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## MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI

"I have Yortzeyt for Dad tonight". "Tomorrow is my mother's Yortzeyt". Those are the kind of words some of us remember hearing as we were growing up in our parents' homes. "Yortzeyt" is Yiddish for the German "Jahrzeit", literally, "year-time" or anniversary. Among Jews, the word is used for only one kind of anniversary: the day a close relative died.

For over two millenia, Jews have observed Yahrzeit (my preferred spelling) by attending the three specified daily services in the synagogue and, in the presence of a minyan of ten Jews, publicly reciting the Kaddish prayer of thanksgiving for the life that once was. At home, a candle that would burn for at least 24 hours was lit on the evening starting that anniversary day, fulfilling the Biblical verse that "the spirit of a human being is the light of the Lord". For 200 years, Jews needed no reminders of the Yahrzeit of a father or a mother, of a beloved mate or a sibling. In this century, most congregations send postal cards reminding their individual congregants that they "have Yahrzeit for such and such a person on such and such a day".

Here at Emeth, that annual mailing further informs the mourner that, since we do not have a daily minyan service, the deceased's name will be publicly read along with the names of the other honored dead during the weekly Shabbat Eve and Morning Services ending that given week. As Emeth gets older, that weekly list grows larger. Unfortunately, the number of family members attending Temple services on the Shabbat representing those names that are read is in inverse proportion to the length of the list.

Put quite simply, fewer and fewer of us at Emeth are observing Yahrzeit.

I find that very sad. I see it as another wrenching symptom of the anchorlessness into which all Americans seem to be drifting. It is as though we actually welcome the opportunity to be without roots, without a past. We want to be anonymous, unconnected to yesterday, untrammelled by memory. "Sure", we say, "we once had a father, a mother. They performed their biological duty and brought us unasked into a world we did not make. We have matured. They are gone and we have fled the nest. We are free as the wind. Any connection to them blocks our search for self-fulfillment. Not for us are these Jewish rites of Kaddish, Yizkor, Yahrzeit--a kind of ancestor worship!".

But Kaddish is not ancestor worship. It is the Jew's best affirmation of life, a profound praise to the Source of Life for human existence itself.

The ethic of self-fulfillment, so much touted by our shul---eschewing modernists, is paramount in Judaism. "Every day a human should awake and say, for ME was the whole world created". That ethic is realizable and that statement truly meaningful, says Judaism, only when a human is able to confront his own history, his past as well as his present needs and future hopes. Find me a mental health therapist who will not agree to the Jewish truth that to become truly free one needs accept one's childhood, one's parents as they really were, with all their heroisms and foibles as one. These are the health-giving by-products of the Yahrzeit observance, of Yizkor recitations, of saying Kaddish. They are the roots which give meaning to our brief existence.

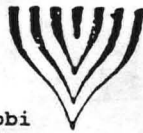
Finally, Kaddish is somehow connected to Jewish survival and purpose.

Our Reform Prayerbook's pre-Kaddish meditation puts it so well:

"...one might almost say that this prayer is the ...guardian of the people by whom alone it is uttered; therein lies the warrant of its continuance. Can a people disappear and be annihilated so long as a child remembers its parents? (emphasis mine) Because this prayer does not acknowledge death, because it permits the blossom, which has fallen from the tree of humankind, to flower and develop again in the human heart, therefore it possesses sanctifying power..."

## TEMPLE EMETH BULLETIN

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June 15 Lilah Lowenstein  
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## HIGH HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

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**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENTS**  
**Installation Address, May 10, 1991**

Shabbat Shalom!! Thank you, Rabbi Sigel, for your wonderful words. Surely one of the most difficult tasks, at least for us in this office, is writing these speeches. It is a particularly difficult challenge on this occasion, the third time around, when we want to be clever and captivating, but are so intimately involved with all that goes on here that we see it from a skewed perspective. That is to say...it is hard to be original and interesting in the telling of life as you are living it. It is difficult also, to accept that another year has passed, in fact two, since we first took office, with so much accomplished and yet so much still to be done.

Last year at this time, we addressed the impending contractual considerations, contracts with our Cantor and our Educational Director, as well as the Rabbi's coming retirement, as major items of concern for the 1990-1991 Board of Trustees. We must applaud our exemplary Executive Board and Trustees for their courageous and devoted attention to these pivotal issues. We must also praise the members of the hard-working committees, whose task it was to review and determine our staffing needs for the immediate future and the additional committees who set about finding candidates to meet their needs.

