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Rabbi Kenneth Brickman – Cantor Sergei Schwartz

Friday February 4th 8:00 p.m.

Candle Blessing

Kiddush Prayer

Rabbi Brickman will Speak

Saturday, February 5th 10:00 a.m.

Haftarah Reading

Kiddush

Friday, February 11th 8:00 p.m.

Candle Blessing

Kiddush Prayer

Rabbi Brickman will Speak

Saturday, February 12th 10:00 a.m.

Haftarah Reading

Kiddush

FROM THE RABBI

In case you are looking for the announcement of our annual Purim Family Service, which usually takes place in February, allow me to explain. By coincidence, just as the year 2000 is a leap year, the Jewish year 5760 is also a leap year. However, when a Jewish leap year occurs we add not an extra day, but another entire month. The additional month is called Adar II, and it is placed right after the month of Adar in our calendar. Check your Jewish calendar at home, and you will see what I mean.

Normally the feast of Purim is observed in the month of Adar. When a leap year occurs, and the second month of Adar is added to the calendar, Purim is observed in Adar II. Therefore this year, Purim occurs about a month later than normal. Our Purim Family service will be held on the eve of Purim, Monday evening, March 20, 2000. By the way, if you look at the rest of the year on your Jewish calendar, you will notice that the rest of our Jewish holidays will be late, as well, in terms of when they occur on our secular calendar. Pesach is late in the month of April, and Erev Rosh Hashanah is on Friday, September 29.

ANNUAL FLORIDA REUNION

The Annual Jersey City Florida Reunion, sponsored by Temple Beth-El, will be held on Wednesday, February 16, 2000 at David's in Tamarac. As usual, many Temple members and their friends are expected to attend this event. Rabbi Brickman will be going to Florida to represent those of us who remain in Jersey City during the winter. We know that the Rabbi will bring warm regards to all of our friends in Florida. Let's hope that he brings back some warm weather!

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The Temple office will be closed on Monday, February 21, 2000 in observance of Presidents' Day.

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In appreciation to Rabbi Brickman and
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for their son, Foster (Fishel), from:
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In honor of his beloved mother, Ethel
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In memory of beloved mother, Sadie
Sachs to Mr. & Mrs. R. Shombing from:
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CONDOLENCES

The Rabbi, Cantor and members of the
congregation extend sincerest sympa-
thies and heartfelt condolences to
Betty Berger on the passing of her
beloved sister-in-law, Lillian Berger.

THANK YOU

The Temple expresses its sincere
gratitude for the very generous
contribution from Judy and Ben Kaplan.

*****NOTICE*****

Recently we mailed receipts for tax
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your contributions to the Temple,
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"MAKING" SHABBAT

If you once had a Jewish grandmother who "made Shabbas," this phrase may serve as a fond reminder of the past. But, if many Jewish traditions are new to your family, the idea of creating a special island of time may need to be adopted – and adapted – slowly.

You may struggle with the "either-or" notion that you must figure out a way to put everything on hold from Friday evening to Saturday sundown. "Otherwise," you may tell yourself, "if I can't do it right, why bother at all?"

Suppose for a moment, that all you can do is light candles, bless the wine and make a "motzi" over the challah. And, suppose that you can only make your dinner table a little more festive. And, suppose that you can only attend services most weeks, and refrain from doing annoying Saturday errands like banking and vacuuming. And, suppose that these are the only ways you "observe and remember" Shabbat.

So you are making a beginning – at making Shabbat. As you face the glow of the candles and recite the blessings, you are linking yourself with our tradition. Never mind what you think other Jews are doing. The challenge for every Jew is to find ways to make Jewish observance a living reminder of a vibrant faith. For centuries, Jews have debated the specifics – struggling to balance performing mitzvot with the demands of the rest of their lives. And, be assured that never have they come to a single conclusion.

By engaging in this struggle – and by choosing to "make Shabbat" for yourself – you become a part of this centuries-old tradition. So, why not make up your mind to "make Shabbat?" And, when you do, accept the fact that your beginning – no matter how simple – is an authentic expression of Jewish tradition.

From: UAHC "Outreach Connections"

February 2000

FAMILY SERVICE

Our Next Shabbat morning Family Service will be held on Saturday, February 26, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us for this special service.

SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendars and save the date for "SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA" on Friday evening, March 31, 2000. Watch your mail and the next "Temple Bulletin" for the details of our congregation's observance of this national event.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SERVICE

We are sorry that because our annual service in tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr. took place on one of the coldest nights of the year, not to mention the century, many members were not able to attend. It was truly a memorable occasion. Our guest speaker and honoree, Harold Ross, was extraordinary. He is an articulate young man, who will surely be one of the leaders of our community in the future. We are grateful to Cantor Schwartz, who selected beautiful music for the occasion, and as always outdid himself. Special thanks to Karen Elkind, who joined Cantor Schwartz in a duo on the "bimah" for a special setting of "Shalom Rav," the prayer which is sung just before our silent prayer.

This year's Martin Luther King, Jr. Service truly fulfilled the goal set by Rabbi Berman, Milton Gottlieb and Morris Pesin, when they initiated this annual commemoration. It was a wonderful opportunity to welcome the community into our sanctuary and to hear a meaningful message, presented by an individual who is keeping the dream of Martin Luther King, Jr. alive among us.

Those who missed the service will be able to see excerpts of it on Comcast Public Access (Channel 51) in Jersey City, sometime later in February. The program will be aired on a Wednesday evening, between 10:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.

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