

## THE INDIVIDUAL SOUL: SOME REFLECTIONS ABOUT PASSOVER

**A**s Passover is approaching, a song, quite meaningful for me, keeps coming back and I keep humming its tune.

It was the first full song I could translate as I was learning Hebrew in a Kibbutz in Israel prior to my studies at the Hebrew University.

*"Kol ha Olam Kulo Gesher Tzar Meod, ve ha Yikar Lo Lefachad Klal..."*

*All the world is like a narrow bridge, and the most important thing is not to be afraid.*

The Hebrew word for Egypt is "*Mitzraim*" and comes from the same root as the word "*Tzar*" in my song. It means "narrow" or a "narrow place".

As Passover approaches I ask myself: What have been my "narrow" places during this year? If Egypt (*Mitzraim*) in the Haggadah is the place that enslaves us, this is the time in which I have to look at my own "enslavements" or at my "narrow visions".

Rabbi Michel Lerner teaches: "*Mitzraim* has been understood to mean a spiritual state, the narrow place, a place of confusion, fragmentation and spiritual disconnection. There are many ways in which all of us, individually and collectively, may be trapped in *Mitzraim*. Fear of the other, fear of our own true selves, fear of losing control – all of these can become false Gods to which we may be enslaved. Even some of what passes for spiritual growth may lead us into a narrower, more constricted place as we attempt to cut off parts of ourselves that we don't like".

I hum the song again ..... and reflect on the "narrow places" in my life; how they affect my family, my relationships and ultimately myself. I think of *Mitzraim* and I think about my shortcomings and my fears. But I know that the "narrow bridge" can be walked through.

Because I want to attain my freedom in order to be able to be more sensitive, not only to those around me, but to strive for a larger horizon of my "narrow" vision.

On this Passover, I would like to leave *Mitzraim*, my narrow places, and attain a freedom which will be transformative.

On this Passover, as I sit at our table and begin re-telling the story of our people's slavery, I will be thinking about myself. The exodus from Egypt is not just an nice old story. I am in it. I have some "narrow places" I have to recognize and be able to see the possibilities of a newly attained freedom. Being in a "narrow place" requires an awakening, and a struggle, and faith. A faith that will lead me this year through the path of personal healing. A faith that will allow me to remember the deepest yearnings of my soul which are eclipsed by my daily rush of activities.

Each one of us has a "narrow place". *Ve ha Yikar lo Lefachad Klal*, the essence is not to be afraid.

From my family to yours,

*AK*  
Rabbi Arturo Kalfus



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# MESSAGE

## Presidents

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One of the great taboos in our society is the mention of death (as in "pui, pui!"). That great center of communication, Madison Avenue, takes no note of it; otherwise intelligent and articulate people refer to it only euphemistically (as in "my great-aunt passed on" or "I lost my grandfather last week.") We ourselves are squirming a bit as we compose this month's message - a message about planning for a future when we, or you, are no longer here in life.

Death, of course, is a fact of life. It comes to each of us, and, if we live long enough, we begin at some point to think about and plan for it. Perhaps we think about providing for our offspring or other family members. Most of us consider how we wish to be remembered and, in turn, whom we may want to remember with a bequest.

In this connection, the lay leadership of Temple Emeth has been wrestling for a number of years with the delicate but crucial issue of how best to bring up the possibility of including Temple Emeth in your will. It is not an easy subject to broach and we have discussed and discarded a number of ideas. Now, however, a small group of people, under the leadership and guidance of Matthew Soifer, has come up with a short, simply worded flyer entitled Continue the Tradition. It spells out in simple layman's terms several ways in which a bequest can be made to Temple Emeth.


Many of us have found our congregation to be a significant factor in our Jewish lives. We have not only given both time and money to Temple but are concerned for its future. We know that a number of you have similar feelings. At a future date, we will be distributing this booklet to the entire congregation. However, if you would like a copy of this booklet, please contact the Temple office, Matthew Soifer or either of us.

