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MOTHER'S DAY AT TEMPLE ISRAEL—A PRIORITY

FROM THE PRESIDENT



MICHAEL NEUMANN

Mother's Day is just around the corner. Please attend our annual Mother's Day Raffle and Brunch on May 13th at 10:00 a.m. in the Temple Israel Social Hall. The Mother's Day Brunch will feature fabulous food as well as a chance to win the \$2,500 grand prize or one of many other prizes to be awarded this year. Each \$150 ticket will help grow Temple programming. Each ticket will also admit two for a very special brunch. Half tickets are also available for \$75 which admit one for brunch, and you become a 50-50-raffle partner with Temple. This remains our biggest fundraiser, and Temple Israel needs your support.

As I reflected on the obligation to support this wonderful event, it reminded me of one of the most beautiful prayers found in our prayer book. This prayer is all about obligation. It has been written that the following obligations are without measure, and whose reward is without measure:

To honor father and mother.
To perform acts of love and kindness.
To attend the house of study daily.
To welcome the stranger.
To visit the sick.
To rejoice with bride and groom.
To console the bereaved.
To pray with sincerity.
To make peace where there is strife.
And the study of Torah is equal to them all, because it leads to them all.

*Make the Mother's Day Brunch
at Temple an obligation.
See you at Temple!*

FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY



RABBI DAVID A. LIPPER

With Passover behind us and Shavuot approaching rapidly, I thought that I would use my column this month to talk about my approaching Sabbatical. Three years ago when my contract at Temple was renewed, the Board of Trustees approved sabbatical leave to be taken in the summer months in 2007 and 2008. It is hard to believe that this time has arrived.

Dora and I spent a lot of time thinking about projects and places we would want to go during this time. Our trip to Cuba was designed so that I could approach the Jewish community there about staying and working with them. They were grateful but felt that they were unprepared for a rabbi to come. I then thought immediately of Israel and the opportunities there for study.

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WERBER'S WISDOM

RABBI LAUREN WERBER



Legend has it that the great Rabbi Akiva did not begin studying Torah until the age of forty. One story credits his wife, who encouraged him to journey to Jerusalem to study. "I'm forty years old," Akiva protested. "What can I accomplish? They'll laugh at me, because I know nothing."

"Let me show you something," his wife retorted. "Bring me a donkey whose back is injured." Akiva brought the donkey, and his wife covered its back with dirt and herbs so that it looked ridiculous. Akiva and his wife then took the donkey to the market, where people laughed at it. On the second day, some people again laughed, but on the third day, nobody laughed. "Go and study Torah," Akiva's wife said. "Today people will laugh, tomorrow they will not laugh, and the day after they'll say, 'That is his way.'"

It is never easy to study something new—especially a new language—as an adult. We worry about whether we will be capable of learning, about whether we will appear foolish, about whether we can devote enough time to our learning.

(Rabbi Lipper's column, continued from page 1)

As you know, I love to read and study. I have found two programs in Jerusalem that are for rabbis in congregations. Both of them happen in July. I will be studying at the Shalom Hartman Institute from July 2-12 with approximately 100 rabbis from all over the world. I will then study for one week at Hebrew Union College with a smaller group of reform rabbis.

I am also traveling south to Kibbutz Yahel to visit old friends and to go into Jordan to visit the Nabatean Ruins at Petra. I have always wanted to visit this site, but my time in Israel has been so limited. Finally, we will all travel to Istanbul with Dora's mother, who was born there, for a true native's tour of the city.

While the Biblical concept of sabbatical implies rest and renewal, I am hoping to use this time to organize my thoughts into a book. I have begun many outlines over the years of books that I would love to write (or read). Hopefully, something of substance will emerge that I can share with you upon my return.

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This year's members of the *Adult B'nai Mitzvah* class put those feelings aside, and, like Rabbi Akiva, braved the world of Jewish study as adult learners. For two years, we have studied Hebrew, Torah, and the prayer service. We have touched upon issues of theology, ethics, history, faith, and Jewish practice. We have struggled individually and as a group with our relationship to God and to Jewish life, and we have drawn closer to each other and to that which is divine through our study. Next month, the class will lead a Shabbat service and read from the Torah as they share their journey with you.


