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TOWARDS FREEDOM

The count-down has begun! Just days ago (note, I write these words even before *Purim*) Laura remarked to me, "The house is full of *chometz* and *Pesach* is only six weeks away!" And so the annual clearing-out-the*chometz* process begins as with each passing day this years celebration of *Pesach*, our festival of freedom, draws nearer. Soon we will pull the *Pesach* pots and dishes out of their hiding spots. We will collect unopened packages of food to bring to the Temple lobby for the hungry and the homeless, and we will use the coming holiday as an opportunity to give our house its "spring cleaning." My annual hunt for yet another new *Haggadah* to add to my growing collection has begun. And reservations are pouring in for our Temple *Seder* on the second night of *Pesach* (don't delay — it is always a sell-out!)

Yes, I can feel the anticipation and the preparation going on — both around me and within me. As the holiday approaches, with its annual call "to see ourselves as if we personally had gone forth from Egypt" I find myself drawn in once again to the enduring relevance of the events we commemorate at our Seder tables and in our services here at the Temple. Freedom is an eternal value, even as the denial of freedom is seemingly an eternal challenge — to our people, and to all people.

Throughout the year you have heard me speak, and read my comments on the issue of freedom as it pertains to our beloved State of Israel — land of our people, and destination of the very ancestors whose journey we recall at this season. This has been a difficult year for our people and for the State of Israel. The hopes for real peace grow even as the tensions heighten, within Israel and amongst our people, as well as from beyond her borders.

In recent weeks word has come that for the first time in many years an election will be held for the World Zionist Congress. This election, which will result in the convocation of a gathering of the only international forum where American Jews can have direct influence on critical issues facing Israel will take place this fall. The Congress exerts considerable influence on the disbursement of contributions to the State of Israel. The Congress can have an impact on vitally important and divisive issues facing Israel and the Jewish people including the debate over "who is a Jew," religious freedom in the State of Israel, and equitable funding for all streams of Judaism in the State of Israel.

Strong representation within the World Zionist Congress can mean that our Reform movement, along with other non-Orthodox religious movements can have a say in these matters. And strong representation can only be achieved through our claiming our rights as potential voters in this upcoming election! Any American Jew, who is at least 18 years of age by June 30, 1997, and who is a citizen or permanent resident of the United States is permitted to vote! You need not be a member of ARZA or any other Zionist organization to register to vote. In order to register, you need only obtain a registration form from the Temple office or at upcoming ongei Shabbat, complete the simple registration and mail it with a \$2 check to cover the processing of your registration. You may only register once - duplicate registrations will invalidated! Each eligible family member's registration must be mailed separately, with a separate check. In truth, taking part in this vital, and potentially historic election could hardly be easier. And your participation could not be more important!

At this season, when we celebrate the freedom granted our ancestors millennia ago, we have an opportunity to participate in helping to make the Jewish State a place where *all Jews* are granted freedom of religion and of expression. What more potent an expression could we ask for to aid us "seeing ourselves as if we, too, went forth to freedom." Let us work to cast away the plague of religious intolerance and injustice amongst our people and within the State of Israel. Let us stand up and allow our voice to be heard as a community committed to religious freedom. Let us each take the time in the weeks ahead to REGIS-TER TO VOTE IN THE UPCOMING WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS ELECTIONS.

Laura, Benjamin, Sarah and Aaron join me in wishing, from our home to yours, all the best for a joyous, healthy and meaningful *Pesach*!

RABBI ERIC GURVIS

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Dear Friends.

The Talmud teaches that the mitzvah of "Bikkur Holim", "visiting the sick", removes one-sixtieth of a patient's illness.

I take this opportunity in the Bulletin to thank all of you for speeding my recuperation from cardiac surgery. Your "visitations" came in many forms. Your literally hundreds of phone calls to Mimi throughout my hospitalization and your thoughtful cards and letters continue to cheer both of us. Contributions to many significant Temple and non-Temple funds remain a source of honor for me. Bouquets of flowers made a drab hospital room more tolerable, and baskets of fruit elated our kitchen and coffee table.

