

# Temple Beth Or Bulletin

A VIEW FROM THE BIMAH

September 2013 ~ Elul/Tishrei 5773/5774



I've been hearing for some time now that the High Holy Days this year are unusually early. I'm not sure that's the case, however – it seems to me that September is just running a bit late!

Each night this month as I do my late-evening dog walking, I've watched the moon progress from new to quarter to gibbous to full, and start its wane again towards new, knowing that each new moon launches a new month on the Hebrew calendar. When Av gives way to Elul, we know that Tishri – the first month of the year, falling this year on the evening of September 4 – cannot be far behind.

When I speak to community or student groups about Judaism, I sometimes hear surprise that our new year starts in early autumn. Some of that surprise might come from a reading of our biblical text. The Torah instructs: “In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, there shall be a sacred assembly, a cessation from work, a day of commemoration proclaimed by the sound of the Shofar.”

Our New Year, in other words, isn't in the first month at all – it's in the seventh! Counting back, our first month would actually be in early spring.

The question is clarified by the

Mishnah, the first great codification of Jewish law compiled around the year 200 CE by Judah Ha-Nasi. In the tractate on Rosh Hashanah, we learn that there are four separate new years on the Jewish calendar – the 1<sup>st</sup> of Nisan [in spring] is the “New Year for kings”; the 1<sup>st</sup> of Elul [late summer] is the “New Year for the tithe of cattle”; the 1<sup>st</sup> of Tishri is the “New Year for years,” and the 1<sup>st</sup> of Shevat [late winter] is the “New Year for trees” – later modified in Jewish law to the 15<sup>th</sup>, the holiday we know as Tu B'shevat.

By way of example, the reign of a king was counted from the first of Nisan, no matter when the king took the throne. Today, aside from Tu B'shevat that celebrates the re-awakening of nature at the end of winter, the only new year we observe is the counting of the years themselves, starting on the first of Tishri.

From my point of view the end of summer is the perfect time to launch a new year. The Chinese, the Tamil, Hindus, the Malay, Moslems and African traditions all count their years at different times, but I cannot think of a more appropriate date than now – when we return to school, end our vacations, become [hopefully] invigorated by cooler, fresher weather, and the pace of life just seems to pick up again after the dog days of summer.

Our New Year is precisely timed to provide a counterpoint to the bustle

of life in early fall. Our tradition teaches that it is precisely now, during one of the busiest seasons of the year, when we pause for introspection, prayer, self-appraisal and repentance. Other societies may celebrate their new years with partying, noisemakers, champagne and counting down as the ball drops at Times Square; we celebrate ours with serious intent, wishing each other not “happy New Year” but “Shanah Tovah,” a *good* year. Of course the year should be sweet – hence the tradition of apples dipped in honey – but above all it should be *good*, and committing ourselves to doing good and doing right by each other is one of the grand themes of these holy days.

So now, as we turn the calendar to the first day of the seventh month – Tishri -- let me wish you, and from my family to yours, a sweet, good, healthy and satisfying year in 5774.

Elliot L. Stevens



**Celebrating Our  
162nd Year**



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<b>Monday</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
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<b>Friday</b>	<b>9-2</b>

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**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](http://www.jewishmontgomery.org).*

**TBO PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

I know they are early this year, but it is hard to believe that the High Holy Days are upon us again. I cannot believe how fast the year has come and gone. As I have mentioned in earlier articles, I am a member of a President's Listserve of URJ, which allows congregational presidents to ask other presidents questions on how their congregations handle certain situations.

Most congregations have an annual drive to raise pledges from temple membership. This appeal begins on Rosh Hashanah eve with the president giving an impassioned speech from the Bimah asking all families to give and to increase their pledge from last year. We do not make such appeals from the Bimah for a number of reasons. Most importantly, many think that the High Holy Days is not the time to ask for such pledges and the appeal it takes away from the intent and mood of the service.

However, I will take these High Holy Days to make an appeal. As we start the Days of Awe and we renew our relationships with God and our fellow man, please use this time to renew your relationship with Temple Beth Or. We would like to see more members at Friday night services and our many scheduled lectures and programs. Have you been attending our services and programs? Are there programs that you would like to see at the Temple? What can the Temple do or offer to attract you to attend more often?

The Board and Rabbi often ask these questions. We are always trying to plan programs and events that are relevant to our members. This year, please renew your relationship with Temple Beth Or. Please attend our services and programs. Please let the Rabbi know if there is a program or topic that you would like to see discussed. The Rabbi, The Ritual Committee, and the Adult Education Committee work very hard to make sure our Friday night services and the many programs offered are of interest to you.

We are adding two new sections to the monthly bulletin. The first new section, titled "Report of the Board of Trustees," is a list of actions taken by the Board during the previous month's Board meeting. We want you to see what your Board is doing. The second section, titled "Practicing Tzedakah by Building up the Temple Funds," will be a monthly spotlight on one of the Temple's funds that we use to enrich our congregational life. This month we are spotlighting the Youth and Scholarship Fund used to help children of our congregation attend a Jewish summer camp. Please donate to a fund this month.

