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BULLETIN

FROM THE RABBI...

GOD AND ETHICS IN NOVEMBER

Two events focus my thoughts as we enter the month of November: the Sisterhood-sponsored Book Review on November 4th and the UAHC regional biennial in Ann Arbor from November 6-8. The review will be of Rabbi Lawrence Kushner's new work *God was in this Place and I, i did not know*, and at the biennial I have been asked to conduct, along with my colleague Rabbi Dan Polish, the session on Synagogue Ethics. Not surprisingly, I see one emerging from the other.

Our prophetic tradition directs our attention to God as the ultimate source of ethics and values. As we know, the formal reference term for our faith is Ethical Monotheism, a belief in God who is good. God as goodness, as the ultimate ethical imperative, provides our role model for behavior, as we are commanded and we have chosen to accept the teaching "Be Holy (Kedoshim Tiheyu) for I The Lord Your God am Holy." Kushner helps us on our search for God's presence in our lives.

Synagogue ethics historically originate from faith as nearly every aspect of temple life has its connection to "The Holy." Such issues as interpersonal relationships, financial accountability, social responsibility, and group decision making emanate from the primary role our house of assembly, prayer and study provides. For it is here in this holy place that we seek and often find the inspiration for "Tikkun Olam," our effort to repair the world.

As I offer my understanding of the struggle we all engage in to search for God in our lives and in so doing translate that discovery into action, I shall be thinking of you and how we share in this sacred exploration together. November, our national month of thanksgiving offers an additional reason to be grateful: our sense of the holy and our willingness to bestow blessings on others by our good deeds and ethical acts.

Rabbi Bradley N. Bleefeld



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

On October 23rd, at Friday evening services, we welcomed the following new members to our congregation:

Iosit Akselrud
Jeff & Jennifer Avon
Mark & Judy Borys
Victor & Yelena Dashevskiy
Sam & Gigi Fried
Abram & Sonja Gips
Kevin & Cara Girton
Sidney & Esther Greenwald
Debra Harris
Rona Feldman Hughes
Scott & Robin Levin
Jeffrey & Jane Lyon
Harold McDow
Vladimir & Alla Minustin
Larry & Karen Mitzman

Michael Ornstein
Lonne Perlman & Elizabeth Elpiner
Florence Risen
Sonia Risen
Robert Sanford
Clifford Schall
Donna Silverman
Marvin & Harriet Sloin
Emily Spiegler
Thomas Summer & Sydney Licht
Samuel & Andrea Tiras
Barbi Tuckerman
Kunis & Yelena Uchiteleva
Shmil & Yudif Uchiteleva

We wish them all a warm and fulfilling experience as part of our family.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

Religious school students have been busy in September and October! Activities have included the "Links to Our People" project and service on opening day; changing of the Torah covers from blue to white for the High Holidays by the second-graders (with sixth-graders holding the Torahs); sukkah-decorating, with special Sisterhood-sponsored projects for grades K-3; consecration; a high school extended day on the subject of Pirke Avot; and field trips to the Ohio Historical Center to view the exhibit, "Voyages to Freedom: 500 Years of Jewish Life in Latin America and the Caribbean."

November will bring the third-grade Hebrew naming (November 1), fifth-sixth grade Parent Participation (November 8) with the theme "A Jewish Hero for President," a teacher workshop (November 15), the fourth-fifth-sixth grade shabbat (November 20), and teacher participation in the LYJCC Book Fair.

Thanksgiving vacation is November 29.

If you are a religious school parent and have not received your parents' handbook, please contact Karen Elson at the Temple office.

Recent educator activities have included attendance at the CAJE conference in Los Angeles (along with many of our teachers), Council of Jewish Educators meetings, a meeting of the Tri-State Area Reform Temple Educators in Cincinnati, and the Educators' Conference at the Regional Biennial in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

JUDAICA SHOP

NOVEMBER "Feature of the Month"

The Sisterhood Judaica Shop invites you to view
THE LIGHTS OF HANUKKAH

This special holiday display presents menorahs in every size, shape, color, and price range (many of which were featured in "The Source of Everything Jewish" winter catalog). From the traditional to the contemporary, in silver, brass, enamel, marble and stone - let our hanukiah light up your home for the holidays.

