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BULLETIN

RON BERNSTEIN TO VISIT FROM KIBBUTZ YAHIEL

As an oasis rises from the dessert sands and beckons us on to refreshment so Kibbutz Yahiel springs forth from the desolation of the African Rift in the Aravah and makes the wilderness green. There at Yahiel, the landscape is lush with vegetation and Reform Jewish values, for there on the fields of Yahiel Reform Jewish hands work the land.

I never fail to be in awe of the dedicated work done by our Reform Kibbutz members at Yahiel. They are a source of pride and pleasure to Jews everywhere who love Israel and want to see it thrive.

On Thursday afternoon, November 10, Ron Bernstein will visit Temple Israel to bring us his annual update on how life progresses on Yahiel. His easy-going in-depth style always charms us as he teaches by word and photograph the advances, challenges, and pleasures of kibbutz living



Please plan to join us in the library at noon as my guest for lunch with Ron. You may call my secretary Barb at 866-0010 here at the office to RSVP your attendance.

We always come away from these luncheons exhilarated and more deeply committed to supporting the growth and development of our movement in Israel and the expansion and progress of our Reform *Halootzim* (pioneers) in the Negev. I look forward to seeing you on Thursday, November 10 at noon.

The great Jewish author Chaim Nachman Bialik taught in Kovno of the 1930's:

"Thank Providence we have come to a wasteland, not a ready made country, or we would have exchanged one exile for another. Only through the trials and tribulations (the pleasures and joys) of pioneering can a nation acquire true title to its country."

Rabbi Bradley N. Bleefeld

The Next Meeting
of the
ISRAEL TRIP GROUP
will be held

Tuesday Evening, November 15 at 7:30 P.M.
at Rabbi Bleefeld's home.

Please call Barbara at 866-0010 to RSVP and for directions.

TEMPLE ISRAEL SISTERHOOD JUDAICA SHOP HANUKKAH BAZAAR

This November, while we are preparing for Thanksgiving, we need to be prepared for Hanukkah. On Sunday night, November 27, we will be lighting our first Hanukkah candle. The Temple Israel Judaica Gift Shop will have a complete line of Hanukkah Judaica . . . Menorahs, Children's Toys & Games, Crystal, Giftware, Books, Tapes, Gelt, Candy, Dreidels (featuring "Collectables"), Mashuga Nuts, Giftwrap, Cards, and Decorations. Shop for all your Hanukkah needs at Temple Israel!!!

Extended Holiday Hours

Sunday,	November 13	"Hanukkah Bazaar"	9:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
Tuesday,	November 15	10:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon & 4:00 - 6:00 P.M.	
Wednesday,	November 16	10:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon & 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.	
Thursday,	November 17	10:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon & 4:00 - 6:00 P.M.	
Sunday,	November 20	9:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.	
Tuesday,	November 22	4:00 - 6:00 P.M.	

or by appointment - call Barb Guthoff, 890-7646
or Babs Whitman, 866-7783

The Gift Shop is now selling Entertainment Books . . . \$35, and
We are selling the Temple Israel Sisterhood's cookbook
Some of Our Best . . . and More

YOUNG ADULT CONGREGATION PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Young Adult Congregation is pleased to announce the annual Progressive Dinner on Saturday, November 12, at 7:00 P.M. The Progressive Dinner always promises great food, great conversation, and the chance to relax with friends.

This year's Progressive Dinner is a free-of-charge event. RSVPs are being taken by Judy Pridemore at 870-8731. Please RSVP by November 5. We are looking forward to seeing many new faces at this outstanding event.

SUKKOT THANKS . . .

Hats off to Sisterhood Sukkot Program Chairs Wendy Cohen and Laurie Levison and to all those who made this year's Sukkot Celebration one to remember!

Thank to all those who erected and decorated our outdoor Sukkah: Merrie and Brad Bleefeld; the Cohens: Wendy, Steve, Rachel, and Michelle; Judi and Gary Cooper; Barb Guthoff; Bruce Hartman; Judy Herman; the Feldman-Hills: Pamela, Greg, and Libby; the Kuhrs: Deb, Mike, Josh, Jonathan, and Zak; the Levisons: Laurie, Michael, Gary, and Jeffrey; Deb and Mike McKee; Barbara Seeder; and Donna and Ted Smiley. Also on hand were Paul Dicker, Sid Greenwald, Marc Simon, and Bernie Yavitch, who lent their talents to the indoor Sukkah. Thanks also go to those participating in the High Holiday Children's Services on Yom Kippur, and Temple Israel's own Religious School, which provided the beautiful and creative

decorations for the outdoor structure.

A special thank you to our friends in the Columbus community for their generous donations to this project: Anderson's General Store, Callif's Produce, Dill's Greenhouse, Michael's Arts and Crafts, Roth Produce, and Sara and Bill Dumbauld.

Upon the Sukkah's completion, Sisterhood hosted 105 guests at this year's Sukkot dinner. The theme, "Viva la Sukkah," was enhanced by an Italian dinner catered by Paula Weinstein. The social hall was transformed into an Italian Ristorante by the decorating talents of Barb Guthoff and Deb Kuhr, and dinner guests were enchanted by Arkaidy Gips, our strolling violinist. Rabbi Bleefeld and Cantor Axe led the congregation in Sukkot services held both indoors and under the stars. A beautiful and memorable holiday was shared by all.

