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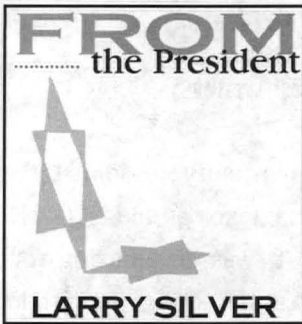
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Complacency and Indifference

"To give aid to every poor man is far beyond the reach and power of every man. Care of the poor is incumbent on society as a whole."

Baruch Spinoza

We are all acutely aware of the earthquake and tsunami that recently took place in the Indian Ocean. Their combined impact has caused a tragic loss of life in southern Asia and parts of Africa. It is a calamity so immense that people and countries all over the world have responded with record amounts of contributions and pledges totaling billions of dollars in financial aid. The world's citizenry has reason to be proud of this outpouring of generosity.

While applauding the enormous and immediate response however, it is unfortunately also true that as a general rule, initial responses to tragic headlines do not have much staying power. A related story I just read tells of \$2 billion in pledges to Afghanistan during 2002 for its first crucial year of rebuilding. But this aspect of the Afghanistan story has not been headline news for some time now. Afghanistan officials have stated that only \$90 million of the pledges have actually been received, and many Afghans have lost faith since then and now direct their bitterness at the relief workers who are there. Those agencies heavily involved with bringing relief to the tsunami stricken countries acknowledge that the humanitarian needs of these countries will take years to alleviate. The fear is that if the track record of other world tragedies is a proper indicator, we will become complacent with the initial response, and indifferent to the ongoing problems of the stricken areas way before their problems have been fully addressed.

On a more intimate level, if you read last month's Bulletin, you know that Temple Emeth, led by our Social Action Committee, is now a partner with the Interreligious Fellowship for the Homeless in its Turn a New Leaf Program. The project provides a private apartment for a homeless family to transition out of living in the Family Shelter and eventually moving to their own apartment. To date, over 40 congregants have been involved in finding the apartment, subsidizing it, donating all the furnishings and moving the furnishings in to the apartment. We are also on call to provide the family with resume writing, career counseling, tutoring and similar services, if needed.

We are proud of our involvement in this effort. But to get the project off the ground, one anonymous congregant has pledged the financing of the apartment rent for the first year. For this to be more than a one year project, we will need to find additional funds amongst the rest of us to continue to support this.

Will we be able to do this, or will we become complacent and indifferent? Will we have the staying power? It is human nature to become excited and energetic when a project is new and fresh in our minds. It takes work and a true commitment to sustain it. I hope that when the time comes later this year for us to renew our partnership with the Interreligious Fellowship for the Homeless, we will be generous with our hearts and with our pocketbooks.

"We gave to the poor regularly. It made us feel rich."

Sam Levenson

B'Shalom,

Larry Silver, President

WINE 103

WINES OF CALIFORNIA

February 5, 2005 – 8 PM

Please join us at Temple Emeth's third annual **WINE TASTING AND DESSERT PARTY**.

Last year's well attended event - Wine 102 - featured an introductory lecture and discussion on wines of South America and Australia. This year we bring it closer to home with a discussion and tasting of the wines of California.

Sonoma and Napa: we have all heard of these great wine-making regions. Are there any differences? What makes that part of the country so perfect for successful grape growing? How do these wines stack up against their French counterparts to which they are so often compared?

- A variety of fine wines will be available for tasting, along with discussion of differences between them.
- Attendance at Wine 101 or 102 is not a prerequisite!

Dessert and coffee will be served (along with some more wine, of course!).

This promises to be a fun evening, so reserve early and bring your friends.

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Is this a fun temple, or what?

College Kids' Corner

By Ben Wolf, guest writer

Recently I had the opportunity to join 150 other Reform Jewish college students at the 2004 Keshet Convention in Chicago. It was an amazing four-day conference that brought together Reform Jewish leaders from more than 75 college campuses in the U.S. and Canada.

Throughout the weekend I had a chance to catch up with some friends I haven't seen for a while, including Temple Emeth's own Manda Graizel.

Keshet is part of the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ). Keshet is Hebrew for "connection". The annual convention is one of many programs that bring students together to discuss issues relevant to Reform Jewish college students. Some of the issues that we face today are pluralism on campus, advocacy for Israel and what it means to be a Reform Jew. One of the speakers was Dru Greenwood (immediate past URJ Director of Outreach and Temple Emeth member). The workshops we attended were very informative, but also fun.

