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MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI

Mimi and I were delighted by the outpouring of warmth and affection you displayed at the recent Dinner Dance celebrating our thirty years at Emeth.

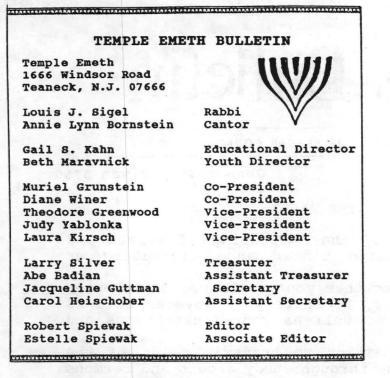
It's a lot of years. During them you've allowed me to enter your lives in one way or another, to share your joys as well as your sadnesses, your successes as well as your frustrations and dislocations.

You've indulged me in my passion to transmit a bit of the massive tradition that is Judaism through study groups and sermons and lectures. You've allowed me to teach the best part of you, entrusting your children to my tutelage. I rejoice that over half a dozen of them have chosen to become rabbis and Jewish educators.

I plan to retire in June, 1992, a fact known to our Temple leadership for some time now. I know that my successor will enjoy the same kind of receptivity and openness that I was privileged to experience at your hands for three decades.

Hazak, hazak!





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WITH THE RABBI

In May, Rabbi Sigel gave the address at the Graduation Exercises of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York.

SHAVUOT SERVICE

Shavuot morning, Wednesday, May 30, the following participated as confirmands: Jodi Beth Geller

> Arielle Neama Gronner Rachel Miriam Milligan Diana Sue Monheit Carolyn Eve Newman Marla Jean Wiese

The parents of the Confirmation Class sponsored an Oneg Yom Tov following the service.

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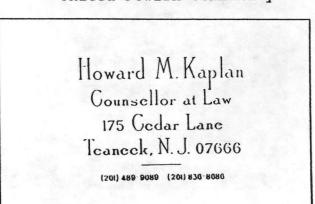
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENTS Installation Address May 4, 1990

Shabbat Shalom. Once again, Rabbi Sigel, we thank you for this inspiring installation. What a special start to a warm and wonderful weekend.

It doesn't seem possible that 12 months have passed since we last stood before you and accepted the awesome challenge of Temple leadership. We pledged at that moment, our commitment that our co-presidency, a new concept for Temple Emeth, would not result in a halving of responsibility, but rather a doubling of enthusiasm, energy and effort.

We are convinced that you must see evidence of this and that the concept of a co-presidency has, indeed, worked. While our husbands are convinced that we are joined at the hip, we are still two independent individuals who thoroughly enjoy working in tandem with one another. So often throughout this past year, we have turned to each other and said, "Thank Heavens for you!" And said the same, we might add, to our husbands, our children, and our microwaves.

For whatever we thought 12 months ago, the presidency of this synagogue is a mammoth undertaking. We did intuit that then, but we are absolutely certain of it now! For Temple Emeth is such a busy place.

Our wonderful worship services, led by our venerable and beloved Rabbi, are further enhanced by the presence with a capital P, of our first full-time Cantor in many years, who has enriched our worship experience with her magnificent voice and exciting music.

Educational programs for adults, on a wide variety of subjects, are taught by both Rabbi and Cantor. Educational programs for children, under the able guidance of our Director of Education, fill our classrooms seven days a week. From newborns to confirmands and on into adulthood, education continues to be an ever-expanding priority at Temple Emeth.

Our social calendar is filled to bursting so often, with abundant activities appealing to members of all ages. How fortunate we are that we can provide our congregation with so many choices.

A glance at the monthly calendar will confirm that rarely is there a day or evening when something is not happening at Temple. And if it's not happening for Temple members, chances are we have rented the space to meet the needs of our community and for valued income. Yes, Temple Emeth is certainly a busy place.

Pause a moment and take stock!

Our membership has increased; the enrollment in our religious school and parenting center has increased; participation in Brotherhood's wonderful programs has increased. Additionally, attendance at the now regular monthly Family Friday Night Shabbat services and special Festival services has skyrocketed. We've had new and exciting programs like Shabbat Shebang and Family Education Days, new and enthusiastically received courses, a new Social Action project to help Russian Jews, a new club for Young Couples, and the culmination of the first year of a new fundraising effort...our Circle of Friends Annual Giving Campaign, successful far beyond our expectations.

