

# Bulletin

## A Message from Rabbi Peter J. Rubinstein

I was at a meeting recently during which there was an interim report on a population study done by UJA/Federation. In discussing the numbers, the presenter indicated that statistically two groups were noted — those who were considered core Jews, and those who were considered peripheral Jews. The difference between the groups was in their self-definition. The core group was designated as such because they themselves called themselves Jews when asked. Those designated peripheral Jews were those who did not self-designate themselves as Jews, but who answered affirmatively when asked if they, anyone in their family or any of their parents was ever Jewish.

Peripheral Jews are not a new phenomenon. There have always been those who have been on the fringe, either on the way in or on the way out, more likely on the way out. They have not educated their children as Jews, they have not celebrated Judaism or Jewishness in their homes, and they typically do not support Jewish charities. When questioned, they will show some discomfort with the suggestion that they may be directly responsible for the demise of Judaism. These peripheral Jews like the idea that Judaism is alive today, although they might not care to have anything to do with that survival.

Those of us who are identified with Jewish institutions might look askance at peripheral Jews. Yet, there are some questions which even we need to ask of ourselves.

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In a recent conversation with people who are very connected to the institutions of Jewish life, I heard concern expressed about what was happening to their children. They raised the matter of intermarriage, of children who had distanced themselves from the synagogue, from Judaism as a whole. I asked them whether they would have been willing to do the things

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### Fifth Annual Steinhardt Forum

#### “Reform Judaism: The Path to the Twenty-First Century?”

*Speakers:*

**Rabbi Avraham Weiss**

*Senior Rabbi, Hebrew Institute of Riverdale*

**Rabbi Sheldon Zimmerman**

*Rabbi, Temple Emanu-el of Dallas*

*Moderator:*

**Rabbi Peter J. Rubinstein**

**Sunday, December 8**

**4:00 pm**

# Calendar of Events

DECEMBER						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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## Sisterhood Sponsored Activities

### Bridge

Tuesday & Thursday, 7:30 pm  
12/3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, 31

### Gift Shop

Monday - Friday, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Sunday, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

### Seniors Club

Tuesday, 12/3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 10:00 am

### Board Meeting

Saturday, 12/14, 12:30 pm (Board Retreat)

## Brotherhood Sponsored Activities

### Board Meeting

Wednesday, 12/4, 6:00 pm

### Brotherhood Dinner

Wednesday, 12/18, 6:30 pm  
Seminar on Men's Issues

## Study

### Institute of Jewish Studies:

#### Talmud

Friday, 12/6, 13, 20, 8:00 am

#### Chevre Torah

Saturday, 12/7, 14, 21, 28, 9:15 am

#### Choral Society

Mondays, 6:00 pm (See Choral Society  
schedule)

#### Intermediate Hebrew

Thursday, 12/5, 12, 6:00 pm

### Advanced Hebrew

Thursday, 12/5, 12, 7:00 pm

### Medical Ethics

Thursday, 12/5, 5:45 pm

### Eternal People

Monday, 12/2, 8:15 pm

### Intro. to Judaism

Monday, 12/2, 7:00 pm

### Sanhedrin/Constitution/Bill of Rights

Monday, 12/2, 7:00 pm

## Meetings

### Central Women's Focus

Tuesday, 12/10, 8:00 am

### Steinhardt Forum

Sunday, 12/8, 4:00 pm

## Religious School

Monday, 12/2, 9, 16

Wednesday, 12/4, 11, 18

Tuesday, 12/3, 17

### Chanukah Service

Wednesday, 12/4, 5:30 pm

### Pre-Kindergarten Workshop

Sunday, 12/8, 9:30 am

### Grade 7 Retreat at Camp Kutz

Friday-Sunday, 12/13-15

## Scouts

### Girl Scouts

Monday, 12/2, 9, 16, 6:00 pm

Tuesday, 12/3, 10, 17, 3:30 pm

### Boy Scouts

Tuesday, 12/3, 10, 17, 5:30 pm

### Cub Scouts

Monday, 12/2, 6:00 pm

Tuesday, 12/3, 10, 17, 5:30 pm

## Youth Group

### Post Confirmation Class

Tuesday, 12/3, 17, 6:00 pm

### Religious Action Center

Friday - Sunday, 12/13 - 15

## Notes from Sisterhood

### Ruth Oliver

The thirty-eighth Biennial Assembly of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods (NFTS) held in Baltimore October 31 to November 4 held special meaning for our Sisterhood, the home base of Sisterhood and synagogue board member **Judith Hertz**. At this Biennial, Judith completed her first term as NFTS President and was re-elected to a second term. Also honored at this convention was our immediate past president and board member **Janet Stovin**, who was elected to the NFTS Board of Directors. Our congratulations and good wishes go to Judith and Jan. (See the Biennial Report on pages 6-7.)

During the five days of the NFTS Biennial, our large and lively delegation, led by our president **Barbara Jayson**, participated actively in all the events of the convention

including plenary sessions, many diversified workshops, the beautiful worship services, breakfast meetings of our regional NFTS District #3, the NFTS Circle of Service and the luncheon of the World Union for Progressive Judaism. They still found time to become better acquainted with one another and with delegates from other Sisterhoods.

