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Rabbi Kenneth Brickman – Cantor Larisa Averbakh

Friday, May 4th 8:00 pm
Candle Blessing
Kiddush Prayer

Rabbi Brickman will Speak

Oneg Shabbat Sponsored by Lisa and Michael Shuchman

Saturday, May 5th 10:00 am
Haftarah Reading
Kiddush

Friday, May 11th 8:00 pm
Candle Blessing
Kiddush Prayer

SERMON IN SONG BY CANTOR AVERBAKH

Saturday, May 12th 10:00 am
Haftarah Reading
Kiddush

JF&CS HONORS IRWIN ROSEN

Our Temple President, Irwin Rosen, will be one of the honorees at the Jewish Family and Counseling Service Annual Breakfast. The Breakfast will be held at Congregation B'nai Jacob on Sunday, May 20 at 10 am. The other honorees will be Rabbi Robert Scheinberg of the United Synagogue in Hoboken and Faye Grossman of Bayonne.

If you have not yet made your reservation for the breakfast, please call the JF&CS office, 201-436-1299.

FUND-RAISING COMMITTEE EVENTS

Sunday, June 3

The rabbi is preparing an intimate dinner at the Temple at 6:00 pm in the social hall. Reservations are limited! The cost is \$25.75 per person (including a contribution to MAZON). This dinner was a sell-out last year, so make your reservations early. We will also draw the winner of our 50/50 raffle at the dinner, so if you have not yet purchased your raffle books, please do so immediately.

Thursday, July 12

Trip to the Papermill Playhouse to see "Carousel." The cost is \$65.00, which includes an elegant lunch at the Huntley Tavern (where we had lunch last year), the show and transportation. The reservation deadline is June 6, after which all unsold tickets must be returned.

October 14 - SAVE THE DATE!

The Temple will be sponsoring an antiques & collectibles show. Watch your "Temple Bulletin" for more information.

CALL THE TEMPLE OFFICE TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE FOR EITHER OF THESE EVENTS, 201-333-4229, OR SEND YOUR CHECK TO THE TEMPLE.

ADA GARFUNKEL HAPPY DAY FUND

Contributions have been received:

In honor of your Special Birthday to Carolyn Smith from: Ruth Lubow

In honor of the birth of son, Michael to David & Robin Abrutyn from: Ruth Zimmermnan

In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of your grandson, Mark Gordon Cavanagh to Ceil Wolff from: Bea Kaplan

In honor of a Speedy Recovery to Mrs. Richard Lebo from: Ruth Lubow

Wishing all at Temple Beth-El a Happy Passover from: Joan Kaminsky

With Loving Thoughts to Ben Kaplan from: Lenore & Murray Greiman

In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of your son, Michael to Howard Siegel from: Ruth Lubow

BERTHA FREUDENBERG FLOWER FUND

Contributions have been received:

In memory of beloved mother, Florence Jasper and Lottie K. Jaffin by Jane & Lee Jasper

In memory of beloved son, David Kabakow by Mildred Kabakow

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Contributions have been received from

Sam & Marcy Reichgott and Family, to Shirley Haar, in memory of beloved husband, Murray;

Ruth Zimmerman, in memory of beloved husband, Matty, on the occasion of his "Yahrzeit";

Joni Johns Lerner and Richard Lerner in appreciation to Rabbi Brickman;

Howard Siegel, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of his son Michael, and in appreciation to Rabbi Brickman

DR. HENRY J. AND ETHEL K. GEWIRTZMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

A contributions has been received in memory of beloved sister-in-law, Frances Bauer Starr, beloved father-in-law, Joseph Bauer and beloved brother, Max Rosen, on the occasion of their "Yahrzeit" by Ceil Bauer

SOPHIE GREENBAUM TRIBUTE FUND

Contributions have been received:

In memory of beloved husband, Abe Solomon to Ida Solomon from: Jeannette Silverman

In memory of beloved husband, Murray Haar to Shirley Haar from: Esther Robbins

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A LETTER OF GRATITUDE

Dear Rabbi Brickman:
Thank you for encouraging your synagogue members to contribute to the JF&CS Passover Relief Program. With your own and your members' help, our volunteers were able to distribute almost 150 boxes of kosher-for-Passover food this year. Isolated and homebound elderly people were able to celebrate a happy holiday, knowing that the community cares about them. Your contribution, as well as that of your members, was very much appreciated.

Sincerely,
Dena Mallach, LCSW
Executive Director,
Jewish Family &
Counseling Service

FROM THE RABBI

By coincidence, the monthly meeting of the Temple Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, April 12, the very same day that a fire devastated Clair Memorial United Methodist Church on Communipaw Avenue. When one of the trustees asked if there was anything we could do to reach out to our neighbors who had suffered such a devastating loss, the board responded by passing a resolution, which offered them the Temple social hall for their Easter services. Pastor Terry and the lay leadership of the church were grateful for our offer and accepted it immediately. Though they had received other offers, ours was the first space they had seen, which was suitable for their needs. They also felt that since the Temple is right around the corner from their church, it would be easy for their parishioners to attend services.

Never did we expect, nor did we seek public recognition for what we felt was a neighborly gesture. From the moment the first article appeared in "The New York Times," reporters from every newspaper, radio station and local television network overwhelmed us. As many of you surely saw, the service was the lead news item in the media throughout Easter weekend. I am still not quite certain why the media found our offer so newsworthy, but I am grateful that we were able to provide a positive story about relations between the Jewish community and the African-America community, especially after there have been so many stories portraying the tensions that exist between our communities. You should know that the Temple received calls and e-mails from across the country expressing support for what we did and congratulating us on our decision to invite the members of the church to worship in our building. I want to thank all of the volunteers from the Temple who helped make it possible for us to host the parishioners of Clair Memorial UMC on Easter. Special thanks are due to Nancy Sambul who coordinated this massive undertaking and organized it in a matter of days. We hope that our response to this tragedy will be a first step leading to further cooperation between our neighbors and us.

IRVING & MINERVA SWEET MEMORIAL LECTURE

Sunday, May 6, 2001 – 9:30 am

Admission is Free

“Emma Lazarus: American, Jewish and Female”

Dr. Daniel A. Harris, Ph.D.

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If we know the lines Lazarus wrote about the “huddled masses yearning to breathe free,” few of us realize that Lazarus aimed, from the beginning to be a significant Jewish-American female poet. Jewish poems, spanning her entire career, speak to the chief issues in Jewish-American cultural life: Lazarus’s repeated efforts to shape her Jewish, female “voice” despite Christian conversionist designs and the weight of New England literary pressures, her understanding of Jewish liturgical traditions, her historical conception of Judaism in relation to other major civilizations, her fierce responses to the Russian pogroms of the 1880’s, and her assumption – through Moses, Heine, others – of prophetic roles. Her increasingly strident tones and the complexity of her cultural perceptions combine with sharp auditory imagination and smart psychological strategies.

Dr. Harris has given many workshops and short courses on Jewish poetry in the northeast United States. He teaches in the Center for the Study of Jewish life at Rutgers University, where he has been Professor of English since 1983. In 1993, the University presented him with its highest teaching honor, the Award for Excellence in Teaching. Join us for a light continental breakfast at 9:30 am, followed by the lecture.

There is no charge for this event, however reservations are required. Please call the Temple office, 201-333-4229, to make your reservations.



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WEEK ENDING: MAY 12TH

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