

Temple Beth Or Bulletin

A VIEW FROM THE BIMAH

May 2014 ~ Nisan/Sivan 5774



THE AGAINSTERS

I wonder how many of us would look at a partially-filled glass, and pronounce it half full – and how many others would see the same glass as half empty. I wonder how many of us would look back at history and say that the best times are long gone – and how many others would look towards the future and say that our best years lie ahead. Do we look ahead with joy, or with dread?

Just as we can look at the same glass – or at life – and have two diametrically opposed visions, we can look at the teaching and example of Judaism and come to very different conclusions.

Consider the Torah, especially the story of the Exodus we just read at Passover: As soon as the Israelites leave Egypt, they start complaining. They question Moses's leadership, they are angry about having left the known for the unknown, and doubt they'll have enough food and water to survive, let alone reach the Promised Land. Moses himself is filled with doubt and despair after the Golden Calf incident, and pleads with God to "personally" lead the people, a plea which God accepts, and the covenant is renewed. Moses has to spend another 40 days on the mountain, after breaking the Tablets in frustration, and write down the entire law a second time.

No wonder we Jews are sometimes called stiff-necked! As soon as we arrived at Mt. Sinai, watching the thunder and lightning envelop the mountaintop, and all our forebears could do is complain, and doubt, and long for the good old days

of slavery, when at least they knew what to expect. These were not optimistic people. From the moment they entered the desert, they complained, even though God had promised that he would lead them to freedom.

There is an old midrash – about 1500 years old, give or take – that describes how God offered the Torah to all the nations of the world, and no one wanted it. Torah would entail too much responsibility; too many laws, and too many curses and punishments for those who strayed from God's ways. Finally, God approached Israel and you know what? Israel, too, refused to receive the Torah. Finally, according to this midrash, God lifted up the entire Mt. Sinai and suspended it above the Israelite encampment. Then, with this huge mountain hanging over their heads like something out of one of those UFO movies, God asked the question one more time, whereupon the Israelites finally said yes, "We will do and we will heed."

We were almost literally dragged to freedom kicking and screaming.

So if you ask whether Judaism is an optimistic religion and a forward-looking religion, I think you would face some challenges in making the case. We had our origins in doubt, in fear and in longing for what we had left behind, no matter that what we had left behind was slavery.

Are we any different today?

Many of us work in offices or we're active in an association or organization or club or social group. What happens when someone has a bright idea, or suggests a new program or service, or just wants to

manage something in a different way?

So many of us immediately react with negativism. So many of us react with doubt and fear and disbelief, and longing for what we had left behind. We're too busy, or the existing ways work well enough, or the suggestion is too risky, or we just don't want to be bothered. Few indeed are the companies or organizational boards or social groups that react by saying, "That's an interesting idea; let's see if we can make it work." And when someone does react in a positive way, we suddenly realize how rare that seems to be.

We see negative attitudes all too often in politics, as well. So much of our political agenda is shaped by fear, or by negative attitudes that prevent us from creating programs that would be demonstrably better for our society or the economic well-being of our country.

The stories about the Israelites doubts and fears notwithstanding, Judaism has a long tradition of optimism – a positive attitude about life and the role we humans play. The Torah itself gives us the famous passage, "See, I have set before you this day life and death, the blessing and the curse: therefore choose life – that you may live, you and your offspring." Jewish law teaches that if a funeral procession and a wedding procession arrive at an intersection at the same time, the wedding procession goes forward while the funeral procession waits, since life takes precedence over death. Jewish prayer asks of God, "Remember us unto life, O King who delights in life. Inscribe us in the Book of life, for your sake, O God of Life." Judaism teaches that we are active partners with God in repairing our world and making our world a better place – we are not helpless creatures, passive and incapable of making decisions. Judaism is not like Hinduism, for example, where Hindus see life as a series of experiences of suffering.

Judaism is an optimistic religion. Our

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Saturday, May 10 ☆ 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.

**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

This will be the last article that I write as Temple President. As I have said in earlier bulletins, I am always amazed at the activity and programs here at the Temple. How do we do it all? Are we doing too much? We need to know your thoughts. Even though my term of President is ending, I still have a "project" that I want to work on over the next year.

