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WORSHIP SERVICES

Friday, December 6 7:30 pm

Chanukah Family

Shabbat Service

2nd and 3rd Grades Participating

December Birthday Blessings

Saturday, December 7 10:30 am

Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, December 13 8:00 pm

Social Action Shabbat Service

Speaker:

Planned Parenthood Association of
Mercer County

Saturday, December 14 10:30 am

Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, December 20 7:30 pm

Youth Group Shabbat Service

Friday, December 27 7:30 pm

Shabbat Service

H A R S I N A I T E M P L E

Bulletin

RABBINIC REFLECTIONS

My generation is often called the "baby boomer generation." Yet there is another term for those of us who were born in the early '50s — "the television generation" for we are the first generation to have been born and raised in the era of television. Television executives know that one way to have a successful television program that appeals to "baby boomers" is to re-televisé some of the programs from the 50's such as the Milton Berle show or Howdy Doody. There is even an entire television network devoted to this electronic nostalgia entitled "T.V. land."

So therefore it intrigued me that a few weeks ago *Newsweek* magazine featured on its cover a lead story discussing the pros and cons of children watching television. According to this article children's television as a genre has changed drastically over the past 30 years especially with the advent of *Sesame Street* and *Barney the dinosaur*. They believe there is a better quality of children's programs than in years past. Even some of the recent cartoons emphasize morals and ethics in the tradition of Aesop's fables.

Yet *Newsweek* magazine also pointed out that there is a growing concern amongst parents about children watching television at all. Even the famous children's entertainer Raffi is against children being overexposed to any electronic media. Everything from violent behavior to a rising tide of obesity and even lack of attention and

focusing in children is now being attributed to children's excess television watching.

It is estimated that the typical number of hours that the average child watches television per day is approximately 3 which is far too much according to many parental groups. Prominent child psychologists contend that this "television" time is better spent engaged in sports or reading or some kind of self-motivating pursuit that does not involve being passively entertained. This belief also carries over into computers and handheld electronic games. According to these child experts all screens are suspect.

As I was reading these articles I wondered what would be Judaism's point of view on watching television. Some might find this to be a strange question since several of the pioneers in television were Jewish and many of the major groundbreaking television programs that gave birth to present day television shows were initiated by Jews. Television to large extent, especially in the United States, was pioneered by a number of formidable Jews because 50 years ago many movie companies were owned by the now legendary Jewish movie producers. Many recent books document Jews being very much involved in the entertainment industry on just about every level.

But what does classical Judaism say about watching television? In our tradition in the classical rabbinic texts

television was non-existent but there was entertainment that many rabbis considered controversial. Jews were exposed to the Greeks and the Romans who prided themselves on the development of drama and the creation of the theater.

We find throughout the Talmud many references that Jews should not attend Greek theater not because it would distract Jews from torah study but rather the content of such theater was antithetical to Jewish values. For example we find this statement in the Talmud *"one should not go to theaters or circuses because sacrifices are offered in honor of the idols. Where no such sacrifices were offered it is still prohibited to be present since persons watching the clowns and buffoons performing would transgress the prohibition against sitting in 'the seat of the scornful.'"*

Yet conversely we have this quote in the Talmud *"Jews should be allowed to attend circuses and shows to watch gladiatorial contests since the members of the audience usually have the right of saving the life of the victim."* The Talmud was probably referring to "thumbs up" to save a losing gladiator's life or "thumbs down" to have him killed.

We know from other evidence that Jews did attend theater even against the advice of the rabbis because we have numerous quotes throughout the Talmud referring to theater. We also know of a Jewish playwright during Roman times Ezekiel of Alexandria whose plays specifically for Jews were based on biblical themes. The rabbis were very much opposed to women attending theater or indulging in entertainment of any kind. We find this quote in the Midrash concerning Ruth in which Naomi tells Ruth that if she insists on conversion to Judaism, she will have to deny herself certain pleasures. According to the Midrash she says: *"My daughter it is not the custom of the daughters of Israel to frequent theaters and circuses."*

We know during Medieval times that Jews did frequent theater and other forms of entertainment. The proof for this would be the festival of Purim where the Purim *shpiel* or funny play was considered to be an integral part of the celebration of the holiday. The theater that most Jews are familiar with is Yiddish theater which arose in the 18th century. This extraordinarily popular form of entertainment concentrated on rewrites of Shakespearean plays and original plays often describing the pathos of the Jewish shtetel. We also have famous Yiddish plays that caught the attention of even a non-Jewish audience such as the Dyybuk. By the 19th century Jews understood viewing entertainment as being integral to a Jewish way of life.

