

*From the Rabbi's Study*

During 1976-77 I was a participant in an academic year in Israel on *kibbutz* sponsored jointly by the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and the North American Federation of Temple Youth. It was a unforgettable year. During our winter vacation a friend and I took advantage of our proximity to Greece and headed off for a two-week visit there. This too, was an unforgettable experience. Our trip coincided with *Hanukkah*. Though we were sorry to miss the celebration in Israel, we were determined to take advantage of the opportunity to travel. So we packed a small *Hanukiah* amidst our other belongings, and off we went. On the first night of the festival we found ourselves in Delphi. By coincidence we had met up with some other students visiting from Israel. They were delighted to learn that we had a *hanukiah* and that we were planning to celebrate the festival that night. And so the four of us gathered on the steps of the youth hostel. We sang the prayers and lit our *hanukiah*. We sang songs. We played *dreidel*. But there was something more to our observance this night. Here we were, lighting the *Hanukiah* in Greece. What a twist of fate to mark the oppressions of the ancient Syrian-Greeks and their king, Antiochus, on their turf. We were singing of the "miracles" which the Holy One "did for our ancestors at this season in those days" in, of all places, Greece. That cold night my friends and I truly had a sense of being "strangers in a strange land." But along with that strange feeling came the overwhelming sense of joy in celebrating the freedom we enjoyed to mark the festival in the land of Greece.

I remember that year's festival each year as *Hanukkah* approaches. I remember that feeling of "strangeness." I also remember something else which continues to be real with each passing year's celebration: How wonderful it is that as we celebrate *Hanukkah* we do so in a world in which Jews enjoy ever greater freedom. Yet, as we kindle our lights this year, I pray that we will not merely celebrate the "miracles" of yesterday, or even of today. We live in a world which is not yet totally free. There are yet Jews who do not taste the freedoms we so easily take for granted. There are countless others of God's children who have yet to enjoy the freedoms we celebrate at this season. Rather than merely celebrate the past, in kindling our lights, we must also kindle within our hearts and souls the commitment to work for freedom, for justice, for peace....for the Jews of Israel, for the Jews who live in Arab lands, for the Jews of Ethiopia, for the Jews of the former Soviet Union. We must also kindle the commitment to speak out for those who suffer oppression and injustice in Bosnia, in Somalia, in Eastern Europe, in the United States of America...indeed wherever God's children dwell. We who know the bitterness of oppression, we who know the taste of being "strangers" must open our hearts and our minds, and our hands to working to make ever more real the freedom and justice we celebrate in lighting the lights of *Hanukkah*. May your festival be sweet and meaningful. From our house to yours...*Hanukkah Sameach!*

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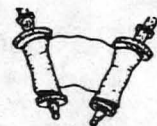
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Scheduled for the Shabbat that precedes the first night of Chanukah, the program is suitable for children ages 10 and up and for adults.

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The response to the questionnaire of our newly reorganized Caring Community Committee was most gratifying! We now have a list of members who are willing to drive, visit, cook or bake for, and make telephone calls to other members in their times of need. We also have identified additional members who would be willing to join a minyan in a house of mourning.

To all of you who have offered your time and talents to these important efforts, I extend my thank and those of the entire congregation. To those of you who have not yet signed up, it is certainly not too late. All you need to do is call the Temple office at 833-1322 or Carol Heischober, Chair of the Caring Community Committee at 837-0458.

The next step in launching our new Caring Community effort is to encourage everyone to ask for assistance when you need it or to tell us when you know of someone else who does.

What kind of assistance can we provide?

- * The Rabbi and the Cantor will always try to visit members who are hospitalized, but committee members will make visits also to those who would like visitors.
- * Food can be prepared and delivered to a house of mourning or when a family member is hospitalized or at other times of need.
- * Transportation can be provided for doctors appointments or marketing or to and from the Temple for services or programs.
- * We would like to keep in touch with those of our members who have difficulty getting out and around. Telephone friends are available and eager to be in touch.

To obtain assistance, all you need to do is call. If you speak to Rabbi Gurvis, Cantor Bornstein-Howard, Marion Schechter, Carol Heischober or myself you can be confident that the message will be acted upon.

Please remember, if no one tells us when there is a need, we cannot offer assistance or support. Temple Emeth will truly become a caring community only when we all are concerned for one another. The Rabbi, the Cantor and the Caring Community Committee volunteers are on the front line, but they need help and support from all of us!

