

Temple Beth Or Bulletin

A VIEW FROM THE BIMAH

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ANNUAL REPORT May 2015

There is a rumor around town – that we have an aging population. And of course from a certain perspective that's very true. Our oldest member, Seymour Cohn, turned 100 this past December, which means it's already 2 years since he had to give up playing golf, and 5 years since his last hole-in-one.

If we measure age in terms of chronology, then of course we have an aging population; there's not one of us here who isn't aging. But if we measure age in terms of vitality – the collective vitality of our congregation – I submit that we're still young, and vital, and energetic. As a congregation we're in the prime of our life, and I firmly believe that the best is yet to come.

Committee reports can sometimes seem trite, but think of the creative energy behind them – a Library Committee that strives to freshen our collection and make our books available to college students as a community resource – and creates a new speaker program that has already brought in two great scholars as outstanding speakers. An Archives Committee that has been re-organizing our holdings, and finding new ways to protect our legacy for the future, including contracting with AUM's Archives Library to house our oldest records. A Hospitality Committee that has hosted visiting teen groups from around the country with receptions, dinners and programs throughout the year – and has then taken on a new program to organize Shabbat dinner and worship programs with contemporary singing in our Social

Hall. A new Caring Committee, and new involvement in Montgomery's Respite Care program in partnership with First United Methodist Church. A new Healing Service on Yom Kippur that resonated deeply with many of us. A new social committee as part of our membership committee to create social programs reaching out to our members and the larger community.

Yes, we are renewing ourselves – and our Board and committees are humming with activity. Just think: just a few years ago many of our committees had a total of one member. Now almost every committee is real, and that by itself is exciting news and bodes well for our future. Whether it's the Ritual Committee or the Cemetery Committee; youth or education, our temple is hopping these days, and it's a wonderful place to be.

Diane Weil is a large part of this renewal. Though her term is not yet at the halfway point, Diane has shown great leadership, especially in the skillful and sensitive way in which she balances her leadership with enabling others to step forward take on roles they might not otherwise have taken.

Example: For years and years Board meetings began with a D'var Torah – some lesson or commentary by the Rabbi. Several Board meetings ago, Diane volunteered to do the D'var Torah, and now every meeting begins with a member of the Board opening the meeting with a lesson or commentary. I think it's exciting and empowering to know that it doesn't always need to be the rabbi. I also appreciated seeing how Diane, the Executive Committee and Board managed my own contract renewal this year, and the sensitivity they brought to that interesting question of how my renewal and the proposed merger might impact on each other. Knowing

what I know about their leadership, I can tell you that we're in great hands.

An annual meeting is the time to recap what we've been up to in the past year, and make some projections into the future. Aside from working with our Board and committees – and preparing the usual services, sermons, bulletin articles and Board reports – here are a few highlights from this past year:

We offered courses on different Jewish views about God; on Islam, on Jewish Mysticism and on Jewish Sexual Values, and we offered a Taste of Judaism program for unaffiliated Jews. I participated in 4 different Holocaust Memorial programs this year, and was primary speaker at two of them; I also spoke at the Graetz Symposium and at AUM on the history of the Black-Jewish relationship, and led-off the 50th anniversary program of the March from Selma at the synagogue in Selma. I led two Seders in town, including one at First United Methodist Church, and met with 175 Huntingdon students here before our annual Huntingdon College Night service. We had a great party for decorating our sukkah, held two services with leadership by our youth, hosted a fabulous joint Interfaith Thanksgiving service, and hosted or participated in special events at Chanukah, Passover and Israel Independence Day. Turia Stark Williams sang as cantorial soloist more this year than last, and will even more so during the year to come – and we'll be hearing more, too, of Pete Hitchcock, a wonderful baritone. We had several fun "Tot Shabbat" services, celebrated three bat mitzvahs (actually two here, since Dani Loeb's is next week in Israel), and later this evening will celebrate as four of our students are confirmed (including three from TBO: Sarah Claire Loeb, Grant

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**Celebrating Our
162nd Year**



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The reports from the May 17th Annual Meeting will begin with the Rabbi's report on the cover and continue on page 4. The President's message will return to this space with the next issue.

