

Temple Beth Or Bulletin

A VIEW FROM THE BIMAH

October 2014 ~ Tishrei/Cheshvan 5775



“AND YOU SHALL
TEACH THEM
DILIGENTLY TO
YOUR CHILDREN”

As we enter this New Year of 5775 – may it be a year of peace and blessing for us all – one of my great sources of pride and joy is the weekly opportunity to teach at Kol Ami. Kol Ami, if the term is unfamiliar, is the name we have given to Montgomery’s joint Sunday school program, since our religious schools merged about six years ago. “Kol Ami” means “All my people.” Semester by semester our two congregations host the school, which is led with amazing dedication by Lani Ashner and Terri Finkelstein. Rare is the moment as joyous as entering the youngest class and seeing a dozen [mostly happy] small children starting their studies, and it’s hard to think of a more gratifying thing for a rabbi to do than share a provocative discussion with our Confirmation class. Though small, Kol Ami is doing its piece to ensure our Jewish future. You should stop by some time and see what we’re doing.

Education, by the way, is not just for kids. I am a firm believer in life-long Jewish education, which is why I offer as many educational programs as I do.

The importance of education indeed goes all the way back to the Bible, where the Israelites are commanded again and again to study all the laws and commandments they have been taught: “Gather the people – men, women and children, and the strangers in your communities – that they may hear and so learn,” Moses ordered the elders. God’s first charge to Joshua, Moses’s successor as leader of the people, was “Let not this Book of Teaching cease from your lips, but recite it day and night, so that you may

observe faithfully all that is written in it.”

The importance of educating ourselves and our children is self-evident to any reasonable person. It also reflects a religious imperative. In traditional Jewish culture, learning and study came to be regarded as so important that scholars stood out as the elite of society. Not princes; not warriors, but scholars held authority over community organization and activities. Not businessmen, not financiers, but scholars were sought after as the most desirable marriage partners. The highest educational institutions were academies and monasteries, preservers of ancient texts and traditions in a world, after the demise of Rome, which had otherwise gone dark.

Before the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem 2,000 years ago, Jewish communities throughout the Greek Empire had public schools for boys between the ages of seven and thirteen, followed by academies for advanced studies. These schools taught religious texts, and also arithmetic, geometry, logic, astronomy, philosophy and foreign languages. Classes were limited to 25 students; if more students enrolled, an assistant teacher had to be hired. Teachers were advised to seat slow learners near quicker ones, who might help them in their studies. And stress was placed not on punishing students for their failures, but on rewarding students for their accomplishments. What we consider progressive educational techniques even today were already in use 2,000 years ago. Educating our young is among our oldest and proudest traditions, as reflected in this passage from the Book of Chronicles:

“God appeared to Solomon and said to him, ‘Ask what I shall give you.’

“And Solomon said to God, ‘You have shown great kindness to David, my

father, and have made me king in his stead. Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people; for who can judge these your people, that are so great?’

“And God said to Solomon, ‘Because this was in your heart, and you have not asked for riches, wealth or honor, nor for the life of those who hate you, neither have you asked for long life, but for wisdom and knowledge for yourself. . . wisdom and knowledge is granted to you, and I will give you riches, and wealth, and honor, such as none of the kings have had before you, neither shall any after you have the like.’”

And we have sayings like these in writings from that period:

“No one is poor except he who lacks knowledge. A person who has knowledge has everything. A person who lacks knowledge, what has he?”

“An ignorant person cannot be pious; the timid cannot learn; nor can the quick-tempered teach.”

And then there is this saying that dates from just before the time of Jesus: “The world is sustained by three things: By learning, by our work and by deeds of loving-kindness.” Note that learning comes first.

Perhaps Judaism’s core value and insistence on education and literacy goes back to the Torah paragraph that follows the “Sh’ma,” recited at every Jewish worship service – and the line that reads, “. . . and you shall teach them diligently to your children.”

So let us celebrate our children, and our school as a jewel in our community; and as adults, let us add to our bucket list a commitment to learn more about the opportunities we have right here in Montgomery.

