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Rabbi's Message

Dear friends,

Summer is a time for renewal and relaxation. We all need such time, especially following this year which was filled with increased insecurity for Americans and anguish for Jews world-wide as the Israeli-Palestinian conflict escalated to the unbearable situation in which Israel's citizens are threatened by terrorist attack almost on a daily basis. I don't know about you but I would like to have a summer off!

But just taking the summer off is not going to help us respond to threats and insecurities, which are not likely to go away. Rather than turning off the news this summer, I suggest that we spend the summer months with the news in mind. What might this entail?

It might mean that this summer we are more aware than ever of the precious gift of time spent with family and friends. May we treasure each other and use these months to express our love for and our interest in each other, to make an effort to build and sustain loving family ties and strong friendships.

Summer time is a great time to truly experience shabbat. Have a shabbat dinner, light candles, bake challah, invite guests, have it outdoors, use this sacred Jewish time to relax and connect. Enjoy shabbat. Leave the chores and errands for a Saturday and instead "make shabbat" by taking a walk, reading a book, visiting with a friend, having a picnic lunch or taking the family on an outing.

Finally, summer is the time for some good Jewish reading. This is the time to become more knowledgeable about Israel. Israel needs all of us to be goodwill ambassadors, with our neighbors, our colleagues, our non-Jewish friends and our Jewish friends who may be uncertain about their loyalties to the Jewish State. Reading the local and national newspapers and watching the news is not enough! Read up on Israel's history, take out a subscription to the *Jerusalem Report* (www.jrep.com) or *The Jerusalem Post* (www.jpost.com) or stay informed by the excellent materials our Reform Movement puts out by checking the Website of Seeking Peace, Pursuing Justice at www.seekpeace.org.

We will have two informative Israel programs scheduled: I will present "More on My Israel Visit" at the home of Ray and Char Schiff on June 6, and Mark Weintraub, Regional JCC Director will address "What is really going on in Israel and how can we help?" at Temple Shalom on June 18.

Wishing you a good summer filled with time for each other, leisure of shabbat and expression of *ahavat tsion* (love for Israel.)

— Rabbi Marianne Gevirtz

Calendar of Events

**Saturday, June 1,
10 AM**

Shabbat morning service

Monday, June 3, 7 PM
Temple Board meeting

Thurs., June 6, 7:30-9 PM
Israel Program by Rabbi Gevirtz at the home of Ray and Char Schiff (see page 3)

Friday, June 7, 6 PM
Shabbat evening service

**Saturday, June 8,
10 AM**
Shabbat morning service

Friday, June 14, 8 PM
Shabbat evening service

**Saturday, June 15,
10 AM**
Shabbat morning service

Tuesday, June 18, 7 PM
"Update on Israel" by UJC Regional Director Mark Weintraub (see p.2)

Friday, June 21, 6 PM
Shabbat evening service

**Saturday, June 22,
10 AM**
Shabbat morning service

Friday, June 28, 8 PM
Shabbat evening service

**Saturday, June 29,
10 AM**
Shabbat morning service at Rockford Chapel, Yellow Springs

Monday, July 1, 7 PM
Temple Board meeting

Friday, July 5, 6 PM
Shabbat evening service

Saturday, July 6, 10 AM
Shabbat morning service

Friday, July 12, 8 PM
Shabbat evening service

Saturday, July 13, 10 AM
Shabbat morning service

**Wednesday, July 17,
8-9:30 PM**
Study session on the Book of Lamentations at the home of Jay and Randi Rothman in Yellow Springs

Friday, July 19, 6 PM
Shabbat evening service

**Saturday, July 20,
10 AM**
Shabbat morning service at Rockford Chapel, Yellow Springs

**Sunday, July 21,
2-4 PM**
Summer Mitzvah project at the home of Barb Willens (p. 4)

Friday, July 26, 8 PM
Brief Shabbat evening service followed by Ice Cream Oneg

**Saturday, July 27,
10 AM**
Shabbat morning service

Friday, August 2, 6 PM
Shabbat evening service

Saturday, August 3
NO Shabbat morning service

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As another Temple Sholom year recently came to a close, I am pleased to say that a great many good things have been accomplished. Our Temple remains on very solid ground-financially, religiously, and programming wise.