The delegation included **Janet Stovin**, vice presidents **Hazel Beckerman**, **Shirley Steinhauer**, and **Skit Rabbino**; treasurer **Lillie Zeughauser**; secretaries **Judith Klemperer** and **Ruth Oliver**; Sisterhood YES Fund chair **Barbara Grill**; board members **Susan Bayer**, **Helen Lehrman**, **Edith Sigety**, and **Audrey Edelstein**. Audrey has just completed four years of highly productive service on the National Board of NFTS.

All participants at the NFTS Biennial felt they had gained new insights on issues

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## First Friday Shabbat Service

featuring the music of



**Chazan Salomon Sulzer**  
(1804-1890)

The first truly modern cantor

**Friday, December 6**  
**8:15 pm**

*In conjunction with the International Sulzer Symposium sponsored by Hebrew Union College, the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, the Leo Baeck Institute, and the Austrian Cultural Institute of New York*

## Up Front with Brotherhood

### Robert Kandel

More news of great upcoming Brotherhood events and projects!

We are extremely proud to have honored, albeit in radically different fashions, **David Vogel** and **Barry Kugel**. These men stand tall in a synagogue filled with great people. Our thanks to **Rabbi Peter Rubinstein** and **J. Jacques Stone** for helping honor David and to **Cantor Richard Botton**, **Steve Bayer**, **Lester Breidenbach**, **Perry Edelstein**, **Bill Freedman**, **Richard Kandel** and a great supporting cast for helping "roast" Barry.

**Steve Bayer** and **Murray Beckerman** are proud to announce a Super Bowl Party for the entire family. Reserve **January 26** so you can watch the game on a seven foot screen, and eat during the entire telecast. Cost will be minimal. Watch for details in the next *Bulletin*.

Temple Emanu-El joins us **Sunday, February 9** for our Annual Breakfast. **Rabbi Peter Rubinstein** and **Rabbi Ronald Sobel** will be joined by a guest speaker to explore "Reform Judaism into the 21st Century." We look forward to an intellectually stimulating morning and, since it is our turn to

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## Hold the Date!

*Jethro Committee to Honor the Legal Profession is honored to present*

**JAMES L. OAKES**

*Chief Judge  
Court of Appeals, Second Circuit*

*for the*

**Annual Shabbat  
Service & Luncheon**

**Saturday  
January 25, 1992  
Joslin Hall**

## Chanukah Ceremonies, Symbols, Customs

At a recent Youth Group board meeting, our students were trying to schedule an event. We were trying to fit a program in to the first week of December. I thought it was a good week to get together. But all of them said no, that they like to be home with their families every night of Chanukah. They want to be home for the lighting of the candles, the food, the games, and perhaps even the gifts. Chanukah is a joyous time for so many of us, whether we celebrate it with our families or with our friends.

Every year people call us here at the synagogue to ask about Chanukah, how it is celebrated and what the symbols mean. Here are the answers to some of those questions, adapted from *Reform Judaism*, December 1976.

*Have a happy and healthy Chanukah.*

*Rabbi Tom Weiner*

### What is the meaning of Chanukah?

Chanukah is a Hebrew word meaning Chanukah candelabrum. It refers to the nine-branched ceremonial lamp in which the Chanukah candles are placed and then blessed. The term "Menorah" is applied to any other candelabrum except for the one special for Chanukah.

### How did the Chanukah originate?

The nine-branched Chanukah menorah was a modification of the Biblical model and seems to have originated in the first century C.E. It had eight branches, one for each day of the holiday, and a ninth branch for the shamash or "servant" light. In ancient times, oil was used in the Chanukah.

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## The Chanukah Candle Blessings

There are two berachot which are chanted or recited on every night of Chanukah. The first is a blessing over the candles themselves:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ  
בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

**Baruch atah, Adonai Elohenu, melech haolom, asher kiddeshanu bemitzvotav vetzivanu lehadlik ner shel Chanukah**

*Blessed are You, O Eternal our God, Ruler of the world, who has sanctified us through Your mitzvot and commanded us to kindle the Chanukah lights.*

The second berachah expresses thanks for the "miracle" of deliverance:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ  
בְּיָמֵם הָהֵם בְּזִמְנֵי הַזֶּה.

**Baruch atah, Adonai Elohenu, melech haolom, she'asah nissim laavotenu bayamim hahem bazeman hazeh.**

*Blessed are You, O Eternal our God, Ruler of the world, who did wondrous things for our ancestors in former times at this season.*

There is a third berachah which is chanted or recited only on the first night. This is the "Shehecheyanu" prayer, pronounced by Jews on all happy occasions:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַחַיִּינוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ  
לְזִמְנֵי הַזֶּה.

**Baruch atah, Adonai Elohenu, melech haolom, shehecheyanu vekiyyemanu vehiggiyanu lazman hazeh.**

*Blessed are You, O Eternal our God, Ruler of the world, who has kept us in life, sustained us, and brought us to this happy time.*

Any member or members of the family may chant or recite the blessings. One person lights and holds the shamash, the berachot are pronounced, and the candles are then lit. On Shabbat, the Chanukah candles are lit before the Shabbat candles. The new Reform home prayer book, *Gates of the House*, contains an appropriate service for the home.

