

Temple Beth Or Bulletin

A VIEW FROM THE BIMAH

February 2014 ~ Sh'vat/Adar 1 5774



Most mornings, the first thing I read is RavKav – my on-line rabbinic discussion forum that is limited, by definition, to Reform rabbis [“Rav” is the Hebrew title “Rabbi,” and “kav” is a line, as in a telephone line]. RavKav presents an oleo of programmatic suggestions, commentary, intriguing inquiries, sometimes diatribes and various professional notices.

One recent posting was shocking. The rabbi who posted is a student of the Holocaust who has published widely on the subject and has taught Holocaust Studies both in the U.S. and in Israel. This particular posting purported to reveal a hitherto unknown relationship between the Nazi regime and the Lubavitch/Chabad branch of Chasidic Judaism. The information derived, apparently, from hand-written notes from a Holocaust survivor. My colleague wrote that the source is “beyond dispute.”

These notes claimed that this group of Chasidim gave to the Gestapo the names and address of tens of thousands of Jewish Socialists, Jewish Communists, Jewish homosexuals, Reform Jews and Zionists; the Nazi paramilitary police would then round up and execute these people. In return for their collaboration, the Chabad Chasidic “Yidden” received tens of thousands of visas to immigrate to America, Canada, Mexico, Australia and South Africa. One of their Chasidic rabbis – according to these allegations – issued a religious ruling permitting as a mitzvah this sacrifice of Jewish Communists, homosexuals, etc., in order to save the Chasidic and Orthodox Jews and Talmudic students. One yeshiva reportedly handed over hundreds of Reform Jews into the hands of the Gestapo.

My colleagues’ reactions were split. In the days that followed this posting, some expressed outrage and were immediately making plans to publicize, preach sermons and otherwise castigate what seemed like behavior that was completely unconscionable, even in the unique context of the Holocaust.

Fortunately, other colleagues were more skeptical. Many thousands of books on the Holocaust have been published, yet this allegation was completely unknown. No sources were cited – not a single reference. If many thousands had been saved and many other thousands were slain in their place, wouldn’t at least some footnote been published somewhere?

Then came the kicker: It turned out that several dozen

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Jewish Food Festival!

What if you had a party and no one came?

How can we ensure everyone knows about our Jewish Food Festival?

With *YOUR* help!

Our Annual Jewish Food Festival is coming up fast. On Sunday, February 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. we expect to have over 2,000 visitors. Of course, first they need to know about it. We can tell them with your help.

- ◆ Yard signs are now available. Please pick them up at the Temple and place in your front lawn up to three weeks (February 2nd) before the event. But, this will not be enough if we hope to see a crowd.

The City of Montgomery discourages the placement of yard signs on public roads and restricts them to 8’ from the street. The City also expects the signs to be removed quickly after the event. So, here is what we need your help with:

- ◆ Take at least 5 additional signs and place them on well-trafficked roads no sooner than Thursday, February 20 (we don’t want to blemish our relationship with the City). Note where you placed them and pick them up by the end of day Sunday, February 23 or no later than Monday, February 24. Do not discard them. Bring them back at your convenience to the Temple (we can reuse the stakes and save money next time).
- Please respect private property, of course, and do not place near storefronts without permission.
- ◆ There will also be flyers available by the second week of February. Please take a dozen and ask the stores you frequent to display them in their window (bring doublestick tape to facilitate placement). Please also remove them after the event.

We need your help to make this event a success; thanks in advance for your efforts!

**Celebrating Our
162nd Year**



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TBO PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I cannot believe that Food Festival has arrived again. I know it seems like the last one was only a few months ago and not a year ago. There are a lot of members who have participated in multiple cooking sessions and the congregation cannot thank you enough. We also want to thank the numerous members who have volunteered to help with marketing, flyer distribution and sign installation throughout the River Region.

Have you wondered how important the Food Festival is to the Temple? This is the biggest outreach program that we do for the community. We have people who have been attending since the first year. We have members of the community that have gained insight into Judaism through "Meet the Rabbi" sessions. One church has asked if their youth group and a visiting speaker could come eat and join in one of the Rabbi's sessions.

I feel the time we spend together cooking helps the members to get to know each other and hopefully build new friendships. I know to a lot of you these sessions are only for cooking. I cannot disagree more. These are sessions where we get together to cook and socialize. Believe it or not, we have had requests from non-members to help and they are most welcomed to join us. If a non-member is helping or asks to help, please make sure they feel welcomed.