In last month's bulletin, I said that we would list the Temple Committees and their chairs. Please look over the list and call the chair to volunteer. Within the next few months, you might get a call to ask if you could help with a committee. Please say yes. This will not take a lot of your time and you will enjoy working with your fellow congregant in enhancing our temple life.

Happy New Year and I hope this year will be a sweet year for you. I look forward to seeing you at the Temple.

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.

**ARCHIVES FUND**

*In Memory of Hermine Herzfeld*  
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*In Memory of Cecilia Field*  
Alan and Diane Weil

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*In Memory of my parents Rose and Jack Davis*  
Sara Matile Schwarz

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*In Memory of Cecilia Field*  
Diane and Barry Blondheim  
Susan and Joe Finklestein  
*Speedy Recovery Richard Hanan*  
Joan Hanan

*On the Yahrzeit of Louise Finklestein*  
Susan and Joe Finklestein

**GENERAL FUND**  
*In Memory of Cecilia Field*  
Marlene and Rick Beringer

**RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

*In Honor of my conversion to Judaism*  
Allison Tucker

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Micki Beth Stiller

**SAMUEL SCHLOSS COMMUNITY FUND**

*In Memory of Hermine Herzfeld*  
Burke Schloss

**SELMA MARCUS FUND**  
*Wishing my old friends a happy and healthy New Year!*  
Sara Matile Schwarz

**SEPT BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 ..... Hal Bloom, Jr.
- 2 ..... Ilene Baylinson
- 4 ..... David Baylinson
- 5 ..... Susan Finklestein
- 6 ..... Liza Kaufman
- 7 ..... Lew Nyman
- 9 ..... Scott Harris
- 9 ..... Norma Michelson
- 11 ..... Joe Mussafer
- 13 ..... Russell Levy
- 16 ..... Keith Sabel
- 18 ..... Bobby Kohn
- 18 ..... Irving Winter
- 20 ..... Stewart Applebaum
- 23 ..... Charlie Strasburger
- 23 ..... Terry Toney
- 24 ..... Betty Bloom
- 24 ..... Susan Kohn
- 24 ..... Bert Loeb
- 26 ..... Jeanette Hanan
- 26 ..... Joy Kaplan
- 30 ..... Kathleen Roberts

**SEPT ANNIVERSARIES**

- 4 ..... Frances & Ralph Capouya
- 5 ..... Diane & Alan Weil
- 8 ..... Julie & William Goolsby
- 14 ..... Norma & Leonard Michelson
- 19 ..... Rochelle & Robert Kohn
- 24 ..... Maxine & Michael Goldner

**Birthday and Anniversary Blessings on September 20th**

**YAHRZEITS**

**To be read 9/6/2013**

Arthur S. Hertz  
Clare C. Hertz  
Isaac May  
Norman Pirofsky  
Elise Salama  
Joseph Salama  
Hilda Shinpaugh  
William Aaron Wallace  
Julia Wise

**To be read 9/13/2013**

Manny Applebaum  
Gusta Barth Baim  
Jennye Nussbaum  
Pat Simon  
Ben Tillinger

**To be read 9/20/2013**

Rhoda Dreyfus Abraham  
Carol Loeb Dresner  
Rebekah Katz  
Andy Kromis  
Joseph B. Loeb  
Claudia Richard Manley  
Sam Nusbaum  
Herbert M. Scheuer, Sr.  
Louis Schorr  
Quenby Sameth Schulman  
Edith P. Stiller  
Dr. Peter D. Weinrib

**To be read 9/27/2013**

Hal W. Bloom, Sr.  
Dr. Morris N. Capouya  
Max Dorosin  
Mae Wilzin Landau  
Mark Sabel

**Recent Death**

**Cecelia Field ז"ל**

July 18, 2013



Mother of Lisa Newcomb  
Grandmother of Nora Newcomb

## SISTERHOOD

Greetings for a happy and healthy New Year from the Sisterhood. We look forward to the services for the High Holy Days and hope you will join us after Rosh Hashanah Eve service in the social hall for our annual reception. Bette Sue Strasburger and Corinne Capilouto are planning for this special reception with the help of many other Sisterhood members. On Rosh Hashanah morning following the service we will enjoy apples, honey, and challah to taste the sweetness of the New Year. Please join us after the service in the social hall.

Following the High Holy Days we will celebrate Sukkot on September 18 and Simchat Torah on September 25. Sisterhood will host receptions for both of these services.

Sisterhood's opening meeting will be on Tuesday, September 17th at 5:00 PM at Jenny Ives home. Keep a look out in your mail for more information.

We are continuing to plan for the coming year with our many events. Your Sisterhood is always busy working for the congregation. Keep your eyes on the calendar for upcoming events.

We have hired a cleaning service to get our kitchen spic and span for the New Year. Also we are in the process of purchasing new supplies

to help us many our many events.