Elliot L. Stevens

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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
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*important that you check dates with the
Federation and the Temple for potential
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number is 277-5820 and you can view the
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www.jewishmontgomery.org.*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In order to keep everyone informed, I would like to give an update regarding the potential merger. The small steering committee has met and made a list of those we would like to serve on the initial task forces: ritual/worship, facilities (what we have and what we need), building, governance and finance. These task forces will have an equal number of members from both congregations and they will work to gather information for their specific area. Of course, the time to do this may vary depending on each task force. We may need to have a series of meetings to present the information, but we will keep the congregation informed.

We have decided to wait until after Yom Kippur to ask people to serve on the task forces because it is such a busy time of the year. If you are asked to serve, please say, "YES." We need your valuable talents and want your input. We are keeping these first groups to between 8-10 members, but there will be ample opportunity to be involved as we go on. I am going to make the assumption that Temple Beth Or is very important to you as it is to me and we want to be thorough and careful with this process.

As I have said before, I truly understand that change can be scary and uncomfortable, but that does not mean it is not the best, right thing to do. I ask that we all keep an open mind to the possibility that we can be a stronger community together and that we have a responsibility to plan for the future generations as those before us did. We have been the beneficiaries of their hard work and dedication and I feel we owe the same to those who are the future Jewish community.

On Sunday, October 5th we will have a really fun, purely social event and I hope everyone will attend! It is a community celebration to decorate our sukkah, have lunch together, enjoy some wonderful music and do some art and craft activities on a beautiful fall afternoon. Sukkot is a festival to thank God for the bounty of crops and though we no longer are an agricultural society we certainly have much to be thankful for.

I am particularly thankful for Sharon Berry who took on the responsibility for chairing this event without even blinking and to the Men's Club for taking on the responsibility of coordinating decorating and providing financial support. I will see you there!

May you have a meaningful fast on Yom Kippur.

L'shalom

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.

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On the Yahrzeits of Hilda Shinpaugh and Roy Shinpaugh

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In Memory of Norman Dorosin

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In Memory of Norman Dorosin

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- 28.....Tricia Wool
- 29.....David Weinrib
- 29.....Bruce Lieberman
- 30.....Bill Goolsby
- 30.....Pat Dees

YAHRZEITS

To be read 10/3/2014

- Jerome Levy
- Marie Ullman Levy
- Jennie B. Monsky
- Celia Diskin Neuman
- Mark Sabel
- Sonia Schedrow
- Ella Klein Shwarts
- Esther Ostrov Sklar
- Virginia Loeb Weil
- Dr. Jack Wool

To be read 10/10/2014

- Dorothy Jacobson
- Helene A. Sabel
- Ethel Sandler
- Caroline Moog Strassburger

To be read 10/17/2014

- Kevin Michael Goolsby
- Abe S. Monsky
- Sydelle Strickler
- Helen Jane Uhlman
- Bert Weil

To be read 10/24/2014

- Saul Ginsburg
- Harold Gubin
- Herman "Dick" Loeb, Jr.
- Dr. Bernard Mount
- Julius Rice
- Rae Kreisman Selber

To be read 10/31/2014

- Joseph Eli Capilouto
- Joyce Happ
- Burghardt H. Klein
- Herman Loeb, Sr.
- Dr. Melvin Rosenthal
- Kalman Shwarts, Sr.
- Stuart L. Weissman

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Andy & Lisa Weil
- 8 Joseph & Susan Finklestein
- 13 Elliot & Mae Cohen
- 14 Charles & Monica Kohn
- 21 David & Rebecca Joyner
- 27 Alan & Akiko Bloom
- 30 Stephen & Lynne Weinrib

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings on October 10th.

Saturday, October 11
Shabbat Morning Service

Saturday morning, May 11, 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.



Recent Deaths

Recent Death

Margaret Kathleen Berry ז"ל

September 2, 2014

Mother of David Berry

Recent Death

Norman Dorosin ז"ל

September 8, 2014

Husband of Harriette Dorosin

SISTERHOOD

September was a very full month for Sisterhood. We began our year with an opening dinner at the home of Lisa Weil. Dinner was delicious and the evening enjoyed by all late into the night as we gazed up at the largest moon. Bette Sue Strasburger and Corinne Capilouto hosted another beautiful Rosh Hashanah reception. Thanks to all who helped prepare trays, set tables and baked and to Lisa Weil for the gorgeous flower arrangement. Apples and honey were served following services on Rosh Hashanah morning by Diana Lacey to wish everyone a sweet New Year.

