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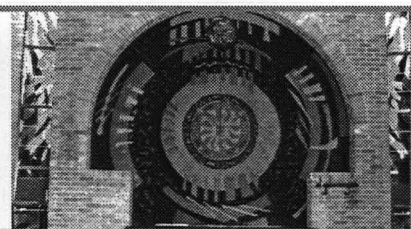
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From the Editors - in order to make sure everyone's article/blurb/ important announcement, makes it into the Bulletin, we have to insist they are no longer than half a page. *Remember, flyers are for the mid-month mailing and should be sent to Sandra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

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

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Message From the Rabbi

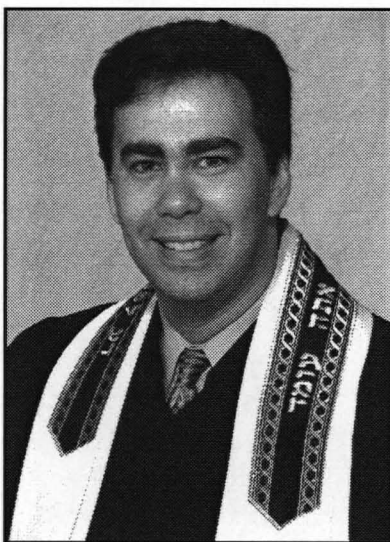
I remember with pride the summer day in 2000 when Joe Lieberman was chosen to be Al Gore's Vice Presidential candidate. Around the Jewish community everyone—whether they planned to vote for the Gore-Lieberman ticket or not—was amazed at how far we had come. Not only could a Jew run for Vice President, but one who was open about his Jewish identity and his religious devotion. It was one of many great moments in the history of American Judaism.

One of my hobbies (in my copious spare time) is reading books about American history. I have read books on Washington, Hamilton, Lincoln, and FDR. Part of my curiosity is to see how each contributed to this experiment we call democracy. I am particularly fascinated in how our country and the people who have held high office have sought to secure the blessings of liberty for members of minority groups like us.

While no system is perfect and no leader is perfect, the overall result of democracy and tolerance on the American Jewish experience has been unprecedented freedom, unlimited expression, and unbounded creativity. Our current status in this country—with a minyan in the Senate and two Jews on the Supreme Court—rests on a rich history of testing the limits of tolerance and then gaining acceptance. In other words, standing on the shoulders of those who came before us, we have an increasing number of opportunities to smile at how far we have come. It is something to acknowledge, study and celebrate.

That's just what I hope we'll do later this

month when we welcome Rabbi Gary P. Zola, Ph.D., to join us as the Rabbi Louis J. Sigel Scholar-in-Residence. Rabbi Zola, as director of the American Jewish Archives in Cincinnati, is one of the foremost scholars on American Jewish history, and he is an engaging and interesting speaker. Rabbi Zola was also the scholar at the convention of the National Association of Retired Reform Rabbis over which Rabbi Sigel presided; it is especially fitting then that we welcome him at the first Scholar-in-Residence weekend since Rabbi Sigel died in June 2005.



Rabbi Steven Sirbu

Rabbi Zola will use archival documents to illustrate the relationship of the Jewish community to American society from the days of George Washington to the Civil Rights Movement. His presentations will be in a variety of settings, from a lecture following our April music service to a more interactive session over Sunday brunch. I encourage you to attend all of these sessions and to invite your friends.

Our scholar's lectures and presentations are free of charge to members of the congregation and the greater community. But, of course, the program is not free. The majority of the cost is borne by Temple members who enroll to be sponsors of the weekend. I hope you will recognize the value of this program and offer to be a sponsor.

The Rabbi Louis J. Sigel Scholar-in-Residence weekend is April 20-22. This biennial event is not to be missed, especially if you like to reflect on how far we have come.

Message From the President

Can one person really make a difference?

This is a question we all ask ourselves. How relevant this was, as we read the story of Purim last month: Esther, one person, stepped up and was able to halt a decree to save the Jews of her time. We read of these heroic events and wonder: Can **I** make a difference?

