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MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI

"Either/Or", says Rabbi Meir Kahane.

Either Israel is a democratic state, America's much touted "only democratic ally and outpost in the Middle East", or it is a Jewish State--

exactly the way Iraq is a Moslem State, asserts Kahane.

A society that is pluralistic, tolerant of and embracing all sorts of life styles, favoring no one system of values over another, is truly a "democracy". Absolutely contrary to it is a society that is "Torah-True", intolerant of other life styles, totally immersed in and dedicated to one and only one value system. Kahane's passion for such a Jewish State makes it absolutely imperative for a majority population of Jews pledging allegiance to the Torah as the National Constitution, the assurance of which points to some social engineering like "inviting" the growing non-Jewish element to emigrate from Israel and live elsewhere.

Happily, most American and Israeli Jews are repelled by Kahane's genocidal zeal. Yet, growing numbers of us are swayed by his compelling

argument about the utter incompatibility of Judaism and democracy.

The 180 year-old experiment called Reform Judaism is the dogged insistence that Jewish values and life-style are indeed compatible with democratic society. More than compatible. They complement each other. Judaism thrives in a voluntaristic and pluralistic milieu. The ubiquitous dangers of assimilation are more than offset by the incredible advantages of the permissivism of democracy, allowing for greater experimentation and creativity.

Furthermore, a democracy itself is enhanced by the unique contributions that a minority religion like Judaism can impart to it. America is better because Jews, informed by the spirit and teachings of our prophets, are not afraid to criticize elected leaders and their policies. America is better because of the example of loyal citizens who insist on preserving Jewish

loyalties without fear of official repression or restraint.

It is not a case of "Either/Or". It is "Yes" and "Both".

I pray that this new year will find us at Emeth speaking out that great "Yes", and acting out our Reform faith in the happy marriage of both Judaism and democratic society.



TEMPLE EMETH BULLETIN

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FROM THE RABBI'S MAIL BOX

Dear Rabbi Sigel,

I am writing to inform you that Lesley Schonberger, a member of your congregation has been elected to the position of Northern Vice-President of the New Jersey Federation of Temple Youth's Executive Board.... ... She will be responsible for creating and implementing educational program of regional conclaves. She will serve as liaison to six youth groups across the state, gathering and sharing ideas to help local youth groups this year.

Lesley's election is an honor for her and testimony to the Jewish support she has received from her family

and your congregation.

On behalf of JFTY thank you for your continued support of her through the years and during this upcoming year. B'shalom

Andrew Rehfeld, JFTY Director

B'NAI MITZVAH SCHEDULE

October 6 Robin Polakoff
Mr.and Mrs.Louis Polakoff
October 13 Jeanette Silberstein
Mr. and Mrs.Abraham Silberstein
October 20 Kim Geller
Mr.and Mrs. Michael Geller
October 27 Rachel Liebster
Dr. Larry Liebster
November 3 Shaun Elkin
Mr.and Mrs. Michael Elkin
November 10 Matthew Morrow
Mr.and Mrs.Kenneth Morrow

SHABBAT AND HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

September 28	Kol Nidre Eve
September 29	Yom Kippur Day
October 3	Sukkot Eve 7:30
October 4	Sukkot Morning 10:30
October 5	Family Service 7:30
October 6	HOL HA-MOED SUKKOT
October 10	Shemini Atzeret 7:30
October 11	Simhat Torah 10:30
	YIZKOR
October 12/13	BRAYSHEET
October 19/20	NOACH
October 26	New Member Shabbat
October 27	LEKH L'KAH
November 2	Family Service 7:30
November 3	
November 9/10	HAYAY SARA

DATES TO REMEMBER

Festival in the Park

October 25 Brotherhood Theatre Party
"The Rothschild's"
November 2-4 UAHC Regional at
Eatontown
November 17 Brotherhood Paid-up
Membership Dance
December 7-9 Kallah Weekend at
Great Barrington
March 16 Progressive Dinner Party

ADVANCE NOTICE

October 14

A progressive dinner party is being planned for March 16. Please look ahead to joining it as host and/or attendee. Additional committee members would be welcome. Our first meeting will be early in October.

Estelle and Bob Spiewak

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENTS

Welcome back to Temple life! We trust you had a restful summer and are

ready for the exciting year ahead.

