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BULLETIN

FROM THE RABBI...

SUKKOT AND HURRICANE ANDREW

For forty years (c. 1220-1180 BCE) our people wandered through the wilderness and dwelled in frail booths or succahs. Their travails are history, but the impact of that event prompts us annually to relearn the lessons of faith and that reliance on our own selves alone is not enough. What hit our people with great intensity still remains to motivate us today.

For forty hours of waiting then weathering the intensity, the people of our south coast braced against Hurricane Andrew. Lives were lost, billions in property destroyed by a storm of such natural energy that the devastation in its wake turned landscape to bombscape.

Those are our people, Jews yes, but Americans all and, lest we forget, all of them God's people. Their burdens are ours too!

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So I share this letter from Melvin Merians, Chairman of the Board, UAHC, which was sent to all UAHC congregations in the hopes that, mindful of our being spared the direct tragedy of "Andrew", we will spare no dollar in our efforts to help.

"Reform Jews from across the nation have been calling our national headquarters and regional offices to ascertain what they can do to help the victims of Hurricane Andrew. The outpouring of concern is heartening.

"It was difficult to make contact with anyone in the Miami area immediately after the storm, for as you know, electricity and phone lines were knocked out of commission and even now there are areas which still do not have power or water, and phones are slowly going back into service.

"When we did get through, we learned that our congregations were safe, albeit a few did have some broken glass, flooding and minor exterior building damage. To the best of our knowledge, none of the buildings suffered serious problems.

"Unfortunately, this was not so with quite a few of our people and many have lost their homes and businesses, as well as valued and irreplaceable personal possessions. Many suffered severe water and structural damage in their homes and businesses. You have but to watch the television news and read the daily press to comprehend the vast destruction in South Dade County and areas of Louisiana where, to the best of our knowledge, all of our congregations are in good shape.

"In cooperation with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Temple Kol Ami is coordinating the collection and dispersion of funds for the short-term and long-term relief efforts. Desperately needed funds can be sent directly to: Kol Ami Hunger Fund, 8200 Peters Road, Plantation, FL 33324. If your congregation has a relief fund, you might utilize that for the collection of monies through your Temple account and then remit the funds to Kol Ami.

"Rabbi Sheldon J. Harr of Kol Ami, along with a committee of key congregational and Reform communal leaders, will determine the distribution of the funds. It is expected that the monies collected will be directly distributed to individuals and families in need, and not necessarily donated to agencies in order to help overcome the chaotic and bureaucratic quagmire currently plaguing the relief effort. The funds will, without interference, assist people in putting their lives back together. There will be a specific effort to aid members of the South Florida and South Dade County Jewish community. The funds, however, will not be limited to our own people, but will also be distributed without regard to religion, race or ethnic origin, for Hurricane Andrew did not discriminate in that manner either.

"At the conclusion of the drive and distribution of monies, a full audited accounting will be made available to anyone concerned with the appropriate expenditure of these funds. A report will also be made, through the UAHC, of the work done through this relief effort.

"On behalf of all of the beleaguered victims, let me thank you in advance for the assistance which I know will be forthcoming. May every gift be blessed and the giver thereof.

"Warm regards and every good wish."



Rabbi Bradley N. Bleefeld

REMINDER

Temple Israel is trying something new this year - Sukkah Decorating Workshop! Help the youth decorate our sukkah during Sunday School on Sunday, October 11 from 10:00 A.M.-Noon. We need your help! Call Karen Dicker, 855-7822.

Sukkot Dinner and Service, Sunday, October 11 starting at 6:15 P.M. Call Karen Dicker, 855-7822, to RSVP.

YFTL IS OFF TO AN EXCITING YEAR!

On August 30, YFTL held a kidnapping in which eight freshmen were taken from their homes to the Temple for breakfast. After breakfast, the freshmen participated in improvisation games with the older YFTLers. It was a great spontaneous morning full of laughs and fun. The group had so much fun that they all got together again on September 5 for a luau at Cantor Axe's house. The evening was spent swimming, socializing, and having tons of fun, not to mention the awesome bus ride to and from the event! To top things off, it was all free!! Looking ahead, YFTL is anxiously awaiting Regionals in February! So, be sure to keep your eyes open for more exciting events. Hope to see you there.

Schedule of Services

SABBATH SERVICES
EVERY FRIDAY
EVENING
8:00 P.M.