I hope to take everything I learned back to Duke. Personally, I believe that I have grown as a Reform Jew and hope to share some of the lessons I learned this weekend with my peers at Duke.

P.S. The winner of the "Did you pay attention in Religious School – Chanukah edition" was Sarah Breslow.

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NEWS Early Childhood Center



SHARON FLOCH

It is a rare luxury and pleasure to be able to organize my thoughts around something other than a date on the calendar. It is, however, our most recent holiday – Tu B'Shevat – that has brought me to this month's message. If we think of the Early Childhood Center as a tree, we can

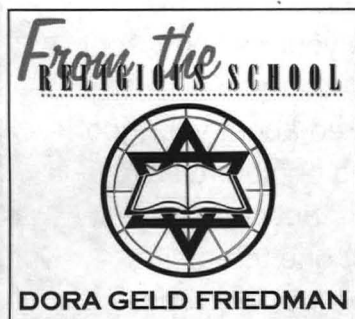
envision the trunk as the Temple leadership and administration, the sturdy base upon which all growth depends. The children, of course, are our fruit: sweet, delicious, ripe for learning, the product of our collective nurturing.

But just as no tree could exist without branches, no school could exist without teachers. Just as the branches connect the trunk and the fruit, so it is that our teachers provide the daily connection, the nourishment, the values and philosophies, which we seek to impart to our children, whom we hope will

reap the rewards. Here at Temple Emeth's ECC, our branches are as strong as they are unique. As with real trees, though rooted in common ground, no two are alike. Our teachers bring a multitude of strengths and a diversity of backgrounds to their work. Among us we have two Special Education teachers, a CPA, a gourmet cooking instructor, a fashion and interior designer, a gifted artist and photographer, and a dedicated professional with 30-plus years as an early childhood educator.

With the continued support provided by our temple/trunk, and the strength and encouragement of our teacher/branches, we look forward to continuing to watch our children/fruit grow - as individuals yet as something greater than themselves – healthy and strong.

Sharon Floch, ECC Director



"Just as the hand held before the eye can hide the tallest mountain, so can the routine of everyday life keep us

from seeing the vast radiance and the secret wonders that fill the world."

(From the Chasidic Tradition)

Wonder Making

If you walk into our school any Sunday morning, you will come upon a wonderful sight — young adults, graduates of our religious school, participating and helping in so many important ways to make our religious school a success.

Our madrichim and madrichot (guides to learning and behaving) are special. They do so much in the classroom and in our school. Yes, they help pass out juice and cookies, flyers, and tzedakah boxes; but they also tutor one-

on-one. They lead games and small group discussions. They sometimes read a story or serve as an extra shoulder to lean on.

Our madrichim and madrichot make it possible for us to create a fully participating learning environment. They add immeasurably to the "family feeling" and teaching team at Temple Emeth.


They are another pair of eyes, hands, and ears to observe and listen and provide feedback. They are role models who continue in an active way their involvement and participation in Judaism.

Who are they? They are **Elizabeth Agababa, Laura Breznick, Adam Gallob, Aaron Gagliardi, Alex Hoffman, Sara Klausner, Daniel Kohane, Danielle Lazarus, Meredith Leeman, Marjorie Scher, Melanie Torres, and Emily Villany.**

They are the **"Wonder Makers".**

Brvracha,




Dora Geld Friedman

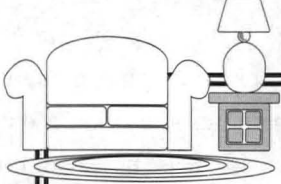


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Trouble with Grandfathers
By Bob Spiewak

Press 1, Press 2

Just pick up the phone?
Yes, you can dial the number
But what happens when you do?
Except for family and friends
A taped voice responds to you
Press 1 and then press 2 and 3
And maybe 4 or more
Just take a little tip from me
Instructions just ignore!
Figure out which number
Will cause you to spend dough
And you'll receive a prompt reply
And your request will flow
Arrange to have your call now sent
To the party that you wish
And if you're asked about your goof
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Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library Update: QUICK REFERENCE

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By Richard Barnett

Precisely 350 years ago, in 1654, a band of 23 Dutch Jewish settlers from Recife, Brazil, set sail for New Amsterdam (now New York) on the ship *Sainte Catherine* to escape Portuguese rule and the Inquisition. Just their luck, waiting for them in the New World was Peter Stuyvesant, New Amsterdam's Governor, who labeled them "blasphemers of the name of Christ" and attempted to expel the new immigrants. But as you might expect, Jewish persistence paid off and they prevailed and settled anew.

