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MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI

Shalom u-v'racha! What an exciting summer it has been! It has truly been a full and enriching (even if exhausting) time in the life of our family as we have come to Teaneck to become a part of the Temple Emeth family. From Shabbat services, to committee meetings, from cottage party to cottage party, everywhere I have turned I have found warm greetings and supportive Emeth members helping to ease my transition. As I now look back after two months as your rabbi, I want you to know that I continually feel more and more honored and blessed that you have chosen me as Rabbi Sigel's successor.

As I look to the beginning of a new year, I do so with great anticipation and abundant excitement. What a rich and vibrant congregation Emeth is! I know of few congregations which offer so many avenues for enriching Jewish life, from the cradle on. Your officers, committees and Temple staff have been hard at work planning for an active and meaningful 5753. As we turn to welcome it together in the weeks ahead, I say to you:

-A New Year is about to begin. Come and join in the life of our congregation and its variety of activities as we forge ahead into the New Year together.

-Do not hesitate to call on me if you have a question or a concern with which you think I might be helpful. Or if you'd just like to visit so that we may come to know one another better...my door is open...

-Thank you for making me and my family feel at home in Teaneck and at Emeth. May our coming together be a blessing for us all. May we go "from strength to strength" as we look to the year and years ahead!

Shanah tovah! From our house to yours: A good year...a sweet year...a year of peace and blessing!

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On June 7th, the Confirmation Class of 1992 conducted and planned a Creative Shavuoth Service.

Amanda Silver gave the opening prayer and Seth Vatsky, Kara Wiese, Melissa Dubno, Leah Sugerman and Debora Friedlander all participated in the service.

Amanda Silver, Leah Sugerman and Melissa Dubno spoke about their interpretation of the "Jewish Values We Espouse".

Deborah Friedlander read the Declaration of Faith and presented the floral offering.

You're invited to make a difference in advocacy and women's issues.

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NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

The 1992-1993/5753 school year began on September 12 & 13. As of opening day, grades Pre-K/K through 7 boasted an enrollment of 120, including 22 brand new students. I'm thrilled to welcome everyone, both those returning and those joining us for the first time-it sure was quiet around here without you.

The professional staff and faculty have been immersed in preparations for the opening of school. Thanks to Cantor Bornstein-Howard, we have an allnew prayer and music curriculum. There are new courses in grades 5, 6, & 7; and an exciting menu of minicourses, <u>limudim</u>. A spring program on "Coming to America," including a field trip, is in the works for our Sunday students.

We're fortunate to be able to say "L'Shanah Tovah U"Metukah-To a Good and Sweet Year" to returning faculty members Cantor Annie Bornstein-Howard, Jennifer Cohen, Ilana Heb, Jill Kravitz, Pamela Ritzer, Debbie Rutz, Roberta Seltzer, and Penny Soussa. A special "B'ruchim HaBa'im--Welcome!" to new faculty members Judy Chaleff, Student Rabbi Melinda Panken, and of course, to Rabbic Eric Gurvis.

And now for our WISH LIST. Please donate, if you can, any of the following items in gently used or new condition... * VCR * TV (17-inch or larger) * TV stand * Videocamera * Camera (35-mm or Polaroid) * Audiocassette players * Hats & Wigs *Bedsheets (for use as tents, togas, etc.) *Rhythm instruments (cymbals, bells, drums, maracas, etc.) *Toy chest *Jewish storybooks (esp. for ages 5-9) Don't forget to check the closets of off-to-college progeny for these items!

We also invite visits from those in our talented Temple Emeth community who are shofar blowers, storytellers, folk dancers, musicians, singers, artists, scribes, cooks and bearers of interesting Jewish experiences. B'Shalom Karen Winkler Weiss, Religious School Director

NEWS FROM THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

It's hard to believe, the summer program has ended and we are beginning a new school year at Temple Emeth's Early Childhood Center. The teachers and I are looking forward to this year with great enthusiasm.

Since this is the beginning of the school year, I thought it would be a good time to describe the philosophy of learning at Temple Emeth's preschool.

In a caring and positive atmosphere, we create a warm and happy place for preschoolers to learn. As we bridge the gap from home to school, we foster the childrens' self-confidence while strengthening their social, physical and cognitive skills.

