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**A**s Jews we advocate in countless ways for Tikkun Olam, the repair of the world, by fighting for social justice, protecting our environment, and ensuring that the powerful do not exploit the weak. One aspect of Tikkun Olam is Shlom Bayit, or peace in the home. There are all kinds of elements that contribute to Shlom Bayit, including good communication, a proper balance between work and family, and healthy finances. But more fundamental to healthy family relationships is a home where there literally is peace, where no individual fears violence or abuse from another member of the family.

It is sadly ironic that our community, which speaks out for the oppressed in every corner of the globe, sometimes ignores the problem of domestic abuse within our own population.

By now I think we have moved beyond the myth that Jews are immune to alcoholism and drug abuse, and we are slowly coming to understand that Jews are not immune to domestic violence either. Jewish text and tradition have consistently forbidden spousal and child abuse, but practice has not always followed theory.

It's true that the temptation to look the other way is stronger in the Orthodox community, where neighborhoods are closely knit and the stigma of divorce stronger. (In fact the mitzvah of Shlom Bayit is sometimes interpreted as forcing the victim to keep silent in order to maintain peace in the home.) But Reform Jews must also confront the fact that abuse can exist in our community. The Central Conference of American Rabbis passed a resolution against

domestic violence in 1990 and the Union for Reform Judaism passed a resolution against violence towards women in 1991.

While it is important for these entities of Reform Judaism to be on record, the resolutions don't tell us anything we don't know. Domestic violence is wrong, and as Jews we are forbidden from standing idly by while our neighbor bleeds.

There is no easy solution to offer a victim of domestic abuse. Leaving an abusive spouse may mean instantly becoming homeless and

penniless. Calling the police might make things worse once the police leave. But doing nothing to help someone who lives in fear is not an option.

One of the Jewish community's most valuable resources when it comes to preventing domestic abuse is Project S.A.R.A.H., which stands for Stop Abusive Relationships at Home. Project S.A.R.A.H. offers counseling, access to a kosher safe house, and other services. If you are living in abusive an situation, please call Project S.A.R.A.H. at 973-777-7638 or contact me at the Temple. The only shame is not asking for help.

As we return the Torah to the ark, we read from the prayerbook, "Honoring one another, doing acts of kindness, and making peace: these are our highest duties. But the study of Torah is equal to them all, because it leads to them all." Confronting domestic abuse and working for true Shlom Bayit is definitely Torah in action.

## MESSAGE from the Rabbi



**RABBI  
STEVEN  
SIRBU**

*Rabbi Steven Sirbu*

# **TEMPLE EMETH BULLETIN**

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May	4/14	4/28	4/6	4/13
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## **From the Editors:**

Thanks to the many people who have complimented us on the recent bulletins. We're still far from perfect, but we hope to keep improving. Special thanks to those who have remembered to e-mail their bulletin articles. After 3 issues with this policy, please note that henceforth, e-mail will be the *only* way items and flyers will get published. It helps us get the bulletin out on time and cuts down on errors.

We're taking editorial advantage to suggest that you all look at the flyers for the Renaissance/B'yachad *Chanukah Chappening* and the *Potluck Dinner* flyers. Temple Emeth offers a lot of interesting and entertaining programs for all ages. If you have not attended any, all we can say is *Try them! You'll like them!*

**Corrections from the previous issue of the Emeth Bulletin:**  
 The spelling of the person in whose memory the new Torah covers were donated is Abraham Gelfond. Rabbi Emeritus Louis and Mimi Sigel were inadvertently omitted from the New Years Greetings list. We deeply regret the errors.

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**December 5, 2004**

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# How did we get to where we are, and where do we go from here?.....

I recently read about a new book by Philip Roth, entitled "The Plot Against America", in which the author imagines an alternate history. In it he imagines that an isolationist, white supremacist and pro-German Charles Lindbergh defeats Franklin Roosevelt in the 1940 election. Lindbergh soon signs nonaggression pacts with the Nazis and Japan. The book explores the impact of this alternate history on Jews in Europe and America.

