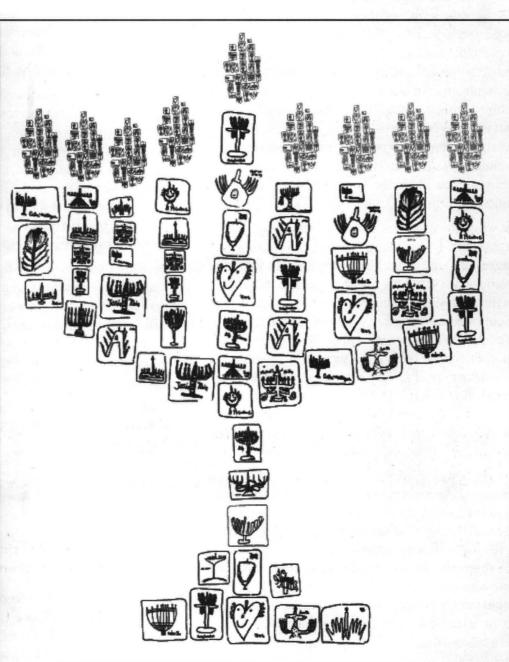
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Temple Israel Kehilla U'Neshama

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Chanukah! December 10 - Shabbat services, 6:00 pm followed by Chanukah dinner (brisket and latkes) sponsored by Brotherhood. Reservation form on page 6



When the *Torah* fell from its perch in the ark during one of our *Yom Kippur* services this year, my heart sank. As I was holding the broken pieces of the *Etzai chaiyim* (the wooden rollers to which the parchment attaches) in my arms the *Midrash* (rabbinic lore) of how the broken fragments of the first set of commandments that Moses dropped came to mind. The *Midrash*

says that the fragments of the first set of tablets were placed next to the new, whole, set and traveled with the people in the wilderness. Unable to leave them in the sand of the Sinai desert, the rabbis wanted to make these fragments a part of our tradition as well. Why did the rabbis do this? Perhaps they did so to teach us that what is in the Torah is more than just words and that contained in the Torah is the living expression of our relationship with all that is holy. As such, we can find meaning even in the broken pieces of this sacred relationship we share.

Knowing the importance of *Torah* and having been taught when I was young that if a *Torah* drops, the congregation must fast, I expected to find a wealth of material when searching for what the *Halacha* (Jewish law) had to say. Surprisingly, there isn't much. In fact, the only mention of fasting, if a *Torah* should drop, is in the context of a conversation in the *Shulcah Aruch*, the name of a code of Jewish Law written by Joseph Karo, about what to do if *Teffilin* (phylacteries) are dropped. There it says that if *Teffilin* are dropped that one is to fast. But, if they drop while in their bag one need not fast. And then there is a side comment made that if one is to fast for *Tefillin*, then all the more so for a *Torah*.

There is, however, rabbinic discussion in the *Responsa* literature (the genre of rabbinic literature written in a style of question and answer) about what one should do if the *Torah* is dropped in the sanctuary on Shabbat. There, expressing the strictest interpretation, it says that the one who drops the *Torah* should fast for three days and those who were in the congregation when it happened should fast for one day. But it is not a requirement. In fact there is no law requiring a fast should a *Torah* drop. It is a custom that has spread among our people over time. ¹

Why such leniency? Perhaps, it is the rabbinic way of reminding us that ultimately it is not the *Torah* we worship, it is God. The *Torah* is to be studied, not idolized. It is to be revered for the values and ideals it espouses, cherished for the stories written on the

parchment and the morals that we take away after having read them. We care for the *Torah* because of what it symbolizes—the expression of our loving relationship for God (including all arguments). We hurt when it is broken because when something we care so deeply about is broken, it hurts us. But even then, at the end of the day, healthy people realize that, because it is made out of wood and parchment, it's susceptible to breaking. We don't ever want that to happen. But, being practical, when it does, we fix it. The breaking doesn't break the relationship between God and us. I think, the rabbis understood this and, intentionally, there is no law about what to do when the Torah drops.

In the story of the Maccabees, in which we share during Chanukah as the reason we celebrate Chanukah, we see the same message. Here, too, we read about how the Assyrians desecrated the temple, and the Maccabees reclaimed it, cleaned it up, removed all the Assyrian idols and rededicated the temple for sacred use. They fixed it up and, lovingly, they moved on leaving embedded in the collective mind of our people the memory of how they had to fight for what they believed.

Perhaps, the message we should take away from all this is that what matters most is not that the *Torah* or the temple was destroyed, but how we respond to such events. In and of themselves, the temple and the *Torah* are not holy. They are made sacred through us—in the experiences we share when we are together and in how we internalize the lessons written on the parchment.

May you and your family enjoy a happy Chanukah. Come celebrate Chanukah with your congregational family on December 10.

— RABBI BARNETT BRICKNER

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¹ Contemporary Reform Responsa, Rabbi Solomon Freehof, CCAR Press, p 117.

