

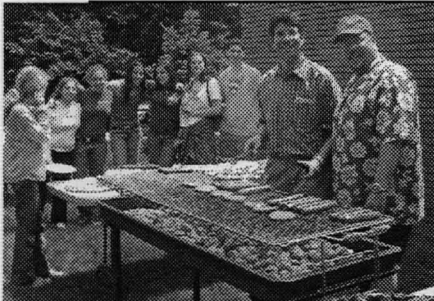
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"Rest assured that your students eagerly looked forward to learning from you. Know that parents were honored to have you become part of their child's religious education. I hope you can reflect and feel proud of the fact that you helped shape many, many lives. Because of your dedication to Jewish education and learning, you leave large shoes to fill."

Nancy Scher

To Michael Baer - Hail and Farewell

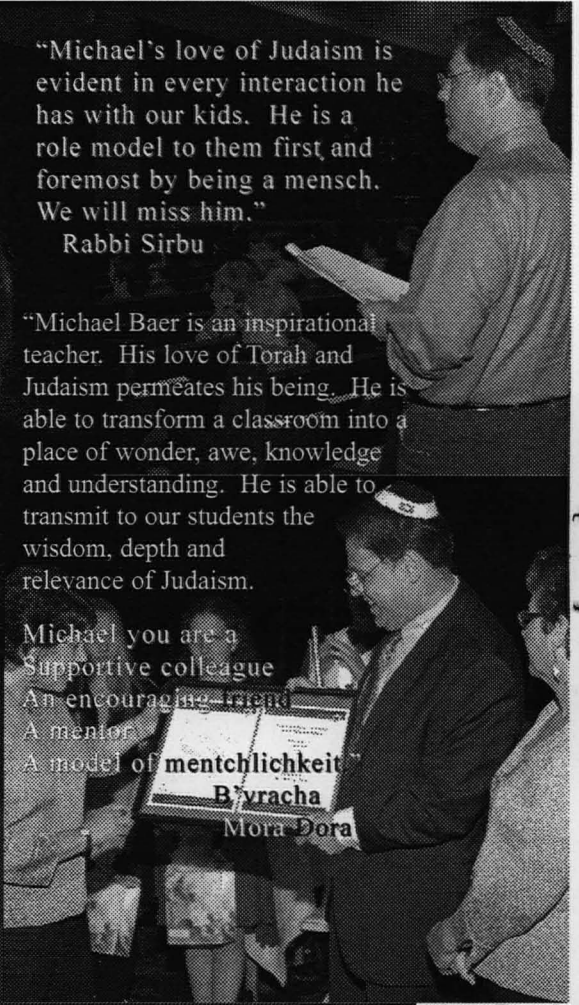


"Michael's love of Judaism is evident in every interaction he has with our kids. He is a role model to them first and foremost by being a mensch. We will miss him."

Rabbi Sirbu

"Michael Baer is an inspirational teacher. His love of Torah and Judaism permeates his being. He is able to transform a classroom into a place of wonder, awe, knowledge and understanding. He is able to transmit to our students the wisdom, depth and relevance of Judaism."

Michael you are a
Supportive colleague
An encouraging friend
A mentor
A model of *mentchlichkeit*
Byracha
Mora Dora

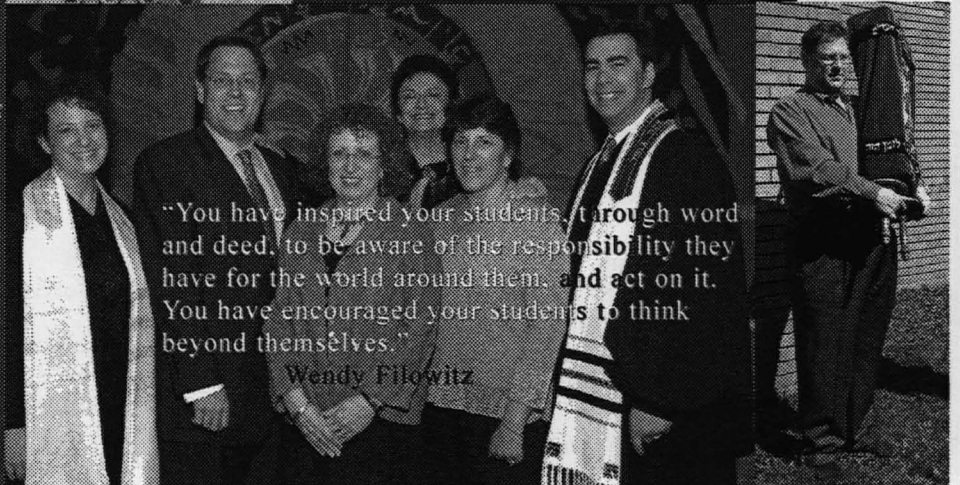


"Michael Baer is an example of the kind of teacher any religious school would love to have; he is enthusiastic, responsible and creative. His love of Judaism shines through his work every time he steps in front of his students. He is well-liked by his students and his colleagues respect him. Our school will miss his boisterous presence, especially in his grass skirt at the Purim carnival! We wish him well in his future endeavors!"

