

WHAT IS AT STAKE IN THE CURRENT DEBATE OF "FAITH BASED" INITIATIVES?

President George Bush, by signing an executive order, created a White House Office of "Faith Based Initiatives". This office will allow religious organizations to receive government funds not only for welfare programs but also in areas such as job training, juvenile delinquency prevention initiatives, drug and rehabilitation programs among others. The "Charitable Choice" which was initially signed into law by president Clinton in reference to the "welfare reform", is being expanded considerably.

You might ask, is there anything wrong with helping the poor and needy in this way? Studies have shown that religiously affiliated programs run by Christians, Jews and Muslims have shown success in persuading teens to abstain from drugs and early sex, at increasing employment and reducing welfare dependency among the poor, at reducing family breakup, and getting fathers to take responsibility for their children and at reducing the return to prison among released convicts.

These are good results from the faith community in trying to improve this world. My contention is not about these results but on the increasingly stronger link between the "State and the Church" in America and the implications of this strong tie. I am concerned about community development groups who have spoken against government policy and later lost government funding. I am concerned about State sponsored programs that include proselytizing. I am concerned that accepting tax funds will diminish religion's prophetic voice in the public square. I am concerned about the favoritism of one religion over another and the local fights

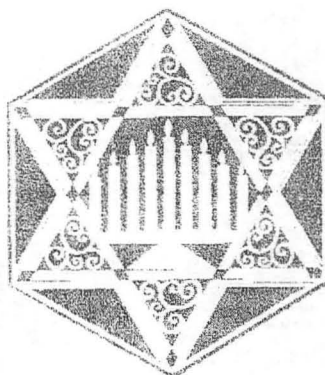
among different houses of worship to get a federal grant. I am concerned that politicians will get these grants to particular faith communities based on calculations for the next reelection.

I am concerned that the federal government is slowly abdicating its responsibility to help those in need by transferring the problem to the faith based community. And what about those in America who do not belong to a Church or who are atheists? How would government monitor these programs? How it will make sure that religious indoctrination is not part of this initiatives? And above all, is it possible that a religious organization will receive money from the government and at the same time be able to rise it prophetic critique to the source of its funding?

These are some of my reservations regarding the new office of Faith Based Initiatives. This is why some critics say religion will be "Co-opted by Charitable Choice".

For all these reasons, I urge you to continue to support the separation of Church and State that served so well America and to oppose this new initiative, despite of the good intentions that led to its proposal. Let's agree with our prophet Amos when he said: "Take away from me your empty words, but let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like a mighty stream". Justice and righteousness cannot be transferred to the faith community and these values should not be abrogated by our government.

Shalom,
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Rabbi Arturo Kalfus



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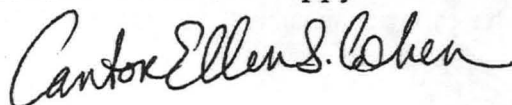
There were no lightning bolts, no crashing thunder, no parting waters, not even a burning bush. Yet, we speak of the miracle Purim. What miracle? Purim is simply a series of events that took place in sequence, the end result being the triumph of the Jewish People over destruction by evil forces... again!

Haven't heard this story before? Seemingly, there was no miracle here. It was mere coincidence that Vashti did not follow the orders of King Achashverosh – that he chose a Jewish woman as his second wife, that her cousin happened to overhear a plot against the Jews by the evil Haman (boo)! So, of course, he just had to share this information with his cousin, the new queen, and she, without hesitation, managed to find the courage to tell the King of the evil plan and save her people. big deal! Right?

How many times do we realize that we were the right place at the right time? How often do we refer to how lucky we were that we found out such and such or that something happened exactly the way that it did? How many times in our lives have we had difficulty and even pain understanding why a situation was happening, only to look back on it later and realize those events had to happen in just that way or things would not have turned out for the best? Just for a moment, let us suppose that these events in our lives, or in the lives of Queen Esther, Mordechai – and Haman (boo!) are – not simply coincidences, but miracles disguised as coincidences. That in fact, God plays a role, not only in the great and awesome miracles that we read of in the Torah, but in the simple occurrences of our everyday lives.