"Neighborhood Coffees" meet your neighbors and rabbis



Thursday, December 2—8:00-9:00 pm Home of Steve and Marie Pollack 5378 Turnberry Drive Westerville, Ohio

Monday, December 13—7:30-8:30 pm Home of Brian and Audrey Tuckerman 287 N. Parkview

287 N. Parkview Bexley, Ohio

Please RSVP to the Temple office, 866-0010

BAT MITZVAH



Marya Slade December 18, 2004

Marya Slade, daughter of Judith Lee and Joseph Slade will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on December 18, 2004. Marya is a 7th grader at Athens Middle School where she is a member of Model United Nations, swim team and the school band. Marya collected books to donate to the Literacy and other community programs in Athens County for her tzedakah project.

FREE SHABBAT VAN

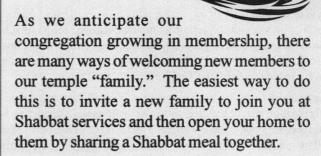


The Shabbat Van will run for the 6 pm service on Friday, December 10. Available to residents of Heritage Village, Parkview Arms, Bexley House, Park Towers and Lutheran

Village. Reservations for the Shabbat Van are on a first come – first serve basis and space is limited.

Please call Becky at Heritage Tower, 237-2521 x 1407 by Thursday for pick up on Friday. Sponsored by Temple Israel Sisterhood

HACHNASAT ORCHIM WELCOMING SOMEONE NEW



If you would like to be a host family and help welcome our new members into the congregation, please call David Lamden, Program Director at 866-0010 x113 or via email at dlamden@templeisrael.org.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday, December 3

6:00 pm

Erev Shabbat Service/Story

Saturday, December 4

9:00 am *Chevra Torah (Vaveshev: Genesis 37:1-40:23)

9:30 am Tot Shabbat

9:30 am 10:00 am

**Tikun Minyan

Friday, December 10

6:00 pm

Erev Shabbat Service/Chanukiah awards,

Chanukah dinner - Bring your menorah

Saturday, December 11

9:00 am

*Chevra Torah - (Miketz: Genesis 41:1-44:17)

10:00 am

Shabbat Morning service

Friday, December 17

6:00 pm

Erev Shabbat Service/Sermon

Saturday, December 18

9:00 am

*Chevra Torah - (Vayigash: Genesis 44:18-47:27)

10:00 am

**Tikun Minyan - Marya Slade will be called to

the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah

Friday, December 24

6:00 pm

Erev Shabbat Service/Sermon

Saturday, December 25

9:00 am

*Chevra Torah - (Vayechi: Genesis 47:28-50:26)

10:00 am Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, December 31

6:00 pm

Erev Shabbat Service/Sermon

Saturday, January 1

9:00 am

*Chevra Torah - (Shemot: Exodus 1:1-6:1)

10:00 am

Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, January 7

6:00 pm

Erev Shabbat Service/Story

Saturday, January 8

9:00 am

*Chevra Torah (Va'era: Exodus 6:2-9:35)

10:00 am

**Tikun Minyan - Alexandra Kass will be called to

the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah

*Chevra Torah: Each week one of our rabbis leads us in the study of the week's Torah portion, using English text and Rabbi Plaut's commentary. Please join us in the library as we immerse ourselves in the par'sha, encounter our tradition, and study Torah as our people always have.

**The Tikun Minyan: Twice each month on the first and third Shabbat mornings, our rabbis are joined by musician Bryan Zive, and together they lead a musical, uplifting and engaging Shabbat morning service in the Folkman Chapel. Rabbi Zinkow has developed a siddur-prayerbook, a new edition of the siddur he created for use at OSU Hillel's Shabbat services. These services were well-known in the community and attracted a wide following. The service is at once contemplative and joyful, peaceful and inspiring.

A Kiddush/Oneg Shabbat follows all services

If you are celebrating a birthday or other simcha, consider sponsoring an Oneg or Kiddush.



Dear Fellow Congregants,

One of the biggest and best kept secrets in our community is our Temple's Foundation. It has existed for several decades and yet few congregants really know what it is and what it does for the Temple.

Do you like and want to increase quality music programs including cantorial music, cultural activities, adult education, religious school education and scholarships, youth activities and scholarships, Jewish library books, and interfaith/outreach activities? If you want to leave a legacy, support the Temple Israel Foundation.

Our purpose is to act as a trusteeship through which gifts to the congregation are channeled to act as a financial support to help maintain the synagogue's welfare. The heritage of Reform Judaism will be maintained forever by educating and enriching the spiritual and cultural aspects of Temple families and the larger community.

Annually, the Foundation also provides the interest from unrestricted monies to the Temple to help with daily operations. This impacts our dues by keeping them lower than otherwise possible.