We are emphasizing the concept of a bequest because for most people, it is the least complicated way to help Temple Emeth in the future. However, should you be interested in learning about various other types of estate planning such as Charitable Remainder Trusts please let us know that as well and we will furnish you with sources of information. Such trusts can provide income to yourself or your heirs while simultaneously benefiting Temple Emeth, either now or later. All such contributions will be acknowledged together with our annual giving and capital campaign gifts.

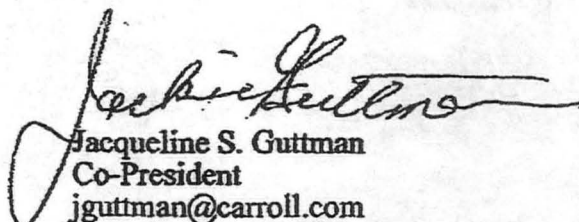
Lest you feel that Emeth is once again "coming to the well", we would point out that so-called planned giving is simply good planning, for both you and your synagogue. As such, it constitutes a major portion of contributed income for organizations ranging from United Jewish Appeal to United Way, and from the Metropolitan Opera to the Metropolitan Museum.

Temple Emeth has been here for us when we've needed it; please be here for Temple Emeth when it needs you.

Many thanks.



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# NEWS

## Early Childhood Center

### A Developmentally Appropriate Exodus

The Story of Exodus is one that is retold every year at Pesach. As we sit around the Seder table, we learn not only of the bitter suffering of our ancestors, but also of the difficulty in their adjustment to freedom. In many ways, the story of our birth as a Jewish nation parallels the birth and growth of young children in their early childhood years. If we begin with our existence in Egypt, we know that in this foreign land (body) we swelled from the original extended family of Joseph and his sons to thousands, much like a baby who grows from a microscopic size to quite a few pounds at birth. Our passage through the narrow channel in the Red Sea not only allowed us to make a physical departure from Egypt, but also flushed out our oppressors - those who held us in bondage (like the placenta). Although we were finally free, the only "language" we used was crying to have our most basic needs met - water and food. At only seven weeks old, we received the Ten Commandments - the rules by which we were expected to live our free lives. However, we spent the next 40 years exploring (in a giant sandbox) our inner selves and learning how to internalize these laws before we were given the opportunity to establish ourselves in the land of Canaan (school?). Much like Moses's appointment of ministers to help him, our teachers join the parents in establishing the most basic of rules for social interaction and growth. And just as we revisit this story every year, we can easily refer back to the lessons we've learned in our earliest years of growth to appreciate the importance of sharing, taking turns, listening to each other, and enjoying the company of our peers.

With wishes for a Happy Pesach,

חג פסח שמח,

Beth Rosen



# From the

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



Despite the white winter, spring is upon us. It is a time for renewal, and for us, the time for celebrating our exodus from Egypt. As a child, I always looked forward to Passover. It meant being together with family, eating special foods and retelling the story of our ancestors. As an adult I enjoy sharing and creating new traditions for and with my family.

There is so much that surrounds the holiday of Pesach/Passover. Of course, there is the cooking and cleaning. (Some of us may enjoy this aspect and others might anticipate this chore with a bit of dread.) As a child, I had no idea how much preparation went into the seder. What to serve for the meal, where to hide the afikomen, who to be sure to invite; the list can be endless. Another important choice is the Haggadah. Now we have a variety of options. As well, many people choose to create their own Haggadah so that their seder reflects their idea, hopes and dreams that they want to share and think about at this time. Seders can really be so similar, yet totally different.

I grew up as an Ashkenazi Jew who's family had been in the United States for several generations. Our traditions were formed by both our European and American traditions. In college, I had the opportunity to be invited to different homes over the years. It was my first real lesson in how you can take the *mitzvot* and *minhagim* (traditions) of Passover and have a variety of interpretations. However, my greatest "culture shock" came when I married a Sephardic Jew who is from Greece.

