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From the Rabbi's Study

Where has the year gone? I write these words at *Pesach's* end. As you read them, May is upon us. It hardly seems possible that it is a full year since I attended my first Annual Meeting of the Congregation as a visitor. Yet, in the week ahead, we shall come together again to elect officers, adopt a budget and transact other congregational business. What a full year it has been, and yet it has (programmatically) a good bit of steam left in it.

Even so, I cannot help but think of the coming of year's end. In the week ahead we will begin to move towards winding things up for our Religious School year. This coming Friday night, May 7th has been designated as *Faculty Recognition Shabbat*. In the course of our *Shabbat* celebration we shall honor the teachers who have worked so hard to imbue our children with understanding of and love for our rich Jewish heritage during the year. For those who teach religious school it is truly a labor of love - love of Judaism and love of children.

In the *Talmud* we learn that one who teaches another's child becomes like a parent unto that child. At Temple Emeth we are truly blessed with a faculty who look upon our children as their children -- teaching, nurturing and loving them with all the devotion of a parent. Our teachers deserve our respect and our love. They deserve our presence as we honor them this coming *Shabbat*.

But there is even more to our *Shabbat* celebration dedicated to honoring our teachers. On this Faculty Recognition Shabbat we also honor, and quite sadly, prepare to say goodbye to our Master Teacher, our Director of Education, Karen Winkler Weiss. As you may know, Karen and her family will soon be moving to West Hartford, Connecticut where her soon-to-be-ordained husband Cory will become the assistant Rabbi at Congregation Beth Israel.

Karen is no stranger to Emeth. Having been raised as a child of the congregation she returned two years ago. And with the same sense of love and devotion with which she was no doubt "raised" at Emeth, she has turned her energies to creating a wonderful learning environment and experience for our children. We have been blessed to have her back in our midst, bringing a love of Judaism and a love of learning to us all. How sad it is that she must go forward from our midst. Let us come together to honor not only our teachers on Friday evening, May 7th, but also our teacher of teachers, Karen Winkler Weiss. We will honor them in prayer, in word and in song as our wonderful *Etz Chayim* sing for us. Mark your calendar and join us in saying thank you to all our teachers and especially to Karen. Join us in wishing Karen, Cory and Michael *derech tzlachah* - "a successful way" as they set forth on the next part of their family's journey.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

April 30 ARZA Shabbat
May 6 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
May 7 Faculty Recognition Shabbat
May 14 Installation of Officers
and Trustees
May 15 DINNER DANCE
May 16 Doug Cotler Concert
May 23 Rummage sale
May 25 Erev Shavuot Services
May 26 Shavuot Service YIZKOR

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B'NAI MITZVAH SCHEDULE

May 29 Alexis Barad
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June 5 Jonathan Sandler
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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

April 30/May 1 Aharai-K'Doshim
May 7 Family Service 7:30
May 8 Emor
May 14/15 B'Har B'Huko-Tye
May 21/22 B'Midbar
May 28/29 Naso



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our annual meeting is less than a week away. As difficult as it is for me to believe, that means that my first year as President is coming to an end. I am honored to have been asked to serve for another year and gratified that most of the current officers will also remain. Even as we offer thanks for many years of dedicated service to Elaine Pollack and Abe Badian, who are stepping down as Secretary and Assistant Treasurer respectively, we welcome their successors David Fox and Bill Stern. I look forward to working for another year with an excellent group of officers and the new and continuing Trustees.

Although I will give a full report on the past year at the congregational meeting, I would like to take this opportunity to mention a few highlights.

Our major accomplishment has doubtlessly been a successful rabbinic transition. Thanks to the efforts of our dedicated Rabbinic Transition Committee, the warm welcome extended by the entire congregation, and the skill and enthusiasm with which Rabbi Gurvis has entered into every aspect of Temple life, it is easy to forget that he has been with us for only ten months.