L'CHAIM LEAGUE

L'chaim League is honored to have one of our members, Raymond Cohen, speak with us on **Tuesday, July 14th at 11:30 AM** speaking about the legendary **Nat King Cole**.



Raymond is very knowledgeable about this legendary singer and his life. Come join us at **11:30 AM at Temple Beth Or** to hear this wonderful program, music and enjoy lunch together. We are providing a "soul food" lunch cooked by **Down the Street Cafe**. The cost of lunch is \$10.00 per person. Please get your reservations in by Friday, July 11th. Call : 262.3314 or email: lchaimleague2246@yahoo.com. Looking forward to seeing you all at this fun event.

IS GOD INSECURE?

RABBI OFFERS A SUMMER SERMON SERIES

In this year's Summer Sermon Series, Rabbi Stevens explores some intriguing questions, based on some of Torah's most perplexing texts. Think about it: God is so afraid that Adam and Eve will learn some forbidden truth that God banishes them from the Garden just for eating of the Tree of Knowledge; God hates the thought that people will aspire to reach heaven; the result? God confuses their languages literally into a "babel" just for building a tower. Later, God gets so angry at the world – the world that God created – that God decides to scrap it all and start over. And why would God need to test Abraham's faith by sacrificing his son? Did God really have doubts? At Sinai, God – the greatest power in the universe – gets so jealous over a golden calf that God decides to destroy the entire People of Israel, until Moses convinces God otherwise. God also doesn't seem happy with giving people free choice: In Torah, the only way to thrive is to follow God's laws; otherwise, we are taught, all is lost. Finally, even today, we could question why God seems to need so many prayers. Is God really so insecure?

This year's Summer Sermon Series covers these dates:

- June 26: The Banishment of Adam and Eve
- July 3: The Tower of Babel
- July 10: Was the Flood Really Necessary
- July 17: The Akedah of Isaac: Who Was Being Tested?
- July 24: The Golden Calf: Over-reaction?
- July 31: Does God Need Our Prayers?

**Birthday and
Anniversary
Blessings on
July 10**

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.

Caring Fund

In Memory of Alan Goldsmith
Bette Sue Strasburger

In Memory of Charles Strasburger
Gracie and Jack Hanchrow

In Memory of Linda Horwitz
Bette Sue Strasburger

Carol L. Hart Education Fund
Happy Birthday Janice Baylinson
Peggy Cohn

In Memory of Carol Hart
Claire Dennis and Jeanette Berman

In Memory of Linda Horwitz
Harriette Dorosin

**In Memory of our Mama and Nana,
Susie D. Hudson, on her 100th Birthday!**
Love Harriette, Beth, Elizabeth and Will

Contingency Fund

In Memory of Alan Goldsmith
In Memory of Linda Horwitz
Good Health to Shirley Beringer
Good Health to Wayne Sabel
Alan and Diane Weil

Endowment Donation

In Memory of Charles Strasburger
In Memory of Harold Bowman Blach, III

In Memory of Matilde Scheuer
Charlotte and Joe Mussafer

In Memory of Ed Simon
Charlotte and Joe Mussafer
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In Memory of Alan Goldsmith
Bella and Jerome Smith
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In Memory of Ed Simon
Joan Hanan

In Memory of Linda Horwitz
Corinne F. Capilouto
Frances and Ralph Capouya
Pat and Allen Dees
Robin and Jeff Blitz

**Happy Birthday and good health to
Lynne Ginsburg**

Alan and Diane Weil

General Fund

In Memory of Alan Goldsmith
Eilene and Herb Schneiderman

**Congratulations on your Bat Mitzvah
Dani Loeb**

Susan and Joe Finklestein

In Memory of Ed Simon
Rubin A. Franco

Sharon, David, Danielle and Ben Berry
Susan and Joe Finklestein

In Memory of Harold Bowman Blach, III
Gracie and Jack Hanchrow

In Memory of Linda Horwitz
Diane and Barry Blondheim
Gracie and Jack Hanchrow
Jeanette C. Rouso