This book review set me to thinking about a recurring mind game I play with myself. I examine where I am in my life, and think back to decisions made and events that occurred many years ago that somehow led me to where I find myself today. Sometimes you recognize the decision as an important one at the time but often, a seemingly unimportant decision made decades ago has great impact on one's life. For example, a decision to go to a college weekend leads to your meeting the love of your life. You marry and then a decision by both of you to buy a certain

house in a certain community, among many houses and communities that you could have chosen, leads you to meet a new neighbor who prompts you to join a particular Temple in Teaneck, New Jersey where you eventually meet many other new people and, some 25 years later, you find that you are the Temple's President. And then you wonder, "What if I had never gone to that college weekend? Where would I be and what would I be doing now?"

I find this mind game fun and fascinating, but ultimately it leads to your present, wondering about your next decisions and where they will lead. Just as you and I can reflect on how we wound up where we are and where we are going, so too can and must Temple Emeth. Many years ago, our predecessors chose Rabbis Joshua

Trachtenberg and Louis Sigel as our spiritual leaders, and chose to locate our sanctuary at its present location in Teaneck, New Jersey. Those were important decisions that laid the foundation for the vibrant Jewish institution we are today. In more recent years, we decided to expand our home to better serve the spiritual, educational and programming needs of our community. We accomplished that goal, albeit not without its ongoing financial challenges. Most recently, we chose Rabbi Steven Sirbu to build on the legacies inherited from Rabbis Trachtenberg and Sigel and help lead us through whatever our future may have in store for us.

Where would we be without our past and present Rabbinic leadership and our current home? We can speculate on that or on how those decisions impacted where we are today. But ultimately, we must focus on where we will be tomorrow, and the decisions we must make to get there. As your President, these are thoughts that occupy much of my time. It is why we

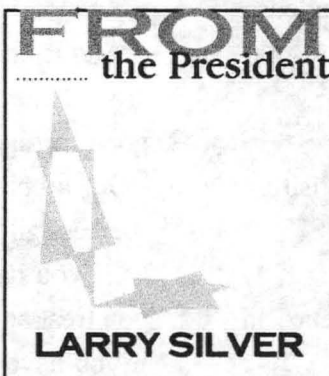
have 25 Board and non-Board congregants actively engaged in the beginnings of a 2 to 3 year strategic planning process to envision where we want to be and how to get there over the next 3 to 5 years. Periodically you may follow our progress in the Temple Emeth Bulletin. I encourage you to react and share your own ideas along the way.

*"The best way to have a good idea is to have lots of ideas."*

Linus Pauling

B'Shalom

Larry Silver, President





## "Z'man Simchateinu - The Time of our Joy"

At this season of Thanksgiving, what are we thankful for? How do we express our thankfulness? One of our consistent, underlying themes at Temple Emeth Religious School is learning how to be a "mensch". Grades K-7 encounter this value in all curricular areas. Our students learn that every action, every mitzvah, is like an arrow that connects us to God, the world, and each other. The mitzvot that we do "enlighten" us and create a bond to the entire Jewish community – past, present and future.

On November 7, our religious school attended a challenging and inspiring professional day that focused on:

- Reaching and teaching all students
- Teaching the mitzvah of *bikur cholim* (visiting the sick)
- Using stories to discover the divine
- Celebrating 350 years of Jewish experience in America.

At our Religious School, we have always empha-

sized acts of loving kindness and expressions of gratitude and praise for our world and our many blessings.



In the spirit of the Jewish tradition, here are "four questions" you might like to reflect on at your Thanksgiving table:

- What does Thanksgiving mean to you?
- How do you think living in America is different from living in other countries?
- Who are your heroes?
- What would you like to be thankful for next year?

And in the spirit of the mitzvah of *tikun olam*, go around the table and think of ways to share your good fortune and blessing with others.

Our rabbis taught – if you give another person all the best gifts in the world with a grumpy face, it is as if you have given that person nothing. But when you treat another person with a cheerful face, it is as if you have given the person all the best gifts in the world.

