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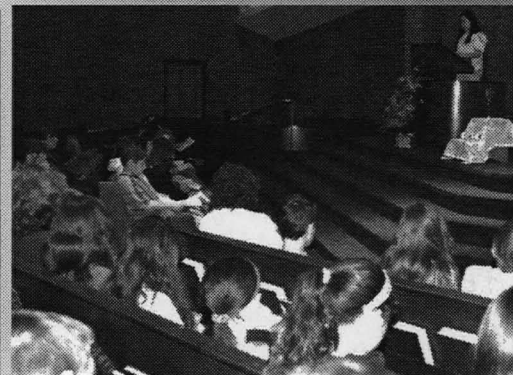
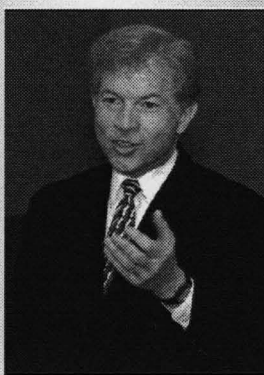
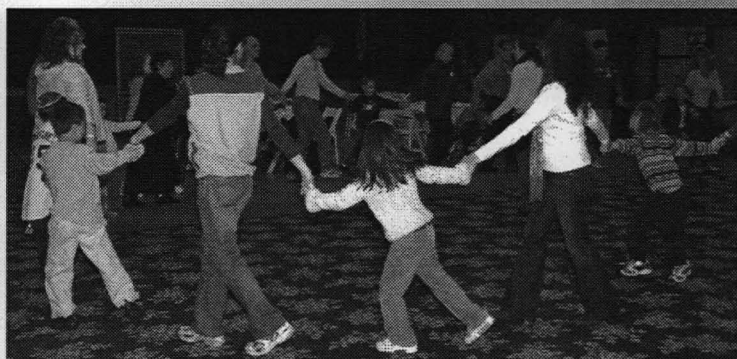
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SPRING TIME AT TEMPLE EMETH - SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE



Family Education program, Tree planting, Yom HaShoah Seventh grade service, Scholar-In-Residence Weekend with Rabbi Gary Zola, B'Yachad breakfast, Men's Club Card Night, Rosh Chodesh Mah Jongg, and Casino Night



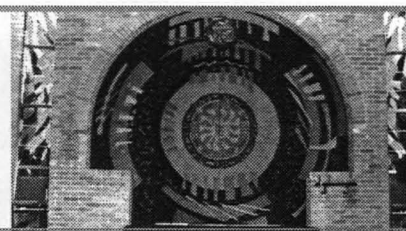
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May	April 12	May 1	May 1	May 15
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From the Editors - in order to make sure everyone's article/blurb/ important announcement, makes it into the Bulletin, we have to insist they are no longer than half 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.

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

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Message From the Rabbi

There is no question in my mind that the center of Judaism is the home. It is at home where Jewish values are taught when blessings are said at the dinner table, when tzedakah is given as a family unit, and when the complexities of life are examined and family members discuss together what the best course of action is in a particular dilemma.

In addition to the importance of the home, we all know that the synagogue plays a vital function in the life of the Jewish people. The synagogue is where we worship together, where we gather for study, and where we engage in the needs of the community.

Jewish values and Jewish education, however, are not limited to home and synagogue. Some of the most positive and memorable experiences we American Jews have are on overnight programs away from home. The Reform movement alone offers countless opportunities for our young people including summer camps; North American Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY) regional conclaves and national conventions; and summer and semester-long trips to Israel. This time away from home is an invaluable opportunity for Jewish study, self-exploration and the establishment of life-long friendships. When the kids return home from these programs they are reenergized for BARJ, youth group, and student teaching. They travel up and down the state to each other's B'nai Mitzvah and they keep in touch by email. Their Jewish souls have been nurtured and their Jewish networks expanded.

This phenomenon is not limited to kids. Jewish overnight programs for adults provide many of the same results. That is the reason why the students who are currently studying with me for adult B'nai Mitzvah have an overnight program requirement. It is why the Temple runs an Adult Study Kallah (retreat) at the Pearl River Hilton every February.

It's no secret, though, that most people have the time to get away in the summer. So before you go off and book your summer vacation, let me offer some Jewish options. The Union for Reform Judaism has three exciting programs this summer. Further information is available at www.urj.org.