Are we at the Temple doing too many programs? Do we need more socially oriented events where we as members can spend time together? What type of programs and events do we need to plan for the congregation? Temples across the country have found that their congregants, both long time members and newer members, want more socially oriented events. As they become more tech savvy, instead of calling their Rabbis, congregants are using Rabbi Google to ask their questions on Judaism. That is worrisome as Jews around the country are unsuspectingly getting their information from Chabad and not a Reform website.

Did you know that here in Montgomery we have over 30 non-affiliated Jews? These are young professionals, who are here for a couple of years. Some have been here for a few years. Rabbi Stevens plans a good number of wonderful and informational lectures and learning series. Some have a good turn out and some do not. I know how hard he works to make these events appealing and enjoyable, so we are looking to get some feedback to lend him support in developing further programming. We need to know especially what kinds of programming – social or otherwise – would be appealing to our younger members and non-affiliated Jews in the community. Once again, do we have too much planned or are our current offerings meeting our needs? I hope in the next year to be able to give you an answer.

I also want to inform you what we have learned about our air conditioning system. As you know last year we experienced a problem with humidity in the building. After many months of study we have found that we have a problem in two areas. We have a design problem that needs to be corrected and we have some major parts of the system that need to be replaced because of age as they are original to the building. At the upcoming Annual Meeting we will be discussing the plan to replace this aged equipment. From what we have found, we will gain a good amount of efficiency with the new equipment and we should be able to see some savings in our monthly utility bills. I hope that you will attend to hear about and vote on this issue.

I want to thank you for electing me as your President. It has been an honor to serve as President and I hope that I have helped make this a better Temple for all members. I am reminded of being told that the two happiest days of the Temple President are the day they are elected and the day they become a Past President. This has been a rewarding two years and I know that we will be in great hands when Diane becomes our President.

Jamie Loeb

Recent Deaths

Florence Troutman ז"ל

March 27, 2014



Mother of Alan Bloom

Samantha Michele
Kemmerer ז"ל

April 9, 2014



Daughter of Amy Adler,
Granddaughter of Lucille
Goldsmith and Alan Goldsmith

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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.

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*On the Yahrzeit of Simon Nyman
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*Wishing Carol Hart a speedy recovery and continued good health
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*Our hearts are with you. In memory of
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*In Memory of Lillian Brownstein
Betty, Bob and Erik Goldberg*

*Many thanks to Rabbi Elliot Stevens
Margie Teeter, Beth Shalom*

*In Memory of Steve Ball
Hanna Berger*

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Joanne Shum
- 1 Lisa Newcomb
- 1 Jim Nathan
- 2 Ron Shum
- 7 Leonard Michelson
- 7 Pee Wee Kohn
- 8 Mary Lynne Levy
- 12 Gay Winter
- 12 Lynne Ginsburg
- 13 Alison Williamson
- 13 Steven Greil
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- 16 Susan Bernstein
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- 20 David Franco
- 27 Alan Levy
- 28 Allen Stern
- 28 Terri Finkelstein
- 30 Janice Baylinson
- 31 LeAnne Wallace

ANNIVERSARIES

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

YAHRZEITS

To be read 5/2/2014

- Ben Lieberman
- Nathan Lobman
- Helen Weil Loeb
- Milton Schnitt
- Roslyn H. Schulwolf
- Meyer Shum

To be read 5/9/2014

- Ruth F. Byck
- Louna Capilouto
- Chester Goldberg
- Perry Mendel
- Thomas Moers
- Lee Prince
- Beatrice K. Schneiderman
- Milton Winter
- Betty Wolf

To be read 5/16/2014

- Eunice Copeland
- Pearle M. Feinman
- Jennie Freehling
- Irma Gore
- Lillian Leet
- Rose Rosenbluth
- Herbert L. Sandler
- Norma K. Sheftall Shapiro
- Hilda Slager

To be read 5/23/2014

- Henry Abraham
- Elizabeth W. Baylinson
- Gaston J. Greil
- Verna Wool

To be read 5/30/2014

- Jules Adler
- Allegra P. Cohen
- Sumner David Goldberg
- Lloyd Vernon Julian
- Dr. Herbert Rosenberg
- Michael Schorr
- C. Clarence Strasburger, Sr.