The Temple has just been filled to overflowing as we came together, as a community, to celebrate Rosh Hashanah and prepare for the solemn holiday of Yom Kippur. We are, as always, grateful for the special quality of our worship services under the able leadership of Rabbi Louis Sigel and Cantor Annie Bornstein. Our Temple choir, directed by Lenora Thom, has been beautifully enhanced by a professional quartet, brought to us through the generosity of several families.

Many of you have had the opportunity to greet our guest Student Rabbi, Glynis Conyers, who is with us during this high holiday season. For the first time in many years we are offering parallel services for our youth under her direction—a program planned by the Children's Worship Committee.

At this time of year, as you sit in our beautiful sanctuary to pray, as you wish your friends and loved ones health and happiness and prosperity, pause for a moment to reflect. How barren would be our spiritual life without our beloved Temple Emeth.

Spiritually recharged, we are ready to undertake the challenges that face us...foremost our ongoing need to maintain the fiscal integrity of the Temple

... so that Emeth will always be here for all of us.

A year ago we established a much needed and highly successful new approach to our fundraising, the Temple Emeth Circle of Friends. This Annual Giving Campaign is essential if we are to maintain our excellent staff, services and programs. This year we must raise \$90,000 to meet our budget. We did this last year...we believe we can do it again. Through the generousity of our membership, whether it be gifts of \$5.00 or \$5,000, we can and we will meet our goal.

Are we foolish to dream of 100% papticipation from our congregation? We do not believe so for we are convinced that Temple Emeth is a significant force in each of your lives. We are convinced that each of you will choose to be a part of the Circle of Friends and will respond enthusiastically. Be

a part of Temple Emeth's future.

L'SHANA TOVA

Diane and Micki

JUDAICA SHOP

Thanks to your support, the Temple gift shop had an excellent year fi-

nancially.

We continually look for the latest designs and unusual Judaica for the "Shop". On a recent buying expedition, we purchased wonderful items for the Jewish New Year, Chanukah and year-round. Please stop by in the coming weeks and note the new merchandise.

We ask you to think of your gift shop first when you need a present for a family member, friend or

special occasion.

We are providing an array of custom photo albums for Bar or Bat Mitzvah, new baby, anniversary, etc. At least three weeks notice is necessary. Judaica Shop Committee

YOUTH DRAMA WORKSHOP

An exciting drama program will be offered for fourth, fifth and sixth graders beginning Thursday, September 13 from 4-6 pm at the Temple under the auspices of the Youth Committee. The group will meet two Thursdays a month.

Jean Johnson, an experienced teacher/drama coach, will be our professional. Jean plans to introduce improvisational theatre and spontaneous role-playing as well as other theatre techniques to the partici-

pants.

In February, Jean will begin to prepare the group for a full-scale onstage production to be presented at Emeth.

We are very excited about this program and encourage all parents of 4th, 5th and 6th graders to enroll their children. For further info. contact Beth Maravnick, Youth Director in the Youth Office 837-0240.

NEWS FROM OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

A New Direction For Religious School Tzedakah

The causes that call our attention as Jews are many and all worthwhile. At times, however, certain needs emerge as more urgent and pressing than others. Now is such a time.

For several years, we have engaged in a Jewish National Fund project, the results of which were most fruitful. Hundreds of trees were planted in Israel from the money collected in the blue boxes our students kept at home. We will continue to plant trees at Tu B'Shevat in memory of our loved ones. Now we must begin a

new chapter for our Tzedakah.

Thousands of Soviet Jews are arriving in Israel each month, more than we could ever have possibly imagined. For those of us who spent years marching, singing, and writing letters, this is a dream come true. Now we must rise to the occasion to help our sisters and brothers find apartments and jobs, learn Hebrew and begin new lives in freedom. At the rally for Soviet Jewry on April 22, we pledged a three-year commitment of Tzedakah money for Operation Exodus Israel. All students will be given boxes to take home which should be placed in a prominent place. It would be most fitting to make it a Shabbat custom to add coins each Friday night. This can become a meaningful bonding experience for your family, as well as a great help for this significant endeavor. Boxes will also be kept in our classrooms for donations each time your child comes to school.

