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A RABBINATE OF PRESENCE

RABBI ROBERT FEINBERG

In upcoming editions of the Window, I will share my vision of the future of our temple and my role in it. But for my first article, I want to tell you what has been for me one of the most essential aspects of being a rabbi. It is to be present. It is to serve as a pastor.

When people hear this word, they often associate it with Christian ministers, many of whom publicly use the professional title of pastor. However, the concept of the rabbi as a pastor has deep roots in our heritage. Visiting the sick and comforting the bereaved are responsibilities that rabbis have fulfilled for 2000 years, but the concept of the rabbi as a pastor, as one who is "present" for members of the congregation extends beyond supporting people in times of distress and sorrow.

Each of our lives tells a story. The need to tell our story may be especially compelling during pivotal moments of our journey--we become ill, a loved one dies, or a child makes plans to marry and move away--but sometimes the need to tell our story arises for no apparent reason. In all of these instances, there should be someone we can turn to, in trust and confidence, someone who will hear us.

My experience has taught me to treat the story of a person's life as I would a Torah. It is a sacred testimony which must be treated with the utmost reverence and respect. While I look forward to the many times I will teach Torah and preach about Torah in our temple, an even more daunting responsibility is to be present for you, to listen to the unique, individual stories that make you who you are.

This is my commitment to you: I will make myself totally available to you in good times and bad. When the need arises, I will visit you and your family members on a regular basis in hospitals and other healthcare facilities. My cell phone number will be provided to temple members. Please do not hesitate to call, even if you simply need a listening ear.

I know that Temple Israel has been served by much-beloved rabbipastors in its distinguished history, and I intend to further that heritage. My most important goal is to provide you what you richly deserve: a rabbinate of presence.

L'Shalom, Rabbi Bob

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All Temple members are invited to make a reservation to attend one of these receptions	Challah	7
to welcome Rabbi Feinberg and his wife Myra to Akron and to the Temple Israel family.	Yahrzeits/Deaths	7
Reservations are necessary. Please contact D.J. Mims at Temple — call 330-763-8617	Calendar Back	Cover

or email tisrael@neo.rr.com or Edith Wiskind at 330-867-6700 or email ewiskind@gmail.com.



From the president

ART KRAKAUER

Dear Friends,

A year ago I stood here and stated that I had no agenda other than to maintain a reform Jewish presence in Akron for as long as possible. The actions of our Board over the past year have supported that simple goal. I believe, we are in a stronger position now than we were a year ago.

Over the past year Cantor Rosenman has blended in to our Temple family. He arrived here at a complicated time. He was able to effectively work with our Temple staff, our members, and our board. That in itself is not an easy task. He has learned a lot about our congregation, and as time goes on, I know that he and we will continue to bond and build on our strengths.

We have found a new Rabbi. I would like to thank Elaine Jaffe, Michael Neumann, and the search committee for their efforts which ultimately resulted in the best possible outcome. Early in the search process, the committee stated that if we did not find a Rabbi that was outstanding, we would not hire anyone. We would just wait for a year and try again. At one point in time, it seemed that we would not hire a Rabbi this year. Then, the stars must have been aligned in the right order because we found him. Rabbi Feinberg will officially begin July 1st. He and Myra are here tonight. Please help me welcome them to our congregation.

During the past year we have restructured our board. We reduced the size of the board from 32 members to 23 members. Each elected board member will chair a committee. We have made changes to our by-laws to accommodate the change in the number of board members. We have also documented term limits for our officers and board members. Just as we have restructured our board, so the Union for Reform Judaism is in the process of restructuring the Union. The regional offices are now gone. The budget and overhead for the Union is greatly reduced. The support that we receive from our national organization will be based more on technology and less on face to face visits. The one area that is not affected by the Union for Reform Judaism reorganization is our youth. The budget for the Union for Reform Judaism camps was not reduced. Our youth are our future leaders, and they deserve our full support.

