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New York Times columnist to speak at Temple Israel

Milton Viorst, national and international columnist, author, reporter, and correspondent, will share his thoughts and insights about Israel and the current Middle East situation on Friday, November 15th, as part of our Friday evening service. Viorst has authored 10 books on a variety of subjects, including: "Liberalism," "The Republican Party," "The 1960's," and "Israel and the Palestinians." As a journalist, his experience is no less impressive, having been a reporter for the *Washington Post*, a correspondent for the *New York Post*, a syndicated political columnist for the *Washington Star*, and a staff writer for *The New Yorker*. His articles have appeared in *Newsweek*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *Christian Science Monitor*, as well as many major newspapers around the country. In academia, he has made his mark as a visiting fellow and faculty member in several prestigious programs. Please join us at 8:00 p.m. for services and Mr. Viorst's presentation.

from the Rabbi

Re: November—a month to repair and rejoice

November arrives with excitement in the air at Temple Israel. Each week brings with it a unique and delightful event to renew, refresh, rejoice and repair. Repair? Read on!

Repairing a Torah is a sacred task and we have five scrolls in need of work. Script requires rewriting and revival. Parchment must be reglued and retied. The sacred work of a professional must be performed. We are fortunate to welcome Rabbi Yehoshua Teitelbaum, the noted scholar and Torah scribe, who will do the necessary repairs. He will be in residence from November 6 to 14 and we encourage all of our members to visit him during these days or evenings to observe his tasks. He will gladly answer any questions and describe his work. On Sunday, November 10th, a family luncheon is planned (see insert for details) to add joy to our Torah repair project.

But read on for what the rest of November has in store. The month begins in Baltimore at the Union of American Hebrew Congregations Biennial, with 16 adult and youth delegates from Temple in attendance, joining 4,000 others from across North America. We will be invigorated with workshops, wor-

ship and wonder for four days of intense activity. I will report to you from the pulpit on Friday night, November 8th.

Also on November 8th, at lunchtime, we will be welcoming Benji Munitz from our reform kibbutz Yahel and Lotan for an update briefing and fundraiser. (Call Debbie at the Temple office for a reservation as my guest.)

Sunday, November 10th finds our religious school blossoming with enthusiasm and study as parents join their 5th and 6th graders for one of Rabbi Engel's lively and well-loved parent participation mornings.

Friday evening, November 15th, finds our pulpit welcoming the noted journalist and New York Times columnist, Milton Viorst, who will reevaluate the prospects for peace in the middle east from a Liberal Zionist perspective. Fourth, fifth and sixth grade shabbat dinner and worship continues the joy of sabbath celebration on Friday evening, November 22nd..

Then, just on the cusp of November (actually December 1) we will be rekindling our spirits with menorahs, dreidels and latkes as we usher in our festival of rededication, Hanukah. What a way to end Thanksgiving weekend.

But tucked within the enfolding days of November on



a date as yet unknown, new life will be ours to behold. Rabbi Steven and Beverly Engel are expecting their third child this month and with God's blessing, he or she (not a "they" this time) will arrive in joy and health. We rejoice with their family and wish them all an easy birth and much pleasure.

So throughout the month, come and repair a Torah and rejoice in joy, then go out and repair the world. For our holidays, Torah study and worship take on full worth only when we turn outward and, by our actions, improve the world. This sacred duty is called "tikkun olam", our responsibility to "repair the world."

November—what a month!

Rabbi Bradley L. Bleefeld

Save the Date

Dead Sea Scrolls
Revisited

Rabbi Bradley
Bleefeld

Sunday,
December 15, 1991

B'nai Mitzvah for November, 1991

November 9—Justin Sher, son of Scott Sher



November 23—Cari Frohman, daughter of Jerry and Ruth Honigberg



November 30—Alissa Luck, daughter of Joel and Becky Luck



Parents: Pictures for Bar/Bat Mitzvah must be received by the first of each month prior to the month of the Bar/Mat Mitzvah. Put in *Bulletin* mailbox. Wallet size school pictures are recommended.