So we come to the question about television and Jews. We know that many of the Hasidic sects of our people

discourage children from watching television not only because it is a distraction from serious Judaic study but mainly the content of television does not abide by the high moral and ethical standards of the Jewish people. The Hasidim feel that many of the programs on television include sexual innuendos that are a far cry from the sometimes highly conservative family oriented way of the Jewish people.

Yet for many progressive Jews television is not considered to be a hazardous inclusion of distraction in one's life. If we look upon television as simply a form of entertainment we see that even throughout the rabbinic period the watching of a theatrical performance of some kind was not a problem. The dilemma has to do with the content of what one is watching. This falls into the area of Judaism and censorship.

Generally Jews are very sensitive to censorship since non-Jewish authorities censored many of our great works throughout the millennia. So therefore it would be safe to say that we should let our children watch television but as many parental groups throughout the country warn we should monitor their viewing habits. But to totally forbid television watching, according to our tradition, is ill-advised because as we learn from medieval times people do it anyway. With a plethora of television programs that one can watch through cable and digital satellite television there should always be something on television that is of some quality and that gives some understanding and insight into our world. As we learn through our tradition what we do is not as important as the way we do it.

HAR SINAI TO HOLD ITS OWN "NEW YEAR'S ROCKING EVE"

BRING YOUR NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY
TO HAR SINAI!

9:00 PM TO 1:00 AM

Deli and Salads – Lavish Desserts

Dancing with Steve the DJ

BYOB

(Flyer enclosed)

SOCIAL ACTION

by *Debbie Mannella, Chairperson*

HOLIDAY MITZVAH PROJECT: Each year, the Social Action Committee and the Religious School kids get together to fill holiday food baskets for Womanspace. Chairs are Lynda Meshkov and Janice Blumberg. If you are a parent of a religious school student, please be on the lookout for the flyer and please help your kids and their classes to do their part.

TASK DINNER: Har Sinai will be sponsoring a meal at the Trenton Area soup Kitchen on Sunday, January 26, 2003. We will be soliciting monetary donations to help support this endeavor as well as volunteers for cooking, serving and cleaning up. Mary Kirsch will coordinate. Flyers have already been sent out.

FEBRUARY AND MARCH ARE KOSHER FOOD PANTRY MONTHS: Jewish Family and Children services has established a Kosher Food Pantry for area Jewish families and the elderly in need. Each local congregation was asked to participate by signing up for a month during the year to collect and sort food. March is Har Sinai's Kosher Pantry Month. Please remember this project when you are at the grocery store — particularly when you are preparing for Passover! Flyers will be in the mail in January.

ROUTE 1 MEALS - A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: Hot meal preparation and delivery for families housed in the motels on the Route 1 corridor on the first Thursday of each month continue. The assistance of all congregation members who have so faithfully volunteered to cook, pack, and deliver meals is truly appreciated. But, new volunteers are really needed. Please call the Temple office (609.392.7143) if you can volunteer to help out with the long-term Har Sinai project.

ADULT PROGRAM & LEARNING

EACH FRIDAY MORNING IN DECEMBER
SHABBAT SERVICES AT GREENWOOD HOUSE

Join Rabbi and/or Cantor every Friday from 10:30 to 11:00 AM at Greenwood House for a Shabbat Service with the residents. This brief service is meaningful to the residents, many of whom are still members of our congregation. They enjoy even a brief visit with other members of our congregation.

LUNCH AND LEARN

Tuesdays at 12 noon

"Pirke Avot: A Modern Commentary On Jewish Ethics" by W. Gunther Plaut.