Remember our annual Carnegie Deli Cheesecake Fund Raiser is underway. These cheesecakes make wonderful holiday gifts for friends, family, teachers and business associates. What an easy way to shop and support Sisterhood at the same time. There is an order form in this bulletin as well as in the Temple office. Please share on Facebook with all of your friends. If you have any questions, contact Lisa Weil or Marlene Beringer.

Harriette Dorosin is waiting for your dues if you have not mailed them to her. You may also take them to the Temple. Sisterhood would not run so smoothly without our Vice

Presidents Joy Kaplan and Susan Finklestein. They filled all committee chairs, which is a sign of commitment not only to the Temple but to these women as well. When a chair for an event calls you for help, I hope you say yes so we can continue all of the good work we do for the Temple.

I wish you a Healthy Happy New Year filled with love and peace and commitment!

Karen Goldstein
Sisterhood President

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FROM THE LIBRARY

More books from the Jewish Book Council purchase:

Bessie's Pillow: A Young Immigrant's Journey (based on a true story) by Linda Bress Silbert (568 SIL 2014)

The Kiss: A Novel by Scott E. Blumenthal (568 BLU 2013)

The Angel of Losses: A Novel by Stephanie Feldman (560 FEL 2014)

A Bintel Brief: Love and Longing in Old New York (a graphic novel) by Liana Finck (569 FIN 2014)

Living a Real Life with Real Food: How to Get Healthy, Lose Weight, and Stay Energized – the Kosher

Way by Beth Warren, MS, RD, CDN (699.3 WAR 2014)

Strings Attached: One Tough Teacher and the Gift of Great Expectations by Joanne Lipman and Melanie Kupchynsky (799.77 KUP 2013)

The Pat Boone Fan Club: My Life as a White Anglo-Saxon Jew by Sue William Silverman (799.77 SIL 2014)

Granpa's Third Drawer: Unlocking Holocaust Memories written and illustrated by Judy Tal Kopelman (children's book – JUV 560.736 KOP 2014)

Eric A. Kidwell, MLS

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L'CHAIM LEAGUE

On Tuesday, October 28th at 12 noon, for our Opening Luncheon, the L'Chaim League will host Guest Speaker, Susan Willis, Alabama Shakespeare Festival. Please RSVP by Oct. 21st. Cost for lunch is \$10 per person.

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Sunday, October 5, 12-3 pm

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This is not just any songfest; the awesome music is led by international performer Jilla Webb, accompanied by Kurt McKinney. Once heard, never forgotten.

The joyous holiday of Sukkot represents Judaism's fall harvest festival. Open to all in the Jewish community at no charge; membership not required. Come reunite with old friends and establish new friendships.

For more information and to RSVP, contact Sharon Berry:
262-3314, ext 223, or daberry40@netscape.net

See page 6 for entertainer's bios.

TURIA AND PETE – SINGING DUO TO CO-LEAD SERVICE ON OCTOBER 17

Join us for a service featuring our very own soprano, Turia Stark Williams, and baritone, Pete Hitchcock. They will join Rabbi Stevens in presenting a contemporary service – accompanied by keyboardist Joel Gregory – including duets to warm our hearts and touch our spirits. It should be an amazing 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.



Pete Hitchcock, baritone, and his wife Pam recently joined our congregation, having moved from Columbus, Ohio. Pete, Assistant Vice President and Life Product Actuary with Alfa Insurance, has extensive experience with community and congregational choirs and other ensembles, and looks forward to sharing his talents here in Montgomery.

*Bios of entertainers for the Sukkah decorating event on October 5th.
See page 5 for more information.*

JILLA WEBB has performed at venues from the Emmy Awards Show to the Ryman Theater in Nashville, all the major casinos up and down the Las Vegas strip, USO tours, and touring productions across the globe. Jilla is one of those performers you remember! She blends her own powerful yet sultry vocal style to big band swing and traditional jazz, blues and rock. A few of the artists Jilla has shared a stage with include Wayne Newton, Maria Muldar, Neil McCoy, Rascal Flatts, Lee Ann Womack, Charlie Craig, and Bruce Innes of One Tin Soldier fame.