The year in music 5752

This promises to be a very exciting year in music at Temple Israel. In addition to the beautiful settings of our liturgy, which is offered regularly during worship services, there will be some very special musical events to look forward to.

During the year, I will present three Sermons-in-Song. The first, February 14, 1992, will be devoted to the music of Leonard Bernstein, whose memory we will honor by exploring his contributions to the world of music, both sacred and secular.

The second will be a look at our Sephardic legacy in celebration of the quincennial anniversary of Christopher Columbus. This will coordinate with the 7th grade service, March 13, 1992 and for the students, will be the culmination of a unit of study focusing on Sephardic culture.

The third, May 8, 1992, will be on Yom Haatzmaut, Israel Independence Day, and will explore the Israeli musical connection through its folk, as well as art music.

This year saw tremendous expansion of our musical forces for the High Holy Days. We have much to be proud of. In addition to our quartet of professionals, we had eight volunteer Singers—Joshua Cohen, Ronald Cohen, Martha Globe, Marcie Gold, Jeni Harris, Peter Hitchcock, Michael Kuhr, and Neal Oxman.

Thom Gall, our professional tenor, is the senior member of the Temple Israel Choir. His first High Holy Days was 20 years ago in 1971, and he has been sharing his musical talents with us ever since. In addition to his work at the Temple, Thom sings with the Cantari Singers, is often featured as soloist with the Columbus Light Opera, manages his own production company, and is hailed as actor, singer, and announcer, both locally and nationally.

Understanding the Shabbat and Havdalah Service

A three-session mini-course on the construction of a Shabbat Service, including Havdalah, is being sponsored by Temple Israel Sisterhood and being taught by Cantor Vicki L. Axe. This course is open to all members of Temple Israel and will be a springboard for the creation of the Sisterhood Sabbath Service. The dates for this course are November 12, 19 and 26, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Temple. Those who attend will have the option to help prepare and participate in the Sisterhood Sabbath Service. For more information, or to reserve a spot, please call Laura Greenland at 759-1028.

We are proud of the new sound coming from the organ. Mikhail Popov, who arrived from the Soviet Union less than one year ago, is now serving as organist of Temple Israel. An accomplished musician and composer, Mikhail was born in Leningrad. He is a graduate of the Leningrad Conservatory in music theory and composition. He has mastered many instruments and has participated in many national and international competitions as composer and improviser. In addition to his works here at the Temple, he is rehearsal accompanist for Ballet Met and the Ohio Center for the Dance.

What a year in music we have for you—beautiful worship, to special programs, to the best musical talent Columbus has to offer!

Cantor Vicki L. Axe

Sisterhood Tot Shabbat

A service led by Rabbi Bleefeld, Rabbi Engel and Cantor Axe for 2-6-year olds and their families.

Saturday, November 16, 1991

10:30 a.m.

Songs, stories, crafts, lunch

For information and reservations, call Temple at 866-0010.

Sukkah decorating a success

Brotherhood and Sisterhood would like to thank everyone who contributed to building and decorating the sanctuary Sukkah: Cheryl Agranoff, Clark Berman, Diane Cohen, Ken Cohen, Gary Cooper, Judi Cooper, Shelly Corn, Marcy Delson, Melinda Edwards, Howard Gabe, Nancy Goldman, Julie Hartman, Linda Hayon, Bob Kellerman, Mike Kravitz, Deborah Kuhr, Michael Kuhr, Irene Levine, Roz Meizell, Judy Ridgway, Susan Schubert, Barbara Schuster, Marty Schuster, Tussy Shnider, Brenda Segal, Bette Jo Stempel, Ron Tennenbaum and Flo Weiner. Coordinating the effort were co-chairs Diana Howard and Betsey Krause and Sisterhood Executive VP, Barbara Seeder.

Combined efforts resulted in a record number of people participating in this yom tov event.