In addition, the Shop is pleased to offer a complete line of menorahs for children of all ages - including stuffed menorahs with velcro flames for the very young child. A delightful gift for you children and grandchildren. Start a beautiful tradition as the whole family celebrates the Festival of Lights.

So remember to shop the Shop - your source of Judaica for the holidays!

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 P.M.

or by appointment - contact Deborah Kuhr at 866-0010.

"THANKS"

from RABBI FOLKMAN

*Thank you for honoring
my 85th birthday and for the
many wishes and gifts from
all my friends and colleagues.*
Rabbi Jerome Folkman

A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

in PRAYER and SONG
an interfaith concert of
choirs
including

The Temple Israel Choir
Cantor Vicki L. Axe, Director,
and featuring performances by
groups representing Baha'i,
Buddhist, Christian, Hindu,
Jewish, Muslim, and Sikh
religious traditions

4:00 P.M., Sunday,
November 15
*Capitol Theatre at the
Riffe Center*
77 South High Street

Tickets are available at the
Temple Israel office.

Schedule of Services

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

EVERY SATURDAY
MORNING
10:30 A.M.

November
Shabbat Van Dates
November 6
November 13

FRIDAY EVENING BABYSITTING

As a service to our members, Temple Israel provides babysitting for Friday evening services.

Teenage members of our congregation are on hand in Room 8 to watch children ages 2 to 8. Please feel free to drop off your children any time after 7:45 P.M.

KOL AMI NEWS AND NOTES

Kol Ami, the Community Hebrew School of Columbus, has launched the 1992-93 school year with a record enrollment of 340 students. A significant new educational opportunity being inaugurated is a course in Conversational Hebrew for Teenagers. This pilot class is designed for post-Bar/Bat Mitzvah teens and is offered on Sundays from 1:30 to 3:00 P.M. at the Beth Tikvah branch. This was developed in response to a request from youths planning trips to Israel, as well as some who wish to prepare for return trips there. The class is open to all interested students in grades 8 through 12. To register, call the school office at 237-7686.

In addition to the seventh grade Hay class of 54 students, enrollment at all three branches is up, as reflected in the following: 89 at Agudas Achim; 118 at Beth Tikvah; 79 at Temple Israel. Parents of all students in the Early Advantage through Vav classes have received invitations to the Kol Ami Annual Open House at each branch. Between 5:00 and 6:00 P.M. parents are encouraged to visit in their children's classrooms to meet teachers and observe typical Hebrew instruction in the 1990s. Open House dates are Wednesday, November 4 at Agudas Achim and Thursday, November 5 at Beth Tikvah and Temple Israel. Child-care for younger siblings will be available since only parent visitors can be accommodated in the classrooms. All classes will be held on the regular schedule on these dates.



Gourmet Holiday Gift Baskets

Looking for a unique way to show family, friends and business associates that they're really special?

Our gourmet baskets will convey your feelings like no other gift!

We gather the most sophisticated kosher foods from around the world. Our tempting chocolates, preserves, fruits, nuts and specialty items are carefully selected for the Jewish holidays. These tantalizing treats are arranged in hand-crafted baskets, making a beautiful centerpiece for your holiday celebrations.

All of our products are certified kosher and parve, under strict rabbinical supervision. Every gift includes a personalized card with holiday good wishes. We pack each basket for safe shipment anywhere in the country.

It's easy to order! Just complete the form on the back and return it with payment by the date indicated.

THE KOSHER PALATE INC.

SUPPORT THE YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Chanukah Gift Basket Order Form

Our Organization Earns Money on Each Basket Sold!

