

Y2K AND PESACH

Well, the concerns over the so-called Y2K bug have overtaken the straight millennium fever. Rather than just hearing about various preparations for the coming of the year 2000, we're now inundated with speculation and news reports about the parallel preparations for the widely feared crash that may or may not materialize as our clocks and computer systems face the new millennium. I'm certainly not in any position to judge the frenzy. At one level it is quite frightening given the forecasts of doom and gloom. On the other hand it is somewhat amusing. All this over a moment in time. One moment in time and our entire world could be turned topsy turvy. We don't yet know how the crossover from December 31, 1999 to January 1, 2000 will transform our lives – or our world.

But we Jews know something about the significance of single moments in time. We are taught by our tradition that time has great significance. In the words of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, "Judaism is a religion of time aiming at the sanctification of time. Unlike the space-minded man to whom time is unvaried, iterative, homogeneous, to whom all hours are alike, qualitiless, empty shells, the Bible senses the diversified character of time. There are no two hours alike. Every hour is unique and the only one given at the moment, exclusive and endlessly precious."

We Jews make time significant, distinct, holy by marking special moments in time. We seize hold of significant moments in our past and treat them as if they are very much a part of our present. We relive them, granting them the

power to help us transform our lives. We know that a single moment in time can be transformative. We learn this anew in the coming days as the turning of the pages of our calendar bring us to Pesach – our festival of freedom. One moment Pharaoh stubbornly refuses to allow the Israelite to go forth in freedom, and the next he is driving them out of Egypt. One moment our people are rejoicing in their liberation and the next they fear for their very lives as they face the Sea of Reeds in their path with the Egyptians in pursuit from behind. One moment our people are an *erev rav* – a mixed multitude wandering through the wilderness uncertain of their future while the next they are standing at the foot of a mountain binding themselves in a covenant with a God they cannot see. A single moment in time can have great power, if we stop to take note of it and its meaning.

As we gather around our Seder tables we have a new opportunity to seize hold of time. This is not merely an act of nostalgia. We are called upon to relive the events of which we speak. Both the memory and the Seder night experience have the power to transform us. We eat the matzah, we tell the story. We try to imagine ourselves as if we are leaving Egypt, as if we are casting off the bonds that tie us as we breathe anew the air of freedom. We tell our history as we read from the Haggadah and rehearse the story of the *maggid* – the telling. We eat history as we taste the matzah as well as other symbols which place us in the story. We are history as we remind ourselves that *Bechol dor vador* – "In each

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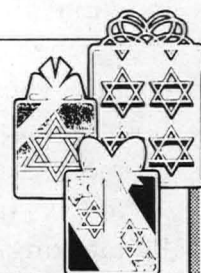
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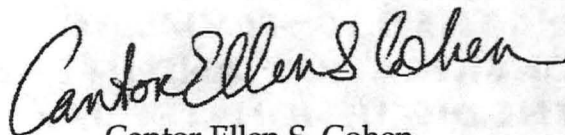
In our Haggadah, immediately before tasting the *maror* (bitter herbs), we read "This is the maror that we eat to commemorate the bitterness that our ancestors suffered during their enslavement in Egypt." What of this intense bitterness? Reading in the Haggadah of the terrible nature of our slavery in Egypt, we have to wonder if it was really necessary to go through such pain and suffering for so many years and for what purpose. In the Torah we read of our ordeal in Egypt as an "iron-smelting furnace" (*Deuteronomy 4:20*). Why then would God allow us to reach this level of discomfort before finally bringing us out of slavery?

To answer this question, one first needs to remember that only an intensely hot surface has the capacity to purify and melt down any material. So too, with the Israelites. They needed to go through this purifying and melting process in order to be molded into the great nation that God had chosen them to become. It would have been impossible for the Israelite slaves in Egypt to have imagined that anything good would come from their suffering. At the time, only God knew that this process could give the Israelites all that they needed to be an eternal nation.

We are also told in our Haggadah, that we must add a small bit of charoset to our maror before tasting it. One explanation of this is to remind us that the bitter and the sweet are often combined, as are the nature of our Passover memories. We remember all of the good times, Seders shared with family and friends, often those who are no longer with us or are far away from us during the holiday. And in the same brief moment that we taste this bittersweet combination, we are linked with the pain and subsequent triumph of Jewish history.

