

SURPRISE HERE!

On Monday, February 9th, the Chief Rabbinate issued its verdict on the seven months of work of the Ne'eman Commission. I, for one, am not surprised by the Rabbinate's rejection of the Ne'eman Commission's proposals. I fully expected this response. If there was uncertainty, it came only from the perspective of not knowing at which point the door would be slammed shut by the Chief Rabbinate. Commenting on the verdict, my colleague, Rabbi Uri Regev of the Israel Religious Action Center noted, "the Chief Rabbinate's ruling leaves no doubt that it absolutely rejects any kind of cooperation with us (as they view our liberal movements as) 'trying to shake the foundations of the Jewish religion.'"

The Rabbinate's statement suggests that it is prepared to accept only a part of the Ne'eman Commission's report in that they accept that all conversions in the State of Israel should be performed under the auspices of the Chief Rabbinate and its Rabbinic Councils. There is nothing new here. Nor is there anything surprising in this position. This is merely a restatement of what has always been the case in Israel — the Chief Rabbinate wishes to maintain its absolute monopoly over all religious matters, in this case, conversion. Furthermore, in the Rabbinate's February 9th statement they call for the Knesset to enact legislation regarding conversions which would make the current religious reality a legal one. Without calling it by the same name, in essence the Chief Rabbinate called for a Conversion Bill, not unlike the one that has been on hold during the past seven months while the Ne'eman Commission did its work. They have, it would seem, made their position clear — "there cannot be any cooperation with one who does not accept Torah min ha'shamayim (Divine Revelation of the Torah from heaven)."

Recently I was invited to participate in the formation of a Dialogue group consisting of Jews from across the spectrum of Jewish belief, life and practice within our Jewish community. At the group's most recent meeting there was discussion of various rifts within relationships between Jews. One group member asserted that the healing of such rifts can only be realized if there is, first and foremost, a desire to heal the rift. Without a willingness to search for solutions, the gaps cannot be bridged. Though the statement of the Chief Rabbinate, in response to the Ne'eman Commission's report was never raised at our meeting, it was most certainly on my mind. And I am certain I was not alone! The remark of my fellow dialogue participant has also been on my mind ever since our discussion. Part of

the problem we have been facing in the Jewish community is how to approach the deepening crisis and rift in the Jewish community. However, all along there has been the awareness that the Chief Rabbinate in Israel would maintain the right to scuttle any solution which might be proposed. They have made their point, I believe quite clearly. There is, on the part of the Chief Rabbinate, absolutely no interest in finding an accommodation. There is no true desire to heal the rift. Making such a statement pains me.

Realizing that we must accept it as a reality is even more hurtful. Yet, I believe that we must recognize that this is their position.

However — recognizing that this is the position of the Israeli Chief Rabbinate is one thing. It does not mean that must accept that this is the way matters must be left to stand in Israel. The fight must go on.

Israel was founded as a state for all Jews! I believe that the Chief Rabbinate, through its intransigence, has demonstrated that it does not truly care about all Jews. Its concern is with power, and maintaining that power — all costs! We should not accept this. And I agree with the leaders of our movement who have been at the helm of this fight — Rabbis Uri Regev, Ammiel Hirsch and Eric Yoffie — that the fight must go on.

First and foremost, while our concern for Israel as a state must not diminish, I believe that we can redirect our energies with respect to Israel. It is vital that Reform/Progressive Judaism grow as a real entity on the ground in the Jewish State. Our synagogues, our educational and social service institutions and our rabbis in the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism need our support. And they need it now! Our response to the Israeli Chief Rabbinate must be forthright.

Contrary to their opinion, that we "try to shake the foundations of the Jewish religion" we must show them that their judgment is wrong. We must demonstrate to the entire Jewish community that the unwillingness of the Israeli Chief Rabbinate to join in partnership with us, their fellow Jews, is antithetical to the principles of Judaism. By continuing to strengthen Reform Judaism in Israel we will further the cause of tolerance and religious pluralism, even if the hill seems too steep to climb.

At its February Board Meeting, our Temple Board of Trustees unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of our Israel/ARZA Committee that we make a contribution, as a congregation, to support the Progressive Congregation in Ra'anana (a suburb of Tel Aviv) which, after 8 years of fighting authorities, has finally been granted

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bers were truly outstanding. Thanks to everyone who made the weekend such a success and a delightful experience for all of us.