Susan Bernstein  
Sisterhood President

## L'CHAIM LEAGUE

On September 3rd, time to be announced to volunteers, the L'Chaim League will deliver Rosh Hashanah baskets to our home-bound seniors. Please call the temple to volunteer for this event.

On Tuesday, October 8th at 12 noon, in TBO's Baylinson Social Hall, the L'Chaim League will show the award winning film, *Life in Stills* by Tamar Tal. This film has been shown at Jewish Film Festivals all over the world. For additional information please visit: <http://lifeinstillsfilm.com/synopsis.html>.

A traditional deli lunch will be served. Cost is \$8 per person. Please RSVP by Oct. 4th.

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

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## FROM THE LIBRARY

This month we're sharing some of the titles from the recent Jewish Book Council bulk order. While we've included the call numbers, at this time you can find these books shelved along the windowsill or at

the desk in the library.

*A Guide for the Perplexed: a Novel* by Dara Horn (560 HOR 2013)

*The Secret of the Village Fool* by Rebecca Upjohn, illustrated by Renne Benoit (JUV 736.41 UPJ 2012)

*Sam and Charlie (and Sam Too!)* by Leslie Kimmelman, illustrated by Stafano Tambellini (JUV 560 KIM 2013)

*We Killed: the Rise of Women in American Comedy* by Yael Kohen (619.9 KOH 2012)

*The Victory Season: the End of World War II and the Birth of Baseball's Golden Age* by Robert Weintraub (696 WEI 2013)

*The Lady at the O.K. Corral: the True Story of Josephine Marcus Earp* by Ann Kirschner (779.77 KIR 2013)

*Branded by the Pink Triangle* by Ken Setterington (YA 736.02 SET 2013)

*Secret of the Nightingale Palace: a Novel* by Dana Sachs (560 SAC 2013)

*The Tin Horse: a Novel* by Janice Steinberg (560 STE 2013)

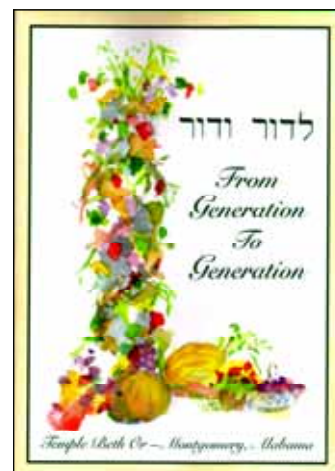
*Harvard Square: a Novel* by Andre Aciman (560 ACI 2013)

Eric A. Kidwell, MLS



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

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



## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

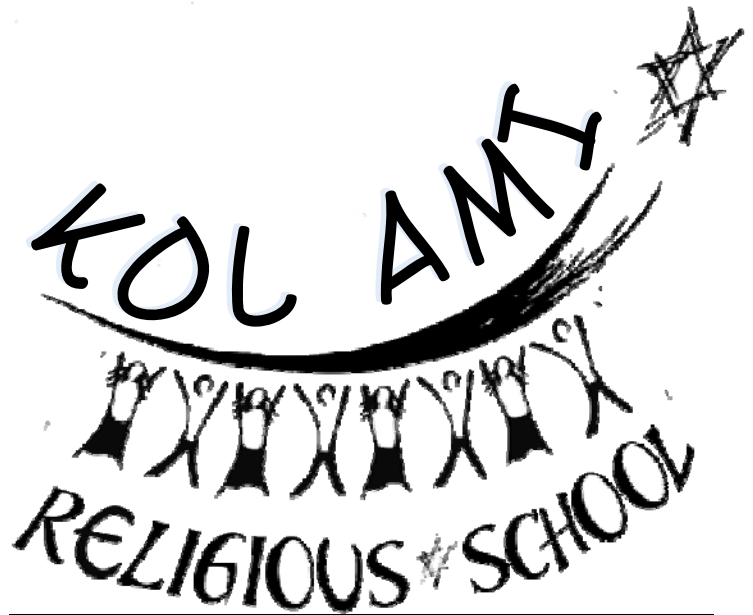
These are the actions voted on by the Board of Directors during July's Board meeting. Board meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 5:45 in the Archives Room.

The Board voted to replace the security cameras at the south driveway and religion school entrances at a cost of \$1,350.00.

Discussed moving the bulletin to being mailed every other month or moving to "paperless" with the majority of the congregation receiving a bulletin via email. Those who still want one mailed can still receive it via mail. This is a plan to look at in the future so an ad hoc committee will be formed to investigate.

The Board referred a proposed Archives mission statement back to committee for revision

A progress report was made on the installation of Chaverware, our new temple management software



**Begins August  
25th at 9:30 AM!**

## WELCOME TZLIL!

Tzlil Bandy – our new *Sh'lichah* from Israel – will be arriving in Montgomery between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. We look forward to her being with us, and to the many programs and events that she will offer during her stay here. We hope that our members extend to Tzlil a warm welcome – including invitations into your home or events you'll be involved with. For more about Tzlil and her background, see her personal introduction in the last bulletin, now posted on the TBO website.