The Foundation is a separate legal entity administered by the Temple Israel Foundation's Board of Trustees which provides for receiving and managing memorial gifts, bequests, insurance proceeds, charitable gift annuities, endowments, including funds of Temple Israel to be held, or set aside for future use. These monies provide for the operation, maintenance, growth and expansion of Temple Israel and its programs as already indicated.

Currently, the total value of the foundation is approximately \$2.5 million. We are inviting you to grow our Foundation. Call me at 864-5111. The Foundation is our future. Please say "yes."

Hopefully,

—MIKE KRAVITZ, PRESIDENT TEMPLE ISRAEL FOUNDATION

A Note from the Middle East



Jeff Barger, a temple member serving in the Middle East, communicated recently by email: "Inform the Congregation that around Chanukah, ABC will be airing a

video of me saying 'hello' from Qatar with a 'Happy Chanukah' to all. On the day of the holiday filming, it was 114 degrees here.

"Sorry I couldn't be there to help with the Sukkah, but I'm going to stay over in the region for as long as possible. I'll send the temple pictures at some point.

"My emails and mailing address are as follow": jeff.barger@us.army.mil or bargerjp@centcom.mil or MSG JEFF BARGER

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Drop Jeff a note to let him know you support him and wish him well!

Temple received many letters and emails from members and guests in appreciation of High Holy Day Services. Below is a sampling of letters from strangers in our midst:

"Thank you for providing my OSU daughter and I passes for Rosh Hashanah services. We live in Denver but invariably find that 'move-in' at OSU coincides with Rosh Hashanah. I would like to mention that if I lived in Columbus, I would want to join Temple Israel. The cantorial soloists were both terrific. Never before have I enjoyed music this much. The intergenerational service was fabulous. The enclosed donation is in appreciation of the privilege of being able to partake of this special holiday with you." - A College Mom, Denver

"This evening I got a spontaneous feeling to look for an online Kol Nidre service. I tried different things...and was thrilled to see your live broadcast listed on your home page, and I'm happy to say I was able to take one of the 10 spots available. Three of us were listening. We were so grateful that this was available to us! I was expecting a broadcast from NYC, not Columbus! We were impressed to hear such amazing, stirring singing and exquisite violin playing that really touched us. The cantor was "angelic." It was so sweet to hear the familiar service. I am so grateful to your temple for this technology. I needed to hear the words about others being lonely and about spiritual renewal. Please pass this email on to whomever provides the funds to allow this broadcast. It means so much and came through perfectly. Thank you very much. Baruch Hashem. - A Real Person, Cleveland Heights

"As second year medical residents at OSU, my wife and I are grateful to you for allowing us to attend High Holidays at your temple for the second year in a row. Thank you for understanding that we are not in a position to join your congregation at this time in our lives but do enjoy worshipping there from time to time. This donation is just a token of the deep appreciation that we feel for Temple Israel for making the High Holidays accessible to us." - Medical Residents, OSU

"My family and I moved to Columbus 18 months ago from the community where my wife and I grew up. We have been slow to connect to a synagogue because we have been searching for the kind of relationship we once had in our former community. We have been attending services periodically at different temples in Columbus and thank you for providing tickets for our family for the Holidays. We're all gradually feeling at home in Columbus, and after these High Holidays, we will be in touch about making Temple Israel our spiritual home as well. - Prospective Member, now living in Columbus

HOLOCAUST SEFER TORAH PROJECT COMPLETED

Next time you're in the Sanctuary, notice the new everyday Torah cover adorning the Holocaust Torah. It was commissioned by **Irene Levine** and **Lee Hess** to coordinate with the white Torah cover that they also commissioned for High Holy Day use. Both Torah covers were created by renown, local fabric artist, Debbie Anderson, who also designed the rest of the temple's Torah covers.

Take notice, too, of the brick wall adjacent to the Sanctuary. There you'll see a framed, etched drawing of the Dobris (Czechoslovakia) Synagogue which once housed our Holocaust Torah. Next to the etching is a calligraphied list of the members of the synagogue community who were taken to concentration camps in 1944. These names are also etched in to the silver breastplate that adorns the Torah. Temple Israel will never forget them. They are now a part of us.

Many thanks to Irene and Lee for enabling this worthy project to occur.

THIS MONTH'S COVER

The artwork for this month's issue of TIKUN was created by the 4th grade Religious School Class under the direction of Art Specialist Becky Schedler, and teachers Jeremy Simons and Kory Blair. Each student was asked to create a chanukiah that would be incorporated into a design of a chanukiah. Students in the 4th grade are: Sara Becker, Allie Borovetz, Charlotte Bucy, Carlin Coffey, Charlotte DiPietra, Billy Eisenman, Max Fournier, Talia Goldach, Grant Hansell, Daley Herzberg, Michael Holtz, Josia Klein, Gregory Lamden, Zoe Leshner, Alexis Levy, Jesse Mendel, Erika Milligan, Aaron Newman, Aaron Pelz, Ansley Steinberg, Jocelin Stern, Haylee Stone, Heather Stone, Travis Wolf, Julia Wolfson.

