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MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI

Recently, Mimi and I had occasion to revise our wills. We used that opportunity to create "Living Wills" with instructions to kin and caregivers detailing our wishes concerning heroic and extraordinary efforts to preserve life when all hope is gone. Like many of you, we see it as a vital necessity in this age of medical and technological advances.

It got me thinking about another kind of "Last Will and Testament" which one ought to set up while one is still "compos mentis", still in possession of one's mental and emotional faculties. The Jewish Tradition calls it an "Ethical Will". Pre-modern Jews were very serious about producing such wills.

Such an "ethical will" contains much the same stuff as the modern "Living Will". Like the latter, it seeks to tell children and caregivers what the writer thinks about life and its purpose, and how his or her actions through the years evinced such definitions. Like "Living Wills", it talks about the "Quality of Life", that to "live" means not just to metabolize but to give of oneself to the greater life that is God. And, it instructs. The "ethical will" instructs kin and caregivers how to behave when, to all intents and purposes, the writer's life is over. Like a "Living Will", it warns. It admonishes. It urges. It pleads with survivors to enhance the quality of life as the writer tried to do.

Thus, was a beautiful genre of Jewish literature created. And, you and I ought to contribute to that literary legacy!

To our commendable concern that our material goods be legally and properly disbursed among our inheritors, we ought to add a codicil that unambiguously details our ethical and moral stances that might benefit those who survive us. We are rightfully anxious that those who care for us should know exactly what we want from them at the apparent end of our lives when we can no longer articulate our wishes. Ought we not be equally anxious to crystallize for them our deepest thoughts and faith about the entire enterprise of having lived, of having been Jews, of Being itself?

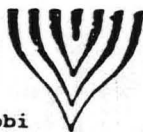
The Hebrew word for this kind of will is "Tza-va-ah", literally, a command. It comes from the same verb (tz-v-h) as "mitzvah", a commandment. A "mitzvah", a commandment, is the Jewish opportunity to concretize an encounter with God. Isn't that what an "Ethical Last Will and Testament" ought to be: our final description of our life's encounter with the Divine?

Among the goodies that we bequeath to our children, let us leave behind an "Ethical Will", an Essence of Self.



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March 14 Justin Marks
Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Marks

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March 14	VAYIKRA-ZAKHOR

JUSTIN MARKS

My name is Justin Marks and I will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on March 14. I am a seventh grader at the Bryant School in Cresskill; I enjoy playing the piano, soccer, baseball, and am an avid skateboarder. My parents, Fran and Lewis and sisters Nicole and Melissa and I invite you to join us for services that day when I will be reading a portion from Leviticus.

SENATOR BILL BRADLEY

To speak at UJC Breakfast March 8th

On Sunday morning, March 8th at 10 A.M. we will be honoring Roger Hoffman at our annual UJC breakfast.

Roger, a member of our Temple Board, has been a member of the National UJA Young Leadership Cabinet and has travelled extensively on behalf of UJA as a speaker and trainer.

Let's give him and the United Jewish Community the support they deserve and join us at this very interesting breakfast.

An invitation will follow soon.

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While we are writing to you in the dead of winter and your memories of summer's heat and humidity may be dim, we know that at a moment's notice, you will be able to recall the dreadful discomfort that we all endured throughout our High Holiday services. Indeed, two congregants collapsed from the heat and many of you complained vociferously..and rightly so, about the inadequacy of our present air cooling system.

We use the term "air-cooling" not air conditioning because Temple Emeth's system uses the cooling effect of well water to reduce the temperature of the ambient air. The major problem with this system is that the temperature of the well water has risen steadily to a point where, today, it is too high to be effective. Additionally, this kind of system provides no reduction in humidity which exacerbates the discomfort. A third grave defect of the current system is the noise generated in the social hall, which interferes with one's ability to hear in that space, while the system is functioning.

Recognizing the limitations of our present system, your complaints were taken to heart by our hard-working House Committee and its chairperson, Howard Kaplan, who initiated a thorough investigation and analysis of our heating, air conditioning and ventilation systems. Professional examination revealed some minor problems in the heating system--all of which were repaired in short order before the cool weather arrived.

And now on to the air conditioning. We are fortunate to have as a member of our House Committee, Dan Leff, an engineer who's business is commercial heating, ventilation and air conditioning. Dan very kindly brought in his team to assess our needs and presented his findings to, first, the House Committee, then the Executive Board and finally the full Board.

