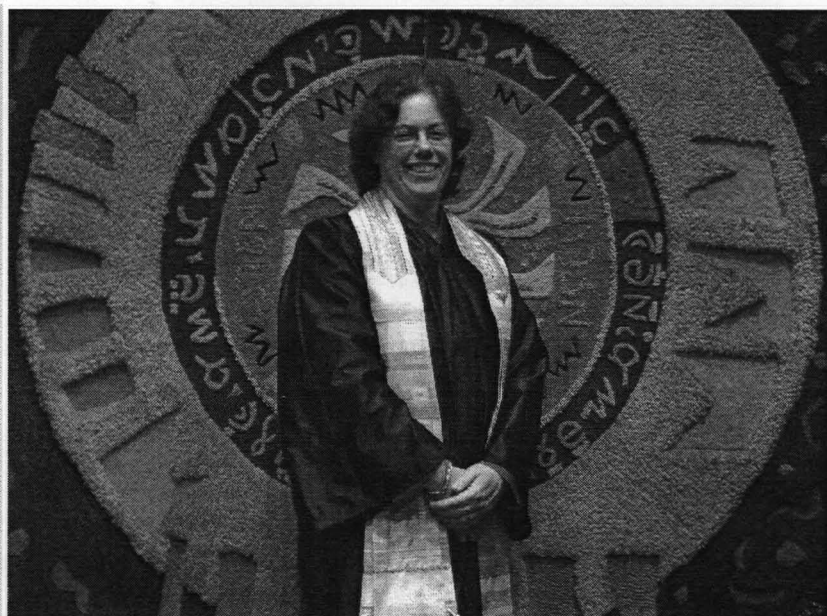


A FOND FAREWELL FROM RABBI NAFSHI

Todah Rabbah and L'hitra-ot Hebrew speakers rarely say "goodbye." Instead, they say, "l'hitra-ot," which means "until we see each other again." As my time at Temple Emeth comes to an end, I say "l'hitra-ot," and "todah rabbah" to each and every one of you for welcoming me into the community and making me feel so at home. This year was truly a gift and a blessing for me – to study, worship, and gather with such a committed, dedicated, and knowledgeable group of people. Your warmth and



caring have overwhelmed me. I will miss Torah study, Shabbat worship, holiday celebrations, B'yachad breakfasts, Tuesday night classes, the Rosh Chodesh group, and much, much more. A special note to this terrific 7th grade – Adom, Lavan, and Kachol: Thanks for challenging me, thanks for sharing your insights with me, thanks for making me laugh, have a wonderful summer, and have a great time at BARJ. You're the best. Don't forget Smash and Plant on Yom Kippur and our weekly Jeopardy games! A most special thank you to Rabbi Sirbu and Cantor Tilem (my co-pirates), Mora Dora, Marion, Mary, Sandra, and Barbara for all your support and help. An additional thank you to Mimi Sigel for taking this newly-ordained rabbi under her wings and offering advice and insights into the profession. I cannot begin to name all the officers, board members, committee chairs, and other members of the congregation who have nurtured me and to whom I say thanks. I will single out Dan Firshein, who from the outset let me know how much I was welcomed and valued as a part of the community. I can think of no other place I would have rather spent my first year out of rabbinical school. Temple Emeth is truly a special community and I will always remember this year and all of you. I don't plan to leave New Jersey (at least not now), and so I hope our paths will cross in the coming year. I also hope to see you all on Friday, June 9th, as we get to say "lahitra-ot" face to face.

Rabbi Robin Nafshi

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Midsummer	-	-	June 1	June 15
September	August 11	September 1	July 18	July 28
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From the Editors - in order to make sure everyone's article/blurb/ important announcement, makes it into the Bulletin, we have to insist they are no longer than half a page. *Remember, flyers are for the mid-month mailing and should be sent to Sandra Rumayor at srumayor@emeth.org*

Material for the bulletin is welcome and essential for the success of the publication; however, it is necessary to honor the deadlines as listed.

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Please submit all material by e-mail to sandifk@aol.com and Barbara Balkin - dkrm505@yahoo.com

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Message From the Rabbi

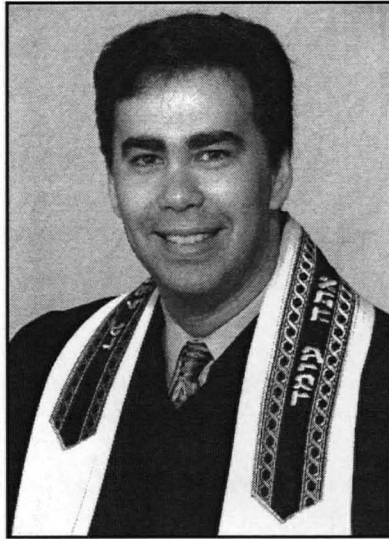
Prayer is rarely easy. It requires the right environment, the right state of mind and the right words. A fulfilling prayer experience is usually a combination of Hebrew and English, music, spoken word and silence.

