



A MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI

Responding to the year that was and hoping for the year ahead of us

Some of us may think about Rosh HaShanah, not necessarily about Teshuvah, (repentance) or of Tefilah, (prayer) or Tzedakkah, (acts of righteousness), but on the food we will have to prepare for our dinner guests on the eve of the Jewish new year. No matter what the final menu will be, we know that there is a certain food that has to be present. And it is easy to prepare! I am referring to apples dipped in honey. It is our symbolic hope for a sweet new year. And after the bloodshed and tears of this particular year, it occurs to me that this symbolic food ritual at the beginning of Rosh HaShanah will have an enhanced value for all of us. Despite the tragedies in our country, in Israel and in the whole world, we begin Rosh HaShanah with hope by remembering what is sweet in life. By tasting sweetness at the very beginning of our Holiday, we stand up and try to put aside the sour tastes of this past year.

And as we prepare ourselves for this High Holiday season, we yearn for moments of exaltation, inspiration and true Teshuvah, repentance, in our lives. There will be many prayers said, sacred texts read, music as well as silent moments during our services. In order for us to have a more meaningful experience during this Holiday season, I will like to suggest a few thoughts regarding our time spent together during our religious services.

Shimon Apisdord reminds us that:

- 1- Five minutes of prayer said with understanding, feeling and a personal connection to the words and their significance means more than five hours of lip service. Therefore, don't look at the prayerbook as an all-or-nothing proposition consisting of hundreds of prayers that absolutely must be recited. Rather, try looking at each page as its own self-contained opportunity for prayer, reflection and inspiration. If you are successful with one page that's great; if not, then just move right along to the next page, the next of many opportunities.
- 2- Read slowly through the prayers, carefully thinking about what you are saying, and don't be concerned about lagging behind the congregation.
- 3- If a particular sentence or paragraph touches you, linger there for a while. Say the words over and over to yourself-softly, but audible to your own ear. Allow these words to touch you. Feel them. And if you're really brave, then close your eyes and say those words over and over for a couple of moments.
- 4- You're not that proficient in Hebrew? Don't worry, God understands whatever language you speak. And, like a loving parent, God can discern what's in your heart even if you can't quite express it the way you would like.

So as we begin our Rosh HaShanah with apples dipped in honey remembering the sweetness of our lives and those around us, may we have a season of true Repentance, insight and growth. May this season bring to us hope, peace and fortitude to confront a new year with a renewed sense of the Sacred in our lives, in the lives of our brothers and sisters in Israel and ultimately, for all humanity.

Shanah Tova u metukah, Phyllis, Ari and Lilah join me in wishing you a sweet and a happy new year.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CANTOR

As summer draws to a close, I find myself consumed by thoughts of the High Holy Days. I am also aware that my thoughts around this time of year have changed significantly since my early years in the Cantorate. Had I been asked seven or eight years ago what my focus was just prior to the Holy Days, I surely would have said that it was the music, choir and services. While these things are no less important to me today, I find that as I grow as a clergy person, a wife, a mother, and a human being, I am far more concerned with my understanding of the spiritual themes of the Holy Days. I search for the true meaning of forgiveness and change.

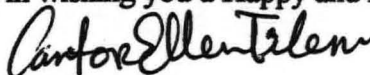
Why is it so difficult for us to ask forgiveness of others? Maybe we feel as though our wrongdoings actually define who we are as a person. Many of us have been taught to believe that when we sin, we are a "bad person." That rather than being a good person who sometimes does bad things, we resort to a belief system that actually punishes us over and over in our mind for a one mistake or wrongdoing. **We forget that failure is an event not a person.**

Maybe we keep ourselves from experiencing forgiveness because we are afraid to ask for it. We ask ourselves questions like "What if I don't really deserve forgiveness?" or "What if I ask for forgiveness and the other person will not forgive me causing me to feel even worse?" The answer? Impossible! We cannot truly be denied forgiveness because if we are honestly repentant the other person's reaction will not affect our sincerity and will to change. **When we do something wrong we can only do two things about it: ask for forgiveness and don't do it again.** The difference between saying "I'm sorry" and asking forgiveness is that when we say "I'm sorry" to another person, we still hold the power, however when we ask for forgiveness, we are handing the power over to the other person. Integrating this idea into our everyday lives is a profoundly freeing experience.

