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From the Rabbi's Study

As we prepare to turn the page of the calendar from May to June I can hardly believe that it is nearly a year since my family and I came into your midst. What a fulfilling year this has been for us as we've joined our lives to yours.

As I stated on the night of my installation as your rabbi, I come eager to be a "student of Temple Emeth" -- its history, its ways and its dreams. While my "studies" are far from over, it is with an incredible sense of awe and amazement that I approach the completion of this first year. We've laughed together and we've cried together; we've studied and grown. As I look back upon such a wonderful year of transition I cannot help but be grateful to those who have helped to make my transition to Temple Emeth; and our family's to Teaneck so easy and successful.

I owe a special debt of gratitude to those who have helped to pave my road into the rabbinate of Temple Emeth: our office and custodial staffs; Karen Weiss and Laura Schneider along with their respective faculties. A special word of thanks and appreciation to Cantor Annie Bornstein-Howard who has not only taught me so much of "the ways of Emeth" but who has also worked with me as my "rabbinic way and style" comes to blend with the ways of Emeth. A special thanks also to Rabbi Louis J. Sigel and to Mimi Sigel for helping to welcome our rabbinic family to Emeth. Your advice, guidance and wisdom continue to be a source of strength. May we all be blessed with many good years together with the Sigels continuing inspire and strengthen us all.

Permit me one last time to express my gratitude collectively to all who've helped -- the Search and Transition committees, the officers and trustees of Temple Emeth, all the committee chairpersons and to those who opened their homes as hosts of our Cottage Parties of last summer. Lastly, I want to thank all of you who make Emeth all that it is. You have opened your hearts and welcomed me in so warm a fashion. May our transition be a model for many other congregations and rabbis.

As summer prepares to come upon us activity around the synagogue will slow its pace. But we'll be here throughout the summer. Feel free to drop by for a visit. I know that there are still many of you out there whom I've yet to meet. I look forward to seeing many of you at services and around the building through the summer. May the months ahead bring refreshment and renewal of body and spirit. I already look forward to fall's coming and the renewal of activity. Be well and be safe!

B'shalom,

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As part of my remarks on May 14th at the service of installation of officers and trustes, I mentioned several challenges that Temple Emeth must face in the coming year. I would like to repeat them again here:

First, we must continue our commitment to superb Jewish Education through our Religious School as we make a transition to our new educator, Paul Lichtman.

Second, we must strengthen even more our social action program and our newly reinvigorated "caring community" efforts. I have no doubt that our chairs and co-chairs of these committees will do so.

Third, Brotherhood now has a steering committee of past Brotherhood Presidents and new potential leaders to help us go forward.

Fourth, we must successfully implement the new procedures for youth scholarships and dues relief that the Board recently adopted.

Fifth, we must continue our efforts to revise our constitution and plan for building renovation and expansion that will see us through our second half century.

Sixth, we must do more to reach out to the wider community of Teaneck and Bergen County, especially the black and the Muslim as well as the Christian communities.

Last and most vital, we must get out of our current financial troubles. As you have already heard, we anticipate a \$40,000 deficit in the current year, which ends on June 30, due to shortfalls in rental income, annual giving and total dues collection. Therefore, we need help from all. Please make sure this year's dues are paid before the end of the fiscal year. In addition, I issue a special plea to our annual giving contributors: please join with Dru and me in making a special contribution before the end of June of 50 percent of this year's annual contribution. This must be in addition to this year's and next year's regular contribution. I do not make this plea happily, but I also do not make it lightly. It must be made. Only with additional contributions, can we eliminate a deficit in the current year that we cannot afford to absorb.

This is a large and demanding agenda. In truth, it is only part of our agenda. But I have no doubt that, with the help of our superb professional staff, our dedicated officers and trustees, and everyone in the very special Temple Emeth community, we can move forward and accomplish much of it.

