

Temple Beth Or Bulletin

A VIEW FROM THE BIMAH

November 2014 ~ Cheshvan/Kislev 5775



One of the great joys of my rabbinate is having the opportunity to teach our children. Though our school is small – fewer than 30 students – the small classes enable us to know the students and engage them in good discussion.

This year, Rabbi Kramer and I are teaching both our 8th grade as well as Confirmation class (9th and 10th grade), switching off every few weeks through the school year. As I write this, I am planning a 9-session sequence for our 8th grade students on the Holocaust. We will be covering such topics as the origins and history of anti-Semitism; social Darwinism; the rise of Nazism; the ghetto and camp experiences; world reactions, and the post-war aftermath. I will also be introducing terms such as “Judenraten” [the Jewish Councils], Einsatzgruppen and Kristallnacht.

Kristallnacht – the “Night of Broken Glass” – occurred on the night of November 9-10, 1938, and marked the major transition from Germany’s policy of social and economic exclusion to the overt violence that ultimately led to the “Final Solution.” On that night, by pre-arrangement and based on a pretext,

Nazi-led mobs throughout Germany destroyed hundreds of synagogues and Jewish-owned businesses, shocking the world with their explosion of anti-Semitic wrath. Those who hoped that the whole thing would blow over were finally convinced that the Nazis meant what they said but, as we know, for most of those who tried to leave it was already too late.

When I teach about the Holocaust, certain questions always arise: Is the Holocaust unique? How is it different from other genocides? What can we learn that might apply to today’s world, in terms of Islamic extremists who continue to use Nazi-style propaganda – and their great success in inculcating anti-Semitic attitudes throughout the Islamic world and most of Europe?

I sometimes hear that we shouldn’t devote as much time as we do to the Holocaust. I hear that times have changed, and Judaism should not be defined by the most negative part of our history. I hear that if we want to retain our young people, we should accentuate the positive, because learning about the Holocaust will only turn them away.

The more I learn about rising anti-Semitism in Europe and here in America – an anti-Semitism that is real and

increasingly virulent and violent, especially in Europe and the former Soviet Union – the more I’m convinced that the Holocaust experience is an iconic part of our history, and is indeed a definitional part of what it is to be Jewish. Judaism has so much to teach the world that is positive, meaningful, beautiful and engaging, but the Holocaust affects us all, and must not just be shoved aside into history’s dustbin.

I sometimes ask my students – whether in Sunday School or an adult class – if they think the Nazis and what the Nazis did was inhuman. They always agree, until I point out that they were all too human. Given the right context, including economic and social pressure and stereotypes, who can guarantee that we would be different? Hitler’s inner circle included a number of Ph.D.’s; they were not stupid people. How many of us can guarantee that we wouldn’t be like those who *knew*, but stood aside and never spoke out?

I will be teaching about Kristallnacht just about on the anniversary of the fateful event, 76 years ago, in what until then had been a learned, civilized, cultured community. I will teach about the lost young man, Herschel Grynspan, who was studying in Paris when he heard that his family had been violently uprooted from their home in Poland – along with 16,000 other unfortunates – and shipped off to the Polish border where they were held in misery for days before crossing the border. We will learn how Grynspan marched into the German Embassy in Paris, gun in hand, and shot the first German he saw – a low-level consular official named Ernst von Rath, who wasn’t even a Nazi. Herschel couldn’t know that his family would mostly survive the war, even as his act became the pretext for the explosion of violence throughout Germany. Thousands of books were

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Joint Thanksgiving Service with
First United Methodist Church

Tuesday, November 25th • 7 PM
at Temple Beth Or

(see page 6 for details)



Saturday, November 15
Shabbat Morning Service

Saturday morning, November 15, 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
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*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.*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have had a very busy holiday season with some new additions that added meaning (Healing service) and fun (Sukkah decorating event) to our traditional observances. Of course, there are many people to thank and at the risk of leaving someone out, I do want to acknowledge all that Rabbi Stevens, Gina Friday, Marlon Cotton, Dr. French and the choir, Sisterhood and Men's Club do and did to once again make everything special.

