

## A NIGHT UNLIKE ANY OTHER

**P**esach is a time of memories. Seder night evokes a bundle of memories for so many of us. We remember the sounds. We recall the smells. We remember family members and family gatherings as well as the idiosyncratic ways in which our particular families fashioned their own observances and customs. For me, memories of Seder nights gone by evoke warm and loving memories of my grandparents and of family gatherings. I can remember hunting for the afikomen with my brothers and cousins. My memories also bring to mind the occasions of celebrating Pesach at a kibbutz Seder on Kibbutz Ma'ale Ha-Chamisha as I did at Pesach in 1977. I recall sitting at the table of a friend's family in Rishon LeTzion at Pesach 1979 – a family steeped in Yemenite tradition. During the Seder that night I was exposed to a part of Jewish tradition about which I had only read in books. And there are the memories of beginning to build our family tradition as in recent years the Seder has shifted to our home and the task of organizing and conducting fell on our shoulders. Each memory builds on the others. With each passing year the meaning of this particular celebration grows deeper in meaning and richness.

Without fail, I look forward to each year's celebration of Pesach with great anticipation. Somehow I never fail to get caught up in the excitement and tumult of preparing for and holding Seder. I am reasonably certain I am not alone in this. While we Jews turn out in great numbers for the High Holy Days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, studies suggest that the most widely observed Jewish ritual is the Passover Seder. To be sure, our sederim take many shapes and forms. Nonetheless, there is something which binds us to this ancient ritual. For me it is a link to what I believe has to be one of the oldest, continually practiced religious rituals known to

humanity. In one fashion or another, our people has been observing Pesach for a long time. Over time, our ritual has been embellished and elaborated upon as each generation has sought, in its own way, in light of its own experience, to see itself as if it had come forth from Egypt.

Preparing for Pesach and the Seder is not a simple matter of culinary preparation. While so much of our celebration revolves around food, there can be so much more to getting ready for the holiday. As one who never needs too much of a push to acquire new books, finding a new Haggadah to add to my ever-growing collection of haggadot is a part of my personal preparation. It is not a simple matter of buying another book to stick on my bookshelves. For me, studying the Haggadah, and looking for new insights, new questions and new material is as much a part of getting ready as is getting rid of the chometz.

I urge you to try this in your own anticipation of the holiday. This part of the task is made easier with the growing wealth of materials. I, myself, have found some of the newer materials in recent years enticing and inviting. I mention just three: The Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem has published *A Different Night: The Family Participation Haggadah*. This "interactive" text offers a myriad of suggestions for livening up the Seder experience. And there is even a separate Leader's Guide which can help make the material come even more alive. A second offering is Shimon Apisdorf's *The Survival Kit Family Haggadah*. A third and final book worth looking at is Ron Wolfson's *The Art of Jewish Living: The Passover Seder*. While these are hardly the only three worthwhile texts, they are three that stand out in my mind as worthwhile. Nor is what I am encouraging a matter of acquiring copies for everyone at your Seder table. Rather, I suggest you pick out one text – buy a

### A Few Words from the Rabbi...

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# From the Religious School



Over the last two years, Rabbi Gurvis and I have had the privilege of meeting with parents through our new "Parent Tea" evenings. We now have annual "teas" with the parents of 2nd and 5th grade students at the home of a family in that grade. We have learned a great deal from the dialogues and I think the parents have come to realize things about the school and congregation as well. Most of all, it has opened greater lines of communication between the parents and us.

Some of what we have been told is that parents are enjoying the opportunities we have provided to study and experience Judaism together with their children. This month allows for two wonderful occasions to celebrate some of the most positive experiences in our Jewish history. Passover is an exciting holiday that is predominantly a home celebration. Some families love to have a big seder and do many of the readings in the Haggadah. Others are content to host a small celebration and read just the "highlights" of the seder. Of course, there are others who fall between these. Whatever your inclination, I encourage you to celebrate this inspiring retelling of the Israelites leaving the slavery of Egypt and beginning their wanderings in the desert, becoming the Jewish people. There is much for us to learn about ourselves through this ancient story.