## About our Religious School

**Dr. Jack L. Sparks, RJE**  
**Director of Education**

"What does the Lord require of thee, to do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God." (Micah 6:8) The younger children in the religious school apply the words of Micah each day.

Each Wednesday afternoon a group of twenty children come together and study dimensions of tzedakah, g'meeloot chassadim and avahat chesed (justice, acts of loving kindness and social concerns). They study in the Tzedakah Chug (*chug* means "club" or "elective") that takes place during the elective period each week. Armed with traditional rabbinic texts, the children study ways which we as Jews make the world a better place. With the tzedakah monies our children gather and with their own ideas, they are perfecting the world.

This month, the children of the Tzedakah Chug are sponsoring a **new toy drive** for terminally ill children in area hospitals. At holiday time all children love to receive toys. How much more so do the children who are hospital bound and for whom new toys are an impossible dream.

We invite all congregants to support this drive and buy a new toy. Wrap it in gift paper, indicate whether the gift is appropriate for a boy or girl, and for what age, and leave it in the Education Office on the fifth floor. Our Tzedakah Chug students will present these toys to the area hospitals. Last year we presented some 150 toys to children without calling on the larger congregation.

This year we invite everyone to do a mitzvah and bring a smile to the face of a child. This is one project of our children's Tzedakah Chug. This column will feature other projects of this and other chuggim. As our Rabbis taught, *mitzvah go'rerret mitzvah*, doing one good deed leads to the fulfillment of many more good deeds. Our children are learning this hands on.

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## Winter IJS Courses to Begin

Central Synagogue's Institute of Jewish Studies provides opportunities for congregants to explore their interests in Jewish practice, texts, history, social concerns and music. Fall courses conclude this month. Winter courses begin in January:

*Prayer: How do we pray, why do we pray?* is taught by Rabbi Rubinstein at 7:30 pm on six Monday evenings (January 13, 27, February 3, 10, 24, and March 2). The course deals with spirituality, "a gift that is waiting to be opened." Our liturgy provides many avenues through which we can approach this, and this class will be a time to talk about worship, prayer and ritual. Often not understood, ritual and our relationship to worship experiences frame our Jewish identity; come gain a better understanding.

*The Bible, Theater and the Arts* is taught by Rabbi Philip Hiatt at the same time and dates as above. The course explores the world of theater and the arts which has leaned heavily on Biblical themes and characters. How have the men and women of the Bible been portrayed in our contemporary world?

Have the arts been true to the biblical characters? Aside from their calling, what were they really like? From Abraham to Moses, from Sarah to Deborah.

Congregants may join two of IJS's ongoing courses at any point during the year:

*Talmud*, led by Rabbi Bernard Zlotowitz at 8:00 am on Friday mornings, is a study group of the Talmud, the magnum opus of our people's literature. Rabbi Zlotowitz, a master teacher, inspires us through the words of our rabbinic sages and makes both the Talmud novice and rabbinic scholar feel comfortable. The Talmud is read in English translation. No prior knowledge of Talmud is required.

*Chevrá Torah* is a Torah study group that meets every week of the year at 9:15 am on Saturdays to examine the Torah portion of the week in English translation. The group warmly invites new students who are interested in discovering how ancient texts can illuminate our modern concerns.

All courses are free to Central Synagogue Congregants. Please call Dr. Sparks in the Education Office (838-5122) to register.

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## Ritual Committee Looks at Worship Services

The synagogue's Ritual Committee, chaired by **Susan Schlechter**, has met several times with **Rabbi Rubinstein**. The goal of the committee is to provide a forum for airing the diverse views of congregants regarding worship services.

The committee examined different aspects of the service, including the role of music. They also began to study the history and tradition of worship services within Reform Judaism and within Central Synagogue by examining the role for *aliyot* within the Torah Service. A subcommittee was appointed which is assessing criteria for the dispensing of honors, a task formerly handled by clergy.

In addition, the committee is looking at the structure and content of worship services, in particular the role of ritual within the service. Coming out of this study was the consensus of the committee to institute a brief Torah reading during early Friday services.

Rabbi Rubinstein acknowledged the successful collaborative nature of the committee with the clergy.



Consecration of new religious school students during the Simchat Torah service.

## Receptions for Rabbi Rubinstein

The Central Synagogue Membership Committee is arranging small gatherings in members' homes to afford **Rabbi Rubinstein** the opportunity to meet Central Synagogue's congregants. The committee's goal is for all members to receive an invitation to a home gathering. Anyone wishing to host a reception should contact **Helen Lehrman** at 988-6153.

## Youth Group

**Stephanie Cion**

### Black/Jewish Relations

We are two communities that are different, but the same. We cannot get along because perhaps we are precisely too similar to one another. Yet it is imperative that we cooperate with one another in order to pursue common goals that are necessary for the survival of our two races.

Our races are different. The African-Americans show their race on their skin. It is apparent to all the world what their heritage is. This isn't so for the Jewish community. Our heritage can not be defined by our outward appearance; it is something within ourselves that makes us unique.

