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Celebrate Purim at  
Temple Emeth!

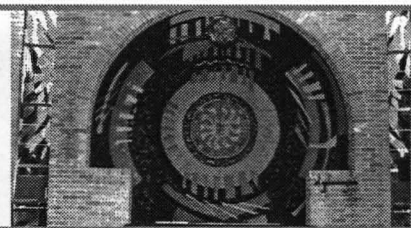
Saturday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m.  
Purim Services and Megillah Reading

Sunday, March 4 at 9:30 a.m.  
Purim Carnival in the Social  
Hall



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# Message From the Rabbi

The story of Purim, as told in the Scroll of Esther, takes place in Shushan, which is in Persia. The Jews of the kingdom seem established and comfortable until one man bent on their destruction, Haman, gains enough power to actually implement a plan of mass murder.

Historically, the Jews of Persia have had good relations with the ruling authorities. It was the ancient Persians, under King Cyrus, who liberated the Jews from the grip of the Babylonians and allowed them to return from exile and rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem in the Sixth Century BCE. The prophets Isaiah and Ezekiel foretold the redemption that Cyrus would bring, and since then he has had a revered place in Jewish history. Today Persia is called Iran, and any of the warm nostalgic feelings we used to have for the leadership of that country have evaporated since the ascension of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

President Ahmadinejad has repeatedly said that Israel should be wiped off the map. We've certainly heard this call before from Arab extremists, but the Persian voice is a most unwelcome addition. Several months ago, in response to the cartoons lampooning the prophet Mohammed in Danish newspapers, he established a contest inviting submissions that made light of the Holocaust.

And two months ago, the Iranian president convened a Holocaust denial conference in Teheran. We have heard these canards about the Holocaust before, but usually from white anti-Semites in Europe. This time it is coming from the new power in the Middle East.

Holocaust denial, at its core, is not about history. It is about Israel's right to exist. Israel, so the theory goes, exists today because of the world's guilt

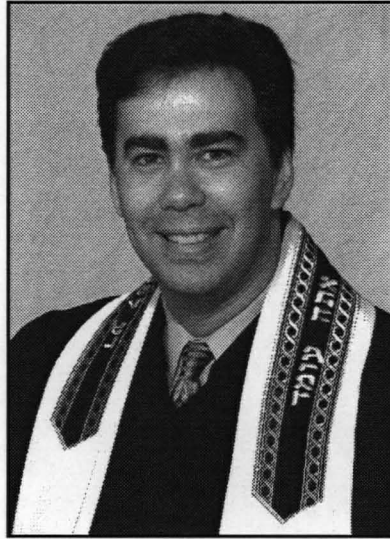
about what happened to the Jews during World War II. If the world can be convinced that the Holocaust didn't happen, then Israel's *raison d'être* disappears. Never mind Herzl, the Balfour Declaration, or the waves of immigration prior to World War II.

It may surprise you, then, to learn that there are 25,000 Jews living in Iran (the second highest Middle Eastern Jewish population after Israel) and that almost none of them want to leave. There are flights to the west daily and plenty of philanthropists willing to pay their way, but the emigration rate—already at a trickle—went down even further last year. How could this be?

Do Iranian Jews know something that we don't know? Or, like Jews of other eras, does their love for their homes and their neighbors blind them to the threats that are brewing in their own back yard?

There's no way to know, but I tend to lean toward the former. President Ahmadinejad, to my knowledge, has never threatened Iranian Jews or taken concrete steps to make them feel unwanted. Moreover, there is a burgeoning protest movement among Iranians who are ashamed of how he represents their country to the rest of the world. It is clear that President Ahmadinejad does not speak for all Iranians and that the seeds for domestic regime change have been planted. I hope they sprout quickly.

Just like Haman, today's Persian tyrant will someday get his just reward, and I hope that day arrives long before Iran acquires a nuclear weapon. Just as Esther and Mordecai prayed and fasted for the safety of their people, so too we must we pray for the safety of Iran's Jews and the State of Israel.



Rabbi Steven Sirbu

# From the Cantor

## BLESSINGS AND CURSES

The title of this article is one I have used for at least two others in my nearly thirteen years at Temple Emeth. This is probably because I am fascinated with the Torah portion, Re'eh. Re'eh is read in the month of Av, just a few weeks before the High Holy Days, and discusses blessings and curses at length. The message of this portion has been exemplified in my own life time and time again. I have found that the hand of God is always present in our lives and that we are often completely unaware whether an event is a blessing or a curse until long after it happens.