PARALLEL HEBREW SCHOOL

Sunday, December 8th. at 9:00 AM

HOME STUDY GROUP

Wednesday, December 11th 8:00 PM

This year the Home Study series is concentrating on the modern masters of Jewish thought: Martin Buber, Abraham Heschel, Mordeci Kaplan, and more. The Home Study has been a staple of Har Sinai for close to forty years and proves to be one of the most enduring adult education experiences in Temple life. We meet at congregants' homes once a month in an informal relaxed manner facilitates both learning and fun. In December, we will meet at the home of Doris and Dan Kramer in Yardley. To RSVP or to ask for directions, please call the Kramers at 215-493-4280.

SOCIAL ACTION SHABBAT SERVICE Friday, December 13th

Speaker: Darrah Johnson, President and CEO

PLANNED PARENTHOOD ASSOCIATION OF THE MERCER AREA (PPAMA)

PPAMA has four area health centers which serve 10,000 client visits per year and offer comprehensive gynecological services such as family planning services, prenatal services in conjunction with Robert Woods Johnson Hospital at Hamilton, education, counseling, testing, and case management services. Our speaker, **Ms. Johnson**, worked as both Director of Community Service and as Associate Executive Director of PPAMA, before assuming her current position. Under her direction since September 2001, the agency has increased its patient population, embarked on new services and technologies, and restructured its health centers to provide exemplary reproductive health care.

PARALLEL SUNDAY SCHOOL Sunday, December 15th at 9:00 AM

"The Beginnings of Desire" by Aviva Zornberg. *Beginning in January, Rabbi Pollack will be beginning a new course of study in Parallel Sunday School.*

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORTS by Magda Reyes, Director of Education



I love Chanukah. I know that it is only a minor holiday, with nowhere near the importance nor spirituality of the other holidays on the Jewish calendar. But I look forward to the smell of fried latkes permeating the house for eight days. I enjoy the get togethers of family, adult friends and my children's friends, where everyone complains about the weight they will put on because of this holiday.

I am glad when my children's non-Jewish friends come over and say these latkes are the best things they've ever tasted. I pretend to be angry when my son steals a freshly made latke because "they taste best when they first come out of the pan". I smile at the sight of my husband standing at the ready with a fire extinguisher in hand because according to him, lighting ten chanukiyot on the family room coffee table is definitely a fire hazard. It warms my heart to see family and friends gathered around with the light of the candles reflecting in their faces, singing Maoz Tsur and, always, I Have a Little Dreidle. And the best part is that you get to do this eight times.

Chanukah is, of course not about dreidles, latkes and lighting candles. It is important to remember the light of freedom that the few fought to defend so heroically long ago. But to bring the spirit of this holiday closer to home, we have to celebrate every act of heroism, whether small or large, whether long ago or just yesterday.

So for each of the eight days of the holiday this year, after the candles are lit and the songs are sung, pick out one hero or heroine to introduce and discuss at the table. You may want to start with the Maccabees' struggle for religious freedom and their subsequent miraculous military victory over the Syrians. Masada was yet another site of the tragic yet heroic stand of Jews against the Roman invaders. There were countless heroes during World War II who fought selflessly against overwhelming odds. Anne Frank, Hannah Shenesh, Raoul Wallenberg and the heroes of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising are only a few. The modern state of Israel could not have flourished without the likes of David Ben Gurion, Moshe Dayan or Golda Meir. A whole town rallied in support of its citizens in Billings, Montana in 1993 against that community's hate crime. Most recently, the tremendous courage and heroism by the victims of the terror attacks on 9/11 can not be forgotten. On the final night, explore the heroes in your family. Share the story of an aunt who struggled as a single mother or a grandfather who came to the new land to give his children an opportunity for a better life.

Chanukah presents a valuable opportunity to learn, admire and share our proud history. Whether it was a thousand years ago or just recently, we have to remember and recount to our children the courageous acts of our ancestors without whom the light of freedom would not exist. Chag Sameach! Happy Chanukah!