This year's class members are Lauri Agins, Paul Baker, Anita Bloch, Bill Henry, Brian Kelly, Barb Sacks, Ann Winer, Judy Yabroff and Sarah Yuronka. This courageous and committed group will lead an inspiring and touching service. The students have worked hard and prayed hard to reach this day.

Please celebrate with them at Shabbat services on Friday, June 15, 2007. It is a service you will remember!

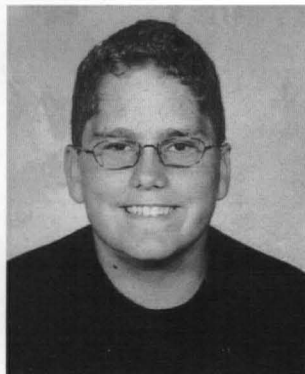
The entire time of my sabbatical for this summer will be June 27–August 31. Thankfully, Rabbi Werber will be covering the congregation in these months. I look forward to joining you in honoring her for her 5 years of service to Temple Israel at Shabbat Services on August 31. While I am saddened that she is leaving after that for her own pulpit in Elyria, Ohio, I know that it is a step forward in her rabbinic career. And while I will miss some important life cycle events in our congregants' lives, Rabbi Werber will be there to guide and sustain them through these months.

This summer, Israel; next summer remains a big question. Hopefully, inspiration will come to us as we sit under vines and fig trees in the city of peace, Jerusalem. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

Shalom,
Rabbi David A. Lipper

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B'nai Mitzvah



Jeremy Allan May (Putra)

Saturday, May 5, 2007
10:30 a.m.
Emor

Jeremy is the son of Bryan May of Akron and Nancy Putra of Phoenix. Grandparents are Norman and Bernice May of Akron and Anton (Tony) and Anna Putra of The Villages, Florida.

Jeremy is in the seventh grade at Litchfield and enjoys playing football with the Hawks and basketball at the JCC. For his Tikkun Olam project, he gives clothes to charity and is actively collecting pennies for the Pennies for People initiative.



Amy Caroline Roth

Saturday, May 12, 2007
10:30 a.m.
Behar

Amy is the daughter of Drs. Mary Ellen and Lawrence Roth of Tallmadge and the sister of Stephen. Grandparents are William and Elma Ague of Girard, Ohio, and Sidney and Sadie Roth of Akron.

Amy is in the seventh grade at Tallmadge. She plays the baritone saxophone, runs cross country and is adept at drawing and creating cartoons. For her Tikkun Olam project, Amy donated ten inches of her hair to Locks of Love and volunteered at Temple Israel's Jewish Festival.



Candid Photography by Nancy Williams

Dena Jo Lipper

Saturday, May 26, 2007
10:30 a.m.
Naso

Dena is the daughter of Rabbi David and Dora Rose Lipper and the sister of Benjamin Israel Lipper and Miryam Esther Lipper. Grandparents are Myra Lipper of Houston and the late Joseph C. Lipper and Mary Aboulafia of Deerfield Beach, FL, and the late Israel Aboulafia. Great grandmother is Nanette Cronbach Lipper.

Dena is in the sixth grade at Revere Middle School. She enjoys swimming, playing basketball, tennis and softball, and IM'ing her friends.

For her Tikkun Olam project, Dena is collecting old formals and prom dresses to donate to underprivileged teens.

Dear Friends,

My daughter, Emma Young, is a 12-year-old student in the religious school at Temple Israel in Akron. On August 11, Emma will become a Bat Mitzvah. In preparation for this event, she is studying very hard and also would like to raise money for a charitable organization. Emma has special needs, but she is a determined and talented child. She understands the importance of her Bat Mitzvah ceremony and of helping others. I am so proud of all her accomplishments, and I will do all I can to help her achieve this milestone event.

Because Emma loves all forms of art, we have decided to hold an art show at the Shaw Jewish Community Center on Sunday, July 15, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. The title of this very special show is "Emma's Magnificent Mitzvah Art Show" (EMMA'S). The proceeds from the sale will benefit the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Akron Children's Hospital. The money will be used in some way to help the parents of critically ill babies in the NICU.



To insure that we have enough items to sell, we are requesting contributions of art objects, jewelry, pottery, paintings, photographs, knitting or any other original work of art. Alternatively, donations of materials that Emma can use to create her own artwork would be greatly appreciated. Emma enjoys making beaded jewelry, drawing and painting, painting pottery, and knitting on her new knitting machine.

