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would appreciate
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to deadlines.

These past weeks have been an emotional rollercoaster. We have watched Israel and her neighbors walk a veritable high-wire to peace. The situation in the Middle East has always been a tense one, fraught with difficulties, double-entendres, vagueness and mystery. The current act is no different. Yet, with all of the risks and all of the legitimate doubts and hesitations, for the first time ever, there is a chance for comprehensive peace. As I write these words the ink is drying on letters of recognition between Israel and the PLO. In addition, a domestic crisis, which has nothing to do with the peace process, threatens Israel's governing coalition. Will Israel's government hold and forge ahead with the making of peace? Will it be lasting? Have Israel and her neighbors finally taken a step towards breaking through age-old distrust and hatred? Only time will tell.

As I shared with you on *Rosh Hashanah* morning, it is my fervent belief that Israel needs us by her side at this critical time. Perhaps this more true than at any time in the past. Making peace is risky. But I believe it is among the most important risks Israel can take. For how long can people live in a state of war? For how long can neighbors remain bitter enemies? Imagine what could be done with all the time, energy and resources which have for so long been devoted to the state of war. It is an historic opportunity. To be sure, it is not without its risks. We do not live in Israel. We do not vote in Israel. Nevertheless, I believe that as fellow Jews, our future is tied to Israel's. We are kidding ourselves if we think otherwise. In the words of our tradition, "All of (the people of) Israel is responsible, one for the other." We must let our voices be heard! We must stand by Israel, supporting her in this critical time and historic moment. For some of us this will mean writing letters to our own leaders to lobby for continued support for Israel. For others it may mean showing support by visiting Israel. And I urge you to consider joining our Temple Emeth Trip this December. What an historic time to be visiting Israel! For all of us, it must mean support for Israel through UJA, Israel Bonds, ARZA, New Israel Fund and the numerous other avenues which enable us to become a part of building the dream of peace and stability.

As we watch, hope and pray, let us keep in mind the words of the Psalmist:

Sha'alu shalom Yerusalayim...Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!

"May those who love you prosper.

*Peace be within your walls,
and security within your towers!"*

For my brethren and companions' sake

I will say, "Peace be within you!"

For the sake of the house of Adonai our God,

I will seek your good.

(from Psalm 122)

TEMPLE EMETH BULLETIN

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BROTHERHOOD DEBUTS WITH A BASH!

The opening Brotherhood event of the year was a smashing success as we gathered at Van Saun Park for fun, friends and food. Expertly guided by Bonnie and Steve Traiman, the kids and parents had great fun communing with the zoo animals, riding the train and falling into the stream! This wonderful day was made possible through the great organizational gifts of Marc Golden, Mike Grunstein, Ken Rutz and Lee Taylor. In keeping with Emeth's thoughtful tradition, Vicki Farhi and Lee Taylor saw to it that the excess goodies were delivered to the homeless shelters. A truly delightful time was enjoyed by all and we are certain that the year to come will be an exciting one for Brotherhood! We invite ALL to join in the fun!

We urge you to reserve your seat for the Holocaust Museum Trip on October 17. It is an experience that you will never forget.

Jerry Howard for Brotherhood

EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND

The Education Endowment Allocation Committee of the Jack and Helen Lazar Education Enrichment Fund solicits proposals that enrich the educational activities for the congregation. The committee will meet on November 11 and all proposals must be received by October 29th to be considered at this meeting. Applications can be requested by calling committee members: Lorraine Beitler 886-0286, Elaine Polakoff 833-0884 - CO-CHAIRS David Fox 836-0260, Debra Rutz 692-3652, Joan Paul at 265-4102.

The Committee looks forward to the opportunity to review your requests and support your educational programs.

There will be a Classified Ad column in future Bulletins. Cost will be \$10 payable with the copy for 6 lines:

Bulletin Editors need help for December, February, April issues. Will train applicants. Approximate time needed: 5 hours typing, 2 Editing, 2 pasting, 2 for layout Call Estelle or Bob 836-3369

The communication methods in our Temple have been undergoing changes to make them more effective and, at the same time, to reduce our costs.

The following table contains the deadlines for our major mailings. Please adhere religiously(?) to them.

