

Temple Beth Or Bulletin

A VIEW FROM THE BIMAH

July/August 2013 ~ Tamuz/Av/Elul 5773



I enjoy reading old Board minutes. Some have said that this is about as interesting as watching paint dry, but I find that looking through old minutes or program files or bulletins gives me a

better sense of our congregational history, and an appreciation for the issues and initiatives that have shaped who we are.

It is true, as we read in Ecclesiastes, that “there is nothing new under the sun.” Issues seem to repeat themselves over and over through the years. The budget gets adopted, the nominating committee presents its slate; the roof needs repair, the school is off to a good start, and the High Holy Days went well. The Board periodically expresses its warm appreciation for the work of Sisterhood.

One repeating issue surprises me. Every two or three years someone – either the rabbi or a member of the Board – would encourage us to be a warmer congregation. There was a time, apparently, when this congregation was perceived to be less welcoming than we are now. I’ve read reports from years past that a visiting person or couple would attend a service – perhaps considering where to affiliate – and someone would notice that at the end of the service no one would greet them.

I like to think that this is no longer the case. By coincidence, just a couple of days before writing this, a

long-time member was in my office, and our discussion turned to how fortunate we are that some 15 new members have joined us just in the last year. This member remarked how different the tone and welcoming atmosphere are compared with years ago.

Before arriving in Montgomery some six years ago, I held an administrative position in New York, with the national office of my rabbinic association. Sandy Lynn and I were able, many Friday nights, to visit a variety of congregations, and see first-hand how communities welcome strangers in their midst. In some cases we were greeted with genuine warmth; in some an official “greeter” would come over after the service, and in some, amazingly, no heads were turned, and no one noticed us. The rabbi might have been brilliant, but without that welcome we felt out of place and uncomfortable.

One of my colleagues, Rabbi Jack Bloom, is a family therapist who specializes in working with rabbis and congregations around the country. He is also one of the few rabbis to hold full membership in both the Rabbinical Assembly (Conservative) and the Central Conference of American Rabbis (Reform). Rabbi Bloom has written extensively about “congregational DNA” – the patterns of behavior that congregations establish over extensive periods of time, and that are so hard to change. Sometimes a congregation’s “DNA” can be sensed as soon as you walk in the door.

We have clearly made progress, though the task is never done. I am pleased to see new members or non-member guests invited to join a group for dinner after a service. I am very pleased when a newcomer enters our sanctuary and is invited to sit with someone. It doesn’t always happen, but when it does, the warmth is palpable.

I sometimes hear stories of how old cultural or religious differences led to divisiveness and community separateness in years past. Today, an overriding theme seems to be that we are a small community, and as such must learn to celebrate what unites us rather than be troubled by what divides us. Our congregation includes young and old; generations-long members and newcomers; those who are religiously very liberal, and others who are quite conservative in their religion and practice of Judaism. But we are one community, and every one of our members strengthens us and gives us hope for the future.

I encourage us, therefore, to be aware of the strangers who enter our gates and, more, to extend a warm and personal welcome to anyone who worships with us or who you see attend the programs we offer. Welcoming the stranger is one of Judaism’s core values; let it always be ours at Temple Beth Or.

Rabbi Elliot Stevens

**Celebrating Our
162nd Year**



ELLIOT L. STEVENS, D. D., RABBI
David A. Baylinton, D.D., *Rabbi Emeritus*

Temple Beth Or Officers

Jamie Loeb.....*President*
Diane Weil.....*Vice-President: Programs*
Gracie Hanchrow.....*Adam Finkelstein: Finance*
Morris Capouya.....*Treasurer*
Susan Finklestein.....*Secretary*
Jenny Ives.....*Immediate Past President*

Board of Trustees

Beringer, Marlene
Capouya, Frances
Clein, Steve
Goldberg, Bob
Kaplan, Jarred
Lieberman, Bruce
Stiller, Micki Beth
Weil, Andy
Weisberg, Bob

SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT

Susan Bernstein

MEN'S CLUB CO-PRESIDENTS

Philip Bernstein/Pete Ginsburg

Temple Beth Or Staff

Gina Friday.....*Temple Administrator*
Terri Finkelstein.....*Religion School Director*
Sharon Berry.....*L'Chaim League*
Marlon Cotton.....*Maintenance Manager*
Elizabeth French.....*Organist & Choir Director*

Office Hours

Monday	CLOSED
Tues., Wed. & Thurs.	9-4
Friday	9-2

2246 Narrow Lane Road • Montgomery, AL 36106

(334) 262-3314 Tel ☆ (334) 263-5183 Fax

Office: bethor@templebethor.net
Rabbi: rabbiels@templebethor.net
www.templebethor.net

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

TBO PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A couple of months ago I wrote an article highlighting funds of the Temple that are used to enhance our Temple life. This month I want to talk about the group of members that you elected to serve on the Board of Trustees. The Board is composed of The Executive Board (six members), Board Members (nine members) as well as the Presidents of the Sisterhood and Men's Club. This Board works tirelessly to make sure that the Temple finances, religion school, and programs run smoothly.