## TEMPLE COMMITTEES

In the last President's article, it was stated that we would list a list of the committees in this month's bulletin. Please look at the list and volunteer to join a committee by calling the chair listed below. We need your help to enhance our Temple life. Please call a chair and volunteer.

COMMITTEE	CHAIR	EMAIL	PHONE
Adult Education .....	Frances Capouya.....	<a href="mailto:fcapouya@aol.com">fcapouya@aol.com</a> .....	263-6753
Arts & Decoration.....	Lisa Weil.....	<a href="mailto:lisabweil@aol.com">lisabweil@aol.com</a> .....	279-8979
Caring Committee.....	Pat Dees .....	.....	399-1212
Cemetery.....	Micki Beth Stiller .....	<a href="mailto:mbstiller@mbstiller.com">mbstiller@mbstiller.com</a> .....	263-5970
Facilities.....	Bob Goldberg.....	<a href="mailto:rbgold@knology.net">rbgold@knology.net</a> .....	239-7095
Hospitality Committee.....	Sharon McDaniel .....	.....	277-3376
Library .....	Bette Sue Strasburger .....	<a href="mailto:cbsstras@knology.net">cbsstras@knology.net</a> .....	279-7059
Long Range Planning.....	Marlene Beringer .....	<a href="mailto:grammyberinger@gmail.com">grammyberinger@gmail.com</a> .....	272-6688
Membership .....	Steve Clein.....	<a href="mailto:steveclein@hotmail.com">steveclein@hotmail.com</a> .....	281-9872
Membership .....	Bob Weisberg .....	<a href="mailto:gardner831@aol.com">gardner831@aol.com</a> .....	395-8003
Religion School.....	Jared Kaplan .....	<a href="mailto:jkaplan116@aol.com">jkaplan116@aol.com</a> .....	240-2567
Ritual Committee.....	John Ives .....	<a href="mailto:johnives@pcd-inc.com">johnives@pcd-inc.com</a> .....	263-4984
Social Concerns .....	Susan Bernstein .....	<a href="mailto:susanbernstein@gmail.com">susanbernstein@gmail.com</a> .....	281-4340
Youth & Scholarship .....	Bruce Lieberman .....	<a href="mailto:lieb1962@knology.net">lieb1962@knology.net</a> .....	244-9503

## PRACTICING TZEDAKAH BY BUILDING UP TEMPLE FUNDS

The practice of giving *Tzedakah* – charitable contributions that help ease the plight of those in need – is one of the core values of Judaism. What better time to make gifts of *tzedakah* than this month, in connection with the High Holy Days.

Over the years, and through the generosity of members, funds have been created to assist members in need, support programs for our youth, beautify our temple, engage in social action programming in the community and provide wonderful programming on site and in Montgomery.

As you prepare your own giving, please include at least one of our funds, a number of which have been depleted in recent years and need replenishing. The list is readily available on our Temple website [[www.templebethor.net / About Us / Donations /](http://www.templebethor.net / About Us / Donations /)]. One example: The Youth and Scholarship Fund helped an unprecedented five of our children to attend Camp Jacobs this summer. Since Jewish camping is about the very best way we have to ensure Jewish survival, donations to this fund have a very real and direct impact on the future of Judaism. That fund now has half of what it did six years ago; at the current rate of expenditure, another six years would see the fund’s balance drop to zero.

Please feel free to consult with any of our temple officers or with Rabbi Stevens about the needs each fund is designed to meet, and the best way to structure your gifts.



### FAMILY FRIENDLY SERVICES

especially for babies, toddlers, kids, moms, dads and grandparents too!

**5:00 - 5:30 PM in the Library**

September 6  
October 4  
December 6  
January 10, 2014  
February 7  
March 7  
May 2  
June 6

## TEMPLE BETH OR ADULT EDUCATION INTRODUCTION TO JEWISH MYSTICISM

The Jewish mystical tradition, assumed by many modern Jews to have been only peripheral to mainstream Judaism, has in fact been central to our tradition since biblical times. Jewish mysticism has influenced Jewish philosophy, practice, liturgy and worship, and offers a vast literature. The literature of Jewish mysticism includes biblical texts, commentaries, parables, prayers and mystical testimonies, extending well into modern times. Jewish mysticism continues to influence all streams of Judaism into our own day.

This course will be led by Rabbi Stevens, and will consist of five classes:

- October 2: Mysticism in the Bible
- October 16: The Origins of Kabbalah
- October 30: Lurianic Kabbalah
- November 13: Hasidism
- December 4: Mysticism Meets Modernity

All classes will convene at the temple on Wednesdays at 11 AM, and all classes are open to the public. Bring a friend!