As I've grown stronger, some of you have come to my home and talked with me. I especially appreciate the visits of my colleagues, Rabbi Gurvis and Cantor Zvulun, as well as our former Cantor, Annie-Lynn Bornstein. Some of you have even brought me books to cheer me even further.

In recent years, I've gotten in the habit of responding to the common greeting, "It's good to see you", with the rather flippant "It's good to be seen!".

But there's nothing flippant about my amending that response: that "it's good to be remembered – by good friends and fellow Jews.

Mimi and I thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Louis J. Sigel Rabbi Emeritus

Emeth bulletin

Cantor, Would You Sing Chat Cune??

In the past year, those of you who attend Shabbat worship services regularly, have noticed that I have begun to alternate a melody previously not heard at Temple Emeth, with our more familiar melody for "Etz Chayim Hi," the prayer which concludes our Torah service, describing the Torah as a "Tree of LIfe." This melody has become a fast favorite among worshippers, so much so, that I have had a number of requests to completely replace the more familiar version with this one, which I have just recently introduced. While I have no intention of completely replacing any melody, I have found these requests, and others like them, quite interesting.

One might think that the "top ten" list of comments a Cantor hears from his or her congregants would consist of statements such as: "How lovely you sounded at services tonight," or , "We are so looking forward to our son's Bar Mitzvah," or Where ever did you get such beautiful maternity clothes??" (OK, I write this only two weeks before Purim, I HAD to say it!)

However, the "number one" comment that any Cantor hears from his or her congregants is most certainly, "Cantor, why don't you always sing the 'traditional'...fill in the blank (Adon Olam, V'shamru, Yismechu)?"

Just a few weeks ago, a congregant asked me the same question, and out of my own curiosity, I said to him, "What exactly do you mean by 'traditional'?" Without thinking twice, he said, "You know, the one that we (all of us, the congregation) grew up with." When I stopped to think about what he had said, I realized how wonderful it was that he felt such a kinship with his fellow congregants and, in fact, the broader Jewish community. From his perspective, it seemed as though we had all been raised in congregations which followed the same traditions, held the same type of worship services, and sang the same melodies.

If this were the case, the Cantor's job would be easy, I probably wouldn't be writing this article. The fact is though, that our congregational backgrounds are quite diverse. One of us may have fond memories of a more formal service in a Classic German Reform congregation in Baltimore where the music of Sulzer and Lewendowski prevailed. Another may have been raised in a congregation in Southern California where the Rabbi played the tunes of Klepper and Friedman on a guitar and Shabbat services were often held outdoors. Someone else may have found their traditions at a Conservative or Orthodox synagogue. There, the idea of the Cantor being accompanied by an organ, was associated with churches, texts chanted in English probably make this person quite uncomfortable. And interestingly enough, someone who was raised in that same Classic German Reform congregation in Baltimore, only three generations after our first example, is used to hearing the melodies of Isaacson and Steinberg intermingled with those of Sulzer and Lewendowski.

Each of us can learn from these examples. We must remember that what might be "traditional" to us, may be completely unfamiliar to the person sitting right next to us on Friday night. There are many times that a congregant will ask me to sing a melody that he or she remembers from childhood. I don't always love this melody, yet I sing it, realizing how much it means to someone else. Sometimes, I even get used to it, begin to enjoy it, and it becomes part of my own "tradition."

Another example would be the "Mi Sheberach" written by Debbie Friedman. I can be almost sure, from hearing the voices of the congregation, that there are very few of us who would choose to omit this melody from our worship services. yet, I can also be sure that not one of us, with the exception of the youngest students in our religious school, grew up hearing this beautiful and touching piece, as it was written only a few years ago. You see, it has become part of our Emeth "tradition."

I can only hope that the music of our services has made an impact on our congregants. Maybe one day, a child of our congregation who has grown and moved away will, holding the hand of her four-year-old son, come to the Cantor of her congregation and say, "Please, would you sing the "traditional" melodies, the ones that I remember?

