

Temple Beth Or Bulletin

A VIEW FROM THE BIMAH

November 2015 ~ Cheshvan/Kislev 5776



Two thousand years ago, Jerusalem was in turmoil. The Roman Empire was clamping down on the unrest that would ultimately lead to revolution – and the destruction of the

Temple, the end of the Priesthood and the final split between Christianity and Rabbinic Judaism. A host of sects approached the crisis with very different agendas: some embraced Greek and Roman culture, and felt that assimilation was the best way to survive; others sought to maintain their Judaism through study and practice, by not adopting the mores of their surrounding culture. Some groups withdrew into asceticism, or sought salvation in visions of a coming messianic kingdom. And Jewish terrorists, taking matters into their own hands, knifed Romans in the streets of Jerusalem, seeking to overthrow the existing order with violence but without any clear vision of the future. Our rabbinic tradition

records opinions that the fall of the Temple and Jerusalem in the year 70 resulted from civil war and internecine strife at least as much as from the assault on Judaism from Rome.

Today's situation in Jerusalem – though the players are different – is at least as complex. It's hard for an unbiased observer to sort out reality from unfounded fiction; claim from counter-claim. And unbiased observers are, of course, hard to come by. Like the waffling politician who says "I stand firmly on both sides of the fence" [depending on her audience], we can empathize with a whole variety of different viewpoints, even while despairing that these differences can ever be bridged to create a climate for peace.

My daughter in Jerusalem exemplifies the challenge.

Sara, a music educator who made aliyah four years ago, lives with the constant tension of random violence. She teaches several classes in East

Jerusalem, and normally has no problem on busing through all parts of the city. But when two passengers were stabbed to death on her usual bus – which she missed that morning – she felt she had to pull back on her usual routine. She reports that normally crowded places are mostly empty – like malls or train stations – but that no one knows which areas are safe. Police are everywhere, the personal searches much more intrusive. She struggles to shield her two kids from the daily news of incidents. Here's her comment: "I feel sick to my stomach with fear right now. I'm not going to take ANY risks from now on. No going anywhere except school and work. I'll do my food shopping in Nayot, or a neighborhood that has no Arabs nearby. "

Yet Sara, who works for Rabbis for Human Rights (an activist group that works to meliorate the heavy hand of Israel's occupation of the West Bank), also writes: "I must say that the most horrifying thing (aside from the violence itself) is the type of talk I'm hearing on the street and on the Facebook feeds of Israelis. Talk of wishing we could 'flatten all their homes,' talk of wanting 'them' all dead, people organizing 'protests' in my neighborhood calling for more violence and more strict action against our 'neighbors.' Plain hatred, racism, antagonism, and a wish to kill. On the radio this morning a man was saying (in Hebrew so I may have not understood exactly), that we should just take away all of 'their rights.' No more hospital treatment, no more

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Joint Thanksgiving Service with
First United Methodist Church and
Church of the Ascension

Tuesday, November 24th • 7 PM
at First United Methodist Church

Rabbi Stevens to Preach

(see page 4 for details)



Saturday, November 21
Shabbat Morning Service

Saturday morning, November 21,
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
163rd Year**



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**Birthday and
Anniversary
Blessings on
November 6th.**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Creation is not something which happened only once. Creation is an ongoing process.

Moreover, our Sages taught, the human being is "God's partner in the work of Creation." God and we create together.

There is still much to be done: disease to be conquered, injustice and poverty to be overcome, hatred and war to be eliminated. There is truth to be discovered, beauty to be fashioned, freedom to be achieved, peace and righteousness to be established. There is a great need to dedicate all the creative powers which a creating God has given us, so that we may join God in "the continuing work of Creation." from The New Mahzor

I saw the above passage while at a Rosh Hashanah service and the idea of a partnership with God that is continuous makes so much sense to me and is also a really lovely concept. It is not news that we are responsible for making our world better and we are also responsible for the damage we do to what has been created. The idea that we are in this process together with God is tremendously appealing to me - meaning each of us has a role to play in ongoing Creation. This could be taken as a call to action.

Creation is BIG and we naturally think of that as related to the global community, but it also makes me think of what we are creating here at Temple Beth Or in our holy community. That, too, is an ongoing process that we work on together.

