

An Open Letter from Mimi Sigel

"I'VE REALLY BEEN SO LUCKY IN MY RETIREMENT." These are words which my husband, Rabbi Lou Sigel, often used when talking about his decision to remain in our community in his retirement.

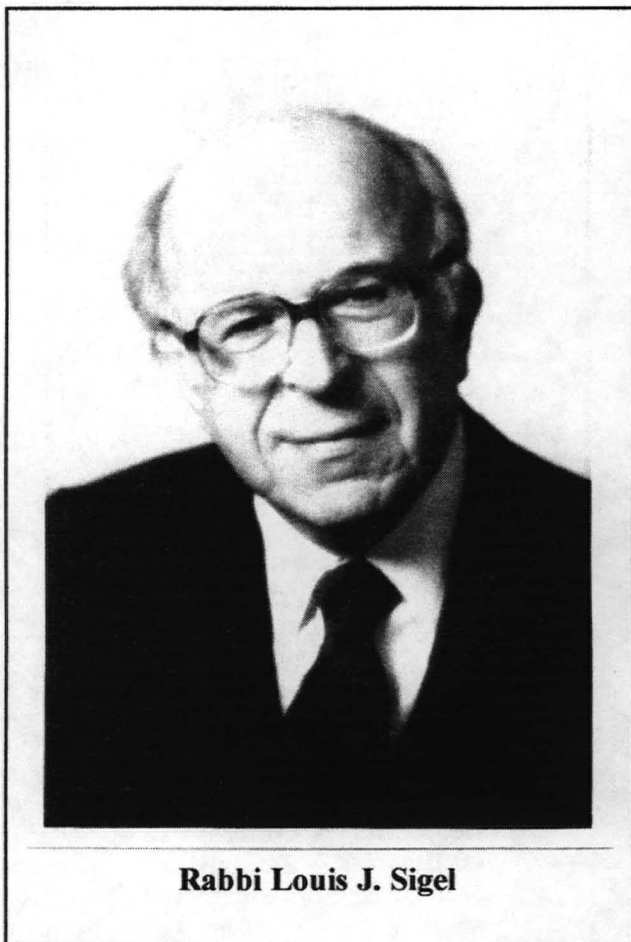
During those years, Lou felt LUCKY because of the honor, respect, and love that you, the Temple Emeth family, gave him, along with opportunities to continue to teach, to lead services, and to participate in life cycle events.

Clearly, this love and regard were reciprocated on both sides. The many letters, cards, e-mails and conversations we have received this sad summer have demonstrated the impact Lou has had on this congregation, and how much this meant to all of you. It is evident that Lou changed the lives of many in the Emeth community, influencing people to become students of Torah and active participants in daily Jewish living.

Throughout Lou's career, Temple Emeth has been an integral part of my life also. I feel LUCKY that you and I will continue to be part of each others' lives.

For the outpouring of love, sympathy, and support—attendance at Lou's funeral, visits during shiva, contributions, letters, cards, and e-mails—my family and I will be forever grateful.

Mimi Sigel



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Message From the Rabbi

"On Rosh Hashanah it is written, on Yom Kippur it is sealed. Who shall live and who shall die..." A Conservative colleague of mine once asked if these words were in the Reform liturgy for the High Holy Days. He knew that this statement is so theologically troubling and that the Reform movement prides itself on modifying the prayerbook so that the liturgy actually reflects our beliefs. To this colleague, then, it seemed completely logical for "Gates of Repentance" to skip this section. But it doesn't.

Like the rest of our people we are confronted with these words every year. To me, they are not intended to explain the death of a young person, or anyone for that matter. I believe they are a wake-up call to the living, a stark reminder that despite the appearance of control we have over our lives, we are powerless in the face of God.

To prepare us for this reminder, tradition gives us the month of Elul, which leads into Rosh Hashanah. Elul is the time set aside for us to evaluate and restore our relationships. There are no holidays in Elul to distract us, and every Haftarah reading comes from the book of Second Isaiah, whose message of comfort and hope in a future redemption is intended to inspire us in this endeavor.

When we seek to evaluate and restore our relationships with God, we must consider our behavior. Did we pray frequently enough? Did our actions reflect our prayers? But we must also consider our emotions. Did our love for our family extend to God? Were we angry with God for things God may not have been responsible for? And to some extent, we must be

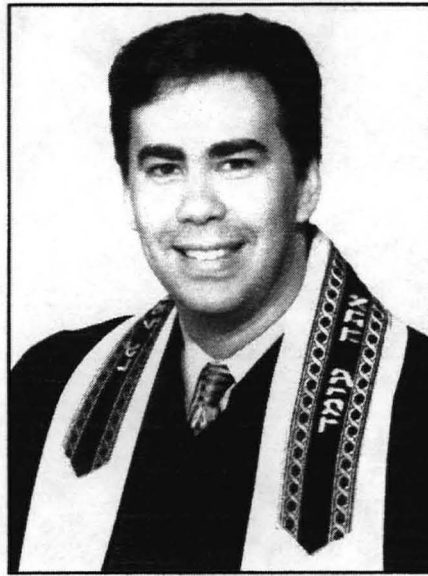
philosophical. Did we reconsider, based on our health and the health of the world, where God's power ends and ours begins?