## TIMELY TOPICS – LEARNING AND SHARING ON EVENTS OF THE DAY

From Rabbi Stevens:

As I go about my work at Temple, I am often stopped by members or guests who ask this question: “Rabbi, what do you think about \_\_\_\_\_?” There seems to be no end to the topics up for discussion – from events in the daily news to topics on our country’s agenda to the situation in Israel and vis-à-vis her neighbors, to religious questions having to do with Jewish tradition and practice.

I’d like to see if we can set some times when we can have these conversations and invite others to join us. I can always bring in some topics, but I’d rather they come from you (though I’ll be happy to hear what’s on your mind in advance so that maybe I can bring in some materials from a Jewish perspective).

I propose that we hold TIMELY TOPICS sessions on occasional Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m., either in my office or in the Blachschleger Library: **on October 9, November 6 and December 11** (for starters). We’ll take about an hour; you’re welcome to bring some food, and feel free to bring some friends as well.

## PRESENTING BOB ALPER – AN EVENING OF COMEDY AT TBO

There's a reason why XM and Sirius satellite radio play Rabbi Bob Alper's bits several times daily, often sandwiched between Bob Newhart and Bill Cosby: Bob's unique background. As an ordained rabbi who served congregations for fourteen years and holds a doctorate from Princeton Theological Seminary he was well prepared for a twenty-year comedy career with wonderfully unique material presented in a way that's intelligent, sophisticated, and 100% clean.

Audiences adore him, from an SRO crowd at the prestigious Montreal Comedy Festival to a standing ovation before 2,700 people at New York's famed Chautauqua Institution. He's even appeared at The Hollywood IMPROV.

Bob performs all across North America and England, at corporate events, theatres, non-profits, conventions, private parties, churches, and, naturally, synagogues. His 90-minute stand-up act is fast-paced, with impeccable timing and material that's definitely sharp yet gentle.

Bob is also the author of a warm, poignant book, *Life Doesn't Get Any Better Than This*, which The Detroit Free Press awarded four stars and called "a volume of spiritual gems." Copies will be available for sale and signing.

Bob (and please call him "Bob" or "Rabbi Alper;" anything other than "Rabbi Bob," which, he says, is "too nauseatingly cute") earned a BA, rabbinic ordination, as well as a doctoral degree, and served congregations for fourteen years. All of this, naturally, prepared him for a successful career as a stand-up comic.

Bob lives in rural Vermont with his wife, Sherri, a psychotherapist.



**Date/Time: Thursday evening, October 24, 7:00 p.m.**

**Cost: \$15.00 (includes reception and program), payable to Temple Beth Or**

*Your check is your reservation, and is due by Wednesday, October 16.*

Sponsored by the Rothschild-Blachschleger Lecture and Culture Fund.

Note: This program is most suitable for ages 12 and up.

### **IT'S A BIRD...IT'S A PLANE...!**

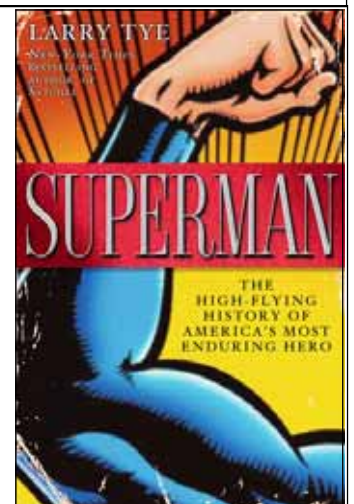
#### **SUPERMAN TO VISIT TEMPLE BETH OR!**

Superman the superhero is highly exaggerated, and so is the above headline. But Larry Tye, author of *Superman: The High-Flying History of America's Most Enduring Hero* will speak at Temple Beth Or on **Thursday evening, November 7.**

Seventy-five years after he came to life, Superman remains one of America's most adored and enduring heroes. Tye, the prize-winning journalist and *New York Times* bestselling author of *Satchel*, has written the first full-fledged history not just of the Man of Steel but of the creators, designers, owners, and performers who made him the icon he is today.

But behind the high-flying legend lies a true-to-life saga every bit as compelling, one that begins not in the far reaches of outer space but in the middle of America's heartland. During the depths of the Great Depression, Jerry Siegel was a shy, awkward teenager in Cleveland. Raised on adventure tales and robbed of his father at a young age, Jerry dreamed of a hero for a boy and a world that desperately needed one. Together with neighborhood chum and kindred spirit Joe Shuster, young Siegel conjured a human-sized god who was everything his creators yearned to be: handsome, stalwart, and brave, able to protect the innocent, punish the wicked, save the day, and win the girl.

The program, sponsored by the Rothschild-Blachschleger Lecture Series, starts at 7:00 p.m. Books will be available for purchase and signing, courtesy of Capital Book and News. All are welcome, at no charge.



# HIGH HOLY DAY INFORMATION

## 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 (appx 5:45 PM)*

### Wednesday, September 18

Sukkot Service..... 6:00 PM

### Wednesday, September 25

Simchat Torah Service ..... 6:00 PM

## TASHLICH – AT THE POND ON ROSH HASHAHAN

Join us for Tashlich [“casting off”] on Rosh Hashanah afternoon as we symbolically cast off our sins into the waters at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts – accompanied by a blast of the great shofar. Tashlich, a brief ceremony, is based on Micah 7:18-20: "You will cast all their sins into the depths of the sea." Bring your own bread of any kind [multigrain for complex sins; waffles for sins of indecision; pumpernickel for dark sins, sourdough for ill-temperedness, etc.].