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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

The final months of the school year have been wonderfully eventful! The **5th and 6th grade students** visited the **Ellis Island** Immigration Museum, under the leadership of parents and teachers. Students in the **elementary grades** prepared and sampled a variety of Jewish foods, from home-made challah and matzah to humous and techina. Right before Pesach, our **5th graders** conducted a creative service on the theme of freedom. And students in every grade participated in a **fundraising** project, coordinated by volunteer **Ruth Herbin**, which brought in \$735 that has been used to purchase an excellent new TV set and other A/V equipment.

On Yom Hashoah-Holocaust Remembrance Day-the 7th grade led a moving morning service as part of the day-long reading of Holocaust victims' names. They paid tribute to children who perished in the Shoah with a reading of names and a ceremony honoring the Holocaust Torah. Through their powerful poetry and prose, they shared intense moments of sadness and remembrance with all who were present that morning. This was the second year that the 7th grade Holocaust curriculum culminated in an important creative service that drew upon our students' knowledge of Jewish history and liturgy, as well as their developing moral sensibilities.

Faculty Recognition Shabbat—*Hag Hamorim*—was particularly marked by tributes to Ilana Hed, our remarkable teacher of Hebrew, who has blessed Temple Emeth with 20 years of outstanding service. Her skillful teaching, continuous growth as a professional, and warmth and caring toward her students all make her a much beloved treasure of our Religious School. We say *mazal tov* to her for her successful teaching career so far, and *todah rabbah*—thanks so much—for her labor of love as a teacher of our children.

And we say an enormous TODAH RABBAH to David Fox and Rhona Herman, who, with the help of Jane DeVries, Cyndy Friedland, Roberta Geisenheimer, Jerry Klein, Florette Koffler, Elaine and Lou Polakoff, Erica Reiner, and Carla Silver made our final Religious School Shabbat dinner of the year a delightful and delicious event. (They also made their educator feel very much appreciated.)

Closing Ceremonies on May 22 & 23 honored the 4th and 7th grades, each of which is graduating to the next tier of our educational program. Especially applauded were 7th grade students, Alexis Barad and Lindsay Blaker, who received this year's Abe Golumb History Award for academic effort and achievement. Celebratory onegs followed the formal festivities.

"Care and Feeding of Your Religious School"

Don't ignore it. Don't abhore it. Be part of it. Show you love it!

As I leave my post as Religious School Director, my earnest request is that everyone at Temple Emeth welcome the next director with all possible enthusiasm, warmth, and willingness to lend a hand constructively. Only with such support can any educator hope to achieve and maintain a really super Religious School experience for the children of the congregation. There is a great deal that is new, dynamic, and evolving in our Religious School program, and it will be essential for more people to be involved in the day-to-day life of the school if Temple Emeth is to continue to move toward real, state-of-the-art Jewish education for our kids. They deserve the best-don't let them down!

Karen Winkler Weiss, Religious School Director 1991-1993

MESSAGE FROM THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

It is hard to believe that our school year is coming to an end. Each class is planning an end of the year picnic. We will be celebrating a wonderful year of sharing, caring, playing and learning. The children will be preparing lunch for their guests.

Many families will be planning a vacation this summer which will require a long car ride. Since pre-school children have little grasp of time and distance, they will very often ask, "Are we there yet?". To make the drive safer and more pleasant for everyone, here are some ideas:

•Pack nutritious snacks and juice-paks that children can eat or drink whenever they get hungry. Instead of one food item, choose a variety. Let the children help in the selection process.

•Pack surprises. Books, puzzles, stickers, sunglasses, paper and crayons, etc. Place items in individual bags to add an element of surprise.

•Play car games. Go on different kinds of object hunts. (i.e., Let's look for green things. Let's look for big trucks.) Try riddle games such as, "I'm thinking of something..."

•Tell your favorite story such as the "Three Little Bears". Also, try family stories about a favorite relative, a funny thing that happened to you about growing up, etc.

•Sing with the radio or play children's favorite cassettes. Encourage children to teach you a song or rhyme they learned at school.

Many of our pre-schoolers will be spending their summer at our Camp. We are planning a fun-filled program with lots of water play, outside activities, arts and crafts, music and interesting theme days. I am happy to report that our summer program is filled except for an opening in our four-year-old class from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please call the E.C.C. office if you are interested.