One aspect of prayer that we consider less often is the Siddur, the prayer book, probably because, while we can easily change most of the other elements of the service, the Siddur is fixed. But we Reform Jews are not content to maintain any tradition for its own sake, so even our Siddur has been reconsidered and rewritten for the next generation.

The last complete Shabbat and festival Siddur published by the Reform Movement was "Gates of Prayer," published in 1975. Yet Reform synagogues have embraced several significant liturgical changes in the last generation, including prayers for healing, gender-neutral God language, and dozens of new songs. The time for a new Siddur is at hand. This is why I eagerly anticipate the publication of the Reform Movement's next Siddur, "Mishkan Tefilah."

Taking into account all of the ways that Reform Jewish worship has changed, "Mishkan Tefilah" has several features that will enhance our worship at Temple Emeth. One feature is multiple translations of the same prayer, so that each service can be a little different (or so individuals can read an alternate to the one being offered from the bimah). Another feature is that at the bottom of the page are notes offering commentary on the prayers, helping us better appreciate them. And there are several new readings before the Mourner's Kaddish to remind us of the power conveyed by the words "Yitgadal v'yitkadash..."

"Mishkan Tefilah" has been published in several paperback drafts over the last few years, and has been used at the last several Union for Reform Judaism and Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) conventions. We also used the newest draft at our Adult Kallah last February. And last month my colleagues voted over 75% in favor of publishing a final version of "Mishkan Tefilah."



Rabbi Steven Sirbu

With so much careful effort put into this process, I think that the final product will be one that we will want at Temple Emeth. Nonetheless, a transition like this must be introduced slowly. I am pleased that the Ritual Committee recently approved the purchase of 50 copies for a pilot program, to experiment with "Mishkan Tefilah" over the course of several months and make sure it is right for us. I am also pleased that this year's congregational budget includes funds to buy a congregational set, should the Ritual Committee approve the permanent adoption of "Mishkan Tefilah."

Once "Mishkan Tefilah" is published (the anticipated date is October 1), I will inform you of a schedule for us to explore the new Siddur and experiment with it at services. I hope you will make an effort to come to these services and to share your impressions at the Ritual Committee meetings.

The chance to express ourselves to God in a new way is an exciting one. Change is never easy and, come to think of it, neither is prayer. But when we carefully change the way we pray, we stay true to the ideals of Reform Judaism and strive to be holy.

Standing At Sinai

Abraham Joshua Heschel once wrote: "Only in moments that we are able to share in the spirit of awe that fills the world are we able to understand what happened to Israel at Sinai."

As we observe the holiday of Shavuot, we are drawn to understand what "revelation" really means for each of us. Shavuot celebrates the meeting between God and the people of Israel. Having traveled so far, they finally encounter God on their journey. Generation after generation, slaves in Egypt, they could never have imagined something like this... and now we, can imagine nothing else.

It has been forty-nine days since we tasted matzah at our Passover seder, and now, here we are, ready with open hearts to receive the Torah. Having been in the spiritual doldrums of slavery we have needed these weeks to bring ourselves to the spiritual heights required to experience true revelation. It is no coincidence that we are given an entire seven weeks to prepare our-

selves to receive the Torah. We learn from this that there is no such thing as a quick fix. We must look deep within ourselves and take the time that we need to grow and come to terms with that which needs changing.

God requires righteousness, humility and loving-kindness from us in order that we may be worthy recipients of the gift of Torah. These attributes cannot be attained simply because we desire to possess them. We must take the time to delve into our spiritual selves thereby reaching the heights expressed in these attributes.

As we come together to receive the Torah, may each of us find within ourselves, the anxious anticipation of revelation, and work toward the qualities that make the Jewish people truly deserving of the gift of Torah.

Chag Sameach,
Cantor Ellen Tilem



From the Editors:

Looks like we made it! This issue marks the last of our inaugural year. The Bulletin's going to bed for 2 months.

As I wrote in September (can't decide if that seems like yesterday....or eons ago), this Bulletin's been a work in progress. We've played around with the format, we've played around with your submissions, we added features ("Take Note," "Spotlight On..."), we tried to cut down dramatically on duplication with the mid-month mailing. And...we're still making changes.