Jilla was also the voice of many national commercials and soundtracks airing on NBC, ABC, FOX, CBS, and the WB. She was the voice of Regis and Kathy Lee, Candid Camera, Dharma and Greg, Hawaiian Air, Rosie O'Donnell, and Must See TV just to mention a few.

Her mother, Jilla Webb (Sr.) lead vocalist for the Harry James Orchestra, passed on the gift of the Great American Songbook to Jilla. For her third CD release, Jilla recorded a CD of her mother's charts from the Harry James Orchestra that is available on iTunes. Jilla is excited to carry on the musical legacy her mother began in the 1940's, and is proudly connecting the generations with this wonderful music.

KURT MCKINNEY has been a professional musician for 25 years, and was also the owner of Treasure House Studios in Montgomery Al for over a decade. During his remarkable career, Kurt has recorded, produced and performed on numerous CDs for artists around the world. Among these are Twista, Ying Yang Twins and DJ Smurf, Tribe of Judah, Dirty, John Adam Murph, Hennessee, and the Alabama Gravy Soppers. In addition to these accomplishments, Kurt wrote and arranged the score for the movie "Southern Heart," and the theme song for "Chain Reaction," a children's program.

Playing festivals and large music venues around the Southeast, Kurt has performed with Allen Sloan of the Dixie Dregs, Bill Dickens, Bruce Carroll, Jack White, John Adam Murph, Tribe of Judah, Kevin Sport, Sons of March and Audio Waiting. He has also shared the stage with David Allen Coe, Shenendoah, Jodie Messina, 4 Play, Steve Azar and many others.

Kurt has released two of his own CDs. "Noel", a CD of jazz Christmas music, and "Images", comprised of original Jazz/World music. Receiving frequent airplay on college and Internet radio, his music has gotten rave reviews and worldwide critical acclaim. Currently Kurt is working on a third solo CD, and is combining talents with vocalist Jilla Webb for a fourth CD project. These CD's will further display his incredible talent, and passion for that universal language – music!

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HIGH HOLY DAY INFORMATION

2014/5775 High Holy Day Service Times

Wednesday, September 24

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

Thursday, September 25

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

Friday, September 26

Shabbat Shuvah 6:00 PM

Sunday, September 28

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

Friday, October 3

Kol Nidrei Eve 7:30 PM

Saturday, October 4

Yom Kippur Morning 10:00 AM
 Rabbi's Discussion 12:00 PM
 Children's Service 2:30 PM
 Afternoon Service 3:30 PM
 Healing service, co-led with
 Turia Stark Williams 4:15 PM
 Memorial Service 5:00 PM
 Concluding Service 5:30 PM
 Break Fast sponsored by Sisterhood 6:15 PM

Wednesday, October 8

Sukkot service 6 PM

Wednesday, October 15

Simchat Torah Service 6 PM

TASHLICH - AT THE POND ON ROSH HASHAHAN

Join us for Tashlich ["casting off"] at 1:00 p.m. on Rosh Hashanah afternoon as we symbolically cast off our sins into the waters at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts – accompanied by a blast of the great shofar. Tashlich, a brief ceremony, is based on Micah 7:18-20: "You will cast all their sins into the depths of the sea." Bring your own bread of any kind [multigrain for complex sins; waffles for sins of indecision; pumpnickel for dark sins, sourdough for ill-temperedness, etc.].



THE PRAYERS THAT MOVE US AND TOUCH THE SOUL SERMONS FOR THE DAYS OF AWE

As Jews around the world gather in September to usher in the New Year 5775, we will once again join in reciting the ancient prayers that have moved us through the ages to repent, to forgive, to thank and to commit ourselves to living by a new moral compass. The beautiful and sometimes haunting melodies of "Kol Nidrei," "Avinu Malkeinu," "Al Cheit" and "Un'taneh Tokef" will inspire us and (hopefully) resonate within us through the year ahead.

This year, Rabbi Stevens will devote his sermons to exploring the grand themes of our Holy Day liturgy – not so much on their history, but on what moves us and the spiritual insights that sustain us as they have sustained Jews for so many years.

