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WHY IS THIS NIGHT **מה נשתנה** DIFFERENT FROM **הלינה הזו**? ALL OTHER NIGHTS? **מכל הלינות**

WORSHIP SERVICES

FRIDAY, MARCH 1st
at 8:00 p.m.
SHABBAT SERVICE
"Esther: A Jewish Hero?!"

FRIDAY, MARCH 8th
at 8:00 p.m.
SHABBAT SERVICE

FRIDAY, MARCH 15th
at 8:00 p.m.
AGING AWARENESS
SHABBAT SERVICE
Guest Speaker: Dr. Jeffrey Merrill
"Can You Afford To Be Ill:
The Paradox of Health Care"

FRIDAY, MARCH 22nd
at 7:30 p.m.
SHABBAT HAGADOL FAMILY SERVICE
Led by our 2nd Graders
March Birthday Blessings
And A Story with the Rabbi

FRIDAY, MARCH 29th
EREV PASSOVER
SEDERS AT HOME

SATURDAY, MARCH 30th
at 10:30 a.m.
PASSOVER MORNING SERVICE

**E.T. (Early Torah Study Group)
MEETS EVERY SATURDAY
AT 9:15 A.M.**

JOINT COMMUNITY CONCERT

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 1991
8:00 p.m.
War Memorial

An Evening
With Rudolph Nureyev and Friends

PLEASE NOTE...

... there will be no service at Temple on the evening of Friday, March 29th as that is the night of the First Seder and we would hope that you will be observing with your families. There will be a morning service on the first day of Passover, Saturday, March 30th, at 10:30 a.m.

Dear Friends,

Only a few days ago, we celebrated together the festival of Purim. Purim is the happiest of holiday celebrations. It is not that we are to gloat over a victory over our enemy. That's not our style. After all, during the Exodus, we read that the Egyptians drowned in the sea. The Israelites danced in joy. But the Rabbis tell us that God questioned his people: "Why do you cheer? The Egyptians are also my children, and they are drowning. How dare you dance, when my children are dying!" The lesson is to celebrate our victories, but also to be mindful of the pain that others might be experiencing.

As I write this column, our troops are still in the midst of battle in the Middle East. I know we all join in prayer and hope that this madness will soon come to an end, that a just peace will be found, and that our sons and daughters, mothers and fathers will come home. I must admit to you that I have many mixed feelings about this war. It's not easy to question a war against an enemy who aims missiles at the citizens of an uninvolved nation, puts zombie-like P.O.W.s on TV to denounce their countries, who has not hesitated in the past to use gas and poison weapons on his own citizens, and who pours millions of gallons of oil into the sea. And it's not easy to think about right and wrong when the voices of authority — the all but indistinguishable cast of government experts and officials, the correspondents who crowd the airwaves these days — talk endlessly about strategy and counter-strategy. Sitting at home by the TV, I feel not only horror, anger, and dismay about Saddam Hussein's deeds and potential deeds, but also an unfamiliar pride in our armed forces and their commanders. And the arguments against war which had been clear enough to me before it started, begin to seem more and more unreal as the days, and now weeks go on.

I know that our tradition is not a pacifist tradition. Judaism recognizes that there are times that war is not only "permissible," but actually required. And I do believe that in the long run, eliminating Saddam Hussein from power is not only in our best interests, but especially in the interests of Israel, and of peace. And yet...

And yet. I feel more and more uneasy each day this war continues. Are we really in a post cold war age — at a time when we have learned to settle our disagreements without violence? How can the TV correspondent say that it has been another quiet night in the area (meaning no missiles have fallen on Tel Aviv), when we are flying more than 1 sortie a minute. Why do we see so few pictures of war damage? And what exactly are we trying to do when the war is over?

In a few weeks we shall celebrate Passover, our festival of freedom and liberation. To this day we still remind ourselves that we are all God's children, as we symbolically remove 10 drops of wine from our glasses during the Seder. This year, especially.

B'Shalom,
Rabbi David Straus

UPCOMING IN...