Thanks to all of you who managed to get your articles in on time. Thanks to those who never planned to write one...but rose to the challenge when asked. Thanks to Marion and Sandra for all their help.

And thanks for reading what we hope has been an interesting, informative and inspirational look at Temple Emeth life.

See you in September.

Sandi Klein
Barbara Balkin

Message From the President

It's been an exciting and challenging year at Temple Emeth. I'm honored to have been part of it and to have been re-elected President for another year. At the annual Congregational Meeting May 11th, we had the opportunity to review the year, renew the Rabbi's contract, elect Board members, share our individual experiences at Temple and begin to think about current and future worship services. Many of you "stood up" during the High Holidays, and even more of you volunteered throughout the year. Temple Emeth would not be, could not be what it is today, without our dedicated members. They were honored during last month's volunteer Shabbat.

As we end the year, I want to thank departing Board of Trustee members for their time and commitment. They are: Peter Adler, Barbara Balkin, Fred Binder, Steve Chaiken, Howard Guttman, Steve Leeman, Paul Wilson and Marion Wolf.

I also want to thank our superb Gala fundraising team, headed by Cynthia Massarsky and Michael Robinson. They ran a wonderful, fun evening full of schmoozing, food, games, gambling, shopping, prizes and a silent auction.

A big thank you to Associate Rabbi Robin Nafshi who spent this past year with us. Please join us as we honor and say "farewell" on Friday, June 9th.

As for me, I have had an exciting year at Temple. There is a lot to do, and frankly, I could never have done so without the strong commitment of the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees. Special thanks to Marion Schechter and the office staff for never saying "no" to any of my requests.

I especially have enjoyed my weekly breakfasts with Rabbi Sirbu and the opportunity to informally exchange ideas.

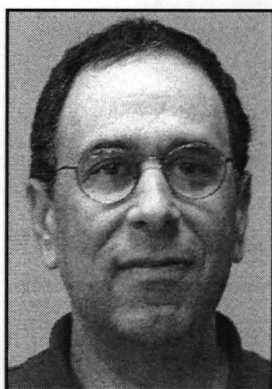
One part of the job that took on more importance (than I originally thought) was writing speeches and Bulletin articles. I've never really thought of

myself as a public speaker and submitting a monthly Bulletin article is a challenge, but it can be fun too. In college I always relied on Strunk and White's book, Elements of Style, but recently, I ran across another helpful guide - Frank Visco's How to write Good. The list was invaluable when writing my President's message. I thought sharing it with you might be enjoyable as we ease into the summer break:

1. Avoid alliteration, always
2. Prepositions are not words to end sentences with
3. Avoid cliches like the plague (they're old hat)
4. Employ the vernacular
5. Eschew ampersands & abbreviations, etc.
6. Parenthetical remarks (however relevant) are unnecessary
7. Contractions aren't necessary
8. Foreign words and phrases, other than Hebrew, are not apropos
9. Comparisons are as bad as cliches
10. Don't be redundant: don't use more words than necessary; it's highly superfluous
11. Be more or less specific
12. Exaggeration is a billion times worse than understatement
13. One word sentences? Eliminate
14. Analogies in writing are like feathers on a snake
15. Go around the barn at high noon to avoid colloquialisms
16. Even if a mixed metaphor sings, it should be derailed
17. Who needs rhetorical questions?

So, I'm taking a writing break and like you, look forward to barbeques, weekends on the tennis court and in the pool, vacation, and of course, preparing for the months ahead. But...pssst....don't forget to check your mail for summer activities at the Temple!

Dan Firshein,
President



From the Religious School

Scholars Are the Builders of Peace

We have just finished another exciting year of Jewish learning. Some highlights of this year include our program of "Legacy Arts". Grades K-7 fashioned ritual items like the shofar, mezuzot, Jerusalem chamasa, and a "Torah Yad." In creating these ritual items, our students experienced and integrated the holidays and life-cycle events in a meaningful way. All our grades developed a strong connection to tfilah – prayer.

Grades 4-7 lead the whole school in prayer and song. Grades K-3 gathered as a community to pray and sing together. Our students will cherish these memories as they develop into Jewish adults. In "Pirkei Avot", "Ethics of the Fathers", Rabbi Ben Zoma tells us "Who is wise? - One who learns from every person." The teachers and I have learned so much from our students and they, in turn, can learn so much from home and family. Even though our formal school year is ending, your family's Jewish education and identity continues all year.

Here are some great ideas to learn together as a family.



