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SUMMER SERVICES

Summer Services begin at 7:30 P.M. and are held in Har Sinai's air-conditioned Social Hall. Dress is casual and congregants are encouraged to participate in the services. If you are interested in delivering a D'var Torah or a short sermon, or helping to lead the service, contact Rabbi Pollack or Cantor Wisnia.

FROM THE RABBI

What is the most emotionally powerful prayer within the corpus of Jewish liturgy? Some might answer the Kol Nidre or the Shema. Others would respond with Avinu Malkanu or Shalom Rav. But probably most would insist that the Kaddish is the quintessential passionate prayer of our liturgy. After all the Kaddish is said at an emotionally charged moment—in the wake of a death of a loved one.

But what do we know of the Kaddish and its origins? This is a prayer associated with death yet it does not mention death, bereavement or grieving. In fact the words of the Kaddish extol and praise God. The actual meaning of the word "Kaddish" is sanctification for we are sanctifying God's name. It seems to be a paradox that a prayer recited daily for eleven months after the death of a beloved one does

not mention death. How can such a prayer offer solace at a time of loss? This is a question that inspires as many questions as answers. Consequently, there are as many mysteries to the origin of the Kaddish as there is to the mystery of death itself. Yet, this prayer is the cornerstone of faith we seek when we are in the throes of mourning.

Leon Wieseltier reveals some of these mysteries of the Kaddish in one the most important Jewish books written in the past ten years—Kaddish. Kaddish attempts to trace the development of the Kaddish prayer and as well as the evolution of many Jewish funerary practices. This book is not a dry scholarly work, however, because Wieseltier's motivation for writing the book was the death of his father.

Throughout the book Wieseltier weaves prodigious research with personal and often touching vignettes describing his year of mourning. He devotes much of his year of mourning in a teahouse in Washington studying sometimes exotic Jewish texts culled from all periods of Jewish history. He unearths information on the origins of the Kaddish that is simply fascinating. For example, he discovers that for many centuries only one mourner in the synagogue at a time recited the Kaddish publicly. It is only in the past few hundred years that we have the custom of all mourners reciting the Kaddish in unison.

He critiques the research he gathers with own personal reflections. Therefore, Kaddish is a work of original and imaginative personal scholarship. It defies all definitions because it can be both biographical and scholarly. What we come to understand as we read Kaddish is that there is an inextricable connection between saying the Kaddish daily for eleven months and one's confrontation with grief. Wieseltier's year of research not only exposed engaging historical information it also forced him to understand his own grief process.

Wieseltier devotes a large portion of his book on rabbinical discussions concerning the question: should one say Kaddish or even mourn for a parent who was less than admirable? This brings Wieseltier into questions of whether the sins of the fathers visit the children or vice versa. One opinion is that the Kaddish prayer that we recite for eleven months can be "stretched" to twelve months if the child feels that a questionable parent "needs" that extra month to ascend to heaven.

The Rabbis finally decide that when a child recites Kaddish the parent must have been worthy because the child is fulfilling that sacred religious obligation. The saying of the Kaddish becomes a reflection of not only the reciter but also of the recitee.

Wieseltier writes:

"This kaddish is not based on kinship," Benjamin Zev continues. "It is based on the son's righteousness, which is so great that the Name of Heaven may be sanctified by him, and in this manner the son acquits the father by demonstrating the merit of him who begat someone who sanctifies the Name of Heaven." When the mourner appeals for God's mercy for the deceased's soul, this appeal is not made in the name of blood, it is made in the name of character. The mourner does not say: have pity on the soul of my father because he was my father. The mourner says: have pity on the soul of this man because he raised a man who stands before you and submits to your authority. There is nothing sentimental about the Kaddish. (This will come as news to many Jews, for whom the sentimentality of the kaddish is almost the foundation of their faith.) The Kaddish is more than just a prayer that triggers memory; it is a testament to a relationship that once existed. In the period of mourning this earthly relationship is transformed to soul searching. When a loved one dies, our tradition pushes us to examine who we are in the context of our departed's life."

We magnify God's name in the Kaddish because we realize that each death might diminish God in some way. Therefore God needs us to magnify and to extol in order to fill that void that is left in the aftermath death. Wieseltier, through this monumental personal scholarship brings us closer to the kaddish as a prayer of the most profound emotions because it rouses the sensibilities, both heart and mind.