STEP 1

Choose from these baskets:

- STANDARD:** Gourmet crispbread, dried fruit, chocolate filled dreidel, Vermont special muffin mix, Israeli halva and herbal tea
- PREMIUM:** Gourmet crispbread, dried fruit, chocolate filled dreidel, Vermont special muffin mix, Israeli halva, deluxe nut mix and imported chocolate
- DELUXE:** Dried fruit, chocolate filled dreidel, Israeli halva, herbal tea, extra fancy nut mix, imported fruit spread and Belgian Truffle Brownie Mix
- Substitutions may occur due to product availability.*

STEP 2

Tell us who you are:

Name _____
 Street _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone () _____

STEP 3

Tell us who to send gift baskets to. Please list additional orders on a separate sheet of paper:

Name _____ Street _____ City _____ State _____ How would you like the Chanukah card signed? Type of basket <input type="checkbox"/> Standard <input type="checkbox"/> Premium <input type="checkbox"/> Deluxe	Name _____ Street _____ City _____ State _____ How would you like the Chanukah card signed? Type of basket <input type="checkbox"/> Standard <input type="checkbox"/> Premium <input type="checkbox"/> Deluxe
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STEP 4

Tell us how many you'd like:

Number of Standard baskets _____	@ \$17.00 each = _____
Number of Premium baskets _____	@ \$21.00 each = _____
Number of Deluxe baskets _____	@ \$26.00 each = _____
Price of each basket includes shipping, however add \$5.00 for each delivery to Alaska, Hawaii, Canada or U.S. Post Office Box	
TOTAL _____	

STEP 5

Make your check out to:

Make your check payable to Temple Israel Youth Activities
 Return it to Judi Cooper 360 Clemson Street Gahanna, OH 43230
 With this order form by November 16, 1992

Thank you for your order!

Substitutions may occur due to product availability.

PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER

"TOYS FOR TOYS"

**The Temple Israel Preschool Committee
encourages you to participate
in our November fundraiser "Toys For Toys."**

**On Thursday, November 19 and
Friday, November 20, from 9:15 - 11:30 A.M.
in the Temple Library, you will have the
opportunity to preview and purchase
Discovery Toys ®.**

**Perfect gifts for the holidays, birthdays, or
anytime – *Discovery Toys* ® offers developmental
toys, books, and games of the highest quality
and exceptional value.**

**And, best of all, a percentage of your
Discovery Toys ® purchase enables us
to select new toys for use by
Temple Israel preschoolers.**

**So be sure to join us
November 19th and 20th, when
"Toys for You = Toys for Us."**

**For further information regarding
this fundraiser and/or
the Temple Israel Preschool Committee,
please contact Deborah Kuhr at 866-5593.**

B'nai Mitzvah for November, 1992

November 14—**Mark Stempel**, son of
Dr. Laurence and Betty Stempel



November 21—**Melissa Cohen**, daughter of
Ron and Pamela Cohen

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.

ENTERTAINMENT 93 BOOKS

The Temple Israel Sisterhood proudly announces that Entertainment 93 Books are now available. Many of your old favorites return along with newcomers: Trattoria Roma, Christophers, The Longhorn Steak House and Touchstone Cafe. There are other new entries too numerous to mention. To order your book and arrange pick up and/or delivery, please call Wendy Galan, 861-6305, or Beverly Bain, 235-5192. Books are also available at the Temple Israel Judaica Shop.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES TIFTY ADVISORS

The Youth Activities Committee of Temple Israel is very pleased to announce that Laura and Paul Greenland have assumed the role of TIFTY (Temple Israel Federation of Temple Youth) advisors for the Temple's junior youth group, which consists of 6th through 8th graders.

Laura and Paul bring to this position many years of experience as former NIFTYites, and having also helped out with our senior youth programming. Committee Chairperson

Judi Cooper said, "We are very fortunate and excited that the Greenlands have accepted this position and we know they will do an outstanding job."

TIFTY is looking forward to another great year which will include many favorite programs as well as new and innovative ones.

Any 6th, 7th or 8th grader interested in being a part of this growing movement, please contact Laura or Paul Greenland at 759-1028, or leave a message at the Temple at 866-0010.

WEEKLY TORAH STUDY

Meet with Rabbi Bleefeld for a Torah study session every Wednesday from noon until 1:15 P.M.