Looking ahead, our Fiftieth Anniversary celebration continues with our scholar in residence weekend beginning March 20th. Mark your calendars and come learn with Ben Steinberg and enjoy his music. We are also looking forward to our gala Anniversary Ball on May 16th. Plan to join the celebration with old and new friends as we draw to the end of Emeth's fiftieth year.

Although we are celebrating an important year with special events and programs, our regular programming continues. Adult Ed, Shabbatons, Lunch & Learn, Brotherhood Breakfasts, Adult Kallah, the Tennis Party and other committee programs offer a great variety of opportunities for learning, spiritual enrichment and just plain fun. Come and enjoy! Bring your friends! There truly is something for everyone.

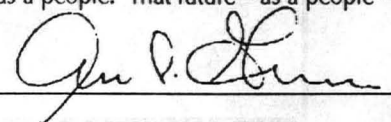
The renovation of the existing building is almost complete and, once again, we're back in full swing. We are also planning tours of the new construction so that everyone can see exactly what our new building will look like from the inside. Dates will be announced shortly and we hope you will come and see what we, together, have made possible. A financial report will also be sent out before the congregational meeting in May so that everyone can see how much we've raised and how much we've spent. Of course, our capital campaign continues and we hope that everyone will participate in this exciting project. Together we are making our dreams a reality. Truly, we enhanced what we have and built for the future.

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land on which they can build a synagogue and school to house their community's activities. I see this as a positive statement and commitment to strengthening Reform Judaism in the State of Israel. In the months and years ahead I hope that we shall be able to forge a relationship with Kehillat Ra'anana – along with other Reform institutions in Israel. The Chief Rabbinate may reject us – but we need not accept their narrow-minded view of what is acceptable as Jewish expression in the Jewish State!

Second, we must not allow all our energies to be directed towards Israel. There is too much at stake in our own Jewish community, in Bergen County and throughout North America. The diversion that the crisis in Israel has provided has allowed us to ignore the reality that we are part of a creative, dynamic and flourishing Jewish community right here. There are bridges to be built right here. There are opportunities

to foster understanding and tolerance – and most importantly cooperation in our own Jewish community. In order to do that, I believe that we must make certain that we are aware of our own priorities. Relationships between Jews must take precedence. If we value our continued existence as a people, as a community, then we must work – harder than ever before – at finding the common ground, and at finding the sources of healing where there is division and pain. As we come to this month's observance of Purim – a festival which reminds us of a time when external enemies sought our destruction, it seems even more important that we reach beyond the divisions and not allow destruction to come from within. While Mordecai may have been able to assure Esther that if she did not act, "help would arise from another place" I fear we do not have the luxury of reliance of help arising from elsewhere to secure our future as a people. That future – as a people – as one people, is in our hands!



From the Religious School



The month of March has arrived and with it are two special services, both filled with pride, but for different reasons. March 11th is our annual erev Purim service abounding with laughter, merriment and fun. We all feel proud when we hear about our ancestors, Esther and Mordechai, who stand up for who they are and save the Jewish people. It says that if you save one life it is as if you have saved the world. Esther and Mordechai ensured the future of the Jews. We are here because of their courage.

The other service I make reference to is taking place erev Shabbat, Friday, March 13th when our seventh grade students will lead the congregation in worship. Our students have worked hard over the years to accomplish learning the Hebrew language. They have also spent time exploring the meaning of what the prayers are about. Making their understanding of the worship experience even greater. We, as a congregation and as part of the larger Jewish community, should take pride in their accomplishments. I invite you to be part of the congregation that evening at services. Let not just their parents kvell over their children, but let us all be part of their lives and tell them "yashar kochachem," "great job". Remind them that when they go off to other congregations that they can be proud of their Jewish heritage and their place in history of the Jewish people.

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The great news at ECC is that our playground has been completed and the children are cheerfully playing in their new space. A huge sandbox was built outside my office window and it has been fun observing the children actively engaged in sand play. They are enjoying the sensation of sifting sand through their fingers, molding sand into a variety of shapes, shoveling and pouring it from one container to another. These activities foster an understanding of cause and effect relationships, provide experiences in creativity and furnish opportunities to practice problem-solving skills. The children are also enjoying our newly installed climbing structure. The double slides are most attractive, the curly climbers are challenging and the walking bridge is fun.

