Libya was that a man can marry (and own) as many wives as he wants. Yet as time marches on, more inconvenient truths emerge.

It's easy to fall into a narrative to adjust the facts to fit, pushing a hidden agenda or attempting to draw more traffic to your website or sell more newspapers.

When this meeting is over, go home and take a second to check the big picture. Choose any topic you are interested in. Whether it's sports, art, history, biology or even physics and start inquiring. You will notice pretty fast how many mistakes and inaccuracies there are out there. So just imagine how many mistakes are out there, in the most publicized conflict in the world.

In case some of you have already been studying and inquiring about the area, you must have heard that we just had elections in Israel. My friends, family and fellow Israelis went to the polling stations and voted for their representatives in the Israeli Parliament - the Knesset. It wasn't an easy campaign. There were lots of opinions, and even more parties representing different groups of society.

There is more to Israel than Arabs and Jews, the rebirth of modern Israel started when Jewish people came from all around the world to rebuild their ancient country. People from Asia, America, a decimated Europe and even Africa - which makes Israel the first country to welcome Africans not to enslave them, but to offer them a better future. And since the first days of modern Israel, there has always been a full equality of rights between dark and light skinned people, Europeans and Asians, males and females.

I grew up there, therefore, it's easy for me to see just how ludicrous are the accusations of Israel's being an Apartheid country. When I went to school we all sat together with no difference of race or faith. No one received special treatment or was mistreated.

Israel's Arab population, which constitutes about 20 percent of the whole population are equal rights citizens and receive the same assistance and chance to succeed as any other. We all share the same right to vote and to be elected. You see Arab-Israelis acting as Knesset members, ministers, Supreme Court judges and more. This gives the Arab-Israeli minority more rights than in any other Arab country around.

I will say it one more time - The Arab-Israeli minority has more rights than in any Arabic country.

That leads me to the next group - the Palestinians living in Judea and Samaria, usually referred to as the West Bank. Israel has tried many times to provide autonomy and a state for the people in that region, but over and over the Pan-Arabic response was war, terror and calling to wipe Israel off the map, denying its right to exist. Israel has tried non-violent ways to solve the situation and keeps on doing that. Israel's representatives constantly try to get the PLO to sit and negotiate.

It's not perfect, we are not perfect, but we try and make it work, to find a solution which both sides will be able to live with. There is a presence of the Israeli Defense Forces in the West Bank, and there are limitations on Palestinians. These limitations are the outcome of terror attacks on Israel and not the opposite. The claims should be held towards Palestinian leaders who sent suicide bombers and killing squads to harm civilians. Israel acted in order to protect its citizens, making these sorts of attacks harder to execute.

Israel's stature among the nations is my main concern, but it's not the only one. I believe in the power of history, and in the importance of remembering things that happened. But when we use big words like Holocaust or Apartheid when they don't fit, we are hurting that memory, and one day people won't understand how awful the Apartheid regime in South Africa was, why it was so wrong and why it's so important to prevent it from happening again. The Apartheid regime did awful things in

order to maintain its power like eliminating all opposition, taking basic human rights out of people's reach and more. Any comparison between that and the Israeli - Palestinian conflict is defacing the collective memory.

I have said many things tonight. You may agree, you may not. But what I'm asking of you is to be active, well informed and to take a stand - because apathy, as we learned from Pastor Niemoller - is the worst option.

Ori Tal

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FROM THE LIBRARY

We continue to share news of new titles added to the library collection:

New Films

The Bible Stories: Esther

Exodus

A Woman Called Golda

Six Days in June

Out of the Ashes

Israel: Birth of a Nation

New Books

The Empty Chair: Finding Hope and Joy: Timeless Wisdom from a Hasidic Master, Rebbe Nachman of Breslov

Ecclesiastes: Annotated & Explained, translated by Rami Shapiro

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Rabbi Stevens visits with Betty Bloom during the L'Chaim League's Passover visits on March 5, 2013.

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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Temple Beth Or

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4:00 PM Reception

5:00 PM Meeting

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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-Semites 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

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April 25, 2013.....The Karaites and the Rabbinites