Month	Bulletin Publication	Bulletin Deadline	Mid-Month Deadline
November	October 28	October 14	November 5
December	November 24	November 10	December 6
January	December 28	December 14	January 5
February	January 27	January 13	February 4
March	February 24	February 10	March 4
April	March 24	March 10	April 4
May	April 28	April 14	May 4
June	May 26	May 12	June 3

DECEMBER 1, 1993
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Interfaith Network

Estelle and I would like to thank the office staff for the quick, good job that they did in adding the Holiday wishes of those who missed the deadline, to the Bulletin.

Albeit a little late, Jerry joins me in wishing you all a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. And what a year it promises to be! We have enriched our staff with the welcoming of Paul Lichtman, our Educational Director, Jonah Pesner, our Youth Advisor and John Lettieri, our Organist. I offer my personal welcome and wish them all the joys that I have been privileged to know through my work at Temple Emeth.

Musically, this year will be rich with exciting events. Our Adult Choir has already "debuted" with the Holy Days and will participate in monthly services throughout the year. We continually welcome new members into our midst, so, if you like to sing, please join us on Wednesday evenings. Our junior choir, *Etz Chayim* will begin meeting on October 13, and will be preparing some new surprises in the year to come. Both choirs are deliciously spirited and enhance our worship experience throughout.

Cantor Richard Botton from Central Synagogue in New York and Cantor Howard Stahl, from Temple Israel in Lawrence, will be joining me at Emeth for an extravaganza/concert on March 6. Richard and Howard are two extraordinarily gifted and warm artists...I urge you not to miss their appearance at Emeth and am grateful to both for what I know is a personal favor within a most demanding schedule. As well, Cantor Stahl, Cantor Botton and I will be joined by Cantor Lisa Hest in a concert for the Sarasota Opera House on January 9.

My work for the American Conference of Cantors has been rewarding as, I continue to serve the Board as the representative to the Commission For Religious Living and the Director of Regional Liaisons to the UAHC.

I want to publicly thank my colleagues, Rabbi Eric Gurvis, for his continued support throughout the year and for the warm collegiality that we have already shared, as well as Rabbi Louis Sigel, my teacher and friend, who continues to teach and guide me, advise me and remind me of what Judaism truly is.

May this year bring to you all a sense of personal achievement and growth...may you all be blessed with health and prosperity and may we continue to share in the growth and life of our beloved Temple Emeth.

THIRD SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 20

There will be a special one-day Kallah (study conference) held on Saturday, November 20. Entitled *Wrestling With The Angel: Our Modern Jewish Struggle With Holiness*, the Kallah will offer participants an opportunity to discuss and explore ideas about the definition and importance of holiness in our Jewish tradition.

Place: Temple Ner Tamid in Bloomfield. For more information, call the UAHC at 599-0080.

A MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO RABBI DANIEL H. FREELANDER

Sunday evening, November 14, 7:30 pm at the Liberty Science Center in Jersey City there will be performances by Doug Cotler, Jeff Klepper, and Debbie Friedman.

Presented by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and NJ West Hudson Regional Council, the concert will benefit the UAHC Fund for Reform Judaism.

Tickets are \$75 per person plus minimum \$100 FRJ pledge per family which includes a listing in the Tribute Journal. Other participation levels are also available. (*Checks should be made payable to the UAHC*). For more information, call 599-0080.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Although it will be the end of September or early October before this bulletin reaches you, I write while the intense pre-holiday weeks are not yet over. For me these last few weeks have meant many hours on the telephone talking to prospective members and to current members. I want to share with you two reflections from these conversations.

Too often these conversations have been about the hardships of paying dues, school fees and building fund, and about the infinite variety of human experiences that sometimes fill our lives with pain and loneliness. Such conversations are always distressing but they are especially so when members who are afflicted with family or personal illness or who are temporarily between jobs assume that Temple Emeth does not want them because they are unable to pay regular dues. Just the opposite is the case! Temple Emeth tries hard to make caring community much more than a slogan. When we know there is need, we want to respond and be helpful. This applies not only to our willingness to make special financial arrangements, but also to the caring attention and counsel of our Rabbi and Cantor and to the services of our Caring Community Committee.

In a happier vein, many of my conversations in these weeks before the holidays have been with prospective or recently joined new members. They are young and old, single and married, with and without children. And they come to us not because we are the only temple in the area, because we are not. We are not even the only temple in Teaneck. They come because of the quality of our nursery school or our religious school, because of our wonderful Rabbi and Cantor, because of the richness and variety of our programming, and because their friends are here and rave about us. We can all be proud of Temple Emeth's reputation in Teaneck and Bergen County.

