

MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI

In one of our classic sources of Jewish wisdom and ethics, Pirkei Avot (Sayings of the Fathers) it is taught:

"Know where you came from; know where you are going; and know in whose presence you will have to make an accounting".

So, from where have I come?

I can say that I come from far away, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Born of parents who came from Poland and met in the city of love, Paris after the war. I can say that I come from a different culture, the Spanish culture of tango, soccer and barbecues. I can say that I come from Israel, (where I studied my BA at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem) or from Paris (where I took a summer course at the Sorbonne) or from New York where I studied rabbinical school and part of a PHD program. I could tell you that I come from Albany, NY (my first pulpit) or from New Hyde Park, Long Island (my second pulpit). But for me, these explanations do not really explain the essence of my personal history.

Certainly, all of the above will add layers to who I am. But there is a thread tying all these parts of my life. I am a committed Jew who believes in the power of a Kehilah, the community, to transform our lives. I grew up within a congregation that truly touched me deeply, with a Rabbi who was not only my teacher, but my friend and mentor for many years. Rabbi Marshall Meyer taught me to love Judaism through summer camps, youth group activities, study, prayer and the transformative work of tikkun olam, improving the world. So I come to you, humbled by your choice in me as your new spiritual leader and with the enthusiasm to put into practice the best of the teachings of my teachers. To speak out when I see injustices around me, to encourage your participation in prayer services, and to seek out to enrich the inner life of the spirit. To help you ask and develop an answer as to the meaning of our lives.

Where am I going? Where will I encourage you to go? It's relatively simple. One formulation of this goal is written at the end of one of our prayers, the Aleinu: "Ba, Yom ha-hu, yhi'eh Adonai Echad... On that day, God's name will be One..." I will encourage all of us to study and reflect on a day when injustice will be no more and the peoples of the world will be at peace. On that day, there will be peace, love and acceptance. On that day, there will be no more wars, violence and oppression. On that day, there will be no more depression, sadness and hate. It is part of the Jewish people's messianic dream. We should be living our lives to make every minute count by doing all we can to achieve this collective vision.

Knowing "in whose presence we will have to make an accounting" will help steer our lives towards this ultimate goal. So who am I? I am a rabbi that wants to know you and be known by you, your teacher who would like to present my love of Judaism to you and to your children and grandchildren. I am a Jew with the conviction that taken seriously our Judaism will transform our lives and will help our collective dream come true. On that day, God's name will be One...

May God bless you and touch your lives.

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BEGINNING AGAIN

I hope that this article finds each of you well rested after an enjoyable summer. I am not quite sure if "rested" is the word to describe how I am feeling after a few weeks vacation which entailed trips to Hersheypark, Sesame Place, beaches and boardwalks. Not that these trips were not fun-filled and enjoyable, only that the word "rest," as many of you can attest to, is not a word synonymous with parenting a rambunctious three-year-old! All of this running around has made my return to temple life quite pleasant, the High Holy Days looming in the not so distant future, bringing a certain sense of (frantic) excitement to the entire building.

I am quite sure that I do not have to point out that which is *most* exciting at Temple Emeth. Of course, I am referring to our new Rabbi, Arturo Kalfus. As I have had the opportunity and the blessing to work with and get to know Rabbi Kalfus, I am reminded of a saying that I once heard; **"In beginnings, worlds are created. In creativity, meanings are formed."** As Rabbi Kalfus begins to create a place of his own here at Temple Emeth, and shares with us his unique talents and perspective on Judaism and learning, I am positive that each of us will find that this saying certainly holds true. I have been overwhelmed by his warmth and his passion for making Judaism accessible to everyone. He is full of energy and new ideas, all of which I am anxious to be a part of for they are surely the foundation of the bright future of this congregation.

I look forward to sharing the Bimah with Rabbi Kalfus these upcoming Holy Days and God-willing for many years to come. I know that each of you will echo these sentiments as you have the opportunity to personally welcome Rabbi Kalfus, Phyllis Meyers, Lilah and Ari to our Temple Emeth family. We say a collective *Shebecheyanu*, as, with the help of God, we have reached a truly joyous time!