We have survived a tough year from a financial perspective. During the past year, we spent more money than we took in. We are still here, and we still have most of our assets intact. Our endowment money and our tribute funds are invested conservatively. In the coming year, we plan to build our endowment significantly. We intend to focus on our finances and strengthen our financial resolve. Just last week a group of people met to discuss an acquisition which is in process. A building on Springside Drive is being purchased by a small group of private investors. It could be donated to the Akron Jewish community primarily for synagogue use. Discussions will begin soon within our board and with Beth El. Other Jewish organizations in town could also be involved. This is an exciting time for our community. We need to insure that this process is handled appropriately for all involved.

There have been many wonderful highlights over the past year. To single out a few is difficult, but please allow me. Our Social Action Committee has maintained and enhanced its activities. As you know, Mitzvah Day is planned for June 28th. Howard Friedman, chair of our Social Action Committee, is working with St Paul's, the Unitarian Universalist Church, and Bath Church to continue our

FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE & PICNIC

Please join us...

Join the Butlien and Horowitz Families for a Family Shabbat Service and Shabbat Shelly dinner in their backyards:

Friday, July 17 at 6:00 p.m.

Vikki, Dan, Alex, Talia, and Rylee Horowitz at 528 Sun Valley Joyce, Mike, Matt and Robert Butlien at 2696 Olentangy Drive

Neighborhood hosts include Bruce, Susan, Bryan and Aaron Zake. Bring drums, tambourines and guitars to play along with the Shabbat music, joining Steve Howell and Robert Butlien on guitar. Let's jam – adults and kids alike — letting the music bring us together. In case of rain, services will be held at Temple Israel.

Please RSVP to the Temple Office at 762-8617 by July 10.



FROM THE PRESIDENT, CONT.

tradition. Bruce and Susan Zake have coordinated our efforts with Interfaith Hospitality Network. Social Action has continued to help MRDD, and our food drives continue to be effective.

Brotherhood, under the leadership of Larry Roth, has continued its traditions of blood drives and the interfaith dinner. Bob Lazarow continues to manage our ushers. The Sunday speakers events are interesting and informative.

Carol Friedman, our Sisterhood President, has done a great job this year. Ladies night out, Chanukah Dinners, and Shiva assistance all benefit our congregation.

Our Sunday School is still the finest in the area. Recently, changes in fees have been implemented which should help to balance the budget.

The core of our congregation is our membership. Over the past year we lost a net of 15 units of membership. Frankly, that is not bad, considering what is happening all around us. Hopefully, in the coming year we will expand our Temple family. We will reach out to the unaffiliated. We will reach out to those who deliberately departed from our congregation. We will work to make inactive members active members. We will reach out to the old as well as the young. A recent demographic survey of our members shows that 85% of our members are 50 years old or older. 16% are 80 or older. Understanding that change has been stressful for many of our members, we will concentrate on healing our Temple Israel family. Numerous social gatherings are being planned for the summer. This is one way of introducing Rabbi Feinberg to our congregation and, at the same time, strengthening the bond among our members.

I would like to thank our Retiring board members for their efforts to make our congregation great. Marty Adams has done a terrific job creating our marketing committee. Cathy Baer helped us with outreach and fundraising. Paul Baker has been a stabilizing influence on our Board. Carol Friedman has done a great job with Sisterhood. Howard Friedman grabbed the reigns of the Social Action committee. His enthusiasm is contagious, and we probably have more members of the committee now than we ever had. Mark Gersman has worked on our Long Range plan. Larry Kaye created our Long Range Plan and worked on negotiations with Beth El. Thom Mandel emceed the farewell event for Rabbi Lipper. Leslie Ungar worked hard on our search committee. Milt Wiskind gave us the benefit of his wisdom and experience as a past President of our congregation, and Sarah Yuronka was active with our Sunday School.

I would like to thank our clergy, and our staff, for their contributions during the past year. The quality and dedication of our staff and clergy is the life of our congregation. Our exec board has functioned extremely well over the last year. The energy and spirit of our exec board enables us to thrive. I would like to thank my wife, Shelley, and my children, Margie, Lesley, and Daniel for allowing me the time to devote to Temple.

As a congregation we have come a long way in 145 years. May we in the year to come continue to work for the continuity of Reform Judaism in Akron. May we strive to fulfill the needs of our members, our movement, and our community.

