

## MORE THAN A CAN OF SOUP – The URJ's New MANNA PROGRAM CONFRONTS THE PROBLEM OF HUNGER...HERE

Many of the “facts” about hunger in our area are not “facts” at all, but myths based on guesswork, wishful thinking, and intuition. For example:

**Myth** - *Residents of only the poorest and most urbanized communities in Bergen County are clients of the county's food pantries*

**Fact** - Clients seeking hunger relief come from more than 90% of the 70 towns in Bergen County, including some of the wealthiest communities in the state.

**Myth** - *Only the unemployed and the homeless are in need of relief from hunger.*

**Fact** - Nearly 40% of people seeking aid are among the “working poor” - those who have jobs, and residences, but simply can't afford to buy food.

**Myth** - *State-budgeted aid has always been available for hunger relief.*

**Fact** - This year, for the first time ever in New Jersey, a modest amount of money has been allocated in the state budget for hunger relief. In the past that money has been privately raised.

**Myth** - *The problem of community hunger is so great that there is little an individual can do to solve it - supporting the Temple food drive, and writing checks to hunger relief agencies is about the most that one person can do.*

**Fact** - WE CAN EACH PLAY a significant role to combat hunger. HOW? Learn the extent of the problem and the Jewish ethics which compel us to “feed the hungry”; Speak out (advocate) for those in need; and volunteer at food pantries, soup kitchens, and shelters for the homeless. WE CAN EACH MAKE A MEASURABLE AND IMPORTANT DIFFERENCE.

Responding to the shocking increase in the incidence of hunger in the region, the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) has inaugurated its new, comprehensive “MANNA - We Share Our Portion” initiative. The measure was introduced in late October at the regional Biennial convention of the New Jersey-West Hudson Valley Council (NJ-WHVC). Governor Jon Corzine was there during Shabbat morning services when the initiative was unveiled. This multi-component program of action, learning, and advocacy is aimed at fighting the problem of hunger wherever it appears in our region.

Materials are available for preschoolers through senior citizens, and are appropriate for informal educational settings, as well as the classroom, for use in meetings and at home - anywhere people gather.

“We anticipate that each congregation will create and implement its own individual programming, acting upon Jewish values in their particular communal context,” said Sharon Halper, Regional Tikkun Olam Fellow, and creator of the program.

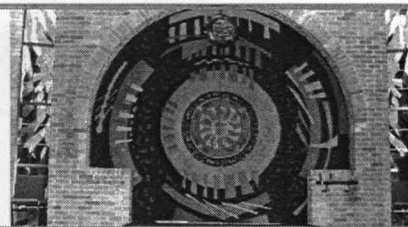
Extensive information about the background and resources available for congregational study, action, and advocacy can be found on the regional website at: [www.urj.org/njwhvc](http://www.urj.org/njwhvc). All Temple leaders have received packets of materials guiding them in the establishment of significant MANNA activities. “We cannot and will not accept the existence of widespread hunger in this region - one of the wealthiest in the nation. Judaism demands that we take positive steps to meliorate this evil,” said Ms. Halper.

Paul Kaufman,

Assistant URJ Regional Director

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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](mailto: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.

For the Bulletin mailings, all material **must** be submitted by **8:00 p.m.** on the date of the deadline.

Please submit all material by e-mail to [sandifk@aol.com](mailto:sandifk@aol.com) and Barbara Balkin - [dkrm505@yahoo.com](mailto:dkrm505@yahoo.com)

We cannot guarantee publication of items submitted on paper.

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# Message From the Rabbi

For decades, our Temple Emeth teenagers who have continued their Jewish education through tenth grade have gone through a process and a ceremony called Confirmation. Confirmation has several requirements, including enrollment and attendance at the Bergen Academy of Reform Judaism (BARJ) or another eligible Hebrew high school program and submitting an essay for the Wilford Weill Memorial Essay Contest. Last month, the Confirmands completed another important requirement: participation in a L'Taken Social Justice Seminar in Washington, D.C., hosted by the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (RAC).

Over the course of the 4-day seminar, our teens learned about more than a dozen issues facing our nation on which the Reform Movement has passed policy resolutions. They - along with Reform Jewish teens from Louisiana, California, North Carolina, and New York - participated in an interactive workshop on how various interest groups can influence public policy and also took in some of Washington's sites.