Concepts and skills are introduced which are appropriate to each child's stage of development. Concrete, hands-on activities and experiences are planned according to a calendar of themes and units which are relevant to the children. Work is planned which emphasizes the process rather than the product, giving the children a sense of accomplishment and pride.

Based on the theory that children learn through play, classroom routines encourage active involvement and meaningful experimentation. Schedules are designed which balance structure and free choice, as well as active and quiet times. Activities include: block building

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We treat each child as an individual, working from the level each child has attained and moving forward a step at a time. We teach a **love of learn**ing by allowing children to experience their own stage of development and helping them to **feel success without pressure.**

Parent involvement is an important component in creating a successful early childhood experience.

Rabbi Gurvis and Cantor Bornstein-Howard have scheduled special programming for the children during the school day in celebration of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Hanukkah, Purim and Shabbat.

We invite you to visit the Early Childhood Center. It's a joyous place to be. Laura Schneider, Director

WILFORD WEILL MEMORIAL ESSAY CONTEST WINNER BY LEAH SUGARMAN CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 1992

I feel very fortunate to have grown up in Teaneck. Living in a diverse community has helped me gain an understanding of my Jewish roots, as well as the unique qualities of people with different backgrounds.

As early as I can remember my classes have been filled with children from varied races, religions, and socio-economic groups. I can remember when I was in first grade my mother brought in Israeli symbols and food and we studied Israeli culture. We did the same throughout grammar and elementary school, learning about many cultures including African and Asian. Despite recent events, Teaneck has always seen itself as a town that epitomizes harmony, respect, and understanding. Because of this sense of diversity, Teaneck offers all of its citizens a place to express their individual values and to celebrate their own culture, history, and identity. These freedoms have always been taken for granted in Teaneck, but for some people being in the vast minority is sadly common. There are towns in Bergen County with few or no Jews, African-Americans, or other minorities. In such a situation it must be important for people in a minority to maintain their identity, so as not to lose touch with who they are.

When I was young, maintaining my identity, didn't seem like a problem to me. Recently the issue of identity has been raised in our community. Some people seem to fear going beyond their own ethnic or religious group. People who seemed comfortable playing with me when I was younger now only socialize with people of their own background. It is healthy and fine for people to take pride in their own heritage, but when that pride turns into a feeling of superiority and an alienation of others, it is harmful.

Prejudice has always been a dark part of society. The Nazi's slaughter of six million Jews as well as the murder of other groups such as Gypsies, Catholics, and Homosexuals, and the brutal activities of the Ku Klux Klan in this country are only two blatant examples of the effect of prejudice. Pride in one's identity should be a positive feeling; however, when that pride feeds on the denigration of others, it can become a dangerous force of hate.

Judaism has taught me that we have responsibility, not only for other Jews, but for all of humanity. The first tenets of Judaism state: Al ha'Torah v'al'ha'Avodah v'al'Gimilut Ha'sadim. This means that all Jews need to follow and study Torah, to work hard, and to show concern for others through charitable acts in order to live an ethical Jewish life. My Rabbi has always been for me an example of the direction Jews should take in their relations to others. He has taught us that even though it is not realistic to believe that everyone in the world will love every one else, it is important for us in our community to have a greater sense of mutual respect and understanding. Even when violence occurs, as in recent events in L.A., it is important to remember Leviticus 19:17-18: You shall not hate your kinsfolk in your heart. Reprove your kinsmen but incur no guilt because of him. You shall not take vengence or bear a grudge against your countrymen. Love your fellow as yourself.

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I hope that you had a wonderful summer and are ready for a new year at Temple Emeth, brimming with our regular activities and some new beginnings. Our most important new beginning has just occurred, namely the installation on September 18 of Rabbi Gurvis. I was very pleased that so many of our members were on hand to officially welcome our new Rabbi.

Another opportunity for a new beginning for each of us will come next week with Rosh Hashana for the year 5753. I wish you and your family a year of health, happiness, and personal fulfillment and I look forward to greeting you personally at Temple.