Jo Anne and Buddy Rouso
Louisa and Michael Weinrib
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In Memory of Matilde Scheuer
Bern, Butler, Capilouto and Massey, CPA

Dale and Olan Evans
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Susan and Joe Finklestein

Get Well Shirley Beringer
Susan and Joe Finklestein

Happy Birthday Susan Bernstein
Alan and Diane Weil

L'Chaim League

In Memory of Alan Goldsmith
In Memory of Ed Simon

In Memory of Linda Horwitz
Peggy Cohn

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

**Congratulations to Rabbi Elliot Stevens
for 40 years on the Rabbinate**
Betty Ehrlich

**In Memory of your beloved father,
Alan Goldsmith**

Laurie and Elliot Forseter

In Memory of Charles Strasburger
In Memory of Ed Simon

In Memory of Lillian Brownstein
Betty, Bob and Erik Goldberg

In Memory of Linda Horwitz
Dr. and Mrs. Allen Stern

Rothschild Blachshleger Library Fund
On the Yahrzeit of Frieda Kahn Berger
Hanna Berger

Temple Music Appreciation fund
In Memory of Alan Goldsmith

Pete and Pam Hitchcock

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

4..... Mike Weinrib
8..... Joan Hanan
8..... David Lipton
11..... Rosalind Markstein
11..... Sari Capilouto
14..... Turia Williams
19..... Milt Livingston
20..... Carol Loeb
21..... Joyce Strassburger
23..... Jay Van Cleeff
23..... Stephen Weinrib
23..... Greg Williamson
26..... Charlotte Mussafer
27..... Jerry Van Cleeff
27..... Karen Lieberman
28..... Craig Goldstein
28..... June Cohn

JULY BIRTHDAYS

7..... Michael Goldner
11..... Amy Cohen
11..... Azriel Gorski
11..... Gene Harris
12..... Mae Cohen
20..... Jeff Blitz
22..... Angela Abraham
22..... Lydia Beringer
22..... Pete Ginsburg
23..... Celeste Sabel
24..... Burke Schloss
28..... Kent Roberts
30..... Susan King
30..... Suzanne Soloff
30..... Daniel Capp
31..... Steve Clein
31..... David Berry

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

5..... Jarred & Joy Kaplan
10..... Steve & LeAnne Wallace
12..... Joe & Charlotte Mussafer
15..... Gene & Jean Harris
16..... Hugh & Beverly Bolen
18..... David & Janice Baylinson
18..... Sam & Liza Kaufman
19..... Ron & Joanne Shum
20..... Mike & Louisa Weinrib
22..... Dan & Karen Weinrib

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

2..... Jamie & Carol Loeb
6..... Bob Weisberg & Clare Weil
10..... Adam & Dawn Schloss
11..... Greg & Alison Williamson
14..... Edward & Angela Abraham
17..... Kent & Carol Roberts
23..... John Crews &
Marla Wohlman Crews
28..... Rick & Marlene Beringer
29..... Ronnie & Barbara Leet
30..... John & Jenny Ives

Yahrzeits

To be read 6/5/2015

Joseph H. Abraham
 Frieda Kahn Berger
 Denise K. Hanan
 Sol Hersberg
 Lloyd Vernon Julian
 Julian H. Kohn
 Dr. Herbert Rosenberg

To be read 6/12/2015

Carrie Abraham
 Jack H. Abraham
 Evelyn Burger
 Leon Burger
 Eli Capilouto
 Jean Capouya
 Jeannette D. Capouya
 Mose Feinman
 Albert Freehling
 Samuel Moscovitz