As each of us celebrates the light and joy of Chanukah, may this artwork inspire us to dedicate our own creativity, our own unique talents, to build a *kehilah kedosha*—a holy community.

DONATE WINTER ITEMS

Temple Israel will be collecting toys, games (packaged), children's mitten/gloves, hats & scarves and diapers for the



Network to benefit the children of Central Ohio. All items can be placed in the baby crib located in the Atrium until December 20.

MAZEL TOV

We offer congratulations to these members of the congregation:

Laura Greenland appointed to serve on the Goldman Union Camp Institute (GUCI) Joint Camp Authority Board.

Bernice Friedland on her son, Richard Berman's production of the TV documentary "The Four Chaplains," paying tribute to World War II army chaplains, one of whom was Rabbi Alexander Goode, husband of former member Theresa Kaplan.

Dr. Robert Ruberg on his election as president of the American Association of Plastic Surgeons. He is currently senior vice chair of the Department of Surgery at OSU School of Medicine and chief of the division of plastic surgery at Children's Hospital.

Robert Lazarus, recipient of the Distinguished Service Award, by the Ohio Council of Retail Merchants in recognition of his retail-business achievement and community involvement. Also honored by the Columbus Urban League, for playing "a key role in the success of this major civil rights organization."

Miriam Linsey, awarded the 2004 Community Service Award by the Susan J. Komen Foundation for her efforts on behalf of Hadassah's "Check It Out" breast cancer education project, a program which she helped initiate in 1996.

Jeff Barger, promoted to Master Sergeant in the US Army, US Central Command Forward, Joint Security Directorate, serving in Doha, Qatar, and formerly in food Baghdad, Iraq. Jeff has requested an extension to stay with his unit for another Iraq. year.

Kurt & Leslie Malkoff, co-chairs of Wexner Heritage Village's fundraiser involving the "The Second City" Troupe of Chicago to benefit the aging adult Jewish community.

Richard Lamden on receiving the Dr. Herbert Shore Outstanding Mentor Award of the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (AAHSA). He also will become the Ohio delegate to AAHSA for a 3-year term.

Chatherine & Tom Kauffman on the birth of their son, William J. Kauffman

IN MEMORIAM

We remember with sorrow loved ones who have passed away recently:

Florence M. Berkowitz, mother of Jack Bernstein

Jill Stone, sister-in-law of Jocelyn Bandman

Bernice (Bunny) Putchat Cowall Kotzer

Cecelia Brandt wife of Manuel Brandt Arthur Kohn

Correction: Mary Jaffee was incorrectly listed as the mother of Marcy Leeman. Mary Jaffee was the grandmother of Marcy Leeman. Our sincere apologies.

TODAH RABAH

We offer our thanks:

Sisterhood for their donation of plastic pitchers for the temple.

Brotherhood, Sisterhood, YFTL and everyone who contributed to the Children of Sierra Leone project. With the help of contributions from the congregation, 502 pounds of clothing, school supplies and toys were collected and shipped for the children of Sierra Leone. In addition, many more pounds of winter clothing, adult clothing, toys and other items that were not appropriate for the Sierra Leone project will be donated locally. Special thanks to Oliver Coffey who took this on as his Bar Mitzvah t'zedakah project.

Harriet Kallenberg for decorating the Archives display area for Chanukah.

Sisterhood members who contributed food and toiletry items which were sent to Jewish soldiers stationed in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Brotherhood and Sisterhood who assisted for "Meet the Candidates Night" at Temple Israel: Irwin Bain, Barbi Crabill, Jason Crabill, Marci Delson, Melanie Everett, Barbara Guthoff-Volk, Ellen Half, Betsey Krause, Debby Phillips, Barbara Seeder, Eva Simons, Liz Plotnick-Snay, Mitchell Snay and Bette Jo Stempel.

Jeanne & Larry Zipser for their donation of High Holy Days "Gates of Repentance" prayer books and other archival books and materials.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following members to our congregation: Darya Rozman-Hanely & Tim Hanely

Thanks for the Mitzvah!

Remember the children's backbacks that some of you filled with school supplies during Mitzvah Day last May? They were distributed to needy children through the Tom Fennessy Back-to-School Project which enabled 3,700 backpacks to be distributed in Central Ohio.

Temple has received a lovely letter acknowledging our support and generosity, responsible for putting smiles on many faces of children who otherwise start school on a less-than-equal basis with their peers. A 3rd grader responded, "Wow! This has everything I need and everything I've been wanting for a long time."



TILMAD-ADULT LEARNING All classes are held at Temple Israel unless otherwise indicated.

SHABBAT MORNINGS

Chevra Torah

9:00-10:00 am in the Temple Library Be part of a lively study of Parashat

Ha-Shavuah, the Torah portion of the week, with one of our rabbis.

December 4, 11, 18, 25

10:00 am Shabbat morning services.