Religious School CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2002

Friday, December 6
at 7:30 PM:

2nd and 3rd grade Shabbat
Chanukah Service

Sunday, December 8:

- 5th grade trip to see The Town that Fought Hate at Brothers Synagogue, both sessions come at 8:30AM, pick up at 1PM
 - Aleph-Bet through 3rd grades to see a Chanukah Puppet Show at Har Sinai; parents are invited to join their children
 - Confirmation classes meet
 - Religious Education Committee Meeting, 10:30AM
- Friday, December 20**
at 7:30 PM:
Fifth grade leads the Family Shabbat Service
(children be here at 7PM)

Renaissance

JAN KIND AND HARRIET GOULD, CO-CHAIRPERSONS

Coming Spring 2003

April 7th or 8th

ELDERHOSTEL

Temple University

College of Music

Hosted by Art Frank

Thursday, May 29th

"GOING BACK IN TIME"

Trip to New Castle, Delaware

Chaired by Ruth Levine

and Janis Kind

CELEBRATE CHANUKAH IN YOUR HOME

WHAT IS CHANUKAH?

Chanukah is an eight day festival, celebrating the miraculous victory of the Jewish revolt against the Hellenistic rulers of Israel in 165 BCE. Antiochus IV, the King of Syria, sent officers to the cities of Judea to command the people to break the Sabbath and ignore the holy Jewish festivals. They placed an idol on the altar of God and incense burned in its honor. An officer asked Mattathias, a great and popular priest of the city of Modin, to be an example to the people and be amongst the first to worship the idol. Mattathias refused for himself, his sons, and all faithful Hebrews. Eventually, the oppression of the Hebrew people led them to go to war under their commander-in-chief, Judah The Maccabee, a son of Mattathias. Because they were dedicated to their religious heritage and to the principles for which it stood, they were filled with the courage and strength to finally be victorious against the Syrians.

Judah, his brothers, and all loyal Jews came to rededicate the Temple in Jerusalem. The Temple which had been converted into a pagan temple for the worship of Zeus was rededicated. This dedication began on the 25th day of Kislev and lasted for eight days, just as did the dedications of the Tabernacle in the Wilderness (Leviticus 8:1 –9:10) and of King Solomon's temple (I Kings 8:54-66). Talmudic legend attributed the length of the festival to a miraculous cruse of consecrated oil for the Temple's Menorah. This little cruse, uncontaminated by the Greek pagan sacrifices, contained barely enough oil for one day, and yet, somehow, the flames lasted for 8 days until new, pure oil could be pressed. Later generations of rabbis decided instead to focus on the allegory of kindling lights against the darkness, and the power of each of us to create light. The shamash or worker candle recalls how one person, Mattathias, Judah Maccabee's father, sparked an entire revolt that ultimately led to the restoration of Jewish sovereignty over the land of Israel and the Temple.

CHANUKAH BLESSINGS

The lights of Chanukah are a symbol of our joy. In time of darkness, our ancestors had the courage to struggle for freedom: freedom to be themselves, freedom to worship in their own way. Theirs was a victory of the weak over the strong, the few over the many, and the righteous over the arrogant. It was a victory for all ages and all peoples.

ברוך אתה יי. אלהינו מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו
במצותיו, וצונו להדליק נר של חנוכה.

Baruch ata Adonai elohaynu melech ha'olam, asher kid'sha-nu b'mitz-vo-tav vitzi-va-nu l'had-lik nayr shel Chanukah.

Praised are You, Lord our God, Ruling Spirit of the Universe, Who has sanctified us by Your laws and commanded us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

ברוך אתה יי. אלהינו מלך העולם, שעשה נסים לאבותינו
בנימים ההם בזמן הזה.

Baruch ata Adonai elohaynu melech ha'olam, she'asa ni'sim la'avotayne ba'ya'mim ha'haym ba'zman ha-zeh.

Praised are You, Lord our God, Ruling Spirit of the Universe, Who did wondrous things for our ancestors in those days.