A year ago, we pledged to you our solemn commitment to fiscal integrity. Though much of our budget is represented by fixed and contractual expenses, we have worked diligently along with our administrator, bookkeeper and head custodian, to implement cost-saving measures wherever possible. We pledge to continue these efforts in the months ahead.

Perhaps this is the appropriate moment to explain precisely what we mean

by "we". As co-presidents, we have been blessed with the opportunity to work with an outstanding group of Temple leaders. The very nature of a co-presidency implies our perception of this responsibility as a team effort. We have excellent players on our team...tireless, committed, and creative. You have no idea how many collective hours these dedicated people have devoted to Temple Emeth. And they will continue to do so in the months ahead as we move into this new decade. Weighty choices and difficult decisions lie ahead.

Our Rabbi will be retiring in two years. Already, people from within Temple Emeth and the community at large are commenting on what a painful process this will be for our congregation; a lengthy one too. Perhaps the most significant task facing us in this next year will be to begin this process. Expect a questionnaire during the summer, which will help us define the congregation's criteria for ritual and educational leadership. With contracts for both our Cantor and our Educational Director expiring at the end of the 1990-91 fiscal year, we will, again, have to prioritize. What is the sentiment of this congregation of ours? In what direction shall we lead?

sentiment of this congregation of ours? In what direction shall we lead? How do we meet the rising cost of everything without repeated dues increases and without sacrificing the quality of our services and programs? What are our priorities? What are yours? The challenge increases.

We have been caretakers, caregivers, custodians. We look to you for an infusion of energy, enthusiasm and effort to match ours, so together we can forge ahead...keeping the same warm feelings of a close-knit, caring, Temple Emeth community, while accepting the challenge of change.

Diane and Micki

JACK AND HELEN LAZAR EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND

A contribution to Temple Emeth of \$100,000 has been pledged by Helen Lazar and her family in memory of her husband, Jack Lazar. Income from the newly established Jack and Helen Lazar Educational Endowment Fund will be used annually to provide programs, equipment, and facilities for our Religious School children that otherwise we would be unable to afford. It is anticipated that the enrichment programs to be made possible with the Lazar Endowment monies will help make the Temple Emeth Religious School one of the finest such institutions in the country.

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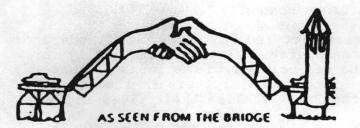
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Helen and Jack Lazar have been very generous contributors to numerous Temple projects and activities for many years as members of the congregation. They have a special interest in education, as shown by other philanthropic works as well, including major support for Brandeis University.

Temple members interested in establishing Endowments for other aspects of the life of the congregation are urged to contact Micki Grunstein at 836-9221 or Diane Winer at 836-5547 to discuss Temple needs and family wishes.



TEMPLE EMETH YOUTH

This year, Temple Emeth Senior League is participating in a program called Tikkun O'lam. A rough translation is "healing the world". The Tikkun O'lam program helps Temple engage in balanced programming, making sure all the facets of successful programming are covered during the year.

Requirements must be met in five categories in order for a youth group to be recognized as completing Tikkun O'lam. The categories are: My Self, My World, My Judaism, My Worship, and My Temple Youth Group. Two activities from a suggested list for each category must be completed. Some of the activities we are doing this year are the very successful Adopt a Grandparent program and our trip to see Light Waves 11 at the Hayden Planetarium in New York City. We also used several programs from our biggest undertaking, New Member Conclave back in November. The Creative Service on April 27th also gualified as a non-gender service.

For each activity we do, we send a description to the regional office so other youth groups can use our ideas. Because we will complete Tikkun O'lam, we will be recognized at the National Meeting of NFTY later this year. Dan Greenwood

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GAMES ACROSS THE GENERATIONS

And now, in my sixties, The handwriting's on the wall My grandchildren are the challenge At board games and at ball. Sarah, several years ago Beat me in a race Then took me on in swimming, A victory smile adorned her face. She tried me out in tennis And concealed chagrin When her aging grandpa Played easily to win. She got revenge however When she had me thrown in "jail" Charged with "wearing dirty socks" Her three dollars was my bail This was her revenge on me She thought she had been harassed Because one night at a restaurant My "Happy Birthday", her embarrassed. Adam, now at ping-pong Will soon be winning more Although at present It's about an even score. At checkers he's improving And when I use eleven He wins more times than I do But I'm ahead when we play even He is only half past 12 And I'm near 68 So it's easy to look just ahead And predict my coming fate. Tamara's game is backgammon And despite her age-she's 10 Victory for her is now in sight And soon-I wonder when? Jeffrey's challenge up to now Has been keeping him alive You had to keep an eye on him Since he was four or five. He challenged me at shuffleboard A game he just had learned And surely with experience His victory will be earned. What's this story all about The one I'm telling you? Old things have to change And give way to young and new Do I find this fact depressing? No-as you can plainly see As long as all that's happening Is happening to me.

