

Renewal in the Woods

It was a hot morning that last Saturday of the season. Yet sitting in the shade of Camp Harlam's wooded chapel, I was not troubled by the heat. Rather, I found myself uplifted as I listened to the voices of a community of some seven hundred campers and staff raise their voices together in prayer. The setting of the Chapel-in-the Woods is idyllic. And the spirit of that community as it gathers in prayer is inspiring.

For the first time since coming to Temple Emeth, I spent a part of my summer at one of our Reform movement's nine summer camps as a member of the Rabbinic faculty. Together with my family (who were at camp for the entire season) I spent two weeks at our regional UAHC Harlam Camp in the Poconos. I have long been a believer in the importance of Jewish summer camping. The weeks spent in the midst of a community that lives and breathes Judaism and Jewish values day in and day out have an unbelievable ability to inculcate a strong sense of Jewish identity in our young people. But this time my camp experience was different. Though I have spent some fifteen summers working in our UAHC camps prior to this summer, this time it was different. I was not just a counselor or unit head. Indeed, those days are long gone. Nor was I just a member of the faculty, joining with other rabbis and educators from through the camp region to teach the children who come to camp. This summer I was a camp parent. For the first time, my own children were campers at a UAHC camp, and for the first time I was treated to a glimpse of "the other side" of the Reform Jewish camping experience. I watched as my children played, learned, prayed, and sang. Most importantly, I watched as they grew.

And, when I say "I watched as my children played, learned, prayed, and sang. Most importantly, I watched as they grew" I do not only mean Benjamin and Sarah (Aaron was at camp, but not as a camper). I am referring to the some twenty children from our congregation who were campers at Camp Harlam this summer. From the youngest children of Carmel to the oldest campers in Chavurah, I thrilled to share a part of this time with *our children*. I know they had a wonderful time. I know that they have all grown, for summer is a time for growth, and camp is an especially potent environment for growth. I found my own spirits lifted as I watched our children – yours and mine – live Judaism as a part of the camp community.

Summer is a time for renewal of body and soul. I always find that summer always helps me put the year gone by in perspective even as it enables me to recharge the batteries – intellectually, physically, emotionally and spiritually. At one point during services on the final Shabbat morning of camp I listened as the camp community was singing the blessings which begin the Torah service. They were singing in full voice with a spirit that evidenced the powerful ties that had formed over the course of the summer. As they came to the *Shema* there was a noticeable crescendo as they lifted their voices even louder to sing the words which proclaim our faith as Jews. Their spirit courses through me even now, as I write these words at home. I know that their spirit will nourish me for a long time to come. And I know it will nourish my children, and the other Emeth children who were a part of this summer's Harlam community. I look forward to returning to camp once again. I hope that many more of our children will be blessed with the opportunity to share in this vital and transcendent Jewish experience. I look forward to sharing it with them!

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Rabbi [unclear]". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CANTOR

First Thoughts on Motherhood.....by Cantor Zvulun

It is now the end of July and I am here in Israel, the Land of Milk and Honey... and my in-laws! I am sitting on the couch in Avi's parent's home, Eve is asleep on my lap. I am consumed with terror as I realize that the first Bulletin article is due in less than a month(as many of you know, I have writer-phobia!). As I look down at my daughter, I see the perfect topic for my article!

I remembered how I came home from the hospital and found a house full of beautiful flowers and balloons, cards and gifts which had come in the mail. How thoughtful everyone was! I read each card carefully, trying to take in the entire experience. One card said something like, "A little girl to love....how happy you must be at this truly joyous occasion!" I really was happy! We had been trying to have a baby for quite a while, and now she was here. A healthy, adorable little baby. Thank you God!

Now, if you remember the first few months of your child's life, you don't need to read this paragraph. That's right, this "little bundle of joy" started crying...A LOT!! And she wouldn't tell us what she was crying about! Oh, and for those of you who have forgotten, she did it at night too...sometimes ALL NIGHT! Then, postpartum depression set in, and it hit hard! I was aching all over, and Avi just wanted to know when he could sleep again!

