

# TEMPLE ISRAEL WINDOW

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## JEWISH FESTIVAL PROMISES FOOD AND FUN

The second annual Jewish Festival is set for Sunday, October 14 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Temple Israel. Last year's event, attended by more than 3000 people, will be surpassed this year with MORE food and MORE learning.

Invite your friends in the community to come and sample delicacies such as chicken soup with matzah balls, cabbage rolls, knishes, kugels, latkes, challah, and lots more. To the right you can see some of the work that went into making the food. How do these foods taste? Come to Temple Israel and find out on October 14!

Enter the Temple Israel Sanctuary and ask the Rabbi about prayer and customs. Throughout the day you will be able to hear Jewish music and stop by Sisterhood's Gift Shop, where you may want to pick up a souvenir of your fun-filled day at the Jewish Festival.

Free and open to the public.



Dotty Goldenberg (right) showed Bobby Adler how to arrange the knish dough for baking while Dora Lipper and Steve Schonfeld made more dough.



Bobby Adler, Susan Lubash, Barb Sacks and Pam Connery were ready to make matzah balls. Marsha Krieger stored the finished products.



## FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

RABBI DAVID A. LIPPER

The month of September has been a blur. I began the month flat on my back awaiting surgery for a herniated disk. The well wishes and support from all of you empowered me to heal through the Holy Days. While Rosh Hashanah posed the greatest challenge, it was never an option in my mind not to be with my congregation on this most holy of times. I want to thank each and every one of you for your patience, support and understanding. It is what makes Temple Israel so unique.

This month affords us new vistas. We begin what we hope will be an integrated and fully involved programming agenda that will bring people of all ages together for inspirational learning opportunities. As you know, it has never been my pattern to rest on the accomplishments of the past year. I am in constant search for new ideas to bring to you and new goals to set. Thank God, we have the great commitment of a wonderful corps of lay leaders who share this vision. (continued on p. 7)

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

MICHAEL NEUMANN

### YOM KIPPUR 2007/5768

The High Holidays remind me of an interesting parallel, particularly when viewing the importance of Yom Kippur. The late Charles Schulz prepared a Peanuts cartoon showing the demanding Lucy handing out lists to all of her friends, telling them all of their faults and imperfections. When Charlie Brown challenges Lucy, asking why she has the right to do this, she replies, "I want to make this a better world for me to live in."

This cartoon talks volumes. The lesson obviously is so simple. We live in a "me" society—a society where it becomes much easier to live a life concentrating on making "our" world a better place, as opposed to making it better for others. We must take the time to listen and recognize our faults, not the faults of our neighbors.

The Board of Trustees has worked intently over the last year to make Temple a "better" place, not merely from an individual standpoint, but for the betterment of the entire congregation. I am fortunate to have had many open discussions with the executive board, the general board, congregants, Temple clergy and staff. I have always expressed to you that it is my role to create a vision for the Temple, as well as being a "facilitator."

This reminds me of a story I heard for incoming Temple Presidents. There was an individual sitting on a plane waiting for it to depart. The plane sat on the runway not moving. Finally some 30 minutes after its scheduled departure, the stewardess announced that the plane was not taking off, because the pilot heard horrible noises coming from the engine, and it was going to be a while until they could locate another pilot! Having a successful Temple is a total effort fueled by all components. A "pilot" is just one ingredient. There are times when the quickest solution may not be the best solution. The communication between the Board, the congregants, and the staff are all needed in making Temple Israel soar.

### ADULT EDUCATION SERIES MONDAYS FROM 7:00-9:00 P.M. OCTOBER 8, 15, 22 AND 29



There will be two fifty minute classes on the dates published. The first hour will be "Mishkan Tefillah" unveiled. It will be a tour through the Reform Movement's new Siddur, led by Rabbi Lipper.

The second hour will be entitled "The Origins of Human Violence and the Crisis of the Biblical First Family." This hopes to be a multi-faceted approach to the very first biblical story.

We have had many successes and accomplishments at Temple over the last year. Some are as follows:

- Enhanced Adult Education programs, in some instances attracting over 100 people.
- A Jewish Festival drawing over 70 vendors and approximately 3,000 people. This has the potential of becoming our major fundraiser. We need all of you to participate on October 14.
- The diversity of the 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Y programs.
- A Brotherhood and Sisterhood recognized and envied by synagogues around the nation for their unique programming.
- The interest in the Akron Interfaith Council programs.
- The Pennies for People program remembering the Holocaust, publicized in over 30 states, England, Jerusalem, and around the world. This monumental task has created a memorable experience for our children.
- The popularity of Mitzvah Day attracting 300 congregants and benefiting 30 agencies.
- Servicing the needs of over 150 MRDD individuals by providing exceptional programs that could not take place without our congregants volunteering.
- Improved Outreach programs, including a Tu B'Shevat Seder hosting over 100 people. We must not forget that there are one million interfaith families in the United States, and only one in five has affiliated with a synagogue. We must continue to reap the richness and vitality that Jews by choice can bring to our community and find innovative ways to engage these families. We will continue to be creative in this area.
- The popularity and camaraderie of our Shabbat Shelly service and dinner. Please continue your participation and financial support to guarantee these events for many years to come.