(for first night only)

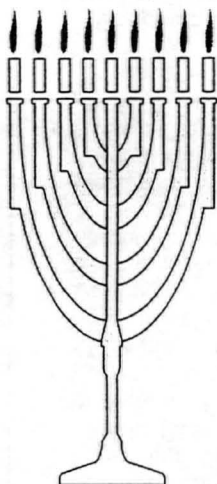
ברוך אתה יי. אלהינו מלך העולם, שהחיינו וקיימנו
והגיענו לימן הזה.

Baruch ata Adonai elohaynu melech ha'olam, she-he-che-ya-nu, v'ki-y'ma-nu, v'hi-gi-g-nu la'zman hazeh.

Praised are You, Lord our God, Ruling Spirit of the Universe, Who has granted us life, sustained us and permitted us to celebrate this joyous festival.

CREATE CHANUKAH TRADITIONS IN YOUR HOME

- Each family member can create or purchase his or her own Chanukiyah (Menorah). Each night everyone lights their own chanukiyah. Your home will certainly glow with all the lights of Chanukah.
- Or, work together to design and create a family Chanukiyah
- Create a Chanukah family album. Each year take a picture of your family in front of the Chanukiyah and keep the photos in your Chanukah album.
- Every dinner during the week can feature a special Chanukah food traditional somewhere in the Jewish world.
- Use the CCAR Chanukah Book, *Haneiros Halalu: These Lights are Holy*, for a brief family reading each evening before lighting the candles.
- Collect Chanukah "gelt" and decide as a family to which cause you will donate the money.
- Make the 8th night of Chanukah extra special. Instead of exchanging gifts on this night, donate \$18 to the North American Conference on Ethiopian Jews to buy food for a child. See the flyer included in this Bulletin.
- Design your own Chanukah gift wrap or greeting cards. Cut a potato in half. Draw a Chanukiyah, a dreidel or a Jewish star with a pencil on the cut side. Then cut in the design with a small knife about 1/2 inch into the potato. Cut away the part outside the design. To print, either use stamp pads, or brush tempera paint on the design. Press evenly onto the wrapping or card paper.
- Placing our Chanukiyot outside, or in the window, is a way of "announcing the miracle." Together, list the miracles God has performed for the Jewish people. Discuss the miracles you, as a family, have experienced during the past year.
- Make a Chanukah Siddur with a great number of empty pages. Include in the beginning the words to the Chanukah blessings. Each year, write a family prayer thanking God for that which you have experienced during that year and include it in your family siddur. Add those prayers to your family candle-lighting ritual.
- The warmth of Chanukah and its lights can bring a special warmth and beauty to your home, and create wonderful Jewish memories that will be cherished for a lifetime.



DID YOU KNOW.....?

We are taught that our Chanukiya should be placed outside if at all possible, so that passers-by will see its light. If we can't put it outside, the next best thing is by a window.....

The account of Chanukah is not mentioned in the Bible. Rather it appears in the Books of the Maccabees, which are part of the Apocrypha (extra-Biblical books)

The name of God is never mentioned in the Books of the Maccabees.

FROM RIGHT TO LEFT AND LEFT TO RIGHT

The candles are placed in our Chanukiya from the right to the left as you look at it, the same way we read Hebrew. However, we light the candles from left to right. Why? So we can give the newest candle, and thus the newest day, the honor of being lit first.

Say the blessings, then light the shamash candle. Use the shamash candle to light the others.

Normally we light our Chanukiya after sunset. However, on Shabbat, we do it before sunset and before our Shabbat candles. You can use your shamash candle to light your Shabbat candles.

MENORAH VS. CHANUKIYAH

While all Chanukah lamps are menorot (plural for menorah!), not all menorot are Chanukah lamps. A menorah is a seven branched candelabrum, with three branches on each side of the center. This type of lamp was used in the Tabernacle in the desert, in the Temple of Jerusalem, and is now one of the symbols of Israel. A "Chanukiya" must have eight candles, plus a shamash (helper candle) to light the others.

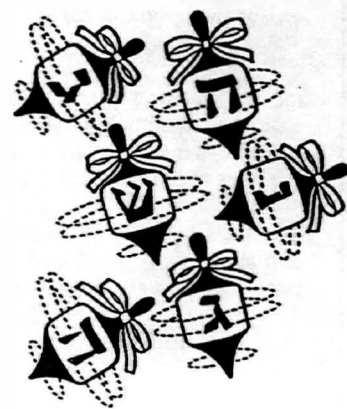
IS THE SCORE 8 TO 1; OR IS IT 1 TO 8?????

