

Temple Beth Or Bulletin

A VIEW FROM THE BIMAH

November 2013 ~ Cheshvan/Kislev 5774



We have much to celebrate this month of November. Thanksgiving, of course, is this month's major national holiday [don't miss our joint Interfaith Thanksgiving service with First United Methodist Church and Church of the Ascension], and this is the month for celebrating Chanukah, our Festival of Dedication – starting just before Thanksgiving, for the first time in anyone's memory. November also happens to be Native American Heritage Month, Dutch American Heritage Month, Awareness Month for the New York City Police Department, and National Novel Writing Month – in addition to Major League Gaming Month, whatever that is.

November is also Jewish Book Month. Jewish Book Month, now in its 70th year, is sponsored by the National Jewish Book Council, one of the great unsung heroic organizations of American Jewish life. I had the privilege of sitting on the NJBC for some years (when I directed the publications program for my rabbinic body, and as president of the Association of Jewish Book Publishers), and can attest to the Council's extraordinary impact on American Jewish life.

The Jewish Book Council coordinates Jewish book fairs throughout the country, and helps publishers buy and sell subsidiary rights. They sponsor the National Jewish Book Awards, and publish the quarterly *Jewish Book News* that many of us rely on in making our purchase choices. They coordinate an author tour program that offers communities (including ours) over 250 speakers, including speakers of great renown, at modest cost. The JBC sponsors conferences of authors and illustrators, runs literary programs at major Jewish conventions, creates sample reading lists for home libraries, and, in general, is *the* central address for publishers, organizations and communities for information about the world of Jewish books.

Why do I mention all this? For several reasons: First, to express again my and our gratitude to an anonymous temple donor who has funded Temple Beth Or's participation in the JBC's author program – as well as providing substantial funding for our temple's Blachschleger Library, probably the smallest congregational library that merits full accreditation from the Association of Jewish Libraries. We are truly blessed to be served by a professional librarian – Eric Kidwell, head librarian at Huntingdon College – and to have the resources to acquire

current volumes of Judaica in all fields. Second, I cannot overemphasize the importance of keeping and reading Jewish books. I reported previously on the latest survey of American Jewry, and the decline in Jewish affiliation, identity and commitment that challenges us and the future of our community. In visiting homes of temple members, I am struck by how many have a substantial collection of Jewish books – and how many have only a few, or apparently none at all. Just as some of our members are “regulars” at adult education and other programming, others attend rarely – or never. I often hear laments about the decline of Judaism; the issue, it seems to me, really starts in the Jewish home. If we truly care about the survival of Judaism – or even more than survival, the resurgence and excitement of a passion for Judaism – I believe we can lead the way by what we do at home.

This November, commit yourself to reading one new book of Jewish content. Attend some of our splendid programming. Join the Adult Education Committee [Frances Capouya is currently our lone member, and could use some help!]. I am thrilled when a temple member or guest asks me to recommend some books, and I welcome discussion that follows. Together, let us celebrate National Jewish Book Month!

Elliot L. Stevens



Saturday, November 9 ✨ 9:30 AM
Shabbat Morning Service

Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Rabbi Stevens. We will be dedicating our new Torah stand during our Shabbat morning service on November 9. Bob Cohan, the craftsman who made our new stand and donated it to Temple Beth Or, will be with us, and will participate in the service. Light brunch served.

**Celebrating Our
162nd Year**



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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.

TBO PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

You may have noticed that we have had a humidity problem as well as a musty smell in the sanctuary for the past few months. Before the High Holy Days, we had placed a number of dehumidifiers in the Sanctuary to remove the excess humid air. Unfortunately, within a couple of weeks the problem returned. We originally thought the problem was caused by a roof leak in the sanctuary but we found that our air conditioning system was not properly dehumidifying the air

I have been working hard over the past month to rectify our problem. After the High Holy Days, I met with Capital Refrigeration to see how they can fix our problem. Based on that meeting we installed a dehumidifier in the basement to make sure the hot, humid air from the basement was not making its way into the building. We also hired a mechanical engineer to go over our systems to find any problems with our systems.

We have received the engineer's preliminary report in which he noted a design problem in the system, which is an easy fix. We are going to install a 250-gallon storage tank in the basement that will give the water system more volume of water, which will allow us to run the chiller at the proper temperature level. Because we did not have enough water volume, the chiller was programmed by the manufacturer to run at a higher temperature (47 degrees instead of 42 degrees), which caused a loss of efficiency.

We are waiting on a quote to install the tank. Once it is installed and the chiller is properly programmed we should notice a change in air quality. Once we install the tank and we know that the system is working properly, we will bring in a company to clean the pews, walls, and ducts in the Sanctuary to remove any problems causing the musty smell. We will also clean the ducts of the religion school wing, the religion school office, Archives Room and the Social Hall to make sure there are no musty problems in these areas. I hope to have all this completed in the next three weeks.

