

# TEMPLE ISRAEL WINDOW

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## MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH—A TEMPLE TRADITION



**H**ave you ever thought how important your mother has been to you? How about the importance of Temple Israel to you and your family? How are these

connected? Each year, we honor our mothers and help support our congregation through a fabulous brunch and raffle. Our mothers deserve this honor and our congregation needs your support.

Come for brunch at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 14, and you could be the lucky winner of the \$2500 Grand Cash Prize. Each \$150 ticket buys admission for two to the brunch prepared by Temple Israel Dads. The tickets provide a chance to win wonderful raffle prizes as well.

Maybe you will win a blimp ride or a \$250 gift certificate to a golf improvement center. Will you be the new owner of jewelry fashioned by Michelle Willen? Perhaps you will win a selection of wines provided by Vaccaro's Trattoria.

Proceeds from the Mother's Day Brunch and Raffle benefit the Gedalia Gertz Education Center at Temple Israel.

Art Krakauer is chair of the event. The Congregational Choir will entertain with a program of English, Hebrew and Yiddish songs.

**SUNDAY, MAY 14  
10:00 A.M.**



## FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

RABBI DAVID A. LIPPER

**F**or the past 18 months, Temple Israel has been engaged in a long range planning process under the leadership of Dick Schwartz and Larry Kaye. They have assembled a cadre of committed members who are currently sifting through the data accumulated after dozens of focus groups and committee meetings. The task is daunting, but they are not running from the work. Next fall we hope to present to the congregation a

ten-year plan that will carry us through our 150<sup>th</sup> year. Oy vey!

In many of the discussions, the question of intermarriage and my position regarding such marriages has been raised. Ken Weinberger and I felt that it was again time to share my thoughts and hopefully answer questions that many of you may have.

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

KEN WEINBERGER

Yes, that's right. I want 50 pounds of fish: 25 pounds of pike and 25 pounds of white fish. Mr. Klein knows to separate the ground fish from the heads and bones and, of course, take out the eyes. That's the way my mother has placed her order for making gefilte fish for more years than she would care to tell.

Now it's my turn, okay, our turn. Twice a year Keith Mirman, Janice Weintraub, Dora Lipper and I make gefilte fish for our families and friends. After cleaning the fish, making the stock,

regrinding the fish and seasoning the pots again and again, we have spent seven to eight hours on the whole process.

What on earth does making fish have to do with Temple Israel? Well, that's a very good question. The answer is nothing and everything. The fish itself has little to do with Temple, but the act of perpetuating traditions, through a lengthy process filled with care and love, has everything to do with our lives at Temple. Is it easier to buy fish in a jar? No doubt that it is. But the ease of

purchase does not include the labor of love that goes into the authentic preparation. The small congregation of workers (work and worship in Hebrew are the same word: Avodah) laugh, tease and assist each other to complete the task. I guess what I am trying to say is that it's a lot harder to do it the authentic way, but it is also a lot more rewarding.

Reward yourselves by joining in the numerous projects, programs and services at Temple Israel. We need volunteers on every committee, from outreach to outdoor beautification.

We need you!! We need your minds, your creativity, your financial support and your strength of body and spirit to accomplish the many tasks that lie in front of us each and every day.

Passover was a great time to remind us of family and freedom, but it also sets the tone of working together to provide for the common good. Make the decision to get engaged in whatever you like, but do it today. We need you, and you might just find Temple Israel is exactly what you need as well.

P.S. The fish was outstanding!

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First, of all the positions that rabbis must take on issues that affect congregational life, this one is the most difficult. All of my colleagues around the country struggle with the decisions we must make. The position that I have taken is the result of many years of debate and discussion with classmates, congregants and colleagues. And I must say that it is an ever evolving position.

When I came out of the seminary, I was ardently opposed to any discussion about intermarriage. I was never going to participate in an event that, in my opinion at the time, was detrimental to the life of the Jewish people. I might add that in my ordination class at HUC-JIR, of the 33 rabbis, fewer than a handful would have officiated at such a ceremony at that time. We were brought up in a different time and place.