On Monday, the last day of the program, the kids put their knowledge into action. They made advocacy visits to the offices of Senator Frank Lautenberg and Congressmen Steven Rothman and Scott Garrett. The teens spoke to legislative aides in each office on behalf of themselves and the Reform Movement on Israel; reproductive rights; ending legal discrimination against gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender individuals; protecting the environment; and opposing school vouchers for parochial schools. I joined the group on Monday and was so impressed and proud of all they

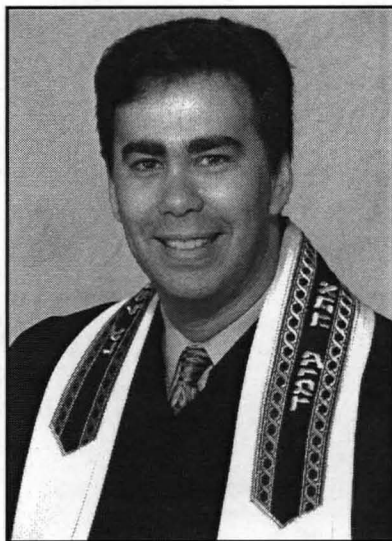
had learned and accomplished.

This is the kind of hands-on experiential learning that makes the greatest impact on our youth, teaching them to put faith in action and giving them positive memories that they will carry into adulthood.

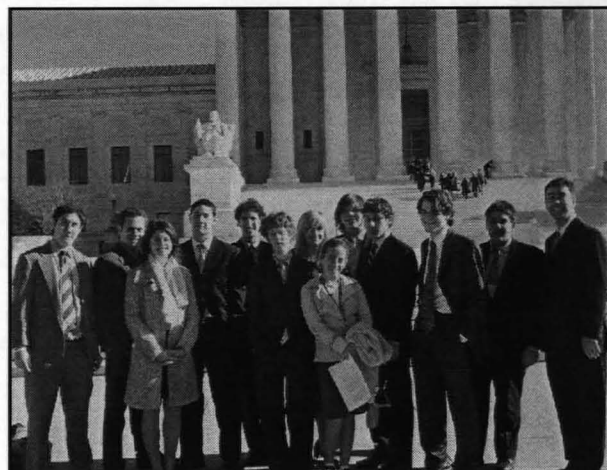
While this can happen in a classroom, it is much more successful in Israel, at Jewish summer camp, or on a RAC seminar (which, by the way are held for adults, too - the next one is April 15-17, 2007).

I'm glad that Temple Emeth and BARJ have prepared our kids to attend and appreciate a seminar like this one, and I'm fortunate that I was able to fulfill my role of "rabbinic cheerleader." Most of all, I am confident that these young people have the skills to be Jewish leaders for the next

generation.



Rabbi Steven Sirbu



Members of the Confirmation class pose with Rabbi Sirbu in front of the United States Supreme Court during their day on Capitol Hill as part of the L'Taken Social Justice Seminar in Washington last month.

## Message From the President

While the entire Temple Emeth membership is the essential governing authority, we as a congregation exercise its authority through our Board of Trustees. This body is elected in May at our annual meeting. The Board bears the overall responsibility for setting and achieving the synagogue's goals and bears fiduciary responsibility for the congregation. Our Board meetings are usually held the second Thursday of the month and every one of you is welcome to attend.

At our last meeting we began the process of evaluating the Board's function and purpose, as well as the individual's responsibility. This dynamic discussion originated with our Strategic Planning Committee, now in its third year and headed by Karen Rappaport and Flip Bernard. The Governance subcommittee has been wrestling with this issue over the past year as well. Our Board is not the traditional corporate board - nor should it be. We must always keep in mind that the Board has ethical and moral as well as fiduciary responsibilities. It needs to run our "business" but always remembering we are a business, not in the traditional corporate sense but a Jewish business - a House of Worship.

Over the past year we have begun our Board Meetings each month with "Opening Words." Each month I select a passage from the Torah, a prayer book reading, something from a current journal, or a well-known author's writings. The following "Opening Words" entitled, *Loggerhead Turtles* written by Barbara Brown Taylor, was particularly intriguing to the Board, so I thought I'd share it with you:

**Query: Do we trust in God to act in all events of our lives, or only the ones that meet our approval?**

"Several summers ago, I spent three days on a barrier island where loggerhead turtles were laying their eggs. One night while the tide was out, I watched a huge female heave herself up on the beach and dig her nest and empty her eggs into it. Afraid of disturbing her, I left before she had time to finish. The next morning I returned to see if I could find the spot where her eggs lay hidden in the sand. What I found were her tracks leading in the wrong direction. Instead of head-

ing back out to sea, she had wandered into the dunes, which were already as hot as asphalt in the morning sun.

