

Shabbat and other services are held in our new synagogue, 809 4th Ave, Tuscaloosa, AL



TEMPLE EMANU-EL BULLETIN

Friday Erev Shabbat

Services, 6:30 pm unless otherwise noted
date; parshat

Sept 2: Shoftim

Sept 10, 10:30 am: MORNING TORAH SERVICE Ki Teitzei

Sept 16: Ki Tavo

Sept 23: Nitzavim-Vayelech

Sept 30: Gen 21:1-34; Num 29:1-6

Other Events

Wed, Aug 31, 4-5 pm: First Wednesday

Hebrew class SEE pp. 7-9

Aug 31=Rosh Chodesh Elul

Sat, Sept 10, 10:30 am: **Morning Torah Service: Ki Teitzei**

Sun, Sept 11, 1 pm: **Congregational Meeting**, in the all-purpose room. Also **deadline for all Yearbook material**

Sun, Sept 18, 10:30 am: Sisterhood meeting, home of Rebecca Rothman

Sept 28, 8 pm: **Erev Rosh Hashanah**, followed by a dessert oneg

Sept 29=Rosh Chodesh Tishrei

Sept 29, 10:30 am: **Rosh Hashanah** morning service

Oct 7, 8:00 pm: **Erev Yom Kippur**; Kol Nidre

Oct 8, 10:30 am to sundown: **Yom Kippur** Morning service, Afternoon service, Yitzkor, Concluding Service. Followed by a Break-the-Fast hosted by Sisterhood.

Sun, Oct 16, 10:30 am: Sisterhood meeting, home of Joanna Jacobs

See also calendar on page 3

Note: Please do not use our PO box address any longer. All correspondence should go to 809 4th Ave, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

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Steven L. Jacobs, Rabbi Joel Whitman, President
September 2011 Elul 5771-Tishre
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From Rabbi Jacobs

Fighting—But Not Winning, At Least Not Yet—An Already Losing Battle

Dear Friends:

As a committed Zionist, part of whose family were *halutzim* more than 200 years ago and another part that came as a direct result of the Shoah, I continue to reflect deeply about the upcoming September United Nations vote on Palestinian statehood. I have, also, for most of my adult life, strongly believed in a two-state solution as the *only* viable solution to resolving not only the current impasse but also say to both Israelis and Palestinians (and, by extension, American Jews and non-Jewish supporters of Israel—this despite Rev. John’s Hagee’s blasting of President Obama’s support as contrary to Biblical mandates) that past wrongs, present difficulties, and future possibilities *are* being addressed. (I have done so for so long that I have memories of being attacked for my position years and years ago!) To say “Surprised!” when Prime Minister Netanyahu articulated, in his at-times convoluted language, his possible support for a two-state solution is to put it mildly. Historically-resident populations who do not wish to be governed by those who hold the current reins of power, it seems to me, are sowing the seeds of revolution, regularly incurring violence, and even genocide itself. I would also note that I have never believed that a one-state solution was a solution at all. Nor, unfortunately and sadly, have I believed that Israel as a truly democratic state for *all* its citizens (as we in the West understand the political concept of the equality of



High Holidays Parking, Corrected: see page 2

Please review and complete your commitment payments for last year (2010-11) Send payments (marked for 2010-2011) to Treasurer, Temple Emanu-El, 809 4th Ave, Tuscaloosa AL 35401

Commitment payments for the new year (2011-12): Please send payments (marked for 2011-2012) to Treasurer, Temple Emanu-El, 809 4th Ave, Tuscaloosa AL 35401

Deadline is Sept 11 for the 5772 Yearbook! Please review your yearbooks for two things:

- * 1. **Your listing.** Send changes to annajsinger@hotmail.com; and
- * 2. **Names to be listed in the memorial pages.** If you want to retain, add to, or change the lines, please send the information, along with \$9/line—check made out to Sisterhood—to **Marianne Rosenzweig, Sisterhood Treasurer, 1 Dearing Pl, 35401**

Religious School: See calendar and registration form on pages 6-8.

From the President:

State of the Temple September 11th, 2011

Temple Emanu-El has experienced many firsts during our initial year in our new home. Several of these were:

1. Our first High Holiday celebrations for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur where we filled almost every available space
2. Our first Sukkot held jointly by Hillel and the Temple which had great participation
3. Our first children's service which was enjoyed by all.
4. Our scheduled Saturday Shabbat Torah services
5. Our first donated Oneg
6. Our scheduled temple celebration of our holidays
7. Our new Bloom Hillel neighbors across the sidewalk
8. Our first Bat and Bar Mitzvah
9. Our successful Sunday School year

We will miss those who died and left our congregation this year due to illness and age. Our first year closed with sadness due to the suffering of those affected by the storms that devastated Tuscaloosa.