*Dora Geld Friedman*  
Dora Geld Friedman

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As American Jews we have many opportunities to celebrate holidays and pass traditions on to our children. For most early childhood programs, this is the core of the curriculum – not only for projects and celebrations, but as a golden opportunity to further reinforce many of our most fundamental values. However, when examined closely, many of the historical and religious events that lend themselves to our greatest celebrations are often touched by controversy and contain elements of which we may not be so proud.

The holiday of Thanksgiving is a prime example. On the surface, this is simply a time to take a moment from our busy lives to stop and think about all that we have to be grateful for: food, shelter, clothing, family and friends. However, there are people who view this day as the beginning of the destruction of their people and heritage. In many Native American communities, Thanksgiving is a day of mourning, as it marks the beginning of the onset of Western Civilization and the end of their own. As a people who have known hatred and oppression, it is difficult to just ignore this component.

So what is an early childhood program to do? The children are too young to understand the implications of the whole truth. The best we can do is to offer them the parts of this truth that build a better understanding and tolerance of different people. It is our obligation to go beyond the turkey songs and feathered headdresses. The two themes we celebrate on this day are Giving Thanks and Forming Friendships. We say thank you throughout our day and week for the food we eat, the beauty of nature and the families that take care of us. We consciously and conscientiously work on skills that help us learn to share, listen, respect and cooperate with our friends.

Thanksgiving is a wonderful opportunity to focus on these themes – as long as we make sure that we continue to develop them throughout the year and our lives. These are the truths that will help us all build a better world together.

Wishing you the bounties of the season,

*Sharon*  
Sharon Floch  
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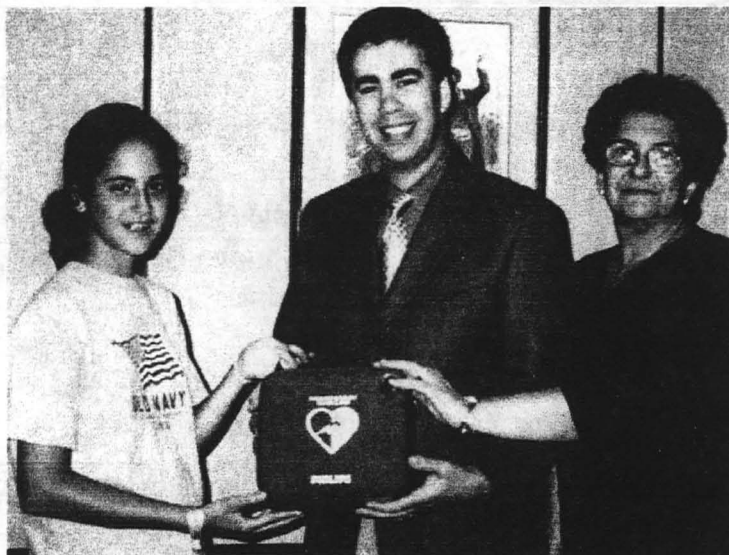
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# Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library Update: GOING TO EXTREMES

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Most of us muddle through life, never achieving terrific fame or terrible infamy. But there are some people who are very good and others who are horrid. This month in the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library, our book display is devoted to extremes of good and evil: Jews appointed to the Supreme Court on the one hand and, on the other, notorious gangsters, who also happened to be Jewish. Happy reading!

## ***The Jewish Justices of the Supreme Court***

**Revisited: Brandeis to Fortas** edited by Jennifer M. Lowe. This book profiles the careers of Justices Brandeis, Cardozo, Frankfurter, Goldberg and Fortas. There is a preface by Justice Stephen Breyer and an introduction by Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg, who says, "Law as protector of the oppressed, the poor,

the minority, the loner, is evident in this book. The traditional commandment 'Justice! Justice! Shalt thou pursue' is the strand that ties them together."

## ***But He Was Good to his Mother*** by Robert A.

Rockaway. The author provides an unconventional perspective on Jewish gangsters by relating personal anecdotes, telling about their families and their relations with the Jewish community.

**Tough Jews** by Rich Cohen. A cast of vibrant, vicious characters includes Meyer Lansky, Bugsy Siegel, the mastermind of Murder, Inc., and an Orthodox hit man who refused to kill on the Sabbath.