Soon we will be hosting the annual Thanksgiving Service and having our friends from First United Methodist Church and Church of the Ascension join us here at Temple Beth Or. This is always a lovely service of thanks and welcoming our neighbors – please put Tuesday, November 25th on your calendar to be here. We will have a lovely reception afterward and Sisterhood would welcome your help. Please call Susan Bernstein at 281-4340 to volunteer.

By the time we host the Thanksgiving Service we are scheduled to have the new HVAC system completely installed. Many thanks to Jamie Loeb for continuing to work with AMCO to stay on track with this major project for us. We are looking forward to having it finished.

I want to assure you that your Board of Directors is always working for you and Temple Beth Or. We are very aware of financial considerations and try hard to be very fiscally responsible. This is our religious home and I want us all to feel like family here, but there is no getting away from the fact that there is a business aspect to running the Temple and we want to do it well.

It would be wonderful if I never had to bring up the subject of need for additional revenue, but that is not the reality of our situation. I would like to ask each of you to consider a raise in your pledge, especially if you have not done so in some time. Even a modest increase across the membership could be significant. Another way to benefit Temple Beth Or and help provide for a stable and strong future is to make a bequest in your will. I encourage all of our younger families to do this and ask all of our more mature members not to wait to do it. I truly believe we have a responsibility to and for future generations. Lastly, it is not too early to consider making an End of Year gift to the Temple. For many, the stock market has done exceedingly well and that may be the perfect way to increase your pledge. Whatever way you may choose, I sincerely ask for and thank you for your generous support.

The weather is cooler, the leaves will be changing and maybe we will be wearing sweaters soon – at least we can hope! I love autumn with all the colors and fall foods. There is SO much to be thankful for; not the least of which is family, both immediate and extended. I wish each of you a wonderful Thanksgiving with many blessings.

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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*In Memory of Betty Bloom
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Recent Death

Amelia "Betty" Bloom ז"ל

October 14, 2014



Mother of Patricia Dees and
Hal Bloom, Jr.

L'CHAIM LEAGUE

*In Memory of Betty Bloom
Joan Loeb*

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

*In Loving Memory of Adelle Ray
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*On the Yahrzeits of Jerome Levy and
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SOCIAL CONCERNS

*For the beautiful Rosh Hashanah
services
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NOV BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Alan Rothfeder
- 4 Bob Goldberg
- 7 Rick Beringer
- 8 Marlene Beringer
- 8 Adam Schloss
- 10 Gaby Capp
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NOV ANNIVERSARIES

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

Yahrzeits

To be read 11/7/2014

- Isaac Capelouto
- Herman Dubin
- Rhoda Dubin
- Phyllis Franco
- Emily Hurt
- Terri Berlin Meredith
- Marilyn Sussman
- Harry Stiller

To be read 11/14/2014

- Irving R. Bean
- Theresa G. Bernstein
- Inez Greene
- Bertha Kaufman
- Samuel Kaufman
- Jeannette Nyman

To be read 11/21/2014

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

To be read 11/28/2014

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

**Birthday and
Anniversary Blessings
on October 10th.**

SISTERHOOD

Sisterhood had an extremely busy October celebrating holidays beginning with Yom Kippur all the way through Simchat Torah. Susan Finklestein chaired our annual Break Fast with the help of Alison Williamson and several other members. This has become an event that we all look forward to sharing. As we enter the social hall after fasting all day, an array of delicacies awaits for all to enjoy.

Sukkot followed Yom Kippur and we gathered outside for service and refreshment. The weather was perfect as we participated in this fall festival amongst the beautifully decorated sukkah. Susan once again in her effortless way had fall treats and drinks for everyone to enjoy. Simchat Torah followed the next week and we sang and danced sharing the Torah. Thanks to Betty Goldberg for being such a gracious hostess.

Once again, our Cheesecake Fundraiser was a huge success. Lisa Weil and Marlene Beringer do an incredible job spreading the word to the entire Montgomery community. Everyone looks forward to having their cheesecakes for Thanksgiving and their holiday gifts ready for delivery. The money raised is always a great resource so that Sisterhood can continue to contribute the Temple.

