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Summer is always a change of pace for me, because I work in summer camp. But this summer, camp was not merely a change of pace, but truly inspirational. This past summer, I was privileged to work as the Camp Rabbi for the New Jersey Y camp for children with ADHD and minor Learning Differences.

"Hello, Rabbi Felix!" kids would sing out as I came into camp Friday mornings, "Is it Shabbat already?" "Almost," I'd answer, as I walked to the office for my materials and my list of children who I tutored for their Bar and Bat Mitzvah. In my tutoring, I received a rude surprise: several of the children had learning issues that their Hebrew teachers had missed, so they were trying to prepare a Torah reading when they hadn't mastered the alef-bet. I immediately wrote the parents, who were grateful to have someone assess their child in a language they are not fluent in.

But the most incredible part was just getting a feel for the camp. Run by two special education master teachers, here was a community designed especially for ADHD kids, with all sorts of thoughtful details to help this population. For example, ADHD kids usually have weak organization skills, so the camp schedule changed only weekly, instead of daily, so the kids would feel more stable and well-oriented. In addition, the professional staff was incredible. There was an occupational therapist on staff, several learning specialists, a speech therapist, a psychologist and a stress-reduction specialist, in addition to three bunk counselors per cabin of eight campers.

While most of the children are high-functioning, there were a handful who will always need to live in supervised settings. One girl in particular couldn't stay still, but since I stood at the door wishing everyone "Shabbat Shalom", she would walk around in the back of the room saying Shabbat Shalom. She would only come up to the front to join me in the song, "Shabbat Shalom" which she loved belting out of the microphone. Even she was able to get something out of the service, a sense of community and mastery in her own way.

My only regret is that more people don't know about this wonderful resource. The recently completed population study of the Jews of Morris, Sussex and Essex counties found that one in eight families had a child with special needs. Here is a camp with Jewish content, specifically tailored for these children. It is a program not merely to know about, but to boast about: one of the few special needs camps in the entire country, Jewish or secular.

So, if you know of a child with special needs or if you know someone interested in working with children with special needs, or if you just want to work with children and want an inspirational summer, I highly recommend working at the New Jersey Y Camp for special needs children.

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Any material submitted after these deadlines will not be accepted and will have to wait for the following publication. Please cooperate as these deadlines are necessary in order for the office staff and Bulletin editors to have sufficient time in order to meet the publication deadlines. Thank you!

Seeing The Light

It is hard to believe that Chanukah is here already! With leftover turkey still in our refrigerator we begin throwing potatoes and onions in the blender, wrapping gifts and polishing our Chanukah menorahs. We are so anxious to see those eight lights glowing on the *chanukiah* that we wish we could light them all the first night. So why not? Why don't we light eight candles each night instead of lighting just one per night? In *Shabbos 21*, we read that Rabbi Hillel says: On the first day of Chanukah, one candle shall be lit. Each subsequent night one candle is added, so that on the eighth night there are eight lights.

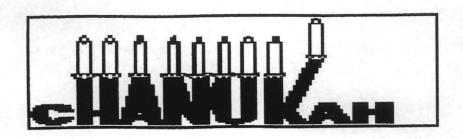
We can learn any number of things from this. By increasing the light each night we remember that we must also increase our own light, our own learning and spiritual enlightenment. It is imperative that we do not remain stagnant, for an inactive spiritual soul is sure to weaken and be unavailable to us when we need it the most. Even as we achieve spiritual growth we must constantly further that growth.

We must also remember that in any case, it is a mistake to grasp too much too soon. Any growth should be gradual and happen but one level at a time. If our spiritual growth happens too quickly, our spirituality could be occurring only on the surface and we may not even recognize it. The foundation is what is truly important here and we must be patient if we are to acquire the gifts that each of us already possess. This Chanukah, may we light the *chanukiah* with the anticipation of seeing increased light in ourselves and our loved ones with each new candle.

Eve joins me in wishing each of you a truly joyous Chanukah!

Cantor Ellen Cohen

Cantor Ellen S. Cohen



PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE – A TASTE OF REALITY

In our monthly message to the congregation, we try to vary the style and content. This is done to keep-the readers' interest as well as to keep us focused on the various aspects of temple life. This month, however, we have chosen to use this space to insure that every member of Temple Emeth is fully cognizant of some of the fiscal realities of the Congregation.

We are pleased to report that our attorneys, Cole, Schotz, Meisel, Forman, & Leonard have issued a letter of opinion to Summit Bank on our loan. The letter was fully favorable concerning the proprieties and legalities under which the loan was arranged. In other words: We are kosher, thanks to the more than one hundred of you who came out to the special meeting last month and voted unanimously to approve the required motion.