**Birthday and
Anniversary Blessings
on May 2nd.**

SISTERHOOD

As another busy year comes to an end, we are already planning for next year. Please let me know if you are willing to chair an event. It is really fun to get a group together and see the event unfold.

We were all inspired by the beautiful Seder chaired by Mae Cohen. Mae did an amazing job of putting together this event with the help of Lisa Newcomb, Sharon McDaniel, Julie Goolsby, Alison Williamson, Sharon Berry, and Danielle Berry. The dinner was delicious and the tables were so pretty. We all enjoyed being together for this special service.

Carol Loeb has sent out invitations for the Sisterhood Closing Meeting.

Please RSVP immediately so we will know you are coming. This will be another afternoon Wine and Cheese event. It will be great to gather and celebrate another successful year for Sisterhood.

Susan Bernstein
Sisterhood President

L'CHAIM LEAGUE

The L'Chaim League will enjoy a relaxing afternoon with lunch at the Lake House of Jamie & Carol Loeb on Thursday, May 15th. We will carpool from the Temple at 10 a.m., please make your reservations by May 11th and indicate if you need a ride, or if you can drive.

Sharon Berry, L'Chaim League Director
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FROM THE LIBRARY

A few books from our literature collection:

Einstein on Politics: His Private Thoughts and Public Stands on Nationalism, Zionism, War, Peace, and the Bomb; by Albert Einstein, David E. Rowe and Robert Schulmann (550.6 ROW 2007)

In the Trenches: Selected Speeches and Writings of an American Jewish Activist, 1979-1999; by David A. Harris (550.5 HAR 2000)

Jewish Stories from Heaven and Earth: Inspiring Tales to Nourish the Heart and Soul; edited by Rabbi Dov Peretz Elkins

(550.9 ELK 2010)

Sephardic-American Voices: Two Hundred Years of a Literary Legacy; edited by Diane Matza (551 MAT 1997)

Best Jewish Writing 2003; edited by Arthur Kurzweil (557 KUR 2003)

The Cambridge Companion to Jewish American Literature; edited by Michael P. Kramer and Hana Wirth-Nesher

(520.4 KRA 2003)

Dear Professor Einstein: Albert Einstein's Letters to and from Children; edited by Alice Calaprice (530.092 EIN 2002)

The Tikkun Reader: Twentieth Anniversary; edited by Michael Lerner (500.4 LER 2007)

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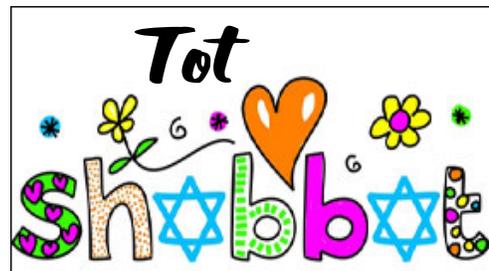
UPCOMING MEN'S CLUB EVENT



The next Men's Club event will be the Biscuits vs. Chatanooga baseball game on **Sunday, August 10th** at 5:30 PM.

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

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



FAMILY FRIENDLY SERVICES

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

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

May 2

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.

Temple Beth Or

2014

ANNUAL
MEETING

Sunday, May 18

4:00 PM Reception

5:00 PM Meeting

Quorum required to conduct
business.

Members Only

**Reminder: Don't forget
to RSVP for Sisterhood's
closing meeting on
May 7th at 5 PM
at Carol Loeb's home.**



**Wine and hors d'oeuvres
will be served**



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Holocaust Memorial Day in Israel

Holocaust Remembrance Day, known in Hebrew as Yom HaShoah. It is a national memorial day for the approximately six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust. Yom HaShoah decreed by law since 1953. On this special day, the whole country stops its routine in order to memorialize the victims of the Holocaust, as well as recognizing those who risked their own lives to save others and the few who manage to survive the war. Among those few people was my grandfather, Itzhak Ya'acov, Who bravely decided to jump from the train that headed from Hungary to Auschwitz, a decision that saved his life. After the war, he immigrated to Israel, started a family and established a home in the city of Jerusalem. Since the country was established by those brave Jewish people who survived the Holocaust, we are proud to honor them and feel the importance to educate the next generation about a core of our history as a people. I would like to share with you the ways that the community in Israel memorialized this day:



Sirens blare at 10 AM for two minutes throughout the entire country and people either walking, driving or working stand at silent attention in reverence to the victims of the Holocaust.