The list goes on. A sincere thanks to all of our committee chairs and committee members. All committee chairs are listed in our Yearbook. Please find a committee which interests you and call any one of our chairmen. It is your involvement that keeps Temple strong.

One area that we did not address to our fullest capacity is our Endowment Plan. This Plan will be specifically tied to our Long Range Plan. The Endowment Plan was not the priority over the last year. I had hoped it would be, as we needed to clarify how these funds would be designated. Again, we have addressed some of the key issues in our Long Range Plan and in the months ahead, will have a clearer vision as to our future and the restarting of the Endowment Fund.

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## Bar Mitzvah



### Justin Robert Bober

Saturday, October 6, 2007

10:30 a.m.

*B'reishit*

Justin is the son of Lyn and Mark Bober of Akron and the brother of Claire. Grandparents are Stanley and Esther Bober of Akron, John T. Godshalk of Canal Fulton and Diane L. Godshalk (deceased).

Justin attends Lippman Community Day School where he is in the sixth grade. He enjoys playing tennis and golf, swimming and diving, skiing and travel.

For his Tikkun Olam project, Justin is "Twinning" with a Jewish Russian boy to share experiences and learn about each other. Justin will spiritually include his "twin" in the ceremony\* and hopes to meet him in person during the family's trip to Russia.

\* (since he is unable to celebrate his own Bar Mitzvah in Russia)

## New Book in the Temple Library



*Pictorial History of the Jewish People*  
by Nathan Ausubel

Portrays every aspect of Jewish history and life from Biblical times to now

Donated by Helene & Bill Rogovy

## Honorable Mentschen

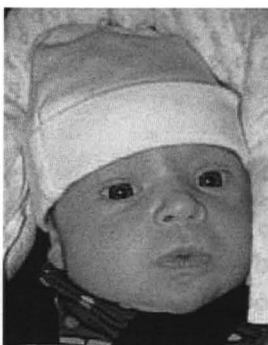


Rachel Segal and Jason Miller were married on July 14, 2007 at Temple Israel. Matthew Cohen, a rabbinical student at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, co-officiated with Rabbi Lauren Werber. The bride is the daughter of Teri and Michael Segal. The groom's parents are Robbi and David Miller of Indianapolis. Rachel is a graduate of The Ohio State University and received a Doctorate in Physical Therapy from Northwestern University. She is a physical therapist at the University of Illinois at Chicago Medical Center. Jason graduated from Indiana University and is a product manager

at Uline. After a reception at Fairlawn Country Club, the couple enjoyed a honeymoon in Hawaii. They reside in Chicago.

Jennifer Lynn Schonfeld and James Barnhouse were married in Madison, Ohio on September 1, 2007. Jennifer is the daughter of Eileen and Steve Schonfeld. Jim is the son of the late Clara and Denver Barnhouse. The newlyweds are living in Geneva, Ohio.

Jamie Sanders, daughter of Rory Sanders, covered Fashion Week for *Teen Scene Magazine* ([www.teenscenemag.com](http://www.teenscenemag.com)). Jamie is the Associate Beauty Editor of the magazine. Her review of Rosaline's Day Spa in Brookline MA appeared with her byline in the September issue of *Allure*.

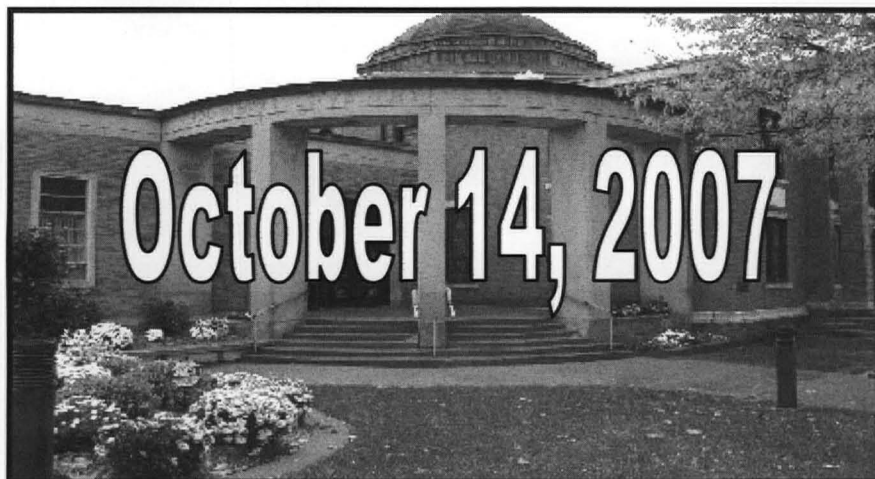


Norman and Nancy Scherr are proud to announce the birth of their granddaughter, Kenna Karsen Scherr, daughter of Lee and Randi Scherr of Superior, Colorado. She was born July 23, 2007, weighing 7 lb. 12 oz. and was 21 inches long. Kenna's other grandparents are Dr. Robert and Jill Burnstine, also of Akron.

