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Rabbi Kenneth Brickman – Cantor Larisa Averbakh

Friday, April 19th8:00 pm

Candle Blessing: Tamar Davidson

Kiddush Prayer: Shifra Davidson

SERVICE IN CELEBRATION OF YOM HA-ATZMAUT
ISRAEL'S 54TH INDEPENDENCE DAY

Oneg Shabbat Sponsored by the Family of Ariel Zeigler
In honor of her Bat Mitzvah

Saturday, April 20th10:00 am

Haftarah Reading

Kiddush

BAT MITZVAH OF ARIEL ZEIGLER

Friday, April 26th8:00 pm

Candle Blessing

Kiddush Prayer

DEDICATION OF NEW LECTERN COVER
IN MEMORY OF MARJORIE LUBOWSKY

Saturday, April 27th10:00 am

Haftarah Reading

Kiddush

VIOLET ZALL HORDES MEMORIAL LECTURE

Sunday, April 21, 2002 – 9:30 am

Admission is \$10.00 including full breakfast & lecture

***“Postmodern Jews & Our Premodern Past:
What Do our Classical Sources
still have to Teach us?”***

Dr. Alyssa Gray, Ph.D.

Judaism is a religion with a long history throughout which the texts of our tradition have been essential in determining what we believe and how we practice our faith. Can those texts still speak to us today? Or are they a relic of our distant past? Come meet one of the young, up and coming scholars in the field of Jewish textual study and one of the few women teaching in this field and hear what she thinks.

Alyssa Gray is Assistant Professor of Codes and Responsa Literature at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York. She holds a Ph.D. in Talmud and Rabbinics from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, from which she also received her M.Phil. and B.A. degrees. Dr. Gray also holds law degrees from Columbia University and the Hebrew University Faculty of Law, as well as a B.A. from Barnard College. The author of several articles on Talmud and Medieval Jewish Law, Dr. Gray is currently working on a book about the literary relationship between the Babylonian and Jerusalem Talmuds. She has lectured widely in the areas of Jewish law, legal thought and Talmud.

To reserve your place for Dr. Gray's lecture, please send your check to the Temple or call the Temple office, 201-333-4229. Please invite your friends and neighbors to join us as well.

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In memory of beloved husband, Lothar, from Irma Daniel;

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In memory of dear friend, Suzanne Weiss, from Esther Kreiger

In memory of beloved father-in-law, John Berger, from Betty Berger

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Contributions have been received:

In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of your grandson, Simon Healey to Judy & Ben Kaplan from, Sol & Miriam Swerdloff

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Contributions have been received:

In memory of beloved parents, Sidney L. Karp and Miriam Karp, and beloved father, Arnold Eisenberg on the occasion of their Yahrzeits, from Michael & Fran Eisenberg

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YARD SALE UPDATE

A contribution has been received from Karen and Geoffrey Elkind

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A contribution has been received in honor of a Speedy Get Well to Ruth Lubow from: Irwin Rosen

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

A contribution has been received In honor of the birth of your first great-grandchild, Maggie Grace, to Shirley Haar, from Mollie Heitner

MAZEL TOV!

Congratulations to Ariel Zeigler and to her parents Tamar Davidson and Eugene Zeigler on her Bat Mitzvah.

PIANO TEACHER & HEBREW TUTOR AVAILABLE

Our Hebrew School teacher, Adi Zisman, is available as a private piano teacher or Hebrew Tutor. Adi is a professionally trained pianist with an M.A. from the Academy of Music in Tel Aviv, who has ten years of experience teaching piano to both children and adults. If you would like to speak to Adi about either piano lessons or learning Hebrew, please call her at either, 201-798-6404 or 212-340-4775.

Sunday, June 9 - Temple Flea Market

Since our Antiques and Collectibles Sale was such a success last fall, the Fund-raising Committee is planning a Flea Market on Sunday, June 9. Start your Spring cleaning early and find those items that you no longer use or need. If you have enough merchandise, you can rent your own table and space, or if you prefer donate your items to the Temple to be sold at our tables. For more information about the Flea Market, call the Temple office, and of course, we will need many volunteers to help out that day, so save the date and plan on being at the Temple.

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE BREAKFAST

The Jewish Family and Counseling Service Annual Breakfast will be held at Congregation B'nai Jacob on Sunday, May 19 at 10 am. This year's honorees will be Jeffrey Kaplowitz of Jersey City, Nat Saltzman of Bayonne and Andrew Lee of Hoboken. We urge everyone to attend this breakfast and support this worthy agency. If you want to attend the breakfast, please call the JF&CS Office, 201-436-1299 to make a reservation.

FROM THE RABBI

We are grateful to the many congregants who took the time to respond to the survey distributed by our Worship Task Force. By the way, if you have haven't completed your survey, it is not too late. Just call the Temple office, and we will be glad to send you another copy. We especially appreciate the thoughtful suggestions, which many congregants offered.

The Worship Task Force is still reviewing the surveys and determining what changes will be implemented, however, among the many suggestions were a few, which we have decided to move forward with immediately.

Since many people thought that having transliterations of Hebrew prayers available during services would be helpful, we will be preparing an insert for our prayer book, which will have transliterations of those prayers, which we usually recite in Hebrew during our services. Some congregants were interested in learning how to read Hebrew. If there is enough interest in forming an Adult Hebrew class, we will be pleased to do so. Just call the Temple office, 201-333-4229, and let us know if you would be interested in such a class.