Why, if this is true, then we, ordinary people in modern times, do in fact, have direct contact with God on a daily basis. We are then touched by God and are worthy of experiencing God's presence whenever we choose to see it for what it is. Stop looking for those lightning bolts and thunder, parting waters and burning bushes, we may find that we experience miracles in our daily lives. I'm aware of course, that about half of you reading this do not agree with me, you may even think that it is nonsense to believe that coincidences are more than what they appear to be. I challenge you to try, for just a short period of time look for the miracles in your everyday life, to let God in every day. See how your outlook changes, let me know what you find, you may be surprised!

From Eve and I, A Happy and Miraculous Purim,



Cantor Ellen Cohen

MESSAGE

Presidents

Dear Friends,

Is Temple Emeth a **caring community**? Do we watch out for each other, offer solace upon bereavement, celebrate simchas together? To that question, we would reply, "most of the time." Although we do not always succeed in showing that we care for one another, we do try. Mostly that effort comes through the Caring Committee. Co-chaired by Elinor Buchbinder and Jans Hoey, the committee's mission is to reach out to our members, particularly in time of need.

The list of their projects is impressive:

Bikkur Cholim (Visiting the Sick) – If you've read the past two bulletins, you've seen an appeal for more people to participate in this *mitzvah*, which has been handled by one or two individuals, Ruth Adler in particular. While the positive responses have been encouraging,, more people are needed, *male and female*. If you have ever had the misfortune to be hospitalized or ill at home, you know how grateful you have been when someone has shopped or cooked for you, or simply paid a visit. In fact, it is from having been on the receiving end of this kindness that our spouses and we do our best to make hospital visits and calls.

Blood Donor's List – Lynne Graizel is leading an effort to assemble a confidential list of potential donors and their blood types in order to know who could be called upon should a member be in need.

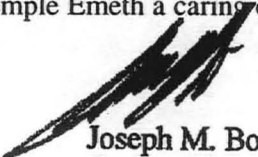
Medical Equipment – Judy Eichinger is putting together a list of members who own crutches, canes, walkers, commodes, shower chairs, even hospital beds, that are available to lend to one another.

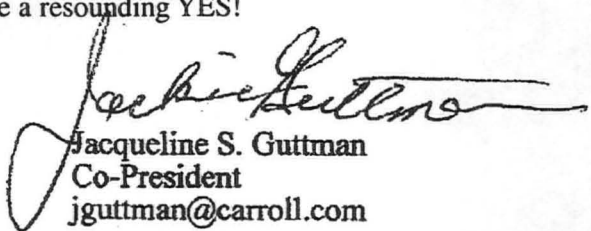
Mitzvah Day Project – The Social Action Committee hopes to coordinate with the Caring Committee to visit members who are shut-ins or in nursing homes on Mitzvah Day (and beyond, perhaps?)

Improved Communications – Last month's Presidents' Message asked for your e-mail addresses so that word can be spread quickly and efficiently in the case of a death in the congregation. Too many times, members – even we — have been upset because they have not heard about a death until after *shiva* has passed. Amanda Graizel, as a high school community service, has taken on the project of putting all your e-mail addresses in one place. Right now, we have "e-dresses" for fewer than 200 households; we'd venture to say that there are more of you out there with e-mail. If so, we again appeal to you to send a message (and, consequently, your e-dress) to either of us so that you can be informed. For those congregants who lack e-mail, One volunteer has offered to create a telephone tree so that, ultimately, everyone is notified.

Speaking of communications, the Caring Committee is often frustrated when they find out after the fact that a congregant was in need. They cannot act upon what they do not know. Therefore, if you have a friend who is an Emeth member and is ill or otherwise in distress, *please* — do let someone know. Marion Schechter, our Temple Administrator, is a good place to start, as are Rabbi Kalfus, Cantor Cohen, Elinor Buchbinder or Janis Hoey. If confidentiality is desired, just say so and *no one else* will be notified.

One last word: like social action, caring is not the job of a committee. They are not there to perform *mitzvot* as our representatives; rather, their role is to spearhead efforts and lead the way so that the next time we ask ourselves, "Is Temple Emeth a caring community?" the answer will be a resounding YES!

