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From the Rabbi's Study

The *Hasidic* master, Rabbi Menachem Mendel of Kotzk once asked, "Why is *Shavuot* called "the time of the giving of the Torah" and not "the time of the receiving of the Torah?" He answered his own question teaching that the Torah is given equally for all Israel but each and every individual must receive it according to his or her own measure. Every individual grasps Torah and its meaning according to his or her own intellectual capacity, place in life and depth of understanding.

As we read and study, grapple with Torah ultimately we do so from where we stand. It does no good to pretend to be what or who we are not. We must be ourselves. God seeks that we be honest, with ourselves, with one another and by extension with God. Yet, at the same time, as we must be who we are, we must also never sell ourselves short. If we are to grow, then we must be reaching beyond ourselves. I believe the expression is, "No pain, no gain." We must push ourselves to encounter the growing pains that will enable us to stretch ourselves in pursuit of achieving our fullest potential. Hence the Kotzker's teaching that each individual must strive to receive the teachings of Torah according to their own place and capacity. Start where you are, and move forward from there.

To me, *Shavuot* is a living reminder of the fact that Judaism is a way of life. It reminds me that Sinai was not a one-time experience, but rather that the Torah is constantly being given. *Shavuot* reminds me that if the Torah is constantly being given, then we must constantly be in a receiving mode. Yet, all too often, we modern Jews, are intermittently in that receiving mode. At year's beginning, as we celebrate our High Holy Days we call ourselves back to a sense of our place in God's world and our place among the House of Israel. Here too, with our celebration of *Shavuot* we are called back. We are called back to Sinai, to the primordial moment of Jewish experience, when the bond between Israel and the God of Israel was tied through *matan Torah* - through the gift of Torah, God's symbol of love for Israel.

With this year's celebration, our Children's Worship committee offers us the opportunity to come together as a community in a new and I hope, deeply meaningful way. We will share in a dairy supper as we anticipate the holiday's beginning. At our *Shavuot* eve service, on Sunday, May 15th, we will invite those families who have welcomed a new child in the past year to bring their child forward to the *bimah* where we will offer a special blessing. Historically, *Shavuot* represents the time when our ancestors would bring the first fruits of their harvest to the Temple in Jerusalem. We will link ourselves with this ancient tradition by bringing forward the fruits of our community, as represented by our children. And, as we do each year, we will welcome our Confirmation Class to the *bimah* as they lead us in prayer and teach us on *Shavuot* morning, Monday, May 16th.

Come and join us as we stand to celebrate these joyous events. Come stand with Israel as we relive our people standing at Sinai to receive the Torah. Come renew your ties to *matan Torah* so that it may lead you forward to new heights of your own in the months and year ahead. Join us in truly making of this year's celebration of *Shavuot* a *Chag Sameach*!

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ISLAMIC ANTI-SEMITISM AND JCS

You are well aware of the intense activities of the Nation of Islam speakers everywhere. Their diatribes against Jews are reaching the receptive minds of students at Kean College and Howard University. Their lies are being accepted without question or rebuttal. College students are targets for these messages of hate against Jews because these students are the future generation who will continue this hatred and teach it to their children as well.

The Jewish Chautauqua Society receives hundreds of requests to appear at colleges. JCS also provides books to college and high school libraries at no cost, offers films to reach understanding and holds seminars for clergy. The reason JCS cannot fill all the requests is a lack of funds. It is not well known but it has entry to colleges where there is little or no Jewish student body in order to answer questions and overcome anti-semitism. If you have not put your support behind the JCS, you are missing an opportunity to get into the fight to refute the lies that are poisoning the minds of students against Jews.

Please send your check to Temple. Full membership starts at \$50. Send whatever you think it is worth to send Rabbis to campuses where requests are going unfilled.

Sam Allar, JCS Brotherhood Chairman

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE TO HOST HIKE

Greenbrook Sanctuary in Alpine will be the site of a special Fathers' Day hike sponsored by Temple Emeth's Committee on the Environment. (Mothers are invited too!) The hike will begin at 11:00 am on Sunday, June 19th, and will take approximately 1 1/2 hours.

