



# Temple Shalom Bulletin

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## Rabbi's Message

Dear friends,

There is a story in the Hebrew Bible about king Shlomo who had a dream in which God asked him: What shall I grant you?" In his dream Shlomo answered: "I am ministering to Your people, who are too vast or diverse to be counted. Grant me a heart that knows how to listen, so that I can serve your people with discernment and will be able to distinguish good from evil and blessing from curse, for without that who would even dare take on the task of serving this complex folk of Yours." God was pleased with Shlomo's request, for the fact that he had not asked for a long life or great wealth or an elevated status, but rather for discernment. And God granted Shlomo a listening heart. (after 1 Kings 3:5-12).

What would you ask for if God came to you in a dream? Are you perhaps finding yourself, like Shlomo, in need of discernment to lead your life in such a way that it will lead to blessing for those around you and yourself?

Our busy lives and schedules often leave us precious little time for quiet listening. And yet, without such periods of listening, of self reflection and gentle and patient attention to others we are likely to get caught up in the pursuit of empty values of eternal youth, wealth and power.

Judaism demands us to listen. Shema, pay attention, and remember to focus on God and God's expectations of us. Sometimes such listening is easier when there is someone else to guide and encourage. Jewish Spiritual Direction is a professional relationship in which a person seeks out a spiritual guide to serve as a sounding board for that person's spiritual reflection. By being listened to one develops a greater capacity to listen to others.

Some of you may know that I am currently in training to become a certified Jewish Spiritual Director. I am pleased that I will be able to offer spiritual direction to members of Temple Shalom starting in January. If you would like to meet with me monthly over the period of one year for spiritual direction, just let me know. It will be a privilege to serve as your rabbi in this area of Jewish religious life as well.

We all are in need of developing better listening hearts. We can listen together.

— Rabbi Marianne Gevirtz

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## Calendar of Events

**Friday, January 4, 6 PM**

Shabbat evening service

**Saturday, January 5**

NO Shabbat morning service

**Thursday, January 10, 7 PM**

Temple Board meeting

**Friday, January 11, 7:30 PM**

Shabbat evening service

**Saturday, January 12, 10 AM**

Shabbat morning Minyan & Brunch

**Sunday, January 13, 10 AM**

Religious School Teacher Training for parents

**Monday, January 14, 6:30 PM**

J.A.M. Covenant Assembly at First Baptist Church  
(see p. 4)

**Friday, January 18, 6 PM**

Shabbat evening service

**Saturday, January 19, 10 AM**

Shabbat morning service

**Sunday, January 20, 5:30 PM**

Family Night Dinner and Bingo

**Thursday, January 24, 12 noon-1:15 PM**

Lunch and Learn

**Friday, January 25, 7:30 PM**

Shabbat evening service with Temple Choir

**Saturday, January 26, 10 AM**

Shabbat morning service at Rockford Chapel in  
Yellow Springs

**Sunday, January 27, 7-8:30 PM**

Study Group with Rabbi Gevirtz at the home of Jay  
and Randi Rothman, 1050 President Street, Yellow  
Springs (see p.4)

**Friday, February 1, 6 PM**

Shabbat evening service

**Saturday, February 2, 10 AM**

Shabbat morning service

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The winter months are here and it seems like things are beginning to slow down at the Temple, allowing us to catch our breath from having such a full calendar of events this fall.

The Nominating Committee has just begun to work and I hope that if you are asked to serve on the Board you will agree. If there is anyone who is interested in serving on the Board of Temple Sholom please call me. Sometimes the committee is unaware of someone's interest and this will make the job a little easier. Thank you.

—Laurie Leventhal

## MAZAL TOV TO...

- ▶ Gabriele Leventhal on the occasion of her conversion to Judaism on November 23.
- ▶ Cheryl Levine, Stephen Green, and their family on their new home!
- ▶ Our former members, Harold and Melissa Guadalupe, on the bris of their son, Benjamin Noah, on December 11th at Temple Sholom.
- ▶ Dorothy Krane on her 95th birthday on December 25th.