Also in April, we will celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day. This year, we are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the modern State of Israel. The link between these two holidays is especially poignant this year. As Israel matures to 50 and is continuing to face a variety of difficult issues, we should take this opportunity to see where we were thousands of years ago and reflect on what the Jewish people has become. I encourage you to take the experiences that are available to us through family observance and worship of these holidays to reconnect to one another and to Judaism.

Morris, Matti, Zari and Avi join me in wishing you a happy, healthy and joyous Pesach.

B'shalom,

Lisa Lieberman Barzilai, RJE

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copy – and in your preparation for this year's festival observance and Seder, set aside some time for study. It will make a difference, as you watch your Seder come alive with new meaning as you find your place among the generations that have sought to fulfill the dictum of the Haggadah: "In each and every generation, we are duty bound to see our-

selves as if we had personally gone forth from Egypt." May this year's journey to freedom be especially rich in meaning. Laura, Benjamin, Sarah, Aaron and Jacob join me in sending – from our home to yours – best wishes for a happy, healthy and kosher Pesach!

Rabbi Eric Gurvis

# Early Childhood Center committee

- Our beautiful and long-awaited playground has been installed and the children are thoroughly enjoying the equipment, particularly the oversized sandbox. Construction in the new school wing is progressing well and we look forward to its completion in the Spring.
- Registration for next year for children ages 2-5 is underway. We are exploring an early drop-off program starting at 8 am to accommodate working parents.
- Summer camp registration continues. Call the school office at 833-8466 to arrange a tour of our terrific, new facilities and meet our capable staff.
- A happy and healthy Passover to our ECC families and to the entire congregation – and to the children: good luck finding the Afikomen!

.....  
Upon Laura Schneider's notification to us that she will not be returning to our pre-school, a committee was formed of individuals with varied, but related backgrounds to the early

childhood field and/or the recruitment/hiring process. Its members are Judy Fox, Laura Gurvis, Rhona Herman, Wendy Kosokoff, Cheri Kuerer, Nancy Plotkin, and Debbie Rutz. Ex-Officio members are Joe Boonin, Rabbi Gurvis and Cantor Zvulun.

The committee has identified desired skills for the director's position, advertised in publications and began the interview process after receiving resumes from some capable candidates. The search was narrowed to two very qualified candidates and a final decision was made on an applicant with a very solid, strong Early Childhood background, a strong familiarity with Jewish curriculum and desirable personal skills. Contract negotiations should begin shortly.

Our ECC will miss Laura, but the committee feels optimistic and confident about the hiring of a suitable candidate.

A special thanks to Judy Fox and Nancy Plotkin for their valuable input from their related professional backgrounds. I'd like to commend our committee on their commitment to our objective, working well with each other and, most importantly, deciding on a great candidate.

Wendy Dessanti, Chairperson

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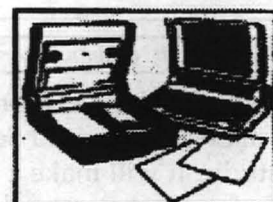
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## Early Childhood Center

We all had a great time celebrating Purim. If you walked through the wing of the nursery school you probably experienced the aroma of hamantaschen, viewed children making their own masks, costumes, groggers and shalach manot baskets. Some of the children prepared extra baskets which were delivered to residents of a local nursing home.

For Passover, we plan to have a model seder for the parents in our four-year-old program conducted by Rabbi Gurvis and Cantor Zvulun. The two- and three-year old children will have their own special seder in their individual classrooms. To prepare for the seders the children will make seder plates, the cup of Elijah, matzah covers, charoset and matzah.

