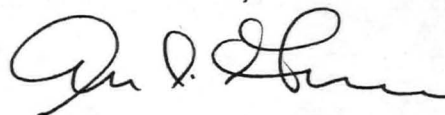


A Sense of History

In November of 1973, as a representative of the Long Island Federation of Temple Youth, I was privileged to serve as one of three youth chairpersons for the Biennial of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Though I had been active in youth group and in my congregation throughout my high school years, this was my first encounter with Jewish life on such a broad scale. The '73 Biennial was momentous in a number of ways: We witnessed the world premiere of Elie Wiesel's Cantata *Ani Ma'amin: A Song Lost and Found*. A proposal was brought forward to change the name of the movement from the Union of American Hebrew Congregations to the Union for Reform Judaism. It was soundly defeated! And, the 1973 Biennial was to mark the smooth transition of leadership of our North American Reform Jewish movement from Rabbi Maurice Eisendrath to Rabbi Alexander Schindler. Tragically, Rabbi Eisendrath died just before Shabbat dinner that Friday night. Rabbi Schindler's elevation to the Presidency of the Union took on a new sense of urgency and sadness as word of Rabbi Eisendrath's death spread through the thousands of Reform Jews gathered at the New York Hilton. It was a weekend I will never forget.

Being a part of the 1973 Biennial changed my life. It played a large part in confirming my then-nascent decision to pursue a career in the Rabbinate. And it transformed my outlook on Jewish identity and Jewish life. In the years since 1973 I have had the opportunity to attend a number of UAHC Biennials. None has had the profound impact on my Jewish soul of the 1973 convention -- until this year. Last month, along with Cantor Zvulun, our President, Judy Yablonka, several other board members and involved members of our Emeth family, I attended the 1995 UAHC Biennial in Atlanta. Throughout the weekend I felt as if I were once again attending a momentous meeting. From the beautiful Shabbat Services (held at the Atlanta Civic Center) where nearly 5,000 of us raised our voices in song and prayer, to the revisiting of the debate over the changing of the name of our movement (which once again failed!) But among the highlights of this year's meeting for me were the tributes paid to Rabbi Alexander Schindler as he now passes (in June) the torch and mantle of leadership to Rabbi Eric Yoffie. There was a powerful emotion at work throughout the weekend as we celebrated the vibrancy of our Reform movement and its commitment to building the brightest of futures for Reform Jews and for Judaism, here and around the world. Once again my soul was stirred with the power of being a part of a worldwide family of Jews. Once again I felt as if I were privileged to witness an historic moment in the life of our people.

As the memories and emotions of the Biennial fade into the past, I am reminded that ultimately the power of Reform Judaism and its vibrancy is not in these bi-annual meetings. It is, rather, in the day-by-day, week-by-week life of congregations such as ours at Temple Emeth. I'm sure that our other representatives at this year's meeting will agree with me in saying that as we listen to the representatives of our sister UAHC congregations, we come away proud of our accomplishments at Emeth, as well as re-energized in our commitment to continue building a vibrant and meaningful Jewish life here in our community. Join us in that energy! Join us in that journey! Join us in that adventure by playing an active role in congregational life -- Won't you?



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DECEMBER 14 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The Renaissance Group was recognized as an official Temple Emeth Group, with all the rights and privileges relating to that status, and was given seed money of \$100.

The Early Childhood Center is now authorized to charge a late fee on overdue tuition payments.

In addition, Conrad Berke gave a report on Advertising and Sam Gronner gave a report on Public Relations for Temple Emeth

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FRI - 9 am - 1 pm
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ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM

Ilan Mamaber will be performing a program of Israeli and Yiddish songs on Sunday, January 28 at 1:30 pm. Ilan Mamber is a folksinger, song stylist, cantor, an actor who has performed on a number of Jewish radio and Cable television programs. He has appeared as a guest artist for many major Jewish Arts Festivals and on behalf of many Jewish organizations. His repertoire includes Israeli and American folk songs, Yiddish art songs, Sephardic melodies and Cantorial compositions. Accompanying himself on the guitar, Mamber will provide a cross cultural Jewish experience. Ilan Mamber appears courtesy of the Sesil Lissberger Lecture and Arts Agency.

