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Rabbi Sigel's compelling words and Cantor Bornstein's magnificent voice resounded through our vast sanctuary this past High Holiday season. Our own Temple adult choir, enhanced by four professional singers, further enriched the liturgical music. As always, our worship services at Temple Emeth were inspiring indeed!

As you may intuit, these wonderful services don't just happen by chance. Rabbi begins to agonize, early in the summer, as he prepares four provocative sermons for our enlightenment. The music and professional singers are carefully selected by Cantor Bornstein. The Cantor and choir then rehearse long hours with our superb organist/choir mistress Lenora Thom. High Holiday honors have long been a tradition at Temple Emeth and our Ritual Chairperson coordinates this essential ingredient. With their seamless "choreography", integrating lay readers and aliyot with clergy and choir, our worship experiences flow...with warmth and dignity.

Several families, impressed last year by the beauty of our choir, enhanced by professional voices, made special contributions which enabled us to engage professional singers once again. A heartfelt thank you to these "angels"!

Similarly, the Temple was the very grateful recipient of a most generous gift in memory of a congregant's mother. This donation was given specifically to refurbish our sound system, enhancing amplification throughout the sanctuary and social hall and adding components for the hearing impaired. "Bugs" in the system could only be worked out during the actual High Holiday services, when our entire "space" was filled with people; for this we apologize. Even more, we are delighted to have been given this opportunity to meet the longfelt needs of the hearing impaired. Sincerest thanks to our generous benefactors and to the devoted volunteer who worked so hard to see this new equipment installed.

Our splendid clergy and dedicated professional staff rely on these wonderful volunteers, who are among the many "unsung heroes" who quietly and persistently toil to make our congregation so very special. Whether it be of time, money or effort, for them the joy is truly in the giving.

Micki and Diane

THANKS, SANDY AND JAMIE

A beautiful "Decorative Bima Cloth", a joint project of Jamie Elkin and Sandy Loft "in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the Adult Confirmation Class of 1988", has been artistically executed and permanently installed on the Rabbi's lectern in the Sanctuary.

It bears the logo, in Hebrew, of Emeth's 40th Anniversary Year, TiSMaH Be-Emet, Rejoice in Emeth!.

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Rabbi Louis J. Sigel

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November 17 Brotherhood Paid-up Membership Dinner-Dance
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December 2 Israel Bonds honors Dan Kirsch
December 7-9 Adult Kallah
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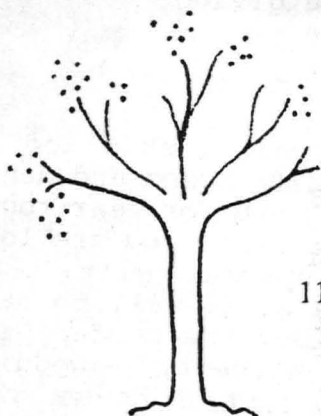
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NOTES FROM THE CANTOR

Thank you to Bea and Stanley Isaacs for your lovely letter expressing interest in our choir! As you know, the Temple Emeth Adult Choir is comprised of devoted Temple members. Their backgrounds are diverse as are their professional and musical credentials. The names of our choir members are enclosed in the Friday night program each time the choir sings.

This past High Holy Days season we were fortunate to enjoy our own Leslie Schonberger in a duet with myself on Rosh Hashana evening. A senior at Teaneck High School, Leslie is a glorious addition to our choir. We welcome newest members, Dru Greenwood, Beulah Warshaw and Phil Waxberg.

As well, this year we enjoyed the voices of a professional quartet. The quartet augmented our Temple choir and sang throughout the day on Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. Terry Hoover, soprano, has performed numerous operatic roles and has appeared in concert and oratorio presentations. She holds a Master of Arts degree from NYU in Liberal Studies and a Bachelor of Music from Arizona State, her home. Sara Haus, mezzo-soprano, originally from Pittsburgh, earned her Bachelor's degree in Voice from Northwestern and will be receiving her Masters this December from my very own alma mater, The Manhattan School of Music. Sara is the mezzo soloist for All Saints Episcopal Church in Hoboken. Ken Magos, baritone, holds a degree in psychology from the University of Washington. Originally from Seattle, Ken is currently in his second year at the Manhattan School of Music and will receive his Masters in Voice in 1993. Our tenor, Peter Schamel, is new to NYC and is a student at the Manhattan School of Music.