May the rest of your chagim be joyful.

Ted Greenwood

OUTREACH COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES INTERFAITH DISCUSSION GROUP

The Outreach Committee of Temple Emeth is forming a discussion group of interfaith couples that will meet monthly to explore issues facing couples and their families. An agenda will be set by the group. The first session will be held Sunday, October 10 12-2 PM. Babysitting and light refreshments will be provided.

Please share this announcement with family and friends in Temple Emeth and the community at large. This is an opportunity to share ideas and suggestions in a positive, supportive environment.

For further information and to make reservations, please call Wendy Dessanti, Outreach Chairperson, 836-1072, or the Temple Emeth office at 833-1322 by Wednesday, October 6th.

Temple Emeth Environment Committee Report no. 1

Stop Unwanted "Junk" Mail.

- Write to "Mail Preference Service, Direct Marketing Association, 6 East 43rd Street, New York, NY 10017" and request that your name be removed from its mailing lists.
- Write to non-profit groups that you contribute to and ask them not to rent or exchange your name with other organizations.
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Religious School News

"When a parent gives to his child, both laugh;
when a child gives to his parent, both cry."

The continuous relationship between parent and child contains many poignant moments when the mood is so special that both parent and child hope it will last forever. One of the themes for the 1993-1994 religious school year will be the creation of programs designed to provide these very special moments.

I believe that one of the differences between religious and secular education is that religious school educators have the opportunity to mold souls. One of the missions of Reform Judaism is to act ethically. To the original Reformers, "doing the right thing" was the most important part of Judaism. This concept came from Amos, the first "literary" prophet. To Amos, the message of God was clear:

"let justice well up like water,
righteousness like an unfailing stream"

Amos 5: 24

In order to do the right thing, our children must be shown ethical behavior through practice, role modeling as well as through education. One of our modern leaders of Reform Judaism has stated: "People do not behave decently unless they believe that justice and mercy are the most important values in life - regardless of what the majority thinks or does."

The religious school program for the 1993-1994 school year is an ambitious one. It is our hope to create a community of caring human beings and to appreciate all that Judaism and Reform Judaism has to offer.

I look forward to meeting many of you at the October 17 Family Education Day for 5th and 6th graders as well as the October 19 Parents Meeting where I will be able to talk further about our "quest for excellence" in the Temple Emeth Religious School.

Paul A. Lichtman, RJE, Religious School Director

MESSAGE FROM THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

My staff and I are looking forward to another exciting year at the Early Childhood Center. We were all happy to be reunited after a restful summer vacation.

We would like to welcome Caren Rosenbaum a *two year old* teacher, Audrey Bida, a *two year old* assistant, Miriam Koteen and Elaina Merlis, *three year old* assistants to our Emeth faculty. Our new staff members have begun the year with incredible enthusiasm.

We have added another two year old class. This year we will have four two-year old classes, three three-year old classes and two four-year old classes. Over the summer spots became available in our three year old program. If you know of anyone with a three-year old child who is interested in nursery school, please call the Early Childhood office.

Rabbi Gurvis and Cantor Bornstein-Howard have again agreed to meet with our three and four-year old children to celebrate Shabbat and the Jewish holidays. This year we will have the pleasure of meeting twice a month in the sanctuary. It is very special for the children to have opportunities to meet with Rabbi and Cantor on the bima.

We wish you and your family a very Happy New Year.

Laura Schneider, Director of Early Childhood

Amanda Silver's Request:

As a camper at UAHC Eisner Camp for over six years, I finally have the opportunity to be a *Machon*, a counselor-in-training. The *Machon* program at Camp Eisner incorporates the learning of leadership skills and the increasing of Jewish education into a hands-on, two month experience in which the participant is taught to become a counselor.

I aspire to be a part of this program for several reasons. Personally, I will be able to grow intellectually and learn the value of leadership skills within a group. This in turn will provide me with the opportunity and skills to be a stronger, more active leader, not only within the Temple Emeth Youth Group, but within any atmosphere. My participation will benefit Temple Emeth as well, being that I am one of the few participants at Eisner from our synagogue. As a member of the *Machon* program which is a selective group, Temple Emeth will be recognized as a synagogue from which dedicated, determined leaders are produced.