Today, so many years after that voyage, America is awash in celebration of what has become the ever-expanding North American Jewish community. Through the forged efforts of the U.S. Library of Congress, the National Archives and Records Administration, the American Jewish Historical Society, and the Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, Ohio, a major exhibition, "From Haven to Home: 350 Years of Jewish History in America," has been assembled.

The impressive display will grace New York City's Center for Jewish History (15 West 16th Street), from May 15th, through September 15th, 2005, with the likes of President George Washington's letter to the Newport, Rhode Island, Jewish community, pledging nationwide religious liberty; Emma Lazarus's handwritten sonnet, "The New Colossus," which adorns the Statue of Liberty; President Harry Truman's telegram recognizing Israeli statehood, and much more. The exhibit is currently on view at the Museum Center in Cincinnati, with a tour in Los Angeles's Skirball Museum after it wows New York City.

In the meantime, Jews from across the nation and around the world may avail themselves of lectures and concerts and plenty of additional hoopla highlighting our rich heritage in America for more than three-and-a-half centuries at New

York City's 92nd Street Y (www.92y.org). Such diverse attractions as the Tokyo String Quartet's performance of music by Jewish composers; a virtual tour of New York City's Lower East Side; a lecture on the status of the Bible in contemporary America; and an examination of the works of Philip Roth, Art Spiegelman, and Michael Chabon await you there.

And next time you're near Temple Emeth's Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library, check out the American Jewish Historical Society's timeline (www.ajhs.org) entitled "350 Years of the Jewish People in America" outside the door. It runs from the New Amsterdam arrival through Florida's David Levy Yulee's becoming the first Jewish U.S. senator and the first Jew in the U.S. Congress (1841). It continues with the founding of *The Jewish Daily Forward* (1897) through Albert Einstein's being among the early waves of German Jews to flee Nazi Germany and finding refuge in America, right into the 21st Century, when Connecticut Democratic Senator Joseph Lieberman became the first Jewish vice presidential candidate of a major political party.

Then, wend your way inside to peruse a number of books targeting American-Jewish history, including the following (They're yours, of course, for the borrowing.): *American Judaism: A History*, by Jonathan D. Sarna, explores the ways in which Judaism adapted during its 350 years in America. *A Portion of the People: Three Hundred Years of Southern Jewish Life*, edited by Theodore Rosengarten and Dale Rosengarten, shines the spotlight on Jewish life in Charleston, South Carolina. *Coming to America: Jewish Americans*, by Robert Stein, homes in on the three waves of Jewish persecution and immigration from South America, Germany, and Eastern Europe and Russia, and details the vibrant culture that each wave brought with it. *The Jews in America*, by Arthur Hertzberg, is a challenging revisionist history of the Jewish experience in America, with the author examining pervasive ethnic tensions in our nation.

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House..... Committee Report

Good News! The replacement of the roofs over the Sanctuary and Cantor's office has been completed after many years of repeated repairs. To all our generous members who came forward to help with this much-needed project, we extend grateful thanks.

The next major project in the building will be the solution to the moisture problem in the dead air space between the Sanctuary ceiling and the roof. This problem is not related to the previous roof problem but to the structural design of the Sanctuary when it was originally built. Venting this dead air space will be a complicated and expensive project, requiring several different contractors, each with his/her own area of expertise. The entire job will take several weeks to complete and will include replacement of the now-damaged ceiling area. Because of the extensive nature of this repair, the Sanctuary will need to be closed for part of the work time. Therefore, this project will be scheduled in the summer in order to cause the least amount of disruption within the building. David Paul has agreed to manage this project, for which we thank him.

The back driveway has been patched to fill in the worst potholes. The entire driveway needs to be re-paved but this is now on hold in light of the heavy expenditures on other projects. Many thanks go to Sy Lazar for his tremendous effort in getting estimates on replacement and for arranging for these temporary repairs to be made.

The Security/Safety Committee is moving forward under the able supervision of Steve Chaiken and Marc Chelemer. We'll keep you updated on their activities.

Solar Energy: We are investigating the possibility of solar panels to reduce our energy costs. A non-profit organization called GreenFaith, led by a Minister and a Rabbi, helps Houses of Worship procure grants that provide funds to install these panels. If we are eligible to receive one of these grants, there would be valuable savings on our utility bills. We are pursuing this possible remedy to our soaring and astronomical energy costs. Stay tuned.

Miracle of miracles: Pam Etzin has graciously offered to be our Plant Angel. She will, we're sure, nurse our plants back to good health from their present droopy state. If you would like to assist her in this, please let her know or put a note in the House Committee box.

