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**MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI**  
**"IS IT GOOD FOR THE JEWS??"**  
(written January 11)

A great number of us use that as the basic standard by which we evaluate certain national postures or international decisions on almost any subject. Judging from the articles and "Letters to the Editor" in most anglo-Jewish newspapers, one would surmise that that is the ONLY criterion being used by Jews! Classic post-Biblical Jewish thought generally went that route: "If it's good for the Jews, it will, perforce, be good for the world". And, indeed, history did often bear out that if it's something deleterious for our People, a good chunk of the world suffered for it, too. The late literary longshoreman, the phenomenal Eric Hoffer, once wrote: "I feel that, as it goes for the State of Israel, so it will go for the rest of us.". Everyone knows that the great Spanish Empire expelled its Jews in 1492 and, within a century, was reduced to a fifth-rate power in the world. Hitler began with us and reduced half of Europe to a cemetery before he was stopped.

"Is it good for the Jews?". Many of us would like to use that standard to decide either to opt for all-out war or for the continuation of non-militaristic, economic sanctions against intransigent Iraq. Unfortunately, it won't work. As I see it, Medinat Yisrael stands to lose either way. If a shooting war erupts on January 16, the entire Middle East will become re-aligned, and the roster of Arab states hostile to America and its clients will increase. Israel will be more isolated and identified as a foreign, western, colonial substance in the area. Further roiling the waters is Israel's certain involvement in the war as it defends itself against and reacts to Iraq's promised attack on her, thereby threatening the fragile coalition of Arab states that have grudgingly agreed to oppose fellow Arabs called Iraqis.

If war is eschewed and the world settles in for a long, drawn-out economic embargo, then Saddam Hussein will have been rewarded with the greater credibility among his Arab idolators as having withstood the satanic forces of the West. His Messianic credence among Palestinians will have increased with a corresponding increase in their terrorism, and precious time will have been afforded him to complete the development of his nuclear capacity against Israel.

"Is it good for the Jews?"--is a luxury we can no longer employ for easy answers to tough questions. Despite the fact that we ARE something special, a unique entity; despite the religious truth that we are a unique idea in the divine Mind, the world simply does not revolve around us. Forces and interests other than ours move it--special interests like the need for facile energy sources, inexorable forces like the death and birth of super-powers--these are the fulcrums that move the planet.

I think that it's time we Jews started using broader, more inclusive apparatuses by which to gauge a future action.

"Is it good for the world?" If it's good for the world, it will be good for Israel, and for other living creatures.

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The daily schedule includes study in one of the following; Bible, Talmud, Midrash, Jewish Thought, Mysticism, and Liturgy.

Participation in the Kallah does not require knowledge of Hebrew. The program is designed for all laypersons interested in Jewish learning, regardless of level of education or experience. This is an opportunity to discover the "Wisdom of the Texts" and join with others searching to find spirituality.

The Kallah registration fee includes 4 night's lodging in air conditioned dorms with semi-private bath, meals Wednesday dinner through Sunday breakfast, study materials, all classes, workshops, and evening entertainment.

For more information call Robin Hirsch at 599-0080.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Whenever we talk about major items in the Temple's budget, the line item representing "MUM" dues comes into question. What is the Union? Why, we are asked, do we choose to commit such a large sum of money to maintain our membership in the Union? Why do we belong? What does it afford us? Is membership in the Union a necessity? We will try to answer many of these questions.

The Union of American Hebrew Congregations is the religious and educational organization that serves as an umbrella for some 850 Reform congregations throughout the United States and Canada. Founded in Cincinnati in 1873 by Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise, it is the oldest institution of its kind in North America.

Its purpose, as stated in its constitution and by-laws, is "to encourage and aid the organization and development of Jewish congregations; to promote Jewish education and enrich and intensify Jewish life; to maintain the Hebrew Union College and to foster other activities for the perpetuation and advancement of Judaism."

This very general statement reflects the enormous mission that the Union has set out for itself, for indeed, in addition to training Rabbis, Cantors and Educators at the 4 campuses of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, the Union provides programs and services for these professionals and their congregations, throughout their careers. As we enter a Rabbinic search to replace Rabbi Sigel upon his retirement, we are working directly with the Union's Rabbinic Placement Commission. Additionally, whenever we need professional personnel, as a member in good standing, the Union or one of its affiliates, provides us with guidance, resources and candidates to fill the position.

