

Our Temple



THE MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR TEMPLE EMANU-EL

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June/July 2008, Iyar/Sivan/Tamuz 5768

Come celebrate Shavuot “Festival of first fruits”



and our
Temple Emanu-El
“Year in Review”
on Sunday, June 8
at 5:00p.m.

*Following services a
dairy dinner will be
provided. Dinner cost
will be \$15 per adult and
\$7 for children.*

For more details, please see page 3

Please RSVP to Dina Glass by Tuesday, June 3 at
dglass@ourtemple.org or 933-8037, ext. 244.

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

OUR SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

JUNE SERVICES

FRIDAY, 6/6

5:45p.m. - Hess Chapel
Contemporary Shabbat Service
*(children welcome,
no childcare provided)*

SATURDAY, 6/7

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

SUNDAY, 6/8

5:00p.m. - Hess Chapel
Year in Review
5:30p.m. - Hess Chapel
Shavuot Service
Dinner Follows (*RSVP req'd*)
*(children welcome,
no childcare provided)*

Torah Portion:
Naso

MONDAY, 6/9

12:00p.m. - Hess Chapel
Shavuot/Yizkor Service
*(children welcome,
no childcare provided)*

FRIDAY, 6/13

5:45p.m. - Hess Chapel
Shabbat Service
(childcare provided)

SATURDAY, 6/14

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

Torah Portion:
B'ha'alotcha

FRIDAY, 6/20

5:45p.m. - Hess Chapel
Shabbat Service
*(children welcome,
no childcare provided)*

SATURDAY, 6/21

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

Torah Portion:
Sh'lach L'cha

FRIDAY, 6/27

5:45p.m. - Hess Chapel
Shabbat Service
*(children welcome,
no childcare provided)*

SATURDAY, 6/28

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

Torah Portion:
Korach

JULY SHABBAT SERVICES

FRIDAY, 7/4

5:45p.m. - Hess Chapel
July 4 Shabbat Service
Following Services, "Top of the Deck" Cookout and Fireworks
*(children welcome,
no childcare provided)*

SATURDAY, 7/5

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

Torah Portion:
Chukat

FRIDAY, 7/11

5:45p.m. - Hess Chapel
Shabbat Service
*(children welcome,
no childcare provided)*

SATURDAY, 7/12

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

Torah Portion:
Balak

FRIDAY, 7/18

5:45p.m. - Hess Chapel
Shabbat Service
(childcare provided)

SATURDAY, 7/19

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

Torah Portion:
Pinchas

FRIDAY, 7/25

5:45p.m. - Hess Chapel
Shabbat Service
*(children welcome,
no childcare provided)*

SATURDAY, 7/26

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

Torah Portion:
Matot

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• **Simchat Shabbat, August 1 will be:**
• ***Spiritual Fitness, a musical Shabbat service***
• ***- a fine tuning of our heads and our hearts -***
•
• with Rabbi Scott, Michael Levine and Cantor Roskin.

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• *Join us for this innovative Shabbat evening experience.*

• *A spiritually moving Shabbat service with acoustic Jewish "camp-style" music, prayerful thematic music by Michael Levine and an encouragement to worship in a slightly different style than we're used to.*



Message from Rabbi Miller:

My Friends,

Aaah, the arrival of summer. Families prepare to head out to the beach, to lounge by the pool, to take it a bit easier. Exams are over, and no more homework. If our lives are like an overstretched balloon, when summer comes it is as though they have let some of the air out. All too soon, we'll be back into the grind of fall and real life. Nevertheless, summer is that enchanted time.

With the arrival of summer comes our summer holiday, the holiday of Shavuot. Shavuot celebrates the giving and the receiving of Torah at Mount Sinai. The customs of Shavuot include Torah study, worship, and eating a dairy meal. That is precisely what we will do on Sunday, June 8. Join us at 5:00p.m. for our Temple Emanu-El **"2007-2008 Year in Review."** We will then have a service, with dinner following.

Shavuot is also called the "festival of first fruits." In the days when the Temple stood in Jerusalem, our ancestors would bring the first fruits of their summer harvest to the Temple to be consecrated by the priests. It was an acknowledgment that the bounties of the earth and the fruit of their labors were a gift given to them, with love, by God. We are going to ask members of our Temple to share with us how God speaks to them. George Thompson, David Aarons, Irene Ekstra, Rebecca Joyner, and Amy Saag will each share something special, a first fruit to be consecrated. We will then have a discussion about the ways that God speaks to us and touches us in our lives.

Please RSVP to Dina Glass by Tuesday, June 3 at dglass@ourtemple.org or 933-8037, ext. 244.

L'shalom,

Rabbi Jonathan Miller

July 4 Shabbat
5:45p.m. - until????

Come join us for Services and then to the "Top of the Deck" for Food, fun, and fireworks! Hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, beans and cake! **Featuring Rabbi Jonathan Miller as the chef!!!**

\$15 per Adult and \$7 for children
Please RSVP to Dina Glass at dglass@ourtemple.org or 933-8037, ext. 244 by **Friday, June 27.**

Please join us
Sunday, June 8 at
5:00p.m. in the
Hess Chapel

2007-2008 Year in Review

presented by
Temple Board President Lynne Cohen

2008-2009 Officer and
New Board Members Installation

Presentation of the 2008-2009 Budget

Endowment President Joel Rotenstreich
will present "Shofar Initiative Results,
Endowment Growth and Going Forward"

Shavuot Services & Dinner immediately following

Temple Emanu-El Year End Report & Financials will be finalized by June 30, the end of our fiscal year. The Year in Review will present you with an up-to-date reporting. Annual reports will be distributed in September.

Temple Tots!



Look how our three year class shines!

