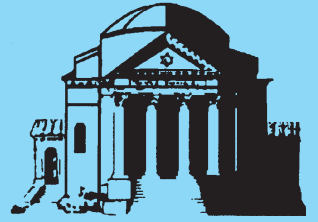


Our Temple



THE MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR TEMPLE EMANU-EL

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Temple Emanu-El *First Night Passover Seder* *Led by Rabbi Scott Hausman-Weiss*

Monday, April 18, 6:00-9:00p.m.
Abroms Hall in the Collat Congregational Center

\$20 per person
children 12 and under: \$10
(childcare provided for a
portion of the seder for
ages 18 months to 5 years)

*Please bring a bottle
of wine or grape juice
and a vegetable or
other side dish.*

RSVP deadline is Monday, April 11.

*Please RSVP to Fran Marlow at 933-8037, ext. 244 or events@ourtemple.org.
For childcare, RSVP to Cathy Moore at 933-5907 or templetots@ourtemple.org.*

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Please remember Temple's Endowment Fund in your estate plans, and let us know when you do this.

OUR SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

APRIL SHABBAT SERVICES

FRIDAY, 4/1

5:40p.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Birthday Blessing for April
Wedding Blessing of
Ashley Dahl & Brad Denney
(First Friday -
childcare provided for ages
18 months - 5 years)

SATURDAY, 4/2

10:30a.m.
Shabbat Service
(children welcome,
no childcare provided)

Torah Portion:

Tazria

(Leviticus 12:1 - 13:59)

FRIDAY, 4/8

5:40p.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat Service
(children welcome,
no childcare provided)

SATURDAY, 4/9

10:30a.m.
Shabbat Service
(children welcome,
no childcare provided)

Torah Portion:

Mtzora

(Leviticus 14:1 - 15:33)

FRIDAY, 4/15

5:40p.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat
Special Guest,
Governor Robert Bentley
(childcare available by
reservation; dinner to follow
service, RSVP required --
see back cover)

SATURDAY, 4/16

10:30a.m.
Shabbat Service
Bar Mitzvah of
Matthew Russell
(childcare provided for
ages 18 months - 5 years)

Torah Portion:

Acharei Mot

(Leviticus 16:1 - 18:30)

FRIDAY, 4/22

5:40p.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat Service
(children welcome,
no childcare provided)

SATURDAY, 4/23

10:30a.m.
Shabbat Service
Bar Mitzvah of
Clark Thompson
(childcare provided for
ages 18 months - 5 years)

Torah Portion:

Chol HaMoed Pesach

(Exodus 33:21 - 34:9)

FRIDAY, 4/29

5:40p.m.
**Confirmation and
High School Senior
Shabbat Service**
(children welcome,
no childcare provided)

SATURDAY, 4/30

9:30a.m.
Got Shabbat? You Betcha!
10:30a.m.
Shabbat Service
(children welcome,
no childcare provided)

Torah Portion:

K'doshim

(Leviticus 19:1 - 20:27)

All services are webcast at: www.ourtemple.org

CONFIRMATION & HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SHABBAT Friday, April 29 at 5:45p.m.

Join us for our Confirmation service which will be led by these very special young adults who have demonstrated their commitment to Jewish learning:

**Harrison Bleiberg
Matthew Derr
Emmy Egli
Allie Garber
Michael Harp
Sara Ladden
Sloan Tandet**

This evening we will also bless our high school seniors who soon will graduate and head off to college. Come worship with us and bless our families as they bless their children as they transition through these wonderful milestones.



Save the date:

New Member Shabbat Friday, May 13

- For new members of Temple Emanu-El, we invite you and your family to be our guests for dinner following Shabbat services. Along with fellowship, friendship and community, we will offer explanations on the "ins and outs" of Temple life.
- Representatives from various areas will familiarize you with activities, opportunities to get involved, education, outreach and so forth.
- New members will receive a gift bag of Temple goodies! This promises to be a wonderful evening for all! Please save the date. An invitation will follow.
- Congregants are welcome to stay for dinner at \$15 per adult and \$7.50 for children (12 years and younger).
- Please contact Susan Koretzky at (205) 956-8888 or SBKORET@aol.com for questions and RSVPs.

*Our thanks to the generous support of the
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A Message from Rabbi Miller: Some Thoughts From Your Clergy



Dear Friends,

I want to use this space to share three things that have been on my mind for some time.