Under the general heading "The Prayers that Move Us and Touch the Soul," the sermon topics will be:

- Rosh Hashanah evening: "The Core Teachings of High Holy Days"
- Rosh Hashanah morning: "Avinu Malkinu"
- Shabbat Shuvah: "Un'taneh Tokef"
- Yom Kippur evening: "Kol Nidrei"
- Yom Kippur morning: "Al Cheit"
- Yom Kippur Memorial Service: "Yizkor"

HIGH HOLY HOLIDAYS - SOCIAL CONCERNS

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

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

The Social Concerns Committee carries out the following: collecting "bedtime bundles" for Child Protect, supports respite care at First United Methodist Church, outreach to people in need, and ad hoc responses to community emergencies. We also have our own Care Committee which helps Temple members in need. Please be generous! For questions, call Corinne C. Capilouto, 271-1089.



Shabbat Service on Friday, September 19th to include changing of the Torah covers for the High Holy Day services

A SERVICE FOR HEALING ON YOM KIPPUR

For the first time, this year's services on Yom Kippur will include a Healing Service, on Yom Kippur, Saturday afternoon, October 4. The service will be co-led by Rabbi Stevens and Turia Stark Williams.

Healing

Healing services are not magic. In Judaism, healing services can provide solace, comfort, a sense of direction, spiritual growth and inner peace. Healing services are informal and personal, often involving guided meditation, chant, silences, soul searching and spiritually uplifting prayers and readings, including meditative music. It is an experience unlike any other, and without the choreography that typifies a more traditional-type service.



This year's Yom Kippur healing service will follow the Afternoon Service on October 4.



Yom Kippur

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

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

SUKKOT

Wednesday ● October 8 ● 6 PM

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.

Learn how to shake the lulav and etrog!



SIMCHAT TORAH

Wednesday ● October 15 ● 6 PM

Simchat Torah service will be held in the Baylinson Social Hall of Temple Beth Or.



See the sukkah decorating event on page 5.

RABBI'S ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM, 2014 – 2015

Rabbi Stevens has selected four major themes for this year's Adult Education programs – each on a Tuesday during the lunch hour – beginning at the end of August and continuing into May.

The four themes are: THE JEWISH VIEWS OF GOD; INTRODUCTION TO ISLAM; SURVEY OF JEWISH MYSTICISM, and JEWISH SEXUAL VALUES.

In addition, Rabbi Stevens invites us to DIP OUR TOES INTO THE SEA OF TALMUD with a nine-session class on Thursday mornings [8:00 a.m.], running late August into mid-February.

JOIN US for the joy of learning and fellowship. No prior experience necessary! (See the August bulletin for the complete listings.)

CLASS I: FINDING GOD: A NEW ADULT EDUCATION SERIES ON THE JEWISH VIEWS OF GOD

Judaism has never developed a creed that defines Jewish belief. Focusing instead on how we live our lives, Judaism has always left matters of belief up to the individual. As a result, through the ages Jewish philosophers and theologians have offered many schools of thought. In their diversity of approaches no one theology "defines" Judaism, yet each has its followers, and many of us who search for meaning and a belief we can call our own find that one or more of our great philosophers speaks to us in profound ways.

This class will cover six approaches, each on a Tuesday at 12:00 noon, starting August 26. Feel free to bring some lunch – we'll provide the iced tea!

Tuesday 10/7	Noon	God IV, Kabbalah, Hassidism
Thursday 10/9	8:00 a.m.	Talmud
Tuesday 10/21	Noon	God V, Existentialism
Thursday 10/30	8:00 a.m.	Talmud
Tuesday 11/4	Noon	God VI, Modern Jewish Thought
Tuesday 11/18	Noon	Islam I
Thursday 11/20	8:00 a.m.	Talmud



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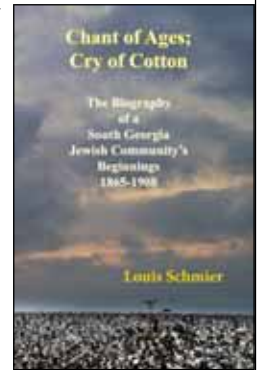
Thursday • October 16 • 7 PM

The Jewish community in Valdosta, Georgia, has been praying in a synagogue since 1920; formally organized as a congregation in 1908; and has celebrated religious services continually since 1894. All that began at Valdosta's "Sim Smith's

Corner" in 1866 with the arrival of a Confederate veteran, Abraham Ehrlich. His family, along with the Engels and Marks families who followed, were the hitherto "three lost Jewish families." Their untold story challenges the image of the persecuted Jew in the South. Relying heavily both on their own words and those of their Gentile neighbors, an intricate, warm, intimate, and human saga unfolds. You'll peek over their shoulders at work, play, and prayer as they become respected and revered prominent members of the town's society and contributors to its post-Civil War recovery and growth. In these pages, you'll see a more humane, kinder, more receptive, more accepting, more hospitable, and gentler Georgia than is usually supposed. And as such, reading this tale is more of an experience than just a casual read.