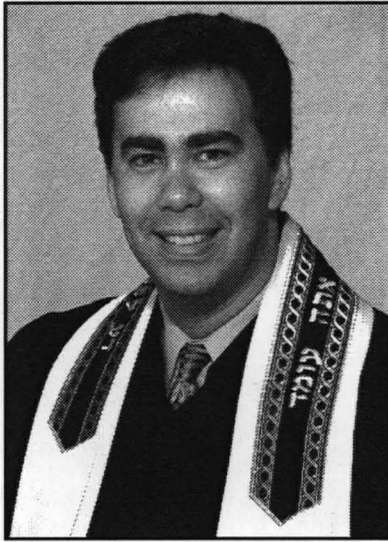
For the musically inclined in the congregation, there is the Mifgash Musicale Summer Institute for Synagogue Musicians. It will take place on the campus of the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati on July 29-August 2. Designed specifically for synagogue musicians, the curriculum this year will focus on the High Holy Days.

Another opportunity is the Summer Kallah, scheduled for August 1-5 on the campus of Cal-Poly Pomona in Southern California. The Kallah is a chance for spiritual renewal through study, prayer and music with some of our movements most accomplished scholars.

Finally, for those who wish to stay a little closer to home, there is the Tzevet Mitzvot Adult Mitzvah Corps in Buffalo from July 8-14. The majority of the day will be spent building houses, but that leaves the evening for camaraderie with the other participants.

I know that these programs are not for everyone. Temple Emeth is also planning some overnight experiences of our own. Our next Adult Study Kallah will be February 15-17, 2008, and we have also scheduled a family retreat for March 28-30, 2008. Details to follow.

Toward the end of the Book of Numbers, the Torah records each location in the desert where the Israelites encamped at the will of God. I believe each stop is recorded because in many ways the journey shaped the way they would serve God when they arrived home. So too it is with modern Jews of every age. Our Jewish journeys enrich the time we spend at home and synagogue.



Rabbi Steven Sirbu

Message From the President

So this is it. For the past 24 months, I have been writing to you in this space and it is time to hand the reins over to my successor, Bill Graizel, a great guy who has been giving much thought to his years ahead as President. I want to wish him well along with our 2007-2008 slate of Officers and Trustees.

It has been gratifying to hear the comments of people who have read my articles during the past two years. I want to thank all of you for taking the time to read them. Hopefully, by doing so, it gave you some insight into who I am, and maybe gave you a chuckle once in a while. I hope my musings were able to demonstrate how proud we all should be of the major shift that has occurred at Temple Emeth.

I would not have been able to perform my duties without the love and support of my family – my wife Joy, and my daughters Jessica and Jenna. They were very understanding, and often acted as sounding boards and editors. I want to thank all of you, the 400-plus families of Temple Emeth. You are the focus of each and every decision the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees makes. These volunteers deliberate, fine-tune, and are responsible for performing all the “nitty-gritty stuff” that needs to get done around here. Without them, nothing can happen.

It has been my pleasure to have worked and partnered with Rabbi Sirbu and Cantor Tilem. I have learned so much from them. I will miss my time with Rabbi Sirbu, especially our Friday morning breakfasts

and hope that Cantor Tilem recovers quickly, so we can hear her voice again.

I would be remiss if I did not thank our Bulletin Chiefs Barbara Balkin and Sandi Klein for helping me put into words the character and flavor of what I want to convey to the membership with each issue - yet again, another example of a successful team effort at Temple Emeth. I have enjoyed working with them, as

well as with our hard working staff in the school wing, Sharon, Dora and Barbara and our Temple office, Sandra, Mary and Carol - and a special thank you and hug for Marion.

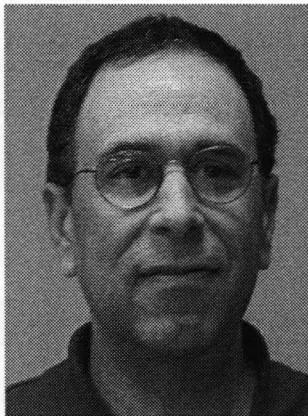
Mostly, I will always remember the deep satisfaction that came with the confidence, faith and trust that was given to me, by you, the Congregation

of Temple Emeth, by my dear colleagues and friends on the Board and Executive Committee, and from our dedicated and loyal staff. It felt good to be surrounded by the best.