In the general running of Temple affairs from administration to fundraising, from school curricula to Outreach programming, from Social Action and legislative advocacy at the federal level to the creation and publication of our prayerbooks, music and textbooks, from camps and programs for youth of all ages to local, regional and national workshops and conventions for our lay leaders....All of these are invaluable and essential services that could not happen without the strength of a coalition such as the UAHC.

The major financial support of the Union comes from the annual dues paid by member congregations. We believe that we could not function effectively without maintaining our Union membership and that, simply, is what MUM stands for...Maintenance of Union Membership.

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## NEWS FROM OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Did you hear the latest? Lilah Lowenstein and David Feldbaum were married! Stacey Butler was the Maid of Honor and Jeff Kingsley was the Best Man. The ceremony was officiated by Rabbi Jesse Gronner and Cantor Matthew Morrow. Is this really true? Did it really happen? Well, it was a mock wedding presented by our seventh graders. The experience included all the salient parts of the ceremony and celebration and allowed us the opportunity to learn all the important meaning and symbols of this wonderful simcha.

Third and fourth graders displayed their performing arts skills with a Mitzvah Rap which was enjoyed by the entire student body and parents as well.

Parent-Teacher Conferences allowed the opportunity for parents to speak individually to the teachers and learn of the progress of the children. The bond between school and home continues to be a vital force in Jewish education.

Fifth and sixth graders as well as K-2nd graders enjoyed lovely Shabbat Dinners. A hearty thank you to all the people who helped prepare and set up.

BARJ continues in strength with weekend retreats as a very special highlight. Both the eighth grade and tenth grade trips were held this past month. The eighth grade developed the theme "Facing the Future: Choosing your Own Jewish Pathway" at Camp Kutz while our tenth grade spent four days in Washington at our Religious Action Center learning about contemporary political issues and how to lobby on Capitol Hill.

## NEWS FROM OUR NURSERY SCHOOL AND PARENTING CENTER

Chanukah parties highlighted last month's activities. Parents and grandparents celebrated with us and kvelled. These immortal moments are preserved in photos and videotapes.

Throughout the eight days of Chanukah, children sang songs, did art projects and read stories all about this festival of freedom. We even learned how to make potato latkes "from scratch", the only real way. That irresistible aroma was wafting through the school corridor throughout the week.

Our three year olds are beginning work on the alphabet and letter books are very popular. Teddy Bear week proved to be very popular.

Our Shabbat parent program is in full swing and Friday is always a special experience as one parent each week comes to share our Shabbat observance and to lead an activity.

Newsletters are sent home periodically to keep parents abreast of our activities. These include special projects we are doing, the words of songs and poems we are learning, and our favorite stories and recipes.

Tzedakah is being collected at the end of every week and we are proud to say that all funds are going to "Operation Exodus". Please help us to teach our children the important mitzvah of Tzedakah.

Gail S. Kahn, Director of Education

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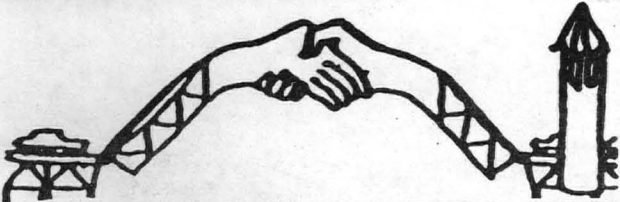
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## HELLO FROM THE SENIOR LEAGUE

We know you haven't heard from us in a while but here's your chance to get involved! The second half of our year is going to be very exciting.

To complete the 1st half of our year, we had an amazing fundraiser which was extremely successful. It included a bake sale and car wash. We also had an exciting trip into New York, and then who could forget our fabulous Grandparents! We spent a wonderful afternoon with them.

Listen up! Here's the scoop for the 2nd half of the year. We started out with an afternoon of fun and games to welcome our future 8th graders as well as potential high school senior league members. This afternoon was enjoyed by all who attended. We also have planned a current event day, where we'll be discussing the important issues of today such as the Gulf Crisis. A few weeks later we will be reuniting with the Grandparents. Also don't forget to look for us at the Purim Carnival as we have planned new exciting games. There's lots more in store like thrilling trips and helpful fundraisers so stay in touch and we will keep you posted! **Alison Levy**

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And your willingness to try

That we haven't any worry  
You'll do more than just get by  
But college is more than studies  
That's where your Mom met Dad  
That's where their romance started  
How could it be bad?