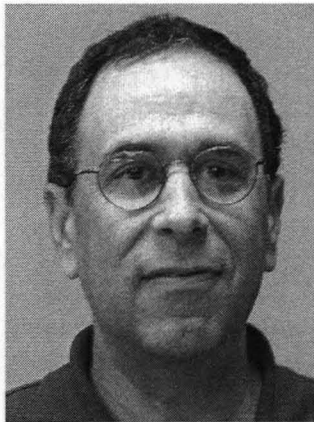
A little ways in I found her. Exhausted, all but baked, her head and flippers caked with dried sand. After pouring water on her and covering her with sea oats, I fetched a park ranger who returned with a Jeep to rescue her. He flipped her on her back, wrapped the chains around her front legs, and hooked the chains to a trailer hitch of his Jeep. Then I watched horrified as he took off, yanking her body forward so that her mouth filled with sand and her neck bent back so far that I thought it would break.

The ranger hauled her over the dunes and down the beach. At the ocean's edge, he unhooked her and turned her right side up. She lay motionless in the surf as the water lapped at her body, washed the sand from her eyes and making her skin shine again. A wave broke over her; she lifted her head slightly, moving her back legs. Other waves brought her further back to life until one of them made her light enough to find a foothold and push off back into the ocean. Watching her swim away and remembering her nightmare ride through the dunes, I reflected that it is sometimes hard to tell whether you are being killed or saved... by the very hands that turn your life upside down.

Our hope, through all our own terrors, is that we are being saved. But this does not mean we lie down before the terrors. For as long as we have strength to fight, it is both our nature and our privilege to do so. Sometimes God's blessing does not come until daybreak, after a full night of emptying ourselves and wandering in the wrong direction. Our job is to struggle with the terrors, neither surrendering nor stealing away until they have yielded their blessings."

**Query: Do we trust in God to act in all events of our lives, or only the ones that meet our approval?**

B'shalom,  
Dan Firshein  
President





## From the Religious School

**“Vtein B’libeinu Lishmoa, Lilmod, U’llamed”  
“Inspire us to Hear, to Learn and to Teach”**

At Temple Emeth Religious School, we have always known that Jewish education cannot be meaningful if it only happens in the classroom. To climb the ladder to a compelling Jewish life, the school and parents must form a “sacred partnership” of learning, experiencing, doing and celebrating. At Temple Emeth we already have many family programs in place and are initiating others.

We are excited about a new event this year. Our annual Book Fair kickoff will be a Havdalah experience on Saturday, March 17, 2007. The whole Temple Emeth community is invited to the Havdalah service featuring music, candles, spices and noshes. This will be followed by a Book Fair with a rich selection of Jewish and secular books, CDs, music and small gifts for all ages. Our



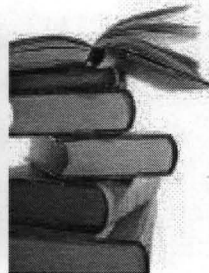
Religious School Committee is working hard to make this an exciting, community building event.

Our Family Education programs are a rich source for parents, students, and teachers to learn and experience Judaism together in an informal setting.

We need your support and encouragement. Your response to our educational programs and events is important to us and guides our professional staff in planning meaningful and “holy” Jewish experiences. These family events feed the body as well as the soul and are an integral part of creating Jewish memories and Jewish community.

B’vracha

Dora Geld Friedman  
Religious School Director



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## From the Early Childhood Center

In recent weeks, the Torah portions have dealt largely with the saga of Jacob’s family - from his trickery to get the birthright through the sibling rivalry of his children that resulted in Joseph’s presence in Egypt. As distant in time as these stories are, many of the issues that are dealt with are quite close in their relevance to our daily lives. As a species, we have made amazing progress in the world of technology - computers, lasers, satellites and space travel, just to name a few. It is quite changed from the world of our ancestors. Yet, as different as our physical world has become, our developmental growth as people has not really changed.

In our family and school education, we deal on a daily basis with conflict, rivalry and different educational and parenting approaches. While modern technology has found ways to surgically improve vision, the interpretation of what the eye sees and the resulting actions taken could be the same today as they were thousands of years ago.