The Beautification Fund is always in need of funds for various projects not covered under the House Committee budget. Recently completed projects include the installation of new exterior doors, new lighting throughout the building and several other necessary repairs. There are many things still needed. Please think of this Fund when you honor or memorialize someone, or consider making a donation, in any amount, to help with our continuing effort to create and maintain a beautiful Temple environment. We thank all those who have contributed in the past and we look forward to welcoming new "angels".

Bea Westin, Chair

The House and the Security/Safety Committee and the Beautification Fund

Strategic Planning Update

Are you aware that Temple Emeth has a Strategic Planning Committee? The committee invites all interested congregants to hear more about the committee's work at an informational forum. For the convenience of all, two forums will be held: Sunday, February 13, at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday, February 16, at 7:30 p.m. Come hear about the status of the committee's activities, ask questions and offer comments on the issues and topics under discussion:

- Our mission and vision for the Temple's future
- Our Temple's core values
- Membership
- Finances
- Leadership development

As part of its work so far, the group as a whole carried out an activity facilitated by advisors from the UJA. Committee members were directed to envision that they were on a short airplane ride sitting next to a stranger and the topic of the moment was "Why do we go to Temple Emeth?" The activity helped members of the group envision all the positive attributes about Temple Emeth and its people, and some of the responses helped them through the difficult work of the evening.

In smaller groups, members analyzed the reports and work of each of the subcommittees to focus on questions that each group would need to clarify for the following meetings. They also evaluated changes that the smaller groups would like to see the subcommittees make to their reports and plans.

Committees on Leadership, Financial Stability, Membership, Mission, Vision and Core Values were each given an opportunity to have their work examined by the larger group.



Leah Staffin, Rebecca Dillon and Anna Gionet, 6th grade students in Temple Emeth's Religious School, responded quickly to the tsunami disaster. They collected medicine, lightweight clothing, blankets and non-perishable food items for donation. They said "it feels good to do a mitzvah!"

Photo by Gail Talcoff.

What they did (and will do) on their Summer Vacation (and you can, too)

Would you like to sing Sim Shalom with the composers? Or Mi she Beirach with Debbie Friedman? Two Temple Emeth members who have are inviting you to join them this summer for more of the same at the annual Summer Kallah sponsored by the Union for Reform Judaism. This year's Kallah will be held at Franklin Pierce College in Rindge, New Hampshire, from Tuesday, July 19th to Sunday, July 24th.

Linda Poskanzer and Judith Bitterman describe the URJ Summer Kallah as a study retreat that brings together renowned and respected scholars from all branches of Judaism and a group of avid, curious, learners for six days of learning, singing, worshipping and a sense of community unparalleled anywhere.

Making new friendships with faculty and learners alike occurs in classrooms, at meals, and on breaks. Evenings are a time for socializing or listening to a lecture or concert as the entire community gathers to sing or listen. They describe worship experiences, with singing and chanting – and sometimes dancing – as an unparalleled occasion for spiritual renewal, as well as an opportunity to deepen your commitment to Reform Judaism.

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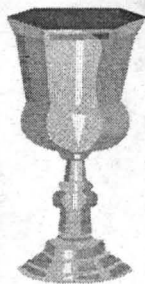
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Friday, Feb 4

Shabbat Mishpatim

Candle-lighting- 4:57 p.m.

K-2 grade Religious School Dinner

Family Service at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 5

Morning Service at 10:30 a.m.

The Kiddush is being sponsored by Judy Berk-Levine and Ed Levine

Torah Portion: Exodus 21:1-24:18

Haftarah-Jermiah 34:8-22: 33:25-26

Sat. 5	9:10 am	Torah Study	Tues. 8	7:00 pm	Religious School Comm. Mtg.
	10:30 am	Shabbat Services			Mini University
	8:00 pm	Wine Tasting 103		7:30 pm	Lit from the Jewish Prespective
				8:40 pm	Midrash Leviticus Rabbah
Sun. 6	9:00 am	5 th grade Family Ed. Day	Wed. 9	12:00 pm	Lunch and Learn
	9:00 am	6 th grade Field Trip		6:15 pm	Etz Chayim Rehearsal
	9:00 am	Social Action Committee Mtg.		7:30 pm	Kol Emeth Rehearsal
	6:00 pm	Overflow Shelter			
Mon. 7	10:45 am	Yiddish Class	Thur. 10	8:00 pm	Board of Trustees Meeting
	2:30 pm to 8:00 pm	BLOOD DRIVE	Fri. 11	10:00 am	Membership Committee Mtg.