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I've been a Dental Hygienist for 30 years now, and between that and motherhood, I guese I

can qualify as a professional nag (you know—floss, water pick— clean up your room). So let me take this opportunity to do what I do best, and nag all of you!

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On April 12th we will be having our major social fundraising event of the year— Our Progressive Dinner. You will have received reservation forms by the time you are reading this Bulletin, and I hope that you will seriously think about participating. It is a wonderful, delicious and fun evening and will help us with our fundraising goal. There will be no dinner dance or journal this year, and this is far less expensive- so we hope that lots of you will give it a try and attend. Make some new friends, have a great gastronomic treat and do a good deed for Temple Emeth! Hopefully, we will also all get together for a family groundbreaking ceremony and celebration when we have a date. Details to follow!

Onward.....our Annual meeting will take place in our social hall (preceded by coffee and goodies) on Thursday, May 8th at 8p.m. PLEASE DO PLAN TO ATTENDI WE NEED YOU! I know that many of us have no interest in the how and whys of the Temple Emeth budget, and not every one participates in the rich volunteer life here at Temple and of course that is fine- membership here means different pleasures and commitments for each of us—BUT- the annual meeting is your chance hear about how, why and on what we spend your dues, the latest on our renovation and expansion project, and vote on our Cantor's contract and slate of officers and trustees. Also, we take the opportunity to thank and honor our volunteers who have worked hard and well for Temple- and they certainly deserve your thanks and support. Please come give them a round of applause.

So, please don't blow my reputation as a great nagger—see you at the Progressive Dinner and the Annual Meeting!



Eleanor Roosevelt once said, "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

I know that I have a vision and a dream for our school community. There are times when I think that the dream has faded in my mind, other times it is bright, vivid and clear. Now is usually the time that I begin to reflect on where the year has taken us: Have we achieved all that we had hoped at the beginning of the year? What do we need to do to accomplish the goals we made for ourselves?

Mine is a dream that includes creative and exciting programs and activities. The halls and classrooms bustling and brimming with eager students. Parents engaged in learning with their children, each teaching the other. And I have the opportunity to learn from all: students, parents, teachers and everyone who surrounds me. What I have begun to realize is that when my dream becomes clouded in my mind it is because I have lost sight of the goal, I have strayed from the path.

I believe that *my* dream is really *our* dream. It is beautiful and, as Theodor Herzl once said, "If you will it, it is no dream." May *our* dream shine forth in all its splendor and may it become *our reality*.

B'shalom,

Lisa Lieberman Barzilai, RJE School Office 833-8466

The Annual Bergen & Rockland County Junior Choir Festival

featuring Temple junior choirs from seven different congregations...including our own Etz Chayim!!!

Temple Beth El 221 Schraalenburgh Road,Closter Sunday, April 6 at 3:00 pm Donation: \$5 (for Children's Charity)

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This year we have been conducting a series of parent workshops. One of our most popular topics has been self-esteem. Self-esteem is the backbone of a child's future. It breeds confidence, competence, willingness to take chances, an ability to stick up for oneself, a healthy respect for others nd a sense of responsibility. Such traits are clearly desirable for future personal success and social acceptability. Children's feelings about their own self-worth are influenced by how they have been treated by others. What can we do as parents to foster a child's self esteem?

▲ Offer positive feedback for what your child is doing well. "You did a good job," is an important message, whether for a baby grasping a toy or a child singing a song she has memorized.

▲ Avoid comparing your child with another. Sometimes this is difficult, especially when a sibling is particularly talented.

▲ If you must criticize, criticize the act, but not the child. It wounds a child's self-esteem to be told, "Your are a bad girls." If you did not like what she did, you could say, "I felt really angry when you wrote with your crayon on the tablecloth. Tablecloths are for eating on, not for writing on." In this way, she learns that her actions have been inappropriate, but she still feels that as a person she is trusted and loved. She has not been shamed.

