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## *From the Rabbi's Study*

As I write these words our joyous celebration of *Purim* has just past. I look ahead to the coming of yet another joyous festival, *Pesach*. I often ask people to tell me about their favorite Jewish holiday. So often the answer is *Pesach*. I must confess that if not my favorite, it is certainly one of my favorites.

Why *Pesach*? I love the celebration of *Pesach* for many reasons. It is exhilarating to relive the history of our people -- the Exodus from Egypt and the move from slavery and degradation to freedom. Even more, it is inspiring to participate in what has to be one of the oldest continuously celebrated rites in all of human history. As we tell the story of the Exodus at our *Seder* tables we fulfill the words of Exodus 13:8: "*You shall explain to your son on that day, 'It is because of what Adonai did for me when I went free from Egypt.'*" We tell the story to our sons and daughters. And even as we do, we retell the story for ourselves as well. We add our voices to the generations of Jewish parents who have fulfilled this teaching. Each generation adds its own experience and interpretation to the ancient words. We can and should do no less.

We read in the *Haggadah* that, "*In each and every generation one is obligated to see himself (or herself) as if he (or she) went forth from Egypt.*" For me this is the most meaningful verse in the entire *Haggadah*. Our ritual is not just an exercise in nostalgia. As we sit at our *Seder* table and fulfill the rites and rituals we link ourselves with our past. We bring history to life -- our history, our lives. I believe that each of us can, in our own way, relate to going forth from the slavery of Egypt towards freedom. For each of us it means something different. What is important is that we tell the story, we feel our place in it and allow it to call us to taking an active role in its continuation. *Pesach* not only links us with our past. It also reminds us that we are responsible for our future. Our lives are not yet all they can be. Our world is not yet all it should be. The redemption is, as yet, incomplete. Each of us must participate in bringing the final redemption, in hastening the day of Elijah's return to herald the Messianic Age.

My family joins me in wishing you a joyous *Pesach*. From our home to yours, wishes for a festival filled with meaning and excitement, health and happiness, freedom, justice and peace!

## TEMPLE EMETH BULLETIN

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## SPRING DINNER DANCE

We're excited and pleased to honor our Dynamic Duo, Micki Grunstein and Diane Winer at the Spring Dinner Dance on May 15, 1993

Come and enjoy the cocktail hour and delicious dinner catered by Creme De La Creme, wonderful music and surprise entertainment.

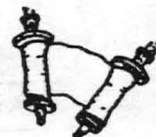
Micki and Diane were the first co-presidents to serve Temple Emeth for three years. They are both very special people who have given so much of themselves to Temple Emeth and to all of us. Please plan to join us for a fabulous evening.

## B'NAI MITZVAH SCHEDULE

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April 3 Laurel Kozeradsky  
Nancy and Michael Kozeradsky  
April 17 Jason Wolferman  
Jacqlyn and Stephen Wolferman

## SHABBAT SCHEDULE



March 19/20 Vayakhel  
March 26/27 Vayikra  
April 2 7:30 Family Service  
April 3 Tzav-Hagadol  
April 9/10 Hol-Ha-Moed Pesah  
April 16/17 Shemini  
April 23/24 Tazria-M'Tzora

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Looking forward to meeting your gift needs. **Judaica Committee**

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Our Annual Giving campaign for this year is now complete, having raised some \$70,000. The campaign's greatest success was to include more Temple members than ever before. This suggests that our members not only understand the importance of this campaign (it represents almost 10 percent of our annual revenue) but also are willing to vote with their dollars for continuation of a level of programming more typical of much larger congregations.

To all those who have made contributions and pledges to the campaign this year, I want to say, thank you for your support. To Seymour Yegelwel and Irwin Butensky, who chaired the campaign, and to all those who made telephone calls I also offer thanks. Without the hard work of such volunteers neither the annual giving campaign nor many other things at Temple Emeth would happen.