Each of us go through times of suffering and bitterness in our own experience. The maror reminds us that, if we are patient and accepting of God's will for us, we will ultimately find the sweetness in our lives.

From Eve and myself, a healthy and sweet Pesach to you all!


Cantor Ellen S. Cohen

From the Religious School

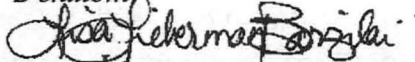


*P*esach has just begun and the myriad of spring holidays are upon us. The spring is a time of transformation. Outdoors, all that has seemed to be sleeping, lying dormant over the winter months is coming back to life. Many of the Jewish holidays that we celebrate, Passover, Yom Ha'atzmaut, Shavuot, renew our faith in both a modern and ancient way. as I look at the calendar of the upcoming few months, I find it amazing that once again another school year is winding toward a close. Despite that, there is still so much happening in the school. Special programs, field trips, the Family Retreat, Faculty recognition Shabbat and so much more.

In early March the parents in the school received a survey asking questions so that we can look toward the future of the Religious School. Parents are seen as important partners in all that we do here at Temple Emeth. You should always feel free to make suggestions regarding your thoughts and ideas of what can be done for our students and their families. It might not surprise you then, as we are beginning to plan for our next school year. This month you will receive registration forms for the upcoming school year. It may seem a long time away, but fall has a tendency to come before we are ready.

It is not too late to renew taking an active role in your child's education. Remember to ask about what they have learned, check their homework, participate in the special programs we have to offer. Be a part of Temple Emeth's Religious School now and in the future. With the spirit of the spring and the renewal it brings, renew your commitment to the school now and for the upcoming year.

May you find happiness, joy and renewal this Pesach and with all of the holidays this spring. Morris, Matti, Zari and Avi join me in wishing you a Chag Sameach.

B'shalom,

 Lisa Lieberman Barzalai, RJE
 School Office 833-8466

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The Fabulous Fours...

The Passover Seder is perhaps the most widely celebrated of holiday ceremonies for Jews of all walks and levels of observance. Childhood memories of the intensity of cleaning and preparing for this extensive evening stay with us as we, parents and educators, assume the challenging responsibilities of the adult role.

As in many of our holidays, Passover has its "magic" number - Four. There are Four Cups of Wine; Four Questions; Four Tellings of the Exodus Story; and the Famous Four Types of Children to whom we are obligated to relate to in a way that THEY can understand. The rabbis, who found four versions of the command to tell the story of Exodus, inferred that there were four different ways of responding to our Jewish heritage - K'neged Arba'ah Banim Dibrah HaTorah. It is amazing that the Torah in its teaching and the rabbis in their interpretation were so sensitive to what we call in modern educational lingo learning differences - embracing and understanding that different children learn in diverse ways and that we are obliged to reach them all.

As an early childhood educator, I favor the interpretation that the Four Children actually represent four critical stages in growing up - and how we include them by adapting the explanations of the Seder to accommodate all four of these stages:

She'ayno Yodeah Lish'ol - The Child Who Doesn't Even Know to Ask

This is the youngest of our guests - the new babies that we kvel over and hold as we pass the karpas and charoset and give just a taste without any lengthy explanation other than "This is because of what God did for me when I went forth from Egypt."

Tam - the Simple Child

This is the child who is beginning to learn the most basic elements of the Seder. We help this child kinesthetically through crafts (making mitzvah covers, Elijah's cup, etc.) and actual participation (the Four Questions) as we delve deeper into the story and say "With a strong hand, God brought us forth from Egypt, out of the house of bondage."

Rasha - The Defiant, Rebellious Child

This child of adolescence does not include himself in the celebration - past or present. He/she behaves as a stranger at the Seder and questions the relevance of the ritual at all. We try to remain open by continuing to invite this child to participate and express the belief that we all have the ability to change. However, we are also very clear in placing the responsibility for change and the current behavior on the child when we respond with "Because you set yourself apart from the Jewish people, you would not have been included when God freed our ancestors from slavery."