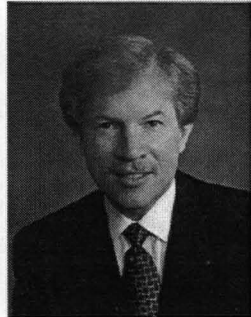
In a time when there is so much pressure to teach children the wonders of technology at the earliest age, it is easy to get so swept up that we forget our most important mission. Therefore, it is with great pride and respect that I go into our ECC classrooms and witness the daily dealings with conflict resolution, emotional challenges and creative solutions. When I listen between the lines and words the teachers use, I hear compassion, understanding and the nurturing of young hearts and minds. I watch as the teachers help the children feel empowered and able to talk to each other, work things out and develop socially and emotionally. These are the strongest building blocks for positive, secure learners and future citizens. It is inspiring to be a part of it.

Sharon Floch  
Director,  
Early Childhood Center

## A Very Special Scholar-in-Residence is Coming To Temple Emeth

In 2004, he was invited to offer the opening prayer for the House of Representatives. In 2005, as chair of the National Commission for Commemorating 350 Years of Jewish Life in America, he served as Guest Chaplain of the U.S. Senate. In 2006 he was named to the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission to mark the 200th anniversary of Lincoln's birth. These are but a sample of the honors bestowed upon Rabbi Gary P. Zola, Ph.D., who will be Temple Emeth's visiting scholar during the weekend of April 20-22, 2007.

The high regard for Rabbi Zola is based upon a number of factors, including his positions as Director of the Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives and Associate Professor of the American Jewish Experience at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, his numerous scholarly writings on American Jewish history, and his reputation as a dynamic speaker. We at Temple Emeth will have a wonderful opportunity to receive a goodly share of his knowledge and experiences. As part of Friday night services on April 20th, Rabbi Zola will speak of "American Jewry's Greatest Legacies" during which he will address such question as "Is there something unique and noteworthy about the American Jewish



experience?" and "What can we learn from the broad flow of American Jewish history?" The next morning he will join the Torah study group in a discussion of what the week's Torah portion can teach us about American Jewish history. Following a Shabbat lunch, he will conduct a seminar on "George Washington and the Story of Religious Freedom in America," which will focus on Washington's remarkable letter to the Jews of Congregation Yeshuat Israel of Newport, Rhode Island. Finally, during a Sunday brunch, Rabbi Zola will speak on "Great Voices, Civil Rights, and American Reform Judaism." What did American Rabbis tell their congregants about topics such as the rise of Hitler, the outbreak of World War II, and the struggle for Civil Rights? In answering these and other questions, he will enable us to hear the actual voices of some of the leading Rabbis of the twentieth century by employing vocal recordings from the American Jewish Archives, digitized with visuals added.

This year's Scholar-in-Residence weekend is bound to be a highlight of the Temple year. So, be sure to set aside the dates and come to as many of the events as you can along with family and friends. Further information will be forthcoming.

Fred Binder

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## Spotlight ON

### The Paul S. Lazar Caring Community Committee

Elinor Buchbinder, Chair

The Paul S. Lazar Caring Community Committee plays a vital role in the life of Temple Emeth. Its 18 members, who work to meet the needs of the congregation, are helped in large part by your responses to the Commitment Cards handed out during the High Holidays.

During the year, we call upon our corps of volunteers for tikkun olam - which can include a visit, preparing a meal, calling a congregant who is not well. It may be a ride to Temple for services or assisting a family during shiva. It's delivering a basket of apples and honey during the High Holidays. We

make it a point, at least once, to involve everyone who offers his or her services. If you are not called during the year, it just means there were more offers of help than needed. Please offer again next year. Commitment Cards can be found in the Temple lobby.

The goal of the Committee is not only to build on a foundation of caring, but also to strengthen it by finding new ways to reach out to the congregation in a personal way. To that goal, we are sponsoring two Havdalah Healing Services led by Rabbi Robin Nafshi and Cantor Shira Nafshi. The first was held December 16th, the second is scheduled for Saturday, March 31st.

We have recently made available a selection of brochures published by Jewish Lights that deal with issues of health and healing. They are in the Social Action Alcove.

To all the hardworking committee members, to all who have submitted commitment cards this year and in the past, and to those who have made donations to the fund....thank you for being such a Caring Congregation.

## BIG THANKS for a BANG -UP BAZAAR!

To the legions of volunteers who:



Bazaar Coordinating committee Sheryl Cooper, Laura Kirsch, Carla Silver, Pauline Hecht, Lynn Chaiken and Marion Wolf  
(Committee members not shown: Sue Keusch and Sy Lazar)



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**Monthly News Update**  
**ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH LIBRARIES ACCREDITATION**

**A NEW YEAR, A RE-ORGANIZED LIBRARY,  
2 NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS**

We are working hard to re-organize our Library and make it easier for everyone to use. In order to accomplish this we have two New Year's resolutions.