Your Board Members are: Jamie Loeb (President), Diane Weil (Vice-President of Programs), Adam Finkelstein (Vice-President of Finance), Susan Finklestein (Secretary), Morris Capouya (Treasurer), Jenny Ives (Past President), Bob Goldberg, Steve, Clein, Jarred Kaplan, Marlene Beringer, Andy Weil, Frances Capouya, Micki Beth Stiller, Bruce Lieberman and Bob Weisberg, Philip Bernstein and Pete Ginsburg (Men's Club Presidents) and Susan Bernstein (Sisterhood President),

Besides attending the monthly Board meetings, each Board member is a chair of one of the Temple's many committees. These committees oversee the Facilities and Grounds, Religion School, Membership, Adult Education, Cemetery and Youth & Scholarship. Do not be surprised, if in the next few months, you receive a call from someone asking you to serve on a committee. Please do not say no if you get a call. In next month's bulletin we will list all the committees and ask you to volunteer for a committee.

In the monthly bulletin we will publish actions voted on by the Board. This will allow you to see what the Board has approved or not approved at the meetings.

The Board meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month in the Archives Room. We go over the monthly financials, approve new members as well as discuss and vote on matters that effect the Temple's programs and finances. These meetings are open to all members who want to come watch the Board or bring up matter before the Board. I have been honored to serve on the Board over the past few years. I hope that I have been able to add to the Temple and its programs.

Jamie Loeb

**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.



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.

**Birthday and
Anniversary
Blessings on
August 2nd**

Recent Death

Hermine L. Herzfeld ז"ל

June 27, 2013



Mother of Louisa Weinrib
Grandmother of
David, Stephen and Daniel

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.

ARCHIVES FUND

*In Memory of
Hermine Herzfeld
Corinne F. Capilouto
Eleanor and PeeWee Kohn
Lee and Will Sellers
Peggy Cohn*

**CAROL L. HART
EDUCATION FUND**

*Happy Birthday Janice Baylinson
Peggy Cohn*

FLORAL FUND

*On the Yahrzeit of Denise K. Hanan
Joan Hanan*

GENERAL FUND

*In Memory of my mother,
Mrs. Olga Franco
Rubin A. Franco*

*In Memory of
Mrs. Eleanore Carlton
Rubin A. Franco*

*Thanks for TBO Hospitality
Ryan H. Swedlow*

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

*In Honor of
Frances Capouya and Marlene
Beringer
Akiko and Alan Bloom*

*In Memory of
Sumner David Goldberg
Betty, Bob and Erik Goldberg*

*Speedy Recovery Myrna Rothfeder
Mrs. Shirley Beringer*

*On the Yahrzeit of Milton Schnitt
Randi S. Herring*

SELMA MARCUS FUND

*In Memory of
Victor Haber and Annette Haber
Phyllis Applefield*

SOCIAL CONCERNS FUND

*In Memory of Hermine Herzfeld
Bob and Linda Herzfeld*

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 7 Michael Goldner
- 10 Rebecca Joyner
- 11 Gene Harris
- 12 Mae Cohen
- 14 Josh Lev
- 17 David Joyner
- 20 Jeff Blitz
- 22 Angela Abraham
- 22 Pete Ginsburg
- 23 Celeste Sabel
- 24 Felice Cohen
- 24 Burke Schloss
- 25 Matilde Scheuer
- 30 Susan King
- 30 Suzanne Soloff
- 31 David Berry
- 31 Steve Clein

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Carol & Jamie Loeb
- 4 Alison & Matthew Schorr
- 6 Clare & Bob Weil
- 10 Dawn & Adam Schloss
- 11 Alison & Greg Williamson
- 14 Angela and Edward Abraham
- 28 Marlene & Rick Beringer
- 29 Barbara & Ronnie Leet
- 30 Jenny & John Ives

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jack Abraham
- 2 Jack Hanchrow
- 2 Bari Levin
- 5 Beverly Lipton
- 6 Karen Weinrib
- 9 Jean Schloss
- 10 Harriette Dorosin
- 11 Mark Mussafer
- 12 Daniel Weinrib
- 13 Corinne Capilouto
- 14 Sam Kaufman
- 14 Louisa Weinrib
- 16 Alan Bloom
- 18 Arabella Aaron
- 18 Alan Goldsmith
- 25 Anne Bloom
- 25 Dorothy Van Cleeff
- 25 Lynne Weinrib
- 27 Jenny Ives
- 28 Dawn Schloss
- 29 Micki Beth Stiller
- 31 Bob Weisberg

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 14 Esther & Herbert Scheuer
- 17 Susan & Philip Bernstein
- 17 Myrna & Alan Rothfeder
- 18 Barbara & Robert Shinpaugh
- 19 Karen & Craig Goldstein
- 20 Sharon & David Berry
- 22 Dorothy & Jay Van Cleeff
- 24 Kelly & Morris Capouya
- 27 Harriette & Norman Dorosin
- 28 Karen & Bruce Lieberman
- 29 Pat & Allen Dees
- 31 Elizabeth Wahls & David Weinrib

YAHRZEITS

To be read 7/5/2013

- Robert L. Cooper, Jr.
- Faye Stamm Greil
- Evelyn Lichtman
- Alex Marion
- Harold Straus
- Diana Kahn Weil
- Sigmund Weil

To be read 7/12/2013

- Anna Stiller Anshel
- Tommie Moses Coleman
- Ethel E. Hallman
- Olivia Rose Shwarts Jacobson
- Joseph J. Levin, Sr.
- Ann Marks
- Nathan Popkin
- Gilbert Ross
- Mary Jane Schiffman Wallace

To be read 7/19/2013

- Rebecca Sherman Blotner
- Margaret Cohn Bonfield
- Michael Deutsch
- Louise Finklestein
- Joseph Golomb
- Carolyn Endel Printz
- Charles H. Wampold, Jr.