I hope that, as you evaluate and restore your relationships, you will see our congregation and its programs as a spiritual resource. Whether it is attending Shabbat or Selichot services, studying with our

Saturday morning Torah group, or checking a book out of the Trachtenberg Library (all of which you can do this month even if you have never done them before) there are numerous ways for you prepare for the days when your spiritual fate is written and sealed.

As I conclude, it is my pleasure to introduce Rabbi Robin Nafshi and welcome her to the Temple Emeth clergy. Rabbi Nafshi received her ordination from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York last May. She

will have the same responsibilities that our student rabbis have each High Holy Days, namely leading the Parallel Programming for our children, co-officiating at the children's services, and offering a sermon on the second day of Rosh Hashanah. We are blessed, however, that Rabbi Nafshi will be sharing her talents with us all year long as a teacher in the seventh grade and Confirmation classes and in adult education. She will also co-officiate at Shabbat services about twice a month and substitute for me at Torah study when I am out of town. I trust that you will welcome her when you meet her, and I hope that everyone will find an opportunity to learn or pray with her in the coming year.



Rabbi Steven Sirbu

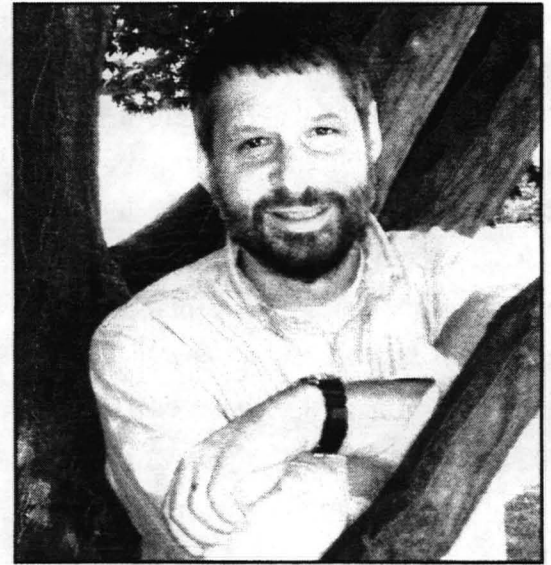
Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Lecture

On Friday, September 23 at 8:00 p.m. Rabbi David Nelson will speak on "Judaism, Physics and God"

One hundred years after Einstein's Theory of Relativity, the concepts of modern physics still confound most ordinary people. The average person can barely explain the Big Bang, parallel universes, or chaos theory. Three thousand years after the giving of the Torah, the metaphors that the Jewish people use to describe God seem empty. "The Lord is my Shepherd" is not a particularly useful image to someone who has never met a shepherd.

Our lecturer, Rabbi Nelson, will attempt to reconcile both of these problems. Using non-technical, non-mathematical terminology, he will demonstrate how ideas about the physical world can reshape and redefine how we think about God and God's role in our lives.

Rabbi Nelson is the author of "Judaism, Physics and God," and will be selling and signing his book at Temple on Sunday, September 25 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.



"Have We Got an Adult Education Program for You!"

During the summer months, the Temple Emeth Adult Education Committee, working closely with Rabbi Sirbu, put together the program for 2005-06. We are pleased and proud to offer for your education, interest and enjoyment, what promises to be a most rewarding Jewish adult education program...

If you are interested in learning Yiddish, we have the class! Like to study Torah in an informal, thoughtful and enjoyable (yes, enjoyable!) setting? Come to Emeth every Saturday morning!

And don't forget Sunday. Our first Sunday Special – "DNA Research and Jewish Tribal Identity" will be held September 25th at 2:00. Jewish DNA has the potential to identify Kohanim (descendants of the Aaronide priesthood), uncover similarities and differences between Ashkenazi and Sephardic Jews, as well as reveal the impact inter-marriage and conversion have had on the Jewish gene pool. Adam Brown, a layman whose hobby is keeping up to date on DNA research, will discuss these issues in terms everyone can understand.

There's always Wednesday. Lunch and Learn resumes September 14th at noon in the Youth Lounge.

Our new text, "God in All Moments," will be available at the first class. Lunch and Learn will meet next on September 21st... then take a break for the holidays and resume October 26th.

How about the movie, 'Divan', shown to great acclaim at last year's Adult Kallah, with the director? The movie will be screened Sunday, January 29, 2006.

There's more. Programs for parents called 'B'nai Mitzvah and Beyond'; 'Preparing for Pesach', 'Preparing for Chanukah' and 'Talking to your Children About God.' There will be sessions on Jewish cooking, Jewish literature; a history of 'Jewish Liturgical Music.' Don't forget the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Lecture – 'Judaism, Physics and God.' If that's not enough to whet your appetite, you can enjoy an afternoon of Shabbat learning about 'Judaism and Magic' in the home of one of our congregants.

On behalf of the Adult Education Committee, the Rabbi, the Cantor and the various teachers who will give of their time and wisdom, we invite you to join us and appreciate yet another aspect of life at Temple Emeth.

Stewart May, Program Chair

Message From the President

As with my family, you probably mark the end of summer and the beginning of fall with the High Holidays. Using this measure, summer will extend a whole month (yea!), since Rosh Hashanah is still 30 days away. I hope you continue to have a pleasant summer and will join us at the Temple in September.

