

Temple Beth Or Bulletin

A VIEW FROM THE BIMAH

August 2015 ~ Av/Elul 5775



The Nuclear Accord with Iran

Last year I gave a sermon that picked up on recent research into the question of how we think. The result of that research, by Daniel Kahneman – the only professor of psychology (at Princeton) who also won a Nobel Prize in Economics – was published as a book, *Thinking, Fast and Slow*, one of the most impressive books I've read. Kahneman explores how the mind processes information and reaches conclusions.

He found that we think in two very different ways – both valid, in their own way, but different. Usually, we think about thinking as a process. We bring together facts and memories and associations, project different scenarios, weigh the alternatives and try to come to reasonable and rational conclusions. As we do this, neuroscientists can measure the different areas of the brain engaged in the thinking we do. This kind of thinking is deliberate, and takes time.

But another kind of thinking is not deliberate, and does not take time. We jump to conclusions, have instantaneous reactions that we sometimes call gut feelings, intuitions or hunches, and make decisions that are often very different from decisions we would reach if we only thought the matter through. Completely different areas of the brain are involved in this more primitive way of thinking, along with different physical reactions. This is the kind of thinking that can save us in emergencies.

I've been following the debate on the nuclear deal with Iran. As the debate is playing out in Congress, among

presidential candidates, the Israeli government, TV and on-line pundits, the Israeli press and my colleagues in our on-line rabbinic discussion forum, both kinds of thinking are readily apparent: the quick, intuitive responses that emerged just moments after the announcement, before anyone had actually read the text of the treaty, and the more deliberative thinking and analysis that explores the issues as matters of substance and tries to come to a reasonable conclusion.

Though some generally tend to support President Obama's initiatives and we know that others will automatically reject whatever he proposes on any given issue, we would do well to set aside our instincts to prejudge pro or con and take a look at the merits of the argument.

The issues are exceedingly complex, and what's at stake is of crucial importance. Objections raised by opponents to the treaty are not lightly dismissed, though comments like "Iran just got a license to kill" or "Iran wishes to take over the world" or "This treaty is the death sentence for Israel" do not reflect the considered judgments the treaty deserves. The deal will not cause another Holocaust, as charged by Glen Beck. More substantively, we can cite concerns that the deal would spur a conventional arms race in the region, or that if Iran succeeds in making a bomb, that would lead Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Turkey towards their own nuclear bomb programs. Some point to lax restrictions, or the advance notice requirement for inspections, or that relief from sanctions would give Iran \$100 billion to continue their conventional arms development and

state-sponsored terrorism. AIPAC – the pro-Israel American-Israeli Public Affairs Committee – is spending millions to advocate that we walk away from the deal, believing that doing so would force Iran back to the negotiating table; that increasing economic pressure on Iran would lead to a better deal. We know how Prime Minister Netanyahu feels about the agreement.

Proponents point out the following: the treaty postpones Iran's development of a bomb by years; it reduces Iran's stockpiles of enriched uranium; reduces their installed centrifuges by two-thirds; prevents Iran from producing weapons-grade plutonium, and adds robust transparency and inspections, much more than heretofore. They add that rejection would leave only one other option, the option of war. Rejection would give Iran free rein to pursue its nuclear goals without restraint; would undermine America's international standing, and in any event no viable alternative has been proposed by any party. As President Obama stated, "An Iran armed with a nuclear weapon would be far more destabilizing and far more dangerous to our friends." Pragmatists point out that expecting the six countries involved in the accord to return to the bargaining table after rejection is simply unrealistic, and if we reject they'll probably just go ahead anyway.

I am among those who conclude that this agreement is better than no agreement. I am not convinced that the best way to preclude an Iran equipped with nuclear armaments is to reject this treaty. I am encouraged that the scientific community of

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**Celebrating Our
162nd Year**



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope you are having a nice summer. It has been a busy one at Temple Beth Or.