If you have young children at home, there are many ways to enhance your child's Passover experience. Here are some suggestions:

- Make the charoset together
- Try baking matzah
- Purchase lollipop holiday molds and make chocolate lollipops
- Hide a piece of afikoman at the seder and give a child a special treat after it is found
- Make a Passover scrapbook. Take pictures and write a story about the seder

For further information about Passover activities for young children, please feel free to call me at 833-8466.

Wishing you and your family a happy Passover....

*Laura Schneider*  
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We are lining up

- 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/eye 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
- a newly designed, unique service to start the morning

All Temple Emeth committees and constituents are cooperating to create a wonderful event for all members and religious school students.

## *Passover: A Time for Sharing and Caring*

As Passover approaches, think for a moment about the time at the seder when the youngest child at the table asks the four questions. I ask an important fifth question:

*Will you, and each family at your seder table, invite one hungry person to enter and eat?*

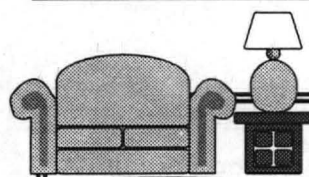
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We must remember that the freedom our people gained through our exodus from Egypt – and which we now celebrate – came before Mt. Sinai and the receiving of the Ten Commandments. We are the children of that exodus and that freedom, and we must use it to free others who desperately need our help. For them, there is no parting of the waters, there are no miracles – just a crushing burden of poverty and hunger that they alone cannot lift, no matter how hard they try. I believe that we can and should provide as much help as possible to free them from that burden. The legacy of this act of loving kindness is a treasure that we as a people possess.

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 Not empty philosophy, her actions stood behind it  
 My Dad said money's round and will come and go  
 The ups and down's of our life, really proved it so  
 They both believed in giving  
 And passed this though to me  
 A very fine expression of their philosophy  
 Give more thought to what you give  
 And less to what you have, my son'  
 I've hearkened to their fine advice  
 And so their battle's won!

## Kallah '98 Highlights...

We've returned from Kallah '98 refreshed, enlightened, enthused and looking forward to another weekend of learning and conviviality. Our gratitude to Rabbi Gurvis for leading us through a fabulous weekend of Study and Prayer. Thanks, also, to Bernice Ritzer, our Kallah "Skallah" for sharing her artistry and knowledge of Ketubot. Yesher Koach to all the Kallah-Niks for their participation and kind words.

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# Passover

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special dishes and cookware used only for this holiday which are unpacked and put in place of those used everyday. The home is searched for signs of Chametz (any leavened product made of wheat, oats, rye, barley and spelt) and these foods are removed. So that the food is not wasted, some families send these items to a food pantry for the needy. The holiday is observed for seven days and the Seder (the religious serves and festive meal) is held on the first night; in some homes, on the second night as well. Many of our Reform congregations have community seders on the second night of the holiday.

Preparation for the seder takes time and energy, but it is well worth it. Matzoh is used in place of bread; special desserts are baked and delicacies such as matzoh balls, charoses (a mixture of nuts, apples and wine), gefilte fish and tzimmes are prepared. Children look forward to Passover because they play a very special role in the celebration. During the reading of the Haggadah, the youngest child is asked to read the "Four Questions" At the end of the meal, the children join in searching for the hidden "Afikoman" (originally used as a good luck charm during the Middle Ages).

The day of the Seder arrives and the table is set with the finest of everything including flowers and candles. Symbolic foods for the Seder plate are prepared and a Haggadah (the written story of the holiday is placed at each plate. One of the Seder rituals is setting a special cup of wine for Elijah, the prophet, and opening the door to welcome him. This symbolizes our hope and belief in the coming of the Messianic Age. But it also

symbolizes the warmth and welcoming of the Jewish community to the strangers among us.

Whenever possible, our tradition asks us to make room for one more at the Seder table. Passover is to be shared with friends and family. Are you having a Seder? Invite someone to share your celebration.

