

Temple Beth Or Bulletin

A VIEW FROM THE BIMAH

May 2013 ~ Iyyar/Sivan 5773



One of this year's great "highs" was this year's community celebration of Israel Independence Day, on the 65th anniversary of that great, historic day when David Ben Gurion, standing in a nondescript hall in Tel Aviv, read Israel's Declaration of

Independence even as the surrounding Arab armies were launching their invasion.

What a day we had! Thanks to the prodigious efforts of Lisa Newcomb; Federation's Susan McGuire, Anita Capouano and especially our shaliach, Ori Tal, an unprecedented 293 tickets were sold to the gala celebration at Wynlakes Country Club. This was certainly the best-attended program of its kind in our community; it was great watching the kids bounce on the outdoor inflatables, listen to an award-winning klezmer band; sample the many varieties of Israeli food, and just come together as a community celebrating our common history and our pride in Israel. In many ways, this grand event was the capstone achievement of Ori's two years as Israel's shaliach to Montgomery.

Ori will be leaving us at the end of May to return to Israel. After his several years' experience in the IDF [Israel Defense Forces] and two years as shaliach, he will be entering his university studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, majoring in international relations. Perhaps one day, when he is a member of the Knesset or perhaps Israel's Prime Minister, we'll be able to say that we knew him when.

I asked Ori how his perceptions of American Jewry had changed during his years here. He responded that he and other Israelis often have the perception that Judaism has no future outside of Israel, but he was impressed with the vitality of American Judaism; even more he was surprised and impressed with the amazing pluralism of American Judaism – a far wider range by which American Jews express their Judaism than he would have imagined. He also said, surprisingly, that his experience

here had brought him closer to Judaism than in Israel, where many Israelis describe themselves as secular. "Secular" in Israel, of course, is very different in Israel, where the national holidays are the religious holidays; where most every restaurant observes Jewish dietary traditions, and where the national history taught in schools is the history of the Jewish people – not to mention that the language of Torah and prayer book is also the language used in the streets. One way Ori found to reconnect to his Judaism was to study traditional Jewish texts privately,

but with me and with Rabbi Kramer; I will miss these opportunities. As Ori said, being here was a two-way experience in learning and teaching.

Ori told me of his many satisfactions

Temple Beth Or

2013

ANNUAL
MEETING

Sunday, May 19

4:00 PM Reception

5:00 PM Meeting

Quorum required to conduct business.

Members Only

here: reaching so many of our young people, through our religion school and including social gatherings that reached out to non-affiliated young Jews in our community; his many discussions in churches and other community forums; the panels and presentations and guest speakers and movies – including a showing of "Golda's Balcony" at the Capri – that maintained a strong consciousness of Israel for those who participated.

But therein lies his frustration. When I asked Ori what frustrated him here, he readily responded that many here in Montgomery seemed uninterested in his programming; except for last month's great event on Israel Independence Day, large numbers in our Jewish community, he said, did not attend a single program related to Israel. He noted and found surprising that those who attended

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Saturday, May 11
Shabbat Morning Service
Saturday morning, May 11, 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**



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Tues., Wed. & Thurs.	11-4
Friday	11-2

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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.

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.

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.

TBO PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

For the next few months, I want to use this monthly article to spotlight different parts of Temple life that you might not notice on a day-to-day basis. This month I want to talk about some of our special funds. Congregants gave these funds to make our Temple life a richer experience for years to come. Since we have over twenty-five special funds, I will not mention them all.

The Floral Fund provides flowers for our Sabbath and High Holy Day services. Over the past few years, we have relied on talented congregants or local florists to make these beautiful arrangements. These congregants can tell you that it takes a lot of time and work to pick up the flowers from the wholesaler and make the arrangements. It costs about \$180 to have two arrangements made for Sabbath Services. We hope to use the arrangements for more than one Sabbath. For the High Holy Days, the arrangements are bigger and much more costly. We have two silk arrangements to use when the fund cannot provide the flowers. These arrangements add to our services. This year we had a generous congregant cover the cost of flowers for a few months. If you would like to donate flowers for a Sabbath or High Holy Day service(s) in honor of a love one or yahrzeit, please call the office. We will make sure that this is noted in the Friday night handout.

