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As I write these words the newspaper headlines are ringing with allegations of foul play in our recent gubernatorial election. And, the ink is hardly dry on the op-ed pieces of the morning's paper with its stinging analyses of the Gore-Perot debate of just a few nights ago. By the time you read these words, the vote on NAFTA will have passed. I suspect that whatever investigations will be conducted into the recent election will barely be underway. The events themselves, troubling as they are, are not the point. For me, such news items smack of what is starkly wrong in our nation. We have come to expect dirty tricks from political campaigns. A political operative can boast one day of his cunning in conducting a successful campaign and retract his remarks the very next day as if they were devoid of meaning. Political leaders, elected and unelected, can stand before us, exaggerate and color their words so as to paint a picture which all but clouds the very information we, the public (and the voters) deserve in order to make educated choices.

These are but two among a myriad of examples of what has come to pass for leadership in our country. And it disgusts me. I suspect that many of you share my disgust. How can we be expected to make educated choices when all we are given is misinformation, slander and dirt as the basis upon which to make our choices?

Our tradition places a high value on debate. It is important, we are taught, to look at issues from divergent points of view. But in the Talmud the rabbis speak of a standard by which a debate can be considered worthy or unworthy. Their standard point is: is it a *machlochet l'shem shamayim* - a "controversy conducted for the sake of heaven?" If it is, then healthy disagreement is considered worthy as are the disputants. If not, the rabbis raise questions about the debate as well as the motives of those involved in the debate.

I believe that there is a lesson to be learned from our rich tradition. In recent political campaigns there has been much talk of "litmus tests." Perhaps there is a "litmus test" to be gleaned from the wisdom of our tradition. Is the debate being conducted for a higher purpose? Are the parties working for the betterment of every American (which I would call a higher purpose) or are they working for the higher purpose of self-aggrandizement and their own material gain.

The events which have been ringing in the headlines these past few days make me want to cry out that I've had enough of the rhetoric of those who would build themselves up upon the backs of others. We must demand honest, moral and self-less (to the highest degree possible) leadership of those who would ask for our attention and our trust. We are all too often failing to get such leadership.

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TEMPLE EMETH BAZAAR DECEMBER 4 AND 5

Temple Emeth Environment Committee Report no.

Use a Clean Detergent.

Phosphate chemical compounds are used in detergents because they soften water and prevent dirt particles from being re-deposited on clothes.

■ As waste water carrying these phosphates empty into streams and lakes they cause "algae bloom" which, when it dies, decays. The bacteria from this decay uses up oxygen required by plants and marine life to survive.

■ Use less detergent than manufacturers recommend, they always suggest more than necessary. And use low-phosphate or better yet, phosphate-free detergents.

BASED ON "50 SIMPLE THINGS YOU CAN DO TO SAVE THE EARTH"

SOCIAL ACTION NOTES

December's Food of the Month is a combination of holiday food and kids home from school food. Please donate special holiday foods - stuffing, yams, cranberry sauce, latka mixes, for holiday dinner. and cereal, peanut butter and jelly, for kids at home.

The Interreligious Fellowship for the Homeless runs a special holiday program for homeless families. Because parents lose so much control over their family's circumstances when they lose their home, the IRF tries to give each family \$50 to buy children clothing and maybe a toy for the holiday. Please be as generous as you can - for many children, these are the only new clothes or toys they will get.

We still need volunteers to sleep at our shelter Sunday nights in February and March. We are also short a few people for the week of December 18-25. If you can donate *one* night, to keep the shelter program open, please call Rhonda Goodman at 833-4345. Remember, the people in these shelters are human beings who ran out of luck - please try to be compassionate and give one night.

JUDAICA SHOP

Chanukah is approaching rapidly and your Temple gift shop is brimming with merchandise to fulfill all your gift-giving needs.

Support your Judaica shop! Hours are Monday through Thursday 9 - 5, Friday 9 - 12. The office personnel will gladly assist you.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is the evening of Kristalnacht, November 9, as I sit to write about the vitality of the Reform Jewish community, as evidenced by the recent Biennial of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. I find that I cannot leave the anniversary unnoted.