The last benefit is what the Festival does for our budget. Every year we hear that members are tired and would like to make this an every other year event or not have it at all. If we did that, we would have to ask for a fairly significant dues increase from each member. This Festival not only is a great outreach and in-reach program, it also helps keep each member's dues lower.

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.



Saturday, February 7 ☆ 9:30 AM
Shabbat Morning Service

Saturday morning, Rabbi Stevens will lead a Shabbat morning service. Service will run from 9:30 – 11:15 a.m. and include Torah study and a light brunch.

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.

BLANCHE WINTER FUND

*In Memory of Ralph Loeb, Jr.
In Memory of Samuel Neuman
Peggy Cohn*

BUILDING FUND

*In Memory of Ralph Loeb, Jr.
Carolyn and Zach Hagedorn
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EDUCATION FUND

*In honor of Ruth Rosenthal's
Special Birthday
Jack and Michal Hart Hillman*

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*In Memory of Diane Abraham
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In honor of

*Ruth Rosenthal's Special Birthday
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In honor of

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*In Honor of Rabbi Elliot Stevens
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GENERAL FUND

*In Memory of Ralph Loeb, Jr.
Marlene and Rick Beringer*

*In Memory of Pat Tourial
Marlene and Rick Beringer*

*In Memory of
Phyllis Marcus Applefield
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In Honor of

*Richard and Jeanette Hanan
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RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In Memory of

*Arthur B. Beringer, Jr.
Betty, Bob and Erik Goldberg*

In Honor of

*Shirley Beringer's 91st Birthday
Betty, Bob and Erik Goldberg*

In Memory of my daughter

*Dr. Aviva Hoffman
Jan Hoffman*

*The Memory of our parents, H. Victor
and Ann Kerns*

*Susan Kerns, Janice LeBlanc,
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SAMUEL SCHLOSS

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*In Memory of Samuel Schloss
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In Memory of

Phyllis Marcus Applefield

*Gary M. Dunkel
Juliet H. Greenberg
Marc and Susan Jaffe
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TEMPLE ETZ AHAYEM

MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of

*Lucille Almeliah Spring
Corinne F. Capilouto*

YOUTH AND

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In Memory of Pat Tourial

Norman and Harriette Dorosin

On the Yahrzeit of Virginia Dorosin

Norman and Harriette Dorosin

BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Alan Weil Jr.
- 3 Mark Franco
- 5 Daniel Markstein
- 5 Gilson Capilouto
- 7 Allen Dees
- 8 Katie Wetherbee
- 12 Hugh Bolen
- 13 Mike Winter
- 13 Lisa Weil
- 19 Adam Finkelstein
- 19 Hanna Berger
- 21 Barbara Leet

ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Robert & Lorraine Lieberman
- 10 Jack & Gracie Hanchrow
- 21 Steve & LaNette Clein
- 28 Bobby & Susan Kohn

YAHRZEITS

To be read 2/7/2014

- Dr. John Herzfeld
- Sol Katz
- Goldie Lieberman
- James L. (Jimmy) Loeb, Sr.
- Dr. Joseph Weinrib

To be read 2/14/2014

- Bernard Bolen
- Simanto Franco
- Mathilde "Teal" L. Kohn
- Carol R. Loeb
- Edward A. Posner
- Edith Scheuer Weil
- Edwin S. Wise, Jr.
- Harold Yellin

To be read 2/21/2014

- Matilde Alhadeff
- Dorothy Applebaum
- Dr. Morris Capilouto
- Eliot Capouya
- Carolyn Abraham May
- Gloria Haas Shwarts
- Gail Straus
- Larry Toney
- Rossie Weil
- Cecily Wool

To be read 2/28/2014

- Beulah "Bollie" Avzaradel
- Zipora Baylinson
- Samuel Blitz
- Herman Blotner
- Louise Cooper
- Sidney W. Kohl
- Fred Richard

**Birthday and
Anniversary Blessings
on February 7th.**

L'CHAIM LEAGUE

On **Tuesday, February 4th**, the L'Chaim League will tour the Alabama Judicial Building at 300 Dexter Avenue. **We will carpool from Temple Beth Or, leaving promptly at 9:30 a.m.** The tour will be approximately 30 minutes long. There are elevators and also seating to rest along the tour. There is no charge for this event. Please make your reservations by calling 262-3314, or email lchaimleague2246@yahoo.com.