Wait! What happened to that "love, joy and happiness" that the Hallmark guy wrote about(He had OBVIOUSLY never had a baby!)? I just didn't get it. I mean, all of you in this congregation, and not one of you could have spoken up, told me the truth? I didn't understand. When Rabbi Gurvis talks about HIS kids, he seems genuinely happy!?!

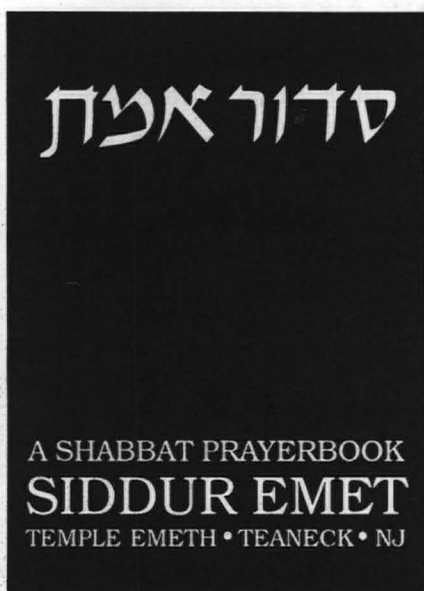
Well, just as I decided to pack my bags and run away(I mean AFTER the High Holy Days), Eve turned six weeks old. She actually slept five whole hours one night! And then... SHE SMILED! That was it. I wasn't going to run away after all, Avi got some sleep, and the world seemed right again. All those people who told me that it was all worth it really did know what they were talking about.

Now I look at her sleeping, she is ten weeks old, and I can't believe how big she is already! I just stare at her sometimes, I never knew that one could love someone so much. A whole range of emotions that I never knew existed, I now experience on a daily basis. I know that there are some rough times ahead, and I will certainly need to take out this article and read it again when she is a teenager. Yet, it seems as though Rabbi Gurvis and the Hallmark guy were right, there is a genuine happiness in this thing called "Motherhood." And once again I say, Thank you God!

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How I Spent My Summer Vacation by Lisa Lieberman Barzilai

Every fall as a child I remember having to do some sort of assignment like the one titled from above. So, once again I am going to share my summer experiences with you. Here at Temple Emeth my days have been filled by many a noise: hammering, banging, drilling, cement mixing and lots of male voices screaming over all of these sounds.

My pretty summer wardrobe was relegated to the closet, except for the few times I went out on the weekends. Instead, my casual attire has gotten a real workout. Dust has been the taste and aroma of the summer.

One might think from this description that it has been a less than exciting summer here at Temple Emeth. On the contrary, despite all of the craziness (including water damage from both the ceiling and floor in Room 1) there is a tremendous sense of anticipation. When was the last time that Religious School students were able to study in rooms not decorated for pre-school children? It has been a while, and the students are eagerly awaiting that reality. I will actually be able to seat two parents, comfortably, in my office. Oh, it will be wonderful.

True, there have been and will be some short term drawbacks. The construction will not be totally finished until the spring (although the school wing is expected to be completed well before then) and there will be many adjustments to make at the beginning of the year. I know that we can make all of the modifications we need to if everyone is willing to be flexible. Please help us out with whatever changes we need to make until all of our construction and renovations are completed. In advance I thank you for all the help.