Faculty Appointments

We are pleased to announce the appointment of the following new staff members: Pam Ritzer, Carol Lipton, Jen Cohen and Elliot Pollack. Their rich and diverse background experience will no doubt enrich our educational program. We wish them a hearty Baruchim Ha Baim and wish everyone a wonderful year.

NEWS FROM OUR NURSERY SCHOOL/PARENTING CENTER

After an active summer with 84 children in our Pre-School Day Camp, we have settled into our regular Nursery Program for the school year. Two, three and four year olds are enjoying arts and crafts, music, creative free play, storytime and outdoor adventures in our beautiful playground.

We welcome new staff members: Suzanne Steig, Orna Levran, Laura Gutin, Daisy Kim and Pat Montalbano. We are pleased to have them aboard and wish them and everyone a wonderful year!

Gail S. Kahn, Director of Education

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MESSAGE FROM THE CANTOR

A Chasidic master once said: "Music is the language of God". Thus, music must be the spiritual language of human beings when human beings reach out to God.

Each week in planning the music for the upcoming Shabbat, I am faced with the same conflict: whether to introduce a new setting of a well known piece or to repeat the "regular" week-to-week melodies. I can issue a strong argument for both sides. Whatever the choice, MY intent is to select music that will be inspiring and uplifting...music that will elevate your soul.

If we are a person who attends services regularly, then we will surely find comfort and continuity in the familiar tunes. We can also participate more by singing along. Some of the melodies might remind us of our childhood or our parents, the Bar/Bat Mitzvah service of our children or some other emotional memory from our past. There is no doubt that such feelings provide a connection to our People in a distinctly Jewish, historic and emotional

The opposite side is that we Jewish People have a rich and diverse musical heritage from which to choose our musical expression. Were we to stop...to close our minds to science and medicine and law, we would certainly inhibit the growth and progress of humankind. Does it not logically follow that were we to close our minds to new liturgical compositions for the synagogue, we would stifle our musical and emotional experience? We cannot simply ignore our contemporary geniuses. After all, was not Mozart once a new comer? Janowski's "Avenu Malkenu" a new piece?

Indigenous to Reform Judaism is the gift of autonomy..the freedom to choose for ourselves the most meaningful means of artistic (musical) expression. For instance: an unaccompanied piece in the style of traditional chazzanut does not indicate that Emeth is losing its Reform identity. It simply indicates MY choice for that text. The real gift is that of the composer who can effectively marry the right music with the fixed words of litural.

With the diversity of our backgrounds, spiritual needs, emotional place in time and personal taste, our responses will differ accordingly. Music is a personal and individual art. I have heard, in response to the very same new melody, both joyous and disapproving responses.

As we near the High Holy Day season, I pray that our music touches each and every one of you in some fulfilling and meaningful way. I pray too, that we listen not only to our music, but to each other, with open ears, open minds and open hearts. Shana Tova!!

Annie Lynn Bornstein





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THE LOSS OF JEWISH PRIDE

Although conforming and assimilating are closely related, the words cannot be used interchangeably. Assimilation is often necessary in order to adapt to a culture well enough to survive. Conformity, however, is more of a social adaption which in most cases leads to loss of creativity.

Peer pressure is the most common form of conformity. At some time we have all faced this, starting when we were young children playing Truth or Dare. For many, this "game" continues for a

lifetime.

The Jewish religion is often not held in high regard by non-Jews. This attitude affects young Jews in America, and forms their ideas and opinions about their heritage. The desire to be accepted has driven many Jews to sweep their culture under the rug, or in some cases, convert to other religions.

If this continues, our faith will become extinct. Hitler took away six million of us, and now the demands of the secular community are taking away more. We need a positive attitude toward religion in this country. We need a positive attitude toward our country, period. The pride of the individual needs to be restored, so conformity won't dominate our personalities.

The fact that I am a teenager during these times gives me a good perspective on the situation. I notice my peers labeling everyone in social classes. If one does not belong or fit into a "respectable" class, he or she is looked down upon. For many, this acceptance is a priority. The mentality of our future is rather unstable. If our values are popularity and financial status, where does tradition fit in? It doesn't.