Akron Children's Hospital is a wonderful asset to this community, and it is our goal to raise as much money as we can to help this worthy organization. Your donation of at least one piece of original art work or supplies will help make Emma's Magnificent Mitzvah Art Show an overwhelming success. All donations that are not sold will be returned to the artist.

If you wish to make a donation or know someone who would, please contact me at (330) 869-6255. Emma and I truly appreciate your consideration.

GET READY FOR MITZVAH DAY—JUNE 10

It's time to get involved!

Mitzvah Day is set for Sunday, June 10 from noon to 5:00 p.m. Do good deeds for others—and feel good about yourself in the process!



Michael Hood, Temple Israel's maintenance director, is the chair of Mitzvah Day. Temple members will work with volunteers from First Congregational Church of Akron (FCC) and the Unitarian Universalist Church of Akron (UUCA).

"We are very excited about Mitzvah Day," says Michael Hood. "We have contacted numerous agencies, and they are all very enthusiastic about us helping them. Some of the projects will be bowling, providing a garden for a disabled individual, painting, mulching, sorting food, and making blankets for Akron Children's Hospital. I also need chefs for the closing ceremony. Help me make Mitzvah Day great!" If you cannot participate on a project, you can still help the cause by making a donation to the Blanche Hoffenberg Mitzvah Day Fund to help defray some of the costs associated with the project.

Please contact Michael Hood to join in the fun: michaelhood@sbcglobal.net.

Mitzvah Day Locations/Projects— chairpersons needed:

Goodwill Industries (mulching, painting)
Ronald McDonald House (baking cookies, collecting items)
Battered Women's Shelter (painting, planting - Chairperson from FCC)
United Disability Services (planting at two homes)

Vision Support Services (gardening)
Access (crafts with clients, cleaning toys, painting)
Safe Landings (painting, gardening)
Akron Children's Hospital (Kids Are Number One Run and Children's Miracle Network Telethon on June 3)—Call Carolyn B. Hofmann at Children's to volunteer 330-543-3897)
Metro Parks (field work, landscaping)
OPEN M (mulching, planting)

Hattie Larlham (bowling with clients)
Chambrel (entertaining, visiting residents)
Akron Canton Regional Foodbank (repacking rice into containers)
The ARC (setting up, preparing luncheon meeting for volunteers at UUCA)
Project Linus (making blankets for patients at Akron Children's Hospital)
R.I.G.H.T. (outdoor beautification)

FOODBANK LUNCH AND LEARN MAY 30

Dear Temple Friends,

There are thousands of people right here in our own home town who are struggling every day to get meals on the table. Every day. For those of us who seldom come into direct contact with poverty, it may be difficult to imagine what it's like to live from one meal to the next. Or, to have to choose between food for the kids or the rent. Food insecurity has a negative impact not only on health, but also on work, education and family life.

From the earliest rabbinic times, the Jewish community maintained charitable institutions such as the Tamhui, a bowl into which were put foods contributed for the poor and distributed immediately. For centuries the Jewish community used the Tamhui to feed the hungry. The Tamhui is long gone but we do have the Akron Canton Regional Foodbank, a vital 20-year-old organization that's working every day to help stamp out hunger. It's essentially a recycling machine collecting food that might go to waste and seeing that it gets in the hands of people that need it. Last year alone, our Foodbank distributed over 11 million pounds of food in its eight-county service area.

Our Foodbank accomplished this incredible achievement out of a cramped 28,000 square foot building near downtown Akron. But now plans are underway to move to a renovated 85,000 square foot facility which will vastly increase our ability to help so many more people in need.

Since I became a member of the Foodbank board three years ago, I've learned what a truly remarkable institution this is. Harvey Nelson and Mark Baer, who also serve as Foodbank volunteers, and I felt sure that many Temple members would like to learn about how the Foodbank works. I think you'd be mighty proud to learn what the Foodbank has accomplished in our town, and you'll be as excited as we are when you hear about the Foodbank's plans for the future.

Soon you'll be receiving a special invitation to join us and our wives at the Foodbank on **Wednesday, May 30 at 11:45 a.m.** for lunch and a brief program. You'll get a good idea of how the Foodbank uses our donations to help those less fortunate. We hope you'll be able to attend.