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The 8:45 period brings Student Rabbi Peter Stein's course, "Jewish Law: A Primer" and Rabbi Gurvis' course, "Messengers of God: The Prophets of Ancient Israel". Finally, we're trying something new in the Mini-University. Beginning on April 28th, following Rabbi Sigel's four-week course, we will offer "Issues facing the Reform Jewish Community". On each of four successive Tuesday evenings, an issue of importance will be introduced for examination and discussion by a Temple member:

**Gloria Barsky** (assisted by ARZA representative Anna Lederman), *"Reform Jews and Israel; Reform Judaism in Israel"*; **Paul Kaufman**, *"From the Garden of Eden to Love Canal: What on Earth Have We Done?"*; **Ted Greenwood**, *"UJA Federation*

*and the Issue of Jewish Pluralism"* and **Frederick Binder**, *"Education in the 21st Century: Public Schools or Reform Day Schools?"*

On April 5th, our Sunday Special program moves by bus to New York City. Forty congregants will experience a visual tour of Jewish history in the most Jewish of American cities, visiting sites on the Lower East Side, sampling traditional delicacies at Ratner's and ending the day uptown at Temple Emau-El and its Bernard Museum.

Our committee-sponsored programs for the year 5758 end on a particularly high note. Rabbi Gurvis has graciously agreed to lead a shabbaton on Saturday afternoon, April 25th, 3:00 PM, at the home of Marvin and Gloria Barsky, 9 Skyline Drive, Englewood Cliffs. The Rabbi will speak on "Christian-Jewish Dialogue: Are We Speaking the Same Language?". Following his talk, questions and discussion, our shabbaton, will conclude at 5:00 pm with a brief Havdalah service. Plan to attend, and be sure to call the Barskys (567-2929) to let them know you're coming!

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Tsilla Thuman

**T**silla Thumin, Our Temple Controller for the past 4-1/2 years, was born in Israel. A month after she married, Tsilla and her husband Alfred came to the United States. She graduated from New York University with a B.S. in mathematics and later took graduate courses in accounting. These days, Tsilla is very busy preparing for the May wedding of her eldest son Daniel to Judith Aaronson. She also has a daughter Ruth who lives in Boston and a son Leron at Cornell University.

As our Controller, Tsilla works closely with the Executive Committee's Treasurer and Financial Secretary. She organized and computerized the financial system. Additionally, she analyzes and reconciles the accounts in the general ledger that result in a complete financial statement.

"Accounting can be dry if you only work with numbers. Working at Temple Emeth is enjoyable because I get to meet and talk to the members...I love working with Marion and Michele."

The congregation, staff and Board of Trustees wish a MAZEL TOV to Tsilla and Alfred.

## Dr. Ira Spar Returns to Israel's Tel Hadar at April B'Yachad Breakfast

B'Yachad (Brotherhood) invites you to join Dr. Ira Spar for a breakfast trip to Israel's historic "digs" on Sunday, April 19, 10:00 a.m. in the Social Hall.

Dr. Spar, Professor of Ancient History and Archaeology at Ramapo College, will highlight "Ten Years of Archaeology in the Biblical land of Geshur."

It will be an exciting encore to his last memorable presentation on the Tel Hadar dig a few years ago. He and his student group returned from Israel last August where they uncovered an almost complete building of an unknown Biblical period civilization dating the 16th century BCE -- the time of the patriarchs!

Dr. Spar is also Director of the NJ Archaeological Consortium for the excavations at Tel Hadar and Research Assyriologist at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Cost is a modest \$4.00 or \$3.00 for seniors (age 65 and up). Due to space limitations, please RSVP with your check by April 13! This is the last B'Yachad breakfast of our 50th anniversary year, and we look forward to having you join us for this unique program.

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Prayerbook Fund	
Religious School Fund	

Endowed Funds: - contributions are added to principal held by the Temple Emeth Endowment Foundation and income from the funds is distributed yearly.