Our Parenting Center/Nursery School programs, which run year round, Monday through Friday, have shown enormous growth and need daily supervision and administration. At the same time, our Religious School program which meets Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday, continues to require guidance and direction. These tasks, impossible for one full-time person, no matter how committed, will now be shared by two part-time directors, each with expertise in her own particular area of concern. Many of you joined with us as we bid fond farewell to Gail Kahn, our Educational Director of twelve years, at a special Shabbat Service in her honor a few weeks ago. You will have the opportunity to welcome our new directors in the fall.

Just as it was apparent that we needed radical change in the structure of our Educational Programs, it was equally apparent, after judicious consideration and honest debate, that stability and continuity in the Cantorate were essential. Having come from several decades of part-time Cantors, with little involvement in, or impact on, congregational life, and having experienced the profound difference that Cantor Bornstein has made in our congregational life, renewal of her contract was imperative. All the more so, was it imperative as we faced, four-square, the painful yet necessary process of initiating a Rabbinic Search. And so we are delighted to inform you that Cantor Bornstein has committed to a new two year contract with the congregation.

We know you have all read our message in the May Bulletin along with the article by the chairman of the Rabbinic Search Committee. These will have brought you up to date on the status and progress of our bittersweet Rabbinic Search. The Committee and several subcommittees have been working since October gathering data, evaluating your questionnaires and preparing for interviews. You need to know that our Search Committee, numbering almost fifty, runs counter to all recommendations from our advisors at the Union of American Hebrew Congregations...in terms of size. Careful consideration of the diversity of the Emeth Community convinced those planning the search process, that a large committee was essential to adequately represent the demographics of our congregation. And this strategy has thus far proved effective. Every segment of the Temple membership has a voice...and we are pleased and delighted with the able leadership that has emerged. The search process continues apace with interviews to begin shortly. While confidentiality is a necessity, we will keep you informed whenever possible.

It is particularly painful to say goodbye to someone who has been synonymous with Temple Emeth for so many years. Rabbi Sigel has touched so many of our lives in so many ways...that the thought of his departure from our Bima in thirteen months is truly bittersweet. Yet we know he will remain a part of our community...just as we know that you will all want to be a part of the myriad celebrations being planned in his honor by our newly formed Rabbinic Celebration Committee and you will surely hear more as the 1991-92 year progresses.

Two years ago, in an attempt to achieve a well-balanced schedule of Temple events throughout the year, we instituted an annual planning meeting in the late spring. Our goal was to more evenly distribute fundraising, social and educational events. We have not been entirely successful. Some of you may feel that you have spent every waking moment at Temple Emeth in recent weeks...and that every spare penny has gone into Temple coffers! However, we will try for better balance in the coming year. Join us on May 23rd for our planning session to schedule your committee's event or share your suggestions.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENTS (Continued)

It is truly a challenge to add new events and programs to the already diverse and packed calendar of traditional occasions and happenings at Temple. Our new children's choir "Etz Chaim", inspired and directed by Cantor Bornstein, has performed several times at Temple and elsewhere in the community. Robed in powder blue, our singing angels show great promise and have already grown in number. The Youth Committee's drama workshop will perform "Cheaper by the Dozen" at a special Dinner-Theater to be held next month. The entire congregation is invited and this successful program will also be available for youngsters next year. And so our adult thespians are not neglected... Cantor Bornstein has announced that she will direct a musical in the coming year. Watch for audition notices and keep your calendars open for rehearsals and a super production around the end of next April. The Cantor has experience as well as expertise in this arena and we are delighted that she is going to share it with us in this fashion. Additionally, Rabbi Sigel will once more teach an Adult Confirmation Class. We both have had the privilege of studying for Adult Confirmation with Rabbi in recent years and recommend it as a priceless opportunity to study with a consummate teacher.

And still more activities...this year our expanded Social Action Committee initiated several projects. Their new sub-committee on the Environment gave added dimension to our Yom Hashoa Service with the planting of a tree near our Holocaust Memorial, thereby establishing another Emeth annual tradition. This committee, in conjunction with our House Committee, will also take a critical look at our present practices with an eye towards our environmental responsibility.