The first year in our new home was completed without an annual congregational meeting. The meeting is now scheduled for September 11th, 2011 at 2:00 PM in the Temple. There are number of matters for the congregation to consider. Our tentative agenda can be found on page 4.

May we all enjoy a happy and prosperous New Year!—Joel Whitman

Corrected Holiday Parking arrangements:

Important: PARKING IN ANY OF THE 3 LOTS MENTIONED BELOW IS ONLY AVAILABLE BEFORE 8 PM FOR EVENING, OR 10 AM FOR MORNING SERVICE DAYS. GET TO TEMPLE EARLY!

There are essentially three parking lots available to us during the holidays.

> ONE: **Lot number one** is the lot closest to the temple. There are 19 parking spots in this lot. The university is installing a gate that should be functioning before the holidays. **This lot is only going to be available to those who have handicapped hangtags and are members of the temple or Hillel.** So, be sure you come in a car with a handicapped hang tag if you need to park in the lot closest to temple.

> TWO: **Lot 2 is the lot directly behind Moody Music.** There are plenty of spots in this lot to accommodate the remaining Temple members for Rosh Hashanah. However, for Yom Kippur, parking spots will be less available as there are three additional activities on campus that will be looking for parking spots and the university has promised them some spots in this second lot. There is also a football game this weekend. **For these reasons I encourage you to arrive at temple early to guarantee parking.**

> THREE: If you can't find parking in lot one or two you can go into **lot three, the large lot in front of Moody Music.** This lot is a RV lot but I have been promised that the university staff in that lot will help people find car parking if needed.

The great news is that **lots one and two will be staffed by the Temple men's club.** They will have names of people who are able to park in lot 2. Lot 1 is again only for Temple or Hillel members with handicapped tags. If you are not parked by the start of services, anyone on campus can park as our men's club staff will be in services. If you need additional information please call me at 310-7966.—Karen Steckol

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Sept. 2011 Temple Emanu-El of Tuscaloosa Elul 5771-Tishri 5772

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Aug 28	29	30	31 1st of Elul, 5771 Rosh Chodesh Elul	Sept 1	2 6:30 erev Shabbat service 7:29p Candle lighting	3 <i>home game</i> Parashat Shoft- im 7:47p Havdalah (1 min)
4	5 Labor Day	6	7	8	9 6:30 erev Shabbat service 7:22p Candle lighting	10 10:30: Morning Torah Service Parashat Ki Tishte 7:40p Havdalah (1 min)
11 First Day Rel. Sch. 10am-12 2 pm: Congre- gational Meet- ing , All Purpose room	12	13	14	15	16 6:30 erev Shabbat service 19th of Av, 5771 7:14p Candle lighting	17 <i>home game</i> Parashat Ki Ta- vo 7:32p Havdalah (1 min)
18 10- Rel. Sch 10:30 Sister- hood mtg, home of Rebecca Rothman 11-Torah Study	19	20	21	22	23 6:30 erev Shabbat service 7:06p Candle lighting	24 <i>home game</i> Parshat Nitza- vim-Vayelech 7:24p Havdalah (1 min)
25 10-Rel. Sch 11-Torah Study	26	27	28 8:00: Erev Rosh Hashana Followed by oneg	29 1 Tishrei Rosh Chodesh Tishrei 10 am: Rosh Hashana morn- ing service	30 6:30 erev Shabbat service	Oct 1 Parshat Gen 21:1-34; Num 29:1-6
2 10-Rel. Sch	3	4	5	6	7 8:00 Erev Yom Kippur; Kol Nidre	8 <i>home game</i> 10 am to sun- down: Yom Kippur Break the Fast, sundown

From the Rabbi, continued:

representative democracy) could retain its Jewish ethos and character for those unwilling, and not Jews, and unable to accept them.

My own discomfort has always been the painful realization that a two-state solution requires the relocation of people—Palestinians, or more simply, Arabs and Muslims—who proudly tell family stories of groves of olive trees planted and homes and villages built by their ancestors. And while “relocation” of peoples is a comfortable-sounding word, it distastefully reminds me of “population transfers” practiced by the Turks against the Armenians and the Nazis against our own for the supposed and fallacious reasons of “minority safety and security,” and the late Meir Kahane and followers who sought to “rid” Israel of all who were not Jews.

I have only recently read ADL’s carefully crafted “Palestinian Unilateralism: An Obstacle to Peace-The United Nation’s and Palestinian State: Scenarios and Realities” (5 pgs.) and “Palestinian Unilateralism: An Obstacle to Peace” (3 pgs.) which have prompted these thoughts. These two documents not only reflect, I believe, the feelings of the overwhelming majority of our now conservative rightist American Jewish community, but will, in one form or another, serve as a “manifesto” of political action primarily directed at the Congress of the United States, which, at the moment, appears to (at least temporarily) oppose the vote in advance of the September United Nations Security Council Resolution. The alternative possibility of non-binding UN General Assembly resolutions is another matter, however, since the pro-Palestinian majority could pass such with tremendous symbolic value for the Palestinians even without US and other abstentions.