To be read 7/26/2013

- David R. Baylinson
- Joan Baim Blach
- Babs Klein Heilpern
- Norma L. Hobbie
- Mose Moscovitz
- Nellie Weil

AUGUST YAHRZEITS

To be read 8/2/2013

Philip W. Bernstein, Sr.
Jacob Koch
Lillian Rosenbluth Miller
Gertrude S. Weinrib

To be read 8/9/2013

Edward Abraham
Albert Endel
Emily Rosenbluth Kohl
Maurice Earl Kreisman
David Adler Loeb
Emilie E. Strasburger

To be read 8/16/2013

Myrtle Endel
Morris Goldberg
Sally Golumb
Frank Happ
Carl Hertz
David Mussafer
Harold Rothman
Pauline Schrier
Charles J. Schulwolf
Sol Schulwolf

To be read 8/23/2013

Max C. Baylinson
Philip Eisenberg
Jane Lobman Katz
Louis B. Levi
Jean Weil
Blanche Landau Winter

To be read 8/30/2013

Nissim and Esther Capouya
Constance Cohen
Sidney R. Davis
Florence Goldstein
Pryor Hurt
Ethel Schorr
Louis J. Shapiro
Kimberly Strassburger

Mazel Tov!

Congratulations to both Max Reiss and Kelly LeVine upon their marriage on June 29, 2013.

SISTERHOOD

Our Sisterhood board has been busy this summer planning the events for the coming year. Many members have already committed to chair an event or assist. We really appreciate these members being so committed to the Temple. I hope when you are called you will volunteer readily. Mae Cohen will be sending membership bills soon. Please send your dues to her as soon as possible. Our goal is to have every woman in the Temple as a member of Sisterhood. We are a vital element to the success of our Temple. Just being a member of Sisterhood is not enough. We need you actively involved.

Susan Bernstein
Sisterhood President

* * *

L'Chaim League

Come and join the L'Chaim League as we beat the heat with an afternoon movie and luncheon on **Tuesday, August 13th at 12 noon at the Temple.** We will show the film, "Rescue in the Philippines: Refuge from the Holocaust." This film recounts the history of the rescue of thousands of Jews organized by the Frieder brothers and their poker buddies: Paul McNutt, Col. Dwight D. Eisenhower, and Manuel Quezon. **Cost is \$8.00 per person. Please RSVP no later than Friday, August 9th.**

Sharon Berry, L'Chaim League Director
(334)262-3314 ext. 223
lchaimleague2246@yahoo.com

* * *

FROM THE LIBRARY

Pamphlets from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

Victims of the Nazi Era series: *Poles* (736.02 UNI 1995p), *Sinti & Roma* (736.02 UNI 1995s), *Jehovah's Witnesses* (736.02 UNI 1998j), *Handicapped* (736.02 UNI 1995h)

Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals 1933-1945 (736.02 UNI 2002n)

Books - These titles can be found along the windowsill in the library.

The Aleppo Codex by Matti Friedman (010.9 FRI 2010)

Overweight Sensation: The Life and Comedy of Allan Sherman by Mark Cohen (799.77 COH 2013)

The War Within: Israel's Ultra-Orthodox Threat to Democracy and the Nation by Yuval Elizur and Lawrence Malkin (840 ELI 2013)

The Wanting: a novel by Michael Lavigne (560 LAV 2013)

The Golem and the Jinni: a novel by Helene Wecker (560 WEC 2013)

Harvard Square: a novel by Andre` Aciman (560 ACI 2013)

'Til Faith Do Us Part: How Interfaith Marriage Is Transforming America by Naomi Schaefer Riley (652.2 RIL 2013)

Russ & Daughters: Reflections and Recipes from the House that Herring Built by Mark Russ Federman (799.77 FED 2013)

Transcending Darkness: A Girl's Journey Out of the Holocaust by Estelle Glaser Laughlin (736.5 LAU 2012)

Eric A. Kidwell, MLS

Following Shabbat service on Friday, August 16th there will be a special oneg hosted by Alan and Akiko Bloom in honor of Akiko's conversion to Judaism.

In welcoming our recent new members, we have asked them to provide a brief introduction. Several had not yet arrived as this went to press. We hope to complete this section in a future issue. Meantime, please welcome these new members!