Wishing everyone a wonderful and relaxing summer.

Laura Schneider, Director, Early Childhood Center

HAS-BEENS OVER ETHICAL CULTURE

On Sunday, May 16th,* our Temple Emeth Has-Beens increased their won/lost record to 3-2.

Contributing to the victory were Grunsteins at bat and in the field, Tammy Hecht who gave up only one run in three innings and Gidon Yablonka, who made up for the fact that he was unable to field a foul tip behind the screen by neatly snaring one while sitting on the sidelines. He had the first RBI of his entire career. One casualty: Carrie Golden broke a nail playing second base.

Magistrate, er, Rabbi Eric Gurvis had the largest cheering section as Laura and the three children watched assiduously as he ran the bases.

Thespian Jackie Guttman, accompanied by handsome Howard graced the sidelines, among several other notables.

The "Has-Been" cheer was heard several times taking note of exploits on the field as well as on the pitcher's mound and at the plate.

Oh, yes, the score. Jerry Howard's creative scorekeeping leads us to believe that it was either 12-8 or 14-8. Either way, we won.

The "Has-Been" Cheer, written by our most prolific purveyor of doggerel follows:

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DINNER DANCE

Our Gala Spring Dinner Dance in honor of Micki Grunstein and Diane Winer was elegant, fantastic and fun. The social hall was transformed into a magnificent ballroom. 165 guests feasted, danced and were entertained. An original musical vignette, *The Golden Girls*, created by Cantor Annie Bornstein-Howard featured Judy Yablonka, Jackie Guttman, Deborah Taylor, Barbara Kaufman, Peter Adler, Elaine Kotkin with Lenora Thom at the piano, Jerry Howard; Props, Arthur Lucky and Hugo Loor; Lighting, with Cantor Bornstein-Howard narrating. It was hilarious!

Special thanks for making it all happen go to: Peter and Ruth Adler, Fred Berg, Madeleine Brecher, Fran Butensky, Sherry Gordon, Jackie Guttman, Carol Heischober, Barbara Kaufman, Rose Kneeter, Elaine Kotkin, Debbie Newman, Deborah Taylor, for a beautiful Ad Journal, our very talented Cantor Annie Bornstein-Howard, our staff - Marion, Joan, Arthur and Hugo - You are all great! Marianne Berg, Chairwoman

ETZ CHAYIM SPRING PROGRAM

Family Shabbat Service, May 7 honored the Religious School Faculty, saluting Ilana Hed for her twenty years at Temple Emeth and Karen Weiss our Educator as she leaves us.

The Temple Emeth Youth Choir Etz Chayim dedicated their Spring Program to our Mothers, our Educator, Karen Weiss, and our past Co-Presidents, Micki and Diane. Expertly directed by Cantor Annie Bornstein-Howard, with Lenora Thom organist, the Choir was the highlight of the evening. Etz Chayim members: Amanda Bicofsky, Blake Butler, Matthew Fox, Justin Friedland, Brandon Golden, Brittany Golden, Alexander Herbin, Alexis Herman, Dan Koffler, Stephen Leff, Rebecca Lerman, Allison Lily, Leslie Pazan, Steven Pazan, Max Sturm, Aaron Taylor and Paula Weinberger.





SENIOR LEAGUE NOTES

Climaxing an exciting and active year, Senior League will have an overnight camping trip in Harriman State Park from June 12 to 13. Chaperones are always welcome and wanted.

We recently held our elections. Our new officers are: Co-Presidents-Rachel Liebster and Ken Kotkin, Social Action-Kim Geller, Secretary/Membership-Josh Aster, Treasurer/Fundraiser-Sara Jaffe, Religious and Cultural-Jen Kleinbaum, and Publicity-Stacey Butler.