Ken Hoffman,
Former Religious School Co-Chair

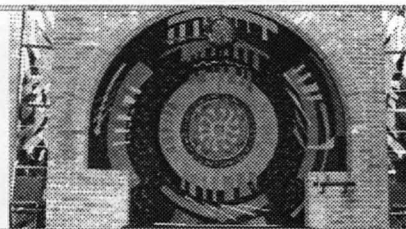
"You have inspired your students, through word and deed, to be aware of the responsibility they have for the world around them, and act on it. You have encouraged your students to think beyond themselves."

Wendy Filowitz



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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

The past generation of American religious life has seen a transformation in two significant ways. First is that the relationship between religion and politics—kept for decades at arm's length by contemporary interpretations of the First Amendment—became more interconnected and even interdependent. The second is that the most passionate religious voices preaching for social change went from advocating liberal causes such as civil rights to more conservative causes such as prayer in public schools and restrictions on abortion.

These phenomena are the results of many social forces, not the least of which was the impact of the Rev. Jerry Falwell, who died on May 15th. Falwell used the power of television to spread his evangelical theology. He founded the Moral Majority, the first organization of its kind to advocate a conservative Christian agenda in the halls of government. And he founded Liberty University so that he could train the next generation of leaders shaped in the same mold.

We Reform Jews, as individuals and as a movement, found much to disagree with in Falwell's preaching and teaching. His belief that America is a Christian nation threatened to marginalize our community, undoing decades of progress. His emphasis on prayer in public schools had the potential of alienating Jewish (and other non-Christian students) in the very classrooms which were built to give equal opportunity to all.

There has also been great debate in the Jewish community about whether Falwell's zealous support for Israel is really a good thing in the long run. Israel

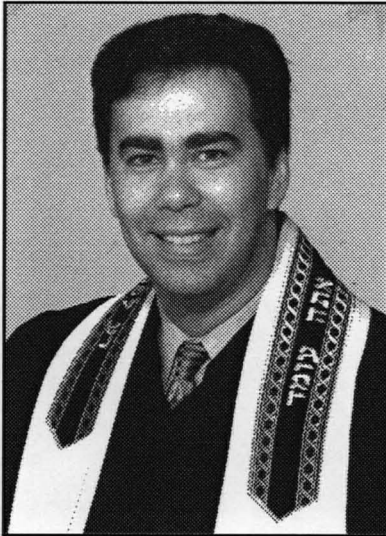
is desperate for allies, yet in looking at the so-called "Christian Zionism" that Falwell preached, it often seems shortsighted to ally ourselves with someone whose support for Israel is based on such a starkly different philosophy.

There is no question that the religious America that Falwell worked to shape will endure for some time. The only question is how we as Jews will navigate the new religious landscape in a way that we and our values will also have a voice.

Many in our community have demonized Jerry Falwell for his various statements and beliefs. (He made some well-known inflammatory gaffes which, since he later apologized for them, I will not repeat here.) I find that demonization rarely, if ever, leads to decreased friction or greater understanding.

Like many others, there is much I disagree with about Falwell's religious and political views. Nonetheless, I believe that there is much to admire and emulate about him. He brought great passion to the pulpit while at the same time maintaining a sense of personal kindness and humility to those who met him. He understood the power of bringing like-minded people together to accomplish specific goals, even if those same people disagreed about other important issues. And he used the power of mass media to help shape his vision of a better world.

Rabbi Eric Yoffie, president of the Union for Reform Judaism, remembered Falwell this way: "Rev. Falwell's influence will be felt for years, even generations, to come." I agree.



Rabbi Steven Sirbu

Message From the President

Hello, my name is Bill Graizel and I am Temple Emeth's new President. I thought it might be a good idea to use my first bulletin article to introduce myself and my family to those of you who may not know us.

Our family moved to Bergen County twenty years ago, and at that point in my life, the first sentence of this article would have seemed as plausible as: "Hello, my name is Bill Graizel and I play shortstop for the New York Mets."

Until my involvement with Temple Emeth, my Jewish self-identity was marginal. There was nothing in my life at that time would have given any indication that I might one day be sitting in front of my computer writing this bulletin article as a Temple President. But then, we can't always predict what life has in store for us, can we?

I was born and raised in Brooklyn in what can best be described as a "Conservadox" home. I hold a BBA in Public Administration and a Masters degree in Political Science from CCNY. My first career was in higher education administration where I was executive assistant to the Dean of Humanities at Brooklyn College. In 1984, I obtained a real estate broker's license and began my second career. I am now a partner in a brokerage firm that specializes in condominium sales in Battery Park City. I love books, music and movies and am an avid sports fan. But my favorite recreational pastime is playing tennis, which I do regularly with Temple members.