Be well,
Michael and Marilyn Lapides
Member, Akron Canton Regional Foodbank Board of Directors



Logan Garland Barrett



Rachel Elaine Friedman



Sophie Michelle Goldenberg

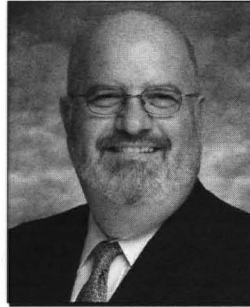


Alexandria Elizabeth Horowitz

Temple Israel Confirmation Class



Rabbi Lauren Werber



Rabbi David Lipper



Cantorial Soloist Rory Sanders

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Morgan Leigh Levin



Miryam Esther Lipper



Justin David Sugerman



Aaron Ephraim Zake

Confirmation

Tuesday, May 22, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Temple Israel, 133 Merriman Road, Akron, OH 44303

Eight students will be confirmed on Erev Shavuot at Temple Israel. They will lead the service, read the Ten Commandments from the Torah and make personal speeches. The students have met throughout the year with Rabbis David Lipper and Lauren Werber. This year's class includes:

Logan Garland Barrett, son of Rebecca Barrett
Rachel Elaine Friedman, daughter of Carol and Howard Friedman
Sophie Michelle Goldenberg, daughter of Caron and Michael Goldenberg
Alexandria Elizabeth Horowitz, daughter of Vikki and Daniel Horowitz
Morgan Leigh Levin, daughter of Glenda Levin and James Levin
Miryam Esther Lipper, daughter of Dora and Rabbi David Lipper
Justin David Sugerman, son of Beth and Irving Sugerman
Aaron Ephraim Zake, son of Susan and Bruce Zake

Sisterhood

Sisterhood Gift Shop

Visit us for the perfect wedding, graduation and B'nai Mitzvah gifts!

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Need a special appointment?

Call the Temple office at 330-762-8617 to make an appointment with Ricki, Renee or Marsha. Most items are discounted 10-20%.

Come see what's new!

BOOK GROUP

The Book Group will meet on Tuesday, May 22 at 1:00 p.m. in the Library to discuss *Suite Française* by Irene Nemirosky. The book presents two novels based on Nemirosky's mother's hidden diaries during the French collaboration with the Nazis. It is considered the most important descriptive wartime writing since Anne Frank's diary was found.

The Book Group has been meeting since 1994. Recently, the members selected their all-time favorite books to date. Have you treated yourself to reading any on their top-rated list?

The Mezzuzah in the Madonna's Foot (Alexy)
The Color of Water (McBride)
Stones from the River (Hegi)
The Secret Book of Grazia dei Rossi (Park)
Number Our Days (Meyerhoff)
The Coffee Trader (Liss)
The Nazi Officer's Wife (Beer)
Bread Givers (Yeziarska)
The Leopard Hat (Steiker)
Flowers in the Blood (Courter)



Sisterhood Shabbat—one word at a time

The executive committee of the Temple Israel Sisterhood developed a service especially for March 23 and invited each woman in attendance to come to the Bimah to read *Vayikra* (first book of *Leviticus*). Sisterhood Shabbat became a celebration as the women led the service. During the Hakafah, the women were each handed a card with one word of the Torah portion. They made their way across the Bimah and read each card consecutively resulting in the first Aliyah of the portion! This was the first time many of the 50 women had read Torah. Thanks to Judy Lasher for organizing the beautiful Oneg Shabbat sponsored by Sisterhood.

Life is a journey, like a stream that skips over rocks and branches on the way to a mountain lake. Sometimes we encounter obstacles on our path, but we reach pools of contentment. Nature gives to us beauty, joy, and peace.

Let not the worldliness of the times diminish nature's simple joys. Let us pause in our hurried lives, O God, to contemplate Your infinite wonders.

God, grant us the wisdom to preserve that which has been entrusted to us so that our children, and children's children, will be free to find nature's solace.

You can get involved in Sisterhood

Sisterhood is seeking women to help with various small projects in the coming year. We are an energetic group and have a lot of fun planning social activities as well as providing support for Temple Israel. REMEMBER, you can play a small or big part—it's your choice, and Sisterhood IS NOT just for your "MOTHER'S GENERATION!!!" We want women of ALL ages to come and join in our activities! Please contact either Beth Sugerman at bsug111@hotmail.com or 330-836-0416 or Carol Friedman at csandybeach1@hotmail.com or 330-869-9662.