However, we still have the loan to pay off. The principal, while being paid in a scheduled manner, is still over \$2 million. This presents some realities of its own and we want to address them here.

We structured the principal payments on the loan to occur early in our fiscal year which begins on July 1. This is the period when people pay their dues and Temple Emeth's accounts are flush. It makes more sense to pay off a 7.5% loan than to invest excess cash and earn 5% interest so that is what we have done. This money must be repaid to the operating account or we will assuredly run out of money before we run out of fiscal year. Solution: Prompt (and even early) payment of all or part of congregants' pledges to the Tradition and Tomorrow Campaign.

As we begin to do preliminary planning for the budget for Fiscal 2000-2001 it is becoming apparent that an increasingly large percent of our available funds will be required for debt service. The present level of pledges will, when paid in full, help us to work the debt principal down to a more manageable \$1.6 to \$1.7 million. It will not, however, fully lift the burden from the congregational shoulders.

This has been (and will continue to be) an extraordinary year in our congregational life. It will have had extraordinary effect on our temple budget primarily because, as with every synagogue in transition, our membership rolls have not grown. Despite record membership growth over the past few years, this was not unexpected and we expect the trend to resume. Next year, God willing, we will have elected a new rabbi and will return to a more normal year of temple life. The budget, however, will be in poor state to withstand the exigencies of either this year or next without the firm commitment of every member to make a pledge to the Tradition and Tomorrow Campaign. In a recent letter which accompanied the brochure for the Campaign we said, "Our goal is 100% participation — whatever the level." This was not mere hyperbole. Only if every member is part of the process will we be able to ensure the future of Temple Emeth; a congregation we all love.

When we took office, we pledged full disclosure of information, financial and otherwise, to all of you. While that is not always a pleasant task, it is a necessary one. We are honoring our pledge. We hope you, in turn, will respond.

B'Shalom,

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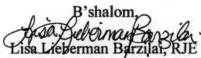
We are about to celebrate one of my most favorite of holidays. As you might guess, it is Chanukah. What is it that enchants so many of us with this winter festival? For me, it is the light when it is dark for so much of the day; it is the aroma of the potatoes frying in the oil; it is the joy on the faces of those who I give a gift. Yet, I struggle to ensure that the spirit of the holiday, the great miracles, remain important in my celebration. Here are some things that we try to do in our home, perhaps you might enjoy them too.

Candles are very important. Each person is able to choose their own candles and colors each night. Spend time watching the candles glow. There is something mesmorizing about watching the flames flicker in the breeze. Have a contest to determine which will be the first one to melt down and which candle will last the longest.

Sing, sing and sing some more. There are so many wonderful Chanukah songs. Have your children teach you one, you teach them one. It is such a joyous holiday, music can enhance your celebration. Reading stories is another wonderful way to beautify your holiday. The library, both at Temple Emeth and the public libraries have a variety to choose from for all ages.

Finally, you can remember those that are less fortunate. Buy a gift for a child and take it to any number of organizations who collect toys at this time of the year. To bring home the message, in our home, each child goes to the store and purchases a gift for a child of their age. We bring them home, wrap them and take them to either a homeless or battered women's shelter. One night is chosen as their night to give those gifts. That evening my children open no gifts so they can remember the gift that they have given another child.

You might want to try one of these ideas, or you may choose none. There are so many other ways to make your celebration of Chanukah one of miracles. Whatever you choose to do, I hope that your holiday is wonderful, filled with light and joy.







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FROM THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Thanksgiving- Going Back to Go Forward...

By the early 1600's, thousands of men and women in England, Scotland, and Ireland disliked much of the ceremony and doctrines of the Church of England. Some of them, known as Separatists, decided to move to Holland in 1607 so they could worship as they pleased. For ten years they struggled. February 1620, they received a grant for a plantation in the New World. September they sailed off in the Mayflower.

After sixty-six days at sea, land was finally sighted. In Provincetown harbor, the leaders gave thanks for a safe arrival and drew up the Mayflower Compact. They landed in Plymouth. Many died on route, more later from scurvy, pneumonia and typhus. In March they met Samoset- a leader of the Pemaquid tribe from the coast of Maine. He brought the Wompanoags who lived nearby to meet the Pilgrims. Chief Massassoit and Governor John Carver met and agreed to live in peace and help each other in case of attack. With Massassoit's help, the Pilgrims were introduced to corn. Squanto, a Pawtuxet native American who was living with the Wompanoags, taught them which wild berries and herbs were safe; how to fish in the streams and hunt wild turkeys; and how to trade with others for beaver furs.