▲ Avoid putting labels on your child. Even labels such as, "Sam' s the brightest boy in his class" place huge burden on Sam. Now he must always live up to these expectations. He will be under great deals of stress in maintaining these high ideals you have set up for him. Set realistic expectations for your child.

▲ Be with your child mentally as well as physically. When you read a story with child, forget about doing the dishes and the bills. Spend that time completely involved with your child. Let her know that you enjoy being with her. When she comes home from school, tell her how glad you are to see her. This lets her know that she's important in your life.

All children have their own personalities and their own unique abilities. Every child has special talents and good qualities. Praising and encouraging these traits will help children develop self-esteem. Every child needs, and is entitled to these feelings of worth.

Many of these ideas were taken from the *Parent and Preschooler newsletter*, *July 1990*, Preschool Publications, Inc. If you would like a copy of the article please call my office at 833-8466.

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Laura Schneider Director of the Early Childhood Center

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by Debby Newman

The gift shop is now featuring all new items -

just in time for your Passover! See beautiful designs in complete sets including Seder plates, matzoh plates, kiddush cups. Plus, you'll also find –

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Pesach: Reflecting on the Ethic of Welcoming the Stranger

As we prepare for the holiday of Pesach, beginning on the evening of April 21, we see Jewish values emerging from our own experiences. When we build a sukkah or light candles, fill a tzedakah box with coins, or learn to braid a challah, we are creating Jewish memories. At the same time, we are learning and living Jewish values.

Pesach, reminds us of a formative experience of our Jewish history...slavery. Our bondage taught us what it means to be strangers in a strange land. Out of that experience emerged the Jewish emphasis on compassion for the stranger in our midst and the tradition of opening our homes to guests at our Passover Seder. Judaism teaches that it is a mitzvah to offer hospitality to those who otherwise might not be able to experience a Seder. Newly arrived Soviet families, young Jewish singles, senior citizens and young marrieds who may live far from family connections are invited to partake in the Pesach celebration in our homes.

Our history has taught us the ethnic of welcoming those who need a chance to belong. To open our hearts and make our lives reflect the biblical injunction that is the basis for our work in Outreach.

The Torah says:

And if a stranger sojourn with thee in your land, ye shall not vex him. But the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thy self, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. (Lev. 19:33-34)

As we open the door for Elijah this year, let us open our hearts to those in our communities who long, at this special time of year, to feel connected to Judaism and the Jewish people. ♥



NJ Kinus Committee Offers Fun-Filled Weekends for Jewish Scouts

For over 35 years, Jewish Scouts from New Jersey and the surrounding areas have enjoyed a weekend of Scouting with a Jewish flavor. In 1997, the New Jersey Kinus Committee will run two weekend events. Camperships to both events are available.

The Boy Scout Kinus will be held on Memorial Day weekend, May 23–26, 1997 and the Cub Scout Kinus will be held on the following weekend, May 30–June 1, 1997. Through the generosity of the Watchung Area Council, both Kinusim this year will be at Camp Winnebago. At both events we combine Scouting, Judaism and fun. Both Orthodox and Egalitarian religious services will be held.

Cub Scouts and their families can attend a weekend of Scouting and Jewish events while enjoying delicious (and strictly Kosher) meals. We've placed an order for great weather this year and cabins, leantos and tents are available for Cub Scouts and their families (parents, brothers and sisters are all invited to attend). The Kinus includes Scouting activities, sports, learning, fun and great food. *There is a 300-person limit so reserve space for your family now*.

For Boy Scouts and their families, Camp Winnebago provides a beautiful setting for lots of fun activities, as well as Jewish learning. Events combine Scouting skills with Judaism. The scheduling of the Boy Scout Kinus on a three-day weekend permits us to offer additional activities including hikes on the new Farny Highlands trail system on Sunday and Monday. And we're close enough for your troop to schedule a canoe trip on the Delaware River on Monday. Delicious, kosher meals will also be served.