Adult Kallah Scholarship Fund  
 Honigberg/Howard Religious School Scholarship Fund  
 Lazar Educational Enrichment Fund  
 Alfred and Helen Levin Youth Award Fund  
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Mazon	Center for Food Action

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 Cantor's Discretionary Fund  
 The Albert and Mildred Otten Institute for Living Arts



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**ADULT EDUCATION FUND**

- Bea and Alan Westin in memory of Beatrice Binder, mother of Fred Binder

**BARBARA STRAUSSMAN MEMORIAL FUND**

- Bernice Slotnick in honor of her father, Sol Landsman

**CANTORS DISCRETIONARY FUND**

- Nicole and Doug Falk in memory of Nicole's beloved father, Meyer Millman

**FABREC**

- Ada Mae Stein sending get well wishes to Jacob Gurvis
- Enid and Sid Broder in honor of the birth of Alexandra and Matthew Grunstein, grandchildren of Micki and Mike Grunstein

**ISRAEL/ARZA FUND**

- Elaine and Joe Pollack in honor of the birth of Alexandra and Matthew Grunstein, grandchildren of Micki and Mike Grunstein
- Elaine and Joe Pollack in honor of the recovery of Jacob Gurvis

**MUSIC FUND**

- Elaine Manberg in memory of Esther Like
- Enid and Sid Broder sending get well wishes to Barbara Kaufman
- Shirley and Harold Solan in honor of the birth of Alexandra and Matthew Grunstein, grandchildren of Micki and Mike Grunstein

**RABBI GURVIS DISCRETIONARY FUND**

- Bea and Alan Westin in memory of Ralph Peterson, husband of Pat Peterson
- Bea and Alan Westin in memory of Irwin Price, brother of Rachael Sugarman
- Bea and Alan Westin in memory of Meyer Milman, father of Nicole Falk
- Bea and Alan Westin in memory of Mary Taub, mother of Cyndy Friedland
- Bea and Alan Westin in honor of Jacob Kizner Gurvis
- Bea and Alan Westin in honor of Bradley Fleishman, grandson of Carlene and Seymour Fleishman
- Bea and Alan Westin in honor of Dvora Rose Pader, granddaughter of Muriel Pader
- Bea and Alan Westin in honor of the engagement of Sam Boonin to Teresa Tauchi. Sam is the son of Nancy and Joe Boonin.

**RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND (Cont.)**

- Bea and Alan Westin in honor of the engagement of Pari Hymowitz to Adam Zahl. Pari is the daughter of Rhonda Goodman and Martin Hymowitz.
- Sybil Silberman in gratitude to Rabbi Gurvis
- Ethel Dembe in honor of the birth of Noah Frank, grandson of Marilyn Brummel
- Carol and Bob Heischober in honor of the marriage of their daughter Ilene to Darren Schey

**SPEEDY RECOVERY TO JACOB GURVIS**

- Cathy and David Bicofsky
- Muriel Pader
- Sydel and Sy Yegelwel
- Marylou and Laurence Goldstein
- Micki and Mike Grunstein
- Fran Hyman
- Pauline and Stan Hecht
- Rhona and Eric Herman
- Sandi and Jerry Klein
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- Pam and Dan Leff
- Barbara and Paul Kaufman
- Ada Mae Stein
- Wendy & Daniel Dessanti

**MARGERY ROTHSCHILD ISRAEL FUND**

- Enid and Sidney Broder in honor of twin grandsons born to Boris Bierstein

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- Rose Kay Browning and Bernard Faust in memory of Sidney Faust
- Philip and Suzanne Keusch in memory of Aaron Keusch
- Marcia Friedman in memory of Herbert Friedman and Esther Friedman
- Carol Heischober in memory of Ann Kirschenbaum
- Audrey and Norman Muehsam in memory of Edward J. Muehsam
- Sally Gellert in memory of Rebecca Kooper
- Fran Schneider in memory of Betty Schein
- Elsie Rose in memory of Helen Block
- Teris and Fred Binder in memory of Harry Binder
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**Religious School  
Registration**