Sharon Berry, L'Chaim League Director
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SISTERHOOD

We were so happy to have so many in attendance for our annual Sisterhood Shabbat. We hope you enjoyed the Wine and Cheese reception prepared by Sisterhood officers. Thanks to Sharon McDaniel for helping me set-up and prepare for this event. The service was so beautiful with the Torah reading and beautiful music. We really appreciate Turia Stark Williams who volunteered her time to prepare and present such inspiring music for our service. It is always a joy to have Becky Taylor accompany Turia. We really appreciate these ladies for sharing their talents with us. A special thanks to Rabbi Stevens who planned this special service. He is always so supportive of Sisterhood.

We are in the early planning stages for Second Night Seder which will be on April 15th. You will soon see information in the bulletin regarding reservations. Please make your reservations as early as possible so we can make our plans. If you are interested in helping with this event please give me a call.

Many of our members are busy preparing for our annual Food Festival. We really have a lot of fun in the kitchen and decorating for this fun day. Check the bulletin for cooking schedules and give Karen Goldstein a call to volunteer.

Susan Bernstein
Sisterhood President

LUCIEN LOEB L'CHAIM LEAGUE

I have been asked by many, "What is the L'Chaim League, and How do I join?"

History

The Lucien S. Loeb Memorial Fund was established in 1985 through the generosity of the family of Lucien S. Loeb. The objective of the Fund was to help the senior citizens of our community stay connected. In doing so, the Lucien Loeb L'Chaim League was formed. An advisory committee and a director were appointed to provide programming to enrich the lives of our senior citizens.

Present

To date the L'Chaim League offers monthly activities such as: guest speakers, book reviews, luncheons, museum tours, plays, community service projects, winery & garden tours, etc. The L'Chaim League also conducts visitations to our homebound, assisted living, and nursing home seniors, providing holiday "goodie" baskets and a sense of connection to their Jewish community.

A monthly newsletter is also provided to the L'Chaim League members that keep them informed of upcoming L'Chaim League events.

Current Advisory Board Members

Executive Director: Sharon Berry

Honorary Board: Joan Loeb & Rabbi Stevens

Board Liaison: Louisa Weinrib

Advisory Board Members: Roz Caplan, Raymond Cohen, Peggy Cohn,

Betty Ehrlich, Rita Rosenthal, and Gay Winter

How to become a L'Chaim League Member

L'Chaim League membership can be obtained by any Jewish member in and around Alabama age 50 years "young" and up. Yearly dues are \$25.00 for singles and \$35.00 for couples. To join is easy, just contact Sharon Berry at the temple.

We look forward to having you join the L'Chaim League as we contribute to worthwhile projects, participate in monthly activities all while enjoying the camaraderie that L'Chaim League has to offer.

Sharon Berry
L'Chaim League Director
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rabbis around the country had received handwritten "original" and identical notes by a purported survivor making the same anonymous allegations. The whole thing was a hoax! It is true that some individuals may have used connections to save themselves at others' expense (though the Nazis had no control over visa allegations in the few places that accepted Jewish refugees), and it is even true that a rabbinic *responsum* permits the sacrifice of a few if it would save many. But the story of wholesale betrayal of liberal Jews was – unless shown otherwise – a hoax.

What strikes me about this story, other than the story itself, is how often we fall prey to misconceptions, deceptive reporting, unfounded assumptions or, sometimes, downright lies. Somebody hears a rumor or a half-overheard remark, and it becomes "news" for the entire community. Politicians will misconstrue some fact completely out of context, or repeat as fact something unfounded so often that they themselves begin to believe it. We've heard the term "big lie" – a lie told so often and so convincingly that even when the facts finally emerge, fully supported by incontrovertible evidence, the lie continues and true believers are unmoved.

None of us is completely immune from this phenomenon; we all like to retell a good story. But I would use this example as a caution to listen to such stories with healthy skepticism and an open mind. I know people who intentionally read multiple newspapers to get different points of view; I know others who say, "Let me read the *New York Times* editorial so I'll know what to think." I submit that we can contribute to good society by the way we think and evaluate the stories and claims we hear.