In the fall of the following year they decided to celebrate with a feast of thanks with the wompanoags. As a devout people, they turned to the Bible and found the holiday of Sukkot. With this as a reference, they rejoiced for three days with the foods from their crops and hunting.

We try to impart to the children the special qualities of the Wompanoags as friends and guides to the Pilgrims in their quest for religious freedom in a strange, difficult New World. It is important for us to remember, learn from and use this lesson to make our world a better place.

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Marion Wolf, Committe Member Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library

From the MUSEUM COMMITTEE

The Museum Committee announces the opening of its new exhibit, The Mekubalim of Jerusalem, black and white Photographs of Prayer and Religious Celebrations showing Kabbalists and Hasidic Rebbes in Israel, by the Israeli photographer, Joshua Haruni. The exhibit comes to us from the New York Yeshiva University Museum. An opening reception will be held after services on Friday night, December 10. Stop in and view this interesting show.

The congregation is invited to participate in the next Emeth Member Showcase. If you would like to show your artistic talent in a wonderful exhibition space, please leave your name and telephone number with

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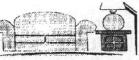
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Peanuts and Elephants

by Bob Spiewak

It's often very difficult to sort out life's ands and buts But my Dad had a formula called "elephants and peanuts"

If something was a peanut you gave it little heed
But for the elephants, all the time you need
For Dad this simple formula helped make lots of decisions
He always knew just which was which

In that great mind of his'n

But I am not as smart as Dad and that is quite a hitch Agreeing with his formula, I don't know which is which And so it is with most of us as we turn life's pages Few of us are so wise that we could be called sages My Dad lived to ninety five, with sound mind and heart Maybe if I live that long, I'll get to be so smart!



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This concert is one of many quality arts events brought to Emeth and the community by the Institute for Living Arts in the past 30 years. Mark your calendars! Sunday, Jan.30: Cantors Ellen Cohen & Erik Contzius Sunday, Mar. 5: "Allan Schiller & Friends" with guest pianist Jacqueline Schiller.

Sunday, Apr. 9: "Mikveh", the women's Klezmer group (co-sponsored with Adult Education Committee).

Eleanor and Myron White for Albert and Mildred Otten ILA

USHERING-HIGH HOLY DAYS

During the High Holy Days this year a truly dedicated group of Emeth members were instrumental in maintaining a serene and solemn worship experience.

This unflappable group of men and women did an outstanding job of distributing prayer books, seating late arrivals, answering an array of questions and opening and closing the Sanctuary doors at timed intervals.

Special thanks to the following for helping us usher in a joyous New Year.

Fred Berg, mitch Bernstein, Robin Bernstein, David Bicofsky, Marc Chelemar, Judy Eichinger, Stan Hecht, Paul Kaufman, Laura Kirsch, Dan Kirsch, Art Lerman, Sabrina Lerman, Rebecca Lerman, Eric Loeb, Barry Massarsky, Milt Mendelsohn, Carl Nahm, Elliot Plotkin, Erica Reiner, Michael Reiner, Ken Rutz, Jim Sandler, Laura Schwartzapfel, Jay Schwartzapfel, Herb Toder, Robert Waxman, Jim Warren, and Sara Warren.

If we have omitted your name let us know so we can publicly acknowledge our gratitude on behalf of Emeth.

> Esther Mendelsohn and Janis Warren Head Ushers

WE REGRET: The following people were not listed in the New Year Greetings:

Margie, Bob & Carol L. Aerenson David, Caryn, Jillian & Danielle Diuguid Ruth Meissner/Debby & Jennifer Saloway

SUNDAY SPECIAL THE POETRY OF EMMA LAZARUS December 12th at 2 pm Professor Daniel A. Harris, Ph.D.

While most of us know the lines Lazarus wrote about the huddled masses yearning to breathe free," feew of us realize that Lazarus aimed, from the beginning, to be a significant Jewish-American poet. Jewish poems, spanning her entire career, speak to chief issues in Jewish-American cultural life: Lazarus's repeated efforts to shape her Jewish female "voice", her understanding of Jewish liturgical traditions, her historical conception of Judaism in relation to other major civilizations, and her fierce responses to the Russian pogroms of the 1880's. Her increasingly strident tones and the complexity of her cultural perceptions combine with sharp auditory imagination and smart psychological strategies.