Finally, one more thought as I take my leave: if the cost of belonging to a synagogue seems high, consider for a moment that the cost of not belonging, of not creating Jewish memories, of not planting those seeds for those who will follow us, is even higher.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve.

B'shalom
Dan Firshein
President



From the Religious School

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ISRAEL – 59 YEARS YOUNG"

When I arrive in Israel, I feel I have come home. For me, home means family. In Israel, I am with my family. I love that Israelis are so good at problem solving. Of course, they've had to be. Example: the Western Galilee town of Nahariya has an underground hospital with 400 beds in a sheltered basement, with air and water purification systems, ready to be used in times of war. "Nitgaber" (we will overcome) many Israelis say.

Israel teaches us how to remember, how to celebrate and how to mourn. The Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial complex, in Jerusalem, now has testimony and artifacts about 3.5 million of the 6 million victims and continues to search for ways to rescue the remainder from oblivion. "To each a name, a face, a history," Yad Vashem shows us how to honor the life story of one person, one family, one community, one heroic Christian rescuer, one at a time.



In Temple Emeth Religious School, we are connected to Israel as a "family". We sing Israeli songs, and we pray in Hebrew. Throughout the year, our student-led, *T'filot* articulate all our fervent hopes for peace, *shalom*.

Our 7th grade learns about Israel through Torah while our 3rd and 4th grades learn about the "modern miracle" of the birth of the State of Israel. Our 4th-6th grades, under the leadership of Morah Nancy and Morah Wendy, have established a pen-pal connection to Nahariya – Bergen County's Sister City.

Israel infuses our curriculum in every grade. We study, celebrate, and are proud of our Israeli connection. We hope to cultivate in our students and our Religious School families an eternal bond to our culture and religion.

B'vracha,
Dora Geld Friedman

From the Early Childhood Center

As we clean up the last crumbs of matzah, the signs of spring are erupting before our eyes. In this season of the earth's rebirth comes the commemoration of Israel's independence. How can we, in the Early Childhood Center, make this holiday meaningful to young children? Our answer: if we can't all go to Israel, we will bring Israel to us!

On Monday, April 23, 2007, the 5th of Iyar 5767, we simulated a trip to Israel with the children. Each class began their preparations by making visors (it's hot and sunny over there!) and preparing passports. They came dressed in blue and white as they packed their sunglasses, boarding passes and some water to carry on the plane (less than 3 ounces now that the rules have changed.) Everyone "boarded" the plane in their own classrooms, fastened their seatbelts and took off over the Atlantic Ocean. Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport was smooth and, amazingly, on time.

Tour guides waited for each group for the sight-seeing tour that had been arranged. First stop was the



Kotel (the wall outside the sanctuary) where paper and crayons were waiting. The children drew their prayers and wishes and put them in the cracks. Next stop was down the mountain from Jerusalem to the desert. After a bumpy ride on the camels, they stopped at the Dead Sea (Social Hall dance floor). There everyone floated in the salty water. Next they went up the snake path (an obstacle course in the Youth Lounge which ended with a climb up the stairs in the hall) to the top of Masada. Boy was it hot! Finally on to the beach in Eilat where there was sand painting and fishing to be done. After all of this exhausting fun it was off to Tel Aviv to sit in outdoor cafes noshing on pita and hummus and listening to Israeli music. The day concluded with a special dessert – a blue and white birthday cake for Israel – which the children made themselves.

Celebrating Yom HaAtzma'ut was great fun for all of us, and we can't wait for our visit again next year.

Sharon Floch
Director, Early Childhood Center

Revisit your Roots at Ellis Island



Sunday, May 20, 2007

Take a trip back in time a generation or two to see how your ancestors entered America. Visit the Immigration Museum, view the award-winning documentary film, "Island of Hope, Island of Tears," and see a performance of the new show "Liberty Dance," based on actual stories of immigrant experiences.



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**Cost is \$28 for adults,
\$26 for seniors 62+, and
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Price includes the ferry, admission to Ellis Island, film & guided tour, show, box lunch, and close-up view of the Statue of Liberty.

Carpools will leave Temple Emeth
promptly at 9 a.m.

We will park in the Liberty State Park lot for \$5.00 per car. (Carpool passengers will share the cost of transportation.)

Please reserve your place by May 6th.