SUNDAYS

December 19 10:30-11:30 am

Sefer v'Sefel - Temple Israel's Jewish Book Club

Enjoy good conversation over a good book and a mug of coffee or tea. This month's book is Crossing California by Adam Langer.

TUESDAYS

December 7, 14, 21

12:00-1:00 pm

13 Principles

Some say that Moses Maimonides' 13 Principles of Faith comprise a Jewish creed. Study them, and decide for yourself. Bring your own lunch.

WEDNESDAYS

December 8, 15, 22

6:30-7:20 pm

Introduction to Hebrew

Learn the alef-bet: de-coding, reading and pronunciation.

December 1, 8, 15

7:30-9:00 pm

A Taste of Honey: An Introduction to Judaism

This 18-week course provides students with a basic understanding of Jewish practice, belief, history and culture.

THURSDAYS

December 2, 9, 16

12:00-1:00 pm

Genesis with Rashi

Learn to read the Torah in Hebrew and English with the greatest rabbinic commentator in Jewish history, Rabbi Shlomo Yizchaki (1040-1105) - "Rashi."

(at the offices of Squire, Sanders and Dempsey 13th Floor

TOT SHABBAT

December 4

9:30-11:00 am in Bryden Hall

Join us for kid-friendly Shabbat services, an

activity and a nosh! This month's theme is "My Temple and Me."

RSVP to David Lamden (dlamden@templeisrael.org; 866-0010 x113).

CHANUKAH PROGRAMMING

December 10

6:00 pm - Services; 7:00 pm Dinner

Chanukah Family Service & Dinner

Join us for Erev Shabbat services and stay for the Chanukah Family

Dinner. Bring your own menorah that evening and you will see why Chanukah

is known as the Festival of Lights!

December 11 7:00-11:00 pm at Temple Israel

20's & 30's Chanukah Party

Chanukah for adults only. For more information contact David Lamden (614-866-0010 x113, or dlamden@templeisrael.org)



Temple Israel 5419 East Broad Street Sunday, December 5

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

During the day, call the Temple office at 866-0010. After 5 pm, call 764-8618

to schedule an appointment or sign up on the web page - ToLifeColumbus.org

> If you donated blood on or before October 10, you are eligible to donate.

Blood donors must weigh a minimum of 110 pounds, be at least 17 years of age and be in general good health.

Give the Gift of Life

Huntington Center, 41 South High Street)		Positive ID required showing date of birth.			
Chanuka	h Dinner Reservation	Friday, December 10, 2004			
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Number of Children Attending: @ \$6	S/dinner = \$				

Sisterhood Gift Shoppe

* * December 2004 Special * *
Bring this ad in and get
20% off one item in the Shoppe

(excluding: books, grocery/gift certificates, consignment merchandise, music and entertainment books.)

Gift Shoppe Chanukah Bazaar is Sunday, December 5—9:00am - 1:30 pm

There will be new and unique items and all your basic needs for the Chanukah season.

Gift Shoppe Hours:

Sunday 9:00 am - 12:15 pm Monday 11:30 am - 2:00 pm Wednesday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

& 4:00-6:00 pm

Thursday 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

COME SHOP THE SHOPPE

To shop by appointment, call Babs Whitman (614) 866-7783 For special orders, call Barb Guthoff-Volk (614) 890-7646

You have to shop anyway...

so why not buy your grocery certificates from Sisterhood and support the Religious School!



Why not do double good...buy food, toys, clothes or toiletries for holiday donations, bake for school sales, give grocery certificates to teachers, hairdressers, babysitters and others that provide a service for you.

Available in the lobby Sunday mornings & in the Judaica Shoppe anytime it's open!



The great savings you enjoy around town with Entertainment's half-off and two-for-one coupons are also available for your favorite vacation destinations.

Always the perfect gift...one size fits all!

You can get all these savings and support the Temple Israel Shabbat Van at the same time. **Everyone wins!**

Buy yours today in the Sisterhood Gift Shoppe or from Joni at the Temple's reception desk during office hours!

Temple Israel Sisterhood



Without you, Sisterhood is one woman short.

No matter what you enjoy or hold close to your heart there is something for you to be part of:
For our community
Cook for the homeless
Candidates' Forum
Involvement in Women of Reform Judaism
Sponsor JCC Bookfair event
Address Critical Issues

For our World beyond our Community
Support World Union for Progressive Judaism
Support for various causes affecting our world
Participate in WRJ National Leadership Programs



For our Congregation
Provide financial support to Temple Israel
Uniongrams
Memorial Book Publication
Gemilut Chasadim
Sponsor of the Shabbat Van
Sponsor Onegs
Sponsor Holiday celebrations

For our Youth

Provide Financial support for our Religious School
Fund scholarships for Temple Youth
Joint Programming with YFTL
Tot Shabbat Programs
Provide gifts to Confirmands, Bar and Bat
Mitzvahs, and newborns
Contribute to Goldman Union Camp (GUCI)

For ourselves we enjoy the camaraderie of Jewish Women. There are opportunities to work together, travel together, laugh together and cry together. Participate in any part of what we do and you will become a part of something worth doing.