To be read 6/19/2015

Elinor Carlton
 Carol Loeb Hagedorn
 Nell Hagedorn
 Bernard Hanan
 Nellie Loeb
 Estelle Popkin
 Rosalie Rosenberg
 Julien M. "Sonny" Strassburger
 Jack L. Toney

To be read 6/26/2015

Rachel H. Capp
 Olga Franco
 Hermine L. Herzfeld
 Helen L. Levi
 Genevieve L. Roberts
 Roy Shinpaugh
 Kalman Shwartz

Yahrzeits

To be read 7/3/2015

Robert L. Cooper, Jr.
 Faye Stamm Greil
 Alex Marion
 Lawrence Rosen
 Diana Kahn Weil
 Sigmund Weil

To be read 7/10/2015

Tommie Moses Coleman
 Olivia Rose Shwartz Jacobson
 Ann Marks
 Nathan Popkin
 Harold Straus

To be read 7/17/2015

Anna Stiller Anshel
 Rebecca Sherman Blotner
 Michael Deutsch
 Cecelia Field
 Louise Finklestein
 Joseph Golomb
 Joseph J. Levin, Sr.
 Carolyn Endel Printz
 Gilbert Ross
 Mary Jane Schiffman Wallace
 Charles H. Wampold, Jr.

To be read 7/24/2015

Margaret Cohn Bonfield
 Babs Klein Heilpern
 Norma L. Hobbie
 Kevin Johnson
 Nellie Weil

To be read 7/31/2015

Philip W. Bernstein, Sr.
 Joan Baim Blach
 Mose Moscovitz
 Gertrude S. Weinrib

Lieberman and Zachary Mendelsohn; Rabbi Kramer and I will co-lead at Agudath Israel*Etz Ahayem this evening at 7 pm, and I hope we have an equally good turnout there).

Aside from programming – and I haven't even mentioned all that our Sisterhood, Men's Club and L'Chaim League have going on, or the programs run by our shaliach from Israel – I have also enjoyed many individual conversations with you, our members, whether casually or by appointment; indeed my involvements with you are about the most enjoyable and satisfying thing I do here. Being with a family or individual during a home visitation or in a hospital or rehab facility is truly to know a moment of blessing. Though I wish I didn't have to report that I did 9 funerals or unveilings this past year, each year such life-cycle events deepen our relationships and our bonds. I just wish I had as many baby-namings on my calendar! I'd love you to give me a call – just don't start by saying "I know you're busy but...!"

Such a busy calendar absolutely could not happen without our volunteers. We might call Sisterhood and Men's Club and L'Chaim League "auxiliary" organizations, but they are anything but, and I don't think it's unfair to single out our Sisterhood for the premier role they play in the life of our community. I count my lucky stars every day. And just look at our Food Festival! What other community our size in this country pulls off what we're able to pull off, year after year after year?

I also know full well, as does each of you, how much we depend on Gina Friday and on Marlon Cotton. Gina hits the road running day after day before 7 am, and is a paradigm of efficiency and an exemplar of discretion, sensitivity and good taste. When she welcomes you to our temple, displaying the same genuine warmth for a long-standing member as for a complete stranger, you know you are home.

A brief word about our future: I am neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet, and don't know any more than anyone else what our community will look like in two or five years. But I am excited at the prospect of change, for giving us the opportunity to rethink our assumptions and finding new ways to reach out both within and outside our present community. I look forward to working with you and serving you and being with you through this daunting process, and hopefully for years to come.

Recent Death

Linda Horwitz ז"ל

May 4, 2015



Sister of Marlene Beringer

Recent Death

Alan Eugene Goldsmith ז"ל

May 17, 2015



Husband of
 Lucille Goldsmith

Annual Meeting Reports
May 17, 2015

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President's Report
Given by Diane Weil

Well, about six weeks from our annual meeting I will be half way through my term as president. The old adage "time flies when you are having fun" comes to mind. Time certainly flies when you are busy and we have definitely been that over the past year. Honestly, it has been a pleasure. I am not saying there have not been challenges and unexpected surprises, but it has been a really good, productive year.