Susan Gertz Runyan, collage artist and daughter of Lola and the late Cantor Gedaliah Gertz, is currently one of three artists participating in an exhibition of paintings, fiber art and collage at Cincinnati's Global Lead Art Gallery. Susan's collage work thematically integrates societal themes with nature in thought provoking layers of earth tones. The exhibition, which will continue through November, is open to the public weekdays from 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. The gallery is located at 11260 Chester Road, Suite #400, Cincinnati OH 45246. Susan's work can be seen on her website, [www.segertzcollage.com](http://www.segertzcollage.com).



# Temple Israel's Jewish Festival



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<b>Fax:</b>	<b>E-mail:</b>	

Each ad will be a black and white "business card" size ad (3.5" wide x 2" tall) for only \$25.

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**YES! I want to place a business card size ad for printing on placemats for Temple Israel's Jewish Festival.**

For more information, please contact Jeannine Marks, c/o Temple Israel, 133 Merriman Road, Akron, OH 44303. Call 330-762-8617.

## Caring Community

**CONTRIBUTIONS:** From Caring Community Committee, Dr. John & Patricia Saks, Stan & Zippy Silverman, Debra & Greg Burgoon and Carol & Eric Blum in memory of Gladys Liss, Ken Weinberger, Evie Weinberger, Jordana Cassidy, Steven Romisher, Stuart Willen, and Nina Pules; for the speedy recoveries of Rachel Moffa, Stan Gertz, Laurie Zuckerman, Sharon Wolford and Monie Markey; in honor of Linda Weiner's new home, Julia Steinberger's engagement, the B'not Mitzvah of Kia Combest and Rachel Silver, the special birthdays of Miriam Mermelstein and Stan Silverman, the special anniversaries of Susan & Steven Sigalow and Stan & Sybil Gertz and the birth of the Gertz's great grandchild, Rabbi David & Dora Lipper and family's safe journey to Israel and return to Akron, and in honor of Rabbi Lauren Werber's position as Associate Rabbi of Temple Israel.

The Caring Community continues to work with the Akron Public Schools on several projects. Donations are needed for the following:

›**Lincoln School:** School supplies and backpacks  
 ›**Robinson Academy and Portage Path School:** All sizes of dark colored shoes, navy pants, skirts, shorts and light blue shirts for girls and boys; gently used backpacks

›**Forest Hill School and Windemere School:** Financial donations for the 100-Book Challenge®, where children receive books and are encouraged to read at their grade level

›**Forest Hill School:** Volunteers are needed to tutor reading/fluency to 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders on Thursdays. This activity is directed and supervised by teachers. E-mail Forest Hill teacher Carol Friedman at [csandybeach1@neo.rr.com](mailto:csandybeach1@neo.rr.com) if you want to help.

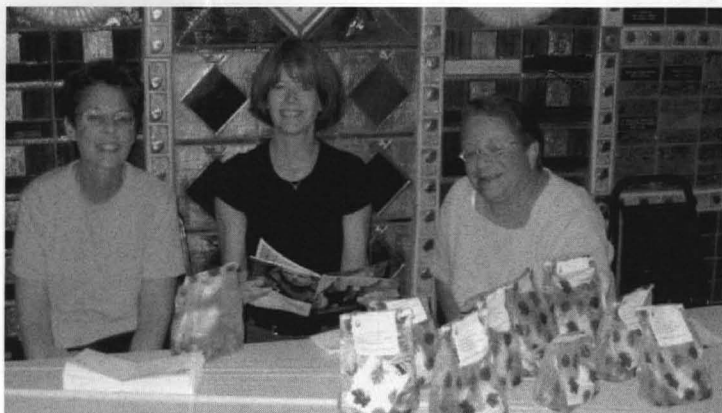
**Shiva Assistance:** You can make a difference in the lives of families in mourning by volunteering with shiva assistance. Please contact Carol Blum by e-mail at [cmblum225@aol.com](mailto:cmblum225@aol.com) or by phone at 330-668-2461 if you are able to donate kugels, hard boiled eggs or sweets for shiva meals.

**Bikkur Cholim:** E-mail Eileen Schonfeld at [moosefeld@aol.com](mailto:moosefeld@aol.com) to visit congregants and our neighbors in hospitals, hospice, nursing homes or assisted living facilities. Volunteers attend a training session, and supervision is provided.

**Shabbat Box:** To notify Caring Community about an individual or a family who may be experiencing a challenging time and would enjoy receiving a Shabbat dinner, please call or e-mail Carol Blum.