This 165-acre nature preserve on the Palisades boasts spectacular views of the Hudson River, a waterfall, and a lake. The hike will be led by a staff naturalist who will point out and discuss the wide variety of plant, animal, and amphibious life. Although the hike will not be strenuous, participants should wear comfortable clothes and hiking boots or sneakers.

Watch the next Temple mailing for registration information, but be sure to reserve a place for you and your family early as space is very limited. There will be a \$2.00 charge per person to cover the cost of the guide.

Call Environment Committee Chairman Paul Kaufman at 385-8433 if you have any questions.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE WILL CELEBRATE WOMEN

Temple Emeth's Membership Committee will host a special Shabbat in Celebration of Women during services Friday evening, June 10. Temple Emeth women will lead portions of the service and women members of Cantor Annie Bornstein-Howard's cantillation class will chant portions of the *Torah*.

Members of the congregation are encouraged to invite their mothers, daughters, sisters, female relatives, and friends to join in the celebration. The special *Oneg Shabbat* following the service will feature taste-tempting culinary treats created by Temple members (men too, we hope!).

Women who would like to take part in the service should call Pauline Hecht at 387-0836.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am very pleased to be able to inform the Congregation that Jonah Pesner will be with us again next year in a new role, Rabbinic Intern. Many of you and your children have come to know Jonah this year as our Senior League adviser, a teacher in our Religious School, and an instructor in our Adult Education program. Next year, as our Rabbinic Intern, he will do all that and more.

Currently a second year Rabbinic student at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York City, Jonah comes originally from Manhattan and is a graduate of Wesleyan University. He has many years of experience as a teacher, drama director, and youth adviser within the Reform movement. This year, in addition to his activities at Temple Emeth, he has been a teacher and Retreat Coordinator for the Bergen Academy of Reform Judaism, our regional supplementary high school.

As a Rabbinic Intern next year, Jonah will be a student member of our professional team. He will be present on the Bima during services whenever his busy schedule allows and sometimes participate as a reader. He will also preach occasional sermons under the supervision of Rabbi Gurvis. He will sometimes accompany Rabbi Gurvis during life cycle events or on hospital visits, always with the permission of the family or individual. He will sometimes attend Board of Trustees and Committee meetings as an observer. No doubt as the year goes along, other opportunities will arise for him to participate in the active life of Temple Emeth.

Having Jonah with us as a Rabbinic Intern will not only give us the benefits of his service to the congregation. It will also give us the opportunity to participate in the education of a most promising Student Rabbi. Even as Jonah Pesner will be our teacher, so will we be his teacher.

With respect to security concerns, we have been informed by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith, and the FBI-State Police Joint Terrorism Task Force that the threat against synagogues in northern New Jersey, if it ever existed, has passed. Accordingly, we have discontinued the use of policemen during services.

No one knows for sure whether the threat was real. However, there was intelligence information indicating that it might be. In the context of recent events both locally and in Israel, the police and UAHC were right to advise extra precautions and we were right to take them.

I want to offer special thanks to George and Madeleine Brecher, Norman and Marjorie Landau, David and Rachel Wysoki, and especially to Helen Lazar for helping to finance our special security measures. Without their assistance, our budget would have taken quite a hit.

Del Suenwood

A Message from the Cantor

As the year quickly comes to an end and I prepare to take leave, I am reminded of the many accomplishments that we, you and I, share. We have truly forged the relationship between cantor and congregation and built, for generations to come, a solid and meaningful cantorial presence in Temple Emeth. We have shared tears and losses, illness and tragedy, joys and life cycle events. Ours has been a full and fulfilling relationship, not only, I pray, for myself, but for you as well.