Our annual Creative Service was held Friday May 21.Our Car Wash was Sunday, May 23. Senior Leaguers had many fun and thought provoking activities. These included things like the Renaissance Festival, a trip to the Environmental Museum in Queens, an Arts and Crafts Nite, an Environmental Fair, a trip to New York and the Purim Carnival. Stacey Butler

TROUBLE WITH GRANDFATHERS by Bob Spiewak

HAVDALAH

Havdalah separates the sacred from the profane, light from darkness, the six working days of the week from the Sabbath. Taking a hint from this very meaningful prayer:

How simple to set one's mind at ease Taking an example from words like these Divide molehills from the mountains Peanuts from the elephants Focus on life's important things

Know what it is that true happiness brings "This above all to your own self be true" Then your loved ones must enter the scene For them you need health and tranquility too I know that you see what I mean

Each life has its lumps and its bruises Maybe too many to mention But it is true that each one of us chooses What most deserves our attention

Material items of any amount Are worth no more than beans It's people alone that really count That is what life really means

CONCENTRATION

by Alexis Barad 7th grade Temple Emeth

I am a survivor, But my soul is dead and numb, I am a survivor Of the death that grabbed everyone.

> Concentration Camps Death of high extremity The soldiers there... Beyond humanity.

My brother died starving He died too early. His short brown hair Dark and curly. My mother thought she was taking a shower, but the gas chambers took and her they devoured.

> But I am a survivor. I was done wrong. I am a survivor, It is hard to be strong.

I have lost so many, I have seen so much death.

Hate is my enemy. Love and happiness Have left my head. And since I'm alone in this life, I'm dead...

GOOD AND WELFARE

Mazel Tov to:

Wendi and Michael Furman on their new home

Marjorie and Joel Price on the birth of their new grandson, Andrew David to Mindy and Neil Betoff

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Stacey Peterson Evans, daughter of Pat Peterson, upon her

appointment as Senior Vice President of Fleet Bank, Boston College Graduates: Lauren Finder, Gayle Dubno, Matthew Hecht, Elyssa Winer, Deena Schecter, Kelli Heischober, James Vogelman, Jeffrey Fishman, Elissa Kirsch, Allison Brecher and Melissa Slotnick

Get well wishes to: Dick Norman Penny Allar Mort Pader

Condolences to:

Roslyn and Ted Nierenberg on the loss of their beloved son-in-law Steven Knitzer, husband of Amy

Norman Landau on the loss of his beloved father, Louis Bennet Landau

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Rabbi Gurvis Discretionary Fund

Marjorie and Joel Price in honor of the birth of their grandson, Andrew David, to Mindy and Neil Betoff Etta Fidlow in memory of her beloved daughter-in-law, Karen Nadel Spirer Susan and George Lilly in honor of their tenth anniversary Susan and Otto Perl in honor of the confirmation of Marni and Naomi Yablonka

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of her daughter, Jessica

Judy and David Fox in honor of Cory Weiss' ordination

Barbara Straussman Scholarship Fund

Carole and Harold Rothstein in honor of their sons, Gabe and Adam being accepted at Emory University

Carole and Harold Rothstein in honor of their son Adam for becoming a National Merit Finalist

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DUES RELIEF PROCESS

Dear Fellow Temple Emeth Congregants,

This summer, when you receive your dues notices, you should be aware that the procedure for receiving dues relief will differ from past years. Instead of the President, the Treasurer or the Assistant Treasurer reviewing dues relief requests, a newly created Dues Relief Committee will do so. As recommended by a Task Force that met last summer and approved by the Board, the committee will consist of past presidents and other past and current Temple Trustees, appointed by the President, who can be relied upon to be sensitive and discreet.

For the 1993-94 year, the Committee will be chaired by past President Sy Yegelwel. A member of this committee will speak with each congregant requesting dues relief, reach agreement as to a fair and equitable dues commitment for the coming year, and make certain that the requestor understands the importance of meeting agreed upon financial commitments to the Temple.

The main reason that the procedure has been changed is that in recent years the process of reviewing dues relief requests has become overwhelming for our President and Treasurers. The review usually takes place during the summer, and is concentrated in the weeks prior to Rosh Hashanah. These are busy people who must perform other tasks for the Temple during this same period. This has led to dissatisfaction with the process by both congregants and the Board.