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Return form to Temple Emeth
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I/We want to visit Ellis Island.

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Box lunch sandwich choice:

Tuna ___ roast beef ___ turkey ___ veggie wrap ___

I/we can drive in carpool _____

Number of passengers we can take _____

Temple Emeth Couples Club (singles welcome)

Spring Event

Saturday, May 12, 2007, 7:00 p.m.

**A Night of Theater
at**

The Garage Theater



Wine and Cheese reception followed by the play:

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A psychological study of a young Cambridge-bound gay man, who kills his lover and is imprisoned. The play examines the crime through the prism of many voices and viewpoints: the man's father, the lover's memories, newscasts and the prison psychiatrist.

We are delighted to welcome Rabbi Robin Nafshi to this performance. After the play, Rabbi Nafshi will join cast members and the director for a post-performance discussion with the audience.

Cost and Details:

\$35 per person,

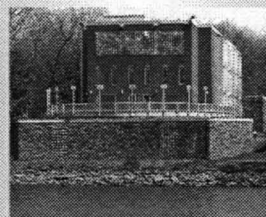
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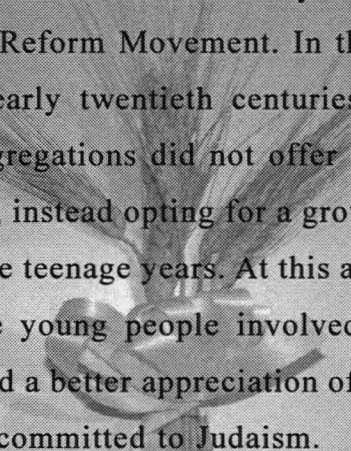
The Garage Theatre is located at Becton Theater, Fairleigh Dickinson University, 960 River Road, Teaneck (about 2 miles from Temple Emeth).
Directions available at www.garagetheatre.org



Spotlight
on

CONFIRMATION

by Rabbi Steven Sirbu



Confirmation is a ceremony with deep roots in the Reform Movement. In the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, many Reform congregations did not offer Bar and Bat Mitzvah, instead opting for a group service during the teenage years. At this age, presumably, the young people involved in the ceremony had a better appreciation of what it meant to be committed to Judaism.

Today, of course, all Reform synagogues offer Bar and Bat Mitzvah, and almost all also offer Confirmation. While the age varies, most synagogues, including Temple Emeth, offer Confirmation at the end

of tenth grade, provided the young people have fulfilled a series of requirements. At Temple Emeth, these requirements include enrollment in BARJ or another approved Hebrew high school program, attending a teen advocacy seminar sponsored by the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism in Washington, attending a Saturday morning Torah study class, and submitting an essay for the Wilford Weill Memorial Essay Contest.

Confirmation always takes place on Shavuot, which is fitting for two reasons. It falls during "graduation season" and it is the holiday which marks when the Israelites confirmed their faith by accepting the covenant at Mount Sinai. This year, the Confirmation class has 15 students, the largest in recent memory, and their service will be Tuesday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m.

The entire congregation is invited to attend as these young people lead us in prayer and publicly confirm their faith.

KALLAH 2007

Although Kallah '07 is behind us, we'd like to share some memories of the special February weekend.

As usual, it was filled with activities and an emphasis on learning. Rabbi Sirbu prepared and presented "Competition in Jewish Text and Tradition." The shared teaching of Rabbis Sirbu and Nafshi was enlightening and intellectually stimulating.

Prayer services were enriched by the beautiful singing of Marc Klausner, who continues to be a blessing for Temple Emeth.

One of the weekend's highlights was a concert performed by the Classic Touch Ensembles in memory of Seymour Fleischman. A special thank you to Jennifer and Rabbi Golan Ben Chorin, Jackie and Howard Guttman, Bev and Sy Lazar and Emily and Elliot Steinberg for planning and sponsoring the beautiful concert.

See you next year - FEBRUARY 15th, 16th & 17th, 2008.

(our Bat Mitzvah year)

Carlene Fleishman and Bev Lazar, Co-chairs



Temple
Emeth
B'yachad



**TUESDAY, May 8th
at 7:30 p.m.**

Rabbi Steven Sirbu

Will speak on:

Where do we draw the line?

Radio host Don Imus was punished for using derogatory language to describe the Rutgers women's basketball team. The controversy has raised many questions. In this culture of Internet anonymity and hyper-sensitivity, what (if any) are the bounds of free speech?