For more information, contact Dan Chazin, Event Chairman at 836-7019 or via e-mail at dchazin@aol. com. If you are interested in obtaining a campership, please mention it in your inquiry. \$

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Shabbat Across America

Saturday, April 5, 1997 Shabbat Worship at 10:30 am

Torah Portion - Leviticus 9:1 - 11:47; Exodus 12:1-20; 38

Sat, Apr. 5	9:15 am 10:30 am	Rel Scl Family Retreat Torah Study Shabbat Worship	Tue, Apr. 8	7:30 pm 8:00 pm 8:45 pm	Adult Ed Classes Fund Raising Committee Adult Ed Classes
Sun, Apr. 6	12:00 pm 1:30 pm 3:00 pm	Religious School Gift Shop Passover Boutique Adult Ed Series Jr. Choir Festival (Closter)	Wed, Apr. 9	12:15 pm 6:15 pm 8:00 pm 8:00 pm	Lunch & Learn Etz Chayim Adult Choir Outreach Lifecycle Workshop
Mon, Apr. 7	7:30 pm	ECC Open School Night	Thu, Apr. 10	10:00 am 7:45 pm 8:00 pm	Prime Timers (trip to HUC) Environment Class Board of Trustees Meeting

Friday, April 11, 1997 Shabbat Tazria at 8:30 pm

Rabbi Eric S. Gurvis will speak

Outreach Shabbat

The Oneg Shabbat will be sponsored by Dana Gelsey Graizel in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of her sister, Amanda

Saturday, April 12, 1997 Shabbat Worship at 10:30 am

Bar Mitzvah of Amanda Graizel Torah Portion - Leviticus 12:1 - 13:59

Sat. Apr. 12	9:15 am 10:30 am	Torah Study Shabbat Services	Tue, Apr. 15	7:30 pm 8:45 pm	Adult Ed Classes Adult Ed Classes
		BM Amanda Graizel Progressive Dinner	Wed, Apr. 16	12:15 pm 6:15 pm	Lunch & Learn Etz Chayim
Sun. Apr. 13	10:00 am	Religious School R S Model Seder Brotherhood Breakfast		8:00 pm 8:00 pm	Adult Choir Children's Workshop Committee
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Saturday, April 12th

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A Taste of Judaism: Are you curious?

Do you know someone who is **not affiliated** who would like to learn more about Judaism?

"A Taste of Judaism: Are You Curious?" is the title and theme for a three session class being offered for adults who would like to explore Judaism's relevance in today's world.

These classes on Jewish Spirituality, Ethics and Community are designed for "beginners." All who are interested in learning more about Judaism whether they are born Jewish or not. Comfortable surroundings and an informal atmosphere will encourage free and lively discussions of reform Judaism's approach to living in our rapidly changing society.

Skilled and experienced teachers will lead participants in discussing the ways that Judaism addresses issues in our personal and professional lives.

This course is sponsored by the Union of American Hebrew Congregation's Commission on Reform Jewish Outreach and the UJA Federation of Bergen County and North Hudson.

Classes will be held in *Congregation Adas Emuno*, Leonia on Wednesdays, April 2, 9 & 16 from 7:30 – 9:30pm; or *Temple Beth Or*, Washington Township, Thursdays, April 10, 17 & 24th from 7:30 – 9:30pm.

While there is no enrollment fee, space is limited and registration is required. For more information, or to register, call Deborah Taylor or llene Wechter 599-2041 or 599-0080.

Bible Study

This month's Genesis Interfaith Bible Study session will be held on Sunday, April 6 at the South Presbyterian Church, 150 West Church Street, Bergenfield at 6 pm. This study is open to all members of the community. For more information, or directions, call the South Presbyterian Church at 384-8932.

Prime Timers

On Thursday, April 10th, Prime Timers will visit the HUC in New York. All Temple members are welcome.

For more information, call Lotte Wolf 385-8945.

Good & Welfare

Mazel Tov...

Deborah Taylor, on her becoming the Regional Outreach Coordinator for the New Jersey/West Hudson Valley Council of the UAHC

Heartfelt Condolences To...

