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Though it is barely springtime, the presidential election campaign is well underway. One of the accusations that Senator John Kerry is using in his effort to unseat President Bush is that he has not kept the promises he has made to the American people. It is meant to be a stinging barb, as the approval of any leader is largely based on his credibility. Too many broken promises lead to a lost election.

As Jews, we understand the significance of promises not just on a political level but on a religious one, as well. And this time of year, promises play a crucial role. Passover is really a multifaceted festival; it is a holiday of history, agriculture, and theology.

The historical aspects of the holiday are those we are most familiar with. It was on the fifteenth day of the month of Aviv (the month we now call Nissan) that our ancestors escaped from slavery in Egypt. Passover is, at its core, a celebration of the anniversary that we experienced freedom.

The agricultural dimension of Passover is largely lost to us. We are suburbanites living thousands of miles from Israel. But suffice to say that Passover represents the end of the rainy season in Israel, and that rain after Passover can damage the upcoming harvest. We acknowledge this transition with a prayer at the Passover morning service. It is an important reminder that no matter where we live, we depend on the cycles of nature and some things are simply beyond our control.

To me, however, the most powerful lesson of Passover is the theological one. The Haggadah tells us that God heard the anguish of the slaves, and sent the plagues against Egypt, redeeming the Israelites with a mighty

hand and an outstretched arm. Simply put, Passover is a holiday about God keeping promises.

In fact, Exodus 6 articulates four distinct promises that God makes and then keeps: "I will free you," "I will redeem you," "I will take you to be my people," and "I will bring you into the land." These four promises are the textual basis for the four cups of wine we drink at the

Seder, but they are also a broader message about faith in God. When the Jewish people cry out, God responds.

As Jews, we try not to cry out excessively. Hence the Dayenu song that everyone sings at their Seder. We try to get by with as little divine intervention, with as few miracles as possible. Nonetheless, we know that there are some things for which we must turn to God; no human being can deliver them. And our freedom is at the top of the list.

It may interest you to know that the traditional Haggadah text does not mention Moses' name a single time. The idea was that—though Moses was God's faithful servant for his whole life—the point of Passover was to glorify God.

Of course a look at our entire Jewish history uncovers periods when we wish God's glory were more apparent, when God could have done more, but we don't focus on these at Passover. Instead, on our Festival of Freedom we recall all the things we are grateful for. Our freedom is thanks to God. Our covenant is thanks to God. Our Torah is thanks to God. Our beautiful and thriving Land of Israel is thanks to God.

When it comes to God, on Passover we know: promises made, promises kept.

### MESSAGE from the Rabbi



**RABBI  
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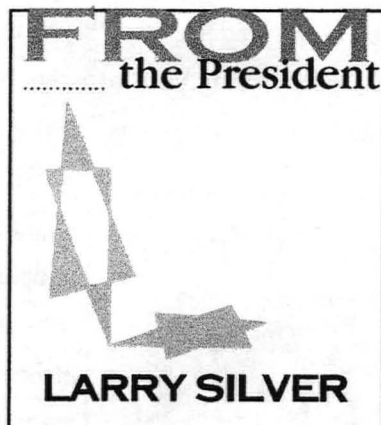


## THE POWER OF WORDS

We are part of a religion and culture where words matter. As a participant in Torah Study on Saturday mornings, we sometimes spend an entire session on the meaning of a paragraph, a phrase or even one word. It is not for nothing that we often chuckle at the saying, "Two Jews – three opinions". We study with Rabbi Sirbu in an effort to interpret and discern the meaning of the Torah's words as a guide to how we live our lives today.

When I agreed to become our Temple's President, I knew that the words I might utter, in my speeches, meetings and casual conversations, as well as the words I might write, in my column in the Bulletin and in my correspondence to Temple members, could be given interpretations that were unintended. I also knew that in my position as President, both words of praise and words of criticism, or their absence, could have an impact beyond what they otherwise might. But understanding this has not prevented me from inadvertently hurting someone's feelings. At times, I have thanked many people for their efforts on a particular project, only to learn that I have left someone out. At other times, I have tried to use humor in my speeches or writings, only to find out that on occasions I have unintentionally offended someone. I

do my best to learn from each incident and not repeat it, though I am not always successful.



Nevertheless, I continue to try. As a Reform Jewish community, we are distressed when we hear any words of disdain from our Orthodox brethren. We are horrified by how Jews are portrayed in Mel Gibson's, "The Passion of the Christ" and by some of the comments that are made. We view them as insensitive at best, hateful at worst and we are hurt and angered by them. On the other hand, we were thankful and appreciative when the Mikvah Association took out an ad and sent us a letter thanking us for our efforts and cooperation on their behalf when they needed to get clearance with the town of Teaneck for their building expansion. We are also gratified when spokesmen for the Christian community speak out against anti-Semitism and vilification of the Jews.