2008 Graduates of Temple Tots!!!



Front Row Starting with the teacher: Amy Berger Richmond, Jaye Conn, Natalie Ruha, Kyra Berger

Back Row: Norman Eddy, Gabriel Kertesz, Matt Holloway, Henry Saab

P.E.A.C.E. Birmingham is accepting applications

If you will be in the 10th or 11th grade for the '08-'09 school year and would enjoy meeting with teens of different religions and cultures once a month on a Sunday afternoon, e-mail lindav0327@charter.net so you can get an application for this year's group. It is fun, educational and looks good on your college application!



Welcome Back Temple Trails!!!

"Temple Trails" is coming your way this fall. One Sunday morning a month, it is a special program for helping young Jewish families make Judaism matter. Open to all families with Jewish pre-schoolers! Brochures will arrive soon.



Rabbi Scott's Corner

Summer day, July, breezy morning. A boy runs down the stairs of his home and almost gets to the door when his mom calls out, "Brian, where are you going in such a rush?" "Into the woods," he says. "So I can pray." Somewhat bemused, his mother nods and he is on his way. The next day, again the boy runs down the stairs and gets to the door when his mom calls out, "Honey, where are you going in such a rush?" "Into the woods," he says. "So I can pray."

Now, a third day, the boy runs down the stairs and gets to the door when his mom calls out, "Sweetheart, again, rushing off to pray in the woods?" "Yes ma'am." "You know," she says to her son. "You don't have to run off into the woods to pray. You can go anywhere, you can pray in your bedroom, in the backyard, anywhere. It's really all the same, as far as God is concerned." "I know it's all the same wherever I pray, Mom," he replies, "It's just that I'm not."

Your children have just spent the last school year learning Hebrew, Jewish rituals and history as well as Jewish culture. We teachers, TA's, volunteer parents and administration are dedicated to making sure that your children have the skills they need to "do Jewish." But, as you know, with any important aspect of parenting, IF YOUR CHILDREN DO NOT SEE YOU MODELING IT, THEY UNDERSTAND IT REALLY ISN'T THAT IMPORTANT TO YOU! Your actions speak much more loudly than your words or your carpooling. Take advantage of the different-ness of the summer when you and your kids can feel it all in different, maybe even more organic ways.

- ✧ Make Shabbat at the pool or at the beach.
- ✧ Choose a Jewish arts and crafts project on line.
- ✧ Come to temple one Saturday morning and follow it up by a special family lunch.
- ✧ Keep that Jewish magic alive all summer long!

And, as that great Jewish musical, *Porgy and Bessenstein* goes, "**Summertime and the livin is easy, Judaism's jumpin' and go for the Chai! Oh, our tradition's so rich, and the Torah's good lookin, so hush meine kleine, don't geshry!**"

For an audio rendition of this classic, just give me a call!

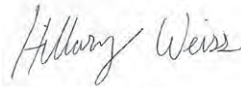


If you think this past year was fun - אתה לא ראית משהו עדיין -- "**You ain't seen nothin' yet!**"



Rabbi Scott and I are preparing for some very exciting programming for our Religious School with much more fun! In addition, we are planning our holiday programming and I would love some parents to help us plan.

I along with Rabbi Scott want to tell you what a joy it has been getting to know your children. We look forward to the next year when we hope to build stronger relationships with each of them.



Hillary Weiss, Administrator of Youth & Education

Youth and Education

If your child will be entering our school for the first time this Fall, please call or email the Youth and Education Office at 933-8037, ext. 285, or education@ourtemple.org. We want to be sure that everyone is on our rosters for the Fall. Registration materials will be mailed out at the beginning of August, and we don't want to leave anyone out!

**Religious
School
Open House
TBA**

Preparing for our 2008-09 School Year



The summer offers a great time to evaluate the past year, and make changes and additions for the coming year. If you can help, please email (Ms. Hillary Weiss at education@ourtemple.org) or call 933-8037, ext. 285.

I need your help with:

- ✧ Working on one of our holiday blowouts (Sukkot, Purim, Passover, Chanukah)
- ✧ Enhancing the parent-child workshops
- ✧ Chairing a Youth & Education project during the year
- ✧ Fundraising
- ✧ Organizing a Dinner committee for TEENS
- ✧ Forming a Parent committee for BIRTY

OUR MEMBERS

Our Staff Spotlight: Geoffrey Drew

My name is **Geof Drew**, and I have been employed by Temple Emanu-El as our part-time Building Superintendent for three years. Before accepting employment at Temple, I was an active volunteer, providing IT support to the staff and helping to maintain the Temple facility as much as possible.

I retired from the Air National Guard in 2003, after serving the Guard for 36 years. I achieved the rank of Chief Master Sergeant during my time in the Air National Guard. While serving in the Guard, I also served as a Civil Service Technician for 23 years, which was a full-time position.

I was married to the late Betty J. Drew from Pell City, Alabama for 29 years. We had three sons, Carlton – 45; Spencer - 38 (Nola) and Barry – 35 years old (Heather).

In 1998 I married Judi G. Drew, who brought two lovely daughters into our family: Hannah – 33 (Bill Cobb) and Naomi – 31 (Chris Pryor). Together, we now have 8 wonderful grandchildren, ranging in age from 18 months up to 18 years old!



Judi and Geof Drew

My hobbies are golf, golf and golf and working on my 1964 Austin Healy Midget, which I have restored to working order. It is a work in progress, as are my responsibilities in and around the Temple. My job at Temple has been very fulfilling and keeps me busy and challenged in my "retirement."

IT'S FUN!! IT'S FABULOUS!! IT'S THE... ANNUAL SISTERHOOD PLANNING SESSION!!!

Let's get together and generate some great programs for next year -- We know you have some fantastic ideas we need to hear!