Sisterhood's exec board joined Rabbis Lipper and Werber in blessing the bread.



Iris Caston read one word of Torah as she crossed the Bimah.

Honorable Mentschen

Mazel tov to **Marjie and Chuck Isroff** on the March 17th birth of their grandson, **Julian Tyler Isroff**, son of Bradley and Cherrie Isroff of Centennial, Colorado. Julian is the brother of Erica Ashlyn Isroff. His other grandmother is Lillia Arcilla. He was named after his great grandfather, Julian Koock.

Kathy Salem announces the birth of her grandson, **David Moses Robinson**. David was born on April 2 to Vanessa and Richard Robinson.

Andy Silverman, 18, bowled a perfect 300 game on Sunday, March 11 at Riviera Lanes. Andy has been bowling in a league since he was 3 years old and recently moved from youth leagues to adult leagues. Andy, a freshman at Kent State University, is the son of **Janet and David Silverman**.



Mazel tov to **Esther Posen** on the birth of her great-granddaughter, **Jessica Yvonne Roberts**. She was born March 25 to Rachel and Adam Roberts of Clarion, Pennsylvania. She weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. and was 20-3/4 inches long. Grandparents are Elaine and Richard McDowell and Julie and Dean Roberts, all of Akron.



Jason McMains, son of **Susan and Greg McMains**, graduated from The Ohio State University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He has accepted a position with Bridgestone/Firestone in Akron.

Another Successful Adult Education Program

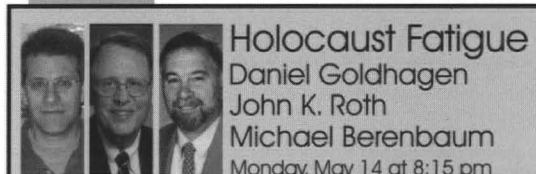


Over 70 people attended Temple Israel's first Fireside Chat, sponsored by the Adult Education Committee, with Rabbi David Lipper and Rev. Meghan Froehlich, Church of Our Saviour. After a soup and salad dinner where members of the two congregations could get to know each other better, the clergy engaged in a conversation on the Book of Isaiah, Chapter 53 (an often controversial book which many Christians interpret as an Old Testament prophecy of Christ as the Messiah). This was truly a fireside chat, thanks to the "fireplace" provided by Audrey Baker. Participants found it quite interesting to hear the different viewpoints expressed in the spirit of respect and tolerance between the religions. The program was so well received that participants look forward to future programs of this type on other topics.

Dr. Harvey J. and Rosalind Weil are proud to announce the birth of their first grandchild, **Jackson Maxwell Weil**, the son of Alven M. and Nanci Weil of Charlotte, North Carolina. Jackson weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz. and was 22 inches long. The other grandparents are Rexford and Karen Shelton of Chesterland, Ohio. Late great grandparents are Dr. Alven M. and Jeanette Weil of Akron and Sabin and Doris Rich of Vallejo, California.

Claire Marks' artwork entitled "Still Life With Bowl" won a National Silver Award in the Painting Category in the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards contest. Claire is the daughter of **Allison and Wayne Marks**.

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Daniel Goldhagen
John K. Roth
Michael Berenbaum
Monday, May 14 at 8:15 pm

From the Soup Nazi on "Seinfeld" to dancing Nazis on Broadway, from Iranian cartoons that deny the Holocaust to the iconic documentary "Paper Clips," the Holocaust is etched in the popular consciousness. Is there a danger of Holocaust fatigue? Is the tragedy becoming trivialized and losing its significance? What will happen after the Holocaust survivor community disappears? Join distinguished writers and intellectuals for a conversation about the Holocaust and its place in the modern world. Thane Rosenbaum, moderator.

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.



