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LONG RANGE PLANNING...HOW IS IT GOING?

After two long years of work, our long range plan is quickly becoming our new reality. Already the committee process is hard at work. In the few short months since the plan was approved, we have already begun the task of implementing many of the recommendations that were submitted. Our Implementation Committee is chaired by Keith Mirman and Mark Gersman. Here are some of the activities so far.

- **OUTREACH...**Our newly reformed Outreach Committee, led by Paul Baker and Cathy Baer, has assembled a committee and is beginning the task of reconnecting members of the congregation to each other. Did you know that in the past 3 years, we have welcomed over 50 new families into Temple Israel? The Committee is also planning activities like the "Tu B'Shvat Seder and Concert" on February 3 at 5:30 p.m. and a program in March called "Taste of Judaism." Watch for more details.
- **SOCIAL ACTION...**Our Social Action Committee, led by Bob Godshall, has renewed its efforts in the area of Tikkun Olam, a program for our pre-B'nai Mitzvah students. Mentors guide and instruct children as they begin their life of charitable and righteous deeds. In addition, the committee's commitment to MRDD and its activities remains strong, and our volunteer corps is increasing with each event.
- **ADULT EDUCATION...**One of the strengths of our congregation has been its education offerings. Our committee, led by Joyce Butlien, ended 2006 with a stellar program on God that drew over 75 people to each session. In 2007, the committee is hard at work planning a program called "The Fireside Chat" with Rabbi Lipper and Rev. Meghan Froelich to be held in the Spring. Watch your mail for details.

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FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

RABBI DAVID A. LIPPER

The wonderment of children. Can you believe the outpouring of interest in our annual Interfaith Youth Shabbat? This year, over 350 students from nearly 40 congregations around Northeast Ohio converged on Temple last week for our annual teaching service and "Ask the Rabbi" session.

Each year I really look forward to this event. There are the usual questions like, "How do I keep the Yarmulke

on my head?" and "Can Rabbis get married?" And then there are the myriad questions surrounding the Jewish view of Jesus and what do we believe about him. Each year there are surprises. This year was no exception.

Temple Israel loves to host this event. In my rabbinic cycle of work and study, these kinds of events are affirming and renewing. Do our kids ask the same kinds of questions about other faiths?

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

MICHAEL NEUMANN

Let me start by offering the best wishes from the Officers and Board of Trustees to you and your families for a very happy and healthy 2007.

There has been a great deal of speculation and rumors concerning Temple Israel. Please extend the courtesy for me to explain the process that we are undergoing at this present time. As Officers and Board Members of Temple Israel, our responsibilities are for the welfare of Temple. Our commitment has always been, and should always be, to secure Reform Judaism in Akron, Ohio. As called for by the Long Range Plan, among many issues, one is evaluating the physical condition of our building. We are also considering doing a usage study of our building. This process must be accomplished before any major changes or renovations occur.

As we all know, our community has a limited amount of resources. With our shrinking demographics, there are certain areas of synergy with joint cooperation that can benefit all our Jewish institutions. Presently, though very early in the process, we are sharing ideas and possibilities to strengthen Temple. There has been an initial meeting with Beth El (the JCBA has been included) to see if there are other areas in which we can help each other. By NO means should this be interpreted that we are discussing combining our congregations. Let me repeat: We are not combining congregations. We will by all means, no matter what course of action is taken, maintain the autonomy of Temple Israel, and I believe this is also consistent with Beth El's wishes.

In the process of evaluating our building and Beth El evaluating its building, we may discuss the possibility of sharing a

common site or building. This discussion would ONLY be undertaken if there were clear advantages for Temple Israel, Beth El and the community to do so.

The rumors about our building (no matter what they are) are far ahead of the reality of what has been discussed on any official level. These rumors also tend to be counter-productive to the overall direction of our Long Range Plan. As I have stated previously, you, the congregation, will be kept informed of what is being considered at Temple Israel. As always, your opinions, thoughts and feelings are important and should be shared with officers and board members.