This summer some changes were made in the music for Shabbat services and the changes were well received. It was decided that effective October 1st we would have (for the most part) the choir ensemble with organ once a month, a soloist with organ once a month and a soloist (who is a Temple member) on the bimah twice a month. After the High Holy Days it became clear that the Board really had to evaluate our current musical program - where we want to go musically and what is financially feasible. A variety of issues were carefully considered and it was decided that now is the right time for transition.

As of June 30th, Dr. Elizabeth French's tenure at Temple Beth Or as musical director will end. Elizabeth has been with us for over 35 years and we are the beneficiaries of her talents - both musical and administrative - and are deeply grateful for her time and dedication to providing the highest quality in musical performance. We want to make sure that the tradition of providing this congregation with music that enhances meaningful worship continues and I am confident that this will be positive and embraced by Temple Beth Or.

It's November and that means we will have the Joint Thanksgiving Service with First United Methodist Church and Church of the Ascension on Tuesday, November 24th. I hope that you will be there for this service which is unique in our community and has been a tradition started in the early 1900s. It is a wonderful time to visit with friends and celebrate what we have in common - definitely a special evening. I wish each of you a wonderful Thanksgiving and hope it is a time for your family to be together and to be appreciative of the many blessings in our lives.

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.

Endowment Fund

*In Memory of
Joseph E. Capilouto
Corinne F. Capilouto*

General Fund

*In Honor of Temple Beth Or
Christopher Smith*

*In Memory of Betty Bloom
Susan and Henry Flinn &
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*On the Yahrzeits of Jerome Levy
and Marie Ullman Levy
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Rabbi Discretionary
*In Memory of my grandparents,
Jennie B. and Abe S. Monsky
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*In Memory of Dr. Jack Wool
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*The Memory of our parents,
H. Victor and Ann Kerns
Susan Kerns, Janice LeBlanc,
David Kerns*

*In Honor of Temple Beth Or
Betty, Bob and Erik Goldberg*
Congratulations
*Micki Beth and Laura
Kathie and Raymond Cohen*

**NOVEMBER
BIRTHDAYS**

- 1Alan Rothfeder
- 2Jessica Bern
- 4Bob Goldberg
- 7Rick Beringer
- 8Marlene Beringer
- 8Adam Schloss
- 9John Allen Dees
- 10Gaby Capp
- 11Ralph Capouya
- 11Janey Sabel
- 13Craig Darch
- 15Loren Franco
- 16Jarred Kaplan
- 16Pam Hitchcock
- 18Charles Kohn
- 18Andy Weil III
- 19Morris Capouya
- 20John Ives
- 21LaNette Clein
- 23Erik Naprstek
- 25Elliot Cohen
- 26Sharon Benn
- 26Robert Shinpaugh
- 29Bobby Weil

**NOVEMBER
ANNIVERSARIES**

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

YAHRZEITS

To be read 11/6/2015

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

To be read 11/13/2015

- Irving R. Bean
- Theresa G. Bernstein
- Rhoda Dubin
- Samuel Kaufman
- Beatrice Yellin

To be read 11/20/2015

- Edna Jane Bloom
- Bernice Clein
- Isabelle D. Goldberg
- Inez Greene
- Diana G. Hanan
- Reuben Herzfeld
- Bertha Kaufman
- Milton Long
- Louis Charles Neumann
- Jeannette Nyman

To be read 11/27/2015

- Bernard Eric Hanan
- Alma Happ
- Beatrice Feinberg Levy
- Jack Loeb, Sr.
- Julius Simon Marks
- Marcelle Sabel Moers
- Ray Worth



SISTERHOOD

September and October are the busiest months of the year for Sisterhood. Thanks to Betty Goldberg for her festive treats for Simchat Torah as we sang and danced and read the Torah. We had a fabulous opening event at the home of Charlotte Mussafer. It was a beautiful fall evening and everyone enjoyed being with each other. Celia Dubin was the lucky winner of our raffle which was a beautiful edible basket created by Brenda Strassburger.

Our annual Carnegie Deli cheesecake fundraiser hit another milestone. Lisa Weil and Marlene Beringer continue to raise more money each year. Thank you to everyone who bought cheesecakes and for your support of Sisterhood. Pick up dates are Tuesday November 17th and Wednesday November 18th from 9:00-5:00 at the Temple.