For my part, that has so much to do with the incredible group I have had the honor to work with. Your Executive Board, John Ives, Morris Capouya, Rubin Franco, Susan Bernstein and Jamie Loeb has worked so hard to do the very best for the interests of Temple Beth Or and I cannot thank them enough for their advice, participation, and help. They have not refused me once when I have asked something of them and, trust me, I have called on them frequently.

You also have an outstanding Board of Directors. They have been active and involved all year. Our board attendance has been excellent and they are each taking care of their specific area that is important to the running of the Temple.

We have two members rotating off the board: Frances Capouya who has chaired Adult Education and Bob Goldberg who has taken care of House and Grounds. Both Bob and Frances have done a fantastic job and we are sincerely grateful for their dedication to and efforts on behalf of Temple Beth Or. I am excited about the new additions to the board and look forward to working with them.

Sisterhood and Men's Club are an integral part of this congregation and do so much for us. I have never known

a Temple Beth Or without Sisterhood and, frankly, do NOT even want to imagine that scenario. We are so fortunate to have their committed, continuous support.

Working with Rabbi Elliot Stevens is like winning the lottery and I am so fortunate – he is a valued partner. It is not hyperbole to say Elliot is a treasure and I am grateful everyday to have him as our Rabbi.

Our small staff consists of Gina Friday and Marlon Cotton. They are the true heroes who make Temple operate smoothly on a daily basis. I doubt there is any member who does not know these two because they are always here and they literally go above and beyond for Temple Beth Or. They take their jobs seriously and I thank them on behalf of the entire membership for all they do for Temple Beth Or.

I am sad to say to that Terri Finkelstein will be leaving as co-principal of the Kol Ami religion school. She, Adam and their children are moving to Rhode Island for Adam's work. Terri has been a tremendous asset and has given so much time and energy to Temple Beth Or. We wish them well and want you to know you WILL be missed.

Another change is that Sharon Berry is stepping down as L'Chaim League Director. Sharon has been a creative, attentive director who is also one of those incredible people who has done several jobs for Temple Beth Or. She, too, will be missed, but she is not going far and has already promised she will be getting involved in other things. With Sharon leaving this position, we welcome back Linda Smith as L'Chaim League Director. Linda has done this job before, so there is no learning curve and we look forward to having her with us again!

For several years we have had the good fortune to have Sandy Lynn Stevens as our Webmaster. She has spent untold hours working to maintain and improve our website as

well as deal with significant changes required by the URJ. This is not a job that is very visible, but it is really important because it keeps information current for members, it is the first contact many people have with Temple Beth Or and from a distance it may be the only impression. Sandy Lynn took us into a new realm with our website and we truly appreciate the wonderful job she has done. She is leaving this job and we thank her for her expertise and tireless efforts to benefit Temple Beth Or. The good news is that Pam Hitchcock has come on board with her considerable talent and is taking over the website and is also maintaining our Facebook page. This seamless transition is a gift!

You have already heard about what the committees are doing in the Programs report, but I would like to share a little on some other things going on this year. The Board is always cognizant of financial considerations and we have worked diligently to be responsible and careful trying to reduce expenditures where possible while maintaining the quality this congregation has always enjoyed. Any decision made is done with the best interests of Temple Beth Or in mind; sometimes things must be weighed and debated to come to a final choice. My responsibility is to you and this congregation and I feel that if I always keep as my focus what is best and right for Temple Beth Or then, ultimately, things will be fine.

A major task accomplished this year was negotiating a new contract for Rabbi Elliot Stevens for another three years. He and we were very pleased. Personally, I am ecstatic!

I don't know if you have noticed, but the front railing before the first row of pews has been removed. When the sanctuary was being cleaned for mold they were damaged and we decided to just leave them off. It opened up the space and I don't think they have been missed, but they are being stored if they are needed again.

