

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE A Message from President Dan Firshein

Each month, I have the privilege of addressing the congregation with a few words in the Bulletin. I try to tackle an aspect of Temple life and some months I rack my brain for an appropriate spiritual, exciting or whimsical theme to bring to the forefront. This month it was a no-brainer.

Two years ago every member of the congregation received a copy of the Temple Emeth Strategic Plan. This document was created and evaluated by 50 members of our Synagogue, voted on and accepted by the congregation. Since then, we have been diligently working to review and adopt many of its proposals. During the past 18 months, as part of strategic planning, we have initiated many new events and programs.

A key component of the planning process was the evaluation of our financial standing. In essence, we looked at what we needed to insure our continued presence in the community.

In January, you received a letter from me: COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE - THE TEMPLE EMETH 60th ANNIVERSARY CAMPAIGN. As of today, Temple Emeth members have already pledged nearly \$900,000 towards our goal of \$2,200,000.

Members who have made these pledges recognize the importance of Temple Emeth. They have "stretched" and committed to donating sums of money - very significant to them - from hundreds to tens of thousands of dollars. These donations are spread over a 5 year period, and include: paying off the mortgage, repairing the sanctuary ceiling, improving our sound system in the sanctuary, and providing

handicap access to the bimah. Of course, accomplishing these goals will depend on the final amounts that we, as members, pledge.

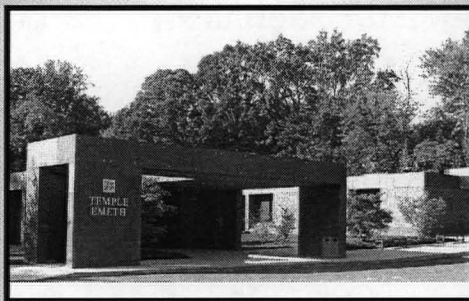
I have been a Temple member for 15 years and Temple Emeth has been an integral part of my family's life. I hope that you too feel, or will come to feel, about the Temple the way I do, along with so many other families. Because of our strong feelings

and affinity for the Temple, we also made a "stretch" gift to the Campaign. I hope you will join with my family, Rabbi Sirbu, Cantor Tilem, the entire Board of Trustees and the other 66 families who have already contributed to ensure that our Temple remains an exemplary, spiritual home for Reform Jews in Bergen County.

We have organized a series of "parlor parties" in Temple members' homes, as well as at the Temple, and urge you to attend. There will be no solicitation at these gatherings. We hope you will come and meet with fellow congregants and have your questions answered. You will also receive a call from one of our many congregational volunteers asking to visit with you at your home to discuss this Campaign. I ask that you be gracious and let them explain why we need everyone to join us in this endeavor.

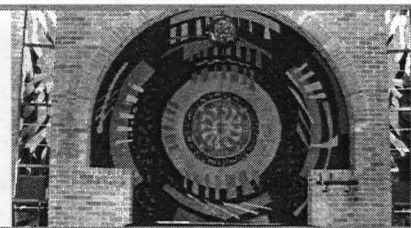
For almost 60 years, Temple Emeth has been recognized as a pillar in the Reform Jewish Community. With all of you joining in this effort, in whatever way you can, we will continue this legacy. Join us and be a part of the campaign.

B'shalom
Dan Firshein



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March	February 8	March 1	March 1	March 15
April	March 8	April 2	April 1	April 16
May	April 12	May 1	May 1	May 15
June	May 10	June 1	June 1	June 15

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.

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 and Barbara Balkin - dkrm505@yahoo.com

We cannot guarantee publication of items submitted on paper.

For Mid-month mailings, all materials (either camera ready art or information to be included in the body of the Mid-month sheet) are due by **12:00 noon** on the date of the deadline.

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Message From the Rabbi

"Old soldiers never die," General Douglas MacArthur famously said half a century ago, "they just fade away." But what happens to old prayerbooks and other holy books? While the print may fade away, the books do not.