On behalf of the Executive Board and myself, we trust that this article assists in answering many of the questions which have surfaced over the last month.

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Have we given them the opportunity to visit and engage other traditions?

As a parent, this is the greatest gift I can give to my children—the ability to ask questions. I am so proud of all the students that come to Temple with questions and challenges and open eyes and inquiring minds. It is so inspiring to see their faces in the seats of Temple Israel. I am sure that our founders would smile at this use of our sacred space.

What makes a space sacred? It is the heart that fills an empty space that renders it sacred. Wood and metal, bricks and mortar are not sacred. It is the people that fill the place, the sanctuary, that make it sacred. It is you. You make Temple Israel sacred, by your presence, by your support and by your continued interest in our congregation's past, present and future.

Did You Know?

Rory Sanders keeps Temple Israel's website updated. Visit www.templeisraelakron.org for current information about congregational activities, including calendars and a link to newsletters. You can see current and past issues of the WINDOW by clicking on the "newsletter" link.

Events like Interfaith Youth Shabbat take on greater significance in the life of our congregation when we see them as pathways to our own sacred life. We create sacred space when we see the many faces that fill our pews as the embodiment of God in our world. We create sacred space when we open our hearts and lives and breathe in the world around us, when we welcome the sacredness that permeates our being, when we can reach out and touch another soul.

Let's create our sacred moments this month as well. Remember, we need you to make this possible.

Shalom,
Rabbi David A. Lipper

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Tu B'Shvat Seder



The Temple Israel Outreach Committee is planning a Tu B'Shvat Seder on Saturday, February 3 at 5:30 p.m. A full Middle Eastern dinner will be served, and kid friendly food will also be available, prepared by Mrs. Laura Hood's fifth grade class and their families. Fun

activities for the kids, songs led by Danny Moss and a brief Havdallah service are all part of the evening. Call Temple Israel at (330)762-8617 to make your reservation for this event.

Cost is \$3.50 per person (under 2 free). Maximum charge is \$14 per family.

Kids: Bring pennies for the Pennies for People project. A prize will be awarded to the person bringing in the most pennies!

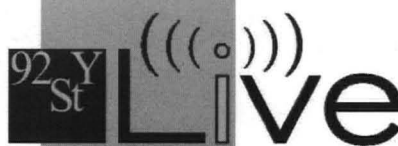
Co-chairs of this event are Cathy Baer and Paul Baker of the Outreach Committee.

Long Range Planning

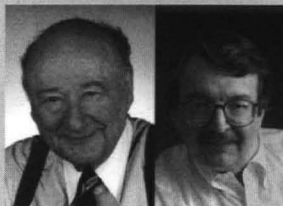
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- **GOVERNANCE...** Here the congregation is really evaluating the staffing needs of the congregation as we move forward into the next stage of our growth. How will we address the needs of a changing community while still providing the wonderful level of programming and support that we expect? Our Personnel Committee, chaired by Art Krakauer, is hard at work evaluating the congregation and looking to the future.

Congregations do not stand still. We are in a constant state of planning and creating new activities and events. Further updates will be coming in the next few issues of the *WINDOW*. If anything strikes your interest and you want to become involved, contact the Temple office. Onward and upward.



LECTURES, INTERVIEWS, PANELS & READINGS BROADCAST LIVE VIA SATELLITE



**Ed Koch
w/Joseph Berger**

**Breaking News in the Jewish
World and Beyond
Monday, Feb. 19th, 8:15 pm**

The funny, irreverent and always original Ed Koch discusses New York news and his own identity as a Jewish New Yorker and politician. In this series of one on one conversations, New York Times reporter Joseph Berger engages leading newsmakers and intellectuals in a free-flowing, provocative discussion about the events of the day. They come to Akron live via Satellite on the 19th at Temple Israel.

This special closed circuit broadcast will be held in the Temple Israel Social Hall. The cost is just \$5. To reserve your spot, call 330-762-8617.