## ***Rothstein: The Life, Times, and Murder of the Criminal Genius Who Fixed the 1919 World Series*** by David Pietrusza.

This is a fascinating portrait of an evil genius, who was the model for The Great Gatsby's Meyer Wolfsheim and Nathan Detroit in *Guys and Dolls*. Arnold Rothstein was a loan shark, bookmaker, thief, political fixer, labor racketeer, mastermind of the modern drug trade, and more. His story is set in a Roaring Twenties universe of crime and corruption, violence and greed.

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at 8:00

Please bring enough food for 8-10 people, in  
serving dishes, so everyone has a chance  
to try something different. In keeping with  
Temple Emeth's kosher-style policy,  
we ask that all dishes be non-dairy.

Please return this form to the office by  
Wednesday, November 17th,  
or fax it to 201-833-4831

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

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Main Course \_\_\_\_\_

Side dish (no soup please) \_\_\_\_\_

Salad (with non-dairy dressing) or fruit \_\_\_\_\_

(We'll supply the drinks)

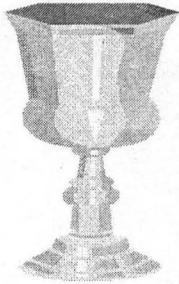
We can help set up at 6:00 \_\_\_\_\_

Please plan to stay and help clean up.



# Temple Emeth

November 1-18, 2004 17 Heshvan- 5 Kislev 5765



## Friday, Nov. 5 Shabbat Chaye Sarah

*Candle-lighting 4:27 p.m.*

### Family Service at 7:30 p.m.

The Oneg will be sponsored by Jill and Barry Kantor  
in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Rachael Leah Kantor

## Saturday, Nov. 6 Shabbat Worship at 10:30 a.m.

### BAT MITZVAH OF RACHAEL LEAH KANTOR

*Torah Portion: Genesis 23:1-25:18*

*Haftarah Portion: I Kings 1:1-31*

Sat. 6	9:10 am	Torah Study	Tues. 9		<b>Mini University</b>
	10:30 am	Shabbat Worship		7:30 pm	B'nai Mitzvah and Beyond
				8:40 pm	Psalms We Hold Dear
Sun. 7		NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL			
Mon. 8	10:45 am	Speak. Laugh and Enjoy Yiddish	Wed. 10	6:15 pm	Etz Chayim Rehearsal
				7:30 pm	Kol Emeth Rehearsal
			Thurs. 11	8:00 pm	Board of Trustees Meeting

## Friday, Nov. 12 Shabbat Toledot

*Candle-lighting 4:20 pm*

### Shabbat Service at 8:00 p.m.

The Oneg will be sponsored by Frances and Howard Levin  
in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Allison Paula Levin

## Saturday, Nov. 13 Shabbat Worship at 10:30 a.m.

### BAT MITZVAH OF ALLISON PAULA LEVIN

*Torah Portion: Genesis 25:19-28:9*

*Haftarah Portion: I Samuel 20:18-42*

Sat. 13	9:10 am	Torah Study	Tues. 16		<b>Mini-University</b>
	9:30 am	Tot Shabbat		7:30 pm	B'nai Mitzvah and Beyond
	10:30 am	Shabbat Service		8:40 pm	Psalms We Hold Dear
Sun. 14	9:00 am	6 <sup>th</sup> grade B'nai Mitzvah Orientation	Wed. 17	6:15 pm	Etz Chayim Rehearsal
	10:00 am	Gift Shop Chanukah Boutique		7:30 pm	Kol Emeth Rehearsal
	12:00 pm	9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade Pizza with Rabbi Sirbu	Thurs. 18	7:00 pm	Strategic Planning
	1:00 pm	Confirmation Class		8:00 pm	Book Group at Klempner Home
Mon. 15	9:00 am	Temple Members Early ECC Registration			
	10:45 am	Speak, Laugh and Enjoy Yiddish			