- Get ready for the holiday of Shavuot by reading the story of Ruth and Naomi.
- Celebrate the giving of the Torah and cook food mentioned in the Bible.
- Create a family tree with pictures, and have your child share it with us next year.
- Have a discussion - "How are we created in the image of God. What does that mean?"
- Visit the library and take out books of Jewish interest.
- Set aside time each Friday night to bless your children.
- Visit points of Jewish interest and have your child share it with us in September.

Enjoy and have a healthy and peaceful summer. Mark your calendars – register now for Religious School. The first day of school is September 10th.

B'vracha,
Dora Geld Friedman

From the Early Childhood Center

It's Been a Great Year.....

It's hard to believe it – where has the time gone?
It seems like the school year has just barely begun!
September was filled with learning things new,
We made projects and friends – more than just a few.
October flew by with the High Holy Days,
For Sukkot we shook the lulav in all kinds of ways.
At Thanksgiving we feasted – so grateful for all
That we have in our lives – even though we're still small.
December we lit candles for each of eight nights
And remembered the brave Maccabees and their triumphant fight.
We celebrated the Trees' birthday on the fifteenth of Shevat,
Instead of throwing things out we made recycled art!
Purim was yummy – Hamantashen was the special food,



And when the Megillah was read it was Haman we booed.

April was busy with Passover celebrations galore,
The long, long Seder and Eliyahu at the door.

In May we "traveled" to Israel, from Yerushalayim to Eilat,

We're lucky we only pretended that the sun was so hot.

Now it's June and we end on a high note,
We learn the good rules we received on Shavuot.

It's been a great time – over 120 happy kids throughout the year

Are ready to take a deep breath and give a great cheer

Of thanks to our teachers who worked hard in every way,

To give us the best and make us happy each day.

Sharon Floch,
ECC Director

STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE

David Fox and Amy Abrams

The Transition and Implementation phase of our Strategic Planning process comes to a close this month. The commitment everyone at Emeth has made thus far, bodes well for its ultimate success.

The process will continue next year with a sustaining team. It will finish any incomplete action steps and work on additional ways to further progress on the critical issues of membership, leadership, governance and financial stability.

It is the nature of Strategic Planning to discover new areas that need attention as we implement our plan. One that has emerged this year, is how to get more people involved in Temple Emeth activities and committees.

Next year, Amy Abrams and Carol Shansky will act as volunteer coordinators to address this matter. They will work with new and existing members who are interested in getting involved with the Temple, but may not be sure what is right for them. Potential volunteers will be matched with Temple activities which best suit their interests and time availabilities.

A Volunteer Fair scheduled for Sunday, September 10th - 9:00-1:30 (the first day of Religious School) will offer all members a chance to meet Committee Chairs and get a sense of what happens at the Temple.

Carol and Amy are also compiling information to build a computer database of members' skills and interests. It will be used both for finding members with needed expertise and for planning programming which addresses their interests.

NINTH ANNUAL B'YACHAD INTER- FAITH COMMUNITY MODEL SEDER

Sy Lazar

Well, what can we say? *YOU JUST HAD TO BE THERE* on Sunday, April 2nd, when more than 125 clergy, lay people and Temple members participated in a community Seder designed to give our local non-Jewish neighbors a "taste of Passover" from a Reform Jewish perspective.

The churches and organizations represented were: From Teaneck: Grace Lutheran Church, Unity Church of Christ, United Methodist Church, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Grace Redeemer Church, the Baha'i Center and the Dar Ul Islah Mosque. Also, Mt. Olive Baptist Church & Seventh Day Adventists (Hackensack), Our Saviour Lutheran Church (Cresskill), the Buddhist Temple of Great Enlightenment (The Bronx, NY), the Interreligious Fellowship for the Homeless of Bergen County, and a group representing handicapped people of Bergen County (*THANK YOU ABBY SCHLECTMAN*).

Local dignitaries in attendance were our own State Senator Loretta Weinberg, Assemblywoman Valerie Huttle, Assemblyman Gordon Johnson, and Teaneck Town Council member Monica Honis.

KUDOS TO: B'YACHAD & THE JEWISH CHAUTAUQUA SOCIETY for funding our model Seder (NO COST TO THE TEMPLE), RABBI NAFSHI and CANTOR GOLDMAN for conducting the model Seder, TARA LEVINE for chanting the four questions so beautifully, ART LERMAN & SY LAZAR for Co-Chairing the Seder, and to our office personnel and custodial staff for their endless help and PATIENCE.

In addition, this Seder could not have taken place without the 31 Temple members who shopped for the food the week before the Seder, prepared all the food in our kitchen that morning, boiled the eggs, apportioned the gefilte fish, put out the Haggadahs, Seder plates, flowers, wine, seltzer, water, desserts, coffee, tea, etc. and served as hosts and hostesses at each of the 20 tables.