Flags are flown half mast



The state ceremony is held at Yad Vashem, as well as in municipalities, schools and military bases throughout the country. In addition, places of entertainment are closed by law; Israeli television broadcasts programs about the Holocaust and somber songs are played on the radio.

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JEWISH ETHICAL DILEMMAS – RABBI STEVENS’S CLASS TO CONTINUE THROUGH MAY

From the time of the prophets on – indeed, all the way back to the days of Torah – Judaism has provided guidance on both public and private behavior; issues of social and economic justice, international relations, education, family life and personal behavior can all be studied and debated from the perspective of traditional Jewish texts. In this course of six classes, we will explore some contemporary ethical dilemmas through the lens of Jewish tradition. Classes will meet on Wednesdays at noon in the Blachschleger Library at TBO, starting April 16. The subjects are:

- April 16 Issues of Social Justice
- April 30 Issues Relating to Money
- May 7 Issues Relating to Power
- May 14 Issues Relating to Sex and Intimacy
- May 21 Issues of War and National Security
- May 28 Issues Relating to the Human Body

SERVICE IN THE CLASSICAL STYLE TO FEATURE THE MUSIC OF HAROLD GREEN

On May 16 the Temple choir will offer a Shabbat service set to the music of Cantor Harold Green, an American composer of Jewish liturgical music whose Service for Sabbath Eve was published in 1961. Green’s music is rarely heard today; this service will provide an opportunity to hear it in the context of a “classical” style service with minimal use of Hebrew, using *Mishkan T’filah*. The music itself should be a special treat, and we hope you can join us.

Author Craig Darch – a professor at Auburn University – will speak after the service on his new book, a biography of former Auburn track coach Mel Rosen. The book’s title is *From Brooklyn to the Olympics*.

Agudath Israel ☆ Etz Ahayem Adult Education



Adult Education

Tuesdays, 7 PM

- May 6 - Aging & Retirement
- May 20 - Values Round Table
Tzedaka; Kashrut
- May 27 -Bioethics
Early lifecycles

Biblical Hebrew

Thursdays, 7 PM
May 8 and 22

- Lunch & Learn**
May 8th, Noon
Aging & Retirement

Help Us Make Our First Wine Pull A Success

At This Year's Israeli Independence Day Celebration

To add to the enjoyment of the event & raise additional funds to offset costs, JFCA is holding a Wine Pull. The Wine Pull is a grab-bag style fundraiser where participants select a mystery bottle of wine to purchase for \$20 at the event. You may be surprised by the value of what you get!

We need your help!

Please donate a bottle of wine (\$20 minimum value), or donate \$20.

To make your donation with a credit card, call Susan at 334-277-5820. Please plan to drop off the wine by April 30th to the Federation office, Agudath Israel-Etz Ahayem, or Temple Beth Or. You also can arrange for a pickup by sending an email to mail.jfca@gmail.com or calling 334-277-5820.

Thank you for your support!



A SPECIAL FUNERAL SERVICE – FOR BOOKS!

A long-standing Jewish tradition holds that books, scrolls and sacred objects bearing the name of God should be treated with dignity and respect. As the “People of the Book,” Jewish have regarded literacy and scholarship with the highest esteem, and our sacred texts are at the core of our tradition. Prayer books and Torah texts, especially, are not to be discarded; rather, when no longer usable, they are to be buried with honor and dignity.

Accordingly, we invite you to a special “funeral” for the burial of old texts and prayer books no longer of use at the Temple. Most of these are old *Union Prayer Books* in the High Holy Day edition [Volume II], as these are no longer used. The Shabbat edition of *Union Prayer Book* is still in occasional use, and will not be included in this service.