It's all LIVE at The Temple!

Brought to you live via Satellite from the 92nd St. Y through the support of the Jewish Identity Development Fund.

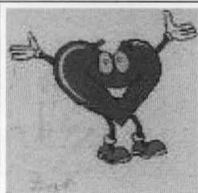
Temple Israel, 133 Merriman Rd, Akron, OH 44303

Mark your calendars for the rest of the series: March 6 at 8:00 p.m.—Katie Couric; March 25 at 7:30 p.m.—Gene Wilder; April 26 at 8:00 p.m.—Elie Wiesel; May 14 at 8:15 p.m.—Daniel Goldhagen.

Founded in 1874 by a group of visionary Jewish leaders, the 92nd Street Y has grown into a wide ranging cultural and community center serving people of all races, faiths and backgrounds. The 92nd Street Y's mission is to enrich the lives of the over 300,000 people who visit each year -- both in person and through Live from NY's 92nd Street Y, the Y's satellite broadcast program, now in its fourth year.

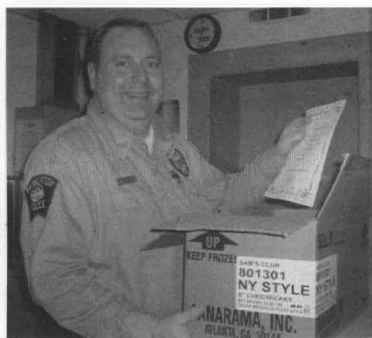
This program uses satellite technology to simultaneously broadcast the Y's renowned educational and cultural programming to community organizations across America. The 92nd Street Y's East Side headquarters and West Side outpost, Makor, offer comprehensive performing arts, film and spoken word events; courses in the humanities, arts and Jewish education; activities and workshops for children, teenagers and parents; and health and fitness programs for people of every age. Committed to making its programs available to everyone, the 92nd Street Y awards over \$1 million in scholarships annually and reaches out to 6,000 public school children each year through subsidized arts education programs. For more information, visit www.92Y.org/PRESS.

Sisterhood



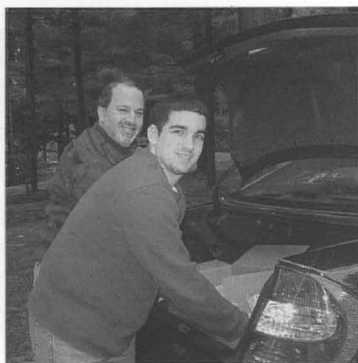
Sisterhood invites you to attend "2-4-6 STEPS TO A HEALTHY HEART" on February 11 at 9:30 a.m. Heidi Regal will present a cooking demonstration, using healthy recipes and ideas from Canyon

Ranch. (Canyon Ranch is a well known resort which inspires and motivates individuals to live a healthier life.) A fitness instructor from the Shaw JCC will teach us stress management techniques along with stretching exercises. And phone calls are being made as part of WRJ's Sisterhood Sunday, a membership phonathon to get new members for Sisterhood. By attending this program, you will receive 2 healthy heart recipes, help us by making 4 phone calls, and receive 6 stress management techniques! We will have a fun-filled morning, and you are encouraged to attend!



FEEDING THOSE WHO SERVE

On December 25th, many people enjoyed brunch at Carol and Eric Blum's home before packing up their cars and delivering lunches of lasagna, salad and cookies to many area police and fire departments. Pictured above is a Barberson police officer who was very grateful to receive the meal as he had already been working for 10 hours when the food arrived. In the photo below, Mark and Daniel Baer loaded their delivery prior to leaving the Blum's home.



WRJ's New Website

Check out WRJ's (Women of Reform Judaism) new user friendly website, www.womenofreformjudaism.org. One of the new items is the E card. If you send a Mazel Tov, Tree of Life, Chai Note, or the updated Uniongram E card, our Temple Sisterhood will get the credit for your \$2.50 contribution to the YES Fund (Youth, Education and Special Projects) to help us achieve different Honor Roll Levels. This fund helps provide financial assistance to rabbinical and cantorial students, our youth and organizations throughout the Reform Jewish Movement.