Rabbi Stuart A. Pollack

FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Steve Cickay

MAXIMIZING OUR MEMBERSHIP

One of our strategic objectives this year is to maximize our membership. I have to be honest with you. During the days of Rabbi David Straus, our membership hovered nicely near the magic 500 number. This strength allowed us, for the most part, to balance our budget for many years. However, our congregation has suffered much stress during the last two years after the announcement of Rabbi Straus's departure and the uncertainties of an interim rabbi. At the close of last year, membership had dwindled to around 456 and quite naturally, we faced a sizable budget deficit.

I have set a goal for this year: to get our membership back to the magic 500 level. I am optimistic that we can do this for several reasons. First of all, our exciting new Rabbi Pollack will surely make several people, who were on the fence concerning whether or not to join Har Sinai, now make the right choice. Those of you who have not heard his sermons Friday night are missing a real treat. Secondly, we have an energetic revitalized Membership Committee which, under the leadership of Phyllis Miller, is doing new and innovative things to attract new members to our temple family. Steve Miller is working hard on developing a modern membership brochure for us and committed and caring members like Judy and Don Millner and Madeline and Steve Gubernick are hosting new membership parties at their homes this summer. We owe such motivated people our gratitude.

However, without the third part, I fear we will not meet our goal. **That third part is you.** Each of us, I am sure, knows of Jews in the community who either are unaffiliated or have expressed to us dissatisfaction with their current synagogue. It is up to you to approach these people you know and try to win them over to Har Sinai. There are two reasons for this. One of course is the selfish one which I have hinted at above. If we recruit more members, we are more likely to be able to get back on the path of fiscal integrity. But there is a second, and more important, reason to seek out your Jewish friends and try to win them over to our Har Sinai ways. If you truly believe (and in a sense you do truly believe since you yourselves have joined Har Sinai and have supported it with your time and money) that Har Sinai is the finest Reform synagogue in the area because of the many wonderful reasons that mean so much to you, isn't it also a mitzvah to try to get your fellow Jews to experience our wonders as well? I think it is. Try to spread the word to others about what it is that makes you support Har Sinai so much. Encourage them to make the decision to join us so that they can share in our richness. Please help us in our membership drive. We cannot reach our goal of 500 without you. **Please Contact The Temple Office With Names and Phone Numbers of Friends or Relatives Who Might Be Interested In Joining Our Congregation.**



The Executive Committee is pictured above – left to right: Jack Seelig, Laurie Kruger-Azer, Richard Kwasny, President—Steve Cickay, Jan Kind, Randi Lawrie, and Martin Bloomenthal. Missing from picture is Jeff Fine.

HIGH HOLY DAYS

1999-5760

Selichot

Saturday, September 4th, at 8:30 PM
Congregation Brothers of Israel

Cemetery Services

Sunday, September 5th

10:30 am at Greenwood Cemetery

11:30 am at Ewing Cemetery

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Friday, September 10th, at 7:45 pm

Rosh Hashanah

Saturday, September 11th

10:00 am: Morning Service

11:00 am: Junior Congregation

2:00 pm: Family Service

2nd Day Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, September 12th

10:30 am: Informal Intergenerational Service

Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidre)

Sunday, September 19th

Services at 6:00 and 8:15 pm

Yom Kippur

Monday, September 20th

10:00 am: Morning Service

11:00 am: Junior Congregation

12:30 pm: "Ask The Rabbi" Discussion

2:00 pm: Family Service

3:15 pm: Afternoon Service

4:30 pm: Yizkor Service

5:15 pm: Neilah Closing Service

Erev Sukkot

Friday, September 24th, at 7:30 pm

Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah

Service of Consecration

Friday, October 1st, at 7:00 pm

Yizkor Service and Luncheon

Saturday, October 2nd, at 11:00 am

HELP US PREPARE FOR THE NEW HAR SINAI YEAR

SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday Evening, September 4th
COMMUNITY SELICHOT SERVICE**

Congregation Brothers of Israel, Trenton NJ
Guest: **DONNY MASENG** and his 1-man show,
**"Wasting Time with Harry Davidowitz:
The Musical Journey of a Jewish Soul"**

