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THE TRAGEDY OF OUR TIME - WHERE TO DRAW THE LINE

The human tragedy of Bosnia continues to unfold before our eyes and here we sit again in the west and watch. The killing, the raping, the ethnic cleansing, all echoes of another time, still haunt our sense of well-being and upset our equilibrium. The media images display the inevitable plumes of smoke, weeping women, men in arms with cigarettes dangling from chisled gaping jaws. Hills on fire, cars aflame, governments meeting to halt the slaughter and to debate; seemingly endless debate on where to draw the lines.

And where do we draw the line? At Ohio's boundary with Pennsylvania? Perhaps at the Atlantic and Pacific coasts? Maybe at Maginot or Verdun or the 38th parallel?

Our national debate has arrived at the question of whether or not to send in our troops to police the world. Who amongst us wants to put our young men and women in harm's way to save warring factions from each other, especially if the combatants have been at odds for hundreds of years? We are once again assured that this will not be another Vietnam, as if to speak that name is to utter some awful primordial curse. It is no curse, only our national despair, and for many, a personal tragedy. But the torture and killing of innocents still does not sit well with us. What to think? What to do?

I believe it is time to step in militarily and risk, yes risk, again for peace. If armies wish to clash, let them. Neither we nor the world should stop them. But we, yes we, you and I, still have an ancient moral obligation to prevent the slaughter of innocents.

Who will stop the killing of children? Who will halt the ethnic cleansing? Who will protect the powerless if not a super power not populated by super egos, but by decent human beings who will draw no lines for decency. No, Bosnia must not become another Vietnam but we must stand up to inhumanity wherever in the world it appears.

I encourage our president to act swiftly and rally our nation and the world. His message must be to end the tragedy of our time again reverberating in south central Europe and draw the line not at national boundaries but at what is unacceptable human behavior.

Rabbi Bradley N. Bleefeld



TEMPLE ISRAEL OPEN CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Please join us on
Wednesday, June 2, 1993
7:30 P.M.

as Steven Tuckerman holds an open forum to discuss Temple Israel's plans and answer questions.

There is no set agenda; the subjects are chosen by you, our members.

This is an opportunity to share information and ideas concerning the many projects going on and to ask questions about those areas of Temple life that interest and/or concern you.

Come talk with us on June 2nd.

TEMPLE TRIP TO HOLOCAUST MUSEUM

Temple Israel is planning a group trip to Washington, D.C. in the fall, led by Rabbi Bleefeld, to visit the new Holocaust Museum which opened last month.

Those who have been to the museum tell us it is an unbelievably moving experience, an education, and a tribute to those six million who were annihilated during the Holocaust.

If you are interested in volunteering to help organize this trip, please call Linda Simchon at the Temple office.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

We came, we saw, we ate! The recent Confirmation trip to New York City was an enriching and "broadening" experience. From Congregation Emanu-El to the Eldridge Street Synagogue, from the World Trade Center Observation Deck to the Lower East Side, from Sammy's Roumanian to Ratner's, we did it all. All eighteen 10th graders, led by Rabbi Bleefeld and accompanied by Merrie Bleefeld, Karen Elson, and Bonnie Rubenstein, spent four days seeing Jewish New York as it is today, as well as learning through echoes of the past how it used to be. Students visited a scribe at work, attended Shabbat morning services at a Spanish-Portuguese synagogue, and shopped in a Jewish bakery and at Essex Street Pickles. The group also saw the Temple of Dendur at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, attended *Phantom of the Opera*, walked across the Brooklyn Bridge, took an evening carriage ride through Central Park, and toured the U.N., NBC, the Statue of Liberty, and Ellis Island. Of course, there were lots of opportunities for shopping, too, from Fifth Avenue to Canal Street.

This exciting trip gives students the opportunity to see their Jewish selves from another perspective, to encounter the largest Jewish community outside Israel, and to bond with one another in ways that are not possible inside classroom walls. It's an experience they'll be able to draw upon for years to come.

Temple Israel Religious School wishes to thank the Temple Israel Foundation for its donation toward the Confirmation trip. We also take this opportunity to thank Jean Reinke for her gift to the school of a Havdalah set.

SWEATSHIRTS STILL AVAILABLE

Don't forget--Temple Israel has beautiful sweatshirts on sale for only \$39.99, or free with a \$100 contribution. The sale of these sweatshirts benefits our religious school.

If you would like one of these collector's sweatshirts, please stop by the Temple Office.

TEMPLE ISRAEL SISTERHOOD JUDAICA SHOP

June "Feature of the Month"

JUDAICA . . . AND THEN SOME

If you haven't yet had the opportunity to patronize the Judaica Shop, now is the perfect time to do so.

It is our pleasure to be able to offer you the finest merchandise available; items both unique and beautifully crafted. Whether you need Shabbat candles or the perfect wedding gift, the Judaica Shop carries ritual items, artwork, jewelry, giftware, books and tapes, and many children's items.

So take advantage of us - call today and make an appointment to shop the Shop.