In early June the restroom renovation was announced along with a request for donations to help with the cost. There was a brief time given to raise the funds and I was hopeful, but you answered the call beyond what we imagined. Your response has been overwhelming and as I write this we have received 57 gifts totaling slightly over \$75,000. Your generosity has protected the funds that we were willing to use for the project. This congregation is just incredible and I am so grateful for your support. I choose to take this amazing response as excited approval for this project and I do hope you are thrilled with the result. Finally, we will have restrooms that are handicapped accessible and better suited to our needs, not to mention, nicer to look at.

A very special thank you to John Ives and Paragon Construction who did the renovation – the cost would have been very different otherwise. John's company was a pleasure to work with, responsive, helpful and considerate of the Temple. We appreciate their care in doing the job. I want to thank Barbara Handmacher of Restore N' Décor who helped us with tile, countertops and cabinets. Also, thanks go to Lisa Weil, Art and Decoration, who has been invaluable in helping select everything we chose for the new restrooms.

The restrooms will be up and running (pun intended) before our August 20th Bingo and Hot Dog Dinner Event – join us!

We have created a new Condolence Committee that will be an ad hoc committee of the Cemetery Committee. There have been occasions when we have had funerals or memorial services for members who live here and some for those who have moved away, but are buried here - some of them choose to have a reception at Temple Beth Or. We want to do everything we can to help during a very difficult time for the family.

Our plan is to have a group in place that can be contacted and mobilized quickly to put together a condolence meal. There will be a set menu; one for morning and one for afternoon. If the family is able to cover the cost of the reception we will ask that a donation to the Condolence Fund be made, but if that is not possible then we will use the fund to pay for the reception. The hope is to grow the fund so that we may be of service to those who need it.

One of the key factors in the success of this is to have people who are willing to be in the group to bake, cook, buy and/or set up. We would like to have members who volunteer for a particular thing like cheese tray, sweets, tuna salad, fresh fruit, etc. What is your specialty? We are not asking you to absorb the cost for whatever you make; receipts can be turned in for reimbursement. What we really need is a list of people who will help and if you are interested please call Lucille Goldsmith at 244-7925 or email at lualgold@aol.com or email me (dianeweil@me.com) and sign up. Ideally, we would like to have multiple people for each food item so if someone is out of town we can still provide what is needed.

We welcome Harriette Dorosin, Jim Levy and Steve Wallace to the Board and they have hit the ground running already working to make improvements for our Grounds/Building and provide excellent Adult Education programming for the coming year.

As I reflect on the past year I feel really good about things – what we have accomplished and what we will get done in the future. We will do this together. L'shalom, Diane

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

Contributions to Funds

We greatly appreciate the people who support Temple Beth Or by remembering and honoring their friends and loved ones through their generous contributions. Those that are received after the 20th of the month will be in the next bulletin.

Blanche Winter Fund

*In Honor of Irving Winter for
Father's Day
The Deutsch Family*

Building Fund

*In Memory of Alan Goldsmith
In Memory of Pam Weil
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*In Memory of Charles Strasburger
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Contingency Fund

*On the Yahrzeit of Bernard Hanan
On the Yahrzeit of Rachel H. Capp
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*In Memory of Alan Goldsmith
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*On the Yahrzeit of Denise Kay Hanan
Joan Hanan*

*Congratulations to Lisa and Andy
Weil, gandaparents of
Evie and Campbell
Corinne F. Capilouto*

*Congratulations on your new
grandchildren. Lisa and Andy Weil
Bette Sue Strasburger*

*On the yahrzeit of my mother,
Olga C. Franco
Corinne F. Capilouto*

General Fund

*Congratulations to Rabbi Elliot
Stevens for 40 years on the Rabbinate
Marlene and Rick Beringer*

*In Memory of Alan Goldsmith
Marlene and Rick Beringer*

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David Grusin
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*Congratulations to Rabbi Elliot
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Karen and Lew Nyman
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*On the Yahrzeit of Lawrence Rosen
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*On the Yahrzeit of Philip Wecker
David and Beverly Lipton*