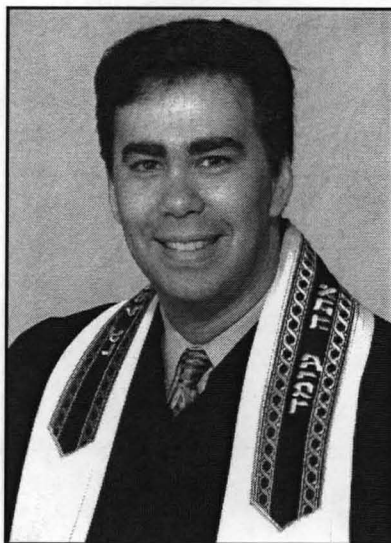
Generally speaking, according to Jewish law, holy books that are no longer usable are to be buried in a Jewish cemetery or put in a geniza, a designated chamber in a synagogue basement or wall where it is presumed the books will not be destroyed or desecrated. Often synagogues that do not have such a chamber instead have a box for holy items destined for burial. Often this box is also called a geniza, though that is not the technical meaning of the word.

Most items that are buried or placed in a geniza are simply unusable. They are books with broken bindings, torn pages or faded print. But sometimes books in excellent physical condition can no longer be used because they have become obsolete. While they may be of interest to librarians and archivists, they no longer have the broad appeal they once had. Temple Emeth finds itself in possession of several such books.

Most Temple members don't know that in the corner of the youth lounge, we have what we call the book closet. It holds all our holy books that are not in the sanctuary or the library. This includes some familiar titles like *Gates of Repentance*, our red High Holy Day prayerbook; the Passover haggadot we use at our second night congregational seder; and "Gates of Joy," the green paperback book we use on Sukkot, Simchat Torah and Purim. It also includes some titles you may not recognize, because they are no longer a regular part of our ritual practice.

These older books are the hardcover *Union Haggadah* with the gray cover; the Union Prayer Book, Volume II for High Holy Day Worship; and the first draft editions of *Mishkan T'filah* - one for Shabbat

evening and the other for Shabbat morning - which were printed about six years ago to commence the piloting process for a new Reform Shabbat prayerbook. (*Mishkan T'filah* has since been published in two other draft versions, and we eagerly await publication of the final version, which has been long delayed, but I hope will arrive in the next few months.)



Rabbi Steven Sirbu

Recently the Temple's Ritual Committee discussed what to do with these books. The House Committee asked that we remove from the book closet any books we are no longer using, as the shelves are beginning to bend under their weight. I concluded, and the committee agreed, that the above titles did not have any foreseeable use in our religious practice and could be removed from the building.

Before they went straight to the cemetery for burial, however, the committee hoped they would go to people who would value and use them, and is making the first offer to you, the members of Temple Emeth. If you are interested in one or more copies of the *Union Haggadah*, the *Union Prayer Book, Volume II*, or the first pilot draft of *Mishkan T'filah*, I invite you to contact me at the Temple by the end of February. They are free to a good home.

Beginning in March, I will try to find other synagogues or Jewish institutions that can use these volumes. Only if I am unable to find any takers from the congregation or the greater Jewish community will we designate them for burial.

As Reform Jews we accept and sometimes embrace change as part of our ongoing understanding of our faith. Even when that change means books become obsolete, it can be an opportunity for us to share them with others or retire them in a way consistent with our tradition. It is our way of ensuring that faded prayerbooks do not fade away.

From the Religious School

The Midrash tells us that when God created Adam and Eve, God took them to see all the trees of the Garden of Eden and instructed them "See how they are. Everything that I have created, I created for you." Another Midrash tells us "If you are in the middle of planting and word reaches you that the Messiah has arrived, do not interrupt your work; first finish your planting and only then go out to welcome the Messiah."

These two Midrashim will serve as the inspiration for our Religious School when we celebrate the holiday of Tu B'shevat. On Tu B'shevat, we celebrate the rebirth of nature, the rebirth of Israel, and the beauty of everything God has created. We affirm and recognize our responsibility toward each living thing. We express in song and story our love for the land of Israel, "the good land."



Tu B'shevat is a perfect time to connect to the land and the people of Israel and eat together with family and friends while recalling God's goodness.

Our students will celebrate and experience Tu B'shevat by participating in Tu B'shevat seders and honoring and remembering loved ones by planting trees in Israel through the JNF fund.

I invite the whole Temple community to make a personal connection to the land and people of Israel by planting trees this year. Pick up your tree planting form in our school office.