NEWS FROM OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Did you see those fabulous looking kids pictured in the Jewish Standard on the occasion of our school attending the Operation Exodus Israel Rally on April 22? (See page one) We were proud to be included in the ranks of those who expressed their solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the Soviet Union and pledged their support to help them re-establish their lives in the freedom of our Jewish homeland.

Our most solemn service of the year was conducted by Class 7B with parents in attendance, in remembrance of the Holocaust. Students included special readings which were most moving.

Pre K-4th grade enjoyed a festive oneg for Israel Independence Day on April 28. Songs, a movie of kibbutz life, and the partaking of a delicious birthday cake rounded out our celebration of Israel's 42nd year.

An orientation to the Bergen Academy of Reform Judaism (BARJ) was held for the seventh graders on April 29. We are reminded that Jewish learning is a lifelong pursuit and we were pleased to offer educational opportunities through twelfth grade.

By the time you read this article, the following events will have taken place: 1- A seventh grade dinner out at Jerusalem Pizza to celebrate their

moving up to BARJ.

2- An End-of-the-Year Assembly for Pre K-4th grade. Parents enjoy seeing their children sing, dance, and show off their talents.

3- A fifth seventh grade trip to New York City to many places of Jewish interest.

4- Confirmation on May 30 always the crowning glory of our children's school years.

We want to take this opportunity to thank the students who worked as aids and tutors in our school. They are Kara Wiese, Adam Cohen, Keren Cohen, Marla Wiese, Carolyn Newman, Jody Geller, Jen Grunstein, Emily Loft, and Robert Friedlander.

NEWS FROM OUR NURSERY SCHOOL

Strengthening bonds between school and home, maintaining open communication with parents, and keeping them continually abreast of and apprised of the progress of their children, has always been a salient aspect of our program. To that end, a second set of Parent-Teacher Conferences were conducted in May.

Three year olds enjoyed a visit to the dentist's office. Our thanks to Larry Liebster, who talked to our children about good dental health and sent each one home with a gift of dental supplies.

The Teaneck Fire Department visited our parking lot, not for an emergency thank God, but for a happy occasion. Our children learned how the fire truck is used and had a chance to climb aboard.

Our children were screened for speech patterns by Joan Paul. Our thanks to her for providing this important service.

Mazal tov to Cyndy Friedland, Chairperson, for being recognized at the congregational meeting for her superior efforts and devotion on behalf of the Parenting Center.

NEWS FROM OUR PARENTING CENTER

Tot Shabbat, Holiday Happenings, and Holidays with Daddy completed a successful cycle. Our New Moms and Mommy and Me groups, by popular demand, have been extended through June.

Any one requiring information regarding any of these programs for the next year or for our Nursery School Summer Program or 90-91 school year, please call the school office at 833-8466.

IN MEMORIUM

It is with deep sadness that we note the passing of our beloved teacher and friend, Moshe Bailer. Moshe taught in our school for 21 years from 1962-1983. Long after the facts and details which he taught his students have faded, they will long remember this role model of exuberance and dedication to Jewish life. May his memory be a blessing.

Gail S. Kahn, Director of Education

PROCLAMATION FOR LARRY SILVER

There goes our Treasurer with hair all awry.

Round Temple he rushes with twinkle in eye.

A fistful of paper in his hand he does grasp,

So covered with numbers it does cause one to gasp. He's cheerful and helpful to all who're in need,

Always ready and willing an idea to feed.

If the numbers before him he finds in a mess,

You can tell from his grimace it causes distress.

At preparing the budget he's really a whiz,

Working and struggling to make a balance of the biz. His aim, reduce the spending, make income to flow.

His mind's always clicking on ways for Temple to grow.

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When Larry's playing with numbers we've nothing to fear. Proclaim it out loud, shout "We're all in accord

In a thank you that's heartfelt", from all of the Board.

Dedicated to Carla Silver by Charles P. Kneeter

OUR HOMELESS PROJECTS

OUTREACH CONNECTIONS--JUNE

ival of Weeks, is one of the three

harvest festivals, along with Sukkot

The holiday of Shavuot, the Fest-

After dropping out of the overflow shelter program for single homeless last year, we will resume our participation in the winter months of Jan. thru March, 1991 on Sunday nights. It has been a very rewarding experience for those volunteer congregants who stayed overnight in the past to be able to offer these unfortunates a roof for a night.