Please note that our date has changed to Sunday, July 20 at 9:30a.m. in the Jasper Room at Temple for an early nosh as we get started, followed by some brainstorming as we plan the new Sisterhood calendar. Then, we will break for a delicious lunch, and finish up with some great new ideas and programs for 2008/2009.

RSVP to Kim Roth at 733-1723 or kimroth@charter.net.

We hope you'll join us in creating a stimulating year of programs for our congregation!

THANK YOU....THANK YOU.... THANK YOU!!!

In April, Sisterhood sponsored and sent Precious Legacy Passover gifts to 30 college undergraduates who reside outside Birmingham. This unique program allows us to keep in touch with out-of-town students and to strengthen their ties with Temple and their Jewish heritage. We appreciate everyone who helped with this project, including: **Lori Weil, Lynn Rathmell, Christie Hagedorn, April Robertson-Thompson, Loretta Newfield, Wendy Martin, Cathy Moore, Kim and Neil Roth.**



We are so thankful for **Mandy Solomon, Alisa Nadler, Loretta Newfield** and **Kim Roth**, who staffed the Gift Shop during the Food Fair! We'd also like to thank our regular Gift Shop assistants **Michele Conn, Marilyn Dorsky**, and **Bari Cotton**. Gift shop revenue will help Sisterhood fund programs such as Precious Legacy, Temple Tot Drum, Dance & Music, and many Religious School Activities. If YOU would like to help in the Gift Shop, please call Loretta Newfield at 933-8037.

Our Support of the Birmingham Hospitality Network

Birmingham Hospitality Network was brought to Temple Emanu-El approximately 9 years ago by Social Action Committee members Laurie Weiss and Robert Russell. It is part of the National Interfaith Hospitality Network, now known as Family Promise. To date, Family Promise has established 127 affiliates in 38 states, using the services of more than 120,000 volunteers and 5,000 congregations. The IHNs provide shelter, meals, and housing and job placement support to more than 30,000 homeless family members annually, 60 percent of them children. In a typical Interfaith Hospitality Network, half of the guests are children, most of whom are under six years of age.

Currently there are 16 host congregations in BHN, with three support congregations. Each year we host guests 3-4 weeks a year. Each week we need approximately 30 volunteers. It is "staffed" mostly by Social Action Committee members from Temple Emanu-El, Temple Beth-El and Haddassah... and Esther and Nathan Glick!! Mr. and Mrs. Glick spend the night at the Temple as volunteers almost every rotation! The average length of stay for families in the BHN network is 37 days. These are families working with kids in school. Their kids are trying out for band and playing football -- just like our families.

"Thank you all so much for everything you did for my family our first week with BHN. Thank you for your care and patience with my children, and all the wonderful food. My oldest son especially enjoyed meeting many wonderful people! We will always remember your kindness and support at this difficult time, and we promise to pay it forward!"
(From a recent guest who just transitioned out of the network)

Temple Emanu-El will be hosting Birmingham Hospitality Network June 8 through June 15.

We need help in the following ways:

Sunday June 8 at 7:00a.m. Help moving beds from Baptist Church of the Covenant

Sunday June 8 at 4:30p.m. Help setting up beds/tables

June 8-15 One or two people to supply breakfast foods

June 8-15 One or two people to supply lunch foods

June 8-15 Each night a sleepover volunteer

June 8-15 Each night a person or group to provide dinner

Sunday June 15 at 7:00a.m. Cleanup help



Please contact April Robertson-Thompson at 790-0848 or april.rt@gmail.com if you are able to help.

Save The Date: Thursday, July 24

BHN hosts: **Silent Auction and Reception** at B&A Warehouse at 6:00p.m.

Live Auction at 7:15p.m. For

Donations and Tickets please contact Neil Roth at [neilroth@](mailto:neilroth@charter.net)

charter.net or 733-1723. This year we are encouraging you to pre-purchase your tickets. Tickets will be sold at the door if any remain unsold...check-in and check-out will be computerized for faster service!



Each month, Temple Emanu-El chooses a specific cause for our Tzedakah Box.

Our June charity is **PATHWAYS HOME**

This organization is working to end homelessness for women and children through hospitality, housing and hope. Pathways Home provides emergency services, transitional housing, employment readiness and children's programs to women and children in our community. Please help them with their mission by depositing cash or checks in the Tzedakah Box. Please make checks payable to the TEE Social Action Fund and write Tzedakah Box in the memo line.



Our July charity is **FIRST LIGHT**

This organization, like Pathways Home, works with women and children in need. First Light operates an emergency shelter, provides help through a team of Social Workers, and operates a number of day programs such as art therapy and group therapy. Please help First Light by depositing money or checks in the Tzedakah Box.

OUR MEMBERS

BOOK REVIEW by Irvin F. Siegal

As I proceed in my volunteer work in our William P. Engel Library, I find interesting books that I take home to read. I would like to recommend that you read the award-winning memoir, **ALICIA – MY STORY**. We own two copies.



**Engel Library
News**

It is a powerful, intimate, searingly impressive memoir by a uniquely courageous young girl (13) of the Holocaust nightmare. She finally made it to Israel, married and then moved to the United States. Alicia is now a writer and lecturer with three grown children and lives in California.

Here is what ELI WEISEL has to say about the book: "This memoir is heartbreaking. I hope it will be read and read by Jews and non-Jews alike." *THE NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW* states: "Profoundly observed ... remarkably lived ... ferocious bravery." *NEWSDAY* states: "Straightforward ...energizing and inspirational."