Our Chanukah Dinner is Friday December 11th following Shabbat services. Jenny Ives and Karen Lieberman are preparing a special treat. Please make your reservations by December 1st. We are not accepting after our deadline. There is additional information in the bulletin. You will not want to miss celebrating Chanukah with your Temple family.

When shopping for your holiday gifts, I hope you will remember the Temple Gift Shop. Lisa Weil and Sheryl Rosen continue to make sure that we have what you need for your celebrations as well as wonderful gifts.

Thank you for your continued support of Sisterhood. You are all a vital part. Please let me know of any particular

interest that you have. I look forward to seeing you at Temple.

Karen Goldstein
Sisterhood President

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L'CHAIM LEAGUE

On November 19th, we will host our annual Thanksgiving Luncheon/Bingo at the Capitol Heights Senior Home. This highly anticipated event draws quite an enthusiastic crowd of residents. They really enjoy the food and love the bingo. Please help us out by serving food, calling bingo, baking desserts, or donating \$10 to be used for this worthwhile event. This is our Community Service Project and one that, not only do the residents look forward to, but we do, as well.

Our Chanukah Luncheon will be on Thursday, December 10th at Mr. G's. The cost will be \$16 per person. Make your reservations early. Great food and fun event.

We are now on Facebook. Check us out there to enjoy all the pictures of our events and information on upcoming events. We offer many different activities, so all can enjoy.

Linda Smith
lchaimleague2246@yahoo.com

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FROM THE LIBRARY

It's the time of year when food begins to play perhaps a more prominent role in our lives, whether it be due to holidays or due to changes in the weather that bring a longing for "comfort" food. So, we continue with our annual

highlighting of the cookbook section of the temple library.

The Community Table: Recipes & Stories from the Jewish Community Center in Manhattan & Beyond by Katja Goldman, Judy Bernstein Bunzl, and Lisa Rotmil (699 GOL 2015)

The Covenant Kitchen: Food and Wine for the New Jewish Table by Jeff and Jodie Morgan (699 MOR 2015)

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

The Dairy Gourmet: Secret Recipes from Tastebuds Gourmet Café and Flower Shop by Sarah M. Lasry, photographs by Estee Gestetner (699.9 LAS 2006)

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

A Drizzle of Honey: The Lives and Recipes of Spain's Secret Jews by David M. Gitlitz & Linda Davidson (699.22 GIT 2000)

The Children's Jewish Holiday Kitchen: 70 Ways to Have Fun with Your Kids and Make Your Family's Celebrations Special by Joan Nathan (699.1 NAT 1995)

Nechama Cohen's Enlivened Kosher Cooking: More Than 250 Good-Carb, Healthy-Fat, Sugar-Free Recipes from the Simple to the Elegant (699.9 COH 2006)

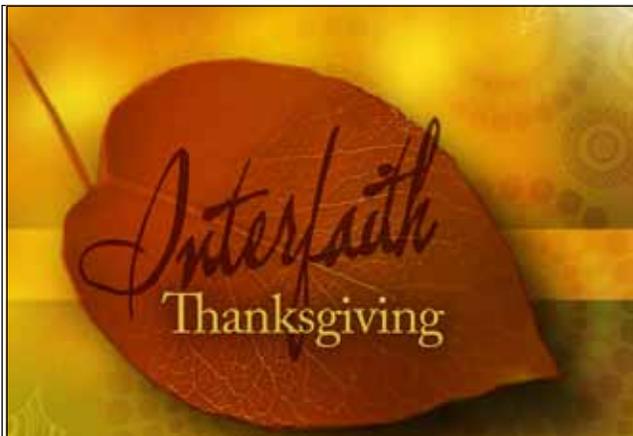
Eric A. Kidwell, MLS

Annual Joint Thanksgiving Service

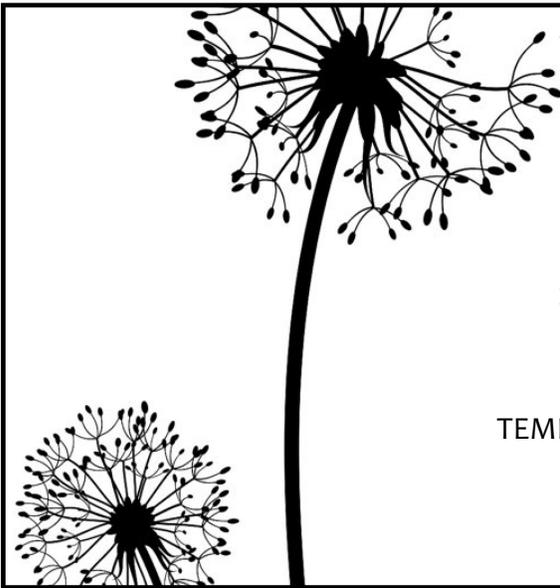
Church of the Ascension
First United Methodist Church
Temple Beth Or