Today, in addition to dressing in costume and grinding groggers, we celebrate Purim by giving and receiving wonderful Purim baskets. Many thanks to Judy Fox, David Fox, Eva Tobias, and their entire inter-generational team for coordinating the baskets. They have certainly made a difference to individuals, families, and the whole Temple community. Next year, I hope we can add to the mitzvah – please consider checking off the bottom of the Shalach Manot form to send one more basket (anonymously) to a new family or someone in need.

This month, we celebrate Passover, a joyous holiday where we come together with our families and friends at the Seder table. We ask the four questions, recount the Exodus from Egypt into the Promised Land of Israel, and hear about all the complaining Moses had to put up with! But after forty years of wandering, and after all of his hard work and leadership, Moses himself never got the chance to set foot in the Land of Israel but all those complaining Israelites did. Was it worthwhile?

Like Moses, we may never fully know the long-range effects of our daily interactions with friends, family and strangers on the street. Despite this uncertainty, we all have a responsibility to help one person, one family, one part of our community. In my practice a short time ago, I saw a patient with a scaly patch on his foot. I identified it as a malignant melanoma just in time to prevent amputation of his leg, and in time to save his life. That is a pretty dramatic moment, but often we can play much more subtle roles. Perhaps

you've recently written a letter of recommendation for someone. Perhaps you're one of the volunteers who spoke with a Temple member recently about TE's Campaign for the Future. Maybe you were a recipient of such a visit – your pledge will make a difference for a family in our community, and you will affect the future of Temple Emeth. Perhaps, as the summer approaches, you've realized the importance of Jewish camping for our youth, and have spoken to a teen about attending KUTZ Camp (the Reform teen leadership summer program) or another one of our great U R J

Camps.

But honestly, isn't it easier to go to a movie or watch American Idol? I know that doing good for others is not always the easy choice, but for me, it is the best choice. Becoming involved in public service at the Temple can be time consuming. Sometimes it seems to be appreciated by just a few, and perhaps it seems like more of a headache than it is

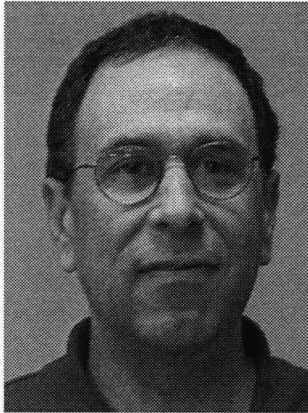
worth. I can promise you, those on the receiving end will always appreciate your time and energy. The Temple Seder, a huge undertaking, thrives because Karen Sacks steps up to manage it. Our Scholar-in-Residence Weekend would not occur this month without Elaine Pollack's hard work. Our Gala on April 28th will succeed because Cynthia Mazzarsky, Michael Robinson and Audrey Seares make it so – with the help of many volunteers.

As always, please keep in touch with me if you are interested in getting more out your Temple experience and getting involved to make a difference. It's not easy, but it's always worthwhile. One person or many, we make our community stronger.

Chag Sameach,

Dan Firshein

President



From the Religious School

"Kol Dichfin" "Let All Who are Hungry Come and Partake" – From the Haggadah

A chasidic master taught, "The people of Israel never got used to Egypt." They never said, "They are the masters, and we are the slaves, and that's the way it is." So when Moses came and told them they were going to leave, they had faith that they would. We all have our Egypts (Mitzraim) – our narrow places. You've got to know who you are and what your limitations are. *"But heaven forbid you should make peace with them."* The soul within you knows no limits.

At Temple Emeth Religious School, we take pride in our strong Judaic curriculum and our rigorous Hebrew program. At the same time, our faculty imbues all our studies with neshama, or Jewish soul. When our students learn the Hebrew prayers, they not only learn to decode, string syllables and words together, but they also learn the soul of the prayer. At our school, we have always understood that Jewish education cannot be meaningful if it only happens in the classroom.



On March 11 and March 25, 5 Alef and 5 Bet led our whole school in a meaningful and spiritual tfila (prayer) service. On March 18, our 2nd grade families and teachers explored the theme of our ancestors, Abraham and Sarah, through song and activities and the sharing of family stories. On March 30, all families in grades 5-7 join together for a joyous Shabbat meal followed by an inspiring service led by our 7th grade. They will reach the highest level of connection to prayer and Torah.