But first, let's talk about what has happened during the summer. In July, we held a special Congregational Meeting to discuss the Strategic Plan for Temple Emeth's future. Perhaps we should hold all our meetings in the summer, because despite concern about achieving a quorum, we had an excellent turnout. Many questions were raised and answered and The Plan was approved. The baton was passed from this year's Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) chairmen David Kohane and Fred Binder to our new Strategic Implementation Committee (SIC) headed by Amy Abrams and David Fox. This new committee has already begun its work. Many thanks to the hard working SPC members who gave their time and energy on our behalf during this past year.

I am pleased to announce one of our long-standing institutions is alive - BAZAAR! Thanks go to Maddy Wolf, Laura Kirsch and a team of Temple volunteers who responded to our Congregation-wide e-mail. Bazaar will be held Sunday, November 20th. It's not only a critical fundraiser, but also a great opportunity for members young and old to interact and work together on behalf of the Temple. Let us know if you are available to help staff the event - newbies are welcome.

I hope you will notice two site improvements as you enter the Temple. We have installed a beautiful Tree of Life to celebrate members' life cycle events. If you would like to remember a simcha, or special event, contact the office for information. Also, our parking lot required renovation and rejuvenation. Thanks to a very

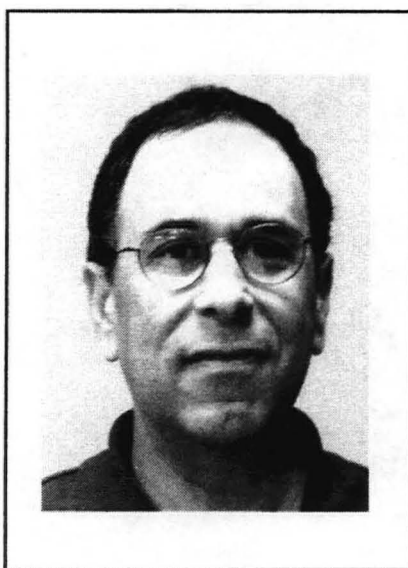
generous donation, instead of a patch job, we were able to resurface the entire parking lot and back driveway.

Back to September. The Tree of Life Dedication and Music Service will be held on Friday evening the 9th. Religious School begins Sunday morning September 11th. The Trachtenberg Lecture (dinner sponsored by the Renaissance Group) is scheduled for September 23rd. Join us as Rabbi David Nelson describes how the physical world can explain

our spiritual world and our relationship to God. Our first "Sunday Special" program is the 25th. Speaker Adam Brown will discuss DNA research and what it reveals about Jewish history. And don't forget Selichot on Saturday evening Sept 24th.

Finally, there are so many wonderful volunteers at the Temple who simply do the job behind the scenes. They ask for nothing in return and often receive no mention. This month I'd like to thank three people: first time volunteer, Jill Heiman – coordinator of the Shavuot kugeloff, new member Sheryl Cooper who stepped up to the plate and volunteered to join the Bazaar Team, and Caryn Diuguid, one of the Confirmation moms for the Class of 2005. Many thanks to you!!

B'shalom
Dan Firshein



Realizing Our Blessings

As many of you already know, this is a very exciting time for Peter and I. After a long and difficult year of fighting Peter's illness, we have wonderful news to share. Just a few weeks ago, we received a picture of a beautiful baby girl who is currently in an orphanage in China. In the next few weeks, God willing, we will travel to China to adopt and bring her home to Teaneck! We are overcome with joy after waiting nearly two years to receive this news.

I have, over these twelve years at Temple Emeth, had many opportunities to discuss the Torah portion, Re'eh, which focuses on blessings and curses. Whether from the bimah, in Torah Study, Adult Education or Religious School classes, I have, by way of this parsha, told a story which originated in China (I now see that this was no coincidence!).

The story, in Chinese, has been simplified into these four words: "Border Man Loses Horse." In this story a poor man's only horse runs away. The man sees this as a curse. However, when the horse returns, many others follow it back to his house. The man therefore, changes his mind, deciding that losing his horse was in fact, a blessing! The story continues with many other examples: what may seem like a curse, can often turn out to be a blessing.

I have never hesitated to share the challenges of my own life with this congregation. I believe that we can learn from one another and draw from the strength of those in our community. We can also learn how to keep God's presence in our lives at difficult times by seeing how others have come through such situations. Many of you know that my children were born with the help of the miracles of modern fertility treatments. I have never kept this a secret and have gleaned incredible support from many of you as I underwent these treatments.

As Peter and I became unsure that I would be able to become pregnant, we began the adoption process. When I finally did become pregnant with my second child, we put the process on hold. We never really gave up, though, on having a third child or on the

adoption process in general. We resumed this process about eighteen months ago and, with it, continued the overwhelming task of filling out papers, applying to INS two different times, and of course, we both needed thorough physical examinations.

I will never forget that moment in our doctor's office. It was then as the doctor looked at Peter's chest

x-ray, he told us that something wasn't quite right and that Peter should have further scans of his chest. If not for this exam, we would never have known of Peter's cancer in time to successfully treat it through chemotherapy and surgery.