Will other "shock-jocks" guard their tongues, and should we call it civility or censorship? How have evolving technology and evaporating cultural taboos changed our relationship with the First Amendment, and how will that affect the Jewish community? Rabbi Sirbu will examine this topic in its cultural context and explore where we should draw the line.

This RSVP must be
returned by May 1, 2007.

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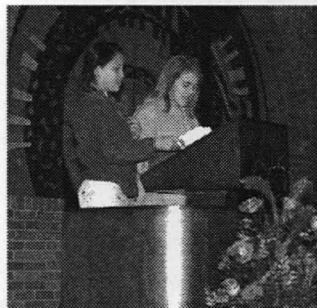
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**Seventh Grade Service
and Tree Planting**

The 7th grade led the Temple Emeth Religious School and Community in a service commemorating the Holocaust on April 15th. They presented original poetry and essays reflecting their research and study of this period.



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Services and S'machot

17 Iyar 5767
Friday, May 4

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Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Erica Pollet

Saturday, May 5

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

Shabbat Worship at 10:30 a.m.

BAT MITZVAH OF ERICA POLLET

Torah Portion: Leviticus 21:1-24:23

Haftarah: Ezekiel 44:15-31

24 Iyar 5767
Friday, May 11

The Oneg is sponsored by Lori and John Moses in honor of the
Bar Mitzvah of their son, David Moses

Saturday, May 12

Shabbat Behar - Bechukotai
Shabbat Service at 8:00 p.m.
Annual Giving Shabbat

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

BAR MITZVAH OF DAVID MOSES

Torah Portion: Leviticus 25:1-27:34

Haftarah: Jeremiah 16:19-17:14

2 Sivan 5767
Friday, May 18

The Oneg is sponsored by Cathy Lazar and Gary Zamchick in honor of the
Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Sofie Zamchick

Saturday, May 19

Shabbat Bemidbar
Music Service at 8:00 p.m.
Installation of Officers and Trustees

Shabbat Worship at 10:30 a.m.

BAT MITZVAH OF SOFIE ZAMCHICK

Torah Portion: Numbers 1:1-4:20

Haftarah: I Samuel 20:18-42

6 Sivan 5767
Tuesday, May 22

Wednesday, May 23

Shavuot
Shavuot Service and Confirmation at 7:30 p.m.
Tikkun Leil Study Session at 9:30 p.m.
Shavuot Service and Yizkor at 10:30 am.

9 Sivan 5767
Friday, May 25

The Oneg is sponsored by Bonnie and Michael Brummer in honor of the
Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Karli Brummer

Saturday, May 26

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

Shabbat Worship at 10:30 a.m.

BAT MITZVAH OF KARLI BRUMMER

Torah Portion: Numbers 4:21-7:89

Haftarah: Judges 13:2-25

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6 18 IYAR 11 Lag BaOmer - Israel Day Parade in NYC 9:00 am Environmental Action Day 11:15 am Family Holiday Fun	7 19 IYAR 10:45 am Yiddish Class	8 20 IYAR 7:00 am Capital Campaign 7:30 pm B'Yachad Event 7:30 pm Website Mtg.	9 21 IYAR 12:00 pm Lunch and Learn 6:15 pm Etz Chayim meets 7:00 pm BARJ Graduation in Washington Twp. 7:30 pm Kol Emet meets 7:30 pm Strategic Planning	10 22 IYAR 8:15 pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah	11 23 IYAR 11:43 9:00 am ECC Family Kabbalat Shabbat 8:00 pm Annual Giving Shabbat	12 24 IYAR 11 Behar - Bechukotai 11 Shabbat Ends: 8:54 9:10 am Torah Study 9:30 am Tot Shabbat 10:30 am Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah of David Moses 8:00 pm Couples Club Theater Party
13 25 IYAR	14 26 IYAR 10:45 am Yiddish Class	15 27 IYAR 8:00 pm New Board Members Orientation Meeting	16 28 IYAR 11 Yom Yerushalayim 12:00 pm Lunch and Learn 6:15 pm Etz Chayim meets 7:30 pm Kol Emet Meets 6:30 pm Rosh Chodesh Program 7:30 pm Confirmation Rehearsal	17 29 IYAR 10:00 am UJA Shalom Baby 7:30 pm Congregational Meeting	18 1 SIVAN 11:49 11 Rosh Chodesh Sivan 8:00 pm Music Service Installation of Officers and Trustees	19 2 SIVAN 11 Bamidbar 11 Shabbat Ends: 9:00 9:10 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah of Sophie Zamchick
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Good & Welfare

The congregation mourns the passing of beloved member, **Flora Braunschweiger**

Condolences to...