Because of the hard work, commitment, and dedication by many of our members we always seem to accomplish a great deal more than seems possible, be it fund-raising, having a vibrant Religious School, religious services, adult educational events or community outreach programs. Being small has certainly not meant acting small for Temple Sholom. Thanks to each of you for making so many good things happen.

It has been a pleasure, as Temple President, to once again be able to work with Rabbi Gevirtz. We are very fortunate to have Rabbi Gevirtz as our spiritual leader. She makes Temple Sholom a vibrant religious institution and a community center in which we can all take a great deal of pride. We owe Rabbi Gevirtz a great deal of gratitude for all she does and means to our Temple and to the Springfield community.

—Laurie Leventhal

MAZAL TOV TO...

- ▶ Sam Friedman for receiving the Community Service Award at Elderly United on April 3rd.
- ▶ Robin Buerki graduating from The Miami Valley School, National Merit Finalist and local Wright Patterson Community Scholarship recipient. He will be attending Princeton University in the fall, and his letter to the editor was published in the New York Times on Friday, May 10, 2002, page A32.
- ▶ Nikki Stuttman graduating from Kenton Ridge High School. She will be attending Ohio University in the fall.
- ▶ Dr. Eric Friedland who will receive the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion at its graduation ceremonies in Cincinnati on May 30, 2002.
- ▶ Rabbi Marianne L. Gevirtz who received a life membership in Hadassah from the Dayton chapter on May 22.

THANK YOU TO...

- ▶ Aaron and Matthew Zaremsky for babysitting children whose parents attended the "Food for Thought" program in April.
- ▶ Paulette Grodner, Barbara Miller, Robin, Bob and Leslie Buerki for providing a special brunch for the April 14th "Food for Thought" program.
- ▶ Shai Gruber for being the guest speaker at the "Food for Thought" program.
- ▶ Paulette Grodner for her enthusiastic participation for four selfless years on the Programming Committee.
- ▶ Ray Schiff, Marilyn Schneider, Stephanie Paugh, Beverly Weiser, and Laurie Leventhal for volunteering in the Temple Office during Raelene's vacation.

NEW ADDRESS

Reda Singer has moved to 2697 Prestwick Village Circle, Springfield, 45503. Her phone number remains the same. Please make this correction in your Temple Sholom directory.

RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

The Temple Board accepted the resignation of Anne and Daniel Kazez with regret.

PLEASE HELP US BE THERE FOR YOU

Hospitals no longer inform clergy about who is hospitalized. If you know a family member or friend who is hospitalized, please call the Temple office day or night at 399-1231 and leave us a message. Make someone else's business your own so our Rabbi can be there for our congregational family.

WRJ ART CALENDAR

The new Women of Reform Judaism Art Calendar (5763/2002-2003) can be ordered now. Order forms are available from the Temple Office.

UPDATE ON ISRAEL

At this critical time for Israel, many American Jews are asking, "What is really going on, and how can I help?" The leadership of our local Federation, in an attempt to answer these questions, has scheduled a meeting at Temple Sholom at 7 PM on Tuesday, June 18th.

Please come and hear Mark Weintraub, our United Jewish Communities liaison from Chicago, give his impressions from a recent trip to Israel. Take this opportunity to learn what some Jewish communities around the country are doing and what are the needs of our Israeli brothers and sisters. This will be an informational meeting, a prelude to our campaign that is scheduled for August 27th. There will be no solicitation, but we hope you will be inspired to give most generously to the regular campaign.

—Phyllis and Stan Nedelman,
Co-Chairs, 2002-2003 UJWF Campaign

NEW LONG TERM CARE INSURANCE PROGRAM

An October 2001 Wall Street Journal article cited that the single greatest risk to a person's retirement nest egg is the failure to plan for long-term care needs. It's safe to say, that without proper planning, long-term care can be the single greatest threat to the entire family's financial and emotional security.

To help encourage each of us to review our own family's financial planning and to provide member benefits and savings, the UAHC Board has approved offering long-term care insurance to the UAHC family of congregations. This program provides special savings to UAHC congregational members, congregational employees, and their immediate families.

For more information on the program and the special savings available, please visit www.uahcltc.com or contact Ross Perloe at 800-252-9952 or 800-281-7955.