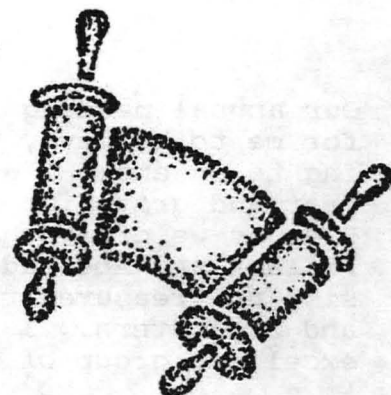
A significant aspect of this transition has been that, despite an anticipated, unusually large attrition, our membership is nonetheless larger than a year ago. The Early Childhood Center, the Religious School, and youth programs have also grown. We have every expectation that our numbers will continue to edge upward as word of our excellent professional staff and extensive programming continues to spread through Bergen County.

Although I could point to many innovative and expanded programs, I would point especially to our reinvigorated Caring Community Committee that has begun to touch the lives of a growing number of congregants. Looking ahead to our second half century, the new Institutional Review Committee is rethinking our organizational structure and revising our constitution. The Fiftieth Anniversary Building Renovation and Expansion Committee is planning for our future physical needs.

The year's major disappointment has been to find ourselves facing a large and unanticipated deficit as a result of shortfalls in fundraising, rental income, and possibly dues collection. We are acting vigorously to reduce this deficit and to minimize its carryover effects into the future.

I would like to thank all those whose devoted service has made this a wonderful year at Temple Emeth and the entire congregation for giving me the opportunity to serve as Temple President. I look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting on May 6, installation on May 14, and especially our annual dinner dance on May 15, in honor of Diane Winer and Micki Grunstein.

Ted Greenwood



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS: "The Calendar Song"

From holiday to holiday to holiday—the Religious School year is a song sung to the rhythm of the Jewish calendar. It moves from the tremendous reverberations of the High Holy Days to Sukkot's busy rustling—the sounds of the lulav and the branches covering the sukkah. With no segue, it takes up the happy parade beat by which we dance with the Torah scrolls at Simhat Torah. Then, it fades into a much-needed pause as we catch our breath, Fall heading quietly into Winter.

When Hanukkah comes, everyone joins in singing the song of the calendar brightly—the melodies are well known, children and adults share the cheerful mood (welcoming the alternative to the music of the jingle bells season). Then, the song turns to the Birthday of the Trees, Tu B'Shevat: a patch of green in the grey of Winter. Melody turns to hilarity, the comical season of Purim arriving like a circus troupe, and all the school's a stage (and the shul, too).

How does Pesach arrive so fast? Wasn't it just Hanukkah? Have the children had enough practice? Do they whisper the Four Questions shyly, or chant them out loud and proud?

Yom Hashoah—Holocaust Remembrance Day, recited in low tones like the Kaddish. Yom Haatzmaut-Yom Hazikaron—Israeli melodies of independence and heroic memory are the refrain, often muted amid the sounds of an American Spring.

By Shavuot, the young children's voices are gone from the school hallways, and our teens sing their songs of Jewish identity and commitment, the Confirmants leading the way into Summer.

לְכָל זְמַן וְזֶמֶן לְכָל חַפְץ הַחַיִּים

"A season is set for everything, a time for every experience under heaven."

Kohelet (Ecclesiastes) 3:1

During my two years here, I have tried to make the "song" of Jewish education sound out sweet and strong for students, families, and teachers. I have urged us ahead to test new "melodies" and learning experiences, and tried to bring in new "voices," attempting to orchestrate greater participation and involvement. As my family and I get ready to make our new home with the Jewish community of West Hartford, Connecticut, where my husband will begin his rabbinate, it is my greatest wish that Temple Emeth Religious School continue to make beautiful music, harmonizing through every season of the Jewish year. I know that the school will sing a welcoming song to its next Director, and that the "calendar song" of our Jewishness will continue to delight and teach us all.