Chacham - The Wise Child

Finally the child who has passed out of adolescence into maturity (adulthood) and understands that the more you know, the more you realize how much more there is to learn. This eager individual has a thirst for knowledge and learns something new every year at this time. This is the person who actively seeks out the whys and hows of Pesach and can be taught "all of the customs and rituals of the festival." Of all the stages, this is the longest and the most rewarding - for one can never be too knowledgeable.

As we approach this holiday, I wish you all a few more "crumbs" of the wisdom we can gain every year from our celebration of Pesach.

Chag Sameach,

Beth Rosen

Beth Rosen

PASSOVER:

A Time to Reflect on Freedom



In the United States, where Jews have found unprecedented freedom, Passover is the one holiday that a vast majority of American Jews celebrate. The recognition of the significance of our ancient liberation from Egyptian bondage resonates strongly with our own Jewish identity. The Passover story is understood on a personal level, and that is why the Seder is such an effective tradition. American Jews have fused their ancient traditions with symbols rooted in the cultural milieu of North America.

A widely known symbol of Passover in the United States is the Maxwell House Haggadah. For many years this was distributed as a free gift at supermarkets.

In the 1920's, a New York advertising genius names Joseph Jacobs pursued a program to have big companies market more aggressively in the Jewish community. He approached Maxwell House when the coffee company was trying to expand its sales in cities such as New York, which had a large Jewish population. Many recent immigrants thought that coffee

beans were not kosher for Passover. Rabbinic authorities informed him that coffee beans were technically berries and therefore kosher for Passover, Jacobs began marketing the coffee aggressively during the Passover season. The Maxwell House company began distributing their Haggadot in 1934. Thus a mainstay of American Jewish culture was born out of a fusion of two vital instincts: Jewish traditional observance and the desire to succeed financially in American commerce.

Many different Haggadot are used today by members of Reform congregations. Some are written by laypeople representing a variety of ideologies: Black-Jewish relations, interfaith dialogue, and modern feminism. All have one common feature: the reconciliation of traditional Jewish practice with those features of the modern American landscape.

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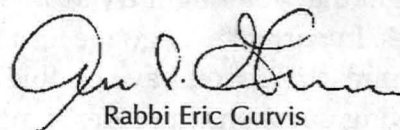
had personally gone forth from Egypt."

As we engage in this significant moment in our Jewish lives, let us remember that even as we face our history we are also called to face ourselves. It would be easy to tell the story of our ancestors on a simple level, without ever getting to deeper levels of meaning. It would be easy to tell the story as a tale of long ago without ever bringing it home – to our lives, to our experiences. How much the more powerful is this tale, this event if we search for our place in the tale we tell.

In the words of Rabbi Nachman of Bratzlav, "The Exodus from Egypt occurs in every human being, in every era, in every year and even on

every day." Seder night is our moment of liberation, if we choose to seize hold of it. It is our opportunity to feel what our ancestors must have felt as they began their journey to freedom. It is our chance to discover what freedoms we seek and how we must act to liberate ourselves from that which binds us. Seder night, our celebration of Pesach is, like the seconds between December 31st and January 1st, a moment in time which has the power to transform us. Seize the moment! Let our celebration bring us each liberation on the paths of our lives.

Laura, Benjamin, Sarah, Aaron and Jacob join me in sending . . . from our home to yours, all the best for a happy and healthy Pesach!



Rabbi Eric Gurvis

UPCOMING ADULT EDUCATION EVENT: *Jewish New York: Uptown -Downtown, Part II*

SUNDAY, MAY 2, 1999

Once again we will bus into New York for a journey to the near and distant past of the Jewish people in America.

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I thought that you might try to answer them yourselves. In current synagogue terminology, we call this "inreach". If you have trouble with many of the following questions, consider signing up for the UAHC "Introduction to Judaism" course or take advantage of adult education opportunities at the Temple.

1. Do the terms Israelite and Jewish people mean the same thing?
2. What are the sacraments of the Jewish faith?
3. What are the major Jewish holidays and the significance of each?
4. What is the structure of the Jewish worship service? i.e. hymns, prayers, liturgy, sermon/message?
5. How is marriage outside the Jewish faith viewed?

