

## **A Season to Celebrate**

As I sit in my study, I look out the window as more snow blankets the world around us. The "Blizzard of '96" is but a few days behind us and we find ourselves preparing to dig out yet again. By the time you read these words a few weeks hence, who knows how much more snow will have fallen upon us. As with everything in life, we can look at the plentiful snow of this winter as either a blessing or an annoyance. In truth, we probably do a bit of each. As we look at the fresh snowfall it is delicious and enticing. Somehow the untouched blanket of white represents an innocence and purity we so often yearn to capture in our lives. Yet as the days go by life returns to some sense of normalcy the pure white blanket turns brown and gray and we lose those moments of beauty and tranquility.

Without a doubt, the frequency and quantity of snow this winter has wearied us, physically and even emotionally. Yet in those moments when we can forget the shoveling, the slick roads and the empty grocery shelves, simply pausing so that we can look out at the beauty of nature transports us to a place of tranquillity and calm. How many of you have remarked to me in recent days how you have enjoyed the opportunity to be cloistered in your homes, with your families for unexpected and cherished time together.

Yes, indeed, we can look at this winter's "bounty" and feel a sense of blessing. We can also, if we allow it, find ourselves overwhelmed and annoyed. Life is filled with such paradoxes. Our challenge is to work at keeping a sense of perspective so that we may embrace the sense of blessing, even as we struggle to push the pressures and annoyances far to the side. When we succeed, we surely find ourselves refreshed and renewed, both in body and in spirit.

Fortunately, fresh snowfalls are not the only times we have to step back and enjoy the quiet and beauty of our world. We are richly blessed each week with such an opportunity as we celebrate *Shabbat*. And throughout the year we add to these weekly pauses those special times, when we stop to celebrate the cycles of life, the history of our people and the beauty of the world around us. Though winter has been cold and long (or so it seems!) Even this normally quiet time of year is punctuated with opportunities to come together in celebration -- each week with the coming of *Shabbat*, in the week to come especially as we celebrate *Shabbat Shirah* and *Tu B'shevat* and by month's end we will very nearly be ready for the zaniness of *Purim*. Come and be a part of the celebration - we always need it, and certainly it is very much welcome in this winter of white! Stay warm and stay safe!

## TEMPLE EMETH BULLETIN

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## HELP WANTED!

- \* Who is interested in having available many unique and fascinating volumes of Judaica?
- \* Who feels that the Joshua B. Trachtenberg Memorial Library should regain its status and respect as a lending library?
- \* Who, then, would be interested in making this happen?
- \* All in favor call the Temple office at 833-1322 or Deborah Taylor at 692-0988.

## YOUNG COUPLES CLUB NEWS

Please join us for a Chinese Pot Luck Dinner at the home of Barbara Finkelstein and Bruce Gionet at 8 pm on Saturday, February 10. Bring your chopsticks and prepare to dig in to a tasty buffet! Your pre-registration fee of \$15 per couple (\$5 if you plan to bring a dish) will allow us to pre-order a sumptuous selection of dishes. We're looking forward to an evening of making new friends and relaxing with old ones, and we'd love to see you there! Coming this spring: "An Evening of Song," and a chance to "Take our Children Out to the Ball Game." For more information on these events and Young Couples Club, call Shelly Orenstein at 833-1244.

## WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP

There will be a planning meeting of the Women's Spirituality group on Monday, February 26 at 8 pm at the Temple. Some of us have recently begun meeting to discuss ways of connecting to and expressing our spirituality as women within a small group context. We welcome any women who are interested in participating and brainstorming with us.  
Debra Kalmuss

## Temple Emeth Environment Committee Report no. 26

### The Twilight Ozone (Part 2).

■ The protective global ozone layer is being depleted, the problem is severe, but we can still save it. Some types of polystyrene foam products are still made with ozone-harming CFCs. The "styrofoam" cups and coolers you took to a picnic last week could be contributing to ozone layer destruction right now.

■ Avoid buying products such as aerosols that still use CFCs as propellants, and fire extinguishers that still use halons. These ozone depleting gases gradually leak into the atmosphere. Avoid CFCs in hard foam and fiberglass insulation.

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

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Use this form to send your collection to the Temple Emeth Tzedakah Fund. Please indicate where you would like your donation to go. Remember: all of this money goes to charity! Thank you!