As you know, on this date fifty-five years ago Nazi thugs destroyed the synagogues, businesses, homes, and remaining spirit of the previously vibrant German Jewish community. It was the most terrifying day so far in the long march to what ultimately became the so-called Final Solution. All this is fresh in my mind in part for having participated in Brotherhood's October visit to the new Holocaust Museum in Washington and our Holocaust Committee's screening of the movie, The Cross and the Star, at Teaneck library on November 8. But I also take seriously the admonition I used to offer my eighth grade religious school students that November 9 should always remind and warn us of the brutality and viciousness of which all human beings are capable. To those who have not visited the Holocaust Museum or did not see The Cross and the Star, I recommend that you do so. The latter traces the roots of Anti-Semitism in Christian theology and history and is available at the Temple.

What a contrast between those memories and the spirit present in San Francisco at the UAHC Biennial several weeks ago! These are gigantic gatherings: in recent years, each one has been larger than the previous. Days and nights brim with worship services, workshops on every imaginable subject, browsing at the many exhibits, and plenary sessions at which the business of the UAHC is transacted and its positions on a myriad of issues are debated and decided. The official theme was Lifelong Learning, but the dominant leitmotif was our movement's efforts to cope with intermarriage and the challenge and opportunity presented by the growing number of intermarried couples in our synagogues.

To many participants, I am told, the most moving experience at national biennials is praying in a huge hall with thousands of other Jews. To me, however, it was the persistent display of Reform Judaism's vitality, creativity and struggle to confront critical issues of our time. Whether in the areas of crafts or music, experimental worship styles or social action projects, outreach or education, renewing our relationship to Israel or reflecting on our understanding of God, participants were treated to a truly inspiring array of creative and dedicated Rabbis, Cantors, teachers, artists, and lay people. I came away from San Francisco not only with pride in our movement but also with confidence that, despite our many problems, Reform Judaism in North America will serve as a fertile link between our sacred heritage and our uncertain future.

Led Summed

Religious School News



Dear Rabbi: Why is there evil in the world? A Puzzled Student

The above question was taken from a recent issue of a Jewish students magazine. How would you have answered the above question? How would I? It is said that we are all born with both the evil inclination (yetzer hara) and the good inclination (yetser hatov). How do we know the difference? Evil is not difficult to recognize, especially for Jews. The Holocaust is still embedded in our memories. Acts of Anti-Semitism are on the increase throughout the country. People are frightened to drive their taxis at night. Neighbors look at strangers coming to their door with either fear or extreme anxiety.

It would be naive for me to think that all students are being taught the difference between good and evil either in secular school, parochial school or at home. Some students are learning these differences, some are not. How sad! We know that this education must start-somewhere. But where? In a previous article I said that a religious school has the ability to mold souls. But is that the only place?

One of our great sages, Rabbi Elazer, once said "...that one should have a good heart..." Our great teacher Maimonides commented on the above saying by stating that all good actions, all ethical qualities, all love of the good emerge from this aspect of the soul. When your child comes home from religious school, ask them what value was learned today? Ask them what made a bible hero, a hero? Why was a certain person, biblical or modern, a member of the "Jewish Hall of Fame?" What kind of conduct did they exhibit in the community and their home.

The Jewish home (as well as the religious school) must again become a focal point for instilling in our children the ethics and values necessary to develop a good heart. Then, maybe, one day (as we begin our Messianic journey), letters to the above magazine's rabbis will talk about how the human condition has improved since the end of the twentieth century. Paul A Lichtman RIE

Paul A. Lichtman, RJE Religious School Director

NEWS FROM THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

We had a wonderful time celebrating Thanksgiving at the ECC. The two year olds celebrated the holiday in their room by cooking cornbread and a cranberry mold. The three and four year olds had a joint feast in the Youth Lounge. They dressed as Indians and were involved in making their own costumes. Our little Indians wore macaroni necklaces, paper bag vests and Indian headdresses. Each class prepared food for the event which was shared by all.

Chanukah is always a very joyous time at the ECC. The children will make manorahs to give to their families as Chanukah presents. Decorations will be made, songs will be sung, and stories will be told. The children will make latkes and cookies to be served at our classroom Chanukah parties.

The Parent Association is planning a festive Chanukah celebration for our ECC families on Tuesday, December 14th. The children along with their families will have opportunities to engage in a variety of craft projects and holiday oriented games. Rabbi Gurvis and Cantor Bornstein-Howard will light the menorah and sing songs. We are looking forward to celebrating the holiday together.