EVERY SATURDAY
MORNING
10:30 A.M.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- 2-4 Confirmation Retreat at Pilgrim Hills
- 4 First day for 11th grade
- 11 Consecration Rehearsal; Sukkah-decorating workshop, grades K-3; decorate Sukkah
- 14 High School; Confirmation parent and student meeting, 7:00 P.M.
- 18 Consecration rehearsal; 11th grade meets; Consecration
- 21 High School
- 25 Extended day for grades 8-10
- 28 High School; also 12th grade dinner and speaker

NOVEMBER

- 1 Third grade naming
- 4 High School

LIBRARY NEWS

Save November 4 -
Book Review, Park Towers
Luncheon - 11:45 A.M.

October
Shabbat Van Dates
October 9
October 23.

THANK YOU TO THE USHERS

Every Friday evening as you enter services, you are greeted by friendly faces; ushers who volunteer their time to make the congregation feel good.

These dedicated individuals also serve on Saturday mornings to help and guide guests of Bar/Bat Mitzvah families.

During the High Holidays, they are indispensable as they help create a warm and caring atmosphere.

Our group of ushers deserve special recognition for their commitment to Temple Israel. A special thank you to Ira and Joan Hattenbach who coordinate and organize this corps of volunteers.

Cheryl & Jay Agranoff
Chester & Jocelyn Bandman
Gary Cooper
Paul & Karen Dicker
Lee & Sylvia Dillon
Pamela & Greg Feldman-Hill
Silvan & Helen Fisher
Bernie & Kay Friedman
Irwin & Bebe Gilbert
Fred Goodman
Roslyn Greenberg
Murray & Roberta Heller
Sam Heller
Marion Hinterscheid

Ralph Krasik
Mike Kravitz & Susan Schubert
Kal & Phyllis Lazear
Barbara Mickler
David & Ruth Papier
Paul & Fran Podell
Henry & Mitzi Saeman
Fred & Jo Ann Schwartz
Pat Shaman
Neil & Tussy Shnider
Saul & Phyllis Sokol
Vincent Soloman
Al "Kurt" Spiegler
Ron & Harriet Tannenbaum

JUDAICA SHOP OCTOBER "Feature of the Month"

The Sisterhood Judaica Shop is pleased to present
Stamps of Elegance
by Hanford Heirlooms, Inc.

These limited edition keepsake postage stamps feature the Jewish holidays, Israeli art, hand-painted ketubas and more, and are available in a series.

The individual stamps are matted and framed in brass and glass. They are presented in a velvet gift box with an accompanying easel for display.

A lovely and unique gift for both the serious and not-so-serious collector.

Exclusively available in the Sisterhood Judaica Shop:

Sundays 9:30 - 12:00 Noon

Tuesdays 2:00 - 6:00 P.M.

Fridays 7:30 - 8:00 P.M. and 9:00 - 9:30 A.M.

SISTERHOOD TO FEED THE HOMELESS

Temple Israel Sisterhood will sponsor a dinner for homeless residents of the Open Shelter on Monday, November 2, 1992. Sisterhood members will prepare food in the Temple kitchen at 12:30 P.M. and will meet back at Temple at 5:00 P.M. to transport and serve the meal. If you are interested in helping, contact Karen Mozenter at 478-1706.

Jewish National Fund of Columbus

Garden Club Sunday

Sunday, October 25, 1992



On January 1, 1993, the cost of planting trees in Israel will increase to \$10 per tree.



Our Religious School will be purchasing a garden through individual student tree purchases of \$5.00 each prior to the increase.



*Come
Add Your Name
to a Tree in Our Garden*

Send your check
made payable to the Jewish National Fund,
with your child to Religious School
on Sunday, October 25, 1992



*Come to
Simchat Torah
and
Consecration*

**SUNDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 18, 1992
7:00 P.M.**

Each first-grade child will be called up before the Ark to receive a special blessing, as well as gifts from the Brotherhood and the Temple as reminders of this important milestone.

We hope each member of our congregation will join us at this beautiful and moving ceremony.