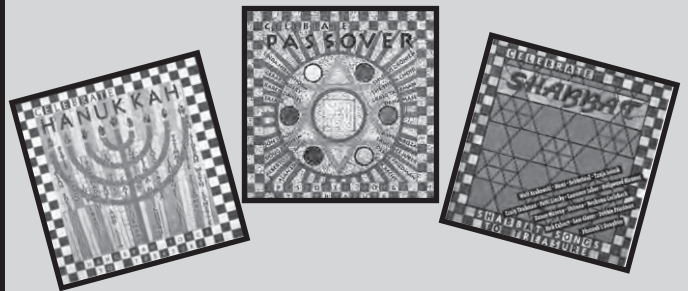
If both copies are checked out, I suggest getting on the waiting list!

What's new at Engel Library?

A treasure of Jewish music by beloved musical artists!

Thanks to a gift by friends of the Landau family in memory of Sandy's mother, Mrs. Ann Rosenberg, Engel Library is happy to announce a wonderful selection of outstanding Jewish music.

Be the first to enjoy these favorites:



Craig Taubman's **Celebrate** series for Chanukah, Passover, and Shabbat (various artists);

Debbie Friedman's **Songs of the Spirit** anthology;



Shabbat Anthology Volumes I and II, diverse contemporary and traditional Shabbat music.;



and Judy Caplan Ginsburgh's **Shalom Yeladim (Hello Children)** and **Amazing Songs for Amazing Jewish Kids**.



Temple Traditions Gift Shop

Visit our website at www.ourtemple.org and click under 'Support Our Temple/ Gift Shop'

Bridal Gifts at the Gift Shop!

Temple Traditions is a gift shop run by the Sisterhood of Temple Emanu-El. Our hours of operation are:

SUMMER HOURS:

**Tuesday
Thursday
Friday**

10:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.

June is for brides, and so is the Temple Gift Shop! Please think of us as you shop for that perfect wedding gift. We have gorgeous items for the home such as Seder plates, Menorahs, Mezuzahs, Kiddush Cups, Shabbat candlesticks and much more. All will be treasured for years to come!

Couples...sign up now for our Wedding Registry to make it easier for your guests to select the gifts you'd prefer!

Come by during our shop hours or call Loretta Newfield at 933-8037 for an appointment at a time that works for you!

News and Notes from Our Temple Brotherhood

Brotherhood is proud to announce we will be providing funding in 2009 for Temple Emanu-El children to attend Jacobs Camp. The camp allows children to further their Jewish education and, hopefully, create future Jewish leaders at Temple Emanu-El.

In light of this commitment from Brotherhood and in order to continue providing events for our members, dues will be raised to \$36 in 2008-09. Dues notices will arrive in the mail this summer.

I would like to thank all of our 2007-08 members for making this a successful year as we attempt to revive Brotherhood:

<i>David Aarons</i>	<i>Jason Epstein</i>	<i>Sheldon Gross</i>	<i>R.M. Mazer</i>	<i>David Russakoff</i>
<i>Harold Abroms</i>	<i>Joel Erdberg</i>	<i>Joe Hagedorn</i>	<i>Craig McClure</i>	<i>Robert Rutstein</i>
<i>David Aizenman</i>	<i>A.V. Filer</i>	<i>Lucien Hagedorn</i>	<i>Allen Meisler</i>	<i>Michael Saag</i>
<i>Jack Aland</i>	<i>Larry Fine</i>	<i>Scott Hausman-Weiss</i>	<i>Edward Meyerson</i>	<i>Jack Saul</i>
<i>Jack Aland Jr.</i>	<i>Keith Fleisher</i>	<i>Jack Held</i>	<i>Max Michael</i>	<i>Howard Schultz</i>
<i>David Alevy</i>	<i>Glenn Fleisig</i>	<i>Charles Herman</i>	<i>Herbie Miller</i>	<i>Chip Schwartz</i>
<i>Barry Altmark</i>	<i>Doug Friedman</i>	<i>Michael Honan</i>	<i>Jonathan Miller</i>	<i>Alan Seigel</i>
<i>Lee Ascherman</i>	<i>Fred Friedman</i>	<i>Sherman Horowitz</i>	<i>Paul Miller</i>	<i>Marvin Shapiro</i>
<i>Charles Bloom</i>	<i>Mark Friedman</i>	<i>Sanford Jacobs</i>	<i>Gary Mollengarden</i>	<i>Alan Siegal</i>
<i>Joseph Bluestein</i>	<i>Richard Friedman</i>	<i>Fred Kanter</i>	<i>Joseph Moore</i>	<i>Irvin Siegal</i>
<i>Scott Buchalter</i>	<i>Scott Garber</i>	<i>Abe Kaplan</i>	<i>James Nadler</i>	<i>Richard Siegel</i>
<i>Eli Capilouto</i>	<i>Eddie Garfinkle</i>	<i>Howard Koch</i>	<i>Jerome Newmark</i>	<i>Neil Sigman</i>
<i>Justin Cohen</i>	<i>Stan Gold</i>	<i>David Kraselsky</i>	<i>Gregory Odrezin</i>	<i>Neil Sirkin</i>
<i>Mark Cohen</i>	<i>Dan Goldberg</i>	<i>Justin Ladden</i>	<i>David Ovson</i>	<i>Jerry Sklar</i>
<i>Norman Cohen</i>	<i>Lawrence Goldberg</i>	<i>Jerome Leader</i>	<i>Mark Petrofsky</i>	<i>Mike Slive</i>
<i>Oscar Cohen</i>	<i>Jerry Goldforb</i>	<i>Ronald Leaf</i>	<i>Joel Piassick</i>	<i>Benjamin Smith</i>
<i>Jeff Cohn</i>	<i>Bill Goldman</i>	<i>Steven Leaf</i>	<i>Michael Pitt</i>	<i>Mark Solomon</i>
<i>Charlie Collat Jr.</i>	<i>Allan Goldstein</i>	<i>Ralph Levene</i>	<i>Marshall Rathmell</i>	<i>Michael Staff</i>
<i>Charles Collat Sr.</i>	<i>Donald Goldstein</i>	<i>Robert Levin</i>	<i>David Reese</i>	<i>Stephen Steinmetz</i>
<i>Tom Cowen</i>	<i>Joel Goldstein</i>	<i>Mike Levine</i>	<i>Vernon Rosenthal</i>	<i>Murray Tanner</i>
<i>Jeffrey Cusmariu</i>	<i>Julius Goldstein</i>	<i>Nathan Marcus</i>	<i>Neil Roth</i>	<i>Ted Thomas</i>
<i>Jeffrey Cutler</i>	<i>Richard Goldstein</i>	<i>Robert Marcus</i>	<i>Rick Roth</i>	<i>George Thompson</i>
<i>Jack Dorsky</i>	<i>Mark Goldstone</i>	<i>Barry Marks</i>	<i>James Rotenstreich</i>	<i>James Weil Jr.</i>
<i>Marvin Engel</i>	<i>Adam Gordon</i>	<i>Warren Martin</i>	<i>Joel Rotenstreich</i>	<i>Leonard Wertheimer</i>
<i>Alex Epstein</i>	<i>Harvey Gotlieb</i>	<i>Jeff Mazer</i>	<i>Daniel Rousso</i>	<i>Steven Zaslofsky</i>