My wife Lynne and I have been married for twenty-seven years. Lynne works as a Customer Service Representative for an educational publisher. Her accomplishments at Temple Emeth have been nothing short of amazing. Among them, she has organized kids clubs when our girls were in Religious School, chaired dinner dances, co-founded the Network of Emeth Women and served on the Board of Trustees. As if that's not enough, she has even taken

down and washed the social hall curtains. Her current passion is the Temple Emeth College Kids Program. Lynne keeps in touch with and sends holiday gifts and other missives to Temple members who are away at college.

We have two daughters, Amanda, 23 and Dana, 19. Both girls grew up as part of the Temple Emeth family. They were both a Bat Mitzvah at Temple Emeth, served as teaching assistants in our Religious School, and have devoted many hours to community service, especially while staffing the Temple's overflow shelter every February and March. Both girls have visited Israel as part of the Birthright Program.

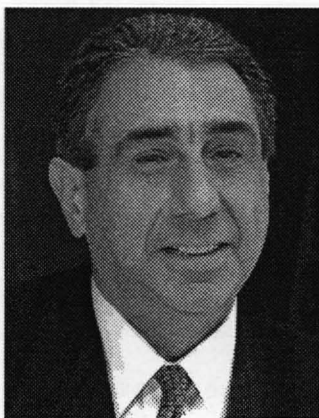
Amanda graduated from Clark University in May 2006 with a BA in sociology and a concentration in Holocaust and Genocide Studies. She has spent this past year as a Hillel Jewish Campus Service Corps Fellow at Syracuse University. And it is with mixed emotions that I tell you that

Amanda is preparing to move to California, having accepted a position as the Program Director for Hillel at The Claremont Colleges.

Dana has just finished her freshman year at Syracuse University where she intends to declare as a dual major in advertising and psychology. She will be spending this summer as a counselor at Palisade Country Day Camp. And it was Dana, and not me, who was the first Graizel to be a President at Temple Emeth, having served a year as President of EMTY.

So that's our family. If I don't already know you, I would love to meet you and learn about your family. If you see me at Temple or around town, please feel to come over and introduce yourself. In the meantime, have a wonderful summer!

Bill Graizel
President



From the Religious School

Scholars are the Builders of Peace

We have just finished another exciting year of Jewish learning. In our program, "Heritage Arts," grades K-7 fashioned ritual items like the shofar, mezuzot, a Blessings Bag, and a "Torah Yad." Our students learned new prayers, Torah, ancient and modern heroes, discussed current events, studied about life in Israel, established a pen pal connection to Israel, led tfila – prayer, learned some modern Hebrew, danced and sang and experienced Judaism as an exciting, dynamic and living tradition.

Our students will cherish these memories as they develop into Jewish adults. In "Pirkei Avot, Ethics of the Fathers," Rabbi Ben Zoma tells us "who is wise – one who learns from every person." The teachers and I have learned so much from our students and they, in turn can learn so much from home and family. Even though our formal school year is ending, your family's Jewish



education and identity continues all year. Here are some great ideas to learn together as a family.

Create a family tree with pictures, and have your child share it with us in September.

Have a discussion - "We are created in the image of God. What does that mean to you?"

Visit the library and take out books of Jewish interest.

Set aside time each Friday night to bless your children.

Visit points of Jewish interest and have your child share it with us in September.

Come to Temple Emeth and enjoy Shabbat together. Bring a friend.

Enjoy and have a healthy and peaceful summer.

Mark your calendars – register now for Religious School. First day of school is Sept. 9th.

B'vracha,

Dora Geld Friedman

From the Early Childhood Center

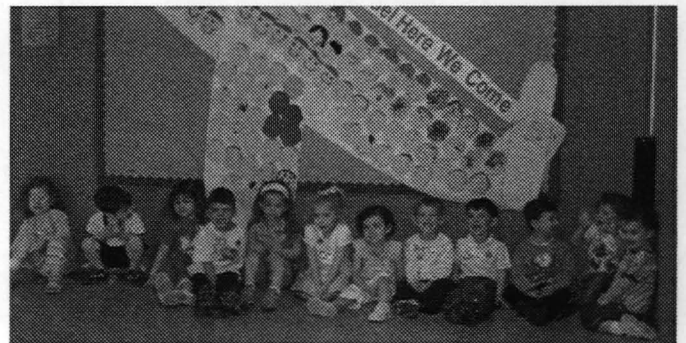
It's hard to believe but the year is almost at an end for our ECC children and staff. I thought it only fitting to have the children in our Four Year Old program, many of whom we have known since they were two, share their favorite memories of their years together at the ECC. These are some of the things they enjoyed the most....

Going outside in the playground with my friends....getting to go to the Bimah on Fridays....being with my friends....dressing up for Purim....eating all those great things on tasting day....playtime....playing blocks....making food and drinks....going to the park....playing in housekeeping....going out on the playground.

And that's a wrap from us! All of the children, parents and staff of the ECC would like to thank Temple Emeth for a great year together. Enjoy the summer – we know we will!!