Cantor Ellen Tilem

I have been struggling with my vocal health since I came to Temple Emeth and I am no longer able to avoid a surgical solution to this problem. I am grateful to Rabbi Sirbu, Marc Klausner, Judith Bitterman and others who have supported me by singing with me or in my stead this past year. However, as long as my voice is not able to produce what it ought to, I cannot be the Cantor that this congregation needs, or the Cantor I want to be. So at the end of March, I will undergo surgery on my vocal chords.

The most difficult part of this surgery will be the recovery period. I will not be able to speak

at all for nearly three weeks and I will not be able to sing for an additional three to four. However, with some months of voice therapy, I am told that I will, God willing, be able to sing in full voice within five months. While my otolaryngologist and surgeon would like me to have surgery as soon as possible, after weighing the needs of the congregation, we settled on a March 26<sup>th</sup> surgery date, which will have me back in full voice for the High Holy Days.

When I told my husband of my impending operation, I explained to him that I saw it as a blessing. He reacted as anyone who has had major surgery would. For him, surgery was no blessing; it is a scary and painful remembrance of a difficult time in his life. For a Cantor, I explained, being able to sing for another ten or twenty years is a great blessing. I am sure that God brought me to this place for a reason.

I pray that I will be blessed to sing God's praises for years to come and I look forward to a future of helping each of you in some small way, to reach your full spiritual potential, bringing you closer to God through prayer and song.

Cantor Ellen Tilem



## Message From the President

Wow! So last month, I finally made it to the front page with my introduction of the Temple Emeth 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Campaign! Thank you, Editors Sandi and Barbara - my mother is so proud! This month, it's back to page 5 with another topic of significance to our congregation. I want to address upcoming leadership changes and the work of the Nominating Committee. This committee, chaired by immediate Past President Larry Silver, worked diligently to provide continued strong leadership at Temple Emeth, consistent with our long-term goals and strategic planning process. The Committee members volunteered many hours and will present their complete report at this month's Board meeting. Then, as is specified in the TE Constitution, the Congregation will be asked to vote on the nominees at the Annual Meeting on May 10, 2007.

When I was nominated for the august position of Temple President, I was nervous as a long-tailed cat in a roomful of rockin' chairs! I hope those chosen to continue on the Board, and those new to leadership roles at the Temple, will continue to move us forward and embrace the challenge of managing our vibrant congregation. For me, leadership means continually learning and evolving. Since taking the reins of TE 18 months ago, I have tried to improve and become (what I think) is a better leader. Unfortunately, there are only 1440 minutes in each day and we have to balance the minutes given to us. To fit in time for the huge challenge of the Temple Presidency, I have had to learn to squeeze in all my usual daily activities and work schedule with my Temple responsibilities. In preparation for the job, I took a Synagogue Management course at the Hebrew Union College in New York, I attended the Scheidt Seminar for Temple Presidents in Atlanta, I attended the URJ Biennial in Houston and I read all I could about leadership in general and leadership in a Reform Jewish context. I have discovered that many of the classic thoughts on leadership may be myths:

Myth 1- Leaders must possess charismatic personalities

Myth 2- Leaders must be smarter than the people they lead

Myth 3- Leaders must be super popular

Myth 4- Behind every leader is a string of unqualified successes.

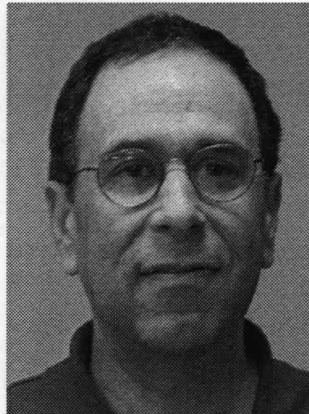
I have learned a few things that do seem to be important when leading others and have tried to embrace them:

Thought 1- Effective leaders are decision makers

Thought 2- Leaders are bearers of standards

Thought 3- Leaders try to innovate

Thought 4- Leaders do their best to motivate



Fortunately, I have had the opportunity to work with and learn from our clergy, our excellent Executive Committee and our Board. Sometimes, we function in roles we're not comfortable with - like fundraising, learning to chair a committee, or public speaking. But what a terrific education this can be!