Our biggest event for the year is happening Tuesday November 25th. We are hosting our annual joint Thanksgiving service with First United Methodist Church and Church of the Ascension. This will be the first time that Temple has hosted all three congregations. I know that we can count on each and every one of you and we need all of you to make this a special night. Susan Bernstein is chairing the reception so please let her know that she can count on you.

As we begin our New Year, let us all be thankful for each other, our Temple and the opportunity to serve, whenever and wherever. We are all a vital part of Temple Beth Or.

Karen Goldstein
Sisterhood President

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L'CHAIM LEAGUE

Tuesday, Nov. 18th @ 11:45 a.m.:
The L'Chaim League's Annual Community Outreach Thanksgiving Luncheon & Bingo at Capital Heights Place II Senior Home, 149 South Panama Street, Montgomery. This event is a special time every year when we give back to the Montgomery community. The residents enjoy the opportunity to socialize with our volunteers, enjoy a wonderful holiday lunch, and a fun afternoon of Bingo and prizes. Please take this opportunity to remember the less fortunate of our greater community and if you cannot physically volunteer, please consider donating some items listed below. Thank you for your generous donations.

We will serve the residents lunch at 12 noon, followed by a fun afternoon of Bingo. In order to make this event successful we are asking for volunteers to cook, bake desserts, set-up and serve lunch, clean up and donate prizes for Bingo.

Donations Needed for Bingo Prizes for both Men & Women:

- Unused perfume and cologne
- Hats, scarves, gloves
- Large print books
- pens, paper pads, stationary
- Lotions, soap, Kleenex, toiletry items
- Razors, shaving cream
- Holiday knick-knacks, etc.

*Please drop the Bingo prizes off to

the L'Chaim League office at the temple prior to Friday, Nov. 14th.

To volunteer for this event, please contact the L'Chaim League.

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FROM THE LIBRARY

As we continue with the holiday season and look toward Thanksgiving, we thought we would highlight some of our culinary titles (plus one Jewish Thanksgiving children's book) in this month's column.

Rivka's First Thanksgiving by Elsa Okon Rael with illustrations by Maryann Kovalski (Juv 285 RAE 2011)

The World of Jewish Desserts: More Than 400 Delectable Recipes from Jewish Communities from Alsace to India by Gil Marks (699.9 MAR 2000)

Kosher Light: Your Traditional Jewish Favorites Cooked Healthy by Zillah Bahar (699.3 BAH 1998)

Quiches, Kugels, and Couscous: My Search for Jewish Cooking in France (200 Recipes and Their Stories) by Joan Nathan (699.2 NAT 2010)

The Book of Jewish Food: An Odyssey from Samarkand to New York with More Than 800 Ashkenazi and Sephardi Recipes by Claudia Roden (699 ROD 1996)

The Children's Jewish Holiday Kitchen: 70 Fun Recipes for You and Your Kids from the Author of Jewish Cooking in America by Joan Nathan with illustrations by Brooke Scudder (699.1 NAT)

Living a Real Life with Real Food: How to Get Healthy, Lose Weight, and Stay Energized – the Kosher Way by Beth Warren (699.3 WAR 2014)

Eric A. Kidwell, MLS

burned in huge bonfires, along with hundreds of Torah scrolls; thousands of Jews were herded up and sent off to the first brutal Nazi work camps.

And to top it all off, the Nazis then fined the Jewish community 1 billion reichsmarks to pay for the damages – damages which were never repaired.

Two things come to mind at this point.

One is that elusive word “civilization”: German civilization was renowned – with many great philosophers and musicians and artists and scientists and literary figures and Nobel Prize winners – but that civilization proved to be a veneer, and a thin one at that. What happened there could indeed happen again; it could happen here, I fear, and our vigilance remains, I am convinced, crucial

Second, at a time when the last survivors are passing from the scene and Holocaust deniers are multiplying websites and pseudo-research more than ever, we must keep the memory alive. The Holocaust was unique – the only time in all of human history, so far as I know, when an entire state apparatus focused on the destruction of a people *everywhere* as a matter of state policy. But knowing what individuals and regimes are capable of, remembering can't be enough: If we see an injustice, WE have a sacred obligation to intervene. “Do not stand idly by the blood of your neighbor,” we read in Leviticus. Above all, therefore, the memory of a night like Kristallnacht calls upon us to be not only vigilant, but even more to be proactive on behalf of all who suffer injustice, as one of our core Jewish values.