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Reform Congregation Gains Foothold in Ra'anana

Ten years ago, while London-born and raised Rabbi Michael Boyden was working at an immigrant absorption center in Ra'anana, northeast of Tel Aviv, a member of a local chavurah came to him seeking guidance for his group. Since that day, under Boyden's leadership, that chavurah has grown from a small unaffiliated group to a thriving Reform Congregation.

Over 300,000 Israeli's live in a 4-mile radius of Ra'anana, a promising potential that can develop once the congregation owns its own synagogue. Kehilat Ra'anana has been struggling to receive land for a building. In Israel, synagogues do not buy land for a building. They are given public land by the local Council. Boyden's congregation has used rented space which can accommodate them only for weekly Shabbat services and limited activities. They have applied to the Mayor of Ra'anana for land in the same way that 60 Orthodox congregations in town had applied and been given land for their synagogues.

The Mayor, in coalition with the National Religious Party, replied that to award Boyden's

group land would upset more people than it would please. The congregation appealed for several years and was told to buy their own land – at a cost of approximately one million dollars. Meanwhile, Orthodox synagogues continued to receive free land.

As a result of pressure from Reform Jews in North America and threats of court action from the Israel Religious Action Center, the town council has finally granted Kehilat Ra'anana land for a synagogue – part of a deal in which Orthodox groups received twice the amount of land as the Reform, with the agreement to stay quiet, at least temporarily.

Presently the congregation has an ally on the Town Council, Nati Lamm, who is a member of the progressive Meretz Party, and current chair of the town's building and planning committee. However, council elections will take place in the fall, 1998. Lamm has warned Kehilat Ra'anana to take advantage of this window of opportunity to start building as soon as possible, while he is still the chair of the committee.

Plans have been drawn which include a synagogue, kindergarten, day care area, youth area and library. Rabbi Boyden hopes construction can begin this summer.

Temple Emeth's Board of Trustees has approved the recommendation of the Arza/Israel Committee to send \$500 to this very worthy congregation. The money will come from the Margery Rothschild Memorial Fund for Israel/Arza. Our congregation has worked very hard to use political pressure on the leadership of the Knesset. But, the time has come to participate "on the ground". As we watch with great joy the work being done at Temple Emeth, we understand Kehilat Ra'anana's need for a "home" of their own. Our Committee urges members of our own Synagogue family to keep the Israel/Arza Fund in mind when making contribution to honor or console those dear to us. By doing so, we will be able to replenish the fund, and thus continue our mandate.

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So said our rabinic sages, who were so enamored of Purim they predicted that even when the Messiah arrived, this holiday would still be celebrated.

The victory of Esther and Mordechai over the evil Haman is marked with noisy revelry by costumed listeners, commanded to hear and respond (with boos and cheers) to the scroll (megillah) of Esther.

But there are other commandments associated with this holiday that are also interesting, if less well known:

- Purimshpiels (skits) are performed, whose purpose is to poke fun at authority figures and traditional texts – no one is safe from this playful mockery, least of all the rabbi! Reverence is tossed aside!
- On Purim, we must give charity to everyone who asks us. Even if we suspect that the person who is asking really has no need for our money, on this holiday we give without questioning.
- Purim is also the day to commemorate other events in our history when Jews were saved from anti-Semites. Right over night is reaffirmed.
- We are told to prepare and enjoy a large, festive repast, known as the Purim "se'udah" (meal). Dessert is, of course, traditional haman-

tashen – small cakes that are filled with apricots, prunes, or poppy seed, and baked in the triangular shape of Haman's hat.

This is a holiday that precedes the reckless joy of spring fever and echoes its hilarious celebrations. As Jews have throughout our history, on Purim we laugh in the face of danger and mock those who wish to make us feel afraid. On Purim, we reaffirm that even when the odds are against us, victory against oppression is possible.

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In response to this crisis situation, UJA Federation of Bergen County and North Hudson is joining other federations around the country in supporting the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee's (JDC) Container Project. From now to Purim, the federation will coordinate this community-wide project to collect warm clothes that will be shipped in a JDC container to elderly Jews in the Ukraine. Among the items that are needed are sweaters, thermal underwear, pajamas, wool hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, socks, slippers, blankets, sheets and pillowcases.