Each of us, is a leader - in our families, on the job, in many kinds of organizations and at our Temple. My hope is that our incoming leaders take on the roles of decision makers, standard bearers, innovators and motivators by recognizing our individual strengths and by capitalizing on the strengths of our Temple community.

B'shalom,  
Dan Firshein  
President

P.S. I would be negligent in my message this month if I did not thank:

- 1- Our "Campaign Cabinet" for their fantastic efforts
- 2- All of you who have attended our Parlor Meetings, and...
- 3- The many congregants who have welcomed campaign volunteers into their homes and have given so graciously to the Temple I love, during the TE 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Campaign.

## From the Religious School

### "Of Masks and Miracles – the Hidden and the Revealed"

Our tradition instructs us that when the Hebrew month Adar begins we "increase our happiness." As we approach the celebration of Purim, which occurs in the month of Adar, we are challenged as a Jewish community to have a more meaningful, joyous life. The holiday of Purim inspires our students to examine our tradition and its relationship to joy and acts of loving kindness.



Our students, in grades K-7, learn that on Purim, as on other holidays, we share our joy with others. They are learning and doing the special mitzvot of Purim - mishloach manot – sharing of food with friends and family and tzedakah – contributing money that is collected every class meet-

ing. It will be disbursed at the end of the school year to a variety of causes. A special tzedakah project is money we are collecting for our sister city, Nahariya. Purim is a joyous time, a time we celebrate because justice was done. For our Temple Emeth community, the study of Torah, prayer and celebration of the holidays "with joy" add meaning and purpose to our lives.

*And the month was turned from sorrow to gladness from mourning to joy.*

(The Megillah - Scroll of Esther)

B'vracha,  
Dora Geld Friedman

## From the Early Childhood Center

The joyous holiday of Purim comes only once a year, so we at the ECC are planning to take full advantage of the opportunity to celebrate and make merry. We will fulfill all four of the mitzvot of Purim as stated in the acrostic below:



**C**ollecting donations to  
**H**elp those in need  
**A**s we march at our Walk-a-thon to  
**G**ive Matanot L'Evyonim.  
  
**P**acking different kinds of foods,  
**U**plifting the mood as we  
**R**emove the treats from packages  
**I**nto festive baskets full of sweets for  
**M**ishloach Manot.

**S**eudat Esther – a delicious feast  
**A**mong family and friends after hearing  
**M**egillat  
**E**sther read aloud, and the crowd  
**A**ll dressed in costume to  
**C**all out and jeer at evil  
**H**aman whom we tricked and defeated.

Until next year,  
**CHAG PURIM SAMEACH!!**

Sharon Floch  
Director,  
Early Childhood Center

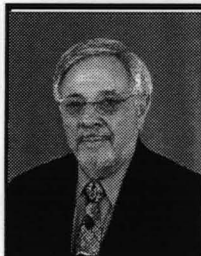


## CELEBRATE SHABBAT IN SONG!

Please join us on Shabbat evening,

**March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 p.m.**

for a beautiful service celebrating the music of Cantor Charles Davidson. Joining Cantor Tilem on the bimah will be **Cantor Bruce Ruben**, Director of the Hebrew Union College School of Sacred Music. Cantor Ruben also served as the Cantor of Temple Shaaray Tefila in New York City for twenty-four years. Cantor Tilem describes this friend and colleague as "a model for all Cantors, knowledgeable in an overwhelming variety of topics, a true mensch with a stunning voice." The service will feature our outstanding volunteer choir, **Kol Emet**. Many congregants who do not usually sing in our choir have joined us for this exciting event. Our choir is sure to sparkle, with more voices and greater spirit than ever, under the direction of Jacqueline Guttman. We look forward to sharing this wonderful evening with you, see you there!



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## Temple Emeth's 2007 Spring Gala Event!

**Saturday, April 28, 2007**

Look for the "Save the Date" Invite in the Mail!

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**Spotlight  
on**

## **EMTY**

**Danielle Diuguid, President**

Greetings from EMTY! Emeth Temple Youth, the organization for teenagers from 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade, is well on its way through the 2007 school year. With a devoted board of high school students, EMTY has planned numerous events throughout the year and is anxiously awaiting new members to attend! Beginning the year with our annual apple picking, EMTY has also held lounge nights and a trip to the Gravity Vault, New Jersey's biggest indoor rock climbing center! In addition to all the fun, the Youth Group is also very involved in improving the community. By donating food to the homeless and holding an important event on the affects of global warming, EMTY is committed to providing a better future for everyone.