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

Books are available for purchase now for \$ 17.00. Contact Gina Friday at 262-3314 if you would like to purchase an advance copy.



TEMPLE'S BLACHSCHLEGER LIBRARY LAUNCHES ANNUAL LECTURE SERIES

FIRST SPEAKER TO BE ROD FRAZER, NOVEMBER 13 • 7 PM

Dr. Nimrod [Rod] Frazer, noted business leader and historian, will speak on Thursday evening, November 13, in the Blachschleger Library. His presentation is set for 7:00 p.m., and will be preceded by light refreshments. The Blachschleger Library is named for Rabbi Eugene Blachschleger, who served Temple Beth Or for 30 years until his death in 1965. Joan Loeb, chair of the Temple's Library Committee, created the new lecture series to help promote awareness of and interest in the Library.

Dr. Frazer's program will have particular interest for our Temple. His new book *Send the Alabamians* is a masterful account of Alabama's 167th Infantry Regiment that served in France during the final year of World War I. One of the great heroes of that regiment was Julian Strassburger, a member of TBO, who was killed during ferocious fighting outside of Paris.

Rod Frazer is a retirement investment banker and formerly CEO of Enstar. He earned his MBA at Harvard and was awarded the Silver Star for his military

service in Korea. His research on the famous Rainbow Division of WWI – of which the 167th Alabama was part – stems from his father's stories. Books will be available for signing and purchase, and the program is open to the public without





This Rosh Hashana, let's look past our labels and work together as **one people** - for a truly sweet new year.

This past summer we counted. The number of rockets hitting Israel. The number of sirens. The number of seconds Israelis had to get to shelters...

But when you add it all up, there's really just a single number. One. However we label ourselves, we are one Jewish people, one family. And, today, our unity is more essential than ever.

Because of the generosity of caring friends like you, we were on the ground, aiding the people of Israel within minutes of the first attack. And, it is your ongoing support that allows us to continue to help our people whenever and wherever there is a need.

For decades, the Jewish Federation of Central Alabama has worked to ensure the continuity, connectivity and thriving future of our community here in Central Alabama, in Israel and in 70 countries throughout the world. We believe in the strength of our people ... and in the power of our community, and, as the High Holidays approach, we continue to be inspired by the ancient wisdom that we are all responsible for one another. Together, we will continue to build on many years of generosity and caring to make a difference in the world.

Shana Tova from our family at the Jewish Federation of Central Alabama to you and yours.

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Anna Bern, Executive Director, The Jewish Federation of Central Alabama

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Mark the date!

**TBO 12th Annual Food Festival & Treasure Market
Sunday, February 22, 2015**

Volunteering for helping with the Annual Food Festival is the best way for congregants to get involved in Temple life! Work for preparation occurs on just about every day of the week at various times of the year. We urge you to get involved and be a part of this energized group of Temple members! Please contact Karen Goldstein (kackaboo@gmail.com or 265-1145) or Jenny Ives (jjives@charter.net or 263-4984) for volunteering opportunities.



Beginning August 4th, 2014, we will be accepting items for the 2015 Collectible/Treasure Market. The following items are on our wish list for the 2015 and may be brought to the Temple Tuesday – Friday of any week. Please call the Temple office for assistance. Unfortunately, we will not be able to have a pick-up service this year.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Furniture - in good condition• Sterling silver jewelry• Costume jewelry• Ladies' Accessories Hats, Scarves, Evening Bags• Lamps• Paintings & pictures• Wall Hangings | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Picture Frames• China, Glasses, Crystal, Dishes, Flatware (not chipped), (sets of four or more)• Appliances• Electronics• Books• Buttons & fabric |
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Please donate large box television sets to another charity of your choice. We cannot sell these items and have difficulty removing the TV's from the Temple. Please be sure all items are clean and in good condition.