Passover gives all of us an opportunity to celebrate with family and friends and take pride when we hear our children "ask the questions" and sing songs of freedom. We are building Jewish memories that inspire us to leave our "narrow places – mitzraim" as we journey to freedom.

A Zissen Pesach.

B'vracha,

Dora Geld Friedman

From the Early Childhood Center

Passover is an exceptional holiday that is especially participatory for young children. The customs and rituals practiced in celebrating this holiday necessitate the use of all our senses. We *hear* the story of the Exodus from Egypt; we *hear* the repetitions of phrases and traditional (and not so traditional) songs and prayers; we *see* the symbols in our *tasty* foods of the events our ancestors experienced.

Pesach is a wonderful holiday to experience with little ones. Between 2 and 4, children's imaginations and creativity explode. They are no longer content with just imitation. They are capable of putting together and acting out all kinds of scenarios. They are acquiring impressive physical and verbal skills. Their attention span and memory lengthen significantly. They love the opportunity to use these skills. They are beginning to expand their interests beyond home and family and include peers in their activities.

By making your seders as interactive as pos-

sible, there is the opportunity to combine traditional storytelling with things that excite 2, 3, and 4 year old children: music, movement, exploration of number concepts, imagination and creativity.

Dipping the karpas or any green vegetable can be incorporated into snack time as well as part of the seder. By hanging red streamers from the door frame you can simulate the Red Sea and help your children "walk through it." Making play dough matzah and pricking it all over, tossing beanbag frogs, blowing bubbles as pretend flies, jumping like grasshoppers, popping bubble wrap "boils – these are just a few of the ways to make the Passover holiday come alive for your children.

However you choose to celebrate, we at the Early Childhood Center wish you and your families a Sweet Passover.

Sharon Floch
Director,

Early Childhood Center



Temple Emeth's 2007 Spring Gala Event!

Saturday, April 28, 2007

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**Everyone is invited to join us for the
Rabbi Louis J. Sigel
Scholar-in-Residence Weekend**

April 20 – 22, 2007

Rabbi Gary P. Zola, Ph.D.

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

Friday, April 20,

following Shabbat Services which start 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 9:00 a.m. Torah Study

*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

Look for the Scholar-in-Residence flyer with a
tear-off in your mail or in the Temple Lobby and
return it with your check to support the weekend.

For more information please contact Elaine Pollack,
Chairperson, at elaine33@optonline.net or
201-385-2085.



Spotlight on

Committing to the Future

Marc Chelemer

In February, WNYC, New York's National Public Radio affiliate, ran its Winter Fund Drive. During the drive, I heard a marvelous radio essay by Ira Glass, one of NPR's colorful hosts, about the importance of giving. I shamelessly plagiarize Glass' words for this column:

The challenge in any endeavor such as Committing to the Future is to encourage those of you who haven't yet given to reach into your checkbook, and to give some of your hard-earned dollars to Temple Emeth. You are thinking, "Every year, Temple Emeth asks me to contribute more than just my dues to help meet expenses. There's the Annual Giving appeal around the High Holy Days. There's Shalach Manot. There's the Gala, or the Auction, or Casino Night." And yet, even though you've never ever given one extra dollar, you observe that the Temple doesn't collapse. Rabbi Sirbu and Cantor Tilem and their families aren't homeless and unemployed. Religious School and ECC have classes. Children have their Bar or Bat Mitzvahs. Seeing this year after year, the only reasonable thing you conclude is, "I don't really have

to give. Temple Emeth doesn't really need my money." That's what reason would suggest.

Well, I'm telling you that, even though you may be right, you have to overlook reason. Reason is sitting there at the Oneg, looking attractive in nice clothes, sipping tea and eating a rugelach, inviting you over to kibbitz...but you have to walk right by. You have to walk right past reason and sit down elsewhere, at the table where your knowledge of what is the right thing to do comes into play.

You know that if eighty-three Temple Emeth families have pledged more than a million dollars (!) towards the synagogue—over and above their dues, annual giving, and tickets to the Gala, then it's only right that you should, too. Because you know that we're all a part of a community, and when there's a critical need in that community, it's important for everyone to participate in meeting the challenge. That's what makes it a "community" in the first place: people working together to meet common goals. And you must be somewhat interested. After all, you're reading an appeal instead of something else!