Recently the Youth Group had a discussion led by Martin Small, Social Action Vice President, concerning this topic. This was conducted with the help of an information sheet that he had put together. We as a Youth Group were trying to decide on

what level we would want to enter into a relationship with an African American equivalent of our Youth Group. We talked about the fact that we must be determined to go through with this at all emotional costs. We agreed that we must all sit down together with everything and everyone equal, and that we must form a relationship that is entirely two-sided. We must not look to the past. That will not help us to move forward. Talking about past injustices done to our races would be counter-productive, we agreed. It was our conclusion that the past is the past and that it should be left there. It is our right and prerogative to disagree about the past, but we must realize we can not undo it. We must look what we can do to make it harmonious for our two peoples.

Black/Jewish relations is a serious issue that must be addressed, as the last several months have demonstrated. We, the Central Synagogue Youth Group, are doing our best to reevaluate what conclusions we had previously made on the subject, and we look towards working for a more beneficial future.

## Nursery School News

Nursery School children are looking forward to celebrating Thanksgiving with our friends at St. Bartholomew Preschool on Wednesday, November 27th. Our 4's and 5's, their teachers, some parents, and Rabbi Rubinstein will join two groups at St. Bart's for a beautiful feast and fun morning. We become the hosts and hostesses when St. Bart's children visit us for our traditional children's seder on April 7th.



**GALS & DOLLS FOUND IN ARCHIVES** Gals and dolls have been found in the archives. Who are the gals? **Gerry Toplitt**, who is still serving Central Synagogue by working in the Gift Shop, identified four of the seven women in this photo from the early 1950s. Can you identify the other three? Write a note to **Anne Mininberg**, Chair of the Archives Committee, if you can. The gals in the photo, under Gerry's direction, are making new, and reconditioning old, dolls and toys, making doll beds, doll clothes and children's clothes for underprivileged and institutionalized children all over New York City. This Sisterhood project lasted for about twenty years, beginning in the late 1940s, and involved about twenty members. The Archives Committee welcomes all materials about the history and heritage of Central Synagogue.

All are welcome!  
Come join us  
as we light  
Chanukah Candles



The Religious School Chorus will perform

Wednesday, December 4  
5:30 pm

In the Sanctuary

## Sexual Harassment in Workplace the Subject of December Focus Talk

**Helen R. Neuborne**, Executive Director of the NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund (LDEF) and a long time advocate of women's rights, will be the featured speaker at the Central Women's FOCUS breakfast on **Tuesday, December 10** at 8:00 am.

Ms. Neuborne's main topic will be "Sexual Harassment in the Workplace," one of the LDEF's high priority issues. The LDEF was established in 1970 and is dedicated to achieving equality for women in the workplace, at home, in the schools, and in the courts.

The breakfast discussion on December 10 will be held at 8:00 am in Joslin Hall at 123 East 55 Street. The breakfast is open to all. The charge for breakfast is \$5.00 for FOCUS members and \$8.00 for non-members.

To make a reservation, use the form on the enclosed flier or call 212-838-5122. Reservations should be received by December 4.

FOCUS dues are \$25.00 per year. If you haven't yet joined or renewed your membership for the current year, you may use the enclosed flier to do so.

# Central Synagogue

Some four thousand men, women and young people of Reform Judaism, representing their sisters, brothers, parents, children, friends and fellow congregants from synagogues across North America, gathered for worship services in the Convention Center of Baltimore on Friday evening, November 1 and Shabbat morning, November 2. At each of those times, an immense, forbidding hall was transformed into a sacred space, resonating with the sound of prayers read and sung in unison, the beauty of the words augmented by the exquisite voices of cantors and choir.

As they always are, the Shabbat worship services were a most meaningful part of the 61st General Assembly of the union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC) held jointly with the 38th Biennial Assembly of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods (NFTS).

At the close of the services, the UAHC president, Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, always an eloquent speaker, delivered his address on "The Reform Jew: Values, Practices, Visions." "We are here in unprecedented numbers — the largest assembly on the North American Jewish scene," he said, thanking the Baltimore hosts for their extraordinary hospitality. And in a moving tribute to Albert Vorspan, retiring Senior Vice President of UAHC director of the UAHC's Religious Action Center, he spoke of the legacy the Center's director leaves. "He has forged a bond between social action and our religious mission, and that bond will never be dissolved," Rabbi Schindler said. He then set forth the future direction of the Reform Movement, referring to resolutions before the UAHC Assembly.

UAHC is the parent organization of all 850 Reform synagogue in North America. A portion of the dues of each Central Synagogue member is allocated to UAHC, with each congregant becoming a member of the parent organization as well. Congregants who are Sisterhood members are also members of NFTS, by virtue of the payment of a portion of Sisterhood dues to that organization, also known as "Women of Reform Judaism."

An absolute priority of the Movement, he said, is the development and implementation of an intensified program of adult Jewish study, a point that Rabbi Rubinstein discusses in his message this month. Among other issues the UAHC president addressed was the need for an intensified outreach effort to gain converts to Judaism both before and after intermarriages.



*Members of our Central Synagogue congregation at the Shabbat Dinner of the Biennial in Baltimore.*

Rabbi Schindler emphasized two resolutions passed by UAHC that cover issues of critical importance to women, and are high on the NFTS agenda: the issue of crimes against women and of equality for women rabbis, which were the subject of a comprehensive NFTS resolution as far back as 1979 and are vigorously re-addressed in a resolution passed by the NFTS 1991 Biennial assembly.