In my first pulpit in Milwaukee, I came into a congregation where this was not to be an issue. The senior rabbi at the time was equally opposed. But the pressure began to build in the late '80's so we began to evaluate our positions. While both of us were uncomfortable with rabbinic officiation, we were equally uncomfortable with not providing an option for such families.

Most of these ceremonies were between Catholics and Jews. Sitting down with leadership in the Catholic community, we began to work out the details on an Interfaith Wedding Blessing that would work for both our communities. After much discussion and debate, we arrived at a ceremony that I still believe works today.

While my rabbinic ordination prohibits me from officiation at such weddings, I can offer a blessing once the wedding has taken place. Because it would be unseemly for me to offer a Jewish blessing following a religious wedding in another tradition, the ceremony that occurs must be done by a civil magistrate. This is what is done in most foreign countries prior to a religious wedding. Following that civil ceremony, I would stand with the couple alone or with other clergy and follow a script of blessing that includes a unity candle, a blessing of wine, the priestly blessing and the breaking of the glass.

As for the location of such a ceremony, I love our sanctuary. But, I do not feel comfortable turning over our pulpit to a public official for a civil ceremony. Because of this, I do not feel that interfaith wedding blessings are appropriate for our sanctuary or chapel.

This is a painful issue. At the moments of greatest joy, our congregation needs to provide solutions to difficult issues. I feel that we do have options and that we do play a role in the continued blessing of our children and their life choices. I welcome dialogue on this and other topics of interest. And unlike the scene at Mt. Sinai, nothing is written in stone. My thought process continues to evolve, and I hope that through mutual respect and understanding, we can travel the road together.

I also believe that every marriage is worthy of blessing and am honored when I can stand with a couple at this watershed

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## B'NAI MITZVAH

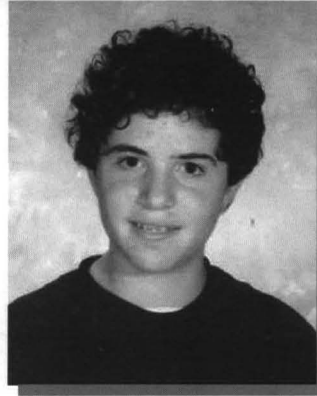


**Alana Michelle Gaither**

Saturday, May 6, 2006  
10:30 a.m.  
*Kedoshim*

Alana is the daughter of Karen and Robert Gaither of Akron and the sister of Maddie. Grandparents are Esther Schaffer of Albany and the late Fred Schaffer and Pat Gaither of Naples and Robert and Jymelle Gaither of Akron.

Alana, a seventh grader at Litchfield Middle School, participates in soccer, track and swimming. She likes spending time with her friends. For her Tikkun Olam project, Alana is collecting toiletries, baby items and games for the Access Women's Shelter.

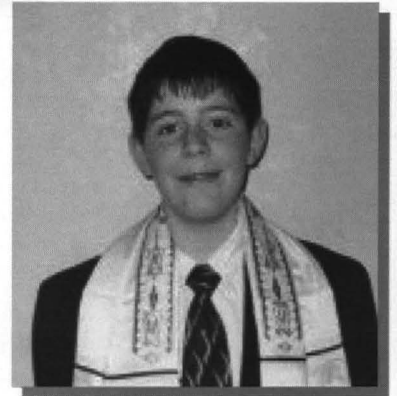


**Benjamin Michael Cutler**

Saturday, May 13, 2006  
10:30 a.m.  
*Emor*

Benjamin is the son of Robyn and David Cutler of Akron and the brother of Rebecca, Caroline and Natalie. Grandparents are Stanley and Charlotte Greenwald of Canton and Robert and Lois Cutler of Stratford CT.

Ben is a seventh grader at Revere Middle School. He plays baseball and tennis as well as basketball and enjoys going to Camp Thunderbird. For his Tikkun Olam project, Ben has been calling the numbers at Chambrel's Bingo games on Thursdays.



**Kyle Kane Sutter**

Saturday, May 20, 2006  
10:30 a.m.  
*Behar/Bechukotai*

Kyle is the son of Debra and Daniel Sutter of Fairlawn and the brother of Cory. Grandparents are Katherine and Arthur Gruber of Fairlawn and Gertrude and John Sutter of Lakewood.