Should either prove successful, the rift between the US and her own allies and supporters can only increase in the Middle East and even possibly elsewhere, while here at home the rift might very well divide the American Jewish community from others who appear to be growing increasingly tired of the too-dominant role the Middle East continues to occupy on the American foreign policy stage, and the seeming intractability of a solution to this 63-year-old conundrum. (Our American psyche appears to be governed by Larry the Cable Guy’s motto “Git ‘er done!”)

Political and other strategies of opposition, it seems to me, can only succeed where there is both a present and a long-range change of success. Thus, there is great truth in the cliché “winning the battle but losing the war.” If the decision for recognition of Palestinian statehood fails in September, some analysts—American Jews, Israelis, and even Palestinians—have already begun to weigh in that a negative vote has negative consequences, up to and including violent backlashes against Israel.

Would not a more prudent, savvy, and *public* strategy on the part of the American Zionist organizations—including AI-PAC, ADL, etc., and the American Jewish community, as well as *M’dinat Yisrael*, even under Netanyahu’s leadership, be to fully endorse and support the Palestinian dream of statehood and work together to make that dream a reality? And, using that commitment *not* as a bargaining chip to get both parties back to the negotiating table, but, realistically and honestly—and, again, quite publicly both here in the US and internationally—professing the commitment to do everything possible to make it happen.

If it fails now, I have little doubt that it will surface again (and possibly again and again) in the not-too-distant future. And Herzl’s own mantra *Im tirtzu, ayn zo aggada* (“If you will it, it will not [only] remain a dream.”) echoes in my head—as it must have David Ben-Gurion’s on that fateful day of May 14, 1948.

Excerpted from an op-ed by Steven Jacobs, published August 1, 2011 in the journal *Scholars for Peace in the Middle East*

Shalom, shalom, Dr. Steven Leonard Jacobs,

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Jewish Holy Day Calendar 2011-2012 / 5772

September 2011 28-30 Wednesday-Friday Rosh Ha-Shana (Jewish New Year)

October 2011 7-8 Friday-Saturday Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)

12-21 Wednesday-Friday Sukkot/Hoshana Rabba/Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah

December 2011 21-28 Tuesday-Wednesday Chanukah (Festival of Dedication)

February 2012 8 Wednesday Tu B'Shvat (Jewish Arbor Day)*

March 2012 7-8 Wednesday-Thursday Purim

April 2012 6-14 Friday-Saturday Pesach (Passover Festival of Liberation)

19 Thursday Yom Ha-Shoah (Holocaust Commemoration Day)

25 Wednesday Yom Ha-Zikaron (Israeli Soldiers' Memorial Day)*

26 Thursday Yom Ha-Atzmaut (Israel Independence Day)

May 2012 10 Thursday Lag B'Omer (33rd Day of the Harvest)*

20 Sunday Yom Yerushalayim (Jerusalem Unity Day)*

26-28 Saturday-Monday Shavuot*

July 2012 28-29 Saturday-Sunday Tisha B'Av (9th of Av Collective Memorial Day)

*(To be observed on the Shabbat following)

TEMPLE BOARD ACTIONS

The Board voted on July 10 to try moving our Friday services to 6:30, in order to accommodate Hillel students who want to attend both Hillel Shabbat dinners and our services. The meeting was attended by Michael Honan, a member of the Hillel board.

Temple Emanu-El *Tentative Annual Meeting Agenda*

Sunday September 11, 2011 2:00 PM

Call to order

D'var Torah—Rabbi Jacobs

Reading of the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting—Ella Rosen

Annual Reports:

- Financial Report
- Liaison Committee
- Finance Committee Index Investment report—Ed Schnee
- Fund Raising Committee report—Ruth & Elmer Carlin
- Jewish Education report – Dianna Schwab
- Treasurer's report—Larry Fagen
- Religious School Report
- Sisterhood report
- Additional committee reports, as available

Old Business:

Cleaning and Listing Memorial Plaques

New Business:

Gated Parking
Need to consider URJ request
Proposal for new Shabbat Prayer books
Football Calendar
Appointment of Nomination committee
Other business

Highlights:

Hillel request for a change of Shabbat Service time
Hillel request for a written service agreement
Gated parking procedure
Proposal for adoption of new prayer books

JUAF sells game-day parking passes

The Jewish United Appeal Fund of Tuscaloosa, Inc. (JUAF) is a united appeal fund as defined by the laws of Alabama, and has as its members Hillel and Temple Emanu-El of Tuscaloosa. The JUAF makes annual distributions to its constituent members. Its officers are Joel Whitman, President; Star Bloom, Vice President; Don Siegal, Secretary; and Anna Singer, Treasurer.