Kate Zatz on the loss of her beloved father,
George Houghton

Judy Yablonka on the loss of her beloved aunt,
Florence Katz

James Kirsch on the loss of his beloved mother,
Lucille Kirsch

Audrey Seares on the loss of her uncle,
Harold Putterman

Carla Silver on the loss of her uncle,
Seymour Kessler

Mazel Tov to...

Judy & Gidon Yablonka on the engagement of
their daughter, Marni to Richard Nagle

Elinor & Richard Buchbinder on the engagement
of their daughter, Darrell to Scott Wolff

Welcome to Membership...

Susan Klausner

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Temple Emeth Stands with Israel!

The Israel/ARZA Committee invites you to

March for Israel at the

Salute to Israel Day Parade

Sunday, May 6

We will leave Temple Emeth about 11:00 a.m.

Cost is \$6 for a T-Shirt (everyone must wear a
T-Shirt to participate)

For more information, please call Vicky Farhi at
201-674-0984 or email vicky42@optonline.net

Congregational Seder

The Temple Emeth Seder Committee would like to thank Judith Bitterman, Inna Brovman, the Etzin family, Marcy Fearon, Adele Hirshmann, David Moses, Elaine Pollack, and Myron White for their help during the day of the Seder; Richard Buchbinder (and Marc Klausner) for providing the music, and Rabbi Sirbu for once again leading us out of Egypt. We hope everyone had a wonderful time, and look forward (yes, already!) to seeing you (if you're not in Jerusalem), at Temple Emeth on Sunday night, April 20, 2008.

Karen Sacks and Marc Klausner
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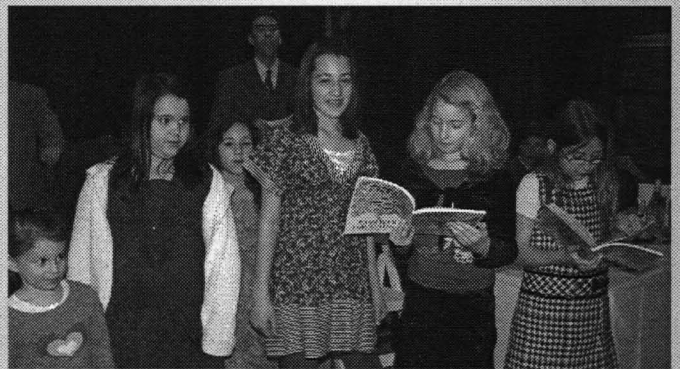


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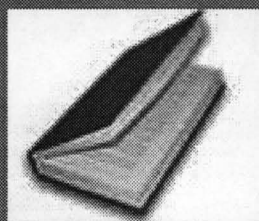
BOOK CLUB

On May 24th, the Temple Emeth Book Club will meet at the home of Bobbi Lewis.

The reading selection is

On Beauty by
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Temple Emeth College Kids

By Lynne Graizel

The first time we took our girls to Disney World in Orlando, Florida, we went to the Magic Kingdom and went on the ride called: **It's a Small, Small World**. We left the ride humming the song that you hear from the moment you enter until the moment you leave...and it really is a small world if you ask **Andy Lewis**. **Andy** has been a member of our congregation for some time. His parents are **Beth and Larry Lewis**. **Andy** is currently a freshman at Brandeis University. While attending our religious school he met a kid named **Ben Gurvis**, who's dad happened to be our Rabbi. The boys weren't really friends (they lived on opposite sides of Teaneck and went to different schools), but they sort of knew about each other. **Andy** remembers that there were 3 **Bens** that were always together – **Ben Gurvis**, **Ben Persky** and **Ben Oriel** (where was **Ben Farhi**, I wonder?). Anyway I digress.