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TROUBLE WITH GRANDFATHERS by Bob Spiewak 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
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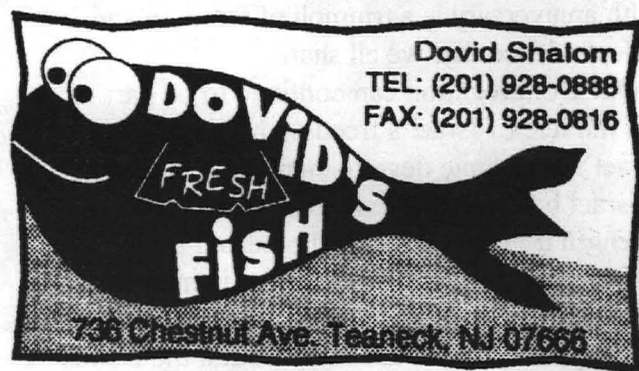
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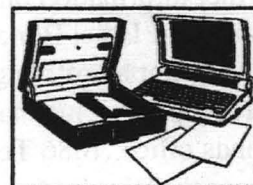
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Winner of the Wilford Weill Memorial Essay Contest - Confirmation 1997
What exactly is participation in Judaism? - Katie Warren

Among the many challenges facing Judaism and the Jewish people, I believe that the most critical challenge is participation in Jewish life. I believe that we can best meet this challenge through getting in touch with the Jewish community by first getting in touch with the Judaism in ourselves. I believe my role in meeting this challenge is to help my peers see that Judaism is more than going to services on Shabbat or on the High Holy Days. Another important thing to let people my age know is that Jewish education and Jewish involvement does not end, or does not have to end, with a bar or bat mitzvah.

I was in seventh grade. I had changed temples just in time for my last year of religious school. I did not go to regular school with anyone else in my class. The worst part was not coming into a group of strangers, but coming into a group of middle school strangers. For that entire year I was made fun of and ridiculed by my classmates. Each day religious school came along, I would beg my mom to stay home, or I would stretch the truth about the amount of homework I had. I could not wait for my Bat-Mitzvah so that it would all be over.

On the day of my Bat-Mitzvah a number of people talked to me about continuing my Jewish education, getting confirmed, and getting involved in youth group. I tossed each of these suggestions aside with a polite comment about thinking it over, especially the confirmation comments. Youth group to me was hanging around with a bunch of people I did not like and doing things that I did not like doing. I regret it now, but then I just about hated being Jewish. I was not involved with anything Jewish and I did not want to admit to myself that anything Jewish could be the least bit entertaining.

This pessimistic attitude of mine continued until the end of eighth grade. Then there was one single event that changed my entire attitude. I went to a Senior League event that was supposed to familiarize the eighth graders with the youth group and get people to know each other. The only reason I went was because I trusted the advisor of the youth group and that he would watch to make sure I was not tormented by anyone. After that one event, I found that I liked what I saw very much. I decided that this was something I really wanted to be a part of.

My freshman year rolled around, and I became the freshman representative of the youth group. I threw myself into the Senior League and making it as good as I possibly could. The beginning of sophomore year came and I was membership vice-president. On top of everything, I went back to Hebrew High School, which I had dropped out of after my Bat-mitzvah in eighth grade. I have to say that I was not too excited at first about that one. But all it took was one week for me to be hooked entirely. I went every week and worked my schedule around it. I loved every minute of what I was doing. Not only am I on the student council of that Hebrew High School for next year, but I am co-president of Senior League. This is one of the happiest times of my life. It surprises me when I call people for youth group events and they really are not interested. It is hard for me to remember myself that way.

Unfortunately, that is the case for a lot of Jewish people today. They do not want to identify themselves with the Jewish religion because they think there is nothing in it for them to gain. What they do not realize is the amount of knowledge there actually is to gain, not only from books and the Torah, which of course there is a lot to learn from, but also from each other. Being with other Jewish people teaches more than any book ever could. Discussions and debates about religious pluralism and anti-Semitism are so much more powerful than reading about them in the newspaper.



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In a time such as ours, many people feel that religion is the last thing they have time for in their lives. They would much rather be sitting around with a bunch of friends at a movie or going out somewhere if there is any free time to be had at all. It never occurs to some people that this time can be spent with a bunch of Jewish friends from their Temple, or making new friends at their Temple, yet doing some of the same things they might have been doing if they were at home. The smallest bit of participation in Temple life can lead to a much higher degree of participation, whether it happens quickly, like it did to me, or gradually like it does for many others.

