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BULLETIN

Dear Congregants,

It is with mixed emotions that I write these words to you as I prepare to assume my duties in a new congregation. The opportunity to serve on my own is exciting and challenging, yet I will greatly miss the support and friendship I have received from Rabbi Bleefeld. The chance to create new relationships is balanced by having to leave those people I have grown to care about and love here in Columbus. Occasions to begin new and exciting programs in another congregation is measured against foundations yet to be built upon at Temple Israel.

As I look ahead toward Jackson, Mississippi, I look back at Columbus, Ohio, with great pride, satisfaction and gratitude. The opportunities I have been given by you to enter into your lives at times of great joy and serious crisis, to teach your children, to bring families together to study Judaism, to counsel and advise, I have always considered these as precious gifts. And so it is with thankfulness and appreciation that I say...

A fond farewell to friends who welcomed our family as a part of their family, who nurtured our children as their own, who helped us establish a real home in Columbus.

A fond farewell to the young people who have been family to me. They not only inspired me to feel good and positive about the future, but have also allowed me to remain young and energetic.

A fond farewell to the members of the Young Adults' Congregation. Together we created a true sense of community, where we have shared births and birthdays, where children play together and parents socialize together, where we support and nurture each other through difficult times and together celebrate the blessings of our lives.

A fond farewell to Rabbi Bradley Bleefeld, to whom I owe the most, because it is under his tutelage that I have become the rabbi I am. If the members of Temple Israel have benefited from my presence, it is due in large part to him. For it was through his example, his nurturing and the sharing of his wisdom and insight, that I was able to accomplish all I did.

A fond farewell to all the members of Temple Israel who have touched my life in many ways and allowed me to serve you as your rabbi.

Lovingly I say Goodbye Columbus!

Rabbi Steven W. Engel



Temple Israel is proud to present the confirmands of 1992

Confirmation will take place Sunday morning, June 7, at 9:00 a.m.

Jennifer Benjamin, daughter of Harvey & Linda Benjamin
Joshua Cohen, son of Ronald & Pamela Cohen
Max Stern Cole, son of Amy Stern Feuer
Julie Cooper, daughter of Gary & Judy Cooper
Susan Dicker, daughter of Paul & Karen Dicker
Rebecca Dowling, daughter of Robert & Sheila Dowling
Emily Gill, daughter of Dr. Lawrence & Marilyn Gill
Shelby Goldman, daughter of Jerry & Dena Goldman
Adam Grossman, son of Barry & Denise Grossman
Eric Guthoff, son of Peter & Barbara Guthoff
Ronni Hayon, daughter of Dr. Yehiel & Linda Hayon
Michelle Heumann, daughter of Leonard & Laura Heumann

Gayle Howard, daughter of Frank & Diana Howard
Hillary Howard, daughter of Frank & Diana Howard
Shannon Milenthal, daughter of David & Bonnie Milenthal
Stephen Pope, son of Bill & Judy Pope
Matthew Rosenthal, son of Steven & Linda Rosenthal
Daphne Rozen, daughter of Mel & Elaine Rozen
Lance Shnider, son of Herbert & Terri Shnider
Gadi Simchon, son of Linda Simchon
Jillian Stout, daughter of Steven & Lindsey Stout
Samantha Summer, daughter of Fred & Sandy Summer
Brett Worly, son of Donald & Mindy Worly

FAIR CHOICE UPDATE

We are happy to report that 700 members have sent in their pledge cards signifying their participation in our Fair Choice Plan. Of these families, 575 increased their dues or remained the same; only 125 decreased their commitments. There are still 120 members who have not responded despite letters and phone calls. We will continue to follow up with them.

Our net increase from cards received is \$135,000. Due in large measure to this increase in revenue, we were able to present a balanced 1992-93 budget to the Board of Trustees for approval.

Many of our congregants have chosen to pledge 20% over and above the highest amount in their dues category, thereby becoming members of our Leadership Council. We thank them for their commitment and generosity and have listed their names below:

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Joel & Jody Altschule
 * Robert & Joan Aronson
 Walter & Barbara Baum
 Mitchell & Sylvia Blazar
 * Sidney & Sally Blatt
 * Michael Bloch
 Manny Block
 Harold & Carol Borovetz
 Anonymous
 Hugh Clark & Joan Simon Jones
 Anonymous
 Bunny Cowall
 Helene Cummins
 * Millard & Diane M. Cummins
 Douglas & Barbara Davis
 Josiah Diamond
 Leon & Sylvia Dillon
 Henry & Clarice Epstein
 Jeffrey Epstein
 Mark & Sheila Feinknopf
 Allen & Gay Fields
 Norman & Joan Folpe
 Frank Forchheimer
 * Robert & Marjorie Garek
 * Kenneth & Linda Gilman
 Robert Glick
 * William & Sally Glick
 Elizabeth Goldberg
 Lois Goldberg
 Sylvia Goldstein