Our Temple volunteers were Ruth Adler, Susan & Richard Barnett, Judy Berk-Levine, Cathy & David Bicofsky, Judith Bitterman, Grace & Irving Borowitz, Bonni, Michael & Karli Brummer, Judy & Walter Distler, Lynn Graizel, Ted Greenwood, Pauline & Stan Hecht, Bev Lazar, Sabrina Lerman, Marla, Jenna & Tara Levine, Susan Rappaport, Eva Sandrof, Abby Schlectman, Emily & Elliot Steinberg, and Loretta Weinberg.

*WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING VOLUNTEERS FOR
NEXT YEAR'S INTER-FAITH SEDER*



Spotlight on

Outreach Chairman, David Zatz

Reform Jewish outreach is the effort to make interfaith families at home in the synagogue and to encourage Jewish choices whenever possible. It is one of the reasons that so many interfaith families have chosen to call Reform synagogues in general—and Temple Emeth in particular—their spiritual homes.

After a period of dormancy, the Outreach Committee has been reinvigorated and has scheduled a full calendar of programs to accomplish its goal of involving interfaith families in Temple life. Here are the highlights:

"Invite an Interfaith Family to Dinner"

Interfaith families are often hesitant to walk into a synagogue for the first time. This program would give them the chance to have Shabbat dinner in the comfort of someone's home, with the hope that the two families would eventually attend Shabbat services together. Having someone you know at the services and Oneg makes a big difference! We need hosts, but we need guests even more! The best way to publicize a program like this is word of mouth, so if you

know of anyone who is or might be interested, please suggest the idea, or let us contact them. Larry Fink, the chair of this project can be reached at larryfink112@yahoo.com.

Discussion Groups Jodee Fink is starting a "Mother's Circle" for non-Jewish women raising Jewish children, with the first meeting in the Fall. If you are interested, please contact Jodee at jodeefink@yahoo.com. And Dru Greenwood, a Temple member with tremendous outreach experience, will lead a multiple-session program for exploring and working through common interfaith-couple issues.

Holiday Workshops We plan to have workshops before several holidays, to help both the Jewish and non-Jewish members of the family better appreciate the holiday's meaning and traditions.

We are also exploring discussions and workshops on other related topics. Rabbi Sirbu has agreed to lead a session on the meaning of the prayers in the prayer book, so that non-Jews attending the service can participate confident that they are not compromising their own principles.

We have an ambitious calendar and, with your help, will have a productive year. If you are interested in helping, please let us know by contacting the committee via chairman David Zatz at outreach@tool-pack.com, (201) 836-0744, or leaving a note in the Outreach Committee box at Temple Emeth.

WHAT'S NEW?

Temple Emeth has a brand new organization - formerly called **GIRLS IN THE HOOD**,

the group is now officially: **NEW**

(NETWORK of EMETH WOMEN)

Our first event will be held on Thursday, June 15th and it's a Margarita night out — dinner and cocktails — at a local Mexican restaurant. More details about this event will be available soon. Come and be part of our new inter-generational group of fabulous EMETH WOMEN!

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THE WELL IS DRY...AND WE NEED YOUR HELP

The **STRAUSSMAN YOUTH FUND** which provides scholarships for youth is running out of money. *Donations are desperately needed* to continue to offset the cost of URJ summer camps, NFTY Israel trips, NFTY Kallahs, NFTY National Convention and other URJ summer camp experiences.

This summer...we will help 3 children attend URJ camps and one NFTY Israel trip...but that leaves the fund almost empty. As a result, we won't be able to contribute to 3 camp scholarship applications and one NFTY Israel trip. The Youth Scholarship Committee, which administers the STRAUSSMAN YOUTH FUND has always depended on the generosity of Emeth members. *We hope we can count on you now.* These incentives help build strong Jewish bonds and connections in our children -- the backbone of involved Jewish adults. Please consider making a donation this month. Thank you.

Youth Scholarship Committee

Joy Firshein and Carla Silver - Co-Chairs

Services and Smachot

6 Sivan 5766
Thursday, June 1

Erev Shavuot
Services and Confirmation at 7:30 p.m.
Tikkun Leil Shavuot at 10:00 p.m.