Since his arrival at Temple on July 1, Rabbi Gurvis has been very busy getting to know Temple members individually both at the parlor meetings, arranged so well by the Rabbinic Transition Committee under the leadership of Paul Kaufman, and at Shabbat services. He has also been familiarizing himself with our programs, our committees, and our style. Because of Rabbi Gurvis's own personal warmth and enthusiasm and the Rabbinic Transition Committee's excellent planning, the transition has been both very smooth and highly successful so far. The installation last Shabbat marked the end of phase one, but not the end of the process. Much is yet to be done over the coming year. This includes all of us continuing to welcome Rabbi Gurvis and his wonderful family into our community and into our hearts.

As indicated in this column last June, I would like to use this space to mention, as I did on installation Shabbat last May, a few particular ideas that I and the other members of the Executive Board have in mind that we hope will contribute to Temple Emeth's placing even more focus than in the past on the primary purposes of the synogogue: study, worship, community, and the performance of acts of kindness.

First, we have completed the process of removing direct management of our fund-raising activities from the Executive Board. Sy Yegelwel has agreed to chair our annual giving campaign again this year and Irwin Butensky has agreed to co-chair. Past President, Micki Grunstein has agreed to chair the Committee overseeing our endowment campaign, memorials and bequests. This removal of our major fundraising efforts from direct Executive Board management might seem like a small thing, but it is not. By placing these major efforts in the capable hands of others, with an Executive Board liaison, of course, as with every Temple activity, the time and attention of the Executive Board will be freed up for other matters.

Second, we will try to set the day-to-day administrative activities of the Temple in the context of their larger purpose by encouraging all committees to begin their regular meetings with a D'var Torah. Not D'vrai Torah delivered by our Rabbi or our Cantor or our educators. But D'vrai Torah prepared and delivered by members of the committee. I know this is a scary idea for some of you and I certainly do not want anyone to feel that they should not join a committee for fear of being asked by its Chair to prepare a D'var Torah. A D'var Torah need not be a work of scholarship. It is simply some thoughts, stimulated by the weekly Torah portion or some other Jewish text, that can help provide guidance and meaning to what otherwise can become nothing more than administrative activities for their own sake. To help us all feel more comfortable with preparing a D'var Torah, Rabbi Gurvis has offered to provide some training sessions in the fall.

Third, we hope that we will continue our efforts to find ways to make worship attractive to ever wider segments of our membership. Over the last few years we have made major changes in our Shabbat, festival, and High Holiday services directed at children and their families. This evolution has made a significant difference to Temple life and it continues with the expansion of youth services planned for the High Holidays soon upon us. But have you noticed how few teenagers and young adults without their children attend our Shabbat and festival services? Is there anything that we can do to bring <u>this</u> age group back into synagogue worship? I do not know. But I encourage the ritual committee to grapple with that question in the year ahead. Fourth, in the area of community, we already do so much! But there is more to do. We have been working on ways to increase the focus on Israel at Temple Emeth, including the formation of a real ARZA Committee, under the leadership of Margery Rothschild. We are also on the threshold of launching a revitalized and expanded Caring Community Committee, about which you will hear much more shortly. An important transition is also underway in our youth program, with the appointment of Linda Storter as our Youth Director.

We have launched a long-awaited effort to revise our constitution and prepare a Temple policy manual. This will include completing the work begun last fall to rethink our mission statement, which defines who we think we are and what we want to be as a community. It will also involve rethinking our structure of governance and our committee structure. I envision this effort as a two-to-three year process of consensus-building, in which the now hardat-work Institutional Review Committee, under the leadership of Past-President Diane Winer, receives input from the membership and subjects its proposals to broad-based evaluation and debate.

Identifying and nurturing new leadership is one of the most difficult tasks of voluntary organizations, Temple Emeth included. We will be strongest and most innovative if we encourage people to move from one area of Temple life to another as their interests and Temple's needs change. But to be able to do this we must have people willing and able to step into leadership positions being vacated by others. This will be possible only if we work hard at identifying and training new leaders. I hope it will not be too long before we can mount a Leadership Training Shabbaton for this purpose.

Fifth, in the area of <u>gemilut hasidim</u>, I hope that we will rededicate ourselves to the task of <u>Tikkun Olam</u>, the repair of our imperfect world. We have a dedicated few who are devoted to feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, resettling immigrants from the former Soviet Union, and protecting the environment. We would like to see much larger participation in these and other programs. For example, as I mentioned, I hope that we can find ways to help with the repair of our local portion of the world, of Teaneck itself.