KROGER & MEIJER'S GIFT CERTIFICATES

Sisterhood's gift certificate sales project is well under way. As a non-profit organization, we are able to buy Kroger and Meijer's gift certificates at a discount and sell them at face value. These \$25 certificates can then be used the same as cash in any Kroger or Meijer's store. You can buy not only food but any general merchandise, clothing, prescriptions, etc., except for tobacco or alcohol products. So keep it in mind to use certificates for large purchases as well.

You can give certificates as gifts. They are good for a year, they don't spoil, and they are always the right size. *BUSINESSES: START TO CONSIDER ORDERING GIFT CERTIFICATES FROM US AS GIFTS OR AWARDS TO YOUR EMPLOYEES.* We'll handle it as a special order and you can get whatever denomination of certificate you wish.

Certificates are available from Marlene in the Temple office 9:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. Monday through Thursday and 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. on Friday. They can be purchased in the Temple Judaica Shop when it is open or at the front desk during Religious School Sundays 11:30 - 11:50 A.M.

We are working on establishing a through-the-mail ordering system. A flyer with an order form will be mailed mid-month. Any questions? Call Barbara Seeder at 436-1176.

RABBINIC SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

As this month's Bulletin went to press, your Rabbinic Search Committee had interviewed six of the rabbis in whom we had expressed interest. We will be meeting in early November to compare our notes and see where we go from here.

We sincerely hope that you, our fellow congregants at Temple Israel, know that we are taking our responsibility very seriously and are looking for the best candidate to fill the needs of all of our Temple family. The task before the committee is not an easy one so we welcome your comments and your concerns.

Kurt Malkoff & David Milenthal, Co-Chairmen

TEMPLE ISRAEL HELPS SPONSOR TWO EVENTS AT JEWISH BOOK FAIR

Temple Israel is joining forces with other local organizations to help bring two exciting events to Columbus in conjunction with this year's Jewish Book Fair November 6-17 at the Leo Yassenoff Jewish Community Center.

Partially being underwritten are the two performances of *ELIJAH'S ANGEL* on Sunday, November 6 (2:00 and 3:30 P.M.) under the musical direction of our own Cantor Axe. *ELIJAH'S ANGEL* is the story of a nine year old Jewish boy and his friendship with a Christian African-American barber and woodcarver. It is a "building bridges" tale recommended for children ages 5-12.

The other program we are excited to be part of is on Tuesday, November 8 when, at 7:30 P.M., Rabbi Joshua Haberman will explore the "state of Jewish faith" today. Motivated by a desire to understand what Jews really believe about God, Rabbi Haberman interviewed numerous Jewish luminaries throughout the nation as research for his book, *THE GOD I BELIEVE IN*. His session will deal with the questions "Is there an afterlife?" and "How do you envision God?", plus other probing personal questions.

For more information on the Book Fair, contact the JCC at 237-5223. The Leo Yassenoff Jewish Community Center is located at 1125 College Avenue in Columbus.

GOINGS ON AT GUCI

Temple Israel has been told that in a few weeks we'll be receiving the 1995 Goldman Union Institute Camp's brochure, outlining the camping experiences available to our children. According to Rabbi Ron Klotz, Director, some sessions fill up as early as mid-winter, so check with his office (in Zionsville, Indiana) or corner him here in Columbus at the UAHC Biennial if you have any questions. His number in Zionsville is (317) 873-3361.

NOTEWORTHY

There is a legend which says that after God created the world, God called the angels around and asked them what they thought of it; and one of them said, "One thing is lacking: the sound of praise to the Creator." So God created music, and it was heard in the whisper of the wind, and in the song of the birds; and to all the people also was given the gift of song. And all down the ages this gift of song has indeed proved a blessing to multitudes of souls.

Music has always been a treasured tradition at Temple Israel. And Jewish choral music has always been one of Temple Israel's gifts to the Columbus Jewish community. For its almost 150 year history Temple Israel has been centered by the choral sound of synagogue music which comes from the rich heritage of classical Reform worship.

In years past, there were four professional quartets, sixteen professional singers plus fifteen to twenty or more volunteer singers from among the Temple membership. The glorious sound of thirty to forty voices accompanied by our magnificent pipe organ created an atmosphere for worship of majestic heights.

In recent years the number of professional singers was reduced to a single quartet with no volunteers for Shabbat and a double quartet with volunteers for the High Holidays. And for the past three years we have had a single quartet for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur and a variety of musical forces for Shabbat, ranging from unaccompanied cantor, to cantor with organ, to cantor, professional quartet and organ, to full forces of cantor, professional and volunteer singers, and organ for special event Sabbaths.

This variety was motivated by the desire to serve our diverse congregation. Some of us grew up in congregations with no choir or organ; some grew up in congregations like ours with full choir and pipe organ; and still others grew up in congregations of every variety in between.

We have attempted to offer the best of all possible worlds, with a variety and balance of all musical styles as they have developed in Reform Jewish worship. The variety was also motivated by budgetary restraints. By utilizing the talents and skills of professional singers on a somewhat limited basis, we have participated in working toward a balanced budget, while still maintaining our wonderful choral heritage.

In the meantime, our volunteer choir has been building in numbers over the last several years, so that the Temple Israel Choir participates more and more in Temple Shabbat services as well as community events.