Jody Scheiman has graciously offered her offices for these interesting, informative, and interactive meetings. Jody has also offered to provide a complementary lunch to anyone who calls her at 460-6591 to R.S.V.P. by 10:00 A.M. the morning of the session.

Study sessions will be at:

PaineWebber Conference Room,
Huntington Center . . . 33rd Floor,
41 South High Street

LINDA SIMCHON EARNS SENIOR MEMBER STATUS IN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

In June, Linda Simchon, Temple Israel's administrator, attended an Institute developed and taught by members of the National Association of Temple Administrators (N.A.T.A.) and the Hebrew Union College. This intensive study program expanded on and enhanced the knowledge needed to successfully run a temple on a day-to-day basis.

After completing the Institute, exams were given in the areas of budget/finance, membership/communications, personnel/office/facility management, prayers/customs, history and Hebrew.

Ms. Simchon has been informed that she has passed all of the exams and has been designated a Senior Member of N.A.T.A. She will be recognized for this achievement at the N.A.T.A. convention in November.

BROTHERHOOD, SISTERHOOD CO-SPONSOR PROGRAM

Temple is a center for lively, informative discussion and sociability as well as a house of worship. It is in this spirit that Brotherhood and Sisterhood are co-sponsoring a dinner and program Tuesday evening, November 17 at 6:30 P.M. We will enjoy a dinner catered by Joyce Spiegler and a discussion of the topic "Reform Judaism in Israel" featuring Rabbi John Spitzer, Vice-Chairman

of ARZA; and Alex Gal, community shaliach. Please return the tear-off portion of the invitation from the October mid-month mailing or send a check made out to Temple Israel Sisterhood for \$12/person to Bev Koenigsberg, 647 Boxford Lane, Columbus 43213. This is a topic of interest to all of us as well as an opportunity to enjoy an evening with old and new friends from our congregation.

USHER'S UPDATE

In last month's *Bulletin*, we inadvertently omitted a number of names from the usher's list. We apologize for the error and want to extend our thanks to the following individuals who unselfishly give of their time to enhance our religious services:

John and Anne Sostrom, Co-Chairs of the Committee;

Nathan Bodner

Bunny Cowall

Ida Eisenberg,

Sylvia Goldstein

Richard Kotzer

Michael Levison

Jean Monett

Milton Peterman

Ann Pollack

From the Islamic Foundation of Central Ohio

Dear Rabbi Bleefeld and members of Temple Israel:

On behalf of the Muslim community of central Ohio, please accept our warm congratulations on the occasion of your High Holidays - Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

May you be inscribed in the book of life for a year of blessing, peace and good sustenance.

May God grant you peace and well-being, blessing and grace, love, kindness and mercy in the year to come.

Sincerely yours,

Mazhar Jalil, Ph.D., Chairman, Board of Trustees

OHIO HISTORICAL SPECIALIST ARRANGES TEMPLE DISPLAYS

Kimberly S. Feinknopf, Collections Specialist at the Ohio Historical Society, is to be commended for the Temple's Showcase Displays of Temple history during the past two years.

The current one is of especial interest, titled *The Bryden Road Years*, spanning 1904-1959 when the Temple was located on Bryden Road near 18th Street. It encompasses the neighborhood as well as the Temple, stretching from Parson Avenue on the west to Rhodes Avenue on the east, Main Street to Broad Street.

Photos of the area preview the Classical Reform period and the Temple's growth and expansion through 55 years of our 146 year history.

Thank you, Kimberly.

SPECIAL THANKS

Rabbi Bleefeld and his family, Cantor Axe and her family, and Rabbi Folkman wish to thank the members of Temple Israel for their good wishes at this holiday season.

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"ELECTION POST-MORTEM" IS ADULT ED TOPIC NOV. 8

"Election Post Mortems" Meaning and Message for Jews, Israel and the U.S." will be the topic of Temple Israel's first Adult Education session of the new year, scheduled for 10:00 A.M., Sunday, November 8, five days after the presidential election.

The speaker will be Samuel I. Horowitz, director of the Columbus Jewish Federation's community relations division.