You'll be meeting lots of guys  
You already have...it's said  
Look at them with both your eyes  
And with your heart and head  
Certain things age teaches us  
...One lesson very true

Just one person you can change  
And that one person's you  
Success in academia  
We know you will achieve  
You've proved yourself so far in life  
You've made us all believe

The most important decision  
That will decide your fate  
Is the one that you'll make some day  
To choose a lifelong mate

There has to be good "chemistry"  
He has to be a friend

You have to share life's values  
And you both must learn to bend

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Penny Allar on being elected to the Board of RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program)  
Judith Katz, daughter of Beverly and Harold Katz, on passing the NJ Bar Exam  
Doris Levy on the birth of her grandson, Bernard Levy,  
to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Levy  
Diane Goldberg on her marriage to Howard Barry Weiss  
Evelyn and Dick Harris on the birth of their grandson, Ryan to  
Lynn and John Hardiman  
Estelle and Bob Spiewak on their granddaughter, Sarah, being accepted by Cornell University School of Hotel Management for early decision.  
Her parents are Rick and Judy Spiewak  
Ros and Dan Benamy on the engagement of their daughter, Leah, to  
David Schoneveld  
Lea Richards on the birth of her grandson, William Drao, son of  
Robin and Rich Drao  
Esther and Milton Mendelsohn on the engagement of their son, Howard to  
Ellen Lee Margulies

### Condolences To:

Mort Rubenstein on the loss of his beloved brother, Roy Rubenstein  
Lorraine Fisch on the loss of her beloved mother, Sylvia Rager  
Stewart Silverman on the loss of his beloved sister, Lila Schwarz

THE CONGREGATION MOURNS THE LOSS OF OUR BELOVED MEMBER, GILBERT ROSE  
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### Get Well Wishes To:

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#### Religious School Fund

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**TEMPLE EMETH TAKES  
ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION**

**RABBI'S MAIL BOX**

Dear Rabbi Sigel: January 7, 1991

On behalf of Residents of the Jewish Home and Rehabilitation Center I would like to express our appreciation for your leading our pre Shabbat service. The ladies and gentlemen look forward to our services each week.

Knowing that the Rabbis of Bergen County reach out to perform this Mitzvah goes a long way in lessening the feeling of isolation that is present all too often. Joining you in prayer and song as well as listening to you express your personal interest and concern is an uplifting experience.

Thank you for sharing your time with us.

Sincerely, Arlene Richman  
Director of Recreation & Volunteers

Dear Rabbi Sigel: January 7, 1991

Please accept my sincere thanks for providing cataloging data for the collection of books in Yiddish. When they were donated in the fall, we could have just placed them on the shelves without cataloging. Thanks to your time and assistance, they will now be available by author and title to all in Bergen County.

We greatly appreciate your help.  
Sincerely, Michael McCue  
Director, Teaneck Public Library

Dear Rabbi Sigel, December 20, 1990

Many many thanks for your wonderful presentation of The Hidden Meaning of Chanukah for the Singles Department.

We truly appreciate your generosity, warmth and good humor about coming out on the 7th night of Chanukah to help us celebrate.

Everyone who attended not only enjoyed themselves but also learned more about our heritage and traditions. Todah Rabbah!

Sincerely, Ophrah Listokin  
Singles Director JCC on the Palisades

Temple Emeth will place new emphasis on protecting the environment. Chaired by Paul Kaufman, a new committee will focus on the distribution of information on what each of us can do to protect and preserve the environment, and the planning of programs and projects for the entire congregation. The Religious School and Youth Groups will be especially encouraged to take part.

All Temple members are welcome to join the committee whose next meeting will be Thursday, January 31, 8 PM at the Temple.

In its efforts to encourage conservation, the committee will use this space to publish regular tips on things each family can do to protect the environment.

Here are the first:

1-Cut down on the amount of junk mail you receive by requesting that your name be removed from large mailing lists. Write to: Mail Preference Service, 11 W. 42nd St., PO Box 3861, New York, NY 10163-3861.