6. What is meant by the blessing of the females? How have attitudes in modern day Judaism changed relative to women?

7. Who can convert to Judaism?

8. What is the min conflict between Christianity and Judaism?

9. What do Jews believe about Jesus and Christian scripture?

10. How do Jews deal with death and tragedy? What is the Jews belief regarding afterlife?

11. What are the differences between Hasidic, Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Jews?

12. Do you think of patriarchs such as Abraham being patriarchs to Christians as well as Jews?

One of our goals as Jews is to strive to become more knowledgeable about ourselves. this strengthens our Jewish identity and is what "inreach" is really all about. Without self-knowledge there can be no continuity' and continuity, based on a solid Jewish identity, is the only way we can ensure that the next generation will be Jewish.

(Adapted from Rabbi Thomas P. Liebschutz; Temple Emanu-El, Winston-Salem, NC)

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Sun. Apr. 11	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:15 am	Adult B/M Class B'yachad Breakfast Yom Hashoah Tree Planting Renaissance dinner	Wed. Apr. 14	12:15 pm 7:00 pm 6:15 pm 8:00 pm 8:00 pm	Lunch & Learn Confirmation Class Etz Chayim/Kadimah! Adult Choir ECC Par.-Teach. Conf.
Mon. Apr. 12	7:30 pm	Town wide Yom Hashoah Program at Teaneck HS	Thu. Apr. 15	8:00 pm 8:00 pm 8:00 pm 8:00 pm	Book Club Caring Committee Adoptive Parents Mtg. Ritual Meeting



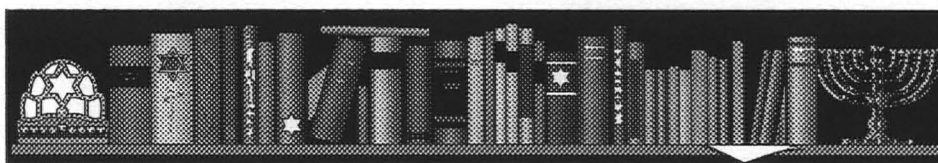
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TEMPLE EMETH ADULT EDUCATION

Tuesday Night Mini-University of Jewish Studies



Semester III: April 13 - May 25, 1999

First Hour (7:30 p.m. - 8:40 p.m.)

☐ **Violence in the Jewish Tradition – Rabbi Louis J. Sigel**

Since the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin, a second look at the much-heralded Jewish abhorrence of violence might be indicated. We shall trace our People's attitude toward Jewish belligerence as well as towards Jewish peacefulness as these evolved and changed through the centuries.

☐ **Intermediate Hebrew – Ron Weiss**

This course builds Hebrew reading skills as attention is paid to reading prayers, Biblical texts and other Hebrew texts. The goal is improved Hebrew reading ability and fluidity. In addition, attention will be given to basic Hebrew grammar and translation of fundamental Hebrew words. The goal of this course is improved Hebrew fluency, and practice of simple oral sentence structure. (Please note: This course requires a minimum registration of 10 students.)

☐ **A Never-ending Journey: More Paths to Jewish Spiritual Growth — Cantor Ellen Zvulun**

Spirituality has always been a foundation of Jewish life. While it is a common denominator of the Jewish people, it remains different and new for each individual. In this course we will examine various paths taken by Jews in search of spiritual meaning in their lives. This course will build on last year's course, *Paths to Jewish Spiritual Growth* as we examine more models presented by authors, teachers and thinkers from Jewish sources. We will focus on our experiences as we continue on our own spiritual journeys. Newcomers are welcome!



Second Hour (8:45 p.m. - 9:55 p.m.)

☐ **Judaism and Modernity; Judaism vs. Modernity – Rabbi Eric S. Gurvis**

The past centuries have witnessed Judaism's confrontation and interaction with the modern world. There have been numerous responses across the spectrum of Jewish thought and behavior in grappling with life in the modern world. Even as some scholars and theologians begin to posit a post-modern world, we'll explore Judaism's interaction with modernity through a close reading and examination of critical texts from divergent sources and community in an attempt to understand the multi-faceted nature of modern Judaism.