Friday evening babysitting

Every Friday from October through June, babysitting is available during services. The children congregate in the large preschool room and play under the supervision of our teenage sitters. You are welcome to drop off your children whenever you come on Friday evenings. This is a service provided by the Temple.

Rabbi Bleefeld to do program

Rabbi Bradley Bleefeld has been asked to do a program for the Liturgical Art Guild of Columbus on Monday evening, November 25, 1991 at 7:30 p.m. in our sanctuary. Rabbi Bleefeld's topic will be *Images and Ritual—A Rabbi's View of Jewish Life Through the Lens of a Camera*, and will be based on his own photographic images over the past twelve years. The entire congregation is invited to attend this special program.

Sisterhood Oneg Shabbat bake day

Thanks to Betty Stempel, Tussy Shnider, Joan Rafelson, Sandy Summer, Judy Herman, Merry Bodner and Karen Dicker for making September 25th bake day a success.

Anyone interested in baking on November 20th from 9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m., call Marsha Cooper at 861-5401.

Adult Education Program

Howard Wilson, Ph.D., Professor of Religion and Director of TransCultural Studies at Capital University, will present a special adult education program on Sunday, November 24th, starting with breakfast at 9:30 a.m. in the library. The topic will be *What in heaven has been on Saddam Hussein's mind? Understanding Islamic Culture*.

Since the library has limited seating capacity, reservations for breakfast and the lecture are required and should be made by calling the Temple.

Islam is not a religion in isolation, but is a broad-based culture. Dr. Wilson will address such questions as: How do Islamic religious beliefs and customs contribute to the Islamic mind? How does Islamic culture fit into today's world and the impending peace talks?

Dr. Wilson has travelled extensively to conduct research in Iran, Israel, Turkey, Egypt and other Mid-East countries. He will use slides to help define various aspects of Islamic culture.

Attention: parents of college students

As a gift to your college student, we would like to send them a complimentary 5-month subscription to Sh'ma magazine. This is a magazine of contemporary Jewish issues.

If you would like your son or daughter to receive Sh'ma, please call Debbie Turner at 866-0010.

The Source for Everything Chanukah

Sisterhood Judaica Shop

The first night of Chanukah is December 1.

Call the office for shopping hours.

YFTL is on the move!

The Temple's Youth Group for grades 9-12 has launched a new year filled with fun and innovative programs. Their busy calendar includes religious, cultural, educational and social activities. Plus, YFTL members are eligible to attend numerous events sponsored by its regional youth group, OVFTY. In October, YFTL board members attended a weekend Leadership Conference at the Goldman Union Camp Institute. This year, YFTL is proud to have three of its members serving on the OVFTY regional board.

YFTL is an integral part of the Temple family. The youth group benefits from Temple support in general; specifically from the Temple Sisterhood and Brotherhood. In turn, youth group members participate in such Temple activities as the recent Brotherhood art auction and Sisterhood's feed-the-homeless program.

New to YFTL this year are advisors Bonnie Rubenstein and Deb and Mike Kuhr. Committed to Reform Judaism and Jewish youth, all three advisors are involved in many aspects of Temple life, including participation in the Temple's religious school and preschool.

If you would like to know more about YFTL, or if you are seeking membership information, please contact YFTL President, Alan Galan, at 861-6305 or Treasurer/Membership Chairperson, Gayle Howard, at 235-9131.

Sisterhood evening program November 19

Plan to attend the first of an informative and thought-provoking two-part series, *Jews Look at Life and Death Issues*. The November 19 program, is titled "In the Beginning." The speakers will be Rabbi Bradley Bleefeld and Eric Handler, M.D., Medical Director of the Nisonger Center.

Topics will include Jewish issues, options and perspectives on abortion, surrogate mothering, in vitro fertilization, and genetic testing. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Your check of \$9.00 for Sisterhood members or \$10.00 for non-members, payable to Temple Israel Sisterhood, is your reservation. Please mail to Bev Koenigsberg, 647 Boxford Lane, Columbus, Ohio 43213, no later than November 14, 1991. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. and program at 7:30 p.m.