Planning a Purim Celebration

We need two energetic women to help plan and execute the Purim Brunch we will be having on March 18th. The Megillah Reading will be at 11:00 a.m., followed by "Tailgating after the Megillah Reading – A Shushan Souper Bowl." Call Beth Sugerman if you would like to help or even possibly chair the event!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for the following events!

March 23 – Sisterhood Shabbat

April 20 – Donor Luncheon

Date to be determined: we need volunteers to put together "shiva" bags.

Call Beth Sugerman 330-836-0416 if you would like to volunteer your time.

OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

The following women have recently paid their dues: Sheryl Aronson, Ilene Benson, Joyce Butlien, Lynn Cohen, Ruthellen Fein, Beverly Heinick, Elyssa Hilton, Loris Horwitz, Carol Krueger, Sandi Lederman, Jan Manes, Candy Mirman, Phyllis Sugerman and Joan Werber.

A Chanukah to Remember

What a celebration for the first night of Chanukah on December 15! Rabbi David Lipper, Rabbi Lauren Werber, and Rory Sanders, Cantorial Soloist, told stories and led the congregation through prayers and songs, all presented in a Power-Point display. More than 300 people were in attendance! Everyone then ate brisket and latkes in the Social Hall. Children's activities were available after dinner. This Shabbat Shelly/Chanukah Dinner was planned by Temple Israel's Sisterhood.



Around the School

The fifth grade held a Bake Sale prior to the winter break. Their goodies netted \$141.75 which they donated to the Make a Wish Foundation of America.

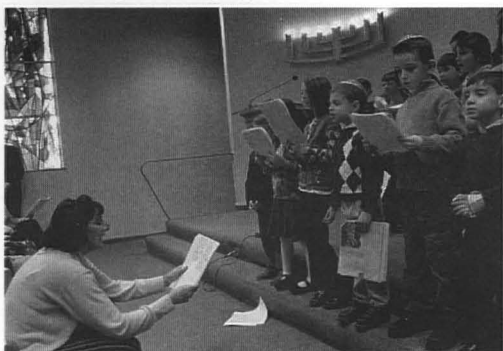


For Chanukah this year, the Sunday School students were divided into the Blue and White teams. A "Color War" ensued with the students yelling out team cheers, creating team shields and answering Chanukah trivia questions.



Everyone then feasted on latkes and watched the 2006 Dreidel Contest. Ben Sass won first place, Kyle Sutter came in second, and Sam Shkolnik took third.

Seventh and eighth graders will spend the night at Temple Israel on Friday, February 23 at the Lock-In. They will hang out, watch movies and play games and prepare for the Israeli Academic Challenge coming up in March.



The Youngest and Oldest

To welcome everyone back to Sunday School in 2007, teacher Lisa Pesantez coordinated a service led by the youngest (K, I, 2) and oldest (8th) students on January 7. Parents and grandparents with babies in tow filled the Chapel as the children sang meaningful songs and read their parts with pride.

PENNIES FOR PEOPLE

Project Makes "Cents"



How much is a million? What about 13 million—as in the number of people who perished during the Holocaust?

Laura Hood's fifth grade class at Temple Israel wants to remember the victims in a special way by collecting pennies—13 million in number—to correspond to those who were lost. The students are well on their way with a **half million pennies** collected in one month.






Giving "tzedakah" or charity is a "mitzvah" (good deed). The congregation and community are eagerly bringing in their pennies, which will be donated to the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. and Yad Vashem in Israel.