Vivian Goldsmith, on the loss of her beloved mother, Anne Tandler

Gift Shop News

Save this date - Sunday April 6th (12 pm - 2 pm)

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Please come and enjoy all our new selections, and bring your checkbook! Remember you receive 30% off retail prices at your Emeth Judaica Shop.

Looking forward to seeing you,

Debby Newman

Social Action Notice!

In preparing for Passover, please bring in your non-Passover food (chametz) to our food collection box in the Temple lobby. Help us feed the hungry. Unopened boxes only please!

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Jewish Family Service Shabbat to be celebrated on Shabbat HaGadol

"Jewish Family Service Shabbat" will be celebrated this year in synagogues and temples across North America this year on April 18-19, on the special Sabbath, Shabbat HaGadol, that falls just before Passover.

Jewish Family Service agency board members and professional staff, as well as rabbis and cantors, will participate in a variety of synagogue services on Friday night or Saturday morning. Appropriate psalms will be recited and special songs will be introduced; most observances will also include a detailed description of the programs and goals of the Jewish human services agency in that locality. In Bergen County, there will be presentation specifically about Jewish Family Service of Bergen, located in Teaneck. David Shapiro serves as President of its board, and Leah Nadich Meir MSW, LSW is its Executive Vice President.

Presentations will focus on the Jewishness of the human service enterprise, the special relevance of the week's Torah portion (Metzora) and Haftarah (from Malachi) to this work, the unique contributions and needs of the local agency, and the larger North American Jewish network in which all of this takes place.

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Call for Appointment BOB SPIEWAK (201) 836-3369 (201) 836-6033 JFS Shabbat is timed to coincide with the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Association of Jewish Family and Children's Agencies, the umbrella organization of over 145 family and specialized human service agencies located throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Headquartered in Kendall Park, NJ, it provides information and consultation services and advocates on behalf of its member agencies in the organized North American Jewish community and in legislative bodies as well as in national and international human service networks. \$





Because Passover is a Time of Sharing...

Can you set an extra plate at your Seder table for a

Temple member who is unable to be with family or friends on the first night of Passover? Please let the Caring Committee know if you can host a fellow congregant on Monday evening, April 21...or if you would like to share the first Seder with another Temple family because you would otherwise be alone. Call Judy Eichinger at 833-8391 by Monday, April 14. \$



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Join us in South Africa...as a member of a UAHC congregation, you have a unique opportunity to combine an exciting travel adventure with a challenging new look at Liberal Judaism as a delegate to the World Union's 28th International Convention in South Africa, May 21–29.

Meetings on the theme: "Confronting Radical Change...and the Progressive Jewish Response" will be held in Johannesburg, May 21–26. You'll hear dynamic guest speakers from around the world, dine with President Nelson Mandela and discuss issues of common concern with your counterparts form over 20 countries. You'll celebrate Erev Shabbat at a local congregation and be invited to dinner in congregants' homes.

When the sessions are over, you can take the Cape Town Extension from May 27–29. the organized tour includes major Jewish locales, the wine country, Parliament and excursions to other exciting places, as well as dinner with Bishop Desmond Tutu.

This well planned trip allows you to see the New South Africa and understand current developments in the Jewish community in the most comfortable and convenient way: world class hotel accommodations, deluxe touring facilities and the best possible discounted air fares. If you get a group together, you'll be able to take advantage of even better rates. We'll be glad to help your congregation plan the trip.

For more information, write to WUPJ at 838 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10021 or call 212-650-4090 or fax 212-650-4099. \$



New UAHC Intro to Judaism Class

A 16-session course designed to give participants a basic understanding of Jewish belief and practice will be offered Wednesday evenings at Temple Beth Or in Washington Township beginning May 21. The class is open to all: individuals 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 Rabbi George Stern, 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.

UAHC office at 201-599-0080.