Though EMTY has had many exciting events planned throughout the year, the attendance and membership levels have not reached expectations. Many teenagers do not understand EMTY's purpose. We are a group of kids like the rest of the community, hoping to provide a place where Jewish teenagers can come together to relax, question and understand your beliefs, and have some fun. EMTY is just a small outlet to greater communities of Reform Judaism, such as the North American Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY).

Flyers are constantly sent out, informing the community of upcoming EMTY events. Parents, encourage your children to come participate! If you can get your child to give one event a chance, we will not disappoint you! It's an opportunity to keep everyone interested in Judaism while having a blast. There are still many upcoming events in 2007. We run based on what YOU want and are always open to suggestions! Questions? Comments? Contact me, Danielle Diuguid, at [emtypresidents@gmail.com](mailto:emtypresidents@gmail.com). Hope to see you at the next event!!

## **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.

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Pollack, Chairperson at [elaine33@optonline.net](mailto:elaine33@optonline.net)  
or 201-385-2085



## Services and S'machot

**13 Adar 5767**

**Friday, March 2**

The Oneg is sponsored by Leslie Ann Brody in honor of the  
Bat Mitzvah of her daughter, Serena Wasserman

**Saturday, March 3**

**BAT MITZVAH OF SERENA WASSERMAN**

*Torah Portion: Exodus 27:20-30:10*

**Shabbat Zachor**

**Family Service at 7:30 p.m.**

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

**Purim Service and**

**Megillah Reading at 7:30 p.m.**

*Haftarah: Esther 7:1-10; 8:15-17*

**20 Adar 5767**

**Friday, March 9**

The Oneg is sponsored by Lia and Robert Isaac in honor of the  
Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Julia Isaac

**Saturday, March 10**

**BAT MITZVAH OF JULIA ISAAC**

*Torah Portion: Exodus: 30:11-34:35*

**Shabbat Parah**

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

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

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

*Haftarah: Ezekiel 36:22-36*

**27 Adar 5767**

**Friday, March 16**

The Oneg is sponsored by Pauline and Stan Hecht in honor of the  
Baby Naming of their granddaughter, Rebecca Julia Gomez

**Saturday, March 17**

*Torah Portion: Exodus 35:1-40:38*

**Shabbat Ha Chodesh**

**Music Service at 8:00 p.m.**

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

**Havdalah Service at 7:15 p.m.**

*Haftarah: Ezekiel 45:16-25*

**5 Nisan 5767**

**Friday, March 23**

**Guest Cantor Bruce Ruben, Kol Emet sings**

The Oneg is sponsored by Diane Fremon and David Conford in honor of the  
Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Rachel Conford

**Saturday, March 24**

**BAT MITZVAH OF RACHEL CONFORD**

*Torah Portion: Exodus 25:1-27:19*

**Shabbat Vayikra**

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

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

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

**12 Nisan 5767**

**Friday, March 30**

The Oneg is sponsored by Marcy and Arthur Porter in honor of the  
Bar Mitzvah of their son, Seth Porter