Shabbat Service on Friday, September 7th to include changing of the Torah covers for the High Holy Day services

## Babysitting for the High Holy Day Services

It's time to think about your babysitting needs for the High Holy Days: Rosh Hashanah evening and morning, Kol Nidre & Yom Kippur morning. Please call the Temple at 262-3314 if you'll need to use this service.

## 2013/5774 High Holy Day Sermon Topics

**Rosh Hashanah Evening:** IS JUDAISM PASSÉ?

**Rosh Hashanah Morning:** ABRAHAM'S TEST AND JEWISH MYSTICISM

**Shabbat Shuvah:** THE MORAL DILEMMAS OF MODERN LIFE

**Kol Nidrei:** THE MASK JEWS WEAR

**Yom Kippur Morning:** AFFIRMING A BRIGHTER FUTURE

**Yom Kippur "Rabbi's Discussion":** TEACHING CHILDREN ABOUT GOD

**Yom Kippur Yizkor Sermon:** KADDISH AND THE ELEVATION OF SOULS



## HIGH HOLY HOLIDAYS - SOCIAL CONCERNS

The Social Concerns function of Temple is funded by donations, and not by a line in the budget. As our activities have increased, we need to replenish the resources available.

This year you will find an envelope in your High Holy Days prayerbook, and we are asking you to return it with a generous donation to the office by the end of October.

The Social Concerns Committee carries out the following: collecting "bedtime bundles" for Child Protect, cooking and freezing meals for MACOA, outreach to homebound members in the congregation, and *ad hoc* responses to community emergencies.

Please be generous! Thank you. For questions, call Susan Bernstein at 281-4340.





## Rosh HaShanah

Rosh HaShanah (literally, "Head of the Year") is the Jewish New Year, which marks the beginning of a 10-day period of prayer, self-examination and repentance. This period, known as the *Yamim Noraim* (Days of Awe or High Holy Days), is widely observed by Jews throughout the world, many with prayer and reflection in a synagogue. There also are several holiday rituals observed at home.

Rosh HaShanah is celebrated on the first day of the Hebrew month of *Tishrei*, which—because of differences in the solar and lunar calendar—corresponds to September or October on the secular calendar. Customs associated with the holiday include sounding the shofar, eating a round challah, and tasting apples and honey to represent a sweet New Year.



## Yom Kippur

Yom Kippur means "Day of Atonement" and refers to the annual Jewish observance of fasting, prayer and repentance. Part of the High Holidays, which also includes Rosh HaShanah, Yom Kippur is considered the holiest day on the Jewish calendar. In three separate passages in the Torah, the Jewish people are told, "the tenth day of the seventh month is the Day of Atonement. It shall be a sacred occasion for you: You shall practice self-denial." (Leviticus 23:27). Fasting is seen as fulfilling this biblical commandment. The Yom Kippur fast also enables us to put aside our physical desires to concentrate on our spiritual needs through prayer, repentance and self-improvement.

Yom Kippur is the moment in Jewish time when we dedicate our mind, body, and soul to reconciliation with God, our fellow human beings, and ourselves. We are commanded to turn to those whom we have wronged first, acknowledging our sins and the pain we might have caused. At the same time, we must be willing to forgive and to let go of certain offenses and the feelings of resentment they provoked in us. On this journey we are both seekers and givers of pardon. Only then can we turn to God and ask for forgiveness: "And for all these, God of forgiveness, forgive us, pardon us, and grant us atonement."

## STUDY OPPORTUNITIES WITH RABBI STEVENS

### JUDAISM BASICS & BASIC HEBREW

This basic survey of Judaism runs for eleven sessions, starting October 9. Take a whirlwind tour of Jewish history, learn about Jewish traditions on life cycle events and the Jewish calendar, study the main religious themes of Jewish tradition, and ask as many questions as you wish.

Sessions run from 4:30 to 5:30 PM.

- October 9**..... Overview of Judaism.
- October 16**..... A Whirlwind Tour of Jewish History.
- October 23**..... The Basic Texts of Judaism.
- October 30**..... Modern Judaism; Denominations; Israel.
- November 6**..... Lifecycle: Birth through Bar Mitzvah.
- November 13**..... Lifecycle: Marriage and Divorce.
- November 27**..... Lifecycle: Illness, death, mourning.
- December 4** ..... Holidays: Shabbat and Festivals.
- December 11** ..... Holidays: Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.
- December 18** ..... Holidays: Minor holidays (Chanukah, Purim, etc.).
- January 8** ..... Issues and Values: Selections from the Responsa Literature.