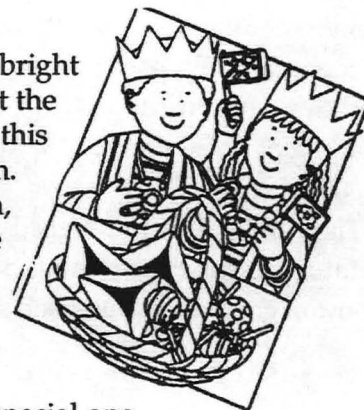

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NEWS = A Time to Celebrate

As we dig out from the cold of winter, our holiday of Purim approaches with bright colors, silly characters, and a wonderful opportunity to celebrate being Jewish. At the ECC the children are introduced to the curious cast of characters who constitute this topsy-turvy tale of heroism, faith, and turning the tables on an evil plan and man. Excitement fills the air as everyone prepares their own ra'ashan (gragger), crown, mask, costume, and magillah. The delicious scent of hamantashen permeates the classrooms. Everyone joins together to decorate the rooms and fill them with the joyous spirit that accompanies the celebrations soon to come.

As every year, the children of the ECC will have the chance to fulfill all four of the related mitzvot for Purim.



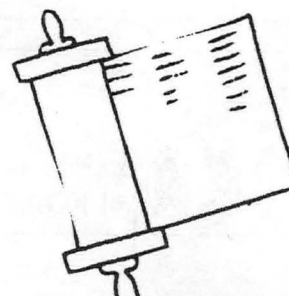
- They will exchange Mashloach Manot with friends as well as prepare a special one for their families.
- They hear the story in the Megillah in a child friendly version.
- They enjoy a "feast" of delicious hamantashen and treats after the megillah reading.
- The children raise money for two very deserving charities. the first is Chai Lifeline which provides, among other things, summer camp for children suffering from a variety of illnesses. The other is the Kopeyia Ghana School Fund which helps K through 9th Grade school in the village of Kopeyia in Ghana. This school was established through the efforts of an ECC parent, Robert Levin. It is an example of how, like Esther, one person make a huge difference.

The children, staff and families of the ECC join me in wishing all of you a delicious and fun-filled holiday.

Chag Purim Sameach,

Beth Rosen

Beth Rosen



From the RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

"Be Happy, It's Adar!" Yes, once again it is time for that fun-filled holiday of Purim. This is one of the most favorite holidays of the students. They are able to, actually encouraged to, dress up and make much noise during services. From a child's perspective, what could be better? No need to dress up in good clothes (or as my son calls them - "handsome clothes") and for only short periods of time do they need to keep themselves quiet in the sanctuary.

However, Purim is not only a children's holiday. It is a wonderful occasion to retell a story about a Jewish heroine who is merited with saving the Jewish people. Queen Esther is not only remembered for her beauty but also for risking her own life to save the lives of all the Jews. With the help of Mordechai, Esther approached King Achashverosh and told him of Haman's evil plot to kill the Jews and then revealed that she, herself, was a Jew.

This story and holiday gives us the opportunity to show the children that it is important to be proud of who they are, both as Jews and as individuals. also, we can remind our children to be proud to be a Reform Jew. We often take the time when secular celebrations are on the calendar to show our children our wonderful heritage as Americans. Here is a terrific opportunity to celebrate their Jewish heritage.

B'shalom,

Lisa

Lisa Lieberman Barzilai, RJE

Teaneck Family Run to Benefit Two Important Organizations

The Teaneck Family Run is sponsoring its First Annual 5-Kilometer Run – or 1-Mile Run/Walk for families wanting a more leisurely pace – on Sunday, April 22, starting at Votee Park at 9:30 a.m.

The Family Run is designed to be a community event, with representation from all denominations, in a united show of good deeds and good spirit. Participation fees are

\$18 (single), \$36 (family) and \$10 (student). Proceeds will go to the Tomorrow's Children Fund at Hackensack Hospital and to the Teaneck Volunteer Ambulance Corp.

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OUTREACH COMMITTEE

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SUNDAY, MARCH 4

11:15 AM

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- The Seder Plate?
- Foods to Eat/
- Games & Activities for Children?

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Please complete and leave this form along with your payment in the Outreach box at Temple office. RSVP by March 17.