April

5th: Social Action Committee and
Youth Group Shabbat
19th: WEEKEND OF THE ARTS
Block Sacred Service
26th: Sisterhood Shabbat
28th & 29th: Sisterhood Bargain Bin

May

2nd: Sisterhood Dinner and
Fashion Show
3rd-5th: SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE
WEEKEND with Gary Tobin
5th: Congregational Picnic
17th: Shabbat Hamoreh
19th: Confirmation

Community Institute for Adult Jewish Learning

DVARE (The Delaware Valley Board of Rabbis and Executives) is pleased to announce a community-wide program of Adult Jewish Learning. The Community Institute will meet on Tuesday evenings at the Jewish Community Center, beginning March 5th. This program is meant to supplement and enhance the many Adult Learning Opportunities that our individual congregations sponsor. The following courses and lectures will be offered this semester:

FIRST HOUR

Beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Basic Judaism

This class is for all those coming to Judaism for the first time, for interfaith couples, those considering conversion to Judaism, and all those interested in learning more about the fundamental practices and beliefs of Judaism. Taught by our community's Rabbis, this 13-week class will cover the Holidays, Life Cycle Events, an introduction to Jewish Prayer and the Prayerbook, How to Make a Jewish Home, and a Bird's eye view of Jewish history. Tuition is \$100 per family/couple to cover the cost of all books and materials. The class will meet Tuesday evenings from 7:30-9:00** beginning March 5th and concluding May 28th.

Second Step: Basic Judaism II

This class is for those who have completed the Basic Judaism Class, or those who already have an elementary knowledge of Judaism. This class, also taught by our community's Rabbis, will offer an in-depth exploration of the theme God, Torah, and Prayer. Topics covered will include: God: a convenient fiction?, what is God, relating to one God; an introduction to the reading and understanding of the Torah, Bible, Talmud and Midrash; and Prayer: why is it so difficult, the evolution of prayer, feeling comfortable at services. The class will meet on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00** for 6 sessions beginning March 5th and concluding April 9th. Tuition is \$36.00 per family/couple for all books and materials.

Israeli Dancing

Kick up your feet, put on your dancing shoes and come dance with us! Spend an evening reviewing what you know or learning for the first time Israeli folk dancing. No prior experience is necessary. The class will meet on Tuesday evening from 7:30 to 8:15 and will be taught by Ruth Markoe. Tuition is \$9.00.

**For the month of March, Basic Judaism and Basic Judaism II will meet from 7:30-8:15 and then join the community lecture program. Beginning in April, these classes will meet from 7:30-9:00.

SECOND HOUR

Beginning at 8:15 p.m.

"WAR IN THE GULF: THE CONSEQUENCES FOR AMERICA AND ISRAEL"

A Series of Four Public Lectures

We are pleased to announce a series of 4 public lectures by some of the leading experts in the field on a variety of issues surrounding the current conflict in the Middle East. Coffee and cake will precede each lecture. The lectures will begin promptly at 8:15 and a question and answer period will follow each presentation. This program is without charge.

Tuesday, March 5

DR. MICHAEL CURTIS

Professor, Rutgers University

"How Did We Get Here,

And Where Are We Going:

An Overview Of The

Current Situation"

Palestinians, the West Bank, Shi'ites, the PLO, left and right, dove and hawk . . . What is the history of how the current situation developed and what might the future look like! What will this mean for Israel and America.

Tuesday, March 12th

RABBI ERIC YOFFIE

Executive Director ARZA

(Association Of Reform

Zionists of America)

"What Kind of Israel: The Issue Of Religious Pluralism In A Jewish State"

What is the future of non-Orthodox Judaism in Israel? Can there be religious pluralism in the Jewish State? What will it mean if the Law of Return is amended? Rabbi Yoffie will address these issues and others in his presentation.

Tuesday, March 19th

DR. ARTHUR WASKOW

Executive Director,

Shalom Center, Philadelphia

and

RABBI MORDECHI LEIBLING

member of Shalom Center Board

"Peace, Shalom, Sallem:

We All Want It, But How?"

Can there ever be peace in the Middle East? How can Israel now dialogue with the Palestinians? How can Israel remain a democratic state and not dialogue? Dr. Waskow and Rabbi Leibling will present different answers to these very questions.