I especially want to thank my Brotherhood board members this year: Vice President Charles Bloom, Treasurer Marshall Rathmell, former Treasurer Jeff Mazer, Secretary Justin Cohen, Membership Chair Rick Roth, and at-large members David Reese and Bill Goldman. Their work makes it possible for Brotherhood to exist. We need more volunteers like them to grow the organization.

Have a great summer and thanks for your support this year and in the future.

Best wishes,
Jon Solomon
Brotherhood President
425-5113; jonsol@yahoo.com

OUR MEMBERS

Mazel Tov to...

Justin Franco of Atlanta, who celebrated his Bar Mitzvah on February 16. He is the son of Leslie and Paul Franco and the grandson of **Herbie and Judy Miller**.

Isa Dorsky on being elected to her second term as Hillel president at the University of Alabama.

Barbara & Mark Goldstone, on the birth of their granddaughter, Juliana Opstal on March 15. Parents are Marcy Goldstone & Daniel Opstal of Lorton, Virginia, grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Albert Opstal of Virginia Beach, Virginia and great grandmother is Selma Goldstone of Huntington Woods, Michigan.

Judy & Hal Abroms on recently being named Alys Robinson Stephens "Patron of the Arts" Honorees.

Sarah Abroms for being elected to the Student Government four consecutive years at the University of Pennsylvania. In April, she was selected by her peers in the senior class to receive the Althea K. Hottel Award. The University has created a full time position for her to work on campus sustainability. Then, she plans on attending medical school. Sarah's parents are **Louise and Jim Abroms**, and grandparents are **Hal & Judy Abroms**.

Barbara Evans on being featured in *The Birmingham News* Lifestyle section. According to the *News*, she is " ...among Birmingham's most enduring working artists, whose paintings hang in homes across the city, the state, the region and beyond...She is one of the top collected artists in the South."

Our Time-Step dancers, **Kaydee Erdreich-Breman, Jenifer Rotenstreich** and **Loretta Newfield**, who performed as part of an adult dance revue at the Alabama Theater on April 26, 2008. Loretta is celebrating her 16th year with Time-Step.

Donna & David Kraselsky on their daughters Katie recent engagement to Brian Held. Brian is the son of **Ginger & Jerry Held**. Both Katie and Brian will be moving from Atlanta to Birmingham soon. Grandparents are Henni Kraselsky, Nell & Brooke Mehaffey, and **Cissy & Leonard Held**.

Congratulations to **Barbara & Steven Zaslofsky** on the marriage of their son, Jeffrey Stanaway, to Elizabeth Pugh. The wedding was held on May 18 on Tucson, Arizona. Jeffrey will be beginning the doctorate in Epidemiology program at the University of Washington in September.

Honorable Menschens...

Evelyn Allen, Gail Bayer, Joan Becker, Alison Berman, Barbara Capper, Lynne Cohen, Linda Cohn, Milton Datnoff, Carlotta Dorn, Sherron Goldstein, Carol Gross, Ginger Held, Mackie Horowitz, Fred Kanter, Faye Levin, Bob Marcus, Loretta Newfield, Joel Piassick, Karen Piassick, David Reese, April Robertson-Thompson, Ilene Rosenfeld-Johnson, Kim Roth, Ina Russakoff, Howard Schultz, Irvin Siegal, Jon Solomon, Beverly Thompson, Marilyn Tanner, and Lori Weil.

ברוך ה'א

We would like to welcome the following new members to our Temple family:

Adam Lynn and Emily Sparks

6903 Harrowdale Rd., Apt P1, Baltimore, MD 21209
205-535-0001.



Adam and Emily both graduated from the University of Alabama. Emily is the Individual Gifts Coordinator at the Baltimore Museum of Art and Adam is graduating from the University of Baltimore School of Law next May. Rabbi Scott is officiating their marriage on May 25, 2008 in Birmingham.

David & Sandra Schaffer

3524 Lakefront Trail, Helena, AL 35022
205-425-8867

David & Stephanie Lorberbaum

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David and Stephanie were married at Temple Emanu-El by Rabbi Jonathan Miller and Cantor Jessica Roskin in July of 2007. Stephanie is a special education teacher at Riverchase Middle school who works with children with Autism. David is a land planner at Nimrod Long and Associates and is currently working on becoming a licensed landscape architect and LEED certified.