I hope I am not the only one that feels this way, because with the help of others, I think I can teach youngsters self-importance. I want them to learn to make their own paths through life, instead of being pulled down a path of trivial values. I want a future filled with strong, proud Jews who are confident enough to pass down our heritage.

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You may be asking yourself: "Why am I reading this article? I don't care about the Temple Youth Group." Well, while the answer to this question might be that you're really bored and can't think of anything better to do with the next five minutes, I hope that after you read this, you will think that Senior League just might be a bit more important than you thought.

I'm Dan Greenwood, current president of Senior League, and I'd like to tell you a bit about what the Senior League Board and I have done so far in preparation for the upcoming year, and what sort of

things we have on the agenda.

We have, so far, had one full board meeting. At this meeting the events for the first half of the year were agreed upon and people were assigned to plan and prepare them for the general member's enjoyment. For October and onwards, we hope to get general members themselves involved in the planning process. Senior League is peer run and organized with assistance from our advisor, Beth Maravnick.

Maravnick.
Senior League also encourages
its members to take part in the regional, state-wide, events. These
events, hosted by JFTY-the Jersey
Federation of Temple Youth-take place
at a nearby camp or a host temple in
Jersey. Last year, Temple Emeth was
host for JFTY's New Member Conclave.
In September, JFTY holds its leadership training conclave at Camp
Haarlam. All of Senior League's
board is encouraged to attend.

In upcoming months, we have in mind out-of-temple events, programs with other youth groups in Bergen County, and also a host of social action programs dealing with pressing social issues. Senior League members will both discuss these issues (such as the homeless situation), and also actively participate in the community trying to remedy some of its problems.

TROUBLE WITH GRANDFATHERS by Bob Spiewak PIPES

At the age of 15, I bought me a pipe A corn cob that cost me ten cents. A habit that lasted me 50 years Don't pick on it, ladies and gents.

I bought other pipes along the way Many were gifts from other buyers Some from Turkey were made of clay A couple were Holland-made briars.

I had one with silver lace
That Rita bought me from Sterns
The joy she had on her lovely face
As she gave it-the image still burns.

On many a birthday Dad bought one From Macy's his favorite store Here is my list I have just begun My collection exceeded 3 score.

One French briar-cost lots of dough

One French briar-cost lots of dough
But by that time I could afford it
Through its beautiful stem the smoke
would flow

So smooth I was glad that I bought it

Naught lasts forever; at age 65
My allergies caused frequent hacks
With nostalgic reluctance I gave
up my pipes

And I've kept them all stacked in racks

Now at age 68 I realize of late
While the pipes brought me pleasure
and joy

That their value decreased as the years rolled along
They were best for that fifteen year

old boy!

rvery year we attempt to complete Tikkun O'lam. Tikkun O'lam means healing the world. and what the program tries to give each youth group is a balanced schedule of programming. Last year was the first year Senior League completed Tikkun O'lam and we were recognized at the last JFTY event of the year.

Dan Greenwood, President

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YOUTH ACTIVITIES 1990-1991

Mini-Leaguers watching a Karate demonstration; Junior Leaguers working side by side with the developmentally disabled to create banners and photo essays for a UJC Walk-A-thon; Sr. Leaguers designing, hosting and orchestrating a weekend of programs, services and social activities for 110 of their peers. These are just a few brief glimpses of the youth activities which took place at Temple Emeth this past year.

Youth programs at Emeth are designed to be more than an extended social experience. Activities which will offer our youth an opportunity to not only mingle with their peers but to explore their own traditions and to express them in a way which is meaningful to them, is what we strive to accomplish.

Fourth, fifth and sixth graders are being offered the exciting opportunity to take part in a Drama Workshop. Jean Johnson, an experienced Drama Coach/Teacher, is meeting with participants on Thursdays. Guided by Jean, the children will explore improvisation and other aspects of dramatics. The culmination of this workshop will be a full-scale production to be presented onstage at Emeth in June.

This year our Junior League will be comprised of seventh and eighth graders. This group will meet two times a month, usually on Monday evenings. Upcoming social events for Jr. League include a hayride/apple-picking afternoon, plays, day trips. In addition, Jr. League will be involved with the UJC Group Home for the Developmentally Disabled.

This year Jr. League members will also take a more active role in Temple

activities in the form of fundraisers and social action.