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NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL The Family Connection—Keshar Mishpachah

If we had to name the single most important ingredient in the recipe for Jewish education in our Religious School, we would have to agree that it is family (mishpachah, in Hebrew and Yiddish). Without the commitment of families to their children's Jewish learning and growth, our classrooms would be empty. Likewise, without families' commitment to marking the events of the Jewish calendar together through celebration and study, the knowledge offered in our classrooms would be empty of meaning. What is taught in the school has to be explored and enjoyed within the family if the lessons are to be lasting ones.

Our Jewish family experiences at school have been many this season. Families of children in the Pre-K/Kindergarten through 4th grades had a busy Family Education Day on October 17, experiencing Sukkot through fun, food, and festooning of the sukkah with symbols of the Fall festival. The morning wound up with a look inside the Torah—which we unrolled in its entirety—at such important passages as the "Song at the Sea" and the Ten Commandments, in honor of Simhat Torah.

A Parents' Meeting was held on October 27 at which the Rabbi and Cantor shared their educational ideals for our temple families. Other important school topics were discussed, as well.

Our first Religious School Shabbat dinner of the year was held on November 13 for our Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade families. More than 120 children, parents, grandparents, and teachers attended. Rabbi Gurvis and Cantor Bornstein-Howard led us in blessings, and faculty members Jill Kravitz, Pam Ritzer, Roberta Seltzer, Penny Soussa, and Kara Wiese led the students in presentations and songs about thankfulness, Shabbat, and Noah's Ark. We are especially grateful to Wendy Dessanti, Jane DeVries, David Fox, Cyndy Friedland, Roberta Geisenheimer, Ruth Herbin, Rhona Herman, Ellen Inkeles, Eley Kohn, Pam Leff, Sherry Preiss, Lea Satler, Stefanie Stokes, and Dawn Urfirer-Miranda for the work they put into the delicious Shabbat meal we all shared. The regular monthly family-oriented Shabbat evening service followed the school's family event.

Families of students in every grade filled the school corridors and classrooms for another important event: Parent-Teacher Conferences on November 15 and 21. At these meetings, faculty and parents were able to discuss their mutual goals, as well as the children's individual progress.

Other exciting developments:

- The 5th, 6th, & 7th graders are taking part in a series of *chugim* (clubs). Cooking, debating, drama, and Hebrew are the subjects they elected.

- Everyone is invited—and especially the families of our 7th graders—to worship with the 5th, 6th, and 7th grades on December 13 at 10:30 a.m. when the 7th grade will lead a creative service that they have been preparing. The theme: Our Jewish Ancestors.

Mensch Awards for the month of Tishri

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NEWS FROM THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

The celebration of Chanukah is a joyous time at the Early Childhood Center. Our teachers are busily planning a variety of activities. The children will make menorahs to give to their families as Chanukah presents, which will be wrapped in specially crated paper. The children will learn how to make latkes and dreidel cookies to be served at our classroom Chanukah parties.

The Parent Association is planning a festive Chanukah celebration for our E.C.C. families on Tuesday, December 22nd. The children along with their families will have opportunities to engage in a variety of craft projects and holiday oriented games. Rabbi Gurvis and Cantor Bornstein-Howard will light the menorah and sing songs. We are looking forward to celebrating the holiday together.

You may have a need to buy a toy for a pre-schooler for a Chanukah present. Children gain the most pleasure from toys that match their ability and interest level. A good toy is open-ended. Its use is not strictly defined. The child determines how it is used as he explores and discovers the many possibilities. Each child is unique and an open-ended toy is responsive to the changing needs and interests of the child.

Often going to a toy store can be overwhelming because of the enormous variety of items. The following are some suggestions for the types of toys pre-school children will find enjoyable: Puzzles, mini-world playsets, puppets, baby dolls, dress-up clothes, housekeeping equipment, construction sets, blocks, an assortment of art supplies, simple board games and books of all kinds. Best of luck to you on your shopping spree!

We will begin our Holidays with Daddy program with the celebration of Chanukah on Sunday, December 20th. Our program provides an opportunity for 3-5 year olds to be with their dads for enjoyable and instructive holiday celebrations which include arts and crafts, music, storytelling, preparation of holiday foods and snacks. Tu B'Shevat, Shabbat, Purim, Pesach and Israeli Independence Day will also be celebrated. If you are interested, please call the Early Childhood Office at 833-8466.