Elliot L. Stevens

BEDTIME BUNDLES



For the 7th year we will be collecting bedtime items for Child Protect during November and December. Please put your purchases which must be new and unused in the playpen in the Temple lobby beginning in early November.

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

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

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

Louisa Weinrib
262-6155

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:

**November 12, Sommer's Place
[7972 Vaughn Road]]**

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

UNMARKED PACKAGES

Under no circumstances should unmarked packages be left outside the Temple. Please leave a visible message on the outside of the package with your name or call the Temple office and leave a message. In this day and age we have to remain vigilant and cautious and unmarked packages thwart those efforts.

JOYOUS INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE SET FOR NOVEMBER 25

TBO Welcomes Andrew Thayer, Incoming Rector at Church of the Ascension

Each year for more than a century, Temple Beth Or has participated in an annual Interfaith Thanksgiving service. In recent decades, we have partnered with First United Methodist Church to host these inspiring services, which enable us to hear from our spiritual leaders; give to agencies that improve the lives of those in need, and share in a wonderful pre-Thanksgiving reception.

Two years ago, the Episcopal Church of the Ascension joined us in this partnership. This year, for the first time, Temple Beth Or will be hosting both churches. The service is set for Tuesday, November 25 at 7:00 p.m., with Sisterhood's reception to follow.

We will also be welcoming Ascension's new Rector, Rev. Andrew Thayer, for his first large public event since his recent arrival in Montgomery. Rev. Thayer comes to us from Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, where he is a Doctor of Philosophy candidate at Oxford University. He is a composer and musician, active in musical theater, and a specialist in the political philosophy of Derrida. On the side, he restores old motorcycles! Also joining us in leadership of this special service will be Rev. Dr. Lawson Bryan, senior minister at FUMC. TBO's renowned choir will accompany; we hope you can join us for this outstanding event.

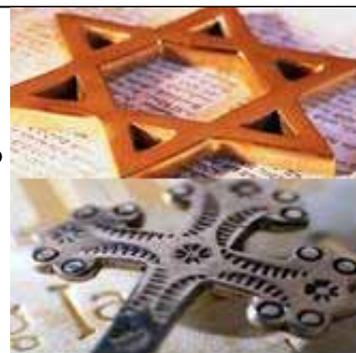


THANKSGIVING A TIME TO BE GENEROUS

As we make our plans to spend Thanksgiving with family and loved ones, many of us are also planning to gather at Temple on Tuesday evening, November 22, for a beautiful interfaith service with our friends from the First United Methodist Church and Church of the Ascension. The service should be wonderful, but should also move us to acts of *tzedakah* – giving of ourselves and sharing some of what we have with those in need.

During the service, those attending will find donation envelopes tucked into their prayer books. Rather than openly “passing the plate,” participants will be encouraged to tuck something into their envelope (cash or check) during the course of the service, for deposit in a donation box at the conclusion of the service. Several agencies doing good work will be listed so that personal preferences can be expressed.

Giving gifts of *tzedakah* is among the very highest social and religious values. Let us give thanks in ways that go far beyond not only through music and prayer.





FAMILY DINNER TO FOLLOW YOUTH-LED SERVICE NOVEMBER 14

Join us for Shabbat on November 14, when some of our youngest members will help to lead us in worship. We will be using a special family-friendly prayer book, hear a wonderful story, and rejoice as we let our beautiful kids take center stage. As a special treat, Tiffany Nishibun, who sings with our temple choir, will join us on the bimah to lead us in song.

To top it all off, we're all invited to a pot-luck dinner after the service in the Baylinson Social Hall. I hope *everyone* will join us and dinner assignments follow:



- Last name starts with A-H, dessert
- Last name starts with I-N, main dish
- Last name starts with O-Z, vegetables and/or salad

Simchat Torah, October 15



Chanukah Shabbat with Family and Friends



Wednesday, December 19

There will be a special Chanukah worship service and candle lighting, which will begin at 6:00 PM.