**8:30 PM: RECEPTION
9:15 PM: HAVDALLAH SERVICE
9:30 PM: PROGRAM
11:00 PM: SELICHOT SERVICE**

All local Congregations will be joining together to participate in the 9th Annual Community Selichot Service to be held this year at Congregation Brothers of Israel, located at 499 Greenwood Avenue in Trenton. Following a reception in the congregation's social hall and a brief Havdallah Service, guest Donny Maseng will present *"The Musical Journey of a Jewish Soul."* A true theatrical tour de force, Playwright/Performer/Lay Rabbi Donny Maseng brings his very moving and personal one-man show to our Community Program. The show follows the life story of Israeli TV pop star Harry Davidowitz as he goes from the spirituality of his grandfather's house to a beatnik beach community on the Red Sea, through his years of success in Israel, his flight from Judaism to Hollywood and Broadway after his grandfather's death, and finally to a decade with a Japanese Zen Master in the Midwest. It was a long, convoluted journey which, in the end, would lead him back to Judaism and his spiritual roots. **THIS IS A "MUST-SEE," AND WE WILL SEE YOU ON THE 4TH!**

KOL NIDRE APPEAL

Again this year, the Board of Trustees of Har Sinai Hebrew Congregation has approved an annual appeal to raise funds for needed capital improvements and to increase substantially the growth of our Endowment Fund.

Contributions made in response to this Appeal will be divided equally between capital improvement projects approved by the Board and the Endowment Fund. The allocation to the Endowment Fund reflects our commitment to the future financial well-being of Har Sinai as a vital, progressive Reform congregation.

During the month of August, you will be receiving your High Holiday Appeal packet. Please be generous when considering your donation to this very worthwhile, once-a-year, request.

COMMITTEE OF HONOR

Throughout its history, Har Sinai has provided for the spiritual, educational and cultural needs of each generation. Our Temple will remain strong only as long as our members continue to provide a solid base of financial support. A significant portion of our dues income comes from the 48 generous Temple families who participate in our Committee of Honor. These are the members of our Congregation who have voluntarily increased their annual dues commitment to \$1700 a family, and \$950 for a single member.

The generous support of the members of the Committee of Honor, whose names appear on a plaque found in the Tree of

Life Room outside the Social Hall, provides the additional income the Temple needs to fund our current operating expenses. This support also enables the Temple to assist those unable to pay our basic dues. It allows us to continue our policy of never turning away a member from our Congregation because of financial need. In these difficult economic times, more than ever, we depend on those members who are willing to join our Committee of Honor.

If you would like to become a member of the Committee of Honor, please contact the Temple office, the rabbi, or the officers of the Congregation. We thank you for your support.

USHERS NEEDED FOR HIGH HOLIDAYS

Our ushers, all volunteer members of our congregation, perform a wonderful service during our High Holidays. They offer a warm and friendly welcome to all who came to worship with us for the Holidays. They also help us find seats, and are there in case of an emergency.

We invite everyone in our congregation to help usher during the holidays. If you would like to volunteer to join our usher corps, please call the Temple office, or Dan Surkin, chair of our Usher Committee, at 215-493-0544.

Religious School Registration

Even as we are all enjoying this relaxing season, work at the Temple goes on as Religious School programs are being planned and registration is underway. Registration materials were sent out in June. In an effort to keep the class sizes equal in both early and late sessions, registration will be taken on a first-come, first served basis. Please fill out and return the registration form and "We Need Your Help" forms as soon as possible. A complete Religious School packet containing class assignments, the Religious School Calendar, and other information will be sent to REGISTERED STUDENTS ONLY the third week of August.

REMEMBER!!

The High Holy Days will begin this year on Friday evening, September 10th, Erev Rosh Hashanah. The Temple office has already begun preparations for the holidays and the opening of school in September. All of the following important pieces of Temple business have either been mailed to our membership already or will be in the next week. We would appreciate it if you could **PLEASE MAIL BACK TO THE TEMPLE OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE:**

- . Book of Memory Card
- . Religious School Registration
- . High Holiday Tickets Request Card
- . Payment Plan Request Card
- . High Holiday Appeal Commitment Card

ARZA AND THE WORLD UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM UNITE

Last year in an historic move, ARZA and the World Union for Progressive Judaism/North America united to form one strong force for Progressive Judaism globally. The merger will provide one North American advocate to support the growth of our movement in Israel, the former Soviet Union and in nearly 40 other countries. By combining and consolidating the strengths of both groups, **ARZA/World Union** can better plan for the future and make great strides toward instilling our philosophy and promoting our values in Jewish communities throughout the world.