*On the Yahrzeit of Verna L. Wool
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Special Events

*Many thanks to TBO for
hosting my travelers.
Billy Planer*

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1..... Jack Abraham Jr.
- 2..... Bari Levin
- 2..... Jack Hanchrow
- 5..... Beverly Lipton
- 6..... Karen Weinrib
- 9..... Jean Schloss
- 10..... Harriette Dorosin
- 11..... Mark Mussafer
- 12..... Dan Weinrib
- 12..... Jamie Loeb
- 13..... Corinne Capilouto
- 14..... Sam Kaufman
- 14..... Louisa Weinrib
- 16..... Alan Bloom
- 16..... Jacob Dubin
- 17..... Kerry Bleiberg
- 18..... Arabella Aaron
- 24..... Randi Herring
- 24..... Marla Wohlman Crews
- 25..... Lynne Weinrib
- 25..... Dorothy Van Cleeff
- 25..... Anne Bloom
- 27..... Jenny Ives
- 28..... Dawn Schloss
- 29..... Micki Beth Stiller
- 31..... Bob Weisberg

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 14..... Herb & Esther Scheuer
- 17..... Philip & Susan Bernstein
- 17..... Alan & Myrna Rothfeder
- 18..... Robert & Barbara Shinpaugh
- 19..... Craig & Karen Goldstein
- 20..... David & Sharon Berry
- 22..... Jay & Dorothy Van Cleeff
- 24..... Morris & Kelly Capouya
- 28..... Bruce & Karen Lieberman
- 29..... Allen & Pat Dees
- 31..... David Weinrib &
Elizabeth Wahls

YAHRZEITS

To be read 8/7/2015
Edward Abraham
Albert Endel
Maurice Earl Kreisman
David Adler Loeb
Emilie E. Strasburger

To be read 8/14/2015
Sally Golumb
Frank Happ
Sol Kaplan
David Mussafer
Harold Rothman
Charles J. Schulwolf
Sol Schulwolf

To be read 8/21/2015
Myrtle Endel
Morris Goldberg
Louis B. Levi
Lina Levine
Pauline Schrier
Jean Weil
Blanche Landau Winter

To be read 8/28/2015
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Recent Death

Pamela Weil ז"ל

June 29, 2015



Wife of Ira Weil

SISTERHOOD

Your Sisterhood is busy preparing for our upcoming year. Thank you to our dedicated officers: Susan Finklestein, Joy Kaplan, Mae Cohen, Sharon McDaniel, and Harriette Dorosin who are making sure we are in good shape as we begin another year.

We have made our first attempt at emailing Sisterhood dues. All the info you need is available for you in your email. Harriette Dorosin did an outstanding job transitioning us to email so please send your dues to her promptly. Those of you without email addresses will continue to receive your statements via postal mail.

Our gift shop is under renovation as it has received a new paint color. Soon Lisa Weil and Sheryl Rosen will be announcing our “grand opening”. I am excited to see what they have been working on. If you have been to the Temple recently, then you are as excited as I am to see that we are getting brand new restrooms. They are going to be beautiful and I am proud to say that

Sisterhood donated a substantial amount to this project. Please keep this in mind and continue to pay your annual dues, support our Gift Shop, and fundraisers. This is how we are able to help our Temple.

I hope that when you are asked to participate in a Sisterhood event that you will say yes. It's so important and everyone makes a difference. There is a place for you. In particular, Sisterhood is responsible for candle lighting every Shabbat. I have heard members say that they have never been asked. Step up and volunteer to light candles. Call Gracie Hanchrow or Carol Loeb to let them know a good date for you. They will be thrilled to hear from you!

You will be receiving more info on our opening meeting late in September at the home of Charlotte Mussafer. I will see you there and fill you in on our upcoming year. Thanks to all who support Sisterhood and me!

Karen Goldstein
Sisterhood President

FROM THE LIBRARY

New books have arrived!