Another aspect in today's world is family. Parents are trying to go to Temple more, but there is always the problem of getting, and paying for, a babysitter. This may turn people away from going to services because they do not want to disrupt other people with screaming children. Family services are a way to get younger children and their parents to come to services and not be afraid to make noise, because that is what is expected from the crowd on that particular Shabbat. A second advantage to this is that the children will learn from a very young age that going to services is not something just talked about, but something that can be done and enjoyed. Children at young ages are very absorbent. If they are taken to services and shown that services are something important, then this will continue into their adult lives.

In earlier times, the Jewish tradition was to go to services every Shabbat and in some places every morning and evening. Because of changing circumstances and schedules this is not possible, or meaningful for many people. Back then if you lived in a Jewish community, that was your only community. Because a person today lives in a more integrated society, not everyone is exposed to many of their own kind of people. Instead of going to religious school for learning something, children go to religious school to avoid a fight with their parents or after a fight with their parents.

Religion is not what is used to be. People do not have the desire for it and that is not something that can be changed. This problem is not only in the Jewish religion, but it is a problem in other religions as well. This is where the people that are involved have to do some persuading. They must let others know the joy they experience by being involved. Not only must they tell this to other people verbally, but they must show it.

The first task is getting people to the Temple and showing them a good time. After that is accomplished, then show the others how interesting certain parts of Judaism really are. Perhaps a discussion of Joseph and the fight between him and his brothers. Or maybe show a movie relating to a Jewish topic and then discuss aspects of it that may be a bit more subtle and relate to Judaism.

Participation in Judaism can be defined only by the participator. Somewhere in the definition there should be something relating to the Temple, other members of that congregation, and helping others get involved. Without the last part, the Jewish religion would burn out like the flame on a Shabbat candle. The only thing about this candle that differs from a regular Shabbat candle is that there would not be another candle to be put in the place of the burnt out one the following week.

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PARSHAT PINCHAS
ZELOPHEHAD'S DAUGHTERS

by Wechsler Summer Rabbinic Intern Nadia Gold - July 25

Chapter 27 of this week's parshah, Pinchas, opens with one of the first small breakthroughs in women's rights in Judaism. The daughters of Zelophehad of the Manassite family stand before Moses and ask that the laws of inheritance be changed so that they may inherit their fathers' possessions. The law in question stated that only sons may inherit from their fathers but any daughter whose father died without sons, faces a dilemma. Since Zelophehad's daughters have no brothers to inherit from their father, they feel that they should be the ones to receive the inheritance. The text goes on to say that once Moses brings their case before the divine oracle, the women are granted the right to inherit their father's possessions.

What transformation took place in Israelite society between the patriarchal period and the wanderings in the wilderness that required a change in the inheritance laws? The culture of Israelite society before their sojourn in Egypt was a mercantile one. It consisted of an individual merchant family with a male head of the household. As that family traveled, selling their wares, the male head of the household's role was not only to enter into business negotiations with foreign peoples but to also protect his family. It was believed that only a male could be fit to protect the family unit.

After the exodus from Egypt however, Israelite society in the desert changed and became more communal. The Israelites consisted of many families. If one family was threatened, the entire community rallied behind that family, providing support and protection. Thus it became the community's responsibility to protect each family. It was not the responsibility of one single man. Thus society no longer objected to a female as head of the household because that role no longer required a job description only "fit for a man".

While the new law of chapter 27 supported the rights of the daughters to inherit their father's property, Zelophehad's daughters, Mahlah, Noah, Holgah, Milcha and Tirza's rights were still not equal to those of a son. Sons were still the ones who were first in line for inheritance. Only when the father has no sons, do daughters inherit.