**Resolution # 1.** Please resolve to bring back any books that you have forgotten to return to our Library.

**Resolution # 2.** We have resolved not to accept unsolicited donations of books! Recently, our Library has been inundated with unsolicited donations of books. This has caused a major problem for the Library for several reasons:

Most of these donated books are duplicates, or virtually identical to items already in our collec-

tion.

Much time and effort is required to sort through these items. This means that the members of the Library Committee have less time to serve the current needs of the congregation.

Our shelf space is limited and we must prioritize our additions.

**Therefore, as much as we appreciate the spirit of your generosity, we must ask you not to bring your unwanted books to our Library.** We understand your reluctance to throw away old books and suggest that you donate them to a local town library that is having a book sale. Thank you for your cooperation!

The Library Committee

**Make Your Plans Now For the Tu B'Shevat Seder**



**How often do you get to drink pink wine?**

Tradition returns to Temple Emeth in early February with the Tu B'Shevat Seder, a celebration of the New Year for trees. Although it may be snowy in New Jersey, custom tells us that in Israel the first buds of new growth are peeking out on the fifteenth day of Shevat. Perhaps no metaphor is more important to the Jewish people than the recurring symbolism of trees; the Torah itself, our most sacred text, is identified as the Tree of Life. And no holiday draws us more closely to the land of Israel - literally - than the celebration of Tu B'Shevat.

We celebrate with the holiday's own seder, and a trek through varieties of fruits and nuts "the yield of our trees," which represent symbolic views of the world and our place in it. The ceremony is punctuated by four cups of wine (well, maybe grape juice) in shades from white to dark red, as well as a festive meal. Plan to join Rabbi Sirbu and Cantor Tilem for a traditional Tu B'Shevat Seder at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 4th. A contribution of \$2 per adult and \$1 per child is requested. New members are free. (The luncheon is subsidized by the generosity of the Temple Emeth Ritual Committee and Israel Committee.)

Please return your reservations to the Temple Office by January 31.

**Temple Emeth Tu B'Shevat Seder - Sunday, February 4th at 1:00 p.m.**

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## Services and S'machot

**16 Tevet 5767**  
**Friday, January 5**

**Shabbat Vayechi**  
**Family Service at 7:30 p.m.**  
**Honoring Our B'nai Mitzvah Tutors**

**Saturday, January 6**  
*Torah Portion: Genesis 47:28-50:26*

**Shabbat Worship at 10:30 a.m.**  
*Haftarah: I Kings 2:1-12*

**23 Tevet 5767**  
**Friday, January 12**

**Shabbat Shemot**  
**Shabbat Service at 8:00 p.m.**  
**Guest Speaker Rabbi Golan Ben-Chorin**

The Oneg is sponsored by Susan and Barry Cohen  
in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Elana Cohen

**Saturday, January 13**

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

### **BAT MITZVAH OF ELANA COHEN**

*Torah Portion: Exodus 6:2-9:35*

*Haftarah: Isaiah 27:6-28:13; 29:22-23*

**1 Shevat 5767**  
**Friday, January 19**

**Shabbat Va'era**  
**Music Service at 8:00 p.m.**

The Oneg is sponsored by Marla and Jay Levine  
in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Jenna Levine