Students scheduled to be consecrated this year are:

Daniel Acker
Michelle Brazina
Andrew Edelman
Allison Epelbaum
Erica Ermann
Zach Fein
Jaime Gold
Dana Greenhut
Jonathan Kuhr
Stephanie Levin

Samantha London
Michael Mitzman
Rebecca Pruzan
Alicia Rosenberg
Sydney Roth
Jordan Scheiman
Keith Simon
Andrew Weiss
Alissa Worly

B'nai Mitzvah for October, 1992

October 10—**Zero Spero**, son of
Gerald and Rhonda Spero



October 17—**Mickey Kellerman**, son of
Robert and Kathy Kellerman



October 24—**Aaron Newhouse**, son of
Gerald and Judith Newhouse



October 31—**Jason Ehmann**, son of
Francine Jones



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

HENRY SAEMAN IS HONOREE FOR NEW MEMBER CLASS

Henry Saeman has been designated as the person for whom the 1992-1993 New Member Class will be named. Henry will be honored at a special dinner and Sabbath service on Friday, October 23.

Since joining Temple in the late 1970s, Saeman has been active in a number of activities. He is currently co-chair of the Russian Resettlement Committee and co-chair of Adult Education. He serves as an ad hoc member of the Temple Board of Trustees. Several years ago, when Temple joined a community effort to feed and house homeless persons, Saeman served as the committee chair.

Henry served as executive director of the Ohio Psychological Association from 1973-1991. Last year, he decided to start a newspaper, *The National Psychologist*, which circulates to 29,000 psychologists nationwide. He started his career as a newspaper reporter in Dayton and Springfield, Ohio for 18 years.

He came to America alone as a youngster from Nazi Germany in 1941. Henry and Mitzi have been married for 38 years. They have a son, Marty. Another son, Joe, died in July at age 31.

Temple Israel is fortunate to have such a dedicated and committed individual. Henry serves as an example for us all.

All Temple members and friends are invited to honor Henry Saeman and the new members of Temple Israel at the October 23rd dinner and service. Watch for your invitation.

HOLIDAY SERVICES

Erev Yom Kippur October 6

Multi-Generational Service 6:30 p.m.
Conventional Service 8:15 p.m.

Yom Kippur October 7

Morning Service 10:00 a.m.
Children's High Holiday Observance
Ages 3-8 10:00 - 12:30
Meditation Service 1:00 p.m.
Yiskor (Memorial) Service 4:30 p.m.
Neilah (Concluding) Service 5:30 p.m.

Erev Sukkot October 11

Sukkot Evening Dinner 6:15 p.m.
Erev Sukkot Service 7:30 p.m.

Sukkot October 12

Sukkot Morning Service 10:30 a.m.

Erev Simchat Torah October 18

Erev Simchat Torah Service
Consecration 7:00 p.m.

Simchat Torah October 19

Simchat Torah Breakfast /
Study Session 9:00 a.m.
Simchat Torah Morning Service 10:30 a.m.
Yiskor (Memorial Service)

NOTEWORTHY

A World Of Difference celebrates the commonality and diversity of beliefs in Central Ohio through dialogue, displays, and music. Sponsored by the Anti-Defamation League, Columbus Commission on Ethics and Values, Columbus Urban League, and WCMH-TV, A World of Difference is a prejudice awareness and reduction program, focusing on ethnicity, race and religion.

At the initiation of the Religion Committee of the World of Difference Campaign, I have joined together with religious leaders of various faiths to plan an interfaith concert to feature choirs and other musical representatives of many different faiths in a free concert of sacred music.

The concert will take place on Sunday, Nov. 15 at the Capitol Theatre in the Riffe Arts Complex in the State Office Building, 77 S. High St., in Columbus, the home of Players Theatre. It will feature performances by representatives of Jewish, Hindu Islamic, Sikh, Bahai and Buddhist groups as well as several different Christian denominations. Modeled

on an interfaith program which has taken place in the Washington, D.C. area for over ten years, each group will perform ten minutes of its own unique religious music, and the groups will join together to perform several works from among their various traditions.

The entire concert is being chaired by Cantor Jack Chomsky of Congregation Tifereth Israel, and I am coordinating the Jewish component. So far, volunteer choirs from Congregation Tifereth Israel, Beth Shalom, as well as Temple Israel have agreed to participate in the Jewish Community Choir. Those members of the Temple Israel Chorale who are participating are Ron Cohen, Wendy Cohen, Karen Dicker, Paul Dicker, Martha Globe, Marcie Gold, Esther Greenwald, Jeni Harris, Susan Horwitz, Ted Horwitz, Eileen Karon, Tudy Krupnick, Michael Kuhr, Barbara Seeder.