But while looking outward, we should take care to look inward at ourselves as well. There is a saying which goes something like this – "Be careful at whom you point an accusing finger, for when you do, there are three fingers pointing right back at you." Within our own Temple, we can and do say things which can have an unintended, but nevertheless hurtful impact on others in our community. As an example, we have many interfaith families belonging to Temple Emeth. Out of a class of slightly over thirty 7th graders in our Religious School this year, almost one third have a non Jewish parent. Take a minute to think about what it means to commit to bring your child up Jewish when half your extended family is not. Nevertheless, the commitment is there, with the acceptance, and often the encouragement and participation of the non-Jewish parent as well. Whatever awkwardness or tensions may exist for these families elsewhere, within the four walls of Temple Emeth, we should all feel welcome.

Words are powerful. Their meaning, context and tone are important. Intentionally or unintentionally, they can uplift or deject our spirit. Let's all be careful how we use them.

B'Shalom and Happy Pesach,  
Larry Silver, President



**IN EVERY GENERATION, EACH PERSON  
MUST REGARD HIMSELF AS IF HE WAS  
PERSONALLY FREED FROM EGYPT.**

**B'CHOL DOR VADOR CHAYAV  
ADAM LIROT ET ATZMO K'ILU  
HU YATZAH MIMITZRAYIM.**

Every year, as it is written in the Haggadah, we are reminded of our obligation to not only sympathize with the plight of our ancestors, but go one step deeper and empathize with them. Why, we may wonder, isn't understanding sufficient, as it seems to be on so many other events in our Jewish history? Isn't it enough to understand their story, without actually having to imagine ourselves in their sandals?

As parents and educators we often sympathize with our children in the challenges they face. They seem to have such busy schedules that it's amazing they make it through the week. Yet it is so hard to stop ourselves from giving them more and more and bigger and better. We certainly don't want them to miss out on anything. This year we can all try to empathize with them and,

perhaps, to make their lives – and ours- deeper and richer in the process. If we were in their shoes, what would we want? What would we regard with wonder, excitement, or fear? What would make us feel proud,

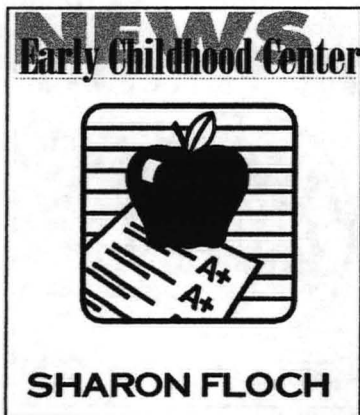
or anxious, or trusting? Is there time every day, or even every week, for you to sit quietly and share unhurried experiences? In this world of excess EVERYTHING, perhaps Passover is a good time to give some thought to how much your child would benefit from and enjoy a few extra moments of tranquility. And consider, too, how this time might just give YOU some additional insights into

the questions just asked.

Let us take a lesson from the Haggadah and remind ourselves that, along with empathizing with our ancestors, this is can provide us with a valuable opportunity to spend some time looking at life through our children's eyes.

Wishing you a joyful holiday,

*Sharon*  
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### "LET ALL WHO ARE HUNGRY COME AND PARTAKE"

This opening line in the Passover Hagaddah invites all of us, children and adults alike, to partake of the rich banquet that is the Passover Seder. Our tradition teaches us that the foods, rituals, songs, and stories of the seder feed our bodies as well as our souls.

The students in the Religious School are busy preparing for Passover. They are adding new understandings, new memories, and renewing their skills and knowledge of the Hagaddah story.

In grades Kindergarten through 2, students are learning about Passover through stories, arts and crafts and music. In grades 3 through 5, they are learning to chant the "four questions" and the special Kiddush for the festival. In grade 6, the students are analyzing the order of the seder and the special "steps" we all take from our "mitzraim" "narrow places" to liberation. Our 7th grade will participate in a special mitzvah - bringing Passover food to seniors through the Dorot

program. The seder is the perfect setting to involve your children in meaningful, memory building, experiences that will last a lifetime. The seder allows us to explore our history and reminds us of our struggles, values and commitments "in every generation".

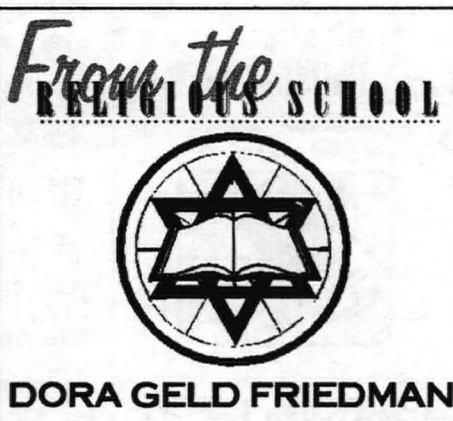
A chasidic master taught "The people of Israel never got used to Egypt." They never said "They are the masters and we are the slaves and that's the way it is." So when Moses

came and told them they were going to leave, they had faith that they would. Everyone has their Egypt (Mitzraim). You've got to know who you are and what your limitations are. "But heaven forbid you should make peace with them." The soul within you knows no limits.

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# Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library Update: PREPARING FOR PASSOVER

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Passover is on the way! While many Jews prepare their households for the holiday, one could also prepare mentally. The best place to start would be our library, which has a great variety of books related to Pesach.