# November 2004 17 Cheshvan 5765 - 17 Kislev 5765

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 17 CHESHVAN 10:45 am Speak, Laugh and Enjoy Yiddish	<b>2</b> 18 CHESHVAN Election Day - Voting in Hall NO ECC NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	<b>3</b> 19 CHESHVAN 12:00 pm Lunch and Learn 6:15 pm Etz Chayim Rehearsal 7:30 pm Shiva Minyan Training	<b>4</b> 20 CHESHVAN NO ECC 8:00 pm Executive Comm. Mtg.	<b>5</b> 21 CHESHVAN 11:4:27 NO ECC 7:30pm Family Service	<b>6</b> 22 CHESHVAN Chaye Sarah Shabbat Ends: 5:36 9:10 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah of Rachael Kantor
<b>7</b> 23 CHESHVAN NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 5:30 pm EMTY Dinner and Movie	<b>8</b> 24 CHESHVAN 10:45 am Speak, Laugh and Enjoy Yiddish	<b>9</b> 25 CHESHVAN Mini University 7:30 pm B'nai Mitzvah and Beyond 8:40 pm Psalms We Hold Dear	<b>10</b> 26 CHESHVAN 12:00 pm Lunch and Learn 6:15 pm Etz Chayim Rehearsal 7:30 pm Kol Emeth Reharsal	<b>11</b> 27 CHESHVAN 8:00 pm Bd. of Trustees Mtg. (Dec. Bulletin Deadline)	<b>12</b> 28 CHESHVAN 11:4:20 8:00 pm Shabbat Service	<b>13</b> 29 CHESHVAN Toldot Shabbat Ends: 5:29 9:10 am Torah Study 9:30 am Tot Shabbat 10:30 am Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah of Allison Levin
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<b>21</b> 8 KISLEV 9:00 am Religious School Book Fair 10:00 am Caring Comm. Mtg. 11:00 am 3rd Grade Family Education Day 3:30 pm Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Saint Mark's Episcopal Church	<b>22</b> 9 KISLEV 10:45 am Speak, Laugh and Enjoy Yiddish	<b>23</b> 10 KISLEV Mini University 7:30 pm B'nai Mitzvah and Beyond 8:40 pm Psalms We Hold Dear	<b>24</b> 11 KISLEV NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 12:00 pm Lunch and Learn	<b>25</b> 12 KISLEV Thanksgiving Day BUILDING CLOSED	<b>26</b> 13 KISLEV 11:4:10 NO ECC - OFFICE CLOSED 8:00 pm Shabbat Service	<b>27</b> 14 KISLEV Vayishlach Shabbat Ends: 5:20 9:10 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Service
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EVERY SHABBAT 9:10 AM- TORAH STUDY IN LIBRARY 10:30 AM SHABBAT SERVICE BEGINS (10/14/04)



## GOOD AND WELFARE

### Condolences to ....

The congregation mourns the passing of Joan Wiese and send condolences to her daughters, Marla Compas and Kara Wiese.

### Welcome to membership...

Jackie Green  
Phyllis Dunsay  
Cindy Simon-Wohl and Daniel Wohl

## BOOK GROUP WILL MEET

Thursday, Nov. 18, at 8:00 pm  
in the home of  
Linda Klempner  
843 Red Road  
Teaneck, NJ

The November book selection is:

### IN THE IMAGE

by Dara Horn.  
All are welcome

## We need your blood! ....and we may need it now!

If you attended the October 8th Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg lecture you know how important it is to plan for your future health needs and for those of your loved ones. Temple Emeth has developed a register of blood donors who will step up to the plate if a congregant requires blood for a transfusion or for a surgical procedure.

If you are in good health between the ages of 17 (with your parents consent) and 70 and weigh at least 110 pounds, you can register to be part of this Temple Emeth program.

A **confidential** list of blood donors is available to all Temple members should they ever need it. Now is the time to plan for the future -- be a blood donor.

If you would like to be part of this mitzvah, please fill out the form below and send it back or e-mail it to Lynne Graizel ([lynnegee@optonline.net](mailto:lynnegee@optonline.net)), Blood Register Coordinator, The Caring Community Committee, Temple Emeth, 1666 Windsor Road, Teaneck, NJ 07666

Sign me up, I want to help!