Over the years I have done a lot of grief counseling. Sometimes I find a family member in my office telling me about bad feelings left between them and their recently deceased loved one. Usually there was an argument or disagreement which was never resolved. In this case, I will often suggest that the person write a letter. Not *to* the deceased, rather *from* the deceased. Yes, this may sound like a strange exercise. However, many of us need only to let go of the fantasy of what that person would have said had things been resolved when they were living. Therefore, by writing the letter to ourselves from the other person, that person says exactly what we needed to hear. In this case, forgiveness is for the person doing the forgiving, not for the person being forgiven. Resolving the issue may not be or have been that important to the other person, in fact, they may not have even known that they wronged you!

This year, I pray that each of us will ask God to help us in acknowledging the truth and feeling the feelings that will make us whole once more. I pray that we might find the courage to seek forgiveness as well as the strength to forgive. *Avinu Malkemu, chadesh aleinu shana tovah!* Our Father, our King, renew us for a good year!

Peter and Eve join me in wishing you a Happy and Healthy New Year!

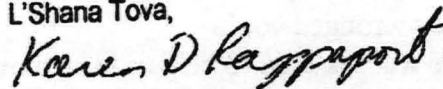


Cantor Ellen Tilem

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Once again we are at the beginning of what I expect will be another eventful year. There may be changes but behind it all there still remains the Temple Emeth community. We write in our program that we are a Beyt Tefillah - a house of worship, a Beyt Midrash - a house of study, and a Beyt Kneset - a gathering place. Yes we have a beautiful building that houses all of these things, but we are more than a building. We are a community of people. What does that mean? According to the dictionary a community is defined as a body of people having a common interest. We choose to belong to the community of Temple Emeth and we share the common goal of building and maintaining a vibrant congregation. The members of a community also share the goal of supporting one another and working with one another. They share a commitment to the welfare of others in the community. How do we, as members of Temple Emeth, support the individuals in our community? Do we visit, call, or send cards to the ill members of the community even if they are not our personal friend? Do we attend shiva minyans even when we do not know the mourner? Do we provide rides to congregants who want to attend services? Do we say hello to people whose faces we do not know at services or other Temple events? Do we attend Bnai Mitzvah for children that we do not know? Do we speak to each other as community members after we have disagreements? If we are truly a community we need to do these things. We need to do our part to make our community a place for all who want to come. A community happens when people have some personal responsibility and commitment to the community's survival. We are all members of this holy place. We have a commitment to ensure the survival of the Temple Emeth community. As a community we know what we can accomplish and dream of things yet to be done. At the beginning of this new year, it is time, once again to remind ourselves that we all need one another. Let us renew our commitment to this community and move forward together. I look forward to your support.

L'Shana Tova,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen D. Rappaport".

Karen D. Rappaport

Beginning with a Balance....

As we approach the year 5763 together, we have the opportunity to assess, for ourselves and students, the best way to strike the correct balance during the precious time we have with the children.

Rabbi Elazar be Azaryah said...