Sharon Floch
Director, Early Childhood Center



Celebrating Yom HaAtzma'ut - Photos by Sharon Floch



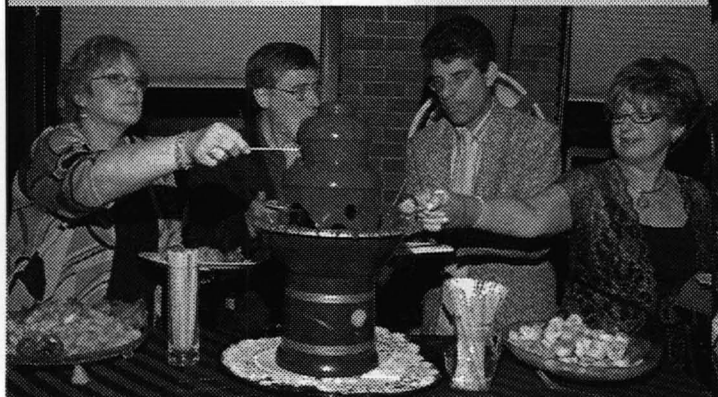
CASINO NIGHT

This year's Casino Night aboard the H.M.S. Emeth was a huge success again. More than 120 people gathered "on board" for a fun-filled evening that included a live and silent auction, shopping at our "duty free" boutiques, lots of food, drink, and conversation and, of course, casino games courtesy of Tumbling Dice Entertainment. We're still tallying the numbers, but it looks like the event will have netted \$20,000 in support of Temple activities.

This extraordinary evening was ours to enjoy thanks to the contributions of so many of our members as well as vendors from our community. Please be sure to pick up a program book in the Temple lobby so you can see who they are. Special thanks go to Barbara Balkin, Corey Bronstein, Michael Brummer, Richard Buchbinder, Steve Chaiken, Marc Chelemer, June Cohen, Joy Firshein, Shel Grossman, Jill Kantor, Sandi Klein, Eley Kohn, Ann Packles, Erica and Michael Reiner, Lara Robinson, Audrey Seares, Carla Silver, Johanna Sturm, Gail Talcoff and Andrea Winters. We couldn't have done it without you!



Cynthia Massarsky and Michael Robinson



Family Potluck Supper

Don't miss the final Family Potluck supper of the season!

Join us on

Friday, June 15th at 6:30 p.m.

as we welcome Shabbat

and honor our BARJ 12th grade graduates...

Music service at 8:00 p.m.

Please bring enough food
(non-dairy) for 8-10

people, in serving
dishes, so everyone can
try something different.



Please respond by Wednesday, June 13th

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Family Name _____

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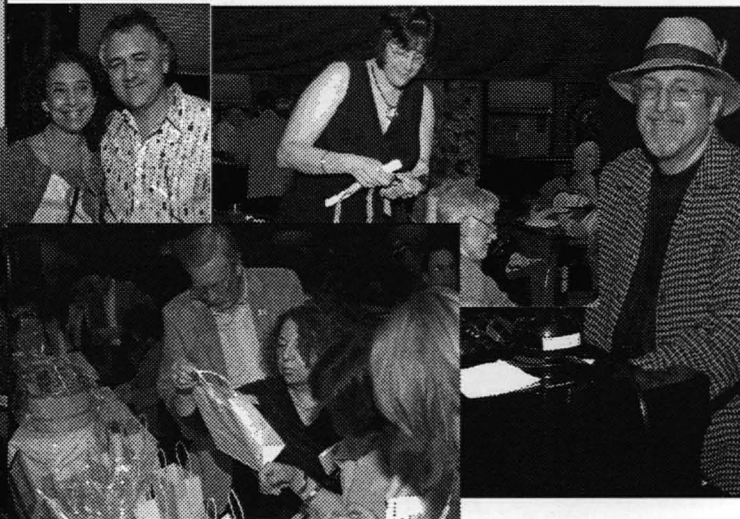
Side dish (no soup please) _____

Salad (with non-dairy dressing) or fruit _____

(We'll supply the drinks)

We can help set up at 6:00 p.m. _____

We need everyone to stay and help clean up





Michael Baer

I have been through four rabbis, 2 educational directors, 1 cantor and taught about 250 students during my 13 years at Temple Emeth. My responsibilities have grown from teaching one 7th grade class to teaching a 7th grade class and becoming Youth Director, to teaching a 7th grade class, being Youth Director and teaching a 3rd grade class, to teaching 3rd and 7th grade classes, being Youth Director and tutoring students for their B'nai Mitzvah. It's been great seeing my students grow and mature. I still enjoy hearing from them and catching up.

Temple Emeth has become a second home not only for me, but for my wife Robin and daughters Julia and Jessica. During good times and bad, members have been there for us, and some have become our dearest friends.

These past 13 years have shaped who I have become and, therefore, who my children have become. This, I will never forget, and will never be able to repay.