Please send donations to:  
 Anne Zoss Caring Community Fund  
 c/o Zippy Silverman  
 508 Haskell Drive, Akron OH 44333-2825

## Sisterhood



*Iris Caston, Caron Goldenberg and Phyllis Komerofsky greeted women and gave them a gift of bulbs for planting as they paid their Sisterhood dues.*

### Growing New Members

Temple Israel Sisterhood welcomed new members in the lobby on September 9, the first day of Sunday School. Twelve members who paid dues that day received a package of bulbs for planting. Dues statements were mailed in early September to all women of the congregation. Those who have already paid by mail will be entered into a raffle to win bulbs. Help our Sisterhood grow by remembering to send in your annual dues check for \$25 or \$36 to be a benefactor. If you have misplaced your statement or have questions, please call Audrey Baker at 330-644-4143.

Everyone is invited to get involved in Sisterhood in some way. Our next General Board Meeting is on Sunday, October 7 at 10:00 a.m. Please join us.

### Sisterhood College Box Project

Temple Israel Sisterhood sends out fall and Passover boxes to college students and high school students who are away at boarding schools within the United States. These boxes are sent only to members' children. Any member who would like to purchase a box for a grandchild or another friend or relative may do so at a cost of \$15 for the fall box and \$20 for the Passover box.

Please send Patti Margolis, project chair, your child's name, complete school address and winter and spring break schedules by October 15 for the fall mailing. Please send all information by US mail or e-mail instead of by phone. Patti's address is 651 Trecrest Drive, Akron OH 44333-2725. Her e-mail address is psm651@yahoo.com.

Don't let your student be left out. Get the information to Patti by October 15.

### Chanukah in November?



Plans are already underway for the Chanukah Dinner on Friday, December 7. Sponsored by Sisterhood, this year's dinner will be co-chaired by Beth Sugerman and Elyssa Hilton. Over 200 people attend this event each year to sample a variety of briskets and, of course, eat plenty of latkes! This year we will fry the latkes needed for the dinner with Brotherhood on Sunday, November 18. Electric skillets would be greatly appreciated. It takes a lot of volunteers to make this dinner the huge success that it is each year. Please contact either Beth or Elyssa by e-mail to let them know that you can lend a hand. You can reach Beth at bsug111@hotmail.com or Elyssa at ehilton1229@roadrunner.com.

### SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP

#### Many new items!!!

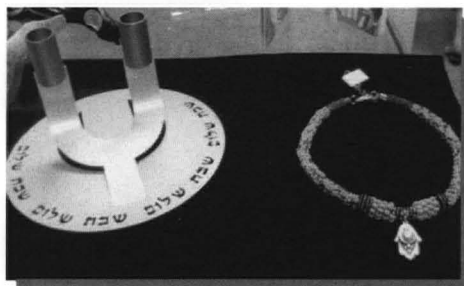
Great gifts! The Gift Shop is open after Shabbat services and at The Jewish Festival. If these times are not convenient, call one of these women to make an appointment:

Marsha Kreiger 330-666-5397

Renee Pinsky 330-836-4190

Ricki Schwartz 330-666-1512

If you want to help sell at the Jewish Festival on October 14th, please call Renee.



*Unusual Shabbat candlesticks and jewelry and an eye-catching bagel plate can be seen in the Gift Shop.*



### Calling All Bakers

The first baking day for stocking the freezer for Shabbat will be on Thursday, October 25, 2007 from 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in Temple's kitchen.



Call Judy Lasher at 330-836-3852 if you want to help.

## Gedaliah Gertz Education Center

### SHOFAR, SO GOOD

Young shofar blowers learned "Tekiah," "Shevarim," and "Teruah" blasts in preparation for the High Holidays from David Kalish. The Shofar Service contingent included: Caroline Kimberly, Matthew Kimberly, Jacob Connery, Claire Bober, Justin Bober, Adam Kalish, Dena Lipper, Nate Kalish, Sam Shkolnik, Robert Krueger, Abby Kushner Benson, Sophie Sacks, Jack Sacks, Seth Kalish and Jacob Kalish.



*The Shofar students learned a lot in one hour.*



*Teachers Marti Newman and Brian Feinsilber led the Hebrew Jeopardy activity at Betman Camp on September 9.*



*Twister is always a popular Betman Camp activity.*

### THANKS, SISTERHOOD

The school is grateful to Sisterhood for providing the decorations for both the Sukkah and the bima during the festival of Sukkot. They also provided snacks for Betman Camp and for the visits to the Sukkah. Money earned from the Sisterhood's Rosh Hashanah Honey Fundraiser made these gifts possible.

### OCTOBER 12 DINNER AND SHABBAT SERVICE

Oct 12— K, I, 2 Shabbat Service and Dinner. Reservations are required. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$7.50 for children. Side dishes and desserts would be appreciated. Call the school office if you can bring something. A reminder flyer was mailed.

### FOR ART'S SAKE

Julie Krueger is joining the Temple Israel faculty this year to offer Wednesday evening classes.