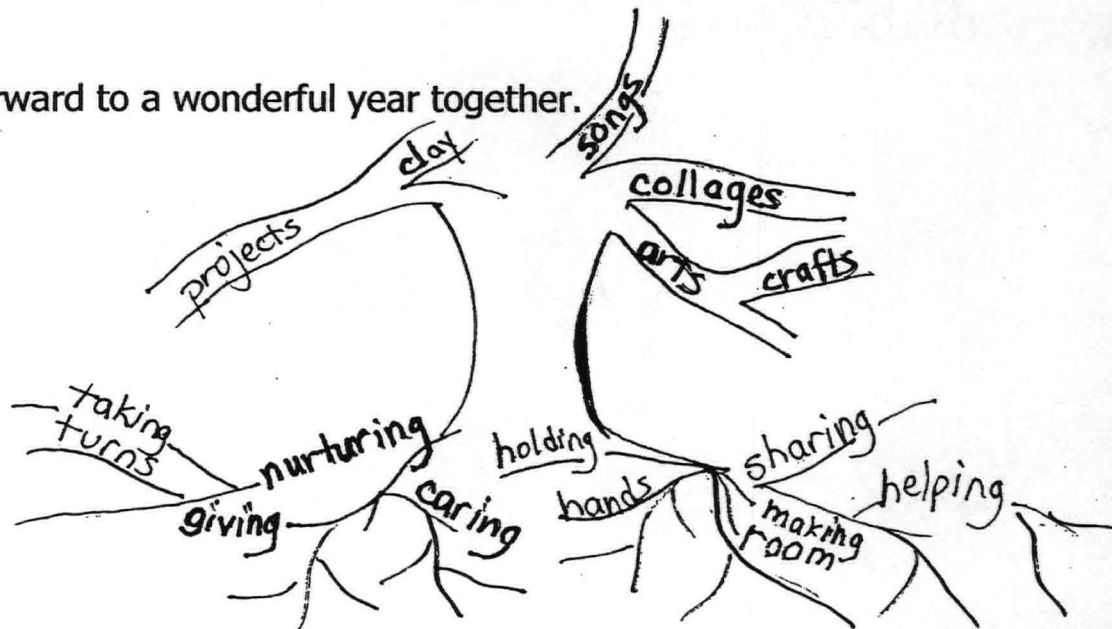
**"When our wisdom is greater than our deeds, what are we like?
Like a tree whose branches are many but roots are few,
so that when the wind comes, it will uproot and overturn it...
When our deeds are greater than our wisdom, what are we like?
Like a tree whose branches are few, but roots are many,
So that even if all the winds of the world were to come and blow
on it, it would not move from its place."**

How do we help our children sprout those roots and establish behaviors that enhance and advance their world and ours? How do we provide the right opportunities that will help them learn the value and pleasure of helping others?

As we review our curricular content and goals for the coming year, we are very sensitive to establishing a balance – process & product; structure and free choice; consistency and flexibility. This can be especially challenging since the beginning of the Jewish year is always hectic – filled with so much to do in so short a time. Fortunately, we have an outstanding group of teachers to work with the children this year - to help them enjoy and benefit from their efforts and the social interactions that will enrich them and those they touch.

We all look forward to a wonderful year together.

B'Shalom,
Beth
Beth



FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL:

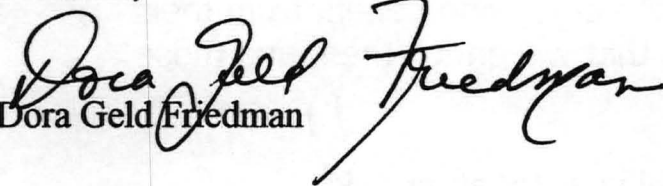
Each season has its own flavor, sights and sounds, challenges and opportunities. The time Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur, and Sukkot is a unique opportunity for us to renew, reassess, set new goals, and follow new dreams. Once again, we are given a chance to show appreciation and thankfulness for all the good we have. We say thank you to our returning faculty: Michael Baer, Wendy Filowitz, Ilana Hed, Joan Kaplan, Ilene Kostman, Miriam Koteen, Nancy Lederman-Scher, Debbie Rutz, Gila Sherry, and Penny Soussa. We welcome and also thank the new members of our faculty, Batia Eshel, Jill Kravitz and our new music leader, Max Chaiken.

We also thank our School Administrator, Barbara Sabella, our Temple Administrator, Marion Schechter and her support staff for providing us with the glue that keeps our school together and running so smoothly.

Our Religious School is committed to Torah, Avodah, and Gmilit Chasadim, i.e. Torah, Worship, and Loving Deeds. Every part of our curriculum in every grade reflects these values. Our school is blessed with teachers that offer support to their students and teach our children with knowledge and compassion.

On behalf of our faculty and staff and from my family to yours, I wish you a "world that is new every morning - and to feel reborn and renewed each day".