SPORTY NEWS

The SPORTY year has drawn to a close, but the memories will live on for years to come. Over the past couple of months, SPORTY took several Religious School students bowling as part of our donation to the Goods and Services Auction held earlier this year. SPORTY was also present at several NFTY events throughout the year including: Leaderships, Study Kallah, Delegates, and Mitzvah Corps. As the year comes to an end, we have to say goodbye to old members. I will be attending Ohio University in the fall. Rob plans to attend Princeton University next year. Matt will be the only returning member, and he will be a senior at Yellow Springs High School. We would like to thank Mrs. Crossley, our advisor, and Rabbi for all that they have done to help SPORTY. I have had a wonderful time being PVP of SPORTY and hope to see the youth group grow in the years to come.

—Nicki Stuttman, PVP

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

On Saturday, May 18th, the Religious School closed out our school year with an end-of-year picnic. We had food, games and fun for all. Our Religious School had a super year. We could not have had such a great year if it had not been for the efforts of our teachers, Rob Buerki and Matt and Aaron Zaremsky. Thanks to all of you. A special thank you also goes out to Itzca. I also want to take a moment and thank all of the parents who lent their time and support. On behalf of the Religious School, have a safe and wonderful summer.

—Millie Archer, Religious School Co-Chair

NEW ADDITIONS TO TEMPLE LIBRARY

Books:

*For Kids-Putting God on Your Guest List:
How to Claim the Spiritual Meaning of Your
Bar or Bat Mitzvah*

by Rabbi Jeffrey K. Salkin

(Jewish Lights Publishing, Woodstock, Vermont, 1998)

Jeremiah's Promise: An Adventure in Modern Israel
by Kenneth Roseman (UAHC Press, New York, 2002)

The Guide to Jewish Interfaith Family Life
edited by Ronnie Friedland and Edmund Case
(Jewish Lights Publishing, Woodstock, Vermont, 2001)

The Mideast Peace Process: An Autopsy
edited by Neal Kozodoy (Encounter Books, San
Francisco, CA, 2002)

Finding God
by Rifat Sonsino and Daniel Syme
(UAHC Press, New York, 2002)

Music CD:

Ruach 5761/2001: New Jewish Tunes by various
artists (Transcontinental Music, New York, 2001)

CONGREGATION YOZMA IN ISRAEL

Temple Sholom receives a monthly email newsletter from the Israeli Reform congregation YOZMA that Rabbi Gevirtz visited in March. If you would like us to forward a copy to you, please let the Temple office know.

JEWISH LANGUAGE CORNER

ברכת המזון

Birkat HaMazon

Also known as the Grace after Meals. It's literal translation is "Blessing for Food." Birkat HaMazon is recited *after* Jews have eaten together, especially on shabbat and other festive occasions. The practice developed in response to the commandment from the Torah, "When you have eaten and are satisfied, give praise to your God who has given you this good earth." (Deuteronomy 8:10) The Yiddish word *benschen* refers to reciting Birkat HaMazon. Jews will say, "Let's *bensch*," and then proceed to say the Grace after Meals.

MORE ON MY ISRAEL VISIT

Rabbi Gevirtz will share the remainder of her observations and lecture notes from her March conference in Jerusalem with our community on Thursday evening, June 6th, from 7:30-9 PM at the home of Ray and Char Schiff. R.S.V.P's at the Temple office are appreciated.

REFORM JUDAISM MAGAZINE

All members of Reform congregations receive a free subscription to "Reform Judaism". Have you moved recently and have you missed the latest issue? You can give the magazine your change of address directly by using the change of address hotline which appears on the masthead of every issue: (212) 650-4182; by e-mailing rjmagazine@uahc.org; or by visiting the change of address website: <http://www.uahc.org/rjmag/change.html>. Synagogue members who are missing back issues of the magazine may request them from Hilary Ziff at (212) 650-4240 or e-mail rjmagazine@uahc.org.