Making a \$36/family donation to ARZA/World Union is an option on your Temple statement. The organization will need your support now more than ever.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORTS

by Susan Dorfman, Director of Education

PARENTS AS PARTNERS BACK TO SCHOOL TIPS

Parents are teachers too! You are the first, most long lasting and most important teachers in your child's life. Parent involvement, support and enthusiasm for the educational program and demonstration of confidence in our teaching and administrative staffs are high on the list of factors contributing to a student's success in school.

Here are some ways you, as parents, may enhance your child's educational experience in the upcoming year:

Communicate the importance of education. Let your child know that you value what he/she is learning in every area, not just the most obvious areas. Express your interest in what is being taught in Bible, prayer, music, art, science, library, etc...

Emphasize Effort. Help your child see the relationship between effort and mastery of a subject. Don't ask about the grade, rather ask these important questions: Did you try your hardest or did you put in your best effort? If the answer is yes, express pride in your child's accomplishment, not in the grade.

Learn Together. Whether parents and students enroll in a computer class, take up a sport together, take the adult education class with Rabbi Pollack on Sundays while their children are in school ("Parallel Religious School"...look for your flyer in the mail)...Parents who are learning with their children communicate the value of lifelong learning.

Teach children where to get help. Parents do not need to know the answers to every question. Encourage children to find the answer on their own, in a reference book, an encyclopedia, through the internet, asking someone who has expertise in the particular subject.

Set High Expectations. Build your child's confidence. Communicate the message that, with effort and concentration, you are confident that he or she will succeed in school.

Encourage your child to share school experiences. A private bedtime discussion may elicit more information about school, rather than when your child enters the car tired on the way home from school. Watch your child and **identify his/her learning style.**

Communicate this information to your child's teachers. When does your child learn and when does he or she do their homework best, right after school or after dinner? Does your child learn best by reading (the linguistic learner), by manipulating with his/her hands or building (the kinesthetic learner), through social skills in a group (the interpersonal learner), by designing drawing or mapping (the spatial learner), through music and song, through problem solving, logical thinking and memorizing (the logical mathematical learner) or is your child a private, self-assured independent learner?

Limit TV Watching. Children who are watching television are not playing outside, thinking or being creative. Look for enriching and education programs you can watch together. Discuss the news stories. Watch your child's favorite show with him/her. Discuss what you liked and did not like. Share your values and hopes for your child's future by connecting it to a TV show you view together. Keep a TV log by the television and ask your children to write down reactions to what they are watching. Try using TV tickets for TV viewing. You may want to start with twenty half hour tickets, for viewing a week. You may want to redeem unused tickets for something special to discourage TV watching. Be sure to offer suggestions of activities to replace TV watching.

Make Reading Easy and Fun. Read outside under a tree together. Keep books handy in your car for longer trips. Don't try to compete with TV. Reserve special reading time before bed.

Don't expect your child's work to be perfect. Making mistakes is part of the learning process. Praise your child for specific behaviors, not perfection. "You really stuck with that difficult assignment and I am proud of you." Ask your child to read his/her writing and work to you from the Friday Folder. Display your child's favorite school work at home.

One More Tip. It may be a good idea to *go to bed and practice getting up on the school schedule* for one week before school starts. Then, everyone is "ahead of the game."

We look forward to working together to provide the best educational program for your children in 1999-2000.

HAR SINAI TEMPLE YOUTH GROUPS

A Special Opportunity For Your Children

Welcome to the world of Har Sinai's youth!

Torah N Tots for the preschool set

Shovavim for those in Grades 3-6

Junior Youth Group for Grades 6-8,
and **HSTY** for High School Students.

Each of these groups encourages your children to "bond Jewishly" by creating fun-filled, meaningful and safe Jewish settings, which are free of academic pressure. Your children see other Jewish children both in and out of the Temple environment, make new friends, and have a great time.