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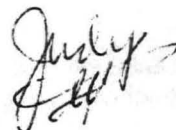
MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Two very wonderful and worthwhile events took place the first week end in December. One here at Temple Emeth and one in what they like to call "the chosen city", Atlanta. Each had the attention of many from Temple Emeth and each in it's own way enriched us greatly.

Our annual Bazaar is a very important fund raiser for Temple, which we count on every year to help us with expenses and programming that dues alone won't cover, and to be able to continue our fair share dues policy. It takes an entire year's work to make a successful Bazaar happen, with not only fund raising committee hard at work, but all our many volunteers who put out the call for merchandise, schlep, tag, and sell--and to our wonderful congregants who donated or helped us get merchandise. A few years ago we were all very worried about how we would be able to continue with Bazaar, but with the dynamic leadership of Jacqueline Guttman, our fund raising chair, Marianne Berg, and Micki Grunstein, we managed another wonderful Bazaar. We tried some new things, like filling in with purchased items, and it worked well. Many of us were away serving the Temple in a different way, and it made the Bazaar an even bigger challenge and headache, and adds to our admiration for all who worked so hard. Thank you to all!

The U.A.H.C. Biennial in Atlanta was *amazing*. It was educational, spiritually uplifting, and energizing. I wish you all could have been with us. Sharing Shabbat worship with 4500 committed Jews, all singing and praying together is an awesome experience. Attending the many work-shops on a myriad of Temple, Spiritual and Social topics was enlightening. The tributes and entertainment in honor of retiring Rabbi Schindler were thrilling. Hearing Rabbi Eric Yoffie's vision for our movement was inspiring. I thank all those who went to the Biennial, who sacrificed financially as well as time away from their families, to attend. Their experiences of the mind and heart will surely enrich our Temple in non monetary, but profound ways.

Temple life offers so much for us to do and learn. So many ways for us to grow and enrich our own lives and the lives of others. How blessed we are!



From the Cantor

Friday night, February 3rd and Saturday, February 4th will bring us to this year's celebration of *Shabbat Shirah* - the Sabbath of Song. Each year we mark *Shabbat Shirah* as our annual cycle of reading *Torah* brings us to the story of Moses and the children of Israel at the shores of the Red Sea. Having been saved from the pursuing Egyptian army, Moses and Israel sing a song of gratitude to God. We remember this each year by setting aside the *Shabbat* during which we read this portion from Exodus 15 as *Shabbat Shirah*.

This year we are going mark *Shabbat Shirah* with a special *Shabbat* of song and celebration. On Saturday, February 4th, I will be joined by Jordan Franzel, a 4th year Cantorial student at the School of Sacred Music of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York City. Together we will share in a morning of special music, including a "Sermon-in-Song" in celebration of *Shabbat Shirah*.

The service will be followed by a special *Shabbat Table* luncheon including *Shabbat* Singing and *Torah* study led by Rabbi Gurvis. I hope you will mark your calendar, make your reservation (for lunch) and plan to join in this joyous celebration of *Shabbat* through worship, song and study!

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MESSAGE FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

January, for me, is always a month of reflection. You might think it is because of the secular New Year and making a resolution. I am thinking about making resolutions, but it is not because once again January 1st has come, it is because we are about to remember Martin Luther King, Jr. It is at this time of year that I remind myself of all the intolerance, prejudice and misunderstanding we have in our country and the world. So I ask myself: "How can I as a person, educator and parent help to change the world for the better?"

Personally, I know that there are times when I allow myself to be guided by anger or prejudice. It is my responsibility to heighten my awareness of what surrounds me. To see the evil in the world and try to improve the world for myself and for others. For if I don't start with myself, how can I be a role model for anyone else? As an educator I must demonstrate tolerance and a love for diversity. Yet, it is also my obligation to teach this within the Jewish context of our school. It is no wonder to me that the Jews were actively involved in the civil rights movement. We have known oppression and we have savored the sweet taste of freedom. To my children I make it understood that prejudice and intolerance creates sadness and pain in the world. We are created in God's image to help make the world better. We must take it upon ourselves to help repair the world.