I am grateful for the opportunity to have served Temple Emeth and hope that you know that I have done so with all my heart and spirit. Nevertheless, I am certain that I have gotten back a great deal more than I have given. I have been the privileged recipient of the love of your dear children, I have been privileged to counsel our young adults and to have built lasting and loving relationships with them, and I have known the great gift of friendship, on so many levels.

ALL of this, I take with me and hold very close. You have made music with me, inspired me, you have sung with me and supported me..I am SO grateful.

As our "formal" relationship draws near its close, I offer my deepest affection and gratitude as well as my prayers for all of you, individually and collectively. May you go, ALL of you, from strength to strength. I will always be but a phone call away.

Continue to grow and to flourish, and do so with all of your hearts, with your Jewish souls and with the integrity that has been the hallmark of Temple Emeth.

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Margery Rothschild z"l

**Margery was a member of our Board of Trustees,
chairperson of our ARZA/Israel Committee,
a past officer of the congregation
and a longtime devoted member of Temple Emeth.**

May her soul be bound up in the bond of eternal life.

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**Charles J, Rothschild, Jr.
our beloved past-President is recuperating in a
hospital in Connecticut.**

**We wish Chuck a speedy and complete recovery.
We look forward to his return to our midst.**

**Our thoughts and prayers are with Chuck and his children -
Charles III, Carol and Judy
and with the entire family at this tragic and difficult time.**

EREV SHAVUOT CONGREGATIONAL DINNER

On Erev Shavuot, Sunday evening, May 15, the Children's Worship Committee is sponsoring a traditional dairy supper featuring noodle kugel, bagels and blintzes. We hope that people of all ages will join in this festival of the First Fruits and of the Giving of the Torah. The dinner will begin at 6:00 PM followed by festival services at 7:30 PM. During services, babies born since last Shavuot - Emeth's own "first fruits" will be called to the bima for a special blessing. For further information, call Judy Fox at 836-0260.

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_____ We'll be bringing our baby _____ to be
blessed. (You do not need to attend dinner, but we need to know you will be at services).



Religious School News

The snow has melted. We can hear the sounds of animals in the air. Spring is here at last! The religious school year concludes during the month of May. There have been new family programs, school-wide celebrations and new learning experiences for everyone. There is no end to the wonderful and creative programs which can be accomplished in Jewish education. Also, Reform Jewish education enables us to use the latest in classroom and curriculum innovations. Our children certainly are the beneficiaries.

I would like to thank the members of the Religious School Committee for all of their efforts this year: Barbara Balkin, Joe Boonin, Wendy Dessanti, Vicki Farhi, Cynthia Friedland, Amy Gordon, Ellen Inkeles, Roberta Geisenheimer, Elaine Polakoff, Rabbi Gurvis and Cantor Bornstein-Howard. My deep appreciation to David Fox and Rhona Herman, Religious School Committee Co-chairs, for all of their help this year. I would also like to thank the grade coordinators and class parents for all of their help making last minute phone calls and helping with any school projects asked of them. A hearty thank you to all of the Family Shabbat dinner volunteers for all of their help in making these experiences memorable.

Remember, the start of summer doesn't mean a break in family Jewish activities. Do something Jewishly this summer as a family. Experiment with new experiences together. Prepare a Shabbat dinner. Take a Shabbat tyul (day trip). Have some meaningful discussions. Jewish learning does not take a vacation.

Paul Lichtman, RJE
Religious School Director

NEWS FROM THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

We were delighted to learn that the Lazar Foundation recently funded our proposal to put additional books in our classroom libraries. We appreciate their generosity as the library area is an essential part of our program. It's where children gain the foundations for reading and writing. It's also a place where children can relax and enjoy the wonderful world of children's literature.

Every day our teachers read stories to the children. We read books related to the Jewish holidays and Shabbat, to introduce new ideas, to develop pre-reading skills, to help children deal with problems, and mostly to develop a love for books.