During the first semester, Ms. Krueger will continue the tradition of making silk tallitot with the seventh graders on October 10, 17, 24 and 31, and on November 7 and 14.

The eighth graders will work on stained glass art to complete the third section of the Meditation Garden's installation on Wednesday evenings during the second semester.

The tallit and stained glass projects were initiated by Sheryl Aronson.

### Fresh Air Off They Go!

The ninth graders will visit the Hebrew Union College campus on October 19 and 20. The Fresh Air program is designed to keep our 9th graders connected to Temple during the year they are attending Hebrew High School.

Events this year are coordinated by Sarah Yuronka and Brian Feinsilber, who believe in the students' participation and commitment to experiencing Jewish life outside of Akron and Temple Israel.

There's more!

- \* Snow Tubing—January 27
- \* Planning Meetings—March 2 and April 13
- \* Fresh Air Trip—June 6-8

### SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADERS HIT THE ROAD

Mrs. Marti Newman will be leading a trip to the Holocaust Museum in Dearborn, Michigan on Sunday, October 21 for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders from Temple Israel.

The curriculum includes an array of activities this year, including cooking and serving lunch at the Red Cross, attending a presentation by the Anti-Defamation League on confronting Anti-Semitism, and seeing *The Chosen* at the Cleveland Play House with Congregation Beth El's students.

### COMING IN NOVEMBER



Joanne Doades is a featured speaker at conferences, workshops, and training programs on issues of raising American Jewish teenagers today.

Ms. Doades will speak at Shabbat services on November 9. On Sunday, November 11 she will meet with our 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents.

Watch for further information.

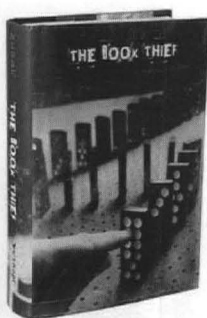


(Rabbi Lipper's column, continued from page 1)

So looking to the month ahead, where will you put your time and energy? Will it be in our renewal of worship and the hopeful inauguration of our new movement prayerbook, *Mishkan Tefilah*? Will it be in a new model for Torah study which will have congregants studying together for new insights into the text? Will it be in the Jewish Festival and hosting the thousands in search of food and knowledge? Will it be in our expanded music program and our guest musicians? Each of these opportunities opens a window to expanded Jewish life for our congregation and our members.

I hope to see you often in October as we open the book on the year 5768 for a blessing. God bless you and your families.

Shalom,  
Rabbi David A. Lipper



### BOOK GROUP

The Temple Israel Book Group will meet on Tuesday, October 30 at 1:00 p.m. in the Library to discuss *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusack. Copies of the book are on reserve at the Ayres Northwest Branch Library.

"The Book Thief was supposed to be a small book - only a hundred pages or so. When I was growing up, I heard stories at home about Munich and

Vienna in war-time, when my parents were children. Two stories my mother told me affected me a lot. The first was about Munich being bombed, and how the sky was on fire, how everything was red. The second was about something else she saw...

"One day, there was a terrible noise coming from the main street of town, and when she ran to see it, she saw that Jewish people were being marched to Dachau, the concentration camp. At the back of the line, there was an old man, totally emaciated, who couldn't keep up. When a teenage boy saw this, he ran inside and brought the man a piece of bread. The man fell to his knees and kissed the boy's ankles and thanked him. Soon, a soldier noticed and walked over. He tore the bread from the man's hands and whipped him for taking it. Then he chased the boy and whipped him for giving him the bread in the first place. In one moment, there was great kindness and great cruelty, and I saw it as the perfect story of how humans are.

"When I remembered those stories, I wanted to build them into a small book, like I said. The result was *The Book Thief*, and it came to mean much more to me than I could have imagined. No matter what anyone ever says about that book, whether good or bad, I know it was the best I could do, and I don't think a writer can ask for more of himself than that."

- Marcus Zusack

### Rabbi David Horowitz

#### LET'S TALK ABOUT IT: JEWISH LITERATURE

Northwest Ayres Branch Library on Shatto Avenue  
Wednesday, October 17, 2007 at 1:00 p.m.

Book to be discussed is *The Dybbuk* by S. Ansky

## Spiritual, Music Shabbat: Rabbi Moshe Cotel

Rabbi Moshe Cotel will perform at a Musical Shabbat following services on Friday, October 19 at Temple Israel. Rabbi Cotel took early retirement from the Peabody Conservatory of Music in May 2000 in order to undertake full-time



rabbinical studies. He was ordained at the Academy for Jewish Religion in New York and now serves as the Rabbi of Temple Beth El, Manhattan Beach, Brooklyn. Rabbi Cotel is a proficient pianist who will perform works by Bach, Mendelssohn and Gershwin, among others.

Rabbi Moshe Cotel's unique one-man show is a fascinating mix of classical piano and rabbinics.