Although this is only a small step towards women's rights in the biblical period, Zelophehad's daughters were true revolutionary reformers. They sensed a need for change and they had the courage to pursue that change.

In our own times changes in attitudes regarding the role of women in Reform Judaism also began as a series of small modifications that eventually brought about larger ones. Many of us today take for granted that women can become presidents of congregations, rabbis, and cantors, and it is important for us to remember the difficulties of the struggle for equality within Reform Judaism. There once was a time even in Reform Judaism when women were not accepted in synagogue leadership roles and many reform lay people and rabbis felt that a woman's religious role needed to be exercised at home. In fact, during the women's suffrage movement the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Reform rabbinical association, rejected a resolution to support women's suffrage twice before adopting it in 1917.

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Slowly women made their presence known within the Reform movement. First allowing widows and unmarried women to become independent members of congregations and allowing them voting rights. By the 1920s, women had gained access to religious school committees and some synagogue boards. Finally in 1972, the first female Reform rabbi, Sally Preisand was ordained.

While Reform Jewish women have already achieved greater equality with men within the movement, Orthodox women are only beginning to demand dramatic changes within their movement. One such change is the development of women's independent prayer groups in which serious and devoted Orthodox women come together for study and worship without breaking *halachah*, Orthodox Jewish law. In the words of Rabbi Charles Sheer, the orthodox chaplain for the Jewish students at Columbia University: "These women are doing what we taught them to do and being what we encouraged them to be - observant, knowledgeable and faithful orthodox Jews."

Although some Orthodox Rabbis like Rabbi Sheer are supportive of these women, others discourage and oppose their activities. A few months ago in one such case, a woman in Queens, New York wanted her daughter to become a bat mitzvah in a ceremony held during her women's prayer group meeting. The *Vaad ha rabonim*, the orthodox association of rabbis in Queens issued a legal responsa vehemently prohibiting the convening of such prayer groups. The Vaad gave no *halakic* reasons for their decision because there aren't any. Instead they simply said that since there was no historical precedent for the women's prayer groups they were afraid of what these prayer groups could lead to. These orthodox rabbis were afraid that one change might lead to another and then another and then their own legitimacy would be threatened.

Like Zelophehad's daughters these women are also pioneers who are, in this case, challenging the contemporary Orthodox rabbinic leadership to allow them the right to pray together.

The fact that the movement for equality for women has reached into orthodoxy where many believe that no change was ever possible shows that changes that give greater respect to all individuals, orthodox or reform are inevitable. They may be delayed but cannot be stopped. New challenges and new solutions are a natural part of growth in Judaism. Change should not be regarded as a threat when it leads to the greater empowerment of each and every one of us and allows every Jew to find his or her own place in prayer, learning and religious life.

May we all continue to celebrate the growth of Judaism and the discovery of our greater roles within our faith. Ken yehi Ratzon. Shabbat Shalom.

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**A LETTER TO: PRIME MINISTER
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FROM: ADAM BAUMOL
(and his father Robert)**

Dear Prime Minister Netanyahu:

I will become a Bar Mitzvah in about 10 days at the Reform shul of Temple Emeth, Teaneck, NJ. I am extremely proud of my heritage and of my status as a Reform Jew. My great grandfather...an Orthodox rabbi, was a well-known scholar and vice-president of the Orthodox rabbinical organization for the U.S. and Canada. My grandfather...spent most of his 50 years in the Conservative rabbinate. My father's first cousin, Dr. Norman Lamm, is President of Yeshiva University in New York, a Hebrew scholar and strong advocate of Israel.

I have been brought up in the Reform tradition...My family's support for Judaism and Israel is strong and unwavering. But we live in a country where acceptance of other people's views, although different than our own, is acceptable-in fact, encouraged. I am disappointed that the Knesset is even considering throwing a bone to the religious right in Israel that would deny the legitimacy of Reform and Conservative conversions. Wasn't the assassination of Yitzchak Rabin sufficient proof that we are almost more prone to attack and destruction from within than without?