So, again, I resolve to help improve the world through my actions, by teaching the lessons of our past to my students and by instilling a love for others in my children. Perhaps, if we all make these resolutions, the world will be a better place for ourselves and others in the year to come.

B'shalom,

Lisa

Lisa Lieberman Barzilai, RJE
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MESSAGE FROM THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Winter is here and the children are spending more time indoors. We find children miss the freedom of the outdoors. We are continually finding ways to make indoor time more exciting. Musical activities are often planned as a way of bringing sunshine to the building on a gloomy day.

Music and rhythm are a very important part of the children's school experience. Children love music, physical movement and movement to music. Besides enriching and bringing joy to their lives, musical experiences help children develop listening, language, cognitive and motor skills. These skills in turn, help children develop a sense of self and build self esteem.

Musical activities for children can be planned in any way, shape or form. The children at ECC are fortunate as they engage in a variety of activities. Britt Cryer our movement specialist meets weekly with the children. Their favorite activities are perfecting forward rolls, walking on the balance beam, dancing to music and engaging in parachute activities.

The Rabbi and Cantor bring joy to the children and staff by meeting with us twice a month on the bima. They enthusiastically lead us in song and teach us about Shabbat and the holidays.

My best wishes to you and your family for a very happy and healthy 1996.

Laura Schneider

BAZAAR BRAVOS!

They said it couldn't be done - that it was too late to organize a bazaar, that there was no merchandise to be had, that it burned people out - but WE DID IT! Despite all of the above, and despite the fact that over 20 of our usual workers and buyers were away on December 2nd and 3rd, my fears of a bizarre bazaar were unjustified. Bazaar '95 netted well over \$11,000, approximately equal to last year.

Dozens of people contributed time, energy, food, and merchandise, and it's those contributions, large and small, that make bazaar succeed. Some, however, must be singled out; without their dedication, quite simply, there would have been no bazaar. So, my deepest thanks to Marianne Berg, for gentle and sensible advice, a shoulder to lean on, and long hours of work, both before and during; Micki Grunstein, for totally relieving me of the dreaded task of lining up people to staff the booths; Cyndy Friedland, who, with Marianne and Micki, took charge in my absence and who also oversaw all the financial stuff; Fran Hyman, the *only person* willing to say "Yes, I'll be in charge of inventorying and marking"; Rose Kneeter, the most energetic *schlepper*, marker, worker and cleaner-upper I've ever seen; Elaine Kotkin, who ran her a close second; JoAnn Lax, for relieving me of much of the day-to-day coordinating; Linda Engler, for complete-ly organizing the Chinese auction; Stewart Silverman, for organizing the kitchen; Marc Golden, for running same; David Paul and Marcella Braunschweiger, our bakery folks; Arthur, Hugo and Willy, for willingly and cheerfully extending themselves before, during and after; and first, last, and always, Marion and her cohorts, Joan and Tsilla, for assisting in every way possible and then some. To them and to all the rest of those fine people, every Temple member owes a debt of gratitude.

Now, who wants to coordinate (not chair) Bazaar '96? And, for that matter, we need *coordinators* for our upcoming Flea Market and Progressive Dinner. Any takers? Remember, no one works alone on fundraising; it's a group effort. Join us! You may even have fun! No experience necessary. Call 833-8835. Operators are standing by!

Jacqueline Guttman

"GETTING TO KNOW....."

By David Bicofsky

What do balloons, boards and birds have in common? Not much, unless you're Dr. Howard Winer, one of Temple Emeth's unsung heroes.

Howard wears many hats. He's an invasive cardiologist, performing such medical procedures as angiograms and placing catheters in hearts and balloons in arteries. He's a birder, having logged sightings of 2,668 varieties of birds in such international outposts as Argentina, Belize, Brazil, Hong Kong, Peru and Zimbabwe. But it's his woodworking skills that have directly benefited everyone in the Emeth family.

