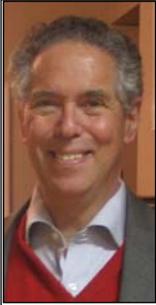


# Temple Beth Or Bulletin

A VIEW FROM THE BIMAH

January 2016 ~ Tevet/Sh'vat 5776



Welcome to 2016! I wish each of you and yours a wonderful, healthy and joyous new year.

There is much to capture our attention these days – so many momentous issues on our agenda that paying adequate attention to any one of them can be overwhelming – from global warming to ISIS; from the chaotic cauldron that consumes much of the Middle East to the threat of home-grown terrorism; from the upcoming presidential election to how best to keep the economy on track. If we can somehow get through this next year whole it will truly seem like a Chanukah miracle.

But on the local scene, as rabbi of our congregation, the question I hear more than any other these days has to do with our community's potential merger. Though I have not been privy to any of the discussions within the five task forces – and rightfully so – I do get the general sense that these various task forces have been meeting diligently and well, and making progress in preparing their recommendations. It seems to me entirely plausible, especially in light of Diane Weil's letter (next page), that this coming year of 2016 could well be the year when their work bears fruit in terms of bringing recommendations to our congregations for consideration and, soon enough, a vote. As with so much else, we are clearly in a period of transition.

Not surprisingly, I've been asked more than once: What are the real differences

between Reform and Conservative Judaism? Here's my take:

I see the primary difference not as ideological or even theological, but sociological. Reform Judaism was founded by German Jews, who were largely assimilated and were looking for ways to adapt Judaism to the modern world of Western Europe. The earliest Conservative Jews were immigrants from Eastern Europe who had been more insulated from modernity. It followed that the early Reformers felt that traditional practices such as *kashrut* and *kippah* were aesthetically or ideologically out of sync with modernity, while Conservative maintained them (if only because they provided a sense of "Jewish authenticity").

The ideological differences were more apparent than real. Conservative Judaism calls itself "halachic" – i.e. it continues to embrace the binding nature of Jewish law (within the scope of modernity) – while Reform affirms that halacha is nonbinding or optional.

Generations on, these early differences have lost much of their relevance. On the one hand, the Reform world is much more comfortable with traditional practices – recognizing that the tradition is also *our* tradition – while clearly not compromising the pillar of individual autonomy in decision making that has long characterized Reform. And while the Conservative movement continues to speak in the language of halacha (it has a law committee and *teshuvot*)

Conservative Judaism today accepts that Judaism is shaped by history and

evolves to meet the needs of each new generation. Reform and Conservative Jews alike rely on conscience and comfort level in deciding how to practice their Judaism.

Here is an excerpt from the 1999 platform "Principles of Reform Judaism," which I believe pretty much speaks for all Jews who are non-Orthodox:

"We are committed to the ongoing study of the whole array of *mitzvot* (sacred obligations) and to the fulfillment of those that address us as individuals and as a community. Some of these *mitzvot* have long been observed... others, both ancient and modern, demand renewed attention as the result of the unique context of our own times."

The Reform Movement even has a Responsa Committee that deliberates on matters of Jewish law. In describing an emerging consensus as to what stance Reform should take on issues of Jewish life and practice, we are, in a way an "halachic" movement.

The sociological differences between Reform and Conservative Judaism become more muted with every passing generation. Yes, a merger will face great challenges in accommodating emotive and psychological associations that have been with us sometimes for generations – and we cannot overestimate the importance of symbolism – but when we look at what we really believe and how we really practice our Judaism, I am confident that our community will thrive, and create new traditions for the generations to come.

And though our political world seems to be trending toward ever great polarization, we have the ability to demonstrate, in our small part of the world, that unity will be possible, and lead us from strength to strength.

Elliot Stevens



Saturday, January 16  
Shabbat Morning Service  
Saturday morning, January 16,  
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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David A. Baylinson, D. D., *Rabbi Emeritus*

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<b>Monday</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	
<b>Tues., Wed. &amp; Thurs.</b>		<b>9-4</b>
<b>Friday</b>		<b>9-2</b>

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

We wanted to begin 2016 with some information about the potential merger because we know it is something both congregations are extremely interested in. It is an important decision.