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Chanukah Dinner\*

Friday, December 10, 2004.  
6:15 pm Dinner,  
Family Friendly Services  
at 8:00 pm.



Bring your menorahs, candles and friends!

Children ages 5 and under, are free.

All new 2004 Temple members are invited as our guests.

We look forward to celebrating the third night of Chanukah with you.

*\*In the spirit of the holiday, please bring a can of food or non-perishable food item  
to donate to the Center For Food Action.*

Adult Members: \$ 13.00 per person

Adult Non-Members: \$ 16.00 per person

Children ages 6-12: \$ 5.50 per person

For more information, call Carol Shansky 201-569-4877;  
Shana Janoff 201-541-0151; Carlene Fleishman 201-836-0226  
or Paula Dillon 201-692-0609.

Please return form and payment to Temple office no later than November 30, 2004

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☐ Yes, I/we'll be at Temple Emeth's 5th Annual Chanukah Dinner on Friday, December 10, 2004

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Yes, I know you need help and I'd like to volunteer for ☐ setting up, ☐ serving, ☐ cleaning up.

Number of Member Adults @ \$ 13.00 per person : \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Non-Member Adults @ \$ 16.00 per person : \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children, ages 6-12 @ \$ 5.50 per person : \_\_\_\_\_


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For more information, contact  
Bea Westin, 201-836-9216, or  
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Return coupon below to the Temple office by December 1st.  
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I/we will attend the B'yachad/Renaissance Group  
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NAME(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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I/we WILL HELP \_\_\_\_\_

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## Temple Emeth Members Collect And Package Food for Needy

The Social Action Committee of Temple Emeth recently sponsored a food drive for the Center for Food Action in Englewood, New Jersey. All the congregants at Temple Emeth were asked to take home an empty supermarket sized paper bag after Rosh Hashanah Services on September 15 and bring it back before Yom Kippur, September 24, filled with nourishing foods that could be distributed at the Center for Food Action. The program met with much success. Collecting food for the hungry at Temple Emeth is an ongoing project, although once a year the Social Action Committee (SAC) holds a huge food drive.



*Rabbi Sirbu and Carla Silver pack up food donations. Photo © 2004 by Doris Friedman*



*Eva Sandrof and helpers from the Social Action Committee with food donations. Photo © 2004 by Doris Friedman*

## Volunteer for a community-wide Mitzvah Day

UJA Federation of Northern New Jersey is sponsoring its annual Mitzvah Day on Sunday, November 7. A wide variety of opportunities are available for individuals and groups to help our neighbors in need, from home construction with Bonim - Builders for Bergen, to recording books for Jewish Family Service, to brightening the day for people with special needs through the Jewish Association for Developmental Disabilities, to helping

the Teaneck Creek Conservancy with clean-up and maintenance. To learn more about the day or register, call Alice Blass at 201-488-6800, ext. 209, or go on-line to [ujannj.org](http://ujannj.org).

## Children's Worship

The Children's Worship Committee asks the entire congregation to join us in thanking those who led classes on Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur mornings, sacrificing their mornings at services to give our children a meaningful alternative high holiday experience:

Marla Levine  
Joanne Meistrich  
Merri Adler Ross  
Ilene Gagliardi  
Vivian Gaits  
Judy Berk-Levine  
Ken Hoffman  
Laura Breznick  
Judika Illes  
Carolyn Himmelhoch  
Amy Abrams

Thanks as well to all the EMTY volunteers who helped in our classes, in services, in babysitting, in the office, with art supplies and snacks. We couldn't have done it without you!

*Karen Kaplan and Karen Sacks  
Children's Worship Committee*

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## Choir Thanks

On behalf of Kol Emet, the Temple Emeth adult choir, I want to thank those who saved us the expense of purchasing additional white robes for the holidays by donating or acquiring no-longer-needed graduation robes. They are Sandra Rumayor (who also came up with the idea of getting them this way and donated *three* robes), Elinor Buchbinder, and Adele Hirschmann, who got one by putting the word out on teaneckshuls.com. Extra-special thanks go to Frances Berniker, who showed particular generosity in donating the robe that had belonged to her late husband, a cantor. We are deeply grateful to you all.