Tuesday, November 24th ❖ 7 PM

This year's Thanksgiving service will be held at First United Methodist Church and **Rabbi Elliot Stevens** will speak. A reception follows the service.



Ellie Sabel's Bat Mitzvah



WITH PRIDE AND JOY WE INVITE YOU TO
JOIN US AS OUR DAUGHTER **Ellie**
BECOMES A BAT MITZVAH
SATURDAY, THE 7th OF NOVEMBER, 2015
AT TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING
TEMPLE BETH OR, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA
RECEPTION FOLLOWING SERVICES
Mary and Mark Sabel

Hi,

I'm about to have a bat mitzvah at Temple Beth Or. First of all, I'd be very happy if you all can come. It's November 7th of this year on Shabbat morning. Second, as my mitzvah project, I'm raising money for Children's Hospital of Alabama, a place I know well. Children's Hospital provides medical care and conducts research for children of all ages in many different areas. The times that I stayed there - twice in third grade, and once in fifth grade - all of the departments were so kind and completely on top of things. My project is focused on funds for the Nephrology team, which includes specialized nurses, nutritionists, social workers, family counsellors, and faculty who evaluate and treat children with kidney disease from infancy to adolescence.

As a patient of this department, I've been lucky that my parents have been able to take time off work and drive me to Birmingham. But over half of the pediatric nephrology patients are Medicaid eligible, and many lack reliable transportation to and from Birmingham. And while my medical challenge has been mild by comparison, many parents of children with kidney disease must quit

their jobs because keeping up is so time-consuming. That is why the patient assistance fund for the nephrology department is so important. Other major funding priorities include providing teachers and supplies for hospitalized children; providing scholarships for the region's highly specialized dialysis camp; and, of course, improving all treatments and the quality of care.

No child should be denied the State's highest quality specialized care simply because they cannot afford to get to or stay in Birmingham. If you could make a donation, big or small, that would be wonderful. I know both the kids and the staff would appreciate it!

If you would like to make a donation, please send a check made payable to "Children's of Alabama - Nephrology Department," to my attention at: P.O. Box 231348, Montgomery, AL 36123.

Again, all of you are invited and more than welcome to come to my bat mitzvah!

Shana Tova,

Ellie Sabel



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FROM OUR COMMUNITY SH'LICHA, DANA

I hope that by the time this article will be published and delivered to you, the terror attacks in Israel will be over and the past month and half will become a painful memory. It is really absurd that in Israel we comfort ourselves with painful memories. We tell each other that it is just a matter of time, that it will pass and everything will be OK again. “Yi’hi’ye Besseder,” it will be fine, is a very common Israeli phrase.

We are pretty used to it, right? In the last two decades, almost every couple of years Israel needed to withstand a major threat to its people safety. Last year we fought in operation Protective Edge, in 2012 operation Pillar of defense, in 2008 operation Cast Lead, in 2006 the Second Lebanon War... and the list continues till the very first day of Israel as a state, since it was established during the Independence War.

Let’s not forget that the name “Israel” has a longer resume, and it did not only begin in 1948. The Jewish people- the people of Israel, all of us, have been fighting for our freedom since ancient history. We were enslaved by Egypt, attacked by Assyria and Greece, exiled by Babylon and Rome. In 1492 we were expelled from Spain, and in the middle of the 20th century six millions of us were murdered by Hitler’s regime in Nazi Germany.

And what about all of our daily battles? We find ourselves dealing with more and more Anti-Israel demonstrations, with the media that keeps on inciting against Israel, and with the BDS movement which is

spreading in the U.S. Sometimes it seems like hating Israel is becoming a trend.

So what can we do about it? The most important thing is to talk about our thoughts and feelings, to ask the hardest questions so we can understand what is happening.