Leviticus 19 – the so-called "Holiness Code" of Torah – speaks to this issue in enjoining us from spreading gossip and rumors. When we desist from spreading the unfortunate rumor or unlikely claim we are holding ourselves to the high moral ground of Torah, and the universal truth of ethics at the core of Jewish teaching.

Elliot L. Stevens



Our very own Sharon McDaniel (far right) participated in an event at the Church of the Ascension. She was the "Seven Swans-a-Swimming."

BEDTIME BUNDLES

Once again members of TBO have contributed generously to the Bedtime Bundles collection for Child Protect. Director Jannah Bailey and her colleagues were so pleased to have these items.



Below is a list of the items our members contributed:

- Pajamas, 33
- Leggings, 3
- Wash Cloths, 8
- Slippers, 8 pr.
- Fleece Throws, 11
- Pillow Shams, 2
- Pillow Cases, 4
- Packages of socks, 14
- Packages of underpants, 13
- Stuffed toys or dolls, 9
- Package of 4 toy trucks
- Toothpaste, 10 tubes
- Toothbrushes, 5
- Combs and brushes, 6
- Hair ties, 2 packages
- Drawing tablets and construction paper, 7
- Journals, 8
- Packages of colored pencils, 4
- Packages of colored pens, 2
- Packages of crayons, 13
- Packages of 4 playing cards, 3
- Coloring books, 5
- Dr. Suess books, 15
- Large can of dark chocolate for making cocoa

A warm and grateful "thank you" to all who contributed so generously for this amazing agency.

Louisa H. Weinrib

RABBI OFFERS SERMON SERIES ON REFORM JUDAISM

Reform Jews understand Reform in many different ways. Almost by definition, “Reform” means that we adapt and interpret our Jewish heritage to meet our own interests and needs. Yet Reform has never meant that “anything goes,” or that our sole criterion is individual autonomy. In American Reform Judaism, national bodies of rabbis have adopted platforms that articulate where Reform stands in important areas of theology and practice in their day – in areas such as our perception of God, what “Torah” means, our relationship to Israel (land and people), and the concept of “mitzvah.” These major platforms were adopted in 1885 (the famous “Pittsburgh Platform” that defined Classical Reform), 1937, 1976 and 1999, the latter describing where mainstream Reform sees itself in our day.

Rabbi Stevens will speak on these four platforms in a series of sermons starting in January. Copies of the platforms will be available at each service, on the following dates:

January 17, the Pittsburgh Platform of 1885
January 24, the Columbus Platform of 1937
February 7, the “Centennial” Platform of 1976
February 14, the Pittsburgh Platform of 1999

THE RABBI IS OUT TO LUNCH –

And invites you to join him!

Rabbi Stevens will be going out to lunch, and would be delighted to have some company. If you’d like to break bread with Rabbi Stevens – with no program and no agenda – you can join him at these times and places, Dutch treat:

Tuesday, March 18,
Carrabba’s at 1510 Eastern Blvd.

Lunches will be at 12:00 noon, and an RSVP will be appreciated via email (Rabiels@templebethor.net) or to his cell phone (201-6139).

SHEMONAH PERAKIM STUDY GROUP

One of the greatest classics of Jewish literature is *Pirkei Avot*, translated literally as “Chapters of the Fathers.” This 1,800 year old tractate records the wisdom of our sages on such themes as virtue, vice, free will, ethics and God. *Pirkei Avot* includes some of Judaism’s most famous sayings, such as those of the great Rabbi Hillel.

Perhaps the most important commentary on *Pirkei Avot* is Maimonides’ 12th century introduction, which he called *Shemonah Perakim* [“Eight Chapters”]. This commentary not only covers some of the grand themes of Judaism, but also gives valuable insight into the philosophy of Maimonides.

Join our text study group! Rabbi Stevens will begin a weekly class that will cover – all in English translation – the original text, commentaries and gleanings from modern sources. Our discussions will be wide-ranging, engaging, and hopefully fun. Let’s learn together! No prior knowledge necessary!

First session will be Tuesday, January 21, from 5-6 p.m. Additional classes, at the same time, will be on February 4, 11 and 18 – and we’ll see where we go from there.



VOLUNTEER!

**Temple Beth Or's
Jewish Food Festival
February 23, 2014**

The Food Festival Volunteer Form is on Page 9. Have you sent yours in yet?

