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BULLETIN

FROM THE RABBI...

The January Pulpit



January 1

Ring in the new secular year. Rabbi Bleefeld will speak on his choice for "Person of the Year, 1992"

January 8

Join us as Cantor Axe inspires us with "A Sermon in Song"

January 15

Rabbi Bleefeld will present an "Eyewitness Report from Jerusalem" upon his return from the Israel Bond Rabbinic Cabinet meeting in Israel

January 22

An in-the-aisle free-wheeling question and answer time as Rabbi Bleefeld conducts "Ask the Rabbi"

January 29

The President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Melvin Merians, will speak as we host Beth Shalom and Beth Tikvah for Founder's Sabbath

TEMPLE ISRAEL NAMES CINDY LAZARUS AND M.D. PORTMAN HUMANITARIANS OF THE YEAR

On February 5, 1993, Temple Israel will honor Council President Cindy Lazarus and Councilman M.D. Portman for their service to the community.

Cindy Lazarus was elected to Columbus City Council in 1985 and became President in January, 1990. She has chaired the Council's Finance Committee and served on a number of other Council committees.

Council President Lazarus' legislative initiatives have focused on ridding our schools of drugs, curtailing crime, helping senior citizens make their homes more safe, and addressing the problems of homelessness and affordable housing. She formed a Task Force in 1989 to study affordable child care.

Ms. Lazarus is the Executive Director of the Leo Yassenoff Foundation, a philanthropic organization. She is married to Stuart Lazarus and they have a five year old daughter, Frannie.

M. D. Portman was first elected to City Council in 1965 and served as its President from 1972-1983. He is Chairman of the Council's Development Committee and a member of the Franklin County Solid Waste Management Authority, which he

helped establish.

As Executive Assistant to former mayor M. E. Sensenbrenner, Mr. Portman began the first investment program and capital improvements budget for the city.

Councilman Portman serves on the Board of Downtown Columbus, Heritage House, Opera Columbus, the Columbus Historical Society, and the I-670 Development Board.

Mr. Portman has been recognized by the Columbus Community Congress, AFL-CIO, Anti-Defamation League, JNF, and others for his dedication and service. He is married to Alice and they have three children, Fred, Jeff, and Judith.

We will begin this Friday evening with a dinner at Dr. Steven and Judith Tuckerman's home, followed by a service, the presentation of the awards, and special oneg at the Temple.

Please mark your calendars now for Friday, February 5, 1993, to be sure to join us as we honor these two remarkable individuals. More information will be mailed to you shortly.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS:

We hope all our parents enjoyed the November issue of the school newsletter. If you did not receive a copy and would like one, please call the Temple office.

December 13 was a busy day at school. We had a visit from the Israeli student who led the community torch run, and two classes participated in a Hanukkah activity during which they constructed menorahs, performed "Hanukkah bag dramatics," and had a dreidel party.

Religious school resumes January 10. Third-fourth grade Parent Participation Day ("A Jewish Sensory Experience") will take place on January 24. On January 31, Cantor Axe will present a teacher workshop. February 7 will be our Tu B'Shvat Seder, and February 5-7 will be our 10th grade retreat at Pilgrim Hills.

Dear Religious School Parents:

It has recently come to our attention that there have been problems with children's behavior in the Temple at Shabbat dinners and before and after services on Fridays and Saturdays. Ball-playing, running, and paper airplane flying do not belong in the Temple, nor should children be playing with the telephones. We ask your help in supervising your children while in the building and keeping them out of areas where they should not be, such as the reception desk, the stage, and the bima. More than that, we ask that you instruct your children in the behavior and decorum that are expected in the synagogue. Their religious school teachers will be teaching them this as well. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Karen Elson, Religious School Director

JUDAICA SHOP

JANUARY "Feature of the Month"
The Sisterhood Judaica Shop now offers
GIFT REGISTRIES

For your convenience, the Judaica Shop is pleased to be able to offer you the benefits of our *Bridal* and *B'nai Mitzvah* Gift Registries.

The Judaica Shop has giftware, artwork, and holiday and ritual items for your special simcha. Just stop in during our regular shop hours or call for an appointment—a Shop volunteer will be on hand to acquaint you with our large selection of merchandise and register the bridal couple or Bar/Bar Mitzvah.

It is our pleasure to help make your special occasion more memorable through the beauty of Judaica.