## THANK YOU TO...

- ▶ Sam Friedman, Itzca Zohar, Barbara and Michael Miller, Paulette Grodner, Bob and Leslie Buerki, Priscilla Dixon and Joe Lite for assembling and delivering nearly 100 gift bags of donated toiletries to area shelters.
- ▶ Roberta Greenland and Faye Flack for coordinating the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service reception.
- ▶ Marilyn Schneider, Ray and Char Schiff for covering the Temple office during Raelene's vacation.
- ▶ Barb Keselman, Nikki Stuttmann and Marilyn Crossley for serving at Rainbow Table II on December 4.
- ▶ Rachel Crossley for leading shabbat eve services with Rabbi Gevirtz on November 23.
- ▶ Fred Leventhal and Rabbi Lloyd Goldman for leading shabbat eve services on November 30.
- ▶ Millie Archer and Gabriele Leventhal for organizing the Hanukkah dinner.
- ▶ Joe Lite, Larry Schneider, Randy Levine and Itzca Zohar for making latkes.
- ▶ Mary Beth Burkholder and Diana Schneider for directing the Religious School singers and musicians for the Hanukkah service.
- ▶ Itzca Zohar for replacing the old Religious School cassette player with a brand new cassette/CD player!

## CONDOLENCES TO

- ▶ Alan and Nancy Feinstein on the death of Alan's brother-in-law, Leonard Kurland.

*May his memory be for a blessing.*

## NEW ADDRESSES

Helen and Jack Engle have moved to 4858 Auston St., Springfield, 45502. Their new phone number is 399-9627.

Stephen Green and Cheryl Levine and family have moved to 4 Helen Court, Yellow Springs, OH 45387. Their phone number remains the same. Please make these changes in your Temple directory.

## FAMILY NIGHT RETURNS

Remember those cold, dreary winter Sunday nights with nothing to do and nowhere to go? Well, that is going to change. Starting in January, on the third Sunday of each of the three winter months, plan to come to Temple Sholom for Family Night. Mark the following dates on your calendar: January 20, February 17, and March 17. At 5:30 PM there will be dinner. The cost will be \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children (2 and under free). The Temple will provide the main course and each family is asked to bring either a salad, vegetable, dessert, or drinks to share. We'll play bingo from 6:30 to 7:30 PM, with each paid participant receiving two free cards for the night. The winners will split the purse with the Temple.

Feel free to ask your friends to attend, as this is a fundraiser sponsored by the Ways and Means Committee. Please call the Temple office no later than the Friday morning before the event to let us know how many will be attending so we will have enough food, drinks, and setups.

Anyone interested in helping out should call me at 767-2359. Your help in making these Sunday nights successful would be appreciated.

—Todd Leventhal, Ways and Means Committee Chair

## NEW MEMBERS

Temple Sholom has received two new families into membership.

- ▶ Stefan and Susan Broidy live at 4041 Cortsville Road, Cedarville, OH 45314. Their phone number is (937) 925-5155. Welcome Stefan and Susan!
- ▶ Our other new members are Barbara and Stanley Bernstein, 202 Tully Street, Yellow Springs, OH 45387. Their phone number is (937) 767-1450. Welcome Barbara and Stan!

*Please add these new families to your Temple Directory.*

## FROM THE KITCHEN COMMITTEE

A big thanks to Itzca Zohar who not only helped make Hanukkah latkes, but took charge of cleaning up the kitchen afterwards and did an incredible job. It was a pleasant surprise! A big thanks also to Laurie Leventhal who has devoted at least as much time as I have to the kitchen this year.

—Anne Kazez

## SPORTY NEWS

SPORTY has two large events scheduled for the beginning of 2002, in no particular order. Already planned and dated is a kid's bowling night-out similar to the event SPORTY held two years ago. There will be food, fun, and a SPORTY experience for the younger kids, our future SPORTY-ites. By the time you read this, it may or may not have already happened. I'm not too sure about when the bulletin is published (I'm actually writing this back in good ol' 2001!), but next month's article will explain what happened and how fun it was.

Also coming up is a Temple lock-in for SPORTY and BOTY, a neighbor youth group. The lock-in will be at BOTY's temple, and there's a possibility of more TYG's than just SPORTY and BOTY attending. The lock-in will happen sometime this year, probably January or February. This, of course, means that it may have happened already, but my 2001 self just doesn't know it. The next article, or the one after that, will give you the details on that event, too. Stay tuned!