This year's Sr. League Board consists of ten very motivated and committed young adults who began plans for the upcoming year in June. Activities will include participation in JFTY regional activities, dances, sports days at the YMHA of Washington Township and creative services for the Temple community. In addition, we will continue our very exciting Adopt-A-Grandparent program (See letter below). Plans for other social action activities include visits to the Center for Food Action and assisting Soviet immigrants.

On Friday, September 7th, following our Oneg, there was a brief orientation to Youth Programs. In addition to myself and Jean Johnson, two representatives from the Sr. League board were available to discuss youth programs for the upcoming year. I encourage your children to take advantage of all

the wonderful programs available here at Temple.

ADOPT-A-GRANDPARENT

The following letter was given to Sr. League along with a plaque that is now hanging in the Youth Lounge. Adopt-a-Grandparent is our

major social action project:

On behalf of your Adopted Grandparents, I would like to tell all you wonderful young people how we feel about you. When you organized this group, we wondered what we had in common. We invited you to our homes and related incidents of our past, so completely different from now. You in turn told us of your plans for the future. Immediately, that forged a bond between us. You tried so hard to make the following gatherings pleasant: Friday nights where your spiritual advisor Rabbi Sigel conducted his beautiful and meaningful entertainments various planned for us. Such kind deeds will

Beth Maravnick, Youth Director

always be remembered. We in our sunset years wish all of you, starting new careers, good health, happiness, a peaceful world and success in all your endeavors. To all the parents who so generously gave of their time and efforts, to Beth, your charming and competent advisor and our own dear Susan Freeman, a world of thanks and as a token of our appreciation I present you with this plaque for remembrance.

Sincerely, Blanche Fassler Taub

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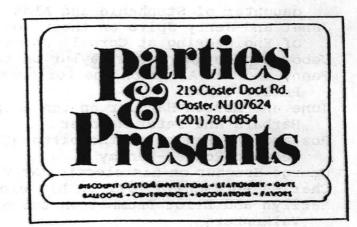
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Otto and Susan Perl on the birth of their grandson Doron, son of Benny and Monica Shavit. Monica was a teacher in our Religious School.

Bunny and Nat Ritzer on the marriage of their daughter, Julie to Allan Ross Edward Guttman, Susan Loeb, Elizabeth Boonin, Sam Boonin, and Dru Greenwood on their graduation.

Roz and Dan Benamy whose daughter Leah was ordained at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati.

Leah joins her older colleagues, Rabbi Ruth Sohn, Rabbi David Span and Rabbi Martin Levy all of Temple Emeth.

Anne and Ken Rosenthal on the marriage of their son, Donald, to Kristin Speer Joanbetty Schwarz on her election as a Vice-President of the Northeastern N.J. Region of Women's American Ort.

Matthew Sher son of Joan and Paul Sher on his graduation from Washington University in St. Louis, Magna Cum Laude. He was also named to Psi Chi, National Honor Society in Psychology.

Beth and Jack Durell on the graduation of their son, Alan, from the Cornell University School of Engineering He has been designated a Merrill Presidential Scholar and received the Byron W. Saunders Prize for highest achievement in Operations and Research and Industrial Engineering.

Gwen Dubno on her graduation from Fairleigh Dickinson with an M.A.

Randi Dubno on her graduation from U. Mass. cum laude with a BBA. Also on her receipt of a leadership award for service to the University.

Beverly and Harold Katz on the graduation of their daughter, Judith from Boston University Law School

Iris and Leonard Goldstein on the birth of their granddaughter, Katrina Elizabeth, daughter of Monika and Bruce Goldstein

Mrs. Patricia Peterson on the birth of her grandson, David Andrew to Stacey and Michael Evans

Bob Mandelkern on his graduation, Magna Cum Laude, from Montclair State College with a B.S. in Adult Fitness

Bonnie and Steve Traiman on the engagement of their daughter, Jill, to Aaron Max

Fran and Roger Hoffman on the birth of their son, Benjamin Daniel
Joanbetty Schwarz on the birth of her granddaughter, Jennifer Leigh to
Laurie Ann and Stephen Garfine and to great-grandmother Helen Peck
Samuels.