We will begin our Holidays with Daddy program with the celebration of Chanukah on Sunday, December 12th. Our program provides an opportunity for 3-5 year olds to be with their dads for enjoyable and instructive holiday celebrations which include arts and crafts, music, storytelling, preparation of holiday foods, and snacks. Tu B'Shevat, Shabbat, Purim, Pesach and Israeli Independence Day will also be celebrated. If interested, please call the ECC office at 833-8466.

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

Jame Schneide

FROM THE MAILBOX

To the Editors of Temple Emeth Bulletin:

Here is Amanda Silver's article explaining her feelings after having spent the summer at the UAHC Eisner Camp as part of the Machon program (leadership development).

We (Jean Loeb, Abe Silberstein and I) are delighted that through the Youth Scholarship Committee we were able to contribute in some small way to her attendance at Eisner Camp.

Each and all of us at Temple Emeth can continue to help our young people to participate in such activities by contributing to the Barbara Straussman Memorial Youth Fund and the Youth Fund. Fran Hyman



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AMANDA SILVER REPORTS

The summer is over. What was once a dream and aspiration for myself--to be a participant in the Machon Youth Leadership Program at UAHC Camp Eisner--has passed with the end of the summer. However, the many things that I learned and participated in as a Machon will not be forgotten. Although the two months I spent at Eisner went quickly, the experiences and memories will remain with me to be incorportated into every activity I participate in, every new experience I gain.

In May, when I appealed to the Youth Scholarship Committee for a scholarship to participate in the Machon Program, I wrote, I aspire to be a part of Machon because I will be able to grow intellectually and learn the value of leadership skills with a group. Little did I know what this would incorporate!! Through countless training sessions on how to be a counselor, and several leadership activities, I became more comfortable with myself. This, in turn, allowed me to be more confident of myself as a leader or role model. Suddenly I was doing things that I never imagined I could do! When once I was a camper and looked up to the counselors, I was now a counselor trying to set a good example for my campers. When once I was a participant in programs concerning various topics, I was now the coordinator of them. When once I dreaded Limud, or Jewish Learning, I was now the leader of my very own group, trying to make the Limud sessions interesting for my campers.

I also wrote in my May scholarship essay, As a youth dedicated to my culture, I hope to enhance my Jewish education by attending the Mahcon program. Indeed, this past summer more than any other taught me about my Jewish identity. Throughout the first session of the Machon program, I was a participant in several Judaism related activities that served as a guided exploration into the Jewish self. As a counselor and Limud leader during the second session of Eisner, I learned by listening to my campers. Their comments on Judaism spoken during our Limud sessions together opened my mind to different viewpoints regarding religion.

Although the Machon program I participated in helped me to identify my Jewish self and to become a better leader, I think that perhaps the most important growth made this past summer was within By being a role model and leader for myself. others, I learned to believe in myself. Yes, I can plan successful programs and teach Jewish education groups. I can influence others and create an impact on them. I can stand up and voice my opinion and make a difference. This was the most important discovery I made as a Machon. The belief that yes, I can make a difference, whether it be in the creation of a program or the impact on a person's life, will remain to be a part of me, even after the summer and the Machon program have ended.

YOUTH PROGRAMS - HIGH HOLIDAYS

We would like to thank Judy Fox and the Children's Ritual Committee for helping make the High Holiday Program such a great success. We would also like to thank the following people for running and chaperoning the programs:

Senior Leaguers

Stacey Butler Sara Jaffe Rachel Liebster Amanda Silver Naomi Yablonka Kim Geller Jen Kleinbaum Amy Monheit Seth Vatsky

Chaperones

David Bicofsky Jane and Lloyd DeVries Cyndy Friedland Rhonda Goodman Robin Jacoby Bert Kuerer Artie Pazan Carla Silver Johanna Sturm Karen Butler Joy Firsheim Roberta Geisenheimer Rhona Herman Sandi Klein Pam and Dan Leff Elaine Polakoff Roberta Smith Lee Taylor Wendy Dessanti Judy and David Fox Peggy and David Gerber Ellen and Bennett Inkeles Charly Kneeter Susan Lilly Debbie and Ken Rutz Amy Stern

and anyone else who was inadvertently omitted. Jonah Pesner, Youth Director

CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR OF THE TREES AT THE TU BISHEVAT SEDER

Temple Emeth will celebrate Tu Bishevat, the New Year of the Trees, with its annual Tu Bishevat seder -- a festive family meal --on Sunday, January 16th, at 12:15 pm. Sponsored by the Temple Emeth Committee on the Environment, all Temple members, including children, are invited to participate.