Although the prayers were the same almost nothing else was familiar. Now that we have our own family, our seders are a blended tradition. That which is familiar to Morris and I from our childhood, as well as new traditions we have added along the way. It has been an exciting journey. I hope that you enjoy the journey your Pesach traditions lead you to over the years.

Morris, Matti, Zari and Avi join me in wishing you a Zissen Pesach.

B'shalom,

Lisa

Lisa Lieberman Barzilai



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## Shalach Manot 2001:

### Bigger and better than ever!

Once again, Temple Emeth's Shalach Manot project at Purim is a resounding success! We more than doubled last year's earnings, establishing this event as an important annual contribution to the temple operating budget. Although our communal Shalach manot is primarily a fundraiser, it has become much more: we spread Purim cheer around the Temple community - and we have a lot of fun doing it!

Many thanks to the scores of people who ordered Shalach Manot be sent to Emeth friends and neighbors. Many, many thanks to all (far too many to list here) who packed Shalach Manot on March 1 and/or delivered it on March 4. The packers were so artistic that our packages and baskets were works of art, and so efficient that we finished early! And our delivery people beat out the Storm of the Millennium that never occurred. Special mention to Karen Kaplan, the newest member of the calligraphy corps., and to Seth Klein and Lane Tobias, who schlepped, schlepped, schlepped.

Please be sure to patronize the local merchants who gave us donations and deep discounts: Stop and Shop, Teaneck; Budget Printing, Teaneck; Giant Gourmet Farms, Hackensack; Mace's, Hackensack; International Food Warehouse, Lodi.

Anyone who has input regarding Shalach Manot or who would like to be on the committee next year, call Judy Fox at 836-0260.

*Judy Fox, David Fox, Eva Tobias, Carol Levy*

## Need Medical Equipment?

The Caring Committee has compiled a list of medical equipment that Temple members have available to loan to fellow congregants.

Included are canes, crutches, high seats for the toilet, walkers, bathtub stools, walkers, a wheelchair, a queen-size egg crate mattress, a nebulizer and a back support cushion. If you would like to borrow one or more of these items, call Judy Eichinger at 201-833-8291.

## Temple to Receive New Holocaust Torah Cover

During a special call to the Bima January 26, Rabbi Kalfus and Cantor Cohen announced to Peter Adler, wife Ruth and the rest of the congregation that his children, Susan and Ellen would create a special gift to honor his 70th birthday - a new cover for the Holocaust Torah.

Designed by Susan and handcrafted by Ellen,, the new cover will be presented to the Temple Emeth congregation during Shabbat services on Friday, April 27. It will replace the present 25-year-old cover, also created by Susan Adler as her 1975 confirmation project.

The new design is a collection of interpretive images in abstract shapes depicting the Star of David, Kristalnacht, the fires of the Holocaust, and the survival spirit of the Jewish people represented by the *she-he-che-ya-nu* which surrounds the Torah cover.

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Ignorance uncovered, students spent eight hours in this refresher course to update their driving skills and general knowledge of road techniques and hazards. Upon completion of the training, participants received a certificate that allows them a minimum 5% reduction in their auto insurance premium and reduction in NJ State Motor Vehicle points.

## THE TEMPLE EMETH RENAISSANCE GROUP

• A day trip to the famous Duke Gardens in Somerville, NJ with brunch at historic Willie's Tavern is the next activity planned by the Renaissance Group. The date is Sunday, April 22. Only a few space remain on the bus. Call Bea Westin, 836-9216 for more information.

• The Renaissance Group hosts its fourth annual Theater Party to the American Stage Company's production of "Door to Door" on Sunday, May 6. Tickets are \$25 and can be reserved through Carlene Fleishman, 836-0226, or Bev Lazar, 498-9564.