Our annual rededication of our Circle of Friends will be held on Shabbat evening March 26. The names of all campaign participants are now being inscribed on a new page in the Circle of Friends book. Plaques on our wall sculpture are being updated to record the names of all those who have contributed or pledged \$500 or more. I hope that all of this year's participants, which means most of us, will attend this rededication. On the same evening, we will also honor our 25-year members.

You might have noticed that plaques have now been installed to record the names of initial contributors of over \$2500 to the Rabbi Louis J. Sigel Endowment Fund. This campaign in honor of our Rabbi Emeritus generated pledges in excess of \$56,000. These and other contributions to the Fund not only express the deep affection and appreciation that all of us feel towards Rabbi Sigel But also help ensure that Temple Emeth will continue to grow and fulfill our commitment to a better future. Although the campaign is no longer active, new contributions to the Rabbi Louis J. Sigel Endowment Fund will be accepted at any time.

I want to thank all those who have made contributions or pledges to the fund. I also want to thank Albert Meyer, the campaign's Honorary Chair, and all those who worked hard to make it a success.

The date of our annual spring dinner dance is May 15. Our honorees are our immediate past co-presidents Micki Grunstein and Diane Winer. I hope that you will save the date so that you can enjoy a wonderful evening and express your appreciation for the years of dedication and inspired leadership that Diane and Micki provided (and still provide) Temple Emeth. You have all received a letter from Deborah Taylor for the Dinner Dance Journal Committee. Another way to express your thanks to Micki and Diane and also to help the Temple is to place your message in the Journal. I hope that you will.

*Ted Greenwood*

## A PLEA FROM THE CANTOR

Dear Friends,

The Jews have always been a Singing People. Throughout our travels and in every land in which we have lived, our People have always left traces of our culture, our customs, our songs and our music. From the death-camps of Nazi-Germany, the voices of our People rang forth.

Our people have sung songs in Yemenite, Babylonian, Sephardic, Persian, Babylonian, Moroccan, Ladino and Yiddish as well as the many synagogal chants, religious folk songs and prayers that can be heard throughout the world. Fired by a creative, pulsating force, our People have always prayed to God through song.

The distinguished poet and scholar, Abraham Ibn Ezra, recognized the significance of "song" as a reflection of a People's spirit. He wrote:

*The Arabs sing of love and lust  
The Christians of war and revenge  
The Greeks of wisdom and cunning  
The Hindus of proverbs and riddles  
But Israel's song is to the Lord of Hosts*

Once again, I look to our Own creative forces here at Temple Emeth in a fervent pleas to help enrich our Adult Volunteer Choir. We are fortunate to have a core of dedicated veterans and sustainers however *We Need More Voices..We Need You*. Please join us in raising our voices in prayer to God Neither God nor I are concerned with the *quality* of your voice or your musical skill. We want only your enthusiasm and your spirit. The Choir continues to meet every Wednesday night from 7:45 - 8:45 in the sanctuary. Please come and join us.

Help us to strengthen our voice so that we may, in true Emeth style, raise our voices to God with a fullness of spirit and richness. We need your help to pass down to future generations...the voices of our People.

## NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

As this issue of the bulletin is being prepared, a lot of important and delightful events have been taking place in the Religious School. Our Pre-K/Kindergarten through 4th grade families met for their second Family Education Day of the year at a special time—late Saturday afternoon—so that we could experience both Shabbat and Havdalah together. We dipped and braided our own Havdalah candles, played games, created skits, drew murals, sang, ate bagels, made colorful challah covers, and looked at beautiful Havdalah spice boxes (thanks to Lorraine Beitler). Then, Cantor Bornstein-Howard led us in the sweet singing of the Havdalah service.

The 5th, 6th, and 7th graders participated in Project Open Mind, a mini-course about living with our neighbors in a caring, unprejudiced way. The program coincided with the public schools' observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday.