I am, however, looking forward to my future Sunday mornings; sleeping late, having breakfast (pancakes) with my family, reading the paper. I will do so with a smile on my face as I fondly remember the rewarding years I have spent at Temple Emeth.



Reflections from Layla Janoff

Michael Baer has been a friend and teacher to many in the Temple Emeth community. He's the advisor for EMTY - the youth group for kids in grades 8-12 which runs fun activities as well as social action projects. The times I spent with EMTY were eye opening experiences; they taught me the power of community service and how it relates to Judaism.

The first time I ever met Michael was in my seventh grade Hebrew school class. It was always educational and enjoyable - he was able to turn learning into something fun and interesting. It is clear he cares very much about his students which creates a positive and encouraging environment in the classroom.

However, my biggest connection with Michael is that come this Fall, I will be attending his alma mater, Clark University. If it weren't for Michael, I would never have been introduced so closely to the school, which became one of my top college choices. Michael hosted an information session about Clark at his home, which I attended. It was extremely helpful in answering all my questions, and also made me more excited about the prospect of attending.

Michael Baer's been with Temple Emeth for 13 years. I know I speak on behalf of the whole congregation when I say I am so grateful for Michael and all that he's done - and I think it goes without saying - that he will be sorely missed.

KALLAH 2007

Carlene and Bev would like to thank family members and friends, as well as Rabbi Eric Lazar, who joined us for the evening and honored us by their presence at the special concert in memory of Seymour Fleishman during Kallah 2007.

Once again, the dates for next year are - February 15th, 16th, & 17th 2008. Gerry Burns, The Pearl River Hilton's Banquet Manager, has promised us a very special weekend for Bev & Carlene's 13th year as co-chairs.

Thank you very much.
Bev Lazar & Carlene Fleishman, Co-chairs

Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg Memorial Library

Monthly News Update:

Summer Reading

by Laurel Kane

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New Books

The Library has acquired a wide variety of new books just in time for summer reading. Our additions include fiction; poetry; biographies; and an interesting mix of non-fiction. Brief summaries of some of these books are listed below.

A Woman in Jerusalem, by A. Yehoshua, seems at first to be a simple story of identifying the victim of suicide bombing. The author's skill converts this story into a moving tale of caring, grief, and wit.

What do four scientists who helped develop the atom bomb; the first photographer to go ashore on D-Day; the director of the movie *Casablanca*; the producer of *The Third Man*; a famous anti-Communist author; and an artistic photographer have in common? Find out in Kati Marton's book The Great Escape: Nine Jews who Fled Hitler and Changed the World. Here you will find previously untold stories of these nine Hungarians who got out of the wrong place at the right time.

How does a seventeenth century German Jewish widow guide the financial and personal futures of her fourteen children? In Memoirs of Gluckel of Hamelin, translator Marvin Lowenthal presents this amazing woman's story of pirates and war; weddings and births; mass hysteria and plagues; and her determination to save and advance her family, business, and faith during these turbulent times. This is a truly captivating book.

Why the Jews Rejected Jesus: the Turning Point in Western History presents the concept that Jews reject Jesus because Jesus rejected the oral Torah. The author, David Klinghoffer, explains how Paul promoted Jesus' role to become the basis for Christianity. This is a very interesting perspective on a very important topic.

In her book Emma Lazarus, Esther Schor offers an intimate portrait of the poet whose famous words are inscribed on the Statue of Liberty. Using personal letters that were discovered in 1980, the author allows us to see Emma Lazarus as not only a poet, but as an activist, a feminist, and a Zionist. This book helps us to attain a deeper understanding of her written words.

We have many other new books. Please come to our Library and discover the perfect book for your summer reading pleasure.

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Services and S'machot

16 Sivan 5767

Friday, June 1

Saturday, June 2

Torah Portion: Numbers: 8:1-12:16

Shabbat Beha'alotecha

Family Service at 7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Haftarah: Zechariah 2:14-4:7

23 Sivan 5767

Friday, June 8

Shabbat Shelach-Lecha

Shabbat Service at 8:00 p.m.

Volunteer Appreciation Shabbat

**The Oneg is sponsored by Ellyn and Fred Small in honor of the
Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Haley Small**

Saturday, June 9

Tot Shabbat at 9:30 a.m.

Shabbat Worship at 10:30 a.m.

BAT MITZVAH OF HALEY SMALL

Torah Portion: Numbers: 13:1-15:41

Haftarah: Joshua 2:1-24

30 Sivan 5767

Friday, June 15

Shabbat Korach

Pot Luck Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Music Service at 8:00 p.m.

Honoring our H.S. Graduates

**The Oneg is sponsored by Ilene and Frank Gagliardi in honor of the
Bar Mitzvah of their son, Jared Gagliardi**

Saturday, June 16

Shabbat Worship at 10:30 a.m.