And now, because of a very generous gift to Temple Israel, we will return to full musical forces every Friday night, and except for First Friday early services, we will have a professional quartet every Friday night. For special event services, we will have an additional quartet, eight professional voices, joined by our own excellent Temple Israel Volunteer Choir.

Our warmest and deepest thank you to Jeff and Jody Scheiman for their generosity and for their deep commitment to the musical tradition of Temple Israel. Because of them the sound of praise to God will continue to be heard in the whisper of the wind and in the song of the birds. And the gift of song will continue to prove a blessing to the multitude of souls.

Cantor Vicki L. Axe



GUCI - continued

Also on their plate is a 37-day trip to Israel for 11th graders and an Avodah Work/Study Program for incoming high school seniors. The nine-week session is entering its 15th year. Again, call the camp with your questions or check with Temple Israel around Thanksgiving to see if we have the forms yet.

GUCI

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It is hard for me to believe that it's been three months since I started my position as your Executive Director here at Temple Israel. Of course, some days it seems like I only began yesterday; other days it seems like I've been here **FOREVER!** (Who doesn't have a job like that?) Most days, thankfully, being here is a living dream, and I want to thank all of you who have been so supportive for making it so!

We continue to try and spiff up our building and our maintenance staff has done a pretty good job. There have been some distractions, of course, but the building is normally "in show room" condition, and Charles, Kevin, Joe, and Karen deserve a lot of credit for that.

Your office support staff anchors, Marlene Wolf and Barbara Wilson, and Delores Higgins in the business office, have kept the Good Ship T.I. afloat, even though they've had to endure some major responsibility shifts (what with the recent turn-over in the Rabbinic and Cantorial secretarial staffs and the departure of our head bookkeeper), but even so, their dedication to serving you, our bosses, has been exemplary!

You'll be seeing a lot of new faces around Temple in the coming weeks. We've formed a widows and widowers' support group in conjunction with Riverside Hospice and are looking to offer space on an occasional basis to Jewish Family Services for programming to meet the needs of East-siders.

We're open to suggestions, too. If you're a part of an organization that meets in another part of town and bringing that group to Temple Israel (with our off-street parking and large meeting rooms) would be beneficial, give me a call. The more people we can get passing through our doors, the greater the chance that some unaffiliated Jews or affiliated-but-unhappy-where-they-are Jews might find what they're seeking here on East Broad Street.

To those of you with out-of-town guests/relatives coming to Columbus for the Thanksgiving holiday, I wish you happy and fulfilling times together. If you'll be traveling, allow me to wish you safe journeys.

See you in Temple.

Paul Dicker, Executive Director

CAREFUL!!!

If you visit Temple Israel during almost any morning, enter the Social Hall with care. **THERE ARE KIDS WITH VEHICLES IN THERE!** (Diana Howard's Temple Israel Pre-School gives Mr. Scott's wax job a run for its money!)



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

CONGRATULATIONS to the following members who are celebrating anniversaries in November:

Ronald & Sandra Martin	11/1
Rick & Carolyn Newpoff	11/1
Thomas & Merrilynn Kaplin	11/2
Robert & Irene Daroe	11/3
William & Ann Roth	11/3
Robert & Phyllis Greene	11/7
Kenneth & Lisa Roth	11/8
Irving & Ruth Barkan	11/12
Alex & Sandra Dubin	11/12
Lee Hess & Irene Levine	11/12
Les & Holly Somogyi	11/12
Milton & Shirlie Levitin	11/13
Steven & Susie Gerald	11/14
Grigory & Mira Akselrud	11/15
Edgar & Carol Burton	11/16
Richard & Sheri Sherman	11/16
Brian & Karen Joseph	11/18
Philip & Lynne Kaufman	11/20
Brent & Lisa Shnider	11/20
Leon & Isabelle Seligson	11/21
Jeffrey & Paula Kaufman	11/22
Scott & Robin Levin	11/22
Stephen & Jacquelyn Landau	11/23
Michael & Karen Mozenter	11/23
Robert & Lori Bergman	11/24
Kenneth & Diane Cohen	11/24
Marc & Sharyn Lieberman	11/24
Stanley & Sheila Rubin	11/24
Michael & Carole Scherker	11/24
Sanford & Ruthetta Topolosky	11/24
Jeffrey & Lisette Lichtenstein	11/25
Leonard & Marie Nusbaum	11/27
Brian & Sherri Sulzer	11/27
Steven & Wendy Cohen	11/28
Arlen & Beth Dickstein	11/28
Les & Harriet Kallenberg	11/28
William & Sally Glick	11/29
Glen & Wendy Littlejohn	11/29
Alan & Beatrice Weiler	11/29