**"We breathe and the trees breathe.
We breathe in what the trees breathe out.
So we breathe each other into existence."**

From our tradition.

B'vracha,
Dora Geld Friedman
Religious School Director



From the Early Childhood Center

Nurturing the seeds..

As Tu B'Shevat arrives at the beginning of February, we have the opportunity to connect to the earth with a variety of mitzvot - planting, recycling, donating to the JNF, and any activity that helps raise our environmental awareness. As we renew our commitment to protecting the beautiful creation that God trusts us with, we can make a correlation between how we nurture the world of plants and that of our children.

In The Blessing of a Skinned Knee, clinical psychologist Wendy Mogel quotes a modern educator's teaching: "Try to see your child as a seed that came in a packet with no label. Your job is to provide the right environment and nutrients and to pull the weeds. You can't decide what kind of flower you'll get or in which season it will bloom."



With no label, we have no preconceived notion of what will make this child a success - the real beauty is in the wonder of what he/she grows into. The environment is common to all - a place to grow roots, a heart to listen and care, and a sky as the limit. The nutrients must be plentiful - security, love, understanding, gratitude, courage, clear rules and discipline. The weeds can be difficult to identify and exhausting to uproot.

But with warmth, maturity and humor we can raise bouquets of strong people who will be able to weather difficult storms and add their special beauty and scent to the world.

Sharon Floch
Director,
Early Childhood Center

TU B'SHEVAT SEDER

Sunday, February 4, 1:00 p.m.

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. 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 Tu B'Shevat with the holiday's own seder, a trek through varieties of fruits and nuts -the yield of our trees - representing 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 4. 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.

Please make checks payable to Temple Emeth

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of Adults @ \$2 per person _____

of Children @ \$1 per person _____

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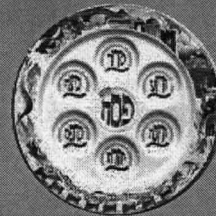
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Congregational Seder



Mark your calendars:

April 3, 2007

Temple Emeth's annual
second night

Congregational Seder

For reservations,
information or to volunteer,
contact:

Karen Sacks at
kssacks@optonline.net or
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Temple Gift Shop on Sundays from 9-1, and the Temple lobby on Sundays from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

JOIN KOL EMET for a SPECIAL CHORAL SERVICE

On **Friday, March 23rd**, the choir will be featured in a special Shabbat evening service with

Cantor Bruce L. Ruben, Director of the School of Sacred Music at HUC-JIR.

To that end, Choir Director Jacqueline Guttman is inviting additional singers of all ages to participate in this special event. Anyone who likes to sing and can carry a tune is welcome. Experienced choral singers who can learn their parts on their own (without a tape) can join as "ringers" who will rehearse with the choir two or three times before this performance.

**Kol Emet meets Wednesdays
from 7:45 - 9:15 p.m.**

For further information, contact Jackie Guttman at 503-9029 or jguttman@nj.rr.com.



Shown are members of the choir at a rehearsal with accompanist Jim Chiappini L-R, front: Director Jacqueline Guttman, Ida Jean Fisher, Sharon Schubert, Ellen Schwartz, Andrea Winters, Marcia Bronsnick, Judith Bitterman, Elaine Bergman, Phyllis Dunsay, rear: David Bloom, Howard Guttman, Mel Sandler, Howard Kaplan, Jules Feiman, and Adele Hirschmann

B'Yachad Announcement



Rabbi Sirbu and Cantor Tilem will lead our
10th Annual Inter-Faith Seder

for the non-Jewish community on March 25th



WE NEED 30 + volunteers to:

- Prepare Seder food and/or set-up tables for guests
from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
(or any hours you can spare)
- Welcome guests from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
- Host tables from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

**TO HELP, PLEASE CONTACT EITHER Sy Lazar at (201) 498-9563
or Art Lerman at alerman@mercy.edu**

Please note: This event does not require any committee meetings



Spotlight on

ENDOWMENT FUNDS: Taking the Long View

Jacqueline Guttman

The Temple Emeth Endowment Foundation (TEEF) is an independent organization that helps make possible certain Temple activities. It manages various funds established to provide endowment income to the synagogue. With a current value of \$392,000, these endowments are kept completely separate from the operating budget and generate income that supports many projects and activities that enrich Temple life.