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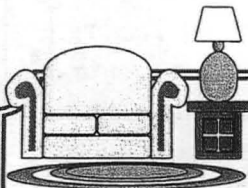
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Trouble with Grandfathers

By Bob Spiewak

Perfection
Seeking perfection
Has never been my goal
Anyhow I'd never reach it
If the truth be told!
But who needs perfection?
Life can be really great
If we accept the things we have
The things we miss won't rate
Let's make a brief reflection
And think about "perfection"
Would life be really better
If we could predict each day?
Uncertainty may seem unfair
And some failure and some strife
But surely if we don't despair
They add some spice to life!

The Boys Scouts of America and Our Sons: a rebuttal

As an active Scouter in the Tantaqua District of the Northern New Jersey Council, BSA, it is difficult for me to read Rabbi Kalfus' column in last month's bulletin and not respond to it.

The Boy Scouts of America have a quality program. The National Headquarters, based in Dallas, TX, was forced to take a stand on a political issue and they did. Was it the right decision, no. But pulling boys out of the program is not going to change the decision. Time and perseverance will.

Unfortunately, there will always be discrimination, and we, as Jews, know this well. The solution to this problem starts at home with our children. It is our responsibility to teach our children to accept everyone, no matter what his or her beliefs may be, what color his or her skin is, or what his or her sexual preferences are. Do you really think that by terminating a 10-year old's involvement in his pack or den will teach him that discrimination is wrong? Or that an 8-year old boy will understand that because his parents don't agree with a court ruling, they don't want him to be a Scout?

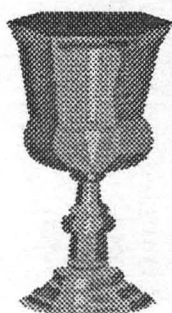
Why are we letting politics get in the way of our boys learning the wonderful outdoor skills they will not be able to learn any where else? As a leader in the Scouting community, on local, district and council levels, I implore you - do not take your sons out of the program! This will not change the stand of National, it will only limit the opportunities for our boys. Instead, show your protest with petitions, phone calls, and yes, retracting funds - not youths. Teach the boys that discrimination is not tolerated, but teach it in a positive, pro-active way.

Through the years, the one principle that has remained constant in the BSA was, and continues to be, to provide today's youth with a quality Scouting program. Where else can a boy learn the skills that Scouting teaches? No where. But he can learn the skills of tolerance and acceptance from you. Keep the Scouting program alive: continue to enroll boys in the local troops and packs. Let them enjoy all of the wonderful things that Scouting teaches them. But make sure YOU teach them tolerance and acceptance of all peoples.

Leslie Sonkin

Temple Emeth

March 2-15, 2001



Friday, March 2nd

Shabbat Zakhor/Terumah

Candle-lighting - 5:30 p.m.

Family Shabbat Services at 7:30 p.m.

*The Oneg Shabbat will be sponsored by Felipa & Lawrence Bernard
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Saturday, March 3rd

Shabbat Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of Geordan Bernard

Torah Portion: Exodus 25:1-27:19; Deuteronomy 25:17-19

Haftarah Portion: I Samuel 15:2-34

Sat. Mar 3	9:10 am	Torah Study
	10:30 pm	Shabbat Services B/M Geordan Bernard 5 th -7 th Grade Havdalah and Game Night
Sun. Mar 4	9:00 am	Religious School
	9:00 am	Confirmation students
	11:15 am	"How To" Passover Discussion with Rabbi
	6:00 pm	PURIM CARNIVAL Shelter Homeless

Tue. Mar 6	4:00 pm	Religious School
	7:30 pm	Mini University
	8:45 pm	Mini University
Wed. Mar 7	4:00 pm	Religious School
	6:15 pm	Etz Chayim
	8:00 pm	Adult Choir
Thurs. Mar 8	12:00 pm	Lunch & Learn
	1:00 pm	Renaissance-55 Alive
	7:30 pm	MEGILLA READING

Friday, March 9th

Shabbat Shirah/Beshalah

Candle-lighting - 5:38 p.m.