Warmly,

 Cantor Ellen Cohen

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT HIGH HOLIDAY SEATING

Dear friends,

We hope this summer has found you well and happy and that you have availed yourself of the opportunity to meet our whirlwind of a rabbi, Arturo Kalfus. As we write this, in early August, it feels strange to be addressing high holiday matters on a "3-H" day, but we must plan ahead.

As you know, it is the tradition at Temple Emeth to have people take their holiday seats on a first-come, first-served basis. Naturally, provision is made for people with special needs. Last year there was a proliferation of people requesting reserved seats, not only for themselves and another person, but for family groups of as many as five or more, and for a multitude of reasons. Compounding this was the fact that some of those groups did not appear for every service, which meant that at times we had a rather large number of seats with "reserved" signs that remained empty for an entire service, a patently unfair situation that angered many people and gave our beleaguered ushers more than a little tsuris.

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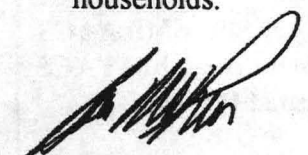
1. Seats for persons with disabilities plus one escort will be reserved in the sanctuary as appropriate. However, these seats must be occupied by the start of services or they will be released. Family members wishing to sit nearby can guarantee this by arriving early.
2. The only other reserved seating in the sanctuary will go to families of clergy, both current and emeritus, and to our on-call physician whose location must be known to all ushers.
3. Seats that are being held informally for absent family members or friends will be released 10 minutes prior to the start of services.
4. Ushers and others whose responsibilities to Temple require them to enter the sanctuary late will have a seat held for them upon request.

We would suggest that it is in everyone's best interest for all to arrive about 10 minutes early. However glad we may be to see our friends after the summer, no one enjoys it when services begin with the sanctuary abuzz with greetings and seatings.

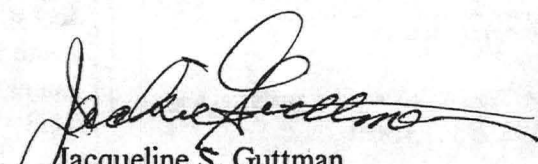
Also, we would request that anyone in possession of reserved seats or parking spaces who is not planning to use them please call and notify us of that fact, so they can be released without confusion.

As one of our past usher chairpersons said, "Please be nice to each other," to which we would append, "and to our hardworking ushers as well."

Thank you very much for your cooperation. An early *l'shana tova*... from the Boonin and Guttman households.



Joseph M. Boonin



Jacqueline S. Guttman

Temple Emeth Religious School

The sun is shining and the air smells of summer. Yet my mind is on the fall. Although at times it may seem quiet in the hallways of Temple Emeth, in the school office we are anxiously readying ourselves for the upcoming school year. It looks to be another wonderful year. There will be many familiar faces but several new ones as well.

The Religious School Committee is an integral part of the school. The members are committed to being involved in an ongoing dialogue as to how to continue to improve our school. In the spring it was decided to no longer have a Book Sale, rather the students will be receiving their textbooks in class. To get books and be enrolled in a class the same idea applies from the past: your dues, tuition and book fees that are required must be paid **NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 5th** to receive the postcard for class admission. We hope that this will make the first week of school less complicated.

The committee also decided to undertake a very important project over this next year. It was determined that a mission statement needed to be written so that our school curriculum and programs could reflect what it is that we want and expect from the myriad of people involved throughout the school. I invite any person who would like to join the committee and work on this task and the variety of other important issues they face to speak to either our Co-Chairs Vicky Farhi and Ken Hoffman or to me.

As the beginning of the school year draws near I would like to remind you to take an active role in your child's Jewish education. Ours is a partnership in learning, we cannot do our best job without you. Please remember that my door is always open to you.

B'shalom,

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WILFORD WEILL MEMORIAL ESSAY CONTEST WINNER - My Jewish Camp Experience, Mathew Fox

It is Friday evening and the sun is just beginning to go down beyond the mountains in the distance. In the background, the voices and guitar can be heard. And all around, clusters of white can be seen, as all of camp makes its way to the Chapel on the Hill for evening services. A young boy is so amazed and touched by what he sees, and the whole atmosphere around him, that he is speechless. As services commence, the boy is again totally taken by the way all these people are praying together as such a close-knit family. The beautiful tunes of the guitar and prayers give the boy goose bumps, because he has never experienced anything like this. As he looks around, the boy sees friends holding hands, and people with their arms around each other. The sun is now almost gone and the service is ending. The boy is at total peace and has forgotten about all his worries and his homesickness. And he knows it is going to be a great summer.