Kyle is in the seventh grade at Copley Fairlawn Middle School. He plays baseball and basketball and runs cross country. Kyle is a percussionist, playing drumset, and participates in Math Counts and the Science Olympiad.

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moment in their lives. For some that means standing under the chuppah in our sanctuary and for others that means blessing the moment at which their lives are intertwined. Both moments are unique and special to me and they are part of the reason why I chose to dedicate my life and work to the Jewish people.

I take my rabbinic ordination very seriously. In my years at HUC-JIR, I learned a great deal about the importance of Jewish tradition and our legal history. In all my studies and in my rabbinic career, I have prided myself on approaching Jewish decision making with an appreciation of the years of learning and debate that have preceded me. I believe that this is what Reform Judaism brings to the world today. I am proud to uphold this tradition.

Shalom,  
Rabbi David A. Lipper

### Getting Ready for College

Have you decided where to go to college, or are you thinking about where to apply? The KESHER Directory at [www.keshernet.com/directory](http://www.keshernet.com/directory) will help you consider your Jewish experience on campus.

Once in college, you encounter endless opportunities for getting involved in athletics, Greek life, cultural activities, and more. It is easy for the Jewish commitments of new college students to get lost in the shuffle. Attending a school with a strong Reform Jewish community will provide you with an important outlet for Jewish expression.

**Not all campuses are alike.** Important partnerships will be available to you while in college, with the URJ and KESHER, Hillel: the Foundation for Jewish Campus Life, HUC-JIR, with local Reform congregations, and with student leaders and chaplains. Check out colleges!

## Gedaliah Gertz Education Center



**Splits, Spares,  
& Strikes**

Splits, Spares & Strikes was a great success thanks to all of the Temple families and friends who attended, the generous sponsors, and the hard-working volunteers.

Extra special thanks to Ron Winer for generously donating the venue, Stonehedge. The Cutler family won the 50/50 raffle and gave the winnings back to the Religious School to support the fundraiser. Most importantly, everyone had a great time just bowling, eating and shmoozing with each other!

**Thank you to our volunteers for their efforts!** Carrie Shkolnik, Rita Weinberg, Jody Schweiger, Carol & Howard Friedman, Jeannine Marks, Robyn & David Cutler, Beth Sugerman, Janet Silverman, Mike Goldenberg, Kevin & Debbie Hershfield, Farrel Helfer and Bruce Zake.

**Thank you to our generous sponsors!**  
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*It looks like everyone had a great time at Splits, Spares & Strikes!*



## A BIT OF FRESH AIR

A new program at Temple Israel called Fresh Air is designed to keep our 9<sup>th</sup> graders connected to Temple during the year while they are attending Hebrew High School.

Following a meeting with several parents to begin discussing plans for taking this year's 9<sup>th</sup> graders and next fall's 9<sup>th</sup> graders on out-of-town trips, here are the plans:

### *Friday, April 28*

This year's 9<sup>th</sup> graders will join the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders at their Lock-In at Temple, and will begin planning their trip.

### *Friday, June 9–Sunday, June 11*

This year's 9<sup>th</sup> graders will take a field trip to Pittsburgh. The itinerary includes two days of visiting this nearby city with a rich Jewish heritage, visiting religious sites, as well as some purely recreational activities (possibly a Pirates game, a trip up the Incline, Kennywood Amusement Park, etc.)

### *Sunday, August 20*

Next fall's 9<sup>th</sup> graders will kick off their Fresh Air program with a cookout at Temple.

### *Friday, October 27–Sunday, October 29*

The 9<sup>th</sup> graders will take a field trip to Chicago with two days of visiting both religious and recreational sites.

More parent volunteers are still welcome. Though one of the tenets of this program is to have the students participate in the planning of these trips, they'll obviously need a lot of assistance in doing so.

If any of you are former residents of either Pittsburgh or Chicago, and have some suggestions for us to consider, we'd love to hear them.

Please contact Michael Goldenberg at 330-864-5996 (phone or fax) or via e-mail at [mgoldenberg@neo.rr.com](mailto:mgoldenberg@neo.rr.com).