As a youth dedicated to my culture, I hope to enhance my Jewish education by attending the *Machon* program. My interest in Judaism, my capability as a leader, and my desire to take an active part in Jewish culture make me a worthy candidate for a Temple Emeth Youth Scholarship. Although this past year I have not actively participated in the Temple Emeth Youth group, I have kept my interest in Jewish education and culture both by representing Temple Emeth and JFTY as a member of NFTY academy in Israel tour this past summer, and attending Camp Eisner for six years.

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Marni Yablonka's Request:

This summer I am going to Camp Kutz. Living in such a multi-cultural community, I have little time to spend in an entirely Jewish setting. I think Camp Kutz is a place where I will be surrounded by other Jewish teens for the first time and we will learn about and develop our Jewish identities together. I hope to learn more about Jewish people from other countries. I want to hear how other teens feel about being Jewish and see if we share the same feelings.

Throughout this year of Senior League, I have had many ideas but I was not sure how to take action. Because Kutz is a leadership camp, I am hoping to learn how to create and organize programs that will be both enjoyable and fulfilling for myself and the other youth group members. I think I should be a recipient of the scholarship funds because this is a difficult time and because I am one of a twin, my parents have a tremendous expense in giving us both the opportunity to participate in these events.

The Result:

Dear Mrs. Hyman, I just returned from Kutz camp and I want to thank you for making such a wonderful experience possible. The scholarship I was awarded was very helpful. I got to meet other Jewish teenagers from all over the country and around the world. I learned more about Jewish values along with my own. Both the people and the programs were amazing. I am planning to use what I learned at camp to make our Temple Youth Group even better. Thank you again for my scholarship.

Marni Yablonka

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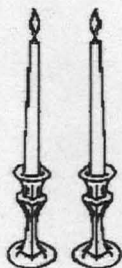
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October 1 - 14, 1993



Friday, October 1, 1993 - 7:30 p.m. Family Shabbat Service

Saturday, October 2, 1993 Shabbat Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Torah Portion - *Shabbat Chol Ha-moed Sukkot* - Exodus 33:12-34:26
Haftarah Portion - Ezekiel 38:18 - 39:16

Sat, Oct. 2	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	New Member Class Religious School <i>Shabbat Services</i>	Tue, Oct. 5	7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Executive Board Mtg. Ritual Committee Mtg.
Sun, Oct. 3	9:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Religious School Environment Outing	Wed, Oct. 6	7:30 p.m.	<i>Simchat Torah Services</i>
Mon, Oct. 4	6:30 p.m.	ECC Pot Luck Dinner	Thu, Oct. 7	10:30 a.m. 8:00 p.m.	<i>Simchat Torah Services</i> including <i>Yizkor</i> Brotherhood Holocaust Museum Trip Orientation

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Friday, October 8, 1993 - Annual Kabbalat Shabbat Services At 6:30 p.m. - Only Service Dinner & Program will follow at 7:00 p.m.



Saturday, October 9, 1993 - Shabbat Worship 10:30 a.m.

Torah Portion - Beresheet - Genesis 1:1-6:8
Haftarah Portion - Isaiah 42:5-43:10

Sat, Oct. 9	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	New Member Breakfast Shabbat Services	Tue, Oct. 12	8:00 p.m. 8:45 p.m.	ARZA/Israel Committee A/E: Finding God
Sun, Oct. 10	12:00 Noon 2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Outreach Group YCC Apple Picking Senior League - Game Show Night	Wed, Oct. 13	12:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:45 p.m.	A/E: Lunch and Learn with the Rabbi begins <i>Etz Chayim</i> begins Adult Choir
Tue, Oct. 12	7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	A/E: Beginning Hebrew A/E: Bible - Minor Prophets	Thu, Oct. 14	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Temple Emeth Retirees Beginning Hebrew Advanced Hebrew Board of Trustees Mtg



Sukkot Services

Erev Sukkot - Wed. Sept. 29th - 7:30 p.m.
Sukkot Morning - Thurs. Sept. 30th - 10:00 a.m.



