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## Rabbi's Message

*When the heart is full, the eyes overflow.*

—Yiddish saying

Dear Friends,

As I write these words, our hearts, indeed, are full and our eyes overflowing. How could it be anything else when we have suffered the loss of such a special individual? Rabbi Marianne Gevartz brought the fullness of her gifts to everyone she met and everything she did.

Just as our ancestors before us, we look to the words of Ecclesiastes for guidance:

For every thing there is a season, and a time for every desire under heaven.

A time to be born and a time to die;

A time to plant and a time to uproot what has been planted.

A time to tear down and a time to build up;

A time to weep and a time to laugh;

A time to grieve and a time to dance;

A time to cast away stones and a time to gather stones.

A time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing;

A time to seek and a time to lose;

A time to keep and a time to give away;

A time to mend and a time to mend;

A time to keep silence and a time to speak.

—Ecclesiastes 3:1-7

Now is the time for weeping and grieving. While our tears may flow, our grief should be tempered by the knowledge that Temple Shalom, both as a congregation and as individuals, was given not just eight precious years with Rabbi Gevartz, but a second gift, too. For these past months, its members have been here to help Rabbi Gevartz in so many ways — by their presence, by their *gemilut-chasadim*, their acts of lovingkindness, such as preparing food, providing transportation, and all the other things they did. Far too often we do not take advantage of the opportunity to tell someone how much she means to us before it is too late. When it was time to be strong, you were strong. It was a gift of your love to Rabbi Gevartz.

It is because the heart is so full that the eyes overflow. But we also learn "Weeping may tarry for the night but joy cometh in the morning" [Psalm 30:6]. In the morning when the tears have abated, may we transform the sorrow of today to joy as we embrace our time with Rabbi Gevartz and embody the lessons she taught us by her example.

*Zecher tzadik liberachah.*

May the memory of the righteous be a blessing.

—Rabbi Judith A. Bluestein

## Calendar of Events

Friday, January 2,

6 PM

Shabbat evening service

Friday, January 9,

8 PM

Shabbat evening service  
led by Rabbi Bluestein

Saturday, January 10,

10 AM

Shabbat morning service  
led by Rabbi Bluestein



Tuesday, January 13,

7 PM

Temple Board meeting

Friday, January 16,

6 PM

Shabbat evening service

Friday, January 23,

8 PM

Shabbat evening service  
led by Rabbi Bluestein

Saturday, January 24,

10 AM

Shabbat morning service  
led by Rabbi Bluestein

Friday, January 30,

8 PM

Shabbat evening service

Sunday, February 1,

10 AM

Congregation Focus  
Group for Rabbinic  
Search

Monday, February 2,

7 PM

Temple Board meeting

Friday, February 6,

6 PM

Shabbat evening service  
led by Rabbi Bluestein

Saturday, February 7,

10 AM

Shabbat morning service  
led by Rabbi Bluestein

Friday, February 13,

8 PM

Shabbat evening service

Friday, February 20,

6 PM

Shabbat evening service  
led by Rabbi Bluestein

Saturday, February 21,

10 AM

Shabbat morning service  
led by Rabbi Bluestein

Friday, February 27,

8 PM

Shabbat evening service

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A new year has begun, and I hope it will bring better days for our congregation. The past six months have really been hard. Our congregation is in mourning, and it will take us time to recover. Our loss is great, and it will be hard to fill the shoes of such a wonderful and caring person.

Your Temple Board has met and has put together a Search Committee for a new Rabbi. They will involve the entire congregation when the time is right. With everything that has happened, it was decided at the last Board Meeting the current eight board members will continue together for another year. We feel that we need this continuity to support the congregation.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our Support Staff — Jim and Kathleen Leonard and Diane Smith— for all their help during our trying days. I really don't know how we could have done what we did without them. Thank you.

*—Laurie Leventhal*

## THANK YOU TO ...

- ▶ The people who donated winter clothing for Rainbow Table II's warm clothing drive.
- ▶ Laurie Leventhal for representing Temple Sholom at the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at St. Raphael's Church on November 25.
- ▶ A special thank you from Paul Cornez to the following individuals who worked Rainbow Table on December 2nd: Roberta Greenland, Faye Flack, Barb Willens, Nancy Feinstein, Ed Leventhal, Sanford Flack, and Alan Feinstein

## 10 MINUTES OF TORAH UAHC Dept. of Lifelong Jewish Learning

Who among us is so busy that he cannot spend 10 minutes a day in the study of a Jewish text? Just 10 minutes? Such a commitment would enable us to meet our Jewish obligation to make Jewish study a fixed occurrence.

If we make time to answer our cell phones a dozen times a day and to check our email five times an hour, surely we can find 10 minutes to contemplate sacred words that nourish the soul.