That young boy was me, on my first ever Friday night at Camp Harlam. Now, five summers and fourteen Friday nights on Chapel Hill later, I can say that I still get that exact same feeling every time I walk up that hill, alongside friends I have made over the years. Both my spiritual and emotional sides come out. The feeling is nothing less than indescribable.

My Jewish camp experience has definitely had a huge impact on my life. It has affected both my Jewish life as well as my every day life and helped me to make the two into one. Camp services taught me the importance of prayer and how spiritual an experience it can be to pray. Daily sessions of study take place at camp that are fun as well as educational. Each age group has different activities that are respective to their ages, from the youngest group which does activities with art and music to learn a weekly theme, to the oldest kids who have daily discussions, on primary issues affecting Reform Jews. Last summer I learned a lot about important issues like abortion and gun control. I was told what the "Jewish" beliefs about them were, and then I was able to form my own ideas on the topic and discuss how I personally felt. I will not say that going to camp has made me a better Jew, because I feel that however somebody wants to practice the religion makes them just as good a Jew as anyone else. But going to camp has certainly helped me to figure out what Judaism is to me, as well as what it can do for me, and what I can do for it.

According to an article in the February 2000 issue of *Moment* magazine, "...Jewish camps are powerful shapers of adult identity." The Jewish camps give young Jews an experience that no other type of schooling or teaching can give them. The camps differ from religious schools because at the camps, the children are "living Judaism." Day in and day out they are living in a totally Jewish community where Jewish values can be taught alongside sports, arts, and friends. The main difference between a religious school and the camps is that in the classroom the child is sitting and only hearing about it; at camp the child is experiencing it first hand. There are twelve Reform camps that are run by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations(UAHC) throughout the United States. The UAHC website states "The twelve UAHC camps for Living Judaism are engaged in creative education with the goal of developing a knowledgeable and Jewishly literate community for the future." At these camps, Jewish youth learn at a young age the importance of being active members in the Reform Jewish Movement.

As someone who went through both the religious school and camp experiences, I personally agree with the idea that camps have much more of an impact on Jewish youngsters than religious school. While religious school did teach me how to read Hebrew and recite prayers, camp taught me who I am, and what my role in the Jewish community is. It is amazing to be able to interact with so many people who are just like you in many respects and yet still very different, day in and day out.

The Jewish camps are a necessity to the Jewish community because they are forming the children of today into the Jewish leaders of tomorrow. I feel that every Jewish child should have the opportunity to have the camp experience just like me.

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Time for a Change by Andrew Wilson

Human rights are those rights which guarantee one freedom and in the words of the American Constitution, "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." It is important for people who have been persecuted by having their human rights violated to band together to ensure that all people's human rights are protected. Two such groups who have had their human rights violated are blacks and Jews. Blacks and Jews have joined together to fight for their human rights over the past forty years. However, the relationship between Blacks and Jews in America has declined over that same period.

The Crown Heights Riots of 1991 brought Black/Jewish relations to a historical low point. The riots began after a seven-year old boy named Gavin Cato, was hit by a car while riding a bicycle. Joseph Lisch, a Chasidic Jew, reportedly ran a red light and collided with another car. His car struck Cato who died at the hospital. Three hours after the incident Yankel Rosenbaum, a Chasidic Jew visiting Brooklyn, was stopped by a group of angry blacks. He was assaulted, stabbed, left bleeding on the hood of his car and died the next day. This was the first major physical confrontation between blacks and Jews in the 20th century that resulted in fatalities and casualties.

The decline in the relationship is surprising because both groups share similar histories. The histories of both begin in slavery. Throughout Western history blacks and Jews have been subjected to stereotyping by the white majority. Both blacks and Jews have been compared with the devil and were considered to have horns and tails. They have been physically segregated from the majority. Blacks and Jews have suffered forced separation from their homelands and were scattered throughout the Western world. Blacks and Jews have been politically oppressed, with laws restricting their movement in society, their choices of occupation, and their social relationship. Blacks and Jews have been subjected to acts of outrageous violence. The pogroms, riots, against Jews in Eastern Europe were similar to the violent attacks by whites on black communities during the first two decades of the 20th century in America. While blacks as a group have not been targeted for extermination like Jews during the Holocaust, the number of Africans who died during the centuries of the slave trade is around 15 million people. Despite similar experiences they have not had *shared* experiences. (Lester 167-168)

A shared experience is not the same as a similar experience. Blacks and Jews have not shared experiences common to both people in the same time and place. That is the crucial difference in which many blacks are acutely aware of, while many Jews are not, (Lester 167-168). These similarities, although true, are quite misleading because when referring to American history, profound differences outweigh the historical similarities.