BAR MITZVAH OF JARED GAGLIARDI

Torah Portion: Numbers 16:1-18:32

Haftarah: I Samuel 11:14-12:22

7 Tamuz 5767

Friday June 22

Saturday June 23

Torah Portion: Numbers 19:1-23:1

Shabbat Chukat

Shabbat Service at 8:00 p.m.

Shabbat Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Haftarah: Judges 11:1-33

14 Tamuz 5767

Friday June 29

Saturday June 30

Torah Portion: Numbers 23:2-25:9

Shabbat Balak

Shabbat Service at 8:00 p.m.

Shabbat Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Haftarah: Micah 5:6-6:8

June 2007

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 17 SIVAN 10:00 am Caring Committee Meeting	4 18 SIVAN 10:45 am Yiddish Class	5 19 SIVAN 5:30 pm ECC Teacher Appreciation Dinner	6 20 SIVAN 12:00 pm Lunch and Learn	7 21 SIVAN Last Day of ECC 8:15 pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class at Le Chocolat	8 22 SIVAN 18:06 8:00 pm Shabbat Service Volunteer Appreciation Shabbat	9 23 SIVAN Shelach Shabbat Ends: 9:17 9:10 am Torah Study 9:30 am Tot Shabbat 10:30 am Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah of Haley Small
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17 1 TAMMUZ	18 2 TAMMUZ 10:45 am Yiddish Class	19 3 TAMMUZ	20 4 TAMMUZ 12:00 pm Lunch and Learn 7:30 pm Strategic Planning Meeting 8:00 pm Ritual Committee Meeting	21 5 TAMMUZ 8:00 pm Book Group Dinner Meeting at Joan Paul's home	22 6 TAMMUZ 18:11 8:00 pm Shabbat Service	23 7 TAMMUZ Chukas Shabbat Ends: 9:22 9:10 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Service
24 8 TAMMUZ 1:30 pm NEW Trip to Museum of Jewish Heritage NYC	25 9 TAMMUZ 10:45 am Yiddish Class	26 10 TAMMUZ	27 11 TAMMUZ 7:30 pm ECC Parent Camp Orientation	28 12 TAMMUZ	29 13 TAMMUZ 18:12 8:00 pm Shabbat Service	30 14 TAMMUZ Balak Shabbat Ends: 9:22 9:10 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Service

Good & Welfare

Condolences to...

The congregation mourns the passing of beloved member, **William Grunstein** and extends condolences to his wife, Jeanette and son, Mike Grunstein

Mazel Tov to...

Ann and Bob Neuman on the birth of their granddaughter, Hanna Gail, daughter of Marni and Kevin Pearce

Eileen and Irving Commike on the engagements of their son, Myles to Tanya Wagner and their daughter, Laura to David Pitman

Welcome to Membership...

Jodi, Scott, Gus and Jemma Bienenfeld
Associate Member, **Joe Boonin**

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Installation of Executive Board

At Shabbat Services on May 18, 2007, Temple Emeth's new slate of officers for 2007 - 2008 were installed. Pictured, from left to right, are Cantor Ellen Tilem; Amy Abrams, Assistant Secretary; Richard Buchbinder, First Vice President; Bill Graizel, President; Marc Chelemer, Second Vice President; Wendy Kosakoff, Secretary; Jeff Etzin, Treasurer; Michael Robinson, Financial Secretary; Paula Dillon, Third Vice President and Rabbi Steven Sirbu. Missing from the photo are Steve Packles, Assistant Treasurer and Stuart Breslow, Assistant Financial Secretary.

Confirmation Class May 22, 2007



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Micaela Shansky Chelemer	Cheryl Kaplan
Liam Cohen	Daniel Levine
Mollie Dillon	Jill Massarsky
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Temple Emeth College Kids

By Lynne Graizel

This is the last column of the 2006-2007 school year and it's a sad one for me. It's the column where I say "so long" (**never goodbye**) to all our graduating seniors, some of whom I've known since they were babies and some I met 4 years ago when they (or their parents) signed them up to be part of the college kids.

So here are my nominations for the graduates who will soon be changing our world:

Laura Geisenheimer, daughter of Roberta and Bud, will graduate from Hobart and William Smith Colleges. Laura was recently accepted as an ambassador to go to Argentina with Keshet (the Reform Jewish College Youth Group) to do social justice work.

Janette Rosenbaum, daughter of Marlene and Edward, earns her degree in psychology from Mt. Holyoke and will be applying for jobs as a research assistant.

Ben Wolf, son of Maddy and Mark graduates from Duke University with a BS in Computer Science. Ben starts his job with The Bloomberg Company (as in the Mayor of NYC) writing computer software.

Ben Massarsky, son of Cynthia and Barry earned his undergraduate degree from Cornell (as did both of his parents). Ben will be working at LEK Consulting analyzing the media and entertainment sectors through various projects. After the summer Ben's off to law school.

Nicole Gerber, daughter of Peggy and David completed her 4 years at The College of New Jersey. Majoring in biology, Nicole graduates from the honors program with minors in psychology and chemistry. After the summer Nicole starts med school at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in New Brunswick.