ADULT EDUCATION AND SOCIAL ACTION PROJECTS

RECYCLE YOUR HOTEL TAKE-AWAYS: DONATE BEFORE JULY

The summertime Mitzvah Project to donate gift bags of hotel amenities and toiletries, small toys, and office products will be scheduled for a late July donation to area charities. You have time to collect your soaps, shampoos, conditioners, pencils, tablets, etc. for a wonderful donation to community residents in need. Please place your items in the large plastic cart now located in the Temple lobby. Notice that each drawer is labeled for the specific item. If you would like to help the Programming Committee with this project, come to Barb Willens' home (3008 Clarion Drive) on Sunday, July 21st, from 2-4 PM. Last fall, 100 gift bags were assembled and filled with hundreds of donated fragrant items. What a blessing this was to the many recipients in Greene, Clark, Franklin, and Champaign counties! Let's do it again and maybe double the collection!

—Leslie Buerki, Programming Committee Chair

STUDY SESSION ON THE BOOK OF LAMENTATIONS

A Summer Study Session on the book of Lamentations with Rabbi Gevirtz will be held at the home of Jay and Randi Rothman, 1050 President Street, Yellow Springs, on Wednesday evening, July 17th, 8-9:30 PM. (Eve of Tisha Be'Av) No Hebrew knowledge necessary.

WE WON... AGAIN!

In another landslide, ARZA/WORLD Union won 61 of the 145 delegates elected to the World Zionist Congress in June. Our win of 42% of the vote was almost double that of our nearest competitors, the Conservative and Orthodox movements. The results of the campaign demonstrate with clarity that the Reform movement's values are the most popular by far with American Jewry. Also, we are better organized than other Jewish movements. This combination - the values we represent and the organizational capacity to articulate these values and create institutions that bring our values alive - is the difference between just another good idea and a vibrant movement that influences events and impacts on people's lives. We have given our movement a renewed mandate to continue to work for another five years for the creation of an Israel that reflects the very best of Jewish hopes, aspirations, and tradition. Thank you to all Temple Shalom members who voted for ARZA/World Union.

SOCIAL ACTION NEWS

On May 6th J.A.M. held its first ACTION meeting. Approximately 500 people attended this meeting, including 37 Temple members and their guests. The subjects of the ACTION were Jobs and Education.

The Jobs ACTION focused on availability of affordable transportation. Commissioner Roger Tackett agreed to work with representatives of J.A.M. on:

- * Collaboration with employers to create "subscription routes" from areas of concentrated population to areas of high employment, many of which have been identified in the Springfield-Clark County Transportation Development Plan.

- * Coordination of "downtime" for 17 Ohio Department of Transportation vehicles in Springfield & Clark county to add additional transit hours to accommodate 2nd and 3rd shift employees.

- * The addition of a Saturday service for both fixed routes and newly created subscription routes through the most cost-effective provider.

- * The creation of a Mobility Manager position responsible for the coordination of transit services for both the county and city.

- * Intensive marketing plan to ensure awareness of existing and additional services.

- * Collaboration with current public and private transportation providers to maximize and coordinate money spent on various transportation services.

The Education ACTION focused on Early Childhood Education. Superintendent of Springfield City Schools, Scott Spears, agreed to work with representatives of J.A.M. on:

- The creation of an Early Education Department that will:

- * Seek funding to support and strengthen existing programs while generating start-up costs for new programs that accommodate the needs of working parents.

- * Provide additional staff and training to strengthen existing programs' abilities to emphasize Reading Readiness.

- * Partner with existing programs to provide regular monitoring and evaluation.

- * Work closely with parents to ensure affordable access to quality care and schooling.

- * Negotiate space within public schools to implement new preschool programs in collaboration with Head Start.

- * Advocate for qualified staff and instructors through competitive wages and benefits.

These may just be the beginnings, but they are great first steps for the community we live in, work in, and worship in. Their success will directly and indirectly benefit all members of Temple Shalom.