We will begin priority school registration for children of Temple members in January. If you are interested in our school for next year, please contact me. It would be my pleasure to give you a tour and speak to you in detail about our program.

Happy holidays! Laura Schneider, Director of the Early Childhood Center

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SHABBAT ON NOVORAZANSKAYA STREET

By Judith Schumer

This past October I had the extraordinary opportunity to be an exchange teacher in Russia. I was among 75 American teachers who went to three different cities. My group of 26 went to Kirov which is located 500 miles northeast of Moscow. There, I lived with an English teacher and her family, taught and observed in the Kirov schools and felt the warmth and love of the Russian people. This March, the Russian teachers will come to the U.S. and my host will live with me in Teaneck.

But I was also fortunate to experience Russia as a Jew. On the Friday night before we left for home, I went to Shabbat services at Congregation Hineni, the only Reform synagogue in Moscow.

I had read an article in the Hadassah magazine about Jews in Moscow which included a phone number to call about information regarding Reform Jews in that city. An American named Martin Horwitz, a representative of the World Union for Progressive Judaism answered the phone. His mission is to bring Reform Judaism to Russia. He has helped set up 20 Reform congregations. He invited me to a Friday night service when I returned from Kirov.

A taxi brought me to the Dom Kulturi Automobilistov on Novorazanskaya Street. The building is owned by the automobile workers union and they rent rooms for dance lessons and other cultural activities. Congregation Hineni was in a large room on the second floor with folding seats. About 15 people were there when I arrived at 7:30 and a leader was standing at a table in the front. I don't speak Russian but I soon understood that they were discussing an aspect of the Torah. By 8:00 the room was filled with more than 50 worshippers. The Shabbat candles were lit by a young woman and Kiddush was said by Zinovi Kogan, the lay leader. The service, which was a modified version of the one we use in the New Union Prayer, was familiar to me. I didn't have my own Siddur, but I soon realized that after all my years at Temple Emeth, I knew the liturgy by heart! Here, on the other side of the world, I sang Lecha Dodi and Oseh Shalom. Twice, when we sang Hinei Ma Tov and then Heveinu Shalom Aleichem, we put our arms around each other and swayed together. Two men on either side of me smiled as they put their arms around my shoulders and I felt tears streaming down my face. It was incredible for me to comprehend that now in Russia Jews could meet openly and that these people around me were freely saying the same prayers that we do each Friday night in Temple Emeth.

Everyone noticed the "new face" in their midst and during the "Oneg" at which sliced apples were served, I met Martin Horwitz and many of the others. The congregants were eager to speak to me and one older man asked if I spoke Yiddish. When I said I did, his face lit up and he began to tell me about his desire to move to Israel and his apprehension of the economic conditions there. Others told me in Yiddish about cousins in Brooklyn or brothers in Haifa. Some of the younger people told me in English about the Rosh Hashanah service attended by more than 400 people and the Simchat Torah service that would be held the following week in the large auditorium next door. Later, Martin spoke about those Russian Jews-perhaps several million of them-who want to remain Jews but also wish to remain in Russia. They want to reclaim their identity and their heritage and he told me that it was a privilege for him to be able to help them. And for me, it was a privilege to spend Shabbat with Congregation Hineni in Moscow, and to witness the new freedom for Jews in Russia.



FROM THE MAIL BOX

from the November issue of Rutgers Advocate:

Dear Fellow Students:

Imagine being at a local law school bar, talking to some friends and having a great time. Imagine making your way around the room to say hello to more people, still having a great time. Until someone decides to spoil your night.

Imagine walking over to a group of people, some of whom you thought were your friends; and being greeted with "Why are you talking to us? We're not Jewish!" How do you think you would feel?

When this happened to me, I just walked away stunned. Little did I know this was just the first in a series of belittling, prejudicial comments I was to hear throughout the semester.

The next one happened at a law school party in the home of a few of my closest friends, some of whom are also Jewish. Quarters was being played and everyone was having fun and getting along-or so I thought. This time, the night was damaged by the comment "It's not fair to roll the quarter off your nose; the Jews here can't do that!"

Yet again I was taken aback by the cruel and ignorant insensitivity which faced me.

But this was not the end.