To do all these things--to continue the rich Jewish life of Temple Emeth and to expand it in some new ways--will require all of us to work as a team. I feel blessed to have an outstanding Executive Board, Board of Trustees and Committee chairs with which to work and a truly unique professional staff. I have every reason to expect that we will work together very well. We will, of course, need the help, the active participation, and the ideas of the rest of you and of all the friends that you can recruit to these efforts.

With your help, the current leadership of Temple Emeth will continue not only to preserve our tradition but also to pass it to our successors richer and more vigorous than we received it, just as our predecessors have always done.

Editorial Note: In a recent article in the Jewish Standard, Ted and his wife, Dru were pictured and their numerous activities on behalf of Reform Judaism were recounted. Among other things, Ted's abiding dedication to Jewish education includes his involvement with BARJ.

BARJ SPECIAL EVENTS PLANNED

The Bergen Academy of Reform Judaism (BARJ) is accepting applications for two special weekend programs in October. For students in grade 7, we offer a "Taste of BARJ" retreat, October 9-11 at Kutz Camp in Warwick, NY. This weekend combines fun with learning to show seventh grade students how Judaism extends beyond Bar/ Bat Mitzvah. Also in the month of October, 8th graders are invited to our first annual "Welcome to BARJ" Social Night on Sunday evening, October 25 at the YM-YWHA of Bergen County. Students participating in this program will enjoy an informal evening which will combine education, sports activities and a pizza dinner, with other eighth graders in Bergen County.

Students in seventh or eighth grade call Juliet Barr, Educational Director of BARJ, at 599-0080 for an application. The Hebrew word for mother is EM, familiarly IMA or mommy. The Hebrew word for father is AV, familiarly ABA or daddy. Together, the AV and the EM are the HORIM, the parents. It is interesting and not at all coincidental that the Hebrew verb meaning "to instruct, to teach" is HOREH or HORAH, and that from that word we get the words MOREH and MORAH, male and female teacher. Ideally, the HORIM (parents) and the MORIM (teachers) are to pass the teachings of Torah to their children. From the above related words it becomes clear that a basic MITZVAH (commandment) of HORIM and MORIM is that we instruct our families, our communities and each other in the ways of Torah. For PIRKEY AVOT tells us, "Turn it (the Torah) and turn it again for EVERYTHING is in it".

As we approach the Yamim Noraim, 1992, our individual obligations stand before us. As I look to my new responsibilities as the American Conference of Cantors' liason to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations for our region, and to my position as the ACC representative to the UAHC Commission on Religious Living, I pray that I be granted the ability to contribute meaningfully on behalf of the Reform Cantorate. As HORIM and MORIM of Temple Emeth our mandate becomes more vital each year. I pray, with you, that we continue to fulfill our obligations as parents and teachers not ONLY to our children but to each other. May we work together, we, the AVOT and IMAHOT, the fathers and mothers of Emeth, to become the caring community that is our dream. May you all be blessed with a year of health and happiness, prosperity and Shalom.

FROM THE CANTOR'S MAILBOX

Cantor Annie Lynn Bornstein-Howard Dear Annie, June 3, 1992

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate you on your election to the Executive Board of the ACC and to extend vey best wishes to you on behalf of the officers and the entire membership.

We look to you to bring our Board a special sense of leadership and commitment, joining with our colleagues who give so freely of their time and talents to further the cause of Judaism and the Cantorate.

I look forward to working with you in the months and years ahead. May the Almighty grant you choicest blessings, giving you strength and vigor, and enabling you to fulfill all your hopes and dreams for the future of our beloved Conference.

Most sincerely, Cantor Howard M.Stahl Executive Director,

American Conference of Cantors

JOSHUA TRACHTENBERG MEMORIAL LECTURE "Magic in the Bible: Now You See It -- Now You Don't"

This year's Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Lecture was delivered by Dr. Murray H. Lichtenstein, Professor in the Department of Classical and Oriental Studies at Hunter College, CUNY during the Shabbat Evening service on September 11.

Professor Lichtenstein earned his Ph.D in ancient Semitic languages and literature at Columbia University. A distinguished teacher, lecturer, and author of a book-length study of the ancient Canaanite legend of King Keret, numerous articles, and the chapter on "Biblical Poetry" in the book <u>Back to the Sources: Reading</u> the Classical Jewish Texts.