I can tell you that people in whose living rooms we've sat, talking candidly and meaningfully about Temple Emeth, have said afterwards, "Thank you for coming to visit us. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to make a difference. It feels so good to participate." So I'm asking you, the reader who hasn't given yet, to be a part of the community, meet the challenge, and commit to the future. You'll be glad you did. Thank you.

B'Yachad Presents

Between Remembrance and Exploitation at April 15th Breakfast

How much was the creation of the State of Israel in 1948 dependent on the Holocaust?

Does the fact that we were victims of the Holocaust give us greater latitude in defending ourselves against anti-Semitic threats?

Were the settlers who were disengaged from Gaza in 2005 justified in likening Israeli soldiers to the Nazis?

Each of these questions addresses history, perspective and morality, and of course there is no definitive answer. In this session, Rabbi Sirbu will explore how the Holocaust consciously and sub-consciously affects Jewish behavior. On this Holocaust Remembrance Day, we will discuss the

goals of Holocaust education and where we draw the line between remembrance and exploitation.

Please note that this program will begin at 11:00 a.m., 30 minutes later than usual.

All Temple members are encouraged to attend the Religious School's Yom Hashoah service and tree planting ceremony from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.



Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library

Monthly News Update: After the Exodus

by Laurel Kane

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Who Did We Become?

Passover is coming. Grocery stores have special sections for Pesach products. We are getting ready to retell the story of how God helped deliver us from being slaves in Egypt to free people in Israel. So, who did we become? We became Jewish philosophers, merchants, politicians, actors, athletes... and our Library has a host of books that contribute answers to this question.

Rashi (an acronym of Rabbi Solomon ben Isaac), who lived in France in the late eleventh century, wrote classic commentaries on the Bible and the Talmud that are still used today. Rashi: The Man and His World by Esra Shereshevsky provides a fascinating insight of Rashi, his environment, and his work.

We usually associate the name Touro with the synagogue in Newport, Rhode Island, which was the first synagogue in America, named in honor of Rabbi Isaac Touro. But there is another Touro Synagogue, located in New Orleans, which is named in honor of Isaac Touro's son Judah Touro. Judah Touro (1775 - 1854) was an industrious and enterprising merchant. He was also a patriot, injured during the Revolutionary War, and was one of America's leading pre-Civil War philanthropists. You can read his biography in The Life of Judah Touro by Huhner.

Golda Meir was born in Russia, grew up in Milwaukee, immigrated to Palestine, and became one of Israel's great Prime Ministers. Read in her autobiography, My Life, why she states that: [if the British had not fought such] a bitter war against the admittance of Jewish refugees from the Nazis to Palestine...the State of Israel might not have come into being for many (more) years.

Kirk Douglas's autobiography The Ragman's Son, is a compelling story of a man who strives to discover himself as he recounts his life, from being the son of an illiterate Russian Jew who sold rags to becoming a powerful actor and producer. The occasional vignettes about Douglas's identity as a Jew that are interspersed throughout will enchant the reader.

Obviously, not every Jew became famous. The Jews who came to Teaneck, however, are memorialized in The History of the Jews of Teaneck, by Joy Zacharia Appelbaum. In this book you can find a brief history of our own Congregation, which was originally named The Bergen County Reform Temple. We are descendants of those who fled Egypt with no time to even bake bread.

May our Congregation, our Synagogue, and our descendants continue to flourish as we celebrate Passover now, and in years to come!



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Services and S'machot

15 Nissan 5767
Tuesday, April 3

First Day of Pesach
Morning Service at 10:30 a.m.

19 Nissan 5767
Friday, April 6

Shabbat Chol Hamoed Pesach
Family Service at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 7
Torah Portion: Exodus 33:12-34:26

Shabbat Worship at 10:30 a.m.
Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:1-14

21 Nissan 5767
Sunday, April 8

Seventh Day of Pesach
Passover Service followed by discussion
on Song of Songs at 7:30 p.m.
Passover Service and Yizkor at 10:30 a.m.