I want to thank Bob Goldberg, head of our House Committee, for putting in countless hours on this as well. Bob has worked hard to find the right company to install the temporary dehumidifiers and get a quote to clean the sanctuary and building. Bob has also looked over past repair reports to see if any suggested repairs were missed in the past. I am happy to report that we have not missed any maintenance suggested by Capital Refrigeration. I also want to thank John Ives, who has acted as an advisor and guide on this project.

I will give you an updated report in next month's article.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to either call me or send me an email.

Jamie Loeb

WILL FLORAL FUND FAIL TO FLOWER?

The Temple Beth Or Floral Fund – providing flowers for display during worship in the Sanctuary and on special occasions – is nearing a zero balance. Lisa Weil, chair of the temple's Art and Decorating Committee, advises that without new donations, our long tradition of floral displays during worship will come to an end. **WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT.** Thank you.

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.

**CAROL L. HART
EDUCATIONAL FUND**

*In Memory of
Eleanor Beringer Schlesinger
Mrs. Shirley Beringer*

FLORAL FUND

*In Honor of the baby naming of
Emme Louise Kaplan
Alison and Greg Williamson*

*In Honor of Irving Winter's
86th Birthday
Cheryl and Randy Colen*

*In Memory of my husband
Joe E. Capilouto
Corinne Capilouto*

*On the Yahrzeit of
Hal Bloom, Sr.*

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*In Honor of Betty Bloom's
93rd Birthday
Patricia and Allen Dees*

GENERAL FUND

*In Honor of the 50th Wedding
Anniversary of
Myrna & Alan Rothfeder
Anne and Herman Franco*

*In Memory of
Hermine Herzfeld
Marlene and Rick Beringer*

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

*In Memory of Harold Gubin
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*In Memory of Dr. Jack Wool
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**SAMUEL J. SCHLOSS
COMMUNITY FUND**

*In Memory of
Babs & Bert Klein and Amelia Schloss
Burke Schloss*

YOUTH & SCHOLARSHIP

*In Memory of Max Dorosin
Norman and Harriette Dorosin*

NOV BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Alan Rothfeder
- 4 Bob Goldberg
- 7 Rick Beringer
- 8 Marlene Beringer
- 8 Adam Schloss
- 10 Gaby Capp
- 10 Hannah Soloff
- 11 Aleshia Lev
- 11 Ralph Capouya
- 16 Jarred Kaplan
- 18 Charles Kohn
- 18 Andy Weil III
- 19 Morris Capouya
- 20 John Ives
- 21 LaNette Clein
- 25 Elliot Cohen
- 26 Sharon Benn
- 26 Robert Shinpaugh
- 29 Bobby Weil

NOV ANNIVERSARIES

- 7Adam & Terri Finkelstein
- 8Bob & Erin Sommer
- 14Michael & Sari Capilouto
- 14Kenneth & Terri Capouya
- 20Herman & Anne Franco
- 22Nikki & Carolyn Rothschild
- 26Richard & Eleanor Kohn
- 26Irving & Gay Winter
- 27Lew & Karen Nyman
- 28Joseph & Bari Levin

**Birthday and Anniversary
Blessings on November 1st**

Recent Death

Harry Green ז"ל

October 4, 2013



Grandfather of Jarred Kaplan

YAHRZEITS

To be read 11/1/2013

- Isaac Capelouto
- Joseph Eli Capilouto
- Joyce Happ
- Burghardt H. Klein
- Herman Loeb, Sr.
- Kalman Shwartz, Sr.

To be read 11/8/2013

- Herman Dubin
- Rhoda Dubin
- Phyllis Franco
- Emily Hurt
- Terri Berlin Meredith
- Harry Stiller

To be read 11/15/2013

- Irving R. Bean
- Theresa G. Bernstein
- Isabelle D. Goldberg

Inez Greene

- Elsa Herzfeld
- Bertha Kaufman
- Samuel Kaufman
- Jeannette Nyman

To be read 11/22/2013

- Edna Jane Bloom
- Bernice Clein
- Diana G. Hanan
- Hermine Herzfeld
- Reuben Herzfeld
- Jack Loeb, Sr.
- Milton Long
- Louis Charles Neumann
- Ray Worth

To be read 11/29/2013

- William Greene
- Bernard Eric Hanan
- Alma Happ
- Beatrice Feinberg Levy
- Lucien S. Loeb
- Julius Simon Marks
- Marcelle Sabel Moers
- Peggy Simon
- Leonel Weil

SISTERHOOD

We have had another successful fundraiser with our Carnegie Deli Cheesecakes. Marlene Beringer and Lisa Weil have worked hard to make it a success. The cheesecakes will be ready for pick up at the Temple on Tuesday, November 12th and Wednesday, November 13th. Thank you to all of you who ordered from us this year. We hope they make your holidays yummy.