—Matt Zaremsky, SPORTY President

## PARENT TEACHER TRAINING

Parent teachers are invited to meet with Rabbi Gevirtz for a Sunday morning workshop on "How to Teach and Model the Jewish Festivals of this Winter and Spring." The workshop will be Sunday, January 13th, 10:30 AM - 12 Noon. Coffee and bagels will be provided by the Religious School Committee.

## GOLDMAN UNION CAMP INSTITUTE FOR THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE

Children entering 3rd through 10th grade from synagogues across the Midwest are currently being enrolled for the coming summer program at our regional U.A.H.C. camp, the Goldman Union Camp Institute. **DON'T LET YOUR CHILD MISS THIS CHANCE TO JOIN IN THE FUN AND FRIENDSHIP OF G.U.C.I.** A four-week session (a two week session is offered for entering 3rd and 4th graders) at Goldman Camp is a unique experience. Campers participate in a full range of sports, arts, and Jewish programs, all offered within the exciting and motivating atmosphere of a Reform Jewish Community of young people. There is simply no other experience like it.

Find out more about this wonderful opportunity for your child by picking up a 2002 Goldman Camp brochure from the temple office, or contact the camp at (317) 873-3361 or GUCIOFFICE@aol.com.

Scholarships are available from a variety of sources. Contact Rabbi Gevirtz for more information.

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SCHEDULE

### Sunday School (10 AM to 12 Noon)

January 6, 12 (Shabbat session!), 20, 27; February 3

No class January 13

### Mid-week Hebrew

Kita Hey: Tuesdays, 3:45-4:30 PM

January 15, 22, 29; February 5

No class January 1 and 8

Kita Gimmel/Daled: Thursdays, 3:30-4:45 PM

January 10, 17, 24, 31; February 7

No class January 3

## JEWISH LANGUAGE CORNER

ט"ו בשבט TU B'SHEVAT

Tu B'Shevat is the biblically designated new year of the trees.

It takes its name from the day and the month on which it occurs.

שבט Shevat is the name of the Hebrew month that falls sometime around late January/February of the secular year.

The ב B' means "in" or "of."

The word טו Tu is made up from a combination of two Hebrew letters, which represent the number 15.

The Hebrew letter ט tet represents the number 9, and the Hebrew letter ו vav (sometimes pronounced as a "v," sometimes pronounced as "oo") represents the number 6. The ט tet and the ו vav together, pronounced טו tu ("too") is 9 + 6, which equals 15.

Therefore Tu B'Shevat is the fifteenth day of the month of Shevat, the new year of the trees.

It would seem much more reasonable to add 10 + 5, rather than 9 + 6, to get to 15. However, the Hebrew letter representing 10 is י yud, and the Hebrew letter representing 5 is ה hay; and י yud and ה hay together form the word יה Yah, which is a name for God.

To avoid using the name of God for the secular purposes of designating and counting numbers, Jewish tradition requires that the number 15 always be represented by the letters ט tet and ו vav, 9 + 6, rather than by the letters י yud and ה hay, 10 + 5.

Tu B'Shevat is designated as the new year for the trees because, in the Land of Israel, it is at this time of year (late January/February) that the trees begin to form their fruit. It is also an excellent time for the planting of new saplings. Thus Tu B'Shevat is a holiday that recognizes and celebrates the natural order—the annual blooming of the trees, and the necessity of planting new trees at this time of year.



## ADULT EDUCATION AND SOCIAL ACTION PROJECTS

### NEW ADDITIONS TO TEMPLE LIBRARY

Video: *Uprising* by Jon Avnet,  
(Warner Home Video, 2001)

### SOCIAL ACTION NEWS

J.A.M. will be holding its Covenant Assembly in January, and you are invited.

What is a Covenant Assembly? It is the first annual meeting of the organization. It is when J.A.M. moves from its formation stage into its organizational operating form. At this meeting J.A.M. will:

- Adopt a constitution.
- Elect officers.
- Select the Issues to be addressed (following the necessary research).
- Formal signing of the Covenant.

The Covenant is the formal reaffirmation by each member congregation of its commitment to J.A.M. and the cause of Social Justice. This will be an exciting and interesting evening. There will be entertainment as well as business. Your attendance will continue to demonstrate that we are involved in this important interfaith initiative.

