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Morality of War - David Hartman's View

pass on this important report, written on March 2003 by David Hartman, director of the Shalom Hartman Institute were I am a Fellow. By the time you will read this message, war with Iraq might have started. The morality of this possible war needs to be clarified in our minds. David Hartman's perspective is an important one to consider.

"Dear Friends.

Our people's resilience fills me with a sense of radical amazement. The atmosphere in our country today is festive and Purim-like, while at the same time, it is anxious and stressful as we wait for yet another United Nations' Security Council vote. During the past months we witnessed with astonishment how a major part of the world turned against the United States with unexpected hostility and venom, going so far as to characterize the American government as a dangerous global power

bent on humiliating and attacking defenseless victims such as Saddam, and his benign regime, in order to expand American hegemony throughout the world.

The distortion of turning this "defenseless victim" - who is the primary aggressor and violator of human decency - into a martyr endangers the very meaning and credibility of moral discourse. Despite Saddam's proven treachery and the clear hypocrisy and cynicism of his pretense at disarmament, there are, incredibly, many in the West willing to play Saddam's game and to accept his declarations of innocence at face value. This gross perversion of reality and the ludicrous claim that Bush presents a greater threat to Western civilization than Saddam is, in part, a result of the foolish - but no less dangerous - parody of liberal morality that reduces moral judgments to power relationships. Moral judgments are informed by the relative difference in power between two parties; the weaker side, the victim, is in the right; the stronger side, the aggressor, is in the wrong by virtue of its power. This equation of morality with weakness and the reduction of moral concepts to power relationships simplifies moral judgments, allowing for the certitude and self-righteousness that many religions and ideologies, both right or left, thrive upon.

The world has turned upside down – a central motif of the Purim story. Jews in Persia discovered one morning that a

royal decree ordering their annihilation had been issued because of the thwarted ambitions of a man who desired absolute power and could not tolerate the existence of a people unwilling to bow down and submit unconditionally to any form of earthly power. Our collective mission as a people was, and is, to say "No" to the false gods of history. We said "No" to Haman not because of his political power but because of

Haman's need for unlimited power and control. Haman's inability to tolerate limits was transformed into his inability to tolerate our very existence. His obsession with our destruction was justified in his mind by our being an obstacle to his own personal fulfillment.

As long as the Jewish people persists, we shall continue saying "No" to those who view our disappearance as a condition for their flourishing. We shall say "No" not because of our adversaries' power or weakness but because of the timeless deceit linking our well-being with their impotence. Many Palestinians remain driven

by the belief that our nation's health and strength have a demoralizing, dehumanizing effect on their own development. If they and many of their Western apologists were to be believed, the entire Arab world would flourish if only there were no Jews in the Middle East. The illusion that our celebration of life is the root cause of their weakness is yet another form of the attempt by the weak to dominate and to control by demonically using their weakness as a weapon against a more powerful adversary.

I am convinced that were it not for America's dominance in the world today there would be chaos. The European countries that publicly proclaim their moral superiority over America the "power-driven" "super-cop" of the world - are in fact driven by a desire for power and control, which they believe is being thwarted as long as the United States is the sole power preserving liberty and freedom.

I hope the spirit that pervades all of Israel and Jerusalem today will inspire all of you to celebrate life and to say *le'haim*. When you celebrate the Passover seder, and you say "Next year in Jerusalem," you should feel joy in your hearts because this is the symbol of our belief in the future, and of our hope for a new and better world.

God bless you".



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Material for the bulletin is not only welcome, it is essential for the success of the publication; HOWEVER, it is necessary to honor the deadlines as listed. For the Bulletin mailings, all material must be in the Bulletin Box at the Temple Office by 8:00 pm on the date of the deadline.

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from the Executive Board

As we get ready for Mitzvah Day, one of Temple Emeth's premier annual events, let me first share details about a brand new one held last month - the Arts Shabbaton.