Services at 8:30 pm

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the Bar Mitzvah of her son, Cliff*



Saturday, March 10th

Shabbat Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of Cliff Sonkin

Torah Portion Exodus 27:20-30:10

Haftarah Ezekiel 43:10-27

Sat. Mar 10	9:10 am	Torah Study
	9:15 am	Tot Shabbat
	10:30 am	Shabbat Services B/M Cliff Sonkin
Sun. Mar 11	9:00 am	Religious School
	10:00 am	B'yachad Arza Breakfast
	10:00 am	Gift Shop Boutique
	11:00 am	Mitzvah Project- 5 th -7 th Grade Youth Group
	11:00 am	3 rd Gr. Fam. Ed. Day
	11:15 am	Outreach Meeting
	12:00 pm	Amnesty International
	1:00 pm	CPR Youth

Sun. Mar 11	6:00 pm	Shelter Homeless
Tues. Mar 13	4:00 pm	Religious School
	8:00 pm	Adult Ed. Comm. Mtg.
	8:00 pm	Social Action Mtg.
Wed. Mar 14	4:00 pm	Religious School
	6:15 pm	Etz Chayim
	8:00 pm	Adult Choir
Thurs. Mar 15	12:00 pm	Lunch & Learn
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TEMPLE EMETH

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL PESACH SEDER

SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2001 AT 6:00 P.M.

Baby-sitting provided for children 6 months to 6 years old in the Youth Lounge

Temple Emeth Members:

\$40 per adult

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Please limit reservations to 8 per family

DEADLINE FOR ALL RESERVATIONS IS MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2001!

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Phone number _____

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_____ Member children @ \$20 (ages 4-12)

_____ Children under 4 no charge (ages _____)

_____ Guest adults (ages 13 and up) @ \$50

_____ Guest children @ \$25 (ages 4-12)

_____ Children under 4 no charge (ages _____)

Please make checks payable to **Temple Emeth**. Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Everyone's participation in the preparation of our Seder helps make it a very special occasion. Please make sure to check one of the choices below. A committee member will call you to confirm your choice.

I/we will help by: _____ setting up on April 8th at 11:00 a.m.
_____ preparing Seder items (CHECK ONE BELOW) at home to be brought to
the Temple on April 8th between 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
_____ 2 dozen peeled hard-boiled eggs
_____ 2 quarts Charoset
_____ flowers

Return this form to: Passover Seder c/o Temple Emeth, 1666 Windsor Road, Teaneck, N.J. 07666

If you have any questions or need more information, please call: **Lynne Graizel at 833-8403 or Maddy Wolf at 585-0393.**

We look forward to seeing you at the Seder!

Annual Reports

Annual Reports are due on March 26, 2001. Please send them to the Temple Emeth office. If you have any questions, please call Marion at 833-1322.

Thank you

Temple Emeth Field Trip

The Outreach committee is pleased to present a Temple Emeth field trip on March 25, 2001.....

Join Rabbi Kalfus and the Temple Emeth family as we tour a Brooklyn Matzoh factory and watch a Torah being written. Spend time shopping and noshing. Bus leaves Temple Emeth Sunday 1145 a.m. Sharp!

\$5.00 per person covers round trip transportation and admission to sites. (Max \$20.00 per family. Children under 1 year old are free.) Nosh on your own. To help plan this trip or for more information, please contact Ilene Anesini via e-mail to anesini@aol.com or call 201-967-1985. Hope you can join us!!

Calender Addendum - March 11, 2001 (due to lack of space)

10:00 am	Gift Shop Boutique
11:00 am	Mitzvah Project Youth Group
1:00 pm	CPR Youth Shelter Homeless

Temple Emeth Book Club

The next meeting of the Book Club is scheduled to meet on March 15, 2001 at the home of Carol Kaplan, 370 Churchill Road, Teaneck.. We will be discussing the book A Lesson Before Dying by Ernest Gaines..

Matzoh, Matzoh, Matzoh

POST BAZAAR SALE - Before you know it - you'll need it — 5 pound packages and single pound boxes, matzoh meal and cake meal — **all dated 2001 — all at bargain prices.** Do your Passover shopping at Temple Emeth.

Please call Rose Kneeter at 836-4624.

Good & Welfare

Mazel Tov To...

Linda Poskanzer on the birth of her new grandson,
Graham Harris

Get Well Wishes To...