He uncovered traces of magical thought and practice in the Bible, and explored the means by which the authors and early editors of the Bible sought to soften, neutralize or creatively transform these magical elements in the service of religion.



ABOUT OUR JUNIOR LEAGUE

My heart felt thanks goes to Ethel Winkler, Joan Lichtenstein and every parent who offered his/her talent to entertain our children through the Junior League.

This gives an opportunity to our children to form new friendships with other Jewish children.

My son Sam did just that beside having a good time.

The last trip was cancelled because of the rain-but what a great beginning it would be to invite all the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th graders in September to start the new school year with a trip to Jenkinson's Pavilion- Eva Adler

The Junior League, formed and run by parents, consists of 15-20 kids participating in a wide variety of activities. They ranged from a trip to the Lower East Side, Medieval Times, "create your own radio show" at the Broadcasting Museum in New York, bowling, a picnic and games, to Temple events like a Hanukah party, making pizza, game night, taking and developing pictures and a "Bratpot" party (making pottery). Throughout everything, the children enjoyed the events and each other's company. We look forward to another fun filled year and hope for even more participation from 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th graders and their parents. Junior League Coordinators Ethel Winkler and Joan Lichtenstein

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- Betsey and Stewart Silverman on the birth of their first grandchild, Charles to Catherine and Matthew Silverman
- Milly and Murray Beer on the engagement of their son Jonathan to Martha Milewski
- Nettie and Leonard Feuchs on the birth of their granddaughter Chelsea Rebecca to Tammy and Ron Feuchs
- Laura and Dan Kirsch on the birth of their granddaughter Devra Tamar to Jenifer and Michael Flatte

Milton Goldsmith celebrating his 95th Birthday

Larry Lipsitz on being named Senior Fellow of the International Systems Institute of Carmel, California, an affiliate of the International

Federation of Systems Research in Vienna

- Brenda and Lewis Klotz on the engagement of their daughter, Natalie Ann to Jerry Barbanel
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Yom Yerushalayim is especially important to me personally because it was during those six days 25 years ago that I first perceived God's presence in human history.

I dedicate this prayer for a united Jerusalem to my teacher Rabbi Sigel whose sermons and advice have enlightened my path. I have also asked Nat Ritzer to recite this prayer in Yerushalim this week at the Western Wall.

A Prayer For a United Jerusalem by Martin Lasky

Dear God: What is it that You command us <u>this</u> day that is different from any <u>other</u> day?

This is the Shabbat of Yom Yerushalayim; the 25th anniversary of that day seared in our souls when Your Temple Mount was once again in safe hands and Jerusalem a united city.

How our hearts rejoiced that spring day 25 years ago!

First there was the fear that the strength of our enemies would destroy the Jewish state.

Then, exhaltation when it was clear that not only would Israel <u>not</u> be destroyed, but that Jerusalem would at last be one.

What happiness soldiers felt as they ascended to the Temple Wall.

An entire people, exiled for almost 2000 years, accompanied Your army on that journey.

Like David, we danced before You as we entered Your sacred city.

You have fulfilled Your promise to bring us back to our covenented land; a free people from countless places of exile.

You have fulfilled Your promise. Now, it is our turn to fulfill ours!

May that a unitedJerusalem bring honor to Your Name, O God, who tenderly lifted us on our ascent homeward.

So that <u>now</u> Torah may go forth from Zion, Your <u>word</u> from Jerusalem.

Yours, Lord is the greatness, the power, the glory, the majesty and the victory that we celebrate this day.

Let Yom Yerushalayim be forever the fruit of that covenant restored and reaffirmed, the fruit of a people newly dedicated to doing Your will; rebuilding Zion, repairing the world!

Praised be You, O Lord our God, King of the universe and King over Your holy city.

You have consecrated the Jewish people once more to Your service; giving us life, sustaining us and enabling us to reach this day of celebration. Hallelujah!

Editor's note:

Martin Lasky, who wrote the above prayer, is currently President of The Bergen Council of B'Nai Brith - a recent issue of The Jewish Standard carried his picture and an article recounted his efforts to create a better understanding between the black and the Jewish Communities.