Following the service will be our annual Sisterhood Latke Dinner. Please bring your favorite Chanukah Menorah and candles.

\$12 for Adults; \$6 for Children ages 10 to 5. Children 4 and under, are free

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

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

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.

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!

CLASS II: ISLAM – AN INTRODUCTION

With 1.6 billion adherents around the world, Islam is second only to Christianity among the world's great faith groups (as compared with some 16 million Jews). As a monotheistic religion that traces its tradition and authority back to Abraham, and originating among Semitic peoples in the Middle East, Islam has a clear relationship with Judaism – along with its major differences. This course, in three sessions, will explore the basic beliefs and tenets of Islam, its different streams of expression today, and its relationship to Judaism.

This course will be presented in three parts, each on a Tuesday at 12:00 noon, starting November 18. Feel free to bring some lunch – we'll provide the iced tea!

Tuesday 11/4	Noon	God VI, Modern Jewish Thought
Tuesday 11/18	Noon	Islam I
Tuesday 12/2	Noon	Islam II
Tuesday 12/16	Noon	Islam III



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 Julien 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 charge.



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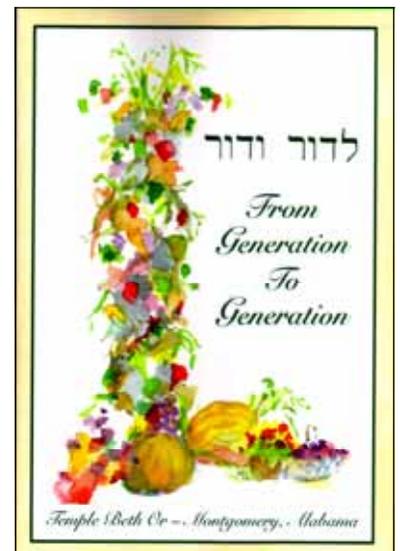
Introduction to Judaism

Tuesdays at 6 PM

November 6, 13, 20

December 4, 11, 18

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



Cycle of Violence - Barak Levy, Shaliach

I came to Montgomery two months ago, right at the end of operation "Protective Edge" in Israel. As most of you know, this operation started as a result of the kidnappings of three Jewish boys by Hamas terrorists. The impact of the boys disappearance was not only felt throughout Israel, but Jews around the world also joined together to demand their safe return. It was an inspiration to see Jewish people from such a large spectrum of backgrounds come together to protest this horrible incident. Our Jewish family came together to share one voice. We put aside politics and varying points of view. At that moment, the only important thing was to bring our boys back home safely.

I remember feeling my heart sink when the Israeli media announced finding the bodies of the three boys. My emotions took over and I began to cry. Immediately afterwards, an Arab boy was beaten by Jewish extremists to the point of unconsciousness. After hearing this news, I was overwhelmed with a feeling of shock. I was shocked that such behavior could come from our side, Jewish Israeli people, who sanctify the value of life. So, I decided to share my feelings through social media. I wrote a post on Facebook that night, asking for our people, our Jewish family, to avoid using the same evil ways of our attackers. Some of the comments I received in response were supportive, while others were very critical. My fear was that we seemed to be on the brink of a full scale civil war. The fear was further realized when the Israeli media informed everyone about Mohammed Abu Khdeir, a 16 year old Arab boy, who was kidnapped by Jewish extremists and burned alive. They found his body in the woods at Givat Shaul in the Jerusalem Forest. I feared the retaliations would escalate and they did. Following the death of Mohammed, Hamas increased the number of rockets fired from Gaza,

which led to a new level of army operation within the Gaza Strip. Targets were bombed from the air, the tunnels into Israel that were created by Hamas were discovered, destroyed and the IDF started ground invasion into Gaza. This operation took over 70 Israeli lives of young soldiers and civilians. This was all heart breaking news.