The Union will send you a one-page e-mail each day on a topic of Jewish interest. All you need to do is find 10 minutes a day to "do Torah." It only takes 10 minutes a day to get started on a lifelong journey. To sign up for 10 Minutes of Torah, please visit [www.uahc.org/torah/ten](http://www.uahc.org/torah/ten).

## BAD WEATHER POLICY

As we head into the winter months, it is important that you be aware of the policy for Temple closings related to weather. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 399-1231 regarding the cancellation of services.

If there is a Level 1 emergency, the Temple will be open for normal activities. During a Level 2 emergency, call the Temple office to find out whether an event has been cancelled.

After regular office hours, there will be a message on the answering service regarding the cancellation of an event. The building will be closed during all Level 3 emergencies.

## SAVE THIS DATE

### Annual Seder — April 6, 2004

Temple Sholom will once again host a seder — our third annual one — on April 6 from 6-9:00 p.m.

Rabbi Bluestein will conduct this seder, and Brian and Rose Weiss have agreed to be co-chairs.

More information will be available in the next issue of the Temple bulletin.

*— The Worship Committee*

## NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS

Cheryl Levine  
[clevineys@woh.rr.com](mailto:clevineys@woh.rr.com)  
Stephen Green  
[sgreen2@woh.rr.com](mailto:sgreen2@woh.rr.com)

## NEW MAILING ADDRESS

Maricy Schmitz is now living at 319 S. Stafford St., Yellow Springs 45387.

Please update your membership directory.

## TZEDAKAH OFFERING

We are pleased to let you know that our Tzedakah offering of \$38.34 went to the Interfaith Hospitality Network at the annual Interfaith Thanksgiving service.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this donation.

## TEMPLE LAUNCHES RABBINIC SEARCH

### CONGREGATIONAL Focus Group — February 1

#### *Rabbinic Search Committee*

The Board of Trustees of Temple Sholom has appointed a Rabbinic Search Committee consisting of the following four board members and four off-board members: Steve Broidy, Kim Fish, Laurie Leventhal, Aida Merhemic, Fran Rickenbach, Beverly Weiser, Gary Zaremsky, and Faye Flack, Chair.

The Committee will operate for approximately five months (January –May), will report directly to the Board of Trustees, and is charged with the following responsibilities:

- Gather, interpret, and report information from the congregation on important questions and issues regarding core values of the congregation, qualities of a new rabbi, and short- and long-term goals for the rabbi and congregation.
- Research the best rabbinic leadership option from among a variety of choices and make recommendation to the Board of Trustees, e.g. part-time student rabbi, permanent full-time newly-ordained rabbi, full-time interim rabbi or cantor, other options as available.
- Pursue option(s) of choice and complete process until candidate is chosen. This may include initial interviews off-site, interviews in Springfield, involving the congregation in selection process, reporting progress to the congregation, etc.

The Committee's first meeting is scheduled for mid-January. If at any time during the next several months you have questions, concerns, information, or feedback to inform the search process, please contact Faye or any other member of the Search Committee.

#### *Focus Group*

On Sunday, **February 1**, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. in the meeting room at Temple, the Search Committee will conduct a Focus Group open to any member of the congregation who has not previously participated. This one-hour, structured meeting is designed to express your thoughts on several topics that will aid the Search Committee in finding the best rabbi for our congregation. We encourage as many of you as possible to participate. Call the Temple office to R.S.V.P. so that we may plan for materials and refreshments.

If you would like to be a part of this process but cannot attend the focus group meeting on **February 1**, call Diane at the Temple office and ask her to send you (by e-mail or U.S. mail) a questionnaire. Complete the questionnaire and return it to the Temple office by **February 5**. This will ensure that your feedback is included in our Rabbinic Leadership Report to the Community, scheduled for March publication.

Thank you, in advance, for your participation in the Rabbinic selection process. We welcome your comments and suggestions.

—Faye Flack,  
Rabbinic Search Chair



## YAHREZIT LIST

**January 2:** Morris Gold, Rose Holzberg, Clara Mendelson, Harry Sachs, Siegfried Sander, Samuel Schechter, Emma Schoenthal, Manuel Soble, Mo Weixelbaum, Oscar Werber, Edward Goldberg, Lillian Leventhal, Mary Schoemer

**January 9:** Jacob Kleeman, Anne Krauss, Rose Krauss, Abraham Schechter, Ann K. Dine, Bertha Aaron Gansel, Anna Reich Krauss, Jack Leventhal, Helen Zitsman Winston

**January 16:** Lilly Balicer, Beryl Kaufman, Sylvia Rubinoff, Sonia Schechter, Herbert Bernstein, Curtis Burkholder, Arjae Kurtzchant, Lester Lind, Lillian Nedelman