We continue to shelter the homeless during the winter months and feed the hungry throughout the year. Further, the Board has adopted a voluntary 3% contribution to Mazon to be added to any event involving a charge for food. Mazon is the National Jewish Organization committed to stemming the hunger crisis at home and abroad. We are proud of this action as we are of the enormous undertaking of our Soviet Resettlement Committee. We have just held our second drive, this year, to collect clothing, household items and furniture for immediate distribution to newly arrived Soviet families. The outpouring of generous support both in donations and in organization and energy was extraordinary...from our youth and adult members as well.

Shortly, a much deeper commitment will commence. The Board of Trustees had adopted a Soviet family from Riga, Latvia as Temple Emeth's contribution to the UJA Federation Soviet Resettlement Program. The Bunimovich's are due to arrive sometime in July. The family includes Mark, a 36 year old engineer, Natalia, 33 years old, their daughter Zvelina who will be four in August and will be entering our school in the fall, and Brayna, the 74 year old grandmother. Although their arrival has been delayed before, we are optimistic that they will soon be with us. We have pledged to support them for four months providing housing, food and day to day needs. They will be given a membership to Temple Emeth and their child will be educated in our school at our expense. Brotherhood has graciously agreed to a \$2,000 matching fund so we are well on our way to reaching our goal. We look to you, our congregation, to be part of this wonderful mitzvah in making this family feel a welcome and an integral part of our community.

All this new in just one year...while maintaining and enhancing so many valuable and worthwhile programs. Two years have passed...not without problems or anxieties or difficulties...flooding classrooms, a leaking roof, a buckling dance floor...and yet the problems pass and the joys far outweigh the headaches.

It is perhaps defying the odds, that two people can work together so closely...for so long and continue to gain so much more than they give...not only from one another, but from all of you. While we may have been pioneers in the concept of a co-presidency at Temple Emeth, this is clearly not a leadership option that should be ignored in the future. It is more prevalent in our UAHC Region than ever before, and here at Emeth we now have many committees thriving on co-chairs. So as we enter this last year of our tenure, a year that will be marked by welcomes and farewells and by bittersweet celebrations, we ask that you join hands with us as we go forward with renewed energy and enthusiasm to relish the precious moments of the year ahead.

Micki and Diane



## NEWS FROM OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Seventh graders enjoyed three special enrichment programs thanks to the initiative of their teacher, Debbie Rutz. The first was a mock wedding which was followed by a visit to the mikveh and a talk by a kosher butcher. These activities enhanced their study of customs and traditions.

Educator's Recognition Night served as an opportunity to honor the teachers at Temple Emeth as well as those of all other Jewish schools throughout Bergen County. Roberta Seltzer opened the program with the singing of both National Anthems. Special commendation was extended to Debbie Rutz for her ten years of service and to Ilana Hed for her continual pursuit of professional growth at the Teacher's Center. A CAJE subsidy was awarded to Roberta Seltzer.

End of the Year festivities included a show performed by our Kindergarten through 4th graders. Their talents in singing and dancing were enjoyed by all. Fifth-seventh graders enjoyed a pizza party and a song session.

We take this opportunity to express our congratulations to our confirmands: Helanna Bratman, Jennifer Cantor, Karen Eckstein, Stephanie Hord, Julie Lipsitz, Adam Rothstein, Gabriel Rothstein, Lauren Schumer, Dana Snider, and Matthew Vogelmann. We all took pride as they led us in a beautiful service on Shavuot morning.

Registration is now being accepted for new students for the 91-92 school year. Please call the school office at 833-8466.

## NEWS FROM OUR NURSERY SCHOOL AND PARENTING CENTER

Music has added an additional dimension to our children's early childhood experience. Our thanks to Marilyn Yeshua who plays the piano and teaches the children delightful songs.

Our thanks to the Teaneck Fire Department whose Captain and truck visited us for a demonstration. The children also had an opportunity to climb aboard.

Thanks to everyone for bringing in their Tzedakah. You will be pleased to know that the money collected goes to Operation Exodus, the UJA campaign to help resettle Soviet Jews in Israel.

Mazal tov to Orna Levrant, who was recognized at Educator's Recognition Night for her ten years in Jewish education and to Roberta Seltzer who was awarded a CAJE subsidy.

Faculty recognition was an opportunity to honor our teachers who have rendered such devoted service throughout the year.

Culminating activities included a picnic for all our classes. Thanks to the parents for bringing in those delicious goodies. Thanks to Mike Grunstein for taking class pictures.