Next time you're in the lobby, take a good luck at the *tsedakah* box... or the display rack holding literature... or the *mezuzah* in the sanctuary... or the Youth Office. These are just four of Howard's creations that have brightened and enriched our favorite house of worship.

Howard, born and raised in Boston, is a graduate of Columbia University and NYU Medical School. He and Diane were high school sweethearts who wed in 1965. They moved to Teaneck in 1974 after Howard's two-year stint in the Navy and joined Temple Emeth in the early '80s. They have two children: Elissa, 25, who's into interior design in Baltimore; and Adam, 22, a computer programmer south of San Francisco.

When pressed, Howard has a straightforward philosophy: "Get through the day and enjoy life."

"Getting to Know....." is a new Bulletin column, featuring Temple Emeth members, written by Sandi Klein and David Bicofsky.

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All other Seders have been held every year for the past 2,000 or so years. This is only the fourth year that Temple Emeth's Tu B'shvat Seder is being held. This Seder follows the Tu B'Shvat Haggadah published by the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

Tu B'shvat, the 15th day of the Hebrew month Shvat, is a day of celebration for the renewal of trees and for all nature. According to Jewish literature, Tu B'shvat was the time when the trees in Israel were mature enough for their fruit to be harvested.

All other Seders are usually held during the evening meal. This Seder will be held during lunch on Sunday, February 4th, beginning at 1 pm. Lunch is priced at \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 11 years old and under. This amount includes a contribution to Mazon, the national Jewish organization for relief of hunger. Free babysitting will be available and there is no meal charge for very young children who are with the babysitter.

Please reserve by January 20th. Send checks, payable to the Temple Emeth Environment Committee, to Paul Kaufman, Chairman, at the Temple. Please provide names of all people who will be attending (guests are welcome), and include the ages of the children so we can seat you with families with children of like ages.

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TROUBLE WITH GRANDFATHERS

by Bob Spiewak

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"Too bad soon we'll see the snow
And we'll be covered down below
It's been a happy life, my friend
How sad that it soon must end."
"End?" the gold leaf said "how sad!"
"It sounds like you are feelin bad -
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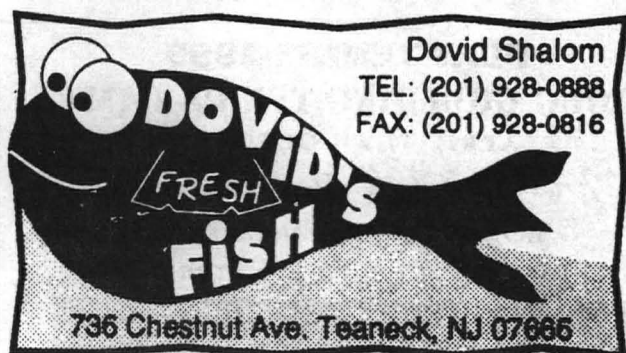
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ILA is also sponsoring a gala performance by the New Jersey Choral Society, under the direction of Lenora Thom, on Sunday, March 10 at 3 pm. Ms. Thom formerly was the choir director and organist at Temple Emeth.

The Colorado's exciting concerts inspire standing ovations at major concert halls around the globe. Ensemble members, all of whom live in the Teaneck area, have been featured on radio and television programs.

The Institute for Living Arts, endowed by the late Albert Otten and his wife, Mildred, has been bringing quality cultural events to Temple Emeth and the community for more than thirty years.

Wendy Kosakoff

SOCIAL ACTION NOTES

Project REAP—The Social Action Committee is proud to announce that Temple Emeth, through direct contributions by Emeth to the Project REAP fund and a supplemental contribution from the General Grants portion of the Tzedakah Fund, has collected enough money to provide educational materials to 50 Ethiopian Jewish families. These materials are in Amharic, the native Ethiopian tongue of the Ethiopian Jews, and are destined to help native Ethiopian parents become involved in their children's education in Israel and to familiarize them with the Israel school system. Because we were able to make this contribution by year's end, our contribution will be matched by a grant that will provide materials for another 50 families. Many thanks to all who contributed!!