## Third/Fourth Grade—Jewish Heroes Janet Silverman, Teacher

The children have been very busy so far this semester! Following a lesson on defining the term "hero" and discussing the characteristics of a hero/Jewish hero, the students set to work finding a Jewish hero to learn more about. Their selections were made very quickly, and the students began researching their heroes. Each of the students will write a report on his/her hero, which they will present at our **Jewish Heroes Wax Museum** on **Sunday, May 7** from 11:45 a.m. -12:15 p.m. Some of the students have already finished their reports and are working on posters to be displayed at the Wax Museum. We have quite a variety of heroes represented: Judith Resnick, Bela Guttmann, Albert Einstein, Melissa Manchester, Harrison Ford, Moshe Dayan, Claire Bloom, Fanny Brice, Gene Simmons, Sasha Cohen, Harry Houdini, Mark Roth, Anne Frank, Randy Grossman, Hank Greenberg, Sandy Koufax and August Bondi. It should be a great Wax Museum!

## Shabbat Shelly and Music Shabbat



Come for services at 6:00 p.m. at Temple Israel on May 19 and stay for dinner. All are welcome to dine at the free congregational dinner, called Shabbat Shelly.

Bob Godshall, who initiated the congregational dinners in his wife's memory, urges people to attend, evoking Shelly Godshall's love of people and her happiness when people came together to share a meal.

Following dinner, flutist George Pope, cellist Regina Mushabac and pianist Eric Charnofsky will perform a concert of works by Popper, Piatagorsky, Burton and Rorem.

George Pope is Professor of Flute at the University of Akron and teaches at the Baldwin-Wallace College Conservatory. He served as Principal Flute of the Akron Symphony Orchestra from 1978-2002. He is the founding member of the SOLARIS Wind Quintet.

Regina Mushabac is Professor of Cello at Baldwin-Wallace. She was a founding member of the Elysian Trio (19 years) and the Coryton Trio (5 years). She can be heard in solo recordings on GM Recording Label, Trumedia Records, and New World Records.

Eric Charnofsky is a member of the CIM and Case faculties and director of music at Epworth-Euclid United Methodist Church. He has performed at Alice Tully Hall and with members of the Los Angeles Philharmonic and Cleveland Orchestra.

Please RSVP to Temple Israel at (330)762-8617.



George Pope



Regina Mushabac



Eric Charnofsky

# Live

92<sup>nd</sup> St FROM NY's  
92nd Street Y



## Temple Israel Live Satellite Broadcast

Thursday, May 11

8:15 p.m.

**Rabbi Joseph Telushkin**  
**Spiritual Leader,**  
**Speaker, Author**

**Dessert Reception at 7:45**  
**Open to the Community**  
**Admission \$5**  
**RSVP to (330)762-8617**

## Rabbi Joseph Telushkin: You Shall Be Holy: Personal Character and Integrity

Hear Rabbi Joseph Telushkin, streamed by satellite from New York's 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Y to the Temple Israel Social Hall on May 11 at 8:15 p.m.

Rabbi Joseph Telushkin, named one of the 50 best speakers in the United States by *Talk* magazine, discusses fair speech, gratitude, repentance, humility, judging others fairly, forgiveness, lying and many other aspects of an honorable life.

Rabbi Telushkin is the author of *Jewish Literacy*, the most widely selling book on Judaism of the past two decades. His book, *Words that Hurt, Words that Heal*, was the motivating force behind a 1996 resolution by Senators Joseph Lieberman and Connie Mack to establish a National Speak No Evil Day.

Rabbi Telushkin was ordained at Yeshiva University in New York and pursued graduate studies in Jewish history at Columbia University. He lectures throughout the United States and serves as an associate of CLAL, the National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership, and as spiritual leader of the Synagogue for the Performing Arts in Los Angeles. He lives in New York City with his wife, Dvorah Menashe Telushkin, and their four children.

The lecture is open to the public at an affordable price of \$5. Please RSVP to Temple Israel at (330)762-8617.