During the Civil Rights Movement the relationship between the two groups was at its strongest. The Civil Rights Movement was a time when blacks and Jews came together for moral and political causes. Many Jews felt it was their duty to help out in the advancement of blacks because they shared many of the same enemies. A number of Jews funded the NAACP and other groups for the black cause, (Kaufman 23). Leaders such as Martin Luther King Jr. and John F. Kennedy brought both Jews and blacks together. When Martin Luther King was killed in 1968, it seemed to break the final link many whites (Jews included) felt with a black movement that was becoming angrier, (Kaufman 2). Many blacks became angry and felt that anyone standing in their way was the "enemy,"

There have been many other developments in recent history that have caused a weakening in the relationship between blacks and Jews. The 1967 war in Israel had an effect on Black/Jewish relations in the United States. Many Jews felt that blacks would realize the importance of a Jewish state and would totally support Israel. Although black liberals such as Bayard Rustin did support Israel, a portion of black opinion shook its head in dissent, (Berman 20 21).

The establishment of the Jewish State caused controversy among Black/Jewish relations. For Jews, Israel was a major issue for the Jewish people because it gave the Jews a place they could call "home." Many blacks during the 1980's did not know that Jews felt that Israel was so important in the advancement of the Jewish people. Jews asked for blacks to support Israel. However many blacks did not support Israel because it traded with South Africa during apartheid (Kaufman 271). Also during the 80's a strong feeling of self-interest grew where Blacks and Jews worried about their own problems rather than strengthening their coalition.

Another development was the introduction of affirmative action programs in the 1970's. Many civil rights organizations came out in favor in order to give equal opportunities to blacks. The affirmative action programs were efforts to overcome the effects of past discrimination based on race. One of the cornerstones of affirmative action was the establishment of quotas. Some Jews viewed affirmative action as a surprising betrayal of liberalism, (Berman 18). Jews felt that affirmative action could be a threat to all civil rights achievements that opposed the right to discriminate. Most notably they felt that quotas could lead to the reestablishment of anti-Jewish quotas in the universities. However, blacks saw affirmative action as advancements for civil rights and felt that the Jewish opposition towards affirmative action was an act of betrayal to the black cause.

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Time for a Change—continued

Another major area of conflict was based in economics. During the 1960's many Jews moved out of the inner cities and into the suburbs. This movement reflected the increased prosperity among the Jews allowing them to become more accepted within the larger white society. During this time many Jews adopted the politics and moral attitudes of their neighbors in the white suburbs (West and Lerner, 157). However, many Jews still felt they were outsiders and did not consider themselves just like other "whites". During the 1980's blacks began to think "Jews had too much power in the United States" and "too much power in the business world," (Kaufman 274). Many blacks confused Jewish money with Jewish power. As Jewish income and education rose, blacks could not understand how Jews could talk as if they were still insecure. Jews have failed to acknowledge the realities of their power. "Jews do wield great power in America," (Kaufman 274). "In 1982, Jews made up 25 to 30 percent of the "media elite", *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Newsweek*, and the news such as NBC, CBS, ABC, and others. Being members of the media elite, Jews could not escape the criticism they got for the lack of representation of blacks in corporate suites, colleges, newsrooms, and Hollywood. These criticisms contributed to the black stereotyping of Jews," (Kaufman 275).

Black Anti-Semitism has been a major problem. "Many blacks feel that Jews borrow suffering from history to give themselves an identity and status as victims and then use this vicarious suffering as the credentials to give themselves the right to express sympathy with blacks," (Lester 173)

Blacks resent the Jewish assumption of shared oppression and use Anti-Semitic language to make it clear. Black Anti-Semitism could also be a result of higher expectation put on Jews, due to their similar histories. All too often Jews assume that black Anti-Semitism is the same as the type of Anti-Semitism expressed throughout European history. Much of black Anti-Semitism results from frustration about being surpassed economically by immigrants. Between the years of 1964 to 1981 the level of Anti-Semitism among blacks increased slightly.