Agudath Israel ✡
Etz Ahayem
Adult Education



**Introduction to
Judaism
7 PM**

**Tuesday, Feb. 4
Sunday, Feb. 9
Tuesday, Feb. 18
Tuesday Feb. 25**

**Biblical Hebrew
7 PM**

**Thursday, Feb. 13
Thursday, Feb. 27**

We need you!!!

**Mark your calendar now for our 2014 Food Festival –
February 23rd, 2014**

The Food Festival is next month! Please review the list of scheduled cooking and baking dates published in the bulletin. We always need help in the kitchen. Please do not wait for someone to ask you, **VOLUNTEER now** by completing the enclosed form or by contacting Karen Goldstein to be a part of the preparation and cooking . The Treasure Market committee is accepting donated items now. Please drop your “gently used” items no later than January 25th.

Thank you,
Jenny Ives,
2014 Food Festival Chair

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.



Social media is a powerful communication tool. For those of you on facebook, we encourage you to join *Montgomery's Jewish Food Festival* facebook group.

From time to time we alert our facebook members to facets of our Jewish Food Festival, coming up on February 23. We don't inundate them with messages, but post items of interest. For instance, we will be featuring a sneak peak of selected goods available at our treasure market. Add our Festival updates to your own facebook page, and help us to reach so many more people.



Challah for the upcoming Food Festival.

2014 Food Festival Cooking Schedule

Cooking time begins at 9 AM unless otherwise noted. Time and dates are subject to change so please call the Temple to confirm times.

February 2	Kugel	Kelly Capouya, 244-9638/kncapouya@gmail.com
February 9*	Kugel	Kelly Capouya, 244-9638/kncapouya@gmail.com

* - This date is reserved on an “if needed” basis.

Volunteer Now for Temple Beth Or's Eleventh Annual Jewish Food Festival and Treasure Market

Please select the items which interest you and which shift you prefer:

Starting now and during the next few months:

- Putting up signs
- Being a guest on radio/television shows



Week of:

- Helping in kitchen on Tuesday
- Helping in kitchen on Wednesday
- Helping in kitchen on Thursday
- Helping in kitchen on Friday

<u>First Shift</u> <u>8:30 to 12:00</u>	<u>Second Shift</u> <u>11:45 to 3:00</u>	<u>All</u> <u>Day</u>
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Day of:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Selling tickets at table | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Selling tickets-walking around | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Selling cookbooks | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Selling in the bakery | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Serving lunch | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Helping in the Treasure Market | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clean-up | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help with anything needed | _____ | _____ | _____ |

We need your items for the Treasure Market and the Collectible Market. Please deliver to the Temple, Tuesday thru Friday and specify if for Treasure Market or Collectible room.

Contact Pat Dees at 399-1212 if you have any questions.

Please mail or drop this form off at the Temple office as soon as possible.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

All proceeds benefit the Temple General Fund.

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Sunday, February 23, 2014

9 AM - 3 PM

Detach at the crease to mail. Fold, seal and stamp and it's ready to go.

**Kahl Montgomery
Temple Beth Or**
2246 Narrow Lane Road
Montgomery, AL 36106

Seal here



Karen Goldstein
2026 Myrtlewood Drive
Montgomery, Alabama 36111

fold here

I can't wait to help!

Sign Me Up!

Kol Sepharad

Songs of the Sephardim



March 27, 7:00 p.m.

Temple Beth Or

2246 Narrow Lane Road, Montgomery

\$15 admission*

Turia Stark Williams, soprano

Robert Gibson, guitar

Rachel Nozny, flute

Hanna Berger, flute

Brian Nozny, percussion

“Sepharad” is the Hebrew word for Spain – where Jewish culture flourished under Islam for nearly 1,000 years until the Jews were expelled by the newly unified Catholic regime in 1492. Sephardic refugees sought haven throughout the Mediterranean world, adapting their special traditions in unique ways in each country of refuge. The first Jews arriving in North America (1653, New Amsterdam) were Sephardim, whose traditions are still studied, celebrated and observed to this day.

Featuring Sephardic music from a variety of countries and genres, this recital ranges from liturgical music and art songs to folk and popular melodies. Sephardic food will also be served, with complimentary wine. It is sure to be a special evening!

Turia Stark Williams, soprano, holds a master’s degree in Voice Performance from The Boston Conservatory and a bachelor’s degree, *summa cum laude*, in Music and Hispanic Studies from Wheaton College (Mass.). She has performed concert, opera, and liturgical music throughout the Southeast, New York City, the Boston area, and on Cape Cod, where she was raised. While living and studying in Spain, she performed with the Renaissance ensemble Coral Juan del Encina.