The joint experience of our own choir and the professional quartet, was, indeed, a rewarding and an inspiring one for all. We look forward to many musical moments in the future! Cantor Annie Lynn Bornstein

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We wish a hearty welcome to:

Miriam and Andrew Allenson		Susan and Robert Libas	
Michael, Aron, Herman	Tenaflly	Jason and Jessica	Fort Lee
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NEWS FROM OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Fourteen new Religious School children were welcomed into our school in a beautiful ceremony of Consecration at our Erev Simchat Torah service. Each child received a miniature Torah and certificate indicating the beginning of a beautiful journey of Jewish learning.

Back to School was held on Saturday and Sunday, October 27 and 28, as parents had the opportunity to follow their children's schedule and find out what they are learning in school.

The 9th grade retreat weekend took place on October 26-28 at Kutz Camp. The theme of inter-dating and inter-marriage was explored through discussions, role playing and value clarification exercises.

News From Our Nursery School

The Fall holidays kept our Nursery School children very busy. New Year's cards and miniature Torahs were some of their artistic creations. Our new multi-purpose room allows for large motor coordination activities and as the weather has been holding up, we have still been enjoying outdoor play in our beautiful playground.

A few new spaces are now available for three and four year olds. Please call the office at 833-8466 for further information.

News From Our Parenting Center

Our Mommy and Me program was so much in demand that four separate groups are now operating. Toddlers and their mothers engage in a group activity after which Moms discuss issues of concern led by our discussion facilitator while the children play under the supervision of their teacher.

Holiday Happenings and Holidays with Daddy for 3-5 year olds still have a few spaces open. If interested, call 833-8466.

Our Adoptive Parents program is replete. This very specialized and unique group allows participants to share common experiences of being adoptive parents.

Gail S. Kahn, Director of Education

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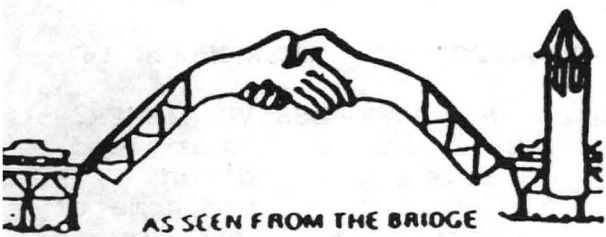
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WELCOME TO TEMPLE EMETH SENIOR LEAGUE 1990

Some people think that the only activities of teenagers in the 1990's are playing video games and watching TV. Obviously, these people have not met the members of Temple Emeth Senior League. These kids are too full of energy to waste their lives away doing nothing. This year, we have planned numerous events that will incorporate fun and learning at the same time.

Our year has started off with the great success of our first event; our barbeque in September. New faces and old joined together at the Temple on September 16 for great food, fun, and lots of laughter. Before the day was over, each individual had met one new person and consequently, made one new friend.

Senior League, however, doesn't only believe in having fun among ourselves. Thus, we decided to share some of it with our 'older' friends on October 7 at our first Adopt-a-Grandparent program this year. Everyone had a wonderful time singing songs, eating, and celebrating the recent holiday of Sukkot. The Senior League members and grandparents compared their resolutions for the new year and discovered that many of their wishes were similar. The prevailing hope was for a year of world wide peace.

So now that you have some idea as to what Senior League has been up to for the past few months, you may be wondering what we plan to do next. The answer to this question: why, have more fun of course! On November 4, Temple Emeth Senior League will have a scavenger hunt in New York City. Watch out Big Apple-wherever Senior League goes we are sure to bring fun and excitement. And remember, new friends are always welcome - just give any member of Senior League a call or drop a note in the Youth Box. **Laura Pollack,**
Programming Chairperson

TROUBLE WITH GRANDFATHERS by Bob Spiewak

DREAMS & DREAM FULFILLMENT (?)

Let me tell you a story
Of the dreams of my three sons.
I'm picking the dreams at random
Big dreams, wild dreams
And unimportant ones.

Rick thought hunting
Would be a blast
So on opening day we stood
In a huge impatient circle
Armed with shot guns in the wood
A pheasant wandered out in the field
And shot flew all around
Despite the fact that
In just a few moments
The starting bell would sound.