Thanks go to Jackie Guttman. This was her vision...her idea...her execution. Saturday, March 15th was a day for Temple members to participate in a variety of activities - calligraphy, quilting, open sing, face painting, photography, baking, an art talk and reader's theater. She worked tirelessly and endlessly to round up Emeth-ites with special talents to teach those interested to learn.

Attendance wasn't bad for this first time outing. The hope is that many more members, young and old, will sign up for next year's Shabbaton, so that it, too, will become a much anticipated and well attended activity.

It's also the hope that plenty of Temple members will sign up for Mitzvah Day 2003...one of Emeth's long-standing traditions. What better way to spend a spring Sunday, than by helping the community at large by either sprucing up a park, visiting seniors at a local nursing home or cleaning up the Hackensack river front...and making new friends at the same time?

Spread the word, circle May 4th on your calendars and let's make this one of the most successful and well-attended Mitzvah Days ever!

B'shalom, Sandi Klein Assistant Secretary

BECAUSE PASSOVER IS A TIME OF SHARING...

Can you set an extra plate at your Seder table for a Temple member who is unable to be with family or friends on the first night of Passover? Please let the Caring Community Committee know if you can host a fellow congregant on Wednesday, April 16... or if you would like to be invited as a guest of a Temple family because you would otherwise be alone. Contact Judy Eichinger: email: jeichi1246@aol.com; phone: 201-833-8291.

FEKREVHERNES & RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

FROM NARROW PLACES TO WIDE OPEN SPACES... המיצר קראתי ... ענני במרחביה

We feel blessed to be the directors of the education programs here at Temple Emeth. In this season of Passover, we recognize that numbers and their significance give us points of reference throughout the Haggadah. We see the number four in the Four Questions, the Four Cups of Wine, the Four Kinds of People asking why this night is different, and the Four Tellings of Redemption. We have our own Four - the Four ways we are blessed to be part of Jewish education from "kinder" of two through confirmation.:

- We are blessed to be working with a rich, wise tradition that allows us to begin from the smallest seed of knowledge that grows up and out as it provides not only many answers, but allows and encourages questions.
- 2. We are blessed that we are instructed, from the youngest babe to the oldest zade, to move from our "narrow spaces" that confine (habits, prejudices, negativity, etc.) towards the "wide open spaces" of change, tolerance and positiveness.
- 3. We are blessed that our work connects us with children and parents who make our schools a family. Just as the seder is experienced and celebrated in the home among family and friends, so do our programs create an extended family for learning, growing, and celebrating together.
- 4. We are blessed with our staff who invests time, energy, and care beyond measure (much like the preparations for the seder) to create an environment where the children can blossom. In their routine interactions, they personify qualities that are found in the Haggadah awe, kindness, compassion, and respect.
 - X The word EMET in Hebrew is composed of three letter -
 - Which is the first letter of the AlephBet
- Mhich is the middle letter of the AlephBet

Which is the final letter in the AlephBet

Using this sequence, our tradition teaches us that truth is an all-encompassing and empowering value. When we seek EMET, we expand our souls as we journey form the narrow spaces to the wide open places.

Chag Kasher VB'Sameach,

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TEMPLE EMETH

Continuing our fantastic and successful year, we have many events coming up.

Dave & Busters April 5 6:00 - 9:00 pm Come join us for an evening of fun! We'll be heading to Rockland County's Dave & Buster's - a game room filled with virtual reality, arcade and sports games. We will be carpooling from the Temple, so please RSVP as soon as possible.

Interfaith Seder April 6 1:00 - 4:00 pm Each year the Youth Group is asked to assist at the Temple Interfaith Seder. We'll act as tour guides and chaperones to the various groups in attendance. Look for more information to come on the following events:

Board Elections for Next Year April
Mitzvah Day Car Wash May 4
Final BBQ at Temple May 18
White Water Rafting Summer
Mets Baseball Game t/b/a

If you are interested in attending these events or would like more information, contact Michael Baer at the Temple or at mbaer@stuebenlaw.com or call 201-703-4386.