Class will meet once a week for sixteen weeks from 7:45 – 9:45 pm through September 3. A single registration fee includes tuition and one set of books and materials for an individual or a couple. Introduction to Judaism is sponsored by the Outreach Program of the New Jersey-West Hudson Valley Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and its 56-member congregations. For further information on this and other programs for intermarried families, please

contact your Rabbi or Deborah Taylor at the

BARJ ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

As we prepare our homes for Pesach, the BARJ school year is drawing to c close. Over a hundred students in grades eight through twelve have studied and socialized at BARJ this year. The growth of the students is obvious. It can be seen through their class discussions, and through the mitzvot that they perform. We are especially proud of our tenth graders, who will soon be working on their service for Confirmation, which will be held on Shavuot. Mazel Tov to all tenth graders and their families.

BARJ is now accepting applications for the 1997-98 school year. Please contact th BARJ office at 599-9068 to reserve a space for your child. Give the gift of Jewish education, it's a special one that your child will have for a lifetime. ✿ It's Time to Buy Your Supermarket Scrip ...dollar for dollar value ...for all your shopping needs ...earn money for Temple ...good at all Pathmark and ShopRite Supermarkets ...Pathmark scrip also good at Rickels Don't Delay! Buy Your Scrip Today! Checks may be made payable to: Temple Emeth 5% is tax deductible Questions??? Call Gwen Dubno at 385-9396



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The Temple Emeth Renaissance Group will officially welcome spring with a visit to the beautiful Pepsico Sculpture Gardens in Purchase, NY on Sunday, May 18. All Temple members are invited to explore the world-renowned sculptures set in architecturally landscaped gardens which include acres of trees, ponds and flower gardens. Watch for future mailings with details and save the date.

The second annual Swim, Sail and Supper Party will be held Sunday, June 8 at the weekend home of Jackie and Howard Guttman on Candlewood Lake in Connecticut. This event will be for members only who have paid up as of May 1. Call Barbara Kaufman, 385-8433 (home) or 829-2178

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(work) for membership information. Dues are \$10 per year per person. The Renaissance Group is open to all Temple members, "fortysomethingplus."

Into its second highly successful year, the group's varied activities have featured a talk by Temple Emeth member Adele Holman in November on "How to Talk to Your Adult Children," a Chanukah and "Birthday" party in December, an evening at the Wallington Exchange for dinner, a cabaret show and dancing, a fun-filled game day in January and tips on tax savings in February by Financial Planners Sy and Paul Lazar. The Temple's own busy calendar precluded events in 'March or April. ☆

Hi! My name is Ross Reitman and I am a seventh-grader at Benjamin Franklin School and at Temple Emeth's Religious School. I live on Edgemont Terrace in Teaneck with my parents Penny and Robert, my younger sister Melissa. and two hamsters, a guinea pig and a rabbit. My favorite subjects are Math and Social Studies and I love to play sports, especially soccer, baseball and basketball. In my spare time, I also like collecting cards and playing on the computer. I will make my Bar Mitzvah on May 3 and my Torah portion will be Achare Mot which contains the oldest record of how ancient Israelites observed Yom Kippur. It also mentions, for the first time in the Torah, the concept of "scapegoats."☆

Hi! My name is Justin Andrew Barad and I'm in the seventh grade at Dwight Englewood School. My parents David and Iris and I, along with the rest of my family, live on Cadmus Court in Teaneck. My favorite subject is computers and I enjoy playing challenging computer games, playing the violin and playing sports. I will be making my Bar Mitzvah on April 19.≉

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The Teaneck Township Council awarded Temple Emeth a certificate recognizing the Temple's "adoption" of Windsor Park, and its responsibility for properly caring for the Park. The ceremony took place at the Council's scheduled meeting on February 25th.

Ruth Adler, a member of the Temple Environment Committee appeared before the Council and accepted on the Temple's behalf a sign which will be installed at the park and the handsome certificate posted within the Temple. In accepting the honor, she pointed out the appropriateness of the gesture at the time of our 50th anniversary, since the Bergen County Parks Department is also celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

Our major responsibility is to take pride in the Park.Although maintenance of the park is the duty of the Department of Public Works, we are encouraged to pick up debris and trash which appears in the Park and to report any signs of vandalism. Further, we are encouraged to organize and take part in activities in "our"



Temple Emeth "Adopts" Windsor Park

park, as well as to recommend to the Recreation Department additional activities that can be implemented to promote greater sue and enjoyment of the facility. Naturally, we must obtain the proper permits before offering an activity.