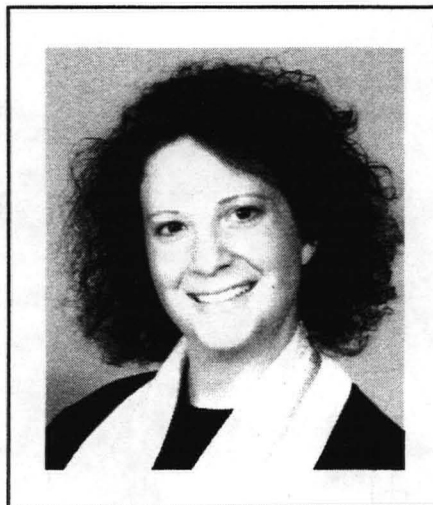
Many people have told us that by adopting this child, we are saving her life. We believe with all our hearts that it is *she* who has saved *our* lives. I once saw my infertility as a curse, but like the man in the story, I have come to realize that it was indeed a blessing, one for which

we continue to thank God each and every day.

Foreign adoption is uncertain when it comes to matters of timing and we do not know precisely when we will travel to China or exactly how long we will need to remain there with our daughter while finalizing her adoption. While my maternity leave will begin when I leave for China, it is my wish that I will, regardless of timing, be on the bimah to share the High Holy Days and Simchat Torah with you. In the case that I do not return in time for these Holy Days, I am grateful to Marc Klausner, who serves as a trustee and B'nai Mitzvah Liaison, and who has substituted for me on many occasions, for agreeing to act as Cantorial Soloist during this time.

As we begin this High Holy Day season, may each of us realize that all aspects of our lives have the potential for blessing. I thank you for your support as together we embrace the Jewish value of family and as Peter and I welcome this blessed addition into our home, our community and indeed the whole household of Israel!

Shana Tova U'Mtuka,
Cantor Ellen Tilem



From the Religious School

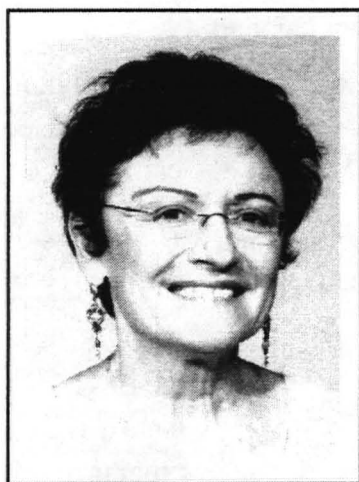
"One Heart, One People"

Each season has its own flavor, sights and sounds, challenges and opportunities. The season of Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur, and Sukkot is a unique opportunity for us to renew, reassess, set new goals, and follow our dreams. As we begin our new school year at Temple Emeth, we affirm our commitment to Torah, Avodah, and Gmilit Chasadim, i.e., Torah, Worship, and Acts of Loving Kindness. Every part of our curriculum in every grade reflects these values.

This year we are enriching our studies with a special emphasis on Israel - the land both ancient and modern, its language, and its people. Our students will experience the reality of a diverse and vibrant Jewish people who live in

Israel, and they will also learn about the "kesher" - "connection" that binds Jews everywhere into one people. We aim to help our students discover and strengthen the personal ties that connect each of them to Israel, to each other, and our Temple Emeth community.

Our teachers will utilize many modalities - music, dance, food, the arts, and personal encounters, to enliven the students' experience of Israel and its eternal magic. Many of our temple members have visited Israel this past year and are eager and excited to share their personal experiences with our students. As you visit our school, pay special attention to the beautiful "heart" on display with our slogan "One People - One Heart" that expresses our theme for this year.



First Day Instructions

September 11, 2005 - "Bruchim Habaim" (Welcome Back)

4th - 7th Grade Schedule

9:00 - 9:30	Students and parents assemble in the Sanctuary for Welcome Back Service with Rabbi Sirbu, Mora Dora and the Faculty. Class assignments will be given at the conclusion of service.
9:30 - 10:15	First Session
10:15 - 10:55	Second Session
11:00	Dismissal

K-3rd Grade Schedule

11:00 - 11:30	Students and parents assemble in the Sanctuary for Welcome Back Service with Rabbi Sirbu, Mora Dora and the Faculty. Class assignments will be given at the conclusion of service.
11:30 - 12:15	First Session
12:15 - 12:55	Second Session
1:00	Dismissal

On behalf of our faculty and staff and from my family to yours, I wish for you and your families a world that is "new every morning and to feel reborn and renewed each day!" Shana Tova! A sweet year!

B'vracha,

Dora Geld Friedman

FROM THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

The Temple Emeth ECC has just completed a highly successful summer season. The hot and sunny weather was perfect for daily water play. Our sports program, directed for the second year by Morgan Elzey was a highlight of the childrens' days. Soccer, bowling and parachute games were just some of the activities. Karen Sacks was a very welcome first-time addition to our staff this summer. Her music classes got the children (and even some of the staff) up and moving, and even corresponded to our weekly themes! Thank you Karen!



We also enjoyed visits by Jack's Petting Zoo and Roxy the Recycling Raccoon. Our oldest campers, the five year olds, went on exciting field trips to Dinosaur Falls, the Children's Museum and Van Saun Park. The camp

season concluded with a bang as we organized our own carnival, complete with games and prizes.