**Saturday, January 20**

**Shabbat Worship at 10:30 a.m.**

### **BAT MITZVAH OF JENNA RUTH LEVINE**

*Torah Portion: Exodus 6:2-9:35*

*Haftarah: Isaiah 66:1-13, 23*

**8 Shevat 5767**  
**Friday, January 26**

**Shabbat Bo**  
**Kabbalat Shabbat Service at 6:30 p.m.**  
**followed by Dinner, Singing and Discussion**

**Saturday, January 27**

**Shabbat Worship at 10:30 a.m.**

### **URJ Regional Shabbaton at Temple Beth Or in Morristown, NJ**

*Torah Portion: Exodus 10:1-13:16*

*Haftarah: Jeremiah 46:13-28*

# January 2007

11 Teves 5767 - 12 Shevat 5767

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 11 TEVES New Year's Day BUILDING CLOSED	<b>2</b> 12 TEVES ECC Resumes R.S. Resumes 8:00 pm Exec. Comm. Mtg.	<b>3</b> 13 TEVES 6:15 pm Etz Chayim meets 7:30 pm Kol Emet meets	<b>4</b> 14 TEVES 8:15 pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah	<b>5</b> 15 TEVES 11:42:22 7:30 pm Family Service - Honoring Our B'nai Mitzvah Tutors	<b>6</b> 16 TEVES Veyechi Shabbos Ends: 5:33 9:10 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Service 8:00 pm Klezmer Night
<b>7</b> 17 TEVES	<b>8</b> 18 TEVES 10:45 am Yiddish Class 7:00 pm Website Committee Meeting	<b>9</b> 19 TEVES 8:00 pm N.E.W. Nite Out - Burgers, Beer and Friends 8:40 pm Prophets and Kings	<b>10</b> 20 TEVES 12:00 pm Lunch and Learn 6:15 pm Etz Chayim meets 7:30 pm Kol Emet meets 7:30 pm Rosh Chodesh Discussion 7:30 pm Taste of Judaism	<b>11</b> 21 TEVES 8:00 pm Board of Trustees	<b>12</b> 22 TEVES 11:42:29 8:00 pm Shabbat Service - Guest Speaker Rabbi Golan Ben-Chorin	<b>13</b> 23 TEVES Shemos Shabbos Ends: 5:40 9:10 am Torah Study 9:30 am Tot Shabbat 10:30 am Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah of Elena Cohen
<b>14</b> 24 TEVES NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 9:00 am R.S. Parent-Teacher Conferences 10:30 am B'Yachad Breakfast Guest Speaker Rabbi Golan Ben-Chorin	<b>15</b> 25 TEVES Martin Luther King Day NO ECC BUILDING CLOSED	<b>16</b> 26 TEVES 8:40 pm Prophets and Kings	<b>17</b> 27 TEVES 12:00 pm Lunch and Learn 6:15 pm Etz Chayim meets 7:30 pm Kol Emet meets 7:30 pm Membership Comm. Meeting 7:30 pm Taste of Judaism	<b>18</b> 28 TEVES 8:00 pm Book Group 8:15 pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah	<b>19</b> 29 TEVES 11:43:37 7:00 pm Pot Luck Supper 8:00 pm Music Service	<b>20</b> 1 SHEVAT Va'eira Shabbos Ends: 5:48 9:10 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah of Jenna Levine
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## Good & Welfare

The congregation mourns the passing of beloved member **Marylou Goldstein**, and sends condolences to her husband, **Laurence Goldstein**

### Condolences to...

**Arline Seidman** on the loss of her sister,  
Karen Sesky Propper  
**Jeffrey and Jonathan Balkin** on the loss of  
their father, Marc Balkin  
**James Chiappini** on the loss of his mother,  
Victoria Chiappini  
**Laurence Goldstein** on the loss of his brother-in-  
law, Ernest L. Sarason  
**Elizabeth Rubock** on the loss of her sister, Sharon  
Bernardik  
**Lynne and Bill Graizel** on the loss of their friend,  
Mildred Ingber  
**Julie Weisman** on the loss of her grandmother,  
Giselle Weisman

### Mazel Tov to...

**Gail and Bob Levy** on the birth of their grandson,  
Lucas Taylor, son of Marisa and Brian Levy  
**Miriam Clachko** on the birth of her great grandson,  
Daniel Andrew Kaplan

### Welcome to membership...

**Edward, Pixie, Evelyn, Isaac and Iris Pierce**  
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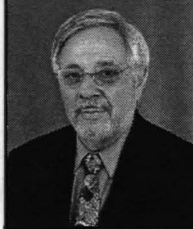


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## Temple Emeth College Kids

By Lynne Graizel

What if I offered to send you on a 10-day holiday half way around the world – and it was FREE? That's right – FREE!!

Well if you're between the ages of 18-26 you can go on a Taglit Birthright Israel trip. Since everyone who goes to college is not part of the college kids group, I wanted to make sure that all Temple members know about this trip for their child(ren).

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Next month I hope this column will be written by Dana Graizel, who left for Israel on December 28<sup>th</sup>.

### ADULT KALLAH

A weekend of study, prayer and socializing on February 9th-11th, 2007 at the Pearl River Hilton, New York costs \$425 - Double Occupancy or \$285-Single  
Final payment is due by February 1st.

For information call

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Carlene Fleishman (201) 836-0226

## SOCIAL ACTION IN ACTION

Your generosity helped staff the Family Shelter in Englewood during Christmas week. 35 congregants made a difference for 8 homeless families.

240 84-cent stamps were donated for the Stamp Out Despair program - allowing each of the 300 detainees at the Elizabeth Detention Center to write at least 3 letters. We provided almost a third.