JUAF holds a fundraiser each year. This year, we are selling **Game Day Passes for all Home Games** (except Vanderbilt, which is on Yom Kippur) for \$180 for the season. Because we got permission for this project rather later, we still have some passes available. If you know of people who would like to get a season parking pass, please contact the e-mails below.

The parking for the first game, on Sept 3, was monitored by Joanna Jacobs, Jason Fleishman, and Anna Singer. Thanks to all for their assistance.

We will need help from others in the congregation on the next game days. Please contact annajsinger@hotmail.com or bamahillel@gmail.com to volunteer.

Your New Synagogue

From Baila Block and Anna Singer August 30, 2011

- The dimmer switches in the sanctuary have been replaced with on/off switches to reduce the problems we have had in the past.
- The missing piece of our sanctuary 'wailing wall' has been replaced.
- **Kitchen** has mostly been organized. Please note the rules about **how to use the kitchen sinks**, posted above each sink compartment.
- All **Programming (Temple Use)** must be cleared through Betty Jo Goldstein (339-9454) and Joel Whitman

Here are some things still pending:

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 in several previous bulletins.

Wish List

- A large, good-quality carpet (9x12 or near, with pad) for the lobby.
- 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 available through Sam's or Costco)

EDUCATION

Religious School

Religious School and Hebrew school will resume on August 28 at 10 am. Teachers and parents will have a "Meet the Teachers" meeting 11-noon.

See our newsletter, the full schedule and the registration form on the next pages.

The first children's Hebrew classes are during Religious School on August 28 and Wednesday, August 31, 4-5 pm.—Rebecca Rothman

"**Stepping Stones**" is a Jewish family education program sponsored by Religious School; Marianne Rosenzweig is the facilitator, and seven families participated in the 2010-11 program. See schedule on next pages.—Rebecca Rothman

Temple Emanu-el Religious School Fall 2011

Sunday School & Wednesday Hebrew

We can't wait to start to another great year teaching your children about everything Jewish! There will be lots of new things going on at Temple Emanu-el's Religious School this fall. We welcome **Lauren Ward** as assistant director, and we are excited that **Rabbi Jacobs** will be teaching on some Sundays. **Raya Greenberger** will continue teaching Hebrew on Sundays, and Wednesdays.

PLEASE SEE 2011-12 TUITION INFORMATION & FULL CALENDAR ON THE NEXT PAGE!

SEPT 11 – PARENTS MEETING 9:45 am
1st Day of Sunday School – 10 am – Noon
1st Day of Stepping Stones – 10am - 11
SEPT 14 – 1st Wednesday Hebrew Lesson – 4-5pm



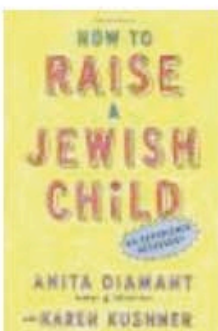
New this year!

A Parent & Child pre-school program for children ages 18 months to 3 ½ years

6 Sundays from 10:30-11:30

OCTOBER 16 (Sukkot theme)
NOVEMBER 6 (Shabbat theme)
DECEMBER 11 (Chanukah theme)
3 Spring Dates TBA

\$50 Temple Members
\$75 Non-Members
To register contact Rebecca at rebeccarothman@gmail.com



ALL NEW PROGRAM.... The MODERN JEWISH MOM'S BOOK CLUB!

Join a casual conversation on raising Jewish kids. Free Program. Purchase your own book. Free Babysitting available upon request.

First Book Club: Sun. 9/25 @ 10:30am
How to Raise a Jewish Child
by Anita Diamant and Karen Kushner

Second Book Club: Sun. 11/13 @ 10:30am
The Modern Jewish Mom's Guide to Shabbat
by Meredith Jacobs

STEPPING STONES IS BACK! During six sessions throughout the year, interfaith families will have the opportunity to discuss issues specific to raising children in a multi-cultural environment. Participants will help choose the discussion topics.

Facilitator: Marianne Rosenzweig.

Book: "If I'm Jewish and You're Christian, What Are the Kids?: A Parenting Guide for Interfaith Families"

COST: \$25 per family for Temple Members / \$50 per family for non-members.

Fee includes book, snacks & activities for children 4-12 and babysitting for children under 4.

TIME: Sundays 10:00am – 11:30am / DATES: 3 Sundays in the Fall and Spring (9/11; 10/9; 12/4) (Spring Dates TBA) / SEE REGISTRATION FORM NEXT PAGE. CONTACT REBECCA A.S.A.P. to register!

Religious School Fall 2011 Calendar

SEPTEMBER 10 – Saturday Morning Shabbat Services

Sept 11: 9:45 am : PARENTS MEETING

10 am: First Day of Sunday School; Stepping Stones #1

Sept. 14: First Day of Wednesday Hebrew 4:00-5:00pm

Sept. 18: Sunday School

Sept. 21: Wednesday Hebrew

Sept. 25: 10 am: Sunday School

10:30 am: Modern Jewish Mom's Book Club #1

Sept. 28: NO Wednesday School. Come to ROSH HASAHANA SERVICES at 8pm!