Temple


October

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WED

3 Sukkot 12:30pm Environment Comm Sukkot Event	4 Sukkot 6:30pm ECC Pot Luck Dinner	5 Sukkot 7:30pm Exec Board 8:00pm Ritual Committee	6 Erev Simchat 7:30pm Ere Service
10 12:00pm Outreach Group 7:00pm Senior League Game Night	11  <i>Columbus Day (Observed)</i>	12 Adult Ed Classes begin 7:30pm Adult Ed Classes- First Hour 8:00pm ARZA/Israel Comm 8:45pm Adult Ed Class - 2nd Hour	13 12:15pm Lu Rabbi 6:30pm Etz 7:45pm Ad
17 6:00am Brotherhood Trip to US Holocaust Museum 9:00am RS Family Ed Day	18	19 7:30pm Adult Ed Classes- First Hour 8:00pm RS Committee 8:45pm Adult Ed Class - 2nd Hour	20 12:15pm Lu Rabbi
24 Soviet Jewry Clothing Drive UAHC Biennial (San Francisco)	25 UAHC Biennial (San Francisco) 8:00pm Social Action Committee	26 6:00pm Children's Worship Comm 7:30pm Adult Ed Classes- First Hour 8:45pm Adult Ed Class - 2nd Hour	27 12:15pm Lu Rabbi 6:30pm Etz 7:45pm Ad
31 Rummage Sale Daylight Savings--set back 1 hour 9:15am B/M Parents Class 10:00am Brotherhood Breakfast			

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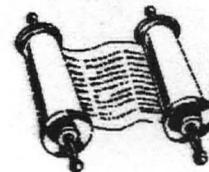
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		1 Sukkot  7:30pm Family Shabbat Services	2 Sukkot Chol Hamoed Sukkot 9:00am New Member Class 10:30am Shabbat Services
ah nchat Torah	7 Simchat Torah 10:00am Simchat Torah Morning Service - Yizkor 8:00pm Holocaust Museum Trip Orientation	8 7:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat (only Service) - Dinner	9 Beresheet 9:00am New Member Class 10:30am Shabbat Services
& Learn w/ yim choir	14 10:00am TER 11:00am A/E: Beg. Hebrew 12:15pm A/E: Adv. Hebrew 8:00pm Temple Board Mtg	15 6:30pm New Member Shabbat Dinner  8:30pm Shabbat Services	16 Noach 9:15am Tot Shabbat 10:30am B/M: Samuel Adler 10:30am Shabbat Services
& Learn w/	21 UAHC Biennial (San Francisco) 8:00pm Adoptive Parents	22 UAHC Biennial (San Francisco)  8:30pm Shabbat Services	23 Lech L'cha UAHC Biennial (San Francisco) 10:30am Shabbat Services
& Learn w/ yim choir	28 11:00am A/E: Beg. Hebrew 12:15pm A/E: Adv. Hebrew 7:30pm Exec Board	29 Adult Choir Sings 10:30am ECC Mtg  8:30pm Shabbat Services	30 Vayera 10:30am B/M: Matthew Klein 10:30am Shabbat Services

Simchat Torah Services

Erev Simchat Torah - Wed. Oct. 6th - 7:30 p.m.

Simchat Torah Morning
Thurs. Oct. 7th - 10:00 a.m.
Yizkor will be said



Good and Welfare

Mazal Tov to...

Leah Richards Brody on the engagement of her daughter, Lauren to Terry Duffy and also on the birth of a granddaughter, Katie.

Debbie and Michael Newman on the birth of their grand-daughter, Samantha Leigh, daughter of Dr. Adam and Janine Newman.

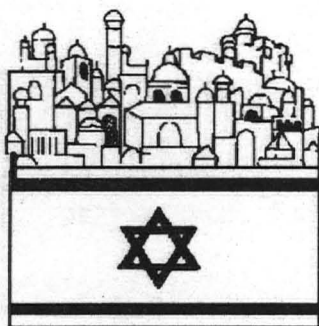
Margery Rothschild on being re-elected to ARZA National Board and on being elected to the Executive Board of ARZA.

Get Well Wishes to...

Henrietta Eisenberg
Bernard Jerome
Deborah Schwartz

Welcome to our New Members

Andrea and Carlos Atalay
Robin and Steven Hausman
Linda and Raymond DeSimone
Gail Simmons and Joel Spector
Judith and Robert Eichinger
Renee Guller



THIS YEAR IN JERUSALEM!

Places are still available on our Temple Emeth Tour to Israel, Dec. 18th-29th, led by Rabbi Eric S. Gurvis. For more information, call the Temple office.

Make this your year to visit Israel!