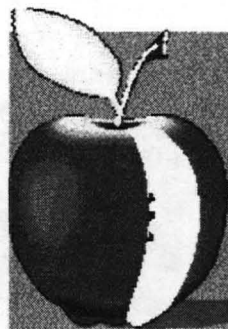
The 2005-2006 school year promises to be equally exciting. We have added two new classes and, along with our veteran teachers, will be welcoming several new staff members to our Early Childhood Center family. We are also looking forward to continuing our weekly music and movement classes with Kerri Mather and to our bi-monthly meetings on the Bimah with Rabbi Sirbu and guitarist Wendy Kosakoff. This year the ECC is looking forward to continuing to grow with almost 125 children enrolled in our regular and special programs. With a seasoned and dedicated staff in place, The Temple Emeth Early Childhood Center is a great place to be.



Sharon Floch, ECC Director

From The Children's Worship Committee:

The Committee, along with Assistant Rabbi Robin Nafshi, is getting ready for Family Selichot, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Please watch for the mid-month mailing and check the yellow box at the bottom of the home page at www.emeth.org if you would like to participate or volunteer.

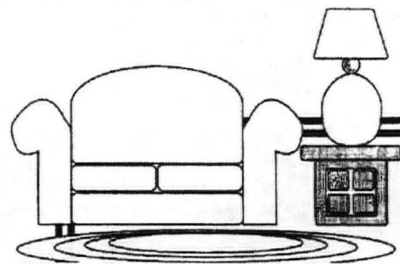


Karen Sacks, Chair

Museum Committee News

Currently on display are the etchings of artist Mortimer Borne, depicting scenes of Israel. These works are part of the Museum's permanent collection.

Barbara Balkin, Chair



Trouble with Grandfathers
By Bob Spiewak

Making Time or Marking Time

I just can't seem to do that task
I haven't got the time
Why don't you have it you may ask
You seem to do just fine
If you do a lot of worrying
'bout what you have to do
and try to figure what comes first
and take fore'er to chew
you never will find time to do
all that you have in mind
just do one of those many things
and then you're sure to find
that task you thought won't be fulfilled
was easier done right now
and you've found time you didn't have
but you have found... somehow

Tree of Life

TREE OF LIFE DEDICATION SERVICE

**Friday, September 9, 2005
at 8:00 p.m.**

The Book of Proverbs tells us "It is a tree of
life for those who hold it fast."

Temple Emeth will celebrate the installation
of our new Tree of Life in the main hallway
with a
celebratory ritual as part of our Shabbat
evening service.

**Please join us at the Oneg for a
Special Dedication
and help our tree grow!**

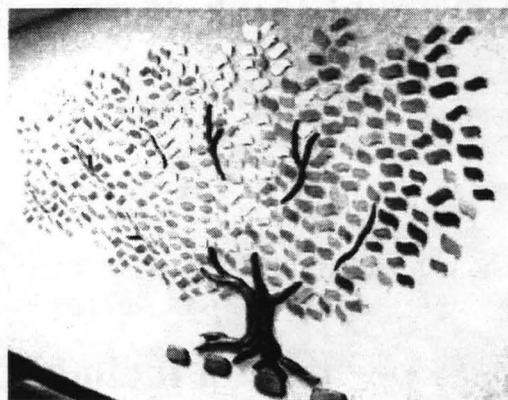
Sample sentiments:

In Honor of Our Children
Melissa and Benjamin
Love Mom and Dad

Birth of Melissa Schwartz
Milton and Ida Schwartz
October 20, 2003

Temple Emeth's Tree of Life is finally
going to bloom. It will permanently adorn and
grow in our main lobby and provide our families
with the opportunity to share and recognize, in
perpetuity, life's miracles and joys.

The Tree of Life is a wonderful venue to
celebrate all of your happy occasions (past, pres-
ent, and future) like the birth of a child, grand-
child, B'nai Mitzvah, a special honor, school
graduation, engagement, wedding, special birth-
day or anniversary. Purchases of leaves and rocks
will be announced in our Temple Bulletin. Be
among the first to plant the seeds and watch our
tree grow.



Temple Emeth Tree of Life Order Form

Name _____

Telephone # _____ E-mail _____

Address _____

Maximum number of characters and spaces per line: 26. Total number of lines: 3

Please complete one section per leaf or rock. Check all that apply.

Silver Leaf (\$180) _____ Gold Leaf (\$360) _____ Rock (\$1,000) _____

Sentiment* _____

Silver Leaf (\$180) _____ Gold Leaf (\$360) _____ Rock (\$1,000) _____

Sentiment* _____

Totals : _____ Silver Leaves at \$180 _____ Amount payable to Temple Emeth by check or cash in advance.

_____ Gold Leaves at \$360

_____ Rocks at \$1,000

* Disclaimer: We reserve the right to make minor changes to wording for
aesthetic purposes. If this is necessary, we will consult with you first.

Temple Emeth

Renaissance Group

Invites you to celebrate our 10th Anniversary at

Shabbat Dinner

Friday, September 23, 2005, 6 p.m.