Mazel Tov!
The Judaica Shop

Sundays 9:30 A.M. - 12:00 Noon

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

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

or by appointment - contact Deborah Kuhr, 866-0010

Information Regarding Charitable Contributions

The Internal Revenue Service is looking carefully at what taxpayers claim as charitable contributions. We remind our members that payments to the Temple which are charitable donations are indeed tax deductible, but those that are for goods and services are not. A charitable contribution is a gratuitous payment where the donor receives no material benefit.

Fees for classes, purchase of gift shop items, and cemetery plots (payment for which value is received), are not deductible. Dues payments, outright donations, special dedications are deductible. Payments for events such as the New Members Dinner, which have some food cost, are partially deductible. Any payment over and above the cost of a dinner would be considered a charitable contribution, but the cost of the dinner itself is not. The Temple will try to guide you where only part of the event is tax deductible.

We encourage all members to consult their tax advisors if there is any question about payments to Temple Israel.

SISTERHOOD TOT SHABBAT

Mark your calendars now for Sisterhood's Tot Shabbats! On Saturday morning, January 9, at 10:30, young children from two through six and their families are invited to meet in the sanctuary for a brief participatory service led by Rabbi Bleefeld and Cantor Axe. Crafts and a light lunch will follow the service.

Our next Tot Shabbat on Saturday, February 6 at 10:30 A.M. will celebrate Tu B'Shevat. Lunch and a special planting activity follow the service. Plan now to create Jewish memories with your children! For reservations, please call the Temple office at 866-0010.

Thank You . . .

The Temple Israel Foundation wishes to thank Mr. Hank Gorchoff and his company, Peerless Office Supply Co., for their kind contribution of a file cabinet. The cabinet will be used for organizing the records and files of the Foundation.

KOL AMI NEWS AND NOTES

This year the Temple Israel branch of Kol Ami has 83 students enrolled in its Tuesday and Thursday afternoon classes. Boys and girls in grades two through six learn basic Hebrew language skills to enable them to participate in home and synagogue services and observances of their Judaism. Parents of these students were invited to the school's Eighth Annual Open House on November 5 and 12, and enjoyed visiting in their children's classrooms during the last half of a regular session.

Five times each school year students are named to the Student Recognition Roll at each branch. The following Temple children were honored for the September/October grading period:

- Early Advantage (Grade 2): Michael Cohen
- Aleph: Adam Delson, David Chaiffetz, Jordan Levin, Rachel Robbins
 - Bet: Emily Jarvis, Rachel Goldblatt, Benjamin Zeidman, Nathan Rosenberg, Megan Sanders
 - Gimel: Bryan Frackman, Hilary Wolf
 - Dalet: Joshua Summer, Leah Corn, Jamie Mazer
 - Vav: Daniel Kaufman

Mazel Tov to these students and their families!!!

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Kol Ami Winter Break will be from December 18 through January 3. Classes will resume on January 3 and 4, 1993.

GAME NIGHT OUT

TEMPLE ISRAEL BROTHERHOOD IS SPONSORING A GAME NIGHT OUT, FOR ALL OF OUR ENJOYMENT AT THE TEMPLE.

ALL TEMPLE MEMBERS AND THEIR INVITED GUESTS ARE WELCOME, OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED.

THIS NIGHT IS FOR INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS, SO DON'T EXCLUDE YOURSELF.

RESERVE WEDNESDAY JANUARY 20TH, AND EACH 3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH THRU JUNE AS YOUR NIGHT OUT.

GAMES START AT 7:00 P.M. AND MUST BE FINISHED AT 11:00 P.M. NO HOUSE CUTS OR PERCENTAGES.

BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS AND BEVERAGES. NO ADMISSION FEE, JUST A FUN NIGHT OUT.

RSVP TO GARY COOPER 471-8294 OR
NEIL SHNIDER 471-7093

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Temple Israel

Dear Congregants:

January 1993

YFTL is pleased to have been chosen, along with Beth Tikvah's youth group, as hosts for the 1993 OVFTY (Ohio Valley Federation of Temple Youth) Regional Convention to be held February 25-28, 1993. This is an annual event which brings together Reform Jewish high school students from parts of Ohio, Indiana, West Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky. The Columbus youth groups will be responsible for the programming, food, housing and fun for around 200 teenagers.

We are asking for your help and support in order to make this weekend special and memorable. As a parent of an active youth grouper or as a member of the congregation, you can help house visitors, chaperone events or help with food preparation and serving. Please consider acting as a host family for this weekend. Hosting families must assume the following responsibilities: breakfast Friday and Saturday mornings, Shabbat dinner Friday night, a place to sleep and transportation to and from events (the days will start around 9:00 a.m. and end around 12:30 a.m.).