**Religious School  
registration for  
1998-1999/5759 is now  
taking place. Early bird  
registration fees are good  
through June 15, 1998. If  
you need a registration  
form, please call the school  
office at 833-8466.  
Any questions? Please call  
Lisa Lieberman Barzilai,  
Director of Education at  
the school office.**



# MITZVAH DAY '98!

**The First Annual !**

**Date: Sunday, May 3rd 1998**

**Time: 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM**

**All of Temple Emeth is coming  
together on a special day to help  
our neighbors and neighborhood.**

**We have an exciting variety of  
events planned.**

**Please turn the page for the  
details.**

**Social Action Committee**

Religious School

Environment Committee

Ritual Committee

Children's Worship Committee

## **Help the needy**

Food drive, visit an adult  
home cheer, blood drive, and  
more....

## **Help the environment**

Clean a park by the River,  
Raise pollution awareness,  
plant gardens, and more....

## **Advocacy**

Help with mailing drives for  
UAHC and Jewish Family  
Services, contact legislators,  
and more....

# Tikkun Olam

**TEMPLE EMETH**

## MITZVAH DAY MAY 3<sup>RD</sup> 1998

On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Temple Emeth will be holding its First Annual Mitzvah Day. We will start the day at 9:00 a.m. with a short creative service for the entire congregation. Following the service, we will split up and perform an entire array of mitzvot on and off Temple grounds. We will reconvene at around 1:00 p.m. for a light lunch and to share our experiences. We will break for the day between 1:30 and 2:00 p.m.

There are programs for adults, children, and teenagers. The Religious School is devoting both of its sessions to Mitzvah Day activities. Religious school students who cannot participate with their families in off-site activities will take part in one of our on-site Mitzvah Day activities with our religious school faculty.

We will provide all necessary materials for all projects (except gardening tools). You need to bring only yourselves.

We look forward to a congregation-wide response. Reform congregations elsewhere have held Mitzvah Days with great success. Let's make our Temple Emeth Mitzvah Day a shining example in Bergen County.

The following are the details of the projects we have planned.

### For Everyone - Food/Glasses/Tzedakah Drive

- i) The local food pantry always runs short of food and other supplies in the summer. This is a perfect opportunity for Temple Emeth to help make sure the shelves are stocked during the slow donation months. Especially needed are items for infants. We need donations - and we need help sorting the food.
- ii) Local Lions Clubs have eyeglasses drops in many towns - in Teaneck at the post office and in New Milford at the Town Hall. Please bring old glasses, both lenses and frames, to the drop box in the Social Hall.
- iii) Bring in your bulging *Tzedakah* cans - we will sort them for you!

### Project #1 Gardening

Plant a vegetable and flower garden at Brightside Manor, a senior home in Teaneck. Last year we had a great time providing a driveway flower bed and a backyard vegetable patch for Brightside's twenty residents. We're doing it again! *All ages welcome, children under 12 with adult please.*

### Project #2 More Gardening

We're also planting a garden at the Sam Gorovoy Senior Residence in Bergenfield. Help brighten the residents' spring and summer. *All ages welcome, children under 12 with adult please.*

### Project #3 Hackensack Riverfront Cleanup

Our neighborhood river needs help! Joined by the Hackensack Riverkeeper - yes, there is one - we will clean the water's edge at Andreas Park in Teaneck and help keep trash from getting into the river. (We will not be going in or on the water.) *All ages welcome, children under 12 with adult please.*



# MITZVAH DAY MAY 3<sup>RD</sup> 1998

## Project #4 River Pollution Prevention

Few realize that the storm drains in Teaneck all drain into either Overpeck Park or the Hackensack River. We will be attaching special town-approved medallions to storm drain shields in a few Teaneck neighborhoods to focus the public's awareness on pollution from this source. (The medallions read, "No Dumping - Drains to Stream" with a fish in the center, to remind everyone of the wildlife at risk.) *All ages welcome, children under 12 with adult please.*