OUTREACH CONNECTIONS NEW FACES by E. Shakin

Very recently, I was sitting at the Temple with a group of my peers waiting for the Sisterhood Board meeting to begin. We were the retired ones, always on time. As we chatted, we watched the new and younger members as they came in--the new blood of our Temple, these enthusiastic and extremely capable young women.

I said to my friend sitting next to me, "Did you know that there are quite a few converts here? Look at the tall blond standing over there near the library books, and the dark haired girl in the white blouse talking together. Which one do you think is a convert?"

"The blond, of course," she replied. "Her name is Deborah. She must have changed it from Deidre, or something like that."

"Wrong," I said. "She was named Deborah and is looking for a cookbook for Passover because she's tired of using her grandmother's old recipes. Her friend who looks like a Biblical character is named Moira. Her parents are as Irish as can be. She knows more about Judaism then I'll ever know. She's the convert."

This seems to be true about many of the converts in our temple. It is true of their spouses as well. Either they became more Jewishly involved because of their partner or their wish to share their tradition enabled them to encourage their spouse to consider conversion. In either case, their obvious interest, respect and devotion to Judaism show how true their commitment is.

As we approach the High Holy Days we should remember that true Teshuva ("turning or change") is possible-just ask a Jew-by-Choice.

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HOW TO MAKE AN Whitney Otto AMERICAN QUILT November 17 Reviewer:Martha Weisberg

CROSSING TO SAFETY Wallace Stegner December 15 Reviewer: Janice Lipsitz

THE JEW SUSS Leon Feuchtwanger February 16 Reviewer: Diane Winer

IF ON A WINTER'S Italo Calvino NIGHT A TRAVELER March 16 Reviewer: Joan Paul

YOSHE KALB I.J. Singer April 20 Reviewer: Esther Mendelson

Join Temple Emeth's Book Group. Everyone is welcome. We meet at Temple Emeth at 8:00PM on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Join us for these stimulating discussions. Any questions, call Martha Weisberg 384-8540.

REFORM JUDAISM PLUS

The Fall 1992 issue of Reform Judaism magazine will inaugurate a continuing 8-page supplement designed to provide hands-on information for enriching Jewish life in the home and temple. It is called: Reform Judaism PLUS Ideas, Sources, and Programs For You From the UAHC and Its Affiliates. The supplement will include short, howto ideas for individuals and families from a Reform perspective "Preventing Adolescent Suicide, " "Political Action by Phone"; practical ideas for the temple "Recruiting and Retaining Members, " "Leadership Training"; new UAHC programs and services; and a directory.

Please read the Fall issue along with the rest of <u>Reform Judaism</u> magazine and feel free to order the information made available to you from the Union of American Hebrew Congrgations.

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For the second consecutive year, Temple Emeth will be participating, along with hundreds of other Reform synagogues, in the national High Holy Day Hunger Project. Initiated three years ago, by the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism in Washington, the program is a national effort by the Reform Movement to involve synagogues across the country in the fight against hunger. Last year our Temple succeeded in collecting over 280 bags of food which was donated to the Center for Food Action. This year we hope the response will be even stronger and that each one of you will participate in this most important effort.

As in previous years, empty bags will be distributed to congregants on Rosh Hashana. We are asking that people return the bags, filled with non-perishable and canned goods on Yom Kippur. Please remember to shop at a local market for healthy foods instead of bringing only unwanted items from home.

Make this year's fast a feast for those people whose daily fast is neither symbolic nor voluntary.

Thank you. Social Action Committee

JFS HELP TO JOBLESS

Support groups led by professional social workers will be forming in September to help the unemployed and their families cope with the myriad feelings that often accompany job loss. For those directly affected feelings of depression, self-blame, anger and anxiety about the future are not uncommon.

In addition to working therapeutically in groups, JFS plans to offer other services of a more concrete nature to assist the unemployed in their job search. These planned services include: *creation of a job bank *use of office space and telephones as available *creating a job bulletin. Services will be provided free of charge. For further information call Marcia Kaye at 488-8340. Are you able to obtain any <u>new</u> merchandise? We are in need of: Men's/Women's/Children's Wear, Shoes, Hats, Handbags, Toiletries, Jewelry, Linens, Gift Items, Fabrics, Notions, Handcrafted Items, Stationery, Books, Records/Tapes/Videos Toys, Groceries, Housewares/Appliances, Lamps/Shades Greeting Cards, Giftwrap and any other <u>new</u> merchandise.