Updating Our Tradition and Tomorrow Recognition Wall

Have you made a new or additional contribution to the Tradition and Tomorrow Capital Campaign and wondered why your name is not yet on the Parchment Scroll or in its proper place on the Wall of Recognition? If so, please be advised that the Recognition Wall will be updated shortly and everything will soon be correct.

THIS WOULD BE A GREAT TIME TO MAKE A NEW OR ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION!

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Temple Emeth is Site of Panel on "A Matter of Choice"

The war on women's rights has escalated, and now, 30 years later, the Supreme Court decision, known as Roe v. Wade is in jeopardy. Hear what you can do to preserve the rights of women at a public forum being sponsored by National Council of Jewish Women, Bergen County Section. The program will take place on Wednesday, April 9, 7:00 pm at Temple Emeth.

Program participants will include Marsha Atkind, National President, NCJW; Madeleine Brecher of Temple Emeth, National Vice President, NCJW; Rabbi Harvey Rosenfeld of Congregation Beth Am, New Jersey Chairman, Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice; and others to be announced.

For more information, contact the NCJW office at 201-833-4221.

Shalach Manot 2003.

Purim 2003 is now a happy memory, and we've had our most successful Shalach Manot season yet! This is the fifth year of this project, which as become an important fundraiser and event on the Temple calendar. Over 400 member, ECC and Religious school families and Emeth staff members received Shalach Manot this Purim.

But this is so much more than just a money-maker for the Temple. The spirit of giving infuses every aspect of the Shalach Manot process (including sharing with those less fortunate; a Purim contribution has been sent to Mazon, a Jewish Response to Hunger). We had lots of help with this project, as usual, the number of people who packed the gift bags and baskets, and who drove and delivered them (there were 40 delivery routes!) are too many to list here, but you know who you are and we thank you. Shalach Manot couldn't happen without each of you.

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A few thanks are in order. Wendy Kosakoff and Karen Kaplan computer-inscribed the lovely cards which come with each package. Larry Tobias, a professional dispatcher, coordinated several of the delivery routes. Larry also arranged for a deep discount from Giant Gourmet Farms, whence came the global-sized oranges in each package. We had hand lotion in each package courtesy of Dr. Eric Herman. Mostly, our love, appreciation and thanks to Philip Herman, general guy Friday and schlepper par excellence. Philip shopped, fetched, carried and kept us company. This was his high school community service project; we'll need another willing, brawny teen or two to help us next year. Many thanks, too, to the office staff - Marion, Tsilla, Sandra, Carole and Barbara, who helped in variety of essential ways.

We hope you enjoyed your Shalach Manot as much as we did!

Judy Fox - David Fox - Carol Levy - Eva Tobias

Sale of Land to Mikvah Association

Many of you are aware of the Mikvah Association's recent appearances before the Teaneck Zoning Board of Adjustment (Zoning Board) in order to gain approval of their plans to increase the Mikvah's capacity. As part of this process, and as approved by the Congregation in May 1999, Temple Emeth in July 2000, agreed to sell a strip of land just north of our parking lot to the Mikvah Association.

Temple Emeth retains the right, regardless of the Zoning Board's decision, to final approval of the expanded building's construction design and of the new buffer zone between our two properties.

Anyone with questions or comments should call Larry Silver at 201-385-1869 or email him at msbls1@juno.com.

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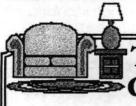
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Trouble with Grandfathers

By Bob Spiewak

DO IT WITH A SMILE

It is so important

When you have some words to say

That you transmit your message

In a pleasant way

When you must criticize

To make it most constructive

(Look at it with your own eyes)

Without the smile you should employ

Dispelling harshness, maintaining joy

The words you send may do much

To improve or to defile

The situation or the act

Please use them with a smile!