It quickly became apparent, through his clear and detailed explanation, that renovating our present system would be a complex and lengthy project and one that would be quite costly. With all this in mind, we have appointed a sub-committee, chaired by David Paul, to further examine our options and alternatives. Our goal is to enable all of you to worship in comfort when summer comes, so time is of the essence in this undertaking. Should you have any comments or suggestions, please communicate them to us.

Diane and Micki

MESSAGE FROM THE CANTOR

January 17 brought to us the joyous celebration of Shabbat Shirah, the Sabbath of Song. This Sabbath, on which Moses' victory song known as Shirat-Hayam (The Red Sea Song), is noted for its vivid imagery and beautiful poetic nature. No less powerful is its eloquent expression of the triumph of our People Israel over our Egyptian enslavers. This "song" is also chanted in a special Torah reading prescribed for the seventh day of Passover. Subsequently, Shabbat Shirah has come to mark the onset of Jewish Music Season in our country.

From these moving verses comes the famous "Who Is Like Unto Thee" - Mi Chamocha, sung during Sabbath and Festival services. Many musical settings have been offered to the text of Mi Chamocha, several, quite elaborate.

Relevant to our Judeo-Spanish awareness is the fact that Sephardic Jews chant the "Song" on every Shabbat evening. The tune used by the Sephardim is a metrical lyric melody rather than a direct rendition of the cantillation. In the Sephardic tradition, this melody has become a theme of rejoicing. There is, as well, a hymn to that melody in Judeo-Spanish (the vernacular of the Sephardim) called BENDIGAMOS. On Passover, when the Exodus from Egypt is celebrated, Sephardic Jews chant the inspired Psalm 118 to practically the same tune.

Finally, I would be remiss were I not to make mention of George Frederick Handel, whose famous oratorio, ISRAEL IN EGYPT, provides a magnificent setting of this great biblical song of joy.

I suspect that for us, here at Temple Emeth, this Jewish Music Season will be the richest and most prolific one yet!

NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

In many ways, our Religious School is a microcosm of life at Temple Emeth. This is most certainly true when our students gather in the sanctuary on Saturday and Sunday mornings to learn what it means to be part of a congregation. The purpose of these student services is to create a setting in which Jewish children not only practice worshipping by learning prayers, blessings, and songs, but actually experience genuine worship.

Toward this end, during the first semester of the 1991-92 school year, students in each grade planned, practiced, and led their own, unique morning services. The Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grades focused on Shabbat songs and showed their mastery of the Barchu and the Shema at their service on December 14. The 3rd grade emphasized the magnificence of God's gifts, especially the gift of Torah--Jewish learning--on November 9. On October 26, the 4th grade presented a sensitive and beautifully balanced Shabbat service, complete with all the key prayers, a Torah service, and some of the most beloved Shabbat music. Students in the upper grades deepened their experience of prayer with the addition of original commentaries. On December 15, the 5th grade students elaborated on the Shema, expressing their understanding of God's oneness. The 6th graders shared what it means to love God in their commentaries on the V'ahavta, part of the November 10 service. And the 7th grade class exercised their Hebrew skills, as well as demonstrating their growing familiarity with the liturgy, composing commentaries for each section of their service on October 13.

Student-led services take place from 9:30-10:00 am. For the second semester, creative services are scheduled to take place on February 29 (K-4th) and on March 1 (5th-7th). On April 26, the 7th grade will conduct services marking Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Day); and on May 3, the 5th and 6th grades will lead services for Yom HaZikaron and Yom HaAtzmaut (Israeli Memorial and Independence Days). All are welcome to join the congregation!

Services in Gates of Prayer include a passage from the Mishnah which lists a series of worthy deeds (pages 52, 285, and elsewhere). Along with honoring father and mother and performing acts of love and kindness, praying with sincerity is considered a deed "beyond measure." Our students are learning to pray with sincerity by bringing their hearts, minds, and creativity right up onto the bimah. We should all be very proud of them.

Karen Weiss, Religious School Director

NEWS FROM THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

During the month of January we celebrated Tu B'Shevat. The children planted parsley seeds. Hopefully, with our loving care, the seeds will flourish into healthy plants and be ready to bring home for the Passover seder plate.