*The Renaissance Group is a social, educational and recreational organization for Temple Emeth's "empty nesters."*

*Membership is \$10 per person, payable from August through July. For more information, contact Barbara Kaufman, 385-8433 or Bea Westin, 836-9216.*

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## *In Response...*

In response to Ms. Sonkin's guest editorial: If the BSA had said the same thing about Jews or Blacks or any other group, would you feel the same way?

The whole issue is not about politics but about discrimination and whether your moral and ethical sense allows you to support it or not.

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*Ken Hoffman*

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During the last High Holidays, Rabbi Kalfus interrupted a service with a dramatic call for members of the congregation to form a Temple Emeth group supporting the humanitarian goals of Amnesty International. More than 40 people ascended the bimah, and our Amnesty International group was off to a flying start.

Since then, we've had meetings scheduled for the second Sunday each month to discuss the ways that we can help people around the world escape the bonds of unjust imprisonment, torture, and the threat of death.

Briefly, Amnesty International is an organization dedicated to making the Universal Declaration of Human Rights a reality for people around the world — including right here in the United States. The main weapons in this struggle are simple: a postage stamp and a pen. Through persistent letter-writing campaigns, members of Amnesty International have managed to free many political prisoners from hopelessness, torture and the near-certainty of death.

One of the logos used by Amnesty International depicts an upraised fist clutching a pen, and that's what we are all about. We write letters in support of specific imprisoned individuals to officials in the countries where they are being held. We also write cards of support directly to such prisoners of conscience. It sounds like a hopelessly small gesture, but it has proved to be a remarkably effective method.

Here at Temple Emeth, we have adopted as our inspiration and credo the following words from the Gates Of Prayer:

*The spirit of Adonai is in us, the Eternal has called us  
To bring hope to the oppressed, to bring healing to the broken,  
To proclaim liberty to those enslaved, freedom to those in shackles.*

This theme is particularly appropriate with the approach of Passover, our holiday of liberation and celebration of freedom. We have adopted Amnesty International's suggestions for additional words to emphasize the relevance of this struggle to our Seder. If you'd like to consider using these suggestions for your family Seder this year, please stop in at the Temple office and ask for an Amnesty International Passover packet.

*Among our upcoming activities:*

- Some of us will be participating in Temple Emeth's Second Night Seder this year, emphasizing the fact that our struggle for freedom for all the world's people is as alive and important today as it was in ancient times.
- We'll be represented with a table at Mitzvah Day in May, so you and your children can sign and send letters and cards of support to people who really need it.

If you'd like to find out more about Amnesty International and our Temple Emeth AI group, you can (a) pick up a folder of materials from the Amnesty International mailbox at the Temple office, (b) go on line to [www.amnesty-usa.org](http://www.amnesty-usa.org), or (c) e-mail me at [jrnesq@aol.com](mailto:jrnesq@aol.com).

*Jim Norman, Amnesty International Coordinator*

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## April 6-19, 2001



**Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Shabbat Tzav/Hagadol**

*Candle-lighting - 7:08 p.m.*

**Family Shabbat Services at 7:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Shabbat Worship at 10:30 a.m.**

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

*Haftarah Portion: Malachi 3:4-24*

Sat. Apr 7	9:10 am 10:30 pm	Torah Study Shabbat Services
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Tue. Apr 10	4:00 pm 7:30 pm 8:45 pm	Religious School Mini University Mini University
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Sun. Apr 8		No Religious School
<b>ANNUAL TEMPLE SEDER</b>		

Wed. Apr 11	4:00 pm 6:15 pm 8:00 pm	Religious School Etz Chayim Adult Choir
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Thurs. Apr 12	12:00 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Lunch & Learn Healing Service Bd. Of Trustees Mtg.
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**Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> Shabbat Pesach**

*Candle-lighting - 7:15 p.m.*

**Services at 8:30 pm**



**Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> Shabbat Worship at 10:30 a.m.**

*Torah Portion Exodus 14:30-15:21*

*Haftarah II Samuel 22:1-51*

Sat. Apr 14	9:10 am 9:15 am 10:30 am	Torah Study Tot Shabbat Shabbat Services
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Day of Passover Yizkor Service</b>		

Tues. Apr 17	7:30 pm 8:45 pm	Mini University Mini University
Wed. Apr 18	6:15 pm 8:00 pm 8:00 pm	Etz Chayim Adult Choir Rel. School Comm.

