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## From the Rabbi's Study

I love *Pesach*! I love the way in which it brings a sense of meaning and purpose to life. First we clean our homes of *chometz* - the leaven we are to put aside during this time. Then we clean our bodies and souls of the *chometz* - the leaven therein as well. We change our habits, our diets and our focus for one week. And we do it with the coming of spring, a time when looking forward with a sense of relief (especially this year!) to the end of winter. We also look forward with hope to the new beginnings which spring represents as we watch the world around us come to life with the sounds of birds, the buds on the trees and blossoming flowers.

The *Seder* is filled with messages of hope. As we celebrate freedom and the liberation of our ancestors from bondage in Egypt we link ourselves with the age-old hope for freedom and peace. We proclaim -- *Bechol dor vador chayav adam lirot et atzmo k'ilu hu yatzah mi-Mitzrayim* -- "In each and every generation we are obligated to see ourselves as if we ourselves had gone forth from Egypt." The changes, the story, the hopes are not merely disjointed factors which have little or no bearing on our lives. Rather, the *Haggadah* teaches us that the changes in the world around us and the changes we make in our lives in celebrating *Pesach* are indeed a part of us. The story we tell is not merely an act of story-telling or recanting history. We live it! It is a living drama in which we play a part and which continues year-by-year. The struggle for freedom has not yet reached its conclusion. With the words *Bechol dor vador...* we remind ourselves of our responsibility to continue working for freedom. The hopes of *Pesach* are not merely the hopes of others. They are our hopes. They are our dreams, our goals. In ending our *Seder* with "Next year in Jerusalem!" we speak of and link ourselves with the hopes of all Jews in praying for a year of peace and freedom.

Every year the changes, the story and the hopes take on additional meaning. Each time I come to the *Seder* table I find new meaning in the ancient words. This year is no exception. As we tell the story of our people's liberation from bondage and our journey to freedom I cannot help but think of the tragic events of weeks gone by: the shooting in the mosque in Hebron, the attack on the van of Jewish students in Brooklyn, the bombing in a church in Lebanon, the rising tone of the rhetoric of hate being spewed forth by speakers in public forums in our state and around the country, and more. For me these are potent reminders of the bondage which is still so much in evidence in our world. It pains me that we human beings have yet to learn the full meaning of being enslaved to narrow-mindedness, xenophobia, and hatred. We have yet to learn that little is solved through attacks on innocent people, be they worshippers, students or by-standers on a street. As I read the story of our people's movement *mi-ganuf l'shevach* - from bondage and oppression to freedom and praiseworthiness -- I will be thinking about the ways in which we must free ourselves, and our world, from the slavery of ignorance, bigotry and hatred. As we pray for freedom and peace in the year ahead, I will be praying that we will celebrate next *Pesach* in a world in which all will be *b'nai chorin* - free people!

From our home to yours, may your celebration of *Pesach* be filled with health, happiness and peace!

## TEMPLE EMETH BULLETIN

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## TEMPLE EMETH SPRING BOOK FAIR

Join us on Sunday, April 24, 11 am to 4 pm in the Social Hall for an afternoon featuring bestsellers, Judaica, children's books and more. Our calligrapher will personalize your purchase. Custom gift wrapping will be available.

To make your book selection more pleasurable, visit our cafe filled with homemade treats and specialty drinks. Staff will be on hand with children's activities to keep kids engaged.

Don't forget this wonderful opportunity to do your gift shopping for Mother's Day, Father's Day, birthdays and graduation.

Cantor Ellen Cohen

(Our new cantor as of July 1)



Bulletin Month	Publication Date	Deadline	Mid-monthly Sheet Deadline
May	Apr. 28	Apr. 14	May 4
June	May 26	May 12	June 3

### Temple Emeth Environment Committee Report no. 7

#### The Twilight Ozone.

- The vital earth ozone layer is being depleted by man-made gases (chlorofluorocarbons or CFCs) that are found in homes and offices.
- Some types of polystyrene foam is made with CFC and CFCs are still used as propellants in some aerosol cans.
- Freon, used as a coolant in car and residential air conditioners as well as refrigerators is a harmful CFC gas.
- Don't buy polystyrene foam products or aerosols that use CFCs. And have your leaking air conditioner or refrigerator repaired properly.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As many congregants are aware, during the week of March 6, the Teaneck and other local police forces received information that a violent attack was being planned against an unspecified synagogue in Northern New Jersey during Shabbat services on March 12. The original source and the reliability of the information were and remain unknown. Had the report not come shortly after the vicious slaughter of Muslim worshipers in Hebron and the shooting of Jews on the Brooklyn bridge and was the timing of the threatened attack not immediately following Ramadan, the Muslim month of daytime fasting, it would probably have been ignored. As it was, the threat could not be ignored, not by law enforcement authorities and not by synagogues, including Temple Emeth.