### How-To Resources

*Passover: The Family Guide to Spiritual Celebration* by Dr. Ron Wolfson offers practical advice about how we can relive the Exodus experience with stories, rituals, songs, and foods.

We also have several cookbooks with Passover recipes, including Temple Emeth's own  
... and it was very good.

### For Children

*A Picture Book of Passover* by David A. Adler is a simple retelling of the Israelites' journey from slavery to freedom.

*The Carp in the Bathtub* by Barbara Cohen is a classic. Two children try to rescue the carp their mother plans to make into gefilte fish for the seder.

*The Animated Haggadah* by Rony Oren is illustrated with colorful and engaging claymation characters, which complement the full text of the Haggadah.

### Haggadot

*The Open Door*, edited by Rabbi Sue Levi Elwell, is the latest Reform Haggadah. It includes traditional and innovative blessings, supplemental readings, women's voices, beautiful art, and newly commissioned music.

*A Family Haggadah* by Shoshana Silberman is meant for families with young children.

*The Journey Continues: The Ma'yan Passover Haggadah* by Rabbi Sue Levi Elwell et. al., is a feminist Haggadah that fully integrates women into every aspect of Jewish life and practice.

*Gates of Freedom: A Passover Haggadah* by Chaim Stern promises a seder that runs itself, enhanced by a dazzling array of commentaries, anecdotes, poems, and songs.

*Haggadah and History* by Yosef Hayim Yerushalmi is a "panorama in facsimile of five centuries of the printed Haggadah." This scholarly volume reflects the impact of art, technical progress, and linguistic and ideological change on Jewish life.



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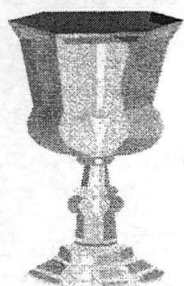
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# Temple Emeth

April 2-15, 2004    Nisan 11-24, 5764



## Friday, April 2    Shabbat Tzav

*Candle-lighting - 6:02 pm*

Family Service at 7:30 pm

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in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter,  
Jill Massarsky

## Saturday, April 3    Shabbat Worship at 10:30 a.m. **BAT MITZVAH OF JILL MASSARSKY**

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

*Haftarah Portion: Malachi 3:4-24*

Sat. 3	9:10 am	Torah Study	Mon. 5	No ECC- Spring Break Begins
	10:30 am	Shabbat Service		
	6:00 pm	EMTY Millionaire Nite	Tue. 6	Office Closed
Sun. 4	8:45 pm	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parents Mtg.		10:30 am Passover Service
	9:00 am	Religious School		6:00 pm Congregational Seder
	6:00 pm	EMTY Movie and Ice Cream Nite	Wed. 7	12:00 pm Lunch and Learn
				7:30 pm Kol Emeth Rehearsal
			Thur. 8	7:00 pm Outreach Comm. Mtg.

## Friday, April 9    Shabbat Chol Hamoed Pesach

*Candle-lighting - 7:10 pm*

Shabbat Service at 8:00 pm

**Kol Emeth will sing**

## Saturday, April 10    Shabbat Worship at 10:30 a.m.

*Torah Portion: Exodus 33:12-34:26*

*Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:1-14 and Song of Songs is Read*

Sat. 10	9:10 am	Torah Study	Tue. 13	Mini-University
	9:30 am	Tot Shabbat		7:30 pm Il Isaiah
	10:30 am	Shabbat Service		8:40 pm Love at First Sight
Sun. 11	9:00 am	Religious School	Wed. 14	12:00 pm Lunch and Learn
	1:30 pm	Nature Walk		6:15 pm Etz Chayim Rehearsal
				7:30 pm Kol Emeth Rehearsal
Mon. 12	10:30 am	Passover and Yizkor Service		7:30 pm Confirmation Class
		Office Closed	Thu. 15	8:00 pm Board of Trustees Meeting

## Good and Welfare

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Zissen Pesach*

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**Family Friday Night Services to Remain at  
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**All Other Friday Night Services to Start at  
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Beginning this April, 2004, we are standardizing  
the starting times for Friday night services at  
8:00 p.m., except for Family Friday night  
services which will remain at 7:30 p.m. That  
means that the Family Service on the first Friday  
of the month will start at 7:30, and all other  
Friday night services, including the Musical  
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Daniel E. Kirsch  
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4 13 NISAN 9:00 am Religious School 6:00 pm EMTY Movie and Ice Cream Nite	5 14 NISAN Erev Pesach Candlelighting 7:06 NO ECC - SPRING BREAK BEGINS	6 15 NISAN Yom Tov Ends: 8:17 10:30 am Passover Service NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL Office Closed 6:00 pm Congregational Seder	7 16 NISAN Passover NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 12:00 pm Lunch and Learn 7:30 pm Kol Emeth Meets	8 17 NISAN Passover	9 18 NISAN Candlelighting 7:10 Passover 8:00 pm Shabbat Services Kol Emeth Preforms	10 19 NISAN Shabbat Ends: 8:21 Passover 9:30 am Tot Shabbat and Breakfast 10:30 am Shabbat Services
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## RABBI ERIC H. YOFFIE'S COMMENTS: UNION FOR REFORM JUDAISM CONFERENCE CALL REGARDING "THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST" MOVIE

February 26, 2004

I will begin our call with three comments that perhaps can help us to frame the discussion.