According to Andrea Haasova, a JDC representative who helped launch the project in Bergen County and North Hudson, there are an estimated 600,000 elderly Jews in the FSU, half of whom are in desperate need of help. Over the past four years, JDC has developed a network of welfare services in response to this situation. They currently reach approximately 70,000 who receive cash assistance, food packages, medical equipment and home care visits.

"A pair of socks, gloves, a scarf might be small and ordinary things for us, but can help someone on the other side of the world so much," Haasova said, "People who support this project might never meet the people they are helping, but their gift will give these elderly Jews much more than just warmth ...it will give them the knowledge that they are not alone anymore."

Three seventh grader students from the Moriah School of Englewood – Zen Gontownik, Jay

Reidler, and Daniel Setton – have made the Container Project their Bar Mitzvah chesed project. They collected \$767 at a singles event held at a private home in Englewood and will use this money to buy items for the elderly Jews in the FSU. The boys who all live in Englewood, said they are planning other fund-raising events for this project, and will donate some of their Bar Mitzvah money to purchase more items.

All items donated to the Container Project must be new in order for the authorities in the FSU to allow the container into the country. People, or organizations or schools that want to get involved or make a donation of clothing should call Genene Kaye, project coordinator at 488-6800.

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Camp Harlam to Celebrate 40th Anniversary

On May 15-17, 1998, Camp Harlam - UAHC Camp-Institute for Living Judaism will be celebrating its 40th anniversary with the theme, "Where Friends Become Family." Present Harlam families and alumni are invited to gather at camp for a Shabbat weekend of renewed friendships, recreational and creative activities, a gala banquet, a historical multi-media presentation, Shabbat worship and song session extravaganzas led by Harlam alumni who are now rabbis, cantors, educators, musicians and lay leaders in their temples. For more information or if you are interested in volunteering for a committee, call 1-800-368-1090.

Summer '98 Israel at 50 Experiences Scholarships Available For Students

With Israel celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, this is the ideal time for students to participate in an Israel Experience. The UJA Federation of Bergen County & North Hudson wants to ensure that as many students as possible experience this milestone in Israel's history first-hand.

Needs-based and incentive scholarships are being offered by the UJA Federation to local teens who would like to participate in a recognized Israel Experience this summer.

Teens who want to apply for this scholarship money should write an essay as to why they want to participate in an Israel Experience. The UJA Federation Scholarship Committee will review these essays, conduct interviews with candidates and parents, and review references and the family's financial situation before deciding who will receive scholarships.

Additional scholarships may also be available for teens who are going to public high school and are not attending any Jewish supplemental high school right now. This group of teens must make a commitment to join a recognized supplementary high school for a year of Jewish studies in order to be eligible for a scholarship.

The deadline for applications is March 9. For further information about Israel Experience scholarships, or to receive an application, call Eitan Shaul, community shaliach, at 488-6800.



INTERFAITH ISSUES...

A discussion group is now forming for parents/grandparents of interfaith couples. Anyone interested in sharing common experiences and perspectives in a relaxed, informal setting, please contact Temple Emeth's outreach Committee. The agenda and meeting schedule will be set by the group.

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Michele Torres has been an administrative Assistant at Temple Emeth for 1-1/2 years. She is presently a senior at William Paterson College with a double major in history and teacher certification. Michele will be leaving her job responsibilities at Temple Emeth when she begins her student teaching this fall. "I'll miss everyone here when I leave in September. Temple Emeth is a great place to work because it's like being with family," Michele explained.

In January 1997, Michele converted to Judaism under the guidance of Rabbi Gurvis. She will be married in June, to Ross Burns and looks forward to becoming a member of Temple Emeth.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, the staff and the congregation, we wish Michele much joy in her marriage, the best of luck in her new career and a very warm welcome as a new Temple Emeth member.

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- planting projects at two homes for Seniors
- Choir visits to two facilities
- two exciting environmental projects coordinated with the Hackensack River Keeper
- crafts projects
- food/glasses drives
- advocacy work
- creating a "Temple Emeth Survival Kit" to welcome kids new to our religious school
- painting a room(s) for the Inter-Religious Fellowship for the Homeless
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The theme of the concert is "Israel in Song", honoring the Golden Anniversary of the State of Israel; the choirs' selections will be music by Israeli composers or associated with Israel.