Then we must share our opinions and our support in any way that we can, as individuals and as a community, so the world will know the full story, and Israel will know that we stand with them. And one last thing, if you can, please keep Israel and its people in your prayers, and especially all the ones who got injured.

I invite you all to join me on November 10th for my second Café Israel at Agudat Israel Etz Ahayem Synagogue from 7-8:00 pm, to talk more about the current wave of terror in Israel.

I would like to end with the words of Ehud Manor’s famous song:

“Ein Li Eretz Acheret, Gam Im Admati Bo’eret”

“I have no other country, even if my land is burning.”

Shalom,

Dana





FEDERATION'S 2015 VICTIMS OF TERROR FUND

As terrible violence continues to escalate in Israel, the Jewish Federation of Central Alabama and the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) remain deeply troubled and compassionate for those affected by this untenable situation. We pray that calm will be restored as quickly as possible, we pray for peace in Israel, and we pray for the families of those affected.

MANY HAVE ASKED WHAT THEY CAN DO TO HELP ISRAEL NOW...

Direct and immediate assistance for those affected by the current wave of violence is provided by the Jewish Agency for Israel through their Fund for Victims of Terror- a standing resource that provides the monetary support necessary to rebuild lives.

Your support of this fund will provide aid to those in need immediately following an attack, delivering the financial assistance needed as those affected begin the healing process. 100% of your donation to the Fund for Victims of Terror given through the JFCA will go directly to help people in need. Federation will cover all administrative fees.

You can make a difference, and we hope you will join us in helping the victims of this senseless violence.

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Agudath Israel Etz Ahayem

Sunday, December 13
JOE KLEIN
Author of *Charlie Mike*



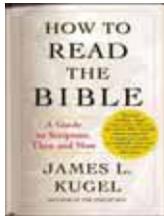
Joe Klein tells the dramatic story of Eric Greitens and Jake Wood. This is one of the most hopeful stories to emerge from Iraq and Afghanistan -- a saga of lives saved, not wasted. Greitens, a highly decorated Jewish Navy SEAL and Rhodes Scholar, has devoted his life to the principle of tikkun olam -- "healing the world." Wounded in Iraq, Greitens returned home and found that his fellow veterans all wanted the same thing: to continue to serve their country in some way, no matter the extent of their injuries. He founded The Mission Continues to provide paid public service fellowships for wounded veterans. Jake Wood, one of the first Mission Continues Fellow, founded Team Rubicon, organizing veterans in disaster relief projects around the world, from Haiti to Hurricane Sandy. Greitens and Wood believe that the military virtues of discipline and selflessness can build stronger communities. Their inspiring personal saga demonstrates how the skills of war can also provide a path to peace, personal satisfaction, and a more vigorous nation.



The JBC Network is designed to benefit communities that offer Jewish book programs and the authors of Jewish-interest books. The JBC Network—with roughly 120 member organizations across North America, including JCCs, synagogues, Hillels, Jewish Federations, and cultural centers—gives over 250 authors a platform for sharing their books each year.

AIEA Adult Education

Rabbi Kramer is currently meeting with a couple of congregants on Thursday mornings after minyan, at 8:30 am to read and study from "How to Read the Bible" by James L. Kugel. We are studying how the Bible is understood by both modern scholars and our ancient interpreters. The class is open to the entire congregation and we welcome participation. No requirements, just an interest to learn with an open mind and curiosity.



Come and join the Rabbi after Shabbat Services on Saturday mornings.

Rabbi Kramer will be leading a discussion of the weekly Torah Portion.



Yahrzeit Review

In October, a listing of each family's Yahrzeits was mailed to members, for the purpose of reviewing and correcting their Yahrzeit listings.

For those of you who received a sheet, your corrections should be returned by November 30th.

If you think you have Yahrzeits in our system and you did not receive a sheet, please contact Gina Friday via 334.262.3314 or bethor@templebethor.net to discuss.

Kol Ami Religious School

Temple Beth Or

- 11/1-Daylight Savings
- 11/8
- 11/15
- 11/22-No Religion School – Thanksgiving Break
- 11/29-No Religion School – Thanksgiving Break
- 12/6-Chanukah Celebration
- 12/13
- 12/20-No Religion School – Winter Break
- 12/27-No Religion School – Winter Break

Chanukah Shabbat with
Family and Friends



**Friday,
December 11**

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 Chanukah Dinner. Please
bring your favorite
Chanukah Menorah and candles.