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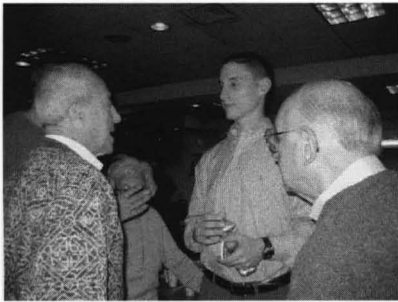
Representative Josh Mandel Speaks at Brotherhood Brunch

An enthusiastic crowd of more than 60 listened to a presentation by Josh Mandel on Sunday morning, March 18. We were pleased to welcome visitors from Temple Israel (Canton) Brotherhood and from the general community.



Mandel has packed a great deal of achievement into his 29 years—graduating from OSU, Case Western Reserve Law School, service in the Marines and now state representative (R) in the 17th district.

His talk focused primarily on his time in the Marines as an intelligence officer on the Syrian border, trying to stop jihadists from entering Iraq. He was the only Jew in a unit of 200 men. He felt a responsibility for representing Jews to the other men, who were of many religions and races.



His commanding officer asked him if he would like the word Jewish removed from his dog tags, with the label “no preference” substituted. “Jewish” would have been a real liability if he had been captured. He declined.

He showed us slides of how the marines lived in the desert—eating, sleeping, washing, etc. There were slides of groups of his close comrades. Some men were killed as a result of roadside bombs, but not otherwise to enemy fire.

Mandel was especially appreciative of the parcels distributed by Ohio Jewish groups, particularly at Passover.

Regarding the rationale for the war, he said it is not un-American to oppose the war, nor is it un-American to support it.

Fluent in answering questions, Mandel repeated the question so that everyone could hear and addressed the questioner directly. Some questions focused on his new legislative role. He emphasized three areas:

- The potential for Ohio to play a leading role in alternative fuels.
- A bill he is sponsoring to require state pension funds to divest from companies doing business in Iran.
- The need for more funding for education, but only with reform, such as rewarding outstanding teachers and taking appropriate action against low-performing teachers.

Mandel is one of only nine Jewish elected officials in state government.

—David Adler, Brotherhood President

Brotherhood Wants You to Know...

- Dinner meetings Tuesday, May 1 and June 5 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.
- Our newest members are Stanley Silverman (sustaining) and David Kloner.

GOLF OUTING



Sunday, June 24, 2007

Nine or Eighteen Holes

Includes lunch, a prime rib dinner and beverages

Contests and Prizes!

Hole Sponsors and Prize Donations Needed

Not a Golfer? Sign up for dinner only and enjoy a social hour.

Registration forms are available at Temple Israel

Contact Bill Bloch at 330-867-5911.



May 4

Dr. Morton Agins
 Peter Averbukh
 James J. Barnett
 Dr. Adrian Diamond
 Dr. Stanley B. Epstein*
 Leah Frank***
 Myer Friedman**
 Sadie Friedman**
 Max Garson
 Richard S. Garson*
 Melva S. Isroff
 Rose B. Kalmon*
 Charlotte Kaplan*
 Ethel L. Kaplan*
 Stanley Katz
 Sherman Klein
 Walter Krohngold*
 Florence Leopold**
 Harry E. Leopold*
 Marion Levinson
 Raquel Levy
 Pearl G. Liberman
 Robert D. Moss*
 Louis Rebeck*
 Sandra Sobel Schiff*
 Stuart Schott
 Helen Schwartz
 Abe J. Sokol
 Theona Solomon
 Mimi Steiner
 Saul Sugar
 Ethel Whitelaw Weiss**
 Ruth Ann "Tudy" Wise*
 Jeannette Zipper

May 11

Lawrence Adams
 Rebecca Bear*
 Robert Clar
 Dora Cohen
 Irving Fortnoff*
 Alfred P. Friedman*
 Charlotte Friedman*
 Dorothy Green
 Max Heinick
 Theresa Herrman
 Naomi Isroff
 Ira Jacobs*
 Ben Kahn
 Dr. Jacob C. Kaplan*
 Sylvia Koch
 Frederick Koppel
 Jack Kutnick
 David Leopold**
 Joseph Leopold**
 Margaret M. Lippman*
 Jack Lober
 Denise Sabet Master
 Sylvia "Zelda"
 Anna Meyer*
 Frank Olson
 Philip I. Olson
 Benjamin Paskal
 Harry L. Raab*
 Ronald W. Rosen
 Fannie Rosenblatt*
 Nettie Roth
 Lillian Schmitman
 Nathan L. Schmitman
 Rose S. Schultz*
 Irving Shaw
 Elizabeth Shifrin
 Joseph Sicherman**
 Charles Smith
 Esther Liberman Solomon
 Ruth Taras
 Edith Whitelaw*