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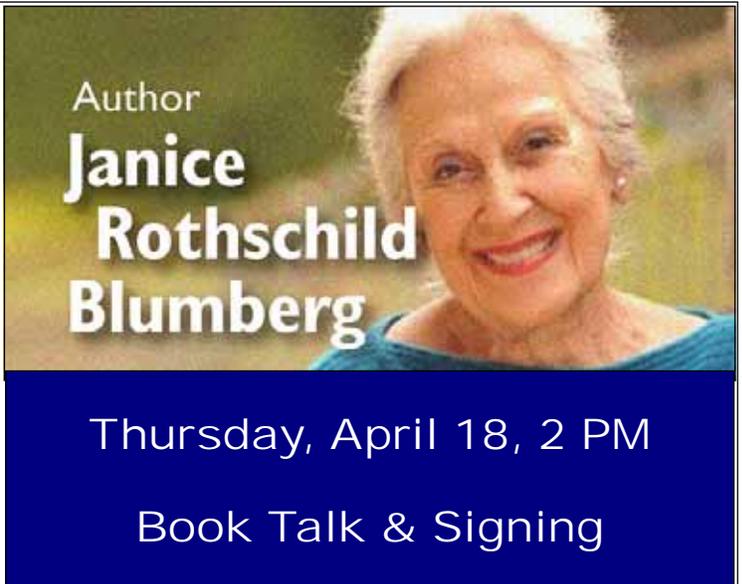
RABBI "ALPHABET" BROWNE DESCENDANT
TO SPEAK IN MONTGOMERY

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.**



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Thursday, April 18, 2 PM
Book Talk & Signing



Saturday, April 13
Shabbat Morning Service

Saturday morning, April 13, 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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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.



Agudath Israel ✪ Etz Ahayem
Adult Education

Saturday, April 6, 13, 20, 27

9:00 AM, **Pirkei Avot**

(Ethics of our Ancestors)

Torah Study – after Kiddush

Sunday, April 7, 14, 21, 28

12:00 PM, Beginning Hebrew

12:30 PM, Introduction to Judaism

Tuesday, April 9, 16, 30

6:30 PM, How to read the Bible

7:30 PM, Mishnah





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And Beyond!

Thursday, May 9, 5 PM, Sisterhood's Closing Wine and Cheese event at Susan Bernstein's home.

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.

Friday, May 10, 6 PM, New Member Shabbat Service. Wine and Cheese reception follows service.

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.

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

Sunday, May 19, 4 PM, Reception and Annual Meeting at 5:00 PM. Reception precedes at 4 PM. Members only.

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. Ori Tal will be honored for his service as JFCA's shaliach.

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.

Friday, July 26, 6 PM, New musical Shabbat service featuring music by Rabbi Michael Stevens (brother to our Rabbi Stevens); wine and cheese reception with both Rabbis Stevens precedes at 5:30 PM.

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.

L'Chaim event on March 14, 2013



April 2013

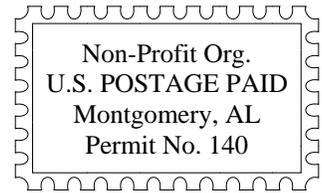
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 7 PM, Rabbi Stevens's five-part series on great controversies in Jewish life. Topic: The House of Hillel and the House of Shammai.	5 6 PM, Men's Club Shabbat. Guest Speaker Jeff Downes, Deputy Mayor of Montgomery. A wine and cheese reception will precede the service.	6
7 9:30 AM, Kol Ami Religious School at TBO. 3 PM, Interfaith Shoah Memorial Service at Agudath Israel*Etz Ahayem.	8	9	10	11	12 5 PM, Family Chavurah Shabbat service 6 PM Shabbat Service	13 9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Rabbi Stevens. Light brunch served
14 9:30 AM, Kol Ami Religious School at TBO. 4:30 PM, Israeli independence celebration at Wynlakes Country Club (JFCA).	15	16	17	18 2 PM, L'ChaimLeague event: Guest Speaker and author Janice Rothschild Blumberg at TBO.	19 6 PM Shabbat Service	20
21 9:30 AM, Kol Ami Religious School at TBO. 11 AM, First Annual Montgomery City-Wide Sisterhood Luncheon at Agudath Israel-Etz Ahayem.	22 7 AM, Interfaith Montgomery's "Blessing of the Earth." at Agudath Israel*Etz Ahayem	23	24	25 7 PM, Rabbi Stevens's five-part series on great controversies in Jewish life. Topic: The Karaites and the Rabbinites.	26 6 PM, Shabbat Service. TORAH READING AND D'VAR TORAH.	27
28 9:30 AM, Kol Ami Religious School at TBO.	29	30				

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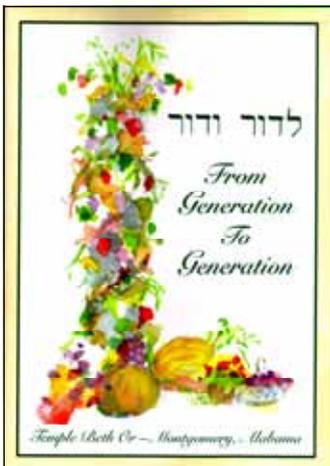
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Religion School Schedule



TBO
 4/7, Yom Hashoah program
 4/14, Israel Independence Day
 4/21
 4/28, Lag B'omer
 5/5, Last Day of School!