In response to this reported threat, Temple Emeth's Board of Trustees took the following actions at its meeting on March 10:

- . it decided not to be intimidated into shutting our doors but canceled Religious School both Saturday and Sunday as a precaution;
- . it confirmed the contingent decision, taken earlier that evening at a meeting at the Teaneck police station, to hire armed, off-duty Teaneck police officers for Friday evening and Saturday morning services and for Sunday morning, but increased the number during services from two to three;
- . it decided to limit the attendance at services during that weekend to members and to check identification at the door; and
- . it directed that the previously planned panic bar for the front door be installed immediately so that all doors could be locked during services and at other times while still ensuring emergency egress.

These decisions to exclude non-member would-be worshipers and to hire armed guards were agonizing for all involved as well as expensive for the congregation. Under the circumstances, however, erring on the side of caution, while not succumbing to intimidation and fear, seemed the appropriate action.

Shabbat came and went without incident, either at Temple Emeth or elsewhere in New Jersey. Decisions about security in the coming weeks and beyond have yet to be made at this writing, but will be within days. I pray that the forces of fear and retribution unleashed by the Hebron massacre will soon retreat and that the perpetrator's apparent purpose of derailing the peace process between Israel and the Palestinians will not be accomplished.

I wish you all a sweet Pesach.

*Ted Greenwald*



## NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Thanks to the coming of March, school has resumed its regular schedule and our students are again learning in our toasty warm classrooms. While we cannot predict the forces of Mother Nature, the Religious School Committee has decided to modify our school schedule as follows: Spring recess is cancelled and there will be religious school on: Tuesday, April 26, Wednesday April 27 and Saturday April 30. Sunday, May 1 NO SCHOOL (as before).

We feel confident that these additional sessions will help to make up for lost time.

Many thanks to our parents and students for their cooperation and understanding during this period of weather emergencies, and to our teachers for being such good sports.

Our grateful appreciation to the Board and to our class coordinator, class parents and phone squad members for all their help with the constant chain of phone calls that needed to be made. We are indebted to Rhona Herman and David Fox, Religious School Committee Co-chairs and to Barbara Sabella, School Administrator for all they did in phone calling and insuring the smoothness of school closings.

You will be receiving information regarding the 3rd and 4th grade Family Education Day and the Israel Independence Day Family Program. Read the flyers carefully and plan to attend these wonderful programs.

Paul A. Lichtman, RJE, Religious School Director

## NEWS FROM THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Our spirits are very high at the E.C.C. Our long difficult winter is over and the children can once again experience outdoor play and enjoy the playground.

Our teachers did a great job in celebrating Passover with the children. The children were actively involved in preparing special foods and ceremonial objects for our Seder. They made seder plates, the cup of Elijah, matzah covers and choroset. Rabbi Gurvis and Cantor Bornstein-Howard conducted a model Seder for the four-year-old classes. This year we had our own Matzah factory at Temple Emeth. Each child received a baker's hat and had an opportunity to make matzah.

We will have our annual Shabbat dinner for our E.C.C. families on Friday, April 15 at 6:30 p.m. Rabbi Gurvis and Cantor Bornstein-Howard will conduct a special service for our E.C.C. families.

*Lana Achside*

## TER NEWS

Temple Emeth Retirees are going to the Newark Museum on Thursday, April 14, to see the exhibits, *Ancient Nubia: Egypt's Rival in Africa* and *Arts New Jersey 2: Alfred Jensen - The New Jersey Years, 1972-1981*.

We will leave Temple at 11 AM and have lunch in a Spanish restaurant.

## EXPLORING CONVERSION

The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a luncheon Sunday, April 24th, 12-2PM, for Temple Emeth members to share personal experiences of conversion and participation in Temple life. We look forward to exploring perspectives of Jews-By-Choice and those considering conversion.

Kathryn Kahn, the UAHC Regional Outreach Coordinator, will be leading the discussion. Rabbi Gurvis will also be available to answer any questions.