Thank you!

Jenny Ives,
2015 Food Festival Chair

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).

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Future Events

Tuesday, November 4, 12 PM, ADULT EDUCATION: Rabbi's class on "God in Modern Jewish Thought."

Thursday, November 13, 7 PM, Blachschleger Library Annual Lecture Series' guest speaker is Rod Frazer, author of SEND THE ALABAMIANS. Come and hear about the Temple connection in the book. Light refreshments.

Friday, November 14, 6 PM, Shabbat service led by Temple Beth Or youth (grades 4-10). Family dinner to follow service.

Saturday, November 15, 9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Rabbi Stevens. Light brunch served.

Tuesday, November 18, 11:45 AM, L'Chaim League's Annual Community Outreach Thanksgiving Luncheon & Bingo at Capital Heights Place Senior Home.

Tuesday, November 18, 12 PM, ADULT EDUCATION: Rabbi's class on Islam, Part I.

Thursday, November 20, 8 AM, ADULT EDUCATION: Rabbi's class on readings in Talmud.

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.

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

Tuesday, December 2, 12 PM, ADULT EDUCATION: Rabbi's class on Islam, Part II.

Tuesday, December 2, 5:45 PM, Temple Beth Or Board Meeting.

Tuesday, December 9, Noon, L'Chaim League luncheon and book review by Rabbi Stevens of "I'm God; You're Not" by Lawrence Kushner.

Thursday, December 11, 8 AM, ADULT EDUCATION: Rabbi's class on readings in Talmud.

Friday, December 12, 5 PM, Family Chavurah "Tot" Shabbat service in the Blachschleger Library - suitable for children of all ages.

Tuesday, December 16, Noon, ADULT EDUCATION: Rabbi's class on Islam, Part III.

Friday, December 19, 6 PM, Chanukah family service and dinner with Rabbi Stevens. Service will begin in Sanccturay then follow with dinner in Social Hall. Reservations will be needed for dinner portion. More information to follow.

Saturday, December 20, 9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Rabbi Stevens. Light brunch served.

Tuesday, December 23, 5:45 PM, Temple Beth Or Board Meeting.

Friday, December 26, 6 PM, Shabbat Service. TORAH READING AND D'VAR TORAH.

Tuesday, January 6, Noon, ADULT EDUCATION: Rabbi's class on "Mysticism in the Bible."

Thursday, January 8, 8 AM, ADULT EDUCATION: Rabbi's class on readings in Talmud.

Friday, January 9, 5 PM, Family Chavurah "Tot" Shabbat service in the Blachschleger Library - suitable for children of all ages.

Thursday, January 15, 7 PM, Guest Speaker: Steven Pressman, author of 50 CHILDREN: ONE ORDINARY AMERICAN COUPLE'S EXTRAORDINARY RESCUE MISSION INTO THE HEART OF NAZI GERMANY. Sponsored by the Rothschild-Blachschleger Lecture Series.

Tuesday, January 20, Noon, ADULT EDUCATION: Rabbi's

class on "Early Kabbalah."

Saturday, January 24, 10 AM, Catherine Loeb's Bat Mitzvah.

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

Thursday, January 29, 8 AM, ADULT EDUCATION: Rabbi's class on readings in Talmud.

Friday, January 30, 6 PM, Sisterhood Shabbat. Soloist Turia Stark Williams. A reception will precede service at 5:15 PM.

Tuesday, February 3, Noon, ADULT EDUCATION: Rabbi's class on "Lurianic Kabbalah."

Friday, February 13, 5 PM, Family Chavurah "Tot" Shabbat service in the Blachschleger Library - suitable for children of all ages.

Tuesday, February 17, Noon, ADULT EDUCATION: Rabbi's class on "Mysticism in the Zohar."

Thursday, February 19, 8 AM, ADULT EDUCATION: Rabbi's class on readings in Talmud.

Friday, February 20, 6 PM, Shabbat service. Turia Stark Williams will sing from the bimah. Congregational Shabbat Dinner following Service.

Saturday, February 21, 9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Rabbi Stevens. Light brunch served.