Followed by Shabbat Services at 8 p.m. and the
Annual Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Lecture

Speaker will be Rabbi David W. Nelson,

Author of

“Judaism, Physics and God”

Hear the Voices of Ancient Wisdom in the Modern Language of Science

Rabbi Nelson is Director of the Jewish Life Connection at the Bergen County YJCC.

\$25 per person includes a festive catered Shabbat dinner.

All Temple members and guests are invited.

Please return coupon below to the Temple Office by September 13th.

*For more information, contact Renaissance Co-Chairs Barbara Kaufman, 201-385-8433,
BKaufmanNJ@aol.com, or Elaine Pollack, 201-385-2085, Elaine33@optonline.net*

******Please make check payable to the Temple Emeth Renaissance Group.******

I/We will attend the Renaissance Group Shabbat Dinner on Friday, September 23rd.

NAME(s) _____

PHONE _____ **E-MAIL** _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: Dinner @ \$25 per person \$ _____

Renaissance Dues (optional) @ \$10 per person. \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Please seat me/us with (if possible)

Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library Update:

ALBERT EINSTEIN

by Laurel Kane

ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH LIBRARIES ACCREDITATION

One hundred year ago, Albert Einstein published scientific papers that completely changed our understanding of light; measurement; motion of particles in the air; energy; and matter. On September 23rd, Rabbi David Nelson will present the Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Lecture. His topic is based on his book Judaism, Physics and God: Searching for Sacred Metaphors in a Post-Einstein World.

Who was Albert Einstein, and what did he really do? Einstein was born in 1879 into a German culture that, under the leadership of Kaiser Wilhelm, respected science and learning. He did not thrive on the regimented educational system, and often cut classes to study physics on his own, or play the violin. His nonconformist approach to education resulted in his professors not recommending him to attend a university. He worked as a tutor, and then as an examiner in a patent office.

His independent study led to major discoveries in physics. His first paper was on the dimension of molecules. In his next publication, he predicted the motion of particles that are randomly dispersed in a fluid (including air).

The third publication contained the revolutionary concept that light, normally considered to be a wave, can consist of distinct particles called photons. Furthermore, he postulated that the energy carried by a photon was proportional to the frequency of the radiation. It is for his work on this "photoelectric effect" that Einstein won the Nobel Prize in 1921.

The next paper that he published in 1905 is known as Einstein's Special Theory of Relativity. The concept of relativity refers to the fact that physical laws are always the same, regardless of the reference frame of the observer. This resolved the problem of how radiation (such as light) and matter interact when observed simultaneously by someone who is not moving, and an observer moving at a constant speed (these are 2 reference frames). The second part of this theory is that the speed of light in a vacuum is a universal constant, regardless of the motion of the observer or the source of the light.

So what about $E=mc^2$? The basis for that famous equation relating the amount of energy that can be released from matter appeared in a brief paper in the autumn of 1905.

There are many anecdotes about Einstein and religion. In the biography by Ronald Clark entitled Einstein: The Life and Times one can find Einstein's statement that "I want to know how God created the world...I want to know His thoughts, the rest are details". Einstein's God thus stood for an orderly system obeying rules which could be discovered by those who had the courage, the imagination, and the persistence to search for them.

Einstein's genius brought new understanding to the physical, social, political and spiritual world around us. He was a scientist; a mathematician; a pacifist; a musician; a Zionist, and a Jew.

Library Books of Interest:

Judaism, Physics, and God, by Rabbi David W Nelson.

Einstein: The Life and Times, by Ronald W. Clark

Essays in Science, by Albert Einstein

Hitler's Gift: The True Story of the Scientists Expelled by the Nazi Regime, by J. Medawer, and D. Pyke,

Science in the Light of the Torah, H. Branover, and C. Attia,, editors

Dear Professor Einstein: Albert Einstein's Letters to and from Children, A. Calaprice, editor

B'YACHAD BREAKFAST

Rabbi Sirbu will speak
Sunday, September 11, 2005
at 10:30 a.m.

about
**"THE TRUE MEANING OF
NEVER AGAIN"**

Since the Holocaust, one of the enduring social justice themes has been "Never Again". This call inspired young Jews in the 1980's to campaign for the rights of Soviet Jews. Now, with the genocide in Darfur, and human rights abuses rampant around the world, the call "Never Again" has perhaps never been louder. Yet the Jewish community's response has been weak. When we say "Never Again", do we mean never again for all or never again for us?

All B'yachad breakfasts begin with
a short service at 10:00 a.m.

The breakfast starts at 10:30 a.m.

This RSVP must be filled out and returned by
September 5, 2005. If you do not respond by
then, you won't be able to join us for breakfast,
but can attend the lecture.