Rachael Altman
Alan and Akiko Bloom
Barbara Clein

Norman and Harriette Dorosin
Azriel and Nora Gorski
David and Rebecca Joyner
Larry and Merce Kennedy
Josh and Aleshia Lev
Jeff and Carrie McKinney
Chad and Laurena Mendelsohn

Jeff and Deborah Miller
Max and Kelly Reiss
Carol & Kent Roberts
Allison Tucker
Katie Wetherbee
Lois Weissman

Rachael Altman

I was born and raised in Chicago and Homewood, Illinois. I graduated from Syracuse University's School of Information Studies with an MLIS and a Certificate of Advanced Study in Cultural Heritage Preservation. I attended Bradley University in Peoria, IL, where I earned a BA in English and Creative Writing and an MA in English with a focus on Writing Theory and African American Literature. I decided to embark on a great adventure when I relocated to Montgomery in September 2012 in order to work as librarian at Alabama State University. I enjoy writing and reading poetry, especially Langston Hughes, James Wright, Stephen Dunn, and Nikki Giovanni. I am a huge Prince fan, I love funk and soul music, gluten-free and vegan foods, elephants and frogs, and all things purple, and I do not like snow, cats, or Jane Austen novels.

The Bloom family

The Bloom family is a diverse mix of Jewish, Japanese, Journalism and yes...dang Yankees!

Alan and Akiko Bloom met when Alan was serving in the U.S. Navy and assigned as the Deputy Public Affairs Officer in Yokosuka, Japan. They were married in Japan and a year later Hanah

Bloom was born while the family was assigned in Gatea, Italy.

Following a deployment to Iraq they retired from the service. They have been residents of Montgomery since the beginning of 2007. Alan (who goes by Al) is the Public Affairs Officer for Central Alabama Veterans Health Care System.

Harriette H. Dorosin

I was born in Mobile, AL and grew up in Gadsden and Montgomery. My college career took me to Howard College (now Samford University), Meredith College, and NC State. Norman and I met in New York, later married, and have moved a bit as his career flourished. When we came to Montgomery in 1997 I began working at Easter Seals Central Alabama helping students with learning disabilities get accommodations for college. I enjoy gardening, learning more and more about Judaism, and recently have become active with the DAR, a long-standing tradition in my family.

Norman N. Dorosin

I grew up in New York City. My bar mitzvah was in a small synagogue in the Bronx, and I continued in Judaism for many years. I have three daughters and eight grandchildren. After my divorce I met an Alabama girl in New York and we married two years later (42 years this summer). We moved to Huntsville where I was the first Clinical Pharmacy Coordinator for Huntsville Hospital. I spent years in management for a retail chain of drugstores, and later returned to clinical pharmacy, this time for nursing homes. I retired to Montgomery 16 years ago, and came home to Judaism in 2012.

Azriel and Nora Gorski

Azriel and Nora Gorski are young at heart and newlyweds. We moved here for a job for Azriel on the faculty of Alabama State University. We had retired to Phoenix, Arizona from the

Connecticut shore. Long story short, Azriel flunked retirement. We are slowly acclimatizing to southern living. Nora loves people and shopping. We have several four-legged children living with us. We, especially Nora, have a warm heart for a needy animal. Our children are all grown and living elsewhere, but still keep close touch with us. In the short while we have been here we have found many wonderful new friends, passable pizza, but if anyone knows where to find a NY City quality bagel, please let us know.

Max Reiss

Max Hyman (Reiss) moved to Montgomery just over two years ago to work for WSFA and the other Raycom TV stations in Alabama covering politics. He was born and raised in New York City. His future wife, Kelley LeVine moved to Alabama on May 2011, after she completed her Masters degree from the University of Missouri. Kelley teaches at Johnnie Carr Middle School but will move to The Montgomery Academy to teach eighth grade social studies in the fall. Kelley and Max both come from dedicated Jewish homes and they each attended Jewish summer camp as children. They are thrilled to be officially a part of Temple Beth Or.

[ed. note: Max and Kelly have recently celebrated their marriage.]

Larry and Merce Kennedy

Larry and Merce Kennedy have been married for 27 years. Larry grew up in the Dothan, Alabama area. He worked for Unisys Corp, a computer company, for 20 years after earning an degree in electronics. He later earned a bachelor's degree in business management from Troy University and is currently the System Support Manager at the Montgomery County Commission Information Systems Department. Merce is originally from San Jose, Costa Rica. She moved to the United States to continue her college education. She attended several

universities in the United States before moving to Montgomery, Al. She earned a bachelor’s degree in Psychology and History from Troy University. Merce has worked in banking and for Federal and State government contractors. She recently retired from HP Corporation. Merce's major interests are Education and History. In their leisure time both Larry and Merce enjoy working on automobile restoration. Currently Larry and Merce reside in the community of White City in North Autauga county.

Aleshia and Josh Lev

The military life brings us to our new home, Montgomery, AL, for at least the next three years. We started our lives together during college at Kent State University, in Kent, Ohio. After graduation, Josh started his career in the USAF as an Intelligence Officer and Aleshia started her career as a State Trooper for Ohio. Their first assignment was in Dayton, Ohio, followed by Okinawa, Japan, where we had our baby girl, Olivyah, who will be a year old on May 8th. We are expecting again in September. We also have two rescue dogs that complete our family. So far, we have enjoyed Alabama, as well as, Temple Beth Or.