NEW MEMBERS SABBATH ON THE HORIZON

Temple Israel invites all congregants to worship together on Friday, December 9, as we recognize and welcome all those who have joined our Temple Israel Family since July. Services will be at 8:00 P.M. More details will follow. Just save the date!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30 p.m. Fundraising Committee - Library 7:30 p.m. Rabbinic Search Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Social Hall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:15 p.m. Kol Ami Open House 7:00 p.m. Foundation Board Meeting - Library 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 P.M. SHABBAT EVENING SERVICES 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:15 A.M. SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES AT BETH TIKVAH
					UAHC Regional Convention in Columbus (through Sunday)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Religious School 	6	7	8	9	10	11
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30 p.m. Sisterhood Board - Library 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30 p.m. Brotherhood Executive Committee - Library 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 p.m. Introduction to Judaism - Library 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 a.m. Rabbi's Luncheon - Library 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4,5,6 Grade Dinner & Shabbat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah Jessica Levenstein 7:00 p.m. YAC Progressive Dinner - away
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Religious School 8:15 a.m. Teacher Workshop - Library 9:30 a.m. Adult Education Judaica Shop Hanukkah Bazaar 3:00 p.m. Hospice Meeting - Library 	13	14	15	16	17	18
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:15 p.m. Kol Ami Hay Class 7:00 p.m. Executive Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:00-6:00 p.m. Gift Shop open 7:30 p.m. Brotherhood Board - Library 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 a.m.-12 Gift Shop Open 7:00 p.m. Introduction to Judaism - Library 7-9: p.m. Choir Reharsal 7-9 p.m. Gift Shop Open 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Gift Shop open 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 p.m. YFTL Shabbat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Religious School Judaica Shop Sale 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 11-12:00 Preschool at Religious School 	20	21	22	23	24	25
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 p.m. Introduction to Judaism - Library 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thanksgiving 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 a.m. Meal & Spiel 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah Andrea Fein
27	28	29	30			
1st Night of Hanukkah			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 p.m. Introduction to Judaism - Library 7 - 9 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 			

TAXES... TAXES... TAXES...

As we approach the end of the calendar year, we want to share two thoughts with our congregants.

First, Temple Israel's business office will be compiling a list of contributions in excess of \$250 received prior to December 31, and will be mailing confirmation of those contributions in January of 1995. The IRS says that only single contributions over **\$250 RECEIVED ON ANY ONE DAY** need verification for tax purposes, **not** aggregate contributions over the course of the year. (Your cancelled checks should suffice for individual contributions of less than \$250 made during the calendar year.) If you have not received your Contribution Verification form for \$250+ contributions by January 31, please call the business office.

Secondly, while most businesses operate their fiscal year on a January through December basis, Temple Israel's fiscal year is July through June. If you are an individual who likes to write your contribution check just before the end of a calendar year rather than quarterly or monthly, you may be receiving delinquent dues notifications regarding your 1994 contributions. We'd like to make sure those notices are no longer forthcoming (and increase our cash flow at the same time) by suggesting that you go ahead and write that check today (and if you post date it, we'll hold it until December for you). Again, contact the business office with any questions you may have. Delores or Karen will be happy to help you.

PERPETUAL CARE AT GREENLAWN CEMETERY

Temple Israel has been informed by Greenlawn Cemetery that their definition of Perpetual Care includes the basic ground cover at the cemetery and the trimming of bushes, covered under a separate "Special Perpetual Care" arrangement between the lot owners and the cemetery. Without the separate arrangement, overgrown shrubs will be removed as necessary.

The question came up when the Temple was informed last month that two large shrubs were going to have to be removed to facilitate an interment, and the cemetery had no plans to replant or replace the greenery.

When asked why, as a part of the perpetual care agreements, the cemetery hadn't been trimming the bushes on a regular basis, we were told that bushes are regularly trimmed (at a financial loss to the cemetery), even though most of the shrubs are not specifically covered.

It was suggested that anyone wishing to have aboveground plantings on their lots should check with the cemetery regarding their master landscaping plan to determine which bushes would be acceptable, and/or whether or not the cemetery will undertake "Special Care" arrangements to maintain those plantings in the future.

Greenlawn's phone number is 444-1123, and the contact there is Mr. Bonville.

COPING WITH GRIEF

Hospice at Riverside, in cooperation with Temple Israel, will be presenting a program on Coping with Grief. Discussion will include an overview of the Grieving Process and Tasks of Grief, as well as suggestions for coping and support. The program will be held November 13, 3:00-5:00 P.M. at Temple Israel, 5419 East Broad Street. Call 866-0010 or 566-5377 to register or for more information. The program is free and open to anyone in the community.

WANTED:

As most congregants know, Temple Israel is loaded with stuff and short of storage space. If you have a business warehouse where we could store some of the folding chairs that we use once or twice a year, WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU! Please call Charles Scott (Director of Maintenance) at 866-0010

MAZEL TOV...

... to Bernard & Helen Speyer on the birth of their grandson Samuel Aaron Rosenblatt.

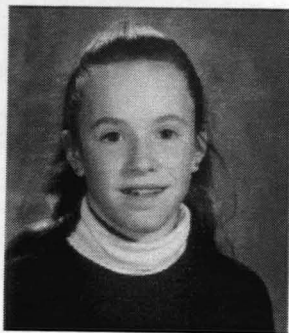
**Fund-raising
projects are
underway at
Temple Israel.
Watch for
details in the
Bulletin and
in your mail
soon.**

PARTY
WE WANT YOU
SAVE
SATURDAY, JAN. 28th

B'nai Mitzvah for November, 1994



November 12 - Jessica Levenstein
Daughter of
Arthur & Adele Levenstein



November 26: Andrea Fein
Daughter of
William & Margaret Fein

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.

A TON & A HALF OF FOOD!

Thanks and kudos to the members of Temple Israel who assisted YFTL in their High Holiday food drive. Word from the Mid-Ohio Food Bank was that they picked up over 3,000 pounds of foodstuff here at Temple. Additional donations are still arriving and being distributed to MOFB agencies. Thanks!