The entire school had the chance to visit the Senior League Environment Fair in honor of Tu B'Shevat, featuring information and displays about recycling and environmental awareness. At the fair was a terrific Tu B'Shevat display created by Barbara Balkin and Roberta Geisenheimer. Some students and their families also joined in the second annual Temple Emeth Tu B'Shevat seder, led by our wonderful, musical Rabbi Gurvis.

Also marking Tu B'Shevat, our 5th, 6th, & 7th grade families met for a Family Education Day on Judaism and the Environment. We learned what the Torah and the rabbis taught about living in harmony with our world, we recycled paper, created "garbage art," and noshed a bagel or two. The 6th graders led a creative service on the theme of—you guessed it—caring for our world.

Both parents and students had a chance to learn more about the Bergen Academy of Reform Judaism (BARJ)—the regional 8th-12th grade program—through two visits from BARJ Director Juliet Barr and a team of enthusiastic BARJ students. BARJ will be located at Temple Emeth beginning in September 1993!

Our March calendar is very full this year, with Purim Shpiels by our talented faculty, a Purim Costume Parade, and a Purim study session called "The Gonzo Megillah." The Shabbat Family Dinner for the 5th, 6th, & 7th grades coincides with the weekend of Purim—a busy time. There is also a field trip to Ellis Island (March 28) for our upper grades. To get ready for the trip, parent volunteers are participating in a special training program to teach them to be Ellis Island tour guides, led by Youth Director Linda Storfer, and 5th, 6th, & 7th grade students will have a morning of experiential learning about the Jewish immigrant experience. Our spring series of *chugim* (clubs) begins in March for Sunday students, with activities ranging from art to aerobics, all with a Jewish flair.

Looking ahead, we will be having a 5th grade creative service on April 4 at 10:30 a.m., and our annual 7th grade service for Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Day) will take place in conjunction with the temple-wide Yom HaShoah observance on April 18.

**Karen Winkler Weiss, Religious School Director**

### **Religious School Mensch Awards for the Months of Tevet and Shevat**

Pre-K/K: Marc deVries, Charles Herbin

1st: Marissa Dessanti, Alex Herbin

2nd: Laura Geisenheimer, Ethan Porter

3rd: Matthew DeSimone, Amanda Graizel, Daniel Koffler

4th: Jonathan Rodriguez

5th: Eric Feldbaum, Alexis McGowen, Deborah Silver

6th: Julia Haas-Godsil, Bari Rosenberg, Joshua Thal-Pruzan,  
Paula Weinberger, Sari Weiss

7th: Alexis Barad, Jonathan Frankel, Matthew Klein

**MAZAL TOV TO ALL OUR MENSCHEN!**





March has been a very festive month at the Early Childhood Center and one that everyone seems to be enjoying. Our teachers and children actively prepared for the celebration of Purim. The children listened to stories, learned new songs, created wonderful art projects, baked hamantaschen, made groggers and prepared shalach manot baskets.

The three and four year old classes celebrated the holiday both in their classrooms and in the sanctuary with Rabbi Gurvis and Cantor Bornstein-Howard. They had a great time shaking their hand crafted groggers while listening to the Megillah reading. The children also enjoyed marching in a parade wearing their handmade masks and crowns and loved visiting each others classrooms to fill their shalach manot baskets.

It seemed as soon as the aroma of baking hamantaschen left us, we began our preparations for Passover. For Passover, all the children and parents in our school will attend a model Seder conducted by our Rabbi and Cantor. The children will be actively involved in preparing food and ceremonial objects for the Seder. They will make seder plates, the cup of Elijah, matzah covers, charoset and bake matzah.

March also brings our first Early Childhood Shabbat dinner. Rabbi Gurvis and Cantor Bornstein-Howard will conduct a special service on Friday, March 19th from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for E.C.C. families. This will be followed by a pot luck dinner. We are all looking forward to sharing Shabbat together.

On Monday, March 22 at 9:30 a.m. I will be conducting a workshop entitled *Rain, Rain Go Away*. A variety of activities will be explored that you can do at home with your child. All temple members are invited to attend. Please call our office if you are interested at 833-8466.