Carol Roberts

Carol (Cobert) Roberts was born and grew up in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, in a Reform Jewish family. Both of her parents are from New York, her father from Brooklyn and her mother from upstate. She has three older brothers who were all born in Albany, New York. Carol is the only member of her family who was born in the South. After graduating high school in Oak Ridge, she attended Auburn University and graduated with a Bachelor's degree in public relations/speech communications and journalism. She moved to Montgomery to take a job with the Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center and has lived here (and worked for ACJIC) for 24 years now. In 1993 she met and married her husband of 20 years, Stanley (Kent) Roberts. Kent, a graduate of AUM, is a Sergeant first class in the Alabama Army National Guard and has been in the military for over 30 years. He is a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Kent and Carol have one daughter, Rachel Hannah, who is almost 13 and attends Floyd Middle Magnet School.

Lois Weissman

I was married to a psychologist, Stuart Weissman for 27 years. I had a career in Anesthesiology and Pain Management. We lived happily together in Bergen County, New Jersey. When Stu died after a long illness, I needed to “brighten my spirit;” so instead of moving to Florida as everyone predicted, I made a right turn to Montgomery—to live near my brother.

So far, I’ve met warm, friendly people and look forward to being an active part of this community and Temple Beth Or, so rich in history and natural beauty.

Katie Wetherbee

Katie Wetherbee, a native of Atlanta, Georgia, came to Montgomery following law school at the University of Mississippi. Before law school--and for two summers during law school--she worked at Camp Nah-Jee-Wah, a Reform Judaism summer camp in Milford, Pennsylvania; it was at camp where Katie discovered Reform Judaism and became an honorary M.O.T. Katie works for the state judicial system and lives with her dog, Rusti.



Hanah Bloom, Anna Stevens and Nathan McKinney at Camp Jacobs.



A belated congratulations on the birth of **Maxwell “Max” Morris Dubin** born November 1, 2012, 7 lbs. 15 oz.

Parents: Elizabeth and Jacob Dubin
Big brother: Sid
Grandparents: Celia and Charlie Dubin
Larry and Claire Bern

Temple Beth Or's 2013 Book of Remembrance Form

Jews throughout the world traditionally take time to remember their departed loved ones during the High Holy Days. To personalize and enrich our remembrance, we publish a Yom Kippur Memorial Book of Remembrance. The book is distributed in the Sanctuary before the Yom Kippur Memorial Service. Extra copies are available after Yom Kippur. Names submitted will be listed together under the donor's name. Thus, you will have your loved ones' names together in your own listing. Cost of the listings follow:

\$180 - full-page listing (21 max)

\$100 - half-page listing (12 max)

\$10 - Individual listings

To include the names of your departed loved ones in Temple Beth Or's Book of Remembrance, please complete the form below and return it to the Temple office by the deadline of **August 15, 2013**. List each name to be included in legible form. Please send a check made out to Temple Beth Or. You will be billed if you do not include a check. Your donation will be of comfort to you and a heart-felt tribute to those we dearly miss.

We wish you and yours a healthy and fulfilling upcoming New Year. May God bless you and your dear ones.

Please fill out the below form if you wish to participate. Return to the Temple at the below address.

Your name: _____

Address: _____

Remembered by: _____
(how you would like it listed in book)

Names of deceased loved ones to be remembered (*please print clearly*):

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Mail form to: Temple Beth Or, 2246 Narrow Lane Road, Montgomery AL 36106

Detach at the crease to mail.

L'Chaim League visits Petals from the Past in Jemison on June 18th.



NEW MUSIC TO DEBUT ON JULY 26
 composed by Rabbi Michael Stevens

On Friday evening, July 26, we will welcome as our guests Rabbi Stevens's brother and sister-in-law, Rabbi Michael and Judy Stevens from Schererville, Indiana. Rabbi Stevens recently retired from Temple Beth-El in Munster.

Rabbi [Michael] Stevens is a composer who has written settings for a complete Shabbat service. Many of these selections were composed for and first used during his 20th anniversary service at Beth-El. We will have our own opportunity to hear these new settings during this special service. Please join us at 5:30 p.m. for a wine-and-cheese reception, and for service as usual at 6:00 p.m.



Congratulations to Heather Shinpaugh for being awarded the new, prestigious "Haskell Fitz-Simons Distinguished Performer Award" presented by Raleigh Little Theatre in Raleigh, North Carolina.
 "...This award recognizes the volunteer performer, whose onstage excellence transcends offstage in their passion for the craft, inspiring service and dedication to the RLT community."
 Heather is the daughter of Robert and Barbara Shinpaugh.

2013/5774 High Holy Day Service Times

Wednesday, September 4

Rosh Hashanah Eve 7:30 PM
 Followed by our Annual Reception

Thursday, September 5

Rosh Hashanah Morning 10:00 AM
 Children's Service in Library 10:30 AM
 Tashlich at Montgomery Museum Pond..... 1:00 PM
 (Bring your own bread!)