SHABBAT VAN

The Shabbat van is scheduled for November 18 and December 9. Call Kim at Heritage Tower, 237-2521, for reservations. Seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

PLEASE NOTE: FIRST FRIDAY TIME CHANGE

For November only, the Shabbat Evening Service on November 4 will be at **8:00 P.M.** in order to accommodate the Biennial Shabbat dinner and service. Our regular *First Friday* schedule will resume in December.

YOM KIPPUR MEMORIAL BOOK

The Memorial Book for Yom Kippur has been completed for another year. It continues to provide a link for our members who have lost loved ones in the past years. We would like to thank all of our members who have so lovingly placed names in our Sisterhood Memorial book.

The committee for this year was Fern Dolman, Secretary Treasurer; Mindy Shore; Jeanne Zipser; Judi Cooper, Vice President; and Suzanne Greenbaum, Chairman. Many thanks to them for their devoted time to this project.

If you have questions or concerns about listings, please contact Fern Dolman, 471-5404, or Suzanne Greenbaum, 855-8544.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Temple Israel's office hours are normally 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Monday through Thursday and 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. on Friday. Our offices are closed Saturday and Sunday. We will be closed on the Friday following Thanksgiving (but open for Services!). In the event of an emergency, feel free to call the Executive Director's pager at (614) 241-0810 or our clergy, whose phone numbers are found in your Temple Directory.

November Schedule of Services

Sabbath Services
Every Friday Evening at 8:00 P.M.
except First Fridays &
Saturday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

SPECIAL TIME

Friday, November 4
UAHC Regional
Biennial Convention
Shabbat Evening Service
8:00 P.M.

Saturday, November 5
Shabbat Morning Service
9:15 A.M.

AT BETH TIKVAH

Saturday, November 12
Shabbat Morning Service
10:30 A.M.
Bat Mitzvah: Jessica Levenstein

Saturday, November 26
Meal & Spiel
with Rabbi Bleefeld
9:00 A.M.

Shabbat Morning Service
10:30 A.M.
Bat Mitzvah: Andrea Fein

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, a family member or friend should notify the office when a congregant is hospitalized, and every effort will be made to have the clergy visit.

On Sunday and Monday, October 2-3, Bev Shafran attended the UAHC-CCAR Commission on Reform Jewish Outreach in New York. Bev has been a member of the Commission for ten years. This Commission of about 60 members is composed of professional and lay people throughout the United States and Canada who meet once a year. New projects, books, pamphlets, and several new program ideas were presented. What is happening in Reform Outreach and also what is happening in communities throughout the U.S.A. in general pertaining to intermarried and unaffiliated are presented to the Commission members.

According to a National Jewish Population Survey, there are 740,000 intermarried couples in the American Jewish population and 664,000 children under age 18 in households with one Jewish and one Gentile parent. Intermarried families make up a sizeable presence. Jews currently are marrying non-Jews with a frequency of 52 percent, and already 28 percent of all married Jews are married to Gentiles.

Reform Jewish Outreach has opened the doors of Judaism to interfaith couples and their children. More than half of Reform congregations have an Outreach committee, 60% provide interfaith couples' programming, and 80% provide introduction to Judaism classes.

Reform Jewish task force was established in 1978 and five resolutions calling for a comprehensive program of Reform Jewish Outreach were adopted in 1981. During the San Francisco Biennial in the fall of 1993, Rabbi Schindler announced an effort to raise a special endowment of \$5 million to support Outreach to "all those who are seeking religious meaning in their lives." As soon as these funds are raised, the income—approximately \$250,000 each year—will be available for programs to enhance Jewish continuity and growth as part of a three-pronged effort to reach out and welcome unaffiliated Jews, interfaith couples and their children, and Americans with no religious preference.

Rabbi Schindler spoke to the Commission, stating that many National Jewish leaders disagreed with his call to reach out to the "Religiously non-preference Americans." There are strong opinions on both sides of this issue. He asked, "Why do we continue to resist the notion of an assertive Judaism? Are we ashamed? Do we, perhaps, think that Judaism has little, if anything, to offer our world?"

Also reported at the meeting was that many Community Federations and Jewish Centers have started to take an active role in their communities in developing programs for the intermarried population. Reform Outreach, under the direction of Rabbi David Saperstein, is establishing a task force of nationally known "REFORM" leaders that are active in their Temples and local Federations to work with Federations to encourage funding, and to recognize programs that are already established and proven successful in the Reform Temples for the intermarried and unaffiliated. The Temples are the places to encourage unaffiliated to become affiliated and to raise children Jewish, and to establish Jewish homes.

Bev Shafran, Outreach

NEW MATERIALS AVAILABLE FOR OUTREACH

— Pamphlets

Inviting Someone You Love to Become a Jew

What Judaism Offers for You: A Reform Perspective

Becoming a Jew Questions commonly asked by people considering conversion to Judaism

Choosing a College For Reform Jewish Youth and Their Parents

— Books

Working with Interfaith Couples: A Guide for Facilitators

Defining the Role of the Non-Jew in the Synagogue

Reaching Adolescents: Interdating, Intermarriage, and Jewish Identity

— New Projects

A pilot program that was taught last year in Philadelphia, *A Taste of Judaism: Are You Curious?* This year the course will be offered in New Jersey and Boston. Look for this course to be offered nationally in the near future. The course is a three week introductory class on Judaism, open to Jews and non-Jews. The course is a "lead in" to the ten week Introduction to Judaism course that most congregations already teach.