The Scholarship and Youth Fund is used to cover expenses of our Youth Group and to provide a \$500 scholarship to first time campers going to Camp Jacobs. It also helps members attend camp well after their first year or attend special NFTY camps. We helped one member become a song leader for SEFTY and the Temple. This fund is very important as it helps us give our youth a broader Jewish experience than they can have here. Some of my fondest memories of Youth Group are attending SEFTY conventions and camp. This year we have four children from the congregation attending Camp Jacobs for their first time. Three of these children will be attending for two weeks. It is very important for the congregation to make sure the children receive a broad Jewish experience during their school years.

We also have our new Condolence Fund, which we set up to help out of town families during their time of grief. This fund will help cover the expenses of congregants who prepare food for the incoming family. Out of town families arrive to bury their loved ones and do not know where to purchase food or how to arrange for a small reception after the funeral. For most families they have lost touch with the congregation and this allows us to reintroduce them to the Temple.

These are just a few of the funds that we have. If you would like to contribute to one of our funds or the General Fund please let Gina know. It is important that keep these funds going for future congregants.

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.

FLORAL FUND

*In Memory of Vic Hanan
Joan Hanan*

*In Memory of
Isaac Cohen
Hobbie Freehling
Florence Savler
Bobbie Walton
Miriam Weisberg
Lisa and Andy Weil*

GENERAL FUND

*In Honor of Temple Beth Or
Babette L. Barmettler*

*In Memory of Elsa Herzfeld
Mike and Miriam Petrunic*

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

*In Memory of Miriam Weisberg
Alison and Greg Williamson*

*In Memory of Victor E. Hanan
Gaby Capp*

SISTERHOOD

*Many thanks to Sharon Berry, Terri Finkelstein and Sharon McDaniel for the wonderful Passover Seder
Norman and Harriette Dorosin*

Temple Beth Or Sisterhood
Closing Meeting

May 9, 2013 ☀ 5 PM

Join us for a
Wine and Cheese

at the home of
Susan Bernstein

3312 Highridge Court
Montgomery

RSVP by May 3

(334) 281-4340

susanbernstein@gmail.com

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 James Nathan
- 1 Lisa Newcomb
- 1 Joanne Shum
- 2 Ronald Shum
- 7 Richard Kohn
- 7 Leonard Michelson
- 8 Mary Lynne Levy
- 12 Lynne Ginsburg
- 12 Gay Winter
- 13 Steven Greil
- 13 Alison Williamson
- 15 Larry Capilouto
- 16 Susan Bernstein
- 16 Eve Loeb
- 17 Jean Harris
- 19 Babette Wampold
- 20 David Franco
- 20 Julie Goolsby
- 27 Alan Levy
- 28 Terri Finkelstein
- 28 Allen Stern
- 30 Janice Baylinson
- 31 LeAnne Wallace

ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Jean & Steve Schloss
- 5 Sandy Lynn & Elliot Stevens
- 25 Sandi & Allen Stern
- 31 Aimee & Scott Harris
- 31 Jamie & Ricky Loeb

YAHARZEITS

To be read 5/3/2013

Ben Lieberman
Helen Weil Loeb
Milton Schnitt
Roslyn H. Schulwolf

To be read 5/10/2013

Ruth F. Byck
Louna Capilouto
Chester Goldberg
Irma Gore
Perry Mendel
Thomas Moers
Beatrice K. Schneiderman
Milton Winter
Betty Wolf

To be read 5/17/2013

Eunice Copeland
Pearle M. Feinman
Jennie Freehling
Gaston J. Greil
Lillian Leet
Rose Rosenbluth
Herbert L. Sandler
Norma K. Sheftall Shapiro
Hilda Slager

To be read 5/24/2013

Henry Abraham
Elizabeth W. Baylinson
Verna Wool

To be read 5/31/2013

Jules Adler
Frieda Kahn Berger
Allegra P. Cohen
Mose Feinman
Sumner David Goldberg
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Congratulations senior!