Tuesday, March 26th

MORTON A. KLEIN

Director CAMERA

and

ARNIE ROPEIK

Senior Editor, Trenton Times

"Israel, the Arabs, and The Press:

What's Fair?"

Is there a double standard when it comes to reporting news from Israel? Is the press fair? Morton Klein, staff member of CAMERA (The Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America), and Trenton Times senior editor on staff Arnie Ropeik will delve into this controversy.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please register me for the following courses:

- Basic Judaism (\$100 tuition) Second Step: Basic Judaism (\$36 tuition) Israeli Dancing (\$9.00 tuition)

Name _____ Telephone: _____

Address _____

Please make checks payable to DVARE and mail to:

DVARE, Congregation Beth Chaim, P.O. Box 128, Hightstown, NJ 08520

Aging Awareness Committee

AGING AWARENESS SHABBAT

Friday, March 15th

8:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Jeffrey Merrill

"Can You Afford To Be Ill: The Paradox of Health Care"

Health care in our country is a major societal and social concern. We are blessed to have the finest and most advanced health care facilities and programs in the world. Health care costs though, are skyrocketing, and health insurance is more and more frequently unavailable, or unaffordable for all but the wealthiest Americans. One in five children in America have no health insurance. The numbers of lives affected is staggering. What are the answers to these problems? Should we move toward a national health insurance program. How will you be affected.

About Our Speaker

Dr. Jeffrey Merrill is a professor at the Columbia University School of Health. He is one of our country's leading experts in the field of the economics of health care. Prior to assuming his current position, Dr. Merrill served as vice-president of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the leading foundation in our country that deals with health care policy and issues. He is the former director of the Center for Health Policy, and served as the associate administrator of the Health Care Financing Administration, which runs the Federal Medicaid/Medicare Programs.



Dr. Jeffrey Merrill

AGING AWARENESS COMMITTEE SPONSORS 2 WORKSHOP-SEMINARS

As a follow-up to our special program on Friday, March 15, our Aging Awareness Committee will sponsor 2 workshop-seminars on the important questions raised by Dr. Merrill.

"Can You Afford Old Age?" Wednesday, March 20, 7:30 pm

One of the great concerns many of us have is, can I afford old age. How can you best plan for the future. What is the reality of the costs of elder care, nursing homes, or live in aides. What are your best options.

Rick Goldstein, the executive director of the Greenwood House, and Steve Friedman, an attorney with Stark and Stark, will lead a discussion on the many questions of Can You Afford Old Age.

"When Independence Wanes: Options for our Families" Wednesday, March 27, 7:30 pm

Facing a loss of independence is often one of life's realities. It is a time of great anxiety, guilt, and tension, for both parents and children. What is the best for our parents? Is that always what is best for children? Who makes these decisions, when and how? And what are the options?

Vivian Greenberg and Elanor Colston will lead this session, and help us understand some of the questions and solutions. Vivian Greenberg is in private practice in Pennington, and specializes in relationship problems of older adults and their children. She is the author of many articles, and the book, *Your Best is Good Enough*. Elanor Colton is the director of Geriatric Services at the Mercer Medical Center.

The Aging Awareness Committee is pleased to be able to sponsor these programs, and welcomes the co-sponsorship of the Greenwood House, the Jewish Family Service, and the Mercer Medical Center. All of these programs are free, and open to the entire community. For further information, please call the Temple office, 392-7143.

Religious School Reports

by Alexis Harman Roberts

JEWISH KIDS AND THE GULF WAR

As Americans, we share a deep concern for our troops in the Persian Gulf. As Jews, we feel a particular anxiety over Israel's well-being. As the war wears on and we are warned not to expect a quick ending, our hearts are troubled. We are trying to sort out the complex issues, decide if we approve, how we wish it would go, and what it will mean for the future. We fear that much crucial data is withheld from us and we wonder what dangers exist that we don't even know about.

Our children share many of our feelings about this, although perhaps without as much information and reasoning ability. Although we are absorbed in the events, it would be a mistake to neglect our children's needs to express their worries and ask their questions.

We may not know the answers, but that shouldn't stop us from listening. It's better to say, "I don't know" than to offer false reassurances. You *can* reassure children that you love them and will always try to protect them. You can show them on a globe how far away the whole thing is. You can answer them simply until they feel they understand enough.

