
**CONGREGATION SHA'ARAI SHOMAYIM
SPRINGHILL AVENUE TEMPLE**

FOUNDED 1844

THE TEMPLE BULLETIN
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We are coming together as a caring, inclusive community united in a common commitment to Judaism and to furthering our spiritual growth. We desire to do this recognizing that worship of God, study of Torah, caring for the Jewish people and our community, are central to our being as a Reform Jewish congregation. With these principles as our foundation and guided by a historic past, we anticipate our future, one of continual lifelong self-renewal.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Friday, January 2	6:00 p.m.	Evening Shabbat Service
Friday, January 9	6:00 p.m.	Evening Shabbat Service
Saturday, January 10	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Shabbat Breakfast Morning Shabbat Service Cantor is with us
Friday, January 16	6:00 p.m.	Evening Shabbat Service Dr. Nate Ginsberg will be conducting service with the Congregational Choir
Friday, January 23	6:00 p.m.	Evening Shabbat Service Birthday Blessing for Lowell Friedman
Friday, January 30	6:00 p.m.	Evening Shabbat Service with the Congregational Choir

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Thursday, January 1st for New Year's Day*

ALL SHABBAT SERVICES ARE CONGREGATIONAL SERVICES.
PLEASE JOIN US IN WORSHIP



TORAH SELECTION:
Genesis 32:4-36:43
Haftarah – Obadiah 1:1-21

FROM THE RABBI

The New Year is certainly an appropriate time to evaluate our level of commitment to Judaism. One of the most important things we can do is look upon our commitment to this beloved, historic congregation as a covenantal relationship.

Many of us are not used to seeing ourselves and our congregation in that special relationship. Becoming a member of a congregation commits a person to a shared responsibility and obligation to perpetuate Judaism in our lives and for the lives of the generations to come.

A holistic approach is what is needed in our relationship to our congregation. Unfortunately for some, a commitment to a synagogue is in terms of members who pay dues and purchase services.

If we come to a congregation only to buy a service, when that need is fulfilled people stop paying and leave. If we come to be part of the warm and caring community, then the synagogue becomes a part of the very fabric of our being.

As the New Year begins, why not look at the Temple in a new light. What are you looking

for in your relationship to our historic congregation? Are you searching for meaning in your life religiously? Are you trying to educate your children Jewishly? Are you concerned about having proper life cycle events available to you? Are you worried whether your children will be Jewish or not? Are you looking for Jewish social and cultural events? People choose to affiliate with a congregation for many different reasons.

In order for the Temple to be a vibrant institution, it must be far more than a place where one buys services to fit particular needs. Your relationship with the Temple needs to be one of an ongoing covenantal relationship. It can be your Jewish home where you find Jewish meaning for your life and you share your Jewish aspirations with others.

As the New Year begins, why not look at our historic congregation as your Jewish home, a place you love and care for and perpetuate for the generations. Patti joins me in wishing you a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Rabbi Donald M. Kunstadt

Mazel Tov!

To **Sandra and Harvey Gandler** on the engagement of their granddaughter, **Carlie Gotlieb** to Alex Cohen. Carlie is the daughter of **Robin Gandler Gotlieb**.

*Please Join Us For
Lowell Friedman's Birthday Blessing
on Friday, January 23rd!*

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Happy New Year, and I am happy to say things are on the move at Springhill Avenue Temple. First though, I want to thank the Board of Trustees which has been able to build consensus on key issues we have and continue to face. I am honored to work with this group of people who truly have the best interest of our congregation at heart.

Our construction is progressing with the roof nearly complete, which will allow work like painting and refinishing to take place inside and Cantor Mark Opatow will be with us for another two year period beginning July 1, 2015.

Our search for a new rabbi is happening now. Our application was submitted to the CCAR and the Search Committee has started reviewing them as they hone in on prospective interviewees. I also want to thank Rabbi Kunstadt for being so supportive of me and the process we are going through to find a new rabbi. He continues to show his love for

the Temple and the congregants he has come to know so well.