Our service will be on Shavuot – the festival that traditionally celebrates the giving of Torah on Mt. Sinai. We invite our families (including children) to participate on Wednesday morning, June 4, at 10:30 a.m. The site will be on the Temple grounds behind the playground.

Following the ceremony, in which everyone may participate, we will convene in the Baylinson Social Hall for a traditional Shavuot dairy meal.



2013-14 Team USASA’s youngest member Hannah Merson (age 15) of Stowe, VT during her Gold Medal showing at the National Championships on March 30, 2014. Hannah is the granddaughter of Charlotte and Joe Mussafer.



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.

THE SHALOM Y'ALL URJ COMMUNITY PRESENTS “HINEINU”

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psalmists lifted up their eyes and saw the heavens and the mountains with their beauty and grandeur. Abba Hillel Silver wrote, "No literature of any people of antiquity is so rich in the awareness and appreciation of the majestic grandeur of nature as the literature of Israel... The Jewish spirit was enthralled with the pageant of life, with the breathless panorama of nature."

The overall optimistic, forward-looking nature of Judaism has had very practical consequences. After 1948, Israel absorbed over 700,000 refugees from Islamic lands who often arrived penniless. Israel's Arabic neighbors also received about the same number of refugees, most of whom with their descendents still languish in poverty despite the Arab world being far, far wealthier than Israel can ever hope to be. Attitudes mean something.

I would like to suggest that we try to foster within ourselves a positive attitude. Let us not be afraid of or run from the challenges we face, at home or work or in our community.

I often speak before church groups who invite to tell them everything there is to know about Judaism (in about 30 minutes). After one such session, one person asked this question: What, in the end, does Judaism really stand for?

I had been talking about Reform Judaism and how we all make our own decisions as to what to believe and how to practice our Judaism, but with all that, the question was, what do we stand for? What's the overarching theme?

I responded that several themes run throughout our Torah and the history of our people. One is: God is good, and creation is good. After each "day" of creation, Torah says, "God saw what he had made, and it was good."

Second, there is a purpose to history, a purpose to our lives, and an optimism that tomorrow will be better than today, even with all the pitfalls along the way. Third, God and creation and the laws of justice and morality are not just for Jews, but for everyone. The Torah begins NOT with the story of Abraham or the foundation of Judaism, but with the creation of the entire universe. As Jewish tradition teaches, "The righteous of all nations have a place in the world to come."

When you are tempted to put something aside, or shun a challenge because it's just easier to say "no," think about our Jewish values, our Torah values, and with open hearts and open minds and an open spirit, let's see if we can find a way to make it work.

Elliot L. Stevens



Rabbi Elliot Stevens is the keynote speaker at the State of Alabama Yom HaShoah Commemoration on April 29, 2014 at the State Capital.

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Wednesday, June 4, 10:30 AM, A special "funeral" for the burial of old texts and prayer books. Appropriate for children. A traditional Shavuot dairy meal follows.

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

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

Sunday, August 10, 5:30 PM, For Men's Club Members. Biscuits Day at the Ballpark. \$15 per person. Reservations Required.

Saturday, September 20, 10 AM, Hanah Bloom's Bat Mitzvah.

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

Thursday, September 25, 1 PM, Tashlich at Museum of Fine Arts lake. Bring your own bread!

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

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

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

Friday, September 26, 6 PM, Shabbat Shuvah.

Sunday, September 28, 10:30 AM, Cemetery Memorial Service: Etz Ahayem Cemetery (new section)

Sunday, September 28, 11 AM, Cemetery Memorial Service: Etz Ahayem Cemetery (old section)

Sunday, September 28, 9:30 AM, Cemetery Memorial Service: Eternal Rest Cemetery

Friday, October 3, 7:30 PM, Kol Nidrei Eve.

Saturday, October 4, 10 AM, Yom Kippur Morning.

Saturday, October 4, 12 PM, Rabbi's Discussion.

Saturday, October 4, 2:30 PM, Yom Kippur Children's Service

Saturday, October 4, 3:30 PM, Yom Kippur Service

Saturday, October 4, 4:15 PM (appx.), Healing Service.

Saturday, October 4, 4:45 PM (appx.), Yizkor

[Memorial] Service.