Sun. Apr 15	9:00 am 11:00 am	Religious School Holocaust Program Amnesty International
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Thurs. Apr 19	12:00 pm 8:00 pm	Lunch & Learn Ritual Meeting
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# Early Family Shabbat Service and Pot Luck Dinner



Please join us on Friday, April 20th at 6:30 pm.

Everyone is invited to a brief service followed by Shabbat dinner, with singing, blessings, and friendship.

Please bring enough food for 6-8 people, in easy serving sizes so everyone has a chance to try different dishes. In keeping with Temple's Kosher style policy, we ask that all dishes be non-dairy.

***Regular services will take place at 8:30 pm as usual.***



Please return this form to the Temple office by Monday, April 9th.

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Children \_\_\_\_\_

Main course \_\_\_\_\_

Side dish and dessert \_\_\_\_\_

Salad and drink \_\_\_\_\_

I can help set up at 5:30 pm \_\_\_\_\_

*We need everyone to stay and help clean up*

## Voices of the Generations Teaching the Holocaust

Please join us for a special program with Julie Kohner when she presents Voices of the Generations-Teaching the Holocaust.

Using video, visuals and discussion Julie shares the story of her parents, who were Holocaust survivors.

Students in the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade will participate in this program. We are inviting students in 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade and all adults to join us for this important and meaningful program.

"Julie Kohner's presentation about her parents' experience makes the tragic events of the Holocaust so very real. Julie speaks with warmth, love and understanding and her presentation cannot help but touch one's heart."

*Rabbi Gan, Los Angeles, California*

"As a child of Holocaust Survivors and as a Jewish educator, I thought that I had heard it all; but Julie's "Voices of the Generations" spoke to me in a different way, especially attuned to my American ears."

*Ann Kibel Schwartz, Baltimore, MD*

Julie Kohner will present her program on Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, from 9:30 - 11:00 am. Please join us.

## Bar/Bat Mitzvah News

Dear Parents,

If your child will become a B'nai Mitzvah between January 2003 and June 2004 and you haven't received a date from the temple, please call the office.

Thank you,  
Marion Schechter

## Good & Welfare

### Get Well Wishes To...

Rose Kneeter

Barbara Kaufman

### Mazel Tov To...

Gwen & Marty Dubno on the engagement of their daughter Randi to Dr. Adam Gardner

## Institute of Living Arts Concert

The Albert & Mildred Otten Institute for Living Arts will present The Schillers and Friends on Sunday, April 29, 2001 at 3 P.M.

The will play Quintet in C Major by Schubert and Octet in E Flat by Mendelssohn.

Please join us for an enjoyable afternoon.

## Last Call for Annual Reports!!!!

**THIS IS THE LAST CALL FOR ANNUAL REPORTS. PLEASE SEND THEM IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!**

## Temple Emeth Book Club

The next meeting of the Book Club is scheduled to meet on April 19, 2001 at the home of Marcia Pfeffer, 590 Albin Street, Teaneck.. We will be discussing the book Mr. Mani by A.B. Yehoshua..

## Service of Comfort and Healing

Please join us on April 12, 2001 for a service of Comfort and Healing.

## Save the Date!!!

**MAY 12, 2001 FOR THE ANNUAL DINNER DANCE. INVITATIONS TO FOLLOW**

## Books, Books, & more Books... & some food too!

That's the motto of Temple Emeth's Book Club, which meets on the 3rd Thursday night of each month, from September through June. The only requirement for participation is that you read the monthly selection and come to the meeting. No registration, no sign-in. Just show up. Meetings are 8:00 pm to 9:45 pm.