Please join us! Contact Wendy Dessanti at 836-1072 or the Temple office at 833-1322 to make reservations.

## TEMPLE EMETH IN THE NEWS

The January 14th edition of the Record included in their *Religion* section, a most interesting article about the Temple celebration of *Tu B'Shevat*. This article concluded with a quote by Rabbi Gurvis: *Here we are in the dead of winter. To plant trees is difficult. While planting trees in Israel is important, that is distant. This (the Tu B'Shevat seder) is a hands-on-way of reclaiming a tradition in Jewish life.*

## CANTORIAL CONCERT

On March 6th, the overwhelming attendance at the Sunday Cantorial Concert at Temple Emeth enjoyed a most entertaining couple of hours featuring Cantors Bornstein-Howard, Botton and Stahl, accompanied by the very talented Lenora Thom at the piano.

The variety and the extraordinary individualistic approach as well as the outstanding musical talent of the cantors brought the audience to a standing ovation at the conclusion.



## YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND ESTABLISHED

The Temple Emeth Endowment Foundation is pleased to announce the receipt of an anonymous donation of \$5,000 to be used to establish a Youth Scholarship Fund. The objectives of the fund will be to develop leadership for Senior League and JFTY and to encourage Temple Emeth students to participate in Temple youth groups, JFTY, Temple Religious School and BARJ. Awards may be made to Temple Emeth students to attend UAHC camps and programs of JFTY and NFTY (exclusive of NFTY Israel programs). Further announcements will be made about criteria for awards and the procedure for application.

Suzanne Keusch

## RENOVATION AND RENEWAL

Implant Your strength in us  
for service, for our reverence  
of departed souls  
entrusted to our hands;  
that Temple Emeth  
as a Family Congregation  
will renew our days  
through shared memories  
of compassion, comprehension,  
love and tears;  
so we remember and uphold  
the words of instruction  
contained in our *Torah*;  
to sustain the souls  
of our beloved spouses,  
families and friends,  
so they may stand with us  
in God's presence  
in the safety and sanctity  
of our Sanctuary Memorial Walls  
today and our children's tomorrows...

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With this precept, Temple Emeth has undertaken a renovation of our Rabbi Louis J. Sigel Sanctuary Memorial Plaques' Walls, to renew our implicit promises to past and current subscribers.

While newly ordered plaques will be placed on temporary reserve until renovations are completed, the smaller weekly *Yahrzeit* Plaques will be available for display at the appropriate times.

When you feel you are ready to place your order, please call Marion in the office - and thank you! Eileen Nahm, Chair

Memorial Wall Plaques Committee

## TROUBLE WITH GRANDFATHERS by Bob Spiewak

We are very lucky  
And God is very smart  
When He made each one of us  
He left out at least one part  
If each of us were perfect  
Then our very world  
Our life as we all know it  
Would, indeed, be spoiled  
The very way He planned it  
As we must all discover  
By always leaving something out  
He made us need each other  
And using the same principle  
When He gave us His Word  
He made some things indefinite  
That are neither seen nor heard  
There is no one who is smart enough  
To say what's wrong or right  
That's why He left it muddy  
So we'd discuss all day and night  
Each person, word or object  
That seems to have a flaw  
Is still the best that there could be  
We just have to love it more.



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## YOM HA-ATZMAUT WEEKEND APRIL 15-17

Come and celebrate Israel Independence Day during our *Yom Ha-Atzmaut* Weekend Extravaganza which will begin Friday evening April 15.

This fabulous celebration and series of events will start with Friday night Shabbat Services at which time Temple Emeth will be host to eleven members of the Israeli Knesset. The Knesset members will share our worship services during which Rabbi Ammiel Hirsch, Executive Director of ARZA, the Association of Reform Zionists of America, will be the featured speaker. Immediately following services, at the Oneg Shabbat, we will be able to meet with, and pose questions to the Knesset Members, as well as Rabbi Hirsch.

On Sunday, April 17, festivities will move into high gear with an all day program. For adults and teen-agers there will be seminars and lectures on such topics as *Am I a Zionist*, *Israeli Security*, *Women's role in Israel*, *Israeli Art*, *Herzl and the Founding Fathers*, and others. Teen-agers will be able to participate in a simulated Peace Negotiations Conference between Arabs and Jews. There will be hands-on Arts and Crafts, story-telling and games for the younger children.