**January 23:** Harry B. Hoffman, Samuel Draisen, Hyman Kohn, Myra Rudick Land, Dora Long, Nellie Marenberg, Sophie Rubinoff

**January 30:** Lois Bernstein, Fannie Frand, Rosa Gardner, Max Gross, Tilly Levy, Nelson B. Paris, Ida Florence Zitsman, Robert Arthur Buerki

**February 6:** Joseph Gardner, Adolph Haas, Max L. Kleeman, Nathan Klein, Sophie K. LeBolt, Isaac Levine, Mary Rubin, Mattie Weixelbaum, Dr. Henry R. Ennis, Jack Jerome Schechter

**February 13:** Carrie Altshul, Gwendolyn Hoffman, Louis Levy, Jennie Prusiner, Louis Broock, Clara Mae Dulaney, Ruth Maybruck, Mildred Naft, Bertram Ungar, Morris Zaremsky

**February 20:** Freda Adler, Arnold Block, Werner Donn, Fannie Ebner, Norma Hart, Louis Margolis, Charles Klaben, Priscilla Lind, Henry Marenberg, Marsha Remer, Thomas Shifman

**February 27:** Henry Gardner, Morton R. Goldstein, Larry Himmel, Fannie Kaufman, Gail Genieve Banks Buerki, Marion P. Cornez, Tim R. Flack, Michael Matanzo, Nathan Meyer, Henry Singer, Sarah Steingart



## NEW ADDITIONS TO TEMPLE LIBRARY

*an hour in paradise stories*  
by Joan Leegant,  
(W.W. Norton & Company, New  
York, London, 2003)

*A Taste of Text, an Introduction  
to the Talmud and Midrash*  
by Ronald H. Isaacs  
(UAHC Press, New York,  
New York, 2003)

*Shabbat Shalom! Jewish chil-  
dren's songs for Sabbath at home*  
a CD from Transcontinental Music  
Publications, 2003

*Seek Her Out, a Textual  
Approach to the Study  
of Women and Judaism*  
by Elyse M. Goldstein, (UAHC  
Press, New York, New York, 2003)

*Kohelet, a Modern  
Commentary on Ecclesiastes*  
translation and commentary by  
Leonard S. Kravitz and Kerry M.  
Olitzky (UAHC Press, New York,  
New York, 2003)



## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Sunday Sessions (10 A.M. to 12 noon)

January 4, 11, 18, 25

February 15, 22, 29

(no session on February 8)

**Tu Bishvat Seder**

Saturday, February 7

5:00 P.M.

## BLOOD DONATIONS

Since January 2003, Temple Sholom has had six donations of blood given in the Temple's name. Our thanks to those who gave the "Gift of Life" to someone in need. The donors were Judy Kossoff, Rose Weiss, and Rick Krauss who gave four times.

Many thanks. This is the closest we have come to meeting our quota. Everyone who can donate is welcome to do so

—Beverly Weiser, Blood Donor Chair

## SOCIAL ACTION NEWS

The Temple lost a Rabbi; we lost a friend and teacher; and the community lost a leader. Quoting Pastor Gary Percesepe of First Baptist Church and president of J.A.M.:

"Rabbi Marianne Gevirtz was one of the founding leaders of Justice-Action-Mercy (JAM). A profoundly wise and compassionate person, she was fiercely devoted to justice and fairness in our community; she led by her noble example, as well as inspiring words. She helped the members of JAM understand, in its infancy, what it meant to be an interfaith organization: Jewish, Muslim, and Christian."

At a meeting to discuss what our congregation would be looking for in a new spiritual leader, I was heartened to hear the desire to continue our involvement in Social Action. Nothing that I have been involved in or witnessed in my 20+ years in this community has furthered the acceptance of Temple Sholom as an equal, as a leader, as an example than our work within JAM.

The Temple Sholom JAM Team is small and has lost its leader. We need you to step forward and help carry her torch. We ask for only a few hours a month, more if you volunteer to work on a committee. As a team, our goal is to listen to problems and build attendance for the Rally and Action Assembly.

Let us be a living memorial to the one we lost far too soon. Please call me today. Thank you.

— Paul Cornez, Social Action Chair

## JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES

We now have available in the Temple lobby new brochures from Jewish Family Services in Dayton, Ohio. This organization offers high-quality services to the Jewish and general community in an effort to promote and strengthen wholesome, positive family life with an emphasis on the stability of the Jewish family. If you should have a need for counseling, senior services, or vocational counseling among other services available, please call the Jewish Family Services at (937) 854-2944. Pick up a brochure for additional information for yourself, a friend, or a family member.