The most recent incident occurred at another law school party in the same friends' home. Stepping outside for some air, I heard a group of people joining in a chorus of "Winnie the Jew". It may sound funny, but can you imagine how it felt to witness the perversion of a simple children's song into something hateful and directed at not only me, but my entire ethnic group? I immediately left the party.

I have decided not to tolerate these indignities any longer, so I have written this to let our college community know about what is just a fraction of the bigger problem we are facing.

To all of you who have experienced similar situations, I want you to know that there are (thankfully) more of us than there are of them.

To all of the victimizers; you should know that you are truly the minority - the only group of whom we all must be intolerant.

Here's a parting thought: instead of just opening your books, open your mind as well.

Rachel Fallet '94

TROUBLE WITH GRANDFATHERS

By Bob Spiewak

Thoughts on Reaching Three Score and Ten

Passing the Baton

Life is like a relay race

We go along and set the pace

We do our part we do our best

But someone else must do the rest

The toughest part is how to know

When should we stay? When should we go?

When we go, as go we must

Let's do it with elation

And give our love, our hearts, our trust

To the coming generation

The joy we've had in sprinting on

Can truly be replaced

Let's take our joy in watching

How the race is raced

Our religion makes it easy

With the Covenant we're blessed

With mezzuzah's carrying some words

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As we pass the Covenant

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Temple Emeth

November 18, 1992

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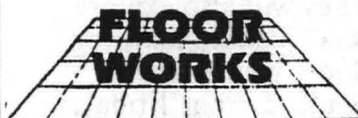
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SECOND SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE TO BE HELD JANUARY 23 AT TEMPLE EMETH

Dr. Michael Chernick, Professor of Rabbinics, and Dr. Sherry Blumberg, Professor of Education will be the featured scholars at a special one-day Kallah (study conference) on Saturday, January 23. Both are faculty members at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) New York campus.

Entitled, Encountering God Through Text, Study and Prayer, the Kallah will offer participants an opportunity to explore and discuss the sources of our beliefs and traditions.

The Kallah will begin with morning Shabbat worship and Torah study. Following lunch HUC-JIR faculty members will lead text study sessions.

The Kallah is co-sponsored by the UAHC New Jersey-West Hudson Valley Council, the Commissions on Religious Living and Reform Jewish Outreach, District 4 of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods and the HUC-JIR.

REGION TO HOST NFTY CONVENTION

Culminating in a private tour of Ellis Island, over 700 Reform Jewish high-school students will gather from across the United States and Canada to attend the 1993 NFTY Convention. "We sing together, talk, play and pray together in great numbers, as we learn about our world, our Judaism, and ourselves," one former convention participant said. "There is nothing like it."

At the convention, teenagers will have the opportunity to confront today's issues, as well as to dramatically encounter their Jewish immigrant past at the "Isle of Tears." They will also explore their role as activists in social justice, learning new skills to bring to their local youth groups.

The convention will take place from Friday, February 12 through Tuesday, February 16, at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel, in East Brunswick, NJ. Some scholarship assistance is available. For more information or applications, please contact Rebecca Steinberg, at 599-0080.

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Applications and further information may be obtained from: Jewish Education Scholarship Committee, N.C.J.W., 210 The Plaza, Teaneck. Phone 833-4221.

SEVENTH ANNUAL BROTHERHOOD/SISTERHOOD BREAKFAST

Monday, February 15 at the Marriott Glenpointe Hotel at 9:30 am co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council of United Jewish Community, the Jewish Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of North Jersey, the Bergen County Council of Churches, the Catholic Vicariate of Bergen County and the Dar-ul-Islah Muslim community, this interfaith event has become an inspiring tradition. Kosher breakfasts will be provided by Temptations Caterers. For further information or reservations, please contact the JCRC at 488-6800.

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A NEW PROGRAM TO HELP SOVIET EMIGRES!

In an effort to help Soviet Jewish emigres find jobs in a tight job market, the United Jewish Community (UJC) Resettlement Committee, in cooperation with the JCC on the Palisades, has organized a Mentor Program.

This program pairs mentors and emigres with similar skills and vocational backgrounds. The Resettlement Committee is seeking mentors for the following:

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Volunteers are needed for this program. Please call Paulina or Zelda at UJC to offer your services at 488-6800.