## Project #5 Paint a Room at a Homeless Shelter

Under the auspices of the Interreligious Fellowship for the Homeless, we will brighten up one or more rooms at an I.R.F. facility. Bring your painter's caps and overalls - we'll supply the paint and brushes. *Adults and teens only.*

## Project #6 Blood Drive

A Bloodmobile will be stationed in our parking lot starting late in the morning. *Adults only.*

## Project #7 Food/Glasses/ Tzedakah Drive in our Temple Building

Help sort the food, glasses, and tzedakah you and your fellow congregants bring to the Temple. *All ages welcome.*

## Project #8 Baking

Come test drive our new kitchen! We will be baking cookies, cupcakes and other goodies for the Hackensack soup kitchen and homeless shelter. *Religious school children plus gourmets of all ages.*

## Project #9 Raise Your Voices in Song!

*Etz Chayim, Kadima!*, and our Adult Choir will be visiting two local nursing homes to sing and visit with residents. *Choir members and parents.*

## Project #10 Office Help for Non-Profit Organizations

We will be helping two or three non-profit organizations with mailings and other office-related activities. *Adults and teens only.*

## Project #11 Crafts for Kids

Our youngest volunteers will be creating arts and crafts gifts to donate to those in need of cheer. *Religious School and younger children.*

## Project #12 Sewing Bee

Neither of the intrepid authors of this flyer knows anything about sewing - but we know some of you do! If you have the machines and the know-how, we'll supply the material and the electricity. Families in shelters could use your skilled output. *Anyone who can sew.*

# MITZVAH DAY MAY 3<sup>RD</sup> 1998

## PROJECT SIGN-UP FORM

Please list two or three choices of projects that you would help with. (We may need to balance the numbers of participants in each activity.)

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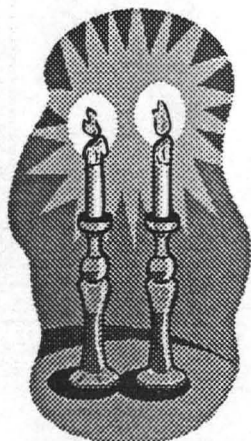
Please return this page to the Social Action Committee by April 12<sup>th</sup> at the Temple Emeth Office, 1666 Windsor Road, Teaneck, New Jersey 07666.

Thank you.



# Temple Emeth

## April 3 - 16, 1998



**Friday, April 3, 1998**

**Family Service at 7:30 p.m.**

*Candlelighting - 6:03 p.m.*

**Shabbat Tzav Rabbi Gurvis will tell a story**

*The Oneg Shabbat will be sponsored by Rhona and Dr. Eric Herman  
in honor of the B'nai Mitzvah of their children, Alexis and Philip*

**Saturday, March 4, 1998 Shabbat Worship at 10:30 am**

**B'nai Mitzvah of Alexis and Philip Herman,  
children of Rhona and Dr. Eric Herman**

*Torah Portion - Leviticus 6:1 - 8:36*

*Haftarah Portion - Malachi 3:4-24*

Sat, Apr. 4	9:15 am	Torah Study
	10:30 am	Shabbat Worship
		B/M Alexis & Philip Herman
Sun, Apr. 5	9:00 a.m.	Passover Program R.S.
	9/11 am	Religious School
	11:00 am	Adult B/M Class
	1:30 am	Adult Ed Trip to NYC
Tue, Apr. 7	4:00 pm	Religious School
	7:30 pm	Adult Ed Classes
	8:45 pm	Adult Ed Classes

Wed, Apr. 8	12:15 pm	Lunch & Learn
	4:00 pm	Religious School
	6:15 pm	Etz Chayim/Kadima
	7:00 pm	Confirmation Class
	8:00 pm	Adult Choir
	8:00 pm	Bd. Of Trustees
Thu, Apr. 9	10:00 am	Prime Timers
	12:00 pm	ECC Model Seder