The five task forces have been given a deadline of January 15<sup>th</sup> to submit recommendations to the steering committee so we can present them to each board in February and then have the next open meeting on Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be separate meetings at the same time at Agudath Israel-Etz Ahayem and Temple Beth Or. There will be NO vote at this meeting.

Please put March 6th on your calendar now and make plans to attend. This is your opportunity to not only get information from each task force co-chair about what each task force has been working on, but to discuss and have any questions answered. We absolutely want to share with you and hear from you – what you think, how you feel, any concerns, etc. We want everyone to be comfortable that you have all the information you need. Of course, there will be things that have not been worked out or decided, but this is an ongoing process. You can always email or call us, but we also think that it may be helpful to have a “suggestion box” in the office, so if you are more comfortable writing something you can do that starting now.

It is the plan and hope of the steering committee to have a meeting in the late spring to vote on the intent to merge. At that time we will know if we are moving into a new phase – that of transition. If that is the decision of both congregations then that process will need to be careful and deliberate. If we always keep at the forefront the goal of a stronger, more vibrant Jewish community we will make the right decision for us now and for the future.

On December 15<sup>th</sup> the Israel Deputy Consul General, Ron Brummer, spoke at a Jewish Federation event and it was very interesting. He pointed out that Israel and the United States may have some big differences and do not always agree, but we have shared values and we have mutual need of each other. Those statements are also true of the merger. Mr. Brummer said that a huge problem with Jews in the U.S. is indifference to Israel. Please do not let indifference to the possibility of a merger stop you from being involved. We need everyone to participate.

Wishing you a very happy, healthy New Year!

*Diane Weil*

*Joy Blondheim*

Temple Beth Or  
President

Agudath Israel-Etz Ahayem  
President

**Birthday and  
Anniversary  
Blessings on  
January 8th.**



**Friday, January 8, 6 PM**

**Shabbat Service.  
TORAH READING AND  
D'VAR TORAH.**

### 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.

#### Condolence Fund

*For appreciation to the Temple Beth Or Community  
Patricia Baum*

#### General Fund

*In Honor of Temple Beth Or  
Christopher Smith*

*In Memory of Charles Baum  
Marlene and Rick Beringer*

*In Memory of Dot Dees  
Marlene and Rick Beringer*

*In Memory of our parents,  
Dr. Vena Wool and Dr. Jack Wool  
Rosemary Wool Jones*

*Rabbi's Discretionary Fund  
In Memory of Charles Baum  
John Baum*

*In Memory of my daughter  
Dr. Aviva Hoffman  
Jan Hoffman*

*In Memory of Isabelle Goldberg  
Betty, Bob and Erik Goldberg*

### JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 16 ....Jeff & Robin Blitz
- 17 ....Larry & Corinne Capilouto

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

**Peggy Cohn**  
1750 St. Charles Avenue #626  
New Orleans, LA 70130-6718  
(504) 309-2313

### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 4 ..... Joe Levin, Jr.
- 5 ..... Lois Weissman
- 6 ..... Peggy Mussafer
- 7 ..... Sheryl Rosen
- 7 ..... Ruth Rosenthal
- 10 ..... Phillip Golomb
- 10 ..... Bette Sue Strasburger
- 12 ..... Elizabeth Weinrib
- 13 ..... Nikki Rothschild
- 14 ..... Richard Hanan
- 16 ..... Morris Capp
- 17 ..... Gabriele Darch
- 18 ..... Elise Toney
- 22 ..... Monica Kohn
- 22 ..... Carolyn Rothschild
- 23 ..... Rita Sabel
- 26 ..... Herman Franco
- 28 ..... Diane Weil
- 30 Maxine Goldner



### Baby Shower honoring Anna Stevens Cutter

**Sunday, January 24, 2016  
Drop in between  
2:00 and 4:00 p.m.**

**8319 Wynlakes Boulevard  
Montgomery, Alabama**

**RSVP: Lynne – 265-6299  
Gracie – 260-5170**

**Anna is registered at  
BabiesRUs.com (Toys R Us)  
Registry Number is  
574-24672**

### YAHREZEITS

#### To be read January 1

- 12/27/2015 .... Hannah Roswald Abraham
- 12/27/2015 .... Joseph Neuman
- 12/30/2015 .... Bernice Loeb Levy
- 12/30/2015 .... Sylvan Robert Cohn
- 12/31/2015 .... Sylvan Ives