MAJOR RELIGIOUS GROUPS AGREE TO WORK ON SOCIAL WELFARE POLICIES

The nation's three major religious bodies agreed to apply their moral authority and influence to help reform the country's social welfare policies.

The interfaith effort will be spearheaded by the Synagogue Council of America, the National Council of Churches in the USA and the United States Catholic Conference. The total membership represented through these organizations exceeds 100 million Americans.

The groups have agreed to call their joint effort "The Common Ground for the Common Good."

Early phases of the project, launched in October, will be supported by a \$152,000 grant from the Ford Foundation, according to Michael Lipsky, the Foundation's program officer for governance and public policy.

This project is the first time that the three groups have undertaken such a wide-ranging program together.

For further information contact Rabbi Henry D. Michelman, Synagogue Council of America at 212-686-8670.

SOCIAL ACTION NOTES

December Baby Shower

Did you know that more than half of the hungry or homeless are young children? That's why the Social Action Committee is sponsoring a Baby Shower for December. Everyone is asked to fill the playpen in the front hall with donations of diapers, baby formula, baby food, 100% canned fruit juice (such as juicy juice), and any other new items used for babies and young children. We'll take them to the Center for Food Action for distribution to the truly needy.

We're hoping that this December Baby Shower is as successful as the High Holy Days Food Drive, when you donated over 360 bags of food for the Center for Food Action, and over \$1200 for Somalian Relief.

Successful Shelter Program

A special thank you to all those mitzvah volunteers who cooked or stayed overnite at the family shelter in Englewood this October. And a thank you to those who volunteered but whom we were not able to use. We're looking forward to working with other wonderful mitzvah volunteers in February and March, when the Temple sponsors the overnite shelter on Sunday nights. We still need volunteers.

Social Action is planning a lot of exciting events this year. Come to our next meeting on Tuesday, December 15 at 8 pm to find out how you can be part of our mitzvah group.

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OUTREACH CONNECTIONS Create Chanukah Traditions In Your Home

Chanukah celebrates our religious survival in spite of attempts to force us to assimilate into the mass culture of society at large. The dedication and struggle of the Maccabees should inspire us to work to create a nurturing Jewish environment in our homes, lest we allow the media and marketplace to accomplish what the Syrian-Greeks could not.

Just as every family has its unique traditions with regard to celebrating Passover and Thanksgiving, you can create traditions unique to family for the celebration of Chanukah...

Each family member can create or purchase his/her own personal Chanukiyah (Chanukah Menorah).

Children can make Chanukah decorations that get stored away and displayed each year.

Every dinner during the week can feature a special Chanukah food (latkes, sufganiot "donuts").

Precede the daily candle lighting and dinner with a brief family reading or song from the new CCAR Chanukah book Haneirot Halalu: These Lights Are Holy.

Have an annual Chanukah party for friends and/or family you do not see often.

Collect Chanukah "gelt" and decide as a family what cause to donate the money to.

Invite other families for a Chanukah Shabbat Dinner-and ask each family to bring samples of "their" traditional latkes.

In the days of greatest winter darkness, the warmth of Chanukah and its lights can add a special warmth and beauty to your home, and create positive Jewish memories that will be remembered for a lifetime. **Deborah Taylor**

ISRAEL-ARZA

The Association of Reform Zionists of America is the sponsor of the Israel Religious Action Center in Jerusalem, which fights aggressively for religious rights for Reform Jews and all Israelis. The Center initiates and finances legal action to reverse religious discrimination, promotes women's rights and educates Knesset members and government officials about Reform Judaism, playing a vital role in combatting the never-ending attempts by the Orthodox parties to amend the Law of Return. The Center was established with the conviction that the time had come for Reform Judaism to go on the offensive in the battle for religious rights in Israel for Reform and Conservative congregations. ARZA issues the only publication providing regular information on Reform Judaism and religious pluralism in Israel. It is especially concerned with education, sponsoring the Education Department of the Israel Reform Movement, subsidizing a dozen Reform kindergartens, the Reform youth movement, a Jewish studies fund for Reform kibbutzim Yahel and Lotan, ARZA represents American Reform Judaism in the World Zionist Congress, and the Jewish Agency for Israel. Working through these bodies, ARZA coordinates the efforts of Reform institutions to assure that American philanthropic funds sent to Israel will be distributed in a balanced proportion among the major streams of Judaism.

Please note: The Rabbi's next Israel Focus Group will meet December 15.

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