Karen Winkler Weiss, Religious School Director

SUPER SECOND NIGHT SEDER

With lotsa *motsa* and *charoset* to spare,
 (You like it Sephardic? Ashkenazi? with wine?)
 With grapejuice? no nuts? we've got every kind!)
 Chicken soup, *matsa* balls (made by a *maven*)
 Tsimmis of apple juice, carrot and prune,
 Ever more broccoli, gefilte fish too,
 With zucchini *kugels* concocted on Sunday
 Chicken and parsley, carrot sticks, *chraim*,
 Eggs and fruit salad, bottles of wine,
 Grape juice for little ones, seltzer for all,
 Cookies and strawberries overflowing the plate..
 Our Seder was fine, just lilting and songful,
 With lovely spring flowers all over the place!
 Everyone brought--no one did naught!
 The Rabbi told stories and everyone read
 (Unless your glasses were not on your head),
 The Cantor led songs and chanted the blessings,
 The kids asked four questions - opened the door
 Laura Gurvis shopped and planned,
 Then shopped some more so all was "in hand"
 Arthur and Hugo kept everything moving,
 Behind the scenes those dishes kept piling.
 So many thanks to all who joined in
 Making our Seder all that it was
 And more! *Dayeinu!* What?
 You want a rhyme too?
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MESSAGE FROM THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

It was wonderful to see so many parents at our model Seder. The children were very excited to share this event with you. They had a great time preparing for Passover. Our Seder was conducted by Rabbi Gurvis and Cantor Bornstein-Howard.

Parents' Association News... We are very involved in raising money to improve the playground at the ECC. Our Spring Fair co-chaired by Carrie Golden and Marsha Scharf will be the major fundraiser of the year: Spring Fair Sunday May 2 from 12 noon to 3 p.m.

This will be a wonderful event with a moonwalk, pony rides, children's entertainment, games, prizes, and food. Please come and spend a fun-filled day with your family.

Volunteers are needed to make this event a success. Please sign up on the sheet posted outside your classroom. **Laura Schneider, ECC Director**

JEWISH CHAUTAQUA SOCIETY

The Score

Some good news and some bad news

The good news is that overall anti-semitic incidents in the US decreased since 1991.

The bad news is that anti-semitic incidents on college campuses increased by 12%. This troubling trend is even more alarming when we realize that these incidents are taking place in the training grounds of the future leaders of our nation.

We must put more JCS scholar-in-residence courses on campuses across the US and Canada, so that "Understanding Through Education" becomes a reality for increasing numbers of students.

We must also have more Campus Impact Program events, to help students experience first hand the treasures of different religious, cultural and ethnic traditions through extracurricular programs.

Your involvement and support are critical to the success of these goals.

So please join us today in working to make sure that next year's numbers represent less hatred and more hope.

Please send your \$50 membership check to JCS to Temple. **Sam Allar**

GOOD AND WELFARE

Mazel Tov to:

Fred Barth on the occasion of his 85th Birthday
 Janet and Norman Schwartz on the engagement of their daughter, Deborah to
 Jack Schwartz
 Brenda and Lewis Klotz on the marriage of their daughter, Natalie Anne, to
 Jerry Fred Barbanel
 Eva and Rolf Mandeau on the birth of their granddaughter, Michèle Sarah to
 Lynn and Daniel Mandeau
 Estelle and Bob Spiewak on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter,
 Tamara Robin, daughter of Lauren Nacht Spiewak and Bruce Spiewak

Welcome into Membership:

Myra, Howard, Heather, Matthew and Brett Katzoff

Get Well Wishes to:

Karen Gronner Robby Rutz Fred Barth
 Spencer Evans Charly Kneeter

Condolences to:

Mildred Otten on the loss of her beloved brother, Bernard Berney
 Ginger Gordon on the loss of her beloved mother, Mary Gordon
 Harold Katz on the loss of his beloved cousin, Dr. Jerome Freier
 Helen Peck Samuels on the loss of her beloved husband, Jules Samuels
 and to JoanBetty Schwarz on the loss of her beloved stepfather

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Rabbi Gurvis Discretionary Fund:

Nettie and Leonard Feuchs sending get well wishes to Harry Fidlow
 Dr. and Mrs. Bernard Jerome sending birthday greetings to Stuart Littwin
 Brenda and Lewis Klotz in honor of the marriage of their daughter,
 Natalie Anne, to Jerry Fred Barbanel
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 Leila and Norman Fallet in memory of Nancy Falevitch
 Helen Peck Samuels in memory of Jules Samuels
 Etta Fidlow in memory of Karan Nadel Spirer
 The Kozeradsky Family in gratitude to Rabbi Gurvis on the occasion of
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Cantor Bornstein-Howard's Discretionary Fund:

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Barbara and Edward Weikert in memory of Augusta Marmorstein,
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Museum Fund

Betty and Bob Goldstein in honor of Janet Wolf receiving the Christopher Award

Landscape Fund

Ruth Meissner in memory of Werner Meissner and Arthur Baer

Social Action Fund

Temple Emeth Retirees in honor of Janet Wolf, daughter of Lotte Wolf, receiving
the Christopher Award

Rhonda Hymowitz and Vicki Farhi in memory of Mary Gordon,
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Scholar-in-Residence Fund

Gloria and Marvin Barsky: In honor of Diane Winer being nominated for Vice President
 of the National Council of Jewish Women
 In honor of Fran Butensky being nominated for President
 of the National Council of Jewish Women
 In honor of Ruth and Peter Adler, Shirley and Ken Heller,
 and Betsey and Stew Silverman celebrating 25 years at Emeth

Adult Education Fund

Ruth and Peter Adler in honor of Shirley and Ken Heller's 25 years at Temple Emeth

Youth Fund

Elaine and Stan Kotkin in honor of the engagement of Rachel Lax
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May 21 Senior League Creative Service 7:30pm
A beautiful service planned and led by Senior League followed by an Oneg Shabbat

May 23 Senior League Car Wash 10 am
Temple Parking Lot. Help us with our fund-raising by bringing your car today to be washed

June 1 New/Old Board Meeting-"The Changing of the Guard" as the Power passes to our new Board

June 12 Final Event! Whitewater rafting and picnic in the Poconos. Bus will leave Temple at 9:30 am. Linda Storfer, Youth Director

The March 5 issue of the Jewish Standard showed a picture of Kara Wiese and Gary Kon, Senior League members with Linda Storfer, Youth Advisor, and Paul Kaufman, Chairman of the Temple Environmental Committee at a recycling fair that had been held at the Temple.

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TROUBLE WITH GRANDFATHERS by Bob Spiewak

A Pesach Meisser

When Moses saw the Golden Calf
He broke those tablets right in half
God said "Return - carve them anew
And I'll supply the words for you"

The lesson we were meant to learn

If you want help - help in return

It helps us to remember best

When we do our part, when we invest

And value is added, that we know

When we help a project grow

For what comes too easily to us

What we receive without a fuss

Can never be appreciated

Like that to which we are related

Our children, too, if they would grow

Must add their help - and that we know

SOFTBALL SEASON OPENS!

On Sunday, April 11th, our Temple Emeth Team, *The Has-beens*, bested Beth Sholom in a hotly contested opening game, 6-5. It was nip and tuck all the way, with the final scoring in the 7th inning breaking a 5-5 deadlock. The team is part of the Teaneck Interfaith Softball League.

The unexpected presence of sunshine encouraged players and spectators alike. Among notable spectators were vice-president Judy Yablonka, past president Micki Grunstein and Cantor Annie Bornstein-Howard.

Our team consisted of: pitcher - Lee Taylor and catcher - Pauline Hecht, Lynn Chaikin, Steve Chaikin (1 RBI), Ofer Egber, Jerry Godsil (who caught the last out), Marc Golden (1-RBI), Harry Groveman (2 RBI), John Grunstein, Rabbi Eric Gurvis, Susan Haas, Jerry Howard, Dan Kirsch, Stan Kotkin (who threw the last out to Jerry Godsil). Details provided by Judy Yablonka and Stan Hecht.