Mark your calendars:

December 5 9am – 2pm Blood Drive
December 5 9am – 1pm Chanukah Bazaar
December 19 10:30am Sefer v' Sefel (Book
Chavurah) Crossing California— by Adam
Langer

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jeff Ungar raised the Board Retreat for discussion and called on Mike Mozenter to outline the issues. Mike announced that the Retreat Committee consists of Barry Lubow, Bev Darwin, Ellen Mendel and Phyllis Kingsley. The committee discussed the objective for the retreat and strategies to achieve that goal. The retreat will occur in January.

RABBIS' REPORT

Rabbi Zinkow announced that two Temple members, Larry Levine and Mike Gonsiorowski (on behalf of National City Bank) were honored at the Israel Bonds event on Tuesday. Rabbi Brickner reported on the Adult Ed programs. He announced that the price for the *V'ahavta* series has been reduced to \$18 per session and \$54 for all sessions.

FINANCE REPORT

The Finance report was emailed to the Board. Ted Smiley reported that the budget is on-track or above in income and on-track or below in expenses. We had unanticipated expenses in having to cut down some trees and HVAC problems during the High Holy Days.

FACILITY REPORT

Vince Solomon reported the committee is looking into video protection and lighting for the periphery of the building. For HVAC service, we are switching from a residential to commercial company. The committee is looking into replacing the stainless flatware; all efforts to rent the facility to outside groups have been stopped.

EDUCATION

Dennis Neikro reported that the Religious School Open House to take place in November will include visits from Ron Klotz from GUCI and presentation for parents and students in grades 2-7. Gail Dobkin of URJ's NFTY Israel program, will present to parents and students in grades 9-10. A school roster has been distributed to each family. Mitzvah Mall, typically scheduled in December, has been postponed to spring to allow teachers to do more ongoing education about the importance of giving *t'zedakah*. The November *t'zedakah* collection will benefit the Federation annual campaign.

TRANSITIONS REPORT

Susan Schubert stated that a successful neighborhood coffee was held at the Borovetz home in New Albany with 45 attending. Future coffees will include: 12/2 —at the Pollacks home in Westerville; 12/13 – at the Tuckermans in Bexley. Other coffees occured at the Darwin's home in Bexley and the Keidan's home in Blacklick. The board is encouraged to attend to connect to congregants.

MEMBERSHIP

Beth Silverstein reported on the Membership Committees process. Of the 51 prospective member families who requested HHD tickets, 6 have joined. Committee members are making calls to prospective members. Tote bags for new members had to be re-ordered as the extras were used by the Religious School. Rabbi Zinkow will host a New Member Coffee in his home in December. Personal outreach was stressed as very important. Rabbi Zinkow suggested that the Board of Trustees be "deputized" as members of the Membership Committee to reach out to prospective members to call them or invite them to Shabbat dinner or bring

them to services or other functions or just be friendly and greet them at services and other temple events.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

High Holy Days: There were 224 passes requested for in-town guests, excluding OSU students, 107 of which were Prospective Members (representing 51 families). There were 170 passes requested for out-of-town guests. Sound System: Removed & remounted speakers previously located on the front wall of the Sanctuary moved beyond the plane of the microphones, rewired through ceiling at cost of \$5,200 to improve Sanctuary sound. HVAC: Now working with Trane commercial consultant to analyze our system, make repairs. Noe Bixby Scenic Neighbors Association: On suggestion of the Association and with approval of the Executive Committee, 40-50 Serviceberry trees will be planted on temple property along Noe Bixby, at the entrance to the scenic urban byway. The cost will be bourn by the Association.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Susan Schubert reported on the timeline for the Nominating Committee to present to the board. In November, the Nominating Committee will be selected and will hold its first meeting in December. A slate of officers will be prepared for inclusion in the February bulletin. The Annual Meeting will be April 17, 2005 at which time officers and trustees will be elected.

SECURED EMAIL SITES

Ted Bernard reported that he has set up mailboxes using Novell. Ted will send ID and passwords to those auxiliary and committee chairs who now have mailboxes and will provide documentation on how to access the temple's mail site.

ELECTRONIC REPORTS PRIOR TO BOARD MEETING

In the future, all committee and auxiliary reports are to be sent to Elaine at least one week prior to the Board meeting. These reports will be sent out electronically with the minutes and hard copies will be available at the Board meeting.