Mrs. Williams is an active concert soloist in the Montgomery and Auburn areas, and has taught voice at Huntingdon College. She regularly sings with the TBO choir and serves as cantorial soloist for special services.

Dr. Robert Gibson has studied and performed internationally as a solo classical guitarist and a chamber musician. He has had the privilege of working with world-renowned composers and has premiered several new works for the guitar. In addition to his studies at the University of Texas, Robert also completed four summers of master classes at the Accademia Musicale Chigiana in Siena, Italy. Dr. Gibson currently teaches guitar and music theory at Troy University and resides in Montgomery Alabama with his wife and two daughters.



Joining the ensemble are Troy faculty members **Rachel Nozny** on flute and **Brian Nozny** on percussion, as well as Temple Beth Or member **Hanna Berger** on flute.

TREE OF LIFE

Don’t forget the Tree of Life for graduations, birthdays, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs and other special times in your life. Large leaves are \$350 and small ones, \$250. Contact Sharon McDaniel or the Temple regarding purchase.

*Admission is \$15 per person. **PLEASE RSVP BY THURSDAY, MARCH 20.** Members’ tickets may now be billed to their account. Paid/billed reservations are non-refundable after the RSVP date of March 20. Checks are payable to Temple Beth Or; please send to 2246 Narrow Lane Road, Montgomery, AL 36106. Reservations may be made by e-mail to bethor@templebethor.net (payable at the door), and will be acknowledged. Call 334-262-3314 for more information, or check our website, templebethor.net.

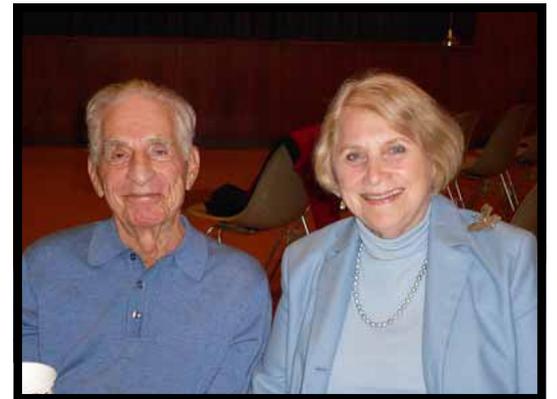
L'Chaim League



L'Chaim League members visit home-bounds during the month of December.



Author T.K. Thorne speaks to L'Chaim League members in December.



UNITED
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IRAN
WWW.UANI.COM

The Jewish Federation of Central Alabama invites you to:

Café Israel With our guest speaker Bob Feferman

Wednesday, March 12 at 7:00 PM

Located at Agudath Israel Etz Ahayem

3525 Cloverdale Road, Montgomery, Alabama

Preventing a Nuclear-armed Iran

Bob Feferman is Outreach Coordinator for the advocacy group United Against Nuclear Iran (UANI), a non-profit group, that seeks to prevent Iran from fulfilling its ambition to obtain nuclear weapons. UANI was founded in 2008 by Ambassador Mark D. Wallace, the late Ambassador Richard Holbrooke, former CIA Director Jim Woolsey and Middle East expert Dennis Ross. UANI's private sanctions campaigns and state and Federal legislative initiatives focus on ending the economic and financial support of the Iranian regime by corporations at a time when the international community is attempting to compel Iran to abandon its illegal nuclear weapons program, support for terrorism and gross human rights violations.

Join us to hear the history and efforts of UANI to promote the economic isolation of Iran in the [ongoing Private Sanctions Campaigns](#) and ways to support UNAI.

For more information please contact our Shlichah, Tzlil Bandy: 334-224-4220 or via mail tzlil.jfca@gmail.com.



And Beyond!

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.

Sunday, March 9, 12 noon, Joint Sisterhood luncheon with Agudath Israel*Etz Ahayem and Temple Beth Or. Held at Temple Beth Or.

Wednesday, March 12, 7 PM, JFCA's Sh'lichah's Café Israel at Agudath Israel*Etz Ahayem hosted by Tzlil Bandy. Topic: To be announced.

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 18, 12 Noon, Dutch treat lunch with Rabbi Stevens at Carrabba's at 1510 Eastern Boulevard. RSVP to rabbieis@templebethor.net or 201-6139.