**Hebrew bonus session:** For those who want to learn to read Hebrew, now's your chance. You CAN learn to read in just eleven sessions, from 5:30 - 6 PM following the class in Basic Judaism.



### Mazel Tov

On the engagement of Blake Winter Coleman to Daniel Nathan Lewis of Atlanta, GA. His parents are Steve and Grace Lewis of Loudon, TN. Blake is the daughter of Mae Cohen and Steve Coleman. Granddaughter of Irving and Gay Winter and the late Blanche Winter. Also the late Betty and Jay Coleman. Great granddaughter of the late Rabbi Eugene and Berniece Blachschleger, late Harold and Anna Caroline Coleman, late Milton Winter, late Helen Levi, late Loeber Landau and late Mae Landau.



Men's Club members and their guests enjoy the Aronov suite at the Biscuit's stadium on August 4th.

## TBO Book Review



### BOOK REVIEW

A FLY HAS A  
HUNDRED EYES  
By Aileen G. Baron

Lily Simpson, an American graduate student, is spending the summer of 1938 working on an archeological dig in Palestine. She carries with her the memory of her father, an archeologist, who died when she was young.

The admired director of the dig, Geoffrey Eastbourne, was murdered as he traveled to the Rockefeller Museum opening with a precious find, an amphoriskos, a small blue vial that Lily herself had found. The amphoriskos never made it to the museum and disappeared with Eastbourne's death.

She spent her time trying to recruit assistance from the authorities to find out what happened to Eastbourne and the amphoriskos. With riots and bombings going on, they were not helpful so she set out to get answers for herself. Most of the people who helped her were not trustworthy, had little regard for the lives of others and had their own agendas.

The book was well written and fast moving and I can imagine similar intrigue even if the story was set in the current day.

Marlene Beringer



Mazel Tov

On the engagement of Emily Bernstein to Barry Tidwell of Birmingham. Emily is the daughter of Susan and Philip Bernstein.

Mazel Tov

On the marriage of Yaara Faasan  
and Evan Hart Wertheim on  
June 28, 2013 in Israel.

Grandson of Carol Lobman Hart

### 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 experienced 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](mailto:TasteJudaismMontgomery@gmail.com).

L'Chaim League BBQ event at Carol and Jamie Loeb's home on Lake Martin on July 16th.





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## And Beyond!

**Wednesday, October 2, 11 AM, Adult Ed:** Introduction to Jewish Mysticism: Class 1 of 5: Mystical Experiences in the Bible.

**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.

**Wednesday, October 9, 11 AM, Join Rabbi Stevens** for an informal hour-long discussion on timely topics - LEARNING AND SHARING ON EVENTS OF THE DAY.

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

**Saturday, October 12, 9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service** with Rabbi Stevens including a BABY NAMING for Emme Louise Kaplan, daughter of Jarred and Joy and granddaughter of Alison and Greg Williamson. Brunch follows.

**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.

**Wednesday, October 16, 11 AM, Adult Ed:** Introduction to Jewish Mysticism: Class 2 of 5: The Origins of Kabbalah.

**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.**

**Thursday, October 24, 7 PM, Bob Alper performs.** A Rabbi AND a Full-time Stand-Up Comic?! ... Bob Alper Will Have Your Audience Rolling in the Aisles. He's had a twenty-year comedy career with wonderfully unique material presented in a way that's intelligent, sophisticated, and 100% clean. \$15 per ticket, and this event will be open to those 12 and older. Refreshments will be served.

**Friday, October 25, 6 PM, Shabbat Service. TORAH READING AND D'VAR TORAH.** We will be joined for service and dinner by members of Beth Shalom in Napa, California; pot-luck dinner will follow the service – and the Napa congregation will provide wine and dessert.

**Tuesday, October 29, 4:30 PM, Study with Rabbi Stevens.** Basic Judaism begins at 4:30 PM. Class three: Modern Judaism; Denominations; Israel. A 30-minute Basic Hebrew class follows at 5:30 PM.

**Wednesday, October 30, 11 AM, Adult Ed:** Introduction to Jewish Mysticism: Class 3 of 5: Lurianic Kabbalah.

**Tuesday, November 5, 4:30 PM, Study with Rabbi Stevens.** Basic Judaism begins at 4:30 PM. Class four: The Basic Texts of Judaism. A 30-minute Basic Hebrew class follows at 5:30 PM.

**Wednesday, November 6, 11 AM, Join Rabbi Stevens** for an informal hour-long discussion on timely topics - LEARNING AND SHARING ON EVENTS OF THE DAY.

**Thursday, November 7, 7 PM, Guest Speaker: Larry Tye, author**

***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.***

of SUPERMAN: THE HIGH-FLYING HISTORY OF AMERICA'S MOST ENDURING HERO. Sponsored by the Rothschild-Blachschleger Lecture Series.

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

**Tuesday, November 12, 4:30 PM, Study with Rabbi Stevens.** Basic Judaism begins at 4:30 PM. Class five: Lifecycle: Birth through Bar Mitzvah. A 30-minute Basic Hebrew class follows at 5:30 PM.