Sometimes children will have heard something disturbing that they don't really understand. A good way to begin the conversation is to ask, "What have you heard about Iraq and the war?" Be sure to ask, "How does this make you feel?" so that children can express their own concerns. Correct their misinformation but don't "correct" their feelings; just listen so they feel understood.

You may hear some surprising worries. Children may think you or they are personally in danger. They may be frightened by seeing increased security measures at airports or other places.

It also is important to have a sense of what may concern children of different ages and what they can understand.

Children under seven want to know how they will be concretely affected. They need to know that it's far away and that life will go on as usual.

Seven to eleven year olds need help separating reality and GI Joe-type fantasy. They need to know that war is not a game even if the news footage looks like Nintendo.

Adolescents can handle considerable complexity and will ask questions that may require research.

All children will pick up on your feelings about it and will gather more information than you tell them. Give them your time to talk out their fears and ask their questions. If you like, remind them that Jew's most precious prayer is the prayer for peace.

**THANK YOU FOR
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Keeping in Touch

Catering Committee Announces New Policy at Temple

After many meetings over several months, the Board of Trustees has approved a new policy governing caterers, catered events, and parties by our members held at the Temple. We are most anxious for our members to use our facilities for all their simchas and special events. All of us are most proud of our facility.

Effective immediately, we have discontinued our exclusive arrangement with Betty the Caterer. Our members are now free to enter into arrangements with any caterer of their own choosing. All caterers will be required to sign a contract with the Temple in order to use our facilities. In addition, all caterers must show proof of insurance, and certain other required certificates.

As in the past, there are certain minimum fees that are assessed for the use of the room. These fees cover the cost of table and chair set-up and clean up, the dance floor, custodial time, and other expenses the Temple incurs.

As always, our Temple staff is most willing to help you as you plan your party, and answer questions you may have along the way. For sample contracts, available dates, names of caterers, and other questions, please call Laura at the Temple.

We thank Richard Goldman for chairing this committee, and the many members of our Congregation who served with him in undertaking this challenge.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DONOR CENTER TO OPEN AT MERCER MEDICAL

On January 22nd, 1991, the American Red Cross opened a new blood donor center located at the Mercer Medical Center. The center is in need of volunteer staff to work in 3½ hour shifts during the hours of operation: Tuesdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and the third Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

If you feel you could be available for any of these time slots and would be willing to donate your time, or if you have any questions, please call Volunteer Coordinator Judy Gelfand 609-924-2404.

PASSOVER HAGGADOT

The Temple office, as well as the Judaica Shop, both have a supply of the new Union Haggadot at a cost of \$10.00 each for use at your Passover Seders... the supply is limited so please call the Temple office now if you wish to expand your collection.

Adult Learning Opportunities

Home Study Group Meets March 20th

Our Monthly Home Study Group, led by Rabbi Straus will meet Wednesday evening, March 20th, at 8:00 p.m.

Who were the prophets? What was their message? Why is reform Judaism often called Prophetic Judaism? Is their message still relevant today? These and other questions will be discussed during our evening meeting. Our group this year is continuing its reading and discussion of **Liberal Judaism** by Eugene Borowitz, and beginning to read and learn about the Prophets of the Bible.

Our Home Study Group is open to all adult members of the congregation. To RSVP and for directions, call the Temple office.

Rabbis' Talmud Study Group Meets Sunday Morning

To whom does God pray? What are the words of God's prayer? Does prayer really work? What are the ways that we are to study and learn Torah? How do we inspire our children to love study and learning? These are some of the questions that the Talmud raises in the tractate known as Berachot.

Come join us on Sunday mornings from 10-11:00, as the Rabbi leads us in the reading, understanding and discussion of sections of the tractate Berachot. No advanced preparation is required, nor are "reservations" required; in fact, for all of us, this is our first experience in learning Talmud. If you have any questions, call the Rabbi.