2-Snip the rings of plastic 6-pack beverage holders before you dispose of them. If these rings find their way into area waterways, they could get caught around the necks or beaks of birds and sea mammals and cause them to starve or be strangled.

Look for more environmental tips in future issues of this Bulletin.

Paul Kaufman

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## YOUNG COUPLES CLUB

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### FROM THE CANTOR'S MAILBOX

Dear Cantor Bornstein:

I didn't want to miss the opportunity to thank you for the wonderful experience you have provided for our children through the youth choir. Mom, Dad and Grandma were "kvelling" last Friday, so proud were we to see our children singing their hearts out to a full house.

More importantly though, I just know that these songs will help to form a connection with Judaism and family that will enrich their lives many years from now when they are faced with the important task of making their own choices for themselves and finally, for their own children.

Music has always been the force that comforts me, the source of beauty and peace the every-day world so lacks. What luck to be able to give that to the most important people in my life!

Many thanks once again, and please know that I am available to help in any way I can to ensure the continued success of the youth choir.

Best wishes for a happy, healthy and peaceful new year.

Sincerely, Sharron Eisenthal

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## OUTREACH AND INREACH: TWO PATHS TOWARDS THE SAME GOAL

Interfaith couples make up a significant portion of the 70% of North American Jews who choose not to affiliate with any synagogue. Outreach has been our movement's approach to help these couples find meaningful religious lives within our congregations. The Reform Movement is increasing its efforts to reach out to other individuals and families who for various reasons have chosen not to affiliate with Jewish institutions.

A national UAHC-CCAR Task Force on the unaffiliated has been created to assist congregations in reaching out to the unaffiliated. They are helping congregations identify the reasons many Jews choose not to affiliate or to affiliate for a brief period of time.

Another program developed by the Task Force is a short series of "New Member Classes" which provide basic education about the congregation, Reform Judaism, songs and prayers of the temple's worship service, and avenues of involvement open to temple members.

Task Force Committee members include Temple Emeth members Fran Hyman, Vicky Farhi and Dru Greenwood.

Temple Emeth's Outreach Interfaith Discussion Group, led by Dru Greenwood (UAHC Assoc. Director of Outreach) with Rabbi Sigel and Cantor Bornstein, has been meeting periodically to discuss issues of concern. The most recent discussion focused on the "December Dilemma," and how it affects interfaith couples and the Jewish community at large.

The group has plans for a Shabbat Dinner on Friday, February 15 at 6PM and the next group discussion session will be on Sunday, February 24 at 12 noon in the Youth Lounge. The next Outreach Committee meeting will be February 12 at 8PM.

Martha Weisberg, 384-8540  
Outreach Chairperson

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## NEW JCS PROGRAMS

"Understanding Through Education" has made a difference in many people's lives, as an objective of the Jewish Chautauqua Society.

This year JCS will sponsor more than 150 fully accredited courses in Judaism. We'll also fund an equivalent number of one-day college level lecture assignments such as one made to Central Baptist Seminary.

In addition, JCS makes book grants to all host institutions and provides the school's library with a subscription to Reform Judaism magazine.

JCS has an increasingly popular secondary and primary school program. This year, JCS rabbis will speak at more than 100 private and parochial secondary schools. Lectures often revolve around the similarities and differences between Jewish, Christian and Muslim festivals and holy days.

The amount of work JCS is doing is tremendous, but it can not continue without your financial help.

Basic membership is \$50. JCS has introduced a new membership category this year, the Torch Bearer, which is \$1,000 payable over three years. All Torch Bearer members will receive a handsome torch pin in appreciation of their support for JCS.

Please, if you can, help us to continue working toward our goal of "Understanding Through Education." Send your check for \$50 or more (tax deductible) for the Jewish Chautauqua Society to me at Temple. Thank you. **Sam Allar, Brotherhood, JCS Chairman**

### BREAKFAST WITH RABBI SIGEL

The Brotherhood of Temple Emeth is presenting its new series of Sunday Breakfast Lectures. The topic is: "A Jewish Understanding of the New Testament".

Rabbi Sigel will present a survey of the books of the "New Testament", their content, why and by whom they were written, and their importance for Jews.