Menu: Cabbage Rolls, Fried Chicken
Fingers, Latkes, Green Beans, Salad, Ice
Cream Sandwiches

\$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
Tuesday, December 1st.**

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



L'Chaim League visits High Spirits Distillery in Bullock County on October 14, 2015.

government services, no buses, etc. because this is the only way they will stop violence. It all makes my stomach turn. Why are people so blind? I feel like WW III has begun around the world and we're all in denial."

Here is a classic situation of "on the one hand" and "on the other hand." The Israeli government is accused of building ever more settlements, razing Palestinian homes, humiliating Palestinians daily by their heavy-handed rule now approaching its 50th anniversary (!), and not really interested in achieving a two-state solution, no matter what the benefits or security guarantees. Yet the Palestinian have also rejected every opportunity for settlement presented to them since the 1930's; still call for Israel's annihilation in the Palestinian National Charter – never revised – and many literally dance in the streets when Israelis are killed. The latest manufactured flap over the Temple Mount is just another ploy to delegitimize Israel in the eyes of the world. And all too often, given the Palestinians' weak and ineffective leadership, there doesn't seem to be even a valid negotiating partner.

I am still one of those who supports the notion of "land for peace" as the only viable long-term option, though I am realistic enough to recognize that true peace might only be possible in the context of a messianic kingdom. Yet we mustn't give up the hope or give in to despair – and I urge us even in the midst of turmoil not to castigate the "other" but to try to see the common humanity within us all.

Elliot Stevens



Friday, Dec. 4, 6 PM

Shabbat Service.
TORAH READING AND
D'VAR TORAH.

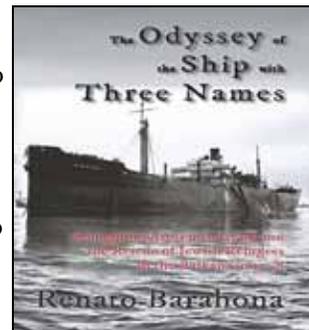
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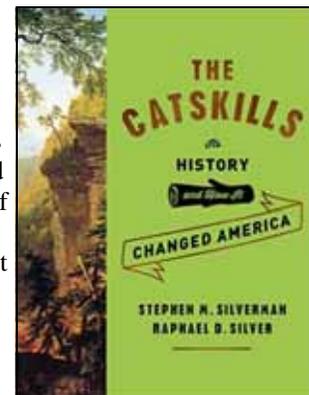


FUTURE GUEST AUTHORS:

Thursday, January 14, 7 PM,
Jewish Book Council author Renato Barahona discusses his book "The Odyssey of the Ship with Three Names" about a vessel that rescued over 7,700 Jewish refugees from the Balkans and transported them to Israel. Sponsored by the Rothschild-Blachschleger Lecture Series.



Thursday, March 17, 7 PM,
Jewish Book Council author Stephen M. Silverman discusses his book "The Catskills: Its History and How It Changed America" telling of the turning points that made the Catskills so vital to the development of America. Sponsored by the Rothschild-Blachschleger Lecture Series.



BEDTIME BUNDLES

For the 8th 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

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.
- November 3.....** Lifecycle: Birth through Bar Mitzvah.
- November 17.....** Lifecycle: Marriage and Divorce.
- November 24.....** Lifecycle: Illness, death, mourning.
- December 1** Holidays: Shabbat and Festivals.
- December 8** Holidays: Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.
- December 15** Holidays: Minor holidays (Chanukah, Purim, etc.).

JOE MUSSAFER SET TO SPEAK AT TBO



On Tuesday evening, November 3 at 7 p.m., Joe Mussafer will read a paper sharing his research on one of the most crucial years in all history – 1492. Joe’s talk will be the first in this year’s series sponsored by the Temple’s Blachschleger Library, and offered by the Library Committee chaired by Joan Loeb.

Joe was recently elected to join the Thirteen, a literary society which traces its origins to the beginning of the 20th century. He chose the year 1492 as his first research subject – delivered this past spring – because of the juxtaposition of so many important historical events: the unification of Spain under Ferdinand and Isabella; the final Spanish conquest of Islam; the expulsion of Spain’s Jewish population, and Columbus’s first voyage to America. This fascinating overview is open to all; bring your friends!