Class of 2013

Morris & Kelly Capouya are happy to announce the graduation of their daughter

Abigail Lorraine Capouya
The Montgomery Academy
May 24, 2013

She will graduate with High Honors. Abi applied to and was accepted at Arizona State University The University of Alabama The University of Rochester Southern Methodist University She will be attending SMU in the fall.

**Birthday and
Anniversary
Blessings on May 3rd.**

SISTERHOOD

Our year is quickly coming to an end. As always, the year has been very busy and successful. Our board members will be meeting soon to make plans for the next year. We will be calling on our members to help with our many events so be thinking about the event that you would like to be involved in.

We had a delightful Sisterhood Brunch with our friends at Agudath Israel last week. It was good to see our members there and get to spend time with the AIEA members. We hope to continue having activities together.

Be sure to join us on May 9th at 5 PM for our Sisterhood Closing Meeting. We will gather at my home, 3312 Highridge Court, for wine and cheese and to plan the coming year. Please RSVP to 281-4240 or susanbernstein.com.

Susan Bernstein

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L'CHAIM LEAGUE

On Tuesday, May 7th, the L'Chaim League will visit the Vizzini Winery in Calera for a tour and lunch at their bistro. We will depart from the Temple at 11:00 a.m. There is no charge for this event, but please plan for your lunch. We will car pool for this event. Please call the temple at 262-3314 or email lchaimleague2246@yahoo.com with your reservation.

Sharon Berry, L'Chaim League Director
lchaimleague2246@yahoo.com

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SHALIACH NEWS

This month I decided to attach the speech I gave on Israel's Independence Celebration on April 14th:

I wish to start by thanking everyone for coming here today to Celebrate with us Israel's 65th Independence. It's great to see all these faces I know from previous events and new ones that I see here for the first time. I'm happy to see you all

showing your support for Israel, the place I call home.

You may ask yourself what are we doing here today? Are we here for the tasty food? For the great band? For the cultural experience? Well... yes - they're great. But I also hope you're here for that extra factor.

Coming here, supporting Israel is showing support in America's ally. One which shares the same values of freedom, equality and democracy. An island of sanity in the toughest neighborhood in the world. Celebrating the independence of Israel every year makes these values stronger, like clay that you burn again and again to make it stronger.

Israel's first few hours were kind of like the first moments of a newborn, when the doctor holds the baby and waits for him to start shouting, starting its road out in the world. Israel had no time for pampering. It had to start fighting. With 600,000 people with fresh inked IDs and many coming by boats from burning Europe, this one hour newborn had to fight 6 massive Arab nations that launched a general offensive, declaring how they will wipe out the new state.

Some will call it a miracle; some will explain it by divine intervention. Either way, against all odds Israel managed to survive and win that war and many others which followed. From that rough beginning Israel became one of the most thriving communities in the world, creating an advanced, modern country based on people's minds, hard work and creativity and not on the richest of the ground.

Israel is the country that brought us the Cell phones, Laptop computers, and some of the most advanced technology we use in the 21st century.

It is also a country that cherishes freedom and equality. A place where people of all genders, races and faiths have the same rights and obligations. Where everyone is free to practice their own religion, and live their life according to their views. The closest thing to America, on the other side of the planet.

We are also celebrating the revival of the Jewish people.

We're in the midst of a special time in the Jewish calendar. Starting with Passover - the biblical independence day of the Jewish people, celebrating that we were relieved from slavery in Egypt and the freedom God gave us. It took us 40 years but eventually we got back to our land - and the first Israel was created.

After Passover, we commemorate the Holocaust in a special day to recall what happened 3000 years later in dark times, when Nazi Germany tried to wipe out the Jewish people. But again we managed to survive and from the lowest point since the slavery we managed to climb back, higher than ever. And today, for the first time in history there are more Jewish people in Israel than Jews who died during the Holocaust.