"GO...TO THE LAND I WILL SHOW YOU"

(Genesis 12.1)



Interested adult temple members who would like to participate with Rabbi Zinkow in planning a congregational trip to Israel are invited to his home

Tuesday, December 6, 2004 7:30-9:00 pm 2123 Fair Avenue Bexley, Ohio

RSVP: Irv and Duana Boiman 861-8336 email: DIBoiman@aol.com

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Our annual Mitzvah Mall program which is usually held on the first Sunday of December has been rescheduled for a to-be-determined date in the spring. Our primary reason for this calendar change is that our *tzedakah* collections have been declining over the past couple of years, and we have not been successful in collecting enough money between September and December to make the program a meaningful experience. We will therefore be incorporating more teaching into the classroom around the mitzvah of giving *tzedakah*, and we ask that you partner with us to extend the learning and discussion of giving *tzedakah* and performing *tikun olam* (repairing the world) into the home.

Also, to support our educational goal of creating Jews who enthusiastically support and participate in the life of the synagogue, we warmly invite all Religious School families to work with the teachers, Education Committee liaisons, and the educational staff to create opportunities for families in each grade to worship together at the synagogue and then share a Shabbat meal in each other's homes. If you haven't yet heard from your child's teacher or from the Education Committee liaison for your child's class, please contact the teacher or liaison to help coordinate a class Shabbat experience and partner with us in our efforts to create a stronger sense of *kehillah kedosha* (a sacred community) in our school and in our synagogue.

—DENNIS NIEKRO
DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

YFTL - DECEMBER 11

Temple Israel is joining with our "sister-TYG" from Muncie, IN for a program at the new Holocaust Memorial Center in Detroit. We will leave after services on Saturday, December 11 and return to Columbus Sunday evening. Participation in the trip counts as Religious School attendance! Watch your mailbox for more information.

TIFTY - DECEMBER 10

Chrismakah? December 10—6:00-10:00 pm Temple Israel

56CLUB - DECEMBER 19

Join the 56Club as we get winter break started with a bang. There will be pins everywhere as we go bowling on December 19 right after Sunday school. Lunch is provided! Watch your Religious School tote bags for more information.

JEWNIORS - DECEMBER 5

On Sunday, December 5, the Jewniors are going to the Easton Chiller. This event costs \$10, and lunch is included! Pick-up at the Easton Chiller at 3:15 pm. See a flyer for more info!



Save the date! Saturday, February 12, 2005 will be the 2nd Annual Temple Israel Preschool Funds-n-Fun event. The evening includes a silent and live auction with

proceeds benefiting programming at Temple Israel Preschool. Last year's event raised nearly \$5,000 and was used to bring in multi-cultural enrichment programming to enhance our children's learning experiences.

This year we would like to continue this valuable programming as well as update equipment in the preschool. This event is a wonderful opportunity for adults to unwind, relax, and mingle— all while raising money for a worthy cause. We are actively preparing for this event and would appreciate your support. If you are interested in helping as a volunteer or through a donation, please call **Christie Miller** at 855-1888. We look forward to having another successful year and can't wait to see you in February!

—BECKY SCHEDLER, JUDY SHEPLER
CO-DIRECTORS

GET T.I.P.S. FOR PARENTING

Upon three things the world stands: Torah, Avodah, and G'milut Chasadim. ~Pirke Avot 1:2

On Sunday, November 21, we began an 18-week parent education series for parents of school-age children at Temple Israel. Entitled "Sunday School T.I.P.S (Temple Israel Parenting Seminar)," this series was created by the Union for Reform Judaism as a part of its CHAI Curriculum initiative. Each session in the series is based on the same components as the core CHAI curriculum being used in our 2nd through 5th grade classes at the synagogue. These components—Torah, Avodah (worship), and G'milut Chasadim (performing acts of kindness)—will provide parents the opportunity to explore such topics as:

- · Parental favoritism and sibling rivalry
- The meaning, purpose, and importance of ritual in Jewish family life
- Developing a comfort level to talk about God, spirituality, and prayer with children
- · Bringing sacred time into everyday life
- Responding to diversity and difference in the Jewish community as well as modeling welcoming behavior for children
- Repairing the world through the parenting we give our children

The Sunday School T.I.P.S series is taught by Rabbi Elka Abrahamson from 10-11:30 AM on Sunday mornings, and is offered free of charge. Our December session dates are: December 5, December 12, and December 19. Please contact Dennis Niekro, Director of Religious Education, if you, too, would like to acquire the tools needed to become more effective Jewish teachers and role models for your own children by participating in this educational series. A full list of session dates and titles are available on our website (www.templeisrael.org).

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

NATA CONVENTION RECAP

To the theme of *Lech Lecha*, "take yourselves out," my colleagues and I began a 4-day professional conference in November, appropriately, in the desert (of Las Vegas) – so that "out there," we could explore new responses for relevant issues in congregational life.

The theme of our symposia and breakout sessions was "Refocusing Membership for the 21st Century." Karen Kushner, Director of Project Welcome, URJ, greeted us on the topic of "Creating a Welcoming Environment." She urged our synagogues to do more than announce classes and events but to invite members into the social fabric.