Excitement peaked when the Associated Press picked up the story in January. The class and parent volunteers were featured on local news stations, and the print version appeared in newspapers throughout the country and as far away as Israel. Since reading the article in their local papers, people have been coming to Temple Israel laden with coins. Others are using the U.S. Postal Service. For example, Susan, from Scottsdale, wrote: "I was so touched to hear that your class is conducting a "penny" collection/contribution towards the memory of all of the victims of the Holocaust. As I was taping down the 100 pennies (which only equals \$1.00), I cannot even imagine all of the unnecessary lives that were taken and the impact on their families and survivors. My parents were survivors of the Holocaust... I will always remember the stories that my parents told me and how they each lost all of their parents, brothers, sisters, uncles, aunts and friends. The Holocaust should never be forgotten."

David wrote: "I saw an article in the *Orlando Sentinel* about the pennies being collected. We are members of the Congregation of Reform Judaism here, and our Rabbi, Steven Engle, actually comes from the Ohio area. I spoke with my two kids about your collection, and they wanted to send you some of their pennies to help out."

If the public would like to participate, please bring your pennies to Temple Israel, 133 Merriman Road, Akron, Ohio 44303 or send a check. For more information, call (330) 762-8617.

How can you participate in the Pennies for People project?
Rabbi Lauren Werber suggests:

-  Bring your change with you to donate every time you come to temple.
-  Contact Temple Israel to obtain "official" containers to display at your places of employment to collect pennies.
-  Offer your children pennies for chores and share with the joy of giving tzedakah.
-  Ask area businesses to place collection containers by their registers.
-  Just spread the word!

Brotherhood

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, March 18 9:30 a.m.



Josh Mandel, newly elected State Representative from District 17, will be the guest speaker at a Sunday morning brunch on March 18 at Temple Israel. The brunch will start at 9:00 a.m. and the program at 9:30. Mr. Mandel will discuss his experience as a Jew in the Marines in Iraq, as well as other topics.

More details next month. Please RSVP to Temple Israel at (330) 762-8617.

Please Participate in Acme's Community Cash Back Program

Save your Acme register tapes when you purchase Acme brand products and bring them to Temple or drop them off at Lud Stern's home at 546 Winslow Avenue (off Thurmont Road). We can accept tapes dated between 9/17/06 and 4/7/07.

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Brotherhood Wants You to Know...

- Dinner meetings Tuesday, February 6 and March 6 at 6:30 p.m., at Rockne's on West Market Street, Fairlawn. Come and bring a potential member. For details call David Adler at (330) 864-5702.
- Mark this date on your calendar: Sunday, June 24, 2007. That will be the date of the Sunday afternoon Brotherhood Golf Outing at Mayfair Country Club. Think warm weather! Call Bill Bloch at (330) 867-5911.
- Our newest members include: Michael Cohen, Eugene Kodish, Ron Lederman*, Rabbi David Lipper*, Robert Pollock, Stanford Regal, Milton Sass*, David Shapiro* and Jeff Sloan. * indicates sustaining member
- Brotherhood is grateful to Phyllis Komerofsky for assembling an e-mail list for us and keeping it updated. This is a big step forward in our ability to communicate with the men in the congregation.
- **Highest Results in 5 Years!** The Brotherhood Blood Drive, under the direction of Dave Stein, netted 33 pints from 37 donors in December, surpassing the goal of 25 pints. Eight people were first-time donors. Vikki Chapman, Donor Recruitment Representative for the American Red Cross, congratulated Temple Israel: "On behalf of the patients whose lives you have touched, as well as their loved ones, we offer heartfelt gratitude."

Stay in Touch

Jim Steiner recently moved from Akron to Ann Arbor, Michigan, to be near his family. Jim and his family are grateful to the members of Temple Israel for keeping him in our prayers for healing. He is adjusting to his new surroundings and would love to hear from Temple Israel members. Mail can be sent to: Jim Steiner, c/o Huron Woods, 5361 McAuley Drive, Ann Arbor MI 48106.

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Ohio Commission Honors Akron Area Interfaith Council

Rabbi David Lipper received the Cultural Awareness Award on behalf of the Akron Area Interfaith Council (AAIC) at the Ohio Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission's Annual Commemorative Celebration in Columbus on January 11. Criteria for the award includes demonstrating an appreciation for diversity and skill in building and maintaining harmonious cross-cultural relationships. The Cultural Award recognizes the AAIC's dedication to fostering Dr. King's vision of unity among people of diverse cultural backgrounds.