I have a wonderful job as President. The only difficult part is realizing that with so much to be done, there is so little time. I think it is important to take on what can be finished, but sometimes we are dealt issues that become a priority, like a sound building and a rabbi, for example.

Many things happen in parallel here like most places. So, while these priorities are underway, I want to make sure the ones your Board can control are happening at the same time. One of the frequent things brought up in the Town Hall Meeting was committee involvement and soon you will be receiving a letter from me about them. Committees are the way things get done at Temple, and I want to reach out to you to become involved and participate in what we do.

I look forward to seeing you all at Temple.

Alan Goldberg, President



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FROM OUR ARCHIVES

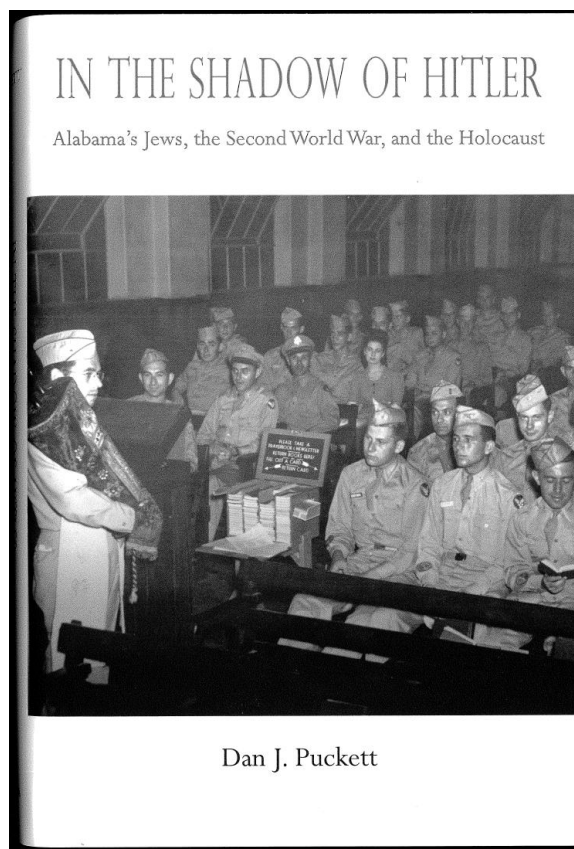
By Susan Thomas, Archivist

Recently the Temple purchased two copies of Dan Puckett's book, *In the Shadow of Hitler: Alabama's Jews, the Second World War, and the Holocaust*. An associate professor of history at Troy University, Dr. Puckett did extensive research throughout the state on how Alabama Jews became aware of and responded to the coming of World War II and the persecution of Jews by the Nazis. In 2009 Dr. Puckett spent many hours in the Temple archives studying our records from the World War II era. At that time he also interviewed four congregants who were World War II veterans: Sam Kayser, Milton Klein, Joseph Miller, and Arthur Prince. Excerpts from their interviews are included in the book.

The book includes how Temple leaders spearheaded efforts to raise money for displaced European Jews following the First World War and leading up to World War II, as well as how they lobbied national politicians to take a stand against Nazism in the early days of the War. The efforts of Temple congregants to help resettle Jewish refugees in Mobile is also outlined. Sol Kahn, a congregant who owned Kahn Manufacturing Company, for example, was responsible for assisting over 100 German Jews in resettling in Mobile. Another area addressed is how Temple congregants reached out to local Jewish servicemen stationed at Brookley Field.

The book also includes how the Jewish community in Mobile and elsewhere in the state reacted to the Holocaust, the Zionism movement, and efforts to help displaced Jews following the War.

Anyone interested in reading Dr. Puckett's book may check it out from the Temple library. Another copy is housed in the Temple archives.