Miriam Goler
 Samuel & Betty Gordon
 Gregg & Kim Gorelick
 * Elliott & Pat Grayson
 Robert & Phyllis Greene
 * Howard & Marcy Gross
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 Hamel Gurwin
 Jack & Gerri Herring
 Ben & Charlotte Kahn
 * Thomas & Merilynn Kaplin
 * Arthur & Sara Jo Kobacker
 Martin & Frances Kopp
 Arline Landers
 David & Dorothy Lapine
 * Charles & Dorothy Lazarus
 Robert & Mary Lazarus, Jr.
 Harry & Beulah Levin
 Kenneth & Eddi Levin
 Lee Hess & Irene Levine
 * Stuart & Paula Levine
 Herbert & Annette Levy
 * Thomas & Nancy Lurie
 Joyce Marcus
 Anonymous
 Ronald & Susan Mayer
 * David & Bonnie Milenthal
 Asher & Jeanne Moser
 * Stephen & Lynda Nacht
 Sam & Lucille Needleman

Ethel Neustadt
 Richard & Ellen Neustadt
 Bernard & Anita Orlov
 Ann Pollack
 * Eleanor Resler
 George & Milly Rosenberger
 * William & Ann Roth
 Stanley & Sheila Rubin
 Anonymous
 Anonymous
 * Jeffrey & Jody Scheiman
 * Herbert & Betty Schiff
 * Earl & Rachel Schnitz
 Reva Shaman
 Robert M. & Sue Shamansky
 Arnold & Betty Sher
 Karen Snider
 John & Shirley Sostrom
 Eugene & Anna Stein
 * Ernest & Aurelia Stern
 Rudolph & Shirley Stern
 Theodore & Jean Stone
 Fred & Sandra Summer
 Al & Geraldine Sutton
 Lee & Elaine Tenenbaum
 * Steven & Judith Tuckerman
 * Michael & Arlene Weiss
 * Gloria & Ray Wells
 * Les Wexner
 Melvin Winner

* \$5,000 or more

NEED REFRIGERATION, AIR CONDITIONING REPAIR?

Yefim Kunis, the head of household of one of the Temple's adopted families, is an expert in refrigeration and air conditioning, both for home and commercial uses. He wants to improve his potential by working extra hours and invites congregants to telephone him when repairs are needed. He works on his regular job until 2:30 p.m. and is available thereafter. Call him at 866-0134. His English has improved markedly, but speak slowly and distinctly if you reach his answering machine.

THE 5753 NFTS ART CALENDAR AND COVERS

Orders are now being taken for the new 5753 NFTS Art Calendar. Temple Israel Sisterhood also sells bonded leather covers that are made to fit the NFTS Art Calendar. The calendars sell for \$5.50 and the covers are priced at \$18 each. Anyone interested in purchasing one or both of these items, please mail your check, payable to Temple Israel Sisterhood, to Judy Herman, 4443 Johnstown Road, Gahanna, Ohio 43230. If you have any questions, please call Judy at 855-1357.

Mazel Tov...

...to Wayne & Karen Poll on the birth of a son, Zachary Brandon Poll. Grandparents are Dr. Norman & Roberta Davis.

TEMPLE ISRAEL CATERING POLICIES

In order to assure quality catering and protect Temple Israel, a number of policies were adopted by the Board of Trustees for those wishing to cater in our building.

Temple Israel has an approved list of caterers who have complied with our policies and this list is available through the office. Only those caterers appearing on the list may use our facilities.

If you are interested in further information about these policies or have any questions about catering, please call the Temple office.

A SISTERHOOD TRIBUTE TO MILDRED TARSHISH

At the May 4th Board meeting of Temple Israel Sisterhood, special tribute was given to Mildred Tarshish for her years of service to Sisterhood. Mildred has served on the Sisterhood Board as publicity chairman and historian over the past 38 years. Her special expertise and knowledge of Temple and Sisterhood history have been invaluable to Sisterhood, especially in the celebration of Sisterhood's 100th anniversary in 1990.

In tribute, Sisterhood recalled Mildred's Sisterhood career and a letter from Alma Covitz was read. An engraved brass photo album was presented to Mildred to commemorate the occasion. Mildred continues to serve as historian for Sisterhood, as well as the Temple Israel archivist with assistance from Kim Feinknopf and Ron Robins.

GOOD LUCK, RABBI ENGEL!

As you know, Rabbi Steven Engel has accepted a position in Jackson, Mississippi. He, Beverly, Zachary, Ilana and Jory will be leaving this month.

Please join us at Friday evening services, June 12, to honor the Engels who have been an integral part of our congregation for the past four years.

