

Shabbat evening services are held in our NEW SYNAGOGUE at 809 4th Ave, on Friday nights at 6 pm. Please park in the UA parking lot (unless otherwise notified), on the east side of our building.



TEMPLE EMANU-EL BULLETIN

Temple Emanu-El 809 4th Ave Tuscaloosa, AL 35401 (205) 759-3230
Steven L. Jacobs, Rabbi Joel Whitman, President
January 2011 Tevet-Shevat 5771

Friday Erev Shabbat Services, 6pm unless otherwise noted

Dec 31: Va Era. Congregants to conduct services

Jan 7: Bo

Jan 14: Beshalach

Jan 21: Ytro

Jan 28: Mishpatim

Feb 4: Teruma

Feb 11: **7:00 pm: Service, followed by speaker Ido Aharoni and dessert oneg. This will be a public event.**

Other Events

Dec. 19, 26 & Jan 2: **No Religious School** (Winter break)

Sat, Jan 1: New Year's Day

Sun Jan 9, 10 am: no Religious School

Sun Jan 9, 11 am: Torah Study in the library

Sun, Jan 8, 10 am: Sisterhood Board Meeting

Sun Jan 16: No Religious School

Sun, Jan 16, 10:30 am: Sisterhood meeting at the Temple. Program: "Losing Your Marbles."

Fri Jan 21 following services and oneg: Aviv Grimberg will speak on Israeli Public Education (First in a series of such speakers sponsored by Adult Education)

Sun Jan 23, 10 am: Religious School resumes

Sun Jan 23, 11 am: Torah Study in the library

Feb 1: deadline for reservations (check required) for Feb 11 Shabbat dinner

Sun Feb 6, 11 am: Torah Study in the library

Fri Feb 11: Shabbat events with special guest (see box at right)

Sun Feb 20, 11 am: Torah Study in the library

See also the calendar on page 3

From Rabbi Jacobs New Year(s)

Dear Friends:

We Jews are provided with not one but two very special 'brachot'/blessings: two opportunities to begin to look back on what we have accomplished (and what we have not); and two opportunities to begin again. Rosh Ha-Shana is the first, and 31 December / 1 January is the second.



As you make your New Year's Resolutions, let me add one for you: Come join us for Shabbat Worship in our beautiful new home--both Erev Shabbat and Shabbat Morning. You'll be glad you did!

Thus, Louanne and I--and our family: Hannah, Bill, Greer, Drew, & Liam Cobb; Naomi, Chris, Laun & Jacob Prior; and Shea--wish all of your our very best for the New Year of 2011 filled with health and happiness, peace, prosperity, and joy!

Shalom, Shalom,

Rabbi Steve Jacobs

Note: DO NOT use our PO BOX ADDRESS anymore. All correspondence should go to 809 4th Ave, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

Special Event on February 11

On Friday, February 11, we will host Ido Aharoni, the Acting Consul General at the Consulate General of Israel in New York. Mr. Aharoni will be visiting the southeast and will also speak in Birmingham. To have him come to our small Jewish community is an unusual and special honor.

Here are the plans:

5:30: Shabbat Dinner, hosted by Hillel in the Heritage Room in Ferguson Center. **Congregants and guests must reserve places for dinner no later than February 1**, by sending a check for \$20 per person to K. Merrell / Hillel, 800 Anna Ave, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401. Note: *we cannot honor reservations without check enclosed.*

7:00: Shabbat service at Temple Emanu-El, followed by Mr. Aharoni speaking on **Israel in the World: Treats and Opportunities.**

8:00: Dessert oneg, hosted by Temple and Sisterhood. Open to all.

Be sure to plan to attend all or part of this special evening!

From the President

Our Temple has prospered during our first year in our new home in many ways. We have shared many congregational firsts and it looks as we will share many more. 1. The dedication of our new Temple. 2. The growth of our Sunday school educational program. 3. The inclusion of the Torah reading at each service and the participation of all who wish to participate. 4. The success of the Saturday morning services at scheduled times. 5. The success of the Saturday Oneg celebration. Our first event of 2011 will be February 11, 2011. (see our Bulletin)

The temple operations are smooth because of our facility but also to the dedication and commitment of our membership. The Rabbi has worked this year to meet the expressed needs of the congregation in the conduct and the celebration of our Shabbat and Holiday Services. The oversight of the Board and our Second Vice President to coordinate schedules and initiate planning helps with event efficiency.

My role as the chief executive of the board has been to ensure all executive actions maintain the transparency required in our organizational actions. I have involved the Board in all decisions for several reasons. The first is to take advantage of the knowledge and experience of others dedicated to our success. The second is make decisions that preserve and reflect our heritage and traditions. The third is to allow for active involvement of those who represent the membership.