Friday, September 6

Shabbat Shuvah 6:00 PM

Sunday, September 8

Cemetery Memorial Services
 Eternal Rest Cemetery 9:30 AM
 Etz Ahayem Cemetery (new section) 10:30 AM
 Etz Ahayem Cemetery (old section) 11:00 AM

Friday, September 13

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

Saturday, September 14

Yom Kippur Morning 10:00 AM
 Rabbi's Discussion 12:00 PM
 Yom Kippur Children's Service 2:30 PM
 Yom Kippur Afternoon Service 3:30 PM
 Memorial Service ca. 4:15 PM
 Concluding Service 5 PM
 Followed by Break Fast (aprx 5:45 PM)

TASTE OF JUDAISM RETURNS TO
 TEMPLE BETH OR

Following up on last year's successful program – with thirty participants, of whom several went on to become members of our temple – Rabbi Stevens will again be leading a "Taste of Judaism" series this October. This year's planning committee includes Harriette Dorosin, Merce Kennedy and Alice Novak, with Katie Wetherbee in the chair.

Since its inception by the Reform Movement more than sixteen years ago, some 90,000 persons have experience the "Taste of Judaism" program. "Taste" is a free, three-session class for beginners – Jewish or not – that explores the topics of Jewish spirituality, ethics and community values. This class is designed for those who would like to explore or re-explore the foundations of our tradition and are looking for an entry into Jewish life.

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

This year's program is set for October. By design, the program is not available to temple members or affiliated Jews, but members are encouraged to identify potential candidates who might have an interest.

Space is limited! To make a referral or for more information, Katie may be contacted at 334-615-8154, or via email at TasteJudaismMontgomery@gmail.com.

ReformJudaism.org Launches!

[From the URJ](#)

We are excited to announce that the new website ReformJudaism.org is out of “beta” mode and now officially launched! This means we will begin to more aggressively promote the website through all of our available channels. It doesn’t, however, mean that the website is complete; it is and will continue to be a growing work in progress. We invite you to help us get the word out and to contribute and encourage contributions, so that it may continue to grow and evolve.

ReformJudaism.org is the first website to provide a wealth of Jewish information through a Reform Jewish lens. Our intended audiences are affiliated Jews, unaffiliated/unengaged Jews, and those who are just curious. Our goal is to provide visitors with engaging content that represents the best that the Reform Movement has to offer. We encourage you to keep this in mind, and let us know if you, or any of your colleagues or contacts in the Reform world might be able to contribute content. We will consider any suggestions and look forward enriching the site by showcasing the great work from our congregations. Some easy ways to contribute to the new site include:

[Suggest a prayer or blessing](#) to add to the site’s searchable index of prayers and blessings

[Suggest a blog post](#)

[Suggest a recipe](#)

[Suggest an event to add to the calendar](#)

Visitors can comment on nearly any page of the site, and can interact with the site in many other ways as well, including:

[Ask Tina Wasserman a question about Jewish cooking](#)

[Ask a rabbi a question about Judaism](#)

[Find a Judaism class near you](#)

[Find a congregation near you](#)

[Find an event near you](#)

[Send a free e-card](#)

[Find information and commentaries on any Torah portion](#)

[Find a Jewish baby name](#)

[Find a mohel/mohelet](#)

As a reminder: if you are on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), or [Pinterest](#), we encourage you to follow the URJ and share the information that we put out on these social networking channels.

More developments, improvements, and additions are expected in the coming months. Please take some time to explore the site and, as always, we welcome your feedback!

RABBI ANNOUNCES SUMMER SERMON SERIES

“WHERE DID THEY COME FROM? THE BASIC IDEAS OF JUDAISM



Did you ever wonder where some of our core religious ideas come from – or what their significance might be for us in our day?

Last summer Rabbi Stevens’s summer sermon series, “The Heroes of Judaism,” highlighted significant but largely unknown figures in Jewish history. This year’s series will explore some of Judaism’s key concepts, many of which were taken over and transformed by Christianity. This series will cover:

July 12, “The Surprising Origins of Monotheism”

July 19, “Heaven and Hell”

August 2, “Angels and Demons”

August 9, “The Jewish Concept of Messiah”

August 16, “Law and Lore”

Don’t miss this exciting opportunity to deepen our knowledge of Judaism!



Tammy (R) and Anna (L) Saperstein at the ISJL Conference in Jackson, Mississippi.

Agudath Israel ✪ Etz Ahayem

Saturday, August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Torah Study – after Kiddush

Tuesday, July 30, August 6, 13, 20
6:30 PM, How to read the Bible
7:30 PM, Mishnah



UPCOMING MEN'S CLUB EVENT



The next Men's Club event will be the Biscuits vs. Chatanooga baseball game on **Sunday, August 4th** at 2:05 PM.

We'll be watching the game from the Aronov box at the Biscuit's stadium. Tickets are \$15 per person and available on a first-come, first-serve basis. You must be a current, paid member to attend and may invite one guest. Appetizers, hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages will be served.

Call the Temple at 262-3314 to reserve your ticket or a sign-up sheet is available outside the sanctuary.

AGUDATH ISRAEL ✪ ETZ AHAYEM

Rosh Hashanah Honey Fundraiser

What better way to wish family, friends and business associates a "Sweet and Healthy New Year" than sending a jar of honey?