We're happy to begin featuring some of the new books that have come in from the Jewish Book Council. These titles can be found on the windowsill in the Library.

The Last Flight of Poxl West: A Novel by Daniel Torday (560.736 TOR 2015)

American Ghost: A Family's Haunted Past in the Desert Southwest by Hannah Nordhaus (778.5 NOR 2015)

Chasing Gold: The Incredible Story of How the Nazis Stole Europe's Bullion by George M. Taber (736.1 TAB 2014)

Henna House: A Novel by Nomi Eve (568 EVE 2014)

The Ambassadors: A Novel by George Lerner (560 LER 2014)

The Ice Cream Queen of Orchard Street: A Novel by Susan Jane Gilman (560 GIL 2014)

A Reunion of Ghosts: A Novel by Judith Claire Mitchell (560 MIT 2015)

Eric A. Kidwell, MLS

Kol Ami Religious School

Temple Beth Or

8/16-Teachers Set Up
8/23-First Day of School
8/30

9/6-No Religion School – Labor Day
9/13-Rosh Hashanah

9/20-Yom Kippur

9/27-TBO Sukkot Party followed by service

Drop by the Temple's lobby to review the stock of this year's bulk purchase of books from the Jewish Book Network. These remaining books are free for the taking.

Community ✪ Connection ✪ Friendship ✪ Fun!

L'Chaim League

Celebrates 30 Years!

Please take a look at the enclosed invitation and join us for the festivities on Sunday, August 30th at Temple Beth Or. This is a MUST-ATTEND event. Our planned festivities will highlight what L'Chaim League represents. This is one event that you won't want to miss! The remainder of our year will include an outing nearby, a yearly community Thanksgiving event, and a wonderful Chanukah Luncheon. L'Chaim League offers so much to so many. If you haven't joined in any past events, then be sure to include this great organization in your upcoming calendar. Looking forward to seeing you all very soon.

nuclear physicists, including those involved these past two years in the negotiations, support the accord on its scientific merits, and that over 100 former U.S. ambassadors, appointed by presidents from both parties, have written of their support – and that the U.S. has reconfirmed its absolute support of Israel. And I am deeply concerned, given Israel's intense lobbying against the deal, that its rejection would then be blamed on Israel and on "the Jews" in ways that have played out repeatedly over the centuries. I feel that a non-nuclear Iran is patently not possible, and the policy of confrontation cannot lead to success, as witness our war with Iraq. The deal enables at least a possibility that moderates will emerge in Iran, while rejection would preclude that possibility altogether.

There seems to be an assumption, by the way, the Israel is pretty unanimous in opposing this treaty. This is hardly the case. The list of prominent Israelis who have publicly expressed their support for the treaty is pretty impressive. And I don't just mean public figures; the list includes some of Israel's leading experts in security and military affairs.

The following are a few statements from a longer list of leading Israeli security experts who offer a more nuanced view of the Iran agreement, and while acknowledging that there are imperfections, have come to the conclusion that this Iran deal is an important step forward in enhancing Israel's security.

Efraim Halevy: Former Mossad Director and former Head of the National Security Council: *"Without an agreement, Iran will be free to act as it wishes, whereas the sanctions regime against it will crumble in any case...if the nuclear issue is of cardinal existential importance, what*

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is the point of canceling an agreement that distances Iran from the bomb?"