Berlin Outreach Award Commission on Reform Jewish Outreach has established a Berlin Outreach Award which will give awards of \$1,000 each to 10 Reform congregations at the 1995 UAHC Biennial in Atlanta, Georgia. This award has been designed to encourage and honor Reform Temples with outstanding Outreach Programs.

AIDS AWARENESS SHABBAT A SUCCESS

In conjunction with October as AIDS Awareness Month, Temple Israel's Social Action Committee put together a dynamite weekend of programming. Beginning with Shabbat services on October 21, members of Temple Israel and the outside community were invested with song and sounds of the concerns about AIDS. With the Columbus Gay Men's Chorus joining our own Temple choir, stirring melodies remain in the minds of those who attended. The Saturday afternoon session at Lindy's in German Village continued the important dialogue and Sunday morning's teen session at Temple brought the problems of adolescence and sexual experimentation into our own homes. Heterosexual teens, after all, is the fastest growing population being diagnosed with HIV and/or AIDS today.

The Temple thanks the committee and its chairs Elaine Tenenbaum and Mary Warren for their work in putting the weekend together, and especially thanks Jody and Jeff Scheiman for their financial support in underwriting the expenses associated with the program

JEWISH JOB BANK

Although the Temple Israel *Bulletin* is published monthly and may therefore seem less efficient than other sources, the Temple office is occasionally approached by businesses seeking either full or part-time workers and also hears from congregants looking for work.

If your business knows of a vacancy approaching (for vacation relief, maternity/paternity leave, etc.), we'd like to create a win-win situation by putting our members to work for your companies.

Deadlines for our monthly publication fall realistically around the 10th of the month for the next month's *Bulletin*. Mail or FAX us a brief description of your vacancy and we'll get it into print (FAX: 866-9046).

If you're looking for specific work, let us know that, too. (For example, I know of a retired bookkeeper *right now* whose spouse wants some free time to herself and wants to get him out of the house!) This bookkeeper would like to put in 25-30 hours a week for someone, get a little pin money, and keep productive. Let's see if Temple Israel can't put the two of you together!

NEW HILLEL HOUSE TO LAY CORNERSTONE

The cornerstone of the new Wexner Jewish Student Center Hillel House on the campus of The Ohio State University will be put in place on Wednesday, November 2 at 5:15 P.M. at 46 East 16th Avenue. The Center, affiliated with OSU, is to focus on tolerance for difference, multiculturalism, and appreciation for diversity, and will serve the Jewish student population with social, educational, arts, and cultural programming. Scheduled to speak at the cornerstone laying are Leslie Wexner, President of The Limited; E. Gordon Gee, President of OSU; Gregory Lashutka, Mayor of Columbus; and George V. Voinovich, Governor of Ohio. Additional information may be had by contacting Randi Abrams (294-4797) or Jay-Paul Podolsky (237-7686).

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THE EDUCATOR'S CORNER

November exemplifies all that goes on in religious school throughout the year: class, guest speakers, field trips, family services, dinners, and programs. We are engaging pre-schoolers to 11th graders, as well as parents, and even teaching about older adults. There will be a school connection with our "graduates" away at college, too, as students make cards and help pack Sisterhood/Brotherhood Hanukkah boxes. We are presenting annual, tried-and-true events and programs that are new for us. And, as always, we need parents' help: everyone was generous with their time regarding our needs for the 4/5/6 grade Shabbat, but we do need drivers for our 7th grade Hanukkah visit to Heritage House on November 20.

Thanks are due to Sherry Linhart, who provided our teacher workshop at orientation; to Brotherhood for our opening day picnic and for Consecration mezuzot; to those who erected the two sukkot; and to the Hebrew Education Committee, calligrapher Debra Belinky, and parent helpers for Hebrew Naming; to Mike Callif of Callif Foods for the donations of apples during Sukkot; to Sammy's New York Bagels for the donation of bagels for the student AIDS Awareness Program; and to Lorn Spolter for Consecration photography.

Also, Temple Israel Religious School is very grateful to Tod and Cheri Friedman for a gift, in memory of Tod Friedman's and Ellen Weinblatt's mother, Kay Friedman, establishing a tuition scholarship fund within the Temple Israel Foundation. Each year, one child in our school will receive a scholarship to attend religious school.

As we head into winter and prepare to light up the darkness with the flames of the Hanukkah menorah, let us take comfort in the warmth of family and friends, and the warmth to be found within the circle of our Temple Israel family as well.

THIRD GRADERS RECEIVE HEBREW NAMES

On Sunday, October 16, Temple Israel third graders, and fourth through sixth graders who are new to our school, participated in our unique Hebrew naming ceremony. This marks the beginning of their formal Hebrew education and of their participation in the Temple Israel Religious School Mitzvah Program. Each child, called to the Ark by his/her Hebrew name, received a calligraphed certificate which had been inserted into a special white "mitzvah notebook" used to record yearly mitzvah projects. This notebook stays in the classroom and is taken home upon reaching seventh grade. Any mitzvah project or study connected with mitzvot, any mitzvah done at home, any holiday celebration will be recorded in this notebook. It's exciting for us to note that this year's seventh grade is the first to reach the culmination of this program.