"Race Demonization: Forum—On Tuesday, January 16 at 7 pm, a forum will be held at the Stephen Wise Synagogue, 30 W. 68th Street in New York, exploring Jewish community responses to attacks on government support for programs that help the poor, immigrants and minorities. The program is sponsored by Jews for Racial and Economic Justice, 212-964-9210.



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We have accomplished a great deal in our first 101 years of fighting anti-Semitism the positive way—through education. You can help us accomplish much more by joining with thousands of others like yourself in fostering "Understanding Through Education."

A \$1,000 torch bearer, tax deductible contribution can fund a scholar-in-residence course at a seminary where future clergy are trained. A \$250 donation allows Black students at Talladega College in Alabama to hear a rabbi define the differences and similarities between Christians and Jews. A \$150 contribution helps buy Jewish reference books for Chicano students in Mission Viejo College in California. Your \$50 gift will enable us to send a series of video-cassettes to a Catholic high school in Chicago, IL.

Remember, good intentions alone will not do. If you have not contributed in the last 12 months, please send your check for \$50 or more today, payable to JCS and send it to Temple Emeth. JCS depends on your generosity and support.

Sam Allar, JCS Chairman

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TAKING A SECOND LOOK AT JUDAISM

The Midrash tells us that God has special love for those who come into the Jewish faith out of conviction and Maimonides, the great Jewish philosopher, said: "God requires the heart and everything depends upon the intention of the heart. A non-Jew who studies the Torah is equal to the High Priest."

"Eleven years ago, I became interested in Judaism because of the friends I knew. My goal was to learn more so I would understand them. The more I learned though, the more I enjoyed what I was learning. In time my interests became more academic. I discovered a community of people that shared the same values as I did, that took nothing for granted about life or death, that strove to live each day with appreciation, and each week with joy.

From the beginning, Temple members have been very friendly. I was accepted warmly.

Belonging to this synagogue, making friends here, learning Hebrew, Jewish culture, customs and history have been the best part of my life outside of medical school for the past three years. I have found peace and meaning in my personal life and professional life, and a perspective I would otherwise not have. The Temple has given me the opportunity to develop my own Jewish holiday memories, that I otherwise might not know."

Excerpted from:

"The Light" by Rabbi Jerome David
Temple Emanuel, Cherry Hill

Outreach Connections

January 1996

NEW UAHC INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM CLASS

A 16-week session course designed to give participants a basic understanding of Jewish belief and practice will be offered Thursday evenings at Temple Emeth beginning February 8. The class is open to all: individuals (with Jewish partners if applicable) who are considering conversion to Judaism; interfaith couples; and Jews by birth and non-Jews who wish to obtain a basic adult-level knowledge of Judaism. Taught by Student Rabbi Rene Goldberg, the course will approach Jewish tradition—faith, people, way of life—through a study of the holiday and life cycles of Judaism. A basic reading knowledge of Hebrew will also be included.

Class will meet once a week for sixteen weeks from 7:45pm-9:45pm. Registration fee includes tuition and one set of books and materials for an individual or a couple.

WHAT IS THE UAHC?

It is the Union of American Hebrew Congregations known as the UAHC. It is the umbrella organization for over 850 Reform congregations.

It links us with other Reform congregations in our area and in North America.

It provides valuable tools and materials about everything from social action programs to synagogue management, from attracting new members to youth programming, from outreach to dues structure.

It is responsible for many of the books and curricula we use in our religious school, as well as for a wealth of books, tapes, and videos about Judaism in the synagogue and Judaism in our homes.

It created and now funds the Religious Action Center in Washington, DC through which the collective voice of Reform Jews is heard on issues of conscience.