Friday, March 21, 6 PM, Men's Club Shabbat. Guest speaker, Al Benn.

Tuesday, March 25, 5:45 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).

Sunday, April 6, 6 pm, Youth led Shabbat service.

Tuesday, April 8, 7 PM, JFCA's Sh'lichah's Café Israel at TBO hosted by Tzlil Bandy. Topic: To be announced.

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.

Thursday, April 17, Noon, ArchiTreats: Food for Thought at the Alabama Department of Archives and History. Dan Puckett presents "The Resettlement of Jewish Refugees in

Alabama, 1938-1941." Feel free to bring your lunch.

Tuesday, April 22, 5:45 PM, Temple Beth Or Board Meeting.

Friday, April 25, 6 PM, Shabbat service with guest speaker, Tzlil Bandy, JFCA Sh'lichah.

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

Friday, May 2, 5 PM, Family Chavurah "Tot" Shabbat service in the Blachschleger Library - suitable for children of all ages.

Sunday, May 4, 3 - 6 PM, Yom Ha-atzma-ut (Israel Independence Day) celebration. Location and more information to follow.

Saturday, May 10, 9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Rabbi Stevens. Light brunch served.

Tuesday, May 13, 7 PM, JFCA's Sh'lichah's Café Israel at Agudath Israel*Etz Ahayem hosted by Tzlil Bandy. Topic: To be announced.

Sunday, May 18, 4 PM, Reception and Annual Meeting at 5:00 PM. Reception precedes at 4 PM. Members only.

Friday, May 23, 6 PM, Shabbat Service. TORAH READING AND D'VAR TORAH.

Tuesday, May 27, 5:45 PM, Temple Beth Or Board Meeting.

Tuesday, June 3, 7 PM, Erev Shavuot program, including a reading of the Book of Ruth and a light dairy repast.

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

Tuesday, June 24, 5:45 PM, Temple Beth Or Board Meeting.

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

Wednesday, September 24, 7:30 PM, Rosh Hashanah Eve Service - followed by Annual Reception.

Thursday, September 25, All Day, TBO Office closed for Rosh Hashanah.

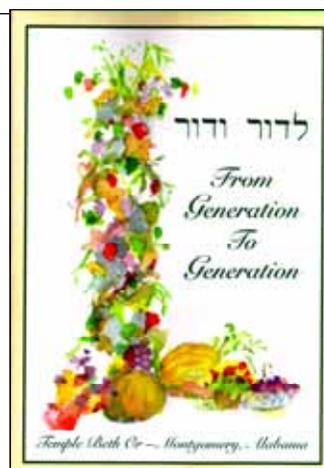
Thursday, September 25, 10 AM, Rosh Hashanah Morning Service.

Thursday, September 25, 10:30 AM, Children's Service in Library

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.

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



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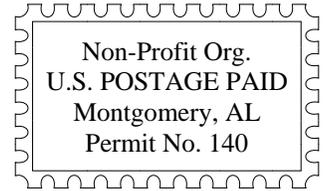
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2 <i>9:30 AM, Kol Ami Religious School at AIEA.</i>	3	4 <i>5 PM, "Shemonah Perakim," text study on Jewish ethics with Rabbi Stevens</i>	5	6	7 <i>5 PM, "Tot" Shabbat service in the Blachschleger Library</i> <i>6 PM Shabbat Service. Birthday and anniversary blessings.</i>	8 <i>9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Rabbi Stevens. Light brunch served</i>
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16	17	18 <i>5 PM, "Shemonah Perakim," text study on Jewish ethics with Rabbi Stevens</i>	19	20	21 <i>6 PM Shabbat Service. TORAH READING AND D'VAR TORAH.</i>	22
23 <i>9 AM - 3 PM, Temple Beth Or's 10th Annual Jewish Food Festival</i> 	24	25 <i>5:45 PM, Temple Beth Or Board Meeting.</i>	26	27	28 <i>6 PM Shabbat Service</i>	

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FAMILY FRIENDLY SERVICES

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

5:00 - 5:30 PM in the Library

February 7
March 7
May 2
June 6

TBO would like to recognize any graduating high school or college students.



Please call or email the temple with any graduations you might be aware of.

Religion School Schedule



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2/9
3/2
3/9
3/16 Purim Celebration
4/6
4/13 Passover