Cantor Anna Berman of the host congregation announced that each choir will present two or three musical selections of their own choosing and that all the choirs will join together to perform works at the start and the conclusion of the concert. The opening work will be Reuven Kosakoff's

arrangement of "Hatikvah," while the concluding number will be "Tefilah" by David Berger.

The program is sponsored jointly by Temple Har Shalom, the American Conference of Cantors (ACC) and the New Jersey-West Hudson Valley Council of the UAHC. Cantor Charles Romalis and the Assistant Regional Director Paul Kaufman are representing, respectively, the ACC and the UAHC.

All members of regional congregations, as well as members of the public are warmly invited to attend this noteworthy musical event. For further information, call Paul Kaufman at (201) 722-9090.

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- former songleaders • lost alumni
- camp photos or slides with images that date camp (particularly 50's-70's including the Menchy years) to be used in a multi-media historical retrospective presentation. Send with a SASE to:
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TEENS: *Spend a Summer with NFTY*

Now is the time to make summer plans, and NFTY has some outstanding summer programs for teens entering grades 9 to 12:

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Songleading, youth group leadership, art drama, and Israeli dance are some of the activities open to participants in the four-or-seven-week sessions at the **NFTY Leadership Academy at Kutz Camp**. Participants at Kutz

Camp will have the opportunity to work one-on-one as a mentor for a child with autistic behavior.

At Kutz, teens develop and refine their leadership and programming skills, learn more about Judaism, discover the world of social action, and express themselves creatively through a range of visual and performing arts in a relaxed, college-like environment. Kutz Camp is the perfect place for incoming youth group officers, songleaders and any Jewish high school student looking for an incredible summer of learning and growing.

In **NFTY-GER's Urban Mitzvah Corps** program, teenagers perform social action, everyday of the summer. Through activities working with children and the elderly, in a soup kitchen, and in a hospital, a wonderful sense of community provide a fulfilling summer experience.

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**Outreach Shabbat Service
Friday, March 15, 1998, 8:30 pm**
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The Outreach Committee is also looking for people interested in working on a Membership Brochure or to serve on the Committee. Please contact Barbara Finkelstein at 801-0206 or Paula Dillon at 692-0609 for further information.

Temple Emeth

March 6 - 19, 1998



Friday, March 6, 1998

Family Service at 7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Tetzaveh Rabbi Gurvis will tell a story

*The Oneg Shabbat will be sponsored by Sally and Robert Krakower
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Saturday, March 7, 1998 Shabbat Worship at 10:30 am

**Bar Mitzvah of Jonathan Krakower,
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Torah Portion - Exodus 30:11 - 34:35 Haftarah Portion - I Kings 18:1-39

Sat, Mar. 7	9:15 am	Torah Study
	10:30 am	Shabbat Worship B/M Jonathan Krakower
Sun, Mar. 8		Purim Carnival
	9/11 am	Religious School
	9:00 am	Adult B/M Class
	11:30 am	Outreach Committee
	4:00 pm	Gay Gesund
	6:00 pm	Shelter Homeless

Tue, Mar. 10	4:00 pm	Religious School
	7:30 pm	Adult Ed Classes
	8:45 pm	Adult Ed Class
Wed, Mar. 11	12:15 pm	Lunch & Learn
	4:00 pm	Religious School
	7:30 p.m.	Megillah Reading
Thu, Mar. 12	10:00 am	Prime Timers
	8:00 pm	Adoptive Parents
	8:00 pm	Board of Trustees

Friday, March 13, 1998 Shabbat Kee Tissa at 8:30 pm

Rabbi Gurvis will speak

*The Oneg Shabbat is sponsored by Marcy and Scott Porter
in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Ethan*

Saturday, March 14, 1998 Shabbat Worship at 10:30 am

**Bar Mitzvah of Ethan Porter,
son of Marcy and Scott Porter**

Torah Portion - Exodus 30:11 - 35:23 Haftarah Portion - I Kings 18:1-39



Sat, Mar. 14	9:15 am	Torah Study
	9:15 am	Tot Shabbat
	10:30 am	Shabbat Services B/M Ethan Porter
Sun, Mar. 15	9:00 am	Religious School
	9:00 am	Adult B/M Class
	6:00 pm	Shelter Homeless
	7:30 pm	Healing Service
Mon, Mar. 16	8:00 pm	Caring Community

Tue, Mar. 17	4:00 pm	Religious School
	8:00 pm	Adult Ed Meeting
Wed, Mar. 18	12:15 pm	Lunch & Learn
	4:00 pm	Religious School
	6:15 pm	Etz Chayim/Kadima
	8:00 pm	Adult Choir
	8:00 pm	Board of Education Mtg.
Thu, Mar. 19	8:00 pm	Ritual Meeting
	8:00 pm	Ways and Means Mtg.