June Yahrzeits

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

June 6-7

Ellen G. Abrams
Milton Abrams
Ike Adler
S. Joseph Alper
Mary W. Bernstein
Ann Bowman
Loyce Coughlin
Conrad Cypress
David Feldman
Miriam Goldstein Fleisher
E.M. Friend, Jr.
Walter Gerson
Rose Green
Dorothy Hirschowitz
Israel Jaffe
Bessie Jaffe Kaplan
Sara Krentzman
Jacob N. Leibovici
Sol Leland
Bessie Wolfe Levine
Jacob M. Levine, Jr.
Carolyn Levy
Henrietta Cotton Lewis
Grace Olim Macknin
Aaron Mallory
Ben Phillips Mannheimer
B.B. Miller
Sol Miller
Patricia Ann Morris
Leah Newfield
Raymond Oppenheim
Mildred Overbach
Robert Routman
Betty DeLapp Sachs
Benjamin Shapiro
Nellie Shapiro

Sylvia Shapiro
Wilbur Silberman
Dina Silverstein
Robert M. Unger
Eugene Wertheimer

June 13-14

Frank A. Abelson
Jacob Allen
Julie Labe Bloch
Sophie Bookspan
Helen Kaufman Broday
Philip Brodnax
Evelyn S. Burger
Hellen Cherner
Anna Paula Cohen
Harry Cohn
Varner Edward Dudley, Jr.
Irving Epsman
Lawrence Claster Falk
Pauline Hirsh Fine
Ernest Goldstein
Reuben Grafman
Frank Haver
Annie Blackman Jaffe
Sadie Goldstein Jaffe
Morris Karpeles
Harry Kartus
Joseph Kaufman
Sybil Green Landau
Sybil Leaf
Irene Lebowich
Jack J. Levenson
Marc Levine
Sadie Lux
Constence L. Mehlman
Ruby Monroe

Rose Monsky
Sonia F. Ovson
Edward Risman
Dave Rosenfeld
Nathan Rotenstreich
Rose Tenebaum
Rotenstreich
Terry Schneiderman
Phil Seitel
Sarah Sewelowitz
Helen Snow Silver
Sol Slive
Nettie Levine Sterman
Irving V. Trost
Rae Weinstein
Samuel Wender

June 20 - 21

Ezral Bernstein
William Bernstein
Sam Blach
Maurice K. Erdreich
Isadore "Izzy" Eubanks
Dora M. Euchvitz
Henry Feinberg
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Ann Harris Goldberg
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Julia Silberman
Bess Solomon
Carl Steiner
Charles Tanner
Ilona Weil
Libby Weinman
Lester Weinstein
Eugene Wortsman

June 27-28

Ruth K. Abrams
W.B. Bennett
Rosalie W. Blach
Steven Bluestein
A. Max Boxer
Leon Roy Burger
Alex Cohen
Isabelle Cohen
Ben Cooley
Ruth Datnoff

Arthur Chester Dorn
Joseph Epstein
Abraham Gross
Dorothy Hershfield
Rosalie Hertz
Lena Herz
Patti Perlman Irwin
William Jacobs
P.D. Johnson
Jerry Kaufman
William Henry Kelly
Averette Lackey
Vivian Kaplan Levingston
Isadore Lichtenstein
Frances Goldstein London
Margaret D. Lyon
Seymour Marcus
Clara Mazor
Beatrice Mogilner
Simon Myerson
Louis Nathan
Iris Neidich
Miriam Pelechov
Albert Perling
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Benjamin Singer, Jr.
Erwin B. Steiner
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Leon Weinstein
Leonard Wertheimer, Sr.

Condolences to...

Betty Wolf Loeb on the death of her husband, **Robert Loeb**, on Saturday, March 29. Children are Lauren (Syd, III) Lerner of Memphis, Tennessee, Robert (Margery) Loeb, Jr. of Victoria, Texas, Dr. Thomas (Patricia) Loeb of New York, and Dr. Peter (Cecilia) Loeb of Tallahassee, Florida. He is also survived by eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Ricky Koslin and the entire family on the death of Ricky's husband, **Dr. Allen Koslin**, on Wednesday, April 9. Son is **Michael (Rochelle) Koslin**, daughter is Susan Koslin (fiancé Randy Stephens), and his grandchildren are Aaron, Deborah, **Vicki**, and **Sandra Koslin**.

Gert Goldstein and the entire family on the death of Gert's husband, **Fred Goldstein** on Thursday, April 17. Children are Kenny, Alan, **Sally** and Betty, and daughters-in-law are Chris and **Carolyn**.

Terrie Monroe and the entire family on the death of Terrie's mother Sylvia Shapiro Weinstein on April 18. Son is Jeffrey Weinstein of Florida.

Mandy (Jon) Solomon and the entire family on the death of Mandy's great grandmother, Mazy Geismar of Gonzales, Louisiana on Wednesday, April 16. Great-great grandson is **Daniel Solomon**.

Evelyn Allen and the entire family on the death of Evelyn's sister-in-law, **Cecile Sundock** on Wednesday, April 23. Sons are Richard (Derrel) Sundock and Michael (Mary) Sundock and Cecile's sister is Anita Danneman.