## Sisterhood

Sisterhood's recent Donor was very successful. Audrey Baker and Carol Friedman co-chaired

and put many hours into the preparation for this wonderful afternoon. Their committee of Dora Lipper, Iris Caston, Lois Reaven, Jody Schweiger, Esther Posen, Beth Sugerman, and Caron Goldenberg helped make the event run smoothly. Over 100 people attended the luncheon and concert by the MeshugaNotes, the Jewish a cappella group from The Ohio State University. Temple members Jared Baker and Ryan Silverman are part of this very talented group. If you are interested in purchasing a CD of their music, the Sisterhood gift shop has them available for \$5 each.

All Temple Israel women (members and non-members) are invited to attend our board meeting on Sunday, May 7 at 9:30 a.m. Our last meeting of the year will focus on making plans for next year.

Our last Ladies Night Out for this school year will be on May 23 or 25 at the Wolf Creek Winery. Watch the mail for your invitation!!



*Enjoying the afternoon were Elaine Jaffe, Shelley Kaye, Janet Silverman and Lila Marks.*



*Jared Baker during one of his solos when the MeshugaNotes sang for the Donor event.*

## Edith Wiskind Honored with Deborah Award

Women of Reform Judaism's Deborah Award is given to a member of each Sisterhood who demonstrates extraordinary service to Sisterhood and Judaism. This year the awards were announced at the District 10 Convention held in Indianapolis at the end of April. Our Sisterhood is proud to announce that our recipient of this award is **Edith Wiskind**.



*Edith Wiskind*

Edith and Milt Wiskind, the parents of five children, moved to Akron 43 years ago and immediately became involved in Temple Israel. Over the years she has been involved in almost every aspect of Sisterhood. Edith has been the chair of membership, programming, Oneg Shabbats and Donor. She has been treasurer and has served as president twice. She has also served on the Temple Israel Board for many years, currently as membership chairman, and has been involved with the Jewish Community Board of Akron. Edith was instrumental in helping Russian immigrants learn English and secure jobs in the Akron community. Edith is the person responsible for starting and continuing to upkeep the Temple's ceremonial case, which includes cataloging, photographing and arranging the Judaica collection.

Edith has also been part of the committee that established a beautiful artistic endowment wall, and she was the leader of the needlepoint project for our Torah covers. She has been involved in interfaith luncheons to increase communication with the non-Jewish community. Most recently, she is on the committee that is establishing the new Archives/Museum for our Temple.

Edith is a behind-the-scenes person for many of our successful fundraising projects, and her activities often result in a collaborative effort for both Sisterhood and Temple.

Edith acts as a mentor/advisor to the younger women on the Temple Board as well as the Sisterhood Board. She is a quiet but dignified woman and is respectful of everyone's opinion and privacy. She is a wonderful example to women and exemplifies the strength of Jewish women at Temple Israel.

## Yemenite Soup

Dora Lipper made this recipe for Purim. It is a delicious and different meat soup. You can thicken the soup with a slurry of flour and water if you like. Enjoy! Makes 6-8 servings.

- 2 tablespoons ground cumin
- 2 teaspoons turmeric
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1-1/2 lbs. beef chuck, with bones or stewing beef
- Salt to taste
- 1 onion, peeled
- 2 ripe medium tomatoes, left whole
- 5 cups boiling water
- 6 small boiling potatoes

1. Mix cumin, tumeric, and pepper.
2. Put beef in a large pot and sprinkle with salt and spice mixture.
3. Cook for about 5 minutes, turning occasionally.
4. Add onion and tomatoes and enough boiling water to cover meat.
5. Bring to a boil and skim foam from surface.
6. Cover and cook over low heat for about 2 hrs.
7. Peel the potatoes and add to the soup. If necessary, add water to cover.
8. Cook over low heat until meat and potatoes are tender (about 1 additional hour). Adjust the Seasoning to taste, then remove onion and tomatoes.
9. Serve and enjoy!

God has led two lives  
to take one path  
Laura Allan  
and  
Michael Hood  
together with their parents  
invite you to witness their vows  
as they begin their joyful journey  
on Sunday, the twenty-eighth of May  
Two thousand and six  
at half after ten o'clock in the morning  
Temple Israel  
133 Merriman Road  
Akron, Ohio



*This day  
I will marry my friend,  
the one I laugh with, live for,  
dream with, love*

Luncheon sponsored by friends, family and Temple Israel Sisterhood to follow in the Social Hall. Please RSVP to the Temple Israel office at 330-762-8617 by May 14 if you plan to attend.