Black leaders such as Louis Farrakhan and Khalid Muhammad have helped out in the black communities. At the same time they have been extremely controversial with their remarks towards Jews. Louis Farrakhan has been a respected leader in a fraction of the black communities. He led the Million Man March in 1995 trying to establish brotherhood among blacks. However, in 1984 minister Farrakhan angered many Jews saying that Hitler was a "great man...wickedly great" and denounced Judaism as a "gutter religion." In Union City, New Jersey, on November 29, 1993 Khalid Abdul Muhammad talked about a book he published by the Nation of Islam called *The Secret Relationship Between Blacks and Jews* (Berman 1). Muhammad stated that Jews of today are "fakes" and imposters. He talked about how Jews dominated the slave trade, and participated in the civil rights movement to exploit the blacks. He also stated that Jews supported apartheid and "raped black women." This caused outrage in the Jewish communities, (Berman 2).

These two groups have gone through so much that it's a shame that Black/Jewish relations are at such a low point. However, there are solutions in resolving Black/Jewish relations. First, they will have to realize they cannot escape the forced kinship placed on one another (Steele 179). Blacks and Jews need to stop worrying about who has suffered more and instead try to come together to understand one another. They should start by having serious talks with leaders from both communities. The discussion should not be about what each group wants from the other but rather what blacks and Jews can do for one another. Both groups need to reestablish the spirit of cooperation that was typified by charismatic leaders such as John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr. It is time for leaders from both communities to understand the importance of compromise and setting new goals for the new millenium. "To put it simply if Jews can turn their back on the suffering of Blacks, they become like the American majority," (Lerner 12). Blacks will have to recognize that their advancement will be facilitated by establishing alliances with groups who have suffered as they have. That way they can band together to ensure that human rights are upheld.




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Family Shabbat Services at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 2nd Shabbat Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Torah Portion: Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9

Haftarah Portion: Isaiah 51:12-52:12

Sat. Sept 2 9:15 am Torah Study
 10:30 pm Shabbat Services

Thur. Sept 7 8:00 pm Caring Comm.

Friday, September 8th Shabbat Kee Tetze

Services at 8:30 pm

Candle-lighting - 8:06 p.m.



Saturday, September 9th Shabbat Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Torah Portion Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19:

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Temple Emeth Book Club

Temple Emeth's Book Club will resume its monthly meetings in September. The first meeting will be about the book *Sacred Hunger* by Barry Unsworth. The meeting will take place at the Temple Emeth Library on September 21st.

Selichot Services

Saturday Evening September 23rd

1. Family oriented Selichot Services at 7 pm.
2. Refreshments and Havdalah at 8 pm.
3. Educational Program led by Rabbi Kalfus at 8:45 pm.
4. Congregational Selichot Services at 10 pm.

Preparing for the High Holy Days

Please join us on Sunday, September 24th, 2000 at 11:15 am - 12:15 pm at Temple Emeth as we learn more about the significance of the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur holidays. Leave the workshop with ideas about how you can prepare on both a practical and spiritual level for this most important time in the hebrew calendar. For more information please contact Outreach Co-Chair, Ilene Anesini at 201-967-1985 or via email at anesini@aol.com.

Weekly MiSheBerach List

Our Clergy would like to announce the names of your dear ones who are in need of healing of the body and soul during our weekly Shabbat services. Because of confidentiality and changing circumstances we would like to adhere to the wishes of each family. Therefore, we ask that you call the Temple office and let us know **EVERY WEEK**, the names you wish to be included **FOR THAT WEEK**. That is, the Temple office will compile a **WEEKLY** MiSheBerach list of those names to be announced. If you wish the name of your dear one to be read the following week, you are asked to call up again for that week. Thank you for your attention to this important item.

Good & Welfare

Mazel Tov To...

Madeleine & George Brecher on the marriage of their daughter Melissa to Matthew Berman
Sheila & Irwin Polishook on the marriage of their son Lewis to Susan Shapiro

Welcome To...