The meeting will be Monday, January 14, 6:30 p.m., at the First Baptist Church of Springfield, 638 South Fountain Avenue (just one block south of the old Temple).

—Paul M. Cornez,  
Social Action Chair

### JEWISH SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Are you looking for an opportunity to reflect on your life and where you are going? Are you wondering which sacred tasks are yours in this world? Are you struggling to build a relationship with God?

Rabbi Gevirtz is pleased to be able to offer individual spiritual direction to Temple members who are willing to meet with her monthly for one hour of reflection and conversation. A year's commitment is requested. Please call her at the Temple office to set up your first meeting.

### SUNDAY NIGHT STUDY GROUP

*Sunday evenings, 7-8:30 PM*

*With Rabbi Gevirtz in Yellow Springs*

"Living an Ethical Jewish Life: Guidelines from Jewish Texts"  
No Hebrew knowledge required.

January 27th "How to be Wise"

March 17th "How to Die"

May 19th "How to Love God"

The January session will be hosted by Jay and Randi Rothman,  
1050 President Street.

### LUNCH AND LEARN, 2002

*Thursdays, 12 Noon - 1:15 PM*

What does Judaism teach about:

- |                                  |             |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| • The afterlife?                 | January 24  |
| • How to comfort mourners?       | February 21 |
| • Meditation?                    | April 25    |
| • Preparing for one's own death? | May 23      |

Please join Rabbi Gevirtz at Temple Sholom for a brown bag lunch and discussion.

### BLESSING OF THE MONTH

Before attending the J.A.M. Covenant Assembly on January 14th at First Baptist Church, Temple members are encouraged to recite:

ברוך אתה יהוה אלהינו  
מלך העולם אשר קדשנו במצותיו וצונו לרדוף צדק.

Ba-ruk A-tah A-do-nai  
E-lo-hey-nu Me-lekh Ha-o-lam  
a-sheer kee-de-sha-nu be-mitz-vo-tav  
ve-tsee-va-nu lir-dof tze-dek

Praised are You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe:  
You give us the opportunity to add sanctity to our lives  
by responding to Your command to pursue justice.

### PROJECT WOMEN

Temple members have generously donated toiletry articles and kids items, which filled up nearly 100 quart-sized gift bags delivered to many area shelters, including Springfield's Men's and Women's units of McKinley Hall and Project Women, Urbana's Project Women shelter, Greene County's Family Domestic Abuse shelter, and Franklin County's Faith Mission shelters. The Programming Committee would like to thank all Temple participants in this worthy Fall mitzvah project. Please continue to collect your hotel amenities for a similar mitzvah project scheduled for late April.

—Leslie Buerki, Programming, Committee Chair

### HILLEL TAUGHT . . .

*Do not say: when I have free time I will study — you may never have free time.*

(Pirke Avot/Sayings of the Fathers 2:5)

## ENDOWMENTS

### **GOLD**

In honor of Dr. Louis Mendelson's 103rd birthday from Maxine and Fred Leventhal

In honor of Gabriele Leventhal's conversion from Jay and Roberta Greenland

In honor of the special birthday of Bonnie Krauss from Phyllis and Stan Nedelman, Maxine and Fred Leventhal

### **SILVER**

In honor of Dr. Louis Mendelson's 103rd birthday from Reda Singer

In honor of the birth of Ray and Marilyn Schneider's great-granddaughter, Mikela, from Paul and Natalie Cornez

In honor of Gabriele Leventhal's conversion from Reda Singer

### **REGULAR**

In honor of Dr. Louis Mendelson's 103rd birthday from Beverly Weiser

In honor of Dorothy Krane's special birthday from Phyllis and Stan Nedelman

### **PLAQUE HUNG IN ROOM OF REMEMBRANCE**

A plaque was hung in the Room of Remembrance in memory of Emily Turyn, infant sister of Larry Turyn, who passed away in 1952.

### **INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING DONATION**

A big thank you to all who contributed to Catholic Social Services' Second Harvest Food Bank after our November 20th service at Temple Shalom. The total collected at that occasion was \$622.25. Acknowledgement of the donation was received from Vincent G. Chase, the Executive Director: "Thank you for your very generous gift."