A week after that, we honor and remembered the men and women that gave their life in the wars of Israel, since the war of independence in 1948 and, unfortunately, till today. And at the end, just a few hours later - we switch our mood from grief and sorrow to a great joy - and celebrate the creation of Israel. This cycle from Slavery to Independence means a lot for us and reminds us every year of the importance of having our own country, remembering and commemorating the ones who gave their life for the cause on the way.

The state of Israel inspires Jewish people from all around the globe to go back to their forefathers land to see the dream alive. It made them proud that they finally have a place to call their own.

One of those families inspired by Israel and the Zionist idea was my fathers. Living behind the Iron curtain in communist Romania, they weren't free, weren't safe, and weren't allowed to practice their religion. The moment they had a chance - they took whatever they could carry and went on a long journey to the land of Israel for a brighter future, even though they knew life there will not be easy.

With the help of the Jewish Agency, the same organization that brought me here they got on a train leading them to Italy and on a boat to the port of Haifa, where they saw the orange trees they always heard about for the first time.

This exact inspiration is what brought me here. It was the reason that was important for me to pay back, after 3 years in the army I decided to give back to the same organization that did so much for my family, in my own way - to strengthen the bond between Israel and communities around the world.

So I came to Montgomery and started working with the community. Thinking only about what I can bring here, what can I teach and contribute. But that's not what happened. Only now when I'm looking back on my 2 years here, I understand it's a two way street. I came here to teach, and hope I did, in the Religious school, and in the Adult Education, in the lectures I led, the movies we screened, and the Hebrew classes we had in the Federation office, synagogue, temple and elsewhere.

I also learned a lot about community, got to know the great people who are a part of it, through intimate conversations and different gatherings making this very community as wonderful as it is - making me feel home. I learned about being a minority in a different land, to live in a different culture and about different ways of worshiping. It was a great experience and I will be sad to leave Montgomery when my term here is over.

This experience keeps reminding me the phrase "כל ישראל ערבים". That all the people of Israel should vouch for each other, should care for each other - both ways.

This special bond reminds me of a scene from our last event when we screened the movie Golda's balcony at the CAPRI theater. On that scene Golda Meir tells us about her visit to the US right before the declaration, when she hoped to raise some money to buy equipment for the new Israeli Defense force. Ben Gurion didn't think they will raise enough, but Golda went in front of the crowd and talked about the bond,

about Zionism, and about their willing to fight no matter what. The crowd honored that and donated more money than she ever dreamed about raising. This great gift was one of the keys to Israel's great victory over its enemies.

This special connection is not limited only to the Jewish community. America in large is our greatest friend, since our first days to present times. Even when the world is in constant change, there is one thing that won't - and that's the true friendship between the countries, who share the same dreams of a better world.

To sum up, I do want to thank you all again for coming and for supporting the Jewish Federation of Central Alabama, and hope to see y'all involved with our doing, with our educational programs and help us support important causes locally and across the sea.

I want to end with saying Mazel Tov to Israel, and hope for many more to come, because if some people say that the US is still a young country, it makes us barely toddlers.

Ori Tal

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FROM THE LIBRARY

New Films

When Do We Eat?

Broken Silence

Masada

The Jewish Americans

The Couple

New Books

Be Like God: God's To-Do List for Kids by Ron Wolfson

Tanya, the Masterpiece of Hasidic Wisdom: Selections Annotated & Explained by Rami Shapiro, Zaiman M. Schachter-Shalomi

Inspired Jewish Leadership: Practical Approaches to Building Strong Communities by Erica Brown

It's a ... It's a ... It's a Mitzvah by Elizabeth Suneby and Diane Heiman

(children's book)

A Wild Faith: Jewish Ways into Wilderness, Wilderness Ways into Judaism by Rabbi Mike Comins and Nigel Savage

Claiming the Earth as Common Ground: the Ecological Crisis Through the Lens of Faith by Andrea Cohen-Keiner and Sally Bingham

Eric A. Kidwell, MLS

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MY YEAR WITH KOL AMI IN REVIEW, BY AMANDA WINER, EDUCATION FELLOW

Shalom y'all! My name is Amanda and it has been my absolute honor to serve as your Education Fellow this year, representing the Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life.