Chuck Freilich: Former Israeli Deputy National Security Advisor: *"This is the agreement that was reached – and despite its faults, it is not a bad one. Crucially, it will contribute to Israel's security."*

Yitzhak Ben-Israel: Chair of Israel's Space Agency and a former IDF general: *"The agreement is not bad at all, it is even good for Israel...It prevents Iran from getting a nuclear weapon for 15 years."*

Uzi Even: Former lead scientist at

Israel's Dimona nuclear reactor: *"I am sure the deal that was signed is preferable to the current situation because it delays Iran's ability to develop a nuclear bomb by at least 15 years and in practice ends its nuclear aspirations."*

Israel Ziv: Former Israeli Major General: *"This agreement is the best among all other alternatives, and any military strike – as successful as it may be – would not have delayed even 20% of what the agreement will delay."*

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Others who have voiced similar opinions include:

Ami Ayalon: Former head of the Shin Bet and former Navy commander-in-chief; The Peace and Security Association [representing hundreds of Israeli security experts, IDF veterans, Mossad, Shin Bet and Police]; Eran Etzion, Former Deputy Head of the Israel National Security Council and a former Head of Policy Planning at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Eli Levite, Former Deputy Director General of Israel's Atomic Energy Commission.

Here in the United States, some of the largest Federations – Los Angeles, for example – sent appeals out to their communities to urge Congress to oppose the agreement. The L.A. Federation and others promote the impression that there is unanimity in Israel; that this Iran deal fundamentally undermines Israel's security. As we have seen, this is not so; good and intelligent people will disagree. Even as we come to different conclusions, however, I take exception to the insinuation in some quarters that if one really cares about Israeli security then there is only one responsible choice – to oppose this agreement. As one who loves Israel and has family there, I support this agreement, even with its flaws.

My fear is that should this deal fail now, not only would sanctions immediately fall apart, but Iran would have nothing to stop its forward march to nuclear capability in short order.

Endorsing the agreement does not mean that our work is done. Thomas Friedman, writing this week in the *New York Times*, urged President Obama to appoint a respected military figure to oversee every aspect of

implementing the deal. Friedman would have us push Congress to pass a resolution authorizing this and future presidents to use force to prevent Iran from ever becoming a nuclear weapons state. Iran must know now that the U.S. president is authorized to destroy — without warning or negotiation — any attempt by Tehran to build a bomb. Friedman lists a number of other steps with the goal of moving us away from the brinkmanship that has until now not stood us in good stead. As I suggested

at the outside, I urge us to become as informed as we can on the issues, and avoid snap judgments.

An old saying teaches: "Keep your friends close; keep your enemies closer." For me, and without being naïve about the valid concerns which I share, the bottom line is that giving peace a chance wins out over a more likely scenario of giving in to war.

Rabbi Elliot Stevens

CHAI lights



PLEASE JOIN US IN WELCOMING OUR NEW SHLICHA



Dana Korem

Continuing what has become a much-loved tradition in our community, the Jewish Federation of Central Alabama is proud to announce that our new Shlicha (emissary) from Israel will be joining us in Montgomery this August. Her name is Dana Korem.

Dana is 22 years young and lives in Tel Aviv next to the beach where she "adores its sunsets." She brings educational expertise, a passion for helping others, and the spirit of contemporary Israeli life to her new role, where she will create a living bridge between Israel and Central Alabama.

Dana completed her service in the Israeli Defense Force as an officer in the Education Corps. In this role, she managed seminars for combat soldiers about Jewish and Israeli history. Dana volunteers in a local hospital, caring for pediatric cancer patients and plans to start medical school when she returns to Israel. Dana also "loves to sing and likes to run (sometimes embarrassingly combining both)".

While working as a representative of the JFCA, Dana will continue to build on the work of our past Shlichim, weaving our connection with Israel further into the fabric of our community. She is very eager to meet you all and share her love and knowledge of Israeli life and culture. Most importantly, she wants to meet each of you and "find out how sweet home is in Alabama".

We hope you all will help us give Dana a proper, warm southern welcome as she travels to Central Alabama to bring Israel into our hearts and homes. Please call 334-277-5820 or email mail.jfca@gmail.com to schedule a time to visit with Dana and help her get acclimated as she settles in to our community or to volunteer prior to her arrival.

We are looking for a couple of volunteers to help us prepare the apartment/ office space as well as someone who could coordinate a small greeting committee to welcome our newest community member as she arrives at the airport.