B'vracha,


Dora Geld Friedman



RABBI JOSHUA TRACHTENBERG MEMORIAL LIBRARY PREPARING FOR THE HOLIDAYS

During this month of Elul we ready ourselves emotionally and psychologically for repentance. To help us prepare for the Days of Awe, our library is displaying an assortment of High Holiday books for all ages.

For adults we have:

Days of Awe: A Treasury of Jewish Wisdom for Reflection, Repentance and Renewal on the High Holy Days. This timeless classic, edited by S. Y. Agnon, has been reissued in a new format. Its value lies not only in the text but also in the enlightening forward and introduction.

Beginning Anew: A Woman's Companion to the High Holidays, edited by Gail Reimer and Judith A. Kates, has a feminist slant. The editors have come to "the realization that women are central to the Rosh Hashana readings."

Gates of the Seasons: A Guide to the Jewish Year, edited by Peter S. Knobel, is the Reform movement's comprehensive survey of the sacred days of the Jewish year.

The Rosh Hashanah Anthology and The Yom Kippur Anthology. In these companion volumes, editor Rabbi Philip Goodman draws upon the Bible, Talmud, midrashim, medieval works, and modern writers to help us understand the meaning of the High Holidays.

Preparing Your Heart for the High Holy Days: A Guided Journal. Authors Kerry M. Olitzky and Rachel T. Sabbath offer readers 40 steps to repentance, each consisting of a page of reflections facing a page or readers' responses. This book is designed for Jews of all backgrounds and levels of observance.

Rosh Hashanah Yom Kippur Survival Kit. Shimon Apisdorf acts as a knowledgeable guide--informing, entertaining, and bringing added significance to anyone's experience of the Days of Awe.

Seasons of Our Joy: A Handbook of Jewish Festivals. Arthur I. Waskow explains the origins, history, and importance of the Jewish holidays; he describes both traditional and innovative ways of celebrating them.

Here are some selections for children:

Sammy Spider's First Rosh Hashanah, written by Sylvia A. Rouss and beautifully illustrated by Katherine Janus Kahn, is appropriate for ages 3-5.

Gates of Awe: Holy Day Prayers for Young Children, published by the Central Conference of American Rabbis, is intended for preschoolers through 6 years of age.

On Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. The young narrator of this story describes each activity of the High Holy Days as she experiences this special time with her family. Written by Cathy Goldberg Fishman and illustrated by Melanie W. Hall, this picture book is intended for ages 5 and up.

The Uninvited Guest and Other Jewish Holiday Tales, written by Nina Jaffe and illustrated by Elivia Savadier, draws from folklore and legends surrounding the holidays. Each traditional story focuses on one holiday and has an introduction filled with valuable information about that holiday and its customs.

All of these books are on display this month and are available for circulation. Please feel free to take them out. Instructions for borrowing books may be found on the desk in the library.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP COMMITTEE

High Holiday services for families and children will be held as in years past.

Early services at 6:30 pm:

Erev Rosh HaShanah - Friday, September 6th.

Erev Yom Kippur - Sunday, September 15th

Parallel programming beginning at 10:30 am the following mornings.

When you receive your tickets for adult services, check the envelope for the parallel programming sign-up sheet.

If you'd like your children to participate, or if you'd like to volunteer in the classrooms, please return the form to the Temple office asap.

Questions? Call Karen Sacks at 201-836-4388.

HIGH HOLIDAY TICKET SALES

The Temple Office will be open for ticket sales from 6 to 9 pm on Wednesday August 28 and Tuesday September 3rd.

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WHEN - February 14th to February 16th

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Sunday, October 6, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

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IN THE Spotlight: B'NAI MITZVAH

Shalom...My name is Anna Kunik Lustberg. My parents are Sylvia and Robert and Arin is my little sister. At B F. Middle School my favorite subjects are Spanish, dance and drama. My hobbies are: friends, movies, shopping, softball, skiing, swimming, writing, drawing, AOL TV, dancing and singing and my dog, a pug, Max.

I just really love being with friends and family. I also love going to Camp Harlam (sleepaway camp). Oh, and my birthday was August 14 (Leo) and I love chocolate!!!!

On September 14th my Bat Mitzvah portion is *Ha'azinu*. It is about the Jews going into the promised land (Israel) and Moses sings a very emotional poem because G-d forbids him to go in.