Sept. 29: See you at ROSH HASHANA SERVICES, 10 am! (Youth programming)

OCTOBER 2: Sunday School

Oct. 5: Wednesday Hebrew

Oct. 7: See you at EREV YOM KIPPUR services, 8pm. (Youth Programming avail.)

Oct. 8: See you at Yom Kippur Services, 10am. (Youth Programming avail.)

Oct. 9: 10 am - Sunday School; Stepping Stones #2,

11:30am: Stay and help us BUILD THE SUKKAH!

Oct. 12: NO Wednesday Hebrew

Oct. 16: 10 am Sunday School; Stepping Stones #2; PRESCHOOL PROGRAM #1

11:30 – Perform a mitzvah by JOINING US FOR A SUKKAH PARTY & LUNCH!

Oct. 19: Wednesday Hebrew

Oct. 21: Join us Friday Night @ 6:30 for extra special SIMCHAT TORAH SHABBAT!

Oct. 23: Sunday School

Oct. 26: Wednesday Hebrew

Oct. 30: Sunday School

NOVEMBER 2: Wednesday Hebrew

Nov. 6: Sunday School, PRESCHOOL PROGRAM #2

Nov. 9: Wednesday Hebrew

Nov. 12: Saturday Morning Shabbat Service

Nov. 13: 10am: Sunday School

10:30 am: Modern Jewish Mom's Book Club #2

Nov. 16: Wednesday Hebrew

THANKSGIVING BREAK: No School Sundays 11/20 and 11/27 or Weds. 11/23

Nov. 30: Wednesday Hebrew

DECEMBER 2: JOIN US FOR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SHABBAT DINNER, followed by

Shabbat Services featuring our children! 5:30 pm dinner, 6:30 pm Service.

Dec. 4: Sunday School (Chanukah Play Rehearsal); Stepping Stones #3:

Dec. 7: LAST DAY of Wednesday Hebrew before Winter Break!

Dec. 10: Saturday Morning Shabbat Service

Dec. 11: CHANUKAH PLAY! CHANUKAH PARTY! PRESCHOOL PROGRAM #3

Religious School, Hebrew, & Stepping Stones 2011-12 Registration

Please fill out this form and return with your check by the first day, Sept. 11, 2011

Please make out all checks to "Temple Emanu-El Religious School".

Tuition amounts listed below. Mail to: Rebecca Rothman, 1706 3rd St, Tuscaloosa AL 35401

We are registering for: (check all that apply)

- Religious School (ages 4-13)
 Sunday Pre-School (ages 18 months to 4 years)
 Stepping Stones* (all ages; babysitting available for children under age 4)
 Wednesday Hebrew Lessons (Ages 4-13)

Parent/s names _____

Home Address _____ Phone _____

Mother cell _____ Father cell _____

Mother email _____ Father email _____

Temple Emanu-El Members (Circle One) Yes No

Student Name _____ Hebrew name _____ DOB _____

Grade _____ School _____ Allergies? _____

Student Name _____ Hebrew name _____ DOB _____

Grade _____ School _____ Allergies? _____

Student Name _____ Hebrew name _____ DOB _____

Grade _____ School _____ Allergies? _____

* If attending Stepping Stones, your child is invited to join us for Religious School or babysitting during the Stepping Stones class time. If your child will be participating, please fill out the information above and below.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO – PLEASE LIST CONTACTS OTHER THAN PARENTS

Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone number _____

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Tuition:

Religious School (Sundays -10am-Noon, during school year)

Temple Members: \$200 for the first child. \$150 for each additional child.

Non-Members: \$250 for the first child, \$200 for each additional child.

Wednesday Hebrew: (Wednesdays - 4pm-5pm, during the school year)

Temple Members: \$110 per child.

Non-Members: \$160 per child.

Sunday Pre-School (6 Sunday mornings):

Temple Members \$50 per child / Non-Members \$75 per child

Adult Education

Torah Study will resume in the library in the fall, from 11 am to noon, on these Sundays: 18 & 25 September, 9 & 16 October, 6 & 13 November, 4 & 11 December. Please bring your own coffee and snack.

Please stay tuned for other future Adult Education events. Use of new prayerbooks (there are several possibilities, Shabbat or Holiday and Festival versions) will be discussed at the congregational meeting. Via a charitable donation and an Adult Education contribution the temple will soon own sufficient copies of the Shabbat prayerbook for Shabbat services. Members who want to own a personal copy of the new Shabbat prayerbook please contact Diana Schwab. Adult Education is canvassing the congregation for prayerbook preferences in order to anticipate and accommodate a variety of needs. If you have a preference for a particular prayerbook, either the Gates of Prayer or one of the New Reform Siddurs, please respond to Diana Schwab at dschwab345@comcast.net explaining your choice.