Members have the opportunity at any time to contribute to existing funds or, with a minimum contribution of \$5,000, (soon to be \$10,000) establish new "named" funds in someone's honor or memory.

Emeth parents and grandparents have many opportunities to assist children and teens, since several of the funds support and encourage Temple youth activities.

For example, the *Alfred P. and Helen Levin*

Youth Awards Fund provides grants to help young people attend Jewish camps and conventions.

The *Bea Howard / Elsie Honigberg Scholarship Fund* provides scholarships to the Temple Emeth Religious School and the Bergen Academy of Reform Judaism.

The *Jack and Helen Lazar Educational Enrichment Fund* supports projects through proposals submitted to the Education Endowments Allocation Committee.

The *Youth Scholarship Fund*, established anonymously in 1993 to develop youth leadership skills among Emeth's teenagers, provides awards that enable students to attend UAHC camps and programs of the Jewish and National Federations of Temple Youth (JFTY and NFTY).

The *Ned and Doris Siner Music Fund*, established by Laura Kirsch and her brother, Robert Siner, in 2005, supports a music program for the Religious School.

Temple Emeth is grateful to the members who generously established these funds. You too, can add to an endowment or create a new one in honor or in memory of someone special in your life, thereby making a lasting contribution to the future of our synagogue.

For further information, contact Sue Keusch, president of TEEF, at 201-836-6275, or s_keusch@hotmail.com.

Passover Candy Sale

The Religious School is having a Passover Candy Sale beginning
February 4th through the 25th.



All proceeds go towards
educational enrichment programs.

Your participation is greatly appreciated

If you have any questions, please call

Arlene at 201-894-1153

or Lillian at 201-794-6146.

Thank you for your support.

Save the Date

**Rabbi Louis J. Sigel
Scholar-in-Residence Weekend**

April 20 - 22, 2007

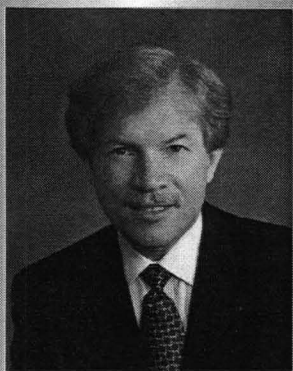
Temple Emeth welcomes

Rabbi Gary P. Zola, Ph.D.

**"Great Ideas and Personalities of the
American Jewish Experience"**

Friday, April 20 at 8 p.m.

"American Jewry's Greatest Legacies"



Is there something unique and noteworthy
about the American Jewish experience?
What can we learn from the broad flow of
American Jewish history?

Saturday, April 21 at 9:10 a.m.

**"What this week's Torah portion can teach us
about American Jewish History"**

Saturday, April 21 at 1:00 p.m.

**"George Washington and the story of Religious
Freedom in America"**

Sunday, April 22 at 10:45 a.m.

**"Great Voices, Civil Rights and American
Reform Judaism"**

(hear the voices of some of the great orators
from the past)

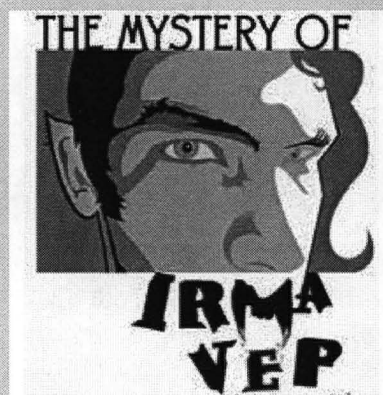
Watch your mail for more detailed information
on this exciting and informative weekend.

If you would like to help please contact Elaine
Pollack, Chairperson at elaine33@optonline.net
or 201-385-2085

**Renaissance Group
Theater Party**

"The Mystery of Irma Vep"

Sunday, February 25th, 2007, 2 p.m.



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Milford. The cost of the dinner is \$25 per person.