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REFORM MOVEMENT CLAIMS MAJOR VICTORY IN ISRAEL

Supreme Court ruling cancels restrictions to recognizing Reform conversions. The Association of Reform Zionists of America (ARZA) hailed the Israeli Supreme Court's decision which struck down the requirement that conversions to Judaism in Israel must be authorized by the Orthodox rabbinate. This landmark decision paves the way for the continued goal of bringing equal rights to Jews in Israel.

ARZA serves as the official representative in North America's Reform Jewish community for all issues pertaining to Israel and Zionism as well as the official voice for all matters related to Reform Judaism in Israel. ARZA is an innovative organization that is committed to educating Reform Jews, instilling in them Zionist ideology and identification with the State of Israel.

HOLOCAUST and GENOCIDE STUDIES

The Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Ramapo College of New Jersey is looking for survivors, liberators, and rescuers of the Holocaust to give Oral Testimonies of their experiences during this time. These testimonies will be recorded under the direction of a professional at the Ramapo College TV studio. Each interview will be given a video tape of their recording, one will remain at the Center, and another will be sent to the Fortunoff Oral History Archives at Yale University. Please call us at 529-7409 to make an appointment. These records are invaluable to students and historians, and also serve as an answer to those who deny or distort the facts of the Holocaust.

THE TEANECK PARENTING CENTER

The Parenting Center is a venture undertaken by PTA Council and the Teaneck Community Ed. Center, the purpose of which is to make education accessible to all of our children, along with their parents and guardians. Our aims are: *to strengthen the family/school connection *to reach out to users of public education *to facilitate the use of public school services, programs and facilities, as needed, to members of the community who do not generally use the public school system *to help parents/guardians become more effective advocates for their children, both within the school system, and the community at large *to serve as a source of information and assistance on a wide range of parenting and school-related issues.

It is our aim to be responsive to the needs of Teaneck's families, so we are seeking your input in creating workshops and programs that address your needs as a parent, child, spouse, grandparent, guardian, teacher or care-giver. And, because this is a grassroots project we need volunteers to staff the center so that we can maintain consistent office hours, which will be determined by your response.

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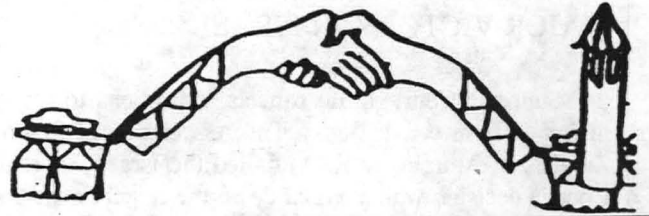
JEWISH COMMUNITY TEEN PROGRAM

D.J. Dance, Comedy Night, Israeli Night Club, Celebrity Basketball Games, Carnival, Volleyball, Basketball, Battle of the Bands, Soccer, Karaoke, Games Shows, Olympics for grades 8-12.

Hang out and socialize in the dynamic environment of the Y in Washington Township from 7:30-11 pm. Use the gym, auditorium, exercise/weight equipment, pool, aerobic and dance studios, meeting and lounge rooms, and snack bar!

Fee is just \$18 per participant. The 1996 dates are: January 6, 13, 20, February 3, 17, 24, March 9, 23, 30, April 13, 20.

All great plans have nitty gritty details... The JCTP is co-sponsored by 20 (and growing) Jewish organizations including Temple Emeth youth organizations, educational institutions and the YM-YWHA of Bergen County. Call 488-6800 (UJC) for more information.



==THE GATHERING== ISRAEL FAIR FOR JEWISH TEENS

A drawing to win a free airline ticket to Israel, music, food and Israeli attractions will be among the highlights at "The Gathering" - an Israel Adventure Fair for local Jewish teens that will be held on Saturday, January 27 from 7:30 pm to 11 pm at the JCC on the Palisades in Tenaflly. Cost: \$5.00- for more information and to get your admission passport, call Zohar Menshes at 488-6800 ext. 319.