Please sign me/us for the following course(s) for the Tuesday Night Mini-University of Jewish Studies: Semester 3: (please use initials to indicate who is registering)

<p>____ Violence in the Jewish Tradition</p> <p>____ A Never-Ending Journey . . . Spiritual Growth</p>	<p>____ Intermediate Hebrew</p> <p>____ Judaism & Modernity</p>
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Return to: Adult Education, Temple Emeth 1666 Windsor Road Teaneck, N.J. 07666

Shabbat Table

During Pesach, join us immediately following morning service for a light, creative Passover lunch. This will take place April 3rd at 12:15 p.m. Together, with our clergy, we will explore many facets of the texts, traditions, and melodies surrounding Passover. Reservations may be made in the Temple office!

Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library

The Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library is open. Please come in and get acquainted or reacquainted. Highlight for this month: View the various Haggadot on display for Passover.

Prime Timers

On Thursday, May 13th, 10 am, Prime Timers will meet. We will view movies and photos of Temple Emeth's trips to Israel. All are welcome.

We are still able to accept reservations for Thursday, April 8th's trip to the Culinary Institute for lunch. Please call Lottie Wolf 385-8945

Mitzvah Day 1999

Save May 16, 1999
for Temple Emeth's
second annual Mitzvah Day.

Please join us to help those in need,
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All Friday nights in July and August are available.

Call Betsey Silverman 384-2250 in the evening, to reserve your date.

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Get Well Wishes To . . .

Fran Hyman
Ernest Horn

Mazel Tov To . . .

Stuart & Vivian Hesselson on the birth of triplet grandchildren, Alexis, Dylan, and Denzill, children of Amy & David Loe



Save the Date.....

Saturday night, May 15, 1999
as we honor Judy & Gidon Yablonka
at this year's fabulous Dinner Dance

Look for your invitation in the mail!



Temple Emeth on the Web!

Come visit us at www.emeth.org
Please send us your e-mail address!
Send it to gurver@erols.com

We Want to Know Your Opinions!

After the 8:30 services on April 9th, please join us to discuss ritual trends in our congregation and in the Reform Movement. Let us know what you are thinking!

TEMPLE EMETH TRACHTENBERG MEMORIAL LIBRARY **UPDATE:**

How can we create a living library at Temple Emeth?

One way to breathe life into the Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library is simply for us to go there. Stop by before picking up the kids from religious school or after services or whenever you have a few free minutes. You can thumb through assorted magazines and newspapers. There is something for every taste.

A living library should have a healthy circulation. To help you choose something to borrow, several new books are briefly described here. In addition the library has an index containing full-length reviews of our recent acquisitions. Compiled from a variety of sources, these reviews can aid you in your selection.

Another thing a living library needs is... well, you've got to have heart. We Temple Emeth members can help our library grow and thrive with donations to the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library Fund. What better way to celebrate a family simcha or to honor someone's memory? Also most appreciated are contributions of books, either used or new, in particular those of Jewish interest published within the last twelve months. The whole congregation benefits from such gifts, and the Library Committee thanks you for your support.

We could go on in this vein, but you get the picture: please come, browse, borrow, and help us bring our library to life.

Magazines and Newspapers On Hand

Commentary	Moment
Reform Judaism	The Jerusalem Report
Tikkun	Midstream
Hadassah	Jewish Spectator
Forward	Jewish Standard
The Jewish Week	The Jerusalem Post

New and Noteworthy Books

I Will Bear Witness by Victor Klemperer. A vivid account of the Nazi years by a Jewish-born Protestant who survived the war.

Road to Redemption: Lessons from Exodus by Rabbi Burton Visotzky. Second in his award-winning PBS series on the Torah.

Jews: The Essence and Character of a People by Arthur Hertzberg. A landmark work that provocatively explores the meaning of Jewish identity through the ages.

The Jew Store by Stella Suberman. A memoir about the life of a Jewish family in a small town down South.

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Emeth's New Shalach Manot Fundraiser - a Resounding Success!