Friday, Feb. 11 Shabbat Terumah

Candle-lighting - 5:06 p.m.

Shabbat Service at 8:00 p.m.



Saturday, Feb. 12

Morning Service at 10:30 a.m.

The Kiddush is being sponsored by The Renaissance Group

Torah Portion: Exodus 25:1-27:19

Haftarah Portion: I Kings 5:26-6:13

Sat.12	9:10 am	Torah Study	Tues. 15	7:00 pm	Strategic Planning Mtg.
	9:30 am	Tot Shabbat			Mini University
	10:30 am	Shabbat Service		7:30 pm	Literature from a Jewish Perspective
				8:40 pm	Midrash Leviticus Rabbah
Sun 13	10:00 am	Caring Committee Meeting	Wed. 16	12:00 pm	Lunch and Learn
	10:30 am	Strategic Planning Meeting- Open Session for Congregants		6:15 pm	Etz Chayim Rehearsal
	12:00 pm	11 th & 12 th grade Pizza with Rabbi Sirbu		7:30 pm	Kol Emeth Rehearsal
	6:00 pm	Overflow Shelter		7:30 pm	Strategic Planning Open Session for Congregants
Mon. 14	10:45 am	Yiddish Class	Thurs. 17	8:00 pm	Ritual Committee Meeting
				8:00 pm	Book Group at Eileen Cohen's home

February 2005

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Good and Welfare

Condolences to...

Robert Baumol on the passing of his beloved mother, Florence Kempen.

Rabbi Gerald (and Dora Friedman) on the passing of his beloved father, Yidel Friedman

Mazel Tov to...

Glenda and Martin Adelman on the birth of their new granddaughter, Jessie Sara Adelman, daughter of Pamela and Steven Adelman

Marion and Seymour Schechter on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Yehuda Strauss in Israel.

Get Well Wishes to...

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Rosaline Cantor

Edith Fox

URJ ASIAN EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FUND

It is clear that the assistance of the international community is needed to help those who survived the earthquake and tidal wave rebuild their lives. The Union for Reform Judaism has opened a special fund.

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Attn: Asian Earthquake Disaster Relief Fund

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The URJ also has up to date information on the web go to: <http://urj.org/relief> for links to other relief funds.

TEANECK COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

AT TEMPLE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2005

2:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Blood...the Gift of Life

We are again hosting the annual blood drive for the community. No need to pre-regist to give blood, just show up. Only restrictions: you must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 lbs. not be taking drugs such as cumidian. Kosher Refreshments will be served.

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Scrip is available for Shop Rite, Stop n' Shop, Kings, and Pathmark in \$100 increments. It can be purchased weekdays in the Temple office, on Sundays from 10:45 am to 11:15 am in the lobby and in the gift shop or by getting in touch with our neighborhood captains:

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BECOME A BUDDY

The Membership Committee is looking for temple members to volunteer to be a "buddy" to a new member. Join someone at an Oneg or special Temple event, make a new member feel welcome at our wonderful Temple.

More information will be in the next mid-month mailing and you can call/email Carol Shansky with questions: (201) 569-4877 or email her at cshansky@verizon.net

**Don't forget to buy
Shalach Manot for your
Temple friends!**

Celebrate Purim at Temple Emeth

Sunday, March 20 at 9:30 a.m.

Purim Carnival in the Social Hall

Get ready for Purim by playing games and eating snacks at our annual Purim Carnival. Fun for all ages!

Thursday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Purim Services and Megillah Reading

Wear your costume and bring your grogger as we sing our prayers to silly tunes and hear the heroic story of Esther. See out how the Rabbi and Cantor will dress up this year.

Save the Date

Rabbi Louis J. Sigel Scholar-in-Residence Weekend

**Temple Emeth welcomes Rabbi Michael J. Cook
April 8 - 10, 2005**



**"Judaism and Christianity:
Where Have We Been and Where Are We Going?"**

Friday, April 8 at 8:00 p.m.: One Year Later: Recharting Our Ways through the Mel Gibson Maze (Its Abiding Impact for the Future)

Saturday, April 9 at 9:10 a.m.: Was the Last Supper a Passover Seder?

Saturday, April 9 at 1:00 p.m.: Judaism and Christianity in the Holy Land

Sunday, April 10 at 10:45 a.m.: The Divestment Issue: What's Gone Awry with Some of Our Liberal Protestant Friends?

If you are interested in sponsoring or helping to coordinate this exciting weekend of learning, please contact event co-chairs Linda Poskanzer (201-342-1746) or Elaine Pollack (201-385-2085).