Members who are seeking a **Hebrew language class** please contact Diana Schwab at dschwab345@comcast.net.

The previously promised fundraiser to buy more prayer books (siddurim) for the Temple—a performance by the New Orleans Jazz Trio "The Voodoo Saints"—will be held later this fall. It turns out that Nathan Holloway, leader of the trio, will be staying in Tuscaloosa for the indefinite future.

For more information, contact Diana Schwab at dschwab345@comcast.net

SISTERHOOD

The officers and board held a planning and orientation meeting on July 24.

Our first meeting, a **Welcome Coffee**, took place on Sunday, August 21, and was well attended.

The **next meeting will be on Sept 18 at 10:30 am**. Rebecca Rothman will host at her home, 1706 3rd St. She has arranged a program about organizing the household and the rest of our lives.

Sisterhood's big fall jobs—the Rosh Hashanah oneg and the Break-the-Fast are ahead of us. For the oneg on Sept 28, please bring a dessert item, arranged on your platter. Sisterhood members will be supplying a punch.

Thank you notes:

Sisterhood has received nice thank-you notes from Morgan DeWitt and Sam Sogol. We've also received a lovely note from Ruth and Elmer Carlin, thanking everyone for their support after the death of their daughter, Joan.

Dear Temple Emanu-EL Sisterhood,
The Aaron Family would like to say a special thank-you to the Sisterhood. I would also like to especially recognize the following people who made an extra effort on such short notice to organize the *seudat havra'ah*: Ruth Applebaum, Ella Rosen, Betty Lichstein, Roberta Weisberg, Diana Schwab, Anna Singer, Joanna Jacobs, Stephanie Jacobs, Barbara Hood, and Karen Steckol.

With Much Gratitude: *Paul, Ariela, and Abigail.*

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, New Year cards, puzzles, and children's gift wrap are on display. Other items will be ordered for you on request—catalogues will be available. Marianne Rosenzweig is now in charge of the shop. If you need anything Jewish, from candles to tallisim to ketubot, please contact Marianne, who can be reached at mgrosenz@ gmail.com

MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club will be starting up again in late August / early September (date not yet set) with a bagel brunch at the temple and will also be renewing its contact / relationship with the ZBT fraternity. Contact me at sischwab@comcast.net for further information.—Steve Schwab, President

JEWISH BOOK GROUP

We're an informal group of addicted book-readers, and try to pick titles that have some relationship to Jewish life or history. Feel free to join us; please bring your own lunch! I hope to see you at the meetings. We have some interesting discussions, especially if there are differences of opinions. E-mail or call me for further information.—Shari Augins (fgpsa@hotmail.com, 759-4105)

SEPT: Monday, Sept 19th, Noon at the Temple. *Garden of the Beast*, by Eric Larson

What **does** Sisterhood do?

FOR OUR CONGREGATION

- ☆ We built and maintain the Toby S. Whitman Sisterhood kitchen, which all congregants use
- ☆ We organize and provide refreshments for the Rosh Hashanah oneg
- ☆ We prepare and serve the Yom Kippur Break-the-Fast, which we provide free to the congregation
- ☆ We hope to contribute to more social events for congregants

FOR OUR CHILDREN

- ☆ Traditionally, our most active members have been parents and grandparents of Religious School children
- ☆ We provide a substantial contribution to the budget of the Religious School
- ☆ We fund a camp scholarship for children of Sisterhood members to attend either Camp Jacobs or Camp Coleman
- ☆ We assist Religious School as needed—for example the Purim Carnival
- ☆ We will encourage the re-formation of the Youth Group, and will provide support for it

Join Us!

**Sisterhood Welcome Coffee,
Sunday 21 August, 11 am**

Call 349-3702 or e-mail
annajsinger@hotmail.com

FOR OUR LOCAL JEWISH COMMUNITY

- ☆ We edit and publish your monthly Temple bulletin
- ☆ We publish the annual Yearbook (Temple directory)
- ☆ Our telephone tree lets the congregation know about emergency situations
- ☆ We provide food and assistance to bereaved congregants

FOR THE LARGER JEWISH COMMUNITY

- ☆ We are members in good standing of Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ)
- ☆ We support the national YES fund (Youth, Education, Special Projects)
- ☆ We have attended Southeast regional conventions

FOR THE TUSCALOOSA COMMUNITY

- ☆ We have been represented on the board of Caring Days, and make an annual contribution to it. Our members have also given direct service to Caring Days.
- ☆ We collect and deliver food for the Food Bank, and toiletries, etc., for Turning Point.
- ☆ We hope to ally with other religious women's groups in Tuscaloosa.