This is a unique opportunity for us to meet and spend some time with Jewish youth from around the Midwest. The weekend of February 25-28 should prove to be an enriching experience for OVFTYites as well as for the host families. We hope we can count on your support for our youth group. Thank you!

1993 OVFTY REGIONALS HOUSING FORM

Please send this completed form by January 22, 1993 to:

Bonnie Rubenstein
5616-B Hibernia Drive
Columbus, OH 43232

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Children living at home and their ages _____

How many people can you host (minimum 2) _____

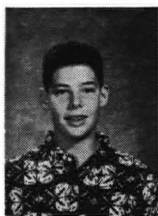
Housing preference (circle one): BOYS GIRLS EITHER BOTH

If contacted, would you be willing to help out in some other way? YES NO

If you have any questions about housing OVFTYites, please contact Bonnie Rubenstein at 861-8298.

B'nai Mitzvah for January, 1993

January 16--**Samuel Rosen**, son of
Mark and Leslie Rosen



January 23--**Sarah Stanich**, daughter of
Daniel and Heather Stanich

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.

FRED SUMMER SERVES ON REGIONAL BOARD

At the Northeast Lakes Council UAHC Regional Biennial, recently held in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Fred Summer was reconfirmed as a member of the Regional Board. Bunny Cowall, Beverly Shafran, Ernest Stern, and Cantor Vicki Axe also serve on the Regional Board.

Meeting in plenary session, the more than 250 delegates from Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Western Pennsylvania, and Western New York re-elected Leon Plevin, of Cleveland, President of the Region. The Regional Social Action Committee proposed and the delegates approved a resolution urging the leaders of congregations in the Northeast Lakes Council to be on the alert to the threat posed by the Religious Right.

All the participants at the Biennial agreed that this was the most stimulating and challenging UAHC Conference they had ever attended. Many new programs and materials were shared, and a wonderful feeling of warmth and inspiration prevailed. All agreed that the members of Temple Beth Emeth in Ann Arbor had done a superior job in handling the program and arrangements.

The next Regional Biennial, celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Northeast Lakes Council, will be held in Columbus, Ohio, November 4-6, 1994.

EVELYN BERNFELD BEQUEST

Temple Israel received a bequest from the estate of the late Evelyn Bernfeld, forwarded to us by Suzan Huddleston, Mrs. Bernfeld's daughter and executor of the estate.

Evelyn's commitment to our congregation and interest in seeing its programs and services perpetuated is much appreciated by those of us who will benefit from her generosity.

WEEKLY TORAH STUDY

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

Jody Scheiman hosts these weekly sessions at her offices, Paine Webber Conference Room, 33rd Floor, Huntington Center. Jody has also offered to provide a complimentary lunch to anyone who calls her at 460-6591 to R.S.V.P. by 10:00 A.M. the morning of the session.

SISTERHOOD BAKE DAY JANUARY 14

A big thank you to the ladies who helped fill our Sisterhood Oneg Shabbat freezer. Twelve hundred pieces of pastry were baked with loving care by Bette Jo Stempel, Marci Delson, Judy Herman, Jeanne Moser, Marsha Cooper, Joan Rafelson, Babette Whitman, and Susie Kirshner. Thank You, Thank You, Thank You.

The next Sisterhood Bake Day will be January 14, 1993. Come share the good company and conversation, and bring your favorite cookie recipe. WE NEED YOU!! We bake from 9:00 AM- 12:00 and then have lunch together. If you would like to join us on Thursday, January 14, call Marsha Cooper, 861-6401.

FEED THE HOMELESS

On January 25, Sisterhood will again cook and serve a nutritious meal at The Open Shelter. For information or to volunteer, call Karen Mozenter at 478-1706.

UAHC SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 14

"Spiritual Energy: How Does Judaism Teach Us To Live Out Our Spirituality" will be the topic of the second annual one-day conference on Sunday, February 14, 9:00 A.M. to 3:15 P.M. at The Temple-Tifereth Israel Branch, 26000 Shaker Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio.

The event, sponsored by the Northeast Lakes Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, is open to all members of Reform Congregations. The keynote address will be given by Rabbi Jack Stern, past President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and Chairman of the Task Force on Jewish Ethics for the UAHC, who will be scholar-in-residence for the program.

Small group sessions in the morning and afternoon will explore questions such as:

- How can I gain spiritual insight?
- What does Judaism teach me about spirituality?
- What does it mean to be "spiritual" in relationship to our family and living with others?
- Is there a spiritual dimension to study, prayer, and doing justly?

After the keynote address, the conference will feature a parallel track for area Reform Jewish educators and teachers.