We hope you will make reservations for our Chanukah Dinner which will be on Wednesday, December 4. Yes, it comes really early this year but we are ready to celebrate whenever it comes. **The reservation deadline is Friday, December 1st.** You will find reservation information in the bulletin. Randi Herring is chairing this event for us this year. We will need several more people to help so please say yes when you are called. Of course, I will be frying latkes and will need help for this fun day.

Susan Bernstein
Sisterhood President

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L'CHAIM LEAGUE

On **Tuesday, Nov. 12th @ 11:00 a.m.**, the L'Chaim League will be cooking at the temple for our community service Thanksgiving luncheon.

This community service luncheon will take place on **Thursday, Nov. 14th at 11:30 a.m. at the Capital Heights Senior Home.** We will serve the residents a Thanksgiving Lunch followed by a fun afternoon of playing Bingo. In order to make this event successful we are asking for volunteers.

Volunteers are needed to:

- Wrap and sort Bingo prizes on Tuesday, Nov. 12th @ 9:30 a.m. at the temple
- Prepare food on Tuesday, Nov. 12th @ 11:00 am at the temple
- We need 3 volunteers to cook turkeys at home and deliver them de-boned to

- the temple on Wednesday, Nov. 13th
- Traditional Thanksgiving desserts needed
- Set-up Crew on Nov. 14th @ 11:15 a.m at the Capital Heights Senior Home
- Serving Crew for lunch at Capital Heights Senior Home on Nov.14th at 11:45 a.m.
- Clean-up Crew needed following lunch at 12:45 p.m.
- Bingo Helpers following lunch at 12:45 p.m.

Donations Needed for Bingo prizes for both Men & Women:

- Unused perfume and cologne
- Hats, scarves, gloves
- Large Print books
- Lotions, soap. Kleenex, toiletry items
- Razors, shaving cream, etc.

***Everything donated will be used for the residents and greatly appreciated.**

(Please drop the Bingo prizes off at the temple prior to Tuesday, Nov. 12th. If you choose to wrap the prizes, please label them for a man, woman, or unisex.)

To volunteer for any of the above opportunities, please email lchaimleague2246@yahoo.com, or call the temple at 262-3314 and leave a message for the L'Chaim League.

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FROM THE LIBRARY

With Thanksgiving approaching, and Hanukkah so early this year, we'll repeat in the November bulletin a list of some of the cooking/entertaining and holiday titles in the library collection, including a few new.

Hanukkah in America: A History by Dianne Ashton (247.7 ASH 2013)

A Kosher Christmas: Tis the Season to be Jewish by Joshua Eli Plaut (247.9 PLA 2012)

The Children's Jewish Holiday Kitchen: 70 Ways to Have Fun with Your Kids and Make Your Family's Celebrations Special by Joan Nathan, illustrated by Brooke Scudder. (699.1 NAT 1995)

Fast & Festive Meals for the Jewish Holidays: Complete Menus, Rituals, and Party-Planning Ideas for Every Holiday of the Year by Marlene Sorosky, in collaboration with Joanne Neuman and Debbie Shahvar. (699.1 SOR 1997)

Jewish Holiday Treats: Recipes and Crafts for the Whole Family by Joan Zoloth, with photographs by Lisa Hubbard. (699 ZOL)

Light Jewish Holiday Desserts by Penny Wantuck Eisenberg. (699.3 EIS 1999)

Chanukah Lights (a pop-up book) by Michael J. Rosen and Robert Sabuda (247.59 ROS 2011)

Jewish Origami by Florence Temko (679.4 TEM 1991)

Jewish Origami 2 by Florence Temko (679.4 TEM 1992)

How to Spell Chanukah: 18 Writers Celebrate 8 Nights of Lights edited by Emily Franklin (247.5 FRA 2007)

The Art of Hanukkah by Nancy M. Berman (247.1 BER 1996)

Hanukkah: The Family Guide to Spiritual Celebration by Dr. Ron Wolfson, edited by Joel Lurie Grishaver (247 WOL 2001)

Jewish Holiday Style by Rita Milos Brownstein (236.6 BRO 1999)

Children's Books

Hanukkah at Valley Forge by Stephen Krensky, illustrated by Greg Harlin (Juv 247.7 KRE 2006)

Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins by Eric Kimmel, illustrated by Trina Schart Hyman (Juv 247.5 KIM 1985)

Eric A. Kidwell, MLS

SH'LICHAH NEWS

Dear Community,

On October 11th I joined the Shabbat service at Temple Beth Or. In case you were not there this is a reprint of my presentation.