All blankets being made for **Project Linus** should be finished and given to Bunny Rose no later than May 30. If you have questions about the project, please call Bunny at 330-836-4043.

**Confirmation/Shavuot** This year's Confirmation/Shavuot service will be held **June 1 at 7:00 p.m.** The Confirmants are Jacob Aronson, Joelle Baker, David Bernstein, Matt Blum, Cara Greer, David Poldneff and Dana Schweiger.

## Thank You

I would like to thank everyone who was kind enough to send a Uniongram in honor of my Bar Mitzvah. Your thoughts are much appreciated.

- Nicholas Clar

Anita and I would like to thank Rabbi Lipper, Rabbi Werber and Rory Sanders for their caring and concern, and all our friends who called and sent donations for my recovery after my recent surgery. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

-Bill Bloch

## Yearbook Contact Information

Please check your name, address, phone number and e-mail to make sure Temple Israel has the correct information. If you have moved, changed phone numbers or had a lifestyle change since the last yearbook was printed, please contact Molly Galon, Temple Israel's receptionist. When the next yearbook goes to the printer this summer, we want every entry to be correct.

## HONORABLE MENTSCHEN

**Susan Kushner Benson** has been elected President of the Greater Cleveland Chapter of Families with Children from China (FCC), an international non-profit volunteer network of families who have adopted children from China. Its purpose is to support adoptive families, parents prior to adoption and children still waiting in China's orphanages. FCCs provide social events where children can meet other adopted children, where adults can learn about issues in adoption and about Chinese culture. **Mark, Susan, and Abby Kushner Benson** happily celebrated their 3rd "Forever Family Day" in February.

**Jeff and Ileen Klein** are proud to announce the birth of their first grandchild. Their son Russ and his wife Debbie of Cleveland welcomed their son, **Jordan Benjamin Klein** on March 18. Jordan weighed 8 lbs. 12 oz. at birth.

**Claire Marks** won First Place and **Elliott Marks** won Honorable Mention in the Division I Visual Art Individual Category in the City of Akron Holocaust Arts & Writing Contest at the Holocaust Awards Ceremony in April. Temple's librarian, **Allison Marks**, and her husband **Wayne** are the parents of the twins, seventh graders in the visual arts program at Miller South School for the Visual and Performing Arts.

**Kyle Sutter's** Science Olympiad team from Copley Middle School came in first overall in the regional tournament. The team competed on the state level at the end of April.

**Brianna Greer**, daughter of **David and Heidi Greer**, is going to nationals with her jump rope team, the Jammin' Jumpers.

**Josh Pollak's** Copley High School Chess Team won second place at the State of Ohio High School Championship in March. Josh is the son of **Susan Pollak**.

**Sam Radwany**, a junior at Revere High School, has been elected Regional VP of Programming for BBYO.

**LaDonn and Chuck Eckberg** recently celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. LaDonn is Temple Israel's retired administrator.

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## Brotherhood

**Tuesday May 2**—Dinner at 6:30 p.m. at Rockne's in Fairlawn, followed by a board meeting at 7:15. Contact David Adler for more information. Everyone is welcome to become involved.

## GOLF OUTING



**Wednesday, June 14**  
**Mayfair Country Club**  
**\$75 per player**  
**includes brunch**  
**and a prime rib dinner**

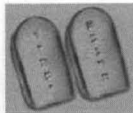
Members of Temple Israel Canton's Brotherhood will be invited to participate in this event. The day will include prizes and awards and a golf pro to address the group.

We are actively seeking sponsors for this event. Call Bill Bloch at 330-867-5911 if you would like to help plan this golf outing or be a participant.

If you don't want to golf but would just like to join the group for dinner, the cost will be \$30 per person.

## CELEBRATE SHAVUOT WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

**Sunday, June 4, 2006**  
**10 am - 12 noon**  
**No charge**



The kids will enjoy ICE CREAM SUNDAES while they bake cookies and decorate tablets!