There are a few spaces remaining in our Nursery School for the Summer Day Camp and the 91-92 school year. Registration is also being accepted for our Parenting Center programs for the 91-92 year. **Gail S. Kahn, R.J.E.**

**Director of Education**

## L'HITRAOT

Thank you all for the beautiful service in my honor on April 12. It was truly a meaningful and memorable occasion for me. The videotape and pictures that were taken will help me remember and cherish these moments.

I will be assuming the position of Director of Education at Temple Beth Torah in Upper Nyack, NY. This congregation is in the same UAHC region and certainly not too far away, so I look forward to returning to Emeth to visit and to having you come to see me at Beth Torah. It has been my honor and privilege to have served as your Educator these past twelve years.

With affection,

Gail

# **CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 1991**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Essay</b>	<b>Project</b>
Helanna Bratman*	Anticipating Israel	Volunteer Holy Name Hospital
Jennifer Cantor	Anti-Semitism on College Campuses	Volunteer Jewish Family Service
Karen Eckstein	Mixed Marriages	Volunteer Bi-Weekly at Holly Center
Stephanie Hord	Ethiopian Jewry	Volunteer Center for Food Action
Julie Lipsitz	The word "JAP" and What it Entails	Volunteer Center for Food Action
Adam Rothstein	Jews Before the French Revolution	Volunteer Center For Food Action
Gabriel Rothstein	Hank Greenberg	Volunteer Teaneck Ambulance Corps
Lauren Schumer	Non-Gender Specific Prayer	Volunteer Holy Name Hospital
Dana Snyder	Abortion According to Judaism	Volunteer Center for Food Action
Matthew Vogelmann	The New Exodus	Volunteer Holy Name Hospital

\*Winner of Wilford Weill Memorial Essay Award

## **B'NAI MITZVOT**

### **DAVID FELDBAUM**

Hello, my name is David Feldbaum, and I will be celebrating my Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, June 8. My Torah portion is from Numbers, and tells the story of how Moses sent out spies into the land of Canaan. Moses later died before being allowed into the land, but the portion teaches a lesson on not giving up trying for something that's important. I'm a seventh grader at Thomas Jefferson Junior High. I enjoy Social Studies, math, playing intramural sports, and computers. My Mom, Lois, Dad, Miles, and brother Eric invite you to join us on June 8.

### **LILAH LOWENSTEIN**

My name is Lilah Lowenstein, I'm a 7th grader at Benjamin Franklin Junior High School. On June 15th, I will become a Bat Mitzvah and read a chapter from Samuel called "Korach". It deals with the issue of believing, or wanting to believe in false prophets, or being fooled by someone you think has all the answers, like today's Saddam Hussein. I love to dance, and this year went en pointe in ballet. I play flute and piano, and enjoy French class. I plan to go to Europe to travel this summer.

### **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 Emeth beginning Tuesday, August 6. 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 and/or registration, please call Kathryn Kahn, program coordinator at 599-0080.

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**ANTICIPATING ISRAEL**  
**BY HELANNA BRATMAN**

I'm sure something that many Jewish people want to do in their lifetime is go to Israel. Well, for me, this summer is very special because I am going there. My family has wanted to send me since I had my Bat Mitzvah and they are all very happy that I am finally going. It is something that will bring me back to where my religion originated and maybe I'll understand Judaism a little more when I get back. There is also something very interesting about how such a little country can survive so well in the war-like conditions inside and out.

When I became a Bat Mitzvah, it was the first time when I actually felt like I performed something Jewish for myself. I didn't feel older or wiser, probably just relieved. It was around that time that going to Israel was thought of. To tell you the truth, I wasn't the least bit thrilled. I had no desire to go to a hot, sandy, controversial, and very small country. I wanted to go to camp, be with my friends and enjoy my summer. Things there slowly began to get worse and the idea was dropped for a while. Then there was the war and Israel was getting bombed. It was a joke to even leave the country then, let alone go to the Middle East. As soon as the war was over, it was as if all of a sudden everything was fine there. I know things are far from fine there, but I have the desire to go now.

It amazes me how a country that is always being picked on and has been in many wars can be normal. Yet it is. I mean they have real cities, towns, farms, beaches, and desert all in a country the size of this state. That's diversity for you. The people also come from many different backgrounds. They somehow manage to live all together, not without fights, of course. You really have to be a true Zionist to move there because having to carry around a gas mask twenty four hours a day, seven days a week, is not my idea of a secure place to call home. These people must really feel some desire not only to visit there but to live. I think these people feel very strongly that Jews like themselves have a place that means something to them and they'll fit in.