Earlier this year, Naftali Bennet, the Minister of Religious Affairs in Israel, addressed the worldwide Conservative Rabbis Conference, which took place in Israel and said: "Israel is the home of all Jews in the world. If Jews do not feel at home here, this is my fault! I'm Orthodox; I grew up in religious Zionism. But I'm not (only) the minister of the (Haredi) sector."

This is an example of how in the past year the subject of religious freedom has been central in the Israeli discourse.

In the next few minutes I'll discuss social and political changes in Israel which have been caused by the struggle of the Women of the Wall movement. The major outcome was improvement in representation of women in Israel. I will also explain the sudden wave of media attention in these last two years toward the demand of religious freedom.

For nearly 25 years, Women of the Wall has continued to fight for religious freedom and women's rights at the Western Wall. Their central mission is to achieve social and legal recognition of their right as women to pray while wearing prayer shawls (tallitot), to read from the Torah collectively and out loud at the Western Wall.

Unfortunately, many Israelis failed to understand this message. Unlike anti-Haredi parties, their ideology was never out of aggressive secularism. Actually, all they wanted was simply to pray. One of the main reasons is the fact that the Reform style of Judaism, which may seem familiar to most American Jews, has remained foreign to most Israelis, secular and Orthodox.

Because of this, Western Wall regulations dictate that women are forbidden to practice Judaism in the same manner as men, as it contradicts the "local custom" determined by the Wall's Chief Rabbi. In 2003, the High Court of Justice upheld a government ban on women wearing tefillin (phylacteries) or tallitot or reading from a Torah scroll at the Western Wall.

Finally, in April 2013, as a result of the arrest of five members of Women of the Wall, the Jerusalem District Court ruled that the police were wrong. This decision led to a major change in the status quo at the holy site, mainly the idea that their practice doesn't disturb the public order.

First of all, surveys indicate that a huge range of communities and synagogues are flourishing outside the Orthodox sphere. Today, 112 Reform and Conservative synagogues are active in Israel and the number is rising. Likewise, data show that more and more Jews define themselves as Reform or Conservative.

Second, large protests against the end of the Daylight Savings Time, which usually happens after Yom Kippur led to the delay of implementing Daylight Savings Time by a month (until October). This decision eliminates the status quo and keeps the wintertime according to human activity rather than religious belief and comfort as the Shas party forced over the last 5 years.

Additionally, over the last two years the demand for allowing public transportation has risen. In Israel, public transportation generally stops running a few hours before sundown on holidays or Shabbat. The demand to keep public transportation open is based on the right to freedom of movement for people who do not observe Shabbat and also the right for equality, especially since those who suffer more usually belong to a disadvantaged population and are unable to purchase or maintain a car.

Several changes have also occurred in the political field, mostly an absence of Orthodox parties in the current government coalition. First and foremost is a record number of women now in the Israeli Parliament – 26 out of 120 and 4 out of 21 in the coalition! A major representation has also occurred in the election for local municipalities in Israel – 37 female candidates!

I could go on and mention additional changes, but our time is short, so I'll just point out research made by the Israel Democracy Institute. It shows that support for the demands of Women of the Wall is not distributed evenly in the Israeli Jewish public, but is concentrated in Israelis who were born in Europe and America and their children. However, the District Court ruling regarding the legitimacy of the demands of the Women of the Wall significantly increased the level of support in almost all sub-groups of the Jewish population (Herman: 2013).

One of the explanations for the sudden wave of media attention toward the demand of religious freedom is associated with the religious pluralist line sharpening in Israel. As well, the political opposition to the Orthodox parties led to the change in attitude toward religion.

If so, why is it so important that women be represented in the Knesset, society, and religion? The assumption is that this principle is walking hand-in-hand with democratic liberal values and that women are an integral part of society.

No doubt there is still a long way to go in order to achieve full religious freedom and equality between women and men. However these last years have been progressive and I feel that the historical movement of WoW influences Israeli society and opens important dialog.