Like the traditional Passover seder, the Tu Bishevat seder involves the ritual eating of special foods, including fruits and nuts with certain characteristics; for example, fruit with shells (oranges and pomegranates), fruit with pits (dates and olivers), and entirely edible fruits (figs and raisins). We will follow the Tu Bishevat Hagaddah, published by the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR), which features special blessings and songs.

With the Seder comes a lunch priced at \$8 for adults and \$4 for children (11 and under). This includes a contribution to Mazon, the national Jewish organization for hunger relief.

Reservations must be no later than January 5th. Send checks, payable to Temple Emeth, to Paul Kaufman, Chairman, TE Committee on the Environment, at the Temple. Please provide names of all people who will be attending, and include ages of the children (so we can seat you with families with children of like ages).

Babysitting will be available at no charge for very young children who will not be participating in the program. Please let us know if you will need this service and ages of the children. No meal charge for children not at the seder.

Tu Bishevat, the 15th day of the Hebrew month Shevat, is a day of celebration for the renewal of trees and all of nature. By the month of Shevat, the rains in Israel are over and budding and flowering is beginning. Jewish literature of the first several centuries C.E. tells us that Tu Bishevat was the new year for trees. It was the anniversary for deciding when the trees in Israel were mature enough so that their fruit could be harvested. This date was the new year for the annual tithe on fruit trees.

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Josh Aster

Ken Kotkin

Debbie Jacoby

Robin Polakoff

Marni Yablonka



SENIOR LEAGUE

Hi everybody Stacey Butler from Senior League writing to tell you about our year. So far we've had a picnic (great success), our annual games night (better than ever), a movie and pizza bagel night (lots of fun), and an intriguing discussion about abortion.

We're doing great so far this year and there's still more to come. We had our Havdalah and Laser Light show and ended the month with a creative program called Breakfast Club. December 5th is a surprise city trip. We will be helping at the Temple's Annual Bazaar Dec. 4th and 5th. The event that the whole board is psyched up for is our annual Shul-In on Dec.18 and 19.

I truly hope that all you 9th -12th graders I is the busy person selfish feel more than excited about each of these events. So, I'll be looking for all of you at our O iddest of While the lazy person bides his time upcoming activities

AND 56 CLUB MEMBERS

On December 14th we will be having our annual Chanukah party in the Youth Lounge from 6-7:30 pm. A holiday dinner of latkes, applesauce and soufganiot will be served.

As a special attraction, a DJ will be at the party to play games with our participants.

This party is free to all members of the 56 Club and Junior League.

Each child is asked to bring a gift, wrapped and labeled for another, less fortunate child. Please indicate boy/girl and age that the gift is lip Keusch, Madeleine and George Brechol stairqorqqa

DOTTY WAXMAN

of Jeffrey Solomon, son of Debby and Ken Rutz Dotty Waxman, Temple member for 34 years, will exhibit some of her award-winning motor photographs at the Teaneck Library through the month of December. Also during December, she has been invited to display her work at the Regional Headquarters for Kodalux, Inc. in their Fair Lawn lobby. Dotty has received several regional, international and national awards for her photography, which she describes as her visual concept of landscapes and nature. Dotty is a resident of Teaneck and a Teaneck Camera Club member.

TROUBLE WITH GRANDFATHERS by Bob Spiewak

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COMMITTEE ON THE HOLOCAUST

The Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Ramapo College, in conjunction with the Fortunoff Holocaust Archives at Yale University, is asking for Oral History participants to give videotaped testimony. This project is especially important now, to combat revisionists who say the Holocaust never happened. If you have an experience with the Holocaust and would be willing to give testimony to be remembered on videotape, please contact Nancy Bernstein at the Holocaust Center 529-7409. One copy of the video will go to Yale, one to Ramapo and one for your own.