L' Shalom

BLOSSOM BASH

oy a summ	er evening with
Th	e Cleveland Orchestra at Blossom Music Center
Saturday,	July 25 at 8:00 p.m.
Ticket cost	is \$15 each — Box dinner \$12 each
	near the picnic pavilion at 6:30 p.m. , before the concert. Bring your own supper ed supper from Laura Lee at \$12 each. Contact Laura Lee Garfinkel at 330-836-2614
The program :	Loras John Schissel, conductor; Inon Barnatan, piano; Franklin Cohen, clarinet
The program .	
The program .	Newman — Street Scene
The program .	Newman — Street Scene Bernstein — Prelude, Fugue and Riffs
The program .	Bernstein — Prelude, Fugue and Riffs Rodgers— "Slaughter on Tenth Avenue" From On Your Toes
The program .	Bernstein — Prelude, Fugue and Riffs

FROM THE LIPPERS

BROTHERHOOD ACTIVITIES

Dear Friends.

Our hearts were truly warmed by the lovely event on May 27th at Temple honoring our family as we prepare to leave the community. The tributes offered were very touching and we were overwhelmed by the outpouring of well wishes from the over 250 people who attended that evening.

A special thank you to Thom Mandel and Jeannine Marks who orchestrated this fabulous event. Their hard work was truly appreciated by us and noted by many.

Temple Israel will always hold a place in our hearts.

HONORING OUR 50-YEAR PLUS MEMBERS

Fondly. The Lippers

Dear Fifty Year (and more) members,



Thank you for making your May 15 recognition and Shabbat Shelly dinner such a special evening. I really enjoyed seeing the pictures you brought in and hearing your memorable, and often humorous, stories of your involvement in Temple Israel over the years. I'm sure others would enjoy hearing them as well. If you could send your stores, handwritten or typed, to the Temple office or e-mail them to me at Butlien@roadrunner.com, I will compile them so that we can make them available for anyone who is interested.

Joyce Butlien

Here are some photos from the event



Gloria Katz



Ed & Faye Regal



Stan & Marilyn Regal





Laura Lee Garfinkel and Manuel & Karen Nackes



Brotherhood Picnic at the Pollock's

Sunday, August 9 at 5:00 p.m.

SUMMER CHALLAH BAKERS NEEDED FOR SALE OF CHALLAH AFTER SHABBAT SERVICES.

CONTACT ART KRAKAUER IF INTERESTED

LADIES' NIGHT OUT

Annie Get Your Gun!

Cost is \$20 per person. Bring an appetizer to share.

and send payment to:

Please RSVP by July 17th

Audrey Baker

617 Surfside Dr. Akron, OH 44319

Picnic at the Porthouse Theatre

Thursday, July 23rd at 6:30 p.m. Porthouse Theatre at Blossom

SAVE THE DATE

A Pasta Dinner & Jewish Genealogy Program

Sunday, August 23 at 6:00 p.m.

The Congregation is invited to kibbitz, nosh and build kehillah as we schmooze with Rabbi and Myra Feinberg and learn about our mishpocha. Please join us at Temple for the program "From Kovno to Kishinev: Finding your Roots in Eastern Europe."

Amy Fellner, Professor at Arizona State University, will bring her Jewish genealogy expertise to us as she shares insights about Jewish life in the Eastern European countries and provides guidance for tracing our roots in the "Old Country."

A pasta dinner will be served; the cost is \$5.00 per person. A reminder flier will be mailed to your home address.





Sisterhood welcomed Audrey Baker as president, May 17 at the China Gourmet.



Audrey Baker, new Sisterhood president & Carol Friedman, past Sisterhood president



Iris Caston, Audrey Baker, Carol Friedman & Elyssa Hilton

Sisterhood needs a corresponding/recording secretary:

This position would be good for someone who is interested in getting more involved in Sisterhood and would like to learn about the Board and meet new people. Please call Audrey Baker at 330-644-4143 or send an e-mail to avbaker@neo.rr.com.