Tzlil Bandy
SH'Lichah NEWS

* Herman, Tamar. May 13 2013 .IDI. Israeli Public Opinion on the Women of the Wall. <http://en.idi.org.il/analysis/articles/israeli-public-opinion-on-the-women-of-the-wall>

STUDY OPPORTUNITIES WITH RABBI STEVENS

JUDAISM BASICS & BASIC HEBREW

This basic survey of Judaism runs for eleven sessions, starting Tuesday, October 15. 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 15**Overview of Judaism.
- October 22**A Whirlwind Tour of Jewish History.
- October 29**The Basic Texts of Judaism.
- November 5**.....Modern Judaism; Denominations; Israel.
- November 12**.....Lifecycle: Birth through Bar Mitzvah.
- November 19**.....Lifecycle: Marriage and Divorce.
- December 3**.....Lifecycle: Illness, death, mourning.
- December 10**.....Holidays: Shabbat and Festivals.
- December 17**.....Holidays: Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.
- January 7**.....Holidays: Minor holidays (Chanukah, Purim, etc.).
- January 14**.....Modern Judaism: Israel; Denominations.

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 free and 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.

TURIA STARK WILLIAMS TO CO-LEAD SERVICE WITH RABBI STEVENS

Hold the date for a special service – November 22. On that date Turia Stark Williams will join Rabbi Stevens on the bimah as soloist, accompanied by Joel Gregory on our keyboard. Those who remember Turia’s singing at our last Sisterhood Shabbat in January or attended the Interfaith Holocaust Memorial Service last spring know how special this service will be. Turia was trained at the Boston Conservatory of Music, and is the only member of our choir who is also a member of Temple Beth Or. This service will be in a more contemporary style, and should be a real treat.





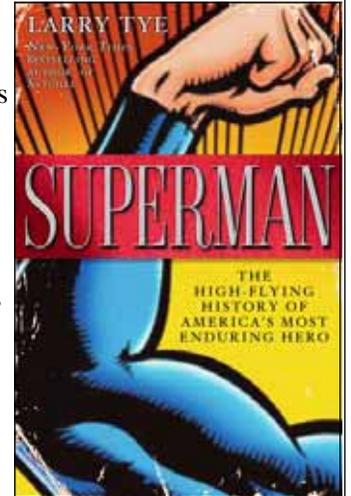
IT'S A BIRD...IT'S A PLANE...! SUPERMAN TO VISIT TEMPLE BETH OR!

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.



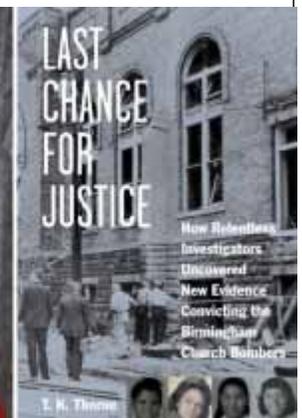
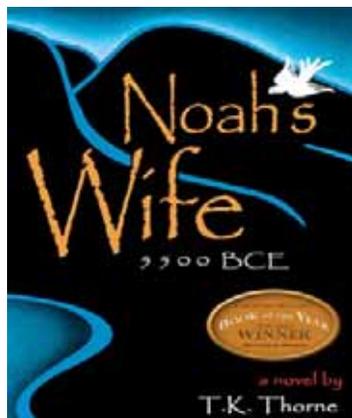
L'CHAIM LEAGUE EVENT OPEN TO ALL

On **Tuesday, Dec. 10th @ 12 noon at Temple Beth Or**, the L'Chaim League will sponsor guest author, T.K. Thorne. She will be speaking about her book, *Noah's Wife*. **A luncheon at the temple will take place prior to this speaking engagement at the cost of \$8 per person. Reservations will need to be made no later than Tuesday, Dec. 3rd so that we can accommodate catering arrangements.** You can reserve a copy of *Noah's Wife* for \$15 and also T.K. Thorne's latest book, *Last Chance for Justice*, for \$28 by contacting the L'Chaim League at lchaimleague2246@yahoo.com, or 262-3314. T.K. Thorne will conduct a book signing immediately following this event.

T.K. Thorne retired as a captain of the Birmingham Police Department and currently serves as executive director of CAP, a business improvement district in downtown Birmingham. Both careers have provided fodder for her writing. Her fiction, poetry, and non-fiction have been published in various venues and garnered several awards, including "Book of the Year for Historical Fiction" (ForeWord Reviews 2009) for her debut novel *Noah's Wife*. A short film from her screenplay *Six Blocks Wide* was a finalist in a film festival in Italy and has shown at other juried festivals in the U.S. and Europe. Her forthcoming book is non-fiction, *Last Chance for Justice: How Relentless Investigators Uncovered New Evidence Convicting the Birmingham Church Bombers*.

She has served on several community boards, including the Alabama Writer's Conclave and is Treasurer for Or Hadash, a Humanistic Jewish congregation in Birmingham. She writes on a mountaintop, often with two dogs and a cat or two in her lap. More information is available at www.tkthorne.com.