Please stay tuned for further information regarding Dana's arrival in August. We are expecting Dana to arrive sometime during the afternoon on Sunday, August 23rd. In the meantime, you can welcome Dana via email at dana.korem25@gmail.com.

Thank you,

Anna Bern
Anna Bern



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Check out bluffcitybash.com for more information about the weekend and please let Anna Bern at the JFCA know you can join us!

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**STUDY OPPORTUNITIES WITH
RABBI STEVENS**

JUDAISM BASICS & BASIC HEBREW

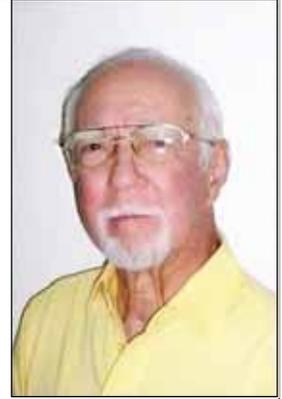
This basic survey of Judaism runs for eleven sessions, starting October 9. Take a whirlwind tour of Jewish history, learn about Jewish traditions on life cycle events and the Jewish calendar, study the main religious themes of Jewish tradition, and ask as many questions as you wish.

Sessions run from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM.

- September 29** Overview of Judaism.
- October 6**..... A Whirlwind Tour of Jewish History.
- October 13**..... The Basic Texts of Judaism.
- October 20**..... Modern Judaism; Denominations; Israel.
- October 27**..... Lifecycle: Birth through Bar Mitzvah.
- November 3**..... Lifecycle: Marriage and Divorce.
- November 17**..... Lifecycle: Illness, death, mourning.
- November 24**..... Holidays: Shabbat and Festivals.
- December 1** Holidays: Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.
- December 8** Holidays: Minor holidays (Chanukah, Purim, etc.).
- December 15** Modern Judaism: Israel; Denominations.

Hebrew bonus session: For those who want to learn to read Hebrew, now's your chance. You CAN learn to read in just eleven sessions, from 1:00 - 1:30 PM following the class in Basic Judaism.

Dear Friends: I am overwhelmed with the love and friendship I have received from my beloved Temple family. As much as I was mentally prepared to lose Alan, nothing prepared me for that day. He was such a joyous part of my life and will be truly missed. I want to thank everyone for their donations and support shown to me and my family. I am so blessed to be part of Temple Beth Or.



With love,
Lucille Goldsmith

Sisterhood Statements

For the first time, Sisterhood dues statements were emailed. Please check your in-box to see if yours has been received.



**JFCA WISH LIST FOR OUR NEW
SHLICHA'S ARRIVAL**
(Apartment & Office set-up)

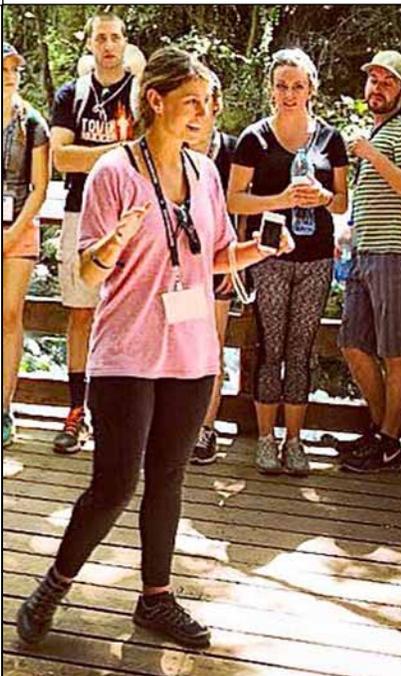
- Conference table (office)
- Desk(s) & Chair (office)
- TV stand
- Queen Sheet Set & Towels
- Throw pillows

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

(Items may be brought to the Federation office or arrange for pick up by calling 334-277-5820)

ALSO, PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DATE FOR DANA'S ARRIVAL LOOKS TO NOW BE AUGUST 16TH INSTEAD OF THE 23RD.