The **Gurvis'** moved when oldest son **Ben** was in the 5th grade and **Andy** didn't think of **Ben Gurvis** again until he had a conversation with **Ben Persky** at a Religious school reunion Shabbat service last June. So **Ben Persky**, son of **Barbara and David** who is a freshman at Rhode Island School of Design mentioned that **Ben Gurvis** was going to be a student at Brandeis too. **Andy** shook his head, but didn't think of it again until he got up to school.

Then came move-in day at Brandeis, **Andy** left his room for a second to go into the hall, and it was at that moment he spotted **Rabbi Eric Gurvis**. After a quick reunion with **Rabbi Gurvis**, **Andy** was re-introduced to **Ben**, who happened to be living right down the hall. In between various orientation activities, the boys quickly became friends as they discussed memories of Temple Emeth and Teaneck, and **Andy** gave **Ben** the high school updates on his best friends from **Ben Franklin Middle School**.

Are you getting all of the **Bens** in this story?

Since then, **Ben Gurvis** has become one of **Andy Lewis'** best friends at Brandeis. They hang out pretty much every weekend and take 2 classes together: 3D Animation and Hebrew (what a surprise!).

One weekend last semester they took a road trip to Providence, RI to visit **Ben Persky** at RISD. It felt like a mini-Hebrew school reunion. For a lack of better words, it really is a small, small world, particularly if your name is **BEN!**

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Join us at our **3rd ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION DAY**
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Summary of Minutes from the April 12th Board Meeting

This was the final meeting of this year's Board of Trustees. The next, to be held on May 24th, will be the transitional meeting when the board will welcome new members and thank those who are leaving the board.

It has been a quiet month. Tree maintenance is currently going on around the Temple. A committee is being assembled to discuss dues and fees. Although dues may, when necessary, be negotiable, fees are not. Fees include Religious School tuition, B'nai Mitzvah fees, etc.

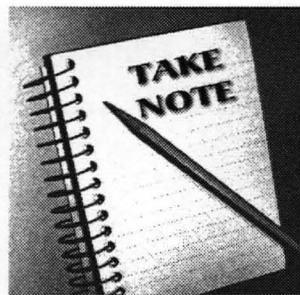
Marc Klausner has volunteered his services so often at Temple Emeth; to thank him the Board of Trustees and Cantor Tilem presented him with a gift of singing lessons with a prominent voice teacher who trains cantors. Many thanks to Marc for all he has done for Temple Emeth!

The Strategic Planning Committee met with members of the Religious School, the ECC and other committees to discuss future collaboration. Interrelated groups will begin meeting quarterly with Rabbi Sirbu to better coordinate Temple activities.

Rabbi Sirbu reported that Rabbi Nafshi has accepted the role of High Holiday Rabbi for this fall. She will coordinate the parallel programming for children and give a sermon on the second day of Rosh Hashanah. On May 4th, Temple Emeth will participate in "Shabbat Across America," which will be advertised outside of our temple community.

Financial Secretary Michael Robinson reported that 85% of dues are paid. We currently have 416 members. The Casino Night Gala is adding a live auction this year, along with a silent auction and "duty-free shops." All are welcome to attend and are encouraged to bring friends.

Treasurer Steve Packles presented the 2007-08 budget. The Board accepted the recommendation of the finance committee to bring the budget to the congregation for a vote. The Strategic Planning Committee applied for a leadership development



- 4 Teacher Recognition Family Service 7:30 p.m.
- 6 Environmental Action Day
- 9 BARJ Graduation at Beth Or
- 12 Couples Club Theater Party at 8:00 p.m.
- 16 Rosh Chodesh at 6:30 p.m.
- 17 Congregational Meeting
- 20 Ellis Island trip
- 22 Shavuot Confirmation Service at 7:30 p.m.
- 24 Book Group at 8:00 p.m.

(Minutes continued)

grant. If it is approved, the Board voted to commit matching funds.

The Capital Campaign has raised over \$1.1 million, and numbers continue to rise. A workshop will be held at the end of April to evaluate the way the Board currently works and to discuss the role of the executive committee.

Annual Giving raised over \$80,000 this year.

One third of the students at BARJ will be from Temple Emeth in the fall.

The Search Committee is widely advertising for the position of a new Youth Director.

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held May 17th. The following night, Installation will be held at a music service. Dan Firshein closed the meeting detailing many accomplishments and activities of the Board and Temple during the past two years.