### START THE NEW YEAR WITH A MITZVAH:

- Training will be held at Temple Emeth in January for volunteers to visit asylum seekers. Date to be announced.
- You can cook or serve at the soup kitchen in Hackensack on Tuesday, the 23rd.
- Sleep over or cook at the overflow homeless shelter at Temple Emeth on a Sunday evening in January/February.

For more information, contact Eva Sandrof  
at 201-837-2241

Next

## ROSH CHODESH

Wednesday

January 10, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

**Judy Fox will discuss  
Rabbis' daughters in  
History and Literature**

The remaining monthly Rosh Chodesh celebrations will take place on the following Wednesdays:

February 28<sup>th</sup> – Dr. Dorothy Balancio, Chair, Sociology Dept. Mercy College will compare and contrast Italian-American and Jewish-American Women

March 21<sup>st</sup> - The Tiles That Bind  
A film about women's bonding through Mah Jong. Learn the basics!

April 18<sup>th</sup> – Rabbi Nafshi – subject to be announced

May 16<sup>th</sup> – Rabbi Nafshi – Shavuot celebration subject to be announced.

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## **SHALACH MANOT 2007**



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## **REGIONAL SHABBATON JANUARY 27, 2007 IN MORRISTOWN**

### **Rabbi Zlotowitz to be *Darshan* -Faculty Expanded to Include Cantors and Educators**

The Annual Regional Shabbaton will be held at Temple B'nai Or, Morristown, New Jersey on Shabbat, January 27, 2007, presented by the Regional Committee on Religious Living.

Rabbi Bernard Zlotowitz, Regional Senior Scholar, will be the *Darshan* at the morning worship service. Ordained more than 50 years ago, Rabbi Zlotowitz has been a congregational Rabbi, Regional Director, teacher, and author during his long and diversified career.

The format of the day will be similar to prior *Shabbatons* – Torah study, followed by worship services, lunch, *zmirot*, and afternoon workshops. The day will conclude with a *S'udah Shlishit* and a *Havdalah* service.

This year, we are opening our doors to high school students, who will be welcome to participate in the day's programming. In a further departure from past *Shabbatons*, the workshops will be led by cantors and educators, as well as by Rabbis who have traditionally been the workshop leaders, thereby broadening the range of topics available to participants.

We urge you to mark the date, January 27, 2007, and to join the increasing number of people who participate in the Regional *Shabbaton*, one of our most well-received programs. Complete details of the day's programming will be forthcoming, through bulletin articles, e-mails, letters, and postings on the Regional website – [www.urj.org/njwhvc](http://www.urj.org/njwhvc)

## **B'NAI MITZVAH TUTORS WILL BE HONORED AT SERVICES**

**Friday, January 5th at 7:30 p.m.**

Temple Emeth B'nai Mitzvah Tutors volunteer their time to ensure that each of our children know their prayers flawlessly on the day of their Bar or Bat Mitzvah. Join us at January's family service to thank them for the invaluable contribution they make to Jewish education at Temple Emeth.

## It's time for another Shabbat Potluck Dinner!

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Bring your food! Bring your friends!  
And bring your appetite!

Everyone is welcome to join us on

**Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

for Shabbat dinner, blessings and friendship,  
followed by our  
monthly musical Shabbat service at 8:00 p.m.  
Please bring enough food (non-dairy) for 8-10  
people, in serving dishes, so everyone can try  
something different.

Please return this form to the office by  
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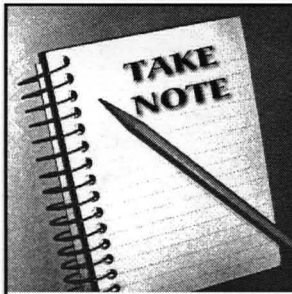
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Side dish (no soup please) \_\_\_\_\_

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

*(We'll supply the drinks)*

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*January*

- 1 New Year's Day -Building closed
- 5 B'nai Mitzvah Tutors honored 7:30 p.m.
- 6 Klezmer Night 8:00 p.m.
- 9 NEW Ladies Night Out 7:00 p.m.
- 10 Rosh Chodesh 7:30 p.m.
- 12 Speaker Rabbi Golan Ben-Chorin 8:00 p.m.
- 14 No Religious School (Parent Teacher  
Conferences  
B'yachad Breakfast 10:30 a.m.
- 15 Martin Luther King Day - Building Closed
- 26 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30 p.m.
- 27 Regional Shabbaton  
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## KABBALAT SHABBAT EVENING