I live in Teaneck, NJ, a diverse community of approximately 25% African Americans, 25% Jews, and the balance from every corner of the world. There are two Reform congregations, two Conservative shuls, and four gigantic Orthodox congregations. Of course there is tension,...but we strive and we learn in school to be accepting of our neighbor's differences. I hope you will resist all attempts to undermine Israel's democratic character. The eyes of all Jews are watching you..

Respectfully,
Adam Michael Baumol



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With the celebration of "Israel at 50" beginning this fall, the Federation is reaching out to people in the community who have documents, articles, materials, pictures and personal stories related to the birth and growth of the Jewish State.

We also need word from: supporters of the Haganah, involvement in the War of Independence in 1948, eyewitness reports from people who were at the UN when Israel's independence was announced, people who attended the signing of the peace accords in Washington, first-hand accounts of the Rabin assassination or the Munich Olympic tragedy, people who participated in the March of the Living.

If you can provide the Federation with data that is relevant to "Israel at 50" projects, call the director of Communications, Alan Grossman at 488-6800.

"Israel at 50" speakers and films are available.

Hold the date for a spectacular "Israel at 50" Gala to be held on the evening of Thursday, May 14 which is Lag B'Omer. For information, call Joy Kurland at 488-6800 ext. 235.

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KADDISH

Look around us, search above us, below, behind.
We stand in a great web of being joined together.
Let us praise, let us love the life we are lent
passing through us in the body of Israel
and our own bodies, let's say amen.

Time flows through us like water.

The past and the deads speak through us.

We breathe out our children's children, blessing.

Blessed is the earth from which we grow,

blessed the life we are lent,

blessed the ones who teach us,

blessed is the word that cannot say the glory

that shines through us and remains to shine

flowing past distant suns on the way to forever.

Let's say amen.

Blessed is light, blessed is darkness,

but blessed above all else is peace

which bears the fruits of knowledge

on strong branches, let's say amen.

Peace that bears joy into the world,

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everywhere, blessed and holy is peace,

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Friday, August 29, 1997

Shabbat Re'eh

Rabbi Eric S. Gurvis Will Speak

Saturday, August 30, 1997 Shabbat Worship at 10:30 am

Torah Portion - Deuteronomy 11:26 - 16:17; Haftarah Portion - Isaiah 54:11-55:5

Sat, Aug. 30	9:15 am	Torah Study	Wed, Sept. 3	8:00 pm	Adult Choir
	10:30 am	Shabbat Worship	Thu, Sept. 4	8:00 pm	Membership Services
Mon, Sept 1		Bldg Closed - Labor Day			
Tue, Sept. 2	7:45 pm	Exec. Comm Meeting			

Friday, September 5, 1997

Shabbat Shofetim

Family Shabbat Services at 7:30 pm

Saturday, Sept. 6, 1997

Shabbat Worship at 10:30 am

Torah Portion - Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9

Haftarah Portion - Isaiah 51:12-52:12



Sat. Sept 6	9:15 am	Torah Study	Wed, Sept 10	4:00 pm	Rel. Sch Book Sale
	10:30 am	Shabbat Services		7:00 pm	ECC Parent Orientation
Sun. Sept 7	10:00 am	Rel. School Faculty Mtg		8:00 pm	Adult Choir
Tue. Sept 9	8:00 pm	Ritual Committee Meeting		8:00 pm	Children's Worship Mtg
			Thu. Sept 11	10:00 am	Prime Timers
				8:00 pm	Bd. Of Trustees Meeting

Friday, September 12, 1997

Shabbat Kee Tetze

Rabbi Eric S. Gurvis Will Speak

Saturday, September 13, 1997 Shabbat Worship at 10:30 am

Torah Portion - Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19 Haftarah Portion - Isaiah 54:1-10