With the generous support of several partners that include our Federation donors, Birthright Israel has sent over 400,000 Jewish young adults (ages 18-26) to Israel from 66 countries since its inception in 1999. In Hebrew, the Birthright Israel program is referred to as *Taglit* (discovery). That, in a word, is the goal of the trip – a discovery of Israel and its people, discovery of one's own personal connection to Jewish values and tradition, and discovery of the ways in which one can be a part of the larger Jewish community.



As some of you may know, I recently returned from my second trip as a Madricha (staff/group leader) on an Amazing Israel-Birthright trip. In a small Jewish community like ours, an experience like Birthright is one way that I have been able to connect myself to the idea of Jewish community and the rest of the Jewish world, while making memories and friendships that last a lifetime. And, you can go, too! Pre-registration is NOW OPEN! Please call the JFCA office for more information.

Anna Bern
JFCA Montgomery

NEW LAUNCH FOR TBO WEBSITE

Last spring member Pam Hitchcock volunteered to revise and update our Temple website, templebethor.net. We are now proud to announce that her work is now complete, and her redesign has now been successfully launched. We encourage you to visit the site for calendar and news updates, bulletins [in color!] and photos of Temple activities. Our site also feature important links within the Jewish world, and feeds from our Movement, the Union of Reform Judaism.

Pam has also brought her skills to our Facebook page, through which our programs and services can be shared widely within our growing circle of friends. Following us on Facebook and “liking” our postings will enhance our exposure throughout the community.

Our warm thanks to Pam for taking this on, and to Sandy Lynn Stevens who first designed our website in 2008 and who has managed it so diligently over these last seven years. Many of our visitors – and new members – first learn about us on-line.

2015/5776 High Holy Day Service Times

Sunday, September 13

Rosh Hashanah Eve7:30 PM
Followed by our Annual Reception

Monday, September 14

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 18

Shabbat Shuvah6:00 PM

Sunday, September 20

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

Tuesday, September 22

Kol Nidrei Eve.....7:30 PM

Wednesday, September 23

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 Sisterhood6:15 PM

Sunday, September 27

Sukkot Decorating Party 4 PM
 Sukkot Outdoor Service 6 PM

Sunday, October 4

Simchat Torah Service and Consecration6 PM



Photos are from the L’Chaim League’s Nat King Cole event on July 14th at Temple Beth Or.



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Future events !

Friday, August 7, 6 PM, Shabbat Service. TORAH READING AND D'VAR TORAH.

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.

Sunday, August 30, 12:30 PM, L'Chaim League celebrates their 30th Anniversary with a summer luncheon and entertainment at Temple Beth Or. Reservations required.

Sunday, September 13, 7:30 PM, Rosh Hashanah Eve Service - followed by Annual Reception.

Monday, September 14, 1:00 PM, Tashlich at Museum of Fine Arts lake. Bring your own bread!

Monday, September 14, 10:00 AM, Rosh Hashanah Morning Service.

Monday, September 14, 10:30 AM, Children's Service in Library

Friday, September 18, 6:00 PM, Shabbat Shuvah.

Saturday, September 19, 9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Rabbi Stevens. Light brunch served.

Sunday, September 20, 10:30 AM, Cemetery Memorial Service: Etz Ahayem Cemetery (new section)

Sunday, September 20, 11:00 AM, Cemetery Memorial Service: Etz Ahayem Cemetery (old section)

Sunday, September 20, 9:30 AM, Cemetery Memorial Service: Eternal Rest Cemetery

Tuesday, September 22, 7:30 PM, Kol Nidrei Eve.

Wednesday, September 23, 10:00 AM, Yom Kippur Morning.

Wednesday, September 23, 12:00 PM, Rabbi's Discussion.

Wednesday, September 23, 2:30 PM, Yom Kippur Children's Service

Wednesday, September 23, 3:30 PM, Yom Kippur Afternoon Service

Wednesday, September 23, 4:15 PM, Healing Service.