Thanks to funding by the Lazar Foundation, our three and four year old classrooms now have extensive block areas. It is really wonderful to observe our children building in the block areas. Our young architects have designed and erected a variety of stores, gas stations, schools, houses and bridges. These imaginative structures become an ideal setting for dramatic play providing an opportunity for children to enhance their language skills. As children build together, they solve problems and learn to cooperate and respect each others work.

Our parenting programs are flourishing. The week of January 13th we started another 10 session program. We have scheduled six Mommy and Me classes, a new mom's class and a second time mom's class. These programs provide wonderful opportunities for mothers to share common concerns and learn about good childcare practices. Children engage in developmentally appropriate play activities.

Registration is open for September 1992. Summer registration will begin in February. Call 833-8466.

Laura Schneider, Director



Senior League is continuing its successful year even as you read this. We conducted a shoul-in at Temple Emeth (for those who do not know what a shoul-in actually is, it is a sleep over in a temple). Over 40 people attended, and the amazing part is that many of them were not Temple members, but friends from other youth groups and even other states.

During the shoul-in there was movie watching and a split up into groups for discussions about each individual in the group and how they felt about themselves. The fun at the shoul-in lasted until the morning, when those who spent the whole night awake finally got tired and those who slept took over. In the upcoming months Senior League is planning a trip to New York City to ice-skate and shop near Rockefeller Center, and discussions about relationships and domestic violence. The topics are serious parts of life in our society and at these events young folks get to voice their opinions among peers.

Senior League is fun now, but, it could be even better. No one is too "cool" for Senior League. I admit, when I was in younger grades I looked at Junior League as an obligation, not for fun. But now, I realize that not only is it fun, but also necessary. Being with other Jewish teenagers is a very important part of life. If we, as Jews, forget that our community is very important and only spend time with non-Jewish friends then the Jewish religion will die out. Some do have other obligations, but when Senior League is having an event and time can be made, parents, urge your young people to go. As a board member, I am trying to increase membership and make Senior League the wonderful experience that it could be, but without parental support and parents urging their high school young people to attend, all our work is for a lost cause.

Ken Kotkin,
Freshman Representative

The Flip Side

It's all in how you look at life
And if you don't like what you see
Take a look at the flip side
Take a walk with me.

So you're on a diet
Can't eat cake or meat
What you'd give for just a chunk
Of steak or something sweet?
Who cares about what you can't have
Rejoice in what you can
That is my philosophy
It's great for my life plan
As I approach three score and ten
Would I like to be two score again?
Could be! But why look back
Just keep enjoying things
that I don't lack
It's nice to start each lovely day
As I jump out of bed
To leave the past behind me
And take a happy look ahead.

BAZAAR

Although our 1991 BAZAAR is now history, we'd like you to know that it was a great success and to take this opportunity to thank a wonderful and dedicated committee, all booth chairmen and helpers, Senior League, securers and donors of merchandise, refreshments and baked goods ... the custodians, office staff and, of course, the shoppers. This was truly a joint effort.

BAZAAR '92 is already on the planning boards. We'll gladly take any unwanted holiday gifts or UNUSED NEW merchandise off your hands. Just mark your items "Bazaar '92" and bring them to the Temple office.

Marianne Berg Wendi Furman

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We stood on the Haas Promenade overlooking the old City of Jerusalem. We looked at each other through tears and marvelled that we were really here. Just four weeks before we could not have imagined that we would be going on a Mission to Israel. It came about almost by accident. On one of our morning walks, we talked about the Mission and the fact that neither of our husbands was able to go. "I really would have liked to go", Martha said. "Me too", Betsey said. We looked at each other, "How about just the two of us going together?" We signed up barely three weeks before the trip. Neither of us had been to Israel. This was to be a truly special Mission. We each came to Israel for our own reasons: Betsey not only for herself, but for family members for whom going to Israel had been an unfulfilled dream. Martha came to affirm a part of herself.

Our first introduction to Israel was when we disembarked from the El Al jet and were greeted by a big blue and white banner that said, "Welcome to Israel" as Hatikvah played. We were overwhelmed with many feelings.