Temple Israel Sisterhood book review

Rabbi Bradley Bleefeld will review *Chutzpah* by Alan Dershowitz on November 6th at Temple Israel. Lunch will be served at 11:45 a.m. at a cost of \$4.50 per person.

In *Chutzpah*, Dershowitz brings together a lifetime of thought and action to provide a fascinating and provocative reflection on his generation of Jews in America: about changes they've witnessed, changes they've created and the changes that must still take place.

Please call the Temple office for reservations—866-0010.



Sisterhood Shabbat Van Dates

November, 1991 -
June, 1992

November 8, 15
December 6, 20
January 10, 24
(may be changed to 31)
February 7, 21
March 6, 20
April 10, 24
May 8, 22
June 12, 26

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November calendar of events

November 4—Sisterhood Board Mtg. 7:30 p.m., Library
Adult Education 7:00 p.m.
November 5—YAC Board Mtg. 7:00 p.m., Conf. Rm.
November 6—Sisterhood Luncheon
and Book Review 11:45 a.m., Library
November 9—YFTL Service 10:00 a.m., Chapel
November 10—5th & 6th Grade Parent
Participation 9:30 a.m.
YFTL Board Mtg. 12:00 noon,
Youth Lounge
November 11—Executive Committee, 7:30 p.m., Conf. Rm.
Adult Education 7:00 p.m.
November 12—Brotherhood Board 7:30 p.m., Library
November 15—Milton Viorst, Guest
Speaker 8:00 p.m.
November 16—Tot Shabbat 10:30 a.m.
November 18—Adult Education 7:00 p.m.
November 19—Sisterhood Program 6:30 p.m.,
Social Hall
November 20—Sisterhood Bake Day 9:00 a.m.,
Kitchen
November 22—4th, 5th, 6th Grade
Dinner & Service 6:30 p.m., Social Hall
YAC Service Chapel
November 23—Meal & Spiel 9:00 a.m., Library
November 24—Adult Education
Breakfast & Speaker 9:30 a.m., Library
November 25—Adult Education 7:00 p.m., Library
November 26—Board of Trustees 7:30 p.m., Library

Preschoolers on Parade!

Temple Israel Preschoolers have been busy this Fall with a variety of activities and experiences. Highlights have included:

- a trip to the apple orchard
- hand-print "leaves" on our bulletin board
- making green milkshakes during afternoon "Stay and Play"
- "Pajama Day" complete with pj's, bedtime stories, a lullabye, and French toast
- Exploring the properties of water
- visits from Cantor Axe and Rabbi Engel
- "Popcorn Day"
- a trip to the pumpkin patch
- two full classes of toddlers and moms
- wonderful cooking projects, including "Stone Soup"

For information concerning the Preschool, call Linda Hayon at the Temple.



Food for the needy

Temple Israel is collecting canned and packaged foods which will be sent to the Food Pantry. The items will be distributed to needy families in the area in time for Thanksgiving.

ENTERED SECOND CLASS COLUMBUS, OHIO

HUC-JIR Library
3101 Clifton Avenue
Cincinnati OH 45220

In Memoriam

We record with deep
sorrow the passing of:

Charles Gill,
Father of
Dr. Lawrence Gill

Myrtle Winner,
Wife of Melvin Winner

Only relatives of Temple
Israel members are listed
in
In Memoriam.

Special Thanks

Temple Israel has received a bequest from the estate of Sarah W. Savitz. Mrs. Savitz was a long time member and was always interested in the welfare of the Temple. She will be remembered for her concern and generosity.

A box has been placed in the reception area at Temple to collect your needed donations. It would be so wonderful if everyone would bring something to contribute each and every time they came to Temple.

It goes without saying that this is a worthwhile undertaking and will be much appreciated by those less fortunate than ourselves.