This year's theme was "Carrying the Torch: Dedicating My Life to the Dream." The members of the commission encourage everyone to rededicate himself to the Dr. King's principles of multicultural harmony.

Governor Ted Strickland presented the award to Rabbi Lipper, President of the AAIC. The AAIC was formed in 1982 and promotes freedom of religion, equality and tolerance.



Governor Ted Strickland presents the Cultural Awareness Award to Rabbi Lipper.



Akron Area Interfaith Council: (back) Rabbi David Lipper, Dr. Saad Sayanurah, Rev. Nancy Arnold, Bob Weisberger, Chloe Ann Kriska, Mr. Meir, Dr. Michael Petrochuk; (front) Rev. Mary Kapper, Pat Gerber, Parivash Khosbbin

Good News!

The much talked-about panel discussions on "What is God?" are now available on DVD. Thanks to Lenny Winer and Brotherhood, the complete 2-part program can be checked out of the Temple Israel Library. The many people who attended the sessions raved about the exchange of views and the insights gained into other denominations and faiths.

New Book in the Library



The Five Books of Moses, with the Haphtaroth, and Prayers for Sabbath donated by Eileen and Steve Shonfeld in honor of Rose Kurland

Thank You Notes

Thank you to everyone who sent greetings and good wishes for our anniversary.

-Terry and Julie Zimmerman

We would like to thank our many friends at Temple Israel for all the cards, phone calls and prayers for Herbie's recovery. He is doing much better and the prayers are helping.

-Hanita and Herb Kern

We would like to thank our congregational family for the many good wishes for our recent anniversary.

-Dora and Rabbi David Lipper

AKRON SYMPHONY

La Traviata

Christopher Wilkins, conductor

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Social Action Committee Helps Our Community

The Social Action Committee has been busy with donations to various community agencies. One of the recipients was ACCESS, an emergency shelter for homeless women and children. They received a large supply of personal items and toiletries. ACCESS is looking for volunteers during the day, especially someone to help with children on Wednesdays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Please call Erin Rodabaugh, volunteer coordinator, at (330) 535-2999 if you want to help.



*Erin Rodabaugh, volunteer coordinator,
and Arie Powell, a shelter manager, were
happy to accept donations on behalf of the
women and children served by ACCESS.*

Lincoln Elementary School in Akron also received a gift of numerous school supplies from the Social Action Committee. Linda Green, principal, Elaine Cohen and Michelle Stein are shown with the numerous school supplies given to the school. Caring Community also donated underclothes to the school. Elaine Cohen did the research for this project, which resulted in the selection of Lincoln School.



*Elaine Cohen, Carol Blum, Lincoln School
Principal Linda Green, and Michelle Stein
were all smiles after the Social Action
Committee's donation to Lincoln's students.*

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 Rose Darsky
 Minnie Deutchman
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 Goldie R. Freedman
 Irvin M. Frost*
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 Saralee Gaynor*
 Sophie Gerin
 Mildred M. Goldberger*
 Harry B. Gross*
 Salah Gutman
 Henry Herman**
 Gerald Horwitz
 Max Kantrovitz
 Frank Kellerman
 Shirley Bogen Kellner
 Cecilia Kondritzer**
 Cyril Krohngold*
 Norman Stanley Kurlander
 Julius Levin
 Max Levine*
 Harry Levy*
 Eleanor F. Magilavy*
 Irene Miller
 Robert B. Mirman*
 Harold H. Oestreicher
 David Perry
 Mollie Rein
 Betty E. Morris Reynolds
 Lawrence Rudick
 Marcia Kay Senser*
 Irving Serelson
 O Celene Simm
 Sara Tuchow
 Arnold Weinstein
 Richard Widman
 David Zarouk