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in honor of Jean and Eric Loeb's 30th Anniversary

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- in honor of the marriage of Sybil Silberman's son Stuart
- to the Mandeau Family in honor of Susan's engagement

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Tue, Dec. 7	7:30 p.m.	Party Adult Education Classes	Thu, Dec. 9	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	TER Chanukah Party Beg. Hebrew w/Cantor Adv. Hebrew w/Cantor

Friday, December 10, 1993 - Shabbat Chanukah - Miketz Family Shabbat Service - 7:30 p.m. Etz Chayim Participates



Saturday, December 11, 1993 - Shabbat Worship 10:30 a.m.

Torah Portion - Miketz - Genesis 41:1-44:17 Haftarah - Zechariah 2:14-4:7

Sat, Dec. 11	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Jew. Family Workshop Shabbat Worship	Wed, Dec. 15	12:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Lunch and Learn/Rabbi Etz Chayim
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Sun, Dec. 12	10:00 a.m.	Brotherhood Breakfast			
			Thu, Dec. 16	11:00 a.m.	Beg. Hebrew w/Cantor
Tue, Dec. 14	6:00 p.m.	5-6 Club/Jr. League		12:15 p.m.	Adv. Hebrew w/Cantor
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BAZAAR IS COMING!

Join us on December 4th and December 5th and help make this year's Bazaar a huge success!



Temple Emeth December 1993



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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5 BAZAAR 12:00pm Outreach Group 1:00pm Sr. League Theatre Party	6	7 7:30pm Adult Ed Classes- First Hour 8:45pm Adult Ed Class	8 Chanukah beings at sundown 12:15pm Lunch & Learn w/Rabbi 7:00pm Etz Chayim singing at Nordstrom's	9 Chanukah 10:00am TER Chan, Party 11:00am A/E: Beg. Hebrew 12:15pm A/E: Adv. Hebrew 8:00pm Temple Board Mtg	10 Chanukah Etz Chayim Sings 7:30pm Family Shabbat Services	11 Chanukah Mikketz 9:00am RS Parents' Workshop 10:30am Shabbat Services
12 Chanukah 10:00am Brotherhood Breakfast	13 Chanukah	14 Chanukah 6:30pm ECC Chanukah Party 6:30pm Jr. League/ 5-6 Club 8:00pm ILA Meeting	15 Chanukah 12:15pm Lunch & Learn w/Rabbi 6:30pm Etz Chayim 7:45pm Adult Choir	16 Chanukah ends at sundown 11:00am A/E: Beg, Hebrew 12:15pm A/E: Adv. Hebrew 7:30pm Exec Committee 8:00pm Adoptive Parents	17 Adult Choir Sings 8:30pm Shabbat Services	18 Vayiggash 9:15am Tot Shabbat 10:30am Shabbat Services 6:00pm Sr. League Shul-In
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THE ONGOING CHALLENGES OF JEWISH IDENTITY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 1994 1:30-4:30 pm

at the YM-YWHA OF BERGEN COUNTY 605 Pascack Road Washington Township, NJ 07675

Guest Scholars:

Michael Chernick, Prof of Rabbinic Literature, Hebrew Union College, Jewish Institute of Religion Eliezer Diamond, Asst Prof of Rabbinics, JewishTheological Seminary

Following the opening program on Sunday, January 23, the Project will continue for 4 weeks, January 24 through February 17. Teams of local rabbis will teach at 4 different Bergen County synagogues. You should plan to attend once a week on the evening of your choice. A challenging aspect of Jewish identity will be addressed each week.

YM-YWHA or any sponsoring synagogue* member: \$5 individual; \$10 family unit. Non-member: \$10 individual; \$15 family unit. Price includes the Sunday, January 23 lecture and all four weekly courses.

Child care will be available.

* Sponsoring organizations: YM-YWHA of Bergen County, Jewish Theological Seminary, Hebrew Union College, Temple Beth H of Northern Valley (Closter), Temple Beth Haverim (Mahwah), Temple Beth Or (Washington Township), Congregation Beth Sholom (Teaneck), Temple Beth Sholom of Pascack Valley (Park Ridge), Temple Emeth (Teaneck), Temple Emanuel of the Pascack Valley (Woodcliff Lake), Beth Tikvah New Milford Jewish Center (New Milford), Glen Rock Jewish Center (Glen Rock), Temple Israel and Jewish Community Center (Ridgewood), Temple Sholom (River Edge), Jewish Center of Teaneck (Teaneck).