Janet Montgomery on the birth of her son, John David

Alvin and Brenda Kravitz on the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Jill to James Andrew Kirsch.

Margie and Bob Aerenson on the occasion of their 45th Wedding Anniversary Dr. and Mrs. Stuart Littwin on the engagement of their daughter, Carolyn to David Fischer

Marion and Seymour Schechter on the birth of their granddaughter, Meira Batya daughter of Stephanie and Alan Strauss

Janet and Jerry Spiro on their son Mark being appointed Dean at the College of Engineering at Cornell University

Deborah, Lee and Aaron Taylor on the birth of their son and brother, Jeremy Penny and Sam Allar on the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Barbara to Philip Gibbs

June and Morton Handler on the adoption of their granddaughter Gabrielle by Barbara and Peter Handler

Roz and Dan Benamy on the birth of their grandson, Gabriel Chaim to Ewa and Leonard Rotner-Benamy

George Brecher on his election as Vice-President of the UJC Board of Trustees Charles Rothschild, Jr. on his election to a 3yr. term on the UJC Board Marilyn and Eliot Brummel on the marriage of their son, Steven to Marion Valkenburg

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TEMPLE STAFFS SHELTER

Temple Emeth and Beth Am shared staffing Fellowship House, the Emergency Family Shelter for homeless families at St. Cecilia's Church in Englewood for the week of June 23rd. Irving Hauptman bought the food and prepared dinners for each night. Assisting in the kitchen were Mary Hauptman, Bert Kuerer, Pat Esterson, Hedy Geller, Ann Finger and Sam Allar. Congregants who volunteered to stay overnight were Art Vatsky, Bob and June Mandelkern, Bob and Estelle Spiewak, Larry Silver, Jamie Elkin and Ted Greenwood, as well as two non-members, Evelyn Siegel and Sylvia Woods. The project was coordinated by Ken Rutz. Our heartfelt thanks go to all in performing this mitzva.

Temple will resume housing the homeless on Sunday nights from January thru March. We need volunteers to stay overnight from 6:30 pm to 7 am. If you can participate in this rewarding program, please call Hedy Geller now, 836-4690. A training session will be offered October 11 and December 6. Many thanks.

Sam Allar, Chairman Social Action

REGIONAL BIENNIAL CONVENTION

"Visions 1990: Our Reform Synagogues in the 21st Century" will be the theme of the weekend Convention of the UAHC November 2-4 at the Sheraton Eatontown Hotel in Monmouth County, NJ (GSP exit 105).

Temple members are invited to hear Dr. Gary Tobin of Brandeis University, an expert noted for his blunt and creative solutions to the problems Temples face as they confront the next century, from intermarriage and single parent families to volunteer apathy and rising Synagogue dues.

A highlight of the convention will be a major policy speech by Rabbi David Saperstein, Director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, addressing such issues as the changing US Supreme Court, American/Israeli relations, urban poverty and US foreign policy. The exodus of Soviet Jews to Israel is a turning point in Jewish history that demands our effective mobilization as a congregation and as a Jewish community.

In its worldwide campaign, State of Israel Bonds is focusing on jobs and housing as absolute essentials in integrating Soviet Jews. Indeed, so vital are work and apartments in bringing about settlement of this sudden, massive inflow of newcomers that, for the first time in its 40 year history, Israel Bond proceeds are being totally devoted to one sector of the economy-immigrant absorption.

The people of Israel are joyful that Jews who seemed imprisoned behind Soviet border fences are joining them by tens of thousands, bringing their outstanding professional skills with them.

Special prominence is being given this year to the new Zero Coupon Savings Bond which comes due in the year 2000 and matures at \$6,000.

Most of all, it is one of a variety of Israel Bond securities that lend a helping hand to Israel at a miraculous moment in Jewish history.

For further information call the bond office at 907-0001 or Laura Kirsch.

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Temple leaders will choose from more than 30 workshops. Allan Goldman, Chairman of the UAHC National Board, will address the delegates on the current state of Reform Jewry in North America. The Saturday evening banquet will feature an entertaining musical presentation, "The Jews of Tin Pan Alley" by Rabbi Ken Kanter of Chattanooga, TN.

All members of area Reform Temples are urged to take advantage of this opportunity to share programs and concerns with other congregational leaders and national leaders of Reform Judaism. For more information contact Micki or Diane or the UAHC at 599-0080.