We enjoyed the walk
In the woods that day
Although never a shot
Did we score
But we learned that hunting
Wasn't for us
And thus returned nevermore.
At age 6 Buddy craved a horse
As a pet he could call his own
But among other good reasons
'Twas against the rules of town.
Twenty years went flying by
And he had a home of his own
But just like the years,
His need of a horse
It's importance, was long gone.

And what about Scott?
Did he have a dream?
A lawyer at twenty-two
That part of the dream
He accomplished
That part of his dream came true.
But he wanted to spend
His college at Yale
He was certainly qualified.
In the long run it didn't matter
That part of his dream had died.

The importance of dreams
Is to have them
And it's nice to have them come true
Perspective changes as years go by
And the dreams change with them
For you and I
And some of them live and some die
Enough win to see us through.

FROM THE RABBI'S MAILBOX

Dear Lou,

In mid-September Dan Kirsch accepted a nomination to serve as a Trustee on our UAHC regional board for a two year term. Dan's name will be offered for election during the Shabbat Luncheon at our upcoming Regional Biennial Convention on Saturday, November 3 at the Eatontown, NJ Sheraton Hotel. He will be installed by UAHC National Board Chairman Allan Goldman during a special Havdalah service at 7:15 pm immediately preceeding the gala installation dinner.

Dan's selection as a regional board member is an honor to your Temple.....

We urge you to show your support for him by being present at the election and/or installation service and dinner at the Convention. It will mean much to him if he can share the simcha with those he has worked with so closely during many years of service to your congregation.

I look forward to celebrating with you in Eatontown.

With best wishes,

Rabbi Daniel H. Freeland
UAHC Regional Director

Dear Rabbi Sigel,

Thank you so much for allowing us to visit your beautiful service last Friday night, and for making us feel so welcome. The children gained a lot from the experience and had a very meaningful discussion the following Sunday. All of the adults enjoyed your sermon very much.

I am an admirer of yours, having been present at Lauren Saltzman's Bat Mitzvah. Your wisdom and warmth are a gift to all of us. Thank you again - Ruth Cryer, R.E. Coordinator
Central Unitarian Church

and all of the children from the 6th and 7th Grade

Dear Lou,

October 17

Thank you so much for sharing with us your "divrei Torah". It was great. I wasn't being facetious when I thanked you for giving me a sermon for this Shabbas. Every time I hear you speak I am reminded of how much I have yet to learn.

I hope you enjoyed the Kallah as much as we enjoyed you. Take care.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Steven Kushner, New Jersey
Association of Reform Rabbis

PROGRESSIVE DINNER MARCH 16

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7:30 Leave for the home of host #2 for a delicious dinner

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The cost for all of this is a \$25 donation to Temple Emeth; your hosts are donating all of the food and drink, except the desserts which we are soliciting from all and sundry.

Temple needs the money...you will enjoy spending away-from-the-Temple time with other Temple members and their non-member friends who are invited to join the PROGRESSIVE DINNER as well. Look for your reservation blank in January... fill it out and send in your check. Meanwhile we welcome additional hosts and members of the Committee (next meeting date to be announced)

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Past president and current board member, Dan Kirsch, will be the guest of honor at this year's Teaneck Area Israel Bonds Dinner. This gala event will take place on Sunday evening, December 2 at the Jewish Center of Teaneck. It is the culmination of the year-long campaign in which all Teaneck Area synagogues take part.

Dan was Teaneck Area Chairman of Israel Bonds from 1987 to 1989. He is involved in a long list of activities involving communal, philanthropic and humanitarian causes, which you will read about in your invitation. He is a founding partner of the law firm of Kirsch, Gartenberg & Howard in Hackensack.

Laura Kirsch, Temple Emeth vice president and also an attorney, and Dan are the parents of Gabrielle and Elissa, and of Jennifer and Michael Flatte.