Participating in this ceremony were: Daniel Acker, Jill Allen, Michelle Brazina, Andrew Edelman, Erica Ermann, Zach Fein, Dana Greenhut, Matthew Grinshpun, Jonathan Kuhr, Aaron Landau, Ethan Landau, Stephanie Ledford, Jessica Lemmons, Stephanie Levin, Gina Loewengart, Michael Mitzman, Rebecca Pruzan, Matthew Radin, Danielle Robbins, Joelle Robbins, Sydney Roth, Fanissa Rozensky, Jordan Scheiman, Keith Simon, Jenna Sulzer, Allissa Worly, Rachel Warren, and Andrew Weiss.

A special reception, given by the parents, was held following the ceremony. Calligraphy was done by Debbie Belinky and Karen Elson. This event was coordinated by Cantor Vicki Axe, Rabbi Bradley Bleefeld, Karen Elson, Religious School Director, and the Hebrew Education Committee, chaired by Jean Robbins.

REMINDER TO PARENTS

As stated in your Parent Handbook for Religious School, "If it is necessary to have your child excused early from class, you must send a note to the school and then come to your child's classroom at the indicated time to personally take him/her from the school."

We are responsible for your children of all ages during religious school hours, and we cannot dismiss an unaccompanied student. Please do not send a sibling to a student's room to pick him/her up early.

TEMPLE ISRAEL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL WANTS YOU!

Are you willing to give an occasional Sunday morning in service to our young people? Then Temple Israel needs *you* – to be a substitute religious school teacher. Substitute teaching is a great way to get acquainted with our youth – our Temple's future – as well as to find out, through experience, whether you might someday enjoy being a permanent part of our talented staff. To put your name on the list, or for further details, contact Karen Elson, Religious School Director.

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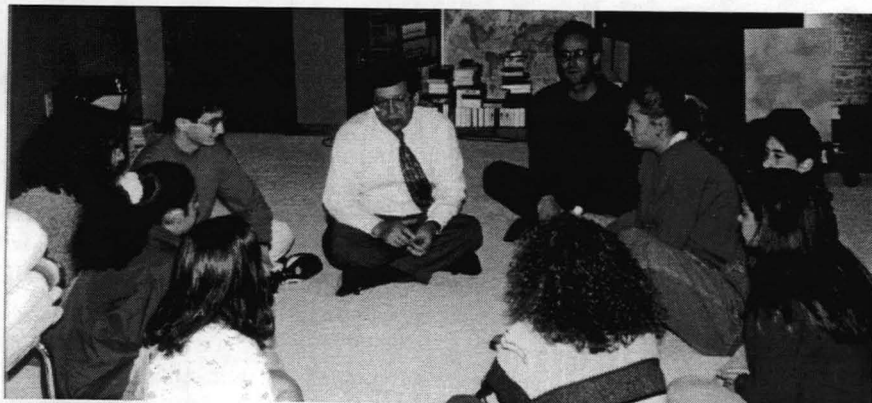
Parents and pre-school children (3-4 years old) are invited to come to religious school on Sunday morning, November 20, from 11:00 A.M. to noon and learn about Hanukkah at Temple Israel. Four times this year, families can bring their pre-school children to Temple as an introduction to religious school. This is the first of four sessions about Jewish holidays. Your child will learn songs and stories, and work on art projects developmentally appropriate for them.

This project is open to members of Temple Israel and to families unaffiliated with any congregation in the community. The class will be taught by Bev Shafran. There is no charge for the class, but reservations are required. Please call the Temple, 866-0010, and let them know how many children and adults will be attending.

CONFIRMATION CLASS MEETS

A meeting was held October 11 at Rabbi & Mrs. Bleefeld's home to acquaint this year's confirmation class and their parents with plans for the year ahead.

The 14 children (representing 13 families) were first introduced to the course of study and then led through a brief but descriptive verbal tour of the class's New York trip next May. The parents were given their committee assignments by Educator Karen Elson while Rabbi Bleefeld held a rap session with the class in his basement.



Rabbi Bleefeld assured the photographer that he HAD furniture down there, but now that he has a married son . . .

TIFTY NEWS

TIFTY, Temple Israel's Junior Youth Group, has begun an exciting new year! We had great attendance at our first event - golf and pizza. Everyone had a great time and won *lots* of tickets.

Upcoming events include an overnight at Temple with Beth Tikvah's Junior Youth Group, a movie night, bowling, and a trip to Leaps and Bounds.

All Temple Israel 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are invited to join TIFTY. Please call Laura or Paul Greenland, 855-3051, for further information.

NOVEMBER RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CALENDAR

November 6	School for K-10; Rabbi Kozberg from Heritage House speaks to 7th grade
November 11	4/5/6 grade dinner and Shabbat, 6:15 P.M.
November 13	School for K-10; guest speaker for grades 8-10: Beth Gerber, Jewish Family Services on suicide prevention; teacher in-service, 8:15 A.M.; 11th grade meets at Tifereth Israel
November 20	School for K-10; 7th grade visits Heritage House (DRIVERS NEEDED); "Preschool at Religious School: (3 and 4 year olds), 11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
November 27	No school
December 4	School for K-10; Bet Bible Heroes Orientation (2nd grade parents)



SIMCHATTORAH-Rabbi Bleefeld, Cantor Axe, & Friends

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS IN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

November 11 is the date for the annual 4/5/6 Shabbat dinner and service. Rhonda Brazina, Barbara Seeder, and Joyce Suskin are coordinating this year's dinner. This event is a high point for students each year, as they practice extensively with Cantor Axe and music teacher Wendy Cohen to be able to read parts and provide the music for the service. Also, on December 16, our 7th graders will lead the congregation in prayer. Cantor Axe is preparing these students with special music for this service. We hope to see all families in the school at these special events.