CONTRIBUTIONS

In honor of G.B. Kahn's birthday – Harriet & Billy Kahn, Iris & Nate Ginsberg

In honor of Iris & Nate Ginsberg's 50th wedding anniversary – Jeanne Denson

A speedy recovery for Aaron Solomon – Iris & Nate Ginsberg

A speedy recovery for Bettina Prager – Emily & Harold Fink

A speedy recovery for Helen Small – Ellie & Cole Appelman

In memory of Tini Appelman – Iris & Nate Ginsberg, Priscilla Gold-Darby, Jill Gottlieb, Ellen & William Shulman, Sandra & Harvey Gandler

In memory of Carolyn Metzger – Phyllis Feibelman, Martha & G.B. Kahn, Jeanne Denson, Margaret & Milton Brown, Mimi Holberg, Jill Gottlieb, Hedy Fox, Eran Adams, Ellie & Cole Appelman

In memory of Helen Heffler Silverman – Sandra & Harvey Gandler, Margaret & Milton Brown, Ellen & Bill Shulman, Judy & Nick Aronson, Emily & Harold Fink

In memory of Bill Clower – Emily & Harold Fink

In memory of Sylvia and Milton Maisel – Emily & Harold Fink

In memory of Linda Wright – Sandra & Harvey Gandler

In memory of David Conrad – Lynne Raider

In memory of Maury Friedlander – Alan Hirsch

In memory of Ellen Eber – Jill Gottlieb

In memory of mother, Harriet Kamil Friedlander – Emily & Harold Fink

In memory of Herman Kopelman – Iris & Albert Klein

In memory of Carol Kopelman – Iris & Albert Klein

In memory of Harriet and Joe B. Friedlander – Emily & Harold Fink

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The 2015 Mobile Jewish Film Festival

Sponsored by The Mobile Area Jewish Federation
and The University of South Alabama

FILM SCHEDULE

Marvin Hamlisch: What He Did For Love

Sun., Jan. 11, 2015 • 3 pm • Springhill Avenue Temple
Followed by Broadway Singalong

Run, Boy, Run

Tues., Jan. 13, 2015 • 7 pm • Laidlaw Performing Arts Center • USA

Body And Soul

Wed., Jan. 14, 2015 • 7 pm • Laidlaw Performing Arts Center • USA
Special Guest: Gloria Greenfield, Director

Zaytoun

Thurs., Jan. 15, 2015 • 7 pm • Laidlaw Performing Arts Center • USA

Above and Beyond

Sun., Jan. 18, 2015 • 3 pm • Ahavas Chesed Synagogue
Special Guest: Nancy Spielberg, Producer

Run, Boy, Run (Encore Screening)

Tues., Jan. 20, 2015 • 7 pm • USA Fairhope Campus

The Jewish Cardinal

Wed., January 21, 2015 • 7 pm • Bernheim Hall, Ben May-Main Library

Aftermath

Thurs., Jan. 22, 2015 • 7 pm • Ahavas Chesed Synagogue

- TICKETS & INFORMATION -

For tickets or more information, call the Mobile Area Jewish Federation
at 251-343-7197 or order online at mobilejewishfederation.org



Gulf Coast Center for Holocaust and Human Rights Education, Inc.

Inaugural Reception

The Gulf Coast Center for Holocaust and Human Rights Education, Inc. announces the expansion of its educational efforts and the beginning of fundraising to support its mission.

As of August 2014, the Gulf Coast Holocaust center became a 501(c)(3) organization. In celebration of this milestone, you are invited to attend a reception at the University of South Alabama Faculty Club.

The Gulf Coast Holocaust Center was formed in 2007. Its mission is to foster outstanding Holocaust teaching in the Gulf Coast region. The Center offers resources and support for teachers of the Holocaust, especially middle and high school educators. The Center collaborates with the University of South Alabama Marx Library to provide the Agnes Tennenbaum Holocaust Library Collection. The 2015 gift to the collection will be presented during the reception.

Refreshments will be served.