The Blachschleger Library is fully accredited by the Jewish Libraries Association, and a fine resource for adults and children. This will be the lecture series’ second year.

Simchat Torah Service on October 23rd.





2016 Food Festival and
Treasure & Collectible Market



Sunday, February 28, 2016
9:00am – 2:00 pm

We are pleased to inform you that we are accepting the following donated items now for the Treasure and Collectible Market:

Ladies' Jewelry of all kinds

Ladies' Accessories, Scarves, Evening Bags, Purses

Children's Toys, Books, Furniture and Accessories

Furniture - in good condition

Artwork, Serving Pieces, Lamps & Accessories

Kitchen and Household Items – clean and in good working condition

Flat Screen TV's & Electronics – in working condition with all plugs and connections attached.

This year we are expanding our book collection and would appreciate Cookbooks (especially Jewish cookbooks), Art books, Coffee Table books, and, of course, any other books you would like to donate.

Note: We have rooms available now! Please bring your items to the Temple on Tuesday – Friday of any week. We cannot accept used, large TV's, broken items of any sort and we are not accepting clothing.

The Annual Food Festival, Treasure & Collectible Market is our only fund raiser for TBO. We will start working on cooking committees after High Holy Days. Participating in the kitchen and serving on one of the various committees is a great way to meet fellow congregants and is a lot of fun. If you have not participated in the past and would like to take a more active roll, please call or email me. We encourage you to participate and have several committees that would welcome a co-chair. I'll be happy to explain the various committees and commitments to you so you can work any of the various tasks into your schedule. We will be having a meeting in November so if you are interested, please contact me as soon as possible and I will put you on the list of chairs.

Looking forward to another successful event in 2016!!!

Jenny Ives, Chair
334-546-2521
jjives@charter.net

GENEOLOGY INQUIRY: Thank you for helping me with the history of my grandfather, Paul David Klotz, since my memory from age 10 and before is blocked due to my mom's (Mary Camille Klotz) death.

I have also been researching not just granddaddy's, but also, the Jewish faith since I have the blood in me so to speak. Basically, any information one may have on granddaddy would be appreciated. He was a very fascinating man.

Also, I had cousins through granddaddy, the Kahn family, who lived at 408 Bibb St. However, it is no longer there. Whom can I talk to see about getting a picture of the house? Possibly next to St. John's where the house was.

Sincerely,
Lisa Smith Berney
206 Redden Avenue, Tallassee, AL 36078
334-202-4158



Hosted by JFCA's Sh' lichah

Dana Korem

November 10 ■ 7:00 PM
Café Israel at AI*EA

Topic: WAVE OF TERROR

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Future events !

Tuesday, December 1, 12:00 PM, Study with Rabbi Stevens. Basic Judaism begins at 12 noon.

Friday, December 4, 6 PM, Shabbat Service. TORAH READING AND D'VAR TORAH.

Tuesday, December 8, 12:00 PM, Study with Rabbi Stevens. Basic Judaism begins at 12 noon.

Friday, December 11, 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.

Tuesday, December 15, 12:00 PM, Study with Rabbi Stevens. Basic Judaism begins at 12 noon.

Tuesday, December 15, 7 PM, JFCA's Sh'lichah's Café Israel at TBO hosted by Dana Korem.

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

Tuesday, January 5, 12:00 PM, Adult Ed: Rabbi Stevens offers a six-part series TALES FROM THE MIDRASH; imaginative stories and parables illuminate some of the great heroes of Torah. Part I: Adam & Eve.

Friday, January 8, 6 PM, Shabbat Service. TORAH READING AND D'VAR TORAH.

Tuesday, January 12, 12:00 PM, Adult Ed: Rabbi Stevens offers a six-part series TALES FROM THE MIDRASH; imaginative stories and parables illuminate some of the great heroes of Torah. Part II: Noah.

Thursday, January 14, 7 PM, Jewish Book Council author Renato Barahona discusses his book "The Odyssey of the Ship with Three Names" about a vessel that rescued over 7,700 Jewish refugees from the Balkans and transported them to Israel. Sponsored by the Rothschild-Blachschleger Lecture Series.

Saturday, January 16, 9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Rabbi Stevens. Light brunch served.