February 9

Morris Axner*
 Seymour Baron
 Lauren Bernstein
 Max Boris*
 Este Lipkowitz Braun*
 Claire Corlyn
 Frances L. Ellick*
 Joseph Garson
 Peggy Gelfand
 Isadore Goldfarb
 Henry Guggenheim**
 Marie Hill
 Solomon Hirsh*
 Blanche Hoffenberg*
 Lee Kent
 Jacob Koch**
 Ida Levey
 Sam Loeb*
 Stanley Massarsky
 Anna B. May*
 Pauline Moldavsky*
 Rose Tapper Persky
 Celia Pokras**
 Beatrice R. Rabb*
 Sophie Rapoport
 Mortimer Rosenblatt*
 Eli Schlitt*
 Sarah Miriam Stein
 Max Louis Volk*

We Remember

* *Cantor Merrill Fisher*, husband of Janet, father of Lynn (Steve) Katz and Marc (Anat) Fisher. Grandfather of Ryan, Alex, Sydney, Kevin and Carly. Brother of Arthur Fisher and Adelaide Finkelstein.

* *Louis (Joe) Greenwald*, father of Kay (Ron) Winer, grandfather of Natalie, Madeleine and Max Winer.

February 16

Frances Ageloff
 Babett Bron Blumenthal*
 Leonard Brown
 Beverly Chevlen
 Albert Ciccone
 Aaron David Cohen
 Abraham Cohen
 Edelyn Donoff
 Norman Epstein
 William Epstein
 Eva Frank
 Harold F. Friedman
 Jacob Frost
 Minnie Glick
 Florence Bobrof Greene
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 Stanley Jaffe*
 Alma Karn*
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 Ben Korman*
 Samuel Kotler
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 Jenne Daitch Meltzer
 Kerry Migdal
 Hilda Mild
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 Joan Gale Newman*
 Bertha C. Nobil*
 Harry Prigosin
 Harry Richman
 Louis Segel*
 Alex M. Shulan*
 Jacob Ludwig Stern*
 Samuel H. Stone*
 Dora Sugar
 Frances Weiss
 William H. Zipper

February 23

Charlotte Alexander
 Leah Seltzer Baker
 Cyril B. Bennett*
 Eva Bloom
 Ginger Brovitz
 Julius Clayman
 Lillian C. Eber*
 Martha K. Freeman*
 Harry N. Gordon*
 Nancy Jo Harris
 Marcella Kanfer*
 Saul Kravetz
 Eva Leopold**
 Charlotte Lowy
 Samuel Lubash
 Leo Meyer**
 Robert R. Mitchell
 Morris Munitz*
 Leslie Riseberg
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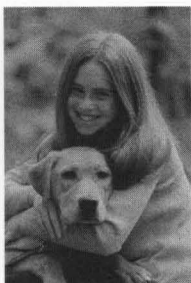
Amy Roth, daughter of **Drs. Mary Ellen and Lawrence Roth**, donated her hair to Locks of Love as part of her Tikkun Olam project for her upcoming Bat Mitzvah in May. Locks of Love collects hair donations of at least 10 inches

from across the country to make wigs for those who have undergone cancer treatments.

Dr. Madelyn Foust was recognized by the Federation of Greater Tampa/St. Petersburg as a "Woman of Distinction" for her ongoing acts of Jewish communal involvement.

Bradley Kaye and Amy Lord were married January 6, 2007 at Cairnwood Mansion in Bryn Athyn, Pennsylvania. Brad is the son of **Shelley and Larry Kaye**. Amy is the daughter of Jan and Greg Lord of North Wales, Pennsylvania. Grandparents are Lila Marks, Leila Kaye of Sun City West, Arizona, Ceceilia Jensen of Arlington, Washington and Albert and Marcia Paschkis of Gwynedd, Pennsylvania. Amy and Brad met at Ithaca College where they both received Bachelor's degrees in Film and Photography. Currently, Amy is employed at Needham and Company in Manhattan, while Brad is pursuing a Masters of Architecture at City College of New York. Amy and Brad reside in Brooklyn.