#### To be read January 8

- 1/3/2016 ..... Elise F. Shwarts
- 1/4/2016 ..... Adolph Weil, Sr.
- 1/4/2016 ..... Gilson Capilouto
- 1/4/2016 ..... Hobbie Freehling
- 1/4/2016 ..... Myron C. Lobman, Jr.
- 1/5/2016 ..... Arthur B. Beringer, Jr.
- 1/5/2016 ..... Carol W. Rothschild
- 1/5/2016 ..... Morris Levy
- 1/8/2016 ..... Diane Dreyfus Abraham
- 1/9/2016 ..... Sophie Oppenheimer Hertz

#### To be read January 15

- 1/10/2016 ..... Hermann Berger
- 1/12/2016 ..... Clara G. Mussafer
- 1/13/2016 ..... Bert C. Weil, Sr.
- 1/13/2016 ..... Christopher Paul Wetherbee
- 1/13/2016 ..... Simon Hertz
- 1/14/2016 ..... Aviva Hoffman
- 1/14/2016 ..... Bertha Model
- 1/16/2016 ..... Ben Neuman

#### To be read January 22

- 1/17/2016 ..... Bertha S. Abraham
- 1/17/2016 ..... Felice Cohen
- 1/18/2016 ..... Anne Levin
- 1/19/2016 ..... Eli Cohen
- 1/19/2016 ..... Eva Marco
- 1/20/2016 ..... Albert Capp
- 1/20/2016 ..... David R. Franco
- 1/20/2016 ..... Irma Levy
- 1/21/2016 ..... Faye Levinson Shum
- 1/21/2016 ..... Myrtle Kaufman Loeb
- 1/22/2016 ..... Jake Feinman
- 1/22/2016 ..... Joseph Hanchrow
- 1/23/2016 ..... Eli Hanan

#### To be read January 29

- 1/24/2016 ..... Samuel Alan Behrman
- 1/25/2016 ..... Betty Coleman
- 1/25/2016 ..... Henry L. Abraham
- 1/26/2016 ..... Albert Abraham
- 1/26/2016 ..... Rabbi Eugene Blachschleger
- 1/30/2016 ..... Irma Endel Spitzer

## SISTERHOOD

What a wonderful Chanukah service and dinner we shared at the Temple. There was lots of singing and eating going on! Jenny Ives along with Karen Lieberman (and Bruce) prepared a delicious dinner and Susan Bernstein and her latke committee cooked hundreds of latkes. This evening was truly a Sisterhood group event with so many ladies giving of their time. I apologize if I left anyone out but I want to thank Sheryl Rosen for the beautiful table decorations and Bonnie Varon and Katherine Sabel Gayden for assisting her. Behind the scenes and in front, thank you to Sharon and Danielle Berry, Alison Williamson, Kelly Capouya, Celia Dubin and Sharon McDaniel and to countless others for such a fun evening! Of course I would never leave out Marlon and Gina for all that they do to make sure all details are covered!

Please join us January 22 for our annual Sisterhood Shabbat. There will be a wine and cheese reception prior to the service beginning at 5:15.

As we move into January, we will begin thinking about new Sisterhood officers. It's hard to believe that my 2 years is almost over. I have had incredible help and support from my board as well as our membership. I hope you will

consider taking a leadership role in Sisterhood. Sisterhood provides a great deal to the Temple and we want this tradition to continue!

Karen Goldstein  
Sisterhood President

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## L'CHAIM LEAGUE

On **TUESDAY, January 12th at Temple Beth Or**, Dana Korem will be presenting our program. We will also have a wonderful lunch provided by Louisa's Cafe. The cost for lunch is \$12.00 per person. **RESERVATIONS ARE NEEDED BY JAN. 8th.** Please call the office: 262.3314 ext. 223 or email: [lchaimleague2246@yahoo.com](mailto:lchaimleague2246@yahoo.com) to make your reservations.

Our program on **February 17th, at Agudath Israel\*Etz Ahayem** will be presented by Kimberly Sabel, a certified yoga instructor, who will teach us all the latest relaxing techniques. In **March**, look forward to a tour of **Gaineswood**, a truly historical and remarkable old home-place in Demopolis. L'Chaim League welcomes you all to all or any of our activities.