At 12:30 an Israeli Luncheon is planned with community singing and guided instructional dancing.

The day will conclude with an informal discussion and comments about Israel, followed by a short creative religious service.

Please watch for further upcoming details.

Bert Kuerer

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## THE BAR MITZVAH by Phyllis Rosenthal

Wrapped in a prayer shawl, he stands before ornate sliding doors, which are closed. Behind these stands the *Torah*, holiest of scrolls, history and law of the Jewish people. His *tallis* has been put on by his older brother and is, therefore, somewhat twisted as it lies on his shoulders. Standing between the rabbi and cantor, he looks fragile. How could this possibly be the day he becomes a man? It seems like just a minute ago we were picking up diapers and baby food for him.

The rabbi speaks. "On this *Bar Mitzvah* day for David he will be leading most of the service." He turns and beams at the boy. David does not return the smile. For him there will be nothing amusing about the next two hours. They contain only work and worry until the service is over and his party begins.

He has prepared long and hard for this day. Not only studying *Torah*, but picking party favors, music, friends to be invited, his first grown-up double breasted suit and shiny black shoes. He feels the importance of the day. He is performing a ritual that has been passed down from father to son for thousands of years, the Jewish rite of passage from boyhood to manhood.

The sanctuary is filled with people he has known all his life. They have come to wish him well and help continue the tradition. There is singing during the service, and familiar voices blend into a chorus of joy. People who are important to David will be honored by being called up to read with him.

I sit in the first row and gaze up at my nephew. As I try to control my tears of joy and pride, memories of David flood my thoughts. I remember him, recently, showing up at my door after a snow storm with shovel in hand. He had been going around the neighborhood clearing paths for money. When he finished our house, he would not let me pay him. "It's okay," he said, as I tried to put the money in his coat pocket, "I wanted to do it."

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## UPDATE ON TEMPLE SECURITY

March 20, 1994

Dear Friends

As explained in more detail in the President's Message within this Bulletin, we have taken extraordinary security measures at Temple Emeth during the last two weeks. I would like to take this opportunity to inform you what will be done during the next few weeks.

All doors to the Temple will remain closed and locked at all times. The school door will be attended just prior to and for a few minutes after the beginning of nursery school and religious school. With the exception of students and their parents coming to the school or school office, all access to the building should be through the main door. When the doors are unattended, pressing the bell will alert the offices that you are waiting at the door.

The front door will be attended approximately fifteen minutes prior to the beginning of adult education classes on Tuesday evening and prior to the beginning of evening meetings. All committee chairs have been or are hereby requested to ensure that the door is covered in advance of meetings in order to admit people to the building. All members are requested to arrive at meetings on time to ensure that you will be able to enter the building.

We will have a armed, plain-clothes off-duty Teaneck police officer in attendance before and during every worship service at least through the end of Pesach and at the Temple Seder on March 27. We will also have security on hand for our celebration of Yom Ha-atzmaut, Israel Independence Day, Friday April 15 and Sunday April 17.

Only Temple Emeth members and their guests will be admitted to services during this period. Ushers will be at the door with a list of Temple members prior to and during every service. They can not be expected to recognize all members by sight and they might, therefore, ask you to show identification. I would ask all members please to be understanding and to co-operate with the ushers. If you are bringing guests to services, please arrange to meet them outside and identify them to the ushers as you enter.

There is no question that these security measures, although necessary, are distasteful to all. They are also expensive. We are spending money that was not budgeted and that we cannot really afford. Needless to say, contributions to offset this expense would be most welcome.

B'shalom,

  
Ted Greenwood



**Softball Season  
is here. . .  
. . . and it's time  
for the  
"Temple Emeth Has-Beens"  
to take the field!**

The second year of the Teaneck Interfaith Softball League is about to get underway in the weeks ahead. We're looking for all interested men and women (age 18+) who would like to join in the fun and represent Temple Emeth on the field.

To sign-up all you need do is return the tear-off below to the Temple office with a check for \$ 10 per player. This includes a "uniform."

A practice will be held on Sunday, April 3rd at the Rodda Recreation Center on Colonial Court in Teaneck at 11:00 a.m. Our first game will be on Sunday, April 10th!