We boarded buses to a National Forest, where we each planted a small tree. It was a good feeling to know that now a part of us would always be here in this land. We toured Kibbutzim, drove through the desert and were surprised to see lush green trees and rich farmlands. We visited UJC's Project Dora, which years before had been a slum. With care and financial help, it is now a beautiful family community. Costumed Moroccan women danced for us and we were invited into their homes for dinner. It was a warm and exotic experience.

How can one describe the feeling of being at the Western Wall and touching the ancient stones our ancestors touched, walking the land our ancestors walked? That feeling could only be equalled by our visit at 4 am to Ben Gurion Airport to welcome a plane of Soviet Olim. We truly don't know who was more moved emotionally, the Olim or our group.

Then there was Masada and the Dead Sea. We were always on the go, and

The December 12th Congregational Meeting was characterized by both feelings of accomplishment and relief and much excitement.

After an extensive and exhaustive rabbinical search, the search committee has selected, and the Congregation ratified the choice for Temple Emeth's new rabbi.

A contract, drawn up by the Negotiating Committee, was voted upon at the special Congregational Meeting as the Temple's constitution specifies. A brief summary of the candidate's credentials was given by Daniel Kirsch, chairperson of the search committee. Details of the contract were offered by Chairperson of Personnel, Michael Furman, and followed by open discussion by members of the congregation. At the conclusion, a 3-year contract was proffered to Rabbi Eric S. Gurvis.

Rabbi Gurvis, his wife Laura, and their three children will move to Teaneck in the summer and Rabbi Gurvis will become Rabbi of our pulpit July 1st, at which time Rabbi Louis J. Sigel will become Rabbi Emeritus of the congregation.

Pamela Ritzer

we always felt safe. We were exhilarated, elated and enthusiastic. There was so much to see in so little time. We now truly understand with our hearts the meaning of the phrase "Next Year in Jerusalem."

You too, will now have the opportunity to experience a Mission. Don't miss this year's UJC regional Mega Mission, "A Journey to Remember," May 21-June 1. It will celebrate and commemorate the 25th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem.

Madeleine and George Brecher will have a Cottage Party at their home on Wednesday evening, February 26 where you can learn more about this sensational trip. Call them for details at 836-5020. It will truly be a "Journey to Remember."

Betsey Silverman and Martha Weisberg

Condolences to:

Leonard Chesler on the loss of his beloved mother, Estelle Chesler
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Barbara and Paul Kaufman on the birth of their grandson, Paul Francis
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 Ruth and Peter Adler on their 35th Wedding Anniversary
 Karen Sacks and John Kooistra on their marriage on New Year's Day
 Barbara and Kenneth Baron on the marriage of their son, James,
 to Belinda Worley
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 Samantha Elizabeth Schultz to Jill Schultz and Martin Stoner
 Rabbi and Mrs. Eric Gurvis on the birth of their son, Aaron
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of Barbara and Paul Kaufman

SEPHARDIC EXPERIENCE WEEKEND

The weekend of March 27-29 has been set aside for our Sephardic Weekend. Sepharad is the name by which the Jews who lived in Spain in the 1400's called their country. Their descendants have had a profound influence on Jewish life everywhere, because on March 31, 1492 King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella signed an edict expelling all the Jews from Spain. Their exodus took them to every corner of the world. The first Jews to settle in America in 1654 were descendants of these refugees. This year is the 500th anniversary of this mass migration of Jews. To commemorate this event and to learn about this aspect of Judaism we are planning a series of programs.

On Friday evening, March 27 and Saturday morning, March 28, our services will be in the Sephardic style with Sephardic music. Friday evening our Jewish Experiential Museum will open its' special photographic exhibit on "The Jewish Roots of Spain". This special display was commissioned by Iberia, Spanish Airlines. It features the work of several of their best photographers. The beautiful color pictures show some of the synagogues, cities, streets, and artifacts that were created by the Jews of Spain. They will be on display until May 6.

Saturday evening, March 28, there will be a concert of Sephardic music performed by Joe Elias and the Ladino Ensemble. These musicians from Turkey play authentic Sephardic instruments and sing old and new Sephardic folk songs. The evening will conclude with Spanish style refreshments. On Sunday morning, March 29, Brotherhood will sponsor a special breakfast program featuring Janice Levit, lecturer on the Jews of Southern Europe. Recently she has been working with the government of Spain to prepare programs for this quincennial celebration year. Everyone is invited to join us. Please watch your mail for more detailed information.