For more information contact:

Elaine Pollack, 201-385-2085,
elaine33@optonline.net

Barbara Kaufman, 201-385-8433,
BKaufmanNJ@aol.com

***Please return the reservation form below
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***Make checks payable to The Temple Emeth
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Yes! I/we want tickets for "The Mystery of Irma Vep" on
February 25, 2007

Name(s) _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Number of tickets _____

Enclosed is \$ _____ (@ \$15 per ticket

Also enclosed is \$ _____ for the optional
dinner (@ \$25 per person

Services and S'machot

15 Shevat 5767
Friday, February 2

Shabbat Shirah
Family Service at 7:30 p.m.

The Oneg is sponsored by Nicole and Douglas Falk
in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Perri Falk

Saturday, February 3

Shabbat Worship at 10:30 a.m.

BAT MITZVAH OF PERRI FALK

Torah Portion: Exodus 13:17-17:16

Haftarah: Judges 4:4-5:31

23 Tevet 5767
Friday, February 9

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

The Oneg is sponsored by Susan Suchoff
in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of her daughter, Samantha Hershbein

Saturday, February 10

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

BAT MITZVAH OF SAMANTHA HERSHBEIN

Torah Portion: Exodus 18:1-20:23

Haftarah: Isaiah 6:1-7:6; 9:5-6

29 Shevat 5767
Friday, February 16

Shabbat Mishpatim
Music Service at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 17
Torah Portion: Exodus 21:1-24:18

Shabbat Worship at 10:30 a.m.
Haftarah: II Kings 12:5-16

6 Adar 5767
Friday, February 23

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

Saturday, February 24
Torah Portion: Exodus 25:1-27:19

Shabbat Worship at 10:30 a.m.
Haftarah: I Kings 5:26-6:13

February 2007

13 Shevat 5767 - 10 Adar 5767

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 13 SHEVAT 8:00 pm Ritual Committee Meeting 8:15 pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class	2 14 SHEVAT 11:45 9:00 am ECC Tu B'Shevat Celebration 7:30 pm Family Service	3 15 SHEVAT ✠ Tu B'Shvat ✠ Beshallah ✠ Shabbat Ends: 6:06 9:10 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Service - Bat Mitzvah of Perri Falk
4 16 SHEVAT 9:00 am Prayerbook Hebrew for Beginners 11:15 am Family Holiday Fun 1:00 pm Congregational Tu B'Shevat Seder	5 17 SHEVAT 10:45 am Yiddish Class	6 18 SHEVAT	7 19 SHEVAT 12:00 pm Lunch and Learn 6:15 pm Etz Chayim meets 7:30 pm Kol Emet meets	8 20 SHEVAT 8:00 pm Board of Trustees Meeting 8:15 pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class	9 21 SHEVAT 11:5:03 Adult Kallah Week-end at the Pearl River Hilton begins 8:00 pm Shabbat Service	10 22 SHEVAT ✠ Yitro ✠ Shabbat Ends: 6:14 Adult Kallah 9:10 am Torah Study 9:30 am Tot Shabbat 10:30 am Shabbat Service - Bat Mitzvah of Samantha Hershbein
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25 7 ADAR Israel Trip Returns 2:00 pm Renaissance Theater Party	26 8 ADAR	27 9 ADAR 7:00 pm Cap. Campaign Mtg. 7:30 pm Literature from a Jewish Perspective 8:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting	28 10 ADAR 12:00 pm Lunch and Learn 6:15 pm Etz Chayim meets 7:30 pm Kol Emet meets 7:30 pm Rosh Chodesh Discussion			

Good & Welfare

Condolences to...

Cynthia Massarsky on the loss of her mother,
Harriet Wilson

Sybil Silberman on the loss of her sister,
Ethelyn Bruck

Jennifer Saloway on the loss of her grandfather,
Joseph Saloway

Mazel Tov to...

Dru and Ted Greenwood on the marriage of their
son, Benjamin to Emily Stewart

Judy and Gidon Yablonka on the birth of their
granddaughter, Ayla Mae, daughter of Naomi
and Jeffrey Gerwitz

Welcome to membership...

Helene and Mel Sandler

Nadera, David, Jordana, and Josephine Marsa &
Devan Pitomber

Get Well Wishes to...