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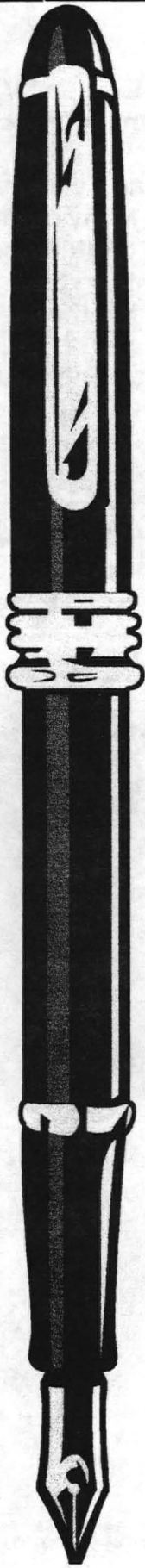
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     of Bergen County  
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Return to: Temple Emeth Tzedakah Fund

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Some thoughts from "The Weather President" as I fear I might be remembered!! Well, we've had torrential rains, and now the blizzard of '96 and then some---I don't know about you, but before spring comes, I'm reading up on frogs and locust!!

Despite some dismal weather, we have been very busy with exciting plans. Rabbi Schindler used this phrase at another occasion, but I think it describes very well what we are doing here at Emeth. We are working carefully and diligently, to transform the present, in the name of the future.

We have engaged the very talented and respected Architectural firm of Beckhard and Richlan Associates, to work with us as we plan to renovate and possibly expand. What we are able to accomplish, will of course, depend on the available funds. We have promised you reality based planning. We have promised you to "enhance what we cherish, attain what we dream". Our members who are working towards this goal, and our architects, have a great respect for this existing building and all that it represents. Be assured that we will treat it carefully and lovingly. When our plans and funding are ready, we will of course bring them to you for your approval at a special congregational meeting.

I am encouraged that the expected "chamsin" and scorching temperatures that will SURELY be coming in the future, will be met by our wonderful new air conditioning system, and we can all sit back in comfort and laugh about that winter in '96! We will also take great pride in all that *together* we created for ourselves and our children here at the "new and improved Temple Emeth".

*Judy*  
*[Signature]*



## MESSAGE FROM THE CANTOR

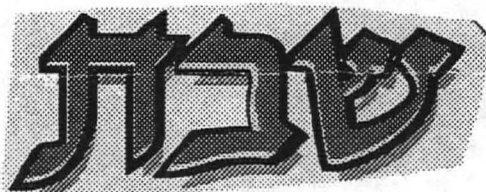
Shirat ha Yam, the Song of the Sea, is found in parshat Beshalach, Exodus XV. The Sabbath on which this portion of the Torah is read has become known as "Shabbat Shirah", the Sabbath of Song.

In our country, Jewish Music Month begins on this Shabbat. One can be sure to hear differences in the way that the Torah is chanted on Shabbat Shirah. Many of the phrases within this portion are not chanted with the usual system of cantillation but rather, with a more florid system of notes that is used only when chanting Shirat Hayam. The musical form is responsorial, noting as we read, Moses led the men and Miriam led the women in song at the Red Sea.

Here at Temple Emeth we are observing Shabbat Shirah with a very special service. On Saturday morning, February 3rd, Rabbi Gurvis and I will be joined by Student Cantor Jordan Franzel who will help to lead us in prayer and song. Student Cantor Franzel and I will also present a sermon-in-song which will consist of duets written by Jewish composers who write in many different genres.

The celebration will continue as we join together for a Shabbat table luncheon, during which Rabbi Gurvis will lead a Torah study session. We will then join together as we raise our voices in song singing traditional Shabbat zimrot. I look forward to seeing you there as we come together in prayer and song!

Join us for a Shabbat of Song  
in observance of Shabbat Shirah



Saturday, February 3rd

A Special Musical Service featuring Cantor Zvulun &  
Student Cantor Jordan Franzel at 10:30 am

and a SHABBAT TABLE luncheon  
following Shabbat morning services (at approx. 12:15 pm)

\$10.00 per person  
Lunch...Song...Study and celebration of Shabbat

## MESSAGE FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

So often parents say to me, "I ask my child what they did in religious school today and they always answer 'nothing'." At first I told parents that the answer seemed strange to me. I walk around and know that a great deal happens during class, the response just did not make sense. Then I spoke to other educators in both secular and Jewish education to better understand the problem. What I discovered is that children often answer the question "What did you do today?" with the words "nothing" or "I can't remember." What we need to do, I was told, is to change our questions. At first I was a non-believer, however, upon my own experimentation, I have found that it can work with positive results. The following are a list of questions/statements developed by the Orange County (CA) Bureau of Jewish Education:

1. Teach me something that you learned today.
2. What was the funniest thing that happened in school?
3. Show me what pages you read in school today.
4. What art project did you do today?
5. What question did you ask today?
6. Whom did you sit next to?
7. Let's read one of your Hebrew pages together.
8. What prayer did you discuss today?
9. What does that prayer mean to you?
10. What story did you read in the Bible today?
11. How would you have changed the ending?