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HONORABLE MENTSCHEN

GIANT EAGLE FUNDRAISER

Keith and Candy Mirman are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Stacy to Daniel Cohen, son of Idalee and Alan Cohen of Highland Park, Illinois. Stacy is the granddaughter of Ann and Irving Kauvar, Donald Mirman and the late Jeanette Mirman. Stacy earned a bachelor's degree in marketing and international



studies from Indiana University, and currently works as an account supervisor for Trisect Advertising in Chicago. Daniel earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from Indiana University and works as an operations manager at Accurate Perforating in Chicago. A November wedding is planned.

Steven Roth, a Tallmadge High School graduate, was honored as an Akron Beacon Journal "Starr Student". The son of **Lawrence & Mary Ellen Roth**, Steven is headed for Ohio State. Congratulations Steven!

RABBI'S CIRCLE

Give as God Has Blessed You

As a member of Temple Israel you have chosen to be part of a vital Jewish community. The Talmud suggests that it is up to each of us to ensure that Torah and Judaism continue from one generation to the next.

If you are able, we ask that you support our Temple family with a commitment to the Rabbi's Circle at a dues level of \$3,000 to \$3,999, to the Builder's Circle with dues of \$4,000 to \$4,999 or as a Benefactor with dues of \$5,000 and above. We thank all who have made this commitment in the past.

Your commitment to the continued vitality and strength of Temple Israel is appreciated. For further information, please contact Edith Wiskind, Dues Chairman at 330-867-6700.







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Temple Israel Sisterhood Challah for the Holy Days

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PHONE _____ ORDER #1 Rosh Hashanah

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1 1b. raisin@4.00		
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Total		Service and the

Enjoy a fresh <u>round</u> challah with your holiday meal from Cleveland's Davis Bakery for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

One pound and 2 pound raisin or plain challahs are available. The cost is \$4.00 for a one pound and \$6.00 for a 2 pound. ALL proceeds will benefit Sisterhood projects for Temple. *Information to follow regarding Holiday pick-up dates & times.

Payment MUST accompany order.

Make checks payable to: Temple Israel Sisterhood Drop off order at Temple or mail to: Shelley Krakauer 1031 Arborway Drive Akron, Ohio 44333 Questions?? Please contact Shelley Krakauer (330) 867-3090

DEADLINE – September 11, 2009

Total

YAHRZEIT OBSERVANCES FOR JULY 2009

July 3

July 10

Elaine Berkman

Burney Bobkoff

Megan Barrett Della Block* Harold Brieger* Bernice Burman* Miriam L. Davis Nancy Davis Robert Droz Gendzel Evdelman Lena Fisher Leonard Friedman Harry W. Greenberg* Lena Hirsh** Lawrence Josephson Anna Kalish Nathan Katz Abraham Krakover* Ann Krieger Florence Lessingay Hilton Levy Frank Moldavsky* Phyllis Pinsky* Maurice L. Pules* Dr. Robert R. Rosen* Hanna Rosenfeld** Libby Schneir Edna Schwartz Norman Siegel Evie Weinberger Nathan N. Wollins*

Nathaniel J. Brisker* Norwin Brovitz E. Morris Budoff Florence B. Dobrow* Leo Finegold Shirley Glick Ann Goodweather Samuel Goodweather Anna Greenberg* Pearl Korman Joseph Krakover* Joyce LaJeunesse Marvin H. Levine Louis Medvin* Louis Meyer* Miriam J. Neuman* Morris Sacks* Ida Shapiro Lillien Shwartz Patricia Smalheiser Mildred Sperber John Waits

Dante Walker

July 17

Shari Ann Appel Sarah Applebaum* Sylvia S. Burg* Max Essner **Tillie Essner** Marilyn Esterle Clarence Gerin Harry Gutman Herbert W. Herz* Bessie Isroff Saul Isroff* Adeline Jacobs** Sol Kellerman Benjamin Krieger Morton Leeper* Melvin I. Lichtman Sylvia Minsky Elinor Mirman Nadel* Blanche Nusbaum Ruth (Brandt) Panitch* Irene Perelman* Sara Rosenblum* Abdou Sabet Leo Seenberg Henry Shaw Robert K. Shine* Hulda Tuholske** Leon Tuholske* Rae Union* Frank Wilson