The first siren I ever heard, in my 22 years living in Israel, was during the operation Protective Edge. I was at a seminar in Jerusalem training for my position here in Montgomery as your community Shaliach. It was in the middle of the night when I and the other Shlichim in training, ran to the closest shelter. We were made aware of what to do in this situation, but for me and the others of my age this was the first siren that most of us had ever heard. We were all terrified. This particular rocket fell in an open area, but it was so close, we could actually hear the explosion. The second time I heard the sirens ring out was only days later, when I went to my family's home in Petach Tikva (a town located outside of Tel Aviv in central Israel). I ran out of my bedroom toward the living room and my mother urged me to go to the stairwell of our building. My mom is a very strong woman who rarely shows weakness. At that moment, I saw fear in her eyes. I could see she was scared even if she didn't say so. I remember that she even faked a smile to calm me down but I knew what she was feeling. From that moment on I didn't care about anything else other than to protect my home and my family.

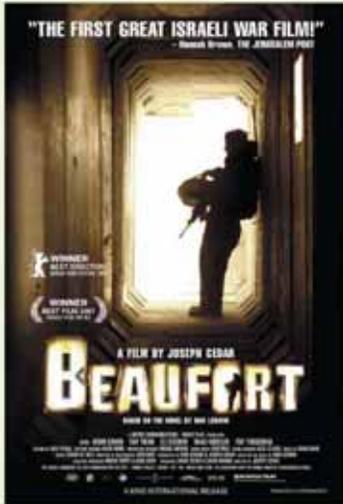
In the following days, my friends were recalled back to service, one by one. While the rockets kept coming toward Israel, east Jerusalem Arabs protested by destroying the light rail and burned bus stops. It seemed like all the country and everything I knew had changed in the blink of an eye.

Suddenly, the place where I felt so safe wasn't so safe anymore.

As you know, many were killed during the operation, on both sides. When I look at Hamas I see a minority within a population whose totalitarian action forces itself on the citizens of Gaza. Hamas is abusive and blames their plight on the Zionist Israeli enemy. Many Palestinians want to free themselves from the Hamas government, but they are scared of further abuses and of being used as human shields. Some even showed support for Israel during the fighting but they were all killed for it. This terrifying cycle of violence just keeps growing and I wonder if there is an end to all this hate. Israel must protect herself! Israeli people cannot live under constant fire! How can Israel achieve peace and security without having to fight? Hamas's stated core value is to destroy all people who are not embracing Islam as they do. They are particularly focused on destroying Israel as a Jewish state. Despite Israel's attempts to embrace diplomacy, Hamas has never been willing to discuss about peace between our people.

I know that in time peace will come to the Middle East. All that matters right now is to remain strong and united! Every Jewish man and woman in the world should understand the importance of the state of Israel for the Jewish people. Israel is our home, a refuge for all Jews everywhere. The survival of Israel is our mutual responsibility. Our commitment and ongoing support for Israel is critical to her survival. Please continue to make pledges to the Jewish Federations. Together, we can ensure the future of Israel, a country that reminds us of our past and promises our shared future.

Upcoming JFCA Events



Sunday, November 2th Beaufort

6:30 PM @ TBO

Beaufort is an Israeli war film that takes place in the year 2000, the year of the IDF withdrawal from the Israeli Security Zone in southern Lebanon. It chronicles the daily routine of a group of soldiers positioned at the 12th century Crusader stronghold of Beaufort Castle, their feelings and their fears, and explores their moral dilemmas in the days preceding the withdrawal and end of the 18-year South Lebanon conflict. Beaufort was nominated for the Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film.

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Thursday, November 20th Café Israel

7:00 PM @ AIEA

Orthodox versus Non-Orthodox Jews

Israel faces a conflict with the Orthodox Jewish population that is characterized by the rejection of modern secular culture. This rapidly growing demographic, refuses to integrate with Israeli society and institutions throughout the State of Israel. Affecting government, military involvement, taxation, public-service, lifestyle, marriage etc.

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Sunday, November 9th

ADULTS HEBREW CLASSES BEGIN!