Monday, April 9

26 Nissan 5767
Friday, April 13

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

The Oneg is sponsored by Judy and Paul Levinsky in honor of the
Bar Mitzvah of their son, Ryan Levinsky

Saturday, April 14

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

BAR MITZVAH OF RYAN LEVINSKY

Torah Portion: Lev 9:1-11:47

Haftarah: II Samuel 6:1-7:17

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Shabbat Tazria-Metzora

Rabbi Louis J. Sigel Scholar-in-Residence Weekend
Guest Speaker Rabbi Gary P. Zola, Ph.D

Friday, April 20

Music Service at 8:00 p.m.

Lecture: American Jewry's Greatest Legacies
(Children's Activities in Youth Lounge)

Saturday, April 21

Shabbat Worship at 10:30 a.m.
Luncheon at 12:00 p.m.

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

Torah Portion: Exodus 35:1-40:38

Haftarah: Ezekiel 45:16-25

10 Iyar 5767
Friday, April 27

Shabbat Achare Mot-Kedoshim
Shabbat Service at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 28

Shabbat Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Torah Portion: Lev 16:1-20:27

Haftarah: Amos 9:7-15

April 2007

13 Nisan 5767 - 12 Iyar 5767

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 13 NISAN	2 14 NISAN ☆Erev Pesach 7:02 ECC CLOSED SPRING BREAK	3 15 NISAN ☆Passover - Day 1 OFFICE CLOSED 10:30 am Morning Service 6:00 pm Congregational Seder	4 16 NISAN ☆Passover - Day 2 12:00 pm Lunch and Learn 7:30 pm Kol Emet meets 8:00 pm Exec. Comm. Mtg.	5 17 NISAN 8:15 pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class	6 18 NISAN 7:06 7:30 pm Family Service	7 19 NISAN Shabbat Ends: 8:17 9:10 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Service
8 20 NISAN 7:08 7:30 pm Erev 7th Day Passover Service with Special Oneg and Study session on Song of Songs	9 21 NISAN ☆Passover - Day 7 OFFICE CLOSED 10:30 am Passover Service and Yizkor	10 22 NISAN 7:00 am Capital Campaign Committee Meeting	11 23 NISAN ECC Resumes 6:15 pm Etz Chayim meets 7:30 pm Kol Emet meets	12 24 NISAN 8:00 pm Board of Trustees May Bulletin Deadline	13 25 NISAN 7:13 8:00 pm Shabbat Service	14 26 NISAN Shemini Shabbat Ends: 8:24 9:10 am Torah Study 9:30 am Tot Shabbat 10:30 am Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah of Ryan Levinsky
15 27 NISAN 10:00 am Yom HaShoah Service and Tree Planting 11:00 am B'Yachad Breakfast 11:00 am K-1 Family Ed. Day	16 28 NISAN 10:45 am Yiddish Class 7:30 pm Yom HaShoah Observance at Teaneck H.S.	17 29 NISAN	18 30 NISAN ECC PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES 6:15 pm Etz Chayim meets 7:30 pm Kol Emet meets 7:30 pm Rosh Chodesh Discussion	19 1 IYAR 8:00 pm Ritual Comm. Mtg. 8:00 pm Book Group meets 8:15 pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah	20 2 IYAR 7:21 Rabbi Louis J. Sigel Scholar-in-Residence Weekend 6:00 pm Shabbat Dinner 8:00 pm Music Service followed by Scholar-in-Residence Lecture 9:00 pm Children's Activities	21 3 IYAR Tazria - Metzora Shabbat Ends: 8:32 9:10 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Service 12:00 pm Luncheon 1:00 pm Scholar-in-Residence Presentation
22 4 IYAR 9:00 am Confirmation Workshop with Scholar-in-Residence 10:00 am Brunch 10:45 am Scholar-in-Residence Lecture	23 5 IYAR ☆Yom HaAtzma'ut 9:00 am ECC Yom HaAtzma'ut Celebration 10:45 am Yiddish Class	24 6 IYAR NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 7:00 am Capital Campaign Committee Meeting	25 7 IYAR NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 7:30 pm Kol Emet meets	26 8 IYAR	27 9 IYAR 7:28 8:00 pm Shabbat Service with Yom HaAtzma'ut Guest Speaker	28 10 IYAR Achare Mot-Kedoshim Shabbat Ends: 8:39 9:10 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Service 7:30 pm Casino Night
29 11 IYAR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL RESUMES 3:00 pm Junior Choir Festival	30 12 IYAR 10:45 am Yiddish Class					