**Friday, April 10, 1998**  
**Early Pesach Services**  
**at 5:45 p.m.**

*Candlelighting - 6:37 p.m.*

**Saturday, April 11, 1998 Shabbat/Passover Services at 10:30 am**

**Congregational Seder at 6:30 p.m.**

Sat, Apr. 11		No Torah Study
		No Tot Shabbat
	10:30 am	Shabbat Services
	6:30 pm	Congregational Seder
Sun, Apr. 12		No Religious School
Mon, Apr. 13	8:00 pm	Donor Wall Comm. Mtg.
Tue, Apr. 14	4:00 pm	Religious School
	7:30 pm	Adult Ed Classes
	8:45 pm	Adult Ed Classes

Wed, Apr. 15	12:15 pm	Lunch & Learn
	4:00 pm	Religious School
	6:15 pm	Etz Chayim/Kadima
	7:00 pm	Confirmation Class
	8:00 pm	Adult Choir
	8:00 pm	Religious School Comm.
Thu, Apr. 16	7:30 pm	Pesach Services

# APRIL 1998

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**Sunday  
April 19  
1998  
at  
10:00 a.m.  
in the  
Social Hall**

Dr. Spar, Professor of Ancient History and  
Archaeology at Ramapo College will offer  
**"Ten Years of Archaeology  
in the Biblical land of Geshur"**

an exciting encore to his last memorable  
presentation on the Tel Hadar dig a  
few years ago. Dr. Spar is also Director,  
NJ Archaeological Consortium for the  
excavations at Tel Hadar, and Research  
Assyriologist, Metropolitan Museum of Art.

**Please join us and Dr. Spar for an exciting look at:**

**"Ten Years of Archaeology  
in the Biblical land of Geshur"**

**RESERVATION FORM**

**Due to space limitations, please RSVP with your check by April 13!**

**ADMISSION: \$4.00**

Number of guests at \$4.00 ☐

**Names:**

**Mail check to:**  
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Brotherhood  
1666 Windsor Rd  
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07666

**SENIOR CITIZENS: \$3.00**

Number of guests at \$3.00 ☐

**Names:**

**Please Note...**

**There will be no Torah Study or Tot Shabbat on Saturday April 11, 1998.**

**Oneg Shabbat Program - April 24th**

Please join us for a very special Oneg Shabbat on Friday, April 24. Members of our congregation will present a brief presentation from Abraham Joshua Heschel's *The Sabbath*. The presentation will be followed by a discussion of Heschel's inspiring book led by Rabbi Gurvis.

**FYI...**

We're here to help! Please be assured that your clergy is here for you.

In case of illness or other emergencies, please call the Temple office and let us know how we can be of help!

Office hours are Monday thru Thursday from 9am - 5pm.

Fridays from 9am - 1:30pm.

**Good & Welfare**

**Heartfelt Condolences To...**

The congregation mourns the passing of Mollie Lerman, Temple Member and beloved mother of Arthur Lerman

Eileen Nahm on the loss of her beloved niece,  
Sandra Nahm-Hill

**Mazel Tov...**

Jean and Eric Loeb on the birth of their grandson, Jacob Harold Zeitlin.  
His parents are Dr. Susan Loeb Zeitlin and Andrew Zeitlin Esq.

**Get Well Wishes To...**

Lydia Schwartz

Peter Adler

**Last Chance!!!**

**Annual Congregational Seder -  
Sunday, April 11, 1998 at 6:00 pm**

Temple Emeth Members are welcome to join our annual congregational seder. Adults are \$20 per adult and \$10 per child (ages 4 - 12.) Hurry, space is limited! Reserve your place before April 1st.



**You're Invited to Temple Emeth's  
50th Anniversary Ball!**

Come dance the night away May 16, 1998! Mark your calendars, call your friends and plan a table.

Dust off your tuxedos and polish those dancing shoes...get ready to celebrate!

Watch the mail for your invitation.