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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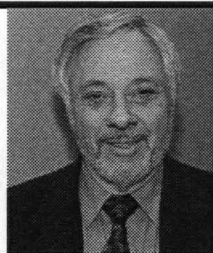
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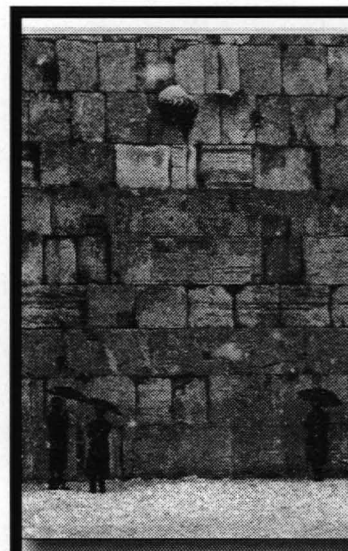
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There's room for many more of you card sharks...so we hope you'll come to the next one!

And...thanks to Ira Miller for assisting with the "organization" of the evening.

Michael Reiner
Temple Emeth Men's Club

WHAT'S NEW

By Lynne Graizel and Nickie Falk

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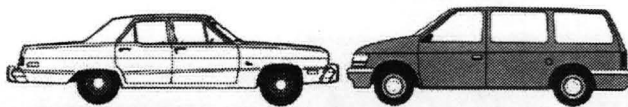
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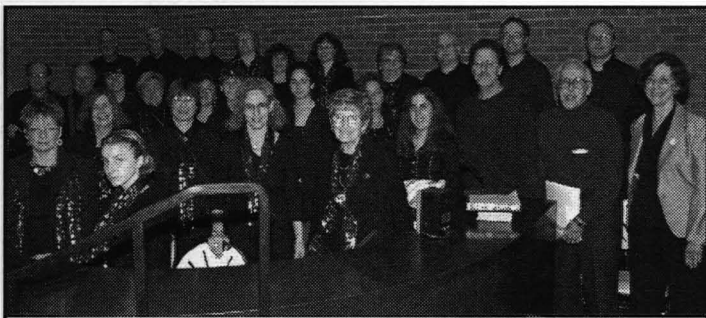


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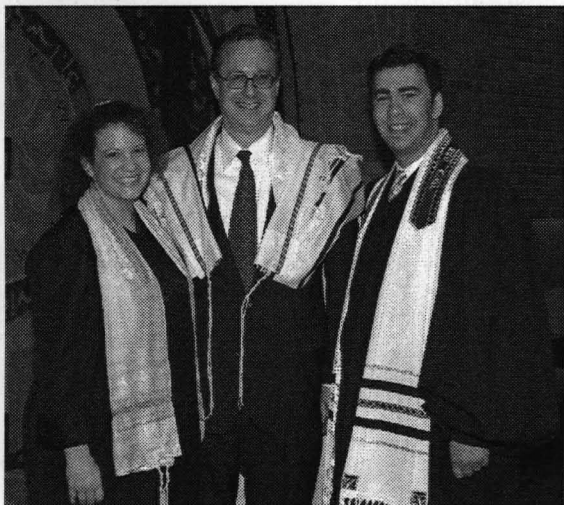
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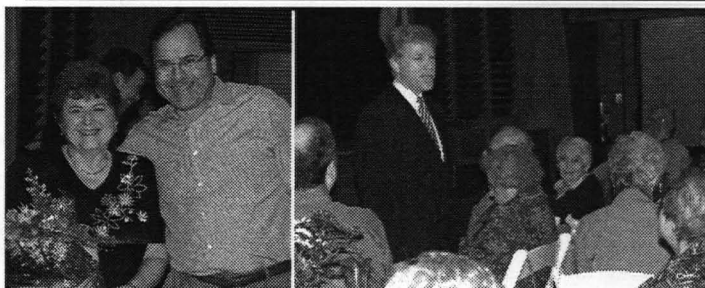
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Letter from Joseph Boonin
To my dear friends at Temple Emeth,

I have been overwhelmed by the show of comforting condolence that so many of you — both individually and as committees — extended to me, Elisabeth and Sam on the occasion of Nancy's death. I heard from so many of you that I cannot begin to try to respond to each of you individually.

Emeth was part of the Boonin's life for some thirty years. Now, almost four years later, it has again become a comforting presence. Even as so many of you still hold us in your hearts will I always hold Temple Emeth near and dear for the rest of my days.

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Joseph Boonin



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