During the past month we have been involved with 1993-94 registration and I am pleased to report we can look forward to another successful year. Our four year old and five day three year old programs are filled. We have a few openings available in our three day three year old program and our two year old program. Please contact us as soon as possible if you would like to register your child. We are also accepting summer camp registration forms.

We wish all our families a very Happy Passover.

Laura Schneider, Director Early Childhood Center

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## TEMPLE EMETH JOINS BETH AM FOR FOURTH SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND

Temple Emeth's Adult Education Committee is hosting its fourth Scholar-in-Residence weekend April 23, 24, and 25. The entire congregation is invited to hear Dr. Michael Morgan, Professor of Philosophy and Jewish Studies at Indiana University. This year, Temple Emeth will share its Scholar-in-Residence weekend with Congregation Beth Am of Teaneck.

A specialist in modern Jewish thought, Dr. Morgan is also an ordained rabbi.

The program will begin Friday evening, April 23, at Temple Emeth, with a festive Shabbat Dinner at 6:30 pm for Benefactors, Sponsors and Patrons, at which Dr. Morgan will be guest of honor. He will address members of both congregations and guests during Shabbat services which follow the dinner at 8:30 pm.

Saturday's schedule begins with a regular Shabbat morning service at Temple Emeth at 10:45 am. Luncheon will be served at noon, followed by Dr. Morgan's second address.

The Scholar-in-Residence weekend will include a Saturday evening dessert party, at which Dr. Morgan will talk informally. This event, to be held at Congregation Beth Am, will begin with a Havdalah service at 8 pm.

Dr. Morgan's final presentation on Sunday, April 25, will take place at Congregation Beth Am, after a brunch that begins at 10 am.

In order to make this weekend memorable, the Adult Education Committee needs the support of all Temple Emeth members -- in terms of both financial assistance and enthusiastic participation.

If you choose to become a Benefactor for a donation of \$250 per person, a Sponsor at \$150 per person, or a Patron at \$100 per person, you are invited to all meals, including the special Shabbat eve dinner. Children of Benefactors, Sponsors and Patrons may attend the Shabbat eve dinner at \$20 per person.

All members of both congregations are welcome to attend the Shabbat noon luncheon at Temple Emeth and Sunday morning brunch at Beth Am for a donation of \$12.50 per person per meal. There is no charge for the Saturday evening dessert party at Beth Am, although reservations are requested. Please reserve your place for all events by April 1. Checks should be made payable to: Temple Emeth Scholar-in-Residence.

You are welcome to attend all services and lectures at no charge.

If you have any questions, please call the Scholar-in-Residence Chairmen: Paul Kaufman, 385-88433, or Myron White, 837-7437.

## SOCIAL ACTION NOTES...

### House Pins Available

Those beautiful house pins you've seen being worn by many Temple Emeth members are now available in our Judaica Shop for only \$10. They come in many designs and colors. All proceeds go to the Inter-religious Fellowship for the homeless of Bergen County.

### Passover Chometz Collection

Our Food of the Month for April is a bag of chometz. Pick up a bag at Temple, and use it to clean out your unopened chometz. If you see an extra can of soup or tuna fish, throw them in too!

### Emmanuel Cancer Holiday Party

Temple Emeth has received a big thank you from the Emmanuel Cancer Foundation For Children for hosting their December Holiday Party. Over 100 families with children suffering from cancer had lots of fun and good food in our social hall. A special thank you to Amy Stern, June Cohen, Mindy Egber, Marcia Scharf and many more ECC Moms for all their hard work, as well as the many donations that funded the dinner. We hope to do this again next year.

### Advocacy Alert

Next month we will be excited to introduce our Social Action Advocacy program. A monthly Action Alert will be sent in the bi-weekly sheet and distributed at services informing us about issues of interest that are being addressed, or need to be addressed.

### Soviet Jewry Clothing Drive

The Soviet Jewry Clothing and Furniture Drive will be on Sunday, April 25th. We need as many volunteers as possible - if you can only give an hour, we can use you!