**A:**

Mel Gibson's role has been despicable.

People have been careful not to call him an anti-Semite, and I am not going to suggest that he is. But, going back five or six months, he marketed the film - and did so very effectively - by saying inflammatory things about Jews and the Jewish people, by threatening to kill his critics, by claiming that his enemies were threatening to kill him, and in general by setting Jews against Christians and liberal Christians against conservative Christians.

And while certainly not denying the Holocaust as his father has done, at one point he minimized its importance and at another point he charged that Judaism was trying to blame the Holocaust on the Catholic Church.

In recent weeks, Mr. Gibson has substantially modified his tone, and that is welcome in every way.

But Mr. Gibson is not simply a director who happens to be a religious man with some idiosyncratic views. He is also a savvy Hollywood insider who has exploited and fomented controversy in order to sell movie tickets

My second comment: I have no patience for those who say we should have remained silent.

In this country, when we face threats or potential threats, we organize, we educate, we lobby; we fight back.

But having said that, I have frequently been uncomfortable in recent months with statements on this film made by Jewish leaders.

The fact that we need to be saying something doesn't mean that what we say is wise, thoughtful, or effective.

Prominent Jewish conservatives have been defensive and apologetic about the movie, professing to see a balanced portrayal of Jews there that simply does not exist. It seems to me that they are much more interested in maintaining their ties with the Christian right than with evaluating this movie in an objective way. Jewish critics of the film, on the other hand, have often made statements that strike me as

alarmist, sensationalist, and - sometimes at least - bordering on the demagogic. This is a troubling film, and vigilance is always in order, but North American Jews do not face pogroms or imminent violence, and our position in American society is not being undermined in any fundamental way. The critics do us no favor when, in commenting on the dangers of this film, they make no allowance for the kind of country in which we live or for the basic good sense of the American people.

**C:**

Final point: Until yesterday, this film was the domain of the critics, the scholars, the columnists, and the talk show hosts. But now it belongs to the people and the communities.

Permit me to explain.

Yesterday I sat through this film in a Times Square Theater with approximately a thousand people. It was exceedingly difficult for me to watch. It is a grim, angry, and bloody film, essentially a two hour-long execution, with ample torture and agony along the way.

And in the matter of the stereotyping of Jews, all of our worst fears were confirmed. It is not a close call. The Jews in this film are evildoers. We see the bloodthirsty mob crying for Jesus' blood. We see the scheming priests. We see the timid and indecisive Pontius Pilate, who reluctantly lets the Jews talk him into crucifying Jesus.

I sat there stunned and uncomfortable, and struggling to understand where the positive religious message was in all of this.

But then I looked around. While I know that there is no such thing as a Christian response to this movie, many, many people in the theater with me were transfixed. The woman in the seat next to me sobbed throughout much of the movie. At the end there was substantial applause.

I thought about trying to talk to the woman in the next seat, but I decided against it. For her, this had clearly been a powerful religious experience. And I was quite sure that she did not want to hear my historical analysis, or questions that she might hear as accusatory, or anything that might appear, intentionally or not, to be passing judgment on her religious feelings and beliefs.

And I suspected that the Jewish issue - so central to me - was much more marginal for

her. In fact, in interview after interview, Christians who were moved by the film have said that they really do not understand the charge of anti-Semitism and what the Jews are talking about.

My dilemma - our dilemma - is this: how do we demonstrate respect for this woman's feelings and beliefs, while guarding against anti-Semitic seeds that may have been planted by the movie?

And the answer is, first, that we avoid hysterical and over-heated rhetoric. An extreme example of what we don't do is what a group in New York is doing: sending people to see the film dressed as concentration camp residents; what message does that send to the woman in the next seat? We will speak about the issues sincerely and openly, but in moderate and respectful tones, recognizing the sincerity of other people's religious convictions.

And most important: coalition, coalition, coalition. In the final analysis, if the woman in the next seat is going to discuss these issues, she is going to be most comfortable discussing them with someone who shares her deeply held Christian beliefs and who can understand the film in ways that I cannot. If she is open to discussion at all, it will not likely be with a rabbi, but with a minister, a priest, or an educated Christian layperson.

And this is where we come in. We are the largest grassroots presence in the Jewish community, we believe in bridge building and dialogue with our Christian neighbors, and now we will be put to the test. We need to do on a massive scale what so many of our rabbis and congregations have already begun to do. We need clergy institutes and dialogue with Christian leaders, encouraging them to educate in their congregations just as we will educate in ours. We need to welcome their input into our congregational courses and suggest that they welcome our input into theirs. This is the moment for which all of those relationships have been built, and if we haven't been building those relationships, we need to start immediately. A successful response to *The Passion of the Christ* will not be measured by the number of speeches we give or the number of articles we write, but by what our Christian friends and neighbors say in their churches and schools.