Our future success as a Jewish organization has to be based on keeping our membership informed. We have tried to provide a means for all to be heard and more importantly to participate in mapping our paths to the future. I thank all of you who have participated in the governance of Temple Emanu-El. May you all have a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year.

—Joel Whitman

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Ritual, Music, and Cemetery: *: Doris Cohen*, Gale Zumpano
Sisterhood President: Adena Whitman
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University Relations: Karen Steckol
* = board position

Calendar January, 2011

Temple Emanu-El of Tuscaloosa

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dec 26 No Religious School— winter break	27	28	29 11 am: Meals on Wheels	30	31 New Year's Eve 6:00 Shab- bat	Jan 1 New Year's Day
2 No Religious School	3 Public School resumes UA staff return	4	5 11 am: Meals on Wheels	6	7 6:00 Shab- bat	8
9 No Religious School	10 UA classes resume	11	12 11 am: Meals on Wheels	13	14 6:00 Shab- bat	15
16 No Religious School 10:30 Sister- hood meeting at Temple	17 MLK Day (Federal Holi- day)	18	19 11 am: Meals on Wheels	20 Tu B'Shevat	21 6:00 Shab- bat	22
23 10 am: Relig- ious School resumes 11am: Torah Study, library	24	25	26 11 am: Meals on Wheels	27	28 6:00 Shab- bat	29
30 10 am: Rel. School	31	Feb 1 Deadline for sending re- serv. chk for Hillel dinner on Feb 11 be- fore talk by Consul Aharoni	2 11 am: Meals on Wheels	3	4 6:00 Shab- bat	5

Your New Synagogue

from Baila Block and Anna Singer Nov 30, 2010

The Core Committee is still handling a few things:

- Anna Singer is working on completing **exterior and interior signage**. Exterior signage will conform to basic UA requirements. We would like to have directional signs at the corners of University and 4th, but we may not install those on public property. We're working on a solution for that problem.
- **Kitchen** has mostly been organized. **Doris Cohen is in charge**—check with her about kitchen use!
- All **Programming (Temple Use)** must be cleared through Betty Jo Goldstein (339-9454) and Joel Whitman

Here are some things still pending:

Dumpster: Hillel is hoping to have our shared dumpster in place earlier than we had thought. Thanks Star! Until then, we all need to be responsible for taking out the trash—to our own home garbage containers.

Playground: Parents and staff will need to make choices about what equipment to put in. **Note:** UA has approved our making a special pathway to the playground, using 12x12 custom blocks that children (and adults) can decorate. We'll charge for these to help purchase the playground equipment

Furnishings, etc aren't quite complete (see wish list below)

Artwork: There is **no further wall space to be filled**. Please see the Board's policy concerning donations of art and other tangible items, published on page 8.

Wish List

- A large, good-quality carpet (9x12 or near, with pad) for the lobby.
- A nice round table, about 24", for the center of the lobby—with glass top to allow for flower arrangements.
- Used PC or laptop for the library, running XP
- A used rolling bulletin/chalk board for class use or a portable easel and bulletin/white board. These would be used for classes in the serving area, library, or all-purpose room.
- Another rolling tea cart—maybe a nice wooden one—for siddurs (the one intended for books has instead become a kitchen cart)
- 2 bins with secure tops for recycling cans and paper products (preferably "real" recycling bins)

EDUCATION

Religious School



Acclaim for New Hanukkah Play:

During the Religious School's Hanukkah festivities, the students treated a packed house to a spectacular theatrical event. The play entertainingly depicted the events of the Hanukkah story and had a great cast full of burgeoning dramatic talent. The show opened with a fun rendition of "The Hanukkah Song," complete with our own version of Adam Sandler leading it. The cast also played a menorah-full of talking candles who explained the significance of the hanukkia, and finally a retelling of the things that

befell us: the story of the Macabees and their fight against and victory over Antiochus's army. This play was a charming, fun, and funny treat for all who got to see it, and I look forward to more plays in the future from the Religious School players.

How about a Purim show?!