Vicki Farhi





## **FAMILY WEEKEND APRIL 2-4**

### **Pathway to Pesach**

U.A.H.C Camp Harlam, in conjunction with Hebrew Union College, will be hosting a family weekend. It is a chance for all families to experience the excitement of Camp Harlam and to learn more about Passover. All families are welcome. No previous background is required. This will be a fun learning experience!

For information and directions, call  
Camp J. and B. Harlam 215-563-8183

### **AT YOUR SERVICE**

An occasional column from  
the Ritual Committee

At a recent meeting of the ritual committee it was decided that Shabbat morning services should begin at 10:30am instead of the usual 10:45. Nobody could quite remember why we had selected the 10:45 time originally but there seemed no rhyme nor reason for it. The fifteen-minute move will bring the usual close of services closer to Religious School dismissal and make it more inviting for Religious School parents to attend services while waiting for their children.

The effective date of this change will be Saturday, July 3, 1993 - the beginning of our Summer service schedule. This will give us the summer to adjust our internal "Shabbos clocks" to the earlier time. Rabbi Gurvis has already informed the 1993-1994 B'nai Mitzvah parents of this schedule change but we wanted every member of the Emeth family to be aware.

The title of this column is only a partial pun. They are indeed **your** services. If you have any question about any aspect of services at Temple Emeth you are cordially invited and strongly urged to attend a meeting of the Ritual Committee. Scheduled meetings are listed on the monthly calendar or call the office.

**The Ritual Committee**  
**Joseph Boonin, Chairman**

### **TELL OUR ADVERTISERS**

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**IN THE BULLETIN**

## **TROUBLE WITH GRANDFATHERS** **by Bob Splewak**

### **A Welcome to Strangers**

One pleasant Shabbat evening  
In Hollywood without fail  
We went to Shabbat services  
And thus begins this tale;

There was to be a speaker  
On Chautauqua after serviss  
And a happy coincidence  
His name was Alan Gurvis

The father of our Rabbi!

He did his job quite well

But there's another story

I really have to tell

We heard about their dinner-dance

A week or two away

When Estelle heard "dance" the magic word

She said, "Let's go, I say"

We didn't have the dress-up clothes

And went in casual styling

The folks we met at that dinner-dance

Were friendly and beguiling

The first was Irving, 89

Said he was 22 (born Feb 29!)

We guessed it! wouldn't you?

There was Mary and spouse Izzy

A staunch Republican

When they started talking politics

We almost turned and ran

But the arguments were friendly

And when they got up to dance

Despite his 6 and 80 years

(Mary told us in advance)

They made a handsome image

When they shuckled on the floor

And when the music ended

They waited for some more

Judy and Ben, younger folks

At least were Democrat

They didn't leave a question

When it came to that

Harriet, Lila and Reba

Happily joined the fuss

One thing was outstanding-

They all had welcomed us

They made us feel at home with them

As Temple Emeth does

And when we went off with some balloons

No one made a fuss

We took them for our party

Our "Metaversary" to savor

Going to their dinner-dance

Was, to us, a favor

Yet they all thanked us for being there

With happy, welcome smiles

We had a great time, the music was fine

And we even danced in the aisles!

## GOOD AND WELFARE

**Mazel Tov to:**

Sandra Leeds on the marriage of her son Peter to Randi Esbin  
 Lotte Wolf on the occasion of her daughter Janet Wolf receiving the Christopher Award for her illustration of "Rosi N The Yellow Ribbon".  
 June and Bob Mandelkern on the engagement of their son, Michael to Myrna Rasmussen  
 Lorraine and Jerry Fisch on the birth of their grandson Daniel. His parents are Marty and Paula and brother Matthew.