Mr. Horowitz plans to examine how the election might affect the future of the Arab-Israeli peace process. He will assess the voting pattern of Jews in this year's election, discuss the new Jewish congressional delegation, and provide some thought on Jewish participation in American politics. A general discussion period is built into the program.

Mr. Horowitz has served as the Federation Community Relations director for five years. He previously had a similar post in Minneapolis. Horowitz received his graduate degree in political science at Indiana University in Bloomington. Earlier he served in the Peace Corps in Guatemala. He is a native of New York City.

Continental breakfast is at 9:30 A.M. The presentation will begin at 10:00 A.M.

Adult Education co-chairs are Asher Moser and Henry Saeman.

In Memoriam

*We record
with deep sorrow
the passing of:*

Rae Shlonsky
Mother of
Donald Shlonsky

Rita Berg
Mother of
Leslie Lansky

Helen Smith
Sister of
Harriet Goldberg

Robert Eugene Trattner
Father of
Beverly Anderson

THANK YOU TO OUR HIGH HOLIDAY VOLUNTEERS

Temple Israel is fortunate to have a number of members who volunteer to spend their High Holidays coordinating special programming. An enormous *Thank You* to Clemy Keidan and Edie Love, who coordinated and ran the Children's activities, and to all those who helped in the classrooms: Smokey Bare, Deborah Belinky, Allyson Berman, Julie Cooper, Amy and Susie Dicker, Karen Elson, Gregory and Pamela Feldman-Hill, Cheri Friedman, Judy Greenberg, Amy Gurvis, Ronni Hayon, Jennifer Henkin, Maxine Kass, Randy Kaynes, Robert Keiden, Jennifer Knight, Doris Krasik, Johanna Levenstein, Laurie and Michael Levison, Mort Love, Linda Manket, Debra and Michael McKee, Karen Mozenter, Judith Ridgeway, Jean Robbins, Linda Rosenthal, Bonnie Rubenstein, Alexis Seeder, Adam Shnider, Lea Snyder, Gadi Simchon, Stephanie Solomon, Sadie Stern, and Lane Wood.

Thank you to Terri Greenbaum who coordinated and supervised the babysitting service.

Thanks also to our wonderful volunteer choirs who so enhance our services. **Adult Choir members** are: Beverly Anderson, Sunny Carney, Ron Cohen, Paul and Karen Dicker, Esther Greenwald, Jeni Harris, Susan and Ted Horwitz, Eileen Karon, and Michael Kuhr. **Youth Choir members** are: Judah Axe, Lindsey Belkin, Jennifer Benjamin, Allyson Berman, Josh Cohen, Julie Cooper, Jason Crabill, Amy and Susie Dicker, Rebecca Dowling, Rebecca Greene, Amy Gurvis, David Kaufman, Brian Kleinman, Jennifer Knight, Daphne Rozen, Jack Schreiber, Alexis Seeder, Lea Snyder, Stephanie Soloman, Allison Somogyi, Brian Stempel, and Kim Worly.

Thanks to: our eighth grade readers who contributed so beautifully to the afternoon service on Yom Kippur: Rebecca Bodner, Andrea Cohn, Dalia Ermann, Cari Frohman, Alissa Luck, Lindsey Mayer, Jay Pinsky, and Elizabeth Simson.

And to: Sherran Blair for the beautiful flower arrangements on the Bema for Rosh Hashanah.

Thank you to Kay Friedman for recruiting people to usher and greet at the Multi-Generational Service, *and to* Sam & Sharon Edelman, Madeline Fields, Kay & Bernard Friedman, Joan Folpe, Jeffrey & Debra Haase, Joel & Phyllis Kingsley, Michael & Laurie Levison, Paul & Myra Sharfin, and Philip & Ellen Weinblatt for greeting and ushering at the Multi-Generational Service on Rosh Hashanah.

To Bonnie Rubenstein for recruiting our hospitality table staffers and to the staffers themselves: Tod Friedman, David & Susan Hersh, Robert Kellerman, and Michael & Deborah McKee.

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