I have found that the fellowship provided me with the opportunity to give back to the larger Jewish community. I am really enjoying my first year being a part of the ISJL team, and I have gained a new understanding of teaching and Judaism from working with our incredible staff and our communities.



Here are some of the highlights of the partnership with Kol Ami Religious School this year!

Terri: During the summer, I had the amazing opportunity to meet Terri at the ISJL Education Conference in Jackson, MS (she has attended them all!). We worked incredibly well this year and I benefited greatly from collaborating with someone so kind and committed. I enjoyed meeting Adam, Ethan, Ella and Ryan and spending time

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with their adorable family.

Lani: Staying at the Ashners is an absolute joy. Lani, Nick, Meagan and Nathan welcomed me and made me feel like one of the family. Lani has been a great help this year and I have really appreciated our partnership with her –she is terrific and incredibly hardworking!

Teachers and Rabbis: Thank you to the wonderful teachers of Kol Ami Religious School for making me feel so welcome and collaborating this year. It was an absolute pleasure to work with both rabbis and the amazing faculty.

Community: I spoke to each congregation at Friday night services and gave an interactive text study during Shabbat morning. During my visit in March, I had the opportunity to meet with representative of the board and Education team from TBO and AIEA for breakfast and lunch respectively. We had a great time schmoozing! I felt comfortable, welcome and appreciated.

Familiar Faces: A great bonus of my time in Montgomery was reconnecting with old friends and Jewish camp connections – Phil Ensler and Max Hyman. It was exciting to see a young, vibrant Jewish community in Montgomery!



Students: Arguably the most awesome part of my visits was interacting with the students! During my November visit, we explored the Jewish holiday of Chanukah and how it related to magic and the Harry Potter series. In March, we focused on creative ways to teach and learn about the time between Purim and Passover by baking *matzah*, creating masks of the different plagues and doing a *Hamantashen/chameitz* hunt all over the Temple!



Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding the ISJL. We write programs based upon our communities interests, and essentially I am your very own “education consultant” working to adapt the lesson plans for your classrooms and keep you up to date on all of the latest educational resources. Thank y’all for an amazing year!

Amanda Winer, ISJL Education Fellow, 2012-2014, awiner@isjl.org

LUNCH ‘N’ LEARN WITH RABBI STEVENS TEXT STUDY PROGRAM ON “WHO IS A JEW?”

Wednesday • May 22 • 12 PM

Join Rabbi Stevens for lunch at Temple Beth Or on Wednesday, May 22. We will read some of the key texts on that perennially important question: “Who is a Jew?” The question is of crucial importance in Israel, as the national and religious authorities evaluate immigrants with unclear backgrounds; outside of Israel, traditional and liberal expressions of Judaism come to very different conclusions on this issue.



We will provide a light, hosted lunch. Please, therefore, RSVP to 262-3314 or bethor@templebethor.net or Rabbi Stevens by May 17th. *Sponsored by the Rothschild-Blachschleger Lecture Series.*

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY LAUNCHES FAITH BUILD

Montgomery Habitat for Humanity has just begun a new “faith build” project – a house sponsored and built in conjunction with a gathering of faith-based groups and organizations. A particular home will be built for a working mother raising two young sons (ages 7 and 12); the family was displaced after their apartment caught fire two years ago.

Habitat partner families are qualified in a thorough, non-discriminatory selection process based on three general criteria: need; ability to repay a non-interest mortgage, and a willingness to partner with Habitat for Humanity.