RESERVE THE JANUARY 23 DATE NOW!

Additional information to follow, or call Harriet Halem at the Y: (201) 666-6610.

ETZ CHAYIM TO SING AT NORDSTROMS

Come and hear Etz Chayim salute Chanukah in song Wednesday Evening, December 8, 1993 7:00 p.m. at Nordstroms in Garden State Plaza under the direction of Cantor Annie Bornstein-Howard and accompanied by Lenora Thom. Hope to see you all there!!

ENTERTAINMENT '94 BOOKS FOR SALE

Entertainment '94 discount books are now available in our Temple office. The books can be used immediately and are valid thru December 1, 1994. To purchase the book, bring a check for \$40 payable to Temple Emeth Brotherhood to the Temple during office hours. Then start enjoying the fun and savings.

BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12TH

On Sunday, December 12th Brotherhood will welcome Irving Kizner as its guest at Breakfast. Mr. Kizner has been a teacher of Latin and Greek for over 37 years. He is currently teaching at the Spence School in New York City, having retired from Hunter College High School. He serves as an Adjunct Lecturer in Classics at Hunter College. He has lectured at Temple Shaaray Tefila in New York City and at Bayswater Jewish Center in Far Rockaway. He is a regular lecturer at meetings of the Biblical Archaeology Society in New City.

In his talk. Mr. Kizner will consider the possible dilemma of the written Torah having been oral and the oral Torah being written. How does the historical development of reading and writing impact upon our general understanding of the Torah as a written document?

Join us for this stimulating morning beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Save Sunday, March 6th 4:00 p.m. for a very special Cantorial Concert Watch for details!

Plan Ahead! New Adult Education Semester to begin in January

Semester II: January 11-March 1, 1994

First Hour (7:30 - 8:40)

• Beginning Hebrew (part 2) Cantor Annie Bornstein-Howard

• If I Am Only For Myself... Then What Am I? - Paul Lichtman

This course offers a journey into the world of Jewish social responsibility. Through the study of classic Jewish texts, with both classic and modern interpretations, the class will explore issues such as: *tzedakah*, responsible investing, use of natural resources and more.

Second Hour (8:45 - 9:55)

• Why is This Night Different? Opening the Haggadah - Rabbi Eric S. Gurvis

Seder rituals are among the oldest, continuously practiced rituals known to humankind. The story is old, yet our text, the *Haggadah*, is a mixture of old and new. This course will examine the *Haggadah* from a text criticism point of view and will ask: How did the *seder* ritual take shape? How have various generations of Jews added their voices and experiences to the *seder* rituals we celebrate, and the *Haggadot* we read?

• Myths and Realities: Israel in the World -Jonah Pesner

This course will examine the myths and realities of Israel. It will explore Zionist philosophies, pioneer visions, Israeli politics, social structure, religion in Israel and relations with the Diaspora. Have the founders' dreams and visions been realized? Where have they fallen short? What is our relationship with Israel? Jonah Pesner is a rabbinical student at HUC-JIR.

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REBIRTH

I'm surprised, actually, at the way I feel. I didn't expect to feel different. But I do. A sense of belonging. An acceptance of who I am. A commitment to nurture and grow not only others, but myself. I'm proud of what I've done and with whom. I didn't expect it to feel so good. But it does.

Gary Lynch





CHANUKAH

Adapted from Fern Amper Jewish Educational Services

The lighting of the menorah is a special family time, enjoyed tremendously by children of all ages. Excitement mounts as the family gathers, the colored candles are selected, the menorahs are set up. We can bring the beauty of Chanukah into our homes in a variety of ways.

**Make sure we, as parents, know enough about the holiday to pass on meaningful information to the children.

**Set the children down and tell them the story of Chanukah with as much excitement as you would a new library book. Certainly it is an action-packed, suspense-filled drama-happy ending and all. We suggest the Chanukah book and cassette set from the UAHC Press entitled The Little Menorah Who Forgot Chanukah.