You should know that the Task Force, which included seven Temple members, reviewed the dues relief procedures of several reform temples of our size in our Region and spoke informally with other Temple members before making its recommendations to the Board. Importantly, we decided that unlike some other temples, we would not request access to tax returns or other financial information as part of our review process.

Other Task Force recommendations, approved by the Board include:

- * dues relief requests must be in writing, as currently;
- * dues relief will be for one year at a time;
- * the Committee will co-ordinate requests for relief from Religious School fees; and
- * there will be no reduction of Early Childhood Center fees without Board approval.

The Task Force and the Board of Trustees believe that the new Dues Relief Committee will be better able to handle what is a sensitive matter to all of us in a tactful, fair and judicious manner.

Sincerely, Larry Silver, Chair, Dues and Fees Relief Task Force



BAD NEWS FROM J.C.S.

Elie Wiesel was shocked. Were you? The reason was the report of a Roper poll sponsored by the American Jewish Committee which showed that 34% of the adults surveyed and 37% of high school youths either don't know if the Holocause happened or say it never happened. That's 4 out of 10 people surveyed! Ads placed in student papers by a group called Committee for Open Debate on the Holocaust appeared at Cornell, Duke, Michigan and Northwestern universities suggest that the Holocaust was fabricated. TV and radio talk shows have given air time to people who dispute the Holocaust. Hundreds of thousands of voters cast votes for ex-Nazi David Duke who denied the Holocaust.

As survivors and eye witnesses die off, we can expect less resistance to revisionist propaganda unless we act now. Some states mandate teaching about the Holocaust. Many do not. To offset the deluge of books, lectures and ads, we must bring the truth to our educational systems.

The Jewish Chautauqua Society has expanded its programs into elementary schools as well as colleges and remains the only organiation dedicated to reaching students about all Jewish subjects. It requires funds to send Rabbis to lecture, give courses, offer seminars at Seminaries, provide free books to school libraries and to make films available. If you have not yet acted to support JCS but agree that this revisionist threat must be answered, please send a check to Temple Emeth made out to the Jewish Chautauqua Society. Sam Allar, JCS Chairman, Temple Brotherhood



A LIBERAL JEWISH PERSPECTIVE ON INTERMARRIAGE

A six-week discussion series for unaffiliated interfaith couples sponsored by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations will take place on Wednesday evenings at Barnert Temple in Franklin Lakes, beginning July 14. Couples are invited to share issues and concerns of interfaith family life in a supportive, non-judgemental setting. Registration is limited to eight couples. For further information and/or registration, please call Kathryn Kahn at 599-0080.

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BAR/BAT MITZVAH SUPPORT GROUP

We, the parents with children to become Bar/Bat Matzvah in the near future, are planning to organize a support group. Those, who already experienced this event, please come and share your knowledge about it and help us.

Please leave a message in the Temple office at 833-1322 or call me directly at 387-1236. Thank you Eva Adler

NEW BOOK ON REFORM JUDAISM

The significant people and events which have shaped the Reform Movement are highlighted in a major new book entitled <u>Reform Judaism in</u> <u>America: A Biographical Dictionary and Sourcebook.</u>

The volume includes over 170 biographical profiles of men and women who helped form the leadership of the Reform movement.

The work highlights contributions of major personalities, as well as their biography and a bibliography of works by and about that individual. Included are principal architects of the Reform movement, national organizational leaders, distinguished rabbis and academicians, outstanding cantors and volunteer lay activists.

The new book is available from Greenwood Publishing Group, Inc., 88 Post Road West, Westport, CT 06881.

ISRAEL BONDS WEEK A COMMITMENT TO THE FUTURE

In June of 1967, during the course of one unforgettable week, Israel turned to us for support during a time of crisis. Now, in June of 1993, Israel will look to us at a time when it stands at the threshold of perhaps the most significant era for the nation since the founding of the state.

This new era of promise, fueled by the arrival of hundreds of thousands of immigrants, is so vast in its potential that State of Israel Bonds has designated June 10-17 as *Israel Bonds Week '93*, a major nationwide effort to accelerate the flow of Israel Bonds investment capital to Israel.