This Purim, for the first time, Temple Emeth offered members the opportunity to send Shalach Manot — Purim packages— to friends and relatives within the congregation. We are happy to have revived this festive custom at Emeth in an expansive way — over 130 families received Shalach Manot this year! Feedback has been tremendous, and we think even more families will send and receive Shalach Manot next year. We expect this to become an important annual fundraiser. We did turn a profit this year, and a Purim contribution was sent to MAZON, a Jewish Response to Hunger.

This delightful new fundraiser would not have been possible without the diligent efforts of many people. Our hard-working (and smart-shopping) steering committee included Eva Tobias, Carol Levy and David and Judy Fox, who spent many hours planning, delegating, and laughing together. Debbie Rutz arranged for donations of fruit from Limone's Farm and candy from Bischoff's, as well as deep discounts

on supplies from Munz distributors. Please patronize these local businesses. Carol Levy designed the gift cards which accompanied the Shalach Manot, Nancy Sarfity printed them and Eva Tobias hand-inscribed them with beautiful calligraphy. We thank the following people who spent a congenial evening packaging and organizing the Shalach manot:

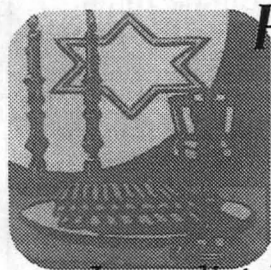
Daniel, Micaela and Marc Chelemer; Judy and David Fox; Ruth and Rhonda Goodman; Lynne Graizel; Ted Greenwood; Florette Koffler; Carol Levy; Muriel; Eva Tobias.

And these people delivered Shalach Manot to member families on the Sunday before Purim:

Judy and David Fox; Lynne Graizel; Ted Greenwood; Rhona and Eric Herman; Carol, Jonathan and Joe Levy; Sandi and Jerry Klien; Gideon Porter; Debbie and Robert Rutz; Barbara Smolin; Susan and Terri Soifer; Eva Tobias; Paul Wilson.

Next Purim is only eleven months away!

Judy Fox



For A Splendid Shabbat Experience ...during Pesach

Join your Temple Emeth family on

Saturday, April 3,

for a Shabbat Table, sponsored by the Ritual Committee.

Immediately following the morning service we will gather for a light, creative Passover lunch. Then, together with our clergy, we will explore many facets of the texts and traditions and melodies surrounding Passover. We conclude at 3 PM.

Lunch is \$8 per person.

Deadline for registration if Friday, March 26

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

Number for lunch _____ x \$8.00 = Total _____

Please make checks payable to Temple Emeth and note Shabbat Table.

Temple Emeth Tribute Cards

To send your personal greetings, good wishes or condolences while making a contribution to our synagogue. Available in the shop or office.



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B'Yachad invites you to share the spirit of Neve Shalom, Israel's Arab & Jew 'Oasis of Peace'

Sunday, April 11, 10:00 a.m.

B'Yachad invites you to share the spirit of Neve Shalom/Wahat al Salam, a unique community in Israel where Arab and Jew have lived together since the early 70's. On Sunday, April 11, at 10 AM in the Youth Lounge, we'll be joined by Stephen Goldberg, executive director of the American Friends of Neve Shalom, and Ahssan Haj, an Arab Israeli native of Taibe, near Natanya, who has attended Jewish/Arab workshops at the Neve Shalom School for Peace.

The village was founded by Brother Bruno Hussar, an Egyptian Jewish convert to Catholicism, dedicated to peace and educational work. It offers programs in education, research and training, including a bilingual primary school and the School for Peace.

American Friends of Neve Shalom aids, promotes and encourages the spirit and programs of the community. Goldberg has a Master's Degree in intercultural administration from the School for International Training and has had an interest in Arab-Jewish coexistence since he had an Arab Israeli roommate while attending Hebrew University in the mid-70's.

Haj graduated from Hebrew University, came to the U.S. to pursue a graduate degree in social work from Yeshiva University and is a social work supervisor at a facility affiliated with the Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services in Brooklyn. He'll highlight his experiences growing up an Arab Israeli and attending Jewish-Arab workshops at Neve Shalom.