Book selections for each year are made at the June Pot-Luck Dinner /Meeting – see, we said there was food involved – and the list is distributed to all temple members in the monthly mailings, along with information as to where the meetings will be held, either in a member's home or at the Temple.

We've read books such as *Turbulent Souls* by Stephen Dubner, *Sacred Hunger* by Barry Unsworth, *The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver. Selections for the rest of this season are:

**April 19th** *Mr. Mani* by A. B. Yehoshua  
at Marcia Pfeffer's (836-8273)  
590 Albin St., Teaneck

**May 17th** *Saturday Night Murder* by Batya Gur  
at Muriel Pader's (837-3703)  
1358 Sussex Road, Teaneck

**June 21th** Potluck Dinner & Planning for next year  
at Joan Paul's (265-4102)  
146 N. Terrace Place, New Milford

A monthly e-mail reminder is sent to current group participants. If you'd like to be added to the list, please e-mail Tippi Ulman at [A2z1134@aol.com](mailto:A2z1134@aol.com).

Any questions, call Carol Kaplan, 837-1622.

P.S. If you're unable to get to the library, you can reserve any book online via the [www.bccls.org](http://www.bccls.org) website.

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

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ Member adults (ages 13 and up) @ \$40  
# \_\_\_\_\_ Member children @ \$20 (ages 4-12)  
# \_\_\_\_\_ Member children under 4 no charge (ages \_\_\_\_\_)  
# \_\_\_\_\_ Guest adults (ages 13 and up) @ \$50  
# \_\_\_\_\_ Guest children @ \$25 (ages 4-12)  
# \_\_\_\_\_ Guest 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  
\_\_\_\_\_ ladle matzoh balls and soup  
\_\_\_\_\_ donate soup tureen for the Seder

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!

## Introduction to Judaism Summer 2001 Classes

A 16-session course designed to give participants a basic understanding of Jewish belief and practice will be offered in the locations listed below. The classes are open to all individuals who are considering conversion to Judaism; interfaith couples; Jews by birth and non-Jews who wish to obtain a basic adult-level knowledge of Judaism.

The course will approach Jewish tradition - faith, people, way of life - through a study of the holiday and life cycles of Judaism. A basic reading knowledge of Hebrew will also be included.

Classes will meet twice a week for eight weeks from 7:45 pm to 9:45 pm. A single registration fee of \$275, or \$225 for UAHC congregation members, includes tuition and one set of books and materials for an individual or a couple.

Introduction to Judaism is sponsored by the Outreach Program of the New Jersey-West Hudson Valley Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and its 56-member congregations. For further information on this and other programs for intermarried families, please contact your Rabbi or the UAHC office at 201-722-9090.

**EDISON, NJ** May 1 - June 21 Tues. & Thurs.  
**TEANECK, NJ** May 8 - June 28 Tues. & Thurs.

If you have anyone interested in enrolling OR need more information about the class please feel free to call:

**Vicky Farhi, Regional Outreach Director:**  
201-722-9090 Ext. 210 Fax: 201-722-0444, E-mail:  
vfarhi@uahc.org.

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- **YOUTH PROFESSIONAL**

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regional and national travel. Qualifications include a Master's Degree in an appropriate field, extensive professional youth experience and a commitment to Reform Judaism. Competitive salary and benefits. For more information, contact Rabbi Andrew Davids at 212-650-4070 or email  
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See you this summer!

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# TEMPLE EMETH TRACHTENBERG MEMORIAL LIBRARY **UPDATE:** *Holocaust Memorial*

Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Memorial Day, falls on April 18th this year. In observance of this solemn day, the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library is featuring a display of books about the Holocaust. Some are suitable for children, such as the classic *I Never Saw Another Butterfly*, a collection of poems that were written by children in Theresienstadt. Selections from this book will be read aloud to 4th through 7th graders in our religious school on Sunday April 15th.

Other books exhibited in the library are intended for adults. Among these is *Strange Haven: A Jewish Childhood in Wartime Shanghai* by Sigmund Tobias.