Two of the great Rabbis, Hillel and Shammai, argued about the lighting of the Chanukiya. Shammai claimed that since there was less and less oil left burning in the Temple each day, the number of lights in the Chanukiya should decrease daily. In other words, on the first night of the festival, the Chanukiya should be filled with 8 brightly burning candles. By the last night, one lone candle would remain.

Hillel disagreed. He taught that each night, the miracle of the oil became greater. Therefore, he argued, on the first night, we should light one candle, and on each subsequent night, we should add another. On the last night, there will be 8 candles burning brightly for all to see.

WHY DO WE PLAY DREIDEL ON CHANUKAH?

When the Syrians decreed that the teaching or studying of Torah was a crime meriting a severe punishment, Jewish children defiantly studied in secret. When Syrian patrols came near, the children pretended to be playing an innocent game of dreidel.



WHAT IS A DREIDEL

A dreidel is a spinning top. It has four sides and on each side there is a Hebrew letter. The four letters are nun, gimmel, hay, and shin, the first letters in the Hebrew words which mean "A great miracle happened there." In Israel, the four letters on a dreidel are nun, gimmel, hay and pay, the first letters in the Hebrew words for "A great miracle happened HERE." The miracle, of course, is the miracle of Chanukah which happened in Israel over 2,000 years ago.

HOW TO PLAY DREIDEL

Dreidel is a game of chance for two or more players. To play, you will need a dreidel and whatever you're playing with: raisins, nuts, pennies, candy, etc. **Begin** by giving all players an **equal** number of whatever you're playing with (example: 10 raisins). Play begins with each player "putting in" one raisin in the center. The players then take turns spinning the dreidel. Each time the dreidel stops spinning, one of its four letters will be facing up. Each letter means something different and indicates what that spinner must now do:

- ⌚ (Nun) means the player who spun the dreidel does nothing.
- ש (Shin) means the player puts one raisin in the center.
- ה (Hay) means the player wins half the raisins in the center.
- ג (Gimmel) means the player wins them all.

After Gimmel (a player takes all the raisins), each player must put one raisin in the center and the game begins again. The next player spins the dreidel. Any player who has lost all his raisins is out of the game. The game ends when one player has all the raisins or at a predetermined time like after 10 gimmels.

ROCK OF AGES

Rock of ages, let our song
Praise Your saving power;
You, amid the raging foe
Were our sheltering tower.
Furious, they assailed us
But Your arm availed us,
And Your word broke their sword,
When our own strength failed us.



DECEMBER 2002 DONATIONS

MEMORIAL FUND

Isaac Byer: Fred Byer
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In Honor Of:
Our 50th Wedding Anniversary: Charlotte & Herb Levin
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...**LAURENT LEVY**, for maintaining month after month Har Sinai's beautiful and lively web site... many prospective members have found us because of our site.

...**STEVE MILLER**, official photographer for the September 27th Consecration Service, for being there and doing his usual fine job...all Consecration parents who would like a copy of the group picture but have not yet reserved one, please contact the Temple office.

...**RANDI FLAX, MARTIN DEITCHMAN, AND DAVID GOTTLIEB**, for serving as chaperones for the October Gleaning Trip for the Confirmation classes, risking death by mud and flying zucchinis in the service of our school.

...**DEBBIE MANNELLA AND EVELYN GEROFISKY**, chairs of the early November Social Action Committee's Second Time Around Sale, for this fundraiser on behalf of the Social Action Fund...thanks also to those who donated their time and energy to help...**Diane Gerofsky, Melyssa Goldberg, Ann Grossman, Phyllis Malinger, Beth Mannella, Sarah Mannella, and Lauren Marciante.**

...**DEBBIE MANNELLA AND RITA ALLEN**, for coordinating the very successful Book Fair for Jewish Book Month.

...**ROBERTA AND ART FRANK**, for hosting the November 13th meeting of the Home Study Group.