### **RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

A donation was received from Jeffrey and Ellen Levine for Hanukkah.

A donation was received from Harold and Melissa Guadalupe in honor of the circumcision of their son, Benjamin Noah.

## SHARON LEE BROOCK FLOWER FUND

### **ROSE**

In honor of Ben and Pauline Broock's new great-grandchild from Maxine and Fred Leventhal

In honor of Ben and Pauline Broock's grandson and great-grandson from Marjorie Fishbain

In memory of Sheldon Leventhal from Marjorie Fishbain

In honor of Dr. Louis Mendelson's 103rd birthday from Ben and Pauline Broock

In honor of Gabriele Leventhal's conversion from Ben and Pauline Broock, Beverly Weiser

In honor of Dorothy Krane's special birthday from Ben and Pauline Broock, Reda Singer

### **DAISY**

In memory of Ted Adler, Ben and Pauline Broock's brother-in-law, from Beverly Weiser, Maxine and Fred Leventhal

In memory of the mother of Joy Fishbain from Maxine and Fred Leventhal

On the yahrzeit of Laura Flick from Rabbi Marianne Gevirtz



### **RABBI'S WINTER LEAVE**

Rabbi Gevirtz will be on winter leave and abroad from December 25 through January 9. Area rabbis will be available to Temple members for emergencies. In case of need, please contact the Temple office or the Temple Board member listed on the Temple answering machine for a referral.

### **— Yahrzeit List —**

**January 4:** Morris Gold, Clara Mendelson, Sylvia Rubinoff, Harry Sachs, Siegfried Sander, Samuel Schechter, Emma Schoenthal, Manuel Soble, Oscar Werber, Ann Dine, Anna Krauss, Jack Leventhal, Lillian Leventhal, Lillian Nedelman, Mary Schoemer, Helen Winston

**January 11:** Jacob Kleeman, Rose Krauss, Abraham Schechter, Herbert Bernstein, Bertha Gansel, Myra Land, Sophie Rubinoff, Sonia Schechter

**January 18:** Lilly Balicer, Beryl Kaufman, Curtis Burkholder, Samuel Draisen, Arjae Kurtzhant, Dora Long, Nellie Marenberg

**January 26:** Fannie Frand, Harry Hoffman, Tilly Levy, Robert Arthur Buerki, Hyman Kohn

**February 1:** Rosa Gardner, Max Gross, Nathan Klein, Isaac Levine, Nelson Paris, Ida Zitsman, Lois Bernstein, Ruth Maybruck, Morris Zaremsky

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## MAZON

Given all of your past support for MAZON's anti-hunger efforts, we wanted to provide you with this brief update on two significant emergency grants that are reflective of MAZON's ability to address the changing nature of hunger on both the domestic and global fronts.

1. **International Rescue Committee:**  
\$20,000-Emergency Assistance for Afghan refugee families. The IRC is one of only a few international humanitarian

agencies still operating on the ground in Afghanistan. MAZON's donation will be applied to assist some of the most vulnerable Afghan families-with emergency provisions including food baskets, tents, firewood and hygiene kits.

2. **Nutrition Consortium of NYS:**  
\$3,000-Assessment of the Disaster Food Stamp Program. The Disaster Food Stamp Program is authorized by Congress to waive certain eligibility guidelines in emergency situations. Following the chaos of the September 11th attacks on the World Trade Center, thousands of New Yorkers eligible for emergency food stamp assistance did receive it; yet thousands of others did not.

To help to assure preparedness for anticipated future disasters, the Nutrition Consortium of NYS, a long-time MAZON grantee, proposed to formally assess the strengths and failures of the Disaster Food Stamp program as applied to the New York experience. MAZON's donation will fund about half of the cost of an estimated 40-page report.

For additional MAZON updates, please visit [www.mazon.org](http://www.mazon.org).

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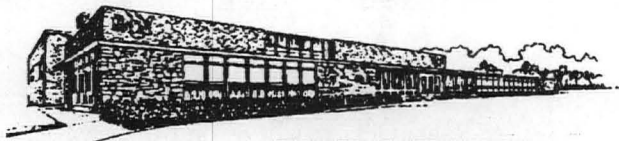
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