I am sharing the Bimah with Marjorie Scher. Please join us for Shabbat Services. *****

Hello...My name is Marjorie Scher. My parents are Nancy and Kenneth and my sister Naomi is nine. At Geroge White School in Hillsdale my favorite subjects are social studies, art and math. My hobbies are ice skating, playing piano and percussion, reading, AOL, running track and swimming. I have a guppy named Dart and a bird named Lemon.

On September 14th I will behave as a Bat-Mitzvah. My Torah portion is *Ha'azinu*. It is about Moses and his final words of wisdom to the Jewish people. I am looking forward to my special day. I am sharing the Bimah with Anna Lustberg. Please join us for Shabbat Services. *****

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At a Bar-Mitzvah, after the prayers
We were invited to go downstairs
To join in the fun and libation
A disc jockey was playing
For the fourty-four teens
Who danced and applauded
With cackles and screams
But the disc jockey heeded
When Estelle and I pleaded
For songs that suited our style
The music he played
From the old "Hit Parade"
Allowed us to dance for a while
But the music that caused our elation
Was the sound of those teens
With their hollers and screams
That gave voice to the real celebration!

KIDS RAISE MONEY FOR "MAZON"

Rachel Moses, and Meredith Leeman, have joined forces to raise money by selling baked goods and sweets, donated by Emeth parents. The girls "Helping the Hungry Project" was started as part of their "mitzvot" preparations for their Bat Mitzvahs. They set up tables last June for folks to enjoy on their way in and out of Temple. They and their mothers called congregants to donate baked goods to be sold. \$5443 was donated to Mazon in June. They will renew in the fall and look for followers.



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Due to the explicit content of this film, this event will be open only to Temple members who are over 50 (or thereabouts). Youngsters MUST be accompanied by an older spouse or friend.

Saturday, September 21, 2002, 7 p.m.
with

Wine and Cheese, Dessert and Coffee

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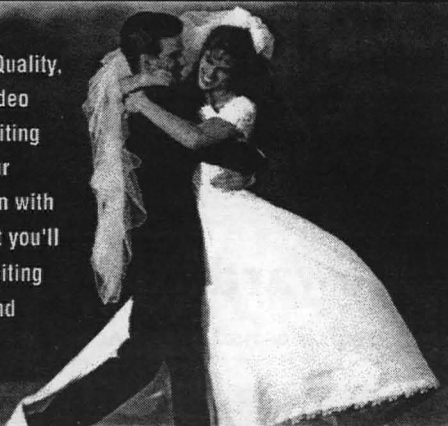
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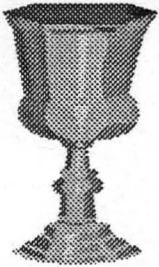
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9/2 Labor Day - Building Closed

9/4 7:30 p.m. E.C.C. Parent Orientation

9/5 8:00 p.m. Executive Bd Meeting

REMINDER: SHLICHOT SERVICES, SATURDAY AUG. 31ST



Friday, Sept. 6th Ki Tavo EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Candle-lighting - 7:00 p.m.

Family Oriented Service

6:30 p.m.

Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

8:00 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 7th

Day 1 Rosh Hashanah Morning Services

10:30 a.m.

Childrens Service

3:00 p.m.

Tashlich

4:00 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 8th

Day 2 Rosh Hashanah Morning Service

10:30 a.m.

Mon. 9/9

ECC Begins

Wed. 9/11

8:00 p.m. 9/11 Remembrance Service

Tues 9/10

Religious School Begins

Thur. 9/12

8:00 p.m.

Board of Trustees Mtg.

Friday, Sept. 13th

Shabbat Nitzavim

Shabbat Shuva Services at 8:30 p.m.

Candle-lighting - 6:49 p.m.