Record 225 attend Family Chanukah Celebration

The Membership Committee's fifth Annual Chanukah Dinner was a rousing success drawing a record 225 members and guests of all ages – filling the sanctuary and social hall. Many new member families attended and were welcomed as special guests.

The Membership Committee extends thanks to the Outreach and Children's Worship Committees for their help and commitment. Special thanks go to Karen Kaplan and Ken Rutz for helping to keep the kitchen sane and orderly, to Ruth Adler and Carlene Fleishman for their work as committee members, and to Rabbi Sirbu, Rabbi Sigel, David Kohane, Cantor Tilem and Etz Chaim for making the Chanukah dinner a warm, spiritual and festive celebration.

Membership Committee

Carol Shansky, Chairperson, and Shana Janoff, Dinner Chair

Renaissance Group

As the Renaissance Group approaches its 10th Anniversary next fall, the calendar crowds up with a variety of programs and events. Along with the beginning of this New Year, Renaissance Chair Barbara Kaufman welcomed Elaine Pollack as the new Co-chair. Elaine brings with her a wealth of fresh ideas for creative programming and events.

The Renaissance Group will sponsor an extended Kiddush following Shabbat morning services on February 12th. All Renaissance Group members and their guests are encouraged to attend services and stay for the Kiddush. This event is part of a series of Kiddushim being sponsored by various Temple organizations as a way of reintroducing congregants to the beauty of the Shabbat morning service when there is no Bar Mitzvah.

The world famous **Flower Show in Philadelphia** is the destination on Sunday, March 13th with a side trip to historic Elfreth's Alley, the oldest continually occupied residential street in America since 1755. Look for the

flyer in this Bulletin and return the reservation form as soon as possible as space is limited to the capacity of the deluxe motor coach. Barbara and Stan Blumenfeld are handling arrangements for this unusual trip that will also include lunch at a Philadelphia landmark restaurant.

Save Sunday, June 5th to go "cruisin' down the river" – the Hudson, that is. We'll board the Spirit of New Jersey for a luncheon cruise around New York Harbor. Look for more information in future Temple mailings. Glenda and Martie Adelman are planning this memorable day. And a Renaissance potluck picnic will close out the season on Sunday, June 26th.

Fifty-eight Temple members celebrated Chanukah on December 11th at the annual Chanukah Chappening co-sponsored by the Renaissance Group and B'yachad. Special thanks go to Bea Westin and Elliot and Emily Steinberg for organizing the party and to helpers Elaine Pollack, Gloria Barsky and Shirley and Gil Rosenzweig.

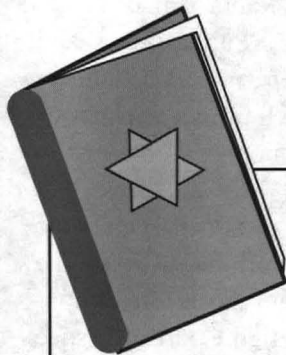
The 2005 schedule began with an armchair tour of the Great Synagogues of Europe led by tour guide Oscar Israelowitz on Sunday, January 30th. Thanks to Shirley Heller for arranging this program.

The Renaissance Group welcomes all Temple members who are "fifty-something-plus". For more information, contact Barbara Kaufman, 201-385-8433, BKaufmanNJ@aol.com.

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TEMPLE EMETH BOOK GROUP

Four Mothers by Shifra Horn will be the next book to be discussed by the Temple Emeth Book Group on Thursday evening, February 17th, at the home of Eileen Cohen, 1600 Parker Ave. in Fort Lee. Call Eileen at 201-944-3382 if you plan to attend.



2004 Bazaar Bonanza Tops 2003

When the counting was done, profits from Temple Emeth's 2004 Bazaar topped Bazaar '03 by almost \$1,800, for an approximate profit of \$12,500, reported Bazaar Chair Sue Keusch. Proceeds from almost every booth were up from last year, with manufacturers' samples donated by a former Temple member doing especially well.

Although volunteers and helpers are too numerous to mention, special thanks go to the following: the Marking Team - Teri Binder, Judy Distler, Lorraine Fisch, Carlene Fleishman, Phyllis Gutfleish, Phil Keusch, Bev Lazar, and Esther Mendelsohn; the Personnel Team - Carla Silver and Marion Wolf; the one-man Gift Certificate and Publicity Team - Sy Lazar; the Temple Emeth Office Team - Marion, Tsilla, Sandra and Carol; the Custodian Team - Ramon, Socrates, Hugo and Jose. Thanks also go to Barbara Balkin for signage and photos, and to Pauline Hecht, B'yachad and the Temple Emeth Youth Group for setting up and staffing the Food Court.