Habitat for Humanity invites people of all faiths to join in its mission to build simple, decent, affordable houses. The Montgomery chapter has built or refurbished dozens of homes using volunteer labor – usually on Saturdays – and donated funds and equipment. Members of our Jewish community have also been involved in this endeavor over the years. Habitat provides construction supervision, tools and materials, and handles all inspections. Altogether this is a wonderful mitzvah project in which many can participate.

To volunteer for their current project or learn more about the program, call Elizabeth Saliba at 334-832-9313, or visit www.habitatmontal.org.



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-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, 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

LAST TWO CLASSES!

May 9, 2013.....The Hassidim and the Mitnagdim

May 23, 2013.....Reform Judaism and Orthodox Judaism

**Agudath Israel ✧
Etz Ahayem
Adult Education**

Saturday, May 4, 11, 18 25

9:00 AM, **Pirkei Avot**
(Ethics of our Ancestors)

Torah Study – after Kiddush

Sunday, May 5, 12, 26

12:00 PM, Beginning Hebrew
12:30 PM, Introduction to Judaism

Tuesday, May 7, 21, 28

6:30 PM, How to read the Bible
7:30 PM, Mishnah



SPECIAL SHAVUOT PANEL PROGRAM SET FOR MAY 14

Shavuot – the last major observance of the Jewish year and seven weeks after Passover – is one of the three biblical “pilgrimage” festivals (the others are Sukkot and Passover) when people in the land of Israel would bring offerings from their wheat harvest to Jerusalem; our tradition also teaches that Shavuot commemorates the revelation of Torah to Moses on Mt. Sinai.

Traditionally, Jewish congregations read the biblical Book of Ruth on Shavuot, as Ruth’s conversion – by her acceptance of Torah and the God of Israel – make this an appropriate reading.

Reform Judaism and this congregation have long welcomed “Jews by choice,” who have chosen to join Judaism and the Jewish community and people. While Judaism does not differentiate between those who were born and reared in Judaism and those who join Judaism later in life, if anything the Jew by choice is esteemed even more by our tradition, by virtue of having made that choice, especially in a pluralistic world where many other paths are open to us.

We will observe Shavuot on Tuesday evening, May 24, with a special program on conversion and reaffirmation. Our members Kelly Capouya, Norman Dorosin and Merce Kennedy will share stories of their journey; each story is unique: one was born and reared in Judaism but followed a different path for many years; one rediscovered a Jewish family connection from past generations, and one converted to Judaism years ago. The issues and questions each raised and faced are delicate and personal; the program promises to be profound.

We will also read from the Book of Ruth, and enjoy a light dairy repast (another Shavuot tradition). Do join us for this special program!



Mazel Tov!

Jason Coleman is engaged to Miriam Claire Bernstein. Both Claire and Jason reside in Nashville. Claire's parents are the late Jenna Bernstein and Michelle and Eugene Bernstein, all of Memphis, TN. Jason is the son of Mae Cohen.



Hannah Merson placed first place (for the second consecutive year) overall for her age group in the United States Snowboard Association National Championships (April 2013). Hannah is the granddaughter of Charlotte and Joe Mussafer. Her mother is Caren (Howard) Mussafer Merson from Stowe, Vermont.

Religion School
Schedule



TBO

5/5, Last Day of School!

Passover Seder at Temple Beth Or - March 26, 2013



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.

FOOD FESTIVAL

A wrap up meeting of the 2013 Food Festival Committee will be held on Thursday, May 23rd at 11:30 until 12:30.

We will discuss the following:

- ◆ Analysis of income and expenses.
- ◆ Positive & Negative Feedback.
- ◆ Thoughts regarding next year.
- ◆ Volunteers for committee chairs for next year.

Temple members are encouraged to volunteer for a Committee Chair or Co-Chair position. If you would like to serve in one of these leadership positions for the 2014 Food Festival, we invite you to join us at this meeting so that you will have an opportunity to be involved from the very beginning.

If you are only interested in working on the day of the Food Festival and not becoming involved in a leadership position, please do not attend the meeting. We will have volunteer opportunities for the day event later in the year.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions regarding the various jobs of leadership that are available.