I think everyone is aware that we had a new HVAC system installed. This was a huge job that was quite expensive and took a while, but it is working well. AMCO did a wonderful job and were great to work with. Jamie Loeb oversaw this entire project for us and put in a tremendous amount of time and energy to make sure everything was done correctly. Many thanks to Jamie for seeing this through. I hope everyone is enjoying a working AC, a better smelling building AND our power bill is lower. ☺

The Temple Beth Or Endowment Fund has been moved so it can be invested with the other Funds and generate some interest income. It is still under the direction of the Past Presidents.

We have had some fun and different events this year that are purely social: the Sukkah decorating with lunch and entertainment in the fall had a nice crowd on a gorgeous day and, recently, an evening of bingo was enjoyed. It was a lot of fun and there have already been requests to do it again.

One goal of mine was to get all of the committees actively working and great progress has been made and more Temple members have gotten involved.

There are also the more mundane things that must be taken care of: last year we dug a well for the sprinkler system in order to reduce water costs. This year we bought a new copier and a new ice machine.

On May 3rd we had a meeting regarding the potential merger. The congregation had wonderful representation by the 88 people who attended. The task force co-chairs gave reports followed by questions and discussion and I have had many comments that it was a productive meeting. Clearly, the majority present was in favor of moving forward and we will. No doubt there is hard work ahead and we will keep you informed and involved.

I want to thank you for your support and encouragement. You have been fantastic when I have asked you to do something for the Temple and I really appreciate it. I don't want us to just get by; I want us to be constantly striving to improve. I expect there will be some change in the next year and I look forward to that change being positive for Temple Beth Or. I am totally confident that it will be an excellent year and we will continue to thrive as a Temple and as a warm, supportive family for each other.

Sisterhood's Annual Report Given by Karen Goldstein

This year like previous years has been a busy one for Sisterhood. We do so much for our Temple and am truly amazed that so few can do so much! The back bone of Sisterhood is Susan Finklestein, Joy Kaplan-Vice Presidents, Sharon McDaniel-treasurer, Harriette Dorosin-Financial Secretary, Mae Cohen-Recording Secretary, and Susan Bernstein-immediate past President.

Our year began with an opening dinner at the home of Lisa Weil. It was delicious and if I remember correctly we stayed late into the evening Thank you Lisa. Rosh Hashanah Oneg was chaired again by Bette Sue Strasburger and Corinne C Capilouto. Their expertise continues year after year providing a beautiful welcome to our New Year. Diana Lacey made sure that apples and honey were ready the next morning. Thank you Diana.

Susan Finklestein and Alison Williamson had a feast for Break Fast. Once again their expertise continues making sure that we have a wonderful meal. They do this effortlessly as I had the privilege to help a little. Susan also made sure that we enjoyed Sukkot treats after we worshipped outside on the terrace.

Simchat Torah followed and Betty Goldberg had a lovely assortment for us after our service in the social hall.

This past year was the first time that Temple Beth Or hosted the joint Thanksgiving service for 3 congregations. Susan Bernstein put on a display that enamored all. We did not know how many people to expect. We just knew there would be more people in our Temple than we had had in a long time. I am proud to say that we were more than prepared and should be proud.

Our Chanukah dinner is always something that everyone looks forward to attending. It's always very festive and pretty. This year Jean Schloss and Karen Lieberman decorated the tables and Celia Dubin entertained the children with arts and crafts making sure they had something to take home.

January arrived and so did Sisterhood Shabbat. We had a great speaker, Susan Watson and our musical renditions for the service were none other than Turia Stark Williams and Becky Taylor. Rabbi Stevens led us in service. Thanks to Aimee Harris for the wine and cheese reception that preceded our service.

Purim is another festive time to dress up and make lots of noise. Our service was in the library and after we all helped Rabbi tell the story, we jumped into root beer floats and Hamentaschen made by Marlene Beringer. You missed it if you weren't there so remember for next year.

The following week was our annual Huntingdon College Night. This event thanks to Rabbi Stevens continues to grow and this year we hosted over 150 students and faculty. We always look forward to sharing this time. Thank you Karen Lieberman and Sharon McDaniel for providing all of the wonderful food and drink that these students love so much. There is never a bite left.