Rabbi Pollack & Susan Sacks (not in picture) lead the July 16th family service at the JCC.

TORAH N' TOTS (TNT) is now entering its fourth year of communicating the fun and meaningfulness of the Jewish tradition for children of preschool age. The program, which begins in October, will be led by Rabbi Stuart Pollack and song leader, Susan Sacks. The children listen to and become involved in a Torah story. They sing, they work with specially-designed arts and crafts, and all this is followed by a Jewish treat to eat.

If you are interested or know of any non-Temple members who might be interested, please contact the Temple office. If you want your grandchildren to enjoy this treat, please contact the Temple office. The TORAH N' TOTS schedule and invitation will be mailed out to those on our preschool list on or about August 1st. If you have a preschooler at home and do not receive your copy, please phone the Temple office. The cost for the series of eight sessions, which begins Saturday, October 23rd, is \$30.00.

SHOVAVIM is our very successful group for Grades 3-6. Popular activities in the past years have included Ice Skating, Lasertag, Gymnastics and Trenton Thunder baseball. All children are invited and the cost per event is kept to a minimum. Events are held every six to eight weeks. Flyers are sent out in advance through Temple mail and are also distributed to the children in school. Volunteer parental chaperones are sometimes needed and car pools can be arranged if necessary.

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP, a precursor for HSTY, is for students in Grades 6-8. Our kids have enjoyed hayrides, bowling and pizza, sporting events such as Trenton Thunder and the 76ers at the Spectrum. These events may be more "elaborate" than SHOVAVIM but consideration is still given to cost.

All children in both **Shovavim** and the **Junior Youth Group** and their families will be invited to the closing event of the year which is attending a Trenton Thunder baseball game. Families may bring guests to this event; it is a wonderful way to close out a successful Har Sinai year.

***Special note to parents of 6th Graders:** Your child will be invited to both the SHOVAVIM and JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP activities. We realize that Sixth Grade can be a transitional year for many children. Some Sixth Graders may still enjoy socializing with SHOVAVIM while others may feel more comfortable with the older students in the JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP. Your child can decide in which activity he or she wants to partake; she or he will be welcome at either /or or both activities.*

HSTY, the Har Sinai Senior Youth Group, is our program for our young people in High School, Grades 9 through 12. Affiliated with the UAHC's Regional Youth Group, NFTY/GER, and with its National Youth Movement, NFTY, HSTY is facilitated both for and by our High Schoolers themselves. The 1999-2000 HSTY Board will be led by President Lauren Fine. Creative and exciting activities, both social and social action oriented, are arranged and coordinated by the President and Board under the direction of the Temple Youth Director. All Temple families with high school aged children will find HSTY dues (\$20/child) as an option on their Temple statement. We ask that our parents encourage and support their high schoolers participation in HSTY, a very valuable Jewish experience.

The success of our Youth Groups depends on your support and encouragement. So, please do what you can to encourage your child(ren) to participate. If you have any ideas for events, please call Rabbi Pollack at the Temple office; **Jill Shaffer** (609-818-1249) or **Sue Wexler** (215-321-7983) who co-chair Shovavim; **Gail Reiss** (215-321-3623) or **Janet Hochman** (609-896-2775) who co-chair Junior Youth Group; HSTY President **Lauren Fine** (215-493-8333) or HSTY co-chairs **Lisa Kimmelman** (215-860-7945) or **Laurie Miller** (215-968-9601).

We will look forward to planning the events and seeing your children enjoy themselves. Please look forward to our flyers and respond accordingly.

LIBRARY NEWS

by Rita Allen, Librarian

Books are meant to be used by ordinary people, reading for pleasure or information; by students; by scholars. Books are not meant to sit on shelves, gathering dust, or carefully arranged in attractive-looking sets. But here at Har Sinai we have books that, of no use to us, might be of value to researchers.

To this end, I have been engaged in a project to weed our collection of extraneous materials and send them to institutions where they will be more useful and more appreciated. Rabbi Koshner has been of invaluable help in this endeavor, and under her guidance, our collection is being pared down to manageable size.

Already, some volumes have been sent elsewhere. Old duplicate volumes of yearbooks have gone to fill out the gaps in other collections in return for reimbursement of postage with a bit extra for our Library Fund. Some old Religious School texts have gone to a school in Spain where they will be translated for the children. And a three-volume history of the Jews of West Virginia is being sent to a Reform Congregation in that state.