A question was raised about the "Me Sheberach" prayer for healing, which we offer on behalf of those who are ill. Those who wish to have the rabbi offer a "Me Sheberach," can call the office and leave a message with the individual's name or speak to the rabbi prior to services on either Friday evening or Saturday morning.

We also want to revive an old Temple Beth-El tradition of offering birthday blessings for both children and adults. The birthday blessing will be offered on the first Friday evening of the month. We will begin by blessing those who have birthdays in May on Friday evening, May 3. If you have a birthday during May and want to come to services that evening for a birthday blessing, please call the Temple office and leave your name.

UAHC NEWS ALERT



April 4, 2002/22 Nisan 5762

TO: The Leadership and Members of UAHC Congregations
FROM: Rabbi Eric H. Yoffie
RE: UAHC Israel Relief Fund

"What can I do, now, to help the people of Israel?"

That is the question is on everyone's lips as we watch the unfolding of events in the land of Israel. The continuing violence touches all of us, and, we feel an urgent need to find ways to respond, to reach out to our Israeli family, to help in this time of need.

Over the past few days we have been consulting with the leaders of Israel's social service, medical, and relief agencies as well as the leadership of the Israeli Reform Movement. We heard about the critical need to help the families of those personally affected by the violence as well as the wider circle of Israelis whose lives have been disrupted. We are therefore establishing the UAHC Israel Relief Fund to raise funds for the following purposes:

- **Relief for the victims and their families:** Tragically, the number of people directly affected by the suicide bombers and other terrorist attacks continues to increase. We have identified a number of Israeli organizations that are providing assistance to these families to which we will channel contributions.
- **Emergency medical equipment and supplies:** The violence has put an enormous burden on Israel's medical system, and Magen David Adom and other emergency response agencies are in dire need of sophisticated equipment supplies and additional ambulances.
- **Support for children and the elderly:** We know that children and the elderly are particularly vulnerable during this crisis and are in need of psychological counseling, assistance in getting food and other necessities, and other social services.

I ask your help in letting the members of your congregation know about this fund, and I thank you in advance for what you do to help. As was the case in the September 11 Disaster Relief Fund, we will give a detailed report as to how the funds donated to the UAHC Israel Relief Fund are distributed.

Credit card donations may be made online at <http://uahc.org/israelrelief> or may be mailed to

UAHC Israel Relief Fund
Attn: Development Department
633 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10017

Please note clearly that donations are for the Israel Relief Fund. We pray that these days of violence soon give way to peace and relief for all who suffer.

ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY SERVICE

Please join us for our Shabbat evening service on Friday night, April 19 at 8:00 pm when we will celebrate Yom Ha-atzmaut. Show your support for Israel during this time of trouble. Together, we will pray for an end to the violence and for peace. Hopefully, our prayers will be heard on high so that next year, Jews in Israel and throughout the Diaspora will be able to celebrate Yom Ha-atzmaut in the fullness of joy.

JERSEY CITY COMMEMORATES ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE DAY

We urge everyone to come to City Hall for Jersey City's first official celebration of Yom Ha-atzmaut on Wednesday, April 17 at 12:15 pm. Free transportation is being provided. The bus will stop at the St. John's Apartments at 11:40 am and at the Temple at 11:50 am. Please call the Temple office to reserve your place on the bus. We hope that every Jew in our city will be present to demonstrate support for our beloved homeland.

CANTOR'S SENIOR RECITAL

Cantor Averbakh will be presenting her Senior Recital on Tuesday, April 23, 2002 at 11:00 am at the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion on One West 4th Street in New York. The College - Institute is located at the corner of West 4th Street and Broadway. There is no charge for the recital, and it is open to the public. A light reception will be served immediately following the recital. It is possible to walk to the College - Institute from the 9th Street Path Station. We would like to arrange rides for those who need a ride in order to attend the recital. If you are planning on driving into the city and have room for another passenger or if you need a ride, please call the Temple office, 201-333-4229, and we will attempt to arrange transportation, if possible. We hope as many congregants as possible will attend the Cantor's recital and help her celebrate this significant professional milestone.

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WEEK ENDING: APRIL 27th

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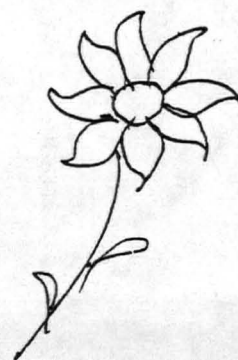
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Join Us For Our
April Lunch Meeting



Tuesday, April 16, 2002 at 12:00pm

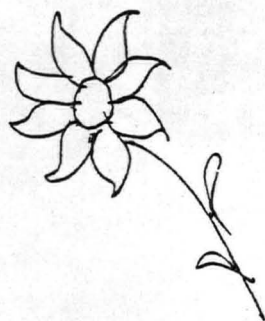
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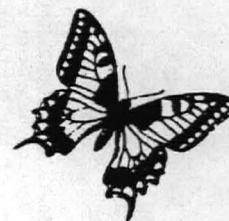
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Call: 333-4229
to make your reservation

Reservation Deadline: April 11, 2002



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Our Annual Donor Luncheon will be on May 21, 2002

President: Phyllis Barison