—Joanna Jacobs,
Noted Theater Critic ☺

Cast:

Jackson Borak (Judah Maccabee)
Joshua Borak (Antiochus)
Sarah Borak (Eleazar M.)
Aaron Goldstein (Jonathan)
Emma Goldstein (Candle #1)
Samantha Horwitz (Greek #2)
Benjamin Rothman (Greek #1)
Anna Sogol (Shimon M.)
Sam Sogol (Adam Sandler)
McKenza Sterling (Yochanan M. & Candle #5)
Rebecca Weisbard (Candle #3)
Benjamin Winfield (Joshua/Jason)
Matthew Winfield (Candle #2)
Lilly Wofsey (Shamash)
Willow Wofsey (Candle #4)

"Stepping Stones" is a Jewish family education program sponsored by Religious School; Marianne Rosenzweig is the facilitator, and seven families are participating in the program this year. They have met for 3 Sundays in the Fall and will have 3 more meetings in the Spring. A schedule will be sent to participants soon

—Rebecca Rothman

Adult Education

Mark your calendars! **Torah Study** meets in the library at 11 am on the following Sundays: Jan 9 & 23, Feb 6 & 20, Mar 6 & 20, April 17, May 8 & 22. Please bring your own coffee and snack. For more information, contact Diana Schwab at dschwab345@comcast.net

The First in an Ongoing ADULT EDUCATION ONEG & SPEAKER PROGRAM FOLLOWING SERVICES JANUARY 21

ADULT EDUCATION HOSTS AVIV GRIMBERG, our congregant from Israel, who will speak about *PUBLIC EDUCATION IN ISRAEL* on Friday Evening, January 21, 2011 at Temple Emanu-El. Aviv's talk will follow a dessert oneg featuring cake and coffee after the Shabbat service from 6 to 7 P.M. Those who want to bring their own brown bag supper as well are welcome to do so.

SISTERHOOD

Gift Wrapping at B&N

Continuing our Gift-Wrapping tradition, we wrapped gifts for tips at Barnes and Noble in the week before Christmas. The tip total was over \$300—which will go toward our commitment to Caring Days. Thanks to Joanna Jacobs for arranging the shifts, and to Amy Ahmed, Stephanie Jacobs, Jessica Lacher-Feldman, Ella Rosen, Anna Singer, and Joanna for wo-manning the shifts.

December Sisterhood Meeting

Jessica Lacher-Feldman hosted the meeting with a fabulous brunch spread and a tour of her restored 1950s home. Thanks to Jessica—and husband Tom Little—for a great meeting and meal.

January Sisterhood Meeting

The January Sisterhood meeting will be held on Sunday, Jan 16 at 10:30 at the Temple. The program will be “Losing Your Marbles.”

The Sisterhood Board meeting will be held Sunday, Jan 9 at 10 am at the Temple.

Friedman House Reception



For the first time, the Temple was invited to be present at the annual holiday reception at the Battle-Friedman House, to represent the Jewish background of the Friedman family. Joanna Jacobs, Adena Whitman, and Anna Singer handed out latkes (thanks for frying them, Adena), and Hanukkah gelt to interested visitors. We also sold 4 cookbooks!

Enjoy the City Coupon books We have already raised more than \$600 by the coupon book sales! Please keep selling them—the grocery coupons more than pay for the book! Please contact Marianne Rosenzweig for additional books (they will be available at the Sisterhood meetings as well).

SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP: Thanks to Becky Caudill for getting the shop off to a great start. Our shop is a glass cabinet in the hallway near the classrooms. Our cookbook, beautiful tallit sets, some cards and puzzles, and children’s gift wrap are on display. Other items will be ordered for you on request—catalogues will be available. Gale Zumpano is now in charge of the shop. If you need anything Jewish, from candles to tallisim to ketubot, please contact Gale, who can be reached at kovey@comcast.net

MEN’S CLUB

I shall be sending out notices to all men's club members and prospective members.
—Steve Schwab, President

Congregational News

Deepest Sympathy

Samuel Steckol, father of Karen Steckol, passed away on December 30. We extend deepest sympathy to Karen on the loss of her beloved father.

Ann Frosch, grandmother of Nick, Jane, and Chris Mendle and mother of Jill Mendle Lewis, died in New York on December 30. Our deepest sympathies go to the entire family.

Old Friends:

Bernie and Lenore Ward of Tampa write: thanks for sending the bulletin. It reminds us of those 20 great years we spent in Tuscaloosa. Their new e-mail address is: lenber1951@yahoo.com

Our Hanukkah



The Temple lit up with menorahs on the 3rd night, Dec 3, when we gathered for a Sisterhood service and pot luck. The Temple was packed full of families and friends, who in turn were packed full of latkes.

Photo: Allen Rosen.

January Birthdays

We must have some, but I don't have them in my list! Send me those special dates so we can mention them here—Anna Singer

January Anniversaries

Marianne and Shelly Rosenzweig celebrated their 32nd anniversary on December 29th.