May 18

Ida Pauline Agins
 Albert I. Backer*
 Alice W. Backer*
 Philip L. Bear*
 Estelle S. Cohen*
 Walter M. Cohen**
 Jacob Deutchman
 Morris Evans*
 Rebecca Evans*
 Lena Felstein*
 Harry Fisher
 Anne Frost*
 Dr. Myer Jacob Gibans*
 Daisy Giller
 William Goldenberg
 Yetta Goodman
 John Saul Granatstein*
 Jeanette Hirsh**
 Selma Huntman
 Bessie Kellerman
 Margaret C. Koller*
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 Ruth E. Leopold*
 Marion Goldman Levin*
 Alexander M. Morris*
 Mildred Rairick
 Ann Ross
 Belle F. Rossen
 Elias M. Salzberg*
 Saul Sensor
 Burton L. Sloan
 Rose W. Stern*
 Judith Thornton
 Belle Weisberger*
 Jeanette Willdman

May 25

Samuel Arkin
 Hyman Cohen
 Zelda Cohen
 Cheryl Cvelbar
 Cecile Evans Fineman*
 Rochelle Godshall
 Dr. Nathan G. Gordon*
 Anna G. Greenbaum*
 J. William Greenberg*
 Martin Gross
 Jeanette Guggenheim
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 Alberta Sampliner-Gerson
 Solomon Seenberg*
 Julius E. Siff*
 Bessie Siplow
 Eudyce Weinberg Sonders*
 Bertha Taras
 Glenore Lillian Taylor*
 Betty Weintraub
 Henry Wolfson

We Remember

* *Richard Gibbs*, father of Mary (Steve) Mitchell, grandfather of Edward, Max and Jacob Mitchell.

* *Lillian Altman*, mother of Mark (Marsha) Altman.

* *Ben Roth*, brother of Sidney (Sadie) Roth, uncle of Dr. Lawrence (Dr. Mary Ellen) Roth.

** Marble plaque

* Brass plaque

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Special Shabbat

The 2nd/3rd/4th graders had a blast at the Lock-In following Friday evening services in March. They decorated hamsas, made blankets for Akron Children's Hospital, and stayed up late watching movies, under the guidance of Carrie Shkolnik and Lisa Pesantez. Rabbi Lipper cooked a pancake breakfast the next morning.



Star Readers

The Star Reader Program ends on May 6. Please inform Mrs. Marks, the librarian, of the books you have read by the deadline.

Northern Exposure

The ninth graders will be traveling to Toronto from June 8-10 as part of Fresh Air, a program to keep the students connected to Temple Israel while attending Hebrew High School. The students will visit religious and recreational sites. They will attend Friday evening services at Holy Blossom Temple and will then explore tourist attractions in Toronto. Fresh Air is funded by a grant from the Jewish Identity Development Fund of the Jewish Community Board of Akron. Chaperones are Sarah Yuronka and Brian Feinsilber.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- * **Friday, May 11:** 6th Grade Dinner at 6:00 p.m.; Shabbat Service led by the 6th Grade, Mrs. Shulan, teacher—Family Service at 7:30 p.m.
- * **Wednesday, May 16:** Last Day of Midweek Hebrew
- * **Sunday, May 20:** Last Day of Sunday School—All-School Celebration
- * **Monday, June 11:** Minyanaire Trip



PASSOVER EXPERIENCE

This year's Passover Experience included a lesson in Lego building—the Jewish way! Matzoh creations of temples of the Diaspora sprouted throughout the Social Hall as students attempted to construct synagogues from Spain to India, from Ethiopia to Italy, all designed from edible materials.

At the right, you can see the creations from the K-I class and the 2nd grade.

PENNIES FOR PEOPLE

Temple Israel's fifth graders were invited to participate in the Yom Hashoah commemoration at the Shaw JCC in April. Mrs. Laura Hood's class accompanied the survivors during the candle lighting.