This promises to be an extraordinary community event, so please plan to attend.

Cantor Vicki L. Axe

TEMPLE ISRAEL BOARD ATTENDS DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

On Sunday, August 23rd, members of Temple Israel's Board of Trustees attended an all-day Development Institute at the Concourse Hotel. Planned and coordinated by Susan Schubert and Linda Simchon, the workshops focused on team building, problem solving, goal setting and planning. The workshops were facilitated by Loree Heinsheimer and Marc Colton, volunteers trained by UAHC to conduct these worthwhile exercises.

Participants left the session with renewed commitment, a better understanding of the structure of the Temple and a wonderful spirit of working together to accomplish common objectives. Additional sessions are planned for upcoming Board meetings.

Future topics of discussion at future Board of Trustees meetings will be *The Rabbinic Search Process* and *Revising the Nominating Committee Process*.

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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

The Membership Committee has identified several innovative approaches to welcome and integrate new members into the congregation

Every Friday evening beginning October 9, a welcome table will be set up at the entryway; new and prospective members will be asked to sign in and one of the volunteers staffing the table will talk with and introduce the visitors or new members to congregants attending services. Information and membership brochures will be available. Every effort will be made to make our new people feel comfortable and at home.

After services, a special table, also staffed by volunteers, will be reserved for those individuals who would like to meet new people in a non-threatening and comfortable atmosphere. Any members of the congregation who would like to join the group at the oneg table are more than welcome to do so. This is an opportunity to make new friends and meet fellow congregants.

One of our new members, Jane Lyon, has taken on the responsibility of calling and coordinating the scheduling for manning these tables. If you would like to help at our welcome tables, please call Jane at 457-9279.

Sisterhood and Brotherhood have agreed to take on the responsibility of preparing and delivering welcome baskets to all new members of Temple Israel. The baskets will contain such things as a bottle of Sabbath wine, a challah, Sabbath candles, candy, a Temple directory, and a mezuzah which is a gift from Brotherhood and Sisterhood. Thank you to both auxiliaries for helping us to create a warm and welcoming feeling at the Temple.

Also being planned are "Doing Jewish" workshops - a series which will be open not only to members but to the community. Sisterhood, with the help and input from the Membership Committee, will be coordinating these sessions which will include topics on holiday preparations, feeling at home in the Temple, life cycle events, and High Holidays.

The Membership Committee is under the direction of Marcy Gross, Assistant Secretary of Temple Israel, is chaired by Tod Friedman and staffed by Linda Simchon. Active participants on this committee include Sisterhood President Barbara Seeder, Brotherhood President Michael Kravitz, Paul Dicker, Doug Davis, Laura and Paul Greenland, Bonnie Rubenstein, Bev Shafran, Bette Jo Stempel, Ruth Papier, Helen Fisher, and Jane Lyon.

CLOSE TO 1,000,000 AMERICAN JEWS ARE NOT REGISTERED VOTERS Don't Be One of Them!

We Must Protect The Jewish Agenda -
Domestically and for Israel.

There are important differences between the
candidates - inform yourself about the issues, then

REGISTER AND VOTE!

ENTERED SECOND CLASS
COLUMBUS, OHIO

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In Memoriam

*We record
with deep sorrow
the passing of:*

Ida L. Berke
Wife of
Arnold Berke

Evelyn Bernfeld

Jerome Bornheim

Mary Brodey
Aunt of
Dena Goldman

Sanford Harnett
Husband of
Thelma Harnett

Mildred Tarshish
Sister of
Elizabeth Goldberg

Mazel Tov!

... to grandparents Rhoda
and Lee Ross and great
grandmother Ann Barkan
(Mrs. Sam Barkan) on the
birth of a grandson, Jeremy,
on July 27, 1992

... to Marc and Ellen Half
on the birth of a daughter,
Shayna Jessica, born August
19, 1992

BIKUR CHOLIM HOSPITAL VISITS BY CLERGY

Our clergy want to respond to
the needs of our congregants
who are hospitalized. Though
admissions are checked daily,
accurate information is not al-
ways obtainable from each hospi-
tal. In order to assure timely
notification to our office, con-
gregants must identify their
desire for a clergy visit upon
admission.

If you wish a visit, just have a
friend or family member call
the Temple office on Monday
through Friday between 9:00
a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and we will
make a special effort to see you
during your hospital stay.