\$5 per person payable by check to:

Temple Emeth B'yachad

Name _____

Number attending _____

Amount enclosed _____

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Oneg Shabbat Committee

Services and Smachot

29 Av 5765 Shabbat Re'eh

Friday, September 2 Family Service at 7:30 pm
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Saturday, September 3 Shabbat Worship at 10:30 am
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6 Elul 5765 Shabbat Shofetim

Friday, September 9 Music Service at 8:00 pm
Tree of Life Dedication
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Saturday, September 10 Shabbat Worship at 10:30 am
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13 Elul 5765 Shabbat Ki Tetze

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Saturday, September 17 Shabbat Worship at 10:30 am
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20 Elul 5765 Shabbat Ki Tavo

Friday, September 23 Service at 8:00 pm
Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Lecture with guest speaker, Rabbi David Nelson
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Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Emma Lieberman

Saturday, September 24 Shabbat Worship at 10:30 pm
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 27 AV Temple Israel Trip Returns	2 28 AV 7:07 7:30 pm Family Service	3 29 AV Re'eh Shabbat Ends: 8:15 9:10 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah of Derek Fearon
4 30 AV	5 1 ELUL Labor Day BUILDING CLOSED	6 2 ELUL	7 3 ELUL 7:30 pm Kol Emet Rehearsal	8 4 ELUL 7:30 pm ECC Parent Orientation 8:00 pm Board or Trustees Mtg.	9 5 ELUL 6:55 8:00 pm Music Service and Tree of Life Dedication	10 6 ELUL Shoftim Shabbat Ends: 8:03 9:10 am Torah Study 9:30 am Tot Shabbat 10:30 am Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Bronstein
11 7 ELUL First Day of Religious School 10:30 am B'Yachad Breakfast	12 8 ELUL 9:00 am ECC BEGINS	13 9 ELUL 7:00 pm Strategic Planning Mtg.	14 10 ELUL 12:00 pm Lunch and Learn 6:30 pm Etz Chayim 7:30 pm Kol Emet Rehearsal	15 11 ELUL 8:00 pm Ritual Comm. Mtg. 7:30 pm Melton Mini-School Begins	16 12 ELUL 6:43 10:00 am Membership Mtg. 8:00 pm Shabbat Service	17 13 ELUL Ki Tetze Shabbat Ends: 7:51 9:10 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Yaffee
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September 11th Memorial Service

The Teaneck Clergy Council will dedicate a new Peace Pole at the Memorial Service to be held on Sunday, September 11th at the Teaneck Municipal Green. The memorial service will begin at 3:00 p.m. Join Rabbi Sirbu and your fellow congregants for this special event.

From the Desk of Marion Schechter... High Holy Days notes

Tickets will be mailed in September. Please note, 25% of all dues, building fund obligations and capital assessment must be paid before your tickets can be released. Guest tickets for extended family members will be available at a cost of \$115 per ticket.

Reserved parking will be available for persons with special needs. Please contact me to request a space. A sign will be placed with your name at a designated parking space. The sign will be removed 45 minutes after services have begun if it is not occupied.

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Selichot Program and Service

September 24, 2005

Selichot Family Activities, Adult Study Session, and Service (see times below)

Selichot is the official beginning of the High Holy Day season. The prayers offered at the service are meant to be a warm-up to the liturgical themes of renewal and repentance that resonate throughout Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. This evening of learning and worship will elevate our souls as we prepare for the New Year.

Family Activities and Service at 7:30 p.m.

The High Holy Days are best experienced using all five senses. Our family-oriented activities will use sight, smell, touch, taste and hearing to teach us about the symbols and lessons of the holidays. A short Selichot remembrance service will lead into a congregational celebration of Havdalah.

Congregational Havdalah at 8:30 p.m.

Havdalah, the beautiful ceremony that ends Shabbat, is intended to prepare us for a new week by capturing the joy of Shabbat, even as it fades away. Everyone, regardless of age, is invited to participate in this ritual which involves a twisted candle, fragrant spices, and sweet wine or grape juice.

Study Session at 8:45 p.m.

The traditional Selichot service is filled with poetry, called piyyutim, on the themes of the High Holy Days: repentance, forgiveness, and God's mercy. Most of these piyyutim were written in Hebrew by Jewish poets who lived in medieval Europe, and who copied the poetic styles of their Moslem neighbors: acrostic forms, hidden names of God, and veiled biblical references. Rabbi Robin Nafshi will lead a study session of two Selichot piyyutim in depth. No knowledge of Hebrew is required to appreciate the beauty of these verses.

Selichot Service at 10:00 p.m.

Selichot is our first official chance to sing the songs of the High Holy Days, in the hopes that their melody will echo in our ears and their message will resonate in our hearts. The service will begin with the stirring cello solo of Kol Nidre. Later in the service we will unveil our congregation's new white Torah covers and place them on the Torah scrolls in anticipation of the spiritual purity we strive to attain over the holidays.

For more information, contact Temple Emeth at (201) 833-1322

SOCIAL ACTION IN ACTION!

The Social Action Committee is planning another exciting year of mitzvot and service to the community.

The Committee will, once again, support a transitional apartment for the Turn A New Leaf Program under the auspices of the Inter-religious Fellowship for the Homeless. The tenants... a young mother and her son are doing very well. She expects to graduate from Bergen Community College next May. We welcome and encourage any rent contributions for the upcoming year.

We will collect food for the needy at our annual High Holiday Food drive during which time new Tzedakah cans will be available. Your spare change will be distributed to the IRF, Center for Food Action and Mazon.

We are planning another Environmental Action Day in the spring, but, we urge you to join the annual Jewish Community Mitzvah Day in November. More information will follow.

Social Action will once again staff the IRF Family Shelter in Englewood during Christmas week and we always need volunteers to cook and spend the night.