A resolution framed by Matthew Ross, a past president of Central Synagogue and honorary Chairman of the Board of UAHC, urges "discussion concerning the future direction of Reform Judaism in our synagogues and regions and national gatherings . . . and in all the educational endeavors of the Union."

Pointing to the needs of the elderly, Rabbi Schindler called for the formation of a Commission on the Elderly to provide a comprehensive program "so that as we become advanced in years we need not also become advanced in tears and fears." He further gave strong endorsement to the creation of an endowment drive for Reform Judaism, launched at the Biennial, "envisaged as a partnership between the Union and its congregations in the effort to secure our future." Speaking while the conference on the Middle East was meeting in Madrid, he said "we pray for a new heart and spirit" in the Middle East and we implore our government "to make a serious effort to curb arms sales to the Middle East in a manner consistent with the security of Israel . . . to rein in the machinery of war."

## Biennial Glossary

**Biennial:** This legislative assembly is held every two years by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods. The 1991 Biennial was held in Baltimore, Maryland from October 31-November 4.

**UAHC:** The Union of American Hebrew Congregations is the parent organization of some 850 Reform synagogues in North America.

**NFTB:** The National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods represents 30,000 members in 300 Brotherhoods.

**NFTS:** The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, the agency of Women of Reform Judaism, represents some 100,000 members in more than 600 Sisterhoods throughout North America.

**NFTY:** The National Federation of Temple Youth is the youth affiliate of UAHC.

**WUPJ:** The World Union for Progressive Judaism is the international umbrella organization of Reform Judaism, with affiliated congregations in 26 countries.

**CCAR:** The Central Conference of American Rabbis is the professional organization of Reform Rabbis.

**HUC-JIR:** The Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion is the seminary of the Reform Movement, which trains Reform rabbis, cantors, educators, and communal workers.

# at the Biennial

## Message from the Rabbi

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which statistically seem to do well in maintaining children as Jews such as actively celebrating and observing Jewish ritual and practice at home, or sending their children to day school or moving to places which had distinct Jewish residential enclaves, or sending them to Israel for college or to live.

Many with whom I spoke were not certain that they could have taken those steps necessary to impact the Jewish future, especially if it was contrary to their chosen life style and situation.

Therein was the dilemma, the tension and the struggle. They knew they couldn't have it both ways. Jewish survival might indeed depend on particularistic behavior beyond a commitment they were willing to make. Commitment becomes significant when it results in actions that embody it. An individual's dedication to the survival of Jewish peoplehood and belief, especially in their own family line, mandates acts, rituals, behavior which provide the bonding of children to that survival.

This was one of the major issues constantly discussed at the recent Union of American Hebrew Congregations Biennial. As a movement we are increasingly confronted by the compelling evidence that our survival depends on ritual observance and the binding quality of actively practicing Jewish identity. The UAHC and Rabbi Alex Schindler, its president, called for a new literacy among Reform Jews. We need to transform ideology, belief, and identity into action including ritual observance.

The call sets a tone for our movement. It sets a vision for our future. Most of all it confirms that the evolution of Reform Judaism is not merely an ideological concept. It is very real and very alive. Next month I will deal with the impact of that evolution on our congregation — collectively and individually.

## Outreach

The UAHC-CCAR Commission on Reform Outreach, formed 13 years ago, celebrated its birthday at the Biennial, and Rabbi Schindler stated its meaning: "Outreach means inspiring a firmer embrace of Juda-

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## "Before us Lies a New Day And in the Distance a New World Ours to Create by the Strength of our Faith"\*

In a beautiful service of installation entitled "Ours to Create" and written for the occasion by Dolores Wilkenfeld, **Judith Hertz** began a second term as president of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods (NFTS) and **Janet Stovin** began her first term as a member of the NFTS Board of Directors. **Rabbi Peter J. Rubinstein** pronounced the blessing on Judith and the newly installed national board members, and said that if he *taught* Sisterhood women, he also *learned* much from them.

In response, Judith said, "Your words have added meaning to this occasion for me and for all those here. You are a friend, and a special teacher, a treasure to all who know you." She added, "My congregation, Central Synagogue, and most especially my Sisterhood are mainstays of my life. You all are ever ready to help each and every program and effort that might benefit our congregation and community." She spoke warmly of her "personal family" and said of her husband, "if there is any contribution I make to this world, Martin participates fully in it."

Turning to the role of Sisterhood today, Judith spoke of Sisterhood's task to "enable women to live as Jews, to help every woman at every stage of her life develop herself Jewishly, to have her life enriched by Judaism's traditions and expectations." She urged Sisterhoods to motivate people to be creative, to encourage new ideas and new work methods, and to take some risks. "For Sisterhood to succeed," she said, "we must insure that we are flexible enough to accommodate new goals and new needs of our members in today's society."

The theme of the NFTS Biennial, attended by over 750 women, was "Women of Reform Judaism: Connecting Commandment to Commitment." In her opening address, Judith had told the assembly that "It is Judaism and its commandments and covenant that set the agenda for Sisterhood." By the close of the convention it was clear that the participants, having shared and exchanged valuable insights, knowledge, and experience, would return



*Rabbi Peter J. Rubinstein with Judith Hertz, newly re-elected NFTS President*

home well prepared to make that all important connection within their own sisterhoods. (See Sisterhood Notes on page 2 for information about Central's Sisterhood at the Biennial.)