E.T. (Early Torah) Meets Each Saturday Morning

Every Saturday morning, from 9:15-10:15, a small, loyal, and slowly growing group of Temple members meet with Rabbi Straus in the Temple's library for a lively discussion and study of the weekly Torah reading. We are a very diverse group, from ages 13 and more. No homework is assigned, nor is previous study necessary. Reservations are not required, and refreshments are served. Dress is casual, and most of us do not stay for services after our discussions. Why not join us one week?

Services at Greenwood House

Every Friday morning, from 10:30-11:00, our Rabbi and Cantor lead a service for the residents of Greenwood House. We invite any members of our congregation, especially those with family at Greenwood House to join us. Young children, especially pre-schoolers, are welcome to join. The residents enjoy the company.

Social Action

by Ariel Perelmuter

Consultation on Conscience April 7-9 in Washington, DC

April 7-9 will find many of us, including the Rabbi and Ariel Perelmuter, in Washington, DC, where the Religious Action Center of the Reform Movement will be hosting its national conference — "Consultation on Conscience."

The Consultation on Conscience, held every two years, is the largest and most significant national Jewish conference focusing on political and social action issues. The three day conference held on Capitol Hill, will include plenary sessions addressed by major political figures, briefings and political analyses on major world events and workshops on skill-building and lobbying techniques.

This year's Consultation will devote special attention to the U.S.-Israel relations in light of the gulf crisis; economic justice in time of economic recession; housing and homelessness; Soviet Jewry, including problems of adjustment in both Israel and the United States; reproductive rights; the threat to religious liberty and other First Amendment rights in light of the changing Supreme Court.

Hundreds of rabbis, educators, social action committee members, sisterhood/brotherhood members, and other interested congregational members will converge on Capitol Hill for this extraordinary event.

If you would like to be among those representing our Temple at this exceptional conference, or if you require additional information, please call the Temple office, or contact the Religious Action Center at 207 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 387-2800. It is possible to attend part of this conference if your schedule does not allow you to be away for all of the time.

Shabbat Service at Carteret Arms

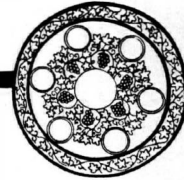
Each month, our Rabbi and Cantor lead a Shabbat Service at the Carteret Arms Apartment Building, 333 West State Street in Trenton. This service, open to all residents of the Carteret Arms, is sponsored and planned by our Aging Awareness Committee. This program allows members of our congregation who are not able to travel to Temple to still meet with other congregants and the Rabbi and Cantor on a regular basis.

In addition to prayer and song, the rabbi leads a short discussion on some current topic or issue. An Oneg Shabbat/ fellowship hour follows each service.

Our next service will be held on Friday, March 15th, at 2:00, at the apartment of Mimi Forer. We hope you will pass word on about this wonderful program. Please RSVP to Mimi Forer at 393-6341, or the Temple office, 392-7143.



A Passover Supplement



Pesach is the happiest and the most elaborate of all our holidays. It comes in the spring time of the year when all nature wakes to new life. All the world seems to be newborn in the sunlight of spring and with this renewal of life, comes the holiday that reminds us of the freedom that came to our ancestors after years of slavery. The holiday is observed in a very beautiful way. Special Pesach services are conducted in Temple, very much in the style of the Sabbath services, including the Lighting of the Candles, Reciting the Kiddush, and Reading from the Torah; except, of course, that special reference is made to the Pesach, instead of to the Sabbath.

But the most elaborate part of the observance of Pesach is the dinner and ritual, either as a family service or a congregational service in the Temple's Social Hall. This service is called the "Seder" and takes place in the home on the first evening of the holiday. "Seder" is a Hebrew word and means "order" — the order of the service accompanying the meal.

YOU CAN CONDUCT YOUR OWN SEDER

Conducting a Seder is easier than you think. Here are some helpful suggestions that will make your family Seder a success.