1. Your rabbis and clergy consider it our responsibility and privilege to visit you when you or the people you love are ill in the hospital. All too often, we hear from our friends that they were in the hospital for a few days in the past few weeks, and we did not visit. This saddens us greatly, because we care so much about you. When I first started as your rabbi twenty years ago, our office would call the hospitals directly to receive the names of their Jewish patients. Unfortunately for us, the hospitals can no longer give out these names. So we are in the dark. If you or another Temple member are in the hospital, or are planning to be hospitalized, please call the Temple and share the details of who is where. And we, your rabbis and cantor, will make our best effort to pay you a visit and offer a prayer and the congregation's good wishes.
2. There are fewer traditions more ennobling or honoring of our loved ones than to recite kaddish for them when they have died. Our traditions instruct us to recite the prayer

daily during the first eleven months for parents, and 30 days after the death for all other loved ones (a spouse, sibling or child). On the Shabbat after the anniversary of a death, we read the names of our loved ones and give the mourners the opportunity to recite the prayer. We keep the memories of our loved ones alive, and link them and us to our sacred tradition. After being your rabbi for twenty years, I am familiar with the names on our kaddish list, and I know the link they have to you and to our synagogue family. I want to encourage you to keep the tradition of kaddish alive in your family. One day, we will all be gone, and we all want to be linked in memory to the people who have come before us. We should set that example for others while we are living. We do not want the immortal chains of love and memory to be broken.

3. Passover is coming in April. Time to clean out the *chametz* and prepare for the holiday. Keep Passover. It shows your discipline and your commitment to Jewish life. For seven days, we can make it through with matzah and live in gratitude for our freedom. We represent our faith to the outside world. Keep the holiday. Be proud of who you are.

Thanks for listening, and see you at Temple.

A Spiritual Journey Through the Aleph-Bet with Rabbi Scott

Very few of the really important journeys in our lives are ever straightforward. Rarely do the most important learning experiences, the ones that may have caused us pain, that certainly caused us to stretch, that forced out of our boxes, fall under the category of an easily chartable path. Like a *lamed*, this next Hebrew letter, the most important learning of our lives may start out nice and straight, but often result from sharp detours that then sweep back around to help us find ourselves again - re-oriented, reinvigorated, reenergized (check our *lamed* above, pretty neat, huh?) We are, at times, having endured this circuitous route, changed. The shape of the *Lamed* lays out the experiences that can shake us up the most – that turn out to be journeys that are dynamic and explosive, yet leave us more aware of ourselves than ever before. In essence, like a dynamic journey of stillness, the *lamed* orients us upon a single axis that yet survives the wide swings away from our comfort zones, only to return to ourselves once again. As the folk singer sang it, “wherever you go, there you are.”

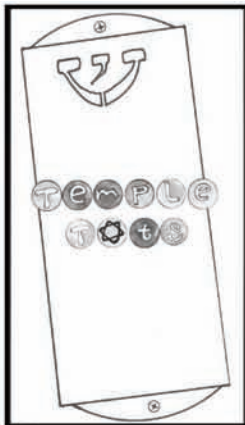


Abraham, the great discoverer of a revolutionary vision of self, was such a man, whose route to inspiration began with depth perception. That is, he looked deeper into the assumptions of his society and came out swinging. Abraham suspected, like most young people eager to take on the world, that what he had been taught by his parents, his teachers, dare I say, his rabbis, wasn't the only way to be in the world. **His** wide swings away from the self he had come to know grew from a brave willingness to rethink the assumptions of his world. His life was like a *lamed*, setting out from one point according to a straight, linear model and swinging far out of any expectable and (according to society at least, acceptable) trajectory. At the beginning of the Torah portion called **לך לך Lech lecha**, God speaks to Abraham and tells him that if he

is to be a blessing to the world, to all those who know him, if he is to fulfill his destiny, he is going to need to hearken to God's words and “Go!” He is to go forth from his land, from his father's house, from the place of his birth. “Go west young man!” But this was not to be your classic road trip. For while the story of Abraham does indeed have all the artifice of a great road trip film (intrigue, enemies, a female companion!), what we read and what is really taking place for Abraham as well as for all people who embark on such a journey is not at all about going out, but going in.

As you will note from the Hebrew, there are two *lameds* that are here repeated. The first is the *lamed* of the word, *lech*, meaning “go.” The second is the *lamed* of the word, *lecha*, not normally translated but assumed to be added for emphasis, as in, “Go! Yourself!” But, if we take a closer look and dredge up our biblical grammar skills, what we know about the word *lecha* is that it is reflexive. The text, *lech lecha*, therefore may really mean, “Go **into** yourself.” See, this journey that God commands Abraham to embark upon is not simply about God sending Abraham and Sarah and Lot on a fetching errand. This is a journey, that if Abraham is going to be able to become the father of a great nation, whose number one job it is to be a blessing to all those who encounter it, it's going to take a lot of work. And the work is not going to be about building settlements or dredging swamps. It's going to be a matter of an internal work that will require growth and development and change from the inside out. Such that, by way of honing responsive mechanisms to the inevitable detours, obstacles, dead ends and heart breaks of life, we are able to withstand and grow and then return to the axis of self that is at our very core. And thus we will be able to become even greater blessings to all those we encounter.