So let's get to work.





# SOCIAL ACTION NEWS

## JOIN TEMPLE MEMBERS FOR THE MARCH FOR WOMEN'S LIVES

**ON SUNDAY, APRIL 25TH**

The March for Women's Lives promises to be one of the largest public demonstrations in support of reproductive freedom in history. The Reform Movement will join with hundreds of thousands of people from around the country, in this historic march to protect reproductive freedom.

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## Emeth to host NCJW Shabbat Dinner and Services

Temple Emeth will be this year's host for the annual National Council of Jewish Women Shabbat Dinner and Services on Friday, April 30th. The festive catered Shabbat Dinner will begin at 6:15 p.m. followed by services at 8 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Rabbi Sirbu has been working closely with the NCJW Shabbat Committee co-chaired by Janis Warren and Susan Barnett to assist in preparing the service. Members of NCJW who are also members of Temple Emeth will participate in the service and deliver specially prepared readings. NCJW President Ellen Jacobs has been invited to address the congregation in place of a sermon.

Reservations for the dinner are open to all. The cost is \$20 for adults and \$12 for children under 12 years old and includes a choice of a chicken or vegetarian entree. Please make checks payable to NCJW and send to Janis Warren at the Temple Emeth office by April 14th. For more information, contact Janis Warren at 201-767-6844, or Susan Barnett at 201-836-4864.

The Bergen County Section of NCJW has more than 1,300 members in 55 towns in Bergen County. Both NCJW Board and General meetings are held monthly at Temple Emeth.

## Mora Dora Performs at Purim Party

On Sunday, February 22, Woodcrest Center Nursing Home in New Millford gave a pre-Purim party for its Jewish residents and graciously extended an open invitation to the surrounding Jewish community. Although the information was received on short notice, our own Dora Friedman attended and joined several other performers. Mora Dora participated by telling the story of Purim to the delight of all in attendance.

## Shalach Manot 2004

Another year, another Purim, and another wonderful Shalach Manot season at Temple Emeth. This is the sixth, and most successful year of this project, which has 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.

Shalach Manot is so much more than just a money-maker for the Temple. The spirit of giving infuses every aspect of the process (including sharing with those less fortunate – as always, we have made a contribution 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 we drove and delivered them (there were about 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 you.

A few special thank yous are in order. Once again, Wendy Kosakoff and Karen Kaplan computer-inscribed the lovely cards which came 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, from whence came the globular oranges in each package. We especially want to thank some of our young people who contributed time, effort and good spirits. Liz Fuccillo and Alexandra Hoey spent a tedious evening scraping labels off packages and jars, probably ruining their nails in the process. Cheryl and Rachel Kaplan, in addition to helping to pack, assisted in putting routing codes on the gift cards. Mostly, our thanks and appreciation to Alex Fuccillo (before he tore ligaments in his ankle), Alex Hoffman and Nicky Hoffman, who shopped and schlepped, heaved and hauled. Many thanks, too, to the office staff – Marion, Tsilla, Sandra, Carole and Barbara, who helped in a variety of essential ways.

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

*Judy Fox, David Fox, Carol Lev and Eva Tobias*

**Cheryl Newman, daughter of Ann and Bob Neuman, became engaged to Michael Meltzer. Both live in Chicago.**



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## College Kids' Corner

by Lynne Graizel

As some of you already know, Jessica Firshein, a Junior at Wesleyan University is currently studying in Israel. Jessica's mom and dad, Joy and Dan and sister Jenna just returned from a visit with Jessica. Here is a portion of a letter I received from Jessica, who seems to be loving her semester abroad.

"Hi

Everything is going well here. I'm tan. It's exciting! It is sunny and warm and winter is fading quickly away - As my roommate warned me, there seem to be only two seasons in Israel: winter and summer.

And now for the adventures...

On the weekend of the 14th, seven of us went to Ein Gedi, the town around the Israeli side of Yam Hamelech. Ein Gedi is also a national park with gorgeous hikes and sweet water waterfalls (that somehow exist right next to the saltiest body of water on Earth - The Dead Sea).

Ein Gedi is known for its spas - the natural springs and minerals are great for skin, as are the sulfur springs around the Dead Sea, and the Dead Sea itself. Because it is the lowest place on Earth, the level of oxygen in the air is greatest here, so it's a big spa area.

Then we had a wonderful Shabbat dinner with tons and tons of amazing kinds of salads besides the usual chicken potatoes and rice at the kibbutz dining hall - we ate waaay too much of everything. That night we built a tiny little fire that ended up so hot

because of the strong winds that it was purple!

Thursday, the acting director of our program took us Avdat, an ancient cliff town of Nabotean/Roman/Byzantine civilization. Random fact of Bysantine's ingenuity: Though Avdat only received four inches of rainfall a year, the Byzantines learned to gather every inch of rainfall in order to raise crops like wheat, which needs eight inches a year, grapes and dates and other fruit, which needs twelve inches, by creating giant terraces throughout the mountains and riverbeds that surrounded Avdat to guide the rainfall. We played around in Avdat and a few of us ditched the group for a bit and explored one of the apartments built into the cliff before we went home.