Marcella Braunschweiger

Paul Weisbrod

Susan Rappaport

Passover Discussion

Please join the Outreach committee on Sunday, March 4th from 11:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. as Rabbi Kalfus helps lead us in a "How to" Passover discussion. Get answers to any of your questions, learn ways to make Passover more memorable for you and your family, hear ideas on how to make Passover even more fun for children. Traditional Passover food will be served! To RSVP, or for any questions, please call Karen Bronstein at 567-3301, or email at karenbot@aol.com. Walk-ins always welcome!

B'yachad Model Seder on April 1st

for the non-Jewish community

Rabbi Kalfus and Cantor Cohen will lead

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setting up of food—9 a.m.-2 p.m. (or any hours
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Chartered motor coach will leave Temple
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Reservations limited to first 48.

For more information, contact Bea Westin, 836-
9216 or Barbara Kaufman, 385-8433.

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Your check is your reservation.

Make check payable to Temple Emeth Renaissance
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Send to Bea Westin, Temple Emeth, 1666 Windsor Rd.,
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Phone _____

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for Renaissance Group membership dues for 2000-20001
(if applicable).

TEMPLE EMETH TRACHTENBERG MEMORIAL LIBRARY UPDATE:

Go Through the Gates

Rav Anan said, "The gates of prayer are never barred."

The Reform Rabbis of the Central Conference of American Rabbis have kept this idea in mind when publishing both prayerbooks and books about prayer. The CCAR's series of liturgical books contain "Gates of . . ." in their titles. Some of these books are already familiar to us. Gates of Prayer is used on weekdays, Sabbaths, and festivals. Gates of Repentance is our

High Holiday prayerbook. All the Gates prayerbooks are intended to guide the practice and observance of Reform Jews.

Now, thanks to a generous donation from Michael and Erica Reiner in loving memory of Erica's uncle, Samuel Pinn, the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library has completed its Gates collection. These prayerbooks are on display this month. Please come have a look.

Prayer in the Home and Synagogue

Gates of Prayer-for weekdays, Sabbaths and Festivals

Gates of Repentance-for the Days of Awe On the Doorposts of Your House

A revised and expanded edition of the classic home prayerbook Gates of the House

Gates of Prayer for Weekdays and at a House of Mourning

Gates of Song-

Music to accompany Gates of Prayer

Gates of Forgiveness-Selichot services

Gates of Healing

A message of comfort and hope for those suffering in the hospital or at home

Children's Prayer

Gates of Wonder

Prayerbook intended for preschool children through six years of age

Gates of Awe-

High Holiday prayerbook for preschoolers

Gates of Prayer for Young People
services for Shabbat and weekdays

Gates of Joy-for Sukkot, Simchat Torah, Chanukah, Tu B'Shvat, Purim, Pesach, and Shavuot

Commentary Explaining Our Liturgy and Traditions

Gates of the Seasons

A guide to the Jewish year

Gates of Mitzvah

A guide to the Jewish life cycle

Gates of Shabbat

A guide for observing Shabbat

Gates of Understanding I -

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(These last two are commentaries to help worshippers unlock the message behind the liturgy.)



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Endowment Foundation Announces Over \$17,000 in Distributions for 2001

At its meeting on January 23, 2001, the Temple Emeth Endowment Foundation (TEEF) reviewed its financial position as of the end of 2000 and the distributions to be made for 2001. TEEF is the organization established in 1991 to hold and protect Temple Emeth's endowment funds. Eighty-five percent of annual earnings are returned each year to Temple Emeth, while the remaining fifteen percent is retained by TEEF to protect its principal against the erosion effects of inflation.

As of December 31, 2000, TEEF's assets were \$355,166, all of which originated from contributions to the Temple's general endowment or designated endowment funds over the years. Of this, \$200,000 is on loan to the Temple to help finance the recent expansion and renovation. The annual interest rate of 6% is lower than the Temple would otherwise have to pay to borrow this money from a bank. Net earnings for 2000 were \$20,800, of which \$17,680 will be distributed to Temple.