FOR OURSELVES

- ☆ We enjoy getting together and helping our congregation and our children maintain Jewish tradition

Mitzvah

GEN. 58:6-7: Is not this the fast that I have chosen:

to unlock the shackles of injustice...to let the oppressed go free...

Surely it is to share your bread with the hungry, and to bring the homeless poor into your house.

Meals on Wheels

September is covered—thanks to all who have volunteered. We will need volunteers for Oct 5, 12 19, and 26. Please call Becky Caudill at 333-3136 or e-mail her at whom57ever@mail.com

High Holidays (and year-round) food drive

The basket for High Holiday 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. There is also a basket for hotel toiletries (and/or checks), to be donated to **TURNING POINT**. Thanks to **Shari Augins and Betty Lichstein** for these mitzvot.

Recycling

Save those ALUMINUM CANS and MAGAZINES and NEWSPAPERS!

Recycling is going well—Waste Management now pays for **magazines along with newspapers**, so be sure to save BOTH. Thanks to **Nettie Blume, Hattie Kaufman and Rebecca Rothman** who drop off their **news-papers, magazines, and aluminum cans** at the Singer home, 903 20th Ave. Other drop-off points: Diane Brown, 963 Germantown Rd 35406, and Marianne Rosenzweig, 1701 Dearing Place, 35401.

Tornado Relief

If you prefer to give through a Jewish organization, you can mail checks to our own **Jewish United Appeal Fund**, 903 20th Ave, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401. The JUAF is the 401c-3 non-profit umbrella organization that includes Temple and Hillel as members. Please mark the checks “tornado relief.” The JUAF will pass on 100% of your funds to one or more of the following:

- **Temporary Emergency Services (TES), a United Way agency.** TES is at 1705 15th St, near the corner of Queen City and 15th and across from Shelby Park. You can send checks directly to them at 1705 15th St., Tusc, 35401.
- **Compassion Coalition of Tuscaloosa County (CCTC).** CCTC is a 401c-3 group of Tuscaloosa congregations of which Temple Emanu-El is a founding member. It is designed to act as a volunteer coordination agency. The current president is Sheldon Rosenzweig, a Temple member. Compassionate Coalition sprang into action as soon as the tornado had passed. You can send funds to them at PO Box 1507, Tuscaloosa, 35403.

Outreach Prison Ministry Requests Donations of Jewish Texts

Torahs, Jewish literature (history, language, fiction), Jewish Magazines, Videos are needed for use in jails and prisons nationwide. Please respond to:

Chaplin Joe Roche, Outreach Prison Ministry 233 Allen Dr. Braintree VT 05060 603-717-8884
joe35468@yahoo.com

Congregational News

Deepest Sympathy

We in the congregation mourn the passing of our friend and member, **Sylvia Steiner Aaron** on August 24. Her gentle and generous spirit will always be missed. We extend deepest sympathy to Paul, Ariella, and Abigail and Mark.

Angie Sogol's beloved grandmother, Annie Ruth Bellenger of Cleveland, AL, died recently. We extend deepest condolences to Angie, Joel, Sam, Anna and Brian.

Mazel Tov

Ed Schnee is the recipient of the 2011 Outstanding Tax Educator award from the American Tax Association, in cooperation with Ernst & Young.

September Happy Birthdays

Joanna Jacobs, Sept 6
Josh Rothman, Sept 10

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

Special Thanks This Month

To **Ruth Applebaum, Betty Jo Goldstein, Barbara Hood, Joanna Jacobs, Stephanie Jacobs, Betty Lichstein, Ella Rosen, Diana Schwab, Anna Singer, Karen Steckol** and **Roberta Weisberg** for setting up an excellent *seudat havra'ah* in the Temple following the funeral of Sylvia Aaron.
To **Karen Steckol**, for her extraordinary work in Temple-Hillel-University relations.

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.

Reading of New Book by a former Hillel Grad-Student Advisor

W.S. Hoole Library, Wed. Oct. 5, 5-6:30 pm (after 5 pm, you can park next to it)
(for more information, contact Jessica Lacher-Feldman, jlfeldma@ua.edu)

Thirteen Loops: Race, Violence, and the Last Lynching in America recounts the story of three innocent victims, all of whom suffered violent deaths through no fault of their own: Vaudine Maddox in 1933 in Tuscaloosa, Sergeant Gene Ballard in 1979 in Birmingham, and Michael Donald in 1981 in Mobile.

While tracing the relationships among these murders, B. J. Hollars's research led him deep into the heart of Alabama's racial, political, and legal landscapes. A work of literary journalism, *Thirteen Loops* draws upon rarely examined primary sources, court documents, newspaper reports, and first-hand accounts in an effort to unravel the twisted tale of a pair of interconnected murders that forever altered United States' race relations.