Good & Welfare

The Congregation mourns the loss of our beloved member, **Howard Katz**, and extends condolences to his daughter Stefanie Stokes

The Congregation mourns the loss of our beloved member, **Brenda Klotz**, and extends condolences to her husband **Lewis Klotz**

We mourn the loss of **Robert Oksner**, past president of Temple Emeth

Condolences to...

Paul Levinsky on the loss of his beloved mother, Shirlee Levinsky

Ken Scher on the loss of his mother, Sylvia Grossman

Mazel Tov to...

Miriam Clachko on the birth of her 6th great grandchild, Theodore Reid Goldstein, son of Jessica and Matthew Goldstein

Janice and Larry Lipsitz on the birth of new granddaughter, Sydney Elle Levy, daughter of Jill and Joshua Levy

Welcome to Membership...

Stacy Schneider

Get Well Wishes to...

Ken Rutz

Leonard Cyruli

William Grunstein

"Shir L'Shalom"

Join Cantor Tilem and our own
Etz Chayim

along with children from temples in our area
for a joyous afternoon of song!

The Annual Bergen/Rockland Junior Choir Festival



Sunday, April 29th
3:00 p.m. at
Temple Emeth

\$8.00 donation at the door
All proceeds will go to Chai Lifeline

Temple Emeth Marches for Israel

in this year's

Salute to Israel Parade on Sunday, May 6th

Celebrate the miracle that is the Jewish State and
show your support for Israel!

The cost is \$6 per person which includes your
Salute to Israel T-Shirt.

You must wear a shirt to march in the parade!

Transportation will be determined once we have
the final number of people marching.

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Adult XLarge, Adult XXLARGE, Adult XXXLARGE

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Our

Temple community plans to
celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's
Independence Day, at Shabbat Services on
Friday, April 27 at 8:00 p.m. A guest speaker
from the Israeli Consulate will speak at the
service. Plan to attend as Israel
turns 59 years old!

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SHALACH MANOT 2007

It's delicious, it's in the holiday spirit, it's a charitable contribution, it's a community-builder, and it's even an intergenerational event. You thought that Shalach Manot was just something to eat—didn't you—but it continues to be so much more, with each passing year, at Temple Emeth.

This year, your participation in Shalach Manot generated about 450 packages which were delivered within the Temple Emeth community—to members, the entire Temple staff, and some ECC families. In addition, we prepare packages which people may purchase for private delivery outside the Emeth community. We are proud to report that, after a contribution to Mazon, a Jewish Response to Hunger, our profits tipped the Temple Emeth budget at about \$13,500.

Every year, the delight of people who participate in this project keeps pace with the increasing profits. The forty-five people who deliver the packages tell us what a joyous process it is to present the Shalach Manot at peoples' doorsteps. And the afternoon of assembling the packages has turned into an event that people look forward to all winter. It's become a true intergenerational happening, with fifth and sixth graders cooperating cheek-by-jowl with senior citizens, as they work together to create our wonderful Shalach Manot.

This year, we were thrilled by a donation of goods by a congregant. The *Flavorganics* extract or syrup that you received in your package are manufactured by Julie Weisman, and were a gift to us from Julie, her husband Stephen Friedman, and their family.

This project would not be possible in its current format without the computer expertise and congeniality of Paul Wilson. And Marc Klausner provided so much counsel and did so much legwork that he could almost qualify as a fourth chair of Shalach Manot.