The Help Wanted sign is posted for next year's Bazaar chair as Sue is announcing her retirement after seven years at the helm. There's room at the top for multiple chairpeople and applications are currently being accepted by President Larry Silver.

The success of this year's Bazaar was due in no small part to the contributions of many area merchants.

Please patronize and thank the following local businesses:

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News from Israel

Once again the "conversion issue" is on the rocks

The Israel Religious Action Center (IRAC) has protested the latest move in what is a tug of war between Israel's Prime Minister and the Chief Rabbinate over procedures for conversions. Last year PM Ariel Sharon said he would seek to ease restrictions currently preventing hundreds of thousands of mostly Soviet-born immigrants from being recognized as Jews. He appointed a special task force and more recently announced that jurisdiction for the country's conversion courts would pass from the Chief Rabbinate to his own office.

However, just before the High Holy Days, the Ministry of Justice — which absorbed many of the mechanisms of the recently disbanded Ministry of Religious Affairs and seems to be involved in the tug of war — published an official "gazette" with rules for conversions that bypassed the task force. A statement by Rabbi Gilad Kariv, Director of IRAC's Public Policy and Social Action Department, called the incident "another link in the chain of attempts to sabotage conversion efforts. Israel's Liberal Movement views these rules as aimed against the Prime Minister's efforts to ease the immigrants' plight, and in direct contradiction to the High Court of Justice rulings on conversion.

This is an ongoing saga, with Orthodox institutions intent on retaining their strangle hold on the lives of candidates for conversion while holding at bay the Reform and Conservative organizations' attempts to offer alternative steps to conversion. Stay tuned!

Gloria Barsky,
ARZA Representative

Temple Emeth B'Yachad

*Invites all Temple members to brunch on
Sunday, March 6th, 2005*

Short service begins at 10:00 a.m.; brunch begins at 1030. Rabbi Sirbu will discuss:

"How does the Iraq war affect Israel?"

When the Iraq war started in 2003, Israelis were overwhelmingly in favor. This year Israelis supported the re-election of President Bush in far greater numbers than American Jews. Must we interpret this to mean that the Iraq war is good for Israel? American Jews have the proper distance to make objective evaluations. Rabbi Sirbu will explore the possible criteria for determining what is "good" for Israel, and encourage others to share their opinions.

Please return coupon below to the Temple office by
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Admission is \$5 per person; \$7 after February 27th.

For more information, contact Elliot Steinberg,
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For more information, contact Barbara and Stan Blumenfeld,
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201-385-8433, BKaufmanNJ@aol.com.

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MICHELANGELO'S JEWISH MOTHER: "Why can't you paint on walls like other children? Do you know how hard it is to get that schmutz off of the ceiling?"

NAPOLEON'S JEWISH MOTHER: "All right, if you're not hiding your report card inside your jacket, take your hand out of there and show me!"

ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S JEWISH MOTHER: "Again with the hat! Why can't you wear a baseball cap like the other kids?"

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S JEWISH MOTHER: "Next time I catch you throwing money across the Potomac, you can kiss your allowance good-bye!"

THOMAS EDISON'S JEWISH MOTHER: "Of course I'm proud that you invented the electric light bulb. Now turn it off and go to sleep!"

PAUL REVERE'S JEWISH MOTHER: "I don't care where you think you have to go, young man, midnight is long past your bedtime!"

ALBERT EINSTEIN'S JEWISH MOTHER: "But it's your senior photograph! Couldn't you have done something with your hair?"

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PURIM 2005

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A Special Thank You from Rabbi Sigel

Mimi and I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your expressions of condolence upon the death of my sister, Ruth, last month. We remain deeply mindful of your visits to our home during the week of Shiva, as well as your charitable gifts to Emeth funds and other institutions in her memory. I'm especially grateful to Rabbi Sirbu, Cantor Tilem, and our daughter, Judy Fox, for conducting the evening services during the entire week.

Once again, you have reinforced my conviction that Emeth is a place where Jews care for each other which is the true beginning of Tikkun Olam.

Rabbi Louis J. Sigel

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Temple Emeth's Kabbalat Shabbat on January 14, 2005, involved a brief service, traditional dinner and a discussion of a topic of current interest: the election of Mahmoud Abbas as Palestinian leader. This photo by Grace Borowitz shows Cantor Ellen Tilem with her daughter and Rabbi Steven Sirbu blessing the Shabbat candles and challah.