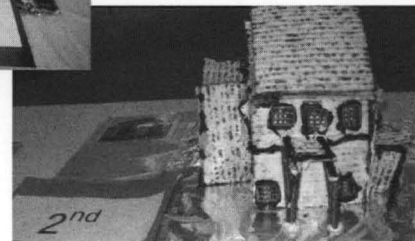
Sheri Glauberman, Yom Hashoah Committee Chairman, expressed the feelings of the committee to Mrs. Hood and her class: "It has come to the attention of the Yom Hashoah Committee of the Shaw JCC of Akron that your class has embarked on an amazing project concerning the Holocaust... The thoughtfulness and hard work that you have put into this project is quite impressive and the worldwide response is overwhelming... Thank you for all the work you have done and continue to do to make sure that the Holocaust is not forgotten."

Some stories have emerged during the collection of pennies...

* **Jacob Kalish** wrote a letter to the President last month. Jacob also received a jar of pennies that a Holocaust survivor had left for a good cause. (There is a letter about it in our "Pennies for People" scrapbook.)

* **Andrea Wise**, daughter of Temple member **Micki Wise** and Laura Hood's best friend, brought 600 pennies from her high school biology class in Charlotte, NC when she was in Akron for Passover.

* **Stephen & Joan Werber**, Rabbi Werber's parents, held a huge seder at their home and sent an e-mail to all the guests who had asked what they could bring. Since the Werbers had all the food they needed for the seder, they suggested canned goods for the Food Bank or pennies for the Temple Israel "Pennies for People" Project. They received 1000 pennies from Steve's law students.



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Janice & Stanley Sheftel in honor of Libby and Bill Rosenblatt's 65th anniversary and Bradley Kaye's wedding.

Key Committees Planning Retreat

As part of the long-range strategic planning process, members of the Adult Education and Outreach committees and Brotherhood and Sisterhood are invited to a planning "retreat" at Temple Israel the weekend of May 19 and 20. Saturday evening will consist of a Havdallah service and informal discussions over wine and cheese. Participants will return Sunday at noon for in-depth discussion. The intent is to develop the goals and action plans for all Temple programming for 2007-2008. For more information, call Joyce Butlien at 330-864-0781.

An Opportunity to Give

A new law, the Pension Protection Act of 2006, will make it easier for congressmen to make a significant financial contribution to the Temple. The new law is in effect only for 2006 and 2007, and allows tax-free withdrawals directed to charities directed from Individual Retirement Accounts—IRAs.

The law allows donors older than 70½ to distribute up to \$100,000 per year to qualified charities, such as Temple Israel. Distributions are tax free, but donors will not be entitled to a charitable income tax deduction for their gift. Also, the distribution must be made directly from the Trustee of an IRA to the Temple or the Temple Foundation.

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MAY 2007 CALENDAR

SERVICES

- May 4 Shabbat Service—6:00 p.m.
May 11 Family Service led by the 6th grade—7:30 p.m.
6th grade dinner—6:00 p.m.
May 18 Shabbat/Healing Service—6:00 p.m.
Shabbat Shelly Cong. Dinner—7:00 p.m.
May 22 Erev Shavuot/Confirmation—7:00 p.m.
May 23 Shavuot Yizkor Service—10:30 a.m.
May 25 Shabbat Service—7:30 p.m.

TORAH STUDY

May 5, 12, 19 and 26 led by Rabbi David Lipper, Rabbi Lauren Werber and congregants—9:00 a.m. in the Library

B'NAI MITZVAH at 10:30 a.m.

- May 5 Jeremy May
May 12 Amy Roth
May 26 Dena Lipper

EVENTS

- May 13 Mother's Day Brunch—10:00 a.m.
May 14 92nd Street Y: Daniel Goldhagen:
Holocaust Fatigue—8:15 p.m.

FAMILY/CHILDREN'S EVENTS

- May 11 Family Service—7:30 p.m.
May 20 Temple Tots go to the Akron Zoo—12:15 p.m.

MEETINGS

- May 1 AAIC—10:00 a.m.; Brotherhood—6:30 p.m.
May 2 Faculty—6:00 p.m.
May 8 Temple Board—7:00 p.m.
May 15 Social Action, Religious Ed., Ritual—7:00 p.m.
Adult Education, Outreach—8:00 p.m.
May 22 Book Group—1:00 p.m.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

- May 16 Last Day of Midweek Hebrew
May 20 Last Day of Sunday School—
All-School Celebration

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