In addition to the dozens of drivers and packers, we would especially like to thank Julie Weisman, Rhona Herman, Marc Klausner, Larry Tobias, Paul Wilson, Vivian Gaits, Nick, Alex, and Ken Hoffman, Bobby Grossman, Mimi Sigel and Daniel Chelemer

Judy Fox, David Fox, and Eva Tobias

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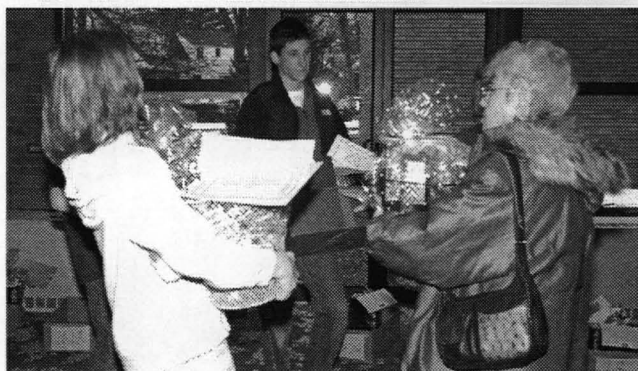
By Lynne Graizel

Last month you read about my daughter Dana's adventures on the Birthright trip. Here's what Marissa Dessanti, daughter of Wendy and Dan experienced on her's:

"My trip to Israel with Taglit was a lot different than I originally imagined it to be. Coming into the program I expected to be surrounded by beautiful scenery, friendly people, and the most obvious, tons of Jews. While all of these expectations were confirmed during my trip, what fascinated and surprised me most was getting to know the Israeli people. I saw that to be a Jew does not have one answer or any answer at all.

I realized that the Israelis differ vastly in political views, religious beliefs, and their chosen way of life, just as we Americans do. I witnessed and learned of the many inner conflicts between the Israelis. However, I was lucky to see that although Israelis may disagree with one another, they all share a strong connection to their country. The love and honor each Israeli uniquely has for their country was beautiful to be a part of, even if it was only ten days."

Also on Birthright in December 2006 — Amy Stokes and Laura Breznick ...and three cheers for **Andy Lewis, son of Beth and Larry. Andy made the Dean's list at Brandeis University for the Fall semester. Way to go Andy!**



SOCIAL ACTION IN ACTION

APRIL MITZVAH OF THE MONTH:

The Family Shelter in St. Cecilia's Church in Englewood needs our help:

PLEASE DONATE LARGE SIZE DIAPERS and LAUNDRY DETERGENT

PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

THANKS.... to the following volunteers who staffed the Overflow Shelter at Temple Emeth during the month of March:

Paul Wilson, Brian Wilson, Zach Veach, Jim Veach, Amy and Melinda Abrams, Ken, Debbie and Rob Rutz, Matthew Fox, Mimi Sigel, Nancy and Ken Sher, Michael Baer and members of EMTY, June and Victor Cohen, Robin Webster, and Cindy Tennenbaum

**SAVE THIS DATE: Sunday, May 6th
3rd ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION DAY**

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**You & your family can volunteer
at three locations:**

Tenaflly Nature Center

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

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The remaining monthly Rosh Chodesh celebration will take place on the following date:

Wednesday, May 16th

Rabbi Nafshi - Shavuot celebration

Subject to be announced.

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Summary of Minutes from the March 8th Board Meeting

The smoke detector in the sanctuary is 30 years old, is failing and needs to be replaced. The work will be done by Vector, who has also done the Temple's security system.

Cantor Tilem's surgery is scheduled for March 26th. Marc Klausner will be covering the four Bar/Bat Mitzvahs scheduled during this time. Coverage has been arranged for other services as well.

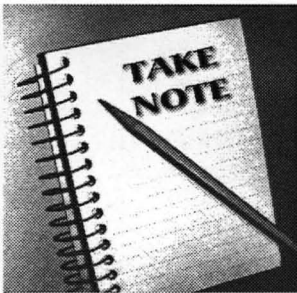
The Capital Campaign has raised \$1,119,000 to date, with 86 separate gifts. Special thanks to Jeff Etzin, who has arranged with Lakeland bank for us to have two dates per year when Temple can pay down the principal on the mortgage. Kudos to Micki Grunstein and Ted Greenwood for their unceasing energy in this campaign. Much appreciation also goes out to Sam Gronner for getting the word out about this campaign. In addition, Bob Eichinger was thanked for his design of the campaign poster.