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Memorial and Luncheon for Ceil Field

Sunday November 10th at 11:30 AM

Temple Beth Or
2246 Narrow Lane Road
Montgomery AL

Followed by a Luncheon at Ward and Lisa Newcomb's Home
3801 Colline Dr. Montgomery AL
335-221-2931

Please join us with stories of our dear Mother,
Grandmother, Sister, Aunt and Friend

RSVP to lfnewcomb@knology.net or text 334-221-2931
so we can plan for lunch



The Jewish Federation of Central Alabama, headquartered in Montgomery, AL, is seeking applications for the position of Executive Director. Applicants should have strong communication, interpersonal, fundraising, and organizational skills, as well as experience with the use of social media. Salary is commensurate with experience. If interested, please mail a writing sample, cover letter, and resume with three references to Mark Sabel, JFCA president, P.O. Box 231348, Montgomery, AL 36123. For inquiries, please call 334-277-5820.



Chanukah Begins
Thursday, November 28, 2013

Shop Beth Or's Sisterhood Gift Shop for all of your holiday items; candles, gelt, lollipops, short bread cookies and dreidles.

See our collections of beautiful menorahs, candlesticks, napkin holders, salad servers, cheese boards with matching knives and many more items from the collections of Gary Rosenthal, Michael Aram and Quest.



Hosted by JFCA's
Sh'lichah,
Tzlil Bandy



All events are at 7 PM

November 19.....Agudath Israel*Etz Ahayem

Itzhak Rabin's 18th memorial day

On the evening of November 4, 1995 (12th of Heshvan on the Hebrew Calendar), Itzhak Rabin, the Prime Minister and the Defense Minister of Israel, was assassinated by a radical right-wing Orthodox Jew named Yigal Amir, who was opposed to the signing of the Oslo Accords. Rabin's assassination came as a great shock to the Israeli public and much of the rest of the world. Join us to hear about the controversy in Israeli society regarding the peace agreement and for discussion of the difference between legitimate protests and incitement.

Upcoming: December 17 at Temple Beth Or
For more information please contact our Sh'lichah,
Tzlil Bandy : 334-224-4220 or via mail
tzlil.jfca@gmail.com



<p>FAMILY FRIENDLY SERVICES especially for babies, toddlers, kids, moms, dads and grandparents too! 5:00 - 5:30 PM in the Library</p>	<p>September 6 October 4 December 6 January 10, 2014 February 7 March 7 May 2 June 6</p>
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Kristallnacht – the “Night of Broken Glass” – was the terrible night of November 9-10, 1938 when the full fury of Nazism’s war against the Jews was first made manifest to the world. On a pretext, a well-planned and centrally coordinated attack was launched against the entire community of German Jews, as thousands of synagogues and Jewish stores and businesses were shattered during a night of rampage; many thousands of Jews were herded into concentration camps, and those who doubted the ultimate intent of the Nazis doubted no longer. Unfortunately, as we know, for most Jews in Germany it was already too late to escape.

Our observance this year will take place during the Shabbat service on Friday night, November 8.

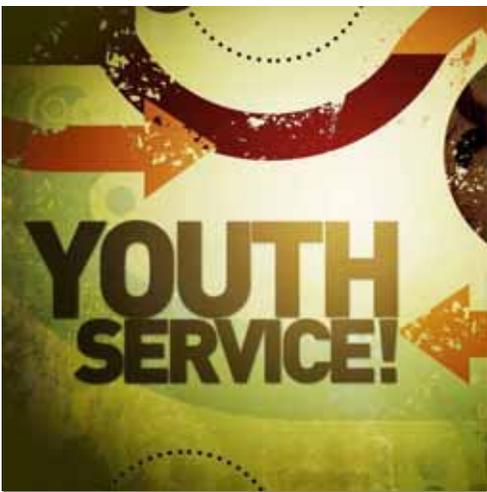
DEDICATING OUR NEW TORAH STAND

Join us on Shabbat morning, November 9 as we honor Bob Cohan with a special aliyah in connection with our dedication of the Torah stand Bob designed for our sanctuary.

Bob, a Pensacola physician with a life-long passion for woodworking [and fishing and Judaism], met Rabbi Stevens while leading a crafts project at Camp Jacobs – helping campers design working shofars from blanks he provided. Bob had also designed and built the Torah reading table and Torah stand used in the camp’s sanctuary. On passing through Montgomery last spring on his way to visit family in Tennessee, Bob spent Shabbat at Temple Beth Or, and offered to design and build a similar Torah stand for us. Though first used during our High Holy Day services, we will “officially” accept this fine gift during Bob’s upcoming visit. The service starts at 9:30, and will be followed by a light brunch and Torah study.