Thursday night, I went to Bat Yam (above Tel Aviv) with an Israeli friend from camp who is a student at Ben-Gurion.

Headed back to Be'er Sheva that night, woke up early the next morning and took three-hour bus ride with Jillian, David and Amy to Eilat. Got to Eilat around 2:00 on Friday with just enough time to shop for food (or we would have to go hungry over Shabbat), walk along the boardwalk for a while, and take a nap. Our Shabbat feast consisted of Challah with Chumus and Sprite, along with hours of television (we've been sorely deprived!) We hit the clubs for the evening. It's technically the middle of winter, so they weren't exactly poppin', but we danced up a storm for hours anyway.

Morning in Eilat - hit the beach. Laid on the beach the whole day, stopped laying on the beach just long enough to shop on the boardwalk, swim in the freezing cold Red Sea, and buy a delicious fresh fruit smoothie every once in a while (there are smoothie stands all over Israel. They're amazing). So it was sun, sun, sun, until the sun went down and we grabbed our bags and hopped on the next bus to Be'er Shava. (Please be aware, when I speak about the buses that I am taking, I am not riding inner-city buses that have been bombed. I am speaking about intercity buses that are generally direct lines from one station to another.)

Today I had a meeting with the director of my program, who has returned from his sabbatical, to discuss research projects and field work, and then I had coffee with Magda (a professor at Wesleyan who is on Sabbatical at Ben-Gurion for the semester) which was wonderful.

I'm going to Tel Aviv tomorrow afternoon with some kids from Capoeira to go to a movement workshop run by (according to Amnon, my Capoeira teacher) the best dancer in Israel. He used to dance with Baryshnikov, so he sounds good to me. And then my parents are coming Thursday for a whirlwind tour of the Holy Land. So that's the story.

I'll write again in a while. be well and keep in touch.

Love  
Jess

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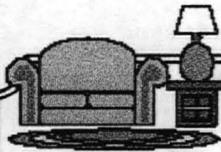
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## IN THE Spotlight:

### B'NAI MITZVAH

*Hi...* I'm Eric Lawrence and I am in the 7th Grade at Solomon Schechter Day School of Bergen County. My favorite subjects are Nevi (study of Bible, Chumash (Torah) and Science. My hobbies include acting, singing, comedy and video production. I am an outgoing person and I always stick up for the underdog. Please join me, my parents, Stacy and Brian, and my sister Jordan, along with my family, friends and other congregants at my Bar Mitzvah service on March 13, 2004. My Torah portion is Ki-Tisi and it is about The Golden Calf.



### Trouble with Grandfathers

*By Bob Spiewak*

#### SUDDENLY IT'S SPRING

April's here! Where's the snow?  
Suddenly, it seemed to go  
Today we're walking in the sun  
Admiring the crocus, one by one  
Looking at the flower beds  
Where they show their lovely heads  
Some are white and some are blue  
We enjoy them, wouldn't you?  
Every spring there is rebirth  
Beauty pops up from the earth  
And our hearts are all aglow  
To watch God-given beauty grow

## TEMPLE EMETH Renaissance Group

The Renaissance Group will step into spring at the Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton, NJ, on Sunday, April 18th. The group will travel by deluxe motor coach to this unique 35-acre sculpture park and museum with a stop along the way for lunch at historic "Good Time Charley's" in Kingston, NJ. We will leave the Temple parking lot promptly at 9:45 a.m. and return between 6 and 6:30 p.m.

Tickets, at \$55 for paid-up Renaissance Group members and \$65 for guests, include transportation, lunch, admission, and bus snacks. Include your choice of beef, chicken, fish or vegetarian entrée with your reservation. Make your check payable to the Renaissance Group and send it to the Temple office. Space is limited to the capacity of the bus and reservations will be first-come, first-served. For more information, call Barbara Kaufman, 201-385-8433, or Bea Westin, 201-836-9216.

More than 200 sculptures are displayed throughout the beautiful gardens and spectacular landscaping. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring your camera! Additional exhibits are in the enclosed Museum and in the Domestic Arts Building. The brainchild of sculptor and pharmaceutical heir J. Seward Johnson Jr., the sculpture park is located on the site of the former New Jersey State Fairgrounds in the vicinity of Trenton and Princeton, NJ.

#### \*\*\*NOTE\*\*\*

Mark your calendars for the Renaissance Group's last event of the season – a theater and dessert party on Saturday, June 12th at 8 p.m. The play will be "The Afghan Women," produced by the Garage Theatre at FDU's Becton Theater in Teaneck. Garage Theatre Artistic/Producing Director Michael Bias, a Temple Emeth member, will appear in the production. Dessert will follow at the home of Emily and Elliot Steinberg. Special group-rate tickets are \$35 which includes a donation to the Afghan Children's Fund. Watch this Temple Bulletin and your mail for more information.