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Dear Temple Emeth Bulletin -

Remember last time when I told you about how women were noticing me ever since I started using SCRIP? Well, my good fortune continues.

Those convenient SCRIP cards and SCRIP "funny money" have made me a big hit around the supermarket. Women just come up to me and ask me where they can get some. I tell them that I have the information at home, and if they give me their telephone number, I'll call them and let them know. With all those phone numbers in hand, things have been looking up.

And, by the way, who is this Scrip Lady who is talking about her tight tee shirt and jeans? That doesn't help me identify her much because there are a lot of good looking ladies around the synagogue. SCRIP it works for me!

Very truly yours, Scrip Stud

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Friday, April 4th

Shabbat Tazria

Candle-lighting - 6:04 p.m.

Family Services at 7:30 p.m.

GUEST SPEAKERS - A PANEL OF ISRAELI SOLDIERS WILL SPEAK ON THE CURRENT EVENTS IN ISRAEL

The Oneg Shabbat is being sponsored by Merri Adler Ross and Jonathan Ross in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Samantha.

Saturday, April 5th Shabbat Worship at 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Samantha Ross

Torah Portion:Lev. 12:1-13:59 Haftarah Portion: Il kings 4:42-5:19

Sat.	5	9:10 am	Torah Study	Tues. 8	Mini U	Jniversity
		10:30 am	Shabbat Services		7:30 pm	Study Tanakh
Sun.	6	9:00 am	Religious School	Wed. 9	6:15 pm	Etz Chayim
		10:00 am 3:00 pm	Executive Board Mtg. Annual Interfaith Seder		8:00 pm	Adult Choir
		3.00 pm	Aimuai interiattii Seuei	Thurs 10	8:00 pm	Board of Trustees Meeting
Mon.	7	11:00 am	Speak, Laugh & Enjoy Yiddish			

Friday, April 11th Shabbat Metzora

Candle-lighting - 7:11 p.m.

Kabbalat Services at 6:30 p.m. - Only Service of Evening

The Oneg Shabbat is being sponsors by Martha & Timothy McCann, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Seth McCann.

Saturday, April 12th

Shabbat Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of Seth McCann

Torah Portion: Lev14:1-15:33 Haftarah Portion: Malachi 3:4-24

Sat. 12	9:10 am	Torah Study	Tues.	15	7:30 pm	Study Tanakh
	9:30 am	Tot Shabbat and Bagel Breakfast			8:30 pm	Philosophy of Rabbi Hartman
	10:30 am	Shabbat Services			•	
			Wed.	16		Erev Pesach - No School
Sun. 13	9:00 am	Religious School				1st Seder Night
		K-1 Family Ed. Day				
		Renaissance goes to Harlem	Thurs	. 17	10:30 am	Pesach Services
		Overflow Shelter			6:00 pm	Annual Congregational Seder
Mon. 14	11:00 am	Mini-U Speak, Laugh & Enjoy Yiddish				

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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GOOD & WELFARE

Condolences to

Pauline Hecht, on the death of her beloved mother, Rhoda Kaplan.

Bev Lazar, on the death of her beloved cousin, Nelson Getzoff.

Mazel Tov To

Dione Danis and Ben Ward on their marriage.

Get Well Wishes to.... Aaron Mittleman Chuck Rothchild Emily Steinberg

REMINDER ADULT ED'S KABBALAT SHABBAT DINNER

FRIDAY APRIL 11TH AT 6:30 PM

An evening of song, good food, discussion and prayer will begin with a brief service, followed by a wonderful traditional Shabbat Dinner complete with Shabbat songs and blessings. Cost of the Dinner is \$22 per person (a portion of this fee will go to MAZON)

Reservations must reach the Temple office no later than April 3rd For more information, please call Teri Binder at 837-6279. Additional reservation forms can be picked up in the Temple Office

Security at Temple Emeth

Rabbi Yoffie of the UAHC has requested all congregations review their security procedures. In light of this, a Security Committee has been formed at Temple Emeth, to be co-chaired by Janis Warren and Sharon Kalman.