Mae Cohen and Julie Goolsby chaired a magnificent First night Seder. Rabbi Stevens prepared a wonderful service and our meal was delicious. Seder takes the hands of many so thank you

to all who contributed this year. I hope you will attend next year. A community Seder is a nice way to celebrate.

Every year there is a joint Sisterhood lunch with AIEA. We alternate the planning and this year AIEA chose a new restaurant in the Waters H2O. A nice group of ladies enjoyed a beautiful day along with a good lunch and speaker.

We will end our year at the home of Pat Dees this Tuesday. Please join us for a fun get together. Thank you Pat for opening up your home to us.

Although we are closing this year, we will soon begin planning for next.

The kitchen is in great order and stays stocked thanks to Susan Bernstein. She makes sure that all necessities are plentiful for all of our Temple events.

Marlene Beringer and Lisa Weil continue year after year to organize, sell and get all the cheesecakes delivered for our fundraiser. This grows yearly as more and more people hear that they can order Carnegie Deli cheesecakes; pick them up at Temple just in time for Thanksgiving. The money we raise enables Sisterhood to help with Temple projects. This year we refinished the tables in the social hall that are used weekly for challah and wine on Shabbat. We also had repairs made to the Sukkah outside on the terrace. Thank you Marlene and Lisa for doing a fabulous job.

Robin Blitz was in charge of candle lighters on Shabbat. Thank you Robin and to those who made sure that someone was here each Friday to light candles.

Peggy Cohn has been in charge of our gift shop for the past ten years or maybe longer. She has gone to market in Atlanta to purchase as well as bought from her favorite designers. Peggy along with Sharon McDaniel has made sure that the shop is stocked for each holiday and it always is displayed in a lovely appealing way. Thank you Peggy for giving your heart

into our gift shop and for helping it thrive for so many years. Your dedication is appreciated by all Temple members.

Sheryl Rosen and Lisa Weil are taking over the gift shop. They will be working hard this summer and will reopen before Rosh Hashanah. Thank you Sheryl and Lisa for your time.

Again thank you to all of the ladies who were in charge of the many Sisterhood events and also to the countless ladies who contributed as well. Gina, there are no words. For once I am lost, but thank you for all of the "behind the scene" things that you do for me and for Sisterhood.

Marlon, Sisterhood could not survive without you. You are always willing to help no matter what and most of the time when I have a request, you have already taken care of it. All of Sisterhood thanks you!

Rabbi Stevens, thank you for being our leader and for keeping me organized. I lived by the calendar you gave me last summer and everything turned out perfectly. I know this next year will be the same.

I am looking forward to another busy year. Before I was president and helping with whatever I could do,

I didn't realize how much Sisterhood is responsible for in this Temple. There are larger congregations with larger Sisterhoods who don't do as much as we do. We may be small in numbers but we are strong. Thank you for your continued support.

Men's Club Annual Report Given by Pete Ginsburg

Unlike the Sisterhood, the Men's Club is informal, meaning we have no elections for officers and no member meetings. For a number of years Philip Bernstein and I have been designated co-presidents and Lew Nyman has been doing the treasurer duties and is also our social chairman. This year we have about 38 paid members. We are, however; looking

for a few food men to take on a more active role in our club and we solicit your suggestions for future Men's Club activities.

Each year we sponsor several events. Our big annual event has always been the Biscuits ballgame in the Aronov suite. It will be in August once again this year. It is a great time and the food is awesome. The Men's Club subsidizes part of the cost for food and beverages. Unfortunately, we are limited to 22 attendees which is the maximum allowed in the suite.

Another annual event is helping the religion school children decorate the Sukkah for the Sukkot holiday. The Men's Club covers the cost for some of the decorations and the pizza party following. That is always a fun event for us as well as for the youngsters.