*Jacqueline Guttman,  
Choir Director*

## Temple Emeth Early Childhood Center Hosts Family Sukkot Dinner

On October 5th, the students of Temple Emeth's ECC held a Family Sukkot dinner. Rabbi Steven Sirbu led the students in the hamotzi over the challah and ECC Director Sharon Floch explained the significance of the honey for a sweet year. Many families attended this event and enjoyed the pizza, pasta and salad served.

Following the meal, the children made paper decorations for the succah with assistance from their teachers.. The students brought their creations outside to hang in the succah, a temporary structure which tradition dictates is be built to commemorate the seven day harvest festival, which culminates in Simchat Torah.

In the succah, Rabbi Sirbu explained the significance of the lulav and etrog, and everyone said the blessings over them.



*Carol Wolinsky is all smiles as she holds the lulav and the etrog. Photo by Grace Borowitz.*



*Michael Robinson, Marc Chelemer and Don Kaplan build the sukkah. Photo courtesy of Carla Silver.*

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THE DATE!**

**Chanukah  
Shabbat  
Family Dinner  
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*Children enjoy making decorations for the Succah at the ECC Family Sukkot Dinner last month. Photos by Eley Kohn*





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## College Kids' Corner

By Lynne Graizel

We welcome some more of our Temple kids to the college program:

Russell Falk -  
son of Nickie and Doug  
Sarah Breslow -  
daughter of Ann and Stuart  
Matthew and Deborah Silver -  
children of Carla and Larry  
Ethan Porter -  
son of Marcy and Scott  
Samantha, Alexia and Philip  
Herman  
- children of Rhona and Eric

Last month Rabbi Ely Allen, who heads the youth division of UJA, sent me copies of a book called *On One Foot — A Middle-East guide for the perplexed, or How to respond on your way to class when your best friend joins an anti-Israel protest.*

A copy of the book was sent to each of our 23 college kids. The book is an overall guide to issues in the Middle East, including the roots of conflict between Arabs and Jews, attempts at negotiating a peace, human rights, refugees, violence and terrorism.

The feedback from the kids has been very positive. Many of our college youth didn't really know much about the history of the conflict. While the book is informative, we urge all of our college kids to make a trip to Israel, to get to know the Jewish homeland and why we fight so hard for its' existence.

To find out how all Jewish children between the ages of 18-26 can go on a 10 day trip to Israel **free of charge** log on to: [www.bithrightisrael.com](http://www.bithrightisrael.com).

## Temple Emeth Begins Long Range Planning

On September 21, the Temple began the exciting process of planning our future. Guided by the Synagogue Leadership Initiative of the UJA, 25 of our members volunteered to be part of a three-year program to create a strategic plan for Temple Emeth's future. After Rabbi Sirbu introduced the process with a D'var Torah, the members began the hard work of defining who the Temple is and why we exist. The committee broke into smaller groups and each group wrote a Mission Statement that was then presented to the whole group. Next, each member was asked to draw and describe in words our Vision of the Temple now and how we would like to see it in five years, and we each shared those visions. Then small groups began the process of defining the Temple's Core Values, and each group shared their ideas.

Finally, members stated what they believed to be the most critical issues facing the Temple. Although the work for that first official meeting was done, each committee member then agreed to meet with others on the committee to rework, refine and edit the work the group had done before the next gathering of the Strategic Planning Meeting in October.

June Cohen

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**Bea & Alan Westin** sending get well wishes to Gloria Barsky

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 In honor of the engagement of Kennny Kotkin, son of Elaine & Stan Kotkin  
 In honor of the birth of Emma, new granddaughter of Joan & Alan Snider  
 In honor of the forthcoming marriage of Deena Schechter, daughter of Marion & Sy Schechter, to Eddie Greenstein  
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 In memory of Ned Siuer  
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**Sydell & Sy Yegelwel** wishing a the Cantor and her family a good year ahead

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**Shirley & Ken Heller** in gratitude to the Caring Community  
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**June Handler** in memory of Boris Bierstein  
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**Mark Klausner**  
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