**Wednesday, November 13, 11 AM, Adult Ed:** Introduction to Jewish Mysticism: Class 4 of 5: Hasidism.

**Thursday, November 14, 6 PM, Shabbat service** led by Temple Beth Or youth (grades 4-9).

**Tuesday, November 19, 4:30 PM, Study with Rabbi Stevens.** Basic Judaism begins at 4:30 PM. Class six: Lifecycle: Marriage and Divorce. A 30-minute Basic Hebrew class follows at 5:30 PM.

**Tuesday, November 19, 5:30 PM, Temple Beth Or Board Meeting.**

**Thursday, November 21, 7 PM, Adult Ed** offered by Rabbi Stevens: "The Traditions of Chanukah."

**Friday, November 22, 6 PM, Shabbat Service. TORAH READING AND D'VAR TORAH.**

**Tuesday, December 3, 4:30 PM, Study with Rabbi Stevens.** Basic Judaism begins at 4:30 PM. Class seven: Lifecycle: Illness, death, mourning. A 30-minute Basic Hebrew class follows at 5:30 PM.

**Wednesday, December 4, 11 AM, Adult Ed:** Introduction to Jewish Mysticism: Class 5 of 5: Mysticism Meets Modernity.

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

**Tuesday, December 10, 4:30 PM, Study with Rabbi Stevens.** Basic Judaism begins at 4:30 PM. Class eight: Holidays: Shabbat and Festivals. A 30-minute Basic Hebrew class follows at 5:30 PM.

**Wednesday, December 11, 11 AM, Join Rabbi Stevens** for an informal hour-long discussion on timely topics - LEARNING AND SHARING ON EVENTS OF THE DAY.

**Friday, December 13, 6 PM, Service in the Classical Style** to feature the music of Salamone De' Rossi, the first Jewish composer to set an entire Shabbat service to music, and one of the first of his era to be accepted into mainstream society.

**Saturday, December 14, 9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service** and Torah study with Rabbi Stevens. Light brunch served.

**Tuesday, December 17, 4:30 PM, Study with Rabbi Stevens.** Basic Judaism begins at 4:30 PM. Class nine: Holidays: Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. A 30-minute Basic Hebrew class follows at 5:30 PM.

**Tuesday, December 17, 5:30 PM, Temple Beth Or Board Meeting.**

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

**Tuesday, January 7, 4:30 PM, Study with Rabbi Stevens.** Basic Judaism begins at 4:30 PM. Class ten:

Holidays: Minor holidays (Chanukah, Purim, etc.). A 30-minute Basic Hebrew class follows at 5:30 PM.

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

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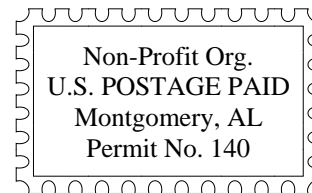
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 <i>L'Chaim League delivers Rosh Hashanah baskets to the homebound. Time to be announced.</i>	4 <i>7:30 PM, Rosh Hashanah Eve Service - followed by Annual Reception</i>	5 (office closed all day) <i>10 AM, Rosh Hashanah Morning Service. 10:30 AM, Children's Service in Library 1 PM, Tashlich at Museum of Fine</i>	6 <i>5 PM, Family Chavurah "Tot" Shabbat service in the Blachschleger Library 6 PM Shabbat Shuvah Service</i>	7
8 <i>9:30 AM, Kol Ami Religious School at TBO  Cemetery Services 9:30 AM Eternal Rest 10:30 AM Etz Ahayem Cemetery (new section) 11 AM Etz Ahayem (old section)</i>	9	10	11	12	13 <i>7:30 PM, Kol Nidrei Eve.</i>	14 <i>10 AM, YK Morning 12 PM, Discussion. 2:30 PM, Children's 3:30 PM, Afternoon Service 4:15 PM, Memorial Service. 5 PM, Concluding Service followed by Break Fast</i>
15 <i>9:30 AM, Kol Ami Religious School at TBO</i>	16	17	18 <i>6 PM Sukkot service</i>	19 <b>TBO office closed for Sukkot.</b>	20 <i>6 PM Shabbat Service</i>	21
22 <i>9:30 AM, Kol Ami Religious School at TBO</i>	23	24 <i>5:30 PM, Temple Beth Or Board Meeting</i>	25 <i>6 PM Simchat Torah Celebration</i>	26 <b>TBO office closed for Simchat Torah.</b>	27 <i>6 PM Shabbat Service</i>	28
29 <i>9:30 AM, Kol Ami Religious School at TBO</i>	30					

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**The Temple office will closed on the below days in observance of the following Jewish holidays.**

Thursday September 5th (Rosh Hashanah)  
Thursday, September 19th (Sukkot)  
Thursday, September 26th (Simchat Torah)

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School  
 9/8  
 9/15  
 9/22 Sukkot  
 9/29  
 10/6  
 10/20  
 10/27  
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