While I know that this list is not exhaustive of the more directed and leading questions you could ask your child, it is a great place to start. Perhaps if we all begin improving our methods of inquiry we will all learn more about the school.

*B'shalom,*

*Lisa*  
Lisa Lieberman Barzilai, RJE  
School Office 833-8466

## KABBALAT SHABBAT EVENING

Our annual Kabbalat Shabbat evening will be held  
on Friday, March 8

Everyone is invited to join us for a brief service starting at 6:30 pm. Rabbi Eric Gurvis and Cantor Ellen Zvulun will conduct this service. It will last about twenty minutes and it will be our only service of the evening.

Immediately following services we will sit down to a traditional Shabbat dinner, catered by Ella Hill, accompanied by classical *zemirot* (Shabbat songs) and blessings. After dinner, Rabbi Gurvis will stimulate our minds with some provocative thoughts on a timely topic that affects us all. Everyone will have an opportunity to express their ideas and opinions. The evening will conclude around 10:00 pm.

For additional information, please call Gwen Dubno at 385-9396 or Elaine Pollack at 385-2085.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND YOUR CHECK BY: February 24, 1996

Please reserve a place at the Kabbalat Shabbat Evening for:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ at \$18.00 per person.  
(cost includes a donation to Mazon)

Total # attending \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

I will be available to help set up for this event on Friday morning. \_\_\_\_\_

I/we would like to be seated with \_\_\_\_\_

## MESSAGE FROM THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

You can well imagine, playing in our outdoor playground is a rare experience this winter. A visit to the indoor playroom becomes an important part of our daily routine. We recently purchased new equipment which is being enjoyed by the children. A set of plastic blocks, ramps and hoops was bought to create obstacle courses. I introduced these materials to the children without specifying how to utilize them. It was rewarding to observe how much creativity the children demonstrated while exploring this equipment. Some children threw the hoops and ran after them to catch them. Others placed them on the floor and jumped from one to another. Others placed the hoops in stands and jumped through them and pretended to be circus animals. This equipment should provide hours of fun. When young children are given opportunities to explore materials they often can be more creative than adults.

Snow is everywhere and it has become a dominant theme at school. When snowy weather comes, we watch for every chance to explore its various qualities. It can be heavy and wet, dry and fluffy, hard and crusty, etc.. It's also fun to look at snow with a magnifying glass. We even bring it indoors and play with it. Teachers have been adding food coloring to it and the children find it even more exciting.

It is time to register for the 1996-97 school year. Also, we will begin camp registration on February 12. If you have any questions concerning registration or would like a tour of our school, please feel free to call me.



Laura Schneider  
Director of E.C.C.

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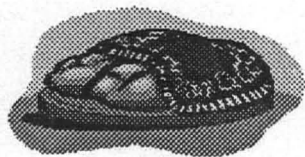
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# TEMPLE EMETH

## FEBRUARY 2 - 15, 1996



**Friday, February 2, 1996 - Shabbat Beshallach**

**Family Shabbat Service At 7:30 p.m.**

**Etz Chayim Will Sing - Rabbi Eric S. Gurvis Will Tell A Story**

**3rd - 4th Grade Dinner At 6:15 p.m.**

**Saturday, February 3, 1996 - Shabbat Worship at 10:30 a.m.**

*Special Musical Service in celebration of Shabbat Shirah*

*Cantor Zvulun will be joined by Student Cantor Jordan Franzel*

*Torah Portion - Beshallach - Exodus 13:17-17:16    Haftarah Portion - Judges 4:4-5:31*