During Israel Bonds Week '93' the Israel Bonds office will have extended hours, providing ample opportunity to make an Israel bonds investment. Special events will also be scheduled throughout the week.

For further information, contact the Israel Bonds office at 907-0001.

GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

Registration is still being accepted for the Spirituality and Study Kallah scheduled for July 7-11 at Brandeis University. Nationally renowned professors and rabbis will lead the five day program which focuses on personal religious growth, experiential worship, music and study. For more information contact the Commission on Religious Living at 617-277-1655.

Lovers of Jewish Music are reminded to attend the Fourth Annual Jewish Choral Festival at the Concord Resort Hotel July 11-15. Join 300 Jewish choral singers as they study exciting new repertoire with the best Jewish choral conductors in the country. Evening concerts feature a variety of choral groups and distinguished cantors. For more information contact the Commission on Synagogue Music at 599-0080.

INREACH AND OUTREACH: TWO SIDES OF THE SAME COIN

If you have been involved with Reform Jewish Outreach in recent years, you have probably heard the term *Inreach*. Inreach is the component in Outreach which encourages those who are born Jewish to learn abourt, share and experience Judaism through its customs, rituals and literature. Congregational Outreach programs provide a valuable opportunity for Jewsby Choice and non-Jewish partners to explore Judaism. We also know that many born Jews are re-evaluating their connections to Judaism. This kindling and re-kindling of the Jewish spirit is a by-product of *inreach*.

As Elie Wiesel states: "Abraham's mission was to attract gerim (those who are unfamiliar with Jewish ways)--that's why he traveled so far and wandered so often. The Midrash compares him and his wanderings to a bottle of perfume: it must be opened to spread its fragrance. Later, the Talmud says, Jewish exiles had a similar motivation: while wandering through the world, the people of Israel spread God's words, God's truth."

We reach in--strengthening our own Jewish identity.

UAHC REGIONAL DIRECTOR RECEIVES NATIONAL APPOINTMENT

Rabbi Daniel Freelander has been appointed National Director of Program for the Union of American Hebrew Congregations effective July 1, 1993. He will coordinate all of the program services of our national movement, and be responsible for creating new programs to serve the needs of all 830 Reform congregations in North America.

He has served as Director of our UAHC region, the New Jersey-West Hudson Valley Council, since 1982. Under his guidance, the region has grown by 7 new congregations and over 5,000 member families, and has become a model for other UAHC councils. He leaves a legacy of programmatic excellence for our congregations and region to uphold in the years ahead.

A special musical tribute to Rabbi Freelander is being planned for Sunday evening, November 14 at the new Liberty Science Center in Jersey City. Invitations and more details will be available in September.

Rabbi Alexander Schindler will appoint a new Regional Director to replace Rabbi Freelander during the summer months.

JEWISH SINGLES SUN & FUN '93 IN VIRGINIA BEACH

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UAHC BIENNIAL CONVENTION IN SAN FRANCISCO-OCTOBER 21-25

Every two years 3000 to 4000 leaders of the 830 member congregations of the UAHC gather to celebrate their accomplishments and to make policy for the Reform Movement for the next two years. The 1993 Convention will take place at the Hilton in San Francisco, CA.

Highlights of the Convention program include major addresses by President Bill Clinton and Children's Defense Fund activist, Marion Wright Edelman. National leaders of the Reform Movement including UAHC President Alexander Schindler, will express their visions and plans for the future. Over 250 workshops to help Temple leaders plan for the future will be offered, as well as opportunities for Jewish study, Shabbat worship with a congregation of over 3000 and nightly Jewish musical entertainment featuring a closing concert by songwriter/composer Debbie Friedman.

A special feature of the 1993 Convention will be a 200 voice Biennial Chorus which will perform the Friday evening Oneg Shabbat program. Participation in this Chorus is open to all Biennial delegates who like to sing. The Chorus will rehearse on the day prior to the opening of the Convention (Wednesday, October 20). They will be accompanied during performance by a small orchestra and a choir of Cantors.

Ted Greenwood has a full Biennial program and registration information. For further information contact the UAHC Office at 599-0080. LOUIE'S CHARCOAL PIT

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