I don't believe that I'll arrive in Jerusalem this summer and be surrounded by Jews who are so very religious that I'll feel hypocritical. From what I've heard, the Jews there are less observant than the ones here, in general, that is. I just think I'll learn a little more about Judaism. I'll be in the actual places where many stories of the Torah took place. I'll be behind the scenes of the whole thing. I'm not looking to become more religious, just to have a better understanding of it.

Besides these reasons that I've stated, I also want to go to Israel because I feel a bond to it. It is a Jewish homeland and I'm Jewish. I also have relatives there whom I've met before when they came here, and I would love to see them when I go. I feel that I have to do my part to keep Israel strong. Tourism is what Israel needs right now. It needs people to go and visit and not be scared. There are many reasons why I should go to Israel right now and I am looking forward to it very much.

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## A NOTE OF THANKS AND FAREWELL...

To Gail Kahn...for her many years of devoted service to our Religious School and Nursery/Parenting Center. We hope you were in attendance at the beautiful service in her honor to hear all at Temple Emeth and our Region sing her praises. We wish her every success and happiness in her future. B'shalom.

## A NOTE OF WELCOME...

To Karen Winkler Weiss, our new Director of the Religious School. Karen has a Master of Arts in Jewish Education from HUC in Los Angeles, where she served as an administrative intern at the Leo Baeck Temple. We are delighted to have a graduate of our Religious School and a Temple Emeth confirmand return as Director. We welcome her husband Cory and their newborn son, Michael.

To Laura Schneider, our new Director of Nursery School/Parenting Center. Laura has a Master of Science degree in Early Childhood Education from Hunter College. She has varied teaching and administrative experience, which includes directing a city wide program for the New York City School System. We welcome her and her husband, Dr. Morton Schneider and their children, Sarah and Stephanie.

We are certain that our programs will continue to grow and flourish as a result of their knowledge, creativity and enthusiasm. In August, when their positions officially begin, you will see them busily planning for a wonderful school year. We look forward to a long and productive relationship. You will have an opportunity to meet and welcome them at an Oneg Shabbat in their honor in the fall.

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## LYRICS BY CANTOR BORNSTEIN AT DINNER-DANCE (sung to "Blowing in the Wind")

How many people will honor Chuck  
Before we all go broke  
UAHC, HMC, DHL many more  
He's a very special bloke  
Paul's pearly tones  
In the choir he moans  
Yes that's our Paul  
Recycle all

### REFRAIN

They're special and they're great  
They've shaped our very fate  
Past presidents we salute  
You tonight

Charlie's romantic with an iron  
Fist, gentility is his first name  
But don't try n' put one over on  
Him 'cause I hear he's got really  
good aim

Albert dear friend  
He's a guy above guys  
Although Shlomo Carlebach  
He loves

### REFRAIN

Our Eileen is a card  
Wit that's truly unmatched  
Accomplishments many and strong  
Her great ideas...from where were  
they hatched  
Really soon I could hate this song!  
Sy he's a doll, yes a pussycat too  
His hair is the best yes, indeed

### REFRAIN

This melodye again  
I'm not sure that I can  
We'll change the key in just a bit  
Cause Boris is next and what can I  
say  
He's tall, he's smart and so fit  
Now Bob sort of held every job  
That there was  
Trachtenberg, Living Arts, too

### REFRAIN

Now Larry's on time, an orator too  
He's a tough act to follow, I heard  
Danny, O Danny, yes Danny Boy  
Your breakfasts, they give us such  
joy

We're proud of them all  
For they all stood tall  
For peace and for Emeth  
And all  
Well I think I am through  
Only one thing to say  
I'm glad that this song  
will now end

The answer my friends  
Is our past presidents  
You're great and we salute  
You tonight





### HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS PLAN JFTY SUMMER CONCLAVE

All entering 9th through 12th graders are invited to attend JFTY Summer Conclave from Tuesday, August 20-Sunday August 25 at UAHC Kutz Camp in Warwick, NY. Summer Conclave is an exciting way to end the summer and begin an incredible year of fun with new and old friends. You'll spend five and a half days with high school students from all over the region, playing, learning and having the time of your life. The friendships you make at Summer Conclave will last through your time in youth group and beyond. You'll also have the opportunity to see exactly what JFTY has in store for the 1991-92 youth group year. Contact Beth Maravnick for an application or call the JFTY office at 599-0080 for more information. See you in August!