Driven from Germany by the Nazis, Tobias was six years old in 1938 when he and his parents found refuge with 17,000 other European Jews in a part of Shanghai under Japanese occupation.

*Sigmund Tobias will be the guest speaker at an Adult Education program on April 29th.*

## BOOKS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS

*The Butterfly* by Patricia Polacco

*The Number on My Grandfather's Arm*  
by David A. Adler

*My Brother's Keeper: The Holocaust Through the Eyes of an Artist* by Israel Bernbaum

*Promise of a New Spring: The Holocaust and Renewal*  
by Gerda Weissmann Klein

*Daniel's Story* by Carol Matas

*We Are Witnesses: Five Diaries of Teenagers Who Died in the Holocaust* by Jacob Boas

*The Night Crossing* by Karen Ackerman

*The Garden* by Carol Matas

*A Frost in the Night* by Edith Baer

## BOOKS FOR ADULTS

*Children of a Vanished World* by Roman Vishniac

*Denying the Holocaust* by Deborah Lipstadt

*Hitler's Willing Executioners* by Daniel Jonah Goldhagen

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Professor Gampel is an Associate Professor of Jewish History at The Jewish Theological Seminary in New York. Professor Gampel specializes in the history of the Jews of the medieval and early modern world and is the author of *The Last Jews on Iberian Soil*, a study of Jewish communities prior to the Spanish Expulsion. *Professor Gampel's lecture is underwritten by the Amado Family Foundation.*

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For more information, contact the winter office:  
1511 Walnut Street, Suite 401  
Philadelphia, PA 19102 \*\*\* 215-563-8184  
Website: [www.campharlam.org](http://www.campharlam.org)

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## IN THE Spotlight:

*Hello!* I'm Katy Sandler . I am petite for my age, but smart and cute. I like to read, hang out with my friends, ride my bike, talk on the telephone and listen to music.

I am in the seventh grade at Thomas Jefferson Middle School and my favorite subjects include Science and Social Studies. I also like Acting, and playing basketball and softball, and dancing.

Please join my parents, Alissa and Jim, my brother Matthew and me on March 31 as I become a Bat Mitzvah. My Torah portion will be *Vayikra* (sin offering).

*Hi!* My name is Joanna Cohen and I am a seventh grader at Benjamin Franklin Middle School. My favorite subjects are English and Gym, but I also like soccer, softball, shopping, TV, the telephone and AOL. In addition to playing both indoor and outdoor soccer, I also play softball and basketball.

I live with my parents June and Victor, and my brothers Liam and Thomas, along with our dog Milli. I will become a Bat Mitzvah on April 21. My Torah portion is *Shemini* and it is about Aaron's sons who die in a fire when offering a sacrifice in the Temple and then God tells Moses and Aaron which foods are permitted and which are forbidden.

*My name* is Jaclyn Bolno and I will become a Bat Mitzvah on April 28, when I read the Metzora portion of the Torah. It deals with sympathy towards people with diseases.

I live with my parents Randi Hopman and Alan Bono and I have a sister Elise, a step-sis Jessica and Step-bro Bret. I am in the seventh grade at Tenafly Middle School and my favorite subjects are Language Arts and Spanish. I also like playing sports, basketball and softball are my favorites, and I love going to camp (for 6 years!) I am a very good student and I get many good grades, and I also love hanging out with my friends.

*Shalom!* My name is Alexander Fucillo and I am in the eighth grade at Benjamin Franklin High School. My favorite subjects are Social Studies and English and I like to play soccer, baseball and computers, too. While preparing for my Bar Mitzvah, I have learned through my Mitzvah project how rewarding it is to give to people less fortunate than myself. My Torah portion is *Acharemot* which is about the ritual of the scapegoat and the commandment of Yom Kippur. Please join my parents, Jane and William, my sister Elizabeth and me on May 5 when I am called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah.

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