For more information, contact Coach Mike Grunstein at 836-9221

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Sign me/us up for the Temple Emeth Has-Beens Softball team:

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Return to: Softball Team, c/o Temple Emeth 1666 Windsor Road Teaneck, NJ 07666



# Temple Emeth

April 1, 1994 - April 14, 1994



## Friday, April 1, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Chol Hamoed - Family Shabbat Service

Rabbi Gurvis will tell a story

## Saturday, April 2, 1994 - Shabbat/Passover Service at 10:30 a.m. - Yizkor - Seventh Day Passover

Torah Portion - Passover - Intermediate Sabbath of Passover

Sat, Apr. 2	10:30 a.m.	Shabbat/Passover Services - Yizkor	Tue, Apr. 5	7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 8:30 p.m.	Adult Ed Class Executive Comm Adult Ed Classes
Sun, Apr. 3	6:00 p.m.	Daylight Savings Time Shelter Homeless	Wed, Apr. 6	12:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:45 p.m.	Lunch and Learn/Rabbi Etz Chayim Adult Choir
Mon, Apr. 4	8:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Finance Committee ARZA/Israel Comm			

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## Friday, April 8, 1994 at 8:30 p.m. Shabbat Shemini

Rabbi Eric Gurvis will discuss the Torah portion  
Eva Mandeau, a survivor of the Holocaust will speak

The Adult Choir will sing

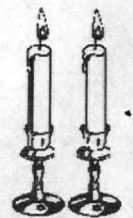
The Oneg Shabbat will be sponsored by Alice and Lloyd Stabiner  
in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Joshua Stabiner  
and by Eva and Rolf Mandeau in honor of the  
forthcoming marriage of their daughter Susan to Mr. Jerry Handelman.

## Saturday, April 9, 1994 - Shabbat Worship At 10:30 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Stabiner, son of Alice and Lloyd Stabiner

Torah Portion - Shemini - Leviticus 9:1-11:47      Haftarah - II Samuel 6:1-7:17

Sat, Apr. 9	10:30 a.m.	Shabbat Worship	Wed, Apr. 13	12:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:45 p.m.	Lunch and Learn/Rabbi Etz Chayim Adult Choir
Sun, Apr. 10	9:00 a.m.	Leadership Dev. Day			
Mon, Apr. 11	8:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Membership Comm Israel/ARZA Comm House Committee	Thu, Apr. 14	10:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Temple Emeth Retirees Tree Planting Holocaust Observance Board of Trustees Mtg.
Tue, Apr. 12	7:30 p.m. 8:45 p.m.	Adult Ed Classes Adult Ed Classes			





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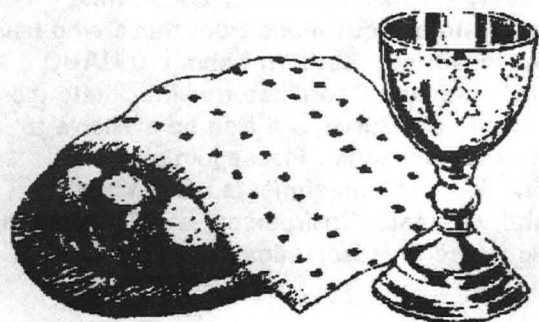
# Temple Emeth