Jerome Fisch

Marty Dubno

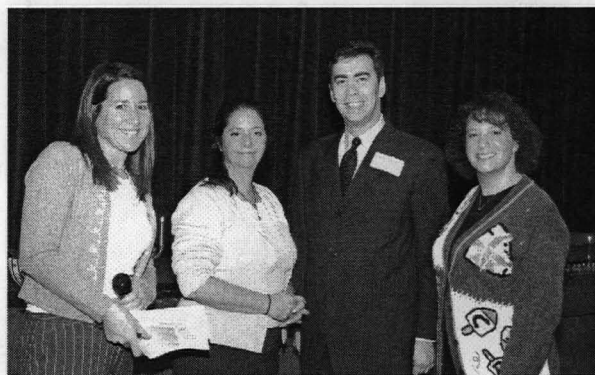
Bunny Ritzer

Edith Fox

Memories of Chanukah

Many thanks to all who helped to make our 7th Annual Membership Chanukah Dinner such a great success! What a wonderful turnout of approximately 210 friends and members — long-time and newcomers, adults (young and seasoned) and families with children. New member families who joined us in 2006 were welcomed with gifts as special guests.

The Membership Committee would like to especially thank teen congregant Elizabeth Graber, who, along with her mom Amy, provided activities and holiday fun for our youngsters in the Youth Lounge. Also, a special thanks to the Yablonkas, Kaplans and Grossmans for helping to run the kitchen so smoothly and to Sharon Kalman, Bev & Sy Lazar, Elaine Pollack and Ruth Adler for all their hard work as committee members. Many thanks, too, to Rabbi Sirbu, Cantor Tilem & Etz Chayim for making our Chanukah dinner a warm, spiritual and festive celebration.



We look forward to celebrating Chanukah
next year with you all!

Shana Janoff & Jill Kantor
Co-chairs, Chanukah Dinner

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Temple Emeth College Kids

By Lynne Graizel

You know your kids are living the good life when you send them off on a semester abroad. Janette Rosenbaum, a senior at Mt. Holyoke College in Massachusetts, is back from spending a semester in Australia.

Here are some of her reflections:

"You know there aren't many Jews around when you can't find a Kosher deli and your neighbors don't know what a bagel is.

Of course, this was not the first thing on my mind when I arrived in Canberra, the capital city of Australia. Over the course of the semester I learned that bagels could sometimes be found on the very bottom shelf at the market and that the correct way to spread Vegemite on one is thickly over a generous serving of butter.

I learned that my neighbors were not familiar with the phrases "garbage can" or "commercial break." And most didn't know that New Jersey was a state! The differences between Americans and Australians are mostly in the details. They don't have pennies. They drive on the left and understand the metric system. We drive on the right and rarely use the metric system. They are laid back, easygoing people. And while no one ever asked about my religious views, they often demanded to know my opinion of President Bush.

Australia is a wonderful, friendly place to visit or to live. Just remember that a "torch" requires batteries and a "Barbie" is not a toy. Fair dinkum!"

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SOCIAL ACTION IN ACTION

Temple Emeth will once again serve as an overflow shelter for the homeless. This year, however, there are fewer people meeting the criteria for staying in settings like ours. Therefore, we will only be hosting on Sundays in March. We need volunteers to sleep, or cook/serve for one of these evenings.

Hunger is a serious concern for many individuals and families in Bergen County. Please continue to contribute food to the Center for Food Action in Englewood. \$20.00 supermarket gift cards are also appreciated. Place in a sealed envelope in the Social Action mail box.

On Monday, **March 5th** the Reform Jewish Advocates for Justice is planning a **LOBBY DAY** in Trenton. The focus, stemming from the MANNA program will be hunger, affordable housing and health care. More information in the future.

SAVE THE DATES - APRIL 15-17, 2007

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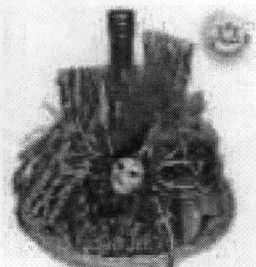
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1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Delivery date: Sunday, March 4, 2007

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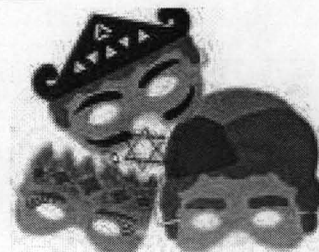
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you may also download the order form and return it to the office:

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ROSH CHODESH

Join Temple Emeth women
for another
thought-provoking,
stimulating evening on

Wednesday, February 28th at 7:30 p.m.

when

**Dr. Dorothy Balancio,
Professor of Sociology at Mercy College**

**will COMPARE AND CONTRAST
JEWISH-AMERICAN and
ITALIAN-AMERICAN WOMEN**

Dr. Balancio will address the Italian and Jewish immigrant experience: stereotypes, family rituals, sex roles, education and the impact of feminism.