DRAMATIC RETIREMENT SEMINAR

Jewish Family Service announces sponsorship of a dramatic seminar on retirement concerns for those who are not yet retired, who are already retired, or who have retired parents.

The seminar will be held on Sunday October 28, from 9:30 AM to Noon at the Paramus Jewish Community Center,

304 Midland Ave.

Entitled "Retirement: End or Beginning?", the seminar will feature a dramatic presentation by The New Jersey Mental Health Players about five different retirement concerns. Following each presentation, audience will be encouraged to participate in a discussion period. The five areas to be dramatized and discussed are: Togetherness: Too little or too much?; Location, Location: Stay put or move?; Retirement and the single person; Role Assignments: Who does what now?; and The Big Squeeze: Caught between parents and children.

Ms. Elaine Samet, Seminar Coordinator, said the seminar is designed to present in dramatic form those concerns voiced most frequently by those thinking about retirement. "Obviously," she added, "each individual or family situation is different and there are no pat answers that apply to all people. What we are trying to do is present the issues in a meaningful way and offer some

possible solutions."

Because space is limited and in view of the popular response to last year's seminar, reservations are strongly suggested. Admission is \$4 per person, which includes light breakfast refreshment. Call Jewish Family Service at 488-8340.

TEMPLE EMETH RETIREES

Temple Emeth Retirees had an interesting summer. Our events were-a walk with a naturalist at Flat Rock Nature Center, Englewood-Visit to the New Jersey Historical Society in New-ark and lunch in a Spanish restaurant. Viewing the exhibits at the Old Museum Village in Monroe, NY. Visit to Lyndhurst and Sunnyside in Tarrytown, NY.

On Thursday, November 8, TER memers are going to the French Culinary

Institute in New York City.

Temple members are invited to join TER. Harold Katz

LARRY'S VERSION OF I CAN'T SAY NO

I am the Temple's treasurer
I'm in here now and then.
I've spent a late night here with

some of you.

You've asked me why I work so hard On Temple Emeth's books.
I'm up here now to try and

answer you.

I'm flattered that you think it a big deal

So listen while I give you all my shpiel.

I'm just a guy who can't say no Can't seem to say it at all. When Micki and Di say, "Hey, let's go"

I've got to answer the call.
When the Temple's books are
in the red,

I think that I'd be better off in bed,

But when Di and Micki look at me
I know I've got to be in here instead
When Howard Kaplan says, "You know
The rain through our rooftop
does flow."

That's when you say we need dough, You must think that I make it grow, I can't say no.

What'm I gonna do
When you say, "Lar, be a honey"
Find us some money"
What'm I gonna do?

What'm I gonna do When the school needs money The building needs money

What'm I gonna do?
What'm I gonna do
When you say we need money
Cause if we don't have money

we'll die?

What'm I gonna do
When you talk like that?
Spit in your eye?
I'm just a humble CPA
Trying to make our ends meet.
Thanks for this day, it's a treat,
And I think that you are real sweet
So I can't say no.

The above was sung by Larry Silver at the brunch honoring him for his work for Israel Bonds.

JEWISH CHAUTAUQUA SOCIETY

For fifty years the Jewish Chautauqua Society has been actively engaged in eradicating prejudice against Jews and Judaism through education.

Many of the JCS rabbis say that they are the first Jew their students have ever encountered. Deans, college presidents, and principals confirm that these educational opportunities often make a significant difference in the way non-Jews think about Jews and Judaism.

In keeping with the "traditional" program, this year JCS will sponsor more than 150 fully accredited courses in Judaism. JCS also funds an equivalent number of one-day college level lecture assignments and book grants. In addition, JCS awards subscriptions to Reform Judaism magazine to college and secondary school libraries.

In the coming academic year, JCS is expanding to reach secondary and primary school students with information about a different faith. In Philadelphia, in partnership with Federation, JCS is scheduling two visits a year to participating schools. JCS rabbis for this pilot program are chosen from the Reform, Reconstructionist, Conservative and Orthodox movements.