Tuesday, January 19, 12:00 PM, Adult Ed: Rabbi Stevens offers a six-part series TALES FROM THE MIDRASH; imaginative stories and parables illuminate some of the great

heroes of Torah. Part III: Abraham & Sarah.

Tuesday, January 19, 7 PM, JFCA's Sh'lichah's Café Israel at AI*EA hosted by Dana Korem.

Tuesday, January 26, 12:00 PM, Adult Ed: Rabbi Stevens offers a six-part series TALES FROM THE MIDRASH; imaginative stories and parables illuminate some of the great heroes of Torah. Part IV: Jacob.

Tuesday, February 2, 12:00 PM, Adult Ed: Rabbi Stevens offers a six-part series TALES FROM THE MIDRASH; imaginative stories and parables illuminate some of the great heroes of Torah. Part V: Joseph.

Tuesday, February 9, 12:00 PM, Adult Ed: Rabbi Stevens offers a six-part series TALES FROM THE MIDRASH; imaginative stories and parables illuminate some of the great heroes of Torah. Part VI: Moses.

Friday, February 12, 6 PM, Shabbat Service. TORAH READING AND D'VAR TORAH.

Tuesday, February 16, 12 PM, Rabbi Stevens hosts five adult education sessions that will explore contemporary issues in such areas as medical ethics; technology; social and business issues; ritual, Jewish identity and others. A GUIDE TO THE COMPLEX: Class 1.

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

Tuesday, February 23, 12 PM, Rabbi Stevens hosts five adult education sessions that will explore contemporary issues in such areas as medical ethics; technology; social and business issues; ritual, Jewish identity and others. A GUIDE TO THE COMPLEX: Class 2.

Sunday, February 28, 9 AM - 2 PM, 2016: Temple Beth Or's 12th Annual Food Festival.

Tuesday, March 1, 12 PM, Rabbi Stevens hosts five adult education sessions that will explore contemporary issues in such areas as medical ethics; technology; social and business issues; ritual, Jewish identity and others. A GUIDE TO THE COMPLEX: Class 3.

Friday, March 4, 6 PM, Shabbat Service. TORAH READING AND D'VAR TORAH.

Saturday, March 5, 9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Rabbi Stevens. Light brunch served.



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.

November 2015

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

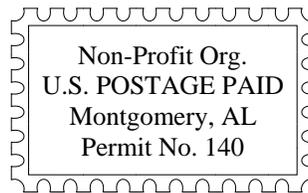
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>9:30 AM, Religion School-</p> <p>Daylight Savings Time Ends</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>12:00 PM, Study with Rabbi Stevens. Basic Judaism begins at 12 noon.</p> <p>7 PM, Guest speaker Joe Mussafer.</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:00 PM Shabbat Service. Birthday and anniversary blessings.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:00 AM, Ellie Sabel Bat Mitzvah</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9:30 AM, Religion School-</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7 PM, JFCA's Sh'lichah's Café Israel at AI*EA hosted by Dana Korem. Topic: Wave of Terror.</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9 AM, L'Chaim League is in the kitchen preparing for Thanksgiving.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:00 PM Shabbat Service</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9:30 AM, Religion School-</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>12:00 PM, Study with Rabbi Stevens. Basic Judaism begins at 12 noon.</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>11 AM, L'Chaim League's Thanksgiving lunch and bingo for Capital Heights Senior Home.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:00 PM Shabbat Service</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Rabbi Stevens. Light brunch served.</p>
<p>22</p> <p>No Religion School - Thanksgiving Break</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>12:00 PM, Study with Rabbi Stevens. Basic Judaism begins at 12 noon.</p> <p>7 PM, Joint Thanksgiving Service at First United Methodist Church.</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6:00 PM Shabbat Service in the Blachschleger Library</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>No Religion School - Thanksgiving Break</p>	<p>30</p>					

TBO office closed on Thursday & Friday

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HAPPENING NOW!



Temple Beth Or's office will be closed on November 26th and 27th for the Thanksgiving holiday. The building will open at 5 PM for Friday night service.



**Saying Goodbye is hard!
But, let's make this one
Happy and Memorable.**

**Join us for a Farewell Oneg
in honor of
Peggy Cohn
Friday, October 30th
6 pm - Temple Beth Or**

**Please call Sharon McDaniel at 277-3376
if you'd like to bring something.**