Summer Hours

Fridays 7:30 - 8:00 P.M. and 9:00 - 9:30 P.M.
or by appointment - contact Deborah Kuhr at 866-0010

KOL AMI NEWS & NOTES

Sixteen Temple Israel students were recognized for their achievements at special assemblies in April. Named to the school's March-April Student Recognition Roll were the following:

Aleph - Lindsay Edwards, Joshua Levine, Zachary Luck, Rachel Pariser.

Bet - Matthew Arndt, Joseph Belinky, Jason Block, Kimberly Britzman, Matthew Farber, Maggie Rosen

Gimel - Jennifer Gossman, Todd Holbein, Brian Kellerman

Dalet - Drew Dickstein, Nikki Portman, Brendon Sher.

*MAZEL TOV TO THESE STUDENTS
AND THEIR PARENTS!!!*

In March this year parents were invited to share in the first Family Education program offered by the school. This was for parent-child participation in preparation for Passover. Fifteen parents of Temple pupils joined their children for this project and expressed their pleasure with the experience.

Again this year Kol Ami is offering first and second grade boys and girls and their parents special preview visits to learn what Hebrew School is like. Children who will enter grade 2 next fall will be eligible for the optional Early Advantage class and are invited (with their parents) to learn more about it in a demonstration lesson in their Sunday School session on May 9 at 11:30 a.m. Youngsters entering grade 3 in September are invited to visit one of this year's Aleph classes at Temple on Tuesday, May 11, 5:00-6:00 p.m. or at Agudas Achim on Wednesday, May 12 at the same time.

Schedule Reminder:

Last Days of Classes: June 8 and 9

Commencement and Awards Ceremony: Thursday, June 10,
7:00 p.m. at Temple Israel.

KOL AMI HEBREW SCHOOL TO GRADUATE 23 TEMPLE STUDENTS

Fifty-two boys and girls from the community Hebrew School's Hay class will receive graduation diplomas on June 10 this year. Kol Ami's Eighth Annual Commencement and Awards Ceremony will include special recognition of Students-of-the-Year in grades two through six, the entire faculty and Teacher-of-the-Year, and a dramatic program presented by the graduates. These Temple students are members of the graduating class:

Steven Acker, Brian Belkin, Rachel Bleefeld, Sam Burman, Melissa Cohen, Jeffrey Farber, Sarah Goldman, Alyson Greenfield, Jessica Guthoff, Cody Henkin, Mickey Kellerman, Brette Luck, Michelle Mentzer, Aaron Newhouse, Melissa Palmer, Samuel Rosen, Daniel Silverman, Frances Silverman, Erica Somogyi, Sarah Stanich, Mark Stempel, and Adam Vainder. *MAZEL TOV TO THESE STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS!*

This year's ceremonies will be at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 10 at Temple Israel. The entire community is invited to attend and help honour the achievements of our children and teachers.

Registration information and enrollment forms for the 1993-94 school year have been sent out and are due to be returned to the school by June 15. Students can be admitted to classes in September only if registration procedures have been completed. Children entering second grade may be enrolled in the Kol Ami Early Advantage class. For further information concerning this, call the school office: 237-7686.

We are interested in determining whether there is any interest in starting an adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah class at Temple Israel in 1993-94.

ADULT B'NAI MITZVAH QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME: _____

_____ I am interested in participating in a series of group classes culminating in a group Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremony.

I would be able to attend **once a week, two-hour class, November - April**, taught by Rabbi Bleefeld and Cantor Axe

_____ On a weekday, during the day

_____ On a weekday evening

Specific day preferred _____

_____ On Sunday mornings.

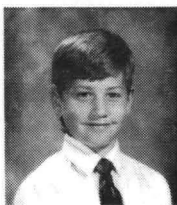
Optional: Briefly state what you wish to gain from this experience.

Please return completed form by June 15 to Temple Israel, 5419 E. Broad Street., Columbus, Ohio, 43213. Write ATTN.: ADULT B'NAI MITZVAH on the outside of the envelope.

B'nai Mitzvah for June, 1993

June 5--**Melissa Palmer**, daughter
of Richard & Rebecca Palmer

June 26--**Brian Belkin**, son of
Carol & Bruce Belkin



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.

SPECIAL NOTE FOR 1993-1994 SCHOOL YEAR

Grades 8-10 will meet two Sunday mornings a month (9:15 A.M.-12:15 P.M.) at Torah Academy, plus three-to-five Wednesday evenings during the year. A detailed calendar will come with registration packets.

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 always obtainable from each hospital. In order to assure timely notification of our office, congregants 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.

SUMMER SERVICES

As has been our custom, during the months of July and August, there will be no Saturday morning service unless there is a Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Regular Saturday services resume in September.

THANKS TO...

... **Jody and Jeff Scheiman** who made a very generous donation to the preschool to purchase much needed cots, toys, and outdoor play equipment.

We thank them for this contribution as well as the many others they make every year.

... **Jeanne and Asher Moser** who donated a beautiful candlelighting table in memory of their parents, Anne and Harry Mickler, and Bertha and Frederick Moser.