Linda Smith  
[lchaimleague2246@yahoo.com](mailto:lchaimleague2246@yahoo.com)

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## FROM THE LIBRARY

For January, we're taking a look at some of the art books in the collection:

*Becoming Judy Chicago: a Biography of the Artist* by Gail Levin (799.77 LEV 2007)

*50 Jewish Artists You Should Know* by Edward van Voolen (670.01 VAN 2011)

*Lost Lives, Lost Art: Jewish Collectors, Nazi Art Theft, and the Quest for Justice* by Melissa Muller (736.95 MUL 2010)

*Judaism in Art* by Irene Korn (670 KOR)

*Rembrandt, the Jews and the Bible* by Franz Landsberger (670 REM 1946)

*Jewish Art in American* by Matthew Baigell (670.7 BAI 2007)

*The Artist's Torah* by David Ebenback (670.2 EBE 2012)

*Shocking Paris: Soutine, Chagall and the Outsiders of Montparnasse* by Stanley Meisler (670.01 MEI 2015)

*Traditional Jewish Papercuts: an Inner World of Art and Symbol* by Joseph and Yehudit Shadur (679.4 Sha)

*Facing the New World: Jewish Portraits in Colonial and Federal America* by Richard Brilliant (681 BRI 1997)

*The Jerusalem Windows* by Marc Chagall, texts and notes by Jean Leymarie (679.9 CHA 1975)

Eric A. Kidwell, MLS

Once again this congregation answered the call! Your response to help Marlon was fantastic and he is sincerely touched by the generosity and concern of the Temple Beth Or family. The goal was exceeded and we have some extra to save for Marlon if other health needs arise. A special thank you to Ralph and Frances Capouya who approached a dentist, so now Marlon is getting personal care AND at a better price than we anticipated! By the end of the year or very shortly after Marlon will have his bright new smile.

Thank you for being so wonderful.

*Debbie*



Rabbi Stevens at the L'Chaim League's Chanukah luncheon on December 10th.

## TWO STUDY OPPORTUNITIES WITH RABBI STEVENS

1. Join Rabbi Stevens for a 5-part series on Midrash, running January into February. All Midrash classes are Tuesdays at 12:00 p.m.:

January 5, **Part I:** Adam and Eve  
 January 12, **Part II:** Noah  
 January 19, **Part III:** Abraham & Sarah.  
 January 26, **Part IV:** Jacob.  
 February 9, **Part V:** Moses.

2. 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. Classes are Tuesdays at 12:00 PM

February 16, Class 1. • February 23, Class 2.  
 March 1, Class 3. • March 8, Class 4.  
 March 15, Class 5.



*Congratulations to Anna Stevens on her marriage to David Cutter on December 17th.*

Kol Ami Religious School

At Agudath Israel\*Etz Ahayem

### Religion School moves to AIEA

1/3-No Religion School – Teacher Work Day

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1/24-Tu B'Shevat Seder

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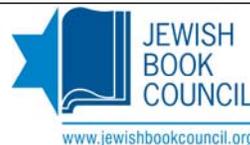
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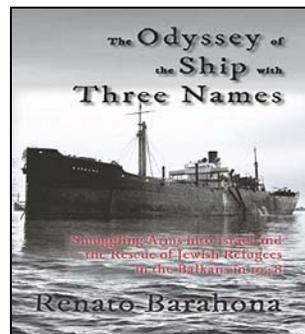
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2/28-No Religion School

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.



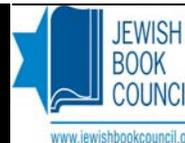
In the spring of 1948, Israeli agents of Haganah, the main Jewish underground in Palestine, bought the cargo ship "S.S Kefalos." Purchased in the United States and registered in

Panama to a fictitious company, the ship had a daring plan: carry arms collected in Mexico to Israel. In June, the "Kefalos" sailed from New York to Tampico under false pretenses. Arms, both bought from the Mexican government and smuggled in from the United States, were loaded and the ship departed from Tampico in August. Once at sea, it quickly changed its name and appearance to sneak past Gibraltar and U.N. Observers in Tel Aviv. The secret mission was carried out through vital cooperation between two apparently odd bedfellows: Jews (Israeli, European, U.S., and Mexican) and a crew of mainly Spanish/Basque exiles from Franco's dictatorship. After delivering the arms, Israeli authorities decided to repurpose the "Kefalos" to rescue refugee Jews from the Balkans. After a layover in Naples, two voyages were made from Bakar (modern-day Croatia) to Haifa in late 1948 with over 7,700 refugees. This is the improbable saga of the "Rust Bucket" - as it was known endearingly by those who sailed on it. Through moving narration and careful attention to detail, this history illustrates an important crucible of two seemingly disparate diasporas.