JOINT THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

This year, for the second in a row, our joint Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be cosponsored with two neighboring churches – First United Methodist Church and Church of the Ascension. The service is set for Tuesday evening, November 26 at the Church of the Ascension (315 Clanton Avenue) starting at 7:00 p.m. The music will be magnificent, as will be the service, the fellowship and the wonderful reception that follows. Temple Beth Or has been part of the interfaith Thanksgiving tradition for more than a century; we hope you can join us for a splendid and spiritual event.



YOUTH SERVICE – NOT JUST FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

One of the great truisms is that the future belongs to the children. On Friday evening, November 15, our Shabbat service will also belong to the children!

We’ll be using a special prayer book – *Gates of Prayer for Young People* – and *kvelling* as we hear our kids read the prayers in Hebrew and English, participate in some songs, and gather afterwards for a special *oneg Shabbat* in the Baylinson Social Hall. That night we also celebrate Consecration, our special ritual for welcoming the youngest students into our religion school. Please join us – and glimpse the future!

Chanukah Shabbat with Family and Friends



**Wednesday,
December 4**

There will be a special Chanukah worship service and candle lighting, which will begin at 5:30 PM. Please bring your favorite Chanukah Menorah and candles.

Following the service will be our annual Sisterhood Latke Dinner.

\$10 for Adults; \$6 for Children ages 10 to 5. Children 4 and under, are free

Your check is your reservation and must be received by Friday, November 29th.

Please mail check to Sharon McDaniel at 2632 Old Orchard Lane, Montgomery, AL, 36117-2410

Kol Ami's 3rd grade class cooks falafel with the assistance of their parents and JFCA's Sh'lichah, Tzlil Bandy (October 27)



Religion School Schedule



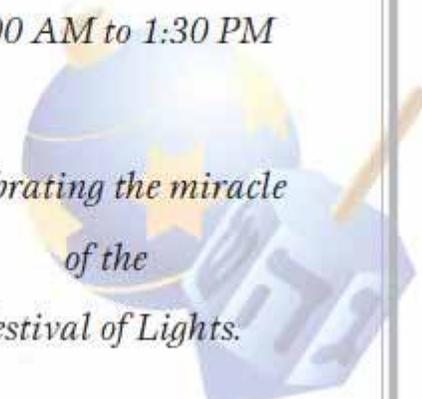
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You Are Invited to
Agudath Israel
Etz Ahayem Sisterhood's
9th Annual
HANUKKAH HOOPLA
AND LATKE - HOT DOG
LUNCH



Sunday, November 17, 2013
11:00 AM to 1:30 PM



Celebrating the miracle
of the
Festival of Lights.

BEDTIME BUNDLES



For the 6th year we will be collecting bedtime items for Child Protect during November and December. Please put your purchases which must be new and unused in the playpen in the Temple lobby beginning in early November.

After coming to Child Protect because they were abused or molested, these boys and girls go into foster care, often with nothing to call their own, according to Director Jannah Bailey. Please be generous for these unfortunate children, who are mostly ages 6-12.

Items wanted are pajamas, pillow cases, socks, underwear, bedtime stories, journals and writing implements, sketchbooks and coloring pencils or crayons, toothpaste and toothbrushes, washcloths, fleece throws, slippers, dolls and toys, combs/brushes/hair ornaments, and anything else you can think of.

If you don't want to shop or are unable to do so, please send a check to the temple office earmarked "for bedtime bundles" and we will be glad to shop for you! Thank you!

Louisa Weinrib
262-6155

SERVICE IN THE CLASSICAL STYLE TO FEATURE THE MUSIC OF SALAMONE DE' ROSSI

On December 13 the Temple choir will offer a Shabbat service set to the music of the great Italian Jewish composer Salamone De' Rossi (1570 – 1630). De' Rossi, a transitional figure between the late Italian Renaissance and early Baroque, was 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 (his sister was also the first Jewish opera singer). De' Rossi wrote some 150 secular works of music, but his Jewish music, breaking with cantorial motifs of the past, was considered revolutionary in its time, and set the foundation for Jewish choral music in the following centuries.

We will be using *Mishkan T'filah*, but in keeping with our "classical" Reform tradition our use of Hebrew in this service will be minimal. The music itself should be a special treat, and we hope you can join us.

CONGRATULATIONS...

To John Ives, whose company Paragon Construction has won this year's River Region Ethics in Business Award, in the "Small Business" category. The Award, now in its fourth year, is sponsored by the Samaritan Counseling Center. The Award has become quite prestigious, and is given to businesses in various categories; there is also an individual award. Nominations are now open for the 2014 awards, with information available at this website: <http://www.riverregionethics.com/index.shtml>.

Simchat Torah Celebration on September 25th.





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

And Beyond!