## April 1994



						<b>1</b> Pesach 7:30pm Family Shabbat Services	<b>2</b> Pesach (ends at sundown - 7th day) 7th Day of Pesach 10:30am Shabbat Services 10:30am Yizkor/7th Day Pesach Service
<b>3</b> Pesach (Trad. 8th day) Daylight Savings-- set ahead 1 hour	<b>4</b> 8:00pm Finance Committee 8:00pm ARZA/Israel Committee	<b>5</b> 7:30pm Adult Ed Classes- 1st Hour 7:30pm Exec Board 8:45pm Adult Ed Classes - 2nd Hour	<b>6</b> 12:15pm Lunch & Learn w/ Rabbi 6:30pm Etz Chayim 7:45pm Adult Choir	<b>7</b> Erev Yom Hashoah 7:30pm Teaneck Yom Hashoah Observance (@HS)	<b>8</b> Yom Hashoah Adult Choir Sings 8:30pm Shabbat Services	<b>9</b> Shemini 10:30am B/M: Joshua Stabiner 10:30am Shabbat Services	
<b>10</b> 9:00am Leadership Development Day	<b>11</b> 8:00pm House Committee 8:00pm Membership Committee 8:00pm ARZA/Israel Committee	<b>12</b> 7:30pm Adult Ed Classes- 1st Hour 8:45pm Adult Ed Classes - 2nd Hour	<b>13</b> 12:15pm Lunch & Learn w/ Rabbi 6:30pm Etz Chayim 7:45pm Adult Choir	<b>14</b> 10:00am TER 7:30pm Annual Tree Planting 8:00pm Temple Board Mtg	<b>15</b> ARZA Shabbat Guest Speaker: Rabbi Ammiel Hirsch (ARZA) 6:30pm Knesset Members Dinner 6:30pm ECC Dinner 8:30pm Shabbat Services	<b>16</b> Tazria/Metzora 9:15am Tot Shabbat 10:30am B/M: Peter Silberstein 10:30am Shabbat Services	
<b>17</b> Yom Ha-Atzmaut Celebration/Program	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 7:30pm Adult Ed Classes- 1st Hour 8:00pm RS Committee 8:45pm Adult Ed Classes - 2nd Hour	<b>20</b> 12:15pm Lunch & Learn w/ Rabbi 6:30pm Etz Chayim 7:45pm Adult Choir	<b>21</b> 7:30pm Exec Board 8:00pm Ritual Committee	<b>22</b> 10:30am ECC Mtg 8:30pm Senior League Service	<b>23</b> Acharei/Kedoshim 10:30am Shabbat Services 12:00pm Shabbat Table Lunch & Study	
<b>24</b> 10:00am Book Fair 12:00pm Outreach	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 7:30pm Adult Ed Classes- 1st Hour 8:45pm Adult Ed Classes - 2nd Hour	<b>27</b> 12:15pm Lunch & Learn w/ Rabbi	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Lag B'omer 8:30pm Shabbat Services	<b>30</b> Emor 10:30am B/M: Myles Commike 10:30am Shabbat Services	





*Won't you join us for  
Lunch and Learning,  
Song and Celebration  
at our  
Shabbat Table*

**Saturday, April 23rd      12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m.**

Reservations are a must and may be made by sending a check to the Temple office! The cost is \$8.00 per person.

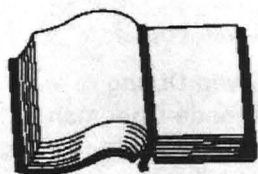
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Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places @ \$8.00 per person for the Shabbat Table on April 23rd for:

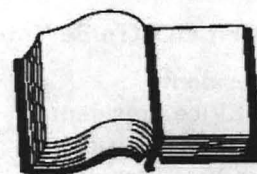
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## **TEMPLE EMETH'S SPRING 1994 BOOK FAIR**



**Sunday, April 24th  
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**



**Gifts For Mother's Day,  
Father's Day,  
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Browse at your leisure among displays filled with best sellers, Judaica, children's books, bargain books and more! Relax and discuss your selection with friends at our cafe with gourmet treats and specialty drinks. Walk over to our professional calligrapher who will personalize your purchase. Then have it custom wrapped for gift giving!!

**PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW DATE.**

## **CELEBRATE SHAVUOT!!! - SUN MAY 15TH**

Mark your calendars and plan now to be part of Temple Emeth's Shavuot celebration with members of your own family and our Temple family. Our observance of this festive and very important holiday will include a traditional dairy supper and an Erev Yom Tov service. A special feature of the evening will be the blessing of children of the congregation who have been born during the past-year --- Temple Emeth's own "first fruits." We will start with dinner at 6:00 p.m. and services at 7:30 p.m. For more information, or to help plan this happy celebration, please call Judy Fox at 836-0260.

### **DINNER DANCE CALENDAR**

Remember to place your ads for the Dinner Dance Calendar honoring Cantor Annie Bornstein-Howard and supporting our Temple. Deadline is April 7th.

### **EXPLORING CONVERSION**

The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a get-together Sunday, April 24th from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Members of Temple Emeth who have converted to Judaism will discuss their personal experiences and

their participation in Temple life. There will also be an opportunity for those presently considering conversion to ask questions from those who have already converted. Kathryn Kahn, our UAHC Regional Outreach Coordinator will facilitate the program. Rabbi Gurvis will also be available to answer any questions. Please join us for conversation and refreshments. Call Wendy Dessanti, Outreach Chairperson, at 836-1072, or the Temple Office for reservations.