Parents can do many things at home to create an inviting library area for their children. Designate a place where your child can independently read, write, look at magazines, and listen to tapes. Decorate the chosen area with pictures (preferably homemade by the child). Add pillows and soft furniture to this area so your child feels relaxed and happy there. If bookshelves are not available, cover sturdy diaper boxes (large size) with contact paper and use as bookcases, or use wooden or plastic crates as bookshelves.

If you'd like some guidance on choosing books or tapes for your home library, please come see us. We have an excellent bibliography of recommended children's books that we'd be delighted to share. You can draw on the resources of Temple Emeth's library and the public library to keep your child's home library well stocked.

Books, tapes, and writing materials are wonderful ways to help children learn. Research has indicated that when children are read to everyday, they are more likely to be successful readers.

ECC would like to thank Debbie Rutz for serving as our representative to the Lazar Foundation and for her assistance in developing our proposal.

Lana Achside

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TROUBLE WITH GRANDFATHERS

by Bob Spiewak

SUDDENLY IT'S SPRING

April's here..where's the snow?
 Overnight it's seemed to go
 Today we're walking in the sun
 Admiring the crocus one by one
 Looking at the flower beds
 Where they show their lovely heads
 Some are white and some are blue
 We enjoy them wouldn't you?
 Every spring there is rebirth
 Beauty pops up from the earth
 And our hearts are all aglow
 To watch God-given beauty grow

ALICE'S PASSOVER POEM

Whatever nails I had, are lost
 With grated horseradish and salad tossed.
 Scraped my skin and frazzled my nerves,
 Gained some fat from chickens' curves.
 Brisket soft and kugel crisp,
 Lingered smiles upon our lips.
 All my guests will soon be gone
 Leaving here their joyous song.
 And I with crumbs and pots to clean,
 Have a heartful of love
 For the Passover scene. Alice Hauptman Eisner

THE SCORE

I go to court each day, questioning witnesses,
 making objections, convincing the jury,
 But I am not a lawyer.
 If I were homeless, jobless,
 and without a family,
 I would still hear music.
 I love, I hate, I care,
 And I cry.
 I cannot be created with some
 bones and blood, and a college degree,
 Because I can sing. Adam Spiewak

FACELESS PEOPLE

I feel nothing for the faceless people
 who died in Hebron. And that bothers me.
 They were fathers, brothers and sons,
 whose families mourn their future.
 I am concerned more by how their deaths
 threaten peace and tarnish Israel.
 They were, after all, only forty people
 among tens of thousands of faceless deaths.
 I wish to mourn these people
 and feel their loss.
 They are no less faceless than I. Gary Lynch

On the evening of May 15, Jews everywhere will begin the celebration of *Shavuot*. The holiday falls exactly seven weeks after Passover and is known as The Feast of Weeks. It is the season of the giving of our *Torah*, because it commemorated God's giving of the *Torah* to Moses and the people of Israel at Mount Sinai. Another name for this holiday is Festival of the First Fruits since the first produce was brought to the Temple on this day.

In Reform congregations today, confirmation ceremonies are conducted on *Shavuot*, and some Jews study *Torah* and *Talmud* all through the first night of *Shavuot* to prepare themselves spiritually for the reading of the Ten Commandments the next morning. It is customary to read the Book of Ruth, probably because the story took place at harvest time and coincided with the holiday. It is the poignant story of a gentile woman, married to a Jewish man who later dies, leaving her childless. Ruth insists on accompanying her mother-in-law Naomi back to Israel and accepts the Jewish faith as her own; "...your people shall be my people and your God my God..." The book ends with a genealogy which informs us that King David is a direct descendant of Ruth. According to tradition, it is from King David's line that the messiah will come.

As with many of our celebrations, special foods are eaten. It is customary to serve dairy meals symbolizing the sweetness of *Torah* and the "land of milk and honey" that the Jews were about to enter. A recent Jew by choice related a wonderful story. In keeping with the tradition of the holiday, she always served a dairy meal. She made blintzes or noodle *kugel* (pudding), but none of her family members were too happy with the repast. She diligently thought about what dairy foods her family did like and finally resolved the issue. Now, on *Shavuot*, she sets the table with four bowls, four spoons and four different pints of ice cream (a favorite for each) and everyone celebrates! Adapted from: Outreach SE Region

INTERESTED IN TEACHING?