...**JEAN AND MORTON GOLDSTEIN**, for chairing another amazing Renaissance success story...the 10th annual Ethnic Dinner took place on November 17th at "A Taste Of Europe"...after feasting on 30 different Russian foods, the group itself dancing the hora in celebration with other parties taking place in the same restaurant...Renaissance, they are a wild and crazy bunch.

...**ALL THOSE PARENTS** who attended the Religious School's Open House, got to watch their children's teachers teaching, listen to Rabbi Seymour Rossel's entertaining and educational sessions on dreams for kids of all ages, and sample the bagel brunch.

...**THE 6TH GRADE STUDENTS**, music director **SUSAN SACKS**, teacher **LISA KIMMELMAN** and toran **ADENA SCHWARTZ**, who put together a wonderful Shabbat Service on the 8th.

...**OUR 4TH GRADE PARENTS AND STUDENTS**, facilitator **GLORIA PORCARO**, music director **SUSAN SACKS**, teacher **MARILYN ORLAND**, and toranim **LAUREN BLOOMENTHAL** and **HOWARD KLINE**, who all worked together on November 24th to make for a successful Chanukah PACT Program.

...**THE HAR SINAI TEMPLE CHILDREN'S CHOIR**, and Director **SUSAN SACKS**, for all their hard work and enthusiasm preparing for and participating in the Rock Shabbat Service on the 22nd.

...**LINDA BOLDER AND FAY ZELENKO**, for coordinating the Rabbi's Book Review of "The Ghost of Hannah Mendes" for Sisterhood on November 7th.

SISTERHOOD NEWS AND VIEWS

by Linda Bolder

Thursday, December 5th, at 7:30 PM

BOARD MEETING

Temple Library

Friday, December 6th, at 6:15 PM

21ST ANNUAL CHANUKAH FAMILY DINNER

Ilene Bannwart: Chair

Wednesday, December 18th

VINCE'S PIZZA NIGHT

Vince's Pizza conveniently, located in downtown Yardley will be donating 10% of your food and beverage bill back to Har Sinai !! The food is great and we will be helping our Temple. Plan on eating dinner or a snack at Vince's on December 18. Look for your flyer and please support our Temple.

Upcoming In December

UNCLE RALPH'S, "NOT QUITE FAMOUS YET" COOKIE, BROWNIE AND CAKE SALE

Fabulous snacks and desserts! Order your goodies for Super Bowl Parties or just to enjoy around the house.

Upcoming In March

RABBI'S BOOK REVIEW

"Lovely Bones" by Anne Seyboldt.

We will be trying something different for this book review. You bring your own bag lunch on a Sunday around noon. Sisterhood will provide beverages and dessert. The Rabbi will facilitate and ladies, you bring your great insight. Time and date to be announced in the next news letter.

Upcoming In April

PHILADELPHIA MUSEUM OF ART

The outing will feature an escorted tour of the Edgar Degas exhibit and lunch at the Philadelphia Art Museum. Date and dollar amount for lunch and show to be announced in the next news letter.

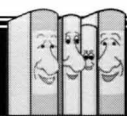
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MEN'S CLUB

by Larry Miller, President

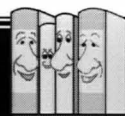
The Har Sinai Men's Club will be holding their Winter Bagel and Schmooze Brunch meeting on December 15th, starting at 10 AM in the Social Hall. Our special guest for this meeting will be our very own **Andrew Palsky** who is the Senior Executive for Comcast-Spectator and Assistant General Manager with the **Philadelphia Phantoms**. The Phantoms Hockey team is an AAA affiliate for the Philadelphia Flyers. Andrew will be discussing what it takes to play professional hockey as the Phantoms try to win the title for their league championship. At our meeting, the Men's Club will select a date to attend a Phantoms game at the First Union Spectrum. For more information contact the Temple office at 609-392-7143 or Larry Miller at 215-321-9588.

Please call me if you have any questions.