**Following Services join us for a Shabbat Table luncheon - featuring lunch, study & song!**

Sat, Feb. 3	9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Torah Study Shabbat Worship Shabbat Table Luncheon	Tue, Feb. 6	12:15 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 8:45 p.m.	Beg. Hebrew Confirmation Class Adult Ed Classes Adult Ed Classes
Sun, Feb. 4	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Rel. School Rel. School Tu B'Shevat Seder Shelter Homeless	Wed, Feb. 7	12:15 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Lunch & Learn Etz Chayim Adult Choir
Mon, Feb. 5	2:00 p.m.	Annual Blood Drive	Thu, Feb. 8	10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Bulletin Deadline Prime Timers Bulletin Mtg Board of Trustees

**Friday, February 9, 1996 Shabbat Yitro - 8:30 p.m.**

**Rabbi Eric S. Gurvis will speak**

**The Adult Choir will sing**



**Saturday, February 10, 1996 Shabbat Worship at 10:30 a.m.**

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

*Torah Portion - Yitro - Exodus 18:1- 20:23    Haftarah Portion - Isaiah 6:1-7:6, 9:5-6*

Sat, Feb. 10	9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m.  10:30 a.m.	Torah Study 5th-7th Grade Shabbat Program Shabbat Services	Tue, Feb 13	7:30 p.m. 8:45 p.m.	Adult Ed Classes Adult Ed Classes
Sun, Feb. 11	9:00/11:00 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Religious School Brotherhood Breakfast 2nd Gr. Family Ed Day Shelter Homeless	Wed, Feb. 14	12:15 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Lunch & Learn Etz Chayim Rel. School Comm Adult Choir
Tue, Feb. 13	12:15 p.m. 6:15 p.m.	Beg. Hebrew Confirmation Class	Thu, Feb. 15	8:00 p.m.  8:00 p.m.	Children's Worship Comm. Book Club

# Temple Emeth

February 1996

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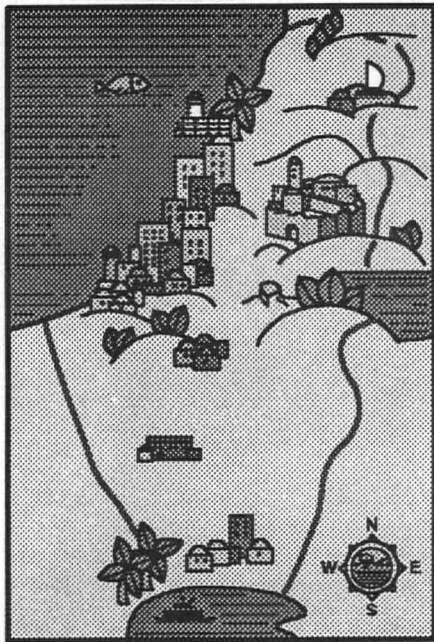
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				<b>1</b> 2:00pm Intermediate Hebrew 8:00pm Caring Committee	<b>2</b> Etz Chayim Sings 6:15pm 3-4 Gr Shabbat Dinner 7:30pm Family Shabbat Services	<b>3</b> B'shallach/Shirah 9:15am Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Services 12:30pm Shabbat Table Luncheon
<b>4</b> Religious School 1:00pm Tu B'Shevat Seder 6:00pm Shelter Homeless	<b>5</b> Tu B'shevat Annual Blood Drive	<b>6</b> 12:15pm Beg. Hebrew 6:15pm Confirmation Class 7:30pm Adult Ed Classes 8:45pm Adult Ed Classes	<b>7</b> 12:15pm Lunch & Learn 6:15pm Etz Chayim 8:00pm Adult Choir	<b>8</b> Bulletin Deadline 10:00am Prime Timers 2:00pm Intermediate Hebrew 8:00pm Temple Board Mtg	<b>9</b> 8:30pm Shabbat Services	<b>10</b> Yitro 9:15am Torah Study 9:30am 5th-7th grade Program 10:30am Shabbat Services
<b>11</b> Religious School 10:00am Brotherhood Breakfast 11:00am 2nd Gr Family Ed 6:00pm Shelter Homeless	<b>12</b> <i>Lincoln's Birthday</i>	<b>13</b> 6:15pm Confirmation Class 7:30pm Adult Ed Classes 8:45pm Adult Ed Classes	<b>14</b> 12:15pm Lunch & Learn 6:15pm Etz Chayim 8:00pm Adult Choir 8:00pm RS Comm	<b>15</b> 8:00pm Book Club 8:00pm Children's Worship	<b>16</b> 8:30pm Shabbat Services	<b>17</b> Mishpatim/Shekalim 9:15am Torah Study 9:15am Tot Shabbat 10:30am Shabbat Services
<b>18</b> 6:00pm Shelter Homeless	<b>19</b> ECC Closed <i>President's Day</i>	<b>20</b> ECC Closed NO CONFIRMATION 7:30pm Adult Ed Classes 8:00pm Fundraising Comm 8:45pm Adult Ed Classes	<b>21</b> ECC Closed 12:15pm Lunch & Learn 6:15pm Etz Chayim 8:00pm Adult Choir	<b>22</b> ECC Closed <i>Washington's Birthday</i> 2:00pm Intermediate Hebrew	<b>23</b> ECC Closed 8:30pm Shabbat Services	<b>24</b> Terumah 9:15am Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Services
<b>25</b> Religious School Townwide Purim Carnival 6:00pm Shelter Homeless	<b>26</b> 8:00pm House Comm 8:00pm Women's Spirituality Group	<b>27</b> 12:15pm Beg. Hebrew 6:15pm Confirmation Class 7:30pm Adult Ed Classes 8:45pm Adult Ed Classes	<b>28</b> 12:15pm Lunch & Learn 6:15pm Etz Chayim 7:30pm Adoptive Parents 8:00pm Adult Choir	<b>29</b> 2:00pm Intermediate Hebrew		