Sunday, February 22, 9 AM - 3 PM, 2015: Temple Beth Or's 12th Annual Food Festival.

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

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

Tuesday, March 3, Noon, ADULT EDUCATION: Rabbi's class on "Hassidic Mysticism."

Wednesday, March 4, 6 PM, Purim Service - Costumes (adults, too!), Purim Pranks, the famous Megillah and Hamentaschen! In the TBO Library.

Friday, March 13, 6 PM, Huntingdon College Night Shabbat Service and reception.

Tuesday, March 17, Noon, ADULT EDUCATION: Rabbi's class on "Contemporary Jewish Mysticism."

Friday, March 20, 5 PM, Family Chavurah "Tot" Shabbat service in the Blachschleger Library - suitable for children of all ages.

Saturday, March 21, 9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Rabbi Stevens. Light brunch served.

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

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

Tuesday, March 31, 12 PM, ADULT EDUCATION: Rabbi's class on "Jewish Sexual Values: Basic Principles."

Friday, April 3, 6 PM, First Seder. Seating will begin at 5:30 PM, with the service to begin promptly at 6:00. Shabbat worship: 5:15 - 5:45 PM.

Tuesday, April 14, 12 pm, ADULT EDUCATION: Rabbi's class on "Sexual Values in Jewish Law."

Friday, April 17, 6 PM, Shabbat service led by Temple Beth Or youth (grades 4-9). Family dinner to follow service.

Saturday, April 18, 9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Rabbi Stevens. Light brunch served.

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

Tuesday, April 28, 12 PM, ADULT EDUCATION: Rabbi's class on "Contemporary Issues I in Jewish Sexual Values.

Tuesday, April 28, 5:45 PM, Temple Beth Or Board Meeting.

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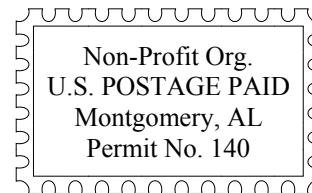
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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				8 AM, ADULT EDUCATION: Rabbi's class on readings in Talmud.	7:30 PM, Kol Nidrei Eve.	10 AM, YK Morning 12 PM, Discussion. 2:30 PM, Children's 3:30 PM, Afternoon 4:15 PM, Healing 5 PM Memorial 5:30 PM, Concluding Service followed by Break Fast
5 9:30 AM, Kol Ami at AIEA Noon, Decorating of the sukkah. Jewish Community invited, hosted by TBO. Live music and activities.	6	7 12 PM, ADULT EDUCATION: Rabbi's class on "Kabbalah, Hassidism."	8 6 PM Sukkot service	9 TBO office closed for Sukkot.	10 6 PM Shabbat Service	11 9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Rabbi Stevens. Light brunch served.
12 9:30 AM, No School - Columbus Day,	13	14	15 6 PM, Simchat Torah Celebration.	16 TBO office closed for Simchat Torah. 7 PM, Guest Speaker: Louis Schmier, author of CHANT OF AGES; CRY OF COTTON.	17 5 PM, "Tot" Shabbat service in the Blachschleger Library 6 PM, Shabbat service. Turia Stark Williams and TBO member Pete Hitchcock will sing from the bimah.	18
19 9:30 AM, Kol Ami Religious School, Agudath Israel*Etz Ahayem	20	21 12 PM, ADULT EDUCATION: Rabbi's class on "Jewish Existentialism."	22	23	24 6 PM, Shabbat Service. TORAH READING AND D'VAR TORAH.	25
26 9:30 AM, Kol Ami Religious School, Agudath Israel*Etz Ahayem	27	28 Noon, L'Chaim League's Opening Luncheon at Temple Beth Or with guest speaker Susan Willis of ASF. 5:45 PM, Temple Beth Or Board Meeting.	29	30 8 AM, ADULT EDUCATION: Rabbi's class on readings in Talmud.	31 6 PM Shabbat Service	

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

Thursday, October 9th (Sukkot)
Thursday, October 16th (Simchat Torah)



<p>FAMILY FRIENDLY SERVICES especially for babies, toddlers, kids, moms, dads and grandparents too!</p>	<p>5:00 - 5:30 PM in the Library</p> <p>October 17 December 12 January 9 February 13 March 20 May 15</p>
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