Each year our seventh graders, whose course of study includes the topic of Jewish community, have a wonderful mitzvah opportunity. After a presentation here by Rabbi Cary Kozberg of Heritage House, they visit the residents on a subsequent Sunday morning close to Hanukkah time. This year's visit is scheduled for November 20 (drivers are needed). With teachers Jay Brand and Neil Rozensky, our young people will explore and learn about this important arm of the Columbus Jewish community.

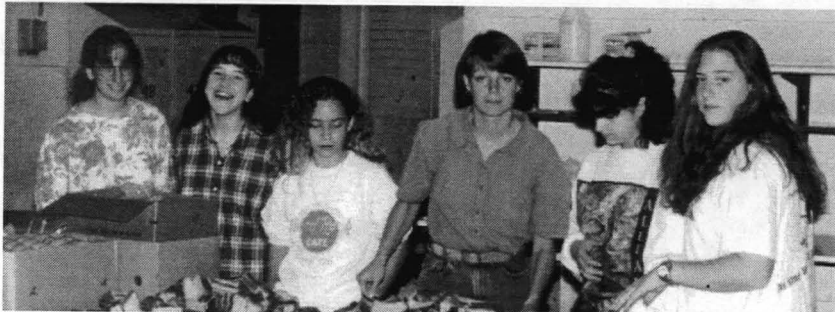
After a tour, students will be paired up to visit residents. Often, it is hard for students to leave; they have met new friends, and have been touched by age and experience. They ask their teachers, "Can't we stay?" and "When are we coming back?" Students leave flowers behind and come away with a deeper appreciation for and sensitivity to what makes us human, and how we have an impact on the lives of others. They help complete the link from one generation to another, the continuing of our Jewish culture and commitment to Jewish values and beliefs.



SISTERHOOD FEED THE HOMELESS PROJECT HITS THE STREETS AGAIN



With the kitchen help of (left to right) Barbara Seeder, Bette Jo Stempel, Karen Mozenter (Chairwoman), Marci Delson, and Donna Honick, Temple Israel's Sisterhood fed over 200 meals at the Columbus Open Shelter on October 13. The menu consisted of salad, pasta with meat sauce and cheese, bread and butter, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, chocolate chip cookies, oranges and bananas, coffee and lemonade. (Not pictured: head chef Marc Simon.)



Serving the meals were YFTLers and friends Lindsay Mayer, Francie Silverman, Julie Stachler, Karen Mozenter, Stephanie Solomon, and Amy Dicker, assisted by Deb Engle and Paul Dicker (neither pictured).

Sisterhood runs the feeding program twice annually. If you would like to be a part of it, please contact Karen Mozenter at 478-1706. You'll feel good doing good!

CONSECRATION TAKES PLACE AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

On Monday evening, September 26, at Simchat Torah services, the following first graders and new second and third graders were consecrated: William Belford, Lauren Bergman, Lindsay Bergman, Maxx Blank, Kevin Bowen, Shane Brenner, Jeffrey Cowen, Andrea Davis, Erik Edwards, Amy Gold, Betsy Greenbaum, Halle Greenhut, David Jarvis, Daniel Knight, Sarah Krause, Zachary Kuhr, Lindsay Ledford, Stephanie Ledford, Jennifer Levine, Rachel Lichtcsien, Gina Loewengart, Rachel Mozenter, Amber Risen, Fanissa Rozensky, Jamie Scheiman, Elizabeth Shore, Jessica Spunt, Jonathan Sulzer, Marguerite Summer, Jeffrey Zeidman, Daniel Zwelling, Molly Zwelling, and Paul Zwelling. Lighting the holiday candles were first grade teachers Diana Howard and Stephanie Carney. Under the direction of Cantor Vicki Axe and music teacher Wendy Cohen, and with the assistance of classroom aide Judah Axe, the students led the singing of several prayers and songs, and led the hakafot.

Each student received a certificate and a small Torah from the Religious School Committee, represented by Michael Kuhr, and a mezuzah necklace from the Temple Brotherhood, represented by Gary Cooper. As students gathered around the ark, they were blessed by Rabbi Bradley Bleefeld. All congregants helped as the Torah was unrolled and re-rolled to the beginning. A reception was prepared by a committee chaired by Holly Somogyi and JoAnne Crair.

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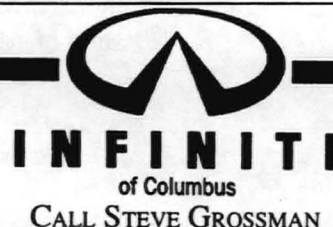
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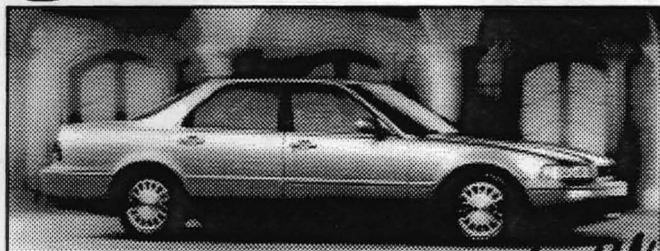
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