If you don't have any access to sources for any of the above but want to contribute, a cash donation will be most welcome so we can purchase needed supplies.

We will also need food items for the snack bar, as well as homemade baked goods.

Please bring your contributions to Temple marked "BAZAAR" with your name printed clearly, or call us to pick up your donation.

WE ARE COUNTING ON YOU TO MAKE THIS BAZAAR A HUGE SUCCESS!! Thank you, Bazaar Committee

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FROM THE RABBI'S MAILBOX

Dear Rabbi: I am writing this letter to introduce you and your congregation to the Jewish Children's Adoption Network. I would greatly appreciate your posting the information on your bulletin board. I have no doubt that within your congregation there are people interested in adoption, or who know people who are, and who would like to know more about us. There might also be those who know about a child available, or likely to become available for adoption. It is important that we see to it that we don't lose Jewish children needlessly to non-Jewish homes when there are so many Jewish families looking to adopt. Also, we would like to hear from people in your congregation who might be willing to assist us in this great mitzvah of helping helpless children.

Please feel free to call if you have any further questions. Sincerely, Stephen Krausz, PhD, Assistant Director JCAN (303) 573-8113

ISRAEL BONDS HIGH HOLY DAY APPEAL A DEMONSTRATION OF UNITY WITH ISRAEL

This year's High Holy Day Appeal for Israel Bonds represents a demonstration of unity with the people of Israel at a critical time in the history of the Jewish state.

Over the last two-and-a-half years, more than 400,000 Jews have arrived in Israel from the former Soviet Union and Ethiopia seeking to build new lives for themselves and their families.

More than ever, North American Jewry's solidarity with Israel is crucial as the country strives to absorb these olim. That partnership will be reflected in the number and amounts of High Holy Day purchases of Israel Bonds.

The efforts made by the Israeli people to rise to this historic opportunity are unprecendented. They go forward with these efforts despite the burdens of heavy taxation and security tensions.

It is therefore most urgent that we demonstrate our partnership with Israel in unmistakable terms.

That is why every Jewish family attending Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur services will be asked to make a maximum Israel Bonds purchase that will demonstrate the steadfast support of North American Jewry for the successful integration of what must be considered a miracle in our generation--the aliya of Soviet Jews to Israel.

To meet this urgent need, Israel's Ministry of Finance is channeling all proceeds from the sale of Israel Bonds to help in the absorption of new immigrants.

As a generation blessed in the existence of a Jewish state ready to accept any Jew who wishes to live there, it is appropriate that we send a clear message of support through the Israel Bonds Appeal.

<u>Reminder</u>: You can reinvest any Israel Bond purchased through December 31, 1978 at full maturity value.

BLACK-JEWISH DIALOGUE <u>17</u> THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Thursday evening, September 24 at 8:00 PM at Temple Emanuel in Pascack Valley in Woodcliff Lake, you are invited to attend a unique interchange between the African American and Jewish Community sponsored by N.A.A.C.P. and Bergen County B'nai B'rith.

Three prominent members of the African American Community will discuss issues concerning the Jewish Community's perception of the African-American Community with ample time allowed for a free interchange with the speakers. Call Temple Emeth office for directions to Temple Emanuel. See you there on the 24th! Martin Lasky, President B'nai B'rith.

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE

On June 1, 25 volunteers who serve older adult clients of Jewish Family Service were honored at its Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner. The volunteers were greeted by Ruth Cole, President of the Board and Arnold Mendelson, Executive Director.

Carol Ramer, Coordinator of Volunteer Services, reported that in 1991, volunteers provided 1400 hours of service, including friendly visiting, telephone reassurance, and transportation. New volunteers are always needed. Training and supervision is provided. If interested in joining this group of dedicated volunteers, please call Carol Ramer at 488-8340.

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Boys entering the first grade are eligible for Tiger Cubs and those entering grades two through five are eligible for Cub Scouts. The Pack, which is beginning its seventh year, plans many activities including athletics, trips, crafts, nature study and more.

For more information please call Barry Wadler at 836-6016.

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Saturday, October 3 from 9:45 am to 6 pm will be a day of study, worship and spiritual growth on Shabbat Shuvah between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, 1 West 4th Street.

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