The Oneg Shabbat will be co-sponsored by

Sylvia & Robert Lustberg, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Anna Lustberg
and

Nancy & Kenneth Scher, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Marjorie Scher

Saturday, Sept. 14th Shabbat Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Bat Mitzvah of Anna Lustberg & Marjorie Scher

Torah Portion: Deut.29:9-30:20

Haftarah Isaiah 61:10-63:9



Sat. 9/14 9:10 am Torah Study
 9:30 am Tot Shabbat / Bagel Breakfast
 10:30 am Shabbat Worship

Tue. 9/17 4:30 pm Religious School

Wed. 9/18 4:30 pm Religious School

Sun. 9/15 6:30 pm Family Service
 8:00 pm Kol Nidre

Thur. 9/19 8:00 pm Temple Emeth Book Club

Mon. 9/16 YOM KIPPUR
 10:30 am Morning Service
 3:30 pm Children's Service
 4:30 pm Service/Yizkor
 6:30 pm Neila

September 2002

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 24 ELUL ☆ Selichot Begin	2 25 ELUL Labor Day BUILDING CLOSED	3 26 ELUL 6:00 pm Religious School Orientation	4 27 ELUL 7:30 pm ECC Parent Orientation	5 28 ELUL 8:00 pm Executive Board Mtg.	6 29 ELUL ☆ Erev Rosh Hashanah 7:00 6:30 pm Family Service 8:00 pm Erev R.H. Service	7 1 TISHRE ☆ Rosh Hashanah - Day 1 Shabbat Ends: 8:09 10:30 am Morning Services 3:00 pm Children's Service 4:00 pm Tashlich
8 2 TISHRE ☆ Rosh Hashanah - Day 2 Yom Tov Ends: 8:07 10:30 am R.H. Morning Service	9 3 TISHRE ☆ Fast of Gedalyah ECC BEGINS	10 4 TISHRE Opening Day Religious School	11 5 TISHRE School 8:00 pm Sept. 11th Remembrance Service	12 6 TISHRE 8:00 pm Board of Trustees Mtg. (Bulletin Deadline)	13 7 TISHRE 6:49 8:30 pm Shabbat Shuva Services	14 8 TISHRE Ha'azinu Shabbat Ends: 7:57 9:30 am Tot Shabbat / Bagels 10:30 am Shabbat Services B/M of Anna Lustberg and Marjorie Scher
15 9 TISHRE ☆ Erev Yom Kippur 6:45 No School 6:30 pm Family Service 8:00 pm Kol Nidre	16 10 TISHRE ☆ Yom Kippur Yom Kippur Ends: 7:54 10:30 am Morning Service 3:15 pm Children's Service 4:30 pm Service / Yizkor 6:30 pm Nelloh	17 11 TISHRE Religious School	18 12 TISHRE Religious School 8:00 pm Religious School Committee Meeting Annual Giving Phone-A-Thon	19 13 TISHRE 8:00 pm Temple Book Club Annual Giving Phone-A-Thon	20 14 TISHRE 6:37 7:30 pm Erev Sukkot Consecration	21 15 TISHRE ☆ Succot - Day 1 Shabbat Ends: 7:45 10:30 am Shabbat Sukkot Services 7:00 pm Renaissance Sukkot Party (Temple)
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9:10 am Torah Study every Shabbat in the Library

Service of Remembrance

Please join us on
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at 8:00 p.m. for a special
Remembrance Service
to commemorate the
First Anniversary of the
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Good & Welfare

Condolences To....

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Reminder

In case of a death,
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Funeral before consulting with our clergy.
Thanking you in advance for your consideration.

Please note: We have a new link on our Website
titled "What Can I Do For Israel Today?"
Check it out. www.emeth.org

SHLICHOT SERVICES Saturday Aug. 31st

Family Oriented Service..... 7:00 PM
Refreshments and Havdalah.....8:00 PM
Educational Program led by Rabbi.....8:45 PM
Congregational Selichot Services.....10:00 PM

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Please Note

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Temple Emeth has many wonderful traditions. Among these, perhaps none reflects who we are as a congregation more than this: In time of need, we are there for each other.

The current economic climate has created a hardship for a number of our families. There are talented people out of work. We are not asking for food, or donations of money. We are simply seeking jobs.

If you, or anyone you know has a job opening (full or part time) please fill out the sheet on the reverse side of this letter and mail or fax (201-833-4831) or email (srumayor@carroll.com) it to the temple office. A mailbox has been established in the temple office where jobs seekers may come and review these opportunities. The mailbox is in the outer office and job seekers may discretely view its contents.