The Gala Leap Year Party and Comedy Nite on Sunday, February 29th, drew a record 115 attendees to see the professional comedians and enjoy the wine and cheese, snacks and dessert. The event was co-sponsored by the Temple Emeth B'yachad, chaired by Elliot Steinberg. Special thanks go to Emily and Elliot Steinberg, Paul Kaufman, Bea and Alan Westin, Susan and Richard Barnett, Isabel and Julian Barnett, Carlene and Seymour Fleishman, Conrad Berke, Jackie and Howard Guttman, Glenda and Martin Adelman, Pauline and Stan Hecht, and many others who stepped in to help.

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# ***Celebrate Passover at Temple Emeth***

## ***Tuesday, April 6 at 10:30 a.m.—Passover Morning Service***

Come celebrate our freedom at our service for the first morning of Passover. The service will include special Psalms and prayers to enhance our celebration.

## ***Tuesday, April 6 at 6:00 p.m.—Congregational Second Night Seder***

A beloved Temple Emeth tradition resumes this year as Temple Emeth members and their relatives join to retell the story of the Exodus with story and song. Please reserve a space by April 1. Contact Lynne Graizel at (201) 833-8403 or Maddy Wolf at (201) 585-0393 for details.

## ***Wednesday, April 7 at Noon—Lunch and Learn***

Our Lunch and Learn group meets regularly on Wednesday at 12:00. On this day, we will break from our normal routine and study a text related to Passover. You bring the lunch, we provide the coffee and the conversation.

## ***Friday, April 9 at 8:00 p.m.—Shabbat Evening Service***

On Passover, especially, we give thanks to God for the opportunity to rest on Shabbat. Join with other Temple members in our prayerful service and then exchange stories about your Seder with your friends at the Oneg Shabbat. Note that this service is the first one at our new time.

## ***Saturday, April 10 at 9:10 a.m.—Torah Study***

Passover is the perfect occasion to attend Torah Study for the first time. Before we begin our formal study, participants will have the chance to ask questions about the Haggadah and the rituals of Passover. Though we normally serve bagels, at this class we will have kosher for Passover treats.

## ***Saturday, April 10 at 10:30 a.m.—Shabbat Morning Service***

Why is this Shabbat different than all other Shabbats? Because on this Shabbat we honor Passover and the arrival of spring by reading from the book of Song of Songs at services. Come learn how this love poetry came to be a part of the Hebrew Bible.

## ***Monday, April 12 at 10:30 a.m.—Passover Morning Service and Yizkor***

The seventh day of Passover is also a day of rest. Not only do we again thank God for our freedom, but we remember those who came before us with a Yizkor memorial service similar to that on Yom Kippur afternoon.

# MITZVAH DAY '04!

The Seventh Annual !

Date: Sunday, May 2th 2004

Time: 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM

On May 2nd, Temple Emeth will be holding its Seventh Annual Mitzvah Day. We will start the day at 9:00 a.m. with a short creative service for the entire congregation. After the service, we will split up and perform an entire array of mitzvot on and off Temple grounds. We will reconvene at around 1:00 p.m. for a light nosh and to share our experiences. We will break for the day between 1:30 and 2:00 p.m.

The Social Action Committee has worked to find projects appropriate for all ages - adults, children, and teenagers. The Religious School is devoting both of its sessions to Mitzvah Day activities. Religious school students have two options: (A) participate off-site with their parents (these students should all come at 9 AM), or (B) attend their regularly scheduled sessions at either 9 or 11 AM on-site and participate in Mitzvah Day with our religious school faculty (and parents if they wish to join in).

We will provide all necessary materials for all projects (except gardening tools and gloves for cleanups). You need to bring only yourselves. This year we're looking for **EVERYONE** to turn out!

Please turn the page for more details-and please return your sign up sheets to the Temple Office by April 16!

## Help the needy

Food drive, Garage sale,  
Assist the Religious School in  
making lunches for the  
homeless and more....

## Help the environment

Clean a park, plant gardens,  
and more....

## Other activities

Learn about the Teaneck  
Volunteer Ambulance Corp,  
spruce up the Temple  
Sanctuary, bring dogs to a  
nursing home and more....

# Tikkun Olam



# MITZVAH DAY MAY 2th 2004

## THIS YEAR'S PROJECTS:

### For Everyone - Food/ Eyeglass/ Tzedakah Drive

Please begin your day by bringing in the following:

- i) **Food Drive** - Bring any non-perishables. We are focusing on "kid-friendly" breakfast and lunch items like pancake mix and syrup, cold cereals, canned pasta, macaroni & cheese, peanut butter & jelly, 100% juice, powdered or Parmalat milk, canned meat and fish. PLEASE no glass, opened or outdated items!
- ii) **Old eyeglasses** - to be donated to the Lions Club.
- iii) Bring in your bulging **Tzedakah cans** - we will sort them for you.

### Project #1 Gardening Project - Holley Center, Hackensack

Holley Center is a residential treatment center for emotionally disturbed children. We will plant small shrubs and plants and put wood chips around the beds. *All ages welcome, children with adult please.*

### Project #2 Helping with Religious School Projects

The Religious School organizes activities for children who do not participate in Mitzvah Day activities with their families. The teachers need adults to help and supervise the following activities:

1. Making sandwiches for the homeless
2. Making decorations and/or felt banners for the Succah
3. Baking cookies for the Caring Committee

# MITZVAH DAY MAY 2th 2004

## MITZVAH DAY '04 PROJECT SIGN-UP FORM

Please list two or three choices of projects that you would help with. (We may need to balance the numbers of participants in each activity.)