The workshop will involve participants' active engagement, including small-group text-study. Dr. Harris will read the poems aloud, offering them as compressed, dramatized moments of Jewish consciousness. The discussion will aim at cultural and spiritual understanding of our language, history, and creativity.

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Friday, December 3rd

Shabbat Hanukkah-Vayeshev

Candle-lighting - 4:09 p.m.

Family Services at 7:30 p.m.

1st Chanukah Candle

The Oneg Shabbat will be sponsored by Sydney & Marvin Weishaus in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Lindsey

Etz Chayim will sing

Saturday, December 4th Shabbat Worship at 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Lindsey Weishaus

	Torah Porti	ion: Genesis 37:1-40:23 Numb	ers 7:1-17	Haftarah Po	rtion: Zachariah 2:14-4:7
Sat. Dec. 4	9:15 am	Torah Study	Tue. Dec. 7	6:00 pm	Adult Ed. Classes
	10:30 pm	Shabbat Services		7:30 pm	Adult Ed. Classes
		B/M Lindsey Weishaus	* 4 5	8:45 pm	Adult Ed. Classes
	8:00 pm	Senior League Chanukah Dance		8:00 pm	House Meeting
			Wed. Dec. 8	6:30 pm	ECC Pot Luck Dinner
Sun. Dec. 5	9:00 am 10:00 am	Rabbinic Search 5 th Grade Fam. Ed. Day		7:00 pm	Etz Chayim sings at Nordstrom
	10:00 am	B'yachad Breakfast "The Rapture and		8:00 pm	Adult Choir
		other Scare Tactics"	Thur. Dec. 9	12:15 pm 8:00 pm	Lunch & Learn Board of Trustees Mtg.

Friday, December 10th Shabbat Hanukkah-Miketz at 8:30 pm

Candle-lighting - 4:09 p.m.

The Adult Choir will sing in honor of the Nahms

The Oneg Shabbat will be sponsored by Ann & Steven Packles in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, David, and by Temple Emeth Board of Trustees and Executive Board to wish a fond farewell to Eileen & Carl Nahm, and by Abbe & Eric Greenberg in honor of the naming of their daughter Maya Alexis



Saturday, December 11th Shabbat Worship at 10:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of David Packles

Torah Portion: Genesis 41:1-44:17; Numbers 7:42-53

Haftarah Portion: I Kings 7:40-50

Sat. Dec. 11	9:15 am 9:15 am	Torah Study Tot Shabbat	Wed. Dec. 15	12:00 pm 6:15 pm	ECC CPR Training Etz Chayim
	10:30 am	Shabbat Services		8:00 pm	Adult Choir
		B/M David Packles		8:00 pm	ECC Comm. Mtg.
				8:00 pm	Social Action Mtg.
Sun. Dec. 12	2:00 pm 7:00 pm	Sunday Special Healing Service	Thur. Dec. 16	12:15 pm	Lunch & Learn
Tue. Dec. 14	8:00 pm	Adult Comm. Mtg.			

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5 5th Grade Fam. Ed. Chanukah - 3rd Candle 10:00 AM B'yachad Breakfast	6 Chanukah - 4th Candle	7 Adult Ed. Mini University Chanukah - 5th Candle 8:00 PM House Meeting	Chanukah - 6th Candle 6:30 PM ECC Pot Luck Dinner 7:00 PM Etz Chayim sings at Nordstrom 8:00 PM Adult Choir	9 Bulletin Deadline Chanukah - 7th Candle 12:15 PM Lunch & Learn 8:00 PM Bd. of Trustees Mtg.	10 Chanukah - 8th Candle 8:30 PM Regular Shab- bat Svcs	B/M David Packles 9:15 AM Torah Study 9:15 AM Tot Shabbat 10:30 AM Shabbat Svcs
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月 Save the Date!!!!! 月

Sunday, January 30th at 3:00 pm there will be a Cantorial Concert featuring our own Cantor Ellen Cohen and Cantor Erik Contzius of Congregation Keneseth Israel, Elkins Park, PA.

Etz Chayim Sings at Nordstrom

Experience the joy of Chanukah! Come hear Etz Chayim sing at Nordstrom, Wednesday evening, December 8th, at 7:00 pm.

Good & Welfare

Mazel Tov To...

Abby & Eric on the birth of their daughter, Maya Alexis and to her grandparents Arline & Bernard Seidman

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Have you recently celebrated a Simcha in our newly renovated Social Hall? If you have, we'd love to have some pictures of your affair to include in a handout that will be given to all B'nai Mitzvot families and perspective brides and grooms.