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SIMCHAT TORAH

If Jews are truly a "people of the Book", then the holiday of Simchat Torah, literally, the "joy of the Torah," is cause for celebration. Jewish knowledge through study is an essential part of our religion. Jewish tradition emphasizes the responsibility of each Jew to set aside time regularly for this purpose.

Simchat Torah celebrates the ongoing cycle of Torah study. Torah scrolls are taken from the ark and carried around the synogogue; dancing and singing express the love that weds the Jewish people to Torah; children just entering religious school are called to the bimah and blessed, often receiving a small Torah scroll of their own.

Jews in the Soviet Union, for many years even under threat of reprisal, made Simchat Torah their favorite holiday, publicly and enthusiastically proclaiming their determination to their heritage on to their children.

The Torah is an inheritance that Jews have shared through millenia of generations. Every year we are asked to renew the covenant at Sinai. Every year we are called to fall in love again with our Jewish heritage.

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY KALLAH

A Reform Jewish Kallah was held at Brandeis University from July 11-15. There were about 145 attendees from 27 states. The major topic of discussion was the question of what God expected of us as Reform Jews, but many of the classes and informal discussions wandered far from the subject in a most interesting and entertaining fashion.

This was the second such Kallah, the first having been held at Brown University in July, 1989. Those of us who attended, Diane Winer and Estelle and Bob Spiewak found our time extremely well spent.

You are urged to join us next year...look for an announcement in the Spring.

OUTREACH CONNECTIONS

September is a time of beginnings -the Jewish New Year and the first day of school.

David, a Jew by birth, and Mary, a Catholic, have enrolled their five year old son, Michael, in the Temple religious school, as they continue to fulfill their decision to raise him as a Jew. What will the New Year hold for Michael?

Between 20% & 50% of the children in Reform religious schools in our region are from homes where one parent was not born Jewish. The good news for Jewish survival is that many of the interfaith couples have chosen to give their children a Jewish edu-

cation and upbringing.

Outreach Ιf is successful, Michael's teacher will be sensitive and supportive, encouraging positive feelings and identification with Judaism as well as respect for the traditions of his non-Jewish relatives. Michael's mother will be able to participate in Temple sponsored holiday workshops that will enable her to learn and become more comfortable with Jewish home celebrations. Michael's parents will both be welcome participants in the Temple community.

Reform Jewish Outreach is a response to the realities of our time. As we begin the New Year, let's remember to welcome families like David, Mary and Michael. Let's continue the tradition of hospitality that has been ours since biblical times, and share all that is beautiful and sacred in our heritage. Many families long to join us. Outreach teaches us to embrace them. Martha Weisberg, Outreach Chairperson

OUTREACH LUNCHEON

On Sunday, October 28, the Temple Emeth Outreach Committee will have a luncheon and round-table discussion for intermarried couples within the Temple Emeth community. A letter from Rabbi Sigel will be forthcoming. The goal of Outreach is to extend a welcoming and helpful hand and to share some of your concerns, thus strengthening our Temple Family.

If you are interested in knowing more about Outreach at Temple Emeth,

please call me.

Martha Weisberg 384-8540 evenings Temple Emeth Outreach Chairperson

BROOKDALE CENTER PROGRAMS

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offers a variety of programs.

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tory, culture and future.

An additional reason to visit the Brookdale Center is the Joseph Gallery, known for high-level exhibitions covering diverse areas of Jewish art and history. Along with the exhibits will be a number of special programs including a walking tour of the Village to explore the fine examples of the architectural use of clay and tile.

To receive information contact the Office of Community Relations, HUC-JIR, 1 West 4th Street, New York, NY

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INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM CLASS

A 16-session course designed to give participants a basic understanding of Jewish belief and practice will be offered Thursday evenings at Temple Sinai in Tenafly beginning November 1. The class is open to all: individuals (with Jewish partners if applicable) who are considering conversion to Judaism; interfaith couples; and Jews by birth and non-Jews who wish to obtain a basic adult-level knowledge of Judaism. Taught by Rabbi Kenneth Brickman, the course will approach Jewish tradition--faith, people, way life-through a study of the holiday and life cycles of Judaism. A basic reading knowledge of Hebrew will also be included.

Class will meet once a week for 16 weeks from 7:45 -9:45 pm through February 28. For further information call Kathryn Kahn at 599-0080.

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