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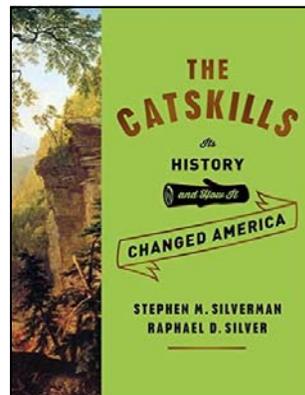


FUTURE GUEST AUTHOR:

**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.

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Shalom Y'all,

In May of next year, I will follow in the footsteps of my father, my brother and my sister when I am called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah. I have been studying and preparing for this day for a long time. As part of my preparation I have decided to do a Mitzvah Project that is close to my heart:

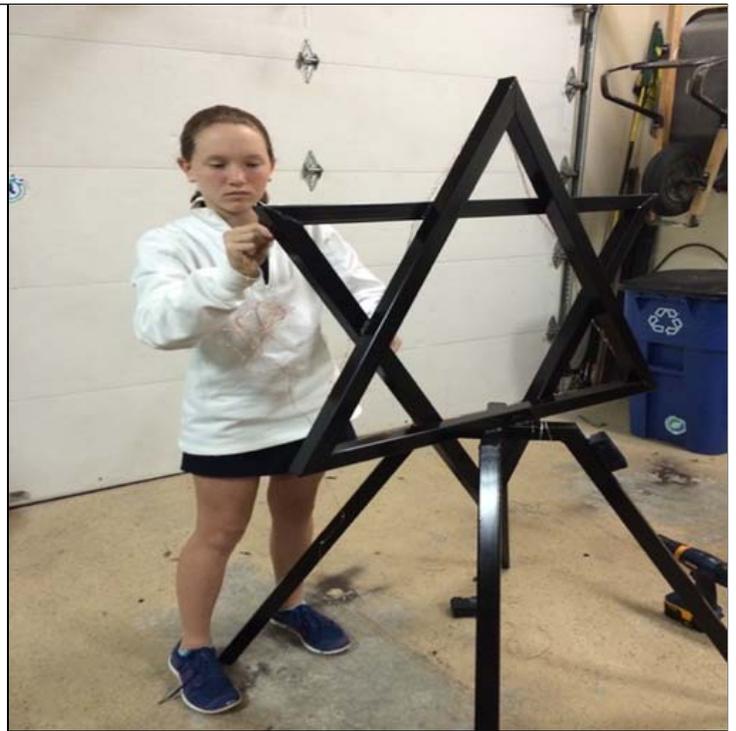
**Light the Night for Premies—The Tiniest Stars**

On May 20, 2003 I was born 13 weeks premature weighing only 2 pounds 12 ounces and I spent 10 weeks in the Neonatal Intensive Care Units at Baptist South and Baptist East.

I am raising money to donate to the Baptist Health Foundation's NICU Fund which helps both the premature babies and their families since life can be so crazy for them during their stay in the NICU. To help raise funds I am selling these beautiful, lighted, Star of David yard ornaments. They are lighted with battery-powered, LED lights and are made from steel to last a lifetime. Each Star is \$300 and ALL proceeds will be donated. Supply is limited so order yours today and we will deliver it for free!

Ready for immediate delivery! To place your order please e-mail me at [ikcapouya@gmail.com](mailto:ikcapouya@gmail.com).

Your support of my project would mean so much to me and the families of the tiny babies.



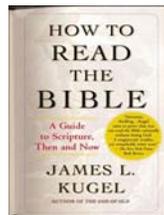
Yours Truly,

Isabella Capouya



**AIEA Adult Education**

Rabbi Kramer is currently meeting with a couple of congregants on Thursday mornings after minyan, at 8:30 a.m. 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.



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



Clare Weil was awarded a Point of Light award on December 8th. Given annually by the Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce to a minority or women owned business. The award acknowledges the accomplishments to the business and the community.

**FROM OUR COMMUNITY SH'LICHA, DANA**

There is something so great about new beginnings; the high hopes, the feeling that we are unstoppable, that everything is possible for us, and we can just start fresh.