### A NEW MISSION MITZVAH '91 U.A.H.C.

Mr. Arie Glick, Director of the UAHC Camp Joseph and Betty Harlam, has just completed an arrangement with the municipality of Ramat Gan, Israel to take 16 children, whose homes were destroyed by Iraqi Scud missile attacks, as campers during the 1991 camp season.

In previous years, Camp Harlam has pioneered Mission Mitzvah for children of Israeli personnel who had been killed. Due to the emergency nature caused by the recent Gulf War, the Air Force children will be going to another summer facility while we respond to Ramat Gan's plea to provide a positive and hopeful summer experience to their children.

If each Temple Emeth family donates \$3 we can make this mitzvah happen. The Barbara Straussman Scholarship Fund proceeds are used to send Jewish Youth to camp-let's show our support for all our children. Send your \$3 today to Temple Emeth for "Mission Mitzvah".

Thank you,  
Elaine Kotkin  
Youth Committee

### TROUBLE WITH GRANDFATHERS by Bob Spiewak

#### SHIVA

Shiva's a time for mourning  
A time for remembering, too  
Shiva's a time for renewal  
A time for repairing you  
The friendly faces  
The warm embraces  
Help to ease the pain  
Without reason or rhyme  
You pass the time  
And learn to live again  
As the people depart  
And the house is still  
You remember the good times  
you shared  
You tuck the mem'ries deep in  
your heart  
Content that both of you cared

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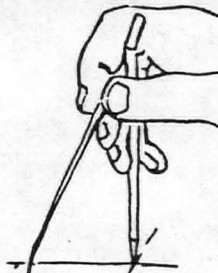


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From the moment we arrived at the airport to be greeted by flag-waving Jews singing their welcome...through the dark early morning hours when we welcomed Olim from Russia with flags, hugs and song...through the heart-warming, flag-waving, smiling faces of hundreds of children welcoming us to Project Dora, Hevenu Shalom Aleichem was a haunting refrain that never left me during our week on the Mission.

Inspiring as were the Yad Vashem and, especially the Childrens' Memorial, the views of valleys and hills in the Galilee and Jerusalem.. as inspiring as the Technion and the Hebrew University were, despite the grandeur of the architectural digs and the satisfying pleasure of planting our own trees....my vivid and lasting memories will surely revolve around the contacts we had with people.

The successful absorption efforts of a Kibbutz that we visited, the young soldiers' demonstration of their speed and versatility in preparing to do battle with their monstrous tanks, the courage of those leaving Russia to live in a strange new land...these were truly awe-inspiring. One young Russian Family, whose home we visited had come to Israel with tourist visas...they had felt no persecution in Russia but decided that their 5-year old daughter would grow up happier in Israel.

Most impressive to me were the achievements at "Dora". The Community Center with its emphasis on culture and education is a source of encouragement and joy to the older residents as well as the Olim. The determination of the residents who have helped transform a drug-ridden slum into a pleasant neighborhood...

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neighbors cooperating to assure that it maintains its new-found status... that was impressive!

We were invited to a gracious home for a delicious meal...and what a beautiful family of children and grandchildren gathered to celebrate Grandma's 50th birthday!

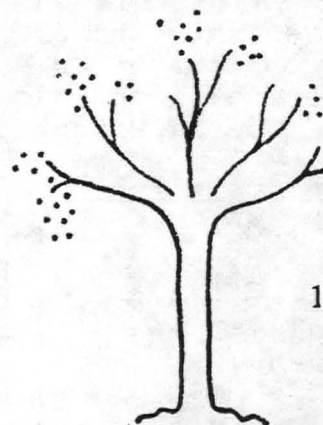
We were briefed on political matters by an assortment of dignitaries and scholars, none of whom were any better able to supply answers to the problems brought about by the enormous flood of Olim or a solution to "Land for Peace....yea or nay", than we were.