There's still time ...  
and there's still room to join our

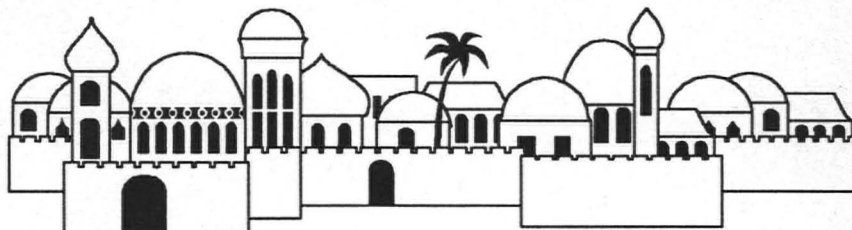
# **Temple Emeth Family Tour to Israel & Jordan led by Rabbi Eric S. Gurvis June 25-July 7, 1996**

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the Golan Heights - Dan - Kibbutz - Jordan - Petra - Jerash -  
Mt. Nebo - Madaba - and of course, Jerusalem - old & new!  
And there's so much more . . .**

Our journey will include many special features. Here  
is just a taste:

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Jeep Tour of the Golan Heights  
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A visit to the rose-colored city of Petra  
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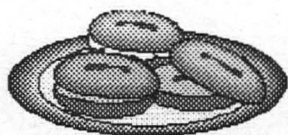
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For More Information, including a copy of the itinerary, or an application, contact Rabbi Gurvis or the Temple office!



Our next Brotherhood Breakfast  
will be Sunday, February 11th  
at 10:00 a.m.

Rabbi Eric S. Gurvis  
will continue his series on  
*Do Jews Believe in Angels?*

RSVP to the Temple office  
\$4.00 per person  
\$3.00 per person for "Prime Timers"

## **DINNER DANCE**

It is our pleasure to announce that our Annual Spring Dinner Dance honoring Dru and Ted Greenwood will take place on Saturday night, April 27, 1996. Please hold the date and plan to join us.

Marianne Berg and Gail Levy  
Co-Chairs

## **GOOD AND WELFARE**

### **MAZEL TOV TO . . .**

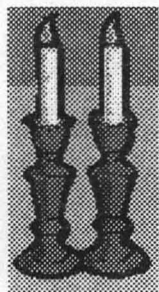
Ted Greenwood on being named Vice-Chairman of the Foundation Grants Committee of the UAHC.

### **HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO . . .**

Muriel Pader on the death of her husband and our long-time member Morton Pader.

Terri Pisani on the loss of her mother, Edith Pisani.

Eileen Sevanno on the loss of her mother, Dora Kent.



## **Annual Kabbalat Shabbat Evening - Friday, March 8th**

This year's annual Kabbalat Shabbat evening will be held on Friday, March 8, 1996. We begin with a brief Shabbat service starting at 6:30 p.m. conducted by Rabbi Eric Gurvis and Cantor Ellen Zvulun.

Immediately following services we will sit down to a traditional Shabbat dinner, catered by Ella Hill, accompanied by *z'mirot* (Shabbat songs) and blessings. After dinner, Rabbi Gurvis will stimulate our minds with some provocative thoughts on a timely topic that

affects us all. Everyone will have an opportunity to express their ideas and opinions. The evening will conclude around 10:00 p.m.