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Throw them out

Score some runs

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ADOPTION: BEFORE AND AFTER

Judith Shaffer, M.A. author of How to Raise an Adopted Child will be the keynote speaker on Sunday, May 16, from 12:15-4:30 PM, at Temple Neve Sholom, 250 Grove Avenue, Metuchen, NJ. Her topic is Adoption: A Lifelong Process.

Rabbi Gerald Zelizer will offer the Jewish Perspective on Adoption. The program is a presentation of the Jewish Family Service.

LETTING GO: ADJUSTMENT TO COLLEGE

Congratulations to high school seniors for completing the arduous tasks of college admissions and making the important decision about which school to attend. Now is the time for adjustment from high school to college life. For parents, this includes "letting go," and for students, it means coping with new independence.

Judy Berg, an experienced educational consultant, will discuss these issues with students and their parents on Thursday, June 3 at 7 pm at the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at Rutgers University in New Brunswick.

Please RSVP to Rebecca Steinberg at the UAHC office 599-0080.

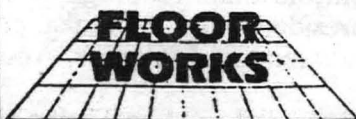
RABBI ERIC YOFFIE TO ADDRESS TEMPLE LEADERS

Rabbi Eric Yoffie, UAHC Vice President and Director of its Commission on Social Action will be the keynote speaker at the annual UAHC Temple Presidents/Vice-Presidents Dinner on Wednesday evening, June 2 at Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, Short Hills, NJ. Rabbi Yoffie will address the group on "The Synagogue and Social Justice; Our Responsibilities to the Community at Large."

The evening will also feature discussion and analysis of the 1993-94 Survey of Temple Dues and Fees. The evening will end with an Open Forum/Problem Solving Clinic--an opportunity to discuss current temple concerns with the leaders of other congregations. All Temple members are welcome.

For more information contact Robin Hirsch at the UAHC office 599-0080.

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OUTREACH CONNECTIONS SHAVUOT

Adapted from: "The Jewish Home"
by Rabbi Daniel Syme

The Book of Ruth is one of the five scrolls or megillot read on certain Jewish Holidays. It is read on Shavuot (May 26 and 27) and is particularly appropriate because it illustrates the acceptance of Torah by an individual--a Jew by choice.

After a series of family tragedies, Ruth journeys with her widowed mother-in-law Naomi and her sister-in-law Orpah on the road back to Naomi's homeland in Judah. Realizing that Ruth and Orpah would have difficulty in adjusting to life in Judah, Naomi urges them to remain in Moab, their birthplace. Orpah turns back, but Ruth refuses, saying to Naomi "Entreat me not to leave thee and to return from following after thee; for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy people shall be my people and they God my God" (1:16-17).

Ruth travels to Judah with Naomi, settling with her and caring for her, going out to the fields each day to gather that part of the harvest left for the poor in accordance with Jewish law. The owner of the field, Boaz, a distant relative of Naomi, fell in love with Ruth and married her. Their child, Obed, became the father of Jesse, the father of David. Thus, the loyal convert Ruth was the great-grandmother of David, King of Israel.

The Book of Ruth reminds us of our responsibility to Judaism. If Ruth, a convert, could be so committed to Judaism in spite of many obstacles, we too can find a continual source of blessing in our tradition. The Torah is ours for the taking. But only we, through our actions, can receive it and make it our personal possession, all the days of our lives.

The Jews who came out of Egypt were not truly free until they accepted the responsibility of Torah, the necessity for self-discipline and lives filled with Jewish values. They were not totally liberated until, as a people, they said: *Naaseh venishma*, "We will do and we will hear."

Judith Yablonka

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3. Reform Kibbutzim receive needed support and publicity?

4. Members of the Knesset have visited Reform communities in the U.S. and have learned about the validity of Reform Judaism?

5. Tailor-made tours are available to Israel?

6. Reform conversions made outside Israel are now accepted in Israel after a long and bitter struggle?

However, the battle continues regarding the legitimacy of Reform Rabbis and consequently conversions and life-cycle events in that country.

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