Cost of the one-day event, including continental breakfast and lunch, is \$10.00. The event Chairperson is Michael Penzner, a member of the Regional Board of UAHC. Registration forms are available from the temple office, or by calling the UAHC regional office, 831-6733. Registration deadline is February 5, 1993.

Schedule of Services

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

EVERY SATURDAY
MORNING
10:30 A.M.

Mazel Tov to . . .

. . . James and Judith Zitsman on the birth of their son, Joseph Isaac Zitsman, on November 30, 1992.

. . . Diane & Kenneth Cohen on the birth of their son, and Barbara & Martin Schuster on the birth of their grandson, Samuel Harrison on December 4, 1992.

BULLETIN MAILING DEADLINES

Deadline for submitting flyers for the mid-month mailing is the 7th of each month.

Bulletin articles must be submitted by the 1st of the preceding month.

REFORM INTERCONGREGATIONAL SABBATH

Temple Israel is hosting this year's Reform Intercongregational Sabbath (Founders Sabbath) on Friday evening, January 29 and Saturday morning, January 30.

We are fortunate to have the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Melvin Merians, as our guest speaker. Mr. Merians was elected to a two-year term as Chairman of the policy-setting body of the UAHC which represents 856 congregations in the U.S. and Canada. He has served the UAHC as its Treasurer, Chairman of the Endowment Campaign Steering Committee, Chairman of the Commission on Reform Jewish Outreach and the Task Force on the Unaffiliated. Mr. Merians is also a member of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

In addition to these activities, he is Treasurer of the Jewish Museum and has been active in the American Jewish Committee. He is also Treasurer of the Jewish Foundation for Christian Rescuers.

In 1976, Mr. Merians and his wife, Elaine, created and served as the driving force of an unusual art exhibition, "Spiritual Resistance: Art of the Holocaust," that toured the U.S. in three years.

Join us for Friday evening services on January 29 at 8:00 P.M. to hear this dynamic speaker. A beautiful oneg will follow.

On Saturday morning, January 30, we will again meet at Temple Israel at 9:00 A.M. for a continental breakfast, followed by a lively discussion with Mr. Merians and a brief Shabbat service.

Watch for a flyer in the mail.

KAREN ELSON AWARDED TITLE

Karen Elson, Temple Israel's Religious School Director, was honored by the National Association of Temple Educators (NATE) and awarded the prestigious title of Reform Jewish Educator (R.J.E.)

NATE is the professional organization of over 800 Reform Jewish educators from Australia, Canada, England, Israel, and the U.S. and includes the educators, principals, rabbis, and cantors responsible for providing the leadership in religious congregations and day schools affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC).

The RJE title is granted only by the Reform Jewish Educator Title Granting Commission, composed of representatives of the American Conference of Cantors, the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Commission on Jewish Education, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, the National Association of Temple Educators, and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. The title is granted to educators, rabbis, and cantors who have fulfilled extremely stringent academic requirements in education/educational administration, Judaic studies, and a supervised educational internship and/or experience in position.

Ms. Elson holds a Master's Degree in Judaic Studies/Jewish Education from Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati and has served in Jewish education for more than 20 years. She is a member of the Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education (CAJE), where she served as chair of the Small Schools Network; NATE; the Council of Jewish Educators (of Columbus); and Tri-state Area Reform Temple Educators. Karen spent 13 years as a teacher and 9 years as Educator at Temple Emanuel in south Texas before becoming the Religious School Director at Temple Israel.

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In Memoriam

*We record
with deep sorrow
the passing of:*

Herbert Shook
Father of
Robert Shook

Selig Epstein
Father of
Ilene Bronson

Pauline Shaffer
Mother of
Joyce Schiff

NOVEMBER BOOK REVIEW A SUCCESS

Park Towers was the place to be on Wednesday, November 4. After a delicious lunch, Rabbi Bleefeld shared some post-election observations before discussing Lawrence Kushner's book *God Was in This Place and I, I did not know.* It was a thought-provoking discussion and an interesting, enjoyable afternoon. Watch the *Bulletin* for the next Library luncheon and book review.

ENTERTAINMENT 93 BOOKS

A reminder from Temple Israel Sisterhood that Entertainment 93 Books are now available with many of your old favorites, along with newcomers 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.

SISTERHOOD PRESENTS ERIE CHAPMAN

Sisterhood presents an evening with Eri Chapman of the popular "Life Choices" show, on January 19, 1993 at 6:30 P.M. This will be a dinner program. Mark your calendars now! More information to follow.

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