There is also something very untrue about new beginnings. The belief that everything will change when we declare that it needs to change is simply deluding. Can a specific date or occasion decide whether I will make a change or not?

Every time before the new year starts, I find myself writing down all the things I want to achieve, all the things I want to change. And even though I think it is important to write new goals, I have to ask myself- Why should the beginning of a new year be the motivation for “A New Me”? Is it just me that keeps focusing more on what is wrong and not good enough, instead of remembering all of the wonderful things I have?

Dr. Seuss once wrote:

*“Life is too short to wake up in the morning with regrets. So, love the people who treat you right, forgive the ones who don’t, And believe that everything happens for a reason. If you get a chance, take it. If it changes your life, let it. Nobody said it’d be easy, they just promised it would be worth it.”*

I believe nothing good comes out of negativity. I believe that kindness attracts goodness. I believe that before making any change, we have to first embrace the life we have. To be thankful for everything we’ve experienced because it made us who we are today. To appreciate everything we overcame, every achievement, every moment we were brave. Accept your life, the good and the bad, and happiness will find its way to you.

With the spirit of a new year coming, I’d like to share with you my resolution for 2016. Instead of focusing on new

goals, there’s one important thing I’ve achieved since I got here that is very meaningful to me. I always knew that moving here would be a difficult time for me. As a 22-year-old that had never left her family and friends, I had to get adjusted to a new place, completely different from everything I have ever known, and with my loved ones being thousands of miles away. Adding the Southern accent to that makes everything even more complicated. But when I look at the past four months, with all the difficulties and the struggles, I can feel only satisfaction. I now truly believe that every challenge I experience in my life is a blessing. I look at it as a possibility to get stronger, wiser, and to grow as a person. I hope I will remember this lesson during the hardest times, and won’t let them break me.



I wish y’all a great New Year, and I am thrilled to invite you to my upcoming events:

January 19<sup>th</sup> Café Israel: Israel’s Musical Story, at Agudath Israel Etz Ahayem Synagogue from 7:00-8:00 pm.

January 24<sup>th</sup> Kol Ami Religious School Tu B’Shvat Party: Come join our celebration with a special Sedder, music and lots of fun. 11:30 am at Agudath Israel Etz Ahayem Synagogue.

January 26<sup>th</sup> Judicial Activism in Israel: Featuring a guest speaker, Rotem Malach, Shaliach at The World Zionist Organization. 7:00 pm at Temple Beth Or.

Shalom,  
Dana.



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 TVs, broken items of any sort, and we are not accepting clothing.

The Annual Food Festival and Treasure & Collectible Market is our only fundraiser for TBO. 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 role, 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.

Looking forward to another successful event in 2016!!!

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



Hosted by JFCA's Sh' lichah

Dana Korem

January 19 ■ 7:00 PM

Topic: Israel's Musical Story.

2016 Food Festival Cooking Schedule. Cooking time begins at 9 AM unless otherwise noted. Time and dates are subject to change so please call the Temple to confirm times.

January 4	Rugelach set-up	Sharon Berry, <a href="mailto:290-0445/daberry40@netscape.net">290-0445/daberry40@netscape.net</a>
January 5	Strudel	Susan Finklestein, <a href="mailto:272-5270/sfinklestein@knology.net">272-5270/sfinklestein@knology.net</a>
January 6	Rugelach	Sharon Berry, <a href="mailto:290-0445/daberry40@netscape.net">290-0445/daberry40@netscape.net</a>
January 7	Strudel	Susan Finklestein, <a href="mailto:272-5270/sfinklestein@knology.net">272-5270/sfinklestein@knology.net</a>
January 11	Rugelach set-up	Sharon Berry, <a href="mailto:290-0445/daberry40@netscape.net">290-0445/daberry40@netscape.net</a>
January 13	Rugelach	Sharon Berry, <a href="mailto:290-0445/daberry40@netscape.net">290-0445/daberry40@netscape.net</a>
February 7	Latkes	Susan Bernstein, <a href="mailto:281-4340/susanbernstein@gmail.com">281-4340/susanbernstein@gmail.com</a>
February 8	Praline Matzah	Diane Weil, <a href="mailto:324-7550/dianeweil@me.com">324-7550/dianeweil@me.com</a>
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# Future events !