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DECEMBER 29, 1995 - JANUARY 13, 1996

Friday, December 29, 1995 8:30 p.m. Shabbat Vayiggash

Saturday, December 30, 1995 - Shabbat Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Torah Portion - Vayiggash - Genesis 44:18-47:27

Haftarah Portion - Ezekiel 37:15-28

Sat, Dec. 30	9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Torah Study Shabbat Worship	Wed, Jan. 3	6:15 p.m. 7:45 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	No Lunch and Learn Etz Chayim Executive Comm Mtg. Adult Choir
Sun, Dec. 31		No School			
Mon, Jan. 1		Building Closed	Thu, Jan. 4	2:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Intermediate Hebrew ECC Comm. Mtg. Outreach Membership Comm.
Tue, Jan. 2	12:15 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	ECC Begins Beginners Hebrew Environment Comm.			

**Friday, January 5, 1996 Family Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m.
Shabbat Vayechi**

Rabbi Eric S. Gurvis will tell a story

Etz Chayim Will Sing

Saturday, January 6, 1995 Shabbat Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Torah Portion - Vayechi - Genesis 47:28-50:26 Haftarah Portion - 1 Kings 2:1-12

Sat, Jan. 6	9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Torah Study Shabbat Services	Wed, Jan. 10	12:15 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Lunch and Learn/Rabbi Etz Chayim Adult Choir Social Action Meeting
Sun, Jan. 7	9:00/11:00 1:00 p.m.	Religious School Outreach Program			
Tue, Jan. 9	12:15 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 8:45 p.m.	Beginning Hebrew Confirmation Class Adult Ed Classes Begin House Committee Mtg. Adult Ed Classes Begin	Thu, Jan. 11	2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Bulletin Deadline Intermediate Hebrew Bulletin Meeting Prime Timers Dinner Board of Trustees Mtg. Jews-by-Choice Support Group

**Friday, January 12, 1996 8:30 p.m. Shabbat Shemot
Social Action Shabbat
Rabbi Eric Gurvis will speak**

Saturday, January 13, 1996 - Shabbat Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Torah Portion - Shemot - Exodus 1:1-6:1

Haftarah Portion - Isaiah 27:6-28:13; 29:22-23

5th-7th Grade Shabbat Program at 9:30 a.m.

TEMPLE EMETH ADULT EDUCATION MINI-UNIVERSITY OF ADULT JEWISH STUDIES

Semester II: January 9 - March 5, 1996

First Hour (7:30 p.m. - 8:40 p.m.)

☐ **Beginning Hebrew (part 2)**

Cantor Ellen Zvulun

A continuation of our basic Hebrew class for those who began in October.

☐ **Trends in Jewish Mysticism**

Student Rabbi Renee Goldberg

Through studying various texts, we will follow Jewish Mysticism through history. From its inception in Safed to Hasidic Poland and Gershom Scholem's America, mysticism has had a great impact on Judaism. Together we will analyze the basic movements of Jewish mysticism, studying the ways they have blended with Western thought.

Second Hour (8:45 p.m. - 9:55 p.m.)

☐ **Jerusalem of Gold - 3,000 Years Young**

Rabbi Eric S. Gurvis

According to Jewish historical tradition, 1996 marks 3,000 years since King David established the city of gold as the capital of Israel. Now we join together with Jews around the globe in an exploration of Jerusalem's history, her peoples, her culture and her centrality in Jewish history. This course, which is co-sponsored by our Israel/ARZA committee, is a prelude to our Temple Emeth Israel trip which will take place beginning in late June, 1996. (Participation in the trip is not required to take this class - but it is encouraged!)



Please register me/us for the following Mini-University courses during the second semester:

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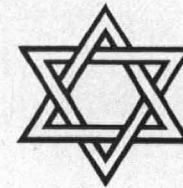
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	1 Building Closed <i>New Year's Day</i>	2 ECC Begins 12:15pm Beg. Hebrew	3 6:15pm Etz Chayim 7:45pm Executive Comm 8:00pm Adult Choir	4 2:00pm Int. Hebrew 8:00pm ECC Comm 8:00pm Outreach Comm 8:00pm Membership Comm	5 Etz Chayim Sings 7:30pm Family Shabbat Services	6 Vay'chi 9:15am Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Services
7 Religious School 1:00pm Outreach Program	8	9 12:15pm Beg. Hebrew 6:15pm Confirmation Class 7:30pm Adult Ed Classes 8:00pm House Comm 8:45pm Adult Ed Classes	10 12:15pm Lunch & Learn 6:15pm Etz Chayim 8:00pm Adult Choir 8:00pm Social Action Comm	11 Bulletin Deadline 2:00pm Int. Hebrew 7:00pm Prime Timer Dinner 7:00pm Bulletin Meeting 8:00pm Temple Board Mtg	12 Social Action Shabbat 8:30pm Shabbat Services	13 Shemot 9:15am Torah Study 9:30am 5th-7th Gr Shabbat Program 10:30am Shabbat Services
14 Religious School 10:00am Israel Trip Information Meeting 2:00pm ILA Concert: Colorado String Quartet	15 ECC/Building Closed <i>Martin Luther King, Jr.</i>	16 12:15pm Beg. Hebrew 6:15pm Confirmation Class 7:30pm Adult Ed Classes 8:00pm Fundraising Comm 8:45pm Adult Ed Classes	17 12:15pm Lunch & Learn 6:15pm Etz Chayim 8:00pm Adult Choir 8:00pm RS Comm	18 2:00pm Int. Hebrew 8:00pm Book Club 8:00pm Outreach Comm	19 Adult Choir Sings 8:30pm Shabbat Services	20 Vaera 9:15am Torah Study 9:15am Tot Shabbat 10:30am Shabbat Services 7:30pm Brotherhood Theater Party
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Israel Bound???

Come learn about our Trip to Israel

There will be an informational meeting about our upcoming Temple Emeth Trip to Israel (June 25-July 7) on Sunday morning, January 14th at 10:00 a.m. Rabbi Gurvis will review the itinerary and will answer questions about the trip. Even if you are just curious, come on down . . . and then plan to join us on this exciting adventure!

Reaching Out To Interfaith Couples

All interested interfaith couples are invited to join a new discussion group. The group will meet for six monthly sessions, starting Sunday, January 7, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The sessions are designed to give couples a chance to share common experiences and perspectives in a relaxed atmosphere.

Topics may include holiday and life-cycle event celebrations, family heritage, and raising a child in an interfaith home, depending on the group's interests. The group will set its own agenda. Dru Greenwood, UAHC National Outreach Director will facilitate. Meetings will be held at Temple Emeth. Non-members welcome! Babysitting is available, and refreshments will be served. Pre-registration required. For further information and to pre-register, please call Shelly Orenstein at 833-1244.

Young Couples Club Welcomes New Members

The Young Couples Club is off to a great start. Save January 20th for a Theater and Dessert Night. We'll join Brotherhood to see American Stage Company's production of Over the River And Through The Woods and enjoy dessert back at the Temple. Let us know if you're willing to bake. Join us February 20th for a Chinese Pot Luck Dinner at the home of Barbara Finkelstein and Bruce Gionet. For more information or to put your name on our mailing list, please call Shelly Orenstein at 833-1244.

P.S. We're thinking of changing our name to "Couples Club." Our members cover a large age range, and we welcome all couples at our events.

The Brotherhood Breakfast scheduled for January 14th is cancelled.

The next Brotherhood Breakfast will be Sunday, February 11th

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Bergen County Jewish Learning Project to begin January 21, 1996

This year's 3rd Annual Bergen County Jewish Learning Project will explore "Jewish Views of the Afterlife." The opening program will be held on Sunday, January 21, 1996 from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. at the YM-YWHA of Bergen County, 605 Pascack Road, Washington Township, N.J.

This year's guest scholars will be Dr. Leonard Kravitz, Professor of Philosophy Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and Dr. Harlan Wechsler, Professor of Philosophy at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

As in past years, the opening program will be followed by three weeks of study conducted at various locations around Bergen County. These sessions will be taught by teams of Reform and Conservative rabbis from our area. For further information contact Stu W. Lehrer at (201)666-6610, Ext. 208.

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