And yet, the memory that will last with me beyond all this was the singing of Hatikvah led by a recent Russian immigrant as hundreds of us, children, adults, Jerseyites, Israelis and Russian Olim testifying to our joy in being Jews...Jews free to gather and sing our National Anthem. **Bob Spiewak**

P.S. The delegation from Temple Emeth was one of the largest:

Gloria and Marvin Barsky  
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## SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE

The recent Scholar-in-Residence event was held Friday through Sunday, April 19th-21st at Temple Emeth. Albert Vorspan, Senior Vice President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and Director of the Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism guested as our Jewish Scholar.

He is recognized for his outstanding work in the area of social justice and as the author of several books.

Mr. Vorspan gave three provocative speeches during the series. The first was entitled, "Sea Change: Relations Between Israel and American Jewry", delivered after a special Shabbat dinner for Temple benefactors, sponsors and patrons; followed by Shabbat Services.

At the conclusion of Shabbat Services on Saturday, a lovely and well-attended luncheon was given, open to the Congregation and followed by the second noteworthy lecture: "Anti-Semitism: Changing Relations Between Jews and Other Groups in America". The final installment began Sunday with a morning service, intimate brunch and the last lecture given by Mr. Vorspan, "The Other Crisis: America's Domestic Agenda" with a question and answer period afterwards. Attendees agreed that the program was especially absorbing, in light of the aftermath of the Gulf Crisis and the implications it's likely to have in relations between Israel and American Jewry in the future.

The Scholar-in-Residence program is held every other year; this was the third noted Jewish speaker. Tapes or written copies of his engaging addresses are available in the Temple library. Pamela Ritzer

## JCS FIGHTS BACK

The Jewish Chautauqua Society is the only Jewish organization actively dedicated to educating non-Jews about Jews and Judaism. Almost entirely member driven, JCS promotes "Understanding Through Education" at educational institutions throughout the U.S. and Canada. With the rise in anti-semitism on campuses, JCS's work is ever more important.

In 1991: JCS will sponsor over 150 accredited courses at colleges, seminaries and theological institutes.

JCS rabbis will present over 100 lectures at secondary schools and over 150 lectures at colleges.

JCS will make over 250 book grants to educational institutions in North America.

JCS has formed a partnership with the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations, entitled the Campus Impact Program, which is designed to strengthen Jewish students' identity as Jews and to build bridges of understanding with non-Jewish groups on campus.

JCS became the first national Jewish organization to provide substantial financial support for the newly established National Center for Black/Jewish Relations.

JCS is working on a new film on midrash, the process of evolving a story-like commentary on the Jewish scriptures. In the film, the general themes of brotherhood and reconciliation will be explored through stories and discussion about Abraham, the common father of the three major faiths.

In these and many other ways, NFTB and JCS are aggressively pursuing our mission to enhance the world. Much still remains to be done. We hope you will join us in taking up the challenge to become a partner in making the world a better place for yourself, your family and your community. Send your check to Temple for \$50 to join in this unique program.

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## A Trip to Yeshiva University Museum

On Sunday, April 7, thirty-three Temple members were escorted by bus to the Yeshiva University Museum in New York to observe its exhibit, "The Sephardic Journey."

The trip was led by Madeleine Brecher, chairperson of Temple's Museum Committee, and Marianne Berg Co-chair. Madeleine acted as a docent, or tour guide for the group, which included Rabbi Sigel. The fourth floor of the museum displayed objects that recounted the historical, religious and cultural odyssey of the Jews who were expelled from Spain during the Inquisition that began in 1492. Maps denoted the different paths the exiles took, some went North to France and Holland, some to North Africa, Morocco, Turkey, Greece and the U.S.

Until that time, the Jews had enjoyed prosperity in Spain, they had not been persecuted there as the Ashkenazim had been to the east. The Inquisition forced them to choose between conversion, expulsion or death. Still, some remained Jews in secret, while overtly accepting Christianity. They were called the Marranos. Those that fled were accepted with alacrity by their host countries, for the Jews were known to be a prosperous people, and it would be economically advantageous to have them reside there.

The exhibit showed how, though they did blend in and assimilate the modes of dress, the styles of jewelry, the food and their religious accoutrements, the emigres still maintained their Sephardic culture. One attendee noted the showcase of a 19th century Turkish bride and her mother, the bride wearing a traditionally Western, white bridal gown, while the dresses of the mother and mother-in-law were Ottoman: dark colors inlaid with gold embroidery and brocade. The jewelry was of filigree design, the prayerbooks, silver Torah mantels and ark curtains showed their adaption to the styles and traditions of their new countries.

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