12:00 PM @ AIEA

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Over the last few months, I have been reading for fun and enlightenment one of the huge old volumes of minutes from our temple's history. This particular volume covers the minutes and other records from 1893 to 1928. Some interesting tidbits follow:



- ◆ Minutes were written in a hand so fine that sometimes they were difficult to read, especially when "double S" appeared as a slanted "f" almost like an elongated infinity sign, e.g. the name Strauf.
- ◆ Minutes reflect that there was a physical attack by a young member of the congregation, Sidney Levy, on the rabbi, Dr. David Davidson, on March 25, 1894. A special called meeting of the congregation decided to accept Levy's apology for the assault, and to assure the rabbi that the young man's conduct was unacceptable. Dr. Davidson resigned 14 months later to take a pulpit in NYC.
- ◆ At the Annual Meeting in 1896 the Board adopted the Union Prayerbook, and established a procedure for members protesting dues assessments.
- ◆ At the Annual Meeting in 1897 a motion was adopted for part of the service to be read in English.
- ◆ A committee of 5 members was appointed to investigate and give permission to anyone wanting to disinter their family members from the old cemetery and rebury them in the new cemetery.
- ◆ In 1898 President David Weil announced that no one in the Jewish community was lost in the Yellow Fever epidemic. David Weil served as Kahl Montgomery's president for 26 years.
- ◆ Each year the rabbi was "re-elected" and a committee of 4 Board members was chosen to inform him.
- ◆ In 1898 Kahl Montgomery had 109 members and 125 students in the Sabbath School. It is notable here that "members" were men only. Several years later women were allowed membership if they paid dues. It is also notable that very lengthy elaborate flowery memorials to male members who died were "spread upon the minutes", and copies given to their grieving families. There were no such memorials (or even mention) of females who died. Later there were lists of those who died in the past year, both men and women, in the annual reports.
- ◆ After the memorial tributes, instead of the expression "Rest in Peace" as we say now, back then the expression was "Peace be to his ashes."
- ◆ In 1899 by a close vote, the Board voted to appropriate \$200 to furnish the parsonage.

(to be continued in future months)

Louisa H. Weinrib

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.

Kol Ami Religious School AI*EA
11/2 11/9 11/16 12/7 12/14 Chanukkah Celebration

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).

We need your help in order to offer ours.

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Future Events

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.

Friday, December 5, 6 PM, Our Shabbat service on December 5 will feature the music of one of the 20th century's greatest liturgical composers, Max Janowski [composer of the beautiful "Avinu Malkeinu" that is so beloved during our High Holy Day services].

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

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 Sanctuary 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."

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

Tuesday, January 13, 7 PM, JFCA's Sh'lichah's Café Israel at TBO hosted by Barak Levy. Topic: The Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

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.

Tuesday, January 27, Noon, L'Chaim Event: More information to come. Time TBD.

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

Sukkah decorating, October 12



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.

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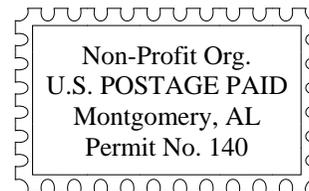
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:30 AM, Kol Ami Religious School, AIEA (Time changes.) 6:30 PM, JFCA's Shaliach, Barak Levy shows a movie at Temple Beth Or.	3	4 12 PM, ADULT EDUCATION: Rabbi's class on "God in Modern Jewish Thought."	5	6	7 6 PM Shabbat Service	8
9 9:30 AM, Kol Ami Religious School, Agudath Israel*Etz Ahayem	10	11	12 Noon, Dutch treat lunch with Rabbi Stevens at Sommer's Place.	13 7 PM, Blachschleger Library Annual Lecture Series' guest speaker is author Rod Frazer.	14 6 PM, Shabbat service led by Temple Beth Or youth (grades 4-10). Family dinner to follow service.	15 9:30 AM Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Rabbi Stevens. Light brunch served
16 9:30 AM, Kol Ami Religious School, Agudath Israel*Etz Ahayem	17	18 11:45 AM, L'Chaim League's Thanksgiving Luncheon at Capital Heights 12 PM, ADULT EDUCATION: Rabbi's class on Islam, Part I.	19	20	21 6 PM Shabbat Service	22
23 No School - Thanksgiving Break	24	25 7 PM, Joint Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. Held at Temple Beth Or. Reception follows.	26	27	28 6 PM, Shabbat Service. TORAH READING AND D'VAR TORAH	29
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Please note that Temple Beth Or’s administrative office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 27 & 28 in honor of the Thanksgiving holiday. The building will open at 5:00 PM on Friday for Shabbat service.

On Sunday,
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