Friday, June 2
7 Sivan 5766
Friday, June 2

Shavuot Services and Yizkor at 10:30 a.m
Followed by a Pot Luck Dairy Kiddish
Shabbat Naso I
Family Service at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 3
Torah Portion: Numbers 4:21-5:31

Shabbat Worship at 10:30 a.m.
Haftarah: Judges 13:2-12

14 Sivan 5766
Friday, June 9

Shabbat Naso II
Shabbat Service at 8:30 p.m.

Service to Honor Rabbi Robin Nafshi

The Oneg is being co-sponsored by Pam and Jeff Etzin
in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Kimberly Etzin
and Sydell and Sy Yegelwel in honor of their 45th Wedding Anniversary

Saturday, June 10

Tot Shabbat at 9:30 a.m.
Shabbat Worship at 10:30 a.m.

BAT MITZVAH OF KIMBERLY ETZIN

Torah Portion: Numbers 6:1-7:89 *Haftarah: Judges 13:13-25*

21 Sivan 5766
Friday, June 16

Shabbat Beha'alotecha
Music Service at 8:00 p.m.

Service to Honor Our High School Graduates

The Oneg is being sponsored by Hildy Dillon and Matthew Weiner
in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Adam Sean Weiner

Saturday, June 17

Shabbat Worship at 10:30 a.m.

BAR MITZVAH OF ADAM SEAN WEINER

Torah Portion: Numbers 8:1-12:16 *Haftarah: Zechariah 2:14-4:7*

28 Sivan 5766
Friday, June 24

Shabbat Shelach-Lecha
Service at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 25

Shabbat Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Torah Portion: Numbers 13:1-15:41 *Haftarah: Joshua 2:1-24*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 5 SIVAN 8:02 7:30 pm Erev Shavuot and Confirmation 10:00 pm Tikkun Leit Shavuot	2 6 SIVAN 8:02 Shavuot 10:30 am Shavuot Service and Yizkor 7:30 am Family Service	3 7 SIVAN Shabbat Ends: 9:13 Naso I 9:10 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Service
4 8 SIVAN Salute To Israel Parade	5 9 SIVAN 10:45 am Speak, Laugh, Enjoy Yiddish	6 10 SIVAN Voting in Hallway 5:30 pm ECC Teacher Appreciation Dinner 7:00 pm Board of Trustees Orientation 8:00 pm Men's Club Planning Meeting	7 11 SIVAN Last Day of ECC 12:00 pm Lunch and Learn	8 12 SIVAN 8:00 pm Board of Trustees Meeting	9 13 SIVAN 8:07 10:00 am Membership Committee Meeting 8:00 pm Shabbat Service Honoring Rabbi Robin Nafshi	10 14 SIVAN Naso II Shabbat Ends: 9:17 9:10 am Torah Study 9:30 am Tot Shabbat 10:30 am Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah of Kimberly Etzin
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GOOD & WELFARE

The congregation mourns the passing of beloved member
Beverly Katz and sends condolences to her husband,
Harold Katz and her daughter, **Stephanie Stokes**

Condolences to...

Sabrina Lerman on the passing of her beloved father,
Young Tseng Lee

Michael Brummer on the passing of his beloved grandmother,
Helen Lalin

Rabbi Rebecca Sirbu on the passing of her beloved uncle
Harvey Bier

Mazel Tov to...

Gwen and Marty Dubno on the birth of granddaughter, Callie
Morgan Gardner, daughter of Randi and Adam Gardner

Grace and Irving on the birth of their new grandson, Samuel
Lawrence Borowitz Ensfield, son of Lisa and Carl
Ensfield

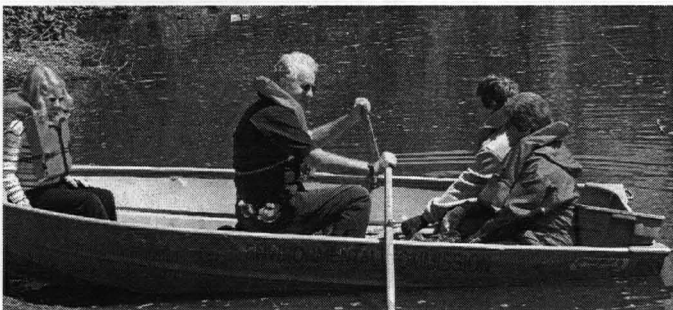
Welcome to membership...