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The National Yiddish Book Center needs a volunteer to help collect Yiddish books in the Teaneck area.

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Lucy Brody 201-837-3852

ADULT EDUCATION NOTES

As do the High Holy Days, our Adult Education program begins very early this year. Those familiar with the inspiring teaching of Golan Ben-Chorin will be pleased to learn that he will be returning to Temple Emeth during Shabbat Shuvah, which falls between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. At Shabbat evening services on September 13th, he will speak on "Abraham's Silence: God's Response, Our Responsibility." The next morning he will lead the Torah Study class in a discussion of "The Tshuvah of Moses: A Midrash from the Talmud."

Details about this fall's Adult Education program will be forthcoming, but we do want to announce at this time a particularly exciting new Mini-University venture. Beginning at 11 am on Monday, October 7th we will launch the course "Learn to Speak, Laugh and Enjoy Yiddish." No strong background in Yiddish is necessary, a feel for it will suffice.

Frederick Binder and Steven Leeman, co-chairs

Letter to the Editor:

Sincere gratitude to all who called, sent cards, made donations and paid shiva calls when my mother passed away. **Deborah Veach**

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TEMPLE EMETH BOOK GROUP -

Join us as we resume our monthly meetings on the 3rd Thursday of the month. All are welcome to join us for a stimulating discussion and exchange of ideas.

September 19th at Temple Library at 8 pm, Martha Weisberg (384-8540) will lead the discussion of "The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay."

October 17th, Eileen Cohen (944-3382) will lead the discussion of "The House of Sand and Fog" by Andre Dubus. This will be held at her home, 1600 Parker Ave, (25J) in Fort Lee.

A complete list of books will be mailed shortly.

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Judaism and Feminism: Where are the Women Today? by Jenna L. Firshein

Today, we celebrate the festival of Shavuot. As it is written, "In the third month from the exodus, of the children of Israel from Egypt, on this date, they arrived in the wilderness of Sinai." (Exodus: 19.11) Rashi, the noted eleventh century commentator states that the Torah does not say "on that day" but writes "on this day" indicating now. I try to imagine standing now, today, at the foot of Mount Sinai, about to receive The Law from God. I think of the excitement of the people, the thunder, and the special effects as Moses descends the mountain.

But there is a problem: When Moses descends the mountain and enters the camp, it appears that only men meet him upon his return. Judith Plaskow, in her book "Standing Again at Sinai" writes: "There can be no verse in the Torah more disturbing to a feminist, than Moses declaring in Exodus 19:15, as the Israelites prepare to receive the Law: "Be ready...do not go near the women". In other words, Moses will only address the men. So it is appropriate to ask on this day, where were the women then and where are the women today?

Women want to continue the traditional female Jewish responsibilities without exclusion from broad religious practices and rituals. I want to continue the traditions of my mother and grandmothers in lighting the shabbat candles, circling the flames with my arms three times, preparing apples and honey on Rosh Hashanah, preparing potato latkes for Chanukah and matzah balls for the Passover seder. For me, these are an integral part of my ancestral roots. But for many women, their spiritual needs will not be met by household responsibilities alone.

For example, I read of a young girl of 13, whose father had just died. Despite being his daughter, not his son, she insisted on going to synagogue every day to say Kaddish for him. "No one", she stated, "could have stopped me from performing this duty for the man who taught me to love peace and educated me in Jewish values". Bella Abzug, the late congresswoman related this story.

There are many women who have felt disconnected from synagogue life. Mah tovu oholekhah Ya'akov, mishkenoteckhah Yisra'el: How goodly are your tents, O Jacob, your dwelling places, O Israel (Numbers 24:5) Too often Jewish women have felt like outsiders standing hopefully at the entrance of Jacob's tent awaiting an invitation to enter. They were unable to dance with the Torah scrolls on Simchat Torah. They were asked to sit separate from the men in balconies, behind curtains or bars. Only men were allowed to study torah, ascend the bima and chant torah before the congregation. Perhaps at one time, this was acceptable. Perhaps there was a time when women were viewed in a different light. One Midrash holds that women were considered to be on a higher spiritual plane and therefore they were not obligated and did not need to perform ritual duties.