In a series of highly personal monologues interspersed with keyboard music spanning the classical period, Cotel recounts his private journey from one world to another—from the life of a virtuoso musician to that of spiritual leader.

Along the way, we encounter not only great music which has withstood the test of time, but also great wisdom from the Jewish tradition which is fully alive today. This program has much to teach us about a life well-lived, about music and spirituality, about joy and love, about art and Torah.

### Thank You Notes

Thank you to all our friends who sent donations and Uniongrams for our 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

-Fondly,  
Elaine and Michael Neumann

Emma and I would like to thank everyone who supported us in making Emma's Magnificent Mitzvah Art Show an overwhelming success. Without the generous donation of artwork, supplies, money and time, we would not have been able to accomplish this truly amazing Tikkun Olam project. Thanks to some very dedicated shoppers, we were able to sell enough artwork in less than three hours to allow us to present a check for \$2,164 to Children's Hospital Medical Center of Akron's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. The money has been deposited in the Nicholas Calderone Fund to help the most critically ill babies and their parents.

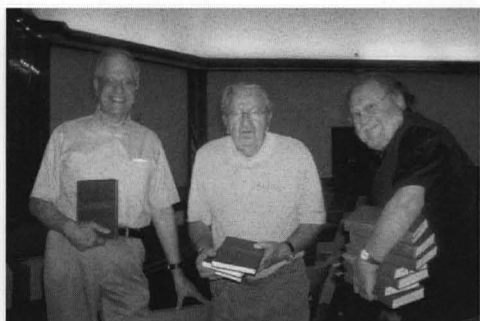
-Rita Weinberg and Emma Young

## Brotherhood

### Usher Appreciation Brunch

The Usher Appreciation Brunch will be held Sunday, October 7 at 11:00 a.m. at Rosemont Country Club, followed by a brief board meeting. All ushers and board members are invited to attend. There will be door prizes at the event.

If you would like to become an usher, please contact Bob Lazarow, chairman, at robertlazarow@neo.rr.com, or by phone at 330-734-0260.



*After brunch on September 9, Brotherhood handled the task of switching out the blue Gates of Prayer siddurim for the red Gates of Repentance siddurim at all the seats in the sanctuary to be ready for the upcoming High Holidays. David Adler, Dave Shapiro and Ian Rosenthal had their work cut out for them.*



### Acme's Community Cash Back Program

This popular fundraising project is now in full swing. Be sure to look at the bottom of your Acme receipts to see if your purchases qualified for the program. Bring the receipts either to the boxes in the Temple office or coat room or leave them in the box at Lud Stern's front door at 546 Winslow (5 houses off Thurmont and 2 blocks from Sand Run Road). These receipts mean cash for Brotherhood's projects. Thanks for your support.

### Save these Dates

- \* Sunday, November 11—9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.—Brunch featuring John Gold from LifeBanc, speaking about organ donation
- \* Sunday, November 18—Make latkes with Sisterhood for the Chanukah Dinner in December
- \* Annual Blood Drive—Sunday, December 16 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Food will be provided for all donors.

**Interfaith Dinner**  
**Wednesday, October 24, 2007**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**St. Paul's Episcopal Church**  
**1361 West Market Street**

Every fall, the Brotherhoods of Temple Israel and St. Paul's Episcopal Church get together. This year it is St. Paul's turn to host the event and Temple Israel's turn to provide the speaker.

Jim Levin is in his 25<sup>th</sup> year chairing the event. Cost for the dinner is \$25. Please make reservations by October 17 by calling Temple Israel at 330-762-8617.



Temple Israel member Dr. Richard Hirsh will speak on "Medical Humanitarianism—Targeting Breast Cancer in Developing Regions."

Dr. Hirsh, a diagnostic radiologist at Summa Health System and an assistant professor of radiology at NEOUCOM, recently was honored by the Akron Peace Council for his continued work in setting up mammography machines in ten countries and teaching the people how to use them.

For more information, call Temple Israel.

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# YAHREZEITS October 2007

## October 5

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 Pauline Dars  
 Martin M. Feerer\*  
 Albert B. Grossman\*  
 Esther Grunwald\*\*  
 Sidney Helper  
 Harry H. Katz  
 James Kline\*  
 Betty Koock  
 Nina Nan Kushner  
 Lester Lebovidge  
 Elinor Newman\*  
 Jacob Rehavia  
 Penina Rehavia  
 Harold Reuben  
 Sophie Rosenthal  
 William Rubenstein\*  
 Lottie E. Samuel\*  
 Herman Schreiber\*  
 Sara Subrin Sheftel  
 Julius A. Steiner  
 Henry Weissfeld  
 Laura P. Wolf\*

## October 12

George Aber  
 Sam Barnett\*  
 Robin Dru Bendremer\*  
 Walter Bendremer\*  
 Gertrude Berman  
 Samuel Braunstein\*  
 Bartie Citrone  
 Fannie Heller\*  
 Lottie Fuerst Herman\*\*  
 Etta Jacobs  
 Phyllis Koock  
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 Alice M. Loeb\*\*  
 Dorothea J. Margolis  
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 Abraham Moorstein  
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 Lena Reaven  
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 Rose Shapiro  
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## October 19