Act quickly to join us for this unique Shabbat evening of good food and lively discussion. Please return the reservation form below to the Temple office. We are looking forward to sharing Shabbat with you on Friday, March 8, 1996. For additional information, please call Gwen Dubno at 385-9396 or Elaine Pollack at 385-2085.

To make your reservations for *Kabbalat Shabbat* please return this form with your check to the Temple office by February 24th

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ at \$18. per person (Includes a donation to MAZON)

Total # attending \_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_.

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

\_\_\_\_ I will be available to help set up for this event on Friday morning.

I/We would like to be seated with \_\_\_\_\_



Hey Senior Leaguers and prospective members. This is your president, Stacey Butler writing to let you know about our next events. \*On January 21st from 7-9 we will be discussing interdating with parents and teens. Join us on February 18 from 1-9 to make and bake hamantaschen to raise money for Senior League and for Kutz Camp. Kutz Camp is a place where teens grades 9-12 attend NFTY-GER retreats and where the NFTY leadership academy is held during the summer.

We are raising money for Kutz in order to be a part of the renovations and faculty upgrades happening there. Hamantaschen will be on sale for the entire Temple Emeth Community at \$7 a dozen. Orders can be placed by calling the Temple office at 833-1322. On February 25 from 4:30 to 6 we will have our Annual Purim Planner. The Purim Carnival will be held on March 3 from 10-2. Purim festivities will continue at 6 pm on Monday, March 4 with a dress-up dinner followed by Temple Emeth's Purim Service. Please join us for all of these events!!!

\* submitted on January 11

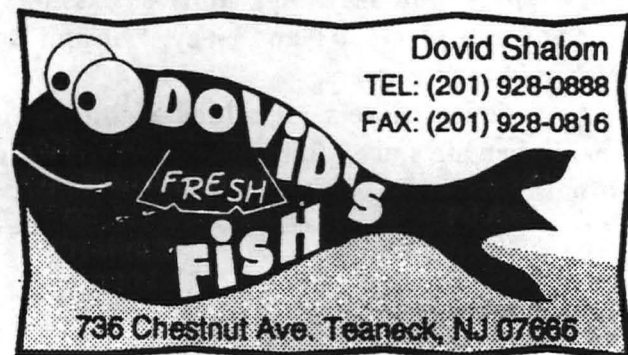
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## TROUBLE WITH GRANDFATHERS

by Bob Spiewak

### HOLIDAY GIFTS

Stores are crowded, time for returning  
Holiday gifts...time we were learning

As we celebratethe turn of the year  
And we think about those whom we hold dear  
Material presents, received and given  
Are just a part of holiday livin'

But family and friends are for all year long  
If we exchange love we will never go wrong!

### CHESS

We were locked in a battle on the board  
My friend Joe and me  
When the battle was done  
No one cared who had won

As we opted for cookies and tea  
We talked about life and what made it go  
What was important, naches or dough  
'Tho we'd battled at chess, it was easy to see  
That about satisfaction we surely agree  
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Once again we will be hosting 10 to 12 homeless people at Temple Emeth on Sunday nights in February and March. If you would like to help, please call Matthew Soifer at 836-8768 or David Kohane at 836-0353.

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## "GETTING TO KNOW....."

by Sandi Klein

There's the family Judy Eichinger knows and loves.....her husband of 25 years, Bob, their daughter Karen, a sophomore at Wellesley, and son Daniel, a junior at Teaneck High.

Then there's Judy's newer family...the members of Temple Emeth.

The Eichingers joined Emeth 3 years ago, about a year after Daniel became a Bar Mitzvah at the Workmen's Circle. That experience sparked something in Judy. She knew she wanted more in her life, more prayer and more of a connection to God.

Judy was convinced by several neighbors to attend a Friday night service at Emeth and when the evening was over, she felt like she had come home. She and Bob talked about becoming members, and although he's not Jewish, backed the idea. The Eichingers joined as a family.

Judy knows where her strengths and interests lie, and before long, she was a member of the Caring Committee.

She's seen how this group makes a difference and says it's so satisfying to help those who may have just experienced a death or an illness. In her words, "It's a good feeling you get from the smallest thing you do." Last spring Judy was named chairwoman and has plenty of ideas on how to expand the Caring Committee's role within the Emeth community.