Please bring any non-Jewish English translation of the bible, which usually contains our Hebrew Bible as well as the "New Testament". Dates: February 3, March 3, April 28 9AM. Admission \$3 (seniors half price) by reservation only. Send checks to Brotherhood c/o Temple.

## NFTY NATIONAL CONVENTION

For the first time ever, a NFTY National Convention is coming to New Jersey! The 1991 NFTY National Convention is scheduled for February 8-12 at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel in East Brunswick, NJ.

The NFTY Convention is open to all High School students, not just the members of our Temple youth group. Over 800 students from all over North America will gather to explore together the changing world around us. The Convention will include an exciting trip to New York City to meet top leaders from the Jewish community and high-level American political leaders; innovative social and educational programs and workshops; and a unique opportunity to share experiences and build friendships with hundreds of other Jewish high school students.

Young people and adults return from NFTY National Conventions eager to re-energize their congregation's youth groups and share the ideas, programs and excitement they picked up at the Convention with their peers.

For more information, contact Beth Maravnick.

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# IT IS BLESSED TO GIVE

Many of us have found that one of the cures for feeling "displaced" on Christmas Day is to be involved helping people. This year Temple Emeth's Brotherhood celebrated its third year of volunteer service on Christmas Day to local hospitals. It is important for us to give something back to the community and what a great way to end the year!

Some 65 of us were divided between Holy Name Hospital, Teaneck and Hackensack Medical Center, Hackensack. We began the early morning shift at 7:30 am with volunteers who offered to help with menus and trays for breakfast and we continued into the day until past the dinner hour. Some were involved with direct patient care--talking to patients, serving cider to them, and even having the wonderful job of transporting new moms with their babies and helping them leave the hospital to go home.

It truly doesn't matter what job you did..the value is in the giving. We get back a lot more than we give. We look forward to next year and if you haven't volunteered with us, be sure to put us on your calendar for next year.

In keeping with Brotherhood's commitment to community service, not only did we end the year 1990 that way, but we also began the new year 1991 with a special volunteer community service project.

On Sunday, January 13 about six or seven families, lead by Fran Schneider and Sam Allar, hosted a Brunch for the Homeless. These people are from a shelter for the homeless in Hackensack, through the Inter-religious Fellowship. Temple Emeth once again offered its facilities and people to provide a special day. Each of the Temple families who participated, provided food, and mingled with the people from the shelter. Entertainment was provided again this year by Burt Kuerer and Jeff Slevin at the piano.

Our warmest appreciation and special thanks to all of you who helped Temple Emeth Brotherhood give something back to the community.

**Betsey and Stewart Silverman**

Join us for our Annual Kabbalat Shabbat Evening at Temple on Friday, February 8. You, your family and friends are all invited to join us for a brief service, starting at 6:30PM, led by Rabbi Sigel and Cantor Bornstein. This service will be the only service of the evening and last approximately 20 minutes.

Immediately following this service we will all sit down to a traditional Shabbat dinner, accompanied by the classical zemirot (Shabbat songs) and blessings. After dinner, Rabbi Sigel will stimulate our minds with some provocative thoughts on a timely topic that affects us all. Everyone will have an opportunity to express his ideas and opinions. The evening will conclude by about 10PM.

Attendance will be limited to 100 people. To avoid disappointment, please return the reservation form, promptly to Temple. Looking forward to sharing Shabbat with you on February 8. **Joan Paul and Pauline Hecht** Please reserve a place at the Kabbalat Shabbat Evening for:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15

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**BERGEN ACADEMY OF REFORM JUDAISM  
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On Sunday morning, March 17, the Bergen Academy of Reform Judaism (BARJ) will hold its annual fund raising brunch at Temple Beth Or in Washington Township. The event will honor Rabbi Daniel Freeland, the Regional Director of the New Jersey-West Hudson Valley Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC).

BARJ is a religious education program for students in grades 8-12 from ten congregations in Bergen County. In its fourth year, the Academy's activities include a weekly school of over 100 students, a Teacher Training Course, Holocaust Studies program, extensive weekend retreats involving 200 young people, and an annual student trip to the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism in Washington, DC.