ADULT EDUCATION

Our 1993-94 Adult Education program gets under way in the weeks ahead:

Tuesday Night Mini-University

Begins Tuesday, October 12th at 7:30 p.m.

FIRST HOUR - 7:30 - 8:40 P.M.

Beginning Hebrew
Cantor Annie Bornstein-Howard

Bible: The Minor Prophets
Rabbi Eric S. Gurvis

SECOND HOUR - 8:45 - 10:00 P.M.

Finding God: Jewish Paths
Rabbi Eric S. Gurvis

Lunch & Learn Programs

Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Gurvis beginning
Wednesday, October 13th at 12:00 noon

Beginning Hebrew with Cantor Bornstein-Howard beginning Thursday, October 14th at 11:00 a.m.

Advanced Hebrew with Cantor Bornstein-Howard beginning Thursday, October 14th at 12:15 p.m.

ETZ CHAYIM

Etz Chayim, our wonderful children's choir, directed by Cantor Annie Bornstein-Howard, will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, October 13th at 6:30 p.m. For information, contact the Cantor.

From our Neighbors at Teaneck Jewish Center

The Adult Education Committee of the Jewish Center of Teaneck invites you to JOURNEYS: TIME, PLACE AND MEMORY - THE JEWISH MUSEUM'S PERMANENT EXHIBITION ON 4,000 YEARS OF JEWISH LIFE, on Wednesday, October 13th at 8:00 p.m. There will be a lecture and slides by one of its leading docents.



YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS

The objectives of our Youth Scholarship Committee are to encourage as many of our youth as possible to participate in UAHC camp programs and NFTY and JFTY events; to provide incentives for our young people to become integral and knowledgeable members of Temple Emeth Youth groups and grow in leadership potential, thereby enriching their Jewish lives.

Applications were made available to our young people last spring. We received applications for summer 93 events from Marni and Naomi Yablonka, Stacey Butler, Kara Wiese and Matthew, Deborah and Amanda Silver.

Share some of the joy of our committee in the reading of what activities mean to the participants. All recipients have said they would be delighted to share more details in future issues of the Bulletin.

Please send contributions to the Youth Scholarship Fund.

Jean Loeb Abe Silberstein Fran Hyman
Youth Scholarship Committee

TROUBLE WITH GRANDFATHERS by Bob Spiewak

Complaints

Complaining is inherent
In the human race
There is no way we can agree
With all the things we face
How we complain's important
In giving things a shove
Do we complain with vitriol?
Or complain with love
My mother had a saying
Very trite but true
"You catch more flies with honey
Than with vinegar" the cue
It's true, we all receive complaints
For many things we do
And yet if we did nothing,
There's complaints against us, too
We have to learn to give them,
Also take them with a smile
For the smiles we give each other
Is what makes life worthwhile

KIDS' CLUB

The next meeting of the Temple Emeth Kids' Club is October 24. The club will go swimming at the Radisson Hotel in Englewood. For more information, please call Robin Bernstein at 833-9033 or Lynne Graizel at 833-8403.



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TWELVE REASONS NOT TO JOIN THE TEMPLE EMETH CHOIR

- 1-*I can't read music.* Neither can most of the choir members. They learn by ear
- 2-*I don't know how to read Hebrew.* You don't have to. Everything is transliterated into English.
- 3-*I don't know the service.* Many of us didn't when we started.
- 4-*I'm afraid to audition.* There are no auditions.
- 5-*I have no choral experience.* There's no time like the present! Cantor Bornstein-Howard and Choir Director John Lettieri are unbelievably good musicians and teachers.
- 6-*I need a ride.* We'll see if someone lives near you.
- 7-*I don't know anyone.* Most of us got to know each other in the choir.
- 8-*I have stagefright.* This is not a performance. It is your way of contributing to and participating in our service. Besides, you're surrounded by fellow choristers!
- 9-*The choir is too good.* Do you only come to services on the high holy days? If so, you heard a professionally augmented choir. Or, possibly, you heard us on a good night. It varies widely.
- 10-*The choir is not good enough.* We agree, especially since our numbers are down these days. That's why we need you.
- 11-*I lead a very busy life and can't commit myself to every Wednesday.* Many of us are inordinately busy. We attend as often as we are able. Needless to say, the larger the choir, the less of a problem this presents.
- 12-*I can't carry a tune.* Do you just think so or do you know this for a fact? We need listeners, too, right?