A special oneg, sponsored by Sisterhood, Brotherhood and the Temple, in their honor will follow the service. This will be your chance to say goodbye and wish them well.

SUMMER BULLETIN

We will print one bulletin for the months of July and August. Deadline for submitting information will be June 5.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

The past year has presented many challenges which Temple Israel has demonstrated it is prepared to meet. We began the year seeking your help in launching the Fair Choice Plan to enable us to reach financial stability and to offer high quality professional staffing. Your response to date has been extremely encouraging and, as a result, we have recently extended Cantor Axe's contract for a year.

The past year has also presented many opportunities for the future. With the Self-Study as its guide, the Long Range Planning Committee has begun its efforts to help establish and prioritize our goals. The membership committee has increased its efforts to recruit, retain and, most importantly, involve new members. Membership involvement workshops, two of which have already been held, will give members an opportunity to communicate in small groups with board members and clergy. The House Committee and Arts and Beautification Committee have begun to develop an overall master plan for Temple Israel to maintain and improve the structure and aesthetics of our building. At its February meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the implementation of a reorganization plan designed to improve Board performance and efficiency.

The past year has been one of excitement and achievement. From the High Holidays to the dedication of the Holocaust Torah, our clergy have given us inspirational spiritual leadership. Our auxiliaries, Sisterhood, Brotherhood, Young Adults and the youth groups have kept us busy throughout the year. We can be especially proud of our efforts on behalf of the New Americans who have become devoted congregants. To all of our committees and to you, our congregation, thanks are due for making Temple Israel such a vibrant, warm place.

This past year has been one of transition. In May of last year we welcomed our new administrator, Linda Simchon, whose tireless efforts on our behalf have been invaluable. Joan Folpe, who had been our Educator for almost twenty years, retired. Under the leadership of Rabbi Bleefeld, who served as Educator, and Barbara Seeder, the Religious School Committee and the newly formed Parents Association, Joan's legacy was preserved. The Educator Search Committee is now at work reviewing applications to select a new Religious School Director for next year. Judy Helfgott, our new Preschool Director, will begin on July 1, 1992, replacing Linda Hayon and Laurie Buxbaum, Diana Howard and Leslie Rosen who ran the program last year. This month we say goodbye to Rabbi Engel who will be assuming the leadership of his own pulpit in Jackson, Mississippi. While we wish Rabbi Engel and his family mazel tov for this new and exciting opportunity, we will miss all of them. Rabbi Engel has left an indelible mark on Temple Israel, especially on our young people. We wish him continued success.

In retrospect, this past year has been a year which has required considerable effort by the professional staff, the lay leadership and the congregation. That effort is beginning to pay off and will continue to do so in the future. As we face the year ahead, let us continue our work on behalf of Temple Israel recognizing in the words of the rabbis: "You are not required to complete the work, but neither are you at liberty to abstain from it."

Fred Summer, President of Temple Israel

Schedule of Services



Friday, June 5
Sabbath Services
8:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 6
Meal & Spiel 9:00 a.m.
Services 10:30 a.m.

Friday, June 12
Sabbath Services
8:00 p.m.
Special Oneg
in honor of
the Engels

Saturday, June 13
BAR MITZVAH OF
JAY PINSKY
Son of Stephen & Lee
Pinsky
Services 10:30 a.m.

Friday, June 19
Sabbath Services
8:00 p.m.
Sisterhood Life
Membership Oneg

Saturday, June 20
Services 10:30 a.m.

Shavuot Schedule

Service
& Confirmation
9:00 a.m.

Yiskor
12:00 noon

YOUNG ADULTS' CONGREGATION

The Young Adults' Congregation held its annual progressive dinner and, once again, it was a huge success. This year's dinner had a new twist as it was held immediately after Passover and was renamed the Passover's Over Progressive Dinner. As promised in the flyer, the evening was full of both leavening and levity. Special thanks to the evening's hosts and hostesses

Jeff and Dee Kates, Paul and Laura Greenland and Greg and Pamela Feldman-Hill.

All Young Adults' participants are invited to a special Shabbat Dinner on Friday, June 12. This dinner will honor Rabbi Engel for his dedication to the group. The dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will be held in the library. The cost of the dinner is \$6.00 per person and no charge for children four and under. Your check is your reservation and must be received by June 8.

Checks are to be sent to Bonnie Rubenstein at 5616-B Hibernia Drive, Columbus, OH 43232.

All congregants between the ages of 21 and 35 are invited to become active members of the Young Adults' Congregation. Anyone interested in membership should contact Tod Friedman, YAC Membership Chairman at 253-4321.