Judy has a rich and full life. She's the outreach counsellor at the career and life counselling center, which is a division of Bergen Tech. The organization provides services and programs to low income women who are looking to improve their lives. It's a job that combines her writing skills with her interest in public affairs.

When she's not working, Judy's passion is discovering new places in New Jersey. She and Bob are also avid theatregoers.

Judy believes there's an added richness and fullness in her life since joining Emeth....the feeling is mutual.

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-Elinor and Richard Buchbinder in memory of Hyman Arenstein, step-father of Elaine Kotkin

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-Rose and Charly Kneeter in honor of Sharon Vatsky  
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Thank you to everyone in the congregation who expressed their concern and get well wishes to me while I was ill. Paul Etzin

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 -Ruth Meissner in memory of her beloved son-in-law, Steve Saloway  
 -Marianne Berg in memory of her beloved mother, Hilde Salomon  
 -Aaron Blum in memory of Rebecca Blum

### A LIBERAL JEWISH PERSPECTIVE ON INTERMARRIAGE

A six-week discussion series for unaffiliated interfaith couples sponsored by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations will take place on Wednesday evenings at Temple Sinai in Tenafly, beginning March 13. Couples are invited to share issues and concerns of interfaith family life in a supportive, non-judgmental setting. Registration is limited to eight couples. For further information and/or registration, please call Kathryn Kahn, program coordinator, at (201) 599-0080.

### UJA RESETTLEMENT and JOB SEARCH PROGRAMS

The Resettlement Program of UJA Federation provides a wide range of social services to recently arrived Russian Jewish emigres. A vital part of the program is to help the emigres find their first job supplemented by experienced, knowledgeable volunteers. We provide help in writing resumes as well as assistance in answering classified advertisements. We also work with the job applicants in simulated role playing situations.

We are anxious to reach business leaders and corporate executives who are members of local congregations.

We are also in a position to assist any other unemployed members of the Jewish community.

For detailed information on Russian resettlement please contact Maryana Kanda at 488-6800, Ext 363.

For others, please call Jodie Romoff-Gisser at 569-7600.

### WILL OUR GRANDCHILDREN BE JEWISH?

This question is voiced with anguish in a growing number of Jewish homes whose young adults are marrying and beginning families with men and women who are not Jews. What does the future hold for us as Jews in North America? What should we do to shape and assure that future?

Approximately half of Jews who married in the years between 1985 and 1990, married someone who was not a Jew. Children from those marriages are just now beginning to reach school age. How many will identify themselves as Jews?

Outreach holds open the doors to interfaith couples and their children. by Dru Greenwood,

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### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUPER SUNDAY PHONATHON FEBRUARY 4

Volunteers are needed on Super Sunday, February 4 to assist the UJA Federation (formerly United Jewish Community) of Bergen County and North Hudson in raising funds that support a network of 47 beneficiary & affiliated agencies that provide humanitarian services locally, in Israel, and in 58 countries worldwide.

"Caring Has A Certain Ring To It" is the theme of this year's Super Sunday phonathon, which will be held at both the JCC on the Palisades in Tenafly and the YM-YWHA of Bergen County in Washington Township.

JCC volunteers can sign up for any of the four sessions which will be held from 9 am to 12:30 pm, noon to 3:30 pm, 3 pm to 5:30 pm, 5 pm to 8:30 pm. Babysitting is available from 3-5 pm at the JCC and children's entertainment is provided.

"Y" volunteers can sign up for either the 9 am to noon session or the 11:30 am to 2:30 pm session. Babysitting is available at both sessions.

To reserve a phone at the JCC, call Jessica Feldan. To reserve a phone at the Y, call Esther Merkin. Both can be reached at 488-6800.

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- 1) The nominating committee for officers and trustees was approved, consisting of Paul Kaufman as chairperson, Fran Butensky, Debbie Rutz, Rhona Herman, Steve Traiman, Pam Leff, Peter Adler, David Kohane, and Peter Hantman.
- 2) The Board approved negotiating a contract with an architect chosen by FABREC (Fifthtieth Anniversary Building and Renovation Committee), to provide architectural services associated with the planned renovation and expansion of Temple Emeth.
- 3) Micki Grunstein, Ned Siner and Allay Snider were referred to the Temple Emeth Foundation for the positions of Trustees for three years, and Ted Greenwood and William Stern were appointed one year Trustees of the Foundation.