Again, my thanks and appreciation to all those congregants who have generously donated money to our Library Fund or given us books from their collections. Sometimes the latter turn out to be three-and-four times duplicates of books that we already have. Next fall I hope to make these books available for purchase by congregants. If you want to request specific purchases or that your donation is spent on a certain book, please let me know. And again I urge everybody to search their bookshelves for materials that belong to us, and to return them so that all can enjoy them.

SISTERHOOD NEWS AND VIEWS

by Hope Kadesh, President

1998-1999 was a great exciting year for Sisterhood. The Board worked very hard all year to bring lots of great traditional and creative ideas to Har Sinai. Nancy Levine, Membership Vice President, started the welcome baskets for all new members. Maggie Mandell and Ina Katz, Programming Vice Presidents, came up with the Bagel and Schmooze Reception and a Chick Flick night. With the help of Muriel Rosenfeld, we restarted the Rabbi's Book Club. Fundraising VP Edye Discount organized our annual fashion show as well as the new Bingo/Dessert Night. Randi Flax, VP for Congregational Services, worked with Gail Feinstein on the Oneg Shabbats, Ann Grossman with Bimah flowers, and restarted the birthday book gifts at Family Services with the great help of Lisa Stinger. We now supply the Route One Homeless meals with desserts thanks to Gail Reiss. Abbie Katz and Sue Wexler, Religious School VP's, were busy with school snacks for the Religious School making Mr. Appleheads at Rosh Hashanah, Sundaes in the Sukkah, and the buying of gifts for the Confirmation Graduates. Linda Bolder, Marilyn Weinstein, and Ina Katz recreated and updated the wonderful Judaica Shop. And thanks to Recording Secretary Phyllis Malinger for writing and distributing the minutes from our meetings and Treasurer Mary Waldman for keeping our finances together and in order. All of this will continue and expand in the year ahead. Sisterhood continues to support the World, National, and District Women of Reform Judaism, our umbrella orga-

nization. We also contribute to various "Special Needs" Funds.

I am very excited and enthusiastic about the upcoming year at Har Sinai. I really feel that the teamwork of Rabbi Pollack, Cantor Wisnia, and Educator Susan Dorfman will promote enthusiasm throughout the Congregation. Sisterhood is now a vibrant, thriving organization within Har Sinai. New faces and new ideas are always welcome.

RENAISSANCE

by Co-Chairperson Jan Kind

On June 8th, members of Har Sinai Temple's Renaissance Club embarked from the Temple by bus to Newark Airport and were then flown to Toronto, Canada, via Continental Airlines. We spent six days and five nights dining and sightseeing in one of the most modern, lean, hospitable, ethnically diverse cities in North America. After daily full American breakfasts at our hotel, we enjoyed lunches and dinners at some of the many fine restaurants throughout the city.

Among the many interesting sightseeing venues we visited and enjoyed via guided tours were the magnificent Art Gallery of Ontario, the Ontario Science Center, the Royal Ontario Museum, the CN Tower which is the world's tallest free standing structure, the Skydome, home of the Toronto Blue Jays, which features the world's first stadium with a fully retractable roof. We also enjoyed tours of Casa Loma, a detailed authentic replica of a Medieval European castle, Spadina House, a 19th century mansion with original furnishings, the magnificent new City Hall, the Ontario Parliament building, the antique flea market, and historical old Fort York. One day was spent at the picturesque town of Stratford, home of the famous Stratford Festival of the Arts. There we enjoyed a performance of "West Side Story" which was equal to any Broadway performance in acting, staging, choreography, and settings.

On Saturday morning we all attended services at the Holy Blossom Temple which serves 2,500 Reform families which are a part of the citywide Jewish population of more than 180,000 which sustains more than 80 congregations of all denominations. We arrived home at Har Sinai early Sunday evening, a tired, but happy and stimulated, group of travelers.

Don't forget our upcoming events...Renaissance Does Trenton Thunder on Thursday evening, August 26th, and the Opening Brunch on Sunday, October 3rd, in the synagogue's Social Hall...come meet the Rabbi and be among the first to hear all about our plans for the upcoming year.