Gail Talcoff, Robert, Leah & Joshua Staffin
Zelda & Robert Glass
Jill, Gary, Carli & Paige Heiman
Shari, Sam, Jonathan & Elliot Schwartz

Get Well Wishes To...

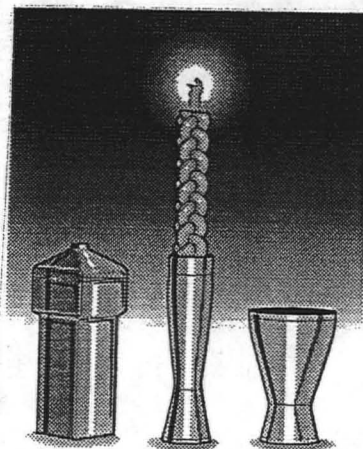
Herbert Toder
Irving Hauptman

Condolences To...

Margo Anagnostis on the loss of her beloved father,
Edwin Hartman
Elliot Plotkin on the loss of his beloved mother,
Florence Plotkin

Reminder***

The First Family Service will be on
September 1, 2000



**TEMPLE EMETH - 2000
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP COMMITTEE
IMPORTANT SIGN UP INFORMATION FOR OUR
CHILDREN'S HIGH HOLIDAY PROGRAMMING**

On Rosh Hashanah morning, Saturday, September 30th, and on Yom Kippur morning, Monday, October 9th, there will be parallel services and activities available for member children from kindergarten through sixth grade. These programs begin at 10:30 am and conclude at the same time as the regular morning service.

To help us plan properly, we need to know approximately how many children will participate in these programs. Please fill out the sign up sheet below and return it to Temple Emeth.

We need parent volunteers to help run these activities. You are volunteering to spend 40 minutes with our children on one or both mornings. Your help is greatly needed and appreciated! Please sign up below.

Yes, my child/children will be participating in the morning programs

Name(s): _____

Grade(s): _____

Please check off: Rosh Hashanah _____ Yom Kippur _____

Yes, I'm happy to be a parent volunteer

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Please check off: Rosh Hashanah _____ Yom Kippur _____

We will call you to confirm a time slot

I would like to be involved in the planning of the activities

Name: _____

Please return to Temple Emeth, 1666 Windsor Rd, Teaneck, NJ 07666
Children's Worship Committee

JUDGES for CONFIRMATION ESSAYS

The judges for this year's Wilford Weill Memorial Essay contest were: Steven Leeman, Ada Mae Stein and Marion Wolf. Choosing the winners from among the Confirmation essays submitted was not an easy task. After much deliberation, the judges chose (from numbered essays) Mathew Fox and Andrew Wilson. (see pages 6-7)

Each year, Mrs. Ethel Weill sends a donation from her home in Hallendale, Florida in memory of her beloved husband, Wilford, to be used for this contest. She remembers their years with Rabbi Trachtenberg at Emeth very fondly.

CARING COMMITTEE

The Caring Committee would like to introduce ourselves to our Emeth Community. We are a small group made up of men, women and teenagers, who jump into action when duty calls. We will prepare a meal, call or visit with those who are ill or not able to get out.

Being part of this group is very rewarding. Most of our work is done by phone. We would love to have some new members. Please give us a call. We also have our own Emeth Fund which accepts donations. Janis Hoey 837-9626

Elinor Buchbinder 837-0694

Trouble with Grandfathers

by Bob Spiewak

FRIENDS

If you have an ear to lend --
You can truly be called "friend" --
One who you can criticize --
With no need to apologize --
One never can anticipate for sure --
What fate has in store --
We need a friend with whom to share --
Our inner thoughts, to know hi's there --
As we must be for her or him --
A steadfast help through thick and thin --
Through all that life has to unfold --
Friendship's worth far more than gold!

FROM the MAIL BOX:

To the editor... My grandson Jacob, fifteen months old, is coming to visit us with his parents from Australia. We need to borrow a car seat, a high chair, a play pen and some gates. If you can help out, please call me at 385-8945 Lotte Wolf.

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With this issue we are beginning a monthly column to keep our Temple Family in touch with our family in Israel.

For the first time, the Israeli government officially recognized the Progressive Movement by allocating education funds for its programming in secular schools. The \$500,000 of Government support will help in the teaching of Jewish values and history in Israeli secular schools.