This distinctive 8-ounce jar of kosher honey arrives in time for the Rosh Hashanah holiday, decorated with a festive label, and includes a personalized card reading "L'Shana Tova - Wishing you a Healthy and Happy New Year." This card also lets the recipients know that a donation has been made in their honor to **Agudath Israel ✪ Etz Ahayem Synagogue.**

Your cost is **\$10.00** per jar which includes shipping and handling within the United States.

We will gladly mail orders outside the United States for an additional fee.

To order honey, go to www.orthoney.com/aie and follow the step-by-step instructions.

Order by July 9th, 2013 to avoid a \$3.50 per jar shipping fee.

For more information or help with ordering, please contact:

Elaine Kirkpatrick 334-303-0406

Barry Ehrlich 334-202-1666

Jewish Federation of Central Alabama

Dear Congregants,

I am happy to report that Federation has secured a new Israeli Shlichah to serve our community next year. Her name is Tzlil Bandy. Tzlil is finishing up her degree in Humanities and Social Sciences with a major in Politics and Government and a minor in Middle East Studies from the Ben-Gurion University. She previously served in the Combat Engineering Corps in the capacity of sergeant. Some of her work experience has included working in a Canadian program for Jewish Young Leadership, working at the Ben-Gurion Student Cinema, working for the Israeli Railway Company in their security department, and working in a coffee shop. She brings multiple skills and traits that will benefit our entire community.

If all goes according to plan, Tzlil will be arriving shortly before Yom Kippur. We have been busy getting ready for her. The generously donated Federation apartment is in need of some freshening up. The first thing we need to think about is making the apartment kosher. We have also been busy obtaining fresh bedding, drapes, a shower curtain, and other essentials.

There are a few big ticket items the apartment needs, and we thought we would poll both congregations for possible donations. If you have any of the following items to donate, please contact the Federation office by phone (334-277-5820) or email (mail.jfca@gmail.com). We will need these items by August 15th.

- Dining room chairs (four to six)
- Desk chair
- Tall bookcase
- Two sets of new white cotton deep pocket sheets (queen size)
- Flat screen television (preferably 32" or larger)

Please note that these items enhance the impact of the Shlichah's work. The television will be used to screen movies to youth groups and others. The dining room chairs will be used for youth group and other visitors, including other Israelis who are visiting or living here. A bookcase and desk chair facilitate the Shlichah's work at home, preparing for Sunday school sessions or other talks. Please let us know if you can help.

Thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Lisa Newcomb
Vice President Programs
Jewish Federation of Central Alabama

My name is Tzlil, which in Hebrew means Sound. I'm 26 years old. I was born and raised in

Beer Sheva, which is the Capital of the Southern area of Israel, to Israeli-born parents. I have one older sister, who is 28 years old. Having a father from Hungarian descent and a mother from Moroccan descent, makes my family a microcosm of what a Jewish gathering in Israel looks like. Growing up in the Negev made me a nature lover, especially hiking, rock climbing and travelling. In addition, I was active in the Tzofim (Israeli scouts).

My love for Israel led me to serve in the engineering corps, where I was a combat soldier in the ABC unit (Atomic, Biologic and chemicals) and later as a commander. In addition, my interest in Israel's politics helped me choose political science as my major, while my passion for knowledge of history helped me choose Middle Eastern studies as my minor. Now I'm completing my B.A studies at Ben Gurion University of the Negev. Over the past year, I was the coordinator of an educational program in the Community Action Department Unit of Ben Gurion University, which focuses on engaging the 8th graders of the city of Beer Sheva and creating activism and social involvement.

I am very excited to start the journey as the Shlichah in Montgomery, Alabama. I'm happy to get the chance to go on this great adventure, spread my love for the State of Israel and share Israel's story and complexities through my point of view. Today, I am in the middle of the final preparations for the Shlichut and can't wait to meet all of you in September!



Our New Schlichah

Congratulations to Ori Tal

Every year the Jewish Agency chooses from all over the world a few Shlichim who excelled in their work as Outstanding Shlichim.

I am honored to inform you that Ori is one of those chosen Shlichim. The decision was made by factoring the feedback from the community and JAFI.

Ori's excellence is of course a reflection of the support he received from all of you and the whole Jewish community of Central Alabama.

Congratulations to Ori, the community and all the partners involved with the Shlichut program.

Mazal Tov from all of us at the Shlichim Unit!

Dana Ragosin דנה רגוסין, The Jewish Agency for Israel



Temple Beth Or thanks our 2013 sponsors

Montgomery Advertiser
A GANNETT COMPANY

Please support our
community
sponsors!

Publix
WHERE SHOPPING IS A PLEASURE®

- Aliant Bank
- BBVA Compass Bank
- Bern, Butler, Capilouto & Massey CPA

RIVER
BANK & TRUST

- Cohens Electronics & Appliances Inc.
- Dignity Memorial
- Sterling Bank

Servis 1st Bank

OUR NAME IS OUR MISSION.

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

And Beyond!

Tuesday, September 3, TBA, L'Chaim League delivers Rosh Hashanah baskets to the homebound. Time to be announced.