Because approximately half of TEEF's assets are undesignated endowment, approximately half the distributions, \$8,623, will go directly to help finance the Temple's operating budget. The rest will be allocated among the various Temple endowment funds. The Lazar Educational Enrichment Fund will receive \$6,877 to fund special educational projects. The Otten Institute of Living Arts will receive \$673 to fund arts projects. The Honigberg/Howard Fund will receive \$638 to provide Religious School scholarships. The Youth Awards Committee will have \$585 from the Alfred and Helen Levin Youth Awards Fund and from the Youth Scholarship Fund to encourage Temple youth to attend NFTY programs. The remaining \$284 will go to the Adult Kallah Fund and will be available to help Temple members attend our own or UAHC kallah. Please call Sue Keusch, President of the Temple Emeth Endowment Foundation, if you have questions about the Foundation or its activities.

ADULT ED'S Kabbalat Shabbat Evening

Friday, March 16 @ 6:30 pm

Our evening of song, good food, discussion and prayer will begin with a brief service in the sanctuary led by Rabbi Arturo Kalfus and Cantor Ellen Cohen. Immediately following the service we will enjoy a wonderful, traditional Shabbat dinner catered by Ella Hill and accompanied by Shabbat songs and blessings. After dinner, Rabbi Kalfus will introduce the evening's topic of discussion. Everyone will have an opportunity to participate in the exchange of ideas and opinions.

Reserve your place at the Kabbalat Shabbat Evening by completing the form below. Your reservation must be returned to the Temple office no later than March 8, 2001!

For additional information, please call Teri Binder at 837-6279.

KABBALAT SHABBAT RESERVATION FORM

Please reserve a place at the Kabbalat Shabbat Evening for:

Name: _____ a \$20/person
(Cost includes a donation to MAZON)

Number attending _____ Total enclosed \$ _____

Phone #: _____ I will help with set up: _____

I would like to be seated with _____

7TH GRADE MITZVAH PROJECT

Each time you come to Temple, we would like to ask you to bring an item of food to help people who are less fortunate than us. Place the food in the bin in the lobby please. We appreciate your support in advance.

Sincerely,

7th Grade B'nai Mitzvahs

Temple Emeth B'yachad

Some 150 Congregants Attend B'Yachad-Sponsored Peterson Talk

Brian Peterson wasn't looking for sympathy when he came to address a B'Yachad-sponsored gathering in the social hall of Temple Emeth on Sunday morning, January 14th.

He was completing two more hours of a court-imposed total of 300 hours of community service as part of his manslaughter sentence – speaking to senior high school audiences as well as to members of all ages from area synagogues and churches.

But Brian was also describing to the approximately 150 adults, teens, pre-teens the journey from his Long Island boyhood to his relationship with Amy Grossberg and the tragic turn of events that made shocking headlines four years ago.

He spoke movingly of his sense of helplessness and shame over the death of his first child in a Delaware motel room. He also detailed his two-year prison term, where he became well aware for the first time how supportive his family was and how fortunate he was because he knew that upon his release, he would be able to “pick up the pieces” of his life. And he realized that this would be far from the case for many of the inmates he'd encountered behind bars.

Although some of us may have been initially reluctant to allow him to speak before our congregation, once we heard what he had to say, we had to agree with Rabbi Kalfus that it was indeed a mitzvah to give Brian the opportunity to repent and repair.

Brian's probation officer, congregant Merri Adler-Ross seemed justifiably proud of him as she told us that he had already completed about one-third of his community service.

In the concluding segment of Brian's presentation, he answered dozens of questions from the audience. And Rabbi Kalfus made sure that every youngster who raised a hand was called upon.

Brian remained available to audience members after his talk for the Question-and-Answer period, as did some of our own members who are in the helping profession.

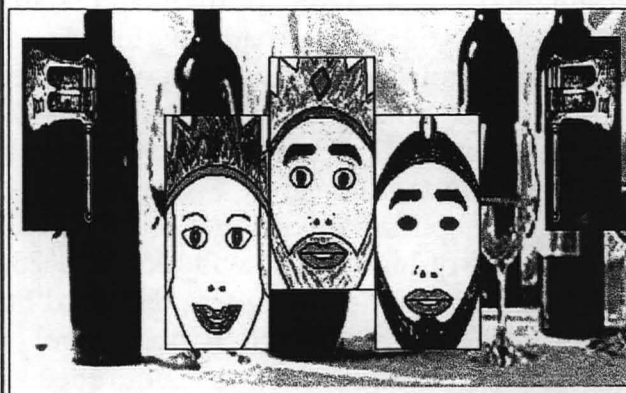
Rabbi Kalfus indicated that there will be a followup session sometime in the near future for the Temple Emeth community.