**Friday, January 26, 2007  
at 6:30 p.m.**

*Sponsored by Adult Education*

**Reservations required by January 22nd.**

Our evening of song, good food, discussion and  
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sanctuary led by Rabbi Sirbu and Cantor Tilem.  
A traditional Shabbat dinner follows with songs  
and blessings. After dinner, Rabbi Sirbu will  
discuss "Are Jews allowed to laugh at Borat?"  
with the opportunity for all to participate in the  
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## WHAT'S NEW

By Lynne Graizel and Nickie Falk



If you missed the Mini Spa Night at Le Sabon on Cedar Lane in Teaneck, you missed a marvelous warm rock hand massage by licensed massage therapist Navah Levy-Mozeson. You missed spa owner Sara Kety-Elias demonstrating various types of lotions, creams, moisturizers and shower gels - matching the right product for each skin type. You missed an evening of camaraderie. And you missed refreshments. Almost all the products sold at Le Sabon are manufactured in Israel, and a portion of our purchases went to help Israeli victims of terror. It was really a feel good, do good evening for everyone involved.

La Sabon is a store worth checking out either in person at 509A Cedar Lane or on the web: [www.lesabon.com](http://www.lesabon.com) You can also contact Navah for information about all kinds of massage at:

[navah@therapeuticmassageforwomen.com](mailto:navah@therapeuticmassageforwomen.com)

How did we decide to hold an event at Le Sabon? One of our members, Mimi Sigel, brought it to our attention. So if you have an idea for a fun night out for our sisterhood, please contact me at [lynnegee@optonline.net](mailto:lynnegee@optonline.net) or Nickie Falk at [mfc32@optonline.net](mailto:mfc32@optonline.net). We'd both be happy to discuss a future event and help you plan and coordinate one.

**Don't forget Burgers, Beer and Good Friends night is scheduled for Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at Geronimo's Hot Spot in Teaneck.**

For more info contact Joy Firshein at (201) 287-9067 or pick up a flyer in the Temple Lobby.



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**Minutes from the Board of Trustees Meeting  
December 7, 2006**

President Dan Firshein provided news on the impending resignation of Michael Baer, an injury to a congregant's child in the Youth Lounge, the installation of the new security system, and the purchase of first aid kits.

Rabbi talked about the confirmation class and how he had worked with all 15 on their B'nai Mitzvah. He traveled to Washington for the Religious Action Center visit by the students, where they present their issues on the floor of Congress.

The Financial Secretary and the Assistant Treasurer summarized membership status and ongoing financial issues. Most notable is the installation of new artificial turf for the ECC playground (see last month's minutes). An outside accountant will be engaged to examine TE's books, and to undertake a special project to study our processes and procedures.

The Capital Campaign has received \$750,000 in gifts and pledges. Annual giving has reached \$63,000 in gifts and pledges. There is a nice synergy in the solicitations for one and the other.

The Social Action Committee has applied for an award as a result of its long relationship with the Inter-religious Fellowship for the Homeless. Rosh Chodesh, Couple's Club, NEW, and Renaissance reported on their upcoming activities (see elsewhere in this Bulletin).

A preliminary report by the Governance Subcommittee of the Strategic Planning Group was discussed at length. The six individuals on the Subcommittee have worked for one year, examining issues on the size of the Board and its role, the size of the Executive Committee and its role, and the relationship between the two. The Board determined to organize a longer, more structured Board workshop to elicit all opinions.

As always, the complete minutes are available in the Office. Also as always, all Board meeting are open to any congregant. For more information, contact Marc Chelemer, Secretary, at [marcchelemer@alum.mit.edu](mailto:marcchelemer@alum.mit.edu) or at 201-569-4877.



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**Saturday, January 27th, 2007 - 8 p.m. (promptly)**

**Temple Emeth's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Wine Tasting (and Dessert) Party**

**NEW** (Network of Emeth Women) and the **Men's Club** invite you to a blind tasting of California wines followed by a tasting of various U.S. wines and dessert.

Last year's event was phenomenal. This year we want **EVERYONE** to experience this fun night and will be offering it for \$25.00 (\$10 less than last year)!

Please remember to enjoy dinner before since this will be a tasting of wine!

**Reserve early and tell your friends!**

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Yes, I'm / We're eager to enjoy an evening of wine and merriment!!!

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

# of Reservations \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 per person (\$35.00 after 1/19/07)

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Return form and check by January 19<sup>th</sup> to:**

**Temple Emeth, 1666 Windsor Road, Teaneck, N.J. 07666.**

**Attention: Ken Rutz (201) 692-3652**

Please be informed that as of  
December 1, 2006  
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New Alarm System.

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to enter unless you have  
made prior arrangements with  
the office