Esca Adair  
 Milton Applebaum  
 Lillian Baden  
 Dr. Lawrence G. Bateman  
 Max Berman  
 Floris Chuven  
 William Ennis  
 Frances Pala George  
 Reba Gottcher  
 Martin Greenblatt  
 Dr. Matthew Gruber  
 Sylvia Hirsh  
 Dena Katzenberg\*  
 Meyer Kodish  
 Edith Komerofsky  
 Alice Laden  
 Louis Lefkowitz  
 Maurice Levin\*  
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 Louis S. Myers\*  
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 Joan Pollak  
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 Cecelia Shapiro  
 Louis K. Shapiro\*  
 Robert Siris  
 Joseph Solomon\*  
 Louis Stein  
 Minnie Tass  
 Milton R. Weiner\*  
 Roslyn Evans Weisberger\*  
 Myrtle Williger

## October 26

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 Louis H. Arenson\*  
 Marian H. Brown  
 David Burg\*  
 Sheldon Butlien  
 George Cohen\*  
 Sylva Hirsch Gibans\*  
 Shirlee F. Gilbert\*  
 Maurice Giller  
 Lilly R. Goldberg\*  
 Charles Goldman  
 Jim Johnson  
 Lester Kodish  
 Samuel Lasher  
 Sheldon Lasher  
 Harry Liberman  
 Milton Lichterman  
 Dorothy Lipkin  
 Sylvia Liverant  
 Jack Magilavy\*  
 Herman W. Moss\*\*  
 Doris Quade  
 Seth William Reich\*  
 Harry Roth  
 Sol Sesnowitz\*  
 Miriam Stein\*\*  
 Aghajan Yedidsion  
 Anne Lois Zoss

## We Remember

\* *Stuart Willen*, husband of Sybil, father of Brad (Magita) and Todd (Michelle), grandfather of Emily, Jake, Tommy, Allison, and Claudia Willen.

\* *Sylvia Federman*, mother of Esther (Murray) Rosenthal, sister of Morry (Esther) Tass.

\* *Nina Pules*, sister-in-law of Frances Pules, aunt of Penny Pules, Merle (Bryan) Adelman, Richard (Jen) Tuchow, Robert Tuchow, Steven (Barb) Pace and Jonathan (Kathy) Pace.

\* *Mollie Riseberg*, mother of Anita Krivis.

\* *Lois Salpeter*, sister of Maxine (Sam) Levey and Robert (Francine) Salpeter, aunt of Larry (Chris) Levey, David (Shirley) Levey, Hermine Weston, Sally Smith, Terry Salpeter and Susan Salpeter.

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(President's column, continued from page 2)

In spite of all of the successes at Temple, we continue to face challenges which seem to intensify, due mainly to shrinking demographics. It has been Temple Israel's history over 140 years to make sacrifices when needed and changes when required, to secure our long-term success. Here are the cold facts:

In the last fifteen years our Jewish population in the Akron area has declined almost in half. Our Temple membership has decreased during that same time from over 700 family units to fewer than 500.

In addition, 40% of our congregation is 66 years or older. Another 48% is between the ages of 45 and 65. This leaves only 12% of our congregation under 45 years old. We continue to fight this downward trend.

Please understand we are not alone. The Northeast and Midwest states with once-thriving Jewish communities have seen thousands of members head south and west. In 1960, 80% of American Jewry lived in the Northeast and Midwest; today barely half live here according to the latest National Jewish Publication. From 1980 until now, Toledo's Jewish community has gone from 7,500 to 3,900, Albany from 13,500 to 3,500, Providence from 22,000 to 7,500, and Syracuse from 11,000 to 5,000, to name just a few.

So what have we been doing to secure Reform Judaism in Akron, Ohio? I would like to repeat a quote I used last Yom Kippur. It was President John F. Kennedy who stated, "There are risks and costs to action. But they are far less than the long range risks and costs of comfortable inaction." Our Long Range Plan was the insight and vision of the late Ken Weinberger. This plan helped us recognize that our community will continue to change. Thus, we must take the initiative in order to provide for our future. We must evaluate our options while we are still strong enough to have choices to consider.

As most of you are aware, we have had meetings upon meetings with Beth El which is obviously sharing the same concerns that we are. The meetings involved Ritual and Educational chairs, clergy, Temple presidents, vice presidents, and individuals involved in the

Long Range Plan. The major discussions have involved Art Krakauer and Larry Kaye representing Temple Israel, and myself; Alice Schneider, Steve Newman, and Rochelle Stone representing Beth El, as well as some meetings with the JCBA. The overall cohesiveness between the two synagogues was beyond all expectations. I am pleased to announce our first significant recommendation for consideration. At the October Board meeting at both Temple and Beth El, we will be reviewing and then voting on the approval of a blueprint for a joint congregational school to commence in September 2008. Again, demographics have played a major role in this decision. It seems like just yesterday that we had hundreds of children in our religious school. Today we have a grand total of 76 children in our school while Beth El has 57. We only have three children in second grade and four in the fifth grade. Beth El has two children in the first and third grades and only three in the fifth grade. We believe our children will benefit by being with other Jewish children in the community and building numbers in the classroom.