In Memoriam

We record with deep sorrow the passing of:

David Clayman
Uncle of Kal P. Lazear
Regina Goldberg
Mother of Sandra
Gurvis
Eva Golden
Sally Knolls
Mother of Moscey
Cooper

Only relatives of Temple Israel members are listed in
In Memoriam

PRESCHOOL AND CAMP

SUMMER FUN! Temple Israel Summer Day Camp offers a six-week morning day camp for children ages 2-1/2 to 5 years of age. The program runs from June 15 to July 24.

PRESCHOOL - Beginning in September, Temple Israel Preschool will be offering two, three, or five day programs for children ages 2-1/2 to 5 years of age.

PARENT-TODDLER PLAY GROUP - The Preschool's Parent-Toddler Play Group will again be offering eight-week sessions (one day a week) for children ages 18 months to 2-1/2 years along with a parent.

For further information call Temple Israel Preschool at 866-0010.

DONATION BY SISTERHOOD

Temple Israel Sisterhood made a generous donation of 100 new prayerbooks to the congregation. In their usual gracious manner, when approached with a need, Sisterhood was there! Thank you, Sisterhood, for your generosity and caring.

SISTERHOOD TO HONOR LIFE MEMBERS

On June 19, Temple Israel Sisterhood will honor the 85 "Now and Forever" Life Members with a special Oneg Shabbat. These women have demonstrated their support of Sisterhood by making this financial commitment. The congregation is invited to join

Sisterhood in appreciation of the dedication of these special members. Anyone interested in Life Membership, please call Sylvia Dillon at 235-6281 or Shirley Stern at 231-3906.

SISTERHOOD GOOD-AS-NEW SALE SUNDAY, AUGUST 2 HELP SISTERHOOD TURN YOUR DISCARDS IN TO DOLLARS

Bring your gently used bric-a-brac, games, toys, appliances, records, bicycles, clothing, linens, luggage, furniture, books and electronics to Temple, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

*Contribute new merchandise from your business -- Becky Levy 864-8802 or Ann Sostrom 262-9635

*Volunteer your time, talent, ideas -- Irene Daroe 864-0419

*Arrange for large-item pickup -- Sheila Caplan 861-6164

*Come help sort merchandise Tuesday mornings -- 9:30 a.m. beginning June 16

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL!

SISTERHOOD SAYS THANK YOU

Temple Israel Sisterhood wishes to thank Mary Warren and Elaine Tenenbaum for their superb leadership as chairmen of the OVFTS 16th Biennial Convention hosted by our Sisterhood in April. They organized a large committee and expertly orchestrated this major event. The convention was attended by 70 delegates for sisterhoods from a five state area. Jenny Broh, past president of the District, commended the convention and the committee: "Thank you to the women of Temple Israel for your wonderful, warm and enthusiastic hospitality...Every detail was covered, and the workshops were great...Your Sisterhood gave everyone something to think about--to learn--and to do...No one went home empty handed!... You are great role models...Mazel tov on a great meeting!" Once again, Mary and Elaine provided their special form of shared leadership to take Temple Israel Sisterhood to great heights! Thank you, Mary and Elaine.

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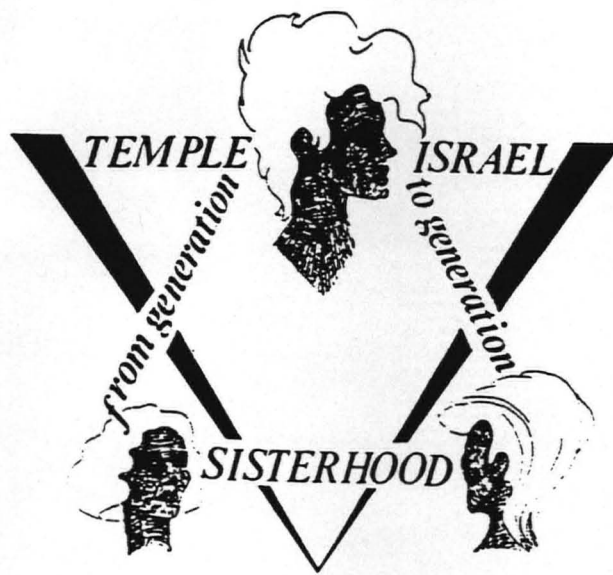
FAREWELL TO THE ENGELS!!!

*Join us on June 12
as we bid the Engels
Goodbye and Goodluck!*

*Services are at 8:00 p.m.,
followed by a sit-down oneq in honor of
Rabbi Engel and his family.*

*Sponsored by Temple Israel,
Sisterhood and Brotherhood.*

*The Shabbat Van will provide transportation for
June 12, as well as June 19.*



**SISTERHOOD
NOW AND FOREVER**

PLEASE JOIN US AS

**SISTERHOOD LIFE
MEMBERS**

ARE HONORED AT THE

**ONEG SHABBAT ON
FRIDAY
JUNE 19, 1992**