*\*from the Rosh Hashanah Evening Service*

## From Generation to Generation: Central's Youth at the Biennial

Central Synagogue's Youth Group, one of the congregation's most precious resources, was represented at the Biennial by three of its members, **Jesse Gerber**, **Susan Jakes**, and **Martin Small**. For each, this Biennial experience was the first.

**Rabbi Tom Weiner**, who leads Youth Group activities, explained the purpose of their participation, sponsored in part by the Synagogue Youth Scholarship Fund and by Sisterhood. "The young people's involvement in the Biennial gives them the opportunity to learn at first hand about issues coming before the various assemblies; to meet young people of other congregations across the country; and to take back to their peers the impressions, insights and knowledge they gained," Rabbi Weiner said, adding, "We select those who have demonstrated leadership and who have shown that they will be able to cope with the arduous programming schedule of a national meeting the size and scope of our Biennial."

Susan, Jesse, and Martin attended a wide variety of programs, and joined the adults

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## Morning Service — A Wonderful Way to Start Your Day

Central Synagogue offers a wonderful and special way to start your day. Morning services are held at **8:00 am Monday through Thursday**, and at **7:45 am on Friday** in the **Blitzer Chapel** on the fourth floor of the Community House.

During the more than eight years of services, many congregants and visitors have found warmth, spirituality, comfort and the opportunity to pray with a caring group. You will be welcomed with or without the ability to read Hebrew, whether or not you are observing Yahrzeit or saying Kaddish in memory of a loved one.

We are blessed with a core group of regulars, but the addition of each individual exponentially adds to the spiritual sense. Some people come daily, others once or twice a week, others every two or three weeks — all are welcome.

Volunteers conduct the services, which last for about 15 to 20 minutes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and for about a half-hour on Mondays and Thursdays. Following the Friday morning service, **Rabbi Bernard Zlotowitz** teaches a one-hour Talmud class (no prior background necessary).

Join us and share in the friendships, knowledge and good feelings the experience has brought to many.

## Judaica Museum Committee Hosts Function



The Committee for the Central Synagogue Judaica Museum, under the chairmanship of **Mitch Rabbino**, sponsored its first event since the Board of Trustees approved the museum concept for our collection of Judaica. The gala champagne brunch, held on Sunday, October 6, featured an informal talk on collecting Judaica by **Marvin Schwartz**, one of our congregants and an art lecturer at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. With a background of wonderful classical guitar music played by **Lloyd Carew-Reid**, the lobby of the Community House provided the perfect setting for viewing our extensive and valuable collection of ritual objects. Approximately eighty people attended, some of whom brought their personal items of Judaica for authentication by our curator, **Cissy Grossman**. Cissy is responsible for the exciting exhibits in the display cases.

Congregants should know that there is a Judaica Museum Fund which is used to acquire items and to maintain our present collection. Donations to this fund are appropriate in honor of special events or in memory of a loved one. Should you wish to donate items of Judaica, please contact Cissy Grossman at the synagogue. The Museum Committee makes the final decision on whether a specific piece is an appropriate addition to our collection.

We hope that the congregation will take the

time to examine the displays in the Community House and the main sanctuary. Our collection is among the best to be found in a synagogue anywhere in the United States and we should all be very proud of it.

## International Symposium Sponsors Music at Shabbat Service

On **December 6 at 8:15 pm** Central Synagogue will commemorate the remarkable musical and liturgical creativity of Viennese Jewry in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries as one of the most significant chapters of Jewish cultural history in the modern era. The Viennese experience marked a major turning point in the development both of *hazzanut* — cantorial art and synagogue choral music — and of the aesthetic and spiritual dimensions of prayer. As the “hub of Europe,” Vienna played host to a variety of eastern and western European traditions, and fostered a sophisticated intellectual, literary and artistic climate. Out of that milieu developed a rich and diverse repertory of Jewish music and *hazzanut* that thrived in that community until its brutal destruction in 1938.

It was **Hazzan Salomon Sulzer** (1804-1890), Vienna's first Oberkantor and the first truly “modern cantor,” who brought Jewish music and cantorial practice into the modern era and established the art and office of the cantorate as we know it today. In the nineteenth century spirit of historical consciousness, Sulzer virtually rescued and preserved traditional synagogue song — melodies, chants and modes — from corruption and disintegration, and fashioned a meaningful synthesis of tradition and artistic composition. His model was followed throughout the Ashkenazi world, in all parts of Europe and America — among Orthodox, liberal, Conservative and Reform Jews alike.

The Shabbat service music service will be performed by **Cantor Botton** and the **Sanctuary Choir** and will be devoted to Sulzer's contributions. Our special guest will be **Kurt Frederick**, the last choirmaster of the Sulzer Temple in Vienna.

The international symposium which encompasses the December 6 service is sponsored by Hebrew Union College, the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, the Leo Baeck Institute, and the Austrian Cultural Institute of New York.