Amy Stokes, daughter of Stephanie and Mark graduates from Barnard with a double major in art history and economic history.

And finally, **Leah Reiner**, daughter of Erica and Michael graduates from the University of Delaware with two degrees: apparel design and fashion merchandising. Leah will be looking for a job as an assistant designer at a women's wear label. As for the summer, Leah leaves on a **Birthright Israel** trip after graduation.

We wish all of these wonderful, talented graduates the best of luck! If you see the grads or their parents please wish them Mazel Tov!

...and in September a brand new group of college kids. I can hardly wait! Have a great summer.

Highlights of the Annual Congregational Meeting May 17, 2007

President Dan Firshein had the Mission Statement read. He thanked all who have contributed the past year, and emphasized the Honors List distributed to attendees. Finally, he thanked the outgoing Trustees and Executive Committee members for their efforts.

Rabbi Sirbu discussed three upcoming events: Erev Shavuot / Confirmation service (15 confirmands this year!), the fall Trachtenberg Lecture, featuring Cantor Ellen Dreskin, and a Family Retreat to Camp Harlem on March 28—30, 2008.

The Strategic Planning Committee's third year was summarized by Karen Rappaport, co-chair. Accomplishments included obtaining succinct financial reports, organizing inter-committee meetings, and spearheading a second Board workshop on governance.

Committing to the Future, the Sixtieth Anniversary Campaign, has exceeded 50% of its \$2.2 million goal. Gifts or pledges have come from 115 families.

The Social Action Committee displayed a solar cooker intended for women in Darfur...an inexpensive tool to help women in that region, especially to reduce their risk of assault. A Jewish agency helps deliver the cookers and train women in Darfur.

Board activities for the year were reviewed. There were discussions on ensuring that the 60th anniversary of the synagogue is properly celebrated, means of encouraging sponsorship of onegs, and the timeline for repairing the Sanctuary ceiling.

Larry Silver of the Nominating Committee made a report. A motion to accept the slate of Officers and Trustees was duly made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Steve Packles and Jeff Etzin reviewed this year's and next year's budgets. For next year, an approximate five percent increase in dues, a \$50 reduction in the Capital Assessment, and flat membership were key assumptions. A motion was made to accept the Budget as presented, was duly seconded and unanimously approved.