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Carol and Howard Kaplan on the engagement of their daughter Deborah Michelle to Howard Mark Falkow and to Debbie's grandparents, Helen and Tom Fertig
Pat Peterson on the birth of her grandson David Andrew to Stacy and Michael Evans
Spencer Evans on the birth of his grandson Daylan Craig to Tammy and Fred Evans
Marianne and Fred Berg on the engagement of their son Daniel to Wendy Wild
Mr. and Mrs. Milton Goldsmith on the occasion of their **65th Wedding Anniversary**
Marianne and Fred Berg on the birth of their granddaughter Rachel to Lori and Bill DeVine
Martin Lasky on becoming Corresponding Secretary for the Teaneck Jewish Community Council
Leila and Norman Fallet on the birth of their granddaughter and on the occasion of the graduation of daughter Rachel from Rutgers University
Dr. and Mrs. Francis Rosner on the birth of their grandson Maxwell Charles to Gail and Dr. Earl Rosner
Estelle and Bob Spiewak on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Adam, son of Lauren and Bruce Spiewak

Get Well Wishes To: Ted Greenwood Judy Yablonka
 Ernest Horn Albert Meyer

Condolences To:

Bernard Seidman on the loss of his beloved father, Jacob Seidman
Irving Hauptman on the loss of his beloved brother, Isidor Hauptman
Steven Bonime on the loss of his beloved stepmother, Florence Bonime
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A special thanks to Barbara Sabella for conducting a wonderful babysitting service for our youngsters during the High Holy Day Services THANK YOU!!

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in honor of the birth of Leila and Norman Fallet's
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in honor of Dan Kirsch's nomination to the
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Marianne and Fred Berg in honor of the birth of their granddaughter,
Jessica Rachel

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The Choir of Temple Emeth wishing Muriel Pader a speedy recovery
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FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL

A great time was had by all who attended the Fall Family Festival held in Memorial Park, Bergenfield on October 14. Gourmet food was grilled to perfection and enjoyed by all. Games were led by Larry Silver and were finished off with a tug-o-war between the adults and children. The children won! **Carla Silver**

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION SPEAKER SOCIAL ACTION SHABBAT NOVEMBER 30

The Social Action Committee will sponsor a showcase of its activities and programs, featuring an environmental-activist guest speaker on Friday, November 30 during Social Action Shabbat.

Dr. Harry Kisseleff of Teaneck, an expert in Jewish attitudes towards environmental protection, will deliver a talk from the pulpit during services.

An Associate Professor of Clinical Psychology in Psychiatry and Medicine at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, Dr. Kisseleff will speak on the role of the synagogue in taking action to protect the environment.

As a member of Congregation Beth Sholom in Teaneck, he is the coordinator of "Hug Tevah" (Nature Circle), a study group which focuses on the historical and religious background of Judaic approaches towards conservation of the Earth.

Dr. Kisseleff has published articles on Judaism and the environment in many publications, both religious and secular, including The Jewish Standard.

During the Oneg Shabbat following Services, members of the Social Action Committee will provide information about the Committee's activities, including resettlement of Soviet Jews, sheltering the homeless, and feeding Bergen County's hungry.

OUTREACH CONNECTIONS - THE ROLE OF NON-JEWS IN THE SYNAGAGUE

Over the past few years most Reform synagogues have extended membership privileges to families in which one partner is not Jewish. This has enabled these families to enroll their children in our religious schools, join in communal worship and participate in the life of the congregation. As these members become more involved, Temple leaders find themselves confronted with unexpected questions- "What, if any, are the limits on participation by non-Jewish spouses in Temple life?"

For many non-Jewish spouses and parents, active participation in the Temple is their way of "trying on Judaism" and determining how comfortable they feel with a Jewish way of life. Temples are always grateful for volunteers to serve on committees, help with building the Sukkah or usher at services. Shall we let actively involved individuals who are not formally Jewish become committee members, chairs and board members? Would excluding these individuals impede their attempt to learn about and participate in Jewish life?

And what of ritual matters?... Shall the non-Jewish parent participate in all the rituals usually reserved for parents of B'nai Mitzvah celebrants? Shall she bless the candles? Pass the Torah? Sit on the Bimah? Have an Aliyah to bless the Torah? What are the limits and how do we determine them?

Every Reform congregation will need to sensitively address these complicated issues, and develop policies that reflect the congregation's values and understandings of Jewish tradition.