Sat. Sept 13	9:15 am	Torah Study	Tue. Sept 16	4:00 pm	Religious School
	9:15 am	Tot Shabbat		8:00 pm	Arts & Emeth Mtg.
	10:30 am	Shabbat Services	Wed. Sept 17	4:00 pm	Religious School
Sun. Sept 14		Religious School Opens		8:00 pm	Adult Choir
	9:00 am	Membership Open House		8:00 pm	Rel. School Comm Mtg
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		- Van Saun Park	Thu. Sept 18	4:00 pm	B/M Orientation
Mon. Sept 15		ECC Begins		8:00 pm	Outreach High Holiday Workshop

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Attention Parents of College Students

As addresses change from one year to the next, we are compiling this year's list of addresses of our college students who will be away at school this coming year. Please help us keep in touch with our students. Please complete the tear-off form with completed name(s), school address(es), and birthday(s).

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Trachtenberg Memorial Lecture

The Officers and Trustees of Temple Emeth cordially invite you to join us for the annual Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Lecture during Shabbat services on Friday evening, September 19, 1997 at 8:30 pm.

Our speaker this year will be Rabbi Louis J. Sigel, Temple Emeth's Rabbi Emeritus, who will speak on **"Reform Judaism & Zionism: Non-Identical Twins."** Please join us.

Prime Timers

Our next outing will be Thursday, September 11th. We welcome all Temple members. For information, call Lotte Wolf (385-8945)

Adult Kallah

This year's Adult Kallah, led by Rabbi Gurvis will be held at the Pearl River Hilton in Rockland County, New York.

Join us for a weekend of study, prayer and socializing in a beautiful country setting, with all the comforts of a first class hotel, Feb. 27 - Mar 1, 1998. Interested? Call Bev Lazar (836-1086), or Carlene Fleishman (836-0226).

Selichot Services

Sat., Sept. 27th: 7 pm Family Services
9 pm Adult Services

High Holiday Tickets...

High Holiday tickets will be mailed the week of September 8th.

Please Note:

At least 25% of the 1997-98 dues, and 25% of any Building Fund obligations must be paid before High Holiday tickets are mailed.

Good & Welfare

Welcome to Membership...

Harvey Gold

Eilene, Vic and Jason Anesini

Lawrence, Eva and Lane Tobias

Steven, Ellen, Robert and Douglas Sewell

Mark, Michele, Sarah, Ellen and Heather
Penchinar

Mazel Tov...

Marcella Braunschweiger, on the engagement of her grandson, Jonathan Mintz to Beth Cohen
Janice and Larry Lipsitz on their son David's engagement to Marie Aguiano

Janice and Larry Lipsitz on their daughter Julie's graduation from Indiana University

Joy Herman, on the birth of her granddaughter, Leila Miriam, daughter of Julie Herman and Tom Hirschfeld

Joy Herman, on the birth of her granddaughter, Nina Herman and Howard Seiden

Rabbi Gurvis, on his appointment to the Inter-Religious Advisory Council of Felician College. The task of this council is to promote inter-religious understanding through study and public activities.

Barbara Weissberger, on the marriage of her daughter Laurie Weissberger to Brian Lovett

Madeleine and George Brecher on the marriage of their Daughter, Alison Brecher to David Monk
Elaine and Stan Kotkin on the marriage of their daughter, Eve Kotkin to Kevin Fishman

Heartfelt Condolences To...

Robin Bernstein, on the loss of her beloved father, Leonard Smith

Jeanette Grunstein, on the loss of her mother, Celia Simson, grandmother of Mike Grunstein

Ada Mae Stein on the loss of her beloved niece, Carol Stein Amado

Nancy Plotkin, on the loss of family member, Harold Tepperman

Beryl Barth, on the loss of her sister-in-law, Nanny Fischhof

Temple Emeth mourns the passing of our former members, Fred Werthan, Florence Sultzer, and Gus Oremland