We have already had a teleconference with the UAHC, the ADL, and the FBI, as well as attending a county-wide conference sponsored by UJA/Federation regarding security concerns and met with the Teaneck Office of Emergency Management to go over specifics regarding building security. Much of what we have already learned is helpful in any emergency situation (i.e.: natural disasters, fire). WE WELCOME YOUR INPUT. Anyone interested in joining this committee should contact Marion in the front office.

A new fund has been established to help defray the cost of security personnel and materials. This will be titled the Security Fund.

Please keep this fund in mind when you are making donations.

ATTENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

YOUR ANNUAL REPORTS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE TEMPLE OFFICE BY APRIL 5TH 2003.

Thank you Marion Schechter



IT'S THIS SUNDAY! Appraisal Day at Temple Emeth!

Sunday, March 30, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. \$5 per item / \$12 for 3 items

We all have something special – candlesticks on the mantelpiece, a silver tea service, objets d'art, inherited jewelry, an old painting.

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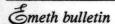
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- Arrive and receive a call number. No waiting in line. Browse in our library.
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- You'll receive individual attention from the appraisers. Verbal estimates will be given based on current market value after evaluating age and condition of item. It takes about five minutes to appraise each item.
- For silver or china service, bring one example of each piece in a set and a list of all the pieces.
- For fragile items or large pieces of furniture, please substitute a good quality photograph.
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KABBALAT SHABBAT EVENING FRIDAY, APRIL 11TH at 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 Tilem. 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. Don't forget to reserve your place at the Kabbalat Shabbat Evening by completing the reservation form below and returning it to the Temple office no later that April 5!

For additional information, please call Teri Binder at 201-837-6279.

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ore than 80 people attended the first annual Shabbat Dinner hosted by Temple Emeth Renaissance group on Friday, February 21st. The catered dinner with wine drew rave reviews from all who were there. A Temple emeth Musical Shabbat followed the dinner. The Renaissance Group also sponsored the Oneg Shabbat.

Renaissance Co-Chairs Barbara Kaufman and

Bea Westin organized the evening assisted by a cadre of Renaissance members. Special thanks go to Susan Barnett and Martha



Weisberg for arranging the set-up crew of Isabel Barnett, Shirley Rosenzweig, Tippi Ulman, and Paul Kaufman. Marcia Pfeffer provided the beautiful floral centerpieces. Shopping assistants were Gloria Barsky, Carlene Fleischman, Eleanor and Myron White, and Alan Westin. Ruth Adler organized the elegant Oneg Shabbat. Bev and Sy Lazar cared off the leftovers to donate to the

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homeless shelter in Hackensack. Thanks also go to Grace and Irving Borowitz for photography and follow-up publicity.

Next on the Renaissance Group calendar is a bus trip to Harlem on Sunday, April 13th. The group will attend gospel church services, lunch on soul food at Sylvia's Restaurant, and visit sites liked to Harlem's Jewish past, including Mt. Olivet Baptist church, formerly Temple Israel, one of the oldest

Reform synagogues in New York.

The group will cap off the year with the traditional Shabbat Swim-Sail-Sup Paid-up

Membership Party at the Candlewood lack home of Jackie and Howard Guttman on June 14th.

The Renaissance Group invites all Temple congregants who are "fiftysomethingplus" to join this dynamic organization. Annual dues are \$10 per person. The group plans a variety of social, educational and cultural events throughout the year. Suggestions and volunteers for programs are always welcome.

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Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library Update: NOBEL VALUES

We'd like to quote from a recent editorial in the English-language weekly *The Forward*. The October 18, 2002 issue announced that Imre Kertesz, a little-known Jewish Hungarian novelist, won the Nobel Prize for literature. This editorial detailed the rationale for this award in the context of the recent resurgence of anti-Semitism throughout Europe and tied the award with past Jewish Nobel Laureates.