To assure enough seating, please RSVP with your check to Temple Emeth B'Yachad, \$5 per person, \$3 for seniors, by April 5. You can drop it off or mail it to the Temple office at 1666 Windsor Rd., Teaneck, NJ 07666.



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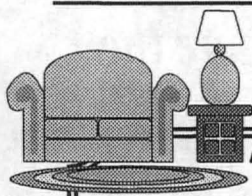
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Trouble with Grandfathers

" 'Tho April showers may come your way
They bring the flowers that bloom in May"
And so it is with April
Now that winter's gone
Our thoughts go to flowers,
The bushes and the lawn.
The outdoors once more beckons
To golf, canoes and tennis
And also how to reckon
With flies and beetles menace
So what? Not every day's alike
There's swimming and there's cruises
That's what life is always like
It has it bumps and bruises
We have to take it as it comes
The sour apples and the plums!

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Special Thanks...

To all those who made our Purim so much fun!

Marty Hymowitz

Rhonda Goodman

Nancy Boonin

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To Judy and David Fox, Eva Tobias, Carol Levy
and the entire crew who made our first Temple Emeth
Shalach Manot distribution a
success. It not only enabled members to send this tra-
ditional Purim gift to one another but it earned
money for Temple Emeth and Mazon.

Dear Friends

Your kindness in responding to the appeal for
help to the victims of Hurricane Mitch in
Honduras and Nicaragua is much appreciated.
Your contributions of \$890.00 is being put to
immediate and effective use.

I am pleased to tell you that the response to
the appeal has been truly hear-warming. Plainly,
very many people were moved by the devasta-
tion in Central America, and rose to the occasion.
That is at least a touch of silver lining to a very
dark cloud, and I thank you for it.

Sincerely,

Leonard Fein

Director of

Commission of

Social Action, UAHC

Dear Temple Family –

The five-day wrath of Hurricane Mitch through Central America has long ended, but not without devastating results. The death toll in Honduras and Nicaragua was estimated at 15,000 people, with billions of dollars worth of damage. It will take more than five years to rebuild their largely agricultural infrastructure. Immediate delivery of medical supplies, food and shelter is still needed to help prevent those who have survived the initial mudslides and floods from losing their lives to disease and starvation. There are still areas within the region that have not yet been reached by those already on the ground, and therefore, thousands of children, families and villages are in desperate need of attention from the international community.

The Jewish community has mounted a united response to this horrific natural disaster. Each organization is collecting funds from its own

constituents and then pooling them. A committee comprising the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Joint Distribution committee, American Jewish World Service, Council of Jewish Federations, Mazon, the Reconstructionist movements, and others has determined which relief organizations already on the ground in Central America are able to most quickly and effectively help those in need; over \$500,000 has already been disbursed.

Although the storm is no longer in the headlines, we must continue our effort. As our tradition has taught - when someone is in need, we must not stand idly by. You may make your check payable to: "UAHC Disaster Relief Fund" (Indicate in the note: "Central America") and send it to the UAHC disaster Relief, 633 Third Avenue, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10017-6778.

We thank you in advance for your support and involvement.



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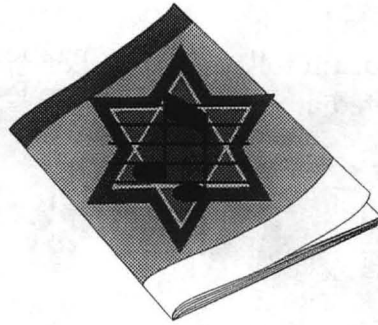
10 a.m. – 2.p.m.

Bring in your antiques, silver, artwork, and jewelry and have an expert from Phillips Auctioneers in New York City tell you what they're worth. You may have a hidden treasure!

More information to come.

JCC Thernauer School of Music To Present Special Concert

The Carnegie Chamber Players, the ensemble-in-residence at the JCC Thernauer School of Music will present a very special concert, "Overture on a Jewish Theme", an exploration of music inspired by Jewish melodies, on Saturday, April 17 at 8:30 pm. Pieces will include Prokofiev's *Overture on Hebrew*



Themes, Shostakovich's *Piano Trio in E minor*, and Bloch's *Three Pictures of Hasidic Life*, plus a medley from Fiddler on the Roof and a selection of klezmer tunes. Group ticket sales are available. For more information, call Michael Reingold at 201-569-7900, ext. 376.