### **RABBI AMMIEL HIRSCH TO SPEAK**

Mark your calendar and plan to join in a weekend of festivities celebrating Yom Ha-Atzmaut - Israeli Independence Day. The weekend will get under way on Friday, April 15th when we will have as our guest, Rabbi Ammiel Hirsch, Executive Director of ARZA - the Association of Reform Zionists of America. We will also have a delegation of members of the Israeli Knesset who will be our guests at a special Shabbat Dinner and at our Shabbat Services. Join us for what promises to be a very special evening.

## **REPORT OF THE TEMPLE EMETH NOMINATING COMMITTEE - MARCH 1994**

The Temple Emeth Nominating Committee held three meetings and numerous phone conversations to select the slate of officers and Board of Trustees for the 1994-1995 year. All new candidates have agreed to serve and have been informed of their responsibilities.

### **OFFICERS (To Be Voted Upon)**

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Daniel Leff	Margery Rothschild
Joan Lichtenstein	Myron White

Respectfully Submitted by the Committee:  
Roslyn Benamy, David Bicofsky, Irwin Butensky,  
Carol Heischober, Melissa Joseph, Sandra Klein,  
Steve Taiman, Micki Grunstein and Sy Yegelwel



Then I remembered David with my parents. He had been named for mother's baby brother who had been killed in the war. She always had a special place in her heart for little David. He and my father enjoyed each other's company enormously. By the time David was four years old, perhaps because of all the time he spent with my father, he'd begun to speak with a decidedly Jewish inflection. It was actually quite hysterical to hear the two of them converse. Funnier still, my father never noticed David's accent.

Suddenly my reverie is interrupted. It is my turn to read the prayer with David. I climb up and take my place next to him. I look out at the sea of people and decide not to do that again until I'm ready to sit down. I read, and then David does his part. I lean over to kiss my nephew before stepping down. His eyes are glistening. Are they shining with tears?

Before leaving I again look out at the room of cherished friends and relatives. Way in the back, I see, sitting far from anyone else, an old man. His skull-cap, barely covers his bald head, and on the chair next to him rests a cane. I know this man. His face is indelibly engraved on my heart. He's my father, the same father who's been dead for seven years. I blink a few times and shake my head. The rabbi is gently guiding me off the stage and to my seat. But I do not go to my original seat. I walk to the back—where the man is sitting. Everyone assumes I am so overcome with emotion that I've decided to sit alone. Not so. I've decided I'd like to visit with my Dad. He's had a long trip.

I sit down. I'd like to touch him, but somehow know that is not possible. I whisper, "Dad, you're here. But you're dead."

He looks at me with those blue eyes. "Yes," he begins, "I am dead." His eyes bespeak some disappointment. "But you didn't honestly think I'd miss David's *Bar Mitzvah*." He looks up at the stage. "I love that boy." It's not possible, but I feel my father's lips brush across my cheek. "I love you too, *mamale*," he whispers, and I hear him although his face is far from my ear. "I am always with you kids."

I look away from my father as David completes his reading. Before I know it, the rabbi is asking everyone to join us for luncheon in the next room, to allow the immediate family to leave the sanctuary first. My sister and her family file by me. Through my tears, I am smiling. I wonder if my sister can see my father, too. I turn to look at him one more time, but the seat next to me is empty. I knew it would be. I have not lost my mind. I have simply reaffirmed my faith.

## SOCIAL ACTION

### Jury Service

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Currently, in the State of New Jersey, lists of potential jurors are compiled from voter registration and drivers license lists. This limits the jury pool in New Jersey both economically and racially and undermines the constitutional right we all have to a jury of our peers. Pending in the state legislature is A-531, a bill which would amend the current law on jury service by expanding the sources from which the names of potential jurors are drawn to include lists of public utility customers, of persons who file state income tax returns and those who apply for homestead rebates. It would also provide for penalties for employers who punish employees for taking time off to serve. This measure is sponsored by our congregant, Assemblywoman Loretta Weinberg, as well as Assemblyman Robert Brown. It has been endorsed by a New Jersey Supreme Court panel of judges and lawyers. This bill has been released from committee and must be posted for a vote by Speaker Haytaian and Senator Gormley. Letters of support should be directed to them at these addresses:

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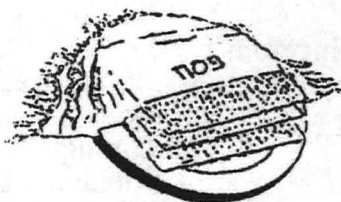
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