We'd like to note birthdays and anniversaries for our congregants in each bulletin. Send your birthdates (month/year or just the month if you prefer) and anniversary dates to: annajsinger@hotmail.com

Mazel Tov

Paul and Sylvia Aharon announce the marriage of their daughter, Abigail, to Mark Razcynski

Yearbook Corrections and Changes

Please note these in your yearbook:

- p. 10: Doris Cohen's new e-mail address is: doriscohen@att.net
- p. 11: Joanna Jacobs has a new street address: 7 North Pinehurst, 35401
- p. 16: Marianne Rosenzweig has changed her e-mail address to: mgrosenz@gmail.com
- p. 16: Shelly Rosenzweig has changed his e-mail address to: srosenz@gmail.com

NOTE: Marianne Rosenzweig, chair of the Temple's "art" committee, wishes the congregation to know that all of the available wall space in the building has been filled with art work, and we are no longer able to accept any further donations of hanging art. (Please note that the walls in the all-purpose room will not have any representational art work hung on them because that room becomes part of the sanctuary when the movable wall is open.)

Art and Materials Donation Policy

As passed by the Temple Board 9/14/2010

Rules for accepting donations of material items (i.e., non-financial donations)

1. The Board of Temple Emanu-El will accept all appropriate gifts.
2. Donations of material items will be acknowledged *per se*, for instance: "Thank you for the generous donation of 2 paintings and 1 lithograph." In no instance will acknowledgement of a donation of material items make any mention of a dollar figure.
3. It is the responsibility of the donor
 - (a) to keep a record of the nature of the donated items which the donor may choose to attach to an acknowledgement from Temple Emanu-El of the receipt of the donated items. In the case of newly-purchased items being donated to Temple Emanu-El, this record can be the sales receipt from said purchase;
and
 - (b) to place a value on the donated items for his/her own records and tax purposes. If the donor expects to place a high value on any donation(s), it is suggested that donor *obtain his own appraisal* prior to making the donation.
4. Once donated, **items become the sole property of Temple Emanu-El of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Inc., to use, store, or dispose of as Temple Emanu-El's officers, Board, and committees may see fit.**

Particularly in the case of artwork, a committee appointed by the Board will be responsible for choosing what to hang on walls or display in cabinets. This committee may, from time to time, rotate artwork or change its position depending on available wall space.
5. A copy of this policy shall be provided to all donors of material items.

Policy accepted by vote of the Officers and Board of Temple Emanu-El on 14 September 2010.=

TEMPLE BOARD ACTIONS

The Board is considering several different investment strategies for our remaining building funds.

Mitzvah

We continue to deliver **MEALS ON WHEELS** one Wednesday a month. Please contact Becky Caudill to help out: whom57ever@mail.com

The basket for donations to **WEST ALABAMA FOOD BANK** stays in a corner of the lobby. You can bring in canned goods (or checks) and leave them there any time.

Save those CANS and MAGAZINES and NEWSPAPERS!

Recycling is going well—They now pay for magazines along with newspapers, so be sure to save BOTH. Thanks to **Nettie Blume**, who drops off her office's cans at the Singer home, 903 20th Ave. Other drop-off points: Diane Brown, 963 Germantown Rd 35406, and Marianne Rosenzweig, 1 Dearing Place, 35401.

A Hadassah Life Membership is available for \$100.00. Contact Mrs. Lori Schwartz, 3616 Crestside Road, Birmingham, AL 15223-1515

Donations

*I have found that among its other benefits,
giving liberates the soul of the giver!*

—Maya Angelou

To the Temple:

Steve and Louanne Jacobs in honor of the marriage
of Abigail Aharon, daughter of Paul and Sylvia, to
Mark Raczynski

Becky and Patrick Caudill

Howard and Diane Brown, in honor of all the brave
members of our congregation who have fought ill-
ness

To the High Holidays Memorial Fund

*The following memorial pledges have
been fulfilled:*

Roberta and Paul Weisberg, in memory of Jack and
Birdye Weisberg, Harry and Margaret Stark

Shari Augins in memory of Rose and Irving Melzer,
Sophie Wolfson, Anne and Henry Augins, Warren
Augins

Betty Lichstein in memory of William Korr, Florence
Korr, Max Lichstein, Tillie Cohen

Gar and Nettie Blume, in memory of Harry Cohen
and Isadore Blume

Howard Brown, in memory of Arnold and Berdye
Brown, Ida Levy

If not me who? If not now, when?—Hillel

A Reminder:

A number of people have not fulfilled their Yitz-
kor pledges. Our rabbi would never refuse to
consecrate the memory of a loved one, but, if
you filled out a memorial card and pledged a
donation, please remit the pledge to the Temple
treasurer. Our annual budget is dependent on
all meeting their obligations for dues and other
pledges.