Thank you for your kind generosity!

PROJECT TORAH REPAIR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10th



RABBI TEITELBAUM, A TORAH SCRIBE,
WILL BE REPAIRING OUR SIFRE TORAH



EVERYONE IS INVITED TO BE
RABBI BLEEFELD'S GUEST FOR LUNCH
FROM 12:00 - 1:00



DANCING WITH TORAHS
SONGFEST



SPECIAL PROJECTS
IN HONOR OF OUR NEWLY REPAIRED
TORAH SCROLLS

YOU CAN HELP THIS PROJECT BY
VOLUNTEERING TO DONATE FOR
WORDS, VERSES OR PARAGRAPHS.

THEN, YOU CAN WATCH
AS YOUR WORDS ARE REPAIRED

PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM AT
THE BOTTOM AND RETURN WITH
YOUR RESERVATION



COME AND ENJOY!

____ Yes, Rabbi Bleefeld, I will be happy to be your guest for lunch on
November 10, along with my family of ____ people.

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$____ for _____:
(\$2.00 per word - or - \$18.00 per verse - or - \$36.00 per paragraph)

Checks are to be made payable to Temple Israel Project: Torah Repair

In the Beginning



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

Tuesday, November 19, 1991
TEMPLE ISRAEL SISTERHOOD PROGRAM
6:30 pm hors d'oeuvres
7 pm dinner; 7:30 pm program

Eric Handler, M.D. and Rabbi Bradley Bleefeld will discuss how scientific and Jewish law merge and differ on beginning of-life-topics including abortion, surrogate mothering and genetic engineering. This educational program will cover the following thought-provoking issues:

- * *What is the place for individual choice in religion and science?*
- * *Are the boundaries of Jewish law widening as rapidly and confidently as the frontiers of science continue to expand?*

Dr. Eric Handler is the Medical Director of Nisonger Center which focuses primarily on children with developmental disabilities, cerebral palsy and muscular dystrophy. Both Dr. Handler and Rabbi Bleefeld have served on hospital ethics committees. These committees oversee all ethical decisions regarding medical, administrative and professional procedures performed by medical staff such as physical experimentation, diagnosis, and medical procedures.

As modern-day Jews, we owe it to ourselves and to all our children to become better educated about these important issues affecting how life begins. Everyone is welcome to attend -- women and men alike! Please join us by sending the following registration form with your check.

YOUR CHECK IS YOUR RESERVATION

The deadline for registration is November 14, 1991

\$9.00 for Sisterhood Members -- \$10.00 for Non Members

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

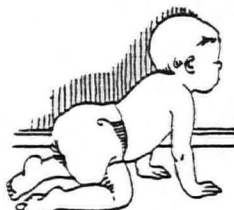
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MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO TEMPLE ISRAEL SISTERHOOD

Mail to Bev Koenigsberg

647 Boxford Lane

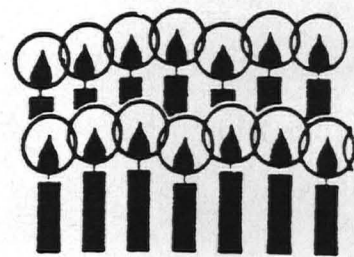
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YOUR CHECK MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 14, 1991.

Temple Israel Brotherhood

proudly presents its annual



HANUKKAH LATKE DINNER

Saturday, December 7, 1991

5:30 p.m. short service in sanctuary
followed by our traditional
HANUKKAH LATKE DINNER
in the social hall

\$8.00 per adult

\$4.00 per child

(ages 2 - 12)

Reservations must be made by Wednesday, December 5.
Your check is your reservation. Without a reservation, the charge at the
door will be \$10 for both adults and children.

For further information, call Program Co-chair Stuart Levine or
Howard Gabe at 868-0490

Name _____

Address _____

Adults attending @ \$8 ea. _____

Children attending @ \$4 ea. _____

Send reservations and checks to
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