June

- 8 Volunteer Appreciation Shabbat 8:00 p.m.
- 15 Pot Luck Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
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- 21 Book Group Dinner at the home of Joan Paul 8:00 p.m.
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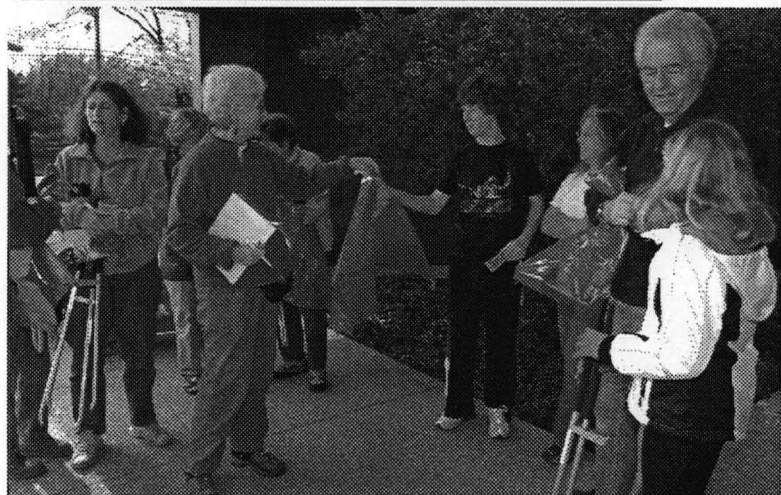
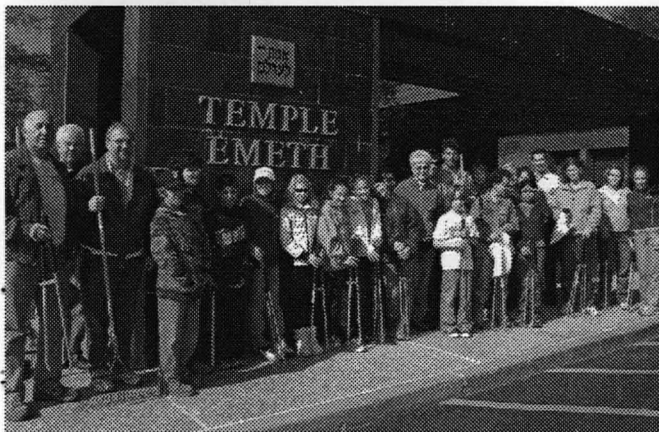
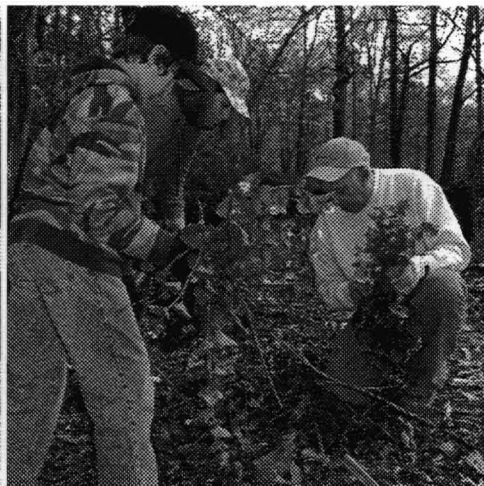
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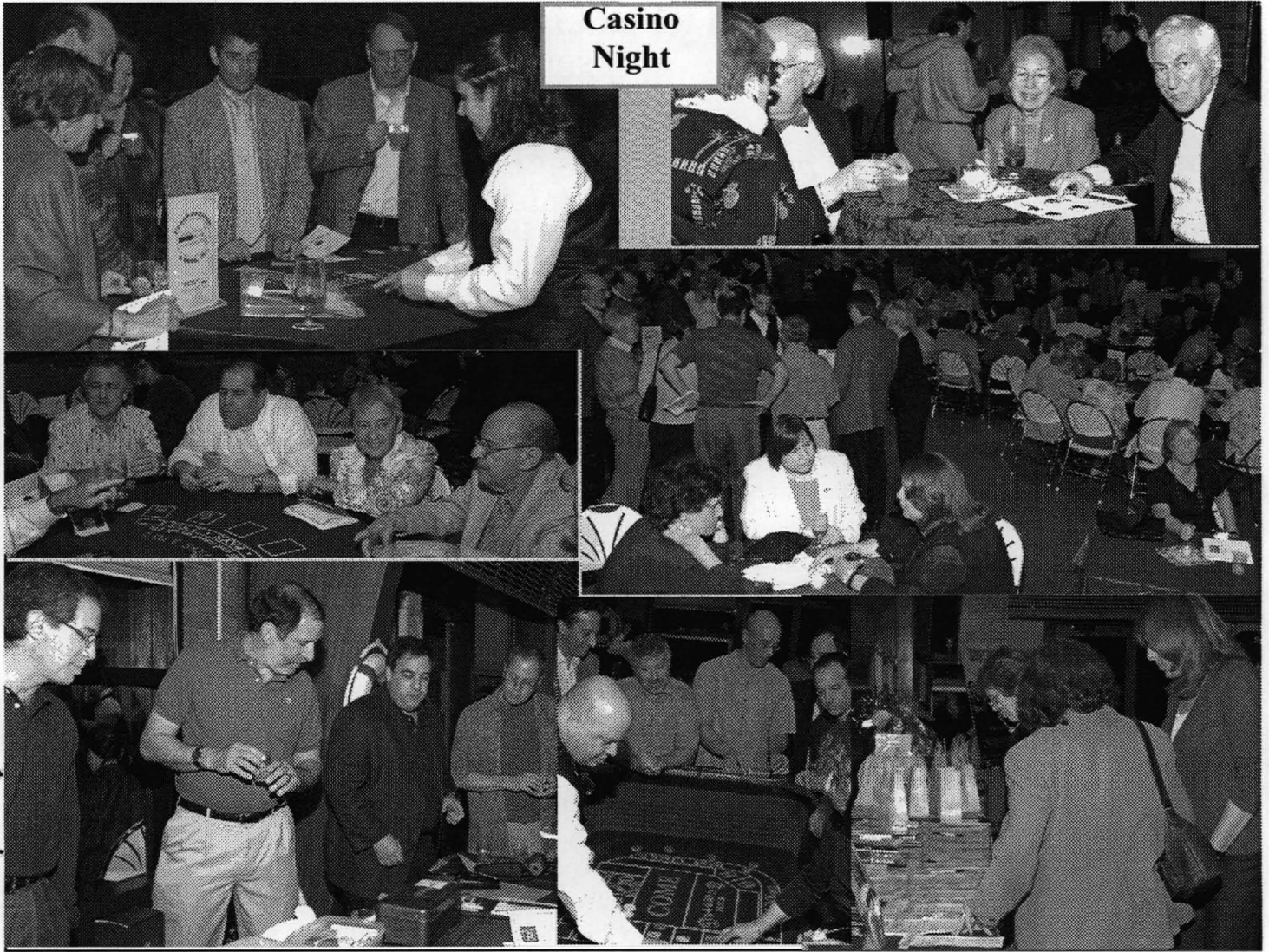
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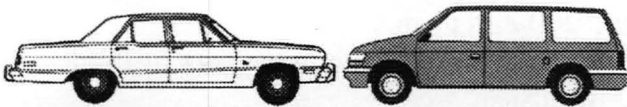
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Shown in the photo taken by Carla Silver are a few of the Temple members who attended the performance (from left to right): Muriel Kaplan, Stacy Lawrence, Brian Lawrence and Carlene Fleischman.



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