1. Make sure everyone has a Haggadah, preferably the same Haggadah. Our sisterhood giftshop has Haggadot for purchase.
2. Provide a Seder Plate with the traditional elements of the evening: three matzahs, a roasted shankbone, a roasted egg, bitter herbs, charoset and parsley.
3. Don't be too highly structured and formalized. Feel free to interpolate your own insights and comments throughout. The atmosphere of the Seder should be relaxed and open.
4. Look over the Haggadah in advance of the Seder. Decide what Hebrew sections you can and will use and make every effort to familiarize yourself with them.
5. Rotate the reading of the parts of the Haggadah among those at your table. Some will read in English, others in Hebrew. With the exception of the "Four Questions" which should be done by a youngster, (who has advance notice) distribute the readings at random instead of going in order. This increases everyone's attention and keeps your Seder guests on their toes!
6. Have as many group readings as possible, to engage the attention of everyone and make each person feel that he or she is participating in the service.
7. Take time to carefully hide the Afikoman. Tell the children at the outset that there will be an Afikoman hunt which will take place before dessert. Have prizes ready for all the children, even those who have, by then, fallen asleep. The prizes should have some Jewish significance.

MAZON AT YOUR SEDER

Very early in our Seder ritual, we say the words, "Let all who are hungry enter and eat."

Perhaps, when the words were first written, those who recited them actually knew the names of "all who are hungry." Perhaps they opened their doors and invited those of their neighbors who had fallen on hard times to share their meal.

Today, few of us know the names of those who suffer the pain and the indignity of hunger. Today, our doors are most often locked against the stranger; the poor make us feel queasy, apprehensive.

Yet the pain is real. So today, in an effort to heal the pain, we must find new ways to give life to our ancient words.

This we do through the participation in MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger. MAZON asks — and I ask — each of us to imagine that a distant relative had called just hours before the Seder, wondering whether we could make a place at our table for him/her. MAZON asks that we remember that all God's children are our relatives, and that we "Let **one** who is hungry enter and eat." MAZON asks, and I enthusiastically join in the plea, each of us to send a check for chai — \$18 — (or whatever sum you feel is appropriate) to enable it to do its sacred work.

In just a few short years, MAZON has achieved a wonderful record and reputation. This year, it will distribute more than a million dollars to food pantries, soup kitchens, food banks, and other organizations that work on the front lines of the battle against hunger in this country and abroad. I invite you to join in that battle.

Please send your check (made out to MAZON, which is tax-deductible) to me so that I can forward it directly to MAZON. I hope and pray that when Pesach is over, I will have a check from each and every family in our congregation.

And please accept, with my best wishes for a meaningful holiday, the enclosed reading for use at your Seder table.

Rabbi Straus

THE SEDER PLATE

A ROASTED SHANKBONE, burned or scorched, is symbolic of the paschal offering brought to the Temple in Jerusalem in ancient times. Many Jews also see the shankbone as a symbol of God's outstretched arms, helping Jewish people in times of trouble.

To roast shankbone, place the bone in a pan and roast slowly at 220-225° until brown and dry (about 50 minutes).

MAROR or BITTER HERBS, usually a horseradish root which is symbolic of the bitterness that our forefathers experienced as slaves in Egypt, and in a contemporary sense, the lot of all who are enslaved.

A ROASTED EGG symbolizes the continuing cycle of life. It also reminds us of the special festival offering brought to the Temple in Jerusalem in ancient times. There are also those who see the egg as a symbol of the Jewish people's will to survive. Just as an egg becomes harder the longer it cooks, so the Jewish people have emerged from the crucible or persecution as a strong and living people.

To roast the egg, place a hard-boiled egg directly on electric burner, turning until brown. If you have a gas burner, hold hardboiled egg over the flame with tongs. Or place one uncooked egg, which is room temperature, in aluminum pan and bake at 200° until brown (about 45 minutes).

KARPAS, usually parsley, but it can be any green leafy vegetable, is symbolic of spring and its spirit of hope, as well as the Jews undying faith in the future.

CHAROSET symbolized the mortar that our ancestors used to make bricks in Egypt.

To make Charoset for about 15, peel, core and coarsely chop 8-10 large apples. Add 10 or 12 ounces chopped pecans, almonds and/or walnuts, 1½ cups sweet wine, 1 tablespoon cinnamon and 4 tablespoons sugar.

The **DISH OF SALT WATER** is symbolic of the tears our ancestors shed in Egypt.

The **CUP FOR ELIJAH** is a special cup filled with wine, placed prominently on the table. In parable, the Prophet Elijah at some time during the Seder visits every Jewish home and tastes the cup set aside for him.