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HUNGER REPORT

While delivering our Yom Kippur collection of food to the Center for Food Action, quite happy over the increase, I faced the collection being delivered by Beth El in Closter--3 full van loads! How come? Is there no perceived need amongst Temple Emeth congregants? Let's face facts:

NJ has the third highest per-capita income of all states and yet over 600,000 people are hungry at some time each month. Many are the working poor who can't earn enough to eat. As the economy recedes, even those with good jobs find themselves laid off and resources depleted. More people are depending on emergency food centers like the CFA. In the last 3 years, CFA has witnessed a 110% increase in requests for food.

The CFA receives financial support from numerous organizations including MAZON--the Jewish response to Hunger, but support largely comes from caring individuals like you.

Volunteers are always appreciated to help in the office and pantry in Englewood on a day-to-day basis. Just call 569-1004 or simply show up whenever you have a few hours, at 192 W. Demarest Ave. Meantime, please respond to the frequent reminders in the Weekly Sheet to supply food or funds to help the CFA meet the increasing demands for food.

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A LIBERAL JEWISH PERSPECTIVE ON INTERMARRIAGE

A six-week discussion series for unaffiliated interfaith couples sponsored by the Union of American Hebrew Congregation will take place at Temple Beth Torah in Upper Nyack, beginning Tuesday, November 13. Couples are invited to share issues and concerns of interfaith family life in a supportive non-judgmental setting. Registration is limited to eight couples.

For further information please call Kathryn Kahn, program coordinator, at 599-0080.

VORSPAN TO ADDRESS REGIONAL DINNER

UAHC Senior Vice-President, Albert Vorspan, will be the featured speaker at a gala dinner on Wednesday evening, November 28, 1990, at the Loew's Glenpointe Hotel in Teaneck. Vorspan, a noted lecturer, humorist and author, is a prominent national spokesman for Reform Judaism and Social Justice issues.

The dinner, which will benefit the UAHC Fund for Reform Judaism, will honor Rabbi Peter Kasdan of Temple Emanu-El in Livingston, and his brother, Martin Kasdan, president of Temple Beth El in Closter for their many years of service to Reform Judaism and the congregations of our region.

The UAHC Fund for Reform Judaism supports new programmatic ventures of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Area Reform Jews are invited to show their support for the continued growth of Reform Judaism in New Jersey and the Hudson Valley by attending the dinner.

For more information contact the UAHC regional office at 599-0080.

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INTERRELIGIOUS FELLOWSHIP

We have arrived at the end of the fiscal year for the Interreligious Fellowship for the Homeless of Bergen County and we note that your Congregation has contributed \$246 since October 1, 1989. We wish to thank you at this time, not only for your concern and interest in the work of the Fellowship, but also for your financial support of our programs. Without such generous support we would be unable to carry out this joint ministry of caring which the Fellowship embodies.

This past year the IRF has continued its three sheltering programs, the Overflow Shelter Program (OSP), the Emergency Family Shelter (EFS) and the Transitional Apartment Shelter Program (TASP). In these programs we shelter between 90-100 people each night. We have also provided furniture for families and singles moving into their own housing; we have lent \$3,500 in no-interest loans to help families from our programs pay their security deposits on apartments; and we established a Youth Council with representatives from 16 County high schools, which has provided child care in the EFS, and a special day camp for homeless children the last two weeks of August.

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VOLUNTEERS FOR ISRAEL ORGANIZE

The Israel Programs Center of United Jewish Community has announced that from March 3-24 it will participate in a local community program called "Volunteers to Israel" which sends American adults to Israel to work on Israeli military bases.

In the last eight years, more than 25,000 participants have come to Israel under the auspices of this program to help sort, store and clean parachutes, clean and fix barracks, clean weapons and weed compounds.

Volunteers receive a discounted plane fare of \$699 per person for a round trip ticket open for 180 days. They are provided with three meals a day, organized touring, home hospitality, and free weekends. The program includes spending three weeks volunteering at either army, navy or air force bases or at hospitals.

Anyone between the ages of 18 and 70 is eligible. We urge all those interested in signing up to do so as soon as possible by calling (201) 488-6800 ext. 225 or 125.

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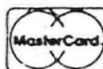
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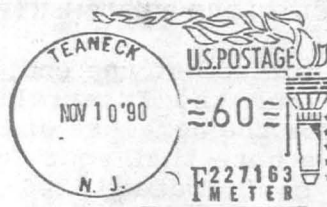
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