B. J. Hollars is the editor of *You Must Be This Tall To Ride: Contemporary Writers Take You Inside The Story*. He received his M.F.A in Creative Writing from The University of Alabama and has published in *North American Review*, *Ninth Letter*, and *The Southeast Review*, among others. He is an assistant professor of creative writing at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. While a graduate student here, he served as a Hillel Graduate-Student Advisor.

Donations

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

To the Temple:

From Hattie and Allan Kaufman in memory of Joanie Spaw, daughter of Ruth and Elmer Carlin
From Bob and Geri Stone, in memory of Milton Sogol
From Paula Quarles, in memory of Joanie Spaw and in memory of Milton Sogol
From Carol Odess, for Compassion Coalition
From Paul Aaron in honor of Morgan DeWitt's bat mitzvah
From Becky and Pat Caudill in honor of Sam Sogol's bar mitzvah
From Michael and Camille Mendle, in honor of Morgan DeWitt's bat mitzvah
From Doris Cohen, in honor of Morgan DeWitt's bat mitzvah
From Norman and Anna Singer, in honor of Karen Steckol

To the Temple Building Fund:

From Helena and Trevor Bain, in honor of Morgan DeWitt's bat mitzvah
From Houston and Voncile Pearce, in memory of Joan Carlin Schwartz Spaw
From Marianne and Shelly Rosenzweig, in memory of Sylvia Aaron

Special Gifts to the Temple:

Michael Honan and Roxanne Travelute of Birmingham have donated an amount to provide a table in honor of the 50th anniversary of Star and Stan Bloom
The estate of Anne Schweitzer has named Temple Emanu-El as a legatee.

To Sisterhood Tree of Life Fund:

From Betty Jo Goldstein, in memory of Joanie Spaw, daughter of Ruth and Elmer Carlin.
From Norman and Anna Singer, in memory of Sylvia Aaron
From Shelly and Marianne Rosenzweig, in memory of Sylvia Aaron
From Baila Block in memory of Sylvia Aaron

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

Please send Sisterhood Tree of Life donations to Baila Block, 844 Pinemont Dr. N, Tuscaloosa, AL 35406

Please send other Sisterhood donations and commitment checks to: Marianne Rosenzweig, 1 Dearing Pl, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

Please send JUAF donations to Treasurer. JUAF, 903 20th Ave, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

Yahrzeits

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

Sam Steckol 12/30/10
Ann Frosch 12/30/10
Melvin Rosen 1/8/11
Debbie Friedman 1/9/11
Anne Schweitzer 1/20/11
David Korr, 1/27/11
Milton Sogol, 6/1/11
Joan Carlin Schwartz Spaw 7/9/11
Annie Ruth Bellenger, 8
Sylvia Steiner Aaron, 8/24/11

Sept 2

Joanne Gardner 08/30/1995

Sept 9

(none)

Sept 16

Sidney Trachtenberg 09/10/1991
Anna Cheimetz Singer 09/10/1999
Phillip Warner 09/12/1962
Alice Gordon 09/12/1995
Lynn Rosoff 09/13/1995
Esther Bloom 09/14/0001
Iris Denaberg Rosemore 09/14/1991
Stefan Schwartz 09/15/2002

Sept 23

Florence Block 09/16/1972
Aaron Jacobs 09/19/1969
Selma Kaplan 09/20/1995
Simon Wiesenthal 09/20/2005

Sept 30

Babe May 09/25/2006
Adelyn Berman 09/26/1974
Nathaniel Koven 09/26/1982

Oct 7

Sarah Salky 10/01/1994
Lottie Voit 10/01/1995
Nathan Green 10/01/2006
David Stone 10/03/2000
Elsie Rosenbush 10/06/1949
Abe Applebaum 10/06/1997
Regina Rosenfeld 10/06/1997
Phillip Bernatz 10/06/2010
Harry Cohen 10/07/2007
Charles Temerson 10/08/2001
Jennie Wilensky 10/10/1997

Oct 14

Fanya Ruben 10/19/2001
Morris (Munny);Sokol 10/20/1995
Charles Mund 10/20/2001

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

"Lost" Yahrzeits

These names do not have any notations connecting them to current or long-time members. Please check for your relatives and let us know connections to current congregants; if we don't hear from you, these names will be deleted from our yahrzeit list, which is becoming unwieldy—Anna Singer, annajsinger@hotmail.com / 349-3702

Isadore Feld 05/12/2001
Ettie Frank 07/24/2008

Year-Round Donation Form

Your Name, Address, City, Zip:

Please accept my contribution In honor of _____

In memory of _____

TEMPLE

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 Pinemont Dr, N. Tuscaloosa, 36406,
- Floral Fund for the High Holidays. send contributions for the Floral Fund to Diane Brown, 963 Gernantown Rd, Tuscaloosa, 35406
- Sisterhood General Fund. send contributions for the General Sisterhood Fund to Marianne Rosenzweig, 1 Dearing Place, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

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