Sisterhood News and Views by Andee Kotzker

A very large thank you is in order to Jerri Rozner, Susan Rose and their entire committee for the fabulous Purim Carnival which was held on Wednesday, February 27th. Everything was really terrific including the games and food! The children had a wonderful time, thanks to this hardworking committee!

It is not too late to sign up for our annual Sisterhood Tennis Evening on March 9th at the Washington Crossing Racquet Club. Naomi Griffin and Ruthellen Rubin have promised a fun evening including lots of tennis and munchies or just lots of munchies, so... come one, come all! For further info, contact Ruthellen at 215-493-8555 or the Temple at 609-392-7143.

We thank Rabbi Straus for his very interesting book review on *Your People, My People* by Lena Romanoff which was held on January 15th and look forward to his next review on March 12th at Greenwood House.

Spring is around the corner and you know what that means... **SPRING CLEANING OF ALL THOSE CLOSETS**, oy vey!! What a great time to start assembling all of those unwanted household, clothing, bric a brac items for our Spring Bargain Bin sale. This sale will be co-chaired by Evelyn Gerofsky and Neila Cader. They need lots of volunteers and any help at all would be greatly appreciated. So make some time for this great fundraising event!

As was stated in last month's column, Randi Lawrie and Elyse Katz are co-chairing our annual fashion dinner show. The show will be held on May 1st and Mona's will be featuring the clothing. Randi needs as many models as necessary so if you are interested, please call her at 215-493-9181.

Susan Weisberger has informed me that the closing brunch will be held on June 2nd at the Yardley Inn. Our featured speaker will be one of our "famous" sisterhood members, Janice Kline! Janice will be speaking about her fabulous documentary which she produced about a heart patient in the Soviet Union and Deborah Hospital's involvement. You won't want to miss her, so mark your calendars NOW!

Until next month, let's pray for peace!

SUPPORT SISTERHOOD PROJECTS

JOY AND SORROW FUND and RABBI ABRAHAM HOLTZBERG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND... Chairperson: Pearl Silverman (883-3140)

AID TO THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED FUND... Chairperson: "Babe" Barr (883-7477)

JUDAICA GIFT SHOP... Chairpersons: Thelma Feldman (493-8684) Daisy Garfunkel (883-0265) Ann Grossman (493-3450)

Stuff And Nonsense by Randi Feinstein

by Randi Feinstein



"HSTYites take a Walleyball break"

Hi everyone! Hasn't this been a great year so far?! Our Goldfish booth was once again a hit at the Purim Carnival. All the kids who went home with a new fish were thrilled, and so were their parents... well, maybe not! At the end of February, HSTY sponsored a service at the Greenwood House... and we plan to do more of these, so if you're interested, we need your help. And finally on February 23rd was the ever-successful ski trip. Vernon Valley/Great Gorge's patience in waiting finally paid off when "Ski HSTY 1991" hit the slopes. From the experts to the novices, everyone enjoyed the day without too many falls.

And there's even more to look forward to. Right now on March 2nd and 3rd, there's the "Kindergarten Shul-In" at Temple for the Peter Pan in all of us (we won't grow up!) and we all plan to have a great time... JFTY's Hagigah, Conclave is the weekend of March 22nd-24th. I can't tell you enough how great it is to get involved with JFTY. Don't pass up this opportunity. Any questions... just call JFTY liaison Matt Dickson at 609-737-0082. Besides Hagigah, there's also going to be a Youth Group Service on Friday, April 5th. I hope you'll all attend.

And if all that's not enough for you to think about, HSTY is starting a Social Action Committee. I can't think of one reason you wouldn't want to participate in helping others who are less fortunate! For info, call Social Action V.P. Karen Reiser at 215-493-9366.

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- 30 — Alexis Brickner — 6 yrs.

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- 14 — May Rom
- 19 — Nettie Zeltt
- 25 — Gloria Vine
- 27 — Werner Fernbach

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- 15 — Bea and Norman Zabludoff — 60 yrs.
- 18 — Rita and William Kravitz — 40 yrs.
- 25 — Judy and Ronald Sussman — 35 yrs.
- 27 — Hon. Paul and Linda Levy — 30 yrs.
- 29 — GERALYN and Henry Glazer — 55 yrs.