Keynote speaker, Rabbi Daniel Freelander, Vice President, URJ, reviewed the 2001 National Jewish Population Study with implications for membership and programming. Some of the surprising data and implications that affect membership are:

- The total American Jewish population is 5.2 million, including 2.9 million Jewish households.
- 30% of American Jewish households are single adults, living alone; 37% are two adults, no children; 19% are two adults and children
- 25% of Jews have never been married: 57% are married
- Jewish women have given birth to fewer children than all U.S. women, but the gap is smallest between ages 40-44
- More than 1/3 of Jews lived in a different residence 5 years ago; 20% lived in a different city or state
- 44% of Jews have no Jewish memberships ("unaffiliated")
- 62% of Jews donate to non-Jewish causes; 41% donate to Jewish causes
- 35% of all Jews consider themselves Reform; 20% say "just Jewish"
- 40% of Jewish households belong to synagogues/ temples
- Of the current "synagogue" Reform Jews who were raised Jewish, 4 in 10 were raised Reform. Six in 10 have switched from other Jewish denominations.
- Two-thirds of children of Reform intermarriages are being raised Jewish
- 30% of adults age 35-49 report they participated in an adult Jewish education program, the highest of any age group
- Jewish camping has a greater influence on youth than Religious School
- Integration of mixed-marriage family will determine, to a large degree, the future of American Judaism

Rabbi Richard Address, Director Jewish Family Concerns, URJ, in "Membership Transformation," stated, "What we're seeing is a fascinating opportunity to form caring communities based on sacred relationships (this transcends clergy & buildings)." "Spiritual growth involves sacred relationships, one at a time, that transforms a congregation over time." "The congregation," he said, "must be the antidote to the 'me' culture."

Dale Glasser, Director, Department of Synagogue Management, URJ, spoke on "From Torah to Thermostats: The Executive Director's Role in Creating Members and Memories." He spoke about the journey to membership being a sacred journey that must allow prospective members to find meaning in the synagogue experience in response to the alienation that most feel living in the 21st century.

Inclusion through "a role" – whether that role is through a committee, a chant, a memory of why the thermostat did or didn't work that year – is important and must not be trivialized. Glasser stated that "the way to connect Jews to congregation life is through a series of experiences."

Rabbi Sam Joseph, Professor of Jewish Education and Leadership Development, HUC-JIR, Cincinnati, spoke to us about "Understanding Culture: Key to Leadership." He spoke about language, governance, dress, behavior around decision-making; eg. Roberts' Rules vs. consensus.

He stated that congregations operate on three levels: the level of artifacts, the level of espoused values, and the level of basic underlying assumptions.

He challenged the directors (apologizing for adding to our job descriptions) to become the cultural anthropologists of our congregations to determine how members adapt; to determine why things are the way they are, because change and planning can't happen without finding evidence for assumptions.

"A Peek into the Mind of the Public" was a panel of Las Vegas community members, both affiliated and unaffiliated, responding to questions about their experiences with various temples and decisions they had made about membership. The most important factor in "shul-shopping" was being welcomed at the Oneg Shabbat. Everything else came in second.

In addition to the symposia, I attended workshops on a variety of topics including: How Welcoming Is Your Congregation; Time Management; Human Relations; Security; and Worship Change.

I was privileged to be part of the Education Committee, along with nine other members of NATA in planning this Conference. Thank you for the opportunity both to learn with my peers and to study with them in preparation for this Conference. I hope to be able to work with many of you creating a welcoming environment where Jews want to be.

—ELAINE TENENBAUM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Demographic Survey

Please help us update the temple database with your correct information.

Fill out the demographic survey that has been mailed, e-mailed or made available to you through the Religious School. You can pick up a copy of the survey in the temple office.

Please help us keep our records current. Thank you in advance for your help!

—ALICE SIMON SURVEY COORDINATOR

Join Brotherhood Sunday, February 13 LeBron James vs. Kobe Bryant

Cost is \$45 per person which covers game ticket, chartered bus & box lunch. Bus will leave Temple Israel immediately after Sunday School for the 3:30 pm game.

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The rules:

- Entries from Religious School aged children only (parents can help).
- All entries must be of "raw" materials (i.e., no Legos, TinkerToys, KNex, or other building toys).
- Must be functional (more-or-less!)



Submit entries to the Temple office by

Sunday, December 5
PLEASE...no late entries!

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The Columbus Jewish Federation offers scholarships to Jewish youth in the Columbus area to attend Jewish overnight summer camps. The scholarships are awarded based on financial need. Students may attend eligible camps such as Camp Ramah, Camp Stone, Goldman Union Camp Institute, Camp Livingston, Camp Wise, Emma Kaufmann Camp, Camp Young Judaea, and many others in other parts of the country.

To receive a camp scholarship application, call Marty Croy at the Columbus Jewish Federation, (614) 559-3239 or email her at mcroy@tcjf.org. Consideration will only be guaranteed for applications received by **January 24**, **2005**.

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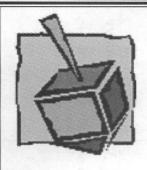


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