Also as part of the symposium, **Cantor Botton** will sing at a concert on **Sunday, December 9** at Stephen Wise Free Synagogue.

## Minyan Volunteer Form

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## Chanukah

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Over time, candles were substituted for the oil. Interestingly, some scholars believe that the use of small candles for the Chanukiah was a deliberate choice, designed to distinguish Chanukah lights from Christian votive candles. Except in times of religious persecution, the Chanukiah was placed outside the front door or, as is the custom today, displayed in the window of every Jewish home.

## How do we light the Chanukah candles?

The teachers Hillel and Shammai argued whether we should begin by lighting eight candles on the first night, gradually decreasing to one (Shammai) or begin with one candle and add an additional one each night (Hillel). In the spirit of compromise, both views were incorporated. Thus, candles are put in from right to left (increasing each night), but are kindled left to right.

## How did the game of dreidel come to be associated with Chanukah?

Dreidel is a derivative of a German word meaning top, and the game is an adaptation of an old German gambling game. Chanukah was one of the few times of the year when the rabbis of old permitted games of chance. The dreidel, therefore, was a natural candidate for Chanukah entertainment.

The four sides of the top bear four Hebrew letters: Nun, Gimmel, Hei, and Shin. Players would begin by "anteing" a certain number of coins, nuts, or other objects. Each one in turn would then spin the dreidel and proceed as follows: *nun* ("nichts")—take nothing; *gimmel* ("ganz")—take everything; *bei* ("halb")—take half; *shin* ("shtell")—put in.

The winner would often receive money (Chanukah *gelt*). Over time, the gambling terms were reinterpreted to stand for the

Hebrew phrase *Nes Gadol Hayah Sham*, "a great miracle happened there."

## Why do we eat latkes on Chanukah?

A common but rather far-fetched explanation is that we eat latkes (potato pancakes) because they are cooked in oil and thus remind us of the miracle of the single cruse of oil. In Israel, *sufganiyot*, donuts, are the special holiday treat.

## Why do we give gifts on Chanukah?

Again, no one knows for sure. Many scholars postulate that the practice is a carry-over from the Biblically-based custom of sending gifts (*mishloach manot*) to one's friends on Purim. It is clear, however, that presents were never a major element in Chanukah, which emphasizes enduring religious and ethical values.

## Central's Youth

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of the synagogue's large delegation for a number of events: Shabbat evening dinner, Friday evening and Shabbat morning worship services, and some of the plenary sessions and social events. Their company was engaging and stimulating to the adults. Below is a thumbnail sketch of each and their reactions to the Biennial.

Jesse Gerber is a senior at Stuyvesant High School. He is President of CRAfty, the City Regional Federation of Temple Youth, and is an office assistant in Central's Religious School. The workshops he attended included a "very good one" on the history and future of the Reform Movement, and he enjoyed Rabbi Schindler's talk to the NFTY participants, among other events. Thinking of the numbers of people at the Biennial, he described that figure as "awesome." Jesse had spent one summer at Kutz Camp and one in Israel, and spent last summer at Cornell Summer College.

Susan Jakes, a junior at Trinity School, is vice president for education of the Youth Group. She is also a teacher's assistant in the synagogue's Religious School. Among the workshops she particularly enjoyed was one with Rabbi Lawrence Kushner on finding spirituality in everyday life—"Looking for God in Ordinary Places."

And in a session on interfaith relations, she had the opportunity to talk to some of the experiences the Youth Group had last summer, when they were living among the Lakota Sioux Indians in South Dakota.

Martin Small is a junior at Collegiate School. He is in Central's post-confirmation class and is vice president for social action of the Youth Group. He is also an office assistant in the Religious School. Workshops he attended included one on Israel from a Palestinian perspective. "I didn't agree with the Palestinian speaker, but found it interesting to 'get to know one's enemy', although I hope we don't have to be enemies forever," he said. "I hope peace can be found."

Summing up their overall impressions of the Biennial, the three Youth Group representatives, in separate interviews, gave very meaningful comments: Jesse Gerber said: "It was a remarkable experience to be together with 4,300 Jewish men, women, and young people, and to see the leadership of our Movement in action." Susan Jakes described her overall impression as "a very positive experience," adding, "I gained a lot of insight into what it means to be a Reform Jew in today's world." Martin Small's reaction was: "The experience gave me a sense of security in knowing that there are great people shaping the course of Reform Judaism for today and for us, the Jews of tomorrow."

## Outreach

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ism within us all: among the intermarried and the converted . . . [and] also among born-and-bred Jews, the unaffiliated and the marginally affiliated." When the Commission met at the Biennial, they concluded, "It is clear that in the thirteen years of its existence Reform Jewish Outreach has made a substantial impact. The number of interfaith couples who affiliate with Reform synagogues is increasing. The vast majority of UAHC temples provide Outreach programming of some sort, and two thirds provide either a moderate or comprehensive program. . . . It is also clear that many questions have been raised. . . . Grappling with the difficult questions posed by the changing demography of the North American Jewish community will be an ongoing effort at all levels of Outreach.

*Editor's note: Special thanks to Ruth Oliver who gathered and prepared most of the material on the Biennial for the Bulletin.*

## Sisterhood

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faced by Sisterhoods across North America which, although separated geographically and differing widely in their numbers, share very many common concerns.