B'Yachad president Elliot Steinberg was especially pleased with the turnout as well as the reactions and comments of the people in attendance. “The event truly affected those present – young and old, and in-between,” he said, “And gave them much to think about and discuss with their families afterward.”

Richard A. Barnett, B'Yachad Communications

SAVE THE DATE:
TEMPLE EMETH B'YACHAD
PURIM DANCE
MARCH 17, 2001
8:00 PM to Midnight

Come dance the night away to the live music of **EDDIE PIRRERA** playing the music of the 40s, 50s and 60s, and special requests. Cheese, wine and dessert will be served. Special prizes for the best costumes (Costumes are optional). Get your reservations in now! you are guaranteed a sensational night at \$ 25.00 per person.



Yes I/we'll be coming to the Temple Emeth B'Yachad Purim Dance at 8:00 pm on March 17 at Temple Emeth.

Enclosed please find \$ _____ for _____ persons (\$ 25.00 per person).

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Junior Youth Group News Grades 5-7

Twenty (20!) of our 5th through 7th graders had a great time on Saturday, January 27. We socialized, at way too much pizza and junk food, and watched Bicentennial Man. We began our program by making Spice Boxes out of oranges and cloves - and participated in a Havdalah Service led by Rabbi Kalfus.

Thanks to everyone who helped make this event a success.

Look for our next Junior Youth Group event - Sunday, March 3 at 6:00 pm. It's game night - including prizes, top your own pasta and make your own sundaes. Bring your friends.

For more information about this program or any other Youth Programming, please feel free to call Maddy Wolf @ 585-0393.



IN THE Spotlight:

Hi. My name is **Geordan Bernard**. I am in the seventh grade at Benjamin Franklin Middle School and like to play soccer and baseball. My favorite subject is Math. I live with my parents, Larry and Flip, my sister Perrin, and my dog Magic. My Torah portion is Tesumah. This portion is about building the first tabernacle and it also discusses how it is good to give because you want to and not because you have to.

Please join us on March 3, 2001 when I am called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah.

Hi! My name is **Cliff Sonkin** and I attend Palisades Park Junior-Senior High School.

My favorite subjects are really Lunch, Recess and Band, but my mother says I should say that Chemistry and Creative Writing are my favorites.

My hobbies include computers, video games and music, and I like to go to the movies and skate at the ice rink with my friends. I have several pets: a cockatiel named Jesse, Grumpy, the turtle and our fish John.

My Torah portion is Tetzaveh. It is about the Perpetual (or Eternal) Light above the Ark and how everyone brought a little oil every-day to fill the lamp and keep it burning.

My mother, Leslie, and I would be most pleased if you would join us as I am called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on March 10th.

TEMPLE EMETH'S SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE
PROUDLY ANNOUNCES ITS
FIFTH ANNUAL

PURIM TOY DRIVE



Please bring New Toys and Books in their Original Packaging (No Gift Wrap) to the bin in the Temple Lobby between March 2 and March 18.

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

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- Karyle and Henry Goldstein in honor of Jessica's Bat-Mitzvah and in honor of Cantor Cohen

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- Debby & Mike Neuman: in honor of the birth of Micki & Mike Grunstein's granddaughter, Elizabeth; in honor of Rick Grunstein, Micki & Mike Grunstein's son
- Suzanne & Philip Keusch in memory of our cousin, Patricia Engstrom
- Estelle & Robert Spiewak in memory of Anne R. Spiewak
- Lynn Zimmering in honor of the birth of Elizabeth Jones, granddaughter of Micki & Mike Grunstein
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- Estelle and Bob Spiewak in memory of Anne R. Spiewak
- The Family of Adele Kohn-Marcus in honor of Rabbi Kalfus and in honor of Micki and Mike Grunstein
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