University of South Alabama Faculty Club
307 North University Boulevard, Mobile, AL 36688
Wednesday January 28, 2014
4:00-5:30 p.m.

RSVP on or before January 21: dberry@umobile.edu or call 251 455-3592



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AT TEMPLE

The **2015 Mobile Jewish Film Festival** will begin at 3:00 p.m. on **Sunday, January 11th** at Springhill Avenue Temple with the screening of **“What He Did for Love”**, a documentary based on the life and eventual success of musical showman, Marvin Hamlisch. A child piano prodigy, Hamlisch was accepted into Julliard at the age of six. By the age of 31, he had won every major award – four Grammys, an Emmy, three Oscars, a Tony, and a Pulitzer Prize. Interviews with Hamlisch and a constellation of collaborators from Barbara Streisand and Carly Simon to Woody Allen and Lucie Arnaz trace the creative and personal highs and lows of this consummate artist. The Festival continues on through Thursday, January 22nd. The full movie schedule is on page 6. For more information, tickets, and/or questions, please call 251-343-7197. A synopsis and trailer of each movie can be found on the Mobile Area Jewish Federation’s web at <http://www.mobilejewishfederation.org/mobile-jewish-film-festival/>.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

On Wednesday, January 28th, the **Inaugural Reception for the Gulf Coast Center for Holocaust and Human Rights Education** will be held. This event is hosted by the University of South Alabama in the Faculty Club from **4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.** All Temple members are cordially invited. **Please RSVP by Wednesday, January 21st to dberry@umobile.edu**



FROM OUR SHALIACH, ARAD LERNER

Shalom ya'll,



Happy New Civilian Year as we say in Israel!

Have you started working on your New Year's resolution yet? Because right after you read this bulletin it would be a great time to do so.

In Israel, the New Year's Eve (not Rosh Hashanah!) is also a pretty big thing. Of course, not like it is here, but still, we are doing our best to find a party to go to, have someone to kiss at midnight, or at least celebrate with the people we love.

Of course, it is not a Jewish holiday but we are very influenced by American culture. We even celebrate two Valentine's Days, so the women get to be spoiled twice a year - once on Valentine's Day and then again at the Israeli Valentine's day - "Yom Hahava" (the love day).

Of course, some people will show some aversion to these traditions because they are not Jewish, but I think we just want to celebrate nice holidays and add something different to the daily routine. And, we do live by the English calendar, so New Year's does make sense.

At this time last year, I was visiting friends in London, friends that I had met at a summer camp six months before in Malibu, CA.

It wasn't until the lady at the border pass asked me what I was planning to do in London and who was I going to stay with that I realized that, in answering her questions, I had only known these people for roughly six months and

here I am already flying to see them. The funny thing is that we had such a great connection and became such great friends to one another that this thought never even entered my mind. But, they opened their homes to me, introduced me to their families, and gave me great hospitality.

It was freezing when I got there, but that didn't keep us from going to beautiful places. Although, most nights were spent at home playing cards. It was a great time with great people.

I was shocked when one of my friend's grandpa told my friend to tell her friend to say hello to her friend's grandma. Are you following?

Apparently, my friend's grandfather and her friend's grandmother used to date back in the day. I was surprised by the fact that they knew each other and also how all the Jews in the area knew the other Jews. A community at its best and this goes back for many, many years!

I think it is weird, because she is so young, but it is not reasonable for something like that to happen in Israel. I believe one day that I too will know a grandma or a grandpa of one of my grandchildren's friends.

Speaking of community, I remind you that this month is the 2015 Mobile Jewish Film Festival. You can't miss it!

I want to thank the Mobile Area Jewish Federation for all the great things that they are doing to keep the community involved.

Till next time

Arad Lerner, Israeli Shaliach

Yahrzeit

It is a true Mitzvah to honor those whose memory we hold dear by attending services on the Shabbat Yahrzeit (year's time), joining your congregation in reciting Kaddish, and the giving of charity in their memory.