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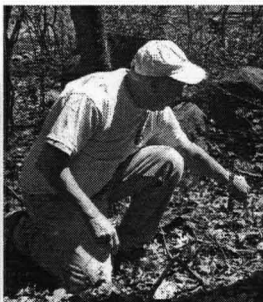
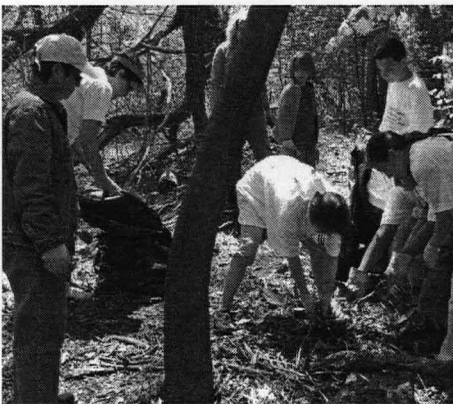
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Environmental Action Day at the Hackensack River cleanup,
Teaneck Conservancy and Tenafly Nature Center April 30th



Please note that Rabbi Sirbu has a new email address, ssirbu@emeth.org. The rabbi respectfully requests that you use this address for Temple business only, and before you click "send," remember that he always prefers the personal interaction of a phone call to an email message.

Please join us at services on Friday, June 9 at 8:00 p.m. as we honor Rabbi Robin Nafshi for her contributions to our ritual and educational programming in the past year.

Summer is fast approaching and with it the Rabbi and Cantor's (well-deserved) vacations. If you would like to substitute for the Rabbi or Cantor at Shabbat services this summer, or if you would like to read or chant Torah at services, please contact Rabbi Sirbu at 201-833-1322 or at ssirbu@emeth.org. New volunteers are always welcome; we will train you in advance of the service.

Temple Emeth is pleased to announce that Family Services and Tot Shabbat will continue through the summer. Family Services will be on Fridays, July 7 and August 4 at 7:30 p.m. Tot Shabbat will be Saturdays, July 15 and August 12 at 9:30 a.m. We hope to see you and your family there!

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SOCIAL ACTION IN ACTION LAST CALL!

Over 60 Temple Emeth members have signed postcards/flyers to become a part of the million voices for Darfur! Let's keep up the pressure to protect the people of Darfur. The American Jewish World Service and the Save Darfur coalition are aiming to send 1 million postcards to President Bush requesting his support for the presence of a strong multinational force. They need 200,000 more. Cards/flyers are available on the bulletin board. Please sign and place in the box near the mailboxes in the office. You can also be counted by email

at: www.savedarfur.com



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SIGN NOW! BE COUNTED!

Our last staffing of the Soup Kitchen in Hackensack is on Tuesday, June 20th. We still need several people to help. If you can cook chickens or serve, please call Rachael Sugarman at 201-692-0763. Your help will feed over 100 people that day!

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

In the fall, we hope to arrange a visit to the Elizabeth Detention Center, the initial part of our involvement with the Bergen County Temporary Sanction Committee, to see what the conditions are like. If you would be interested in visiting, please fill out the following information form and put it in the Social Action mailbox:

Name _____
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I would prefer to visit on

Sunday a.m. _____ p.m. _____

Weekday after 5:30 p.m. ____ preferred day _____

We would carpool to Elizabeth.

The visit, including orientation and debriefing
would take about 1 ½ hours.

B'yachad Looks Back

Elliot W. Steinberg , President

Terrific topics - "Healing the Past and Preserving the Future," "Left of Orthodox and Right of Reform," "Does Praying for the Ill Work?" make for a terrific year. But where would B'yachad be without our clergy and the more than two dozen volunteers who make it all possible?

Thanks to all of them. To Rabbi Sirbu, who selected interesting and provocative subjects. For those who have never been to a breakfast...try it...you'll like it.

Allow me to single out three members. Sy Lazar and Art Lerman have been instrumental in the success of the model Seder - a job they've been doing for as long as I can remember! It's not only an involved undertaking, it's important in our relationship with the interfaith community. Thanks also to Art, who is responsible for the short services that precede every breakfast.

My gratitude to my dear friend, Seymour Fleischman, who attends every breakfast and helps Emily and me with preparations and set up.

Back in September I explained the \$25 charge that appears on every member's financial statement. That written explanation cleared up a lot of confusion and resulted in a 20% rise in payments through this past April.

Where does the money go? B'yachad wasted no time responding to a call to help offset the cost of hiring an Assistant Rabbi by donating \$500. Clearly money well spent, since Emeth was blessed and lucky to have Rabbi Robin Nafshi with us this year. She is very special and we wish her all the best in the years to come.

It's still not too late to send a \$25 donation to B'yachad. Our group constantly gets requests for financial help from various committees, and we would love to accommodate as many as possible.

Our sincere appreciation to those of you who have supported B'yachad in the past.

I wish you a happy and healthy summer and look forward to another great year at Temple Emeth.