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Parents, if you are missing your children's snow jackets, we have three jackets in the Religious School "Lost and Found."

ONEG SHABBAT SPONSORS February

An Oneg Shabbat was sponsored by Lorraine and David Blumenfield in honor of the upcoming wedding of their daughter Paula Blumenfield to Mr. Jonathan Berg.

Shelley Zeiger sponsored an Oneg Shabbat in honor of Anton Suchinsky, Raoul Wallenberg and all righteous Christians honored by the "Courage to Care" Service.

PULPIT FLOWERS February

All the pulpit flowers for the February services were donated by Sisterhood through Amoroso Florist of Trenton.

HAR SINAI THANKS...

- ... Susan and Jim Ferry for hosting the February meeting of the Home Study Group.
- ... Jimmy Josephson for lending her home for the February Shabbat Service at the Carteret Arms.
- ... Richard Goldman and his Catering Committee for their ongoing labors designing a Usage of Facilities program which will be financially beneficial to the Temple as well as acceptable to its members.
- ... the residents of Greenwood House who contributed the cookies which served as dessert for the Social Action Committee's monthly meal for the homeless.
- ... Marty Millner for the loan of the helium tanks for use at the Purim Carnival.
- ... Susan Rose and Jerri Rozner, Sisterhood Religious School Vice Presidents, and their team of volunteers for all their work putting together and serving up "Dinner In The Shushan Cafe" at the Carnival.
- ... All the Religious School students, their teachers and parents, for creating and manning the best Purim Carnival booths ever.
- ... HSTY, for setting up and manning the ever popular "Goldfish Bowl Toss" at the Carnival.
- ... Steve Miller, for providing those fabulous Purim costumes for our Rabbi and Cantor.
- ... Randi Feinstein and Ben Frost, for chairing HSTY's annual Ski Trip on February 23rd... an invigorating day was had by all at Vernon Valley/Great Gorge.

MAZEL TOV TO...

- ... Anita Fineman on becoming a grandmother to Jordon Ross Keitelman, born January 10th to Sue and Edward Keitelman.
- ... Meryl and Phil Kauff on the February 9th marriage of their daughter Nancy Kauff and Eric Feiner.
- ... Lorraine and David Blumenfield on the wedding on February 23rd of their daughter Paula Blumenfield to Jonathan Berg.

PASSOVER AT OUR JUDAICA SHOP



Passover this year begins on Friday evening, March 29th, and extends to Saturday evening, April 6th. The Judaica Shop has stocked many new items for your selection to help you enhance the beauty of your Passover table and give added meaning to your family's observance of Pesach.

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Rabbi Straus will Review *Patrimony: A True Story* by Philip Roth TUESDAY, MARCH 13th 1:30 p.m. GREENWOOD HOUSE

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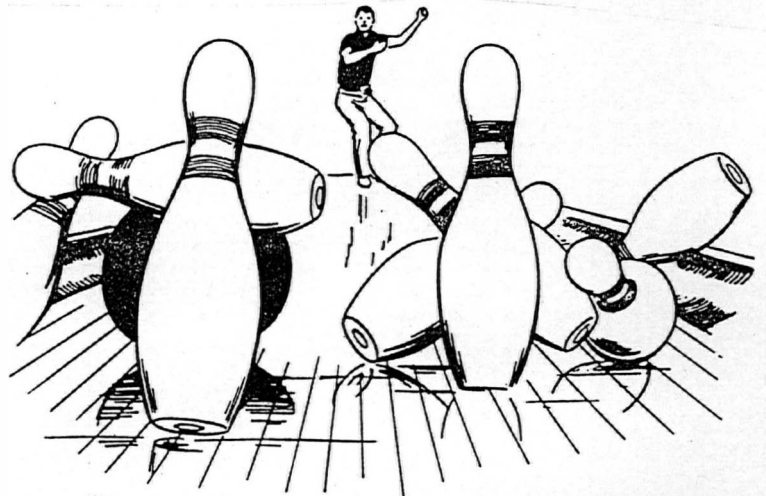
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