Adults will relive the experience at Mount Sinai by participating in a discussion of the Ten Commandments and creating a Temple Israel Ten Commandments.

## Temple Israel's Annual Meeting and Dinner



**Tuesday, June 13, 2006**

**6:00 p.m. Italian Dinner**  
**Social Hall**

**7:30 p.m. Meeting and**  
**Installation of Board**  
**Sanctuary**

**Reception follows in Social Hall**

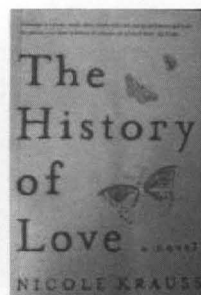
**Dinner: •Adults—\$15**  
**•Children—\$5**

**Reservation by check to Temple**  
**By June 6**

## BOOK GROUP

Join the "Ladies Who Read" for a discussion of *The History of Love* by Nicole Krauss in the library on Tuesday, May 16 at 1:00 p.m.

A little about the book: Leo Gursky is barely surviving, tapping his radiator each evening to let his upstairs neighbor know he's still alive. But life wasn't always like this: 60 years ago, in the Polish village where he was born, Leo fell in love and wrote a book. And though Leo doesn't know it, that book survived, inspiring fabulous circumstances, even love.



The Akron Summit County Public Library has 19 copies, 10 of which are on reserve for us at the Northwest/Ayres Branch.

## TOT SHABBAT

The Tot Shabbat group welcomed the Sabbath with songs and prayers, led by Rabbi Lauren Werber. After dinner, the group marched into the Chapel and sat on the Bima to sing the Shema and listen to a story. Noah's Ark came to life as the families made animals to board the boat.

The next Tot Shabbat is planned for May 12 at 6:00 p.m. Please RSVP to (330)762-8617.



*Creating animals for Noah's Ark was fun.*

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# YAHREZEITS MAY 2006

## May 5

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## May 12

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## May 19

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## MOURNING & MITZVAH

Watch for more information in June on the new grief support group at Temple Israel.

## We Remember

Our condolences to the families of:

- \* *Irwin Cohen*, father of Martin (Elaine) Cohen, grandfather of Daniel and Laura
- \* *Ruth Bloom*, aunt of Elaine (Martin) Cohen
- \* *Judith Isroff*, wife of Clifford, mother of Jeffrey (Elizabeth) Isroff and Caroline (Donald) Schwartz, grandmother of three, sister of Dr. Barbara Bear

- \* *Isabell Sugarman*, mother of Michael (Linda) Sugarman
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## RABBI LIPPER AND IRV SUGERMAN PARTICIPATE IN GOVERNOR'S HOLOCAUST COMMEMORATION

Temple Israel was well represented at the Governor's 26th Annual Holocaust Commemoration, **Legacies of Justice**, on April 4. Held outside his Statehouse office, Governor Bob Taft presented a Resolution to Irv Sugerman, President of Ohio Jewish Communities, declaring the week of April 24, 2006 as the **2006 Days of Remembrance**. Irv introduced Holocaust speaker Dr. Herb Hochhauser of Akron, who gave his personal testimony. Hochhauser spoke about his experiences being hidden in orphanages and homes to be kept alive during the war and how he continues to work tirelessly to keep the history of the Holocaust alive.

Irv Sugerman said, "The fact that the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Ohio Senate and many other public officials take time out of their schedules every year to learn the lessons that incredible people like Herb Hochhauser can teach us underscores the importance of this event."

As a fitting conclusion to the program, Rabbi Lipper said in his benediction, "The purpose of life is to shine light into the dark places in this world. May we reflect the light of these yahrzeit candles and the memories of those whom we have lost into the dark places of this world and bring light to shine on all humanity."



*Irv Sugerman and Dr. Herb Hochhauser at the Governor's 26th Annual Holocaust Commemoration on April 4 in Columbus.*

### "The beginning of the end is just the beginning"

The Long Range Planning, (LRP) Committee is heading into its final phase after almost two years of listening to our congregants, board of trustees and many standing committees. Virtually every adult congregant and post b'nai mitzvah child have had the opportunity to offer their opinions and recommendations via numerous focus groups at our homes and Temple. Your ideas, thoughts and opinions have been organized and shared with Temple Israel's committees.