Tuesday, December 3, 4:30 PM, Study with Rabbi Stevens. Basic Judaism begins at 4:30 PM. Class seven: Lifecycle: Illness, death, mourning.

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

Wednesday, December 4, 5:30 PM, Family Chanukah Dinner and Celebration. \$10 for Adults; \$6 for Children ages 10 to 5. Children 4 and under, are free.

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

Tuesday, December 10, 12 Noon, Guest speaker and author, T.K. (Teresa) Thorne speaks on her book, "Noah's Wife." Lunch will begin at noon followed by the program. Sponsored by the Lucien Loeb L'Chaim League. More information to follow.

Tuesday, December 10, 4:30 PM, Study with Rabbi Stevens. Basic Judaism begins at 4:30 PM. Class eight: Holidays: Shabbat and Festivals.

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.

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

Tuesday, December 17, 7 PM, JFCA's Sh'lichah's Café Israel at TBO hosted by Tzlil Bandy. Topic: To be announced.

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.).

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

Friday, January 10, 6 PM, Sisterhood Shabbat. A reception will precede service at 5:15 PM.

Saturday, January 11, 9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Rabbi Stevens. Light brunch served.

Tuesday, January 14, 4:30 PM, Study with Rabbi Stevens. Basic Judaism begins at 4:30 PM. Class eleven: Modern Judaism: Israel; Denominations.

Thursday, January 16, 7 PM, Guest Speaker: Phyllis Chesler, author of AN AMERICAN BRIDE IN KABUL: A MEMOIR. Sponsored by the Rothschild-Blachschleger Lecture Series.

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

Tuesday, January 28, 5:30 PM, Temple Beth Or Board Meeting.

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

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

Friday, February 21, 6 PM, Shabbat Service. TORAH READING AND D'VAR TORAH.

Sunday, February 23, 9 AM - 3 PM, Temple Beth Or's 11th Annual Food Festival.

Tuesday, February 25, 5:30 PM, Temple Beth Or Board Meeting.

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

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

Friday, March 14, 6 PM, Shabbat Service. Huntingdon College Night. Reception follows.

Saturday, March 15, 7 PM, Purim Service - Costumes (adults, too!), Purim Pranks, the famous Megillah and Hamentaschen! In the TBO Library.

Tuesday, March 25, 5:30 PM, Temple Beth Or Board Meeting.

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

Thursday, April 3, 7 PM, Guest Speaker: Eric Goldman, author of THE AMERICAN JEWISH STORY THROUGH CINEMA. Sponsored by the Rothschild-Blachschleger Lecture Series.

Friday, April 4, 6 PM, Shabbat service led by Temple Beth Or youth (grades 4-9).

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

Tuesday, April 15, 5:30 PM, Second Seder. Seating will begin at 5:30 PM, with the service to begin promptly at 6:00.

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

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

Sunday, April 27, 3 PM, Community Interfaith Holocaust Memorial Service at TBO.

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

We need your help in order to offer ours.

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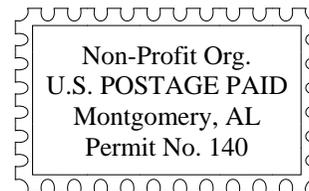
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10	11	12 4:30 PM Basic Judaism	13 11 AM, Adult Ed: Introduction to Jewish Mysticism: Class 4 of 5: Hasidism.	14 11:30 AM L'Chaim League's Thanksgiving lunch and bingo for Capital Heights Senior Home.	15 6 PM Shabbat Service led by Temple youth.	16
17 9:30 AM, Kol Ami Religious School at TBO	18	19 4:30 PM Basic Judaism 5:45 PM, Temple Beth Or Board Meeting. 7 PM, JFCA's Sh'lichah's Café Israel at Agudath Israel*Etz Ahayem hosted by Tzlil Bandy.	20	21 7 PM, Adult Ed offered by Rabbi Stevens: "The Traditions of Chanukah."	22 6 PM, Shabbat Service co-led with Tura Stark Williams. TORAH READING AND D'VAR TORAH	23
24	25	26 7 PM Joint Thanksgiving Service with FUMC & Church of the Ascension. Held at Church of the Ascension at 315 Clanton Avenue. Reception follows.	27	28	29 6 PM Shabbat Service	30
				TBO's administrative offices closed Thurs & Friday for Thanksgiving		

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Treasure Market

Moving? Spring Cleaning? Redecorating?

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

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- 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.



Temple Beth Or's office will be closed on November 27th and 28th for the Thanksgiving holiday. The building will open at 5 PM for Friday night service.

**On Sunday,
November 3rd
Daylight Savings
Time ends. Move
your clocks
back one hour.**