Temple Emeth is one of the first Teaneck organizations to be honored in the way; and it was at the initiative of the Environment Committee that the Township Council originally considered the Adopt-a-Park Program. For the last two years, the Committee has sponsored a cleanup of the Park prior to the Tashlich ritual on the second day of Rosh Hashana. Windsor Park is on the east side of Windsor Road, extending eastward to the railroad tracks; it runs between the Bergenfield border on the north and West Englewood Avenue on the South.☆

Save **TUESDAY, APRIL 22,** the Date! 6:00 PM **TEMPLE EMETH'S ANNUAL** CONGREGATIONAL PESACH SEDER Temple Emeth members \$20 per adult \$10 per child (4-12) Guests of memberes \$25.00 per adult \$15.00 per child (4-12) Limit 8 per family Make your reservations now! Call the Temple Office for more info!!

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Religious School Flyer Policy

1. If you would like your flyer to be distributed to the congregation through the Temple office and to the children attending the religious school, you must have the Temple office print enough copies of the flyer for both distributions.

2. Flyers previously mailed to members will not be distributed in grades 4–7 unless it is deemed to be of particular importance to the director and/or chairpeople. They will be distributed to grades K–3 since there are several non-member families in those grades.

3. We will distribute a flyer if the chair of the committee involved counts out the flyers for each class and marks which class it is for.

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- Temple Emeth Retirees sending get well wishes to Audrey Muehsam
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- Barbara and Paul Kaufman wishing Rabbi Sigel a speedy recovery
- Jack-Christal Gattanella
- Beryl Barth in gratitude to Rabbi Gurvis for his support
- Beryl Barth in gratitude to Anne Rosenthal for her continued support and TLC
- Beryl Barth in gratitude to Marcella Braunschweiger for her support and TLC

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- Irma Moskowitz in memory of her beloved sister, Elfreeda Eisner Goldsmith
- Deborah Stone in honor of her parents Rosalind and Joseph Stone

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- Lenore and Martin Berck in honor of the birth of their granddaughter, Hannah Rose Berck
- Jack-Christal Gattanella in gratitude to Rabbi Gurvis
- Audrey Muehsam in gratitude to Rabbi Gurvis
- Deborah Stone in honor of her parents Rosalind and Joseph Stone
- Bea and Alan Westin in honor of the birth of Aaron Michael Gottesfeld, grandson of Naomi and Dave Koncius

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

- Bea and Alan Westin in honor of the marriage of Robert Fleishman to Jodi Feldman
- Bea and Alan Westin in honor of the engagement of Michele Torres to Ross Burns
- Bea and Alan Westin in memory of their beloved mothers, Etta Westin and Sarah Shapoff
- Bea and Alan Westin in honor of the 50th Wedding anniversary of Shirley and Kenneth Heller
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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

- Nancy, Elliot and Ashley Plotkin in memory of Jean Leiberman, grandmother of Lisa Barzilai

SOCIAL ACTION

- Rhonda Goodman and Martin Hymowitz in memory of Carole Messinger, aunt of Vicky Farhi
- Suzanne and Philip Keusch sending get well wishes to Harvey Lewis

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- Marian Filan in memory of her beloved mother, Barbara Ringler
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- Celia Weisman in memory of her beloved mother, Matilda Bach

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- Fran Hyman and Family in memory of Brad Menkes
- Fran Hyman in honor of the engagement of Julie Schonberger to Andrew White





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- Continue on to another member's home for a sumptuous gourmet dinner
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Sound like fun? It will be...don't miss it! To sign up, call the Temple office, (We always need hosts and cooks, too – if you're interested, please let us know ASAP!)

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