Rabbi Sirbu spoke of upcoming events, including the Scholar-in-Residence weekend on April 20-22nd. Sponsors are needed for this event, and all were asked to support this weekend. Funerals held at Temple when ECC is in session will start at 10 a.m. from now on to avoid chaos in the parking lot. This year's Confirmation class has 15 students. The trip to Israel was a life-changing event for all 13 people who went. The Youth Director search is underway. Guest Cantor Bruce Ruben, director of the School of Sacred Music at HUC will be at Temple Friday March 23 for a special service featuring an augmented Kol Emet singing the music of Charles Davidson.

Financial Secretary Michael Robinson reported that we currently have 417 members, and dues are 82% paid.

Larry Silver presented the report by the nominating committee. There will be nine new board members on next year's board. Ninety seven people have already signed up for the Casino Night Gala. The Finance Committee is working on next year's budget, which will be presented at the next board meeting. A board workshop is scheduled for the end of April to discuss governance issues. The Strategic Plan Committee met with representatives from membership, ECC and Religious School committees to brainstorm ideas of how to work together.

Shalach Manot raised \$13,500 this year. Chairs Judy Fox, David Fox and Eva Tobias have been hard at work on this for many months. This is the 9th year of this fundraiser, and results continue



April

- 2 Congregational Seder 6:00 p.m.
- 15 Yom HaShoah Service and Tree Planting
B'Yachad Breakfast 11:00 a.m.
- 20-22 Scholar-in-Residence weekend
- 22-28 No Religious School
- 27 Yom Ha'atzmout
- 28 Casino Night 7:30 p.m.
- 29 Junior Choir Festival 3:00 p.m.



Temple Emeth is planning to honor high school graduates at the music service on June 15th. While we have worked to update our records, they may still be incomplete. If there is a high school senior in your family, please call the Temple office to make sure that he or she is in our database.

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to grow each year. Dozens of people packed and delivered the packages. Many thanks were expressed to the outstanding organizers of this fun and lucrative fundraiser.

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

Our Sisterhood was busy during the month of March. While many people were content to sit in front of a roaring fire we ventured into New York City to see "25 Questions for a Jewish Mother."

To celebrate Passover a group from NEW attended the All Women's Seder at the JCC on the Palisades. If you weren't able to attend this year's Seder, perhaps next year you will.



If you would like to plan an event for April or May please e-mail me at: lynnegree@optonline.net or

Nickie Falk at mfc32@optonline.net

We'd love to hear your ideas for NEW.

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My Memories of Mrs. Klotz

Brenda Klotz was a wonderful woman. She was a wife, a mother, a grandmother, a friend and a teacher. For many years she was a teacher at Teaneck High School. She was also a private tutor. She tutored students for the SATs, English classes and math for younger students. She tutored me because I have dyslexia.

Before I met her, and after she read the results of the specialized tests I took to determine my learning problems, she told my mother that I was a mess but she would straighten me out. At eight years old I stepped into Mrs. Klotz's house, I expected a scary lady that wouldn't be friendly. Instead, I met a beautiful, kind, strong, and intelligent woman. That day she took me upstairs in her house to a room filled with books. She handed me a juice box and told me to sit down. She told me that the journey I was about to take with her would be hard. She also told me that if I was ready to work I would be able to do great things. With that said, Mrs. Klotz handed me a book and we got to work.

I met with Mrs. Klotz once a week for eight years. In those years she helped me go from a third grader who could hardly read to a junior in high-

school who gets A's and B's in Honors and AP classes. Each week she made vocabulary cards for me to study 10 minutes each night. We worked with grammar books and other English books. She also forced me to practice both printing and cursive writing.

A few years ago Mrs. Klotz told my mom that I didn't need to be tutored anymore, but I refused to stop. By that time I had become very attached to Mrs. Klotz, she was not only my teacher but my friend as well. Every week she gave me the name of another college she wanted me to look at. We talked about how she would write me a recommendation. She believed that I could get into any school I wanted.

About a year ago she began tutoring me for the SAT. She told me when to take the test and taught me the best way to attack it when I do. We worked as hard as possible and she said I would do wonderfully. By the time you read this I will have taken the SAT although I won't know my results for a while. However, I know that I will go into it with confidence because of the help of the most amazing teacher, Mrs. Klotz.

Samantha Ross



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