**Tuesday, February 9, 12:00 PM**, Adult Ed: Rabbi Stevens offers a five-part series TALES FROM THE Midrash: imaginative stories and parables illuminate some of the great heroes of Torah. Part V: 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.

**Wednesday, February 17, 2 PM**, L'Chaim League hosts Kimberly Sabel, who will teach relaxation techniques.

Location, AIEA. Desserts and coffee served.

**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.

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

**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.

**Sunday, March 6, 3 PM**, Informational meeting to discuss potential merger. Members only.

**Tuesday, March 8, 12 PM**, Rabbi Stevens hosts five adult education sessions that will explore contemporary issues in

**Save the date: March 13 at 3 PM:** The Men's Club will be showing the movie "Woman in Gold" starring Helen Mirren. Snacks served. TBO Social Hall. All are invited!

such areas as medical ethics; technology; social and business issues; ritual, Jewish identity and others. A GUIDE TO THE COMPLEX: Class 4.

**Tuesday, March 15, 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 5.

**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 and Culture Series.

**Tuesday, March 22, 5:45 PM**, Temple Beth Or Board Meeting.

**Wednesday, April 6, 9:30 - Noon**, AUM Holocaust Education Program. Location: AUM Athletic Complex.

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

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

**Tuesday, April 26, 5:45 PM**, Temple Beth Or Board Meeting.

**Saturday, May 14, 10 AM**, 2016: Isabella Capouya's Bat Mitzvah.

**Sunday, May 15, Noon - 5 PM**, JFCA Israel Independence Celebration.

**Friday, May 20, 6 PM**, Shabbat Service. TORAH READING AND D'VAR TORAH.

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

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*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](http://www.jewishmontgomery.org).*

## NEED HELP GETTING AROUND DURING SERVICES?

A wheelchair and walker are stored in the coat closet and are 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.**

# January 2016

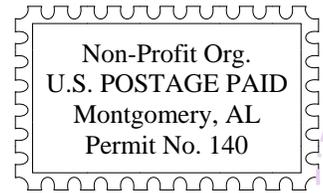
Want an updated look at what's going on at Temple? Go to [www.templebethor.net](http://www.templebethor.net).

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>Dec. 29</i>	<i>Dec. 30</i>	<i>Dec. 31</i>	1 <i>6:00 PM Shabbat Service</i>	2
Temple hours will be 9 AM - 12, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Closed on Friday, January 1st. Temple will open at 5:30 PM for Shabbat service on Jan. 1.						
3 <i>No Religion School – Teacher Work Day</i>	4	5 <i>12:00 PM, Adult Ed: Rabbi Stevens offers a five-part series TALES FROM THE Midrash:</i>	6	7	8 <i>6 PM, Shabbat Service. TORAH READING AND D'VAR TORAH</i>	9
10 <i>9:30 AM, Religion School at AIEA</i>	11	12 <i>11:30 AM, L'Chaim League luncheon at Temple Beth Or.  12:00 PM, Adult Ed:</i>	13	14 <i>7 PM, Author Renato Barahona discusses his book "The Odyssey of the Ship with Three Names."</i>	15 <i>6:00 PM Shabbat Service</i>	16 <i>9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Rabbi Stevens. Light brunch served</i>
17 <i>9:30 AM, Religion School at AIEA</i>	18	19 <i>12:00 PM, Adult Ed  5:45 PM, TBO Board Meeting.  7 PM Café Israel at AIEA.</i>	20	21	22 <i>6:00 PM Shabbat Service</i>	23
24 <i>9:30 AM, Religion School at AIEA  11:30 AM, Tu B'Shvat Party at AIEA.</i>	25	26	27	28	29 <i>6:00 PM Shabbat Service</i>	30
31 <i>9:30 AM, Religion School at AIEA</i>						

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Holiday Hours and Information

**The office will close Thursday, December 24th at noon and be closed all day Friday, December 25.**

Gina Friday will be on vacation from December 25 and will return to work on Tuesday, January 5th. Office hours on December 29, 30, 31 will be 9 AM - noon. All efforts will be made to keep the office open and the phones staffed during her absence.

On Friday, December 25th and January 1st the building will open at 5:30 PM for the 6 PM service.

**Temple Beth Or**  
**wants YOU**  
To  
**SAVE THE DATE**  
for  
**Mitzvah Day!**  
Saturday, April 2  
1 - 4 p.m.  
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