Subsequent to their careful review of this information, recommendations and ideas have been delivered to the LRP Committee. In turn, the LRP Committee has formed the following four subcommittees: Facilities, Finance, Governance and Programming. These subcommittees will initiate the draft of the long range plan. These key components will be integrated into a final proposed plan and presented for review and approval during a special meeting of the Board of Trustees in August. The approved plan will be published and distributed to the entire congregation.

There is not an area of Temple Israel that has not been carefully examined and evaluated. The final report will create a vision that will guide Temple Israel through the next 3, 5 and 10 years.

The final critical task is now underway. The end is near for the LRP Committee. However, the future for Temple Israel is just beginning. Sincere thanks to all of you who have participated in this process.



### Matt Butlien's Weekend at HUC-JIR

Every year Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and the Reform Action Committee have weekend programs for high school students at the Cincinnati campus. This past March I had the opportunity to attend **Dollars and Sense** along with roughly thirty other teens from across the country. The theme referred to the fight against poverty and how we as Jews respond according to Jewish texts. On the first night, after Shabbat services with the new prayer books, we read different Jewish texts on Tzedakah. Saturday afternoon we visited the Plum Street Synagogue, the first Reform synagogue in Cincinnati. Immediately after our visit, a Jewish city councilman came and discussed how Cincinnati deals with poverty. It was an interesting discussion. There was also plenty of time for having fun, such as celebrating a rabbinic student's 25<sup>th</sup> birthday. Overall, it was an incredible weekend, and I made many new friends. I hope to return to another program there soon, and I would recommend it for any other high school students interested in social action.



**SAVE THE DATE—SUN., AUG. 27, 2006**

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Attending the Spirituality Conference at Fairmount Temple on April 1 were: Front: Barbara Adler, Mimi Agins, Judy Yabroff, Dotty Goldenberg, Lud Stern, Lauri Agins, Sheryl & David Aronson; Back: Scott Jaffe, Fred Schaffer, Edelgarde Abay, Linda Weiner, Sabet & Jeanne Sabet and Rabbi Lipper.

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## MAY 2006 CALENDAR

### SERVICES

- May 5 Family Service—6:00 p.m.  
Led by 8th Grade  
Kol Tov Children's Choir  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dinner—7:00 p.m.
- May 12 Tot Shabbat—6:00 p.m.  
Shabbat Service—7:30 p.m.  
Executive Board Shabbat
- May 19 Shabbat Service/Healing Service—6:00 p.m.  
Shabbat Shelly Cong. Dinner—7:00 p.m.  
Music Shabbat—8:00 p.m.
- May 26 Shabbat Service—7:30 p.m.  
Leadership Shabbat

### TORAH STUDY

May 6, 13, 20, 27—9:00 a.m. in the Library  
Led by Rabbi David Lipper, Rabbi Lauren Werber and congregants

### B'NAI MITZVAH

- May 6 Alana Gaither—10:30 a.m.  
May 13 Benjamin Cutler—10:30 a.m.  
May 20 Kyle Sutter—10:30 a.m.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

- May 14 Mother's Day Brunch—10:00 a.m.  
May 19 Music Shabbat—8:00 p.m.

### HOLIDAYS

- May 2 Yom Hazikaron  
May 3 Yom Haatzmaut - Shaw JCC—5:30 p.m.

### MEETINGS

- May 2 AAIC—10:00 a.m.  
May 3 Executive Board—6:30 p.m.  
May 7 Sisterhood Board—9:30 a.m.  
May 9 Temple Board  
May 16 Book Group—1:00 p.m.  
Social Action—7:00 p.m.  
May 23 Long Range Planning—12-3:00 p.m.  
Bikkur Cholim—6:30 p.m.

### HEBREW SCHOOL SCHEDULE CHANGE

Classes on May 3 will be held from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.  
The 5:30 dismissal will allow students and their families to attend the community observance of Yom Hazikaron and Yom Haatzmaut at the Shaw JCC.

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