Elaine Pollack

Sephardic Experience Committee

TEMPLE EMETH BROTHERHOOD AND SANTA CLAUS?

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Is there really a Santa Claus? Little Tiffany Jorge 3, in the pediatric unit at Holy Name Hospital thought so when she saw Irving Sandrof with his white beard. "Santa", she happily called out. Irving and his wife Eva were among 60 Temple Emeth Brotherhood volunteers who gave of their time on Christmas Day. Continuing its 4th annual tradition, Brotherhood provided volunteers for both Holy Name Hospital and Hackensack Medical Center. The volunteers did whatever was needed. They fed babies, helped patients, ran lab errands, assisted at the information desk, visited the children and most of all spent time and talked with the patients.

Temple Emeth has a long history of service to the community and Brotherhood is proud to contribute to that tradition. Temple Emeth has truly reinforced the values of doing mitzvot.

We thank all our wonderful and enthusiastic volunteers who gave of themselves and made Brotherhood proud. Thanks to all who responded to the volunteer survey. Your input is useful and greatly appreciated.

Betsey and Stewart Silverman

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TEMPLE EMETH RETIREES

TER has a busy schedule for the year 1992. On January 9, member Willie Baer showed slides and spoke about his and Jennie's tramp steamer cruise to South America. Our own Cantor Annie Bornstein was our guest speaker on January 23.

The Temple Emeth Retirees is a thriving Temple group. Begun five years ago and consisting mostly of Temple Emeth retired and semi-retired members, it has grown into a congenial organization of nearly twenty, including outside individuals as well. Harold Katz was chairperson for most of those 5 years, now Lotte Wolf and Gladys Kaplan are co-chairs. The many outings are paid for by member dues, and have included several trips to museums and lovely parks, most recently the noted Newark Museum and the refurbished Ellis Island. Other enriching activities have ranged from speakers on geneology to fascinating slide shows of members' trips taken to such countries as South America, Russia and Germany. Discussions of current events and issues are an important aspect of membership.

Join us for our meetings at Temple, 10 am every other Thursday. For program information call Walter Hann, corresponding secretary at 837-2731.

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A six-week discussion series for unaffiliated interfaith couples sponsored by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations will take place at Temple Sinai in Tenafly beginning Monday March 23. 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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The Commission on Religious Living of the UAHC-CCAR has announced another summer Kallah- the 4th, the last two being at Brandeis University.

We're excited about this because we were at the last two along with Dru Greenwood and Diane Winer. Roz and Alan Hantman attended the first.

A brilliant and very interesting group of teachers, many of them Rabbis, have found an enticing method of bringing various facets of Reform Judaism before us.

No less joyous are the people we meet-while there are varying degrees of involvement in Reform Judaism, they represent a wonderful collection of open minds and variety of experiences.

The food is a bit over abundant and uniformly tasty. The living accommodations are individual private rooms with two separate bathrooms and separate shower for the six sleeping rooms in a suite, plus a delightful sitting room.

\$575 covers all costs except for transportation. Why not make this a part of your summer plan? If interested, contact Rabbi Daniel Freeland, UAHC, at 599-0080.

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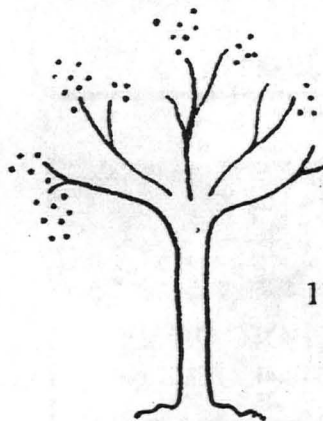
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To serve the growing need for Mohalim who are both medically competent and Jewishly sensitive to the needs of today's Jewish family, the Reform movement is seeking to train health professionals to become Reform Mohalim (ritual circumcisers). Open to male and female doctors and other medical professionals affiliated with Reform Congregations, a program consisting of 10 weekly sessions will be offered in our area beginning in mid-March.

The curriculum for the program includes historical, legal and aesthetic background of circumcision and the ritual surrounding the Brit Mila ceremony itself. In addition, participants will learn about the social and psychological implications of Brit Mila in contemporary society; educational, medical, and theological issues, and the Reform perspective on Brit Mila.

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