The Teacher Recruitment Drive, sponsored by Jewish Educational Services of United Jewish Community (UJC), is in full swing. Candidates for full or part time teaching positions for the coming academic year are invited to apply.

The schools are looking for qualified candidates to teach Bible, Jewish History, Israel, Jewish Current Events, Medical Ethics, Jewish Holidays, Values and Pre-school subjects.

For information, contact Jewish Educational Services, 488-6800, ext. 216.

YOM YERUSHALAYIM CELEBRATION

The Jewish National Fund-Teaneck Council cordially invites the entire community to a *Yom Yerushalayim* Celebration Monday, May 9 at the Torah Academy of Bergen County, 1600 Queen Anne Road.

Col.(Ret) Ra'anah Gissin, Deputy IDF Spokesman will be guest speaker.

Col. Gissin retired from active duty in September 1993 after serving as Deputy IDF Spokesman in charge of Foreign Press. During the Gulf War, Col. Gissin was director of the IDF Communications Center in Tel Aviv. He gave numerous interviews, briefings and press conferences for over 1,000 journalists.

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Barbara Straussman's life as an educator was spent teaching a love of Judaism through precept and example. She was an active member of Temple Emeth and served many years on the Board of Trustees and as a chairperson of several committees.

As a tribute to Barbara's life work, her family and friends established a fund as a memorial. The Barbara Straussman Youth Fellowship Fund endeavors to keep her vision alive by awarding funds to children of the Congregation to attend the UAHF events such as Israel safaris, camps, conclaves and other educational and cultural experiences.

Fran Hyman

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Temple Emeth, 1666 Windsor Rd. Teaneck, N.J. 07666

Temple Emeth

April 29, 1994 - May 12, 1994



Friday, April 29, 1994 at 8:30 p.m. Shabbat Emor - Lag B'omer

Rabbi Eric S. Gurvis will speak

The Oneg Shabbat will be sponsored by Eileen and Irving Commike in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Myles Commike and by Arlene and Bernard Seidman in honor of the naming of their grand niece, Amanda Elise Eisenberg.

Saturday, April 30, 1994 - Shabbat Worship at 10:30 a.m.

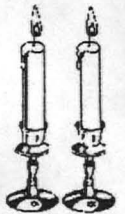
Bar Mitzvah of Myles Commike, Son of Eileen and Irving Commike

Torah Portion - Emor - Leviticus 21:1-24:23 Haftarah Ezekiel - 44:15-31

Sat, Apr. 30	10:30 a.m.	Shabbat Services	Wed, May 4	12:15 p.m.	Lunch and Learn/Rabbi
Sun, May 1	10:00 a.m.	Brotherhood Breakfast		6:30 p.m.	Etz Chayim
Mon, May 2	8:00 p.m.	Finance Committee		7:45 p.m.	Adult Choir
Tue, May 3	7:30 p.m.	Adult Ed. Classes	Thu, May 5	8:00 p.m.	Annual Congregational
	7:30 p.m.	Executive Committee			Meeting
	8:45 p.m.	Adult Ed Classes			

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Friday, May 6, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. Family Shabbat Service - Faculty Recognition Shabbat Shabbat Behar/Bechukkotai



Saturday, May 7, 1994 Shabbat Worship at 10:30 a.m.