Today, as a member of Temple Emeth's all woman confirmation class of 2002, I try to reflect on the past one hundred years and the changing role of women in this time. Americans, with our democratic sensibilities seek to provide equality to all people regardless of race, religion and yes, gender. In the secular world the suffragette movement with its success in women's voting rights, industrialization with women's right to work, later movements seeking equal pay for equal work, the middle class exodus to suburban life, the Vietnam War, the sexual revolution of the sixties, all promoted new roles for women in secular society.



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JUDIASM and FEMINISM (continued)

With the claim of more than five thousand years of history, Jews have shown themselves to be a hard working people with a strong faith in God. How can we sustain its vitality in a twenty first-century world? I believe it will be through increased participation of women from the local congregational level to the highest levels of organized Judaism. Remarkable progress has been made in the past thirty years. Women support Judaic institutions financially and with their presence whether it be in the Conservative, Reform or Reconstructionist movements, working with ADL, the Yiddish Book Center, Holocaust Museums, ARZA, the World Jewish Congress or in their synagogues. Young Jewish women can get involved as well. For example, I am an active participant in the North American Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY), helping run programs and lead services. I also participate in our temple youth group and attend BARJ, our regional Hebrew high school program.

Judith Plaskow, a professor at Manhattan College, writes that in 1973 she saw Judaism and Feminism "as profoundly at odds with each other" complaining that "androcentrism of the Jewish tradition continually treats women as strangers and outsiders." Today she feels this has been greatly reduced.

In an article entitled "Empowered with Grace, Bestowed by Women", Savina J. Teubal writes that one of the most profound changes in Judaism is the act of women blessing others. Traditionally, it was the Jewish male who was the "giver of blessings." It was only males who could transmit the words of the divinity.

To this end, Sally Priesand became the first female rabbi ordained by the Hebrew Union College in 1973. Sandy Eisenberg Sasso became the first female rabbi in the Reconstructionist movement and Amy Eilberg was the first woman ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary in the conservative movement. Rabbi Eilberg writes that her image of God as a child was of a male figure "father, king, warrior, judge, lawmaker." With her newly discovered feminist viewpoint and with different life experience, specifically the birth of her daughter, she envisions a different side to God - "feminine, loving, embracing, joyful", a "Mother God."

Rabbi Jane Litman coeditor of "Lifecycles - Jewish Women on Biblical Themes in Contemporary Life" reminisces that women have been increasingly mainstream in the Jewish world. She recalls being on a ski lift in the 1970's. A man she was riding with to the top was attempting to make conversation. He asked what she did for a living. When she told him she was a rabbinical student he was so flabbergasted he actually fell off the chair lift. "Rarely" says Rabbi Litman "am I any persons 'first woman rabbi' anymore."

The goal of feminist Judaism is simply equal access to Jewish institutions and Jewish religious life. It was not so many years ago that it was stated that a woman belongs on the bima like an orange belongs on a Seder plate. In reality, there have been many successes in equalizing women's roles in Judaism. The greatest triumph has been the acceptance of the Bat Mitzvah in Jewish circles. It is not uncommon today for a young woman to publicly have an aliyah and read torah. The process of equalization continues through additional ceremonies such as female baby namings, inclusion of women in minyans, new gender inclusive prayerbooks with a non-gendered God, biblical matriarchs included with the patriarchs in Hebrew prayers and in the majority of American congregations, sitting in mixed gendered non-separated sanctuaries.

With the help of women, Judaism will continue to thrive. Its survival skills have been tested and will continue to be tested as recent events in Israel have shown. One of the most vital aspects of contemporary Jewish life is the reexamination of women within a historically patriarchal religion. Women need to be included as vital participants in Kelah Yisrael (the totality of the Jewish people), learning and studying and passing our heritage from one generation to the next. L'dor Vador has always been a key component in Jewish history and we, the Jewish women, have a strong desire to immerse ourselves in our wonderful religion and culture.

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