**Saturday, March 31**

**BAR MITZVAH OF SETH PORTER**

*Torah Portion: Leviticus 6:1-8:36*

**Shabbat HaGadol**

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

**Service lead by the 7<sup>th</sup> grade Class**

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

*Haftarah: Malachi 3:4-24*

# March 2007

11 Adar 5767 - 12 Nisan 5767

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 11 ADAR ★Fast of Esther 1:00 pm - 6:00 p.m. Shalach Manot Packing 8:15 pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah	2 12 ADAR 11:52:28 9:00 am ECC Purim Celebration 7:30 pm Family Service 8:30 pm Oneg followed by Committing to the Future Briefing	3 13 ADAR Tetzaveh Parshas Zachor Shabbos Ends: 6:39 9:10 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah of Serena Wasserman 7:30 pm Purim Service Megillah Reading
4 14 ADAR ★Purim 9:00 am Purim Carnival 9:00 am Shalach Manot Delivery 9:30 am Prayerbook Hebrew for Beginners 6:00 pm Overflow Shelter	5 15 ADAR ★Shushan Purim 10:45 am Yiddish Class	6 16 ADAR Mini University 7:30 pm Literature from a Jewish Perspective 8:40 pm Beyond Prayer with Cantor Tilem	7 17 ADAR 6:15 pm Etz Chayim meets 7:30 pm Kol Emet meets	8 18 ADAR 8:00 pm Board of Trustees April Bulletin Deadline	9 19 ADAR 11:53:36 8:00 pm Shabbat Service	10 20 ADAR Ki Sisa Parshas Parah Shabbos Ends: 6:47 9:10 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah of Julia Isaac
11 21 ADAR 9:00 am Prayerbook Hebrew for Beginners 6:00 pm Overflow Shelter	12 22 ADAR 10:45 am Yiddish Class 7:00 pm Strategic Planning	13 23 ADAR 7:00 am Committing to the Future Comm. Mtg. 7:30 pm Literature from a Jewish Perspective 8:40 pm Beyond Prayer	14 24 ADAR 6:15 pm Etz Chayim meets 7:30 pm Kol Emet meets 7:30 pm Website Meeting	15 25 ADAR 8:00 pm Book Group 8:15 pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah	16 26 ADAR 11:54:44 7:00 pm Pot Luck Dinner 8:00 pm Music Service Hecht-Gomez Baby Naming	17 27 ADAR Vayakhel - Pekudei Parshas Hachodesh Shabbos Ends: 7:45 9:10 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Service 7:15 pm Havdalah Service Religious School Book Fair
18 28 ADAR 9:00 am 6th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Parents Meeting 9:00 am Book Fair 11:00 am 2nd Grade Family Ed 11:00 am Outreach Passover Program 2:00 pm Adult Ed 6:00 pm Overflow Shelter	19 29 ADAR 10:45 am Yiddish Class	20 1 NISAN 7:30 pm Literature from a Jewish Perspective 8:40 pm Beyond Prayer	21 2 NISAN 12:00 pm Lunch and Learn 6:15 pm Etz Chayim meets 7:30 pm Kol Emet meets 7:30 pm Rosh Chodesh	22 3 NISAN 7:30 pm Caring Community Committee Meeting	23 4 NISAN 11:55:51 8:00 pm Shabbat Service Guest Cantor Bruce Ruben, Kol Emet sings	24 5 NISAN Vayikra Shabbos Ends: 7:52 9:10 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Conford
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## ***Good & Welfare***

The Congregation mourns the loss of our beloved member, **Arline Seidman** and extends condolences to her husband, Bernard and her children Abbe Greenberg, Joseph and Steven Seiden

### ***Condolences to...***

**Cindy Tennenbaum** on the loss of her beloved mother, Kiek Tennenbaum

**Jonathan Ross** on the loss of his beloved father, Wilbur Ross

**Sheryl Cooper** on the loss of her beloved brother, Mitchell Schwartz

**Joe Boonin** Past President of Temple Emeth on the loss of his beloved wife, Nancy Boonin

**Marcia Shapiro** on the loss of her beloved mother, Helen Shapiro

**Steve Leeman**, on the loss of his beloved father, Ephraim Leeman

### ***Mazel Tov to...***

**Joy Herman** on the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson, Benjamin Hirschfeld

**Debby and Michael Newman** on the birth of their granddaughter Sari Hope, daughter of Carolyn and Matthew Linett

### ***Get Well Wishes to...***

**Esther Mendelsohn**

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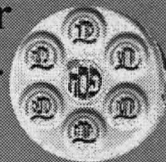
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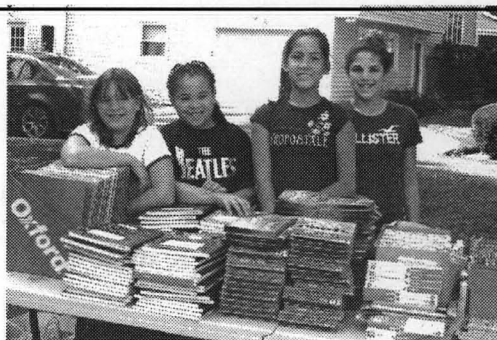
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## **Super Mitzvah Project by Perri Falk**

My super mitzvah project was called Supplies for Success. My friends and I filled 150 backpacks with school supplies. These were delivered to School #1 in Paterson. I chose this project because, I wanted to help kids who were younger than me. Also if I was not able to afford all of my school supplies I would love for other people to help me so I could enjoy school just as they would. Something that surprised me very much was how fast my friends and I got the packing part of the project done. I thought it would take a while after seeing all of the backpacks and school supplies. I think my super mitzvah project could partially connect to my Torah portion. The kids



had a little connection to the slaves because the kids didn't have the money to get school supplies, and the slaves didn't have money or freedom to live the way they wanted. Also Moses worked in partnership with God to help free the slaves, just as I worked with my friends, family to help the kids with getting them school supplies.