A Kiddush will be sponsored by Cathy and David Bicofsky in honor of the conversion of Pam Leff

Torah Portion - Behar - Leviticus 25:1-27:34 Haftarah - Jeremiah 16:19-17:14


Sat. May 7	10:30 a.m.	Shabbat Worship	Wed, May 11	12:15 p.m.	Lunch and Learn/Rabbi
Sun. May 8		Mother's Day		6:30 p.m.	Etz Chayim
Mon, May 9	8:00 p.m.	ECC Meeting		7:45 p.m.	Adult Choir
	8:00 p.m.	Israel/ARZA Comm	Thu, May 12	10:00 a.m.	Temple Emeth Retirees
Tue, May 10	7:30 p.m.	Adult Ed Classes		8:00 p.m.	Transitional Board
	8:45 p.m.	Adult Ed Classes			Meeting



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May 1994



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 10:00am Brotherhood Breakfast	2 8:00pm Finance Committee	3 7:30pm Adult Ed Classes - 1st Hour 7:30pm Exec Committee 8:45pm Adult Ed Classes - 2nd Hour	4 12:15pm Lunch & Learn w/ Rabbi 6:30pm Etz Chayim 7:45pm Adult Choir	5 8:00pm Annual Congregational Meeting	6 Faculty Recognition/Etz Chayim Sings 6:30pm RS Faculty Dinner 7:30pm Family Shabbat Services	7 <div>Behar/Bechukkotai</div> 10:30am Shabbat Services
8  Mother's Day	9 8:00pm Israel/ARZA Comm 8:00pm ECC Meeting	10 7:30pm Adult Ed Classes - 1st Hour 8:45pm Adult Ed Classes - 2nd Hour	11 12:15pm Lunch & Learn w/ Rabbi 6:30pm Etz Chayim 7:45pm Adult Choir	12 10:00am TER 8:00pm Transitional Board Meeting	13 Installation/Adult Choir Sings 8:30pm Shabbat Services	14 <div>Bemidbar</div> 10:30am Shabbat Services 7:00pm Dinner Dance honoring Cantor
15 Erev Shavuot Sr League Car Wash/Bake Sale 6:00pm Shavuot Dinner 7:30pm Shavuot Service	16 Shavuot 10:00am Confirmation Service/Yizkor 8:00pm Membership Comm	17 7:30pm Adult Ed Classes - 1st Hour 8:00pm Children's Worship Comm 8:45pm Adult Ed Classes - 2nd Hour	18 12:15pm Lunch & Learn w/ Rabbi 7:45pm Adult Choir	19 7:30pm Exec Committee	20 Oneg Shabbat: Slide Pres. from Jewish Museum 8:30pm Shabbat Services	21 <div>Naso</div> 9:15am Tot Shabbat 10:30am B/M: Julia Haas-Godsil 10:30am Shabbat Services
22	23	24 8:00pm RS Committee	25 12:15pm Lunch & Learn w/ Rabbi 7:45pm Adult Choir	26 8:00pm ECC Mtg 8:00pm Adoptive Parents	27 8:30pm Shabbat Services	28 <div>Behaalot'cha</div> 10:30am Shabbat Services
29	30 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Memorial Day (Observed)</i> <i>- Building Closed</i> 8:00pm House Committee	31 7:30pm Exec Committee				

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE **ACTION ALERT**

Issue No. 2

May 1994

The Budget Process

Governor Whitman's 1994 budget currently is being reviewed by the Senate and Assembly Appropriations Committees. The proposed budget will have a devastating effect on municipalities and school systems across the state. For example, as of now, Teaneck will lose in excess of \$700,000 in education desegregation aid and approximately \$814,000 in municipal density aid. These cuts will inevitably lead to elimination or reduction of municipal services and educational programs as well as to substantial property tax increases.

Those involved in the budget process estimate that the property tax increases resulting from the governor's proposed budget will far outweigh the net savings on income tax from the recent tax cut. On May 4th, a "People's Budget Hearing" will be held at the Hackensack Municipal Building Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m. This is an opportunity to become informed and speak out about the 1994 budget. We encourage you to write to the Senate President and the Speaker of the Assembly expressing your views regarding the proposed budget the strategy of

reducing state funding to school systems and municipalities as a means of paying for the governor's tax cut. They need to hear about what we perceive as the effects of reduced funding on the quality of life in our local communities, the quality of education for our children, and the rate of increase in our property taxes.