Alyssa Danielle Polonsky, granddaughter of **Anita and Bill Bloch**, became a Bat Mitzvah on January 27. Alyssa lives in Old Tappan, New Jersey, with her mother and father, Susan and Steven and brother, Sam. Alyssa chose to go above and beyond the requirements of her 18 hour Mitzvah Project to be a volunteer puppy raiser, like her brother did for his Bar Mitzvah in September 2004. She is raising this puppy for Canine Companions for Independence, which is a non-profit organization that enhances the lives of both children and adults with disabilities by providing highly trained assistance dogs. She has been caring for, giving basic dog obedience and socializing Tommy since he was seven weeks old. He will stay with the family until he is about a year and a half old, when he will go for advanced training and hopefully become an assistance dog.



Tot Shabbat

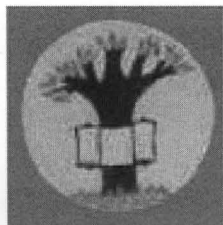
Tot Shabbat at 6:00 p.m. on February 23 promises to be lots of fun! Young children and their families will enjoy a free dinner, Shabbat songs, a story, a craft, and great company. Please join Rabbi Werber and Rory Sanders for a great time and a meaningful Shabbat experience. Call Temple to RSVP.

Lisa Manes and Aaron Cohen got engaged on New Year's Eve. Lisa is the daughter of **Steve and Judy Manes** of Coconut Creek, Florida. Aaron is the son of **Cindy Cohen and Richard Meredith** of South Bend, Indiana. Lisa and Aaron both earned Masters degrees in Medical Science from Nova Southeastern University in Florida. Both are working as physician assistants in Wellington, Florida. A 2008 wedding is being planned.

Matthew Jaffe, son of **Scott and Elaine Jaffe**, is engaged to **Renee Rosenberg**, daughter of **Hy Rosenberg** of Somerset, New Jersey. Renee earned a B.A. in Psychology from the University of Massachusetts Amherst and a Masters in Social Work from New York University. She is a Program Director for the City of New York. Matthew attended The Ohio State University and The University of Akron and graduated with a B.A. in Economics. He is an associate at HealthpointCapital, a New York based Private Equity firm. Matthew and Renee reside in New York City and are planning a June 16, 2007 wedding.



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- February 2 Shabbat Service—6:00 p.m.
February 9 Family Service led by the 8th grade, with the
Kol Tov Choir—7:30 p.m.
8th grade dinner—6:00 p.m.
February 16 Shabbat/Healing Service—6:00 p.m.
Shabbat Shelly cong. dinner—7:00 p.m.
February 23 Tot Shabbat—6:00 p.m.
Shabbat Service—7:30 p.m.
(Finance Committee—Torah Honors)

TORAH STUDY

February 3, 10, 17 and 24 led by Rabbi David Lipper, Rabbi
Lauren Werber and congregants—9:00 a.m. in the Library

CHILDREN/FAMILY EVENTS

- February 3 Tu B'Shvat Seder—5:30 p.m.
February 23 Tot Shabbat—6:00 p.m.

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February 11 Sisterhood Program: "2-4-6 Steps to a Healthy
Heart" - 9:30 a.m.
February 14 MRDD Valentine's Party—6:00 p.m.
February 19 Live from the 92nd Street Y: Ed Koch—8:15 p.m.

MEETINGS

- February 6 AAIC—10:00 a.m.; Brotherhood—6:30 p.m.
February 13 Temple Board—7:00 p.m.
February 20 Social Action, Religious Ed.—7:00 p.m.
Adult Education, Outreach—8:00 p.m.
February 27 Ritual Committee—7:00 p.m.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

- February 7, 14, 21, 28—4:15 p.m.
February 4, 11, 25—9:30 a.m.
No School: February 18
February 23 7th/8th grade Lock-In—7:30 p.m.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

- February 7, 14, 21, 28—6:00 p.m.

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