## Temple Emeth College Kids

By Dana Graizel

There are some gifts you automatically bring back for store credit, others you hide away in the back of your closet and some that even Hallmark doesn't make a big enough thank you card to ever show your gratitude. The latter doesn't even begin to describe the appreciation I have for all of those who make **Taglit Birthright Israel** trip possible!

**Taglit**, which means **discover**, is the best possible word to describe this trip on so many different levels.

First and foremost, you get a chance to **discover Israel**. All of the unforgettable places you've learned about (not only in Religious School), but in regular school too. I got to hike Masada and make it to the top just in time for sunrise. I got to pray with Jews from all over the world at the Western Wall. I even got to float in the Dead Sea. I didn't know so much sightseeing was possible in ten days. But no matter which **Birthright** trip you go on, it's sure to have a packed schedule. In addition to the obvious sites, such as the Old City and the Negev, we went to a Bedouin community, the Naot factory (great shoes), and even parts of the West Bank.

The next **discovery** is of your peers. I had an opportunity to get to know 80 people around my age from all over the U.S. and Canada. I became friends with some amazing people I otherwise would never have met. To be able to experience your homeland and feel so connected to complete strangers after ten days is a beautiful thing. I now have friends in two countries that I have a rare and priceless connection to – being Jewish!

I was able to **discover** my Judaism. In addition to Shabbat services and Havdalah, there were plenty of conversations regarding G-d and asking for a clear definition of what is a "Reform" Jew? I learned that I wasn't the only one my age completely unsure about where I stand religiously, and I began to feel comfortable with that. I now no longer feel pushed for time or feel that I'm a fraud for praying when I don't exactly know what I'm praying for. I feel more comfortable with myself as a whole religiously.

Lastly, and most importantly, on **Birthright** you are able to **discover yourself**. I learned so much about myself in 10 days it's astonishing. I learned to appreciate the Cheerios I have for breakfast at home. I learned to appreciate having at least one shower a day. And I learned to push myself, and the satisfaction I can gain from doing it.

One day without warning, my bus pulled up to a canyon near the Nahal Peres River. We were expected to climb all the way to the top completely unharnessed. Had I not been in Israel I would have laughed at this as if it were a joke. Four and half hours, and a few thousand feet later, I had done something that I could proudly tell others about. Despite how scared I was, and how much I wanted to give up at times, I continued pushing. I will never forget the outcome; being able to look at one of the most beautiful views of Jordan you could imagine. There isn't a person I would discourage from going on **Birthright**. It's an amazing learning experience. And even if somehow (and I don't know how this is possible), you don't **discover** anything...then hey, it's a free trip to Israel!

## 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 immigrant experience:

stereotypes, family rituals, sex roles, education and the impact of feminism.

*There is no charge for this session.*

**JOIN US FOR A ROSH CHODESH OF FUN AND LEARNING**

**on Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 p.m. when we will see "The Tiles That Bind"**  
a documentary film about Mah Jong. Afterwards, we'll learn the basics of the game!

**Bring any Mah Jong sets you own,**

**and be prepared to unravel the mysteries of this popular pastime!**



## SOCIAL ACTION IN ACTION

The March Mitzvah of the month is the collection of Kosher for Passover food for needy Jewish families in Bergen County. It will be distributed by the Jewish Family Service. Your generosity will guarantee that our needy neighbors can celebrate this holiday in the traditional way.

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 host on Sundays in March. We need volunteers to cook/serve for one of the evenings.

On Monday, **March 5<sup>th</sup>** the Reform Jewish Advocates for Justice is planning a LOBBY DAY in Trenton. We will meet with lawmakers who are considering significant legislation for issues like hunger, affordable housing and health care. Carpooling will be available. Contact Eva Sandrof, 201-837-2241 for more information.

### SAVE THE DATES – APRIL 15-17, 2007

You don't have to be a member of the Social Action Committee to join us for what may be one of the most exciting experiences of the year:

### 2007 CONSULTATION ON CONSCIENCE

Sponsored by the Religious Action Center (RAC) of Reform Judaism in Washington, D.C.

Help us explore ways in which we can build strong social action and advocacy programs.