YAHRZEIT OBSERVANCES FOR AUGUST 2009 WILL BE MAILED

July 24

July 31

Samuel Arenson*

Lucy Axner Simon Bear** Frank Gleichman** Esther Jo Greenberg Fannie B. Holub* Pauline Klein Phyllis Klein Blanche Levine* Milton E. Litt Joseph Love Sadie Miller* David Nelson Ike Reder** Matthew Rivitz Max Rogovy* Esther Schifman Beatrice Schwartz* Benjamin Segel** Bessie Senser Harry Shapiro Rachel H. Smith* Joan Maxine Solomon* Judith Ann Sweet* Anna Weisman Harry M. Zabell*

Albert Beyer Minnie Brotsky Chaim Calderon Charlotte Cohn** Bernice Eisenberg Herman Ferbstein** Rose Finkelstein Isadore Gergel Bea Goodman Rosa Hollander** Emil Korach** Philip Lapides* Frances Lebovidge Marie Frost Levin* Blanche Lieberman Kornel Markis Nathan Morris Alvin Neisser Miriam K. Olson* Pearl P. Ostroff Meir Rapoport Edward John Ruff Irving L. Schwartz* Jennie Schwartz* Carl Shapiro Samuel Paul Sobel Elaine Volk Jack L. Waldman Shirley Surloff Weinstein Bertha Weissfeld Rose Wise

WE REMEMBER

*Helene Feinsilber,

mother of Brian (Sarah Yuronka) Feinsilber; Grandmother of Hannah and Andrew Walsh. ** Marble plaque * Brass plaque

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JULY& AUGUST 2009 CALENDAR

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JULY SHABBAT SERVICES at 6:00 p.m. *All summer services will begin at 6:00 p.m. Starting in September, Friday services will begin at 7:30 p.m. unless a dinner is being held.

July 3	6:00 p.m.	bbi Bob Feinberg, to Temple Israel! Rabbi Bob Feinberg: First Service
July 10	6:00 p.m.	Shabbat Services
July 17	6:00 p.m.	Backyard Services & Picnic At the homes of Michael & Joyce
July 24	6:00 p.m.	Butlien and Daniel & Vicki Horowitz Shabbat Services
July 31	6:00 p.m.	Shabbat Services

TORAH STUDY at 9:00 a.m.

uly 4	9:00 a.m.	Hukkath Balak	(Independence Day)
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uly 25	9:00 a.m.	D'varim Hazon	

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MEETINGS & EVENTS

July 2	7:00 p.m.	Ritual Committee Meeting
July 7	7:15 p.m.	Brotherhood Board Meeting
July 12	10:00 a.m.	Board Retreat to KSU Hillel
July 15	3:00 p.m.	Sabet BD Celebration
July 19	1:00 p.m.	MRDD Picnic at Temple
July 22	7:30 p.m.	Meet & Greet at the Gersmans'
July 23	6:30 p.m.	Ladies Night Out at Porthouse Theatre
July 25	6:00 p.m.	Blossom Bash at Blossom Music Center
July 27	7:30 p.m.	Meet & Greet at the Rosenmans'
July 30	11:00 a.m.	Wollins Unveiling

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AUGUST SHABBAT SERVICES at 6:00 p.m.

August 7	6:00 p.m.	Shabbat Services	
August 14	6:00 p.m.	Shabbat Services	
August 21	6:00 p.m.	Shabbat Services	
August 28	6:00 p.m.	Shabbat Services	

TORAH STUDY at 9:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.	Shabbat Nachmu Vaethanan
9:00 a.m.	Ekev
9:00 a.m.	Reeh
9:00 a.m.	Shoftim
9:00 a.m.	Ki Tetze
	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

ugust 19	5:30 p.m.	Cantor Gedaliah Gertz Education
ugust 26	7:00 p.m.	Center Faculty Meeting Religious Education Meeting
ugust 28	5:00 p.m.	Club 78

MEETINGS & EVENTS

just 2	7:30 p.m.	Meet & Greet at Patti Margolis' home
ust 13	7:30 p.m.	Meet & Greet at Greenblatts'
ust 23	6:00 p.m.	Meet the Past & Future: Enjoy a Pasta Dinner with a program on Jewish Genealogy with Rabbi Feinberg & Amy Fellner.

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