Please send all Temple donation and commit-
ment checks to Treasurer, Temple Emanu-El,
809 4th Ave., Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

Yahrzeits

Names of those who have died in the last 12 months, to be read at each service:

Phyllis Mund 3/9/10
Toby Whitman 4/29/10
Sam Steckol 12/30/10
Ann Frosch 12/30/10

Dec 31

Bennett Berman 12/27/1988
Alfred Fink 12/27/1992
Clara Kalski 12/28/0001
William Varlow 12/28/1945
Mary Schweitzer 12/28/1961
Connie Dean 12/29/1997

Jan 7

Revella Rivlin 01/01/1967
Sara Weiner 01/01/1977
Bessie Cooper Bank 01/02/1960
Harry Steckol 01/03/0001
Joseph Zittner 01/03/1982
David Raymon 01/03/1996
Caroline Eskew Fleishman 01/03/2007
Jerome Schweitzer 01/04/1988
Dora Applebaum 01/05/1966
Alex Levy 01/05/2001
Morris Salky 01/06/0001
Ilene "Snooks" Keller 01/06/2006
Mike Taylor 01/06/2008
Florence Black 01/07/1978

Jan 14

Miriam Rosenbush 01/10/2003
Jake Temerson 01/11/1981
Warren Augins 01/11/1991
Ida May 01/11/2006
Fannie Levy 01/13/2001
Maud Loeb Brown 01/14/2001
Gale Robinson 01/14/2003

Jan 21

Ida Shulman 01/16/1999
Harry Shulman 01/17/1999
Margaret Stark 01/18/1988
Emanuel Rich 01/19/1956
Morris Singer 01/19/1979
Joseph Applebaum 01/20/1963
Ethel Shugerman 01/20/1964
Harold Schweitzer 01/21/1986

Bette Cohen 01/21/2005

Jan 28

Gladys Hodges 01/22/1999
Pearl Jacobs 01/22/2000
Hope Guss 01/23/2003
Irving Wesler 01/24/2003
Leslie Rivlin 01/24/2005
Jacob Weinberger 01/25/1970
Harry Stark 01/25/1971
Laddie Kulanek 01/25/1990
Mose Temerson 01/26/1953
Sarah Hopenwasser 01/28/1986
Judith Resnick 01/28/1986

Feb 4

Ruth Besser 01/29/1977
Samuel Rivlin 01/30/1968
John Hill 01/31/1999
Arnold Brown 02/??/1994
Ed Moseley 02/??/2005
Sophie Goldfarb 02/01/1969
Rudolph Gardner 02/01/1982
Dorothy Dean Doss 02/01/2003
Edward Zumpano 02/01/2003
Gertrude Greenland 02/03/2008
Evelyn Rosoff 02/04/1997

Feb 11

Beverly Wallock 02/07/1989
Mollie Fagan 02/07/2007
Ben Rosen 02/08/1967
Rita Siegal 02/09/2005
Abe Jacobson 02/10/1989

Feb 17

Rose Mund 02/15/0001
Zorro David Ruben 02/15/1994
Morris L. Mayer 02/15/2008
Jake Rich 02/16/1933
Rusty Quarles 02/16/2002
Alice Weisel 02/17/1966
Abe Stern 02/17/1972
Mary Rosenblum 02/17/1994

Note: if you see the year "0001" near your loved one's name, it means I do not have the year of death in my records. Please send any yahrzeit corrections to: annajsinger@hotmail.com or phone 349-3702

Year-Round Donation Form

Your Name: _____ Address, City, Zip: _____

Please accept my contribution In honor of _____

In memory of _____

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send contributions for all Temple funds to Larry Fagen, Treasurer, 809 4th Ave, Tuscaloosa, AL, 35401

- Temple General Fund
- Building Fund
- Memorial Fund
- Rabbinical Fund
- Pizitz Choir Fund
- Library Fund
- Estelle Weinberger Collection Fund
- Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
- Rosemore Religious School Fund
- Prayerbook Fund

(Name(s) to be placed in book:

SISTERHOOD

Sisterhood Tree of Life Fund. send contributions for the Tree of Life Fund to Baila Block, 844 Pine-mont Dr, N. Tuscaloosa, 36406,

Floral Fund for the High Holidays. send contributions for the Floral Fund to Diane Brown, 963 Gerrnantown Rd, Tuscaloosa, 35406

Sisterhood General Fund. send contributions for the General Sisterhood Fund to Gale Zumpano, 8312 NE Anchor Way, Tuscaloosa, 35406

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