*Interested? Put a note in the Social Action mailbox. Carpooling to be arranged.*

## HAVDALAH HEALING SERVICE

**Saturday, March 31, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Rabbi Nafshi and Cantor Nafshi**

Sponsored by

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## PASSOVER ALERT!!!!

Spring is around the corner and that means PASSOVER is quickly approaching. The Paul S. Lazar CARING COMMUNITY COMMITTEE does not want anyone to be alone for the 1<sup>st</sup> Seder, Monday, April 2, 2007. Therefore, we would like to offer the opportunity to either host another family OR join another family's Seder. Please complete the form below and leave in the CCC box at the Temple by Thursday, March 22, 2007. If you have any questions, call Elinor Buchbinder at (201.837.0694) or [elinorcb@optonline.net](mailto:elinorcb@optonline.net)

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## Summary of Minutes from the February 8th Board Meeting

Dan Firshein discussed a second break-in, Temple Emeth's BARJ commitments (\$11K this year), TEEF appointments, and dues - Temple Emeth is now at or BELOW most other congregations of our size.

Cantor Tilem discussed her upcoming surgery and leave. She will be out for approximately seven weeks having required surgery on her larynx. Coverage for all services, Bar and Bat Mitzvah are all being arranged.

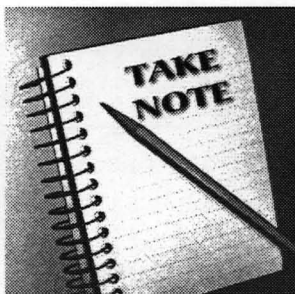
Committing to the Future, the Sixtieth Anniversary Capital Campaign, has received \$925,000 in gifts and pledges; \$256,000 has been received in cash. Campaign Briefings—informal, non-solicitation meetings in people's homes and at the synagogue—are underway. The Board voted to continue retaining Mersky/Jaffe, our consultants, at an 87.5% discount to the original rate.

The Board discussed the search for a Youth Director. Rabbi Sirbu presented a Job Description. A key point is need to ultimately have "junior" youth groups starting in the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The Board approved the position description and authorized a specific dollar limit for salary.

The Finance Committee reported that Lakeland Bank has agreed to allow Temple Emeth to pay down its mortgage principal on an annual or biannual basis, with concomitant recalculation of the monthly payment, thereby allowing us to reduce our cash obligation as we collect monies in the Campaign.

The Board determined to hold a workshop to discuss and clarify the relationship between the Board and the Executive Committee, as the Constitution does not specify this relationship.

As always, minutes are available to any congregants in the office. Also, ALL BOARD MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ALL CONGREGANTS. For more information, please contact Marc Chelemer, Secretary, at [marcchelemer@alum.mit.edu](mailto:marcchelemer@alum.mit.edu) or 201-569-4877.



*March*

- 1 Shalach Manot Packing 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- 3 Purim Service - Megillah Reading 7:30 p.m.
- 4 Purim Carnival, Shalach Manot Delivery
- 16 Pot Luck Dinner 7:00 p.m.
- 17 Havdalah Service 7:15 p.m. and Book Fair
- 18 Adult Education lecture 2:00 p.m.
- 21 Rosh Chodesh 7:30 p.m.
- 23 Guest Cantor Bruce Ruben, Kol Emet sing
- 25 Interfaith Seder 3:00 p.m.
- 31 Healing Service 7:00 p.m.

## B'Yachad Announcement



**Rabbi Sirbu and Cantor Tilem  
will lead our**

**10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:alerman@mercy.edu)**

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*The B'Yachad breakfast scheduled for  
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By Lynne Graizel and Nickie Falk

On January 27<sup>th</sup> the Network of Emeth Women teamed up with the Temple Emeth Men's Club to host the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Wine Tasting event.

Over 50 Temple members enjoyed the discussion of various wines and cheeses with our very own wine connoisseur, Ken Rutz. Both groups thank the Reiners, Chaikens, Diuguids, and Falks who acted as our "pourers" and "clean up crew" and particularly Debbie Rutz, our hostess for the evening.



The next NEW event is

### The 9<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL WOMEN'S SEDER AT THE JCC ON MARCH 19, 2007.

Look for more information about this event in the next mid-month mailing.

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More information will be in the April Bulletin.

*If you have any questions, please contact Vicky Farhi at [vicky42@optonline.net](mailto:vicky42@optonline.net) or 201-343-2506.*



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