**Make sure that the time devoted to the candle-lighting ceremony is family time.

**Learn and sing some of the simple, traditional songs of Chanukah after the candles are lit.

**Let the children choose the candles and place them in the correct places in the menorah.

**Consider a menorah for each person, including the children, although everyone may join in lighting one menorah. Multiple menorahs make quite an impressive display when lit.

** Try using homemade menorahs. Every book on Chanukah includes craft ideas for making menorahs. **Involve the entire family in preparing the latkes. Anything cooked in oil is reminiscent of the miracle of the old menorah in the Holy Temple in Jerusalem

Remember, the struggle to keep Jewish tradition amidst the presence of a larger, outside culture is as old as Chanukah itself. Were not the Maccabees trying to do the same thing? So you are in good company! We wish you success and a Happy Chanukah!



A HANNUKAH EXTRAVAGANZA

On Sunday, December 12, from 2:30 to 4:30 at Temple B'nai Or on Overlook Road in Morristown, the internationally acclaimed Debbie Friedman will sing songs she wrote accompanied by Kol Sasson "The Voice of Joy" and also featuring Rabbi Don Rossoff and Cantor Riki Lippitz.

A dessert reception with the artists following the concert will be sponsored by Myrna and Norman Ricken in memory of their parents. For further information, call 455-1056

UAHC-CCAR HUC COMMUNITY-WIDE SHABBATON

Saturday, December 11, Shabbat Chanukah, from 9 am to 6 pm there will be a day of prayer and song, study and spiritual refreshment. Sponsored by the UAHC-CCAR Commission on Religious Living in cooperation with the Hebrew Union College, this community-wide Shabbaton will be held at the Hebrew Union College, Brookdale Campus, One West 4th Street, NYC. For information call the UAHC at 201-599-0080.

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The National Council of Jewish Women believes that Judaism bequeaths to every Jew a rich legacy of ethical and religious values, a cultural heritage and a strong sense of individual, family and community responsibility.

To fulfill this directive, the Greater Teaneck Section offers tuition aid scholarships to college students who are pursuing studies to further education in Judaism. Applicants must be junior, senior or graduate level; residents or work in Bergen County, New Jersey and be available for a personal interview after May 1. Awards are based on financial need, scholarship and commitment.

Applications and further information may be obtained from: Jewish Education Scholarship Committee, NCJW, 210 The Plaza, Teaneck, NJ 07666 or call 833-4221.

WALLS, MILIANS & ROSE NOWACK TO BE HONORED AT JNF'S 26TH ANNUAL BREAKFAST

George and Muriel Wall and Ruth and Max Milians will be the recipients of the Jewish National Fund's Circle of Excellence awards at the organization's 26th annual breakfast, to be held at 9:30 a.m., Sunday, December 12th at the Jewish Center of Teaneck.

The Teaneck and Area Chapter of the Jewish National Fund will also present a special service award to Rose Nowack.





JCS FIGHTS BACK

With your help the Jewish Chautauqua Society (JS) has made many cutting edge contributions to promoting Understanding Through Education between Jewish and non-Jewish communities. JCS has become the largest program for educating non-Jews about Judaism in the United States and Canada. Together, we've dampened the moulderings of ignorance before they can flare into the fires of prejudice and bigotry in many places but our colleges are still rampant with anti-semitism.

Starting with our pioneering resident lectureship program in Judaic Studies in 1948, the JCS portfolio of educational programs has expanded to include interfaith institutes (1976) and pri-mary and secondary schools (1983). We can all take pride in what we've done to improve un-derstanding between people of different faiths.

1993 marked the 100th anniversary of the Jewish Chautauqua Society. We've accomplished a great deal in our first 100 years. But much, much more remains to be done.

JCS embarked on a new partnership with Dillard University in New Orleans to help sponsor the country's first national center to strengthen relations between Blacks and Jews. Also new is the JCS Campus Impact Program making grants to Hillels all across the country to support extracurricular programs on campus.

We hope that you will be dedicated to fighting prejudice and anti-semitism the positive way -- through education.

Make your check for \$50 or more payable to the Jewish Cahutauqua Society. Send it to Temple. All contributions are tax deductible.

On behalf of the Brotherhood, we thank you for your support. Sam Allar, JCS Chairman



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