**Get well wishes to: Eileen Winkler      Vera Bornstein      Jerome Case**

**Condolences to:**

Judy Wolinetz on the loss of her beloved aunt, Lucille Taub  
Mildred Otten on the loss of her beloved brother, Martin Berney  
Stan Swersky on the loss of his beloved mother, Augusta Marmorstein  
Norman Fallet on the loss of his beloved mother, Nancy Falevitch  
Helen Fertig on the loss of her beloved brother-in-law Gene R. Silber  
Carol Kaplan on the loss of her beloved uncle, Gene R. Silber  
Paul Kaufman on the loss of his beloved aunt, Pauline Kafes  
Herbert Friedman on the loss of his beloved mother, Esther Friedman

THE CONGREGATION MOURNS THE PASSING OF OUR BELOVED MEMBER  
ELLIOT BRUMMEL AND EXTENDS CONDOLENCES TO HIS WIFE, MARILYN

THE CONGREGATION MOURNS THE PASSING OF OUR BELOVED MEMBER,  
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In memory of Martin Berney, brother of Mildred Otten:  
 Lotte Wolf and daughters      Irmgard and Walter Hann      Marcella Braunschweiger  
 Temple Emeth Retirees in honor of Barbara, daughter of Irmgard and Walter Hann  
 obtaining her PhD.  
 Jacqueline and Howard Guttman in memory of Dorothy Marks, mother of Joan Paul

## Cantor's Discretionary Fund

Wishing Vera Bornstein, mother of Cantor Bornstein-Howard a speedy recovery:  
Cathy and David Bicofsky                      Sydell and Sy Yegelwel  
Cindy and Jose Martinez in gratitude to Cantor  
Joan and David Paul in gratitude to Cantor  
Elsie Rose in memory of her beloved sister, Helen Block

### Deficit Reduction Fund

In memory of David Siegel, father of Jerald Siegel:  
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 Diane and Howard Winer: in memory of Gene R. Silber, uncle of Carol Kaplan  
     in honor of the engagement of Rachel Lax to Michael Spektor.  
     She is the daughter of Joanne and Mike Lax  
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## CONTRIBUTIONS

### Adult Education Fund

In memory of Dorothy Marks, mother of Joan Paul:

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### Youth Fund

Roz and Alan Hantman in memory of Dorothy Marks  
Sandra Leeds in honor of the engagement of John Grunstein

### Ritual Committee

Esther Mendelsohn in memory of Dorothy Marks

### Museum Fund

Sandra Leeds in honor of Jeremy Westin passing the Bar Exam

### Library Fund

Sandra Leeds in honor of the marriage of her son Peter to Randi Esbin  
Dorothy and Robert Waxman in memory of Augusta Marmorstein, mother of Stan Swersky

### Soviet Jewry Fund/Jewish Resettlement

Marjorie and Norman Landau in honor of Grace and Bob Jacob's 50th wedding anniversary

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Bea and Alan Westin: in honor of the marriage of Peter Leeds to Randi Esbin  
   in memory of Helen Fierstein, mother of Lenore Berck  
   in memory of Selma Fromkin, mother of Marcia Prester, former members of Emeth  
Doris and Bill Lippman in memory of Elliot Brummel, husband of Marilyn Brummel and family  
Herbert Friedman in memory of his beloved wife Esther Friedman

### Social Action Fund

Diane and Howard Winer in gratitude to Sam Allar for his devotion to Social Action and Emeth  
Micki and Mike Grunstein: in honor of Sam Allar's much deserved honor  
   in honor of the marriage of Peter Leeds to Randi Esbin

### Prayerbook Fund

Enid and Sid Broder: in memory of Dorothy Marks, mother of Joan Paul  
   in memory of Martin Berney, brother of Mildred Otten  
   in memory of David Siegel, father of Jerald Siegel  
Margie and Chuck Rothschild: in memory of William Abrams, father of Joan Rubenstein and  
   Marjorie Landau  
   in memory of David Siegel, father of Jerald Siegel  
Marcella Braunschweiger in memory of Augusta Marmorstein, mother of Stan Swersky