OUR YOUTH & EDUCATION



Above: Julie and Dan (and Caleb!) Bachrach watch as their children Jessica and Jacob lead Shabbat.

Top Left: Beth Kazinec joins daughter Sage for the blessings before Temple Tots Shabbat lunch.

Left: 4 year olds celebrating the letter "E"!



Below: The 3-year-olds putting up a bagel birdfeeder.



Left: Ms. Bobbye helps the 3-year-olds make their own gingerbread men.

**Got Shabbat? You Betcha!
Saturday, April 30, 9:30a.m.**

Join us for our final
"Got Shabbat" of the year!!

Teddy Bear Picnic!

Bring your teddy bear and a blanket for a picnic. Please bring a side dish and we will provide chicken for lunch!



We will meet at Homewood Park at 9:30a.m. Watch your email for additional details and a plan in case of rain!

Please RSVP to Cathy Moore at 933-5907 or templetots@ourtemple.org.

**Let's All Help Make the World A Better Place!
Join Us For Mitzvah Day: Sunday, April 10**

**Lunch in Weil Hall at 11:30a.m.
Depart for Community Projects at 12:30p.m.**

This year, our Tikkun Olam Committee, working jointly with the Religious School will tackle not one, but two, fabulous projects for Mitzvah Day. After a delicious lunch provided by our Temple Sisterhood in Weil Hall, volunteers will take part in a community project of their choice from 1:00-4:00 pm:

Option 1: Ruffner Mountain

Come prepare the park for springtime visitors by clearing trails and planting!

Option 2: BEAT Project

Help put the finishing touches on a new home in the Ensley community. We'll be painting, performing outdoor improvements, and more!!



Both adult and youth volunteers are needed. Please contact Julie Marcus at jamarcus@bellsouth.net or (205) 901-4130 to volunteer or for more details.

Thanks to the AZA and BBG chapters of BBYO for volunteering as well!

In case of inclement weather, a rain date will be announced.

Special thanks to the **Edward & Hermione Friend Community Fund** for providing the materials needed to make this year's Mitzvah Day possible.

Each month, Temple Emanu-El chooses a specific cause for our Tzedakah Box. Our April cause is MITZVAH DAY

Tzedakah Box charities will be distributed into a fund that will offset the expenses we incur during this day of community service. Based on what is needed at B.E.A.T. & Ruffner Mountain Nature Center/Preserve for planting, painting, and other needs the Tzedakah collections will go toward these two projects' expenses.



Mark your calendars!

April 1-3
NFTY Spring Conclave

April 15-17
TEENs
Philanthropy Trip, Memphis, TN

April 17
Religious School
Candy Seder
9:30a.m.-12:00p.m

April 3
Religious School
9:30a.m.-12:00p.m
6th Gr B'nai Mitzvah
Parent Meeting
10:00a.m.

April 20
Hebrew School
3:30-5:45p.m.
TEENs
[Philanthropy]
5:45-7:30p.m.

April 6
Hebrew School
3:30-5:45p.m.
TEENs
[Internet Safety]
5:45-7:30p.m.

April 24
Religious School
9:30a.m.-12:00p.m
3rd Gr Parent/Child
Workshop
10:00a.m.

April 10
Religious School
MITZVAH DAY
9:30a.m.-12:00p.m

April 27
Hebrew School
3:30-5:45p.m.
TEENs
5:45-7:30p.m.

April 13
Hebrew School
3:30-5:45p.m.
NO TEENs

April 29
Confirmation & High School
Senior Shabbat
5:40p.m.

AROUND OUR TEMPLE

Temple Emanu-El Tikkun Olam Report

Account Balance as of 1/1/2011 \$8,804.61
 Dollars Donated to Tzedakah Box (June-Jan)
 \$1,190.38

Total 10 Day Campaign Collected & Distributed

(September & October)	\$40,205.63
Giving Tree Fund	\$13,267.86
Collat Jewish Family Service	\$8,965.86
Greater Birmingham Ministries	\$8,965.86
Rush Initiative	\$9,006.05

It was recommended that we re-direct June & July Tzedakah Box Collections to B.E.A.T. (Bethel Ensley Action Task, Inc). Our very own George Thompson is the new Exec. Director for this non-profit.

Birmingham Hospitality Network

Interfaith Congregations come together to shelter Homeless families

Be a sponsor for breakfast, lunch or dinner for these families during their stay at Temple Emanu-El. Or help set up prior to their arrival or break down once they depart TEE. Dates are June 19-26 and December 18-25.

9th & 10th Graders: Sign up now for the next P.E.A.C.E. Birmingham group

P.E.A.C.E. (People Engaged in a Cultural Exchange) Birmingham

is a monthly dialogue among teens from different neighborhoods, cultures and faiths that builds bridges of communication; encourages racial, religious and cultural awareness; develops leadership skills; and creates mutual respect and understanding among group members - plus we have fun! Co-sponsored by Temple Emanu-El and the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute.



We meet one Sunday afternoon each month during the school year and occasionally take trips. We just returned from a wonderful trip to Nashville where we visited the Hermitage, RCA Studio B, the symphony & attended a play. There is no cost to you.

For more information and an application, please e-mail **Linda Verin** at lindav0327@gmail.com. Applications are due May 20 for the '11-'12 school year. You'll make friends, learn a lot, have fun and it is great to add to your college application. Apply today!

Brotherhood News & Notes

Brotherhood has created a memorial fund to honor our members who have passed away. Brotherhood will make a donation to the Temple in the memory of any member who died during the year. For additional information, please call David Reese at 960-0386.



Calling all male softball players!

The 9th annual **Bill Peetluk Softball Tournament** is scheduled for Sunday, April 3 at the LJCC and Temple Emanu-El is once again fielding a team of superstar athletes, led by Glenn Fleisig. Please contact Glenn or Bill Goldman if you are interested in being a Temple Emanu-El Softball Superstar. You can contact Glenn at 205-942-7176 or glennf@asmi.org or Bill at 205-903-4847 or bgold240@aol.com.

The tournament schedule is as follows:

First Round

Game 1:
 Temple Emanu-El vs. You Belong in Birmingham, 10:00a.m.

Game 2:
 Temple Beth-El vs. Chabad/KI/Huntsville, 11:30a.m.

Semi-finals

Game 1:
 Mesch AZA vs winner of First Round Game 1, 1:00p.m.

Game 2:
 ZBT vs winner of First Round Game 2, 2:30p.m.

Championship Game

Semi-final 1 winner vs. Semi-final 2 winner, 4:00p.m.

Brotherhood at the Barons

Our annual "Brotherhood at the Barons" returns Saturday, May 14 when the Birmingham Barons play the Montgomery Biscuits. First pitch is at 6:30p.m. at Regions Park in Hoover.



For \$10 per person, you get a reserved seat behind home plate and \$10 worth of Barons Bucks to purchase food. Try beating that deal at a Barons game. By attending the game you'll be entered into a raffle to win free tickets to the SEC Baseball Tournament from May 25-29 in Hoover. Then stick around after the Barons game to watch fireworks.

Your check is your RSVP to attend "Brotherhood at the Barons." Please make checks out to "Temple Emanu-El Brotherhood" and mail them in Brotherhood's attention to the temple at 2100 Highland Avenue South, Birmingham, AL 35205.

Tickets can be picked up May 14 outside the front gate of Regions Park from 5-6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Justin Cohen at jpc74@yahoo.com or 266-0444.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH OUR SISTERHOOD?

The "Oy Vey" Café

Sunday, May 1, 9:30a.m. – 12:00p.m.

Our newest venue for a fun gathering (with free bagels & coffee, too!) is sponsored by Sisterhood & Brotherhood at Temple Emanu-El...it's the "Oy Vey" Café!

We are so fortunate to have so many talented people as part of our congregation who are willing to join us to expand our horizons!



We want to thank **Charles Bloom**, Associate Commissioner of Media Relations for the SEC, for leading us in a fun "March Madness" activity to get us ready for the NCAA Championship at our March "cafe."

Along with these terrific programs (which begin at 10:45a.m.), there is still time to snack & schmooze... meet new people or catch up with old friends!

Our next "Cafe" will be on Sunday, May 1. Our own **Debra Goldstein** will join us to discuss her recently published debut mystery novel, **Maze in Blue**. We'll have copies available for sale that she'll be thrilled to autograph for us. It should be an intriguing look into the book author/publishing market!

Be sure to join us for a fun morning!

Scrapbooking/Card Making/ Crafting...Delayed until May 1st

We will be taking April off because of all the holidays and other activities that are being held this month. Be sure to mark your calendar for the next extravaganza on Sunday, May 1 from 1:00-7:00p.m. RSVP to Kim Roth at kimroth@charter.net or 733-1723.



You won't want to miss it!!!

Sisterhood prepares lunch for Mitzvah Day!

Sunday, April 10

Sisterhood will be feeding the many volunteers who will be participating at TEE's annual Mitzvah Day. There will be two locations for projects -- Ruffner Mountain and B.E.A.T. -- but lunch will be served for **all** participants in Weil Hall at TEE before leaving for these projects. We need volunteers to help set up, prepare, serve, and clean up for these volunteers who will be helping to "Repair the World." If you are available to help, please contact Linda Cohn at linedacohn@bellsouth.net or 967-6356.



Sisterhood's Planning Meeting

Sunday, May 22

Come one, come all!

Let your voices be heard!!

Join us as we plan events for the upcoming year at our annual Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood planning day. We'll decide on programs, discuss board meeting dates, eat good food and visit with friends.



This planning meeting is open to all Temple women and is a great way for you to participate as we plan our events. Join us with your ideas and preferences for activities that you would like to see happen; as well as times and days that would make it possible for you to attend.

For more information please contact:

Lori Weil at wimmysgirl1@aol.com or 956-4195; or Alisa Nadler at nadlersinal@gmail.com or 956-2775; or Barbara Zaslofsky at az2al@bellsouth.net or 991-3025.

We'd love to see you!

Sisterhood Shabbat

Enjoyed by All in Attendance!

Thank you to all the attendees of our Sisterhood Shabbat program. It was a huge success once again!

First, we'd like to thank **Cantor Jessica Roskin** for choosing the passages for the service and organizing all of our singers...it was truly a joyful evening!

Second, we'd like to thank all of our readers and our singers -- the Temple Tots students, the Junior Choir, the Temple Chorale and The Four Voices whose participation enhanced the service with beauty.

Last but definitely not least...we'd like to thank our famous Sisterhood bakers: **Cheryl Azrin, Lisa Bebenek, Sandra Berman, Susan Biedinger, Sharon Bromberg, Mindy Cohen, Amy Garber, Carol Gross, Marilyn Haver, Felice Hirsch, Bunny Howard, Julie Levinson-Gabis, Joyce Lichtenstein, Alisa Nadler, Carrie Pizitz, Kim Roth, Raya Rzeszut, Lori Shroyer, Rhonda Siegel, Danielle Weintraub, Hillary Weiss, Debbie Wiatrak, Barbara Zaslofsky, and all others who helped set up and donated goodies** whose delicious offerings blessed our evening with a sweet beginning.

Thank you...Thank you...Thank you!!!

OUR MEMBERS

Mazel Tov to Our Members!!

Margo & Dr. Michael Pitt on the engagement of their daughter, Elisha Levin to Austin "Buzzy" Cohen. Austin is the son of Amy & Maurice Cohen of Short Hills, New Jersey.

Eye & Jared Rosenblum of Chicago on the birth of their son, Maddux Ethan Rosenblum on December 30, 2010. Proud grandparents are **Bari & Jose Katz** and Ronni & Howard Rosenblum of Chicago and great grandparents are **Shirley & Julius Goldstein**.

To both **Lauren Saag**, elected Regional S'ganit, (VP for programming) and **Brian Richards**, elected Regional Moreh (VP Membership) of BBYO Cotton States Region. Also from Birmingham serving on the executive regional board is Yitzi Peetluk (Godol-President AZA). All 3 will be attending BBYO International Convention in Los Angeles in February.

Matthew and Melissa Sussberg of Brooklyn on the birth of their son Owen Jackson Sussberg born on Sunday, January 16. Grandparents are Milton and the late Linda Aland Sussberg and great-grandmother is **Ellen Aland**.

Rabbi Judith & Brian Siegal of Miami on the birth of their daughter, Elana (Ella) Beth Siegal on Tuesday, January 18. Proud big brothers are Ben and Josh Siegal and grandparents are **Bobbie & Don Siegal**.

BBG members who were elected to the Board for the upcoming term: President (N'siah) - Kendal Jaffe, Vice President (S'ganit) - **Dana Kahn**, MIT Moms (Aym ha-chaverot) - **Emmy Egli** and Joycie Bernstein, Community Service and Jewish Heritage Leader (Sh'licha) - **Rachel Marcus**, Treasurer (Gizborit) - **Callie Blitz**, Communicator (Mazkirah) - Rachel Fleisig, Secretary (Katvanit) - Tyler Jaffe, and Photographer (Orechet) - Rebecca Fleisig.

AZA members who were elected to the Board for the upcoming term: President (Godol) - **Matthew Marcus**, Vice President (S'gan) - Jared Bloomston, AIT Dads (Moreh) - Josh Lapidus and Sam Black, Treasurer (Gizbor) - Joe Bloomston, Secretary Corresponding (Mazkir) - **Seth Perlman**, Secretary Recording (Mazkir) - Max Black and Judaic and Community Service/Social Action Leader (Schliach) - Mack Krell.

Elijah Thompson, who is the City of Birmingham District Spelling Bee Champion. He now goes on to compete in the Jefferson County Spelling Bee on Wednesday Feb 9.

Nancy & Glenn Goedecke on the engagement of their son David Goedecke to Jayna Whittaker. David is the grandson of **Patsy & Charles Collat**.

Judd Harwood on being named one of the partners at Balch & Bingham LLP.

Gabby & Michael Sussman of Atlanta, on the birth of their daughter, Sophie Katherine Sussman on Wednesday, December 22, 2010. Proud grandparents are **Marc & Michele Sussman** and Clair & Bob D'agistino of Atlanta.

Honorable Menschens

Thank you to all of our congregants who volunteered their time so generously in February to take on various duties such as preparing our bulletin for mailing, answering doors and phone, doing filing, greeting on Friday evenings, and various special projects. You help make Temple Emanu-El a friendlier and more efficient place.

Joan Becker, Barbara Capper, Carlotta Dorn, Judi Drew, Alex Epstein, Chu-Chi Fierman, Richard Goldstein, Ilene Johnson, Fred Kanter, Herc Levine, Joe Lichtenstein, Bob Marcus, Joselle Morewitz, Loretta Newfield, David Reese, Kim Roth, Ina Russakoff, Irvin Siegal, and Debbie Wiatrak.

If you would like to volunteer for to help around the Temple Emanu-El office or in some other capacity, we would welcome you! Contact Alan Pearlman at ext. 238.

B'nai Mitzvah

Matthew E. Russell
April 16

Matthew is the son of Renee & John Russell, and the grandson of Sandra & Edward Russell of Birmingham, and of Dorothy and the late Joseph Vlasaty of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. Matthew is a seventh grader at Simmons Middle School; celebrating with him will be his brothers Daniel, Joseph, and William.



Clark Thompson
April 23

Clark is a seventh grader at the N.E. Miles Jewish Day School. Celebrating with him are his very proud parents, Valerie & Clark, brothers Mat, Chase and Elijah and sister Marlie.

April Yahrzeits

May the beauty of their lives shine forever, and may we always bring honor to their memory.

April 1-2	April 8-9	Marvin Cohn	Chana Schniper	Ida Schultz Webster
Mitzi Jaffe Aarons	Bernard Abrams	Ida G. Cotton	Louis Schulhafer, Jr.	Sylvia Shapiro Weinstein
Arnold Abelson	Emanuel Aland	Anna Witten Datnoff	Velma Sohn	Irving H. Wolfson
Gery Allon	Joseph Apolinsky	Mary Louise Diamond	Bryna Talpers	Lillian Ash Wortsman
Vladimir Belotserkovskiy	Charles Aronson	Neddie Mae Elkus	Sam Tenenbaum	
Emily Berchuck	May Sachs Berke	David Finkelstein	Irwin D. Wolf	April 29-30
William Bromberg	Charles Bloom	Sophie Fox	Irwin Wolf, Jr.	Annie Bertha Abelson
George Clay	Freda Bluestein	Leo Frankel		Sidney Morris Bemheim
Emanuel Copeland	Dorothy Bonfield	Stanley Friedman	April 22-23	Ruth Oppenheim Doman
Jack Drew	Elena Elina	Stephen Edward Furst	Isaac Abelson	Sydney J. Friedman
Fannie Engel	Sam Epstein	Mazy Geismar	Morris Amovitz	Max Glazer
Richard Oppenheimer	Herschel Feibelman	Earlene Giedinghagen	Henry W. Bluttman	Abraham Yale "Abe" Goldberg
Aaron Green	Louis Franklin	Shirley Gold	Miriam Bromberg	Eli Goldberg
Abe Green	Carolyn Goldberg	Ida Goldberg	Steve Browdy	Eleanor Goodman
Jacob Greenberg	Vera Hopp	Arline Lipson Goldberg	Sophie Caplan	Miriam "Mimi" Green
Ethelle N. Gunter	Ronnie Slive Kasowitz	Alvin Goldberg	Artresse Diane Cook	Goodman
Ida Harris	Albert Kem	Bennie Goldstein	Frances Copeland	Ben Green
Freda Herman	Karen Keman	William Phillips Goodman	Loretta Munn Crystall	Mary Grob
Leonard Jacobs	Allen Jesse Koslin	Ike Gotlieb	Baba Elbert	Nissan Imas
Milton D Jacobson	Max P. Levitt	Katherine Hanan	Louis A. Estrach	Marylyn Pendergast Isay
Sol Koretzky	Kate H. Lewis	Colin Hartman	Max Joseph Gerson	Yetta Krakovitz
Bernard H. Kronenberg	Abner Lichtenstein	Meyer Heiman	Solomon Goldberg	Rose Kushner
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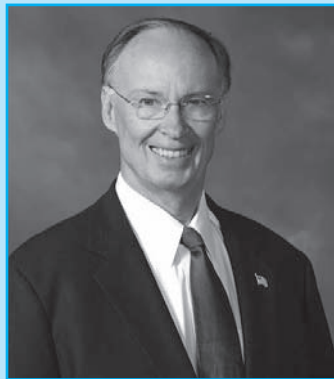
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Friday, April 15,
Governor
Robert J. Bentley
will join us for our
Shabbat Service at
5:40p.m.
followed by a special dinner



Governor Robert Bentley is a graduate of Shelby County High School, the University of Alabama, and the UA School of Medicine. He served in the United States Air Force and was the hospital commander at Pope Air Force Base in Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

He served a medical residency in dermatology at UAB Hospital, and later founded Alabama Dermatology Associates, now one of the largest such practices in the southeastern United States.

He and his wife Dianne (Jones) were married in 1965 and are the proud parents of four sons, and the proud grandparents of five granddaughters.

Robert Bentley was elected to the Alabama House of Representatives in 2002, serving two terms, and he was elected the state's 53rd governor in 2010.

*Dinner will follow our Shabbat service.
Adults: \$10.00, Children (5-11): \$5.50. Your check is your reservation.
(Please note "Bentley Dinner" on your check.)*

*Childcare will be available (service portion only); please RSVP to
Cathy Moore, templetots@ourtemple.org or 933-5907.*

*Special thanks to the Steiner Interfaith Fund for
helping to make this special evening possible.*

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*Our mission: Temple Emanu-El is a welcoming Reform Jewish congregation, engaging members in prayer,
study, fellowship and acts of loving kindness to our congregational family and the community-at-large.*

Sisterhood Bulb Sale Coming Soon!!

Be watching your mailbox for your packet that will bring the beauty of flowers into your life. Sisterhood sells flower bulbs that come directly from Holland and are guaranteed to bloom (if you plant them!).



You place your order now and the bulbs will be delivered in the fall...you can even order online at www.sisterhoodbulbsale.com. It's a win-win situation for all as you and your neighbors enjoy the beautiful spring blooms and the women, children, and families of our congregation enjoy the programming supported by Sisterhood.

If you would like to help with this sale or have any questions concerning the bulbs, please contact Loretta Newfield at 933-8037.



Sisterhood Precious Legacy



Passover packages will be going out in April!

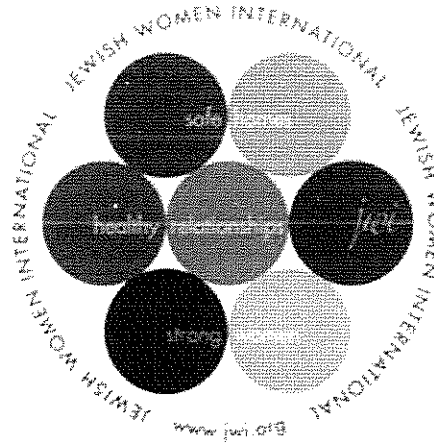
If you haven't already signed your undergraduate student up to receive this package (just be a Sisterhood member or make a \$36 donation to qualify!), do so now! These packages are filled with delicious Kosher treats they will be thrilled to see arrive.

Please contact Alisa Nadler at nadlersinal@gmail.com or 956-2775 to sign up your student or to volunteer to help supply items for the boxes or to help assemble them for mailing on Monday, April 11 at 10:00am.

Please include your student's name, school name, grade, and college address for packages.

What a delicious way to stay in touch!

See all of Sisterhood's activities on our website www.ourtemple.org click on Committees & Auxiliary Groups, then click Sisterhood.



What are you planning for Mother's Day?

This year, do something special - honor the women you cherish while you brighten the spirits and futures of women in need.

JWI's Mother's Day Flower Project

Each Mother's Day, Jewish Women International delivers fresh bouquets to 150 battered women's shelters across the U.S.



For each \$25 contribution to the flower project, JWI will send a Mother's Day card to any woman you choose, thanking her for the inspiration to help women in need.

In addition...

If you select Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood as your partner organization, JWI will donate back to our Sisterhood \$5 for every \$25 contribution you make to the Flower Project.

To Make a Donation...

Visit the Sisterhood page at www.ourtemple.org

Donate online at www.jwi.org/fp

Or call JWI at 800-343-2823



For cards to arrive for Mother's Day, donations need to be completed by April 27th.

For more information, please contact Alisa Nadler at 956-2775.

Temple Emanu-El “Spiritual Fitness” Returns One More Time!



May 20th, 2011

Rabbi Scott and Michael Levine will once again lead a spiritually moving Shabbat evening of acoustic music, meaningful worship & great food!!

This is a program for EVERYONE!

5:00pm Shabbat Oneg – “The Warm Up” (Beer, Wine & Hors D'oeuvres)

5:40pm Shabbat Service – “The Heart Pumping Workout” (Our Shabbat Service)

6:40pm Shabbat Dinner – “The Cool Down” (Shabbat Dinner)

RSVP for the oneg and/or the dinner to Fran Marlow at events@ourtemple.org or 933-8037, ext. 244. Cost per person for the dinner is \$12 per adult and \$8 per child.





Temple Emanu-El Events Calendar



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<i>Our Tzedakah Box Charity for the month is:</i> Mitzvah Day					1 5:40pm Kabbalat Shabbat 5:50pm Candle Lighting, BIRTY Conclave Shabbat Service Wedding Blessing of Ashley Dahl & Brad Denny Birthday Blessing for April Childcare provided	2 Torah Portion: <i>Tazria</i> 9:00am Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat service Children welcome, no childcare provided
3 9:30am Religious School 10:00am 6th Grade B'nei Mitzvah Parent Meeting 5:00pm Sisterhood Women's Seder RSVP Required	4	5 6:00pm Sisterhood Board Meeting	6 9:15am Baby & Me 3:30pm Hebrew School 5:45pm TEENS	7 5:30pm Chorale	8 5:40pm Kabbalat Shabbat 5:50pm Candle Lighting, Shabbat Service Children welcome, no childcare provided	9 Torah Portion: <i>Mizorah</i> 9:00am Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat service Children welcome, no childcare provided 6:30pm Dancing With Our Stars Gala
10  9:30am Religious School- Mitzvah Day	11	12 5:30pm Temple Board of Directors Meeting	13 9:15am Baby & Me 3:30pm Hebrew School NO TEENS	14 5:30pm Chorale	15 5:40pm Kabbalat Shabbat 5:50pm Candle Lighting, Shabbat Service Special guest speaker Gov. Bentley, Anniversary Blessing for April Childcare provided	16 Torah Portion: <i>Acharei Mot</i> 9:00am Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat service Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Russell Childcare provided
17 9:30am Religious School- Candy Seder	18  1st Night Passover Seder 6:00pm Seder with Rabbi Scott	19 Temple Offices Closed 11:00am Passover service	20 9:15am Baby & Me 3:30pm Hebrew School 5:45pm TEENS	21 5:30pm Chorale	22 5:40pm Kabbalat Shabbat 5:50pm Candle Lighting, Shabbat Service Children welcome, no childcare provided	23 Torah Portion: <i>Chol HaMoed Pesach</i> 9:00am Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat service Bar Mitzvah of Clark Thompson Childcare provided
24 9:30am TEE Garage Sale Drop Off 9:30am Religious School 10:00am 3rd Grade Parent/ Child Workshop	25  7th Day of Passover Temple Offices Closed 11:00am Passover & Yizkor service	26 7:30am TEE Garage Sale Drop Off	27 7:30am TEE Garage Sale Drop Off 9:15am Baby & Me 3:30pm Hebrew School 5:45pm TEENS 6:30pm Yom HaShaah Commemoration Service	28 5:30pm Chorale	29 8:00am TEE Garage Sale 5:40pm Kabbalat Shabbat 5:50pm Candle Lighting, Confirmation Ceremony & High School Senior Shabbat Service Children welcome, no childcare provided	30 Torah Portion: <i>K'doshim</i> 9:00am Torah Study 9:30am Got Shabbat? You Betcha!- in Homewood Park 10:30am Shabbat service Children welcome, no childcare provided