Wednesday, September 4, 7:30 PM, Rosh Hashanah Eve Service - followed by Annual Reception. Sermon topic: IS JUDAISM PASSE?

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

Thursday, September 5, 10 AM, Rosh Hashanah Morning Service. Sermon topic: ABRAHAM'S TEST AND JEWISH MYSTICISM.

Thursday, September 5, 10:30 AM, Children's Service in Library

Thursday, September 5, 1 PM, Tashlich at Museum of Fine Arts lake. Bring your own bread!

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

Friday, September 6, 5 PM, Family Chavurah "Tot" Shabbat service in the Blachschleger Library - suitable for children of all ages.

Friday, September 6, 6 PM, Shabbat Shuvah. Sermon topic: THE MORAL DILEMMAS OF MODERN LIFE.

Sunday, September 8, 9:30 AM, Cemetery Memorial Service: Eternal Rest Cemetery

Sunday, September 8, 10:30 AM, Cemetery Memorial Service: Etz Ahayem Cemetery (new section)

Sunday, September 8, 11 AM, Cemetery Memorial Service: Etz Ahayem Cemetery (old section)

Friday, September 13, 7:30 PM, Kol Nidrei Eve. Sermon topic: THE MASK JEWS WEAR.

Saturday, September 14, 10 AM, Yom Kippur Morning. Sermon topic: AFFIRMING A BRIGHTER FUTURE.

Saturday, September 14, 12 PM, Rabbi's Discussion. Sermon topic: TEACHING CHILDREN ABOUT GOD.

Saturday, September 14, 2:30 PM, Yom Kippur Children's

Service

Saturday, September 14, 3:30 PM, Yom Kippur Afternoon Service

Saturday, September 14, 4:15 PM (appx.), Memorial Service. KADDISH AND THE ELEVATION OF SOULS.

Saturday, September 14, 5 PM, Concluding Service followed by Break Fast.

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

Tuesday, September 24, 5:30 PM, Temple Beth Or Board Meeting.

Thursday, September 26, All Day, TBO Office closed for Simchat Torah.

Friday, September 27, 6 PM, Shabbat Service. TORAH READING AND D'VAR TORAH.

Friday, October 4, 5 PM, Family Chavurah "Tot" Shabbat service in the Blachschleger Library - suitable for children of all ages.

Tuesday, October 8, 12 noon, L'Chaim League's classic movie showing in TBO's Rothschild Blachschleger Library. Movie: "Life in Stills." Lunch will be served. Cost is \$8 per person. Please RSVP by October 4th.

Saturday, October 12, 9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Rabbi Stevens. Light brunch served.

Tuesday, October 15, 4:30 PM, Study with Rabbi Stevens. Basic Judaism begins at 4:30 PM. Class one: Overview of Judaism. A 30-minute Basic Hebrew class follows at 5:30 PM.

Tuesday, October 22, 4:30 PM, Study with Rabbi Stevens. Basic Judaism begins at 4:30 PM. Class two: A Whirlwind Tour of Jewish History. A 30-minute Basic Hebrew class follows at 5:30 PM.

Tuesday, October 22, 5:30 PM, Temple Beth Or Board Meeting.

Friday, October 25, 6 PM, Shabbat Service. TORAH READING AND D'VAR TORAH.

July 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
21	22	23 <i>5:30 PM, Temple Beth Or Board Meeting.</i>	24	25	26 <i>5:30 PM Wine & Cheese</i> <i>6 PM Musical Shabbat Service with Rabbi Michael Stevens</i>	27
28	29	30	31			

August 2013

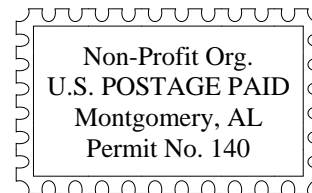
Want an updated look at what's going on at Temple? Go to www.templebethor.net.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 6 PM Shabbat Service Sermon title: "Angels and Demons."	3
4 2 PM, For Men's Club Members. Biscuits Day at the Ballpark. \$15 per person. Reservations Required.	5	6	7	8	9 6 PM Shabbat Service Sermon title: "The Jewish Concept of Messiah."	10
11	12	13 12 noon, L'Chaim League shows the movie , "Philippines: A Jewish refuge from the Holocaust" at Temple Beth Or.	14	15	16 6 PM Shabbat Service Sermon title: "Law and Lore." Following Shabbat service will be a special oneg hosted by Alan and Akiko Bloom.	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 6 PM Shabbat Service	24
25 9:30 AM, Kol Ami Religious School, 1 st Day of School at TBO.	26	27 5:30 PM, Temple Beth Or Board Meeting.	28	29	30 6 PM Shabbat Service	31

Kahl Montgomery—Temple Beth Or

2246 Narrow Lane Road
Montgomery, AL 36106

JULY/AUGUST 2013 Bulletin



ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

www.templebethor.net

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE FORM ON PAGE 7

Treasure Market

Moving? Spring Cleaning? Redecorating?

We are now accepting the following items for the 2014 Treasure Market!

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

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

Religion School
Schedule

TBO

8/25 1st Day of School

9/8

9/15

9/22 Sukkot

9/29

10/6

10/20

10/27

11/3

11/17

12/8

12/15