"If the selection of this year's Nobel laureates tells us anything, it's that the challenges and crises of the worldwide Jewish community are at the very top of the international agenda. The Jewish drama is now, so to speak, at the heart of the human drama...

The message couldn't have been more blunt. By awarding the prize in literature to a chronicler of the Nazi death camps, Hungarian Jewish novelist Imre Kertesz, the foundation was broadcasting a clear-cut denunciation of the anti-Semitism resurfacing across Europe in recent months. Europeans have been dithering and debating the meaning of the new Jew-hatred, lamenting the attacks and synagogue burnings yet ... dismissing them ...as a form of understandable political violence ...from the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. By honoring Kertesz, the Nobel committee was reminding...the world that bigotry and Jew-hatred are not a point of view but a crime against humanity.

Kertesz is the first death-camp survivor to receive the literature prize, but he's hardly the first Jewish chronicler of the Holocaust to win a Nobel. ...he's the fourth. The first was...Nelly Sach, ...in 1966. The second was Elias Canetti,...who won the prize in 1981 for his writings in German on mass movements and human evil. The third was Elie Wiesel, who won the peace prize in 1986. One might add S.Y. Agnon, ...in 1966, and Isaac Bashevis Singer, ...in 1978, both of them for writings that recreated the world Hitler destroyed. The Nobel foundation has acknowledged the Holocaust amply in the past. It made the point again this year because it was necessary."

Our exhibit this month features books written by several authors mentioned in this editorial. They are:

Agnon, S.Y.
Only Yesterday
Beloved (book on tape)

Singer, Isaac Bashevis
The Family Moskat
Enemies: A Love Story
The Spinoza of Market Street
In My Father's Court (memoir)

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Book Discussion Group

APRIL 24

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Come and join our group – everyone is welcome! Call Barbara Blumenfeld for directions or Cindy Kitzinger for questions (201-871-3778).

We Interrupt our Regular Friday Night Services for this Special Announcement

The Ritual Committee is pleased to announce that, thanks to a generous grant from the Lazar Foundation, we have acquired a limited number of copies of the latest draft of the Reform movement's new prayerbook, Mishkan T'filah, for use on an experimental basis, as part of the movements pilot project. We will be using the book on six Friday night services between now and the end of June, on the following dates: April 25, May 9, May 23, May 30, June 13, and June 27. Each of those services will start at the regular time of 8:30 p.m.. and the dates were chosen so as not to interfere with the previously scheduled family and musical services.

The new prayerbook has been designed to provide a variety of worship options, and includes text, transliteration, creative translations, poetry and commentary. Some theological changes have been incorporated as well. A major thrust of the new prayerbook is towards allowing Reform

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congregations to reflect their diverse worship styles, while allowing for individual expression by congregants during the course of the service.

We are urging as many members as possible to join us as we experiment with the new prayer-book. We would welcome comments from all congregants, both as to the prayerbook itself, and as to our usage of it in the coming weeks. Please bear in mind that because the book is still in draft form, there are a number of obvious "rough edges" that have to be smoothed out in the final version. Please also bear in mind that we may be using the book differently over the course of the experiment, so as to take advantage of the flexibility offered. Accordingly, no one service will necessarily be "typical" of what the future may hold.

After the six experimental services, we will meet to discuss our responses, and provide feedback to the editors. We would be pleased to include any written responses we receive from congregants in our feedback process, so that the final edition will reflect as broad a sampling as possible of the views of Temple Emeth. We look forward to seeing you at these services.

Daniel E. Kirsch Chair, Ritual Committee



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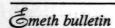
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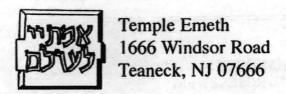
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