All kidding aside, fellow congregants, we need you! Remember success breeds success. If we get six, more will join. We rehearse Wednesday evenings at 7:45 pm. Any questions? Call Cantor Bornstein-Howard at 833-1322 or any choir member.

Mitzvah pledges - Our mitzvah pledge, for the various Social Action programs we do, will be going out soon. **WE NEED YOU!** We need you to make dinner, sleep over, help with the Soviet Jewry Clothing Drive, and lots more. Remember - we only ask you to help once.

Soviet Jewry Clothing Drive - The Clothing and Housewares Drive will be held on Sunday, October 24, from 9 am - 12 noon. To schedule a pick-up of clothing or housewares call Vicky Farhi at 343-2506.

Food of the Month Club - This year, we are continuing our program, with the food once again going to feed the hungry in Bergen County. However, in October, we will be collecting for the Emmanuel Cancer Foundation for Children. Please contribute cans of soup, tuna fish, peanut butter and jelly and *real* fruit juice to these kids who are fighting for their lives.

Advocacy Alert - We will be featuring issues involving legislation under consideration at a state or national level. We are now addressing the issue of Temporary Rental Assistance currently being discussed by the NJ legislature.

Summary: Temporary Rental Assistance (TRA) is a form of rent subsidies for homeless families in NJ to help them gain access to rental housing. The program provides an alternative to placements in costly and often dangerous alternatives. Funding for the rent subsidies comes from the pool of state Emergency Assistance funds that cover the costs of placing homeless people in hotels/motels or shelters. TRA is a far more cost effective strategy for meeting these housing needs. The average allocation per month for a household receiving TRA is \$250 versus an average \$1500 cost to keep a family in an emergency shelter.

Jewish tradition, from biblical days, has called upon Jews to reach out to the stranger, the orphan, and the widow. In more general terms this has been understood as a mandate to help the poor and the homeless. The Psalmist wrote: *Happy is the one who considers the poor.* TRA fulfills the precept of helping those in need to help themselves. Maimonides, in his teachings about the various levels of *zedakah* instructs us that the highest level of *zedakah* is to help another person to become self-sustaining.

The NJ Department of Human Services has limited the time that a family can receive TRA to 12 months. For many families, the loss of TRA will place them back on the street. Their incomes cannot stretch to fully cover the costs of rental housing in this state.

Action Needed: Please write to Governor Florio and request an end to the 12 month limitation for receipt of TRA. Tell him that extending these benefits provides a cost effective way to enable thousands of people to have a roof over their heads while they continue their efforts to overcome poverty. Governor James J. Florio

State House, Trenton, NJ 0862511

Copies of a petition addressing this issue are available at the Temple office. Please stop by and sign the petition, and/or circulate copies for signatures among your friends and family.

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SUKKOT LEARNING FROM OPENNESS

by Rabbi Allan Cooperman Tuffs

In ancient Israel, the most important holy day was not Passover or even Yom Kippur; it was Sukkot, the Feast of Booths. What most distinguished Sukkot from other holy days was the requirement to dwell in temporary dwellings for seven days to remind us that the Jews lived in temporary dwellings for 40 years in the desert.

The commandment to dwell in a booth for a week every year is a humbling one. It teaches us that humanity depends on God's providence for survival. The chill of the autumn air, reminds us that many people in this world cannot take a roof over their head for granted. By being required to dwell in the sukkah for seven days, we learn that we are one human family sharing one earth. When we look up and see the sun or the moon shining through the flimsy covering above our heads, we are reminded that all people are the children of the same just and compassionate God.

The sukkah is an enduring symbol that reminds us that peace and understanding will come to this world only when we are open enough to learn from one another. Since 1893, Jewish Chautauqua Society has been like a sukkah of learning, strong enough to provide shelter to those who wish to learn and open enough to allow the light of the sun and stars to shine through.

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WHY BUILD A SUKKAH?

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*Adapted from Rabbi Donald Weber,
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A six-week discussion series for unaffiliated interfaith couples sponsored by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations will take place on Wednesday evenings at Temple Sholom in River Edge, beginning October 13. Couples are invited to share issues and concerns of interfaith family life in a supportive, non-judgmental setting. Registration is limited to eight couples. For further information and/or registration, please call Kathryn Kahn, program coordinator, at 599-0080.

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