Gift Shop News

*Just arrived at the
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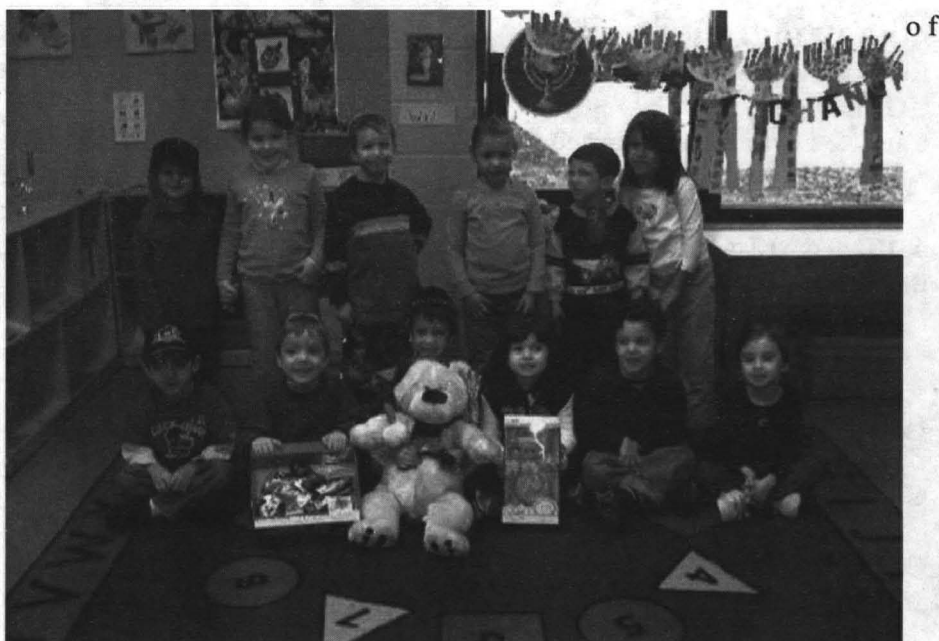
Social Action Committee

The Social Action Committee wishes to thank all congregants who participated in helping to prepare and furnish the donated apartment for its first occupants: a low-income, working mother and her 6-year-old child who were previously living in a homeless shelter (see pictures on our bulletin board). We would also like to thank all members of the Temple Emeth community who helped make the Family Shelter for the Homeless a comfortable place to be during Christmas week. More than 40 people donated their time, effort and caring to make the holiday season a little happier for those less fortunate.

We will again host the overflow shelter for the homeless at Temple Emeth on Sunday nights during the months of February and March. Volunteers are needed to sleep over, particularly in March. If you can do so, please call Paul Wilson at 201-836-8071, or put a note for him the Social Action mailbox.

The Social Action Committee has made a contribution on behalf of Temple Emeth to the Union for Reform Judaism's Asian Earthquake Disaster Relief Fund. If you would like to make an additional donation or suggest some other form of support, please contact us.

We have a "Double Mitzvah of the Month" in February. In addition to our usual collection of food for the Center for Food Action, we are also collecting food for the Family Assistance Center



TZEDAKAH FOR TOYS — Four-year-olds in Temple Emeth's Early Childhood Center (ECC) learned about the spirit of giving when they donated the contents of their tzedakah boxes to The Record's "Bear Hugs" program. The coins the tots counted were used to purchase a big stuffed bear that was donated to a child in the hospital. They even had enough left over to purchase a doll and toy motorcycle they contributed to the ECC's Chanukah toy drive.

at the Teaneck Armory. Over 1,000 National Guard soldiers from this area were recently sent to serve in Iraq. While they are on active duty, they do not get paid by their civilian jobs. Thus, their families' incomes are markedly reduced, and some are in need of even the basic necessities of life such as food, diapers, etc. The Family Assistance Center at the Teaneck Armory is one of five in New Jersey and the only one supporting families in our area. Though sponsored and financed by the New Jersey National Guard, they are currently in great need

additional resources, especially canned goods. Please donate an extra can or two of food or other items this month to these great causes.

The next meeting of the Social Action Committee will be on Sunday, February 6th, at 9:00 a.m. All Temple Emeth members are invited to attend. Watch the Social Action Bulletin Board in the Temple lobby for frequent updates on upcoming activities.

*Eva Sandrof, Social Action
Committee Chair*

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Ruth & Peter Adler sending get well wishes to

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Shirley & Ken Heller

In honor of Eleanor White's birthday

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