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Family Member #1 name \_\_\_\_\_

First project preference# \_\_\_\_\_ Second project preference# \_\_\_\_\_ Third project preference# \_\_\_\_\_

Family Member #2 name \_\_\_\_\_

First project preference# \_\_\_\_\_ Second project preference# \_\_\_\_\_ Third project preference# \_\_\_\_\_

Family Member #3 name \_\_\_\_\_

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Family Member #4 name \_\_\_\_\_

First project preference# \_\_\_\_\_ Second project preference# \_\_\_\_\_ Third project preference# \_\_\_\_\_

Family Member #5 name \_\_\_\_\_

First project preference# \_\_\_\_\_ Second project preference# \_\_\_\_\_ Third project preference# \_\_\_\_\_

Please note: A RAIN DATE is planned for Sunday, May 16 FOR THE OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES ONLY (Except garage sale) - and only if it is POURING on May 2.

Please return this page to the Social Action Committee by April 16 at the Temple Emeth Office, 1666 Windsor Road, Teaneck, New Jersey 07666. Thank you.

Support Temple Emeth's Annual

# MITZVAH DAY FOOD DRIVE

Center for Food Action

Is in need of the following kid-friendly breakfast and lunch items:

- MILK—powdered or Parmalat
- CANNED PASTA
- CEREAL — cold
- MAC & CHEESE
- CANNED MEATS and FISH
- PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY
- PANCAKE MIX and SYRUP
- 100% FRUIT JUICE
- CANNED FRUIT



**NO glass, outdated or open items please!**

Please help our hungry neighbors. The need is greater than ever.

*He who saves one life, It is as if he saved the whole world. (The Talmud)*

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*Adults only please. 10 AM - 11 AM and 11:30 PM - 1 PM*

Project #3 Dogs to Woodcrest Center Nursing Home

Bring your (well-behaved) dog to visit the residents on River Road, in New Milford. Please do not bring your pooch to the Temple!! All dogs must be on a leash and **proof of shots must be provided.** *All ages with adult.*

Project #4 Temple Emeth Cleaning & Beautification /  
Sorting Donations

We have several tasks to do to help make our Temple look its best.

1. Planting seasonal flowers on the Temple grounds. *All ages.*
2. Staining pews - the sanctuary pews have nicks and scratches that can be fixed with stain pens. All materials will be supplied. *Adults only please.*
3. Window cleaning - the windows (and glass doors) in the social hall need a thorough cleaning. *Adults and children over 11 please.*
4. Cleaning plastic play equipment used by the ECC. *All ages.*
5. Help sort and pack the food, eyeglasses, and tzedakah coins you and your fellow congregants bring to the Temple. *All ages.*

Project #5 Teaneck Volunteer Ambulance Corps

Learn more about how this organization serves the community. Wash an ambulance, cleanup the surrounding property, explore EMT training (high school students and older.) *All ages welcome, children under 12 with adult please.*



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### Project #6 Environmental Cleanup - Teaneck Creek

The Puffin Cultural Forum again needs us to clean up the Teaneck Creek area of their property. Although most materials will be supplied, please bring a pair of garden gloves. *Adults and children over 12 with parent please.*

### Project # 7 Environmental Cleanup - Windsor Road (State Street to Route 4 Overpass)

This area, almost adjacent to the Temple is in constant need of cleanup. Please bring a pair of garden gloves. *All ages welcome, children under 12 with adult please.*

### Project #8 Garage Sale - IRF Fundraiser

Want to get rid of those items cluttering your house/garage? Earn money for yourself (or your favorite charity) while helping make a difference for our county's homeless population. Buy a table for a \$25.00 fee (proceeds go to the Inter-religious Fellowship for the Homeless). Tables will be placed strategically in front of the Temple. The Social Action Committee will place ads in the local papers. If interested, please send a check made out to Temple Emeth by Friday, April 16th. Mark the envelope "Social Action (Garage Sale)" and include your name, address and phone number. Sorry, but we cannot accept latecomers on this one as we need to plan out the space, without interfering with our 7th Grade car wash. In case of rain, the garage sale will be canceled and monies will be refunded.

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### Project #9 Build a Maze/Labyrinth at the Puffin Cultural Forum

Help the artist-in-residence create a maze/labyrinth out of concrete and other debris found on their property. *Adults and children over 10.*

### Project # 10 Write Letters to Jewish Soldiers.

Letters will be distributed to Jewish soldiers away from home by JWB Jewish Chaplains Council. *All ages welcome.*

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Excited about Mitzvah Day but want it to last longer??? The Inter-religious Fellowship for the Homeless of Bergen County (IRF) has organized a bike/walk in Park Ridge. The 3 mile route has a starting time of 2:00 PM, which allows for anyone interested to participate after our other activities. A registration fee of \$5.00 per person is required to participate.