Judith Hertz and her NFTS leadership did a superb job in inspiring and stimulating all who attended the Biennial, and provided a solid base for the membership to think and act on during the next two years.

## Critical Issues Committee to Meet

One group that is deeply involved in vitally important issues of our time is the Critical Issues Committee, chaired by **Elsie Shapiro**. Elsie reports that the meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, December 4** at **5:30 pm** in Joslin Hall will feature a discussion on whether the committee should recommend action on abortion and on environmental issues. All are invited to attend. Under the aegis of this committee, Sisterhood has completed the grove in Israel that we pledged to create. A second grove has been started and contributions are most welcome.

## Solve Your Holiday Shopping Problems Fast: Visit Sisterhood's Gift Shop

Our shop is filled with all manner of gift items for your family and friends. Stunning scarves at great prices, lots of good-looking jewelry, accessories for the home including Chanukah menorahs, and other lovely selections await you. Hours are Monday - Friday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, and Sundays from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, through December.

## Save Your Holiday Greeting Cards

**Connie Littwitz** asks once again that we save the holiday cards we receive so that she can send them to hospital patients who await them with great pleasure. Please leave cards, marked for Connie's attention, at the front desk in the Community House.

## Seniors Welcome New Members

The Seniors Club invites 60+ men and women to enjoy the weekly meetings each Tuesday. The exercise classes, discussion groups, culture programs, all add to the pleasure seniors enjoy among their peers. Bring a sandwich; Sisterhood supplies the beverages. All are welcome.

## Sisterhood Thanks You

The Sisterhood Theater Party Committee thanks all who purchased tickets to "Nick and Nora". We greatly appreciate your much needed support for our many very worthwhile Sisterhood projects.

## Brotherhood

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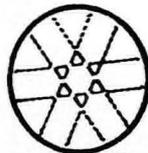
host the event, the food will be fabulous! Watch for your invitation.

**Nat Shapiro** will spearhead a project in conjunction with the Lower East Side Tenement Museum. We shall help the museum restore important city landmarks, and also learn much more about our ancestors, and, for that matter, the beginning of the congregations that eventually became Central Synagogue. This project is in the embryonic stage, so give us just a little time to get it started. Great idea, Nat!!

Don't miss **Rabbi Tom Weiner's** topical men's issues seminar on **December 18**. Coming up, as well, are **Martin Hertz's** retreat on March 7 or 14, and the **March 25** Brotherhood-Sisterhood seminar on "political correctness." **Perry Edelstein** needs more volunteers to work with the Youth Group on Project Ezra. **Bernie Schwartz** had ample volunteers for the October 27 Program for the Blind, but could use some new faces on **March 1**. The proceeds of this year's Brotherhood Raffle will be used to augment facilities in our library. Look for your raffle tickets this winter. Finally, congratulations to Scout Leader **Jerrold Schwartz** and Troop 666 for the wonderful article about them in the *New York Observer*.

Brotherhood is having a great year. We wish the entire congregation and staff a joyous holiday season, and look forward to an active and rewarding 1992.

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## People

**Bob Jayson** has been named to the Executive Board of the Outreach Commission of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

**Ruth and Sam Perelson** are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Lila to Keith D. Adwar, son of Mr. & Mrs. Harry Adwar of Merrick, NY and Boca Raton, FL. A wedding is planned for the autumn of 1992.

We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions made during October:

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# COMING EVENTS

**Friday, December 6, 8:15 pm**

**Musical First Friday Shabbat Service**  
Cantor Botton & Choral Society perform Sulzer

**Sunday, December 8, 4:00 pm**

**Steinhardt Forum: Rabbi Rubinstein, moderator**  
Guests: Rabbi Sheldon Zimmerman, Rabbi Avraham Weiss

**Tuesday, December 10, 8:00 am**

**Focus Breakfast: NOW's Helen Neuborne**  
Sexual Harrassment in the Workplace

**Wednesday, December 18, 6:30 pm**

**Brotherhood Seminar on Men's Issues**  
Rabbi Tom Weiner

## Worship Services in the Sanctuary

**Friday, December 6**  
8:15 pm Shabbat Eve Service

**Saturday, December 7**  
10:30 am Shabbat Service  
Bar Mitzvah: William Roswick  
Bat Mitzvah: Amanda Leader

**Friday, December 13**  
5:30 pm Shabbat Eve Service

**Saturday, December 14**  
10:30 am Shabbat Service

**Friday, December 20**  
5:30 pm Shabbat Eve Service

**Saturday, December 21**  
10:30 am Shabbat Service

**Friday, December 27**  
5:30 pm Shabbat Eve Service

**Saturday, December 28**  
10:30 am Shabbat Service

**Daily Services:**  
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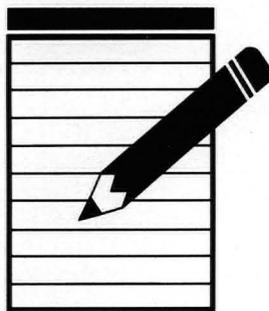
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**CHANUKAH CANDLE LIGHTING**  
Wednesday, December 4, 5:30 pm

**PRE-KINDERGARTEN WORKSHOP**  
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