Renaissance is pictured outside of Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto...In front, left to right are Gladys Berkelhammer, Betty Greenberg, Joyce Moyed, Elaine Gross, and Harriet Gould. In the back are Jan Kind, Art Frank, Bobbie Frank, Albert Berkelhammer, and Sherman Gould.)



Bulletin Board



HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Allison Deitchman - 7 yrs
- 3 - Thomas Reedman - 13 yrs
- 4 - Justin Friedman - 11 yrs
- 6 - Andrea Wexler - 3 yrs
- 7 - Amanda Levy - 11 yrs
- Ashley Traffican - 11 yrs
- Joshua Edelman - 6 yrs
- 8 - Gina Lewin - 11 yr
- 9 - Tyler Goldberg - 5 yrs
- 11 - Frank Cusack - 11 yrs
- Allison Levine - 4 yr
- 13 - Elizabeth Kremer - 2 yr
- Jessica Kremer - 5 yrs
- 14 - Aaron Biros - 6 yrs
- 15 - Philip Katz - 9 yrs
- 16 - Jennifer Sherman - 4 yrs
- 17 - Jared Shaffer - 11 yrs
- Joseph Scarola - 6 yrs
- 18 - David Azer - 11 yrs
- Alexandra Weinroth - 7 yrs
- 20 - Bruce Nahan - 6 yrs
- 23 - Matthew Katz - 9 yrs
- 24 - Leigh Daly - 9 yrs
- 25 - Stephen Deitchman - 10 yrs
- 26 - Amy Scheiner - 9 yrs

SPECIAL AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 3 - Ruth Busch
- Dr. Richard Hochman
- 10 - Ruth Chamlin
- 14 - Sidney Hofing
- 16 - Sarah Horowitz
- 19 - Freda Riger
- 24 - Mildred Forer

SIGNIFICANT AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 - Gwen & Edward Rubin - 25 yrs
- 2 - Carol & Barry Belt - 35 yrs
- Lisa & Ronald Stinger - 15 yrs
- 4 - Hana & Edward Kahn - 25 yrs
- Rebecca Hutto & David Gottlieb - 15 yrs
- 5 - Marion & John Wilner - 60 yrs
- 6 - Dr. Gary Karlin & Jane Zamost - 5 yrs
- 7 - Marcy & Paul Roberts - 5 yrs
- 11 - Joan & Michael Werner - 25 yrs

- 17 - Carol & Ronald Sherman - 40 yrs
- 19 - Susan and Warren Sherman - 15 yrs
- 23 - Dr. Gerald & Lois Sternberg - 35 yrs
- 26 - Ruth & Phillip Smith - 20 yrs
- 27 - Dr. Joseph & Gloria Kline - 10 yrs

TREE OF LIFE

In Honor Of Our Granddaughter
Amanda Leigh Zeltt
September 13, 1998
Marilyn & Harold Zeltt

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS...

Kim and Jim Duthie, who live in Lawrenceville.

Marcia and Caesar Primus, who reside in Yardville.

Cindy and Marc Weinroth, who live in Langhorne with their daughter, **Alexandra**, in our 2nd Grade.

Dr. Herb and Carol Zemble, residents of Pennington.

MAZEL TOV TO...

Deborah Bard, on the June 27th birth of her Great Granddaughter, Danielle Hannah Berman, daughter of Becky and Kyle Berman.

Nancy and Barry Frost, on the marriage of their son, Benjamin, to Stacey Burke on July 31st in Ottawa, Canada.

HAR SINAI THANKS...

Herb Levin, who is retiring from the position, for his many years of fine work

as chairman of the Har Sinai Ushering Committee. The new chair of this committee will be Dan Surkin.

Judy Mann, for the great job she has done facilitating the Board of Trustees Sunshine Fund. Judy is stepping down from this chairpersonship and the spot will be filled by Muriel Rosenfeld in 1999-2000.

Susan Cickay, for the wonderful job she did organizing the very successful Shabbat Dinner at the JCC on July 16th. Thanks to the close to 100 people in attendance who, despite the heat and the bees, enjoyed the evening, each other, and each other's contributions to the meal...and a lovely service with **Rabbi Pollack** and song leader **Susan Sacks**.

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