### Mazon Fund

Anne and Ken Rosenthal in memory of Martin Berney, brother of Mildred Otten

### Music Fund

The Choir sending get well wishes to Vera Bornstein, mother of Cantor Bornstein-Howard  
Jacqueline and Howard Guttman in gratitude for the continuing good health of Vera Bornstein  
Barbara and Paul Kaufman: sending get well wishes to Vera Bornstein  
   in memory of Dorothy Marks, mother of Joan Paul  
   in memory of Augusta Marmorstein, mother of Stan Swersky  
Jean and Eric Loeb in memory of Dorothy Marks

## OUTREACH CONNECTIONS

### PASSOVER

At sundown, April 5, Passover begins. Families around the world will gather together to celebrate the liberation of the Jews from bondage in Egypt. Passover is a time of joyous celebration and great preparation. Special foods are bought and prepared. In some households, there are special dishes and cookware used only for this holiday which are unpacked and put in place of those used everyday. The home is searched for signs of Chametz (any leavened product made of wheat, oats, rye, barley and spelt) and these foods are removed. So that food is not wasted, some families send these items to a food pantry for the needy. The holiday is observed for seven days and the Seder (the religious service and festive meal) is held on the first night; in some homes, on the second night as well. Many of our Reform congregations have community seders on the second night of the holiday.

Preparation for the Seder takes time and energy, but is well worth it. Matzoh is used in place of bread; special desserts are baked and delicacies such as matzah balls, charoses (a mixture of nuts, apples and wine), gefilte fish and tzimmes are prepared. Children look forward to Passover because they play a very special role in the celebration. During the reading of the Haggadah, the youngest child is asked to read the "Four Questions." At the end of the meal, the children join in searching for the hidden "afikoman" (originally used as a good luck charm during the Middle Ages).

The day of the Seder arrives and the table is set with the finest of everything including flowers and candles. Symbolic foods for the Seder plate are prepared and a Haggadah (the written story of the holiday) is placed at each plate. One of the Seder rituals is setting a special cup of wine for Elijah, the prophet, and opening the door to welcome him. This symbolizes our hope and belief in the coming of the Messianic Age. But it also symbolizes the warmth and welcoming of the Jewish community to the strangers among us.

Whenever possible, our tradition asks us to make room for one more at the Seder table. Passover is to be shared with friends and family. Are you having a Seder? Invite someone to share your celebration. Have A Joyous Holiday.

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## ETHICS RETREAT TO EXPLORE CHALLENGES OF CONTEMPORARY LIFE

Members of UAHC congregations are invited to attend a national weekend retreat sponsored by the UAHC Ethics Committee. The conference, scheduled for May 14-16 will investigate the ethical challenges facing individuals, synagogues and businesses in the areas of personal and biomedical ethical decision making. Participants will study materials from Jewish and other contemporary sources as we search for guidance in making ethical decisions.

Participants will learn techniques for raising the ethical consciousness of their personal, professional and synagogue lives. Among the topics to be discussed are: Dr. Kevorkian and suicide, white collar crime, paying employees "off the books," awarding temple honors to significant donors, and a myriad of other provocative issues.

The weekend will take place at UAHC Camp Harlam in Kunkeltown, PA. Tuition is only \$103 per person including room, board and program materials.

For registration information call the UAHC regional office at 201-599-0080.

## KIBBUTZ YAHIEL ADVENTURE

Be adventurous! Celebrate Israel's 45th birthday on Reform Kibbutz Yahiel's Work-Study program sponsored by ARZA-CCE (Center for Continuing Education of Progressive Judaism in Israel). Meet the challenge. Highlights: half day work on Kibbutz Yahiel (participant's choice of job) - half day informal study, participants are adopted by a Kibbutz Yahiel family, Israeli dancing, ulpan, Negev tour and guest lectures from the Reform Movement in Israel and the Kibbutz Movement. April 21 to May 10. For more details contact Shelly Segal, 6051 Laurel Avenue, #316, Minneapolis, MN 55416 or call (612) 593-5481.