Let our Temple members relive your wonderful memories and see just how outstanding your affair was.

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IT'S BETTER AT EMETH

Once again Temple played a major part in the life cycle events of our family – our daughter Janet's wedding. As soon as she announced her engagement to David Rubin she asked us to reserve Temple Emeth for their wedding. Naturally we were doubly thrilled: Our daughter was getting married and she wanted to be married in the synagogue where she became a Bat Mitzvah and was confirmed.

We naturally look to Temple Emeth for our spiritual and religious needs and often do not recognize how much a significant family event is enhanced by having the festivities in the temple as well. The recent expansion and renovation to Temple Emeth can now make any party both meaningful and beautiful. From the new and attractive bridal room to the renovated kitchen. Emeth now combines the spiritual and practical requirements for a truly glamorous and festive party held in conjunction with the meaningful ritual of a major life cycle event. Even the main entrance hall is an asset; it provides a place for greeting and gathering and is an ideal site for cocktails and hors d'ouevres.

Having Janet and David's wedding at our temple made a very special event even more memorable. Friends and relatives familiar with Temple Emeth were comfortable and those who were visiting Teaneck and our synagogue for the first time found it both a handsome and a friendly facility.

Sydell and Sy Yegelwel

RABBINIC SEARCH COMMITTEE SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION SUMMARY

During September, the Rabbinic Search Committee conducted a series of small group workshops, opportunities for congregation members to share ideas as input to the search process. Approximately 90 Temple members attended these groups.

Overall, Temple members expressed similar priorities as they described their "ideal rabbi," often focusing on personality dynamics and emphasizing the importance of excellent interpersonal skills.

Many viewed their ideal candidate as an individual who demonstrates warmth and caring, is energetic, and is actively involved in getting to know members on a personal level. They felt that the rabbi should reach out to all ages of the congregation and inspire feelings of warmth and togetherness within the community. Personality traits such as "sensitivity," "approachability," and "flexibility" were mentioned. Many stressed the importance of being nurturing and supportive to families in times of crisis. Many spoke of the need to be able to relate well to and to inspire children.

"Pulpit presence" during services was often noted as one of the most important aspects of a rabbi. Members want to feel connected to the service and to Judaism. They want a rabbi who creates a joyful and welcoming atmosphere-"someone who makes you want to come to Temple and makes you feel glad that you were there."

Some members, speaking of the rabbi as a teacher, described their ideal rabbi as someone who can stimulate one's thinking, able to present topics in a manner relevant to issues we face today.

Reflecting on the role that Emeth has played in social action, some members spoke of the importance of the rabbi in maintaining and building on social action programs. The rabbi should have a "presence" in representing Emeth to the larger Teaneck and Bergen communities.



BAT MITZVAH

My name is Lindsey Weishaus. I live in Cresskill with my parents, Marvin and Sydney, sister Allison 11, and brother Zachary 7. Salti, my Bijon, and Tigger and Harri, my Persian cats, also live with us. English and Drama are my favorite subjects at Dwight Englewood School. I am an eighth grader.

I play several sports. Tennis and baseball are my favorites. I ski, spend time reading, exploring on AOL, and socializing with my friends.

Although I have only been a member of Emeth for 2 years, I have met many special people. I truly believe they will become life-long friends. I am looking forward to becoming a Bat Mitzvah. I have been learning what it means to be Jewish and working hard to read and chant Hebrew.

My Torah portion is Vayeshev. It tells the story of Joseph, and his colorful coat, in his days as a sheepherder. It explores his relationship with his family and the trouble his dreams cause him. It has meaning on many levels. Please join my family and me for Shabbat worship on Saturday, December 4 when I will become a Bat Mitzvah. A kiddush will follow the service.

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Blessed are you. Adonai our God. Ruler of the universe, who has sanctified us with commandments and commanded us to kindle the lghts of Chanukah.

2nd blessing: Ba-ruch ata a-do-nai e-lo-he-nu me-lech ha-o-lam, she-asa nissim la-a-vo-te-nu ba-va-mim ha-hem baz'man ha-zeh.

Blessed are you, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors, in those days at this time of year.

3rd blessing: (recited first night only) Ba-ruch ata a-do-nai e-lo-he-nu me-lech ha-o-lam, she-he-che-ya-nu v-keey'ma-nu v'hee-gi-ya-nu la-z'man ha'zeh.

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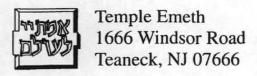
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