Another area of concentration as called for by our Long Range Plan was the evaluation of our building in light of our demographics. The love for this building and the history associated with it is incredibly strong. I, as well as many of our congregants, associate this glorious building as our sacred home. We, however, must recognize this facility is over 95 years old, and it has been 20 years since our last renovation. Roof repairs, some of them major in the years ahead, HVAC configurations, carpeting, sanctuary improvements and so on, plague us. Our building is also extremely energy inefficient and may not be able to be retrofitted to meet our long-term needs. With the points just mentioned of serious concern, we have engaged an architectural firm to produce multiple renovation drawings at a common site. We must review all of our options and be flexible and open whether we elect to stay or eventually move. What I can promise without any negotiation is that, at all costs, we will maintain a home for Reform Judaism in Akron, Ohio. We will never sacrifice anything that will ever lessen our identity, customs, or practices. I repeat: this cannot and will not be negotiable.

There is much work ahead of us, but again, we must make choices while we are strong enough to have choices to make. We will not make any decisions without the complete communication and understanding of our congregants. On the other hand, these decisions affect all of us, not just a few, and we need to work together and communicate together. We, as guardians of Temple Israel, must continue to recognize and react to our changing community. Our obligation is to provide for the future of Reform Judaism in Akron, Ohio. The initiative and action required would ensure Temple Israel's survival leading to a proud legacy that we all can carry forward.

I would like to thank our officers, Art Krakauer, Ron Winer, Joyce Butlien, Bob Godshall, and Elaine Jaffe, as well as the entire Board of Trustees for their support. I would also like to thank Rabbi David Lipper, Cantorial Soloist Rory Sanders and the entire Temple staff for their commitment.

May you be blessed with a Happy and Healthy New Year. May you be blessed with a year of peace.

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During October congregants are invited to join our congregational community and the greater Akron community for a wide range of programs and events.

October 7—Brotherhood Usher Brunch

October 14— Temple Israel's Second Annual Jewish Festival

October 24—Brotherhood's Annual Interfaith Dinner at St Paul's Episcopal Church



October 8, 15, 22 and 29—Mark your calendars for our popular autumn Adult Education series the last four Mondays in October from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

The topics are listed on page 2 of this publication. Look for more information in your mail. Plan on spending these four Monday evenings at Temple Israel expanding your knowledge with our congregants and community.



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## OCTOBER 2007 CALENDAR

### SERVICES

October 2 at 7:00 p.m.—Simchat Torah/Consecration  
October 3 at 10:30 a.m.—Shemini Atzeret Yizkor  
October 5 at 6:00 p.m.—Shabbat Service  
October 12 at 7:30 p.m.—Family Service  
October 19 at 6:00 p.m.—Musical Shabbat/Shabbat Shelly dinner  
October 26 at 7:30 p.m.—Shabbat Service

### TORAH STUDY

October 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 9:00 a.m. in the Library, led by  
Rabbi Lipper and congregants

### BAR MITZVAH

October 6 at 10:30 a.m.—Justin Bober

### FAMILY

October 2 at 7:00 p.m.—Simchat Torah/Consecration  
October 12 at 6:00 p.m.—K, I, 2 Dinner; Family Service  
at 7:30 p.m.

### EVENTS

October 7 at 11:00 a.m.—Brotherhood Usher Brunch  
at Rosemont  
October 14 from 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—Jewish Festival  
October 24 at 6:00 p.m.—Brotherhood Interfaith Dinner at  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
October 31 at 6:00 p.m.—MRDD Party, sponsored by  
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### ADULT EDUCATION

October 8, 15, 22 and 29 at 7:00 p.m.

### MEETINGS

October 2 AAIC—10:30 a.m.  
October 4 Ritual Committee—7:00 p.m.  
October 7 Sisterhood Board—10:00 a.m.  
October 9 Temple Board—7:00 p.m.  
October 30 Book Group—1:00 p.m.

### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

October 2—Consecration at 7:00 p.m.  
October 7, 21 and 28—Sunday School from 9:30 a.m.-noon  
October 10, 17, 24 and 31—Mid-Week Hebrew from  
4:30-6:00 p.m.  
October 21—All-day trip to Holocaust Museum, Dearborn MI—  
for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders

### CONFIRMATION CLASS

October 10, 17, 24 and 31 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

### FRESH AIR (9<sup>th</sup> grade program)

October 19 and 20—Shabbat observed at Hebrew Union College,  
Cincinnati

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