The March 17th brunch is the primary fund raising event done by BARJ during this year. Your participation allows BARJ to continue to create educational opportunities for Jewish teenagers of Bergen County which are inspiring and affordable. For brunch reservations or further information, call the BARJ office at 599-0080.

**NATIONAL SOCIAL ACTION CONFERENCE**

The Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism will be hosting its national conference--A Consultation on Conscience--in Washington, DC, April 7-9.

The Consultation on Conscience, held every two years, is the largest and most significant national Jewish conference focusing on political and social action issues. The three-day conference held on Capitol Hill will include plenary sessions addressed by major political figures, briefings and political analyses on major world events and workshops on skills-building and lobbying techniques.

This year's Consultation will devote special attention to US-Israel relations in light of the Gulf crisis; economic justice in a time of economic recession; housing and homelessness; Soviet Jewry, including problems of adjustment in both Israel and the United States; reproductive rights; the threat to religious liberty and other First Amendment rights in light of the changing Supreme Court.

**FOUR CHAPLAINS OBSERVANCE DAY**

On February 3rd, 1943, the USAT Dorchester, an army troop transport ship was torpedoed off the coast of Greenland with over 900 troops aboard. Four Chaplains on the ship, two Protestant Ministers, one Catholic Priest and one Jewish Rabbi heroically helped guide men into life boats and did their best to calm the men as they stood aboard the sinking ship. They relinquished their own life jackets to four men not asking of them their religious faiths. After doing all they could, the four Chaplains, Poling, Fox, Washington and Goode, stood on the slanted deck, arms linked together and with their heads bowed went down with the ship into the icy waters of the North Atlantic. Congress officially established February 3rd of each year as the Four Chaplains Observance Day.

The Department of New Jersey, Jewish War Veterans of the USA are honoring and remembering these four heroic men with a program on Sunday, February 10 at the Pruden Auditorium in the Chaplains School at Fort Monmouth at 2 PM.

More information can be obtained by calling Martin Michaels 542-4738 or Marshall Klein 389-1132.

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## NCJW SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED

The National Council of Jewish Women, Greater Teaneck Section, offers tuition-aid scholarships to those college students entering their Junior or Senior year and Graduate students who are pursuing a course of Jewish studies which ultimately will enable them to serve the Jewish community. Primary consideration will be given those individuals pursuing studies in the field of Jewish education. Awards are made after a personal interview and are based on financial need, scholarship and commitment. Applications and further information may be obtained from the person listed below. Applications must be typed, completed with references and returned by May 1. Jewish Education Scholarship Chairwoman, Jeanne Tell NCJW 836-4973

### NEW UAHC 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 Avoda in Fair Lawn beginning February 7. 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. The course will approach Jewish tradition--faith, people, way of 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 June 6. A single registration fee includes tuition and one set of books and materials for any individual or a couple.

## DONATION FORM

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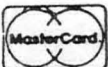
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Then everyone is reshuffled to a dinner party where you will be among about ten diners. If you should invite non-members your request that they remain with you for both locations will be honored.

After dinner we will all meet for a super-dessert party at Temple Emeth with an extra bonus in store.

We hope to entertain up to 200 participants and have the following hosts who have already volunteered:

Madeleine and George Brecher  
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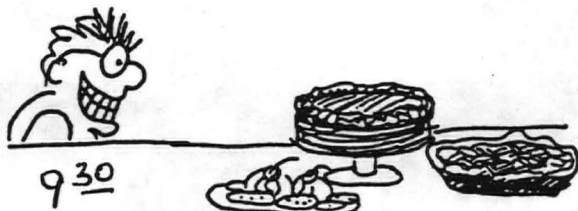
SATURDAY, MARCH 16 AT 6 P.M.

Begin with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and friendly conversation.



7:30

On to dinner- it will keep getting better and better.



9:30

It's time for dessert at Temple Emeth and a special event.



Your non-member friends are welcome to participate for the same \$25 per person price. You can request to be together at all three stops

DON'T DELAY.. TEAR OFF AND SEND BACK TODAY..

[MARCH 1 DEADLINE]

TO TEMPLE: ATT. PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Yes, I would like to attend. Enclosed is my check for \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ number of people.

OR

\*HOSTS DON'T PAY

Yes, I would like to host the dinner portion of the evening for \_\_\_\_\_ number of people. Please contact me with more details.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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