There is no charge for this session.

Next meeting:

March 21st - The Tiles That Bind

A film about women's bonding through Mah Jong. Learn the basics!

The Religious School

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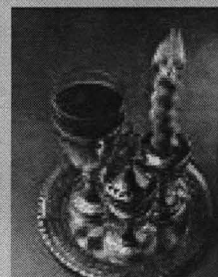
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Summary of Minutes from the January 11th Board Meeting

President Dan Firshein opened the meeting with a reading entitled "Ripples," about how the good things we do can have a ripple effect on others. He announced that a Nominating Committee has been selected and will be chaired by Larry Silver. A Youth Coordinator Search Committee has been assembled. The Membership Committee's new chair is Larry Silver. The Borowitzes are stepping down from the Publicity Committee; coordinators of Fundraising and Rentals are being sought as well.

Rabbi Sirbu spoke of upcoming events, including the Israel trip which departs February 15th. He is hoping to keep a blog on the trip so that congregants can follow the group's adventures.

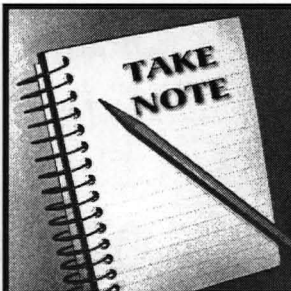
Financial Secretary Michael Robinson reported that we currently have 419 members, and dues are 75% paid. Assistant Treasurer Jeff Etzin met with Lakeland Bank to discuss possible changes to the current mortgage.

The 60th Anniversary Capital Campaign is in full swing, and \$895,300 has been raised to date. Informational parlor meetings will be held in the near future at member's homes and at the Temple.

The Annual Giving Committee reports that 195 families have pledged over \$74,000. Many families who pledged to the Capital Campaign have also made Annual Giving pledges, which extend over the next few years.

The Temple building was closed for a few days at the end of December to examine the sanctuary ceiling carefully. Results from this examination will be available soon, enabling the board to determine how to proceed with the ceiling's repair.

This year's Scholar-in-Residence Weekend will be held April 20th through 22nd. Our scholar this year is Rabbi Gary Zola, an expert in American Jewish History. Information on events and sponsorships is now available.



February

- 4 Tu B'Shevat Seder 1 p.m.
- 9-11 Adult Kallah at Pearl River Hilton
- 15 Israel trip departs
Book Group meets 8:00 p.m.
- 18-21 Religious School closed
- 19 Building closed
- 20-23 ECC closed
- 25 Renaissance Theater Party 2:00 p.m.
- 28 Rosh Chodesh 7:30 p.m.

Minutes continued

This year's Bazaar raised \$12,500. 221 people attended this year's Chanukah dinner. Thirty eight women attended the most recent Rosh Chodesh evening, when Judy Fox spoke about rabbis' daughters. Thirty five people volunteered at the family shelter the last week in December. Temple Emeth will once again house the overflow shelter for the homeless, this year on Sunday evenings in March. 88 people have provided information for the Temple database; information will be given to committee chairs.

The Synagogue Leadership Initiative Committee presented information to the board, detailing a long list of accomplishments, including new activities, new leaders, new groups, and a more positive financial outlook. Future goals include discussions of governance, leadership development, membership retention and fundraising.

Temple members are always welcome to attend board meetings. Full copies of the minutes are available, as always, in the Temple office.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Kosakoff
Assistant Secretary

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WHAT'S NEW

By Lynne Graizel and Nickie Falk

The Network of Emeth Women held its January event at Geronimo's Hot Spot (a Teaneck restaurant owned by the Preschel family - Temple Emeth members).

The Burgers 'N Beer night was organized and hosted by Joy Firshein, who thoughtfully provided the group with goodie bags filled with trinkets from all of the places that NEW has held events this year (Chef Central, The Lorrimer Nature Sanctuary, Le Sabon and even a discount coupon to Eco Galleria).