Saturday, October 4, 5:15 PM (appx.), N'ilah [Concluding]

Saturday, October 4, 6:00 PM (appx.), Congregational Break Fast; sponsored by Sisterhood

Wednesday, October 8, 6 PM, Sukkot service. This service will be held outdoors at our TBO sukkah; join us as we celebrate together with worship and a symbolic meal inside our sukkah.

Thursday, October 9, All Day, TBO Office closed for Sukkot.

Wednesday, October 15, 6 PM, Simchat Torah Celebration.

Thursday, October 16, All Day, TBO Office closed for Simchat Torah.

Saturday, November 8, 10 AM, 2014: Catherine Loeb's Bat Mitzvah.

Tuesday, November 25, 7 PM, Joint Thanksgiving Service with First United Methodist Church and Church of the Ascension. Held at Temple Beth Or. Reception follows.



Centipede cake served during the Youth Service on April 4th.

Israeli Movie Night

The Matchmaker (2010)

Tuesday May 20

7:00-9:00 PM

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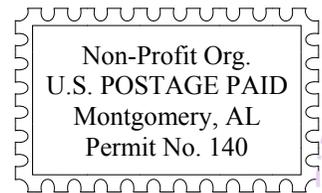
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 5 PM, Family Chavurah "Tot" Shabbat service in the Blachschleger Library - 6 PM, Shabbat Service	3
4 5/4 9:30 AM, Kol Ami Religious School at AIEA. Last day of school. 1:00 - 3:00 PM, Israel Indep. Day, Alabama Activity Center on Dexter Avenue.	5	6	7 Noon, Adult Ed class on Jewish Ethical Dilemmas 5 PM, Sisterhood's closing meeting with wine and hors d'oeuvres at Carol Loeb's home.	8	9 6 PM, Shabbat Service.	10 9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Rabbi Stevens. Light brunch served.
11	12	13 7 PM, JFCA's Sh'lichah's Café Israel at Temple Beth Or hosted by Tzlil Bandy. Learn about Israel through music.	14 Noon, Adult Ed class on Jewish Ethical Dilemmas	15 10 AM, L'Chaim League's annual luncheon event at Carol and Jamie Loeb's home on Lake Martin.	16 6 PM, Shabbat service in the "Classical" style - using Mishkan T'filah and the music of composer Harold Green. Guest speaker will be Author Craig Darch.	17
18 4 PM, Reception and Annual Meeting at 5:00 PM. Reception precedes at 4 PM. Members only	19	20	21 Noon, Adult Ed class on Jewish Ethical Dilemmas	22	23 6 PM, Shabbat Service. TORAH READING AND D'VAR TORAH.	24
25	26	27 5:45 PM, Temple Beth Or Board Meeting.	28 Noon, Adult Ed class on Jewish Ethical Dilemmas	29	30 6 PM, Shabbat Service.	31

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If you have unopened boxes of matzah after Passover, please donate them to the temple to use for praline matzah at Food Festival 2015.
Thank you.

The Jewish Federation of Central Alabama invites you to:
Israeli Programs with our Shlichah Tzili Bandy

 Café Israel February 11, 7:00 PM Israel's health care system Temple Beth Or	 D'var Torah February 21 Agudath Israel Etz Ahayem	 Cinema Israel March 2, 4:00 PM "Footnote" (2010) Agudath Israel Etz Ahayem
March 12, 7:00 PM Guest speaker - Bob Feferman Agudath Israel Etz Ahayem	April 25 Temple Beth Or	May 20, 4:00 PM "The Matchmaker" (2010) Temple Beth OR
May 13, 7:00 PM Music Voyage Temple Beth Or	May 30 Agudath Israel Etz Ahayem	Young Adults Social
 Youth & Israel April 6, 4:30 PM "Someone to run with" Tzili's apartment	 Wine and cheese True restaurant	 When You Fly Birmingham
 in partnership with the Jewish Agency for Israel	June 1, 9:00 AM Nike to Swayback Trail	 March 8, 6:00 PM March 19, 11:00-3:00

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May 4th - celebration of YOM HA-ATZMA-UT - Israel independence day!!!