There has been a misconception among Israelis that if you lived in "the Land (Israel)" you naturally understood your Judaism. After the assassination of Prime Minister Itzhak Rabin by a yeshiva student we all asked ourselves "How could this happen?" Soon after that tragedy the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism introduced programs that look at passages of the Torah that connect Jewish morality and the fight against fanaticism. Neither secular students, nor their teachers, had formal exposure to these subjects. The IPMJ's Education Department works with teachers who are open to Progressive Judaism. Now, after three years, this programming is taught in 30 schools.

More important than the funding is the symbolism of the government's support. It is an affirmation that religious pluralism belongs in Israel. On July 5, 2000, the glass entrance windows and doors of the HUC-JIR in Jerusalem were smashed and the word SATAN was spray painted on an entry step. In a perverse way, both real and perceived, this act reflects the growth and progress of non-orthodox Judaism in Israel. The perpetrators of the vandalism committed the sin of "sinat chinam" - baseless hatred - hatred of Jews who do not practice Judaism exactly as they do.

Your annual ARZA dues of \$36 help to support important programs in Israel. Our goal is to make every Temple family a dues paying ARZA family. The time is now!!

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"The Sky's the Limit" Auction Committee

A big thank you to Howard and Diane Winer for making our Shavuot Dinner a delicious and varied menu. Everything was made with that special "Winer Touch." Thank you! The Winers not only contributed their time and the ingredients, but also made possible a beautiful contribution from this evening to FABREC. THANK YOU!!

Also thanks to Cedar Lane Flower Shoppe who donated our beautiful centerpieces.

Debbie S. Rutz Chairperson, Shavuot Dinner

LIBRARY NOTES

Get your New Year off to a good start by returning to the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library! Our September exhibit features Liberal prayerbooks from Europe and American Reform prayerbooks.

Now through October we are displaying mysteries with a Jewish theme. Come look for *Mystery Midrash*, an entertaining collection of short stories, all with a Jewish twist, edited by L.W. Raphael. Or follow the adventures of Jerusalem-based detective Avram Cohen in a series of three books written by American Robert Rosenberg. Another Jerusalem-based detective, Michael Ohayon, is the creation of Israeli Batya Gur. Four compelling stories by this highly-regarded professor of literature are available in English translation in our library.

Some of our titles not only provide suspense but also enlighten us about other times and places. Cara Black's *Murder in the Marais* is an action-packed thriller set in Paris 50 years ago. *The Last Kabbalist of Lisbon* by Richard Zalma is a murder mystery that gives us a historical window on the Inquisition. These are just a few of the many mysteries that await you. Please come, browse, and borrow!

Marion Wolf, Library Committee

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Repentance-Teshuva (T'shuva, T'fillah, tzedaka, etc.) T'shuvah is turning back, returning. Concept of a road: (the road of Halacha.) T'shuvah requires that you recognize that you are off the road.

Forgiveness-Kaparah (similarity to Kippur)

A day of forgiveness as well as repentance.

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Pirkei Avot 2:4

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Become an Emeth Buddy. Sign up below and let us know who we should pair you (and your family) up with. We will be conducting Buddy classes and will support your efforts in every way.

What would we expect of you? Just to keep in touch...talk to your Buddy about their interests and what might interest them at Emeth, answer questions about who to call for what, invite them to share a shabbot service or attend a B'yachad breakfast...Keep them posted on upcoming events...Be a resource and maybe even a friend.

Become an integral part of your community by helping us continue to cultivate a welcoming, friendly atmosphere, so that our new members have a positive experience in their new community.

I/WE WOULD LIKE TO BECOME AN EMETH BUDDY:

Name, Telephone Number, E-mail address

Return to the Membership Box in the Emeth Office.
Thank you for your participation. We'll be calling you soon!

CARING COMMITTEE

THE CARING COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO OFFER TWO WORKSHOPS FOR THE FALL 2000. THE TOPICS WHICH WE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING ON ARE "BEREAVED" AND "CHILDREN OF AGING PARENTS." WE ARE HOPING TO HAVE THIS SCHEDULED IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN EITHER OR BOTH WORKSHOPS, PLEASE FILL OUT THE BOTTOM PORTION OF THIS NOTICE & RETURN IT TO THE TEMPLE OFFICE ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 6TH.

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