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In addition to reservoirs constructed in recent years in the Beit Shean Valley, JNF will construct more reservoirs near Gesher and Naoz Haim, as well as the upper Galilee and in the Jerusalem area. In the South, reservoirs are planned for Holit, Tze'elim and the Nahal Besor region of the western Negev.

JNF activity in tourism projects will also be expanded in the coming year. In the Beit Shean Valley, the development of Huga Park will continue. Riverbed repairs and drainage will continue during the coming year all over the country.

"Emphasis will be placed upon the construction of new roads, including a bypass road in Tiberias, security roads in the North, roads in the Negev block and the Ramon-Tzihor Road in the South, among others.

In addition to the annual planting of three million saplings over more than 6,000 acres, rehabilitating the woodlands damaged in the winter of 1992 will take place alongside regular forest management. JNF will continue reclaiming the desert and creating areas of shade for residents of the South.

In the area of education, JNF will again sponsor special programs in schools in Israel, in the Diaspora and in its forest camps for thousands of young participants, among them many new immigrants.

## CONSULTATION ON CONSCIENCE

Hundreds of Reform Jews committed to social justice will assemble for three days in Washington, DC for the bi-annual Consultation on Conscience, from Sunday April 27-Tuesday April 29. Briefings by some of this country's leading authorities on dozens of issues of political and social action concern to the liberal Jewish community will be addressed.

The Consultation strives to integrate information on key political issues with practical training on social action techniques.

Be a part of this special event, learning from, and working with the very people who will define our country's new approaches to issues of importance: health care, housing, and hunger; cities besieged by crime and poverty; the new geography of American-Israeli relations; troubling recent Supreme Court decisions involving religious liberty and reproductive rights; and U.S. foreign policy in the post-Cold War era.

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At the invitation of Dru Greenwood, National Director of the UAHC Commission on Outreach, Ken Rutz of Temple Emeth addressed the Executive Committee of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations on the *Role of the Non-Jewish Spouse in the Reform Synagogue*.

The following letter was recently received by Ken:

Dear Ken: February 11, 1993

It was truly good of you to take the time to participate in the panel presentation to the UAHC Executive Committee on the role of the non-Jew in the synagogue. Your words were very meaningful and gave our leadership much to think about. Thank you for sharing your experience with us.

I was delighted on a more personal level to meet you, after all the Schindler and Sigel families have ties which go many, many years, and into the second generation for my daughter Debbie and your sister-in-law Judy were colleagues at the Rodef Sholom Day School. Please do give my warm regards to Mimi and Lou.

Sincerely, Alexander M. Schindler

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## CHILD ABUSE GROUP AT JFS

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We are seeking one or more volunteers to create materials to promote the use of our social hall and to organize a promotional campaign within the Temple and outside. This might include creating a picture book and brochure, placing ads, and whatever else you can think of. If you are interested in employing your creative talents by helping with this important effort, please call Ted Greenwood at 692-8156 or Marion Schechter in the Temple office at 833-1322.

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Why not? Granted, we do not claim sole possession of the keys to God's favor. How often do Jews quote the Talmud, *The righteous of all nations have a share in the World-to-Come!* Yet, neither need we apologize for the particular paths of Torah, the distinctive ways of Judaism. We feel there is no better religion than Judaism, and hope that those who have chosen our religious tradition for their children might wish to consider it also for themselves.

The Hebrew word for initiation into the Jewish People is *geirut* (from *ger* meaning a stranger or a resident alien.) Conversion (*geirut*) may well be understood as *naturalization* into the fate and faith of the Jewish People. We accept many forms of Jewish observance and belief in our Congregation. I feel certain that any person considering or seeking to become a Jew can find a mutually acceptable expression of Jewish beliefs in our midst.

In North America, we are truly free to choose our own forms of Jewish faith. Given the liberal world in which we live, we need not be shy. Why not reach out to anyone who might want to join us?

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