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**Temple Emeth's SOCIAL ACTION
Committee Proudly Announces its
Third Annual**

PURIM TOY DRIVE



**Please bring NEW TOYS and BOOKS in their
ORIGINAL PACKAGING (No Gift Wrap) to the
bin in the TEMPLE LOBBY between March 1st
and March 15th.**

**The toys and books will be distributed to
needy children during the following week.**



***"Make days of feasting and gladness, and of sending
portions to one another, and gifts to the poor."***

Esther 9:22

Important!

Annual Reports are Due March 15th!!

Prime Timers...

Prime Timers will meet on Thursday, March 12th at 10:30 a.m.

We will celebrate Purim with Cantor Zvulun and lunch. All Temple members are welcome. For information or reservations, please call Lotte Wolf (385-8945) or Cliff Lampe (440-4661)

Brotherhood-Sisterhood Committee Interfaith Education Series

This committee, whose purpose is to increase opportunities for dialogue among various religious groups within Bergen County, focuses on fostering understanding and respect between religious communities. All are welcome to join in this ongoing dialogue. Please note the following dates and topics.

Tuesday, March 3, Temple Shalom, 385 Howland Ave, River Edge at 7pm. The topic is the role of the clergy.

Tuesday, March 10, Saint Mary's Roman Catholic Church, 280 Washington Avenue, Dumont at 7pm. The topic will be Major Holidays.

Tuesday, March 17, First Reformed Church, 42 Court Street, Hackensack at 7pm. The topic will be Sacraments or Religious Rituals.

Tuesday, March 24, Wilhelm Bahai'i School Properties, 130 Evergreen Place, Teaneck at 7pm. The topic will be life beyond death.

Tuesday, March 31, Dar Ul Islah Islamic Center, Fabrey Terrace, Teaneck at 7pm. The topic will be Weekly/Daily Worship Gatherings.

Good & Welfare

Get Well Wishes To...

Betty Menkes

Lydia Schwartz

Summer '98 Israel at 50 Experience Scholarships available for Students

Needs-based and incentive scholarships are being offered by the UJA Federation to local teenagers who would like to participate in a recognized Israel experience this summer.

Teens who want to apply for this scholarship money should write an essay as to why they want to participate in an *Israel Experience*.

The deadline to apply for all UJA Federation Israel Experience scholarships is March 9, 1998.

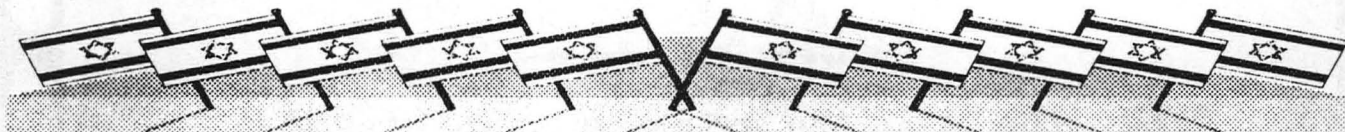
For further information about Israel Experience scholarships, or to receive a scholarship, call Eitan Shaul at Community Shaliach at 488-6800.

Wanted

Reminisces, anecdotes, comments of Emeth's first fifty years sought from one and all. Recent and long-time members are urged to reply.

Submit material by March 15th to Joseph Boonin at the Temple office (computer disk preferred) or by e-mail.

Questions? Call Joseph Boonin (201) 836-5313, e-mail (jboonin@carroll.com)



Hold This Date!!! Tuesday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Rabbi Michael Boyden of Kehilat Ra'anana

Please join with the members of the Israel/ARZA committee as we welcome Rabbi Boyden. He will give us first hand information about his congregation in Ra'anana, its activities, and problems with the local religious council. All are welcome !