Library News

Rita Allen, Librarian (ritaallen@sbcglobal.net)



RECENT ACQUISITIONS

Donated by Franklin and Roberta Flacks in Memory of Irwin Flacks: "The Jewish Confederates" and "A Jewish Colonel in the Civil War". Donated by Dr. Herbert and Carol Zemble in Gratitude for their 40 years of marriage: "The littlest pair"; "The littlest frog"; "The littlest candlesticks"; - books for our youngest readers.

Recently the Renaissance Group sponsored a trip to New York City an to the Center of Jewish History, which is a "unique central resource for the cultural and historical legacy of the Jewish people." It combines: the American Jewish Historical Society, the American Sephardi Federation, the Leo Baeck Institute, the Yeshiva University Museum, and the Yivo Institute for Jewish Research. In addition to their regular exhibits, there was a beautiful showing of photographs by George Kalinsky — "Rabbis; the many faces of Judaism ". The book of these photographs has been added to our library collection.

Also: "Why Terroism works" by Alan Dershowitz; "The judges" by Elie Wiesel; "The new Rabbi" by Stephen Fried of Philadelphia; "Abraham, a journey to the heart of three faiths", by Bruce Feiler, whose previous book, "Walking the Bible", is also in our collection.

BULLETIN BOARD

HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 4 - Nathan Papperman 12 yrs
- 6 - Seth Rosenau 8 yrs
- 24 - Theodore Fine 8 yrs
- 28 - Gordon Wolf 7 yrs

SPECIAL DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 8 - Miriam Geller
- 9 - Muriel Zeltmacher
- 10 - Burton Rodney
- 12 - Joseph Kline
- 13 - Marie Berman
- 24 - Doris Silverstein
- 25 - Herman Chermak

HAPPY DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 - Linda & Glen Palsky 25 yrs.
- 16 - Renee & Saul Wolfson 35 yrs.
- 24 - Elaine & Peter Buchsbaum 35 yrs
- Beatrice & Samuel Frey 52 yrs
- Vicki & Bruce Seiler 25 yrs
- 26 - Donna & Stephan Goldstein 35 yrs
- 28 - Cynthia & Joseph Spiegel 61 yrs
- 31 - Jeanne & Daniel Halpern 20 yrs

High Holiday Appeal

Dr. Marvin and Ruth Chamlin,
Dr. Norman and Roslyn Coopersmith,
Dr. Howard and Alice Welt

Pulpit Flowers

November

1 - **Joan and Michael Kamens**, in honor of their daughter, Lindsey, becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

8, 15, 22 - **Sisterhood**

29 - **Nancy and Sam Levine**, in honor of their son, Scott, becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

Oneg Shabbat Sponsors

November

Trudy Herz, in honor of her granddaughter, Lindsey Kamens, who became a Bat Mitzvah.

Lillian & Edward Dordick, in honor of their grandson, Scott Levine, who became a Bar Mitzvah.

Mazel Tov To

...**Donna and Steve Goldstein**, on the November 16th marriage of their daughter, Dr. Melissa Goldstein, to Mr. Daniel Feldman.

...**Maxene and Saul Feinberg**, on the induction of their son, Mark Feinberg, class of 1969, into the Lawrence High School Hall of Honor 2002.

...**Joan and Dr. George Isaacson**, on their granddaughter, Ali, becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

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on November 22*

Keep Clergy Informed

It is always a pleasure to hear good news from Har Sinai Temple members and to celebrate life's joys. Often it helps to share problems or illnesses, too. Please make sure to let us know if you or another Har Sinai Temple member you know might be helped by a visit or phone call. Many people assume that "everyone knows," but a note or call to our Rabbi or Cantor's study would guarantee that they do know.

Medical Tuition Scholarship Loans

The Dr. Joseph M. Blum Trust has funds to lend Jewish students from the Trenton area who are in need of help to pay their tuition at medical school. Preference will be given to those students who have a parent who is a member of the Jewish War Veterans of Trenton. No interest is charged on the loans until ten (10) years after the recipient commences the practice of medicine, unless the loan recipient leaves school before graduation. Interested students should contact Edward S. Kahn, Esq., at his law office, 609-895-1190.

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Info, call Jeff at the JCC

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