In September, 1990, the Interreligious Fellowship for the Homeless (IRF) has asked that we take the overflow also on Sunday nights. (Overflow are those who cannot be accommodated in the main shelter in Hackensack). Again, we need volunteers.

Additionally, we and Beth Am will co-host serving homeless families at Fellowship House (St. Cecilia's Church cafeteria) in Englewood. Here we purchase, cook and serve families dinner and breakfast for the week of June 23rd thru the 29th. The food will be purchased and cooked by our Irv and Mary Hauptman and Jaques Jeffrey, as in the past, but again, congregants are needed to serve and stay overnight (2/night). Here

you'll meet children as well as adults. (High school children have volunteered to baby-sit there 3 nights a week).

Your donations of time and money to these functions are needed. Make checks to IRF c/o Temple office. Sam Allar, Social Action Chair and Passover. It is during Shavuot that we commemorate the giving of the Torah to Moses on Mt. Sinai, and thereby annually affirm our commitment to the teachings of our Jewish faith. The ritual of "Confirmation"

takes place on Shavuot, when our young adults confirm their faith in God. Confirmation was first practiced by the Reform movement in 1847.

If there is true understanding of the meaning of Confirmation, there will be a desire to continue the study of Torah throughout adult life. Rabbi Hillel's quote from the "Sayings of the Fathers," is most appropriate: "Do not say I shall study when I find the time because you may never find time."

The Haftorah portion on Shavuot is from the Biblical Book of Ruth. Ruth, a non Jew, pledges her identification with the Jewish people in her vow, "Where you go, I will go, and where you lodge, I will lodge; your people will be my people and your God my God." This is interpreted by many commentators as a formal act of conversion. Ruth married Boaz and became the grandmother of King David. Shavuot reminds us that Jews always welcomed those who wished to be part of our people.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Condolences to:

Michael Steinberg on the loss of his beloved mother, Mary Steinberg Robert Finger on the loss of his beloved mother, Sofie Finger Wendy and Michael Furman on the loss of their beloved grandmother, Sarah Spergel

Joy Rubin on the loss of her beloved father, Maurice Slovin Shirley Eisenberg on the loss of her beloved mother, Sarah Zweig

The Congregation mourns the passing of our beloved member, Stephen Gardner and sends condolences to his daughter, Loraine Gardner

Get well wishes to Abe Badian and Gilbert Rose

Mazel Tov to:

Mr.and Mrs. Eugene Saypol on the birth of their grandson, Scott son of Beverly and Robert Saypol

Mr.and Mrs.Otto Perl on the birth of their grandson, Doran Anne and Milton Ratner on their daughter, Dr. Judith Ratner's engagement to Kenneth Geller, Esg.

Muriel and Mort Pader on the occasion of their 45th Anniversary Adele and Alex Holman on the birth of their granddaughter, Joanna Rosalie Palmer, daughter of Joanna and Rick Palmer

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SIGEL SONATA REPRISE

Saturday evening, May 5, 190 grateful congregants gathered to honor the 30 years of dedicated service of Rabbi and Mimi Sigel.

Eating and dancing through a nostalgic, fun-filled evening was augmented by the many messages received and a special toast given by Past President Chuck Rothschild.

Proclamations were tendered by the New Jersey Senate via Matty Feldman; Teaneck's Mayor Frank Hall; letters from President Bush and Senators Lautenberg & Bradley, plus congratulations from Rabbi's many colleagues.

Jean and Eric Loeb, co-chairpersons presented a lovely collage made by Glenn Levy incorporating the Sonata Dance motif designed by Peter Jenifer Grunstein presented Adler. a clock from Senior League. Our "Dynamic Duo" Diane & Micki presented a gift for the Museum in honor of the Sigels.

Charly Kneeter acted as M.C.

There was dancing and shmoozing and a wonderful time was had by all because of some wonderful people who gave so much of their time to make it all possible.

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We wish to express our sincere thanks and deep appreciation to all who shared in making the "Sigel Sonata" such a memorable event. Without the work of so many devoted volunteers and professionals, the Dinner Dance could not have taken Jean and Eric Loeb place.

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Class will meet once a week 7:45-9:45 pm through December 26. A single registration fee includes tuition and one set of books and materials for an individual or a couple.

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