**Please join us at our next meeting on
Tuesday, September 14th at 7:30p.m
All Temple members are welcome!**

Eva Sandrof – Chair, Social Action Committee
201-837-2241 – evasan1@msn.com

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION BEGINS

Now that Temple Emeth's Strategic Plan has been approved by the Congregation, it is time to begin its implementation. A new 18-member Strategic Plan Implementation Committee, chaired by Amy Abrams and David Fox, is in place. This team will be supported by two professionals from the UJA's Synagogue Leadership Initiative.

The process began in July when members of the Implementation Committee, Executive Committee, and chairs of committees named in the plan, held an orientation meeting. It enabled participants to understand how the implementation phase will proceed and established lines of communication.

Much of the implementation is scheduled to begin this fall and winter. It calls for strengthening and supporting the Membership Committee. Rosh Hashanah begins October 4th giving us more time to focus on recruitment. This fall, we hope to launch a Couples Club, youth group programs for younger children, adult education on Sunday mornings for Religious School parents, and a Holiday Happenings program to introduce preschoolers to our Religious School. In addition, a major Capital Campaign is being organized and a Temple Emeth Social Committee will be formed. It will plan fundraisers like "Temple Emeth Night at the Movies." We will also review leadership and governance issues.

This is an ambitious agenda. We need your help. If you would like to work on any of the implementation steps listed above, please contact one of the Implementation Committee chairs listed below:

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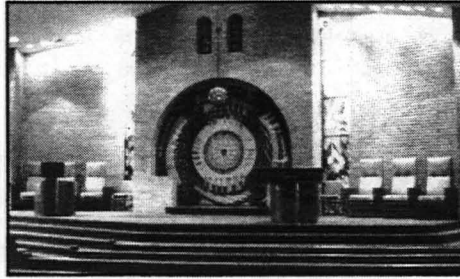
We hope you have had an opportunity to see the beautiful new cushions on our Bima chairs and bench. This much-needed project was made possible through the kindness of Joan and David Paul, whom we thank for their efforts in selecting the lovely fabric, arranging for the work to be done and for their generosity in making this Sanctuary beautification project come to life. For those on and off the Bima, this certainly enhances our worship services. Todah Rabah, Joan and David!

Summer maintenance and repair projects in the building are ongoing and will be completed by our capable custodial staff in preparation for the High Holy Days. There will be some flooring work done at the end of August to repair the Social Hall carpet in the areas needed. The badly damaged carpet in the corridor between the Social Hall and the Youth Lounge will be replaced with floor tile, which will be easier to maintain and to clean in this highly trafficked area. The stage floor will also be repaired.

Generally, the building seems to be in good shape now after several capital improvement projects made over the past two years, especially the replacement of seven exterior doors. These exterior doors have helped to insulate the building a bit and are helping to lower the cost of heating and air conditioning.

We are making other efforts to achieve this, such as not air conditioning areas, like the Sanctuary, when they are not being used, and turning off lights in rooms that are not occupied. So, please, if you're the last person to leave a room after a meeting or class, please remember to turn off the lights.

Another reminder: Please remove all your food and drink leftovers before you leave an area and put these in the kitchen garbage cans. This will prevent unwanted "visitors". Also, please pitch in to leave all rooms neat and clean by straightening any chairs you may have used. This will help our staff to use their time more efficiently on other housekeeping tasks. We are



all our building's keepers and each of us needs to take responsibility for keeping our facility looking its best at all times.

The House Committee gives special thanks to Sue Keusch, Sy Lazar and Marion Schechter for their supervision of house related projects this summer during my absence.

As always, if you see something that needs attention, please let us know by putting a note in the House box or alerting the office, who will pass on the information.

Bea Westin, Chair

FROM THE EDITOR

Hats off to the Bulletin Editors who came before me! Like most volunteer jobs at Emeth, the newsletter is no small task. (Note to Dan Firshein: you could sell ice in winter). It's also not a one-person operation – which prompts me to publicly sing the praises of hard-working and computer-savvy Barbara Balkin. I begged her to join me in this endeavor, and blessedly, she agreed. I think we make a great team: I ask...she makes it happen. After plenty of nip and tuck, trial and error, The Bulletin before you is Barbara's layout and design. She's as calm, laid-back and easy-going as I am hysterical, neurotic and intense. Thanks also go to Sandra and Marion for

all their help. Clearly, we're a female force to be reckoned with!

You'd be hard-pressed not to notice the size of this issue - it's BIG! Some of the articles had to be edited to make room for all of them. The Bulletin is a work in progress. Mistakes will be made – layout adjusted, features amended...BUT DEADLINE INFLEXIBLE. Bear with us as we work our way through the year. Suggestions and constructive criticism are always welcome.

Happy reading.
Sandi Klein

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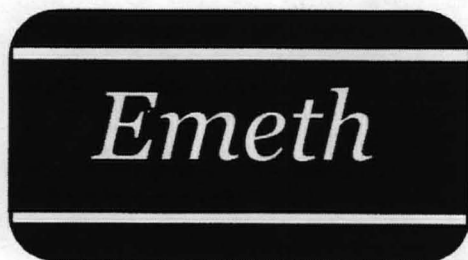
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