Jewish Community Council of Teaneck to Hold Annual Yom Hashoah Featuring Guest Speaker John Loftus

MONDAY, APRIL 12, 1999

The Jewish Community Council of Teaneck will hold its annual observance of Yom Hashoah on Monday, April 12 at 7:30 pm, at the Teaneck High School Auditorium. The commemoration has become a much anticipated and important event on the community calendar and this year, John Loftus will be the event's featured speaker.

John Loftus, attorney and author of *The Secret War Against the Jews* will speak about The Secret Files of the Holocaust. As a prosecutor with the Justice Department's Nazi War Crimes Unit, Loftus exposed a shocking Nazi scandal on an Emmy award-winning segment of *60 Minutes*. His book exposes the still classified archives of the Holocaust as well as how Israel was set up for the Iran-Contra affair by George Bush.

During the last ten years, John Loftus has been an international advisor on Nazi prosecution and has received numerous humanitarian awards. In 1992, he co-authored *Unholy Trinity*,

a history of how the Vatican helped Nazi smuggling networks to penetrate Western intelligence. His non-profit foundations, The Loftus Fund, educates Americans about the dangers of communism, fascism and indifference.

Presently, he is working on a film version of *Unholy Trinity*.

This program is presented as a result of contributions from individuals and organizations in the community. If you would like to be a sponsor (\$18 or more) or a contributor (any amount), please send a check made payable to the Jewish Community Council of Teaneck to :

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534 South Forest Drive
Teaneck, NJ 07666

Come and participate in what promises to be a very powerful and moving evening. Teaneck High School Auditorium is located on Cranford Place off Queen Anne Road. We hope to see you there.

VOLUNTEERS *Needed...*

(Adults and children) to visit with nursing home residents, help serve coffee and help run special events. Call Rachel at Teaneck Nursing Center at (201) 833-2400.

*You are
welcome
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for a Shabbat Dinner
for Singles (24-39)

on Friday, April 9th, at
6:15p.m. at Temple Emeth.

Reservations required by
April 5th. \$12.00 per person.

RSVP to Tammy Hecht at
201-387-7396.



IN THE *Spotlight:*

Amanda Bicosky

Hello. My name is Amanda Bicosky. I'm a seventh grader at Benjamin Franklin Middle School in Teaneck. My favorite subjects are social studies, art and music. I like spending spare time with my friends. We see movies together, go to the malls and do various activities around Teaneck. I also enjoy competitive swimming.

My parents and I would be pleased if you could join us when I become a bat mitzvah on April 10. My Torah parsha will be Shemini. This portion talks about the laws of kashrut, which means keeping kosher. Various Jewish commentators over the centuries have examined the meaning of the prohibitions against eating certain categories of foods. I believe the laws of kashrut are applicable in their own ways to Reform Jews.

Ashley Plotkin

Hi! I'm Ashley Plotkin and I am a seventh grade student at Dwight D. Eisenhower Middle School in Wyckoff. My favorite subjects are Science and Art and I enjoy acting, singing, drawing and playing softball in my spare time. I live in Wyckoff with my parents Nancy and Elliot Plotkin, my cat Zachary and my dog Pepper. Please join us on April 17 when become a bat mitzvah. I will read the Metzora portion of the Torah which is about how leprosy was taken care of, specifically the cleaning rituals.

Jenna Leslie Firshein

Hi. My name is Jenna Leslie Firshein and I am in the seventh grade at Ben Franklin Middle School. Science and French are my favorite subjects and my hobbies are dancing, singing and art. I also have a pet fish named Harry.

I am glad that I am continuing my studies in Judaism. Join me, my parents Joy and Dan, my older sister Jessica and the rest of my family on May 8th as we celebrate my becoming a bat mitzvah and for Kiddush following services.

My Torah portion is Behar. It is about the sabbatical and jubilee years and giving the earth a chance to rejuvenate itself, just like Shabbat gives people a chance to rejuvenate themselves.

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