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A Special Musical Evening

Join us on Friday evening, May 13th as our Adult Volunteer Choir presents its final concert of the year, and its final performance under the guidance of Cantor Annie Bornstein-Howard and Lenora Thom. The choir will present the Srul Glick Shabbat service, *SHIRAT HA-NEFESH*, commissioned by Temple Emeth on the occasion of Rabbi Sigel's retirement. To honor us further, Rabbi Sigel and Jackie Guttman have agreed to enhance our worship by accompanying us on the clarinet and flute respectively.

Join us as we celebrate Shabbat,
the installation of
our officers and trustees,
and enjoy this beautiful service
once again!



SAVE THE DATE. . .
SATURDAY, JUNE 26th - 8 p.m

You're invited to another evening of dance instruction and fun. Ballroom Dance at Temple Emeth will feature Lauren Klein, dance instructor from the Teaneck Continuing Education Center. Watch for details!!

**GIANT TEMPLE EMETH
GARAGE SALE**

Thinking of doing some spring cleaning? Temple Emeth's Rummage Sale is being expanded to become a more lucrative and exciting garage sale. This is a wonderful opportunity to either donate those valued but no longer needed items which we will put on sale - or - have some fun, Buy some selling space set up a table and sell your own items. The only charge to you is the price of the spot.

Please don't forget.Dust off all those gently used items and hold them until further notice! **SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, JUNE 26th.** Details to follow or call : Pauline Hecht 387-0836 or Amy Stern at 833-9344.

Good and Welfare

MAZEL TOV TO. . . .

Bonnie and Steve Taiman on the birth of their grandson, Jake Meyer. His parents are Jill and Aaron Max.

Myra and Howard Cantor on the graduation of their son, Allard from the University of Michigan.

Eric Lazar on his acceptance to the Rabbinical Studies program at Hebrew Union College- Jewish Institute of Religion.

Ade Mae Stein on her special birthday!

GET WELL WISHES TO. . . .

Joshua Schlachet
Joseph Maier
Ruth Miller
Milton Mendelsohn
Willie Baer

TEMPLE EMETH RETIREES

On May 12th, 10:00 a.m. Temple Emeth Retirees will visit Frelinghuysen Arboretum in Morristown. All retired and semi-retired Temple members are welcome. We will meet at Temple and carpool.

**ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE
DAY CELEBRATION WRAP-UP**

The Temple Emeth family can justly be proud of our recent Yom Ha-Atzmaut celebration activities. From Friday night services, attended by an unusually large number of worshippers, which included eight visiting members of The Knesset, to an all day educational and recreational program on Sunday, the interest, involvement and dedication of Reform Judaism was outstandingly apparent. We heard a stirring sermon by Rabbi Ammiel Hirsch, Executive Director of ARZA, The Association of Reform Zionists of America, on Friday night and were able at the Oneg Shabbat to exchange comments with Knesset members. On Sunday the children from pre-school age to teens became actively involved thanks to the extraordinary planning of the Religious School's devoted teachers and volunteers. Parents and children, together, had a chance to learn about Israel's history and customs or play games relative to Israel, while other adults were privileged to attend thought provoking and stimulating seminars, or learn about Israeli Art or environmental problems. Teen-agers were given a hands-on chance to negotiate peaceful solutions to Arab-Israeli conflicts at a simulated peace conference. We enjoyed an Israeli type luncheon while being entertained with Israeli songs and dancing. A short religious service commemorating Yom Ha-Atzmaut concluded this day of celebration, learning and reflecting.

Thanks for this inspirational day are due to many, many individuals. Special thanks are due to our religious, educational, and lay leadership.

BAZAAR

Once again Temple Emeth will hold its annual Bazaar in the fall of 1994. This is Temple's biggest fundraiser of the year. We are now planning and collecting merchandise. To make this another great success we need your help in locating merchants and in volunteering time.