Wednesday, September 23, 5:00 PM, Yizkor [Memorial] Service.

Wednesday, September 23, 5:30 PM, N'ilah [Concluding]

Wednesday, September 23, 6:15 PM, Congregational Break Fast; sponsored by Sisterhood

Sunday, September 27, 4:00 PM, Hosted by Temple Beth Or. The Jewish community is invited. Decorating of the Sukkah, games, lunch, live music, and other fun activities. We are hoping to have many of the young adults attend this event. No RSVP is needed.

Sunday, September 27, 6:00 PM, Sukkot service. This service will be held outdoors at our TBO sukkah; join us as we celebrate together with worship and a symbolic meal inside our sukkah.

Tuesday, September 29, 12:00 PM, Study with Rabbi Stevens. Basic Judaism begins at 12 noon. A 30-minute Basic Hebrew class follows at 1 PM.

Sunday, October 4, 6:00 PM, Simchat Torah Celebration and Consecration.

Tuesday, October 6, 12:00 PM, Study with Rabbi Stevens. Basic Judaism begins at 12 noon. A 30-minute Basic Hebrew class follows at 1 PM.

Friday, October 9, 6 PM, Shabbat Service. TORAH READING AND D'VAR TORAH.

Tuesday, October 13, 12:00 PM, Study with Rabbi Stevens. Basic Judaism begins at 12 noon. A 30-minute Basic Hebrew class follows at 1 PM.

Saturday, October 17, 9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Rabbi Stevens. Light brunch served.

Tuesday, October 20, 12:00 PM, Study with Rabbi Stevens. Basic Judaism begins at 12 noon. A 30-minute Basic Hebrew class follows at 1 PM.

Thursday, October 22, 7 PM, Jewish Book Council author Tuvia Tenenbom discusses his book "Catch the Jew" using humor, charm and a skewer to explore life in Israel and Palestine. Sponsored by the Rothschild-Blachschleger Lecture Series.

Tuesday, October 27, 12:00 PM, Study with Rabbi Stevens. Basic Judaism begins at 12 noon. A 30-minute Basic Hebrew class follows at 1 PM.

Friday, November 6, 12:00 PM, Study with Rabbi Stevens. Basic Judaism begins at 12 noon. A 30-minute Basic Hebrew class follows at 1 PM.

Tuesday, November 17, 12:00 PM, Study with Rabbi Stevens. Basic Judaism begins at 12 noon. A 30-minute Basic Hebrew class follows at 1 PM.

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

The Jewish Federation
of Central Alabama



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.

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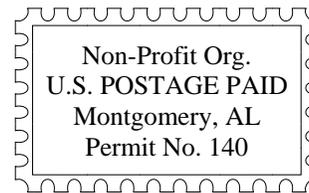
Want an updated look at what's going on at Temple? Go to www.templebethor.net.

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23 <i>9:30 AM, Religion School-First Day of School</i>	24	25	26	27	28 <i>5 PM Sisterhood Gift Shop Grand Opening</i> <i>6 PM, Shabbat Service. TORAH READING AND D'VAR TORAH.</i>	29
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SISTERHOOD



Gift Shop

August 28th at 5 PM

Sisterhood invites you to a wine and cheese preceding Shabbat service to celebrate the grand reopening of the Sisterhood Gift Shop.

For every \$10 spent, you will receive a raffle ticket towards a grand prize.

We hope everyone will come out to support the Sisterhood Gift Shop.

kol ami

Religious School

The first day of Kol Ami Religious School is August 23rd. Class runs every Sunday from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Elana and Emily will be there starting at 9 a.m. on the 23rd to greet parents and students and make sure that everyone has signed up for the academic year. Forms may be submitted in advance at the following links:

Kol Ami Religious School Registration Form
<http://goo.gl/forms/8a577Hqx4w> and

Kol Ami Religious School Emergency Contact Form:
<http://goo.gl/forms/uusV1qpkcG> .