## 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

Donations to Temple Sholom were received from the following people as an expression of sympathy and condolence on the passing of Rabbi Marianne L. Gevitz. May her memory always be for a blessing.

Joan Ackerman, George and Roseanna Anderson, Bob Barcus and Aida Merhemic, Allan and Barbara Barth, Andy and Cathy Bell, Stanley and Barbara Bernstein, Rabbi Irving and Patricia Bloom, Phillip and Nancy Calland, Clark Schaefer Hackett & Co. CPA's, Paul and Natalie Cornez, Craig and Marilyn Crossley, Rabbi Geoffrey Dennis, Barbara Dowell, The Rev. Carol Gesalman, Rabbi Cary Kozberg, Mrs. Milton Maidenbergl, Lillian Pollens, Jim and Judy Roediger, Diane Smith, Ronald and Jan Spier, Barbara Willens

A gift to Hadassah has been made in memory of Rabbi Marianne Gevitz by the Dayton Chapter of Hadassah.

### ENDOWMENTS

A very generous donation was received in memory and in honor of Hanukkah to Sig and Ilsa Sander, Martin and Harriett Levine, Gary and Bonnie Krauss, Lou and Sylvia Mendelson, and Fred and Maxine Leventhal from Reed and Marion Robertson

A donation was received from Donald and Donna Boyer

A donation was received from Andrew and Ruth Urban with thanks for the honor of spending the New Year at Temple Sholom

A donation was received from Floyd Byler

A donation was received from Harvey J. Mintz

### DIAMOND

In memory of Milton Bernstein (the father of Stanley Bernstein) from Stanley and Barbara Bernstein

In memory of Elma Bernstein from Stanley and Barbara Bernstein

In honor of the marriage of Dr. Annette Nathan and Dr. Skip Becker from Julie and Rick Nedelman

### GOLD

In honor of the yahrzeit of Stanley Neuman, cousin of Rik Newman, from Rik and Marj Newman

In memory of Norma Thurman from Joanne Miller

In memory of Rabbi Marianne Gevitz from Gail Russack and sons

### SILVER

In honor of the yahrzeit of Arthur Nedelman from Stanley and Phyllis Nedelman

In honor of the 40th wedding anniversary of Jay and Roberta Greenland from Sanford and Faye Flack

In honor of the yahrzeit of Frances Pollack from Paul and Natalie Cornez

In memory of Alicia Shuman's father from Paul and Natalie Cornez

In honor of the 40th wedding anniversary of Mark and Judy Kossoff from Sanford and Faye Flack

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Priscilla Dixon from Paul and Natalie Cornez

### REGULAR

In memory of Marshall Mazur from Fred and Maxine Leventhal

In memory of the sister of Betty Remick from Fred and Maxine Leventhal

## SHARON LEE BROOCK FLOWER FUND

### SPECIAL

In memory of Janet Patterson from Ben and Pauline Broock

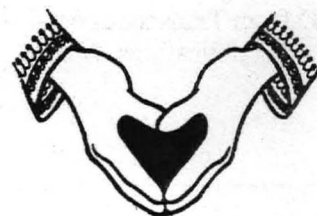
### ROSE

In memory of Raymond Zappin from Ben and Pauline Broock

In memory of Max Friedman, cousin of Sam, from Sam and Ida Friedman

### DAISY

In memory of Libby Seidenman from Beverly Weiser



### MUSIC FUND

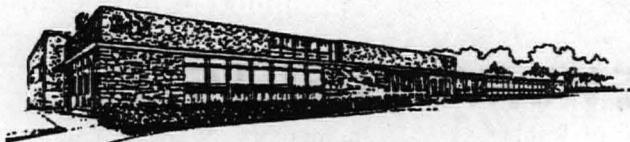
In memory of Rabbi Marianne Gevitz from Rabbi Lloyd and Bernice Goldman, Carol Harbaugh

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

A donation was received from Ronald and Janet Spier in memory of Joseph Gruber

A donation was received from Ronald and Janet Spier in honor of her uncle Meyer Kern





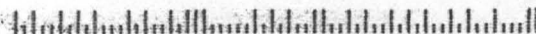
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### BULLETIN/DATE CLEARANCE

Bulletin Deadline: February 15  
Contact: Temple office

## Rabbi Marianne Geveritz

It is with great sadness we share that Rabbi Marianne L. Gevirtz died of cancer on December 12, 2003, in her home with her loving family around her. Rabbi Gevirtz was born in Zwolle, Holland, on January 3, 1951.

Rabbi Gevirtz will be sorely missed by family, her many friends, and the members of Temple Sholom whom she has served since 1994, first as student rabbi and then as full-time religious leader.

Reflections about Rabbi Gevirtz to be included in a memorial book may be sent to Temple Sholom by January 31, 2004.