—Paul M. Cornez, Social Action 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

SHARON LEE BROOCK FLOWER FUND

DIAMOND

In honor of the yahrzeit of Alice Gilbert from Stanley and Barbara Bernstein

GOLD

In honor of the speedy recovery of Pearle Romanoff from Maxine and Fred Leventhal

In memory of Rose Kimmelman from Margaret Malahy

SILVER

In memory of Roberta Greenland's Aunt Fannie from Marvin and Sandy Silverstein

In honor of Fred and Maxine Leventhal's special wedding anniversary from Ray and Marilyn Schneider

In honor of Sam Friedman's receiving the Community Service Award from Ray and Marilyn Schneider, Paul and Natalie Cornez

With special thanks to Rabbi Gevitz from Sam and Ida Friedman

In honor of Reda Singer's new home from Paul and Natalie Cornez

SPECIAL

In honor of Alice Rubin's special birthday from Pauline and Ben Broock

In honor of Roe Mosrow's special birthday from Pauline and Ben Broock

ROSE

With best wishes for a speedy recovery to Pearle Romanoff from Marjorie Fishbain

In honor of Sam Friedman's receiving the Community Service Award from Ray and Char Schiff

With best wishes for a speedy recovery to Reda Singer from Ray and Char Schiff

DAISY

In honor of the speedy recovery of Roy Harlan from Maxine and Fred Leventhal

In honor of the speedy recovery of Martel Adler from Maxine and Fred Leventhal

In honor of Reda Singer's new home from Sam and Ida Friedman

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

From Phyllis and Stan Nedelman in honor of the yahrzeits of Blanche and Louis Stillpass, Phyllis' mother and father.

A generous contribution was received from Dr. Paul Schreiber and Elizabeth Visick on the occasion of Passover.

ISRAELI SHOPPING

You can help boost Israel's hurting economy by purchasing Israeli goods through a website of Israeli stores and businesses. The website, www.shopinisrael.com serves as a consolidated effort to help Israeli merchants.

ISRAEL APPEAL

The UAHC and the United Jewish Communities (UJC) have united their efforts to raise money for Israel to provide desperately needed Emergency Relief Funds. The UJC has allocated \$780,000 to fund emergency social services, which are run by the Israel Reform movement to help children and the elderly during the current crisis. Other areas of funding include the purchase of medical equipment and supplies and assistance to victims of terrorism.

You can support the UJC Israel Appeal through your donations to the Springfield United Jewish Welfare Fund.

YAHREIT LIST

June 7: Esther Berman, Esther Gross, Leon Kempler, Lydia Kempler, Harry Kossoff, Bertha Schoenthal, Fennie Friedman, Minnie Russack

June 14: Zelma Gardner, Charles Krane, Mildred Sachs, Stella Sachs, Samuel Soble, Benjamin Zimmerman

June 21: Arlene Dagan, Abraham Freed, David Ritoff, Bertha Beloff, Samuel Gerson, Chava Kurtzhant, Benjamin Lurie, Milton Rich

June 28: Aaron Freed, Betty Friedberger, Rose Gross, David Klein, Benjamin Lieberman, Pauline Sanders, Morris Travis, Sarah Kohn, Minnie Mirman, Daniel Rosenthal

July 5: Morris Levinson, Sidney William Rich, William Rich, Ben Rubinoff, Ida Blucher, Sondra Zendlovitz

July 12: Hyman Adler, Sarah Endelman, Henry Kempler, Rose Lapinsky, Helen Weiser, Ruth Brender, James Dewitt, Minnie Waxman,

July 19: Ethel Freed, Robert Levine, Frank Friedsam, Anna Margolis, Belle Romanoff, Robert Wile

July 26: Ethel Arnovitz, Max Endelman, Harry Stadler, Morris Amdur, Morton Leider, Dorothy Spier

August 2: Riva Stessel, Maisie Demmel, Julia Lieberman

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BULLETIN/DATE CLEARANCE

Bulletin Deadline: July 15, 2002
Contact: Temple office

BLESSING BEFORE ICE CREAM

Ba-ruk A-tah A-do-nai
E-lo-hey-nu Me-lekh Ha-o-lam
She-ha-kol nee-he-yeh bee-dva-ro.

We praise You, Eternal One, our God,
Source of Life in the Universe,
for creating a world which includes
delicious things like ice cream.

TEMPLE SHOLOM'S ANNUAL ICE CREAM ONEG



Friday
evening,
July 26

Service 8 PM

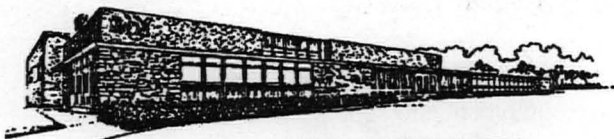
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