Jeanne and Asher are very active in our congregation. Asher serves on the Board of Trustees and is Chairman of the Adult Education Committee. Jeanne is also involved with Adult Education and is the force behind all of the breakfasts served on those special mornings. She is also a Sisterhood Board member.

We thank them for their ongoing generosity and all they do for our congregational family.

... **Ted Simson** for his contribution of a VCR and TV, along with VCR tapes from Hebrew Union College, to the library

A special book shelf has been established for these tapes. They can be viewed on our TV or at home.

Mazel Tov to...

... Karen & Wayne Poll on the birth of their daughter Amanda Leigh.

... Wendy & Irv Galan, on the graduation, with honors, of their daughter Paula from The Ohio State University. Paula received a B.A. in Liberal Arts and will pursue her Masters in Library Science at the University of Pennsylvania.

... Mr. and Mrs. David Covitz, former Temple Israel members, whose son Mark has been accepted as a candidate at Hebrew Union College, for Rabbinical Ordination in 1998.

SHABBAT BARBECUES

During the summer, we will offer two opportunities to enjoy a Friday evening barbecue and informal service. These barbecues have been well attended and add a special feeling to a warm Sabbath night. Join us on July 17 and August 20. Look for a flyer in July.

NOTEWORTHY

"Sounds of Celebration," a concert benefiting the Leo Yassenoff Jewish Community Center, will feature a children's chorus drawn from area congregations. The concert, Sunday evening, June 27 at Capital University's Mees Hall, will be performed by the Columbus Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Maestro Gary Sheldon and will debut Marvin Hamlisch's symphonic suite, Anatomy of Peace, which is scored for a symphony orchestra and children's chorus. Among the 30 children who were accepted by audition for the chorus are the following Temple Israel students: Noah Axe, Melissa Cohen, Chelsea Feerer, Alyson Greenfield, Robi

June Schedule of Services

Friday, June 4

Shabbat Evening Service
8:00 P.M.

Saturday, June 5

Meal & Spiel with
Rabbi Bleefeld
9:00 A.M.

Service 10:30 A.M.
Bat Mitzvah -
Melissa Palmer

Friday, June 11

Kabbalat, Kids, & Kiddush
7:00 P.M.

Shabbat Evening Service
8:00 P.M.

Saturday, June 12

Service 10:30 A.M.

Friday, June 18

Shabbat Evening Service
8:00 P.M.

Saturday June 19

Shabbat Morning Service
10:30 A.M.

Friday June 25

Shabbat Evening Service
8:00 A.M.

Saturday, June 26

Service 10:00 A.M.
Bar Mitzvah -
Brian Belkin

Rawl, Aaron Robbins, and Mark Stempel.

It will be an honor for me to work with Cantor Jack Chomsky in preparing the children's choir as well as an adult choir made up of our own Temple Israel Choir and other adult singers from the Columbus Jewish Community, and to participate in this concert celebrating 80 years of service by the JCC to our community. Tickets are available at the JCC. Come and share the pride as our Temple Israel adult and youth members perform with Marvin Hamlisch and the Columbus Symphony Orchestra.

Cantor Vicki L. Axe

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

The congregants listed below have generously elected to pledge over and above their Fair Choice dues level.

Twenty-nine of our member families have shown their love and dedication to Temple Israel by contributing \$5,000 or more. These names are marked with an asterisk.

We thank all those on this list for their commitment, support, and generosity.

If you would like to become a member of the prestigious Leadership Council, please call our Administrator, Linda Simchon, for information.

Joel & Jody Altschule
Robert & Joan Aronson *
Walter & Barbara Baum
Sidney & Sally Blatt *
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Manny Block
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Anonymous
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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.

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HELP!

Retired? Have a little spare time on your hands? Come spend a day or two a month as a volunteer in the Temple office to help with mid-month and/or special mailings. Call Barbara at 866-0010 - she'll happily provide you with more information.

CHANGE IN MINIMUM CONTRIBUTIONS

Due to rising costs, the Temple has been forced to raise the amount of its minimum contribution to \$10. Any donation of \$10 or more will be acknowledged to the donor, honoree, and printed in our contribution bulletin.

We appreciate your understanding.

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In Memoriam

*We record
with deep sorrow
the passing of:*

Miriam Goler

Norman E. Gross
Brother-in-Law
of
Polly Callif

Albert Karmia
Husband of
Sarita Karmia
Father of
Tina Robertson

Terry Samuels
Wife of
Michael Samuels

Dorothy Offenberg
Mother of
Solly "Skip" Yassenoff

WILLING TO HELP?

Some elderly members of Temple Israel live alone and lose contact.

Larry Silberman, a member of Brotherhood, is trying to find several volunteers who would be willing to telephone such elderly persons perhaps once a week to make sure they are well and their needs are met.

Interested? Call the Temple office (866-0010) to indicate your willingness to help.

July & August BULLETIN DEADLINE

The July and August issues of the *Bulletin* will be combined into a single summer issue. Information to be included in the July/August *Bulletin* must be submitted no later than June 10, 1993.