January 2

Joseph Kogon, Lucille Schwarz,
James H. Zelnicker, Ethel Mutchnick,
Betty Schwarz, Antoinette Pollock Altmayer,
Bette Taranto, Jean Rose Kozlove

January 9

Fannye Silverstein, Harry Kogon,
Claire Sternberg Preston, Hazel Cohen Becker,
Betty Julius, Milton Kozlove
Clara Rosenbaum

January 16

William Slepian, Susan Sparks,
Corrine Hirsch Casper, Esther Friedman,
Milton Goldberg, Celia Sobel, Benjamin Gup,
Jean Angstreich, Lillian Broth,
Amelia Piser, Mary Schwinger

January 23

Jack Silverman, Mildred Gandler,
Harry Paper, Jack Silverman,
Dorothy Kuhr Small,
Tom Aycok,
Louis Heir

January 30

Evelyn Nathan Friedman, Barry David Garden,
Leonard Gandler, Ida Nichols Shugerman,
Salomon Alloun, Harold Joseph Denson,
Annie Friedlander Maisel,
Louis Raider



January Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday To ...

3 Claris Feibelman
 3 Stacy Goode
 4 Ann Miller
 6 Nan Altmayer
 6 Diane Garden-Monheit
 6 Alice Rose Handmacher
 6 Mimi Holberg
 7 Jane Rosner Allen
 7 Phillip Feibelman
 8 Jeff Conrad
 9 Jeanne Garfunkel
 9 Lynne Switzkey
 10 Will Kinsella
 10 Bill Susman
 11 Alan Franco
 11 Harvey Gandler
 13 Vicki Silverman-Lugar
 14 Judith Dittman
 14 Madison Friduss
 17 LeNae Denson

18 Terry Passman
 18 Corine Yonge
 21 Lowell Friedman
 21 Ryan Fusco
 22 Stephanie Dittman
 22 Sam Lansky
 23 Jonathan Lubitz
 24 Barbara Cherniak
 24 Leslie Goldberg
 25 Hugh Borak
 25 Debra Fetterman
 25 Deanne Schjott
 26 Jonathan Hirsch
 27 Marjorie Altmayer
 28 Andrew Brown
 29 Daniel Kinsella
 30 Joshua Mutchnick

Happy Anniversary To ...

6 Jewel & Ronnie Williams
 29 Susan & Terry Susman
 30 Dana & David Furman



February Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday To ...

1 Caitlin Brown
 1 Sydnie Susman
 2 Judy Aronson
 2 Adam Miller
 2 William Shulman
 3 Lisa Magnes
 4 Rachel Goldberg
 4 Joanne Koffler
 4 Enid Laden
 4 Joel Silverman
 5 Kathryn Friedlander
 5 Katherine Miles
 5 Helen Small
 6 Evan Webster
 9 Dolores Loeb
 9 Dori Claire Small
 11 Janis Friedlander
 11 Larry Miller
 12 Bobette Friedman
 13 Jay Altmayer, II
 13 Aaron Solomon
 13 Samantha Zimmerman
 15 Phillip Magnes
 16 Brion Berman
 16 Mark Friedlander
 16 Perrye Lewis
 18 Joy Gardberg
 19 Gabriel Fry

19 Margeoux Silverstein
 21 Darby Sidie
 22 Claire Aycock
 22 Alan Hirsch
 22 Sam Holberg
 25 Christopher Kinsella
 26 Diane Frank
 27 Norma Conrad
 27 Max Mutchnick

Happy Anniversary To ...

22 Shirley & Joel Silverman
 23 Rose & Philip Brunson
 23 Carol & Matt Eberlein

CALENDAR

Torah Study – Wednesdays 5:30 p.m. January 7, 21, and 28
Adult Religious School – Sundays 10:30 a.m. January 4, 11, and 25
Hebrew School – Sundays 8:30 a.m. January 4, 11, and 25
Religious School – Sundays 9:45 a.m. January 4, 11, and 25



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