If you haven't been to a NEW event and would like to join our group, please contact either Lynne Graizel at lynnegee@optonline.net or Nickie Falk at mfc32@optonline.net



Lynne Graizel, Joy Firshein and Mimi Sigel at Geronimo's Hot Spot
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Our next event:
Wine Tasting with
the Men's Club
on January 27,
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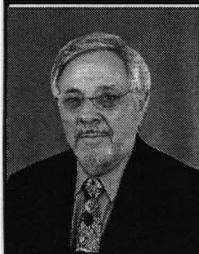
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The Jewish Community Council of Teaneck will hold its annual observance of **Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Memorial Day**, on **Monday, April 16, 2007**. The commemoration has become a much anticipated event in our community.

This year's program will feature professor, author, and survivor **Dr. Livia Bitton-Jackson**. At age thirteen, she, her mother and her brother were deported to Auschwitz. They were liberated in 1945 and arrived in the United States on a refugee boat in 1951. Dr. Bitton-Jackson received a Ph.D. in Hebrew culture and Jewish history from New York University and was a professor of history at City University of New York for thirty-seven years. Her books include *Ellie: Coming of Age in the Holocaust*, which received the Christopher Award and the Eleanor Roosevelt Humanitarian Award.

As in previous years, we will read aloud the family names of those who perished in the Holocaust and are related to Teaneck residents. However, we are revising and updating the printed list in our booklet: **"THESE WE HAVE LOST."** NAMES WILL NOT AUTOMATICALLY BE INCLUDED FROM PREVIOUS LISTS. You must indicate below if you want the names to be listed as before, or if there are changes. To be a sponsor and to ensure that your memorial names will be read that evening and printed in the remembrance booklet, please fill out the form below and return it with your contribution of \$25 or more by **February 28, 2007** to: **Sharon Penkower Kaplan, 534 S. Forest Drive Teaneck, NJ 07666**. Please make your check payable to the: **Jewish Community Council of Teaneck**. If you have any questions, please contact Chairs of the Holocaust Commemoration Committee: **Blanche Hampel Silver** at blancjay@optonline.net, **Mashy Oppenheimer** at thebup@aol.com, or **Eillene Leistner** at eillene@aol.com.

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Associate Professor of the American Jewish Experience at Hebrew Union College — Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, Ohio, Dr. Zola edits *The American Jewish Archives Journal*, the biannual publication of The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives.

Dr. Zola is also a highly regarded expert on the development of American Reform Judaism and the author of *Isaac Harby of Charleston*, a major biographical study on one of the founders of organized Reform Judaism in America. His articles have appeared in many scholarly publications including *American Jewish History*, *American Jewish Archives*, *Canadian Jewish History* and the *Journal of Reform Judaism*.

In 2004 he served as chair of the National Commission for Commemorating 350 Years of Jewish Life in North America (1654-2004). He had the honor of offering the opening prayer for the U.S. House of Representatives in 2004 and served as Guest Chaplain of the U.S. Senate in 2005.

Rabbi Zola was ordained in 1982 and received his Ph.D. in American Jewish History from HUC-JIR in 1991. A native of Chicago, Rabbi Zola currently lives in Cincinnati with his wife Stefi and their four children.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, April 20, 2007

6:00 pm

Dinner* at Temple for
Scholar-in-Residence

Benefactors, Sponsors and Patrons

8:00 pm

Shabbat Evening Services

followed by lecture:

"American Jewry's Greatest Legacies"

*(Is there something unique and noteworthy about
the American Jewish experience?)*

Saturday, April 21, 2007

9:10 am

Text Study Session on

What the week's Torah portion can teach
us about American Jewish history.

10:30 am

Shabbat Morning Services

Saturday, April 21, 2007 (continued)

12:00 noon

Luncheon*

1:00 pm

Presentation:

"George Washington and the Story of
Religious Freedom in America"

Sunday, April 22, 2007

10:00 am

Brunch*

10:45 am

Lecture:

"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?)*

* Reservations for meals are required by April 6, 2007.

(All meals are included for Benefactors, Sponsors and Patrons.)

No reservations are needed for lectures.

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