Jenny Ives
Chair



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Contact Lisa or
Andy Weil at
(334) 279-8979
for 2014 pricing.

And Beyond!

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, 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.

Sunday, August 4, 2 PM, For Men's Club Members. Biscuits Day at the Ballpark. \$15 per person. Reservations Required.

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 for Simchat Torah.

Rabbi Stevens's View from the Pulpit, continued from cover

programs usually only did so in their own temple or synagogue. He wondered whether the next generation, even more assimilated and with an even higher rate of mixed marriage, would dilute American Judaism and our connection to Israel even more.

Ori has loved being in Montgomery, and learning about a different way of life in a small Jewish community surrounded by the "Bible Belt" majority. Our Jewish Federation already has filed application with the Jewish Agency to seek a shaliach for the coming year. We hope to secure another great candidate.

Meantime, we will honor and thank Ori during our Shabbat service on Friday evening, May 24. I do hope we will turn out in good numbers to fete this very special person.

Rabbi Elliot Stevens



Rabbi Elliot Stevens addresses students at Johnnie R. Carr Middle School on March 20, 2013.

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.

JFCA's Israeli Independence Day on
April 14, 2013



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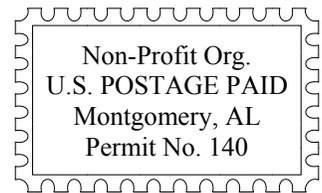
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 <i>6 PM Shabbat Service Schorr children will receive their Hebrew name. Reception to follow.</i>	4
5 <i>9:30 AM, Kol Ami Religious School at TBO. Last Day of School!</i>	6	7 <i>11 AM, L'Chaim League will tour the Vizzini Winery in Calera, AL</i>	8	9 <i>5 PM, Sisterhood's Closing Wine and Cheese event at Susan Bernstein's home. 7 PM, Rabbi's series on great controversies in Jewish life. Topic: The Hassidim and the Mitnagdim.</i>	10 <i>5 PM, Family Chavurah Shabbat service 6 PM New Member Shabbat Service. Wine and Cheese reception follows service.</i>	11 <i>9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Rabbi Stevens. Light brunch served</i>
12	13	14 <i>7 PM, Erev Shavuot program, including a reading of the Book of Ruth and a light dairy repast.</i>	15 TBO office closed for Shavuot.	16 <i>7 PM, 92nd Street Y Program: OneVoice with Jason Alexander, Daniel Lubetzky, Ambassador Dennis Ross, etc. Sponsored by JFCA.</i>	17 <i>6 PM Shabbat Service</i>	18
19 <i>4 PM, Reception and Annual Meeting at 5:00 PM. Reception precedes at 4 PM. Members only.</i>	20	21	22 <i>12 Noon, Lunch 'n' Learn with Rabbi Stevens. Text study program on "Who is a Jew?" RSVPs needed.</i>	23 <i>7 PM, Rabbi Stevens's five-part series on great controversies in Jewish life. Topic: Reform Judaism and Orthodox Judaism.</i>	24 <i>6 PM, Shabbat Service. TORAH READING AND D'VAR TORAH. Ori Tal will be honored for his service as JFCA's shaliach.</i>	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 <i>6 PM Shabbat Service</i>	

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Join board members and leaders from OneVoice, the grassroots organization dedicated to finding a peaceful, two-state solution to end the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Hear about their work with youth leaders to prepare their communities for the compromises needed to achieve peace. Could a youth-led mobilization succeed where the leaders have failed? Daniel Lubetzky is the CEO and founder of KIND Healthy Snacks and the KIND Movement; the founder of PeaceWorks Inc. and the OneVoice Movement; and co-founder of Maiyet. Jason Alexander is an American actor, director, producer, writer, singer and comedian. He is best known for his role as George Costanza on “Seinfeld.”

This program is offered without charge by the Jewish Federation of Central Alabama. Bring your friends and neighbors!