Temple Emeth College Kids

By Lynne Graizel

This is our last column of the year. And, as always at the end of a school year I like to tell you what our seniors are up to.

Jake Fox will graduate from the University of Delaware as will his twin brother Matt. This spring semester Jake was an intern for the Philadelphia Flyers working in their PR dept. He hopes to land a job in the sports industry and do some traveling

Russell Falk gets a BA in Digital Media from Drexel University. The plan for Russ is to go straight on for his Masters at Drexel too. He's quite the artist.

Amanda Graizel graduates from Clark University with a BA in Sociology with a concentration in Holocaust and Genocide studies. She is currently interviewing for positions as a Jewish educator.

Lane Tobias graduates from Ithaca College. Lane has been involved in the Business and Finance for Student Government as its VP. But his major is Script Writing — he is currently trying to sell a "pilot" he's developed.

When you see these grads or their parents please wish them Mazel Tov!

Join us at Musical Services Friday evening, June 16th as we celebrate the graduation of our twelfth graders and wish them well on the next stage of their journey. Rabbi Sirbu will offer a special blessing as we honor:

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BARJ @ 20 Brunch

Sunday, June 11th - 10:00 a.m.

at Temple Beth Or, Washington Township

The Bergen Academy of Reform Judaism will be celebrating its 20th anniversary by honoring Jewish leaders and educators from BARJ affiliated synagogues, including our own Dora Geld-Friedman.

With Dora's warmth, spirit, and passion, the Temple Emeth Religious School is a vibrant part of the Temple Emeth community. To Dora, Jewish education is more than learning about a specific subject matter — it's learning a way of life.

Dora is very committed to the BARJ program and views it as an integral part of the Jewish education provided by Temple Emeth. Reflecting on the importance of BARJ, Dora feels *"our Religious School plants the seeds. BARJ is the flowering of those seeds and their continued growth."*

She has seen BARJ work hard to develop an engaging and intellectually challenging curriculum which meets the evolving needs of educating today's Reform Jewish young adults.

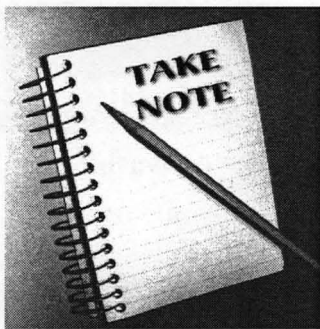
Please join us to honor her and her colleagues as well as to mark a milestone in BARJ's history. Please respond to the invitation you received by mail. If you have any questions, want to learn more about this event or would like to make a contribution in honor of Dora and BARJ, please contact Karen Kaplan: kaplan5@optonline.net or (201) 568-5189.

My Dear Emeth Friends,

One of the mitzvot that we studied throughout the past years was the idea of practicing pikuach-nefesh, saving a soul. It can be as simple an act as acknowledging one another with a greeting or as profound as to save one's life. Your incredible effort on Friday night fulfilled that mitzvot by the endless acknowledgments of our experiences together for the past twenty five years. Together we practiced pikuach-nefesh by our mutual agreement to share our lives. Thank you for welcoming me in to you and your children's experiences and making possible that our souls are better prepared to love and to be loved by that very effort.

Thank you for such a great evening! It was a beautiful tribute that I will always remember.

Love,
Debbie Rutz



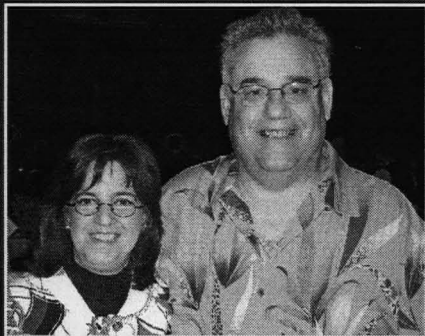
- June 1 Shavuot and Confirmation 7:30 p.m.
- June 2 Shavuot Festival Shacharit 10:30 a.m.
Pot Luck Dairy Kiddush -
contact Ilene Anesini 201 967-1985
- June 4 Salute to Israel Parade
- June 6 ECC Teacher Appreciation Dinner 7:30 p.m.
- June 11 BARJ Breakfast honoring Dora Geld
Friedman 10 a.m. at Temple Beth Or
- June 25 "Triumphs and Troubles of the Hebrew
Calendar" Adult Education 10:00 a.m.
contact Stuart May 201 907-0823

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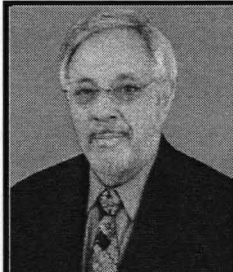
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