Another traditional event is the Men's Club Shabbat service. This year it was May 15th and the club always sponsors a very nice reception for that event and a guest speaker. Joel Gregory and Turia Stark Williams provided beautiful music for the service.

We always sponsor an afternoon movie event or two each year with refreshments in our social hall. The big screen and Lew Nyman's super sound system gives us a true theater experience. Lew will be planning another movie soon. As always, admission is free.

We also do the ushering for the High Holidays. July 1 starts our fiscal year and we would like to have more men from our Temple membership support the Men's Club with your dues.

And thanks to those of you who have supported our club in the past.

Please join us for...

ANOTHER

Night of Fun!

Hotdog Dinner and Bingo at Temple Beth Or

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20TH, 6:30 P.M.

\$10 for hotdog dinner + 2 beverage tickets • \$5 for each bingo card • \$2 for additional beverages

*Cash only, please

RSVP by 5pm on Thursday, 8/13
to Bob Weisberg, 717-6400
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Sarah Beth Williamson and Kevin Mohajerin were married on May 15, 2015.

Parents are Alison and Greg Williamson.

Kevin's parents are Shannon and Mike Mohajerin.



Lila Claire Dubin was born on April 30, 2015 weighing in at 8 lbs. 3 oz.

Parents: Elizabeth and Jacob Dubin, Big Brothers: Sid and Max, Grandparents: Larry and Claire Bern and Charlie and Celia Dubin.



Gloria Storm McWhorter, Valedictorian and Summa cum laude graduate of Huntingdon college class of 2015. Parents are Morris and Leslie Capp.



Barbara and Bob Shinpaugh's granddaughter Katie Denney has been invited to be the Goal Keeper for "Team Alabama in the Senior Girls' Soccer Showcase" on May 30. She also has been named "Senior Girls Soccer Player of the Year" by the Birmingham Kiwanis Club and will be honored at a luncheon next Tuesday. Her coach said this is one of the biggest awards a high school soccer player can receive.

In her four years of high school, her soccer team has won three state championships with Katie as the Goalie.

She graduates from Oak Mountain High School, then on to Illinois Wesleyan University to study Nursing & Anesthesia.



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.

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.

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.

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.

June and July 2015 & beyond

Want an updated look at what's going on at Temple? Go to www.templebethor.net.

The regular style calendar will return with the August issue.

Shabbat services are each Friday night at 6 PM.

Tuesday, June 16, 12 PM, L'Chaim League presents Lunch and the movie "When Jews Were Funny" at Temple Beth Or.

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

Tuesday, July 14, 11:30 AM, L'Chaim League hosts a music-filled, soul food luncheon. Raymond Cohen speaks about the legendary Nat King Cole. Cost is \$10 per person and reservations are due by July 11th.

Sunday, August 9, 5:30 PM, For Men's Club Members. Biscuits Day at the Ballpark from the Aronov suite. \$15 per person. Reservations Required.

Thursday, August 20, 6:30 PM, A Night of FUN! Hot Dog Dinner, Bingo, Beverages, and Prizes! RSVP to Bob Weisberg (gardner831@aol.com) by 8/17. Adults \$10 for dinner and 2 drinks. Bingo cards are \$5.00. Cash only.

Friday, August 28, 5 PM, Sisterhood invites you to a wine and cheese preceding service to celebrate the grand re-opening the Sisterhood Gift Shop. For every \$10 spent, you will receive a raffle ticket towards a grand prize.

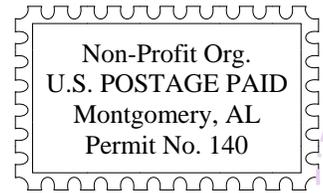
FROM THE LIBRARY: Below is a list of titles that are currently listed as being checked out from the temple library. If you recognize a title you have recently checked out, please feel free to continue to enjoy it; however, if there is a title that sounds familiar and you discover you forgot to return in, please drop it by the library so we don't consider it lost and needlessly replace it. Much appreciated, Eric A. Kidwell, MLS

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