OUR YAHRZEITS

July Yahrzeits

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

July 4-5

Muncy Abroms
Sarah Barabash
Mollie Hess Becker
Bertha W. Bresler
Jacob Burger
Donald Rosent Chapman
Bessie Mae Cohen
Tessie Cohen
Lois McMillen Cooper
Pearl Cypress
Tessie Dioro
Pauline Doff
Joe Dubowsky
Florence Epstein
Nat Fantl
Lillian Finkelstein
Gertrude Gerson
Shana Glass
Yetta Hardman
Julia Loeb Hirsch
Carye B. Jaffe
Rose Glazer Kahn
Ayleen Kayser
Tommy Kohara
Harry Koretzky
Anne Krentzman
Gertrude Block Labe
Paula Leader
Phillip Lewis
Frank Librach
Josephine Winer Lipsitz
A.B. Loveman
Naum Mazur
Karen Lynn McKinley
Mark Aaron McKinley
Nancy Quermann McKinley
Alison Evans Mead
Sarane Davis Meyer
Bea Miller
Edward H. Phillips
Minnie Myer Picard
Minnie Pizitz
Harold Renaud
Mary Sterne Rich
Dorah Rosen
Essie Rosenberger
Frank Sachs
Linda Shapiro
Anna Sherr

Mary Silverstein
Julia Simon
Bertha Smolian
Morris Sokol
Jesse Solomon
Harry M. Strauss, Jr.
Rose Kaufman Sufrin
Sidney Tucker
Harold Van Baalen
Samuel Wasserman
Yetta Waxman
Ben Weil
Leonard J. Weil
Abe Weinstein
Joe Weinstein
Sara "Snooks" Odess Weinstein
Miriam Grafman Wolfson
Gloria Zell

July 11-12

Fay Lewis Berman
Clara Grace Bluttman
Morris L. Bluttman
Rebecca Cherner
Rose Shapiro Eisenberg
Gladys Hanover Feldman
Herman Friedman
Ruth Goldforb
Millicent Harris
Emma Wellman Hart
Lewis Jacobson
Esther K. Kartus
Gertrude Krall
Rachel Levinson
Clara S. Loveman
John Ashton Majeau
Judea Miller
Marshall Newberger
Isadore Newmark
Mina Rose Oppenheimer
Steve Ore
Eva B. Pearlman
Charles Rosner
Anita Loeb Rubel
Samuel Rudacevsky
Ruth R. Silverfield
Dave Sokol
David Spivak
Dorothy Steiner
Emanuel Steiner
Himan Urdong
Elaine Weiner
Bernard Weinstein
Sara Zeldin

July 18-19

Leon Aland
Hilda Katz Beck
Joseph E. Berman
Alvin B. Bresler
Harold Caplan
Ida Shapiro Feinberg
Phillips S. Feld
Tillie Davidson Fisher
Sid S. Friedman
Lena Kaufman Goldberg
Abraham Solomon Heffler
Gladys Hiller
Lois Katz
William Lefkovits
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Jerome A. Lewis
Henry Lewy
Leopold Loeb
Robert David London
Marie Barbot Majeau
Bessye Levenson Marcus
Herman Mazer
Joel Mendelson
Helen Needle
Marilyn Nelson
Semon Ullman Newfield
Jennie Rose
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Goldie G. Russakoff
Sharon Samen
Mildred Saxon
Morris Scherr
Harry Schneiderman
Yetta Sigman
Dora Silberman
Florence G. Sonnabend
Dorothy Tenenbaum
Edwin M. Weller

July 25-26

Max C. Berk
Joan Baim Blach
Rosalie Blach
Beatrice Cohen
Esta Israelson Cohen
Lillian Estrach
Shirley Fink
Corrine Erdreich Fox
Gordon Freedman
David Friedman
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Eva Rae Solomon
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by Becky & Randy Benson

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by Melvin Sokol

Cecile Sundock

by Blanche Rogoff

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by Norma Warren

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Jack Dorsky

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In Memory Of:

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The Rabbi Grafman Endowment Fund gratefully acknowledges the foresight and generosity of the following members who have established unrestricted named endowment funds to benefit the Temple:

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We also appreciate the following who have created funds with a designated purpose:

The estate of **Robert Loeb** to establish the **Robert Loeb Education Fund**

Jean & Jerry Sklar to establish the **Jean & Jerry Sklar Fund for Dues Endowment**

We are also extremely appreciative to **Carlotta Dorn**, who recently advised us of her intentions to include Temple Emanu-El in her estate plans. Now, more than 85 of our current members have arranged for a planned gift to benefit our congregation, and our hope is over time every member will do so. We welcome gifts both large and small – any amount is welcome.

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Special birthdays of Ellen Aland, Mitzi Goldstein and Letty Marcus
by Evelyn & Jack Held

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In Honor Of:

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WERTHEIMER FAMILY FUND

In Memory Of:

Robert Loeb and Dave Solomon
by Janet & Leonard Wertheimer III

ALTERNATIVE WAYS TO INCLUDE OUR TEMPLE IN YOUR ESTATE PLANS

Currently, over 85 of our members have made provisions in their wills or arranged for other types of planned gifts to benefit Temple Emanu-El. Their gifts were motivated by their commitment to perpetuate our Temple and leave a legacy to support Reform Judaism in Birmingham for future generations.

There are a variety of ways for you to join those who have already given while protecting the interests of your primary beneficiaries in your estate. You could simply select a dollar amount with which you are comfortable. It is often difficult, however, to predict the size of your estate which is available to your beneficiaries. How can you know how much to leave the Temple in these uncertain times? In addition to simply selecting a dollar amount with which you are comfortable, **following are a few alternative approaches:**

It is also important for you to understand that gifts of part of your IRA or retirement plan benefits may be the best source of funds for gifts to the Temple, since these funds are subject to both estate and income taxation. The Temple will receive 100% of gifts from these funds while your primary beneficiaries may receive only 25-30%.

Including the Temple in your estate plan can make a meaningful difference for our Temple and for Reform Judaism in Birmingham for future generations. For more information, consult your estate-planning advisor or call Jann Blitz, Executive Director of the Rabbi Grafman Endowment Fund at 933-8037, ext. 234.

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"In the event the value of my estate exceeds \$000,000, I give and devise the sum of \$00,000 to THE RABBI GRAFMAN ENDOWMENT FUND FOR TEMPLE EMANU-EL."

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The Birth of Hannah Thornton and

Mitchell Mazer

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Gladys Epstein

by Alex Epstein & family

Allen Koslin

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Robert Loeb

by Stanley S. Kahn

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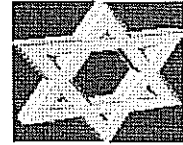
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***New Board Members
to be Voted On & Installed at the
Congregational “Year-In- Review” Meeting***



Sunday, June 8 at 5:00 p.m.



**The Rabbi Grafman Endowment Fund
will present its slate of new board members for ratification:**

Nominating Committee recommendations indicated with an ()*

Officers

- * Joel Rotenstrich – Endowment Fund President
- * Leonard Wertheimer – Vice President
- * Faye Levin – Treasurer

Board Members through June 30, 2009

Jeffrey Cohn	Candy Meyerson
Ginger Held	Peter Printz
* Mike Honan	

Board Members through June 30, 2010

Sherron Goldstein	Bob Marcus
Bob Gross	Brad Sklar
Rochelle Koslin	Lori Weil

Harry Bayer, Immediate Past President

Board Members through June 30, 2011

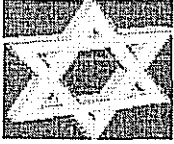
* Mary Lynne Capilouto	* Elise Frohsin
* Paul Friedman, Sr.	* Carol Herman
* Carolyn Frohsin	* Joel Piassick

Our deepest appreciation to our departing Board Members

David Aarons, Donald Hess, Michael Levine, Jack Becker & Jerry Newmark

2008 Endowment Fund Nominating Committee

Mary Lynne Capilouto, Chair
Joe Bluestein, Carol Herman, Michael Levine, Faye Levin & Joel Rotenstreich



**Slate of Nominations for the 2008-09
Temple Emanu-El
Board of Directors**



(Nominating Committee recommendations indicated with an *)

Officers

- *Lynne Cohen – Board President
- *Mackie Horowitz – First Vice President
- *Charlie Collat – Vice President
- *Helene Elkus – Vice President
- *Adam Gordon – Vice President
- *Ginger Held – Secretary
- *Jason Epstein – Treasurer

Board Members through June 30, 2009

Julie Levinson-Gabis
Carol Gross
Debbie Wiatrak
*Linda Cohn
*Randi Landy

Board Members through June 30, 2010

Robin Berger
Dian Diamond
Julie Marcus
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Board Members through June 30, 2011

*David Aarons
*Charles Bloom
*David Brandt
*Allen Meisler
*Jason Ruha
*Ben Weil

Appointees – through June 30, 2009

*Jack Becker

Deepest appreciation to our retiring Board Members

Alison Berman
Glenn Fleisig
Faye Levin
Ronald Levitt

2008 Temple Nominating Committee

Jeffrey Bayer, Chair
Lynne Cohen, Mackie Horowitz, Ed Meyerson



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JUNE 2008 IYAR - SIVAN 5768

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	<i>Our Tzedakah Box Charity for the month is: Pathways</i>				5:45pm Shabbat Service - Hess Chapel Children welcome, no childcare provided	Torah Portion: <i>Naso</i> 9:00am Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Service - Hess Chapel Children welcome, no childcare provided
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
5:00pm Year in Review - Hess Chapel 5:45pm Shavuot Service Dinner following service RSVP required BHN Host Week	Shavuot Temple Offices Closed 12:00pm Shavuot/Yizkor Service - Hess Chapel BHN Host Week	5:30pm Temple Board Meeting BHN Host Week	BHN Host Week	BHN Host Week	5:45pm Shabbat Service - Hess Chapel Childcare provided BHN Host Week	Torah Portion: <i>B'ha'alotcha</i> 9:00am Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Service Hess Chapel Children welcome no childcare provided BHN Host Week
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
BHN Host Week					5:45pm Shabbat Service - Hess Chapel Children welcome, no childcare provided	Torah Portion: <i>Sh'lach L'cha</i> 9:00am Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Service Hess Chapel Children welcome, no childcare provided
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
					5:45pm Shabbat Service - Hess Chapel Children welcome, no childcare provided	Torah Portion: <i>Korach</i> 9:00am Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Service - Hess Chapel Children welcome, no childcare provided
29	30					

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JULY 2008 SIVAN - TAMMUZ 5768

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>Our Tzedakah Box Charity</i> <i>for the month is:</i> <i>First Light</i></p>	1	2	3	4 Independence Day Temple Offices Closed 5:45pm Shabbat Service - Hess Chapel Dinner following services at the Top of the Deck RSVP was required Children welcome, no childcare provided	5 Torah Portion: <i>Chukat</i> 9:00am Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Service - Hess Chapel Children welcome, no childcare provided	
6	7	8	9	10	11 5:45pm Shabbat Service - Hess Chapel Children welcome, no childcare provided	12 Torah Portion: <i>Balak</i> 9:00am Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Service Hess Chapel Children welcome no childcare provided
13	14	15	16	17	18 5:45pm Shabbat Service - Hess Chapel Childcare provided	19 Torah Portion: <i>Pinchas</i> 9:00am Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Service Hess Chapel Children welcome, no childcare provided
20 9:30am Sisterhood Planning Meeting	21	22	23	24	25 5:45pm Shabbat Service - Hess